



Baseball team cleared

Hawks reinstated following hazing incident

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SPORTS EDITOR

Wilfrid Laurier University's men's baseball team was given an ultimatum — present an apology to the school, or face being banned for the entirety of their season.

When Sunday night came, 34 players stood in front of athletic director Peter Baxter, interuniversity sport coordinator Wally Gabler and vice president of Student Affairs David McMurray to plead their case.

It was announced Monday afternoon that the team would be allowed to continue playing.

"For me it's been tough," co-captain Ian Fillion said Monday. "I'm obviously regretful for my actions and I apologize for them. Being a co-captain it's my responsibility to make sure the team operates in a respectful manner and I apologize that that did not happen."

The team was suspended last Thursday following a hazing incident that occurred at a party off campus. The incident included alcohol and "immature acts" and was reported by Residence Life last Tuesday to the department of athletics and recreation.

Further details surrounding the incident had not been released.

"I think we've got to move on from that, with due respect," Baxter said. "It was just immature behaviour. There was an element of humiliation on the part of people, but realistically it violated the code of conduct."

After a thorough investigation surrounding the baseball team members, it was confirmed that the team would be suspended for their four games scheduled for this past weekend for violating the student athlete code of conduct, which they

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Back on track

Football team claws back to .500 with win over Ottawa

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Ottawa's Randy Williams is wrapped up by Laurier's Thomas Majka during the Hawks' 35-27 win.

Drink safety a concern

Incident at Uptown bar raises drink-tampering issues

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A recent drink-tampering incident at a local nightclub has police reminding students and club employees to be cautious and attentive to the potential dangers of drinking.

"What you have is basically a person was observed with their hand over a drink in a local night club and when the patron returned and looked at the drink, they saw something in the drink," said Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) inspector Kevin Thaler.

A 20-year-old Waterloo man was charged in the Sept. 14 incident with administering a noxious substance to a drink.

An investigation has been launched to determine whether previous incidences are linked, including one that happened the week prior, in which a woman was taken to hospital "nearly unconscious," said Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) inspector Kevin Thaler. Toxicology reports have not yet been returned, but the police will continue to look into whether there may be a connection between the occurrences.

"We have had incidences in the past when we suspected this sort of thing was occurring," Thaler confirmed.

The WRPS has since been involved in speaking to night clubs to create awareness of the issue and provide information about what employees can look for.

"Our core team has basically been going club to club It's a partnership," Thaler said.

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“The whole term of ‘sucking it up’ or ‘man-up’ or ‘don’t be a baby’, are terms that we hope to eliminate.”

—Adam Lawrence, acting dean of students re: mental health

“The game itself, before it was spoiled by the officiating crew, was actually well executed.”

—Laurier men's soccer coach Mario Halapir after Sunday's game vs. McMaster

“They saw all the money the students were spending off campus and I guess they decided they wanted it.”

—Chris Rau, owner of Wings Up, re: Laurier discontinuing automatic convenience dollars for first-year students.

“Peer to peer is much more powerful than a 53-year old athletic director saying thou shall not.”

—Laurier athletic director Peter Baxter re: having the baseball team lead anti-hazing sessions with other student athletes.

Vocal Cord

Was Laurier your first choice of universities?



“No, Nipissing was [my first choice] for math.”

—Samantha Scott
Fourth-year, Chemistry and Math



“No. I think it was Queen's for commerce.”

—Phili Siu
Second-year, business



“Laurier was my first choice.”

—Danielle Mitchell
Second-year, business



“Laurier was 100 percent my first choice. As soon as I came here I knew the atmosphere was right for me.”

—Rachelle Singer
First-year, communication studies

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From the archives

**5 years
Record crowds for 79th Homecoming**

This past weekend, Laurier welcomed back its largest-ever group of alumni for the annual Homecoming celebration.

Though the school was expecting more than 10,000 alumni to attend at least one of the weekend's events, it is hard to gauge exactly how many were in attendance.

Over the course of the weekend, the football game welcomed 9,347 current and former students, tickets to Wilf's and the Turret were sold out at 300 and 600 respectively, and over 400 individuals were present for either their 5th, 10th, 25th or founders (over 50 years) reunion.

Brian Breckles, director of Alumni Relations at Laurier, was “really happy” with how the weekend went, which he attributed to factors such as the summery weather and the newly created position of an alumni officer.

This year, such events included the first-ever pancake breakfast, the pre-football game tailgate party and an evening of comedy featuring comedians Mike Bullard, Debra Di-Giovanni and Trevor Boris.

Breckles explained that alumni from diverse classes attended the event — including one of Laurier's oldest surviving alumni, who graduated from Waterloo Lutheran in 1937.

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“I would sex harric him so bad.”
—Opinion Editor Devon Butler re: Jimmy Stewart.

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Community raises \$6,647 for fire victims

Starlight hosts benefit concert to support Ish and Chips and the tenants who lost their properties in blaze



CRISTINA RUCCHETTA LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Local musicians and businesses teamed up to raise money for the fire victims on Sept. 20 at Starlight.

AMY GRIEF
ARTS EDITOR

With an outpouring of support from the Uptown Waterloo community, \$6,647 was raised at a benefit last week for a local Waterloo business. On Sept. 20, Starlight held this in support of Ish and Chips and the former tenants of 37 King St. North who lost everything in a fire on Aug. 23.

Over 60 local businesses, including Frat Burger, Ethel's, Beta and Chainsaw donated raffle prizes which were auctioned off throughout the night.

Beer sponsor Sleeman donated the revenue from all sales of Pabst Blue Ribbon tallboys and donations were also collected through admission and at coat-check. Local musicians kept the crowd entertained, putting on energetic performances to give the evening a hopeful, rather than somber, feel.

Kamil Mytnik, the son of the owners of Ish and Chips, noted before the benefit on Sept. 20 that the support had been overwhelming.

"Experiencing it first-hand is amazing and the turnout is just unbelievable," he told The Cord last week. "It's very humbling to see that kind of support."

"These people are our neighbours, who we had a relationship with us over the years and so we were trying to think of what we could do that would help them the quickest and in the most practical, immediate way that would make sense for us," said Starlight Lounge co-owner Josh Koehler.

Buns and Stagg opened the show with an acoustic set and they were followed by the more rock heavy Daddy Long Legs, who had the crowd up and on their feet. Danny Michel slowed things down with another acoustic set and Saigon Hookers put on what was described as one of their best shows to date.

Former tenant Ella Korgemets was shocked by the support offered last Thursday night.

"I honestly didn't expect that many people to come out," she said.

Korgemets is a second-year English student at the University of Waterloo and had been living above Ish and

"I honestly didn't expect that many people to come out."

—Ella Korgemets, tenant at 37 King St. North

Chips for a year and a half. She lost everything, except a single painting, in the fire.

In the process of replacing essential items, including a laptop for school, Korgemets still finds the entire experience surreal.

"There were all these people just milling about taking pictures," she said about the fire. "And I was like, that's my house burning down, please don't do that. But you can't really stop it."

Maintaining a positive attitude, Korgemets has moved in with her parents and is looking forward to moving back to the uptown area within the next few months.

Ish and Chips is also looking forward to getting started again as they work with the City of Waterloo to open as a mobile food truck.

"If it's a significant amount [of money raised], my parents will be able to tough it out for the next little while and make some plans and come up with a solution," Mytnik said before the benefit.

As for last Thursday night, the entire community was out in full force looking ahead to a brighter future.

"This whole thing of coming together. I've never seen anything like it or I've never been part of it, and it's just been amazing," concluded Korgemets.

—With files from Lindsay Purchase

WLU pushes new 'visual identity' in advertisements

MARISSA EVANS
LEAD REPORTER

"Inspiring Lives" is the phrase at the bottom of a Wilfrid Laurier University advertisement in the Globe and Mail, which features Kelly Murmets, president and CEO of ParticipACTION.

This advertisement is one of three that will be appearing in publications this year. However, there is more to these advertisements than just undergraduate recruitment.

The advertisements are actually a continuation of the 'Laurier 100' campaign, which was launched during the university's centennial year. This utilized the new tagline, "Inspiring Lives", which was introduced alongside the new visual identity for the university in October of 2011.

"We realized that we were an institution with an incredible story to tell," said Jacqui Tam, assistant vice president of communications, public affairs and marketing. "And that story is comprised of people."

The centennial posed a prime opportunity to tell the story of Laurier.

Tam explained that it was obvious that the best way to tell Laurier's story would be to tell the story of people.

Since then, the advertisements have been featuring students, faculty members or alumni from both the Waterloo and Brantford campuses.

"[The goal] is to raise awareness on a more national level," said Tam. "To ensure that people actually hear the Laurier story and know something about Laurier."

On a secondary level, the ads are also aimed at attracting people to Laurier, as well as making alumni and students proud.

"We want people talking about Laurier," said Tom Buckley, assistant vice president of academic services.

Until recently, we focused most of, if not all, of our recruitment efforts locally. Entering into our second century I think we are aspiring to more."

The advertisements will be running in the Globe and Mail and regional and local newspapers such as the Waterloo Region Record and the Brantford Expositor. They will also be featured on online support with the Globe and Mail, and also Globe and Mail apps on Blackberry, iPads and

iPods.

The type of publications that the ads are appearing in speaks to the primary audience of the ads, who Tam said "really would be the business community, government, general public, potential donors and alumni".

So far, the ads have received praise from the external community. As well, in their awards program this past year, the Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education gave Laurier a gold award for its 2011 series.

Buckley is happy with the work public affairs has done in telling Laurier's story.

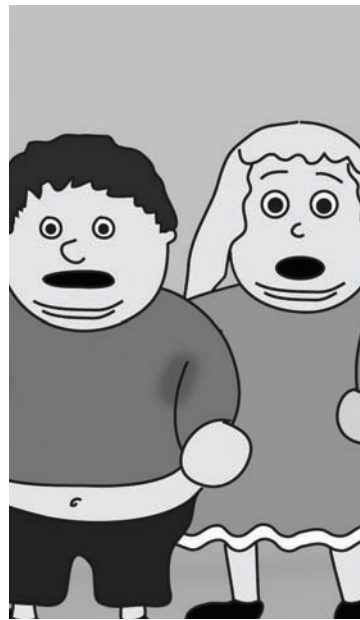
"I think the people they select and the stories they tell align well with that we believe the Laurier experience is all about," he concluded.

"We think that they're very powerful in terms of the stories they tell," Tams said.

"And if they're powerful in terms of the stories they tell, that's because the university community as a whole has an amazing number of individuals who have these incredible stories to tell and who do, to use our institutional proposition, inspire lives of leadership and purpose."

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Food vendors upset about new meal plan

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Changes to Wilfrid Laurier University's first year residence meal plans have raised some ire off campus.

As a result of some restructuring of the meal plans used by first-year students living in residences, no money was automatically put in first years' convenience accounts, which is what is used at off-campus outlets.

And some of the owners of Onecard-accepting businesses are not happy.

"What we're a little upset about is the way the university went about doing it," said Chris Rau, the manager and owner of Wings Up on University Avenue.

"We would've liked to have been consulted, but we weren't even told. We had students come in and try to use their cards and it wasn't working and we didn't know why."

Rau added that he has spoken with the owners of Quick Sandwiches, Noodle Hut and Bianca's Pizza, all of whom also accept the Laurier Onecard, and those proprietors all shared his concerns.

While Rau was upset about not being notified of the change, according to Dan Dawson, WLU's assistant vice president of student services, the university notified all business owners that accept Onecard of the changes to the system via e-mail in early August.

"He didn't get that e-mail in early August for whatever reason, so he was caught off guard," said Dawson.

While first-year students living in residence are no longer automatically given convenience dollars as they were in years past, it is still possible for them to use their Onecards at off-campus locations. These students must manually deposit money into this account either online, at the Onecard office or at an

on-campus machine.

