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Ten years of ups and downs

After a long legacy at WLU, football coach Gary Jeffries stepped down last week. The Cord looks back at his tenure

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Alum raises privacy concerns for Laurier

Personal information of nearly 300 students visible online

ELIZABETH DICESARE
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

While preparing to apply to Canada's police forces, Bob Baumgartner, a Wilfrid Laurier University graduate, decided to do a Google search of himself, and found more than he was expecting.

After typing in his old e-mail address, Baumgartner found a list of 297 former WLU students that included their personal contact information, such as phone numbers, email addresses and home addresses for not only the students, but their parents as well.

"It was the only thing in the search that came up," explained Baumgartner.

"I was a little concerned because not only did it have my information, but it had my parents' information."

"Both of my parents are Laurier alumni, they went there back in the day, and I told them that their contact information was being posted

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—Bob Baumgartner, WLU alumnus

on the Internet by Laurier and they weren't too happy," he added.

While Baumgartner shared this with his parents, he has yet to contact either the school or anyone else on the list that the Google search brought up.

However, he expressed his distress regarding the situation and emphasized the need for Laurier to take action.

"For me it was a bit concerning because in today's privacy age, to have [that information] it makes it easy to become victims of fraud," he said.

"It's a very serious privacy breach, so just having people's information that easily accessible is something that concerns me, especially when our school claims to place our privacy in high regards."

After racking his brain, Baumgartner still cannot remember why the list may have been composed.

He told The Cord that he doesn't remember joining any specific groups or taking part in any surveys

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Laurier's women's soccer team celebrates their shoot-out win over Queen's in the OUA semi-final.

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"Grow the beard and moustache and donate."
-Ham Patel
first-year, health science



"Donating to friends"
-Josh Hooper
first-year, health science



"Supporting friends and the Right to Play Movember team. We are going to destroy everyone."
-Christina Anderson
first-year, kinesiology



"Supporting friends on social media."
-Sean Cameron
second-year, business



"I don't really know what the options are for girls, so I support and encourage my guy friends."
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"The only thing I can tell you is I won't be sitting at home on a hammock."

-Gary Jeffries, former Laurier football head coach on how he'll be spending his post-coaching days.

"What do you mean 'finally beat Queen's'? We've played them four times in two years, they've beaten us twice we've beaten them twice what do you mean finally beat Queen's? Can you change the question?... In other games that, we have lost to them, Chad, we out-chanced them.... Chad you've got anything else? You got something? Come on, give me something."

-Women's soccer head coach Barry MacLean responding to a question in a media scrum from Lot 59 videographer Chad Leitch

"It just points out how disappointing good old Laurier is being."

-Laurier alum Bob Baumgartner on finding his personal information online through a university list

"It wasn't a large factor in our decision, because it would be funny that we would go through such an extensive process just to find someone six feet away."

-WLUSU president Michael Onabolu on whether or not newly-hired executive director Roly Webster's extensive history at Laurier played a role in him getting the job

"I don't think Milloy will do anything. He'll make sure the wash-rooms are working and the doors are opening. That's all he can do."

-Political scientist Peter Woolstencroft on Kitchener-Centre MPP John Milloy resuming his role as minister of training, colleges and universities

"It's so biased and so out of context with the reality of the situation."

-Acting dean of student Adam Lawrence on Laurier's positioning in the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms' 2012 freedom index

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Quote of the week: "Speaking of Shakespeare, when I got kicked out of the bar last week, I yelled 'a plague on both your houses.'"
-Copy Editor Kelly Burwash chiming into a conversation on Shakespeare

NEWS

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Annual report puts Laurier to the test

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After *MacLean's* released its annual university rankings, Wilfrid Laurier University found itself placing 25th overall of the national reputation ranking.

However, in most other rankings, *MacLean's* placed universities into one of three categories that displayed the differences in levels of research funding, the diversity of offerings and the breadth and depth of graduate and professional programs.

Within the comprehensive category, Laurier placed 11th out of 15 schools.

"I think I'm happy," said Deb MacLatchy, vice president: academic and provost at Laurier, when asked about the results.

Laurier was moved just last year into the comprehensive category, which, as described by *MacLean's*, features universities that have a significant degree of research activity and a wide range of programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, including professional degrees.

MacLatchy expressed that since, "we just moved into the comprehensive category, [and] the fact that we stayed the same in most of the categories and moved up in some of them, I think that is a reasonable outcome."

Laurier was originally, until last year, placed in the primarily undergraduate category.

"I do think [moving to the comprehensive category] is a good thing. I do think it is very important, it represents that we've grown as a university," MacLatchy continued.

While it is nearly impossible to expect a university to move significantly higher in the span of one year in their category, and achieving the top spot is something every school aims to do, MacLatchy believes that Laurier should still be proud of its results.

"It shows the commitment of the institution to research, high quality of teaching, student satisfaction," said Mercedes Rowinsky-Geurts, the associate dean of students: student affairs and special projects.

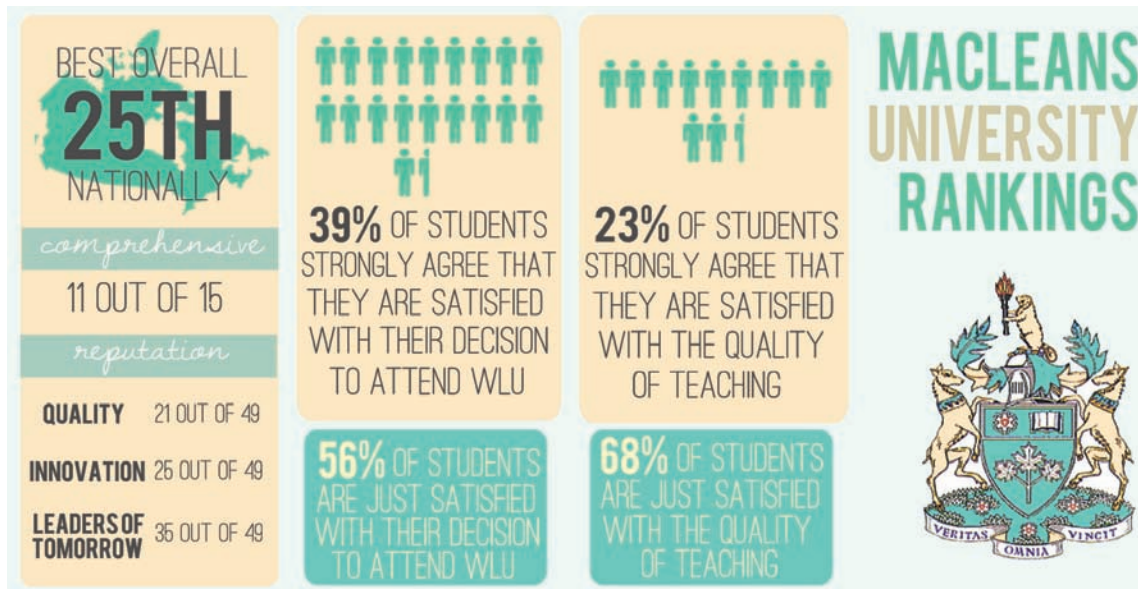
"We are proving that we are competitive and that we are moving forward on different levels and we are holding our own," Rowinsky-Geurts added.

The rankings are important for incoming students and parents who are looking to choose the best school to attend.

While current students may not be in tune with the results, it is still important to address them since it could ignite a sense of accomplishment for their university.

When asked about how she feels about the results, fourth-year history student Mallory Herold stated that she "definitely thought the best overall" results were fair.

She also enjoyed the "leaders of tomorrow," ranking which placed Laurier in fourth place for



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR

comprehensive schools in Ontario, and 35 out of 49 schools nationally.

"There are so many leadership opportunities for volunteers [at Laurier]," continued Herold.

As well, Rowinsky was proud of the placement in the "leaders of tomorrow" category.

"Leaders of tomorrow,' goes with the ethos of the university, 'inspiring lives of leadership and purpose,' and here we are, among the best," she said.

MacLatchy also stated that the rankings are valuable to international students, who lack the knowledge that Canadian students have

regarding their universities.

"Certainly internationally, students and parents can be very focused on rankings, so sometimes it means more for us internationally than it does nationally," MacLatchy added.

Being neighbours with the University of Waterloo, one of the leading universities in the comprehensive category from the *MacLean's* ranking, only benefits Laurier in terms of recognition.

While MacLatchy expressed that "a little competition is good," it's difficult to do so since both universities in Waterloo differ in what they offer.

"There are a lot of exceptional benefits we get from having two universities [in the city]," continued MacLatchy.

Laurier's other national reputational rankings were 21st for highest quality and 25th for most innovative. In the provincial and comprehensive comparison, Laurier placed third for highest quality and fourth for most innovative.

While the rankings may not be ideal and still fall behind some categories, MacLatchy maintained they are reputable.

"I think everybody likes to do well," she concluded.

Free speech investigated on campus

WLU, WLUSU receive poor grades from Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms

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LEAD REPORTER

Wilfrid Laurier University received criticism for the state of freedom of speech on its campus in a report released by the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms on Oct. 31. The 2012 Freedom Index graded 35 campuses across Canada, measuring how well public universities and their student unions are upholding the right students have to freedom of speech and expression.

Laurier was graded as follows: "D" for university policies and principles, "F" for university actions and practices, "F" for student union policies and principles and "D" for student union actions and practices.

According to the index, these grades reflected the majority of universities in Canada.

According to the report, two instances constituted the basis for Laurier's grades in 2011-12: Israeli Apartheid Week had to take down posters, and in 2008 the Laurier Free-Thought Alliance was not granted official club status.

Michael Onabolu, president and CEO of Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU), believes that the index contains many inaccuracies and errors.

"Just looking at some of the issues that they cite as 'evidence' for not upholding those values for free speech, a lot of it is just inaccurate and not the full picture," he explained.

Adam Lawrence, the acting dean of students, explained, "When it comes to Israeli Apartheid Week, this index is an

incomplete picture of what actually happened."

According to Lawrence, long discussions were had between the conflicting groups, which included Laurier 4 Palestine, a Laurier Students' Public Interest Group (LSPiRG) working group who put on the week-long event, and the party who took offense to some of the pictures that were posted.

"This is what free speech is," Lawrence said. "Groups having the ability to say what they feel; to post what is important to them, but for there to be some critical dialogue around those pictures, those discussions and those concerns."

He explained that he was frustrated that the index took a complex situation, summed it up in one sentence and based a grade off of it.

The Laurier Free-Thought Alliance was not granted official club status due to its original mission.



MITCHELL CHEESEMAN GRAPHICS ARTIST

However, after changing it to be more inclusive, they became an official club.

Onabolu explained that the criteria for a club to gain official club status are twofold — it cannot infringe on anyone else's rights and it cannot already exist.

"We try to be as minimally infringing on clubs as we can and allow them free reign to empower them to do what they'd like to do for students on campus," he said

Lawrence agreed with Onabolu that the index isn't an accurate representation of Laurier.

"It's so biased and so out of context with the reality of the situation," he continued.

"I think what frustrates me the most is that not one person from the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms contacted LSPiRG or the Diversity and Equity office about something they were printing in here."

Lawrence expressed his belief that everyone in the Laurier

community should have a voice.

"Now if that voice is hateful, or angry, or going to cause violence, then that's a problem," he noted. "But if it's a voice that is really impactful and wants to make positive change, I think that's important."

Shereen Rowe, university secretary and general counsel, spoke to the legal and legislative obligations the university has to adhere to regarding harassment and discrimination.

"I think that the university does value and protect freedom of speech and expression, but obviously we can only do that in the context of legal obligation," she explained.

In certain situations, she continued, the university has to balance principles of freedom of speech with the legislative principles that also have value.

A Laurier student who wished to remain anonymous had a different opinion of free speech on campus. She explained that as a feminist she has found that males in the classroom, though unintentional, "prevent some women from speaking and saying what they really want to say."

From her experience she has also found that some professors are not aware of the way in which they hinder freedom of speech.

"Overall, when it comes to freedom of speech at Laurier, there could always be more discussions," she concluded.

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Glen Murray throws in his bid for the Ontario Liberal leadership

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Migrant workers advocacy group looks to generate more interest among students

—By Justin Smirlies

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Praising student peers

'WLU Compliments,' an anonymous Facebook profile, allows Laurier students to submit positive compliments to their friends

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Just over a week ago, Wilfrid Laurier University saw the creation of a Facebook page titled "WLU Compliments," which allows students to anonymously submit compliments to their friends and classmates.

The idea began as a social project at Queen's University and eventually spread to Ryerson University where WLU's page creator first heard of the idea.

While the page's creator asked The Cord to keep their identity unknown, they illustrated that they wanted this page to be a "stepping stone for confidence boosting."

They hope that over time, people will post using their names rather than remaining anonymous.

There have been a few problems with the site so far. The creator can no longer add people, private message or 'like' anything on the page. Facebook thinks they are spamming, which is far from the case.

"Midterms always bring students down and WLU Compliments has provided us with the perfect dose

of positivity," said Maya Feldberg, a second-year business student, when asked about the new page.

"It demonstrates why Laurier has such a fantastic student body and reminds us that it doesn't hurt to tell your friends how much they mean to you."

When asked about the future of this page, the creator said that "as long as we have Facebook, I want it to continue; when I graduate I will probably pass the site down."

They not only see this page as something positive, but a way for both Laurier's Waterloo and Brantford campuses to connect.

The creator also noted that they are currently working alone on this project. Over a 14-hour period, they see over 250 notifications, including friend requests and an abundance of private messages.

"It's so nice to see the Laurier community sharing such kind words about each other," said Jessica Platt, a third-year communications studies student.

"Seeing so many compliments shows how much Laurier students care about each other, and that small

acts of kindness don't go unnoticed."

However, some students on WLU's campus have been discussing how the site appears to include a large number of students from the Wilfrid Laurier Student's Union, rather than the general student body, and that WLUSU's presence on the page appears to be dominating.

"I understand why people may feel it's a little too WLUSU-centric but that's only because volunteers are sending compliments to each other appreciating the work they've done together and the relationships that have developed from shared experiences," the page creator said with regards to the criticism that has been circulating.

"That doesn't mean that other Laurier students don't contribute just as much."

"It's a great way for students to express themselves, anonymously or not," said the creator. "I know this isn't a fad."

They hope to be expanding the group within the next few weeks and want to get other students to help out and share ideas to promote future success.



TAYLOR GAYOWSKY GRAPHICS ARTIST

WLU Compliments is a student project aiming to spread happiness.



AVERY GALES STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Roy has collected data on voter influences to show possible reasons why candidates are picked.

Analyzing voter influence

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With the 2012 American presidential election coming to a close, it is somewhat relevant to examine what kind of factors influence voters in their decision making processes. Jason Roy, a political science professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, recently conducted a study that looked at several of these factors.

The study was conducted on 2,727 Laurier students in the form of an online platform survey, and there were three separate studies within the main study that the participants were randomly assigned to.

The first study looked at whether individuals changed support for the incumbent party based on whether election is called under a majority, minority or coalition situation.

"[For example], how would the incumbent vote share change if the other two parties voted against it and forced an election?" questioned Roy. "Would voters be more likely to support the incumbent party because they would see them as potentially the victim of the other parties? Or would the other parties gain support?"

The second study looked at whether there were any gender effects in voting.

This study posed the exact same candidates as the first study, but simply replaced one or more of the candidates' names with female names. Previous research on this topic has suggested that females are more likely to vote for a female candidate.

"What we've discovered in a very, very early review of our data is that there is a similar effect. There are cases where the same candidate, when you shift from being a male to a female, receives almost a 20 point jump from female voters," said Roy.

However, this effect was not clearly distinct in males voting for males.

The third study looked at whether voters were more influenced by their party affiliations or the individual candidate's qualities regardless of their party.

To do this, four main Canadian party names were used and a preliminary survey gathered information on strength of party affiliations of the participants. Then each party was randomly assigned one of four candidates where three were

similarly mediocre and one was a "super candidate" that was clearly more impressive in most aspects.

"If it's the candidate [voters vote for], it shouldn't matter regardless of where he runs," explained Roy. "The initial analysis suggests that he boosts the vote share by about ten points regardless of party."

Although initial analyses have been performed, Roy stated the results will still take four to six months to properly go through and analyze. But potential implications of the future findings remain intriguing for Roy.

This information could possibly be useful to individuals, political parties and policy makers.

