



Homecoming heroes

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After their victory on Saturday against Ottawa, their first since Labour Day, the football team carries head coach Gary Jeffries off the field.

Football Hawks finally triumph

After a three game losing streak, the team regain their swagger and take one from the Gee-Gee's

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Arts to increase average

Cutoff for students now 74 per cent

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

For the past year, consistent discussion has revolved around the grades and quality of students in the arts faculty at Wilfrid Laurier University. In February, The Cord reported that 43 per cent of first-year students were below a 5.0 grade point average (GPA), which evoked a sense of urgency in the faculty to create new initiatives.

One of those initiatives, spearheaded by the dean of arts, Michael Carroll, and the dean's advisory council, was to raise the minimum entrance average for prospective students from 72 to 74 per cent. This proposal was discussed at the arts divisional council meeting on Sept. 16 and was approved "overwhelmingly."

"The thinking was, we can't go on like this, we can't keep lowering our average to bring in more students," explained Carroll. He also noted that the original proposal was to only raise the average to 73, but the faculty wanted to go higher and, after deciding that 75 would be too much, settled on 74.

"One of reasons we had to do something was because nearly half of all of the students that ended up with less than 5.0 at the end of the fall term ... are people with an interim [high school] average less than 75," he added.

While it has been approved by the arts divisional council and the dean's advisory council — which consists of associate deans, department chairs etc. — it still needs to be approved by the enrolment management council, headed by VP: academic and provost, Deborah MacLatchy. The final decision will be made in early 2012 after next year's

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—Michael Carroll, dean of arts

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Cross-country runs away with win

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Things got a little more intimate than usual for Wilfrid Laurier University's cross-country team this past weekend.

With a number of teams in Chicago last weekend for other engagements, Laurier and the University of Waterloo (UW) renewed familiarities as two of four universities taking part in the Don Mills Open at UW on Saturday.

Usually up against stiff competition like Western, Guelph and McMaster, the two cross-town rivals met head on in the Ontario University Athletics' second open.

And emerging first overall from the kicked up gravel and dust was the underdog Laurier men's squad.

"We had a couple guys injured so it's great to get the win," said team captain Brett Cameron.

A program that is learning to walk before it can run, Laurier's cross-country teams are using an immediate measuring stick by juxtaposing

themselves to their neighbours down University Ave. who won the same open last year.

"[One of the goals this year] was that we were really hoping to beat Waterloo, so it was encouraging to beat them this weekend but we still have OUAs and CIS [Canadian Interuniversity Sport national championships] to look forward to."

Head coach Peter Grinbergs is also the coach of the Tri-City Track Club in K-W, so a little vengeance on familiar faces was in the cards with runners competing for their schools as well as the area club.

Last year's UW men's squad finished ninth in the OUA while Laurier came in at 11th out of 16 teams.

Despite a few injuries to team stars Sohaib Ikram and Brent Meidinger, the team had Ikram's brother Shoaib finish fourth overall with Jonathan Gascho and Ian Turnbull making tremendous strides since the start of the year, along with typical high performer Alex Garriock

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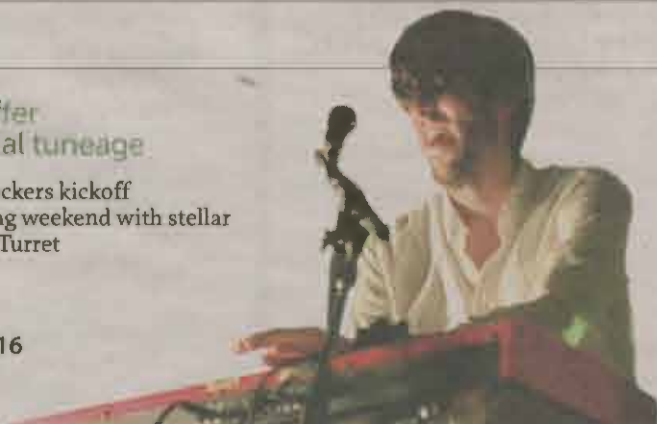
The men's team defeats the Waterloo Warriors Saturday at UW.

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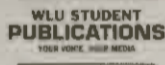
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"Since I love my books so much I might as well put jewels on them."
-Photography manager Rosalie Eid

This Week in quotes



"Some of these students are getting totally wasted three or four nights a week. How the hell can they afford that?"

-NDP MPP candidate Isabel Cisterna on living in student areas and the costs of post-secondary education

"We all have lawn signs ... well I don't, I can't afford them, they're like \$3 each."

-Green Party MPP candidate Peter Davis about the appropriate way to campaign

"My wife said, 'don't hug anybody that you can't tell me their name.'"

-Fred Nichols on how the Laurier campus has changed since he was dean of students

Homecoming Bag O' Crime

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Intoxicated Person

Location: University Stadium
Reported: Oct. 1 at 1:25 p.m.
SCS officers dealt with an intoxicated female at the stadium during a football game. She had been passed out in the women's washroom. She was transported to Grand River Hospital for further assessment and treatment.

Theft Under \$5,000

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 1 at 2 p.m.
A female was walking towards her residence when an unknown female approached her and snatched her lanyard with attached keys and her OneCard from her. The thief then ran in the direction of Clayfield and Ezra Streets.

The suspect is described as a female, white with brunette hair.

Injured/Sick Person

Location: University Stadium
Reported: Oct. 1 at 3:45 p.m.
SCS officers dealt with an intoxicated female that had entered a prohibited area of the stadium where the pyrotechnic equipment was kept. She had sustained a fall and had struck her head. She refused any medical treatment and was requested to leave the stadium. She was escorted out and left in the care of a friend.

Disturbance

Location: Off Campus
Reported: Oct. 1 at 1:06 p.m.
SCS officers and WRPS attended to 147 Albert St. in response to a large house party of about 300 people that was getting out of hand. Beer bottles were being thrown over the fence onto stadium property during a football game. The matter was dealt with by WRPS.

Assist Other Service

Location: University Stadium
Reported: Oct. 1 at 2:34 p.m.
SCS officers at a football game detained a male party that was streaking naked across the field. He was taken into custody by WRPS for further investigation.

Drugs

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 2 at 12:10 a.m.
SCS officers attended to the student residence in response to a call for suspected drug usage. A 'bong' was seized for destruction. Two male guests were evicted. One 19-year-old male student will be dealt with by Residence Life staff for the narcotics violation.

Property Damage

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 2 at 1:13 a.m.
The SCS Dispatcher received a call from a Residence Life staff member

that a chair had been thrown through a ground floor window of the student residence facing the Quad. SCS officers attended but the responsible person(s) were no longer on scene. CCTV camera footage is being reviewed.

Injured/Sick Person

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 2 at 4:54 p.m.
SCS officers attended to the student residence in response to a call for medical assistance. The victim and another friend of hers had been involved in some 'horseplay' spinning each other around. Their heads had struck one another and the victim was complaining of a bad headache, nausea, blurred vision and dizziness. She was treated by ERT and advised to seek further medical assistance if any of the symptoms persisted.

Alarm

Location: Residence
Reported: Oct. 2 at 7:47 p.m.
SCS and members of the Waterloo Fire Department attended to the student residence in response to an activated fire alarm. It was determined that a smoke detector on the third floor had been activated as a result of someone burning some popcorn. There was no fire and the building was aired out in order to clear the smoke.

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What was the craziest thing you saw on homecoming weekend?



"My buddy running around in gold and purple paint naked."
-Andrew Hatch
Third-year psychology



"I saw a guy running around in a yellow uni-tard with a yellow mask and a yellow cape."
-Carissa Mack
Fifth-year music



"There was a kegger happening I think at like ... 8:30 in the morning, through all the way to when the football game started and after the football game. I think it's kind of crazy that there are people partying for the entire day but I was impressed."
-Luke Schulz
Second-year English



"The craziest thing I saw was when we were all leaving the stadium and there was a giant crowd and all the police constables were on the horses kind of rounding everyone up."
-Aaron Casha
Second-year business

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Ontarians get set for election day

Advance poll numbers soar but experts still predict decreased voter turnout as Ontario heads to the polls

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LEAD REPORTER

With election day fast approaching on Oct. 6, voters must give their final considerations to what has been described by many as a fairly uneventful provincial election campaign.

Advance poll numbers are giving early indications that voter turnout may be on the rise, something which Elections Ontario communications co-ordinator Alicia Fowlie attributed in part to the "more days and more ways to vote in this election."

In the Kitchener-Waterloo riding — which contains both Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo — as of Oct. 3, 6,740 people voted in advance polls, according to Elections Ontario. This is in comparison to 3,683 in 2007. Provincially, numbers were up by over 173,000 more ballots cast in advance.

Elections Ontario has been taking a different approach this time around in an attempt to reach more registered voters. People are able to ask questions and obtain information through their Facebook and Twitter campaigns, as well as through their website, wemakevotingeasy.ca.

Fowlie claimed that an important initiative has been reaching out to students. Elections Ontario was at the Laurier campus twice this semester to help raise awareness on voting requirements and procedures.

"We really want students to be aware of what it is that they need to bring with them to cast a ballot," Fowlie explained. "And this is particularly important for students who may have just moved to the electoral district, because they need to provide ... documentation that proves they live in that riding."

The comprehensive list of acceptable documents, which includes utility bills, lease agreements and Ontario Student Assistance



From left to right: Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty, NDP leader Andrea Horwath, PC leader Tim Hudak.

Program (OSAP) documentation, can be found online.

"We really see voter turnout as a shared responsibility," said Fowlie of the key role played by Elections Canada, in addition to political candidates and the media.

"But ultimately," she continued, "I think it's up to each individual voter to go about and get the information that they need to make an educated vote and to make sure that they know when and where and how to participate."

However, contrary to what the polling numbers may suggest, WLU professor of political science Barry

Kay expects to see voter turnout decrease even further from the historically low figures that came out during the 2007 provincial election.

"What's stood out [in this election] is that nothing has stood out," said Kay. "There have been no issues that have really resonated with significant numbers of Ontarians."

Although he acknowledged that the typically important issues of health care and unemployment have retained their focus, similar party platforms have led to a fairly consistent voter distribution.

"There isn't a great deal to differentiate the parties on any of those

issues," Kay explained.

"And as a result the notion that those issues are likely to cause significant numbers of Ontarians to move in one direction or another isn't very great."

The Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy, better known as LISPOP, an organization which Kay is a board member of, is anticipating a minority Liberal government. It projects a distribution of 47 Liberal seats, 39 for the Conservatives and 21 for the NDP.

This prediction aligns with the past month's polling trends.

"The public opinion polls, and

What you need to vote on Oct. 6

If you're on the registry:

- voter card
- photo ID

If you're not on the registry:

- proof of local address (phone/utility bill, post-secondary education transcript, pay cheque/stub, bank statement; any piece of registered mail that has your local address on it)
- photo ID

that's something I sort of follow very closely ... have hardly changed at all, at least through the month of September when the campaign has more or less been on," Kay said.

One area which has been a source of contention between parties is education, particularly in regards to tuition.

The Liberal platform outlines a 30 per cent tuition cut, while the NDP plan focuses on a two year freeze of tuition fees.

"One would think logic suggests university students votes are at play because of those issues, but younger people just don't vote in the same proportions," Kay commented.

"If I was a student I'd certainly be paying attention to that issue."

Provided they are able to display proper documentation, Laurier students who live in residence will be able to vote on Oct. 6 in the Concourse.

Other polling stations around WLU include St. Michael's Church at University Avenue and Hemlock Street, and MacGregor Public School on Central Street in Uptown Waterloo.

Any questions about voting and election day can be directed to Elections Ontario or the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union.

Laurier's new chancellor

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During the Oct. 28 fall convocation, Michael Lee-Chin will become Wilfrid Laurier University's eighth chancellor. The position of chancellor, which was previously held by Michael A. Pollack, is considered to be largely ceremonial.