However, first years are not able to transfer their existing meal plan money into a convenience account.

According to Rau, who began accepting the Onecard last October, this has been bad for business.

"A lot of [students] aren't happy about it," he said.

"I don't have numbers to compare the very beginning of the year, but I know that even my lowest week from last year with the Onecard, this year's sales haven't even come near it."

Dawson said businesses partnering with Laurier are free to leave the contract at any time and that this option has been presented to Rau in the discussion he's had with the university. Rau, however, wasn't happy with this approach.

"Their opinion is, 'if you don't like it, get rid of the machine,'" he said. "You don't treat a partner like this."

According to Dawson, the decision to eliminate automatic convenience dollars for first-year residence students was made over the summer as the university renegotiated its deal with Aramark, the company that operates Laurier's dining hall. The motivation for removing the provided convenience money was to encourage first years' use of on-campus options, mainly the refurbished dining hall.

"It's been well-documented that the financial success of food services as a department has been a challenge over the past decade," said Dawson of the \$3,651,851-deficit accumulated by Food Services between 2000 and 2010.

"So the total shift in our meal plan design is intended to address the financial deficit in food services. We need to take care of our own internal operations before we can be primarily concerned about an external, off-campus location."

Rau, however, is not satisfied. "[Laurier] saw all the money the students were spending off campus and I guess they decided they wanted it," he said.



STEPHANIE TRUONG AND JESSICA MITRA GRAPHICS ARTISTS

Local businesses are suffering because WLU students don't have convenience dollars on meal plans.

WLUSU hopes for better multi-governance

With a new system in place, Brantford students should now be on an equal level with those at Waterloo

ELIZABETH DICESARE
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Despite many Wilfrid Laurier University students from the Brantford campus voicing their concerns last year regarding the multi-campus governance policy, the Wilfrid Laurier Student's Union has been stating that their new system will in fact endorse a positive and holistic experience for all Laurier students.

"This year what we're trying to accomplish is to ensure that both campuses work in unison, so we have one organization," said Michael Onabolu, president and CEO of WLUSU. "I spent my time in both Brantford and Waterloo, on both campuses."

Onabolu also explained that the new governance system for this year has a vice-president of campus experience for both the Waterloo and Brantford campuses to ensure that all issues are dealt with accordingly. The Brantford campus also has assistant vice-presidents that give further assistance.

While last year Brantford students were increasingly upset about their voice being lost, WLUSU is assuring that the new system will properly function this year for both campuses.

"We're trying to grow the department on the Brantford campus,"



ROSALIE EID FILE PHOTO

Last year, Laurier Brantford students came to the Waterloo campus to voice their concerns to WLUSU.

explained Chris Walker, vice-president of university affairs at WLUSU. "It's a matter of growing my department to utilize those students and communicate."

He continued by stating that a number of volunteers will be hired in order to ensure that the Brantford campus remains a successful community, and promote positive advocacy for the campus as a whole.

Walker also emphasized that all programs carried out on the Waterloo campus — such as the new

mental health initiatives — will also be followed up on the Brantford campus to ensure that all students have the same resources and opportunities available to them, and to provide equal programming across both campuses.

In order to do this, Onabolu stated that WLUSU is attempting to spend equal amounts of time on both campuses.

"What we're trying to do is ensure that there's face-time that's spent there ... and just co-ordinating

different events," Onabolu explained. "Another thing that's going on, for example from an operating standpoint, so things like the operating procedures between the Student's Union and the Laurier Brantford campus, we're trying to make that a holistic multi-campus document, so that it's one document between Laurier and the Student's Union."

As of now, Laurier Brantford has its own separate document. However, according to Onabolu, bringing

the documents together to form one will have many benefits.

"Seeing it all in one place will keep [it] in top of mind ... so that everyone is aware that whenever we think about things on the Waterloo campus we also think about things on the Brantford campus as well," Onabolu said.

"I think another thing that it does is that it reminds us that we do have both campuses to operate on, so we do spend our time on both campuses."

Onabolu did express that lack of physical space does cause issues, as there is limited room for work to be done on the Brantford campus.

However, despite this barrier, he is hoping that the two campuses will be able to come together and work effectively.

Walker echoed Onabolu's views, and stated that WLUSU will continue to work towards an effective system that will bring about positive results for students.

"Fundamentally, students are all after the same thing in terms of a high quality, holistic student experience, so regardless of where it is, or what faculty, or whatever, the Student's Union is working with the university and working independently in some cases, to provide that to students as best we can," he concluded.

New students recognized

A warm welcome for international students coming to WLU

MARISSA EVANS
LEAD REPORTER

Max Blouw, president of Wilfrid Laurier University welcomed a room full of international students at the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA) Monday evening as part of the international students welcome. It was the university's chance to extend a formal welcome to the students who are joining the Laurier community in both Waterloo and Brantford this year.

Laurier staff and faculty alike were in attendance, hoping to better acquaint themselves with the students and support them in the commencement of their exchange journey. Students had the opportunity to mingle with each other and members of the community prior to and following the speeches.

Blouw and David McMurray, vice president of student affairs, were the two speakers at the event.

Blouw began his speech by talking about BlackBerry and Research in Motion (RIM). Jim Balsillie, the former co-CEO of RIM, funded the construction of the BSIA building, which was something that Blouw said was a testament to Balsillie's support of the programs that take place there.

"You students coming from other countries are now in your university. It is no longer our university, it's yours," Blouw told students. "And it's also your community."

With over 17,000 undergraduate students, Laurier, including Brantford, is today considered to be a mid-sized university. Blouw spoke to the growth the university has seen in population, but also in reputation. He invited the students to contribute to increasing that reputation and bettering their community.

"But I want you to realize that you are now in a country and a community that is supportive of you," he continued. "That welcomes you[and] that thinks that what you are here for is important to us, just as it's important to you."

A piece of this culture that students encounter at Laurier is an emphasis on academics, but McMurray also pointed out the focus the community has on the individual and the personal development of students while they are attending school here.

"What we're trying to do with an event very much like this is to encourage you to engage with each other, with faculty, with staff, and really take in all that a global exchange opportunity like this one," McMurray said.

Getting involved while here on the exchange has reciprocal benefits for both themselves and the community at large.

"What you contribute to the community here and your educational experience is what is most important and why this community thrives," said McMurray. "You all have expertise in something,

"I want you to realize that you are now in a country and a community that is supportive of you."

—Max Blouw, president of Wilfrid Laurier University

perhaps that no one else does. And the opportunity to share that and teach others on a peer-to-peer perspective is really important."

Blouw echoed this by encouraging students to reach out to their classmates and engage with the people they will meet.

After conversing with a number of exchange students following the speeches, Blouw took a few moments to speak with *The Cord*, and he expressed his expectations for the upcoming school year.

"My hope for them is that they teach us a lot and they learn a lot," he said. "That they integrate and that we integrate with them. And that we have a very supportive environment both ways for our international students."



CRISTINA RUCCHETA LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Max Blouw welcomed new international students Monday night.

Internet concerns still present at Laurier

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CORD NEWS

The quality of Wilfrid Laurier University's wireless internet has been subject to criticism over the years by the student population. Students have experienced everything from barely-functional speeds to not being able to connect at all.

In response to the widespread dissatisfaction, Laurier's Information Technology Services (ITS) made significant investments in the wireless system in the last 18 months.

"We've been using a completely different device; the solution we have now will handle more connections, connections over longer distances, and higher capacity," explained Tom Buckley, assistant vice president of academic services.

Buckley said there should be

especially better coverage in specific classrooms, by educational needs, and large congregating areas such as the Concourse, the Science Atrium and the library.

"I definitely noticed the speed improvement last year," agreed Kenneth Leung, a fourth-year business student.

"But I feel like the network is slowing down because everybody has smartphones now and they always connect to networks."

Buckley acknowledged this claim. The growing number of wireless devices has indeed been an added weight to the wireless system.

The simple solution would seem to be to invest enough money to make wireless better all around Laurier, but Buckley noted that there are restrictions and set priorities in the improvement of wireless.

"We do not do blanket coverage of

the entire university. It would mean an increase of hundreds of dollars per year in the fees [students are] paying," he stated.

This would include hundreds of dollars that some students would find excessive and not be willing to pay.

"I could just go home and use my Internet, and you already pay quite a bit for tuition in hopes that there would be satisfactory Internet," said Brianna Cowling, a fourth-year kinesiology student.

Buckley went on to stress that educational needs were the most important to address with social and extra-curricular needs only being secondary.

He added that such non-academic activities are actually one of the biggest contributors in slowing down the wireless system and is not the kind of service Laurier intends

to supply.

"If you believe that you should be able to run BitTorrent on five connections, YouTube on three and have ultra high-speed wherever you go on campus, that's not what we're trying to accomplish," said Buckley.

At this point, nothing is done to prevent or deter heavy Internet usage by individuals, but this could potentially change in the future if necessary.

Wireless traffic could technically be strictly prioritized, shaped and throttled.

This would mean that when the wireless network detected heavy usage, it could slow down your wireless to speed up others, but for now, the heavy users are left alone.

Wireless access is clearly an important resource for today's students, but there are many intricacies that must be carefully factored in.

"Our goal cannot be 100 per cent satisfaction because we don't want to use your tuition dollars for somebody else's social activity online, it's going to be a balance," stated Buckley.

He concluded by encouraging students to voice their concerns and demands as necessary.

"We want to ensure we find out and continue to have the dialogue around what's important. The channel is always open through the student support desk."

Prof launches new book

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STAFF WRITER

On Sept. 19, Tamas Dobozy, of Wilfrid Laurier University's English and film studies department, launched his new book entitled *Siege 13*.

The book revolves around the siege of Budapest at the end of World War Two, and is a book of short stories that tell the tales of people affected by the siege both in 1944 and the present day.

The launch was held in the Paul Martin Centre and was attended by mostly colleagues, as well as some students of Dobozy.

Passages were read from sections of the stories and a book signing and meet and greet followed the lecture.

The book was also recently short-listed for the Rogers Writers' Trust

Fiction Prize. Over 160 books were read, but only five were shortlisted. Among those five was Dobozy's *Siege 13*, but the winner has yet to be announced.

"I also got an email from my publicist this morning," stated Dobozy on the Tuesday after the book launch.

"Chapter's [bookstore] wants to display the book more prominently, and they want me to write a short essay to be put on the website."

The book launch helped to showcase the book, and since its release has gained significant notoriety.

Dobozy has family that lives in Hungary, and he too has personally lived there, so many of the stories in the book were linked to his family's history.

"A history of Budapest has recently been translated to English

and published," continued Dobozy, as he explained that those works also gave inspiration for some of his stories.

He also stated that the silence of people from Budapest regarding the siege intrigued him, and also led him to pursue work on the matter.

As a result, the book allows a viewpoint into life in 1944 Budapest and is available at the WLU bookstore.

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Discussing water disputes, shortages in the Middle East

Water is a limited resource for Israel, Palestine and Jordan

SHAUN FITL
WEB EDITOR

Last Friday, Eran Feitelson, a professor of geography from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, gave a lecture entitled "The Options and Impediments to the Israeli-Palestinian Water Dispute" at Wilfrid Laurier University.

The topics discussed ranged from the geography of water in the Middle East to the issues of water storage and joint-management between Israel and Palestine.

"Most of the projects that we talk about are joint Israeli-Palestinian projects," said Feitelson.

"In terms of the basic dispute... most of Israel's water is derived from shared resources, the mountain aquifer [and] the Jordan River."

Israel's National Water Carrier, completed in 1964, connected all surface water basins from the Sea of Galilee in the northeast to the metropolitan areas in the coastal plains.