"Depending what the results suggest, it can certainly be of interest to certain parties. Now, whether or not parties use the information to try to improve the system — that remains to be seen," explained Roy. "And it could certainly have impact on policy makers. It could certainly influence how they want to change the existing system. Or whether they want to change the existing system."

The first round of data for the study will be presented April 2013 at a conference in Chicago.

WLUSU executive director chosen

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
NEWS DIRECTOR

After an extensive search that lasted roughly five months, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union announced on Tuesday that Roly Webster, associate director of alumni relations at Wilfrid Laurier University, has been hired as the new executive director and chief operating officer (COO), effective Dec. 3.

The position was previously held by Mike McMahon — which was under the title of "general manager" — until he stepped down in June. Chris Hyde, the director of policy and research at WLUSU held the position on an interim basis.

"Roly is very diligent, he considers things from each and every angle and he has a very strong business mindset and operational mindset with working for the university," explained Michael Onabolu, the president and CEO of WLUSU.

Webster graduated from Laurier in 1995 with a bachelor of arts and stayed in the Laurier community to work various jobs within athletics and the alumni relations.

For Webster, the fact that he will be working with students again excites him.

"I totally understand the value of student engagement on this campus and the sense of volunteerism, and the development of our students," Webster explained.

"I know it's not the Laurier I went to school at, but I never left, so I've seen the changes and understand the value the students have outside of the classroom."

While Webster has never been actively engaged within WLUSU before, he noted that his knowledge of the school and his involvement with working with them with his previous positions will be a valuable asset when he takes on the role in December.

"18 years ago Laurier was a lot different than now too, and WLUSU wasn't the organization it is today either," he said.

Onabolu echoed Webster's remarks.

"Roly is very diligent, he considers things from each and every angle and he has a very strong business mindset and operational mindset."

—Michael Onabolu, president and CEO of WLUSU

"He knows the environment, he knows the campus partners that we work with," Onabolu continued. "We try and have a professional relationship with the university and he definitely will maintain those strong relationships that we have."

According to Onabolu, the reason the title has been changed from general manager to executive director is because the restructuring and the focus of the students' union has changed, especially since it has handed off its control of businesses to various companies in the past year.

When asked if Webster's experiences at Laurier had an impact on the final decision, Onabolu responded by saying,

"It wasn't a large factor in our decision, because it would be funny that we would go through such an extensive process just to find someone six feet away."

"But it definitely was a positive one as well," he said.

For the time being, Webster will be getting himself familiar with the structure and workings of WLUSU. He will also be contacting and speaking to McMahon to understand the role better.

"He will be great resource and I want to know what he did, why he did and so on," Webster added.

"I really feel I can have an impact on the students."

New WLU website to launch in Sept. 2013

ELIZABETH DICESARE
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

After nearly eight years, Wilfrid Laurier University is finally working towards launching a new, modern and up-to-date website. Currently the first phase of development is underway, which includes collecting feedback and suggestions from the Laurier community as to what they'd like to see on the newly improved website.

While the new website will hopefully be more functional and easily accessible for students, Laurier's communications, public affairs and marketing (CPAM) office is also hoping that the new website will successfully incorporate the school's new visual identity.

"We're conducting a comprehensive review of the website's needs, and the ultimate intent is to develop a website that [has] a great functionality," explained Jacqui Tam,

assistant vice-president of CPAM. "So that's sort of the global overview of the project."

"The current first phase is really about gathering a lot of information and getting input into what the current website is lacking ... and really getting a sense of what is needed," she continued.

Next week, CPAM is inviting members of the Laurier community to join groups that will be part of the review process in order to gather essential information required for the new website's development process.

"The input sessions that are happening next week are very much designed to get into the detail about what people are looking for [with a new website]," explained Tam.

Tom Buckley, assistant vice-president of academic services, also emphasized the importance of researching what users want in the new website, rather than just assuming what is needed.

"Asking the community what functionality they would like from the website, and ensuring we understand that inventory, and making sure that the technical solution is selected to support that [is important]," he said.

"We need to validate any assumptions we have as a steering group against what the user community is looking for, so we're careful not to be too deliberate or move too quickly ... before we fully inventory and document what people [want]."

According to both Tam and Buckley, the Laurier community has already provided CPAM with ample feedback regarding the current website, and given suggestions as to how it can be improved.

"There is a real appetite to move our website and its functionality well beyond where it is today; it's a recognized need," Buckley added.

Some of the most common complaints regarding the current

website, according to Nela Petkovic, director of ICT renewal projects, are "that it's visually outdated, that it's difficult to navigate and search [and] a lack of flexibility."

In order to ensure that the new website is an up-to-date and functional as possible, other university websites are also being consulted.

"It's still in the initial phase, but we're going to look at our competitors as well," explained Petkovic.

And while a new website is needed for functionality purposes, it will also, according to both Buckley and Tam, greatly affect Laurier's recruitment process.

"Perspective students and current students ... indicate that the website is a key source of information in their decision making process," explained Buckley.

"We need a site that [has] the ability to more quickly engage those students and present the information that's important to them in

"There is a real appetite to move our website and its functionality well beyond where it is today."

—Tom Buckley, assistance vice-president: academic services

terms that they understand."

Tam echoed Buckley's statement, but explaining that having a new website that positively reflects the Laurier community in ways that the current one doesn't is greatly needed.

The new website is set to launch in Sept. 2013.



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Derek Emerson (left), Sam Kennaley (centre) and Savvas Dagninis (right) were able to meet Fife in Wilf's.

On Tuesday night, Kitchener-Waterloo MPP Catherine Fife joined students at Wilf's to watch the American presidential election.

Students' personal info leaked online

—cover

conducted by Laurier that may have collected such extensive personal information.

"The school is all about privacy and our rights, so it's just unfortunate that they made this mistake, and it impacts the 250 odd people that are on that list because it's their information and their family's information," expressed Baumgartner.

"It just points out how disappointing good old Laurier is being."

When The Cord contacted Laurier's Information Technology department, Carl Langford, manager: IdM, e-mail and projects, said that he was not aware of the file being made public online.

He assured The Cord that the situation was being taken very seriously, as it is a problem not only for the school, but also for those students and their families involved.

Langford also stated that it was being looked into right away, and that the file was to be immediately removed when found.

In an e-mail to The Cord, Sherleen Rowe, WLU's privacy officer and university secretary, stated that, "The university takes this incident very seriously and is working hard to understand how it happened and

"The school is all about privacy and our rights, so it's just unfortunate that they made this mistake."

—Bob Baumgartner, Laurier alumnus

to ensure that it doesn't happen again."

As of press time, both the ITS department and Privacy Office were looking into the situation.

These actions are what Baumgartner wanted in terms of a response from Laurier once they realized the issue at hand.

"I'm hoping they would apologize for that breach of trust and remove the information from the website right away, that would be a first step," he said.

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WATERLOO

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Holocaust survivor speaks at Laurier

Miriam Frankel shared her story with students while reflecting on her youth in war-ridden Europe

ALLY FLACK
CORD NEWS

Last Thursday, as part of Holocaust Education week, Holocaust survivor Miriam Frankel came to Wilfrid Laurier University to share her experience.

Frankel began by explaining to the audience why she felt it was important to share her story despite how painful and difficult it was to speak of.

As a survivor she not only felt obligated to tell her story because of Holocaust denial, but also because she is one of the few survivors left.

"Hearing a story from a survivor, you'll hear it in a different way," she explained.

As conditions in Europe started to deteriorate during the Second World War, Frankel and her family were forced out of Italy back to Czechoslovakia, which was occupied by Hungary at the time.

"We underwent terrible taunting and bullying by other kids . . . our life was made just miserable," Frankel said to the audience with regards to living in Czechoslovakia.

"Every morning I would beg not to go to school, this went on for about four years."

Eventually her family was forced to a ghetto, and later deported to an unknown destination.

"I remember knowing the meaning of this and saying, 'Papa, these men, they want to kill us, they're going to kill us.' I couldn't get rid of that horrible foreboding feeling," Frankel reminisced.

The final stop the train made was at Auschwitz, which was the last time Frankel ever saw her mother or sisters.

The horrors that Frankel described created a silenced and



CRISTINA RUCCHETTA LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Miriam Frankel spoke to students about her experience as a victim of the Nazis during World War Two.

shaken audience.

Her descriptions of the brutality and sadness of her times at Auschwitz were alarming, but what was truly incredible was Frankel's bravery and strength, which led to her survival.

"It was sheer hell that you cannot even begin to imagine; at night you could hear screaming of young women giving birth, you could hear

the dying, it was horrendous," Frankel described.

"It was like I was living in a nightmare."

Despite extreme security in the camps, after hearing her father might be nearby, Frankel contacted him. Frankel's father passed on inspiring advice, which gave Frankel strength.

"Remember that no matter what

they do to you here, they cannot degrade you so long as you know who you are and where you come from," her father had told her.

Remembering to have faith and do her prayers helped Frankel through the most challenging of times and eventually she was moved from Auschwitz to a munitions camp that produced land mines.

After the war, survivors such as

"You can't imagine what war does to people, to families and to countries, and that is my message."

—Miriam Frankel, holocaust survivor

Frankel were overwhelmed with emotions.

"At first it was amazing, but that was when the real fear comes in, real problems and the anxiety," said Frankel. "Do I have to go back home? Do I have a family? That was the most horrible time for me."

Frankel discussed the hardships following the war and how she lived in utter denial.

It took her two years to come to terms with the loss of her parents, siblings, grandparents and all together over fifty family members.

"I'm very grateful that Canada gave me a home and to so many other immigrants," expressed Frankel.

"We appreciate it and [have] become very contributing and good citizens of Canada."

Frankel concluded by saying she feels it is important to discuss the past and share these stories.

When asked about her overall message she replied, "you can't imagine what war does to people, to families and to countries, and that is my message."



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A memorial to Canadian war veterans, called the Veterans' Green, is located across from WLU.

Remember the fallen

KATELYN CULLUM
LEAD REPORTER

Lest we forget.

November 11 is approaching, and it will be accompanied by Remembrance Day commemoration events across town, recognizing the sacrifice of the fallen for the country.

When asked if remembrance day still had the same significance as it has had in previous years, Roger Sarty, a history professor at Wilfrid Laurier, replied, "I still think Remembrance Day [is significant] and this shows that there is still much more interest than there was in my lifetime."

While it is difficult to correctly judge if the significance of this day has diminished in terms of awareness and celebration, the day still rings true to many citizens and as Olaf Heinzl, the public affairs coordinator for the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS), said, "At least once a year, the public can think about what happened in the past, a day where that is their focus and [they] appreciate what they have."

He continued, "[They can] think of the people that have died that

allowed them to have the lifestyle and freedom that they have in this country, that they have now."

Nov. 11 is a day that signifies the remembrance of the Canadians that have fallen to protect our country. The country also remembers those affected by the fallen, family and friends, who suffered due to their loved ones' sacrifice.

"I've always found that there is a very high level of interest in K-W," stated Sarty, in terms of Remembrance Day. Not only does he believe that there is interest on this specific day, but interest in general for remembering the fallen.

Sarty went on to talk about how moved he was by the dedication to the veterans at the park at King and Hazel, and the erection of the special statue. "[This was] largely a Laurier initiative and one that got an awful lot of community support."

Community outreach is something that is important to the WRPS and they make sure to show their support on this day. Officers will attend ceremonies at different locations, and although the focus is on Nov. 11, Heinzl pointed out that "it's something that every member thinks about throughout the year, it

isn't just on Remembrance Day."

He concluded with some advice, when asked about how important this day is for the younger generation.

"If for no other day of the year, if they take some time on Nov. 11, specifically at 11 a.m., to take a moment of silence and reflect on their country and where we came from," Heinzl suggested.

Branch 530, The Royal Ontario Legion that is located in Waterloo, was unavailable for comment. However, on Friday they are hosting a parade that will leave the Regina Street Hall at ten o'clock in the morning and march to the Waterloo cenotaph for a 10:15 a.m. ceremony. The parade will continue along King and Princess Streets, featuring soldiers dressed in Second World War era uniforms and a military band. The WRPS are expected to participate in this event. Community members are welcome to attend.

Laurier traditionally hosts a Remembrance celebration, and as Sarty mentioned, "The Laurier Remembrance Day celebrations in the concourse are among the most remarkable I've seen anywhere." There are other events planned region-wide.

Culture in K-W

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The City of Waterloo has embarked upon a five to ten year plan to revise and refine culture in Waterloo in an effort to sustain an enhanced quality of life in the rapidly developing city.

The initiative was launched this September at the Fair in the Square in Waterloo, where the city released their discussion guide, through which Waterloo residents can interact with the government.

"The objective is to see from different groups within the city what culture means to our citizens," explained Shelly Reed, communications specialist with the city of Waterloo. "Culture means different things to different people, so within different contexts, scenarios and environments we're trying to gather information from people about what they think about culture and what it means to them."

Reed explained that the city is actively collecting feedback at this point in time. "Right now there's a couple of things that people can do, they can answer the five questions in our discussion guide. There's a link there that takes them directly to an online survey with the five questions or they can download a paper copy," she said.

This can be found at waterloo.ca/cultureplan.

It is becoming increasingly necessary to implement a culture plan with an innovative vision as Waterloo's cultural portfolio continues to undergo radical change, and the appropriate social infrastructure is needed to reflect that.

"A number of other Ontario municipalities have completed culture plans and are seeing success having done that. So we felt that it was an important

next step for Waterloo," said Beth Rajnovich, who is spearheading the Waterloo project as the policy and performance analyst/project manager for the community, culture and recreation department. "We also did a master plan for community, culture and recreation services a few years ago, and one of the things we heard from the community was that planning around culture was important."

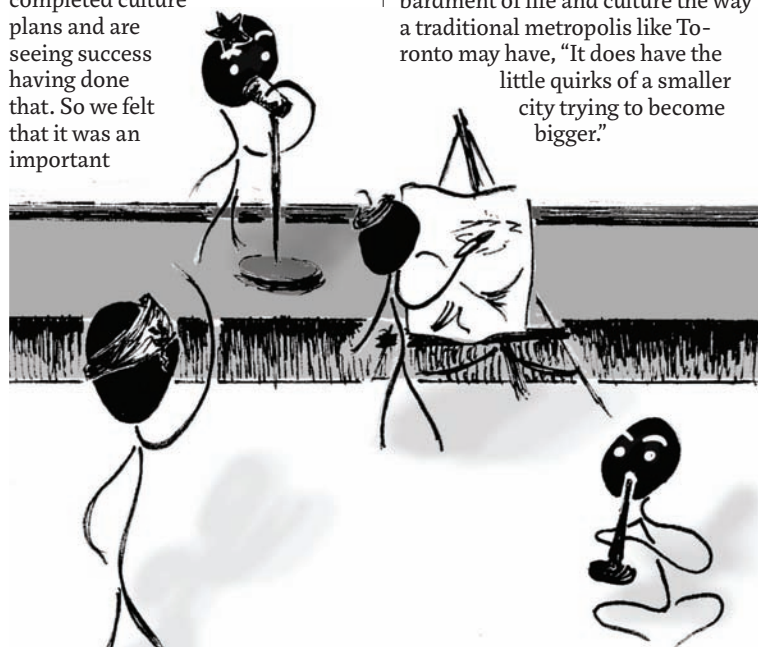
Rajnovich proceeded to reference the work of Richard Florida, who talks about how people are more inclined to move to cities where there is an excellent quality of life and an abundance of socially engaging opportunities for citizens. She added, "If we want to attract the best talent to Waterloo then it's to our benefit to have a great cultural scene as well."

"So far we've had a number of people respond to it [the discussion guide], and the answers are really interesting, they're diverse, people are giving really thoughtful answers, and I think the information we're getting will be really helpful in shaping what our plan looks like," Rajnovich said.

Deanna MacNeil, a third-year student at Wilfrid Laurier University and a lifelong local of Waterloo, feels that the city has in fact undergone significant change in recent years.

"I'm not sure if it's because of the schools, I know that Laurier has grown pretty significantly. As far as my memory goes, not too much has changed about the way uptown is structured, but the establishments have changed quite a bit," explained MacNeil.

MacNeil concluded that although at this point in time Waterloo may not have the overwhelming bombardment of life and culture the way a traditional metropolis like Toronto may have, "It does have the little quirks of a smaller city trying to become bigger."



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Police initiate online reports

New system pushes people to report non-emergencies online

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LEAD REPORTER

For the first time ever, the Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) is offering a new non-emergency online reporting system.