Laurier president and vice-chancellor Max Blouw explained, "The Chancellor is the titular head of the university, it is a very symbolic position, with very little in the way of legal and administrative work."

Among the most critical duties that the role entails is the awarding of degrees to graduating students. Moreover, the chancellor is responsible for advocating for the university on an external level.

With the chancellor effectively serving as the chief of the university, it is no surprise that choosing a successor for the outgoing Pollack was

no small feat.

Although the selection process is shrouded in secrecy, Blouw described, "One of the things that struck me about Mr. Lee-Chin is that he is a deeply caring individual; about society, about individuals, and about issues of education."

These qualities were all imperative when deciding on who would lead WLU into a new century. In addition to possessing the aforementioned qualities, Blouw also highlighted that, "Mr. Lee-Chin has an enormous affinity for students and really enjoys working with them." Lee-Chin's extensive resume, which includes a number of incredibly successful business ventures, as well as numerous philanthropic endeavours will, in his opinion, served to prepare him for his newly appointed role as chancellor.

"[I've] been training all my life for this job," said Lee-Chin. Aside from being awarded an

honorary doctorate degree by WLU in 2008, Lee-Chin has not had any previous ties to the university. Despite this, he has clear expectations concerning the direction in which he hopes Laurier will head towards in the coming years.

In order to illustrate this vision, Lee-Chin recalled, "While I was in India a month ago, in the city of Kampoor, I was sitting in a boardroom, surrounded only by people from India. I asked myself, 'If I had been educated from primary, secondary and post-secondary school, only in Waterloo or in Burlington, would I be as comfortable in this boardroom and would these people be as comfortable having me here?'" The sense of international awareness is something that Lee-Chin feels is imperative. Throughout his tenure as chancellor, he hopes, "To make each student at Wilfrid Laurier a globally oriented a globally conscious individual."



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Debating a war's legacy

Copp lectures on PM's plans to commemorate the War of 1812

ELIZABETH DICESARE
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With the bicentennial of the War of 1812 approaching, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and heritage minister James Moore have been planning to commemorate the war as an expression of a clear full Canadian identity.

On Sept. 29, Terry Copp, professor emeritus, gave a lecture at the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies (LCMS-DS) explaining how a public commemoration may cause problems regarding the memory of the war.

One of the main themes of Copp's lecture was the question of how to approach the idea of war and the construction of memory regarding war as it developed in relation to the War of 1812.

"Anyone who would try and talk about the War of 1812 for the public, for commemorative purposes, has to simplify [the events]," stated Copp.

By having a simplified version presented to the public from the

government, the memory of the War of 1812 will be re-shaped. As a result, Copp's lecture went over the war from a historian's perspective, explaining causes for the battles and the outcomes of them.

He also noted that, "nobody won [the War of 1812] militarily, but we — we being Canada — didn't lose it, and by not losing we survived. If we had of lost it, there would be no Canada."

Using the assumption that Canada may not have existed if a loss occurred, Harper plans on making the bicentennial an event to help elevate Canadian patriotic imagery in regards to the future of the nation. The prime minister hopes to make Canadians more aware of what the military has achieved for the country in the past.

"[Harper] would like to have Canadians remember and think about the role that the military has played in defining and defending Canada," explained Copp.

When asked whether or not Canadians think or have interest in the

War of 1812 right now, Copp stated that they most likely do not.

"I think until five months ago nobody was paying the slightest attention and now because the government has created this fund for commemoration . . . suddenly it is a subject of interest," he said.

Copp also explained to the attendees that the study of memory and the study of the past are different; there is a difference between myth, reality, and the way in which memories are constructed.

In regards to that construction of memory, he mentioned that the real losers of the war — the First Nations and the soldiers who fought and died — should be accredited and remembered for what they fought for and lost in order for our country to succeed.

Brendan O'Driscoll, a fourth-year history major at Laurier who attended, was also wary of Harper's plans for the bicentennial. "We need to keep an open mind about what this commemoration is trying to say to us about ourselves," he said.



Terry Copp, a Canadian history professor, lectures at Laurier's military centre on the evening of Sept. 2. NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER



Laurier students cheer at the annual Homecoming football game. NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Taking a look at Homecoming 2011

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CORD NEWS

Everyone has a different homecoming experience. Some describe this experience as sloppy, some as energetic and others as nothing more than a regular weekend at Wilfrid Laurier University. To most however, it is a time to party, watch a game and experience school spirit to the fullest.

Homecoming 2011, held from Thursday Sept. 29 to Sunday Oct. 2, coincided with centennial celebrations, and according to Teresa Smiley, coordinator of this year's homecoming, it was the "best."

"We were extremely pleased with the outcomes of homecoming weekend," said Smiley, who has been the school's Homecoming co-ordinator for the last six years. "A lot of our events had the biggest participation we've ever seen."

Of course no event, especially one as large as Homecoming, goes off without a hitch.

"Pre-game activities didn't go as planned," said Smiley. "A couple of things we had coordinated in advance cancelled on us Saturday morning."

A hawk was released amongst the spectators and was to circle the stands, however, after taking off the bird quickly disappeared behind the press box at University Stadium.

"Obviously the hawk flying out of the stadium was not our plan," said Smiley.

"But otherwise we were really pleased, there are certain things with an event of this nature that are beyond your control."

Some things that also tend to come along with Homecoming are misdemeanors and intoxication. Each of these groups takes advantage of the school spirit and football game and many use this as a time to get inebriated.

Officers from Laurier's Special Constable Services (SCS) were stationed at the game and patrol throughout the night.

According to SCS operations manager Chris Hancocks, "It was a better year than most, we had a couple of intoxicated students, but nothing major that happened."

There was one incident at the game that brought paramedics to

the sidelines. Reportedly, two female students jumped over the barricade dividing the field from temporary tents set up around the track at University Stadium.

When they began making their way toward some pyrotechnic equipment one of the females was, according to Michael Nagy, a first-year on the Laurier football team that witnessed the event, "clothes-lined" and knocked out cold." Nagy believed the man to be part of the pyrotechnic staff, however, he could not be sure.

"She was out cold before she hit the ground, she was in the air like a rag doll," added Nagy, who also said the female who got hit appeared intoxicated. "It was disturbing to see ... there was nothing held back by the man, he was a 50-year-old man and he wasn't the skinniest guy and he took a run and put a bicep into her chin."

Paramedics were brought behind the Laurier bench while the training staff tended to the female, who regained consciousness and according to the report from SCS, "Refused any medical treatment and was requested to leave the stadium. She was escorted out and left in the care of a friend."

According to Hancocks, as per usual, the football game also brought out a few streakers.

"I think we had two streakers at the game, but that happens every year," said Hancocks. "That's not an incident, that's just people being people."

In terms of overall participation, Homecoming 2011 was a success. According to Smiley, this year the attendance was higher than ever. Laurier hosted an alumni and community dinner and celebration at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener.

"We had over 700 alumni and community members come out to that," stated Smiley.

"It was a momentous occasion to celebrate and recognize our top 100 alumni."

This is Smiley's last year as co-ordinator and she is "proud of the team, her team."

"I am always proud to be a Golden Hawk and part of the Laurier family," she said.

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Faculty hopes to increase average over the years

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applicant data has been assessed. However, some concerns have arisen, such as the potential for budgetary cuts and lower enrolment in the arts faculty next year, about making the decision to raise the cut-off average.

Carroll said that the faculty is willing to accept those potential drawbacks. "We're hoping collectively this will not result in much of a decline in our enrolment, but pull in more students," continued Carroll. "But if it does result in a decline, the faculty are willing to accept that."

Even though these drawbacks could occur, the arts faculty is hoping that by raising the minimum average will attract higher achieving students.

"We could experience some lower enrollment or difficulties in the next couple of years, but this all part of a reputation building exercise," said Jonathan Finn, associate dean of arts and a communication studies professor at WLU. "But I think it reached a point that everyone is united in the fact that we need to do something about this."

"The worst case scenario is short-term pain for long-term gain," he added.

Finn noted that some of the new initiatives already implemented by the faculty might attract even more students, therefore mitigating the potential loss of students for next year's enrolment.

MacLachy echoed Finn's remarks, "raising the cutoff won't diminish peoples' perceptions of the university and it may very well have



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a positive effect." She also mentioned that the financial situation accompanying this issue would need to be in "balance."

"At the end of the day, we have to balance the number of students we have and the budgetary needs," she said. "If the [applicant] pool is not large enough, it's not only the first-year students, it can also affect the money available for upper-year students and other students in other faculties as well."

In order for the university to make more money and sustain rising costs it would have to take in more students.

This resulted in the arts faculty lowering its minimum entrance average to 72 per cent these last couple of years.

Both Carroll and Finn felt that this was too low.

"We want all the students to succeed. The faculty in the long term will prosper the most if it can attract

more and better students," added Carroll, noting that 72 per cent was the lowest it has ever reached.

Carroll doesn't want to stop here, and hopes that steady incremental changes continue over the years. "77 or 78 is what I might want to aim for in a few years time," said Carroll.

Finn agreed, "I would absolutely support that. It's part of an incremental shift that we're going to go through. Then gradually increase it to the point that we want."

Laurier in brief

St. Michael's set for demolition

In an email sent to the student body by Wilfrid Laurier University, the school announced that the demolition of the St. Michael's campus would progress to its next stage this week.

Later this week, the contractor will be fencing off the rear of the building to prepare the site of demolition.

The actual demolition process is expected to begin in the coming weeks, as the St. Michael's campus is removed to make room for the planned Global Innovation Exchange building.

According to the university, the St. Michael's parking lot will remain open during the six-week demolition period, however the total number of spaces will be reduced.

—Compiled by Justin Fauteux

High school music students visit Laurier

Last week 120 music students from high schools across southwestern Ontario came to Wilfrid Laurier University for the Central Ontario Band Workshop.

The selected high school band members took part in classes led by Laurier music students and local music teachers, before finishing off the workshop with a performance in Laurier's Theatre Auditorium on Sept. 28.

The concluding performance was conducted by Mark Hopkins, a conductor and associate professor at Acadia University.

—Compiled by Justin Fauteux

U-Desk introduces new rental service

Kiosk lends out technology for students

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CORD NEWS

Many Wilfrid Laurier University students know the jolt of panic when a laptop crashes before a project is due, or the annoyance of a dead cell phone battery in the middle of the day.

But with a new service offered by the Union Desk, also known as the U-Desk, these frustrations may soon be a thing of the past. Beginning next week the U-Desk will be offering a technology rental service or a "resource sharing program."

The service will be aimed at offering students "an immediate solution" when they face a technological emergency.

Currently, only students in the school of business and economics are able to rent technology resources on campus through PRISM, and must pay a fee each term.

This new technology service will lend support to Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union's committees and clubs, as well as be available to all students, regardless of which faculty they are from.

Kyle Walker, member services manager for WLUSU, explained the service is for, "whatever purpose it has for students."

The U-Desk technology services

is "just here to help and make sure that they [students] have the support that they need," Walker added.

Students will be able to use the program free of cost, the U-Desk only taking photocopies of the student's One Card and a second piece of ID in return for renting out different technologies including laptops and iPads.

The technology was made available through funding left over from the building of the U-Desk, which ran under budget.

With the U-Desk's popularity so far, it will be no surprise if this new service is immensely popular as well. The U-Desk has served over 3,500 cash-based transactions alone.

"We get a lot of 'where do I go for this?' or 'I'm lost, I need help', opting out of the health and dental plan, so a lot of traffic in the first month, we're really happy," Walker said.

Technologies available will include: three 11-inch Apple MacBook Airs; three HP Laptops, two 16 GB WiFi Apple iPad 2s, one Canon Rebel T3i and one Epson PowerLite 720p Projector.