"But the main water source of the region is the groundwater," explained Feitelson.

The groundwater is mostly located in mountain aquifers within Palestine as the geography of the Jordan Rift Valley causes water to naturally flow from tributaries around the Eastern Lebanon Mountain Range into a series of springs underneath the Samaritan and Judean Highlands.

Feitelson stated that in the case of the Middle East, with long periods of drought, "storage is the name of the game."

Groundwater is particularly useful in this sense because it is not

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—Eran Feitelson, professor

vulnerable to evaporation, and can be used to increase storage capacity.

Israel also uses industrial processes such as desalination and recycling of wastewater to increase the amount of the water supply that is "insensitive to climate and weather."

However, given the location of storage resources Feitelson recognized that Israel and Palestine will need to manage the shared aquifers.

"The discussion usually begins as some zero-sum game, a view which essentially says where one side gets more, the other side gets less," explained Feitelson.

"There is a limited resource and all the [political] entities — Israel, Palestine, Jordan — are in extreme water scarcity."

Feitelson also pointed to the issues of rapid population growth in the region and the corresponding increase in per capita demand to follow in the economic future.

"However, the zero-sum game is actually outdated," he claimed.

He proposed that the debate would be better handled if parties would "cease to talk about historical rights" and look at the issue in the economic realm to "de-politicize

the issue."

Israel's industrial water system is used to transport desalinated seawater from the coast inland, but despite increasing overall water supply, so that the zero-sum game becomes more flexible, the level of distrust between the parties limits the possibility of cooperation.

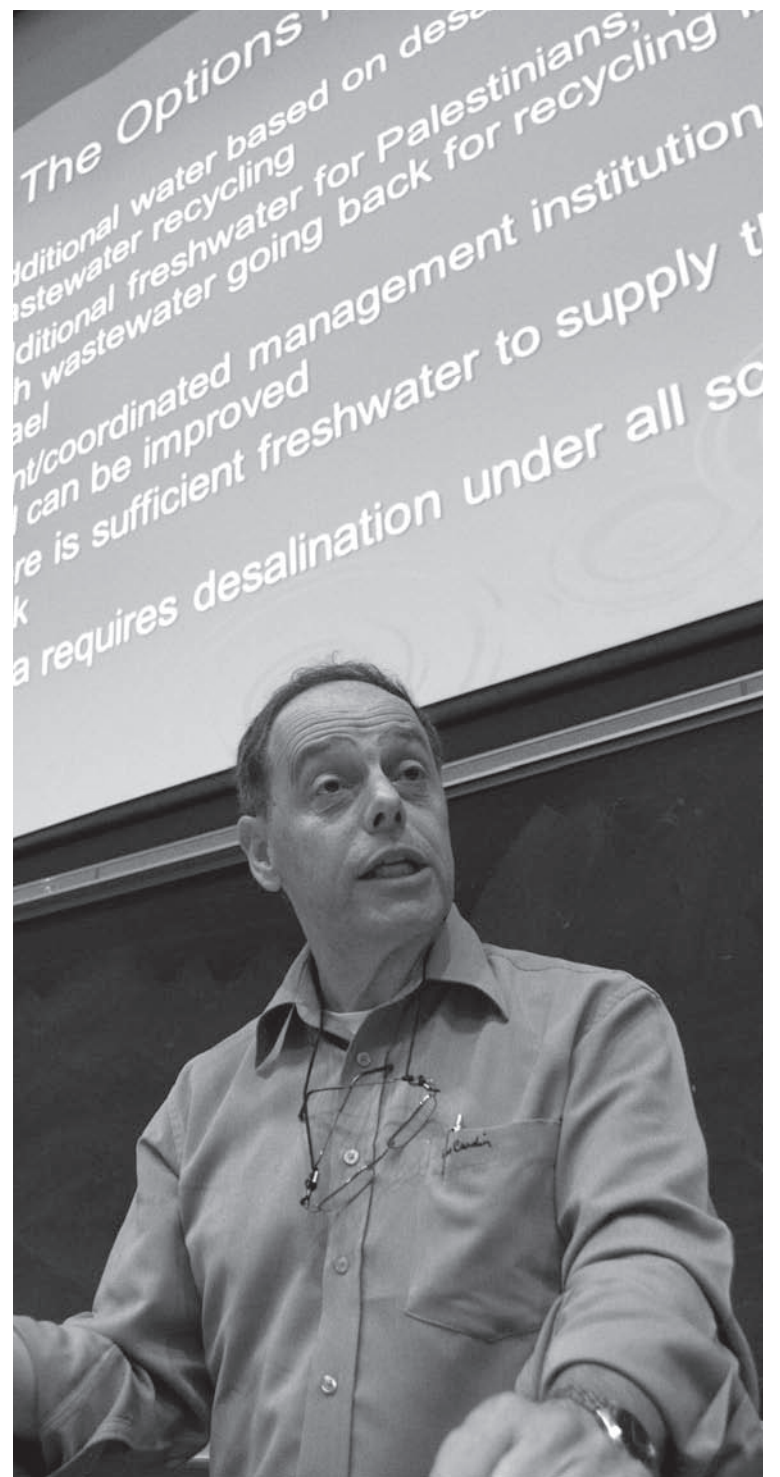
"The Palestinian Water Authority recognizes that at some point in the future there will be a need for desalination but [doesn't] want to be dependent on [it]," stated Feitelson.

Instead, according to Feitelson, it would exercise a higher degree of sovereignty over the pumping of the mountain aquifer resources, of which the per capita use amongst Israelis is disproportionately more than that amongst Palestinians.

"Desalination is part of the solution but is not the whole solution," concluded Feitelson.

He finished by explaining that basic power relationships are intrinsically changed between both parties with Israel being upstream and in control of the water sources.

Ultimately he argued that the question of "who will control the storage" must be answered through joint water management.



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Eran Feitelson spoke about the water dispute in the Middle East.



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CRISTINA RUCCHETTA LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Police are investigating whether a recent drink tampering incident, in which a man was charged, is related to other suspicious activities.

'It could happen to anyone'

—cover

Thaler added that some venues do make a point of educating their staff to be prepared for these types of incidences.

Jeyas Balaskanthan, the director of hospitality services at Wilfrid Laurier University, said that as soon as the memorandum was received by the Turret and Wilfs, it was posted immediately for staff to see in multiple locations.

For him, the key is having sufficient staff and security presence to oversee the venues, particularly on busier nights. On Saturdays, the Turret has additional supervision from either Waterloo Regional Police or Special Constables, along with having multiple managerial staff monitoring the floor.

Ensuring that there is sufficient lighting to observe club patrons is also important.

"We try to take pride in providing the most-safe atmosphere for students," he said. "We've never had an issue."

While bars and nightclub staff must be attentive to their surroundings and the security of patrons,

those consuming the drinks also need to consider their responsibility in maintaining personal safety. Excessive alcohol consumption can have dangerous consequences on awareness.

"It could easily happen to anyone," considered Cristina Almudevar, a third-year English student at Wilfrid Laurier. "It's always a concern."

Almudevar claimed to know someone who had been a victim of drink tampering.

"Self-awareness and vigilance on your own is one of the biggest things," said Balaskanthan. He advised pairing up as a means of self-protection.

Thaler added that ensuring that there is always a member of the group who has a high degree of awareness is also important, "It's a matter of consumption, but in moderation. Don't lose control of your physical surroundings," he cautioned.

"They don't need to spike your drink if you can't stand up on your own two feet and know where you are."

Said third-year communications

"They don't need to spike your drink if you can't stand up on your own two feet."

—Kevin Thaler, WRPS inspector

major Shaيدا Khosrowshahian, "When you're drunk, you don't consider it."

The only way to be certain of avoiding drink tampering, however, is to ensure you do not leave your drink unattended.

"Never give that opportunity," said Balaskanthan. "Don't go out, or leave it with a friend."

Many bars and night clubs do not allow for drinks to be brought into bathrooms.

Drink tampering is not an issue isolated to going out however. It can be problematic at parties as well, where people may feel more comfortable leaving their drink out in the presence of familiar people.

Thaler continued, "If you go into

the washroom, leave your drink with a trusted friend, and then even when you get back, examine it. Because this stuff you can sometimes see that the drink has changed or that there's something in it."

He was unaware of any males reporting drink-tampering instances, but acknowledged that there may be victims, male or female, who neglected to file a report.

Police are encouraging people who suspect they may have experienced drink tampering to come forward with any information, as further information may help in finding linkages or identifying suspects.

The locations of where the drink tampering incidences occurred have not been released to the public.

Assault claim retracted

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LEAD REPORTER

Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) are withdrawing the sexual assault accusation from last Monday night, which occurred on the University of Waterloo's campus, stating that "the female's initial allegations to the police were not true."

On Sept. 18, University of Waterloo campus police released a statement announcing that a "serious" assault had occurred the previous night on the university campus.

The female student was allegedly "seriously assaulted by two males" who evidently fled the scene afterwards.

The next day, another statement was released, indicating that this assault had indeed been sexual. The UW police website provided a description of the two suspects' features, along with additional information about the investigation, including a paragraph that addressed the concerns for safety of students on campus and precautions that one should take.

However, following an investigation by "Major Case Branch investigators," it was determined that the sexual assault did not, in fact, transpire.

In a statement released Thursday, Sept. 20, the WRPS addressed the untruthful allegations previously mentioned by the female student and came to the conclusion that "the sexual assault previously described at the University of Waterloo campus on Sept. 17, 2012, did not occur."

No charges had been laid and the investigators "are appreciative of public assistance received during the investigation."

The WRPS were unable to comment on this investigation, but the UW police website does stress the importance of safety during night hours, on and off campus.

While it is unclear whether the female had any motive behind the initial allegations, police say it is important to note that sexual assault accusations are a serious matter and should not be reported for any other reason than the truth.

Students from both Wilfrid Laurier and UW can find information on how to remain safe on campus on both schools' websites.

"The University of Waterloo remains committed to ensuring the safety of all members of our campus community," said the statement.



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City looks for input on transport issues

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"I'm really excited to be here tonight with you to begin the discussion on how we can make our neighbourhoods safer," began Waterloo Ward 7 councillor Melissa Durrell, speaking to a packed room of over 100 people at the Uptown Transportation Summit on Sept. 19.

The event was designed as an open forum for the community to provide feedback on their outlook and concerns with transportation issues in Uptown Waterloo before starting a formal transportation study.

Last year, in 2011, the City of Waterloo approved its first Transportation Master Plan, which outlines the

creation of safer, more sustainable transportation. Engineer and manager of the Master Plan Chris Hodgson detailed that the goals are to create a bike and walk friendly city, while considering aspects such as financial sustainability and development. With Light Rail Transit (LRT) set to be constructed within the next few years, now is a crucial time to be considering transportation development in Uptown.

"From the 30s to the end of the 20th century, all cities were designed around cars. Now we're in a situation where we have to redesign cities," reflected attendee Peter Mansell in a group discussion.

"We're kind of trapped by the decisions we made earlier."

The room was set up with small

round tables to allow for group discussion. Each group was given a detailed map of the uptown area and an idea board, while each person was given Post-it notes to write their questions and suggestions. Volunteers rotated amongst the tables three times to facilitate discussion on different transportation-related questions.

Concerns were expressed by some, including uptown resident Pat Fennessy, about safety concerns for cyclists travelling through the city core.

She has a 12-year old son for whom biking to school would be more convenient, but doesn't due to the lack of bike lanes along the route.

"I'm concerned about the increase

in traffic. Not a decrease in bike lanes, but lack of bike lanes," she expressed.

Joy Simms, University of Waterloo student and a volunteer at the summit, said she heard a lot of concerns being voiced about parking in Uptown Waterloo, regarding spaces being taken away to facilitate further development, and advocacy for active transport.