The online service option allows non-emergency reports to be made over the Internet on the WRPS website.

Once submitted, reports will generate an email response that includes a temporary copy of the report and an occurrence tracking number.

Police will then evaluate the statement and another e-mail with a copy of the report and the permanent occurrence number is sent to the submitter at no cost. If needed, a police officer will follow up directly.

"If you have an incident where you have something stolen from your vehicle or you have damage to your car, those two can be reported online," said Alana Holtom, corporate communications coordinator for the WRPS.

"Theft under \$5,000 can be reported, damage to property can be

put online as well. Loss of property as well, that isn't criminal but if it is something that you want to report, you can report that online as well."

The new system was created to not only give the residents more options in terms of reporting and feeling comfortable in those options, but it also will help police focus on the more urgent 911 calls. This system helps the police work out their priorities.

"For example, if CDs were stolen from your car, you might be waiting for a while for an officer to come to your house. This new system is more convenient," Holtom explained.

"From a policing standpoint, it's more convenient for us as well. We can document the incident through our system but we don't have to necessarily respond through a uniform patrol officer, it allows the officer to document more urgent calls."

The new system has already had some success within its first couple weeks of operations.

With reports first available for submission on Oct. 29, Holtom shared that the Waterloo Region Police received numerous online

reports of theft and lost property in its first week.

"It is something that the people are interested in, something that is convenient for them and it's something that we're pleased to offer to our residents," Holtom said.

The new system has already made Waterloo residents feel more comfortable about contacting the police. Waterloo resident David Churns claims that though he hasn't had to contact the police for damage or stolen property, he finds comfort in knowing that the system is still there.

"The only thing I've ever really worried about is any kind of damage made to my car and I know that it's certainly not something that warrants a 911 call," Churns said.

"This way, I don't have to take drastic measures to report a minor incident, but I know that the police will still acknowledge my situation."

Holtom also reiterated that all reports that are made online are processed through the WRPS Records Management System and will be given the same examination and statistical investigation as reports filed by a police officer.

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Shedding light on abuse

Waterloo Region will be hosting events as part of Woman Abuse Awareness Month

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This year for Ontario's Woman Abuse Awareness Month, the Women's Crisis Services of the Waterloo Region is launching a campaign to do exactly what the month is for: raise awareness of woman abuse.

According to Mary Zilney, CEO of Women's Crisis Services in Waterloo Region, "November has been set aside in recognition of women abuse and awareness and each year we always hold an event here in the Waterloo Region to raise awareness to the community about woman abuse and issues that are still facing us in our community."

The flagship event this year will be taking place at the Armenian Center in Cambridge on Nov. 8 and the venue of 360 seats is already sold out.

"This dates way back, certainly to 25 years ago," recalled Zilney. "The purpose of raising awareness is to have a focused attention on women abuse, violence against women, which is still a serious problem in society and a serious problem in the Waterloo Region."

Lavie W., a student at Queen's University who declined to give her last name, stated the month is important "so that women who are actually being abused know that they're not alone and that other women like themselves go through it every day, so that they can all rise up against the sexist behaviour."

The future of the campaign appears positive based on the current situation.



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS ARTIST

"We're interested in attracting different people each year too, because the idea is to spread the word about violence against women, what the signs are, how people can help," Zilney said.

However, she says that awareness is still not as well known as it could be.

"To a large degree it's still a very privatized matter, despite that we've been in the community for 35 years," she acknowledged. "We want to heighten awareness to the services

we provide."

Aside from the event this Thursday, Women's Crisis Services will also be beginning their social media campaign to target women ages 18 to 25.

"That age group is likely to access our services. We've thought about that if they don't know about us they can't access us," Zilney explained. "We're trying to reach out in different ways for that age group, particularly around YouTube, Facebook, and Twitter."

"To a large degree it's [woman abuse] still a very privatized matter."

—Mary Zilney, CEO of Women's Crisis Services

Another plan is to put coasters in restaurants younger people may frequent.

The events aren't just central to Cambridge, but for the last two years they have been, in order to bring attention to the Cambridge shelter which is being rebuilt.

As a result of this, the organization is "particularly interested in raising awareness in the Cambridge area."

This year's event promises to be particularly emotional, with the inclusion of Lavon-Morris Grant as the keynote speaker, who has a personal story to share.

"It's always difficult for the audience to hear that, but it's necessary," Zilney said "We just keep stretching year after year, to make it more successful and reach a broader spectrum."

K-W in brief

Consumption of contraband tobacco: a problem in K-W
Contraband tobacco consumption is taking a hit in Waterloo after a council meeting presentation by Dave Bryans, the Ontario Convenience Stores Association chief executive officer.

The presentation, which took place on Nov. 5, requested that contact be made with the provincial government to diminish these sales, which includes items such as tax exempt cigarettes from First Nations and counterfeit items produced outside of the country.

According to the presentation, research has revealed that up to 28 per cent of cigarettes consumed in Waterloo Region are contraband products.

City staff will create a motion in accordance with what Bryan's requested which will be voted on at a future council meeting.

Weber Street construction to impact historical sites

The widening of Weber Street from a two-lane to a four-lane street will require the destruction of 14 properties which are considered historically significant, according to a report by Stantec Consulting Ltd.. These properties are not protected by the Ontario Heritage Act.

However, the city of Kitchener has made it clear that before the properties are demolished until the sites have been properly documented and evaluated for heritage purposes.

Construction, which will also include the building of an underpass under the railroad tracks on Weber Street, is set to begin in 2015.

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City councillors in Waterloo meet weekly in open forums to review local issues, hear presentations from constituents and develop policy through planning procedures.

Ontario reviews council transparency

Waterloo chose to opt out of the review, but has been receiving alternate feedback on its performance

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To ensure that municipalities in Ontario are transparent when it comes to key decisions, Ontario ombudsman André Marin conducted a study to see if cities follow these practices. Marin, however, discovered no cases in his report regarding the Region of Waterloo.

"It's part of what is referred to as the 'sunshine law', which is basically to try to ensure that municipal councils are transparent and actions are taken with full public awareness," explained Robert Williams, retired political science professor at the University of Waterloo.

While the report only covered Kitchener and the Township of Woolwich, Waterloo has also been receiving some feedback on their performance by local media. Waterloo chose not to partake in the report — which required a fee by the

city— and decided to do it under the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) instead.

"Waterloo certainly didn't get much press play in the [ombudsman's] review," said Jeff Henry, the Waterloo city councillor for ward six, the area that encompasses the Northdale neighbourhood across from Wilfrid Laurier University.

"Locally, nobody had a closed meeting investigation," he continued.

"No one has challenged us on that, we haven't had any investigation requests, we haven't had any investigations that have determined that we didn't follow everything that we were supposed to do."

However, he did note that Waterloo has had closed meetings before but no final decisions were made within those meetings. Henry added that the nature of municipal politics allows it to be the most public.

"I think one of things I would say,

very generally, is that municipal government is the most reachable and transparent, and easiest to access for citizens, evident by the fact that we make all of our decisions in public," he emphasized.

While rare, Williams did mention that the reason this report has become an annual occurrence is because cases did emerge from time-to-time.

"I don't think the system is corrupt, but certain times decisions are made without the public scrutiny," Williams explained. "There were few cases [in Ontario] where they basically met and made a decision about doing something, in effect that became their procedure but no one was really aware of it."

According to Williams, some examples of where this may happen is when councillors meet at a charity dinner or golf tournament, which could be unintentional, to discuss and decide on municipal matters.

But Williams said this is not the case in Waterloo Region.

"Councils have appeared to listen to that and they haven't blundered into things, they are prepared to take things into public," he said. "Generally, we're doing well."

Henry echoed Williams' remarks, and even noted that the relationship between the city and city organizations such as the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLU-SU) and the University of Waterloo (UW) Federation of Students has been strong.

"We certainly have had very strong opportunities in the last several of years to build relationships with WLUSU and the UW Federation of Students, engaging them on key issues in on our advisory committee," Henry explained.

As a result, with constant communication with the community as a whole, Henry believes that Waterloo is going in the right direction.

"Municipal government is the most reachable and transparent and easiest to access for citizens."

—Jeff Henry, councillor for the city of Waterloo

"As long as we find more ways to involve people in the community, whether they are living in Waterloo or at school, the better the relationship will be and the better the outcomes will be," Henry said.

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Murray aims for the top

To run for leadership, Toronto MPP resigns from cabinet

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LOCAL AND NATIONAL EDITOR

Sunday saw the announcement of the first official candidacy for Ontario Liberal leadership, as Glen Murray announced his intentions to run, a decision which required his resignation from his position as minister of training, colleges and university.

His position has been assumed by John Milloy, the MPP for Kitchener-Centre and the minister of community and social services for Ontario, as well as Government House Leader.

Milloy, who previously held the position from 2007-11, said he was offered the position following Murray's resignation on Saturday, which he was happy to take.

"We've seen some amazing investments," he said. "There's an excellence [in Ontario's education]."

Milloy felt that his experience in the position made him an appropriate person for the position for what he described as an "interim period."

Murray is now one of two people who have announced a decision to run for leadership as Katherine Wynne started her campaign on Monday.

Political analyst and professor emeritus of the University of Waterloo Peter Woolstencroft was not surprised by the announcement.

"[Murray] is a high energy, 'I like new ideas' kind of person, so that may be very much to his favour in the leadership race, because the Liberals have to get away from the

unpleasant memory of Dalton McGuinty's last few years as premier," he acknowledged.

Woolstencroft expects that Murray will emphasize his work as minister to gain popularity with particular demographics, such as students.

"I think he's going to make a big pitch on that and I think he's going to say 'look, I hear you.' He will cultivate that constituency and he'll see that there's a lot of potential for him to win votes," Woolstencroft predicted.

"Overall it's been really positive," said Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) president Alysha Li on the lobby group's relationship with Murray. Li was also optimistic about the potential for working with Milloy, stating that "we definitely look forward to continuing that relationship as he takes this portfolio on again."

Li did, however, express some concerns about what will happen to discussions on reform in Ontario's education system, which has been a priority over recent months.

Over the past few months the Liberal party has generated a lot of dialogue on the topic. Earlier in the year a discussion paper, titled Strengthening Ontario's Centres of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge, was released, highlighting various controversial proposals such as shortening university degree programs and expanding online education.

"There's still conversations that need to be had," she said. "Especially with the tuition frameworks being

"Especially with the tuition frameworks being set ... we're hoping that these conversations are not lost."

—Alysha Li, OUSA president

set in the next little while, we're hoping that these conversations are not lost, because we're very engaged with them and we're hoping we'll be able to continue them in the future."

OUSA submitted their own discussion paper, Education Reform, with recommendations based on discussions with member universities.

Woolstencroft added, "I suspect that everything will be on hold until ... somebody else becomes leader of the Liberal Party."

In the meantime, Milloy said that he looks forward to connecting with students again, particularly after having built a relationship over recent years with local universities.

Having held the position before, Milloy expects to be able to balance it with his job as MPP locally and plans to still make time to attend events and be attentive to constituents while dividing his time between Kitchener and Toronto.



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John Milloy, pictured below, took over Murray's ministry position.

Protesters divide after tuition freeze

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This time last year, the buzz around Nov. 10, the first full-fledged day of action planned by the student movement, was reaching a fever pitch.

The 30,000-strong protest was the first step in what would become North America's largest student protests in decades with over 200,000 students bringing Quebec's government to its knees over the course of the seven-month-long strike.

Though emerging from the strike largely victorious, students, once united in the struggle against the government, stand divided and no longer hold the same sway.

"We dictated the political agenda for the last seven months prior to the election," said CLASSE executive Jérémie Bédard-Wien during an event held at McGill in late September.

"The election was the first time that we, students, lost control."

After the summer's provincial election, the incoming Parti Québécois government froze tuition for the 2012-2013 year, rolling back the Liberal's tuition hike while maintaining their \$39 million increase to student aid.

After the PQ came to power, the largest organization representing Quebec students throughout the strike, the temporary coalition known as CLASSE, disbanded, its personnel and projects returning to the folds of its parent student association, ASSÉ.

Members of ASSÉ now work independently of university and cégep student federations, FEUQ and FECQ, though the latter two federations continue to work together.



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Students began protesting tuition raises in Quebec on Nov. 10, 2011, with the first day of action.

"The unity [between all of us] was to achieve the fight to have a tuition fee freeze and, since we won, now we're going back to fighting for our ideas," said Martine Desjardins, FEUQ president. "We don't have the same ideology as ASSÉ and so it's more complicated to work for the same objectives and the same purposes."

ASSÉ advocates free education and the abolition of tuition fees whereas the federations push for accessible education and do not attack the existence of tuition fees.

For FEUQ and FECQ, a close and collaborative relationship with the government serves as the means for the federations to make progress on issues like the promised summit on higher education. Desjardins is often in communication with Pierre Duchesne, the newly appointed

minister in charge of post-secondary education.

"The minister [is] listening to what we have to say and asking a lot of questions and I think it's a good thing," said Desjardins.

But directives from Duchesne's ministry have been slow and concrete details on initiatives like the summit on post-secondary education have yet to be released.

Both McGill and Concordia received directives officially cancelling the Liberal's tuition hike on Nov. 2, nearly two months after the PQ announced their government would cancel the increases.

While the student federations work in tandem with the government, ASSÉ is calling for its members, numbering over 100,000 students, to continue mobilizing.

"In reality, though the tuition hike

has been cancelled, teaching institutions are not sheltered from other dangers such as the commodification of knowledge," stated an ASSÉ press release.

ASSÉ organized demonstrations such as the Nov. 1 solidarity march for former-CLASSE spokesperson Gabriel Nadeau-Dubois after he was found guilty of contempt of court, and the Montreal contingent for a global day of action against the corporatization of education.

The day of action demonstration on Oct. 18 resulted in three arrests and the injury of one demonstrator, Emmanuel Denizon, from a rubber bullet.

An international week of action is set for the week of Nov. 14. Department associations at five Quebec universities so far have adopted strike mandates for the week.

Canada in brief

ServiceOntario kiosks out of service for good

The Ontario Liberal government will be eliminating the use of ServiceOntario kiosks, which can be used currently to update information or renew license plates, among a total of 40 services.

The province hosts 72 of the kiosks, all of which were shut down in June and will be removed due to safety and security issues.

The issues revolved around attempted personal information theft from the machine. Copying the magnetic strip on debit and credit cards was one particular problem.

Customers can now either use ServiceOntario centres or access services online.

BC tries out new transit security system

British Columbia will be stepping up its transit security after an explosive device was discovered on the Sky-Train track on Friday afternoon.

Enhanced security will be used for at least the week, with the transit police force adopting a model similar to that used by New York transit. The plan is called Transit Order Maintenance Sweeps (TOMS) and it involves officers greeting and visually monitoring passengers as they exit and enter the train. The presence is intended to be highly visible and reassure passengers of their safety.

The investigation to discover the origin of the explosive device is ongoing. It is currently unknown how the device could have been placed on the train.

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DearLIFE

Dear Life is your opportunity to write a letter to your life, allowing you to vent your anger with life's little frustrations in a completely public forum.

All submissions to Dear Life are anonymous, should be no longer than 100 words and must be addressed to your life. Submissions can be sent to dearlif@thecord.ca no later than Monday at noon each week.

Dear Sex Drifter,

Next time you have sex on my couch, put the condom in the garbage. My cat already has enough chew toys. Sincerely,
Your condom is only good for one pussy

Dear Uneducated Lovers,

It should not be a race to (the) finish. Stop being that selfish hookup in the bedroom even if you doubt you'll ever see them again. Take the time to appreciate the body of who you're with, because like Chinese food it, ain't over till you both get your fortune. Plus, you'll also shed the bad rep. What happens in the bedroom doesn't stay in the bedroom. Until next week, keep gliding. Sincerely,
The Lubricant of Laurier

Dear Life,

Why does the new WLU Compliments have to be a WLUSU circle jerk? Sincerely,
I don't see how this is inclusive

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

The way you scratch your perfectly coiffed head as you walk through a busy crowd makes me have a boner. Sincerely,
I'll show you mine if you show me yours

Dear Girl,

Stop fucking around with the wrong guy and bitching about it. I tell you to your face that you are the reason your life is so fucked up. How about you grow up and confront those who you are protecting even though they

are the catalyst of your problems. Sincerely,
You know who you are

Dear Life,

I'm still hurt by that time this September when I was told I wasn't Asian enough for the Asian Alliance. Sincerely,
Half-Asian Problems

Dear Life,

I wonder what it's like to not be in business and have exams every weekend or better yet, four in one week. Sincerely,
Switching to Arts

Dear Life,

Why don't any of the library cubicles have working lights? It's hard to study in the dark. Sincerely,
Calypso

Dear Life,

Why do I feel like I have to call ahead of time and make a reservation if I'm planning to study on campus? Sincerely,
Guess I'll go study in the parking lot then...