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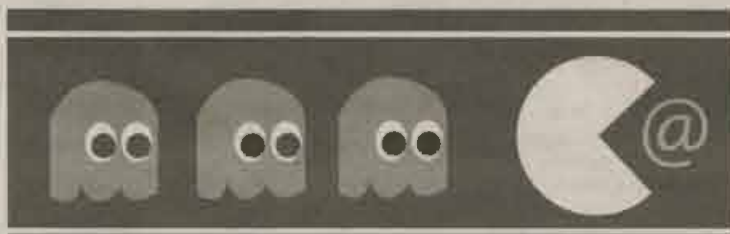
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25. Chris Woodward Brand Marketing Award: Full time undergraduate students, not in first year, in Laurier's School of Business & Economics with good academic achievement (minimum cumulative GPA of 9.0, B+). Students will have an interest in and commitment to brand marketing and preference will be given to students who are looking to pursue a career in this area. Applicants must have demonstrated financial need, and are encouraged to indicate on their application how perseverance has helped them to overcome obstacles in their pursuit of post secondary education.
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29. Neo Materials Technologies Academic Scholarships of Distinction: Eligible applicants will be full time undergraduate VISA students from China registered in the first year of a program within the School of Business and Economics. Applicants must be students in good standing with a minimum admission average of 10.0 (A-) or equivalent. Recipients are only eligible to receive this scholarship once during their program of registration. Students in Laurier/Waterloo double-degree programs must be registered with Laurier as their home institution.
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LOCAL

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Waterloo region welcomes CBC

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The CBC has announced its intentions to expand radio services to more areas across the country as part of a five-year plan, titled, "Everyone. Everyway." Kitchener-Waterloo is amongst the places that will benefit from this regional expansion.

When asked why Kitchener-Waterloo was selected as a part of this campaign, Jeff Keay, the head of Media Relations at CBC, responded, "It's one of the larger population centres in the country that has been historically underserved by CBC."

Keay estimated that at least six million people across Canada receive insufficient or no service by the CBC. He explained, "This [plan] is an attempt to address some of those changes as the country grows."

Details of what this will mean to the region and the opportunities it will provide will be better understood closer to the estimated start date, in late 2012. Keay commented, "We'll have more to say as we figure out the specifics of what the service is going to look like."

However, Keay anticipated that the presence of CBC in the region would produce positive results.

"It's kind of a two way thing," he said. "You've got the local content that gets created when you have a CBC location in an area, and you're also able to bring content from outside of that area, to that area more effectively."

Julie Dorsey, a second-year



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communications major at Laurier, felt that CBC would be an important addition to talk radio in the region.

"I think having the CBC in Waterloo will give more students and residents more diverse content," she said. Dorsey added that there would be a benefit of having "extra resources to national and local coverage."

Herbert Pimlott, a professor of communication studies at WLU, was happy to hear the news.

"I would say that Kitchener-Waterloo ... is actually an area that has been long-neglected," Pimlott said. "It misses the coverage because

greater Toronto has taken on more of the coverage, I suppose."

K-W, Pimlott felt, was particularly well-suited to host CBC due to its advanced technological sector, historic manufacturing capabilities and status as a two-university region. In addition, Pimlott noted that "there is a very vibrant music and arts scene here," something which he felt the CBC would be able to emphasize on a national level.

"Canadians should recognize that it's important to invest in our cultural industries," he added. "CBC will bring this extra bit to the general mix that will hopefully bring out

more of the local cultural producers that we have."

Public sector radio is a valuable resource to any community, according to Pimlott. "The CBC is one that all Canadians hold to a higher standard," he commented. "Personally, I think public service radio provides better journalism, because of the way their resources are allocated."

Pimlott concluded, "We expect more of our public service broadcaster ... but then we also need to give it the resources to do that job, and if it does that job as we ask it, I think it'll be very good at raising Kitchener-Waterloo's profile."

"I would say that Kitchener-Waterloo ... is actually an area that has been long-neglected."

-Herbert Pimlott, communication professor at WLU

K-W in brief

Waterloo set to host charity bike ride

On Wednesday Oct. 5 the City of Waterloo will be hosting the Ride for Diabetes Research.

The event will take place at the Waterloo Public Square at the corner of King Street & Willis Way.

The event typically attracts 600 participants from local businesses from banking to hospital industries. As one of Canada's premier fundraising events, the day is sure to be high-energy and fun-filled.

In 2010, this event raised over \$150,000 and their goal this year is to reach \$175,000.

-Compiled by Amanda Steiner

Local man given 90 days for destruction with stolen car

A Kitchener man was sentenced to 90 days in jail Tuesday for causing more than \$10,000 damage with a stolen car before he even got out of the driveway.

Hani Koko, 19, backed into two other parked vehicles and a house while taking a car in Kitchener last July. Court heard earlier that Koko stole the keys to a car parked in a driveway back in July.

He turned the ignition and then backed into a second car in the driveway then tried again and reversed into the house.

Before finally successfully leaving, Koko hit another vehicle that was parked on the road—which belonged to the same woman whose car he was in.

-Compiled by Amanda Steiner

WRPS look to recover missing methadone

Police are warning the public after a quantity of methadone was accidentally left on a Grand River Transit bus.

A patient of a Kitchener methadone clinic left the bus at the Charles Street terminal on Monday night.

He left behind two lockboxes, which contained 20 100 mg bottles of methadone.

A search has not turned up the methadone and police warn that the quantities could be lethal if consumed. Anyone who locates the bag or its contents is asked to call police immediately at 519-650-8500 ext. 4499.

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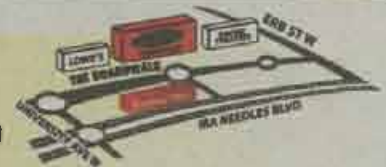
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Recent robberies raise concerns

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STAFF WRITER

The start to a new year has brought with it a new concern for student safety. Personal harassment and robbery incidences have been increasing, occurring on Albert Street, and other areas surrounding Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo.

One particular incident occurred on Sept. 5, where an individual walking on Albert Street, near Bricker Academic, around 5 a.m. was robbed by a group of four males and received minor injuries. However this is not the only incident that has occurred.

Olaf Heinzl, public affairs coordinator of Waterloo regional police services, brought to light the current situation affecting Waterloo residents. He said that there have been "a number of robberies — personal robberies in the area over recent weeks that we are currently investigating."

He continued to say, "We have a team of detectives working on these, and in most of these incidents, the robbery consisted of someone having a cell phone or one of their valuables taken. Some cases it's been cash, in many of these scenarios we've had one or two victims generally on foot and they were approached by a group of people and were robbed, so the incidents vary in terms of time, location obviously and descriptions for the suspects."

Heinzl emphasizes that even though Waterloo is generally a safe community, it is crucial for people to use all their senses, especially if they are walking alone or in an unfamiliar area.

"Keep in mind," Heinzl said, "that we live in a safe community,

but there are precautions to take." He explained that something officials encourage is for people to be aware when they are walking alone, or in unfamiliar areas.

"What we find sometimes," he clarified, "is that people are wearing their earphones, using their iP-ods, and they're talking on their cell phones. They're basically distracted, and they're not able to hear what's going on around them. We have had incidents where people have approached from behind."

A fourth-year double major of biology and psychology at WLU, Kathryn Deeming, agreed fully with Heinzl. Deeming added, "Don't walk around on your own, try to be aware of what's going on around you. Don't focus in your own little world when you're walking."

Deeming also suggested a very creative way to keep safe in situations where individuals have to walk alone. "I have friends who if they have to walk alone, they talk to someone on their phone but they just talk to themselves."

So then if someone was going to think, "I'm going to go up and ... you know ... their going to know that [someone is] going to hear something happen."

However in the case that someone is approached or attacked by a stranger,

Heinzl warns that, "The personal safety is first, because obviously no one wants to get hurt over the loss of something like a cell phone — which can be replaced."

"So, it's really just a matter of diligence and being aware of your surroundings; having a plan, staying in a visible area, using all of your senses and just make smart choices. If you can arrange transportation after hours, all the better."



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Oktoberfest turns 43

Latest installment of Bavarian-inspired festival set to kick off

NICOLE GREEN
STAFF WRITER

Oct. 7 will mark the kick off of Kitchener-Waterloo's Oktoberfest. Originally a German beer drinking tradition, K-W Oktoberfest is the biggest in North America.

The executive director of K-W Oktoberfest Inc. Mark Kreller has been attending the festival since he was ten. "I've been involved [in the festival] for 38 years; as a musician, a 25-year volunteer and past president in 2007-2008," he said. "It's easy to get hooked."

Waterloo mayor Brenda Halloran, has also grown up participating in Oktoberfest.

"I remember when it [Oktoberfest] first started in the 60's and it was quite small," said Halloran. "As the years have progressed 40 plus years later it has become the second largest Bavarian festivals outside of Germany."

Now entering its 43rd year, K-W's Oktoberfest offers a wide variety of activities, however, staying true to its Bavarian roots, beer plays a

starring role.

There are 18 beer tents which will be set up all over the K-W area with a capacity ranging from 250 to 3,400 people. To ensure a safe transportation, free bussing will be available each Friday and Saturday during the festival from 11 p.m. to 1:50 a.m.

There are also many other dry events that students could enjoy. "Students like stuff that's free and so there's a free pancake breakfast," said Kreller. "And then right after that there's the great Oktoberfest barrel race, that's always a lot of fun." The city will also be hosting a barbeque in Uptown Waterloo on Thursday Oct. 6.

There are also a variety of family cultural events including: a slow pitch tournament, a five km fun run and DOGtoberfest. Mayor Halloran was very impressed with the variety of events Oktoberfest in K-W has to offer. "Every year its increasing in its inclusivity for families," said Halloran. "It used to be centered around beer drinking, but now it really includes a large part of the community and engages people of

all ages."

"And then there's the Grand daddy of all event, the Thanksgiving Day parade on Monday Oct 10," said Kreller. "A tradition for over 43 years for families to wake up, get their spot on King Street, grab their Timmies coffee and watch the parade."

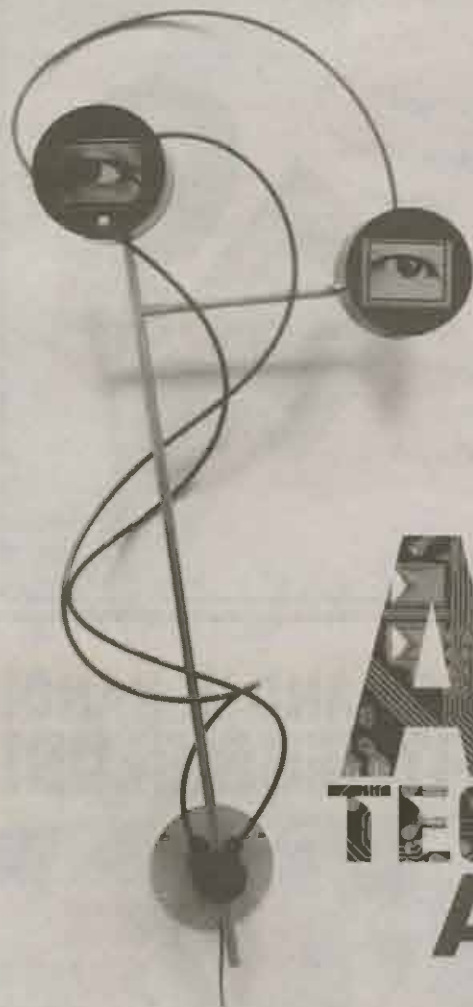
According to Kreller, the parade is one of the top three across Canada, he expects at least 150,000 people to line the route and an additional 1.8 million watch the parade on CTV.

"The community is really engaged in this festival," said Kreller.

There is also a tremendous economic reward for the region. "It is a huge support because the festival brings in \$21 million in economic benefit in an annual basis," said Kreller.

"\$1.5 million dollars goes back to the community in charity and we've donated over 1.5 million pounds of food to charity over the last 15 years."

Halloran agreed, "A lot of the service clubs are able to fundraise so they can give back to the community the rest of the year."