Simms felt the event went well, observing it was "a lot of educating people, but also getting their ideas out into the open, so they appreciate that."

However, not all were satisfied with the workshop-style setup or the opportunities provided to give feedback.

"These exercises were a bit

juvenile," said Ms. Murray, who declined to give her first name. She felt that larger group discussion would have been more beneficial and that the next steps following the Transportation Summit were not made entirely clear. A lot of what was discussed, she added, was simply "stating the obvious."

"Most of the important decisions have already been made; we're just here to be soothed," agreed uptown resident Claire Wilson.

City representatives announced that all information collected would be transcribed, and that those who signed up to receive further information would receive an email within two weeks answering the top ten questions collected from participants.

Tech talks in K-W

JONATHAN PERES DA SILVA
CORD NEWS

On Sept. 22 and 23, the Tannery and the Conrad Centre for Performing Arts in Downtown Kitchener hosted Fluxible, a new "user experience" (UX) conference. Different professionals came from in and outside of Canada to give workshops, speeches and even a 'beernote speaker' who talked about the opening of his own brewery.

Robert Barlow-Busch, one of the two primary organizers for the event along with Mark Connelly, stated "it's a UX party disguised as a conference."

"UX is kind of an umbrella term that covers a whole bunch of specific disciplines for people who design products. These are folks who are really concerned about designing the function of a product," he continued.

Speakers from "all over the world, as far as Sydney and Hong Kong," were there to impart technical knowledge on those who attended.

The workshops and speeches at the conference covered a large range of topics. Some included thinking critically about one's skills, how to maximize usability of graphics in one's interfaces, designing for tablets, and many more. The closing keynote was given by Dan Gärdenfors, a RIM employee who spoke on "Investing the future of public computing surfaces."

This conference had a number of sponsors and influences, including local businesses Quarry Integrated Communications and Harris Corporations, as well as Google, N-Form and Blackberry, among others.

The sponsors weren't the only people involved however, as there was the team of volunteer planners of 20 people working on it over the course of many months.

It took, "The better part of a year to get this thing going," said Barlow-Busch.

The work, according to Barlow-Busch, was well worth the effort. "People have been coming up to us, saying 'thank you for arranging it,' saying they had a great time and learned a lot, asking us to do it next year," he said.

Reactions from the attendees both speakers and otherwise were just as, if not more, positive.

Karl Fast, a professor from Kent State, stated, "What I try to do at a talk like this is be more inspirational in many ways."

"It's a great opportunity. Honestly, I love conferences and there aren't any in this area, and the company would not fund travel to go to a conference, so being right at our backdoor is perfect," said attendee and RIM employee Margaret Kuo. She even said that she would show up again next year, hoping she "might help run it."

It's more than likely that attendees and sponsors will get their wish granted, as the conference is currently planned to be a yearly event, and is certainly going to be held in Kitchener-Waterloo.

"We went into this definitely knowing we would do it more than once," said Barlow-Busch. "We're kind of nominally planning on doing it annually at this point, and the informal feedback we've been getting these few days is that they definitely want it every year."



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The Quantum-Nano Centre, a new building at UW, opened its doors to the public on Sept. 21.

Quantum Valley takes root

MIKE RADIVOI
CORD NEWS

Last Friday marked the grand opening of the Mike and Ophelia Lazaridis Quantum-Nano Centre (QNC) at the heart of the University of Waterloo. The facility – costing around \$160 million – combines the disciplines of quantum physics and nanotechnology.

"This is a significant milestone," said University of Waterloo president Feridun Hamdullahpur.

"There are many institutes of nano technology around the world, and facilities for quantum computing. But to put the two of them together, this is the first of its kind. It doesn't exist anywhere else in the world."

Due to the sensitive nature of quantum and nanoscale experiments, the 285,000-square foot facility is designed to control noise, vibration, electromagnetic interference and radio interference, to name a few.

"There's a saying that when you go that deep, things get sticky," said Graeme Williams, a UW graduate from the nanotech engineering program.

"As you go into nano, the equipment that you need is infinitely more complex – and infinitely more

expensive. We're looking at the point of individual atoms or clusters of atoms. In order to do that you need clean facilities, and you need all kinds of equipment that enable you to manipulate those atoms."

Throughout the event, parallels were drawn between the QNC and the iconic Bell Labs, which won seven nobel prizes for breakthroughs in fields such as laser technology, radio astronomy and multiple programming languages. UW hope that the QNC will become the Bell Labs of the 21st century.

I predict that the discoveries and innovations at Bell Labs led to the companies that created Silicon Valley, so will the discoveries and innovations of the Quantum Nano Center lead to the creation of companies that will be instrumental in transforming the Waterloo Region into an area known as 'The Quantum Valley,'" said Lazaridis in a speech at the event.

Also in attendance was famous British author and theoretical physicist Dr. Stephen Hawking. Hawking has been instrumental in the promotion of the sciences and education in Waterloo region. This time last year, the Perimeter Institute opened its Stephen Hawking Centre of Theoretical Physics. Hawking spoke at the QNC's grand opening,

praising the region on many different levels.

"I am delighted to be here in Waterloo for this occasion of global scientific significance. I am getting to know Waterloo well; it is clear to me that this place is special," Hawking revealed.

"It is special for many reasons; its collaborative culture, its research excellence, its philanthropic visionaries, and its leadership in post-secondary education."

Students from the university crowded outside to catch a glimpse of the famous scientist, even climbing the QNC to look through its windows.

Much to the delight of the crowd, Dr. Hawking made a brief appearance outside to satisfy their curiosity.

In a candid comment at the event, Hamdullahpur spoke of a conversation he had shared with Mr. Lazaridis the night prior on their hopes for the building.

"I was having this conversation with Mike Lazaridis last night," Hamdullahpur said.

"We genuinely looked at each other and said: we need to celebrate the next Nobel Prize that will come out of this facility. It was not a light statement, it was a genuine statement. This place has that potential."

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Census reveals increasing diversity

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LEAD REPORTER

Census data released last week has shown that Canadian households have undergone diversification in comparison to five years ago.

Current information from Statistics Canada counted 9,389,700 census families in 2011, increasing up to 5.5 per cent in comparison to the 2006 census. Of these families, virtually 6,294,000 were made up of married couples. This is a 3.1 per cent increase from previous years.

The amplification in married couples is not the only thing that has changed, however. Since 2006, the number of common law families has increased by 13.9 per cent.

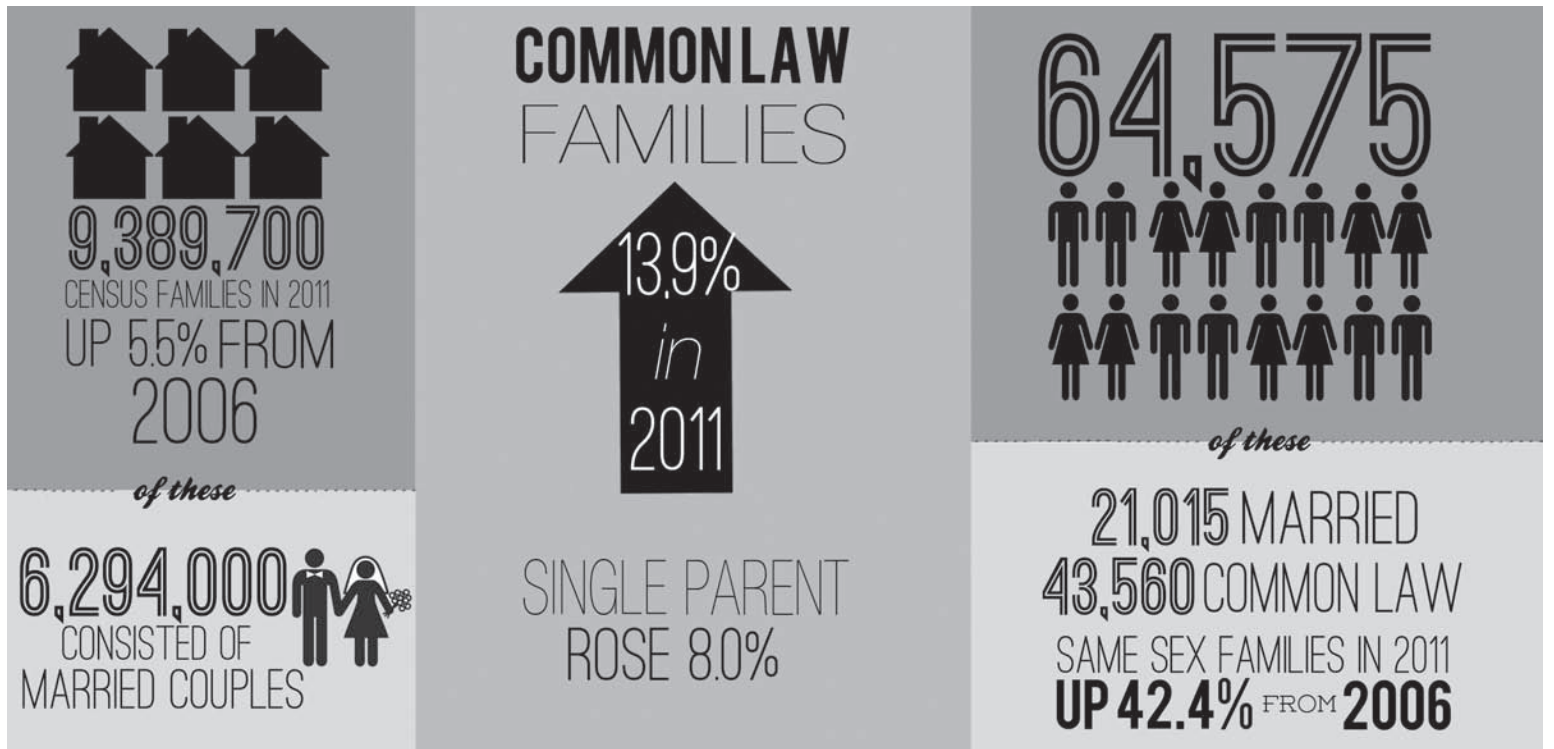
Wilfrid Laurier University associate professor in the department of sociology Glenda Wall believes that the idea of marriage is no longer a major priority to individuals. Instead, couples are choosing to live together and delay marriage or remain unmarried.

"You have a smaller of proportion of families being married couples. Fewer people are choosing to marry or delaying marriage longer," Wall said.

"Common-law has been accepted, its not stigmatized like it used to be. Children grow up with the experience of parents who have been divorced and there's speculation that they are less willing to marry."

Wall also shared that there is now an estimated 464,335 step-families in Canada. They now represent 12.6 per cent of the approximate 3.7 million couple families with children currently living in Canada.

Nora Bohnert, communications specialist of Statistics Canada, also noted that the gradual trend of



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common-law families rose at an increasing rate in the duration of a 30-year period. The trend patterns of common-law unions forced Statistics Canada to reevaluate how they count the population.

"When you look over the population in the last five years, there has been a gradual trend that has happened over time," Bohnert explained.

"We didn't even begin counting common-law couples until 1981 and they have increased rapidly since then."

Bohnert also shared that blended families and single-parent households have also increased, as the

divorce rate has continued to progress in the last five years to just over 1,527,800.

In addition to the acceptance of common-law unions, there has been an increase in same-sex marriages and unions.

Same-sex families have been up to 64,575, which is a staggering 42.4 per cent increase from the 2006 census. Of these, 21,015 were same-sex married couples and 43,560 were same-sex common-law couples. In total, Same-sex couples accounted for 0.8 per cent of the population.

"There is a growing diversity of families," Bohnert said. "There is a

corresponding increase in same-sex marriages and it will only increase over time."