Dear Boys who play cards in the 2-4,

I understand this is a lounge but you should also understand it is a study space. Stop taking up study rooms for cards! You should also start using your indoor voices; most of us don't care about your grades in elementary school. Sincerely,
I want to write a paper not hear about your life

Dear Professor,

Screw you for telling me to drop out. I'm transferring to Comm Studies. Sincerely,
I used to admire you

Dear WLUSU,

As much as I appreciate that you are an enthusiastic group of people and as a school we pride ourselves in that but your enthusiasm for the school as been turning into more of an enthusiasm for each other. The "cliqueness" of WLUSU has been increasing throughout my years at the

school as has become more frustrating yearly. The recent addition of WLU Compliments, which, though a good idea, has turned into nothing but members in or associated with WLUSU complimenting each other and excluding your student population as usual. If you really are a Union for the students, maybe you should stop being caught up in each other and notice the rest of the students at your school. Sincerely,
The Excluded Majority

Dear Life

The other day my prof was talking about how even for products (like screws) you might buy the more expensive screws from the store because they are name brand that you trust. However, He ended with... sometimes you just need a good screw, so you just go down to the corner and get one. Couldn't stop laughing!! Sincerely,
It's 8:30 in the morning and my mind is already in the gutter

Dear Life,

Why do people feel the need to scream irrelevant stories at one another during group meetings in the Solarium? You do realize there are about 30 other people in here that aren't interested in hearing what you would do if you won the lottery ... Sincerely,
Inside voices please.

Dear fellow students in my first year classes,

I don't know if you're all first years, but I find it extremely rude that the minute the clock shows that class is over in 8 minutes 400 of you feel the need to pack up loudly, talk to your friends and leave while the prof is still teaching. I can't hear anything and if I was the prof I would fail all of you Sincerely,
Show some respect

Dear Life,

Dave. Dave. David. Sincerely,
Are you listening Dave?

Dear Life,

Sinbad. Sincerely,
Houseguest was the most under-appreciated film of the 20th century

Dear Life,

I find that when one first enters the scalding waters, of the hottub... Sincerely,
You missed some good shanks

Dear Life,

Morph suits suck. Sincerely,
Come on, we're all thinking it.

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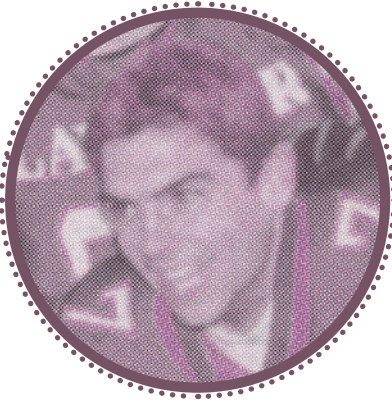
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The rise and fall

Sports Editor Shelby Blackley and Editor-in-Chief Justin Fautour provide a retrospective look at some of the major events in Gary Jeffries' coaching career.

RYAN PYEAR

Star QB from 2001-05, Offensive coordinator from 2006-Present



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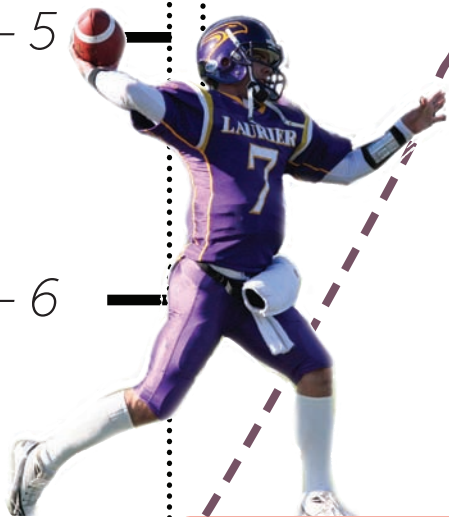
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RECORD



Pyear leads the Hawks to an undefeated regular season before winning WLU's first Yates Cup since 1991. They would go on to lose to Laval in the national semi-final. Jeffries wins second-straight OUA coach of the year award.

Jeffries guides a veteran squad to an undefeated regular season and a second-straight Yates Cup. The perfect season culminates with Laurier's second Vanier Cup in school history — the previous title coming in 1991 — in a dramatic 24-23 win over the Saskatchewan Huskies, a game won on a last-second field goal. Jeffries wins a third-straight OUA coach of the year award.

Jan. 2003: Zmich steps down. Rick Zmich resigns after 12 seasons, Jeffries appointed interim head coach.

Apr. 2003: Jeffries gets the job and is officially hired as head coach.

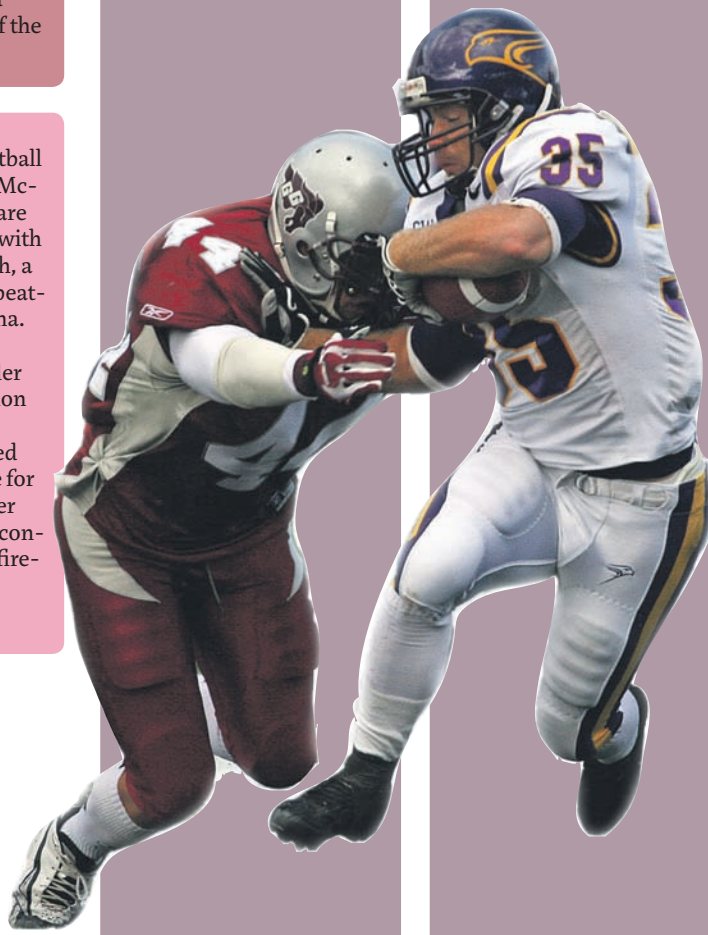
In Jeffries' first season as head coach, the Golden Hawks finish the regular season 6-1-1 before losing to McMaster in the Yates Cup. Jeffries is named OUA and CIS coach of the year.

Nov.-Dec. 2003: In late November, football players Stephen Ryan McGuffin and Jeff Melis are arrested and charged with assault after Jeff Smith, a UW student is found beaten and sent into a coma. Weeks later, star running back Derek Medler is charged in connection with a shooting at the same time it is revealed that he tested positive for cocaine. Medler is later charged with forcible confinement and several firearm-related charges.

A staff strike at Laurier forces head coach Rick Zmich to join the picket line, Jeffries takes over as interim head coach midway through the season. Star QB Ryan Pyear goes down with a knee injury. Laurier stumbles to a 1-7 record.

IAN LOGAN

Defensive back from 2001-05, went on to be a starter for the CFL's Winnipeg Blue Bombers



Feb. 2006: Just two months removed from his Vanier Cup win, former quarterback Ryan Pyear is appointed offensive coordinator at just 23-years-old.

"This is going to work. Do not even think this would be going to work and he's good at it."

—Jeffries, regarding Pyear's hire at offensive coordinator

Having lost the majority of the core of the Vanier-Cup team from 2005, the Hawks post a surprising 6-2 regular season, beating Western in the OUA semis before losing to Ottawa in the OUA final.



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... along with Visual Director Wade Thompson, provide a Jeffries' time at the helm of Laurier's football program



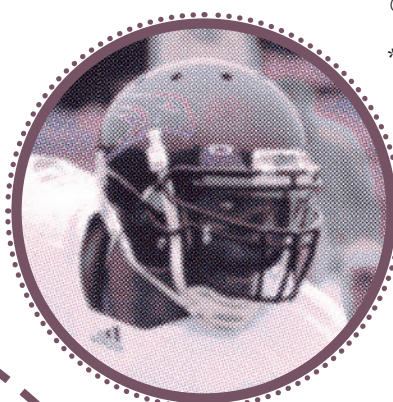
GARY JEFFRIES

Career at Laurier

- 1970-71 all-star defensive back
- 1972-84 assistant football coach and director of recreation
- 1984-88 women's basketball head coach
- 1989-96 men's basketball head coach
- 1994-02 defensive coordinator for football team
- 2003-12 head coach

Record as head coach: **69 - 31***
 Two Yates Cups, One Vanier Cup
 Four-time OUA coach of the year,
 One CIS

*includes regular season and playoffs



SHAMAWD CHAMBERS

Wide receiver 2008-11, currently a member of CFL's Edmonton Eskimos

Laurier posts a 7-1 season, ending one of the nation's best defences and a surprisingly solid season from new starting quarterback Justin Dunk. The team looks timed for a third-straight Yates Cup berth, but in the OUA semi-final, the Guelph Gryphons overcome a 24-point deficit to knock the Hawks 38-31. According to then-Guelph QB Justin Dunk, Jeffries came onto the Gryphons' field to congratulate them following the game.

Laurier's defence remains one of the best in the country, but a two-QB system between Noble and Luke Thompson proves largely ineffective. The Hawks go 6-2 in the regular season, but a comeback attempt in the OUA semi-final versus Western falls short.

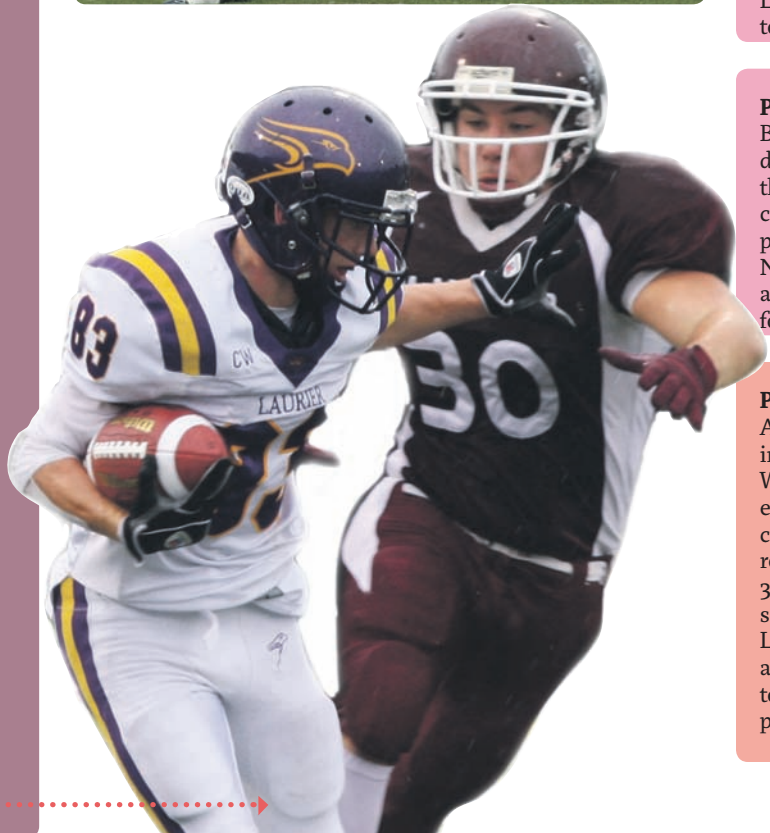
Thompson takes over as the starting QB, but goes down to a season-ending knee injury early in the year. The Hawks suffer several other key injuries, but still finish 6-2, losing to Western in the OUA semi-final for the second-straight year. Jeffries earns his fourth OUA coach of the year award.

"We became a younger team and I think that certainly had something to do with it. I think what you're going to see and what we've maintained is a pretty good calibre of football until this year when we certainly weren't as good."

—Jeffries, following the 2012 season

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Summer 2010:
 A steroid scandal rocks the University of Waterloo and the football program is shut down for the year. The team's veteran players leave UW. Seven arrive at Laurier, six of which go on to start for the Hawks.

Pre-season 2010:
 Bolstered by the new additions from the UW and the acquisition of American QB Shane Kelly—who played three seasons in the NCAA—many are talking about Laurier as a shoo-in for the Yates Cup.

Pre-season 2010:
 After an 0-2 start - which included a 46-1 loss to Western - the once-vaunted Hawks ride a roller-coaster season to a 4-4 record, before losing 32-31 to Ottawa in the OUA semi-final. Along the way, Laurier is forced to forfeit a win over Toronto due to the use of an ineligible player.

Looking to rebound from a disappointing season, Kelly puts up some of the best offensive numbers in the CIS, however, the Hawks seem unable to put it all together and finish an underwhelming regular season with a 4-4 record. They would go on to lose to Queen's in the OUA quarterfinal, marking their earliest playoff exit with Jeffries as head coach.

Off-season 2011/12:
 Rumours circulate that Jeffries is contemplating retirement. The Hawks are looking to replace several departures with the largest recruiting class in school history. In late August, QB Travis Eman is brought in from South Carolina's Furman University and Jeffries takes a young team into what would turn out to be his final season.

The 2012 season proves to be one of the worst in recent Golden Hawk memory. Starting with a 19-0 loss to Toronto, the team struggles to a 3-5 record, backing into the playoffs. Both Eman and fourth-year Steve Fantham struggle at quarterback—playing behind a painfully inexperienced offensive line—the running game never takes off and the offence finishes as the worst in the OUA, not scoring a touchdown in the entire month of October.

Nov. 1, 2012:
 Jeffries officially announces he's stepping down as head coach. Speculation continues to swirl that he was forced into the decision, however Jeffries maintains that he's retiring because "it's time."

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Last bite at the end of the night

Cord Life's Robin Daprato, narrows down the top five places for late night meals

It's Friday night, and although you may have lost your roommates or cell phone and the bouncers are trying to get everyone out of the club, you are still not convinced that the night is officially over.

Walking home, your brain clues into your stomach. All the foods in your fridge are not greasy enough to satisfy your drunken desire. The question is where are the best places to go and what options of food are open late at night?

Do not fret! This list contains five delicious food spots to end your night of drunken hookups or one too many jagerbombs.

Pizza Maniac (220 King St. N.)

I'm not normally one for lines however, Pizza Maniac is a line I am always willing to endure after a night out.

Pizza Maniac is famous for their walk-in special: an extra-large pizza with one topping for only \$6.99.

They are open until 3:30 a.m. everyday except for Tuesdays and Thursdays, when it's open until 2:30 a.m.

Smoke's Poutinerie (255 King St. N.)

One of the newer additions to the late night food scene in Waterloo, Smokes has been a popular Canadian company choice for many years in other cities. What better way to end your night than by indulging in the Quebec classic of fries lathered in curds and gravy?

Whether you want to choose from the 20 core items or make your own, Smokes has endless options to satisfy any craving. The prices

are unbeatable with a traditional poutine being \$5.99 for a small and \$7.99 for a large.

Smoke's is open until 4 a.m. Friday-Saturday, to cater to all you people who stay at the bars until close.

Burrito Boyz (258 King St N.)

Oh Burrito, Boyz. Thanks for satisfying my drunken cravings for some Mexican spice.

Burrito Boyz is open till 4 a.m. Friday and Saturday and specializes in burritos (obviously), offering over fourteen Mexican-inspired toppings.

Whether you want a steak, veggie-soy or another mouth-watering alternative, no burrito exceeds \$10.

However, I must warn you, don't make the same mistake as me and think in your drunken state that you are hardcore enough to handle their XXX hot sauce. Drunk or not, it is really hot.

Frat Burger (247 King St. N.)