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Eight-year-old MPP candidate Penelope Plessas poses with former Mayor of Toronto David Miller.

Getting 'pant-suit serious'

AMANDA STEINER
LOCAL AND NATIONAL

With the provincial election just around the corner, Penelope Plessas, an eight-year-old girl from Toronto says it's time to get serious — "pant-suit serious."

She took to the streets with her very own environmental, non-partisan campaign to make sure that when Ontarians vote on Oct. 6, they keep in mind the future of kids, and the environment.

"We need to protect the environment because it's our home," Plessas said.

"We're all connected; animals, plants, trees, nature, so we have to protect the environment."

Shiloh Bouvette, program manager of 'Penelope 4 Ontario' explained in a little more detail the meaning behind Penelope's campaign.

"In Australia, they did something similar with a kid's campaign, so we were sort of thinking about doing something like that," she said.

"Penelope's mom is sort of a friend of a friend, so we sent [the e-mail from Environmental Defence] out to friends and said do you know any smart, outgoing kids who are passionate about the environment?"

So that's how we got the wheels turning. Penelope came in and we talked about what we wanted to do

and it kind of came from there."

And outgoing she is. Plessas traveled all over Ontario, shaking hands and being a strong voice in the name of environmental defence.

"She has a lot of energy," Bouvette said, which is almost a necessary requirement of any eight-year-old taking on a political campaign.

"I've been getting to travel around cities, and get Penelope cookies, and protect the environment," Plessas explained. When asked about the cookies, Bouvette gave more detail to the fact that Penelope traveled to Moulin de Provence bakery in Ottawa's Byward Market — where the famous Obama cookies were created — and the bakers offered to create Penelope Cookies.

"They were shortbread and sugary," Plessas explained. "Very sugary; with a face on it, and a big P on it and it said vote for your future, and it said vote for Penelope."

Travelling with her campaign managers and her mom, Plessas only takes two days off school to learn about the environment and trek across Ontario to defend it — asking leaders of the political parties if they will commit to protecting the environment.

"I asked [political leaders] if they had a pet," Plessas said, "and if they would commit to clean air, clean water, green energy and protecting

our green belt, and I asked if they could share an ice cream with anybody who would they share it with?"

Plessas' website aims more hard hitting questions towards politicians, with questions like, "Will your party allow the Pickering nuclear station to be replaced by a portfolio of clean energy options when it closes in 2020 instead of new reactors (as currently planned) if cost effective?"

"I think a lot of the politicians got a kick out of it," Bouvette said. "It's kind of beyond their normal campaign stuff to meet with a young candidate. So it was a little bit fun, and that's the idea behind the campaign, to have a young positive voice."

"[The politicians] were very fun to talk to," Plessas added. "Serious, but fun."

Plessas' platform discusses issues such as clean water, renewable energy and protecting the greenbelt, in the hopes that the winner of the Oct. 6 election will make a commitment to environmental defence, remembering the young and captivating eight-year-old with her own environmental campaign.

Check out her website to see Penelope's biography, and a report card of environmental questions posed to political leaders and their respective responses.

Searching for the next great app

Students compete in 48-hour contest

JESSICA GROOM
CORD NEWS

Empty cans of energy drinks and a room full of over-tired people is a sight common at the Great Canadian Appathon (GCA). The first GCA took place March 11 to 13 in 2011, and was brought back for a second round Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

The GCA is a 48-hour event where teams of up to four people program their own original mobile phone application. Nothing was to be done before the 48-hours started, resulting in sleep deprivation for most of the competitors.

Andrew Kamondy, a staff member helping out with the GCA, commented on the amount of 'hackathons' — events where a group of programmers meet to do collaborative computer programming — but explained that "none targeted schools." The GCA in particular provides the opportunity for university and college students to get a head start on their careers, as well as win some tuition money.

But they pay a physical toll. "I'm starting to feel the fatigue now," said Tyler Drurry from team Heap Corruption, about 30 hours into the event.

Some of the competitors elected to get a couple hours of sleep, even though it would take away from their programming time.

"I'm a creature of habit," said Cameron MacArthur from team BS, while recalling how he had to take some time away from the competition to rest.

Each team had their own unique game idea that they were trying to program for the event. Chad Gregory from team Karmalab said, "Ours is a flick and shoot game, like hockey."

Other teams followed a similar sports theme.

"A game of kid's soccer," said Thomas from team Unique Road. "It's basically a bunch of sheep around a ball."

Team Karmalab added an extra

aspect to their GCA experience.

"I've been broadcasting all the work on Ustream," said team member Gregory, mentioning a live video stream where people can watch certain events.

Teddy Shaver, another team member of Karmalab laughed and added, "People have been able to watch us die and come back again," referencing the cycle of being alert while working, and really just wanting to collapse and go to sleep.

All of the teams were supplied with energy drinks, coffee, candy and even caffeinated soap to help them stay awake.

However, they also implemented their own tricks to staying awake. Gregory shared that he "watched movies and listened to music that wasn't slow," to help stay awake.

No matter what they chose to do, the thing that all participants agreed on was that they needed to be distracted from their exhaustion. But the pressure of success was also a factor that kept them going.

With hubs all across Canada and over 100 teams registered in the GCA, there is bound to be some hub against hub competition in addition to the 'appathon' itself.

"We stack all of the cans [of NOS Energy Drink] that we drink," said Gregory. "The biggest tower wins."

The GCA ended at 4:59 p.m. on Oct. 2. Over the next few weeks there will be a judging process, during which time the top teams will be selected and notified.

On Oct. 7, the top 25 will be contacted and then the top three on Oct. 21.

The winning game will be chosen on Nov. 2, along with the prizes. First Place receives \$25,000, an interview opportunity with XMG Studio and gets their game published in an App store.

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Sitting down with the M

In Depth Editor Mike Lakusiak sat down with each of the candidates for Kitchener-Waterloo to scratch the surface beyond the party platform and



Isabel Cisterna — NDP-Ontario

Q1 For one thing this is my lifestyle, I work every day changing perceptions and trying to make life more inclusive for everybody. As a new Canadian I started with that single issue of being a new Canadian and trying to find a voice, a common thread and trying to find where my place was. In the last ten years I've realized that there is a lot more than meets the eye with people's perceptions.

I came at this from a different level than the others, and until running I really didn't like politicians a whole lot because my experience with them has been very detached, cold and uninterested. I didn't have a lot of respect for them. It took a while for me to accept that I could be one of them too, and people put you in the same light.

Q2 I thought that I could be effective and create the kind of change I wanted in the periphery and being unattached from a party would make me more progressive. I realized you're constantly facing the same barriers so I decided to join because I wanted to bring issues up. In the beginning when I considered this I needed to look at why I was doing this, who I was doing this for. Why would anyone put themselves in this situation? I tell you, [campaigning] is very ungrateful of a job and there's a lot of sacrifice involved.

Let's face it: I was way more fun when I was an artistic director.

Q3 We tend to beat on the same subjects over and over again. For me, it would have been great to see more in terms of alternative medicine for instance. We haven't talked about midwives for instance. We're not keeping up with the funding we give and the support that they need. Alternative medicine to me also has to do with prevention. We spend so little of our health budget on prevention [...] we need to create those opportunities for people to get the care in a different way.

Q4 We're all applying for this job, and no one outside of Elizabeth Witmer knows what they're getting into. For me, in the beginning, it would be all about listening. One of the biggest frustrations for me before I became involved, and a concern that many people have, is that not being listened to. People pay lip service but you know that nothing is going to happen. I think in order for me to get that broader view, I need to listen what people have to say and then take action.

Q5 I adore students, but right now I want to grab them and shake them because I don't think they realize how much power they hold and how much of what we're advocating for and working on is going to affect them directly. In 25 years when I'm a senior and decisions are going to need to be made about how to pay for medicare and other things, if we don't make the proper decisions now, it could mean that the quality of life could change significantly. I wish students understood beyond the context of Kitchener-Waterloo, how many students around the world are involved in politics and how much they fight and are willing to sacrifice in order to vote and create changes that are good for them.

Q6 We're going to freeze tuition for four years. If you look at Manitoba, which has an NDP government, tuition fees are half what they are here in Ontario. They started with a freeze and then began to roll back tuition. We need to make sure they don't increase, because just because we give out grants as the Liberals are, it doesn't mean tuition won't go up. We want to make sure that the fees remain frozen for four years and then we can start rolling them back.

Q7 That's an easy one for me, the platform mentions that we will scrap the LHINs, the local health integration networks. My position on that is that, yes the bureaucracy and administration costs are through the roof, but what I would like if I had my say on it, would be that we should assess one-by-one. You can't compare urban centres to rural areas in these terms, in some rural areas LHINs are doing really well.



J.D. McGuire — Green Party of Ontario

Q1 I think [...] the reason I ran and the reason I ran for the Green party are the same thing. What sets me apart is that I'm more positive — I carry more of a positive message. I'll talk about someone else's policies if it's something I feel is worthwhile to talk about, but generally I try to stick to talking about what myself and the party can do for the future.

Q2 I guess just the want to not be told what I wanted to think about this election. I ran previously in 2007 as an independent and that was a completely different experience and I thought I'd gotten it out of my system and then it rolled around again and I decided that I really wanted to get involved in the biggest way I could.

Q3 The biggest thing to me is good government, it's not specific to the riding but then in a way it really is. We're represented by someone here who has been in that position for over 20 years and if she's re-elected, it's very likely that she will be in a senior post within the party and that's going to make her have a bigger voice at the table for the Kitchener-Waterloo area, but then when it comes to vote on something good for the party but not good for the riding, her allegiance is going to have to fall with the party. I really think that's something that could possibly become an issue.

Q4 The party and myself [...] are very much into the idea of community decision-making. I'd want to talk to those in the community affected by a particular issue if a specific issue was raised. Knowing what was important to them would be what I'd look for — and I think that sometimes gets lost.

Q5 I've tried to just talk to students as best as possible, I have a small campaign and haven't done a lot of canvassing but any events I can attend in and around the schools — I've been working full-time along with the campaign so I haven't been able to do everything, but as much as possible. I think the Green message resonates with younger people a bit too, so part of it is doing what I can to get our message out there.

Q6 The main point that is across all parties has to do with tuition fees and the Green party's platform is different in that we want to freeze tuition fees for one year and then tie them to inflation thereafter. That policy extends as far as 2015 in print but to me what sets it apart is that it's the most sustainable policy beyond that time.

Q7 There is very little, and that sounds like a cop-out answer, but I'm all about honesty. The only thing I've seen may be a thing about corporate taxation but really in the platform we're proposing freezing the corporate rollbacks until the budget is balanced. I agree that that should happen, I just think that should extend beyond that a little bit. There isn't a plan laid out exactly as to how those tax cuts will work once the budget is balanced. The Green party platform doesn't have a lot of big policies, no big sweeping promises.



Eric Davis — Liberal Party of Ontario

Q1 Obviously each of the different candidates values different things. I feel that my values and those of the Liberal party are far more in line with Kitchener-Waterloo than the other parties, especially the Conservatives. I do not believe that their agenda, in my opinion, is the right one for Kitchener-Waterloo.

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Q2 It was a number of different factors, but what encouraged me to run this time was seeing over the last eight years what the Liberal government has done, both provincially and locally in health care, education and the environment. I have really shared the vision of where they want to take the province.

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Q3 One issue that has been raised but in my opinion not enough is the importance of post-secondary education. Obviously each of the parties have talked about how they plan on making post-secondary education more accessible or, in the Tory case, they haven't really talked much at all when it comes to post-secondary education. I think that, especially in this riding, we really need to make sure we're supporting students and institutions for success.

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Q4 What I would do would be listen to what our constituents have to say and also try and help them out. People don't know that when you're dealing with an MPP or any political representative, one of the biggest areas of their job is to help their constituents. I really want to make sure that my office is open and accessible.