The drastic changes in the census have been viewed by Stats Canada as having a positive impact on Canada and its people. The census shows a Canada that is more diverse and tolerant of these changes in the home life.

"I think they are positive, they indicate greater diversity in families, and greater tolerance for diversity in families," Bohnert said.

"We have families that are very different. We have families that still love and care for each other, but they don't always fit the same mold."

"There is a growing diversity of families. There is a corresponding increase in same-sex marriages."

—Nora Bohnert, communications specialist at Statistics Canada

War resister deported

Kimberly Rivera, a US military deserter, stirred up controversy when she was returned to the US by the Canadian government

RAVI BALAKRISHNAN
CORD NEWS

This past Thursday US war resister Kimberly Rivera presented herself at the American border in Gananoque, Ontario, as per her deportation order. Rivera is a former American Soldier, who fled to Canada after she left the American military because of growing moral objections to the effort in Iraq.

Rivera was deported on the grounds that she would not be in danger of being punished, tortured or have her life threatened, despite the fact that she was vocal about her objection to the war in Iraq.

Rivera is the mother of four children, two of whom were born in Canada.

She has been residing in Toronto since 2007, after she acted on her evolving sentiments towards the Iraq war from when she was overseas. At the time, she had even stopped carrying her rifle around with her.

"The government can grant people, on the humanitarian and compassionate grounds, the right to remain legally in Canada," explained Chris Anderson, a professor in Wilfrid Laurier University's political science department.

Anderson went on to explain that the American military certainly does want Rivera back considering how serious a charge desertion could be.

"Military justice and the cohesion of the military depends upon people simply not being able to opt out," he explained.

Many organizations, such as the United Steelworkers, have been outspoken on this issue, criticizing the Minister of Immigration and Citizenship Jason Kenney for his decision. Canadian political parties have also been highly vocal.

"Different political parties have taken different positions on this [decision]. Each party will no doubt suggest that this reflects certain core values. This government definitely has taken its position which is that American deserters should go back; they're not facing persecution, they're facing a form of prosecution," continued Anderson.

Luke Stewart, a PhD candidate from the University of Waterloo, who helped organize local demonstrations against Rivera's deportation explained, "Unfortunately, the Canadian government has been cooperating with the American government. In July 2010 they implemented operational bulletin 202, which highlights that duress soldiers coming to Canada are potentially criminally inadmissible in Canada, because desertion is a crime under US military law as well as Canadian. So the Conservative government hasn't been doing anything for Kimberly Rivera."

There has been tremendous public scrutiny targeted towards the United States, suggesting that instances like this are further examples of the government punishing conscientious war objectors.

Alistair Edgar, the executive director of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), contends that there is a

"Military justice and the cohesion of the military depends upon people simply not being able to opt out."

—Chris Anderson, professor of political science at Laurier

lot of gray area in terms of this particular case.

"I don't know as 'a fact' that her fleeing the US military and coming to Canada was [or] is based on moral disagreement. That obviously is her contention, and that of her supporters; and it makes sense that one would make such an argument," said Edgar. "Saying anything else would be self-defeating."

Ultimately, Rivera's fate, while not certain at this point, based on historical precedence, this can include jail time.

"Soldiers have the right (and indeed, the legal as well as moral obligation) to refuse to obey orders to commit criminal acts in war," Edgar explained.

"But the extent to which they have the legal right and obligation to decide on the 'justness' of a war per se is less clear."

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ULTIMATE FAN CONTEST

Obesity in youth: a growing concern

Nearly 20 per cent of children are considered overweight, says Stats Can.

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LEAD REPORTER

Obesity has become an increasingly critical issue in Canada, especially for children and young adults.

Obesity, a medical condition in which a person is grossly overweight, has affected 11.7 per cent of Canadian children ages five to 17, according to a recent Statistics Canada study.

An additional 19.8 per cent of youth in this age group are considered overweight.

Weight gain occurs when the energy ingested is more than the energy burned from physical activity. The use of television and computer games has contributed to the lack of physical activity, resulting in a sedentary lifestyle.

"A lot of it is just overeating and inactivity," said Gwen Rogers, children's dietician for Grand River Hospital.

"I personally feel that the junk food in schools and advertising is the root cause; they've always been there. We just need to educate kids that they have junk food in moderation."

Rogers had recommended that kids who are obese need to eat more foods with whole grains and whole wheat.

She also recommended that kids have more foods in their more natural and less processed state, and to

avoid foods that are high in sugar and fat.

"A lot of it is we have to get the kids active, because we're seeing that they are a lot less active, and I think parents need to be better educated," Rogers said.

"Kids need to be better educated because there are lots of healthy choices that they can make, they're just not making them."

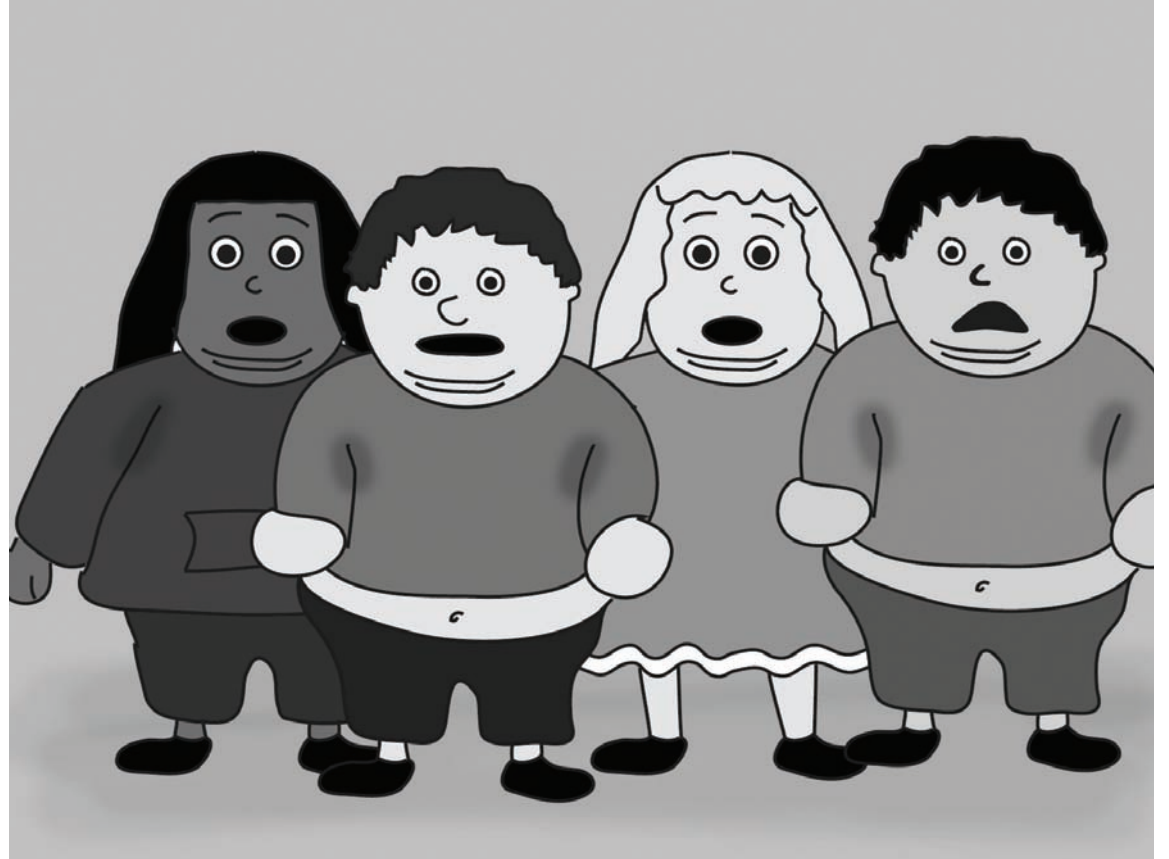
Obesity in childhood can lead into adulthood unless drastic lifestyle changes are made. Karen Ostrander, manager of Health Services at Wilfrid Laurier University, spoke about the effects on the body if childhood obesity carries into adulthood.

Aside from low self-esteem and distorted body image, there are a plethora of health risks.

"If you're overweight in childhood, that is more likely to carry on into adulthood and when you get to be about 40 your metabolism slows down and you'll gain a lot more weight," Ostrander said.

More weight gain is not the only worry that is faced with childhood obesity leading into adulthood. Type-two diabetes is another major health scare that overweight children may face if their lifestyle as an adult continues to reflect their lifestyles now.

Sleep apnea, and bone and joint problems are also issues that can be faced by an obese child as they get



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older and are not becoming more health conscious.

Ostrander also believes that young adults gain a significant amount of weight once they come to university, as their change in lifestyle alters their eating patterns. No longer having prepared healthy meals at home, most students

choose to eat out, as it is easier access.

This contributes to the stereotype of the "freshman 15".

"When you look at the offerings, there are ongoing debates about why we even have hamburgers and fries as an option. Well, it can be healthy, everything can fit, but

people need to take ownership of what they put into their bodies," Ostrander said.

"We have a dietician on staff who encourages students to think about how they will plan their meals effectively and healthily and helps educate university students about portion sizes," Ostrander added.

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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.

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Dear John,
I see it all now that you're gone. Don't you think I was too young to be messed with? The girl in the dress cried the whole way home... I should've known...
Sincerely,
Taylor Swift

Dear EIC,
Let's fuck.
Sincerely,
Your squinty eyes make me have a boner

Dear Life,
I hate my ex-boyfriend(s). I don't know how anyone could ever date them!
Sincerely,
I made that mistake once too...

Dear Life,
I think I was a baller in my last life.
Sincerely,
Swag Masta

Dear Life,
To the person who wrote us a novel about how their two cousins died and they are in a deep depression, thanks for ruining the only fun thing about Wednesdays.
Sincerely,
Dear Life is for laughs

Dear Life,
Raindrops on the window... There's probably some grey clouds up above.
Sincerely,
Ella Ella Eh

Dear 'bro',
You know you look like a dumbass walking out of the gym smoking a cigarette. Your six pack won't mean dick all when you're getting a double lung transplant.
Sincerely,
Fat, but will probably live longer than you

Dear Life,
I don't know why everyone is so fucking eager to get into class...but seriously you gotta let me get out of the fucking classroom first.
Sincerely,
Why did I even go to class today?

Dear life,
Life's a hill...get the fuck over it.
Sincerely,

Words to live by

Dear Cord,
Does it bother you that after all your hard work and intellect that people only open you up to read Dear Life? Sincerely,
This is what happens when the admission cut off is only 74 per cent

Dear Life,
It's funny how girls that were hot in high school grow out of their looks, and the average girls become sweeter with age.
Sincerely,
Seriously reconsidering who I took to my hs prom

Dear Life,
It's bad when you can't tell the difference between when a girl's facebook album starts and end...because all the fucking photos look the same.
Sincerely,
You might be hot, but your life looks boring as shit.

Dear Life,
You have become ten times better since I've discovered hazelnut coffee creamer. Seriously.
Sincerely,
Addicted

Dear Life,
I miss writing for The Cord,
Sincerely,
Your favourite intern! (who is loving Brock)

Dear Life,
Yo bro. Why do haters have to hate so much?
Sincerely,
Come at me

Dear Life,
Werd.
Sincerely,
Bringing it back

Dear Life,
Rogers is a dirty, sneaky company! There's all sorts of hidden fees you never hear about until you see your bill. For example, did you know you are charged \$9 a year to be able to call 911? How about these so called "activation fees"? I'm sure Bell is probably just as bad but I know more about Rogers.

Sincerely,
Advertise the real price you will have to pay!

Dear Life,
So has anyone else noticed a severe lack of brightly-coloured windbreakers in the past 25 years?
Sincerely,
Another thing Sinbad had right

Dear Life,
If Laurier's wifi connection involved IT putting their heads up their ass, maybe I could connect to the Internet.
Sincerely,
Get a butter knife and some oil.