There is a reason Frat Burger is always packed; they know how to make kick-ass food. It doesn't get much better than fries, burgers and milkshakes.

The burgers are only \$4.99 however if you want extras like caramelized onions, a fried egg or blue cheese (to name a few), it'll be extra.

A sobering fact is that all their food comes from local farms, so while we get to eat delicious burgers, we get to support our friendly farmer neighbours.

Frat Burger is open Thursday-Saturday until 3:30 a.m. for all of



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you who want your burger done the right way.

Sonny's Drive-In (256 Weber St. N.)

Since Mel's no longer exists, another diner has been able to fill that void.

Sonny's Drive-In has the classic diner appeal and looks as if it has been taken straight out of George

Lucas' film *American Graffiti*.

Sonny's has been around since 1965, and continues serving their customers delicious food including their famous fish and chips.

Sonny's is open till 3 a.m. Friday-Saturday and is the perfect option for all of you who are craving some traditional diner grub. Especially those who are bacon enthusiasts.

Cord-o-scopes

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 22):

It's your month. Good for you. Some time around the 13th, you'll encounter a man and/or woman named Peach. Stay away from Peach.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 – Dec. 21):

Do your best to avoid putting money on that horse your friend recommends to you. He's not gonna place and you're gonna lose that allowance you earned raking your neighbour's leaves. It's a much safer bet to put all your money in that stock you've had your eye on. Or not, what the hell do I know.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 20):

You had best start getting your Christmas shopping done early this year, so don't start later than the 20th. Otherwise, that special something you had in mind for your boy/girlfriend will be harder to find than an owl not wearing a graduation cap and teaching math.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 – Feb. 19):

You probably hear this all the time, but this month is the dawning of the age of, well, you. Treat yourself to a day off here and there. But don't slack on the 22nd. On the 22nd, you will be needed more than you've ever been needed. For sex.

Pisces (Feb. 20 – Mar. 20):

On the 10th, you'll recall a song from your childhood and have the sudden urge to listen to it. Resist this urge with all of your might as that song will ruin one of your friendships. Unless that song is "Pieces of Me" by Ashlee Simpson. That song is above friendship.

Aries (March 21 – April 20):

Gather up your courage and ask your crush out on a date. I'm not saying that this will end well for you, but I thought you could use some encouragement.

Taurus (April 21 – May 21):

Your sibling will try and convince you to pitch in for a gift of some kind for your parents. If you accept, everything will be fine, but if you don't and you get something on your own, you will be praised as the favourite child whilst your brother/sister cries in the corner.

Gemini (May 22 – June 21):

Everything might seem to be falling apart for you this month, but don't be afraid to just say "fuck it" and power through. Use your friends and co-workers as support. Also candy.

Cancer (June 22 – July 23):

Do a little dance. Make a little love. Get down tonight (aka on the 19th).

Leo (July 24 – Aug. 23):

Don't just be lion around this month. Get it?? Because you're a Leo! But in all seriousness, if you relax too hard in November bad things will happen. Bad, 1990's Robert Downey, Jr.-like things.

Virgo (Aug. 24 – Sept. 23):

This month, when you're least expecting it, you will find Carmen San Diego. Hint: Check all the Starbucks.

Libra (Sept. 24 – Oct. 23):

Embrace any and all lemon-flavoured foods thrown your way this month. I can't tell you how I know this, but it may result in a pony. If you play your cards right.



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BRIANNE BERRY
FASHION COLUMNIST

I have a love/hate relationship with Forever 21. A couple of years ago, I decided to stop shopping there for numerous reasons.

I found that when Forever 21 penetrated the Canadian market, their quality took a nosedive. I feel like if I buy anything today, the lifespan will only be around six months to a year, which isn't worth the \$20 I could spend elsewhere.

Forever 21 has also been openly criticized numerous times for using sweatshop labour within the U.S. In an article in Bloomberg's Business Week, an L.A. factory worker admitted that she was paid 12 cents to sew vests that sell for \$13.80 a pop.

In order for her to make minimum wage (which is \$8/hour in the U.S.), she would have to make 67. In an eight-hour workday, that would mean one person is making over 500 vests.

However, I think it is time to reconsider the zone of tolerance we have for big fashion empires.

According to Generation Green, Forever 21 is one of the 200 plus retailers that have legal agreements with the Centre for Environmental Health which set a limit that "no more than trace amounts of lead (300 parts per million) [be found] in most purse materials".

Earlier this year, Generation Green purchased 30 purses and wallets from Forever 21 – and found that 10 of them had high levels of lead in them, making them one of the worst offenders. Not only that, but they have continued to sell at least two of these lead-tainted items after being notified that they were contaminated. I think Forever 21 has taught us an important lesson about fast fashion: There are consequences to picking the cheapest option.

I now have a beautiful purse that I can't use because it has been found that lead can remain in the female body and has been linked to numerous health issues such as infertility, heart attacks and strokes.

I don't think that I'm being hypocritical to admit that because I am a student, I have to shop like one. So if I want to get a new outfit, it's smarter for me to go cheaper.

This really makes me wonder if being a broke student is really a good enough excuse, when we could be exposing ourselves to toxic chemicals and harming our bodies without even knowing it.



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR

How to not grow a Mo'

a Life comic by Carly Basch



Being prepared for emergencies

While we make sure to stock up our houses with nice appliances and accessories, most students are stranded when searching to find basic items for emergency kits

SARAH STRONG
CORD LIFE

Hurricane Sandy was a perfect reminder that Mother Nature can turn our lives upside down in the blink of an eye.

Regarded as one of the largest tropical storms in history to hit North America, precautions were made to spare lives and increase safety by informing us the best safety methods.

While the prospect of classes being cancelled may have excited us, Sandy could have posed serious threats on campus. Large storms like Sandy result in floods and power outages, which Waterloo is certainly no stranger to.

Class cancellations aside, if students were to suffer the major consequences that news stations were preparing us for, would you be ready?

In such a situation, most students find themselves stranded without the basic essentials that are needed

in case of an emergency. Most of us make sure to have our most prized possessions of clothes, DVDs, wall decorations and Magic Bullets to last through the year. Yet when it comes to having the basic survival items, we are left scrambling to figure out whether or not we have any of them.

Any large natural storm should be a clear reminder that regardless if we are in near danger or not, it is always important to have supplies "just in case".

Most power companies suggest being prepared to last for at least 72 hours without power. In the event of a major storm that results in a power outage, Waterloo Hydro suggests disconnecting any major appliances and keeping both your fridge and freezer closed.

A full freezer can last up to 48 hours without power if the door remains shut. For warmth, having extra blankets will keep you warm and insulated if something were to happen in colder temperatures.

Cell phones may be of use but if it is unknown how long the power will be out. Using your smart phones for emergency calls and twitter updates are helpful, just make sure you don't drain the battery by playing games to pass the time. Make sure to follow accurate sources to get information.

With no computers and no TV, why not include a bottle of wine or two in with your emergency kit? A board game or deck of cards can also help to pass the time while you're patiently waiting for the lights to turn back on.

If you live with roommates, go out and get these items together to reduce the cost. All of the essential items listed can be picked up for around \$40 and available at grocery, convenience and utility stores.

With four roommates that's only \$10 dollars each – a small price to pay for the comfort of knowing that if the lights go out and the internet isn't working you won't be hungry, stuck in the dark or worst of all: bored.

The following list will get you ready for any type of emergency:

Two flashlights with working batteries - \$10

Emergency candles and matches - \$6

Two cases of bottled water - \$5

Waterloo emergency services phone numbers:
Hydro (519) 886-5090
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First aid kit - \$8

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This weekend in Canadian Music

After a concert-filled four days, *The Cord* Arts staff review some of Canada's most talented acts



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PEI's Rose Cousins serenades the crowd at Maxwell's Music House.

East Coast folk at Maxwell's Music

AMY GRIEF
ARTS EDITOR

Polaris Prize nominee Rose Cousins wrapped up her latest tour with an intimate show at Maxwell's Music House.

The crowd, comprised of Cousins' close friends and family, community members and students, sat rapt with attention for almost two hours as Cousins' music washed over them.

Originally from PEI, Cousins moved to Halifax to pursue a career in music, and has already achieved acclaim in both Canada and the United States.

Nominated for this year's Polaris Prize, along with Canadian superstars Drake, Feist (this year's winner) and Leonard Cohen, I couldn't

pass on the opportunity to see Cousins play at Maxwell's, a rare occurrence considering she played at the famous Glenn Gould Studio a mere night before.

As I walked into Maxwell's, opener Jennah Barry was just taking the stage. Also from the East Coast, Barry's haunting voice filled the space, catching everyone off guard as she commanded the stage.

An up-and-comer in the Canadian music scene, Barry joined the tour after one of her managers sent her album, *Young Men*, to Cousins.

Barry was welcomed with open arms, and exclaimed how appreciative she was of Cousins' help in getting her established.

The two musicians had incredible chemistry on stage, with their voices (and personalities) blending

beautifully when joining together for various duets.

Following this tour, Barry is heading back to the Maritimes for Nova Scotia Music Week, after which she plans on recording another album. If Sunday night was any indication, Barry is definitely an artist to look out for now and in the future.

Following a ten-minute break, headliner Cousins began to play. Completely down-to-earth, Cousins engaged the crowd cracking sarcastic jokes that had the audience in hysterics.

Beyond this comfortable rapport, Cousins captured her audience in the complexity of her music and lyrics.

Providing the background behind many of pieces, the crowd felt as if they knew a little bit more about Cousins by the end of the show.

Standout pieces included "The Shell", in which the audience (quite beautifully) sang back up as Cousins took what she described as a "Beyonce moment," or, an impressive, improvised vocal riff.

"Celebrate", one of Cousins' only "happy" songs changed the pace of the evening and garnered a chuckle when she changed the lyrics to make them kid-friendly. "Celebrate" would not have sounded out of place at a children's birthday party.

"The Darkness", one of the heaviest songs of the night was an angst-ridden break-up anthem and, sitting down at the piano, Cousins serenaded the crowd with "One Way" which was featured in a recent episode of the Canadian hit TV show *Rookie Blue*.

The evening's highlight came when Barry joined Cousins on stage to close the show. While many of Cousins' songs were down-tempo, she kept the energy up with her awesome sense of humour and easy-going stage presence.

Appreciative of the crowd's support, Cousins put on an excellent concert, showing why she's quickly rising to the top of the Canadian music scene.

The Weeknd in TO

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"Toronto, we're about to get sexy for you," The Weeknd promised a riotous Sound Academy crowd downtown Toronto on Friday, Nov. 2, as he opened his first of four consecutive nights at the venue.

Sexy, a word that perfectly captures the essence of the live performance of Abel Tesfaye (The Weeknd for the uninitiated,) as well as his body of work; three mix tapes entitled *House of Balloons*, *Thursday* and *Echoes of Silence*, released over the course of last year.

On these early releases, the 22-year-old delves into lyrical content overwhelmingly dominated by sex, drugs and alcohol. His newest release, "Enemy," has the young lothario singing lines like, "I'm just trying to make you numb without a word." Such is Weeknd's modus operandi; slightly predatory and fully unapologetic.

Friday night's show had an intimate feel; a stark juxtaposition to the image of an introverted, studio-driven artist the public has created for Tesfaye. On the contrary, the performance was engaging, high-energy and, above all, sexy.

After opening with "Lonely Star" and "Loft Music," The Weeknd performed "What You Need," "High For This" and later commanded an even more emphatic sway of the audience with "Enemy" (the tracks live debut), "Rolling Stone" and the darkly sexy "The Zone."

House of Balloons' melodic "Glass Table Girls," inspired the night's strongest crowd reaction. The show closed with an encore of "Montreal" and "Outside." Vocally, the Weeknd needed no improvement, his voice an intoxicating croon.

Tesfaye has famously refused to give a single interview during the rapid rise of his stardom, choosing

to communicate with his fans directly via Twitter. Official posters for his Toronto shows bluntly stated that there would be no guest list, while the events' Facebook page went even further, stating no media or cameras would be permitted.

Friday's stage was darkly lit, adding to the shadowy, nocturnal ambience of the Weeknd's music. Originally advertising three shows, a last-minute Monday performance was added to the bill due to overwhelming ticket sales.

Not bad considering, until the impending Nov. 13 release of *Trilogy*, The Weeknd has literally sold zero records.

The Toronto performances and the release of *Trilogy* will help to close what has been a defining year for The Weeknd.

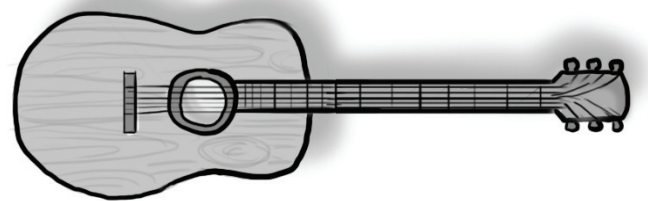
"The Fall" concert tour kicked off in April at California's celebrated Coachella music festival and has been selling out shows on both sides of the Atlantic ever since. All without Tesfaye giving a single press quote or asking for any monetary returns for his music.

Many have The Weeknd pegged as the "protege" of superstar Drake, but Friday's performance shows The Weeknd is rapidly levelling the playing field between the two.

Drake isn't Tesfaye's only superstar fan, either. In September and October, he opened five shows on the Florence + The Machine tour.

Thanks in large part to Drake and The Weeknd alone, Toronto is having a moment of total hip-hop renaissance and getting on the map in a big way. The latter, especially, is redefining what we've come to accept as the necessary relationship between artist and celebrity.

"The doctor tried to get me to quit this tour early," said Tesfaye, in one of many interactions with the crowd on Friday night. I said, "fuck that."



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR

Rock/noise hits K-W

CRISTINA ALMUDEVAR
CORD ARTS

Canadian rock/noise duo, Death From Above 1979, made their way to Kitchener's Wax nightclub last Thursday.

After breaking up in 2006, they've since reunited and have begun writing new songs. Kitchener is one of many stops on their cross-Canada tour, and according to the bands' website, they thought playing their new songs live was the only way to see if they were any good.

The medium-sized venue was packed with fans hoping to catch a glimpse of the band. This proved to be impossible once a violent mosh pit was started the moment Jesse F. Keeler and Sebastien Grainger began strumming the bass and banging on the drums.

Having been a long-time fan of the band, it took a lot of self-restraint to not throw myself into the pit squealing with excitement.

Playing a perfect blend of old classics from their only full-length album *You're a Woman, I'm a Machine*, as well as new songs, it was a great concert for both die-hard fans and

people who only know their more popular songs such as "Black History Month" or "Romantic Rights".

The band was extremely interactive with the crowd — at one point they asked if anyone "was related to the fucking Barenaked Ladies."

One man claimed to have made out with the daughter of lead singer Steven Page.

They pulled him up on stage with laughter: "What's your name? Angus? Gangb Angus! Give Angus a round of applause."

The crowd was enthusiastic as the band could not stop laughing at the situation.

After playing for too short an amount of time, Death From Above encored with fan-favourite "Romantic Rights" which sent the crowd into a second mosh pit frenzy. People started crowd surfing, hanging onto cross beams, grabbing various wires, and jumping with such intensity that the enormous chandelier above the crowd began to shake.

An overall amazing show, they sound the same live as they do on any of their recorded material. Death from Above 1979 is a band that does not disappoint.

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Disney avoiding originality



WADE THOMPSON
VISUAL DIRECTOR

In 2009, the Walt Disney Company set a precedent amongst the industry by purchasing Marvel Studios. Not even three years later and they have already out-shocked that investment by securing possession of the most profitable movie franchise of all time; LucasArts, the birthplace of *Star Wars*.

This move, decried by some, but lauded by most, makes this the third largest-property deal that the "Mouse House" has made in less than seven years.

The first was in 2006 when they bought their affiliate, Pixar. It could even be argued that a fourth major franchise was acquired a year ago, when Disney put in motion plans to build an *Avatar* themed land at their Animal Kingdom resort in Orlando, Florida.

These deals are obviously financial strongholds for Disney. They now have characters such as Buzz Lightyear, Darth Vader, Indiana Jones and Tony Stark under their watch, not to mention the creative minds of John Lasseter, Kevin Feige and George Lucas as executives and consultants. They even had the mind of the late Steve Jobs in their employ.

But, while you can't ignore the studio's obvious desire to acquire

potential creative enterprises, you still have to ask: what about their own, original ideas? Where did those run off to?