Also, as a lawyer, one of the things I have to do every day is advocate for people. I plan to advocate for this community. We've been fortunate that the Liberals have seen how important this region is and made significant investments in it. I want to make sure those investments continue.

Q5 We've worked very closely with the Young Liberals at both the provincial and federal levels to help encourage that. My firm belief is that, regardless of what party they support, young people need to get out to vote. I'm one of the youngest Liberal candidates in the entire province and I want to see an increase in youth turnout, especially at the universities.

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1. What, in simple terms, sets you apart from the other candidates?

2. What convinced you to run for MPP?

3. Name one key issue that you feel hasn't been addressed during this campaign that pertains to this riding. What is your position on it?

4. As MPP, how would you ensure representation of the citizens of Kitchener-Waterloo at Queen's Park?

with the MPP hopefuls

of the candidates for Kitchener-Waterloo in the Oct. 6 provincial election — hoping to surface beyond the party platform and charisma



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Note: The Freedom party candidate, Melanie Motz, was unavailable for comment despite repeated calls.



Elizabeth Witmer — PC Party of Ontario

Q1 I have a simple motto, I entered politics in order to improve the quality of life for people, every day I get up, I'm happy and my goal is to help at least one person — hopefully more — feel better about government and hopefully help them overcome a barrier or challenge.

I'm able to work with whoever has been elected. I've worked well with the other candidates and we all work on behalf of the people we serve. I think that's the difference, it doesn't matter who's in office. I managed to get my last private member's bill passed which is very unusual. That's how I like to do my work, when there are issues, I work with everybody to improve things. There's so much more I want to do for this community.

Q2 When I was 18 and the local member for whatever reason invited me to go to a local rally. When I came home, I thought to myself that I'd like to be a member of provincial parliament.

Q3 I truly am concerned about the issue of unemployment. I'm really concerned about the fact that our province is in the dire state that it is.

We need to have an emphasis on creating the environment where the private sector can create jobs, and I know the parties have some positions, but we're not going to be able to have funding for health and education if we don't expand our tax base and have people working and paying taxes. The whole quality of life issue I'm concerned about if we don't see some improvement in the economy.

Q4 Part of the reason I knock on doors — and I do it faithfully and I've been doing it since June — is to enable people to meet with me and share with me their concerns. I feel that makes them more comfortable about contacting me.

People don't hesitate, believe me, people are quite willing to stop me in the grocery store and I'm glad they feel that I am approachable. I want them to make sure that if they have a concern, I'm there to listen.

Q5 Obviously we've been on campus and participated in debates and advertised. I actually have a lot of students working on my campaign, in fact I have post-secondary students at Laurier, UW and Conestoga, but also I have elementary and high school students. That's something I've never quite experienced before.

I have people assigned at each of the campuses trying to encourage greater voter turnout. I'm afraid we might have the lowest voter turnout ever. A lot of people are fatigued.

Q6 It doesn't matter who you are, people are finding it more difficult every day to make ends meet. [When] we talk about taxes it really applies to students as well. We have expanded the OSAP program and it would raise the income level whereby we would make OSAP available.

Q7 I would say that in this community I hear about health and education and the economy. In this community we don't hear a lot about some of the law and order issues in the platform. It doesn't seem as relevant in this community as the other issues.



Peter Davis — Independent

Q1 I'm completely different from any candidate. I think that's pretty obvious. Given the fact that I'm not running on any policy, I'm trying to suggest that people should look beyond policy and at the larger part of what an MPP does in the community as a role model inspiring people to become more involved and engaged.

Q2 The biggest problem is so many people just stay at home and feel as though they're completely unattached from society, that there's no community. I see politics and politicians as people who are able to break down that boundary and ask people to volunteer. I can go to a person's door as a politician and say I need people to help. Something that isn't offered by any of the candidates is someone who says what's right rather than what people want to hear.

Q3 The issue that I'm focusing on is cynicism and the process so it's almost like we never talk about how to do things. The Liberal party does the same thing as the Conservative party in the election and the NDP does pretty much the same.

I think that policy is well covered. The other candidates have platforms that are diverse. It's very difficult for me to answer this question, but if there is one policy issue that I would like to see people talk about more, it's poverty. We live in a wealthy society [...] many of us are already quite comfortable. I think the more comfortable people are, the less they'll be involved in politics and the more we'll be groveling blindly towards oblivion.

Q4 If you're an independent you can't go in and pass a whole bunch of legislation, but I think with a minority government, an independent could have a lot of sway. So much of this and everyone's questions are really geared toward self-interest. How am I going to protect people's interests? I think we would do much better as a city and much better as a province and as a country if we're not voting thinking about self-interest, but thinking about something broader like the common good.

Q5 I've been coming out every night from 10 p.m. to after midnight sometimes or when the bars close. I tried to organize student vote campaigns in the municipal and federal election and I don't think the turnout was much better among students. In this election I wanted to try something different.

Students spend a lot of time in bars and socializing and that's fine and I did that myself but you can still vote. You don't necessarily need to be an expert, you have the ability to take that time to cast a vote — even if you don't really know exactly what you're voting for or why it makes a difference.

Q6 I'm campaigning to students the same as I am to retirement communities and on the street to anyone. I tell them I want to run, I'm an honest person, a good person, I'm running on a campaign that I believe is right and then you make the decision. I'm trying to appeal to a central humanity that is in all persons regardless of age. The universities are elitist institutions.

I did the academic route and I chose to leave it and now I'm working as a dishwasher and in my spare time I'm doing politics, it's a different model. Dishwashing I enjoy, it gives me time enough to survive. Don't be more ambitious than that.

Q7 I'm trying to say what is right, not necessarily what people want to hear. For me the hardest thing, and I think that this is true for any politician, is striking a balance between ambition and principle. It's easier for me because I'm running as an independent and not risking anyone else's resources. Saying what I'm saying is exhausting, especially when I do have a lot of knowledge about things like energy policy and health care policy. I have knowledge about these things, and it's really exhausting for me to say I don't want to talk about that.

5. What have you done to encourage students to turn out and vote on Oct. 6?
6. With regards to post-secondary education, what sets your party's platform apart and how is it of most benefit to students?
7. What about your party's platform do you not agree with and why?

EDITORIAL

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Express your democratic right on Oct. 6

Consider the current political situation in the Middle East, marked by the uprising of the Arab Spring earlier this year. From Egypt to Libya, young citizens rose up against their dictatorial leaders, fighting for a transition to a democratic state where they could speak with their votes rather than violence.

On Oct. 6, Ontarians need not take the right to vote for granted. It is a freedom that people in other parts of our world would literally kill and die for. With that in mind, cast your ballot proudly, as a testament to the strength of the democratic process.

With Premier Dalton McGuinty having been in power for eight years already, it is understandable that voters may be unexcited about the prospect of renewing his mandate again. However, it is up to you to decide whether the policies he has enacted over two terms are worth validating with your vote.

On Sept. 28, *The Cord* endorsed McGuinty and the Ontario Liberal Party. Today, however, our message is this: regardless of your political views, the most important decision you can make on Oct. 6 is not what party you cast your ballot for but whether you cast a ballot at all.

Elections Ontario has reported that local advanced polling has increased over the 2007 election. In the Kitchener Centre riding, advanced voting is up 89 per cent and in Kitchener-Waterloo, it is up 45 per cent. Follow their lead and cast your vote on election day.

Only 53 per cent of Ontarians cast their ballots in the 2007 provincial election, a historic low. Political commentators, including Laurier political scientist Barry Kay, have suggested that voter turnout could be even lower in 2011, continuing a disturbing downward trend.

Excuses for non-voting have ranged from not having enough time to learn the platforms to being dissatisfied with the candidates. Yet, those who fail to cast a ballot should question whether they will have the legitimacy to question the decisions of the next government in regards to post-secondary education, health care and the environment.

Oct. 6 is your chance to speak your mind. After that, you have the right to criticize or praise the decisions of the party you have voted for. A vote on Oct. 6 is not a voice of unconditional support for the entire term but it is your initial step into the political process.

Democracy comes complete with both rights and responsibilities. Voting is one of your most important responsibilities. Do not take it lightly.

—The Cord Editorial Board

CBC a welcome addition to Waterloo region media

Among student journalists, you'd be hard pressed to find those who aren't fans of, or have some kind of reverence, for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC). And with little fanfare last week it was announced that the CBC will, at some point in the next year, open a bureau in our corner of southern Ontario.

Producing radio content from Kitchener-Waterloo, the CBC will add some much-needed variety to an often-lacking media landscape in our community. Aside from the Waterloo Region Record daily newspaper, 570 News radio and the student newspapers produced and distributed in relatively small quantities around Waterloo, there is very little media content available that is directly focused on this community of upwards of 500,000 people. Few media voices means that new and part-time residents of the area are often detached from the goings on — that is unless they read *The Cord*.

So, of course *The Cord* Editorial Board supports this decision. Waterloo Region is a rapidly growing urban area with endlessly newsworthy things going on. The bigger question more pertinent to students at Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo is what this move means for them.

We can only hope that the presence of the CBC and the familiarity with its work shared by most Canadians will serve to build a stronger awareness of the community that the 40,000 young people at the universities inhabit for a four-year stretch.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Laurier's 'centennial' a misleading marketing ploy



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So let's put the celebratory moods aside for a moment and get one thing straight: Wilfrid Laurier University is not technically 100 years old. Despite students being constantly reminded that this is "our centennial year," many have to recognize that the celebrations currently occurring — inspirational as they may be — are nothing more than a marketing ploy.

There was, in fact, a building in 1911 on the corner of Bricker Ave. and Albert Street that was used for religious education, which went under the name of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada. But if you look back at the history and the evolution of this institution, it wasn't until 1973 — when the university adopted its current name — that it became a secular, provincially-assisted university.

As well, the school was an affiliation of the University of Western Ontario from 1924 to 1960 and became the base for the early beginnings of the University of Waterloo (UW) in 1959.

When deciding to change its name from Waterloo Lutheran University in the fall of 1972, the name Wilfrid Laurier University was chosen by students mainly as a matter of convenience because they could retain the WLU abbreviation. Why then honour a prime minister who has no official connection to the history of the school?

I do not doubt the significance of Wilfrid Laurier; he still remains one of the most praised prime ministers in

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Canadian history. However, I do have to question the university's need to retrace history that has little real link to its present self. Two weeks ago, Bob Rae, interim leader for the Liberal party and former chancellor at WLU, spent an hour speaking about Wilfrid Laurier's contributions on Canadian politics.

As informative and interesting as that was, what was the real point in terms of "centennial celebrations?" This is difficult to ascertain considering that Wilfrid Laurier's legacy wasn't associated with this institution until 1973.

Take last weekend for example, when homecoming signs around campus proudly displayed, "Soaring for a century." Once again, if you look at the history of the institution, the "Golden Hawks" name wasn't established until 1961, well before the school even received its current title.

The celebrations and advertisements that have been occurring for the past year have been mind-numbing, tiring and excessive. The university doesn't have the reputation or success it has today because it's a "hundred" years old. It's because the institution became an established university and because of the academic programs, in particular the arts — which originated back in 1924 — and the incremental growth of the business faculty in the last couple of decades.

There's nothing wrong with reiterating the history of the institution to the students. I just think it's at the point where the university needs to step back from its massive marketing project, and start using academics and student success, not just a "birthday" or our "old age," to attract investors and students. Just like everything else nowadays, WLU is a business and it needs to attract more students. But leading prospective students, or anyone for that matter, to believe that the institution is a century old — while also using this as a measurement of success — is misguided.

The Evangelical Lutheran Seminary of Canada, back in 1911, has a link to what eventually became Wilfrid Laurier University, but I don't think it's strong enough to really consider it the birth ground of WLU. UW, in theory, stemmed from similar origins of WLU, but I can't see UW claiming they are a hundred years old as well.