Dear Life,
Tell the reporters and editors at the Cord to interview someone other than the same group of their friends who seem to be featured in every single article. There are how many thousand kids at this school and the same names keep showing up over and over. Journalism at its finest,
Campus News Editor.
Sincerely,
Sick of you and your friends' opinions. Show me some diversity

Dear Life,
Why don't people understand what Twitter is?
Sincerely,
The Internet has made people suck

Dear Life,
We currently live in a world where the Arizona Cardinals have more wins than the Packers, Patriots and Saints combined.
Sincerely,
God bless replacement refs!!

Dear Life,
Props to whoever quoted Reagan; that was the funniest thing in that whole paper. Also, business students, way to make the rest of us feel underdressed. People in sweatpants, stay classy!
Sincerely,
English major

Dear Waterloo,
You're going to regret not accepting me in the end.
Sincerely,
Very Happy to be at Laurier

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“a Work in Progress”

There has been something lurking among university students as of late and it isn't always be easily detected or described.

However, it can be felt. Felt in a way that impacts numerous of students — or just people in general — to a point where it drastically hinders their normal and daily life, impacts their will, motivation, emotions and overall well-being.

It's a personal matter, but it is never the same for everyone.

Mental health and well-being, an increasingly common term being thrown around university campuses in the past few years, is becoming more of a prevalent issue as universities in Canada and abroad wrestle with the notion of student mental illness and how to address it, whether that be with depression, extreme stress, overwhelming anxiety or thoughts or attempts of suicide.

It took Michael Onobolu, a fifth-year student at Wilfrid Laurier University and the president and CEO of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union, a while before he reached out and addressed his mental health illness. It wasn't particularly easy.

"I was scared I guess, I didn't know what was going on or how to react," Onobolu said of his first mental health situation. "So I didn't really talk about it."

The resulting situation forced Onobolu to drop his job as a residence life don, take the rest of his fall third-year term off and to be instated in a mental health facility for a period of time — a rather dramatic turn of events for a university student.

"That was an experience in of itself [being in an institution]. You know, having to take medication, being on a program, meeting with a psychiatrist. It was something I was trying to accept, but something that I didn't really accept," explained Onobolu.

When Onobolu returned to Laurier the following January, he began to talk about his issues more, help other people and share his experiences so that others wouldn't remain silent like he did. Mental health became something Onobolu really wanted to address in his 2012 WLUSU presidential campaign. An aspect of student life that, he said, resonated with a lot of students.

"And that was amazing, it was amazing to be able to be a resource for people, to share and support one another," he added.

Onobolu is not alone. Alison Edgar-Bertoia, a psychiatrist and director of Laurier's Counselling Services, noted that within the first three weeks of this 2012-13 academic year her office was flooded with somewhere between a two to three times increase in student demand compared to last year.

The number of attended appointments for each academic year from 2000 to 2009 remained under the 2,000 mark. Last year, however, that number spiked to about 3,800.

The statistics tell the story: students are seeking assistance.

"We are definitely pretty much in an crisis ourselves in terms of trying to reach demand," explained Edgar-Bertoia. "We're really focusing all our energy and resources to support students who are coming to us and providing an effective clinical service."

Over-achievers, over-stress

With gloomy job reports and increased competition within that market, many students have taken on many extra-curricular activities to ensure they get ahead and land that "dream job".

"Being a student now is the hardest thing in the entire world, especially with the pressures of volunteering, the pressures of work and the pressures of getting a job when all you hear in the news is that there are no jobs," explained Adam Lawrence, the acting dean of students at Laurier's Waterloo campus. "We're telling students when they first start during Orientation Week that they need to start thinking about their career and building the resume."

Onobolu noted that over-extending himself was part of the reason why he felt overwhelmed with all the activities he was involved in. While saying that volunteering is a positive aspect of student life — and that it should be encouraged — he urged that there always needs to be a balance.

"You want to do things so you're well-rounded and that you have these great experiences but you need to find that balance," he continued. "And I think if you want to do it all and do it really well, that's a lot of pressure you're putting on yourself."

Onobolu recommended that students find a "down-time", and to find a healthy balance with work, exercise, sleep and social activities.

"You're challenged a lot more and you feel like you're left to your own devices to accomplish a lot," Onobolu added about the university experience.

Allan Strong, the recovery education coordinator at The Self-Health Alliance, a community peer and recovery support group for mental illness, echoed Onobolu's sentiments.

"You're away from home, you're away from all the supports that you knew, you're making adjustments to a new world, a new environment, there's greater degree of responsibility and expectation put on you, you don't know too many people, and all of a sudden you're sitting in class and you start hearing voices," he explained.

Just recently, Laurier hired Adrienne Luft as the mental health/student support team leader. She, along with counselling services and WLUSU, is spearheading a discussion around mental health which includes campus research, setting up committees and facilitating workshops.

But students are faced with academic stress all the time, this is nothing new. Essays, group projects, assignments, even social situations — these are all ingrained in the university system. This has posed many questions about the nature of student mental health and what it actually entails.

"I like thinking about mental health as it exists on a continuum. At one end that's sort of an optimal being and one end being mental illness. We all fluctuate in our mood," said Luft, mentioning that almost everyone, regardless of their situation will experience mental health challenges at some point in their life.

"I think one of the ways in which I would define mental illness is that it is persistent and long standing. So it's not just when you're feeling sad for a few days when you had something happen in your life."

That persistence is what Onobolu felt. "Stress doesn't last for a long period time. When you're stressed out while working on an assignment, you'll be okay in a few days," he explained.

"If you're not getting sleep, you're not eating — you know, when you're not doing the natural things to just function. That's when it becomes a real concern and it's affecting your mental health."

But if those signals are emerging and if those issues become more persistent, that's when mental wellness can be endangered. According to the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA), about 20 per cent of Canadian youth face mental health complications, and only one in five of them seek help. Without help, the implications can just get worse and last a lifetime.

"The mental health 'career' begins when they leave high school and when they're entering university or college," added Strong. "That's the age where things start to happen."

Lawrence noted that the idea of body image and concerns about appearance — especially in this age demographic — can also have a large impact on a person's overall mental well-being.

But many students still shy away from seeking assistance because of external pressures and cultural norms. According to Strong, a stigma about mental health and illness — typically with people believing that mental health issues make someone "dangerous" — still exists to this day.

Erasing the stigma

Both Lawrence and Luft agreed that a stigma still exists on campus for people who suffer from mental health issues. This can have a direct effect on not only the willingness of somebody to seek help, but also for people who don't know how to deal with someone with a mental health illness.

"If we can educate your circle of friends — and you — then we can be a little more proactive," explained Luft, adding that it's imperative they educate the staff, faculty and students on the topic of mental health so they can help their peer if they see warning signals.

But a mentality of just disregarding your issues still exists to this day, especially in very competitive fields such as business. Luft acknowledged that there is a time to "buckle down and go on," but noted that it's not always the appropriate approach.

"I don't think that necessarily had positive outcomes," she said. "Those things are going to impact you over time if you don't deal with them."

"The whole term of 'sucking it up' or 'man-up' or 'don't be a baby', are terms that we hope to eliminate. These are not things that you just brush aside and go on with your life," added Lawrence. "Everyone's different ... there are multiple variables that add to your stress that don't necessarily affect everyone else."

Over the next couple months, Luft and her team, as well as WLUSU, hope to educate students on the topic of mental health so they can slowly remove that stigma. These programs and workshops will hopefully make the university more proactive so they can prevent a student from taking extreme measures such as suicide.

"I think that it's a work in progress, right? There are certainly more people that are more comfortable coming forward, but there is still a ways to go," Luft said of the stigma.

Onobolu felt that weren't people necessarily against mental illness,

they just have trouble understanding what one person is going through and are usually afraid of offending someone.

"People just don't understand it especially if you're going through it. You don't really know how to engage a person who's either too sensitive or what not," he said. "I was really scared I was going through my mental health issues. I think it's kind to a person, talking to them, getting their mind off of it."

Resource struggles

Because of steep increases in student demand at Laurier, Counselling Services, resources are limited. To purely focus on students, however, counselling services had to put a hold on some committees and programs that they hoped to implement.

"We're working closely with David McMurray, VP of Student Life, and also the WLUSU student leaders to look at what our mandate should be and how we should prioritize our resources. Appropriate resourcing should be," explained Edgar-Bertoia.

Michael McMahon, the former general manager of the current executive director of the Oxford county branch, noted that the situation of resources is not unique to Laurier, as universities are struggling to find the proper funding for mental health initiatives.

"I don't know if you can make a good balance scorecard that mental health is an issue on Laurier's campus. I think we can, but does the balance score card, backed up by the financials demonstrate Laurier financially believes it's a big issue?"

"And that's the same at most campuses, not just Laurier," he added. Before McMahon left the university in June, after 15 years of service at WLUSU, he helped set up the Ceri Line, an anonymous phone service that helps students with mental health issues.

"We need to make sure that everyone understands what the goal is [of the student life line]. And the goal is to have the Student's Union at the time, and I'm sure it still is, was to create more access points in the campus system so that more students would use the counselling service that the university is offering. We're planning, noting that offering more resources would be a big goal for Laurier's campus."

"The perception was, and this is unbelievable but true, that the Student's Union wasn't valuing the service that [counselling services] were providing," he added, but noted that the work that counselling services at Laurier does is "amazing".

"Somebody has to work really hard to ensure that students are very, very comfortable with the resources that are available outside."

The first step

As it was for Onobolu, making the first step to addressing a mental health concern for a student can be an overwhelming task. But recognizing that you have an issue and that you need help is the first step that a student has to do in order to recover.

"I think you have to recognize that you have an issue, that something is going on and that you need help," he said. "You need to talk to your parents, talk to your friends, talk to the people you trust. Don't go through it alone, don't try to fix it yourself. Go through because it can make it worse and you don't want to make it worse before it gets better."

Luft echoed Onobolu's remark about communication. "It's starting a conversation," she simply stated, and that's what successful people face mental health challenges.

While resourcing and student offerings are still a work in progress, Onobolu noted that the Counselling Services, Peer Help Line and various groups in the community are there to help. And a student will get help if they seek it.

After two incidents with mental health concerns, Onobolu noted that he feels more comfortable in the role that the students have given him. During his time as president, he hopes to continue this discussion on mental health with students that were dealing with the same issues as he was. "It's a work in progress — and quick."

But, according to him, the best thing to do is to not take it too seriously.

"Just don't take it too seriously, just enjoy it and you'll be fine," he concluded.

"Everything thing will be fine."

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Mental health and well-being has become a common topic of discussion on university campuses, but why are students demanding more assistance? **News Director Justin Smirlies** investigates.