It seems that in recent years, Disney has foregone creating their own unique movies and merchandise in favour of acquiring already established material to sell off as their own. And while that is all fine and good from a financial standpoint, it really puts a damper on the studios' once proud array of successful properties.

Their last successful attempt to push something developed in house was the release of *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl* in 2003, which as we all know, was a highly successful film adapted from their popular theme park attraction. While it was still an adaptation of another work, at the very least it was their own.

But soon after, they diluted that originality by forcing off kilter sequels down the public's throat.

This seems to be a common theme of Disney's. And yes, I understand that it is a business, but once upon a time, they were at the forefront of creativity in the industry.

Now, the studios have not wiped their own fingerprint off of their entire catalogue of work just yet. Amongst the Pixar sequels and adaptations of proven successful enterprises (their upcoming tent pole films *Oz: The Great and Powerful* and *The Lone Ranger* come to mind) there have been some original content sprinkled here and there.

Their animation department has been able to produce some quality films over the last decade or so, in

both the traditional and CGI styles. Movies like *Tangled*, *Bolt* and *The Princess and the Frog* were at ground level, modest hits.

Even their most recent release, *Wreck-It Ralph* looked to be heavily dependent on established game franchises, but luckily that turned out to not be the case.

However, looking at the rest of the company, how long are we going to have to wait to see a live action film that's not based on a comic book or video game? Will their own animated films ever be able to compete with the likes of Pixar ever again? How much longer will it be before we get another *Haunted Mansion*, or *Tiki Room* at one of the parks, attractions that were based on nothing more than the ideas of Walt himself?

Disney is shying away from the kind of projects that made it successful in the first place. The studio that once brought us the first fully animated feature film, the first sound cartoon, the first theme park and the first animated feature ever nominated for Best Picture at the Oscars is opting to let other minds do their creative work.

While even I start salivating at the new possibilities of all of these acquisitions (like an animated Indiana Jones movie? Umm, yes), I still believe that Disney has the ability to churn out its own amazing material, at least equal to the likes of anything George Lucas or James Cameron have come up with.

They can buy up all of the franchises they want, but the bottom line is that the best name Disney has going for it is its own.

Cloud Atlas: A Cord Review

ANDREW SAVORY
STAFF WRITER

Bold, innovative, and even mind-boggling. These are all words that could be used to describe the recently released *Cloud Atlas*, directed by the Wachowski siblings (*The Matrix* and *V for Vendetta*) and Tom Tykwer (*Run Lola Run*).

With an immense running time of nearly three hours, *Cloud Atlas* is an epic tale that weaves through the past, present and future. It draws upon six interweaving protagonists' lives across time and space.

The film may prove to be ambitious for some, with its philosophical undertones that attempt to explore the interconnected nature of life, but its vast scale and broad lens for depicting life in all its beauty is impossible to ignore.

The directors have created is a movie with great expectations — one that pushes the boundaries of what we have come to know as a cinematic experience.

Although the studio's influence on the film, in terms of production, is evident. The film drips with big budget dollars, however; it's obvious that the directors have intended to try and surpass this constraint.

The film's engrossing cinematography explores some of the world's

greatest landscapes; ranging from the sea, all the way to the tops of mountain cliffs and through modern and futuristic metropolises.

Moreover, the film hosts an impressive cast ridden with Oscar-caliber talent including the likes of Tom Hanks, Halle Berry, Jim Broadbent, Hugo Weaving, Susan Sarandon, Hugh Grant and Jim Sturgess.

With a cast like this it would be an understatement to deem the acting in *Cloud Atlas* as anything other than impeccable.

The two main stars of the film are Hanks and Berry, whose chemistry is refreshing, given that I expected it to be contrived due to their different character roles in previous films.

The actress who steals the show, is Doona Bae. Bae plays the soon to be cult favourite character of Sonmi-451. She is *Cloud Atlas'* puzzling enigma, as she is a clone seeking liberation from an oppressive government rule in the future.

Fortunately, Hae-Joo Chang, played by Sturgess, comes to her aid.

Their candid and unconditional love for one another proves to become one of the most enthralling storylines of the movie, and the extent to which they would risk it all for each other should be the biggest crowd pleaser of all.

What to do in K-W

Weds, November 7

Juif Memory: documentary screening (by Prof. Marin-Dòmine)
P3007, 7 p.m.

Fire Away, Greater than Giants, Mayfield & Amberwood
Maxwell's Music House; \$5, 8:30 p.m.

Thurs, November 8

The Greatest Threesome Ever
Starlight; \$10 advance, \$15 door, 8 p.m.

Led Zeppelin: Celebration Day
Princess Cinema; \$10, 9 p.m.

Fri, November 9

"Curbs" Opening Reception
The Button Factory; Free, 5 p.m.

Sat, November 10

Deko-Ze
Beta; \$5, door at 10 p.m.

WLU Opera Exerpts
Maureen Forrester Recital Hall
\$10/\$5, 8:00p.m.

Vimy
Registry Theatre; \$15, 2p.m., 7 p.m.

Sun, November 11
Vimy
Registry Theatre; \$15, 2p.m., 7 p.m.

Mon, November 12
Indie Lit Night
Starlight; Free, 7:30 p.m.

Tues, November 13
A-Team Presents: Wayne Hoffman, Mentalist/Illusionist
Turret; \$5, \$10 guest, 7 p.m.

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EDITORIAL

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Farewell Coach 'Jeff'

It doesn't seem right that Gary Jeffries' tenure at Laurier ended the way it did.

Following nearly 40 years at the university, the last ten of which he spent as head football coach, Jeffries stepped down last week. His announcement came after two seasons in which it was clear his team was not the Laurier Golden Hawks of old.

This past season was particularly bad. A 3-5 record. A month without a touchdown. Three games that saw the purple and gold go without a point. And it was all capped off with an embarrassing 34-0 loss to Queen's in the OUA quarterfinal last weekend.

For even the most casual observer of Laurier football, it was clear that a change was needed. And as it so often is in sports, that change came at head coach.

There are still a multitude of questions surrounding Jeffries' departure. Was he forced to step down? Was he fired before he even got the chance to decide?

In most cases, these questions have come with anger from Jeffries' supporters: mainly former players, coaches and long-time supporters of Laurier football. These people feel as though the university treated Jeffries — who is nothing short of an icon at WLU — unfairly. And if, as a number of rumours and anonymous sources have suggested, the coach was forced out, it's difficult not to react with at least some anger.

Seeing a figure as entrenched as Jeffries depart, regardless of the circumstances, will always be jarring, so the adverse reactions of many in the Laurier community are natural. However, as unfortunate as the circumstances surrounding his resignation may have been, it is important to move beyond Jeffries' departure from Laurier.

Remember him not as the coach who may have been unfairly forced out, but as the coach who brought Laurier its second Vanier Cup. Remember him as a man who seemed to genuinely care for his players. Remember him as a man who devoted over half his life to WLU as a player, as a coach and as a mentor.

Many who played for Jeffries have nothing but good things to say about him. Even a number of opposing players and coaches have come out with kind words about the former coach since his resignation. It was clear Jeffries is highly respected and if his dealings with the media are any indication it is well deserved.

It was indeed time for a change and as difficult as it will be for some to see someone besides Jeffries on the Laurier sidelines next season, it is important not to dwell on the details of his departure. It is important to remember Jeffries for everything he gave to the program and not for two unfortunate years at the end of his tenure.

WLU privacy slip up a wake up call

When Bob Baumgartner, a former Wilfrid Laurier University student, found his private contact information available through a public document off of Google, he was astonished that it was traced back to his days at Laurier.

However, he could not remember why or when the list that featured his personal information was even composed. Surely any participation in a study, on-campus group or residence list should remain private knowledge.

Baumgartner is not alone. Nearly 300 other students had their privacy breached with a tremendous amount of personal information that was not confined to their e-mail address, home address and phone numbers, but included their parents' contact information as well.

This puts others at risk of falling victim to identity theft and fraud.

While Information Technology Services (ITS) and the Privacy Office at Laurier appear to be taking action on the breach, it leaves an uneasy feeling about the amount of personal information students have trustingly given to Laurier.

In an academic setting, which houses courses that centre entirely around the issue of privacy, it is almost ironic that a school which prides itself on progress and innovation should commit such a serious error.

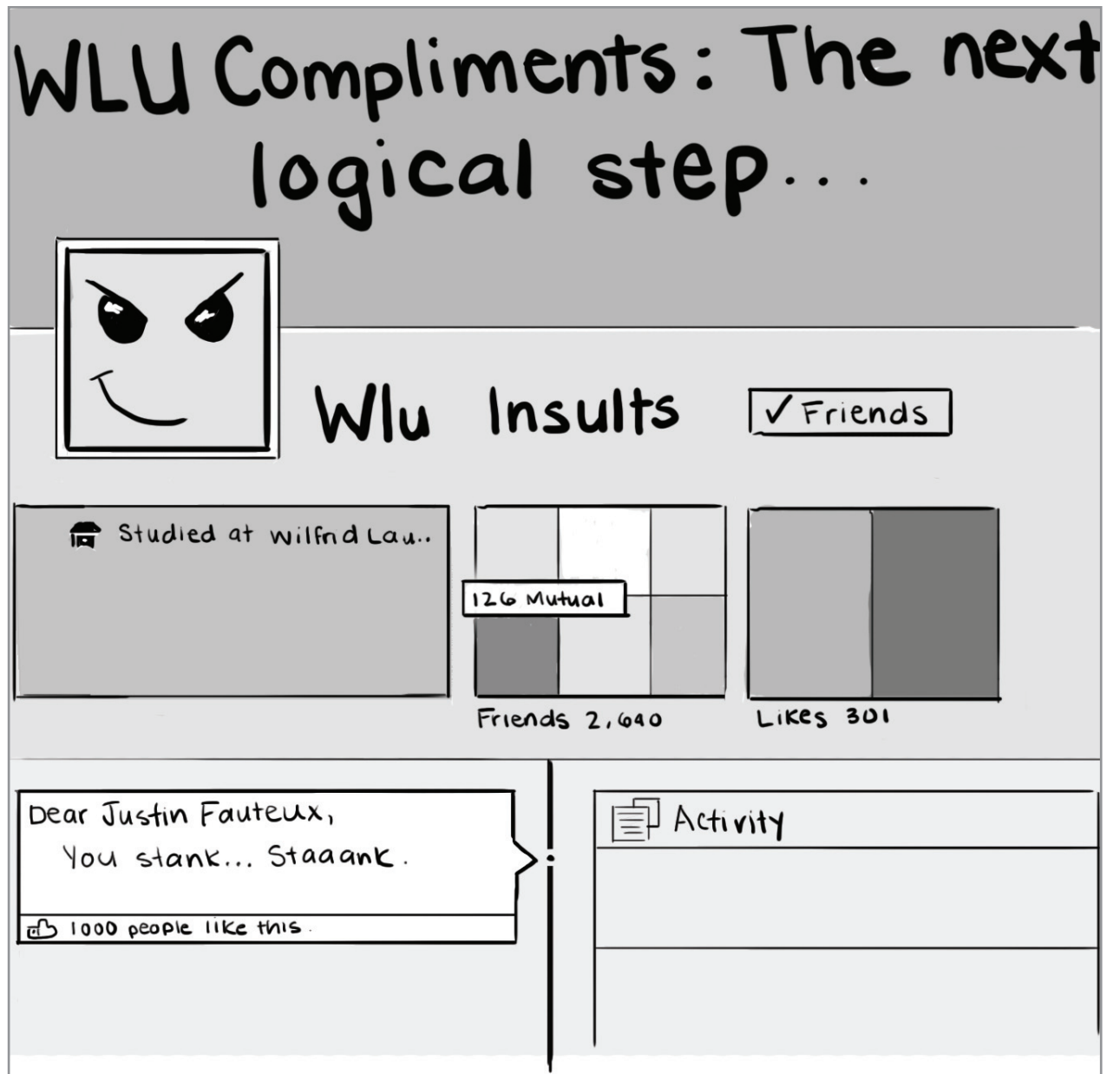
In our digital age, where almost any information you seek can be found through a search engine, personal information is no longer, well, personal.

While most people are becoming more aware of the unfortunate need to be sparse when sharing their contact information, a post-secondary institution should provide reassurance that our information is safe.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Remembrance Day a time to reflect on reality of war



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Every year, on Nov. 11, we gather at cenotaphs to commemorate those who fought for Canada during both the world wars, the Korean and Vietnam wars and now the present war in Afghanistan.

Over the years, however, I've found that everyone experiences and interprets remembrance ceremonies in their own unique way.

My first memory of Remembrance Day goes back to elementary school, when representatives from my town's local legion came to explain why we wear poppies.

Being a jaded ten-year-old however, my friends and I were too occupied by threading the poppies' needles through the first few layers of our fingertips.

That, and taking apart the poppies to wear on our lips, was how my first few Remembrance Days were spent.

Eventually, I became a Girl Guide, and actually participated in my town's annual ceremony.

I was given the honour of carrying the Canadian flag across town with those annoying bagpipers, and stood in the freezing cold for the two minutes of silence, rather than in a warm classroom with my friends.

The entire time I was standing out there, holding that flag, all I could think about was how cold it was, and how nice it would be to go inside and have some hot chocolate.

Then it hit me: how much more difficult it would have been for all of those soldiers, sitting in trenches throughout the winter, not knowing if they would

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ever see their families again, let alone get a mug of hot chocolate.

That's when I began to appreciate the idea of commemoration; these soldiers who dedicated their lives to their country deserved a lot more than two minutes of silence from us.

A few years later, at another Remembrance Day ceremony, I was able to have a conversation with that veteran who came to speak.

During his presentation, he told the audience that his only memory from the Second World War was when he delivered care packages to civilians in a town that had recently been bombed.

Afterwards, I asked if that was actually his only memory, and he reluctantly said "No."

He then explained to me that he never shares any other stories from the war because people don't understand his experience, and tend to interpret it negatively.

At the time I didn't understand what he meant, but this past summer, after

taking a history course focusing on the mythology of war and memory, I fully understood why that veteran, or any veteran for that matter, would choose to lie about their experience in any given conflict.

For the most part, the general public has given in to myths about war and memory that are projected by the government, which are ideals constructed around the belief that soldiers were sent off to fight against an evil enemy that was out to destroy our civilized, western society.

However, this is not fully true. While I am not trying to debunk soldiers for their dedication to their country — they should all be considered heroes for the turmoil that they experience — we should not idealize and glorify them, as it tends to obstruct the truth.

We tend to forget that these soldiers also killed other men who also had families to return to, and a country to defend.

At the end of the day, those fighting on both sides are simply humans, and nothing more.

We allow ourselves to give into myths about war because we are unable to comprehend the violently brutal truth about reality.

No one wants to remember how their grandfather was slain in battle and left to die, so instead of remembering the truth surrounding his actions and story, we latch on to the idea that he was only fighting for the good of his country; that he was fighting against an external force hell-bent on destroying our society.

So this Remembrance Day, instead of sticking poppies through your hands and just simply standing there for the moment of silence, think about why you, and society as a whole, are commemorating our soldiers.

Take a moment to consider the history, rather than just remembering something because you were told to do so.
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OPINION

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Democratic elections not always fair

With the American presidential election finally over, it is clear neither candidate will encourage change

BRAD KLEINSTUBER
OPINION COLUMNIST

Remember the 2004 film *Alien vs. Predator*? If you don't it's okay. It was pretty terrible, but the tagline, "Whoever wins...we lose," has timeless political relevance.

It's been fashionably cynical throughout the campaign to dismiss both American presidential candidates as the same, or to say that both are bad, but one is marginally better.