Today, the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary remains — as read on the commemorative plaque unveiled two weeks ago — an "affiliate of the non-denominational university" and as an entity that is sometimes viewed separate to the university.

Well, if that's what's been here for the last hundred years, shouldn't we be celebrating the centennial of that?

Smokers are easy political scapegoat



IAN MERKLEY
OPINION COLUMNIST

This December will be the tenth anniversary of the government of Canada forcing cigarette producers to place a label containing a graphic image and health warning on their cigarette packages. This law requires the graphic images to consume 50 per cent of the front and back of the package. The government has now recently announced that it plans to increase the size of the health warnings to 75 per cent. However, it's doubtful that increasing the size of the images will actually have any noticeable impact on the prevalence of smoking in Canada.

Now let me just say that I do not smoke and do not plan to smoke. In no way do I advocate it. I am also in no way against applying labels warning consumers about the dangerous side effects of products. In a free society the consumer and producer mutually consent to exchange one item for another. However, both parties should not misrepresent the product they are exchanging for. This already applies to a number of goods today. Just look inside your medicine cabinet.

These warnings, obviously enough, are very different from those on cigarettes in respects to

their size and depictions.

Like nearly all other Canadians who are able to purchase cigarettes, I already know the dangers of smoking them and the effectiveness of the labels can be called into question. To see just how effective these graphic warning labels actually are, I looked at statistics from both the United States of America, which does not have these labels, and Canada, which does.

I looked at the period between 2001, when the labels were introduced, and 2009, which was the date of the most recent American figures. It turns out that between these dates the number of smokers in Canada declined by 3.8 per cent and in America it declined by 2.2 per cent. So Canadians had reduced the percentage of smokers by 1.6 per cent more than America. However, can this 1.6 per cent be attributed to these pictures and warnings alone? That is unlikely.

There are a number of things this decline can be responsible for including higher taxation on cigarettes and more laws to make the life of a smoker miserable such as a ban from restaurants.

It could also be attributed to the difference in culture, especially in the southeastern United States where smoking is more socially acceptable.

Even if we like the idea of having graphic warnings on the cigarette companies' packaging why expand it to 75 per cent of the packaging? What now makes 50 per cent unacceptable? It turns out that proponents argue that people are now

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There is a nasty double standard about cigarettes. Drinking alcohol in excess increases the chance of liver problems. But, I do not see a picture of a dying person on a beer bottle.

immune to the old pictures. Why not just get new pictures and keep the previous size? If it is new, more graphic pictures that are supposed to scare people then this should be equally as effective. 50 per cent was a lot to ask of the cigarette companies, 75 per cent is just getting out of hand. When you think of it, there is a nasty double standard about cigarettes versus other potentially dangerous vices.

Drinking alcohol in excess increases the chances of liver problems and could, in extreme excess, kill the drinker due to alcohol poisoning. I do not see a picture of a dying person on a beer bottle. Fast food could lead to obesity and you could have a heart attack. I do not see a depiction of someone suffering from a heart attack on the food packaging when I buy a



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cheeseburger. Using a computer for too long may damage your eyes and yet there are no depictions of people sheltering their eyes in agony covering 50 per cent of the computer packaging.

I hope I did not give any altruists ideas.

Now do not misinterpret me. I think fewer people should smoke as it has bad effects and I find it upsetting that so many allegedly die from smoking.

However, this is for them to decide not for me to decide for them. There is little, if any, evidence to

suggest that this labeling law will do any noticeable good and this law against the tobacco companies appears to have been passed because of pure populism; a law meant to score political points.

I would advocate repealing this labeling law altogether or at least not increasing the size of the health warnings to 75 per cent of the package.

After all, tobacco does not damage peoples' eyesight so chances are an increase in the size of the picture will not change peoples' level of awareness.

Letter to the Editor

Questioning who to vote for

On Oct. 6, who I decide to actually vote for and support is a quagmire which has taken much of my thought. On one hand, there are certain policies which I strongly support. On the other hand, there is the history behind the paths which each of the three major political parties in Ontario took when they had their chance to govern.

Beyond the attack ads and unfortunately inevitable spins which the media has put on Dalton McGuinty, Andrea Horwath and Tim Hudak, are the local candidates who have committed to run as a candidate.

Throughout the campaign, many have put their professional lives on hold, along with sacrificing family time for political engagement.

The quagmire, though, which is aggravating me is that one candidate is a family friend and someone who I can say that I do respect on a personal level.

The problem is that the political party this family friend has been nominated to run for, I can say I do

not fancy. Should I vote for this candidate regardless of my great partisan dislike or should I support another candidate whose party's platform I have a stronger liking for?

Last election, in 2007, the electoral system which Ontario uses was questioned. For many, the division between electing a local candidate along with selecting a political party, wasn't an easy or understandable sell at their doors. Given the fact that this system (called mixed-member proportional) was not given much consideration, I think I will not vote for or against the family friend. But instead, based on my status as a student, I will vote in my home address instead of the address of my student residence.

- Adam Clemens

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Meet The Cord's Opinion Team



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THIRD-YEAR FILM AND ENGLISH

A caffeine-motivated metropolitan that has a permanent vanilla scent

Interests: New music, film, theater — anything pertaining to the arts, yet I always make sure to pay attention to what is going on around the world



BREE BORSELLINO
FIRST-YEAR ANTHROPOLOGY

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Interests: Environmental issues/concerns, religion, ethical animal treatment, child/spousal abuse and art



AMELIA CALBRY-MUZYKA
FIFTH-YEAR MUSIC, BUSINESS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE MINORS

Die-hard left-wing, pro-choice feminist atheist, passionate about anything related to gender issues and human rights

Interests: Human rights, feminism, law, politics and religion



ANDREW CHAI
FOURTH-YEAR PHILOSOPHY AND PSYCHOLOGY

Perpetual cynic, history junkie, defender of the separation of church and state and a committed freethinker

Interests: Religion and culture, human rights and international security



SHAUN FITL
THIRD-YEAR POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY

I try to live with no filter and to understand different perspectives for what they are instead of simply in comparison to my own

Interests: Freedom of speech and transparency in world politics



JAMES FORMOSA
SECOND-YEAR HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY

"He's a staunch liberal; but isn't afraid of guns. He loves peace and hates war — but loathes pacifism even more? How very strange ... well, thank God he's an atheist!" — Me on ... Me

Interests: Secular humanism, separation of church & state, human rights and positive atheism



JOSEPH MCNINCH-PAZZANO
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IAN MERKLEY
THIRD-YEAR HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

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ALEX REINHART
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Interests: Criticizing right wing ideals, international human rights and Russian history



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Interests: Liberal initiatives, enthusiastic follower of campus issues, lover of everything sweet



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Interests: Abortion, secularism and American politics



EMMA VAN WEERDEN
THIRD-YEAR COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES

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Interests: I'm strongly committed to ensuring that voices from the right side of the table are not swept under the carpet

Yes, I go to movies alone and I'm proud of it



CARLY BASCH
OPINION COLUMNIST

I have always thought of the act of going to the movies to be a social experience. Whether the film is exciting, therapeutic or engaging, going with a group of friends was always my preferred and only option. Although we initially went to the movies to stare at a big screen, it felt more comforting to share my cinematic experiences with friends than to not have anyone with me at all. But after a turn of events that left me alone for the first time, I started to reconsider my thoughts on going to the movies with a group of friends.

An infamous act amongst many, going to the movies by yourself can in fact be a much more exciting experience. Once you get over the idea of looking like a loner, you will realize that you can gain a lot more by going by yourself than making it a social experience.

This does not mean that you should abandon your friends and only see movies by yourself for the rest of your life, but to see it as an opportunity to give yourself approximately two hours of just sitting back and enjoying what is on the screen.

To test out this new and exciting experience (and give myself more excuses to sit in the theater alone), I saw three films, each in a different genre, to see if my reaction stayed the same. Based on my events from seeing *The Tree of Life*, *Crazy, Stupid, Love* and *Contagion*, I came up with these results:

If you go to the movies by

yourself, you get first priority over seating. Choosing a seat is crucial and picking the wrong seat can alter your experience. Some people like sitting in the back row, others like to be dead centre.

Instead of wasting time arguing over where to sit, you have the option of sitting wherever you like. Sitting alone also gives you the advantage of being able to move quickly if someone pulls a cinema faux-pas and decides to sit close to you.

Another perk, which tends to be my favourite one, is that you do not have to justify your reactions towards a film to your friends. It does not matter if you have the goofiest smile on your face as Ryan Gosling takes his shirt off onscreen or your eyes are about to pop out of their sockets because the movie is having you on the edge of your seat. You can laugh, cry, smirk, roll your eyes and even stick your tongue out without having to worry about your

friends shooting glances at you.

All those years I have had to endure the embarrassment of crying next to my guy friends in the theatres; now being alone, I can cry and laugh at the same time without being self-conscious.

If you too engage in this behaviour and someone is sitting near you, your worries of them thinking you are crazy will only last two hours and once the lights go on, all you have to do is simply walk out of the theatre and never see their face again.

If those two arguments do not have you eager to put down my article and immediately go see *Drive* by yourself, hear me out on this final point.

If you go by yourself, you have less of a chance of being distracted by your friends' cell phones.

Usually one assumes that when you go to the movies, all your focus and attention will be on the big

screen, not the little screens.

However, there are people who feel the need to text, tweet and even answer their phones during a movie and it is even worse when your friend engages in this sort of behaviour.

Since you already have first priority of seating, hopefully your chances of being distracted are slim and you are spared from having to angrily whisper to your friend, "Put your phone away!" Going to the movie by yourself is not necessarily the right choice but instead, a nice alternative to making it a huge social gathering.

Regardless what film genre or theatre you go to, you still get the same feeling of excitement.

Pick a film that you are interested in seeing, grab your favourite snack and choose the best spot in the theatre.

After that, all you have to do is sit back, relax and enjoy the experience that awaits you.

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Dear Life,
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Dear Life,
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Arkells return for a show to remember

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CORD ARTS

This past weekend marked Wilfrid Laurier University's 100th annual homecoming celebration. This year, like many before it, was characterized by three things: drinking, football and great music.

Thursday's homecoming concert was headlined by Waterloo regulars, Arkells, who certainly did not disappoint.

Opening for the Juno Award winning Arkells was local band Pilot Project. The largely unknown band impressed the Turret crowd with invigorating bass licks, strong guitar and tough vocals. They ended their set of original material by getting the entire crowd pumped up with an impressive rendition of Foo Fighters' "Walk."

Following Pilot Project was 2009 A-Team's Last Band Standing winners, The Dirty Nil. The band delivered an electrifying performance, complete with raw vocals, skilled guitar riffs and flawless drumming.

In addition to their catalogue of original material, the band covered Weezer and Led Zeppelin's

"Immigrant Song."

The Dirty Nil left everything on the stage, both metaphorically and literally. Front-man Luke Bentham was so immersed in the performance he accidentally ripped his jeans and threw the remnants into the crowd, playing the rest of the set in his underwear. Sweaty and half naked, they left the crowd satisfied and ready for the headlining performance.

Finally, to the sound of the packed crowd chanting their name, Arkells took the stage. "[The] Dirty Nil are good friends of ours, we've played with them a couple times and they really know how to put on a show," said Max Kerman, front-man of Arkells, about the opening act. The band opened their set with the song "Deadlines" from their album *Jackson Square*.

Arkells immediately had the crowd involved and moving. Playing a number of tracks from *Jackson Square* as well as songs off their upcoming album *Michigan Lake*, Arkells rocked the Turret and had their audience singing along to every song.

Kerman reminisced about their dinner at Ethel's Lounge in

Waterloo's Uptown and serenaded the crowd with an acoustic rap of Kanye West's "Homecoming" as a tribute to the centennial weekend.

After their electrifying and invigorating set, the crowd was unwilling to let the band finish without an encore.

For their closing number, Arkells performed their hit "Oh, The Boss is Coming."