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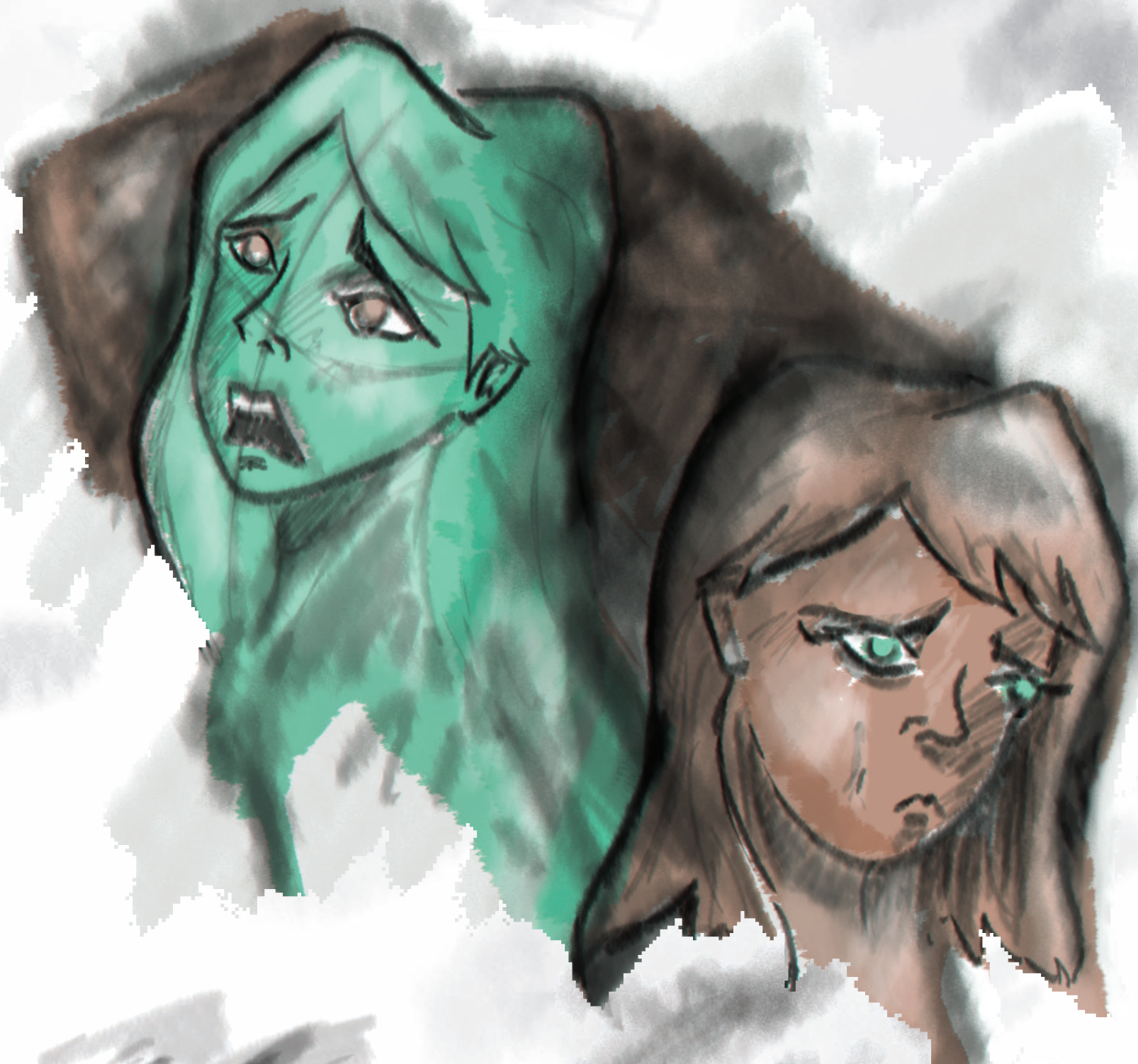
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EDM superstar Avicii takes the stage at Rev



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Last Thursday night Sweden's EDM golden boy, Tim Bergling, known more commonly as Avicii, graced the stage at Waterloo's Revolution Night Club, after his Sept. 9 show was postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

A notably smaller crowd than the thousands that were anticipated during Orientation Week, the neon-clad audience, paying an upwards of \$70 per ticket, was determined to get their money's worth.

Citybang Media, the event planning and promotions company organizing the show, ran a tight ship in conjunction with the staff at Rev — a curious venue choice for such a high profile DJ.

Lineups were minimal and security was on the ball without being in your face. The light show was quite impressive and considering the venue the sound quality was excellent. However, while the event logistics were flawless, the music left much to be desired.

The opener was boring to say the least. His repetitive house set did little to pump up the crowd. Much of the dance floor was empty as people lingered by the bars in anticipation of the main attraction.

The crowd showed their energy-induced admiration with a mosh pit of iPhones and cameras as Avicii took to the stage. Opening with Tujamo and Plastik Funk's massive hit

"Who," Avicii started his set strong, filling the less-than packed club with his signature brand of dance-inducing electro house music.

Yet, as the show continued, his performance seemed to lack enthusiasm and attention to detail. "Who" became the theme-song of the night, being repeated an upwards of three times.

While tracks such as "Seek Romance," "My Feelings for You" and "Silhouettes" were exciting to hear live, they could not make up for the blatant repetition of the two-hour set.

Due to the height of the stage, Avicii could not be seen by members of the audience beyond the first row — or those under 6'1". Thick dry ice smoke also made the stage disappear from view, leaving everyone in wonder of who was DJing.

This ghost DJ was unable to connect with the audience, making the show no different from any other night at a club.

The majority of the audience however seemed to eat it up, party rocking until "Levels" dropped at two-thirty in the morning.

Having seen and enjoyed Avicii at Veld, Toronto's largest EDM festival this summer, I was pumped to hear him play a more intimate show. His performance, however, did not measure up, leading me to realize how much further my \$80 could have gone (that's almost 13 post-bar burritos).

All that jazz at the Huether

BROOKE HENRY
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This past Saturday, The Jazz Room in Uptown Waterloo featured The Frank Botos Trio, with Frank Botos on the drums, Jozsef Botos on the guitar and Vaughan Misener on the bass.

Currently based in Toronto, the Botos brothers are originally from Hungary, a fact that has influenced their sound and style.

"I am influenced by the Romany Gypsy sound in Hungary and composers like [Romani-influenced] Franz Listz," said Frank Botos when asked about where he gets inspiration.

According to Botos, the trio combines influences of European gypsy culture and jazz. "Jozsef was classically trained in Vienna for six years," he explained. "You can see this in his acoustic finger-picking technique."

Jozsef Botos came to Canada 14 months ago to join his brother and, having never played together before, they have since been combining classical style with jazz improvisation.

Though they have sheet music

Frank Botos said, "It's just there as a guideline and we improvise and add to it."

Although Frank says they often don't have time to practice with each other, all three musicians worked well together and allowed for the showcasing of each other's strengths throughout the set list.

The songs performed included many originals, as well as covers of musicians such as Miles Davis with, as Botos stated, "their own twists on the songs." They also went back to their roots and played a traditional Hungarian song, putting a jazz spin on it, which made the concert truly unique.

When asked what he thought of The Jazz Room, Botos responded, "It's a great place to play where people are actually listening to the music and not just there to get drunk."

The concert was organized by the Grand River Jazz Society, a group that coordinates the programme at The Jazz Room every Friday and Saturday. With musicians coming from Toronto and beyond, the society seeks to showcase the talent of skilled artists who are not well known but talented nonetheless.



CARLEY MCGLYNN GRAPHICS ARTIST

Laurier gallery goes radio gaga

Marconi's legacy is explored at the Robert Langden Gallery

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The importance of Canadian media history is overlooked by many people. With only a handful of media scholars paying attention to this sub-genre of study, two enthusiasts developed a creative and engaging way of approaching Canada's contribution to the development of the radio.

Marconi's Ruins, an exhibit currently running on the Laurier campus at the Robert Langden Gallery, tries, as artist Robert Prenovault explains, to "situate it [the radio] historically and scientifically as well as technologically."

The exhibit itself is part archival and part artistic. Photographs, models and window vinyls, bring together a visual narrative of Guglielmo Marconi's (the father of the wireless) home and work in the early 20th Century.

"We're trying to show how extensive the technology at the site was," said Prenovault.

A topological table represents the visual history of the site at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. Another table, showing a Marconi advertising

campaign, holds remaining artefacts from the radio transmission station.

"The site today literally is a kind of ruin," said media professor Michael Longford. "The ruin also suggests a kind of monument though."

An academic and artistic approach to technological innovation, Longford notes that "everything [in the exhibit] was found on site. What's left, is left." The vinyl prints on windows showcase engineering logs and radio frequency diagrams, which add a layer of scientific validity to the exhibit.

Photographs on the walls show the physical disintegration of the technological structures and allude to the metaphorical disappearance of old technology as new technology advances. Longford and Prenovault, who both work in app design for Apple say, "we sort of hold it [wireless technology] in the palm of our hand today," said Longford.

The archival photo of the Marconi house and initial radio wave checkpoint in Glace Bay, act as the orienting points of the exhibit. All other media present in the exhibit add context and detail through a multitude of angles and representations of the ruins.

On September 19, Laurier communication studies professor Paul Hoyer delivered a public lecture to the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall discussing the relationship between the radio and the sinking of the Titanic. Orienting the audience to the art exhibit, the lecture addressed a thematic account of Marconi's life through 'lucky' milestones that could have been detrimental to both his life and legacy.

Closing the lecture, Hoyer recounted how tarnishing Marconi's legacy, in the end, could have been more detrimental and would have changed our recollection of him as a father of the radio. Nearing his death, Marconi was known for his support of the Fascist Italian government just prior to its alliance with Nazi Germany.

Marconi's Ruins brings the media history lesson to life by displaying "The contribution it made to the history of radio and Canada's involvement in that early history," said Longford.

This is the second iteration of this exhibit. It runs at the Robert Langden Art Gallery, outside the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall, until Oct. 27.

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Fall 2012 album reviews

The Cord Arts staff review some the Fall's latest and most anticipated music releases

The xx-Coexist



For any of those unfamiliar with the sound of The xx's work, you've been missing out. It's nothing short of masterful, not to mention unique. The band

works in a genre known as dream pop, focusing on the creation of a very atmospheric and discrete tone through the utilization of subtle beats and low-key vocals that whisk you away with its melodic notes.

The group from South London burst onto the scene with their self-titled 2009 album, offering an alternative sound unlike anything listeners had heard before.

In particular, many will remember their preliminary track "Intro" featuring a steady bass line with a memorable rhythm, catchy enough to have you humming the tune for weeks.

Three years of remixes and mash-ups later we've arrived at the band's follow-up album, *Coexist*. Here, the band's abilities and sound has really blossom into something more than just a backbeat of a re-imagined Notorious B.I.G. or DMX song.

Put simply, *Coexist* expresses a love affair between strained individuals reflecting on the trials of relationships both old and new.

These tense sentiments of broken bonds and fraying intimacies shine through across the entire album, especially when the lead vocalists, Romy Madley Croft and Oliver Sim, contemplate the uncertainty behind their decisions in songs like "Chained" and "Swept Away".

Whether you can relate to the tensions of the artists' stories or not, this album is a requirement for any listener.

—Andrew Savory

How to Dress Well- Total Loss



In a recent interview with Pitchfork, Tom Krell, the man behind How To Dress Well, claims that he is striving "for a balance between word-

less singing and signifying lyrical lyrics".

Total Loss, the follow-up album to the stunningly haunting *Love Remains* (2010), is a more sonically complete album than his debut.

Whereas *Love Remains* sets the listener in an isolated space of blown out reverb and echoed cries for help, *Total Loss* is more focused, yet deeply personal.

Krell addresses those important to him within each track. If you can't relate to the confessional lyrics in "Set It Right" where Krell cries out "Jamie I miss you/ Momma I miss you and Dad I miss you", it's because listening to *Total Loss* feels like an intruding visit in his isolated cave.

This is a downtempo R&B record, that doesn't mention the balancing act of sex and drugs.

Total Loss is more successful because it feels sentimental rather than idolized. As well, Krell's voice acts as an accompanying melody, rather than the sole focus of each track.

As heard on "Running Back", in true Michael Jackson fashion, Krell uses his voice as layers of percussion and backing rhythms, letting out sighing breaths for each. His obsession for reverb still exists, but *Total Loss* is more focused than his previous work.

Total Loss is expansive without feeling confident. It's more layered but Krell is still very much secluded. There's even a climactic ballad at the end ("Set It Right").