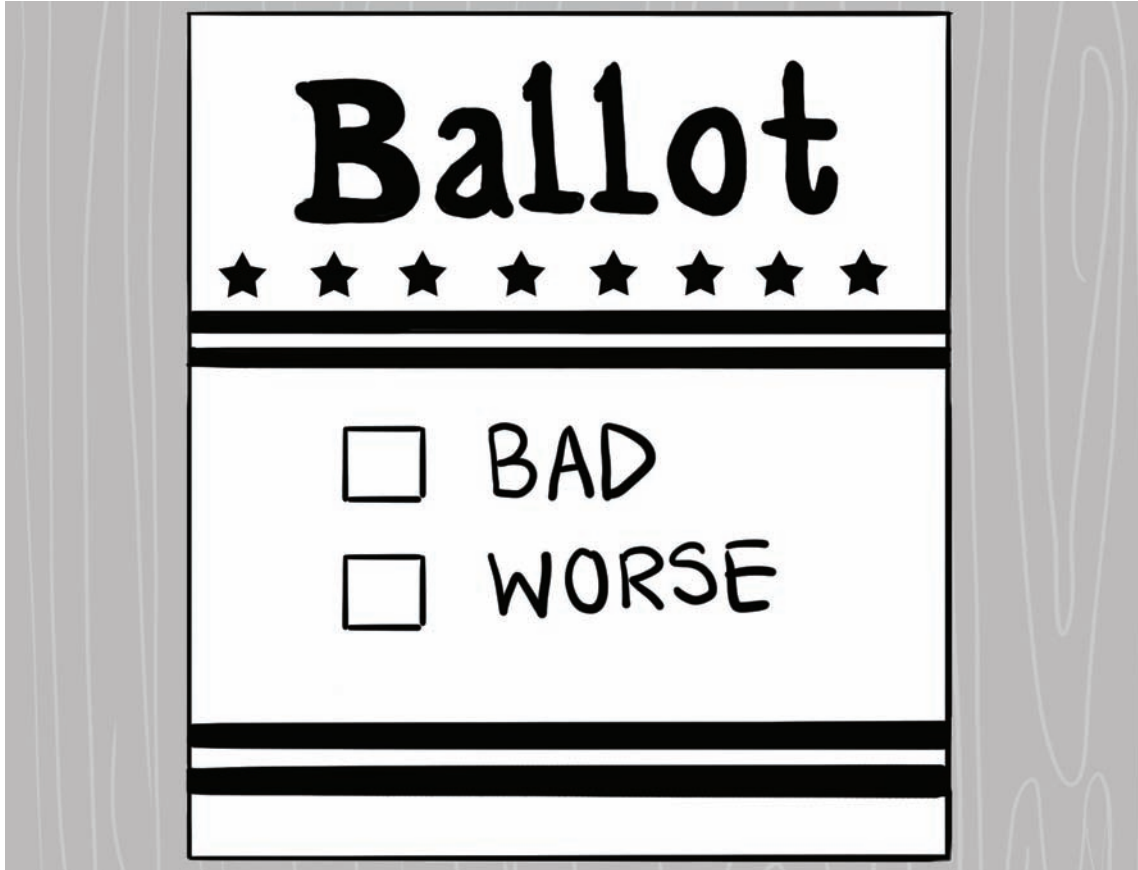
But, if you examine the candidates' policies on their own and analyze their positions and accomplishments, you've got a recipe for terrible sadness.

Barack Obama's stimulus was textbook corporate welfare, enriching the highest in society and propping up unsustainable benefits and practices.

He intervened in Libya, left an army of contractors and advisers in Iraq and has made Pakistan the second-largest recipient of American aid in the world.

He continued the Bush tax cuts, expanded invasive domestic security measures and presided over the most grimly ironic ATF scandal to date.

Mitt Romney is a typical corporate conservative, a trickle-downer who pays lip service to the free market while supporting protectionism and cronyism at home.



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS ARTIST

His policies on Iran are simply irresponsible. His immigration policy is xenophobic and fear-mongering; his social policies are backwards and his views on women are downright medieval.

People dismissed the Romney campaign as vulgar or dishonest and it was. However, the Obama campaign was not any better.

There was an obvious parallel

between the savage-as-usual Republican attack ads and the slightly more tame Democratic ads.

Where Romney had his apocalyptic naysaying, Obama substituted smarmy warnings about the conspiracy of the right.

Both candidates were equally bad; maybe one was slightly better, but electing someone marginally better than the other isn't good enough.

Voters elect these people and give them power.

If your candidate didn't win, you have no right to complain, he won the election, and so long as he doesn't break any laws or trample the Constitution, he can do whatever he likes.

That's your democracy.

George Carlin said something similar many years ago, and though

I often found his ideas irritating, I have to agree.

Voting legitimizes the winner and the government as a whole. If you vote, you're consenting for one of the candidates to rule you, and you lose your right to complain. You cast your vote and you lost.

Voting for the lesser of two evils—something voters have seemed to do since the dawn of democracy—just encourages more evil.

Bad government is bad government, and it seems like government has always been bad.

Ultimately, the American election will always be won by someone bad. It doesn't matter who.

Even the third-party candidates, in the event that pigs begin to fly, will be unfit.

Is this the best we can do?

A handful of incompetents are voted for by justifiably cynical people, one of whom is given one of the highest positions of power in the entire world.

I know that probably nobody here could vote in the American elections, even if they wanted to. But it is, I hope, a point that resonates.

We, the voting public, have produced the kind of consistently terrible candidates that we see.

The only way we can reform the state—though I hope I'm not alone in saying we should just toss it out entirely—is to truly make our feelings clear.

Don't compromise when it comes to politics by voting for the lesser of two evils, they're far too important. Because as it is, the world is set to lose, no matter who wins.

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Letters to the Editor

Lest we forget

Dear Editor,

Each November our community and our country take a moment to reflect on the travesties of war and the cost of freedom.

Together, we share stories of historical battles and attempt to comprehend the magnitude of lives lost.

This solemn yearly ritual provides an opportunity to pass on critical lessons to a new generation

in an endeavour to learn from our mistakes.

Amidst the themes of patriotism and the worthy words of thanks to our veterans and military personnel, there is also an important lesson about fulfilling our democratic responsibilities.

As we receive the torch from failing hands, we are reminded of our duty to be vigilant, engaged and noisy citizens.

On this day, we remember the consequences of apathy. We remember the dangers of ignorance. We remember the costs of hatred.

If there is any hope for peace, if there is any chance of prosperity and if liberty for all is ever to become a reality, then we must not fail.

As proud and free Canadians, we must be critical of the decisions of our government.

We must voice our concerns to

our elected officials. We must vote.

We must do these things and exercise our democratic responsibilities, as the risks of failure are far too great.

We must never forget.

—Kory Presman

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You know what yanks my cord...

...how fucking cold it is outside.

It's only the first week of November and already my 10-minute walk to campus leaves me with icicles for fingers and a snot-covered nose.

That doesn't mean I am completely against winter, though it's not a season I particularly look forward to.

When it goes down to minus ten degrees Celsius outside at night already, I can only imagine what January has in store for the Kitchener-Waterloo region.

Look out Laurier, the Aritzia parkas and Canada Goose bombers will

be back with a vengeance this year.

Too bad it's not actually negative 60 outside, because just to remind you, we don't live in the Arctic circle—despite what people from other countries may believe.

The necessity of your parents to protect you from the harsh winter of menacing Waterloo is endearing

However, at some point it is time to grow up and make your own purchasing decisions.

The bubble gum pink they released this year is also not as 'cute' or flattering as you think it is.

Nor does it match your

plaid-print Sores.

As nice as it is to treat the campus as your living room, which for some students it practically is, it is still a public space.

"Dressing to impress" still applies to some degree even if you are walking two minutes and sitting in a giant lecture hall for three hours.

Despite the negatives that come with winter, the only thing to look forward to is the possibility that we will actually get a snow day next semester.

—Ali Connerty

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Laurier, we need to talk

With rapid spending on useless resources, WLU students suffer



JESSI WOOD
OPINION COLUMNIST

You know what? I'm going to go there: I would totally be okay with Laurier raising tuition prices. The best part is, I mean it.

If next year, there were bigger numbers or more radical still, an extra digit or two at the end of my invoice next term, I'd be fine with it.

Laurier, I'm willing to go through a lot here in the name of that Holy Grail-esque, symbolic piece of paper at the end of it all.

So, Laurier let's talk. Pull up a chair and allow me to propose something to you.

First, and I can't be alone on this, let's figure out what was going on with the dining hall.

See, this "high-quality" education I'm getting here is starting to work against you.

Right when I saw the remains of my first year experience this September, I wanted to ask questions like, "how is that deficit going for you?" and "you know there are other people here than just first years, right?"

Don't worry Laurier, you clearly know what you're doing.

Eliminating the dining hall for a good chunk of Laurier students probably worked out really well for you.

Things are just getting bigger and better for Laurier like larger admission numbers and more widespread

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Take what you need
Laurier ol' buddy. Just
call it "fees" and stick it
right on the end

academic acclaim.

There are longer line-ups for on-campus service facilities, higher prices for on-site food, more bleary-eyed 20-somethings wandering aimlessly in search of actually affordable grub — everything's looking up!

Now, I haven't been around for that long. Tender months ago, I was still forming an opinion about this community I'm now a part of.

I was nervous in the beginning, understandably, but learned to love my new environment by doing what Laurier does best when things get stressful: gratuitously spending money.

My very first round of midterms last year were tough, but with Laurier's encouragement, I felt much better after blowing all my RESP on Laurier key chains.

They sit in a bag at the back of my closet to remind me of my dedication to the school and what it stands for.

Laurier, I know you love me. Your unique (read: capitalist) brand of comfort surrounds me warmly whenever I bother showing up on campus.

So Laurier, I'm here to help. Go ahead and take what you need through my tuition. I'd feel better knowing that my money is in more capable hands than mine.

I go out of my way to try and be sensible with my funds, living on my own and all, but clearly this just won't do.

Laurier, you're inspiring my life, and now I know that the only way to be as successful as you've become is to frivolously throw my money at failing agendas — and that's what I'm here for.

Need another television hung in a low-traffic area of campus? Go ahead!

Need to bulldoze the Terrance finally because it's now the only affordable place to get a meal on campus besides Tim Hortons? Done!

Take what you need Laurier, ol' buddy. Just call it "fees" and stick it right on the end.

I doubt students will even notice. It's not like anyone's raising protest over your 'habits' to begin with, so it must be okay.

I'm with you — who needs classes or a faculty of arts when flags and walls are so much cooler?

We are done now, Laurier, so let's grab a bite at the dining — oops, nevermind. Hope you like Timmies.
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STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR

What are you made of?

Increasing knowledge of genetic testing available to the public begs the question, do you want to know your biological future?



LEAH DE JONG
OPINION COLUMNIST

The test results show you have a life-threatening genetic mutation that you never knew about that may or may not kill you and there's no treatment because it's so rare.

There's also a 60 to 90 per cent chance they're wrong because this is a low-frequency genetic variation.

Would you want to know if this was this case?

The answer is often yes.

People want to predict their risk of future health problems even if there's nothing that can be medically done for them.

It's only a small majority of people who prefer to live by the mantra "ignorance is bliss."

Most of society, if given the chance, would flock to get their biological futures told.

The chance is coming; soon you'll be able to discover what you're literally made of.

Whole genome sequencing is rapidly dropping to an affordable price point for the average person, predicted to come down from \$10,000 to only \$1,000.

Although a string of the letters A, T, C and G may not seem like a big deal, genetic mapping is at the forefront of the new medical era.

Diseases that never had an explanation can be explained and preventative measure can be taken before the genetic code time bomb can

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go off.

Although the idea of screening everyone's genetic code to see what's wrong is a great concept, it doesn't work in practicality.

There's a reason every person who is checked into the hospital isn't treated to a full body MRI "just in case." It's not necessary.

It puts a strain on the medical community, bumps up wait times for those who really need it and creates a wave of false positives.

The majority of people simply do not need genetic testing.

Diagnosing a patient from a genetic output is difficult, not only because it's currently a specialized skill, but because science still needs to learn more about DNA.

Scientists estimate that roughly 95 to 98 per cent of the genetic code is defined as having an "unknown" purpose.

Genetic markers and predispositions are not guarantees that anything is actually going to happen, you could be one single nucleotide inversion away from a crippling illness but if that inversion never happens, you'll be fine.

In the same way, even if a genetic test passed a clean bill of health, a patient could later find themselves with a genetically linked problem. DNA isn't stagnant.

Every time a new cell is created, there is potential for an alteration. These changes can not be predicted and can be detrimental.

Altogether, this puts the dollar total past the ideal \$1,000. This is just the price for the initial test, which isn't covered by most insurance companies.

Often, this one test won't be enough, it just localizes the problem for further tests.

If there is a treatment it still needs to be paid for, research will need to be done.

Tests will be repeated. There will be check-ups requiring more tests, all for something that may or may not happen.

Genetic testing is an innovative concept, and certainly the way of the future.

But here, in our present, society isn't ready for this kind of knowledge simply because we don't yet know what to do with it.

For those with medical problems and no other explanations, DNA testing can bring peace of mind.

But for the average person, it's not necessary and would just be a drain on resources and manpower.

The day is coming when we will have to answer the question, do you want to know what you're made of?
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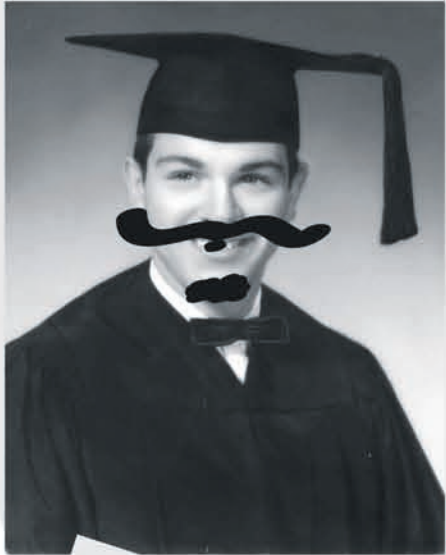
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National War Monument on Vimy Ridge Day in 2009 remembers government-recognized veterans.

Vietnam War veterans deserve recognition



CHADWICK WHEELER
OPINION COLUMNIST

As Remembrance Day approaches, the Wilfrid Laurier community has begun to demonstrate their support by wearing poppies with pride.

Most students, faculty and administration members understand the importance of remembering the deeds of our veterans. Honouring those who fought in The First World War, The Second World War, the Korean War and the war in Afghanistan.

I am proud that our country acknowledges our veterans for their contributions in these conflicts, but I cannot help noticing a missing group: Canadian Vietnam veterans.

When the United States increased its involvement in South Vietnam during the 1960s, Canada declared neutrality and declined America's request to send troops.

Although Canada was not a direct participant, many Canadians believed the war in Vietnam was important enough to deserve their support.

Since Canada refused to send any military forces, approximately 30,000 Canadians crossed the border to enlist within the United States Army.

By the end of the war over 100 Canadians had given their lives for a cause they strongly believed in.

Unfortunately, the Canadian government objects to acknowledging these fallen men or their fellow veterans.

Canadian Vietnam veterans have been excluded from Remembrance Day ceremonies on the basis that Canada cannot recognize veterans of a war which it did not officially support.

Although Canada was not a direct participant of the Vietnam War, I disagree with the notion that Canadian Vietnam veterans should be excluded from our Remembrance Day ceremonies.

These men represented Canadian support for their ally even when our government did not.

Even though our government does not officially recognize these veterans, some individuals have taken it upon themselves to remember Canadians who fought alongside Americans in Vietnam.

In 1995 the Michigan Association of Concerned Veterans acquired land in Windsor, Ontario for the erection of the North Wall memorial.

The black granite monument is inscribed with the names of the Canadians who died in Vietnam as well as those who went missing in action.

In addition to the North Wall, Canadian veterans have continued to support each other.

Organizations including the Canadian Vietnam Veterans

Association in Manitoba and L'Association Québécoise des Vétérans du Québec offer that support. These groups hold numerous events to demonstrate their support for one another.

Although such organizations are an excellent support system, Canadian society as a whole needs to assist our Vietnam veterans.

Support for their cause can be as simple as choosing to remember them, not only on Remembrance Day but every day.

Just because our government has decided not to include them in our remembrance ceremonies does not mean we are powerless to make the active choice to recognize them.

The next step is becoming more knowledgeable about Canada's past.

Read an article or book about our role in the Vietnam War and discover the stories of Canadians who fought in the United States military to acquire a further understanding of their experiences and reasons for volunteering.

Once our society becomes more aware of Canadian Vietnam veterans, we can begin to demand more from our government by officially recognizing their contributions.

As Canadian citizens we must not abandon nor forget this important group.

So this Sunday at 11 o'clock when we all take our moments of silence, do not forget these veterans.

They deserve acknowledgment and gratitude like all the other veterans we remember on this day.
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Two wins puts Hawks No. 5 in country

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It certainly wasn't the way they drew it up, but the Laurier Golden Hawks women's hockey team came away with four crucial points this past weekend.

Following two come-from-behind wins, one of which ended in overtime, the Hawks improved their record 8-1-1, putting them in a tie with the Queen's Gaels atop the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) standings. But this first-place season has been anything but smooth.