At this point, the entire Turret became a sea of clapping hands and everyone was singing along—even the bartenders.

The experience was made all the more memorable by the beaming smiles that the entire band had on for the entire show.

They walked around on stage making jokes with each other (or in keyboard player Dan Griffin's case, sporting some awesome dance moves).

"The last time we played at Laurier we were at Wilf's. It's a great venue and Laurier really knows how to have a good time," said Kerman. It was clear that the men of the Arkells genuinely enjoyed performing just as much as the Laurier crowd enjoyed their performance.



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Arkells frontman Max Kerman serenades an excited Turret crowd.

Nostalgic responses to Disney classic transcends ages

ALANNA FAIREY
CORD ARTS

With the recent re-release of *The Lion King 3D* in theatres for two weeks only, one might wonder how much of the original fan base would be inspired to attend a showing of the film nearly 20 years later.

However, the morals and the lessons that the timeless Walt Disney film offers proved to be applicable to viewers of any age. This first-year Wilfrid Laurier student attended *The Lion King* to reminiscence over moments of laughter, exhilaration, beauty and even moments of pathos.

The Disney classic, originally released in 1994, tells the story of a lion named Simba trying to take his rightful place as king from his Uncle Scar, who had convinced his nephew that he is responsible for the death of his beloved father, Mufasa. With humorous sidekicks and a love interest, Simba is able to defeat Scar, finally taking his place in the "Circle of Life."



AMANDA HUANG GRAPHICS ARTIST

As first-year student, I understand that certain messages of the film may seem outdated or redundant now that the film's original audience has reached a much older age. However, the classic film retained much relevance when viewed now that I am a university student.

My friend, who is also a first year student, revealed to me after the movie that she cried during the tear-jerking sequence where Mufasa is killed by Scar, further revealing the staying power of the emotional responses to the movie.

The film not only appeals to those

who cling to nostalgic memories. *The Lion King* also provides university students with themes and ethics, which will help them through the year with no worries, as "Hakuna Matata" teaches.

Although first-year students are encouraged to not become

overwhelmed with anxiety, there is a point where they have to accept responsibilities, like Simba. This reflects the lives of first year students, who are adjusting to their newfound freedom while trying to balance it with obligations to schoolwork.

The themes of *The Lion King* do not limit themselves to just first years. After seeing the movie, it was easy to reflect and clearly see the parallels between the film's inherent messages and a student's own life.

Having good friends like Simba did is important for all students, as they will always be there and tell the truth, even when their criticisms are not wanted.

In *The Lion King*, Simba became strong because he was loyal to himself. Staying loyal to who you are is of utmost importance while trying to find your own path as a student.

Although embarking on a journey to adulthood, *The Lion King* manages to remain relevant and entertaining, losing little of the magic that the film held when I first watched it as young child.

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Toronto comes alive for a "sleepless night"

GAYLE RYAN
CORD ARTS

On Saturday night, downtown Toronto was transformed into a spectacle of cacophony, illustration and creation in one of Toronto's largest art events.

Nuit Blanche, or "sleepless night" is an event that attracts approximately one million people to the city each year. On display, from 6:59 p.m. until sunrise all over the city, were countless works of art.

With its free admission, Nuit Blanche aims to make contemporary art accessible to large audiences and raise questions about the significance of and the arts' impact on public spaces.

This was the city's sixth annual sunset-to-sunrise celebration of contemporary art.

In the aftermath of events such as the G20 Summit and Vancouver playoff riots, where we were exposed equally to images of police force and citizen lawlessness, one installation had a particularly interesting message. The installation, entitled *Barricades*, consisted of works that were truly absurd.

One work included caution tape wrapped around posts to form a wall-like structure. Many passersby were posing for red carpet-style photos in front of the caution tape backdrop. One man teasingly pushed his friend into the caution tape wall and she laughed as she struggled out of the layers of tape. I was struck by the reality that, taken out of context, these tools of police protection have no meaning and no power.

Another installation, entitled *Intensity*, had a particularly poignant message. It consisted of a large tent covered with slogans and advertising for a luxury condominium development.

Myself and other patrons of Nuit

Blanche squatted into the tent and poked our heads through one of several head-size holes in the ceiling, standing up to find a miniature tent around each of our heads.

Each person's head was in a separate tent with images of Toronto's tent city and luxury condominium slogans were projected around us. It was a harsh juxtaposition of the luxury that gets noticed and poverty that is usually ignored.

It was especially interesting that *Intensity* was located next to an interactive art installation called *FLUXe*, on which participants would create their own music using BlackBerry Playbooks.

The quick movement of event-goers from one installation to the next highlighted how quickly people forget the messages about poverty some installations provided. Many of the works displayed at Nuit Blanche were concerned with the theme of technology.

One that merged art with technology particularly well was called *Face Music*. In this work, robots with micro video cameras moved toward people's faces and took snapshots of their faces and movements, which were then pixelated and transformed into a soundscape.

The resulting smooth hum from the piece gave the impression of bodies moving in unison.

The work also made the statement that technology makes new art possible.

Each year Nuit Blanche brings a diverse group of people together to appreciate art and is truly an event worth attending.

My "sleepless night" resulted not only in a newly acquired knowledge of contemporary art, but also with a better understanding of our society.

Plans are already underway for the seventh Nuit Blanche, which returns to Toronto on Saturday, September 29, 2012.



SARAH HALL GRAPHICS ARTIST

Rethinking Art and Machine

LIZ SMITH
ARTS EDITOR

THEMUSEUM in Kitchener recently opened its interactive new exhibit: *Rethinking Art and Machine*. On display from Sept. 16 - Jan. 22, the exhibit, described by CEO David Marskell as "a risk taken for the community" showcases the work of pioneer artists who have addressed the relationship between art and electronic technology, light, graphics, robots, and virtual reality dating back to the 1960s.

Behind the exhibit is curator Marla Wasser, who was also involved in THEMUSEUM's Andy Warhol's Factory from several winters back.

THEMUSEUM CEO David Marskell spoke to *The Cord* about the various artists involved in the project. Hailing from five different countries, seven artists or "digital

media pioneers" have contributed their own interactive installations to the exhibit.

One artist, Jim Campbell, works with electronic sculptures and light. "One image is thousands of LED lights hanging from the ceiling with footage of birds flying through a large outdoor fountain," Marskell explained.

Artist Alan Rath, hailing from San Francisco, examines the humanization of machines in his installation. "His work is eyes, very large, weird eyes that he has animated. Mostly asleep, they become awakened when you walk into the room," said Marskell.

Daniel Rozin displays an exhibit of mirrors. In one instance, pieces of garbage the artist has collected in downtown Manhattan reflect the viewer's shadow much as a mirror would. Rozin, who also works as a

professor at the prestigious New York University, has dealt closely with technology in both of his careers; one of his students created a pre-cursor to "foursquare," the location based social networking website, as his university thesis.

Rethinking Art and Machine deals ultimately with the intersection of art and machine. For this reason, it promises to be especially appealing to a young generation. "This is the artwork of your life, this is what you've grown up with. It's not painting and it's not traditional art, which I think university students will connect with, because it's what they've seen," expressed Marskell.

In a city that houses head offices for such corporations as RIM, Christie Digital, Open Text and Google, this particular exhibit takes on heightened relevance.

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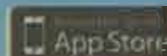
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Football back on track

The Golden Hawks halt their three-game losing streak with a 51-16 win over Ottawa

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

Surrounded by inquisitive and probing journalists, Dillon Heap suppressed a smirk.

The starting punt-returner for the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks knew what those intrepid minds wanted out of him but damned if this was the day they were going to get it.

"I'd just like to win — make it to the playoffs, make it to the Yates Cup, make it to Vanier," said the fifth-year after helping his Hawks (2-3) beat the Ottawa Gee-Gees 51-16 on Saturday in front of a homecoming crowd of 9,262.

But that's not what the reporters wanted to hear.

They wanted to hear Heap talk about his Ontario University Athletics' record-shattering performance for all-time punt-returning yards, amassing 1,946 with the purple and gold jersey on.

Heap gained 74 to eclipse the old mark of 1,886 held by Windsor's Dan Hollerhead from 1971 - 1975.

"I put the team first, field position first, and if it comes it comes," said Heap when devising how he plans to take down the Canadian Interuniversity Sport record of 2,517 held by Ottawa's Chris Evraire.

The Waterloo native has been the one constant pleasantry under an



Scott McCahill brings down a member of the Ottawa Gee-Gees during the Hawks' homecoming win.

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initially tumultuous season by the football squad.
But they're back on track.
"It was another block," said coach Gary Jeffries. "We started to build this thing back together last week [versus Western in a 34-28 hard-fought loss]. We just keep elevating."
"Sometimes you're going to have a slow start," said star receiver Shamawd Chambers who had a monstrous receiving game with eight catches for 201 yards, third-best in school history for single-game receiving.
"But our offence is very explosive ... Shane Kelly is probably the best

quarterback I've ever played with, he's unbelievable," said the projected second-ranked 2012 CFL draft pick, Chambers.
"We needed to do a little better with our execution and we proved it on the field," said Heap. "We scored 51 points."
It was just a feel-good day all around.
The boisterous homecoming crowd far eclipsed any previous attendance numbers this season, and provided the Hawks with energy, support and enthusiasm, which they made terrific use of.
Using a real hawk and a marching band to kick off the game, gold confetti and a smoke machine to greet the players as they entered the stadium and large ruby red fireworks to celebrate the opening kickoff and Laurier touchdowns, the game was as much sport as it was spectacle.

Lost in the festivities was the satisfying sensation of beating the Ottawa team (3-2) that booted Laurier out of the OUA playoffs in the semi-finals.
Ottawa lost many key players to graduation last year, including current CFL Calgary quarterback Brad Sinopoli.
Kelly finished the game completing 20 of 34 passes for 348 yards and four touchdowns and continues to lead the nation in total yards and touchdowns (16) in five games.
The team travels to the University of Waterloo on Thursday at 7 p.m.
The short week is not welcome news to injured kicker Ronnie Pfeffer, receiver Russ Jirgens and defensive back Benjamin Millar.
All will be game-time decisions for the final game before Thanksgiving.

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M Soccer 0 - Guelph 2
- UPCOMING HOME GAMES
- 10.05.11
M Baseball vs Western
Beechell Park, 6:30 p.m.
W/M Soccer vs Western
Alumni Field, 6:35 p.m.
 - 10.06.11
M Soccer vs UOIT
Alumni Field, 7:30 p.m.
 - 10.07.11
M Baseball vs McMaster
Beechell Park, 7:45 p.m.
M Rugby vs Waterloo
University Stadium, 7:00 p.m.
M Hockey vs Nipissing
Waterloo REC Complex, 7:30 p.m.
 - 10.08.11
W Lacrosse vs Toronto/Queen's
University Stadium, 9am/4pm
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Sports in brief

Women's soccer named OUA team of the month

The Laurier women's soccer team has been named the Pizza Pizza OUA women's team of the month, posting a 9-0-0 record. The team has scored 28 goals and allowed just five in those nine games. Krista Cellucci, Emily Brown and Alyssa Lagonia have combined for 18 of the 28 goals.

They have been ranked first overall in Canada for the past three weeks straight.

Women's hockey finishes pre-season with 3-2 record

The Hawks completed their pre-season schedule with two wins over the Burlington Barracudas and the Ryerson Rams by respective scores of 4-1 and 10-1. Brittany Crago scored a hat-trick against Ryerson.

Men's soccer ties, loses

The WLU men's soccer team tied the Brock Badgers 2-2 last Wednesday and lost to the Guelph Gryphons 2-0 on Sunday. Robert Kardaras scored twice for Laurier against Brock.

Golden Hawks add six to Hall of Fame

On Friday night, WLU Athletics added the 1961 football team, former football players Jesse Alexander and Yannick Carter, former basketball player Meaghan McGrath, former hockey player Ashley Stephenson and former vice-president for university advancement Arthur Stephen in the builder's category.