"I was proud of the way we finished, but I was really upset with the way played, particularly in the second period," said head coach Rick Osborne following his team's 4-3 overtime win over the Guelph Gryphons Sunday night.

"We had a few passengers tonight and we've had a few passengers all year... There's two or three players that need to be in better shape and two or three players that need to learn to compete at the level the Golden Hawks are used to."

Prior to Sunday night's overtime win, the Hawks overcame an early 1-0 deficit and a rock-solid performance from Brock Badgers goalie Claire Shaw to come away with a 3-2 win. The Hawks fired 45 shots at Shaw, not finding the back of the net until third-year Tammy Freiburger scored 11 minutes into the third period.

The Hawks would then get goals from Haley Baxter and Caitlin Muirhead to come away with the win.

And according to Osborne, it was the veterans on the team that helped the team scrape their way to the win.

"We always knew we had the veteran players, who would never quit," he said. "You had Muirhead diving

into traffic and finding a puck and Freiburger doing the same thing. They really showed that courage and willingness to go to those areas of the ice."

Sunday's game against Guelph was once again no walk in the park for the No. 5 nationally ranked Hawks as the Gryphons held two third-period leads before rookie Robyn Degagne scored to tie the game at three with just over a minute left. Freiburger would go on to score the game winner 35 seconds into overtime.

"We needed that one," said Freiburger of Sunday's win. "We're not exactly where we want to be right now, but game after game, we're kind of growing off of it and pulling through."

Fiona Lester and Laura Brooker had the other goals for the Hawks Sunday night, while goaltender Erika Thunder stopped 24 of the 27 Guelph shots.

Laurier may sit tied for first in the OUA, but there are a number of teams right on their heels. Four teams sit within five points of first place, and as Brock—who is currently last in the OUA—proved Friday night, even the league's bottom feeders can pose a challenge to the upper-echelon teams like the Hawks.

"This year is the closest it's been top to bottom," said Osborne. "We had a tough game with [ninth-place] Waterloo, we had a tough game with Brock, there's so many tough teams in this league. There's really no guaranteed two points."

The Hawks remain at home this weekend as the Toronto Varsity Blues and Ryerson Rams pay visits on Saturday and Sunday, respectively. Game time on Saturday is 3 p.m., while the puck drops at 7:30 p.m. Sunday.



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A Guelph Gryphon is unable to get a shot on Laurier goaltender Erika Thunder Sunday night.



JAMIE HOWIESON LAURIER ATHLETICS

Three Laurier hockey players shave in a mirror placed in the Science Atrium last Wednesday for the annual 'Movember Shave-Off'. The team is raising money for research.

Men's hockey team supports Movember

BRAD BOWEN
CORD SPORTS

Ladies and gentlemen, let the moustaches begin.

Nov. 1 marked the date where for a month, Gillette shaving product sales fall drastically and men are able to keep a warm upper lip during the harshness of winter, while females tend to have a harder time finding a 'moustache-less' date for Foxy Tuesdays.

Look no further than 'Movember' as the leading cause of these events. November is commonly referred to as "Movember" or "No-Shave November," where Canadian men grow a moustache for a month and refuse to shave, and attempt to raise money for the research and awareness of prostate cancer.

The Wilfrid Laurier Golden

Hawks men's hockey team has taken Movember to heart by hosting their third annual "Movember-Shave Off."

The event took place in the Science Atrium on campus on Oct. 31st and was the kickoff to the team's annual Movember fundraising campaign.

"The Shave-Off was great, we were fortunate enough to have a great turnout throughout the entire afternoon and every member from our team made an appearance," said second-year forward Tyler Stothers.

Team captain Kyle Van De Bospoort chimed in, giving credit to the organizers.

"The ladies responsible for coordinating and promoting did a great job," he said. "It was very successful with everyone signed up online freshly shaven before November

even arrived."

Head coach Greg Puhalski believes this event is also very important for the community of Waterloo and the school.

"It is extremely important for our players to be part of the Laurier community and city of Waterloo and it's a way for our players to be involved with philanthropy and how we can give back to our school and our community," he said

In addition, Stothers also commented on how the event not only went towards a great cause, but also was beneficial to their squad.

"When the boys come together and work towards a common goal or on a specific project it not only makes us better teammates, but strengthens our relationship with other faculty and students," Stothers said.

In the third-consecutive year of their Movember fundraiser, the hockey team looks to break their previous total of money raised last year of \$2,000 through the course of their campaign in 2011.

"This is just a small way we can give back to the Laurier community and represent what it means to be a Golden Hawk on and off the ice," Stothers said of the Shave-Off event.

The shaving product company, Shick, also made an appearance at the Shave-Off as they gave out free samples and helped to raise awareness for prostate cancer.

A draw was also held to whoever stopped by the event to win a pair of tickets to a Kitchener Rangers game in their newly renovated arena.

Student Andrew Lyon who attended the event was entertained by

the Shave-Off.

"It was enjoyed by everyone. My buddies and I thought it was well-done and fun, great cause to support so I was excited to see it go well," he said.

The players were also making bets on which players will grow the best moustaches on the team during the campaign.

"My money would go on [James] Marsden to grow the biggest duster this year, although I wouldn't count out Brett Vandenberg seeing how as how he started growing his in August," said Van De Bospoort.

The Hawks look to improve their one ice record against the Carleton Ravens at home on Nov. 9, coming off a win against the RMC Paladins.

To donate to the Movember campaign, visit movember.com.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
November 4 - 10 2012

RECENT SCORES

11.01.12
W Hockey 3 - Brock 2
M Hockey 2 - Ryerson 5

11.02.12
M Hockey 4 - RMC 2

11.03.12
W Soccer 1 - Queen's 0 (PK)

11.04.12
W Soccer 0 - Ottawa 1 (ET)
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UPCOMING HOME GAMES

11.09.12
M Hockey vs. Carleton
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Jeffries resigns as head coach

SHELBY BLACKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Gary Jeffries can still remember it clearly.

With 19 seconds left, a 32-yard field goal stood between the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's football team and the 2005 Vanier Cup. Fourth-year kicker Brian Devlin just needed to find the middle of the goal posts to put the Hawks ahead one point over the Saskatchewan Huskies. And he did.

"Without question, the Vanier Cup and the accent to that point," said Jeffries, who was the head coach of the Vanier Cup team, of his memorable experiences at WLU.

"We had a wonderful playoff win our first year down in Queen's that ascended to the Yates Cup. And then the next year, another perfect season and off to Laval to play [them] in the national semi-final."

Last Thursday, Laurier's department of athletics and recreation announced that Jeffries had stepped down from his role as head coach and manager of the football program.

Jeffries has been at Laurier since being a student in 1970, when he played for the Hawks' football team for two years. He went on to coach both the men's and women's basketball teams before his tenure with the football team, starting as a defensive coordinator in 1994, a position he held for 17 years. In 2003, Jeffries took over as head coach of the football program.

Speculations surrounding Jeffries' state with the team began to rise after the 2012 installment of the Golden Hawks posted a record of 3-5 and were ousted in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) quarterfinal

"I know Gary Jeffries has made a difference in the lives of a lot of people."

—Peter Baxter, director of athletics and recreation

against Queen's 34-0.

The team was shut out three times in the same season, and failed to score a touchdown in the month of October.

Jeffries reflected on the fall of the team's success since the 2005 Vanier Cup win, saying the team became younger and the calibre of competition wasn't the same.

"I think that most teams go through something like that, a period like that to get back to where they want to be," he said.

Throughout his time as head coach, Jeffries posted an overall record of 69-31 and coached over 1,000 athletes, including stars like Ryan Pyear, Andrew Agro, Dillon Heap and Shamawd Chambers.

"Coach Jeffries was a great guy," said second-year defensive lineman Ese Mrabure-Ajufo. "He was certainly one of the main reasons why I came to Laurier and it's going to be tough seeing him go and continue the next season without him."

Peter Baxter, director of athletics and recreation also touched on Jeffries' time at Laurier, saying that he left a lasting legacy on the football program and school.

"I know that Gary Jeffries has made a difference in the lives of a lot of people," he said last Thursday.

Jeffries reflected on his players, giving them credit for the dedication they put towards the football program.

"I don't know if everyone realizes how much they give up and how much hard work and dedication it takes to be involved and play the



ELLI GARLIN FILE PHOTO

Head coach Gary Jeffries resigns after 10 years with the Hawks.

game at a high level and I'm certainly thankful to all of them and all they gave to Laurier and our football community," he said.

Jeffries said he isn't sure what is next in his life but that the 66-year old is certainly not going to give up everything.

"The only thing I can tell you is I won't be sitting at home on a hammock," he said. "There's still some life left, so we'll see."

After Jeffries announced his retirement from the Laurier team last Thursday, Baxter did not clarify

whether or not Jeffries stepped down voluntarily, however, he did say that this was in the best interest of the program.

"I think Gary knew that the program needed renewal," he said last Thursday. "You've got to respect the fact that this was a very tough season and Gary needed some time to reflect on things."

Tuesday night, the department of athletics and recreation released a job posting for the position of manager of football operations and head coach.

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SPORTS EDITOR

OTTAWA, Ont. – “Soccer’s kind of cruel that way.”

Wilfrid Laurier women’s soccer head coach Barry MacLean summed up his team’s journey to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship this past weekend in six simple words.

A cruel weekend in Ottawa that brought forth 240 minutes of playing time in two games, a six-round series of penalty kicks to advance and an Ontario University Athletics (OUA) gold medal slipping out of the grasp of the Golden Hawks in the last six minutes of extra time in the final match.

But the Hawks showed they’re capable of so much more.

“After playing 120 minutes [Saturday] then going through the same thing again [Sunday], the girls show so much character. I couldn’t be more proud of them,” MacLean said following Sunday’s 1-0 gold medal game loss against the No. 1 Ottawa Gee-Gees.

Despite the loss, however, the Hawks still qualified for the CIS nationals this weekend in Victoria, B.C. by defeating the Queen’s Gaels 1-0 on penalty kicks Saturday afternoon in the OUA semi-final.

The first, second and third-placed teams in the OUA gained a ticket to the national championship.

Saturday’s meeting with the Gaels featured an eerily similar encounter to the OUA gold medal game a year ago, when the Hawks sent a ball flying over the crossbar in penalties to give Queen’s the 1-0 win.

The same ball flew over the crossbar Saturday, when Gaels’ player Breanna Burton missed the net in their final shot.

“So happy,” said Laurier netminder Katrina Ward after Saturday’s win. “We really fought through, right to the end of the game. It was hard, there were a couple moments when they got some big rushes but we fought back and played hard all the way to the end.”

Ward put up a stellar performance throughout the weekend; stopping all 12 shots she faced against Queen’s including a crucial stop during penalty kicks, which allowed Laurier to edge the Gaels 5-4.

In the following match against the

Gee-Gees, Ward again was crucial in keeping the game scoreless until late in extra time, stopping 17 of 18 shots.

“She came for big things. She made some big saves, she made some one-on-one saves. In the penalties she came up big,” MacLean said.

“Katrina was amazing [Saturday] and [Sunday],” co-captain Kelsey Abbott agreed. “[She] saved us a couple times, came up big. She will be someone that will shine for us for a long time now.”

Although Laurier’s offence was able to generate chances throughout the weekend, the team did not score a single goal, outside of the penalty shootout versus Queen’s, during which first-year Kiara Reyes scored the game winner.

“I had to keep calm and confident. I think you have to be calm going into a penalty kick. Just got to think about that,” Reyes said following her game-winning shot. “I knew where I was going to put it. [Tyrell] was kind of intimidating at the beginning but I knew where I was going.”

Against Queen’s, Laurier midfielder Katie Bishop carried the tempo, which allowed the Hawks to keep the Gaels’ strikers Jackie Tessier and Riley Fillion at bay without a goal. Bishop dictated the flow of the game and gave leeway to opportunities.

The defence also exemplified depth, with Abbott, Kelsey Tikka, Sarah Farano and Jess Carter abstaining many tangible opportunities for Queen’s and Ottawa.

Despite there being 18 shots, the Hawks’ defence helped clear rebounds that could be lethal for Ward.

“They were crucial. Honestly, they shot down some of their biggest strikers, biggest players, girls who have been here for years and years and years. They just shut them right down. I honestly couldn’t do what I do without them,” Ward said. “They take a whole load off my back.”

However, having played the amount of time they had, the Hawks couldn’t find offence in the depths of the Sunday afternoon gold medal match.

“I’m nothing but proud of the team,” Abbott said. “Ottawa is always a tough competitor and they’ve been one of the teams that’s been



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Defender Kelsey Tikka sends the ball upfield during the OUA Final Four in Ottawa this weekend.

around for the past four years competing.

“This time it was theirs and we’ll be pushing next time for it to be ours.”

The Hawks have won three OUA medals in as many years, dating back to 2010 when they won the gold medal against Queen’s. Last year, Laurier claimed the silver, also against Queen’s.

Laurier will now stretch their competition nationally, as Victoria becomes the prominent focus for the team.

“We need to wipe this out of our head, give it a night to kind of sink in and then make sure we have our sights set on what we’re going to do at nationals,” Abbott said.

“I’ll let them lick their wounds right now,” MacLean said. “Most of them can hardly feel their legs. We’ll get through that and then we’ll regroup and get ourselves sorted out for Thursday.”

This Thursday, the Hawks will open their next quest for national gold when they battle Trinity Western at 4:30 p.m.

Last year, the Hawks played Trinity Western in the consolation semi-final and lost 1-0.

CIS Championship Preview



Dalhousie Tigers

AUS champions: 10-2-1 regular season / 2-0 playoffs



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AUS finalists: 10-0-3 regular season / 1-1 playoffs



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Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks

OUA finalists: 11-2-3 regular season / 2-1 playoffs



Ottawa Gee-Gees

OUA champions: 14-0-2 regular season / 3-0 playoffs



Victoria Vikings

CWUAA finalists: 9-2-1 regular season / 2-1 playoffs



Trinity Western Spartans

CWUAA champions: 11-1-0 regular season / 3-0 playoffs



Queen's Gaels

OUA bronze medallists: 11-2-3 regular season / 2-1 playoffs

Kicker seeks improvement after impressive year

SHELBY BLACKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Football wasn’t always important to Wilfrid Laurier kicker Ronnie Pfeffer.

Being born and raised in a soccer-oriented family, Pfeffer’s focus never really centralized around the game until he turned 17. But when it did, the Kitchener native fell into something that has become a big part of his life.

“When I was younger, [my parents] put me into soccer and I kept going with it,” Pfeffer said. “The coach of my high school [football] team was begging me to come out all the time so I finally accepted the offer and came out. And it took off from there.”

The second-year sociology student played for the Twin Cities Predators, finding his niche and moving towards developing the skills he needed to play at the next level, which landed him at Laurier.

“There were a lot of opportunities, I could have went to a lot of different schools, but when I came here for my recruiting it just felt like home,” Pfeffer said. “The players, everyone just welcomed me really

well. It’s hard when you first come in as a rookie.”

A couple components helped Pfeffer choose to come to Laurier, such as current defensive backs coach, Jahmeeks Beckford, who was Pfeffer’s high school and recreational coach before he graduated.

In Pfeffer’s rookie year, he recorded 43 punts for 1,246 yards and made nine field goals on 11 attempts. He was named Ontario University Athletics (OUA) second team all-star for 2011.

A year later, Pfeffer only improved. After a faulty opening game against the Toronto Varsity Blues on Sept. 3, he finished the regular season with 72 punts for 2,499 yards and made 12 field goals on 17 attempts, placing fourth in the OUA.

“Sometimes you make some mistakes. I made a few mistakes this year, but stuff happens,” he said. “But going into next year I would like to accomplish another OUA all-star.”

Off the field, Pfeffer stressed the difficulty for athletes to balance academics with their athletic schedules.

“For football, just the practices are three hours a day plus if you need physio and if you have your team



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meetings and everything after,” he said. “It’s just harder towards school with football, but it gives you a great opportunity to meet a lot of people and get out there.”

Pfeffer also said living at home allows him to better balance his life. “When I come here, I’m able to

see my friends and talk to them and hang out, go have fun,” he said. “But at the same time I’m able to go home and when I go home it’s more of a ‘get my work done’ kind of thing, instead of just being here and getting distracted by the things around you or everyone wanting to

go out.” With high aspirations for his next two years, Pfeffer hopes to improve on what he’s already achieved and move towards his ultimate goal. “But if you don’t, it’s more just having fun and playing the game.”