Both Alexander and Carter were members of the 2005 Vanier Cup-winning team. McGrath ranks sixth all-time in OUA scoring and Stephenson was named CIS tournament MVP during their win in 2005.

Women's rugby drops fourth decision

The Western Mustangs defeated the women's rugby squad 61-0 on Saturday afternoon. The Mustangs move to 1-3 and the Hawks are now 1-4. Their next game comes this Friday on the road against Brock.

Guelph, 12-9. The Hawks host Toronto and Queen's on Saturday at University Stadium and they follow that doubleheader up with two more games versus Western and McMaster on Sunday.

Ryan Murphy makes Carolina Hurricanes out of camp

Kitchener Rangers' defenceman Ryan Murphy has made the starting roster for the NHL's Carolina Hurricanes. Murphy can play nine games without using a year of his contract and staying with the team for good.

Hawks fail to capitalize



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

The Hawks blew their chance to pass the Warriors in the standings.

CHRIS MANDER
STAFF WRITER

On a brisk evening at Jack Couch Park in Waterloo, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks played two crucial baseball games against the cross-town Waterloo Warriors, who coming into the evening, were one game ahead of the Hawks in the standings.

Starting the first game for Laurier was staff ace Brett Van Pelt, who did not disappoint, pitching a complete game while striking out eight and only giving up two hits for one run while earning the win over Waterloo's Brandon Beattie.

Beattie struggled from the start, giving up a three-run homer to Golden Hawk stud Ryan Panas in the first inning.

It was all downhill from there for the Warriors (11-7), as Laurier's bats generated 11 runs over the next five innings to force the mercy rule into effect, making the final score 11-1.

One of the biggest differences in the game was fielding, as Laurier only committed one error to Waterloo's five.

However the victory did not come without a cost, as designated hitter and reigning team MVP Nathan Loehle was forced to leave the game after re-injuring his nagging shoulder.

Even with Loehle, the Golden Hawks may not have been able to change their fortunes for the second game as it seemed they used up all their offensive production in the first game.

Waterloo ace Adam Lentz kept

the Hawks off-balance and confused for the full seven innings, coming out on top of a true pitchers duel.

Laurier starter and first year Jordan Patruska deserved a better fate, going the distance, striking out seven and only allowing one run, but still standing as the losing pitcher because of the Hawks' struggles to generate any offence.

For Laurier, their best offensive opportunity came in the top of the seventh, when they were able to get runners on first and second with one out, but unfortunately stranded both runners due to the impressive pitching of Lentz.

In the end, Lentz ended up pitching a complete game with 13 strikeouts, two hits allowed, and no runs, earning the 1-0 victory.

While the Hawks entered the doubleheader one game back of Waterloo, they were unable to gain any ground, as their record is now 9-7 after entering the evening 8-6.

Despite the encouraging performance from both Van Pelt and Patruska, who each started and finished their respective games on the mound, the Hawks have to be somewhat disappointed by the fact that they were not able to capitalize on giving up only two runs in two total ball games.

Finding some consistency in their bats will be key for the Golden Hawks as the regular season comes to a close and the playoffs creep up.

The Golden Hawks next host the Western Mustangs on Sunday, Oct. 2 at Bechtel Park as they look to build some momentum for the playoffs.

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Hawks soar into hockey season

Laurier looks to rebound after the men's team capped their impressive season with a quarterfinals loss and the women's squad tries to keep a short memory after falling in the CIS championships in March

CHRIS MANDER
STAFF WRITER

In most situations, if a team wins seven straight championships and then gets upset to have their victory streak snapped, they don't tend to get a vibe of disrespect from their followers heading into next season.

However, in the very competitive world of Ontario University Athletics (OUA), specifically women's hockey, that is exactly what can happen, and to a certain extent, is happening to the Laurier Golden Hawks.

After being devastated in the OUA semifinals last season at the hands of the Queens' Gaels, the Golden Hawks are being somewhat overlooked going into the 2011-2012 season, or at least that is the feeling of the team as the season approaches.

Factoring into the Hawks being

overlooked is the graduation of five-year standout and Canadian Inter-university Sport all-star Liz Knox.

Knox was a brick wall in net for the Golden Hawks, and has taken her success to the national level upon graduation. However, the departure of such a key player does not discourage this year's squad, according to team captain Abby Rainsberry.

"The departure of Knox is obviously going to make an influence on our team," said the captain. "But our goalie has had two years of play under Knox and has learned a lot from that [experience] so we are all

confident in her and ready to go."

But simply saying that the team is ready to go is not enough and Rainsberry knows that.

"We are driven. Our dedication is key since we are hardworking and high character," continued Rainsberry. "We are always willing to do what it takes to get the job done."

Maybe the reason the team is so driven is because of the memories of last season's loss on home ice to the underdog Queen's team.

Rainsberry was on that team, as was the majority of this year's Hawks, and there is little doubt in their captain's mind that the painful

experience last March in front of friends and family will provide enough motivation for this season.

"It was very heartbreaking for all of us and a lot of the vets on the team remember what it felt like. So we never want to feel that way again and we will face the adversity, and move towards improving and avoiding that feeling."

While Rainsberry is undoubtedly confident in her team and their ability to be the best in the OUA, she knows that it's not an easy road to success, especially with such lofty expectations from both themselves and those around them.

"The rest of the league is going to be very competitive this year and we are expecting every team to be coming after us as everyone else is improving as well."

So while the league is more competitive than ever before, the Golden Hawks have to remain as one of the favorites in the OUA. They are currently ranked second in the CIS, with McGill ranked first.

So with such a high ranking, some may wonder why the team carries such a chip on their shoulder.

"We have high expectation for ourselves" said Rainsberry, "our biggest goal for the season is to get back the OUA title and then move on from there, one game at a time."

The team plays its first game against the Western Mustangs on at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Thompson Arena in London and then travel to Windsor for a Sunday matinee.



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As the Laurier men's hockey team prepares to take to the ice for their first regular season game on Oct. 7, head coach Greg Puhalski is still unsure what his final line-up will look like.

"At this stage in the season we're still in the process of figuring out who we're going to be," said Puhalski after his Hawks went 1-3 in the pre-season.

Focusing on defence in the 2010-2011 season, the team finished second in the west with a 15-7-6 record, and defeated the UOIT Ridgebacks in the playoffs but bowed out to the Guelph Gryphons in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) quarter-finals, two games to one.

Ryan Daniels, the Hawks' goaltender nominated for MVP in the Western Conference and goalie of the year last year, will remain the team's starting tender, but the rest of the team is more up in the air in terms of healthy players to start the year.

Although Puhalski notes a marked improvement in the team's performance during the pre-season, he is concerned about the number of players on the injured list.

"We haven't had a chance to ice our whole squad and that's been a

little bit frustrating. We are looking for those senior defencemen to really help us," he said.

Those senior defencemen would be Phil Magistrale, Garrett Sinfield, Zack Sheply and Kyle Van De Bospoort.

In addition to the continuing focus on defence, Puhalski must also concentrate on his offensive line-up for 2011-2012, having lost five of his six top scorers to graduation.

Gone is team captain Jean-Michel Rizk, defensive speedster Ryan Bernardi and left-winger Ryan Bellows.

"It's something that will come with time and we'll see who will step up and help with that and we'll have to see who develops in our offence," he said.

Left in the offensive line-up for this year is right winger Thomas Middup who scored 11 goals in regular season play last year.

Incoming former Ontario Hockey League graduates Mitch Lebar and Chad Lowry should bolster a strong contingent of newcomers to the squad.

Although Puhalski said he would

like to see Laurier playing for the OUA finals this year, his current focus is not on championship dreams, but getting a strong team ready for the regular season.

"I think the focus is just on getting your team consistent and playing at a high level each and every game and each and every day," he said adding that playoffs are "a long way away."

New rookies Duncan Long, Frank Riddle, Dustin Punch, Brett Vandenberg, Joseph Vanni and Jonathan Veerman will try and make an immediate impact on the team as they all adjust to the OUA.

Laurier faces off against Nipissing at the Waterloo Recreational Complex this Friday at 7:30 p.m. followed by a game against Ottawa on Saturday night.



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Women's team improves

—cover

finishing 14th.

The women's team's performance was nothing to sneeze at either.

They finished seventh, five places behind Waterloo.

"We started off really strong together and there was a couple times where the girls were talking to each other; encouraging each other to move up," said team co-captain Lindsay Wright. "Our teamwork was much better."

The Don Mills Open takes place over very flat terrain, something the teams aren't particularly used to.

"Speed definitely plays a role. It's different because we train in Bechtel Park which is really hilly," said Wright. "Lots of the girls really like trail races ... dirt paths more than grass paths."

The women's team isn't excluded

from the injury bug. Co-captain Catherine Sukkau is out with a season-ending injury, effectively bringing to a close the fifth-year's Laurier career. But she did show up on Saturday to provide her runners with advice.

Merely being on the team is a huge commitment, let alone the risk of injury factor, said Wright.

"We train all-year-round... We work our butts off all the time and we're fully committed," he explained.

"Catherine and I had a couple goals [heading into this year]. We would like to see the women's team placed in the top 10 in the OUA and make nationals," said Wright.

"We may not be a team many people have interest in now, but I think there will be in the next little while. You'll see a huge improvement."

Laurier hits the links

KEVIN CAMPBELL
SPORTS EDITOR

If the boys at Laurier just aren't getting the job done in the looks department for the women of Laurier, the females may just want to take a trip to their local fairway.

Finding a cohesive team strength and identity in an individualized sport isn't always easy but Laurier golf coach Jim Zwolak doesn't have much trouble finding one.

"We're known for being a good-looking team," said Zwolak on Sunday at the Grey Silo Golf Club in Waterloo for part two of the Waterloo shared event between the University of Waterloo (at Whistle Bear) and Wilfrid Laurier.

"It's hard to pinpoint one team strength in golf. It's not like hockey where a team can be the fastest team or anything like that. Each player has their own skill-set that helps the team," said team veteran Brett Murray.

For Murray, he cites his short game (putting and chipping) to be his aces in the hole, and for the newer guys, it's tended to be the long shot.

"Our rookies might be known for having a nice and straight drive," said Zwolak.

The coach also makes sure the team keeps a good head on their shoulders.

"He's a really good guy," said Murray of coach Zwolak. "He teaches us the mental aspects of the game which most coaches don't do a lot ... He's a nice guy to be around. He



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The Laurier golf team had to endure less than favourable weather on Saturday during the Laurier Invitational at Grey Silo in Waterloo.

treats us with a lot of respect and always lets us know what he expects out of us."

The team need a tough mental fortitude. It's a rushed schedule and there's not a lot of time to appropriate to textbooks.

"The last couple of years, we've started training camp at the end of August ... during orientation week, there are a couple days of tryouts, and then it's off to the races for the next six weeks," said the coach.

"A lot of the first years [on the team] are in business so I just kind of talk to them and help them along the way and tell them what the marks are like and that kind of stuff," said Murray.

The faculty of business is well-represented. Five of the 11 team members major in the subject.

During a typical week for a Laurier links pro, a couple outings are made to the local golf courses at Grey Silo, Deer Ridge and

Westmount for practice.

"We miss a lot of class, so it can be really challenging. The biggest thing is time management," said Zwolak.

The team attends five Ontario University Athletics tournaments within the span of a month before heading off to provincials.

Last year, Laurier finished in 13th at the national championships in June. Team captain Matt Farronato and Murray led the way.

"[Matt's] been a huge asset," said the golf guru Zwolak. "He's been a great leader, he cares about the team, and he's taken charge of that role. It makes my life a lot easier. We're going to miss him next year."

The team is graduating Farronato, Murray and Brown this year — three core members of the squad who have a long history with the club.

They now travel to Copetown next Thursday for the final open of the season hosted by McMaster.