Krell has managed to expand the sounds of the compiled *Love Remains* without sacrificing isolation—which made it so haunting to listen to. Even at surface level, *Total Loss* will arrest you upon first listen and linger long after.

—Cameron Noble

Mumford and Sons - Babel



As a major Mumford and Sons fan, I couldn't have been more excited for their new album. I pre-ordered it on iTunes and downloaded the early previews. In fact I've been waiting for this album since I attended their concert last year and they played songs from it.

So when I finally could click "download available content" on my pre-ordered album, you can imagine how excited I was—only to find that the CD is fairly, underwhelming.

"I Will Wait" is arguably the best. Though it is similar to a number of their songs from the previous album *Sigh No More*, it was an excellent choice for them to pre-release this track. Unfortunately, once you've heard "I Will Wait" you've heard most of the album. The songs all sound quite similar.

For people who enjoy Mumford and Sons, this is not necessarily a bad thing. If you like the folk-rock sound they've perfected, you'll like a lot of their new songs — it just gets old quickly.

This has been a major criticism of the band in the past. I previously overlooked it, as there was enough variation on the album *Sigh No More* to appease me, but I'm beginning to see the point.

It's hard to criticize one of my favourite bands, especially when I've been waiting for this for so long. Maybe that is the problem, I

gave it too much hype.

Despite all of my disappointments, I still recommend going out and buying the album (does anyone do that any more?) The music is good, but it's just not as good as I had hoped.

—Spencer Dunn

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The treasures of China

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On Sunday, Sept. 23 an excited crowd gathered inside the foyer of THEMUSEUM in the heart of Downtown Kitchener for the opening ceremonies and Buddhist blessing of the brand new Treasures of China Exhibit.

Appearing for the first time in North America, the exhibit features 40 Dazu stone cave sculptures, some of which were carved over 1,500 years ago. They represent both Buddhist deities and Chinese characters.

The exhibit is supplemented by paintings created by modern artists done in different styles.

What the exhibit lacks in quantity (there are only two rooms of sculptures), it makes up for in quality, as

the carvings are exquisite representations with incredible attention to detail.

The area in which the artifacts were excavated was named a World Heritage site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in 1999 and was barred to the public in 1980.

This exhibition is one of the best, if not the only way to see these unique and beautiful sculptures.

The opening ceremonies commenced with a dance from the Waterloo Region Chinese Community Association (WCCA). This was followed by a traditional Buddhist Blessing ceremony performed by members of the Fo Guang Shan Temple of Toronto, and included the playing of a large singing bowl and chime.

The audience was given

programmes so they could chant along. Incense was burned and the ceremony concluded with a transfer of merit.

Many local dignitaries exchanged remarks, including Frank Boutzis, president treasurer and financial chair of THEMUSEUM, who acted as the the Master of Ceremonies. Julia, a DJ on the local Chinese radio station, translated his speech into Mandarin.

Boutzis introduced notable guests such as Michael Chan, Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport, John Milloy, Kitchener-Centre's MPP and Ken Seiling, regional chair for Waterloo.

Kitchener's mayor Carl Zehr also spoke.

This was a private event, however THEMUSEUM board of directors hopes that the public will soon get a

chance visit the exhibit, especially with the bustle of Oktoberfest.

Kitchener-Waterloo has a very large Chinese population and Zehr stated that this exhibit "will not only offer Canadians a chance to experience the diversity and depth of Chinese Culture, but it will also allow Chinese-Canadians the chance to engage with a part of their heritage."

The exhibit runs until March 17, 2013.

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A day-time kegger during last year's Homecoming celebration. Day-drinking has become a standard part of Homecoming, but there is much more to it than that.

Eight rules for the perfect Homecoming

The Cord Life Staff puts together a few helpful guidelines to get you through your eventful weekend

It's the weekend where Laurier students can embrace their inner purple and gold and let themselves shine as we dive into a weekend that's full of beer, pancakes and football.

Homecoming is what makes alumni immediately drive back to Waterloo to reclaim their favourite memories, and current students come together to show the opposing team what Laurier spirit is all about.

While we all have our sacred routines that we all like to adhere to during this special weekend, The Cord Life Staff has come up with a few crucial guidelines and rules that will guarantee your weekend is an unforgettable time - depending how crazy you get at those keggers.

1. Book off work. Seriously
Is that a no brainer? You won't get any sleep and even if you don't drink this weekend, everyone around will keep you awake because of the noise. You're doing your boss a favour by not working this weekend.

2. Have more than one pancake kegger option
Some will have tickets, others will have an entrance fee but you can't predict the outcome of how quickly a place will fill up.

We all want to bring our friends and most importantly, we all want to party. However, you don't want to be left stranded in your Laurier spirit gear with nowhere to go.

We're sure that you won't have a

problem finding a place to go, but once again, it's always good to plan ahead and keep your options open.

3. Bundle up
Heat from being drunk is only temporary, you will sober up at some point and start to feel cold. Autumn is in full gear now, so layering up is a good idea.

4. Drink a lot... of water that is
Starting early will get you tired and if you're determined to make it through the whole weekend, it is important to be (a little) healthy and keep your body hydrated with liquids that do not contain alcohol.

5. If you're hosting, double-check the rules
Bylaws are extremely strict when it comes to drinking outside - especially when you step off your property and go onto the streets.

Make sure you know what is acceptable and what's not, you don't want to mess around with the law! Those fines could get pretty expensive.

6. Your homework is not going to go away
In fact, it's just starting to increase. Like any other weekend, we like to hold off doing our homework as much as we can, but keep in mind that nursing your Homecoming Hangover will not help with your

"Mass Communications in Canada" textbook readings

7. If you don't like Homecoming, leave town
It's going to be a fun shitshow, but if Homecoming is not your thing, then we suggest that you pack your bags. It's going to get wild, it's going to get messy, and very noisy.

8. If you don't have a ticket, we'll see you next year
Sorry folks, these tickets sell out fast. You could see if anyone is selling or too drunk to make it to the stadium.



Waterloo's street-parking regulations ... avoid a ticket.

Overnight on-street parking is prohibited in the City of Waterloo. Vehicles may not be parked on the road from 2:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. without an exemption.

Applying for an exemption

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Paying a parking ticket

- Online at www.waterloo.ca/parkingtickets
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Expanding a driveway

When considering expanding a driveway, homeowners should consult with the city's Development Services department to ensure their zoning allows for it. Contact the Zoning division at 519-747-8796.

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The Naughty Prude: Practice safe 'sext'

My boyfriend and I have been going out for a couple of months and we started "sexting" each other. I think it's fun, but now he wants to take it a little further by suggesting that we send photos of each other. I like the idea but then I keep hearing horror stories of people's photos getting leaked. Am I setting myself up for humiliation?

This is a fantastic and relevant question, but a hard one to answer. My advice in terms of "sexting" and in your case the extremes of "sexting" nude pictures is that you only send them to a recipient that you trust. I am sure everyone at one point has sent a sext: they are flirty, fun and risqué!

Not only that, but sexting has become a relationship requirement for some. The mischievous banter between you and your partner via text are the fundamentals of technological foreplay. That being said, the boundaries of sexting can sometimes become inappropriate.

For a sender of a sext there is a level of suspense. You're unsure how the recipient will feel when they receive your dirty surprise, and anxiously awaiting their response. Sexting is devilishly naughty and for some, undeniable. Breaking away from blasé texts including trivial questions, sexts infuse crazy stimulation.

For a couple that has surpassed the first few months of dating, sexting becomes regular, maybe even routine. That could be why your

boyfriend wants something more.

This moves way beyond the harmless 140-character long sext. Sending an image can create horrifying consequences. Even if you trust the recipient, the image can still find its way into someone else's hands.

Though you declare that you are comfortable sending images to your boyfriend, do you need my validation?

Like I said before, trust is the major component. If you trust your boyfriend, why not indulge in sending photos?

You make the decision of where you want to draw the line. The only salient advice I can give you is be aware, smart and set rules. Make sure your boyfriend understands and agrees that these photos remain private between you two. When you both agree, send away.

The Naughty Prude is our sex columnist who answers any questions about sex. She also has her own Radio Show that airs every Tuesday night at 10 p.m.. To ask her a question, you can reach her here: thenaughtyprude@gmail.com

The Carnivore takes a step back

When it comes to turning your eating habits around, it's normal to make a few mistakes along the way



SPENCER DUNN
STAFF WRITER

I've failed you readers. This week was supposed to be "week on a budget", with tips on how to eat healthy on a student budget and some good recipes that would last throughout the week.

But that didn't happen and I spent a lot of money this week. What happened? How could I do this to myself when I knew that I had a commitment to The Carnivore's Conundrum?

The trouble began when I spent around \$60 on groceries. Which is a nice contrast to last week's \$150 spree, but still not as low as I'd like.

My spending habits continued when I purchased posters from the poster sale, lost them and then had to buy them all over again the next day. The only thing left in my wallet were moths.

However, despite the bad spending habits, my true downfall began when I inadvertently ate leftover frozen yogurt in front of the girls at 22 Hickory Street.

I was mid-bite when I yelled, "THE DIET!" The group laughed, and then we all felt bad for my mistake.

Well, it was all down hill from there. After ordering a much-too-expensive beer, and downing some far-too-pricey Newfie screech, I slipped away from The Fox and had a delicious slice of Pizza from Fratello's. Diet broken.

I proceeded to go to the movies on Friday night where you have to take out a second mortgage on your house to get any form of sustenance or entertainment. Although delicious, the popcorn that I ordered

packed on the carbs.

If you think it stops there, it doesn't. My housemate's parents came for a visit and took us all out for lunch, and then cooked us dinner.

It was economical, thoughtful and extremely delicious, but fish and chips aren't exactly in the healthy foods category.

To make matters worse, my own mother came up and took me out for dinner this past Sunday. Fortunately, she paid, but man did I pack it away. Family visits, they will always get you.

So, what's the moral here? The punishment? Well, I realized that I'm not taking this thing seriously enough. If I am going to commit, I have to go the whole nine yards.

That means making sure I budget, taking my diets seriously and not giving into temptations - despite how delicious they are. Forgetfulness is my biggest obstacle; it can't out do me.

That being said, the week we are currently in is going to be my real budget week. I'm withdrawing \$80 at the beginning of the week and it has to last me until the end of the week.

That includes all Homecoming costs, food and drinks. To make sure that I stick to these rules, I will be giving my debit card to a confidant.

As for the diet, I will be actually planning my meals by creating a schedule, a very helpful and effective way to make sure your weekly eating habits are balanced and meet the criteria for consuming foods in each food group.

I did that the first week, but got a bit lazy.

I need to also start planning my days better so that I can make time to go to the gym and I'm not caught starving in between classes with no time to go home for lunch.

It's time to get serious Laurier. We'll be in touch, check the blog and see you next time on The Oprah SLIM-FREE show.



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Working the turntables

IRMA SHABOIAN
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Only within the last five years has the electronic dance music (EDM) scene exploded. What was once underground has slowly fused into popular culture.

Much of the credit can be taken by the rise of technology, the new opportunity to create and share music among friends and world wide. With this comes a host of new talents, particularly in the availability of upcoming DJs and music producers.

"Today, dance music has become so massively mainstream, artists are all making songs with DJs. The Doors and Skrillex, Madonna and Avicii, Rihanna and Calvin Harris," said Laurier student Matt Burk, the host of Electric Dance Music of Radio Laurier.

Despite the overwhelming popularity of EDM, the road to becoming a well-known DJ has its fair share of obstacles.

As any rookie would know, the fundamental skill to learning how to DJ requires the ability to match beats.

However, with online music sharing sites at a premium, to truly become a quality DJ, the talent to match bars, phrases and harmonics becomes essential.

"Don't expect yourself to become internationally recognized unless you have the full package," said

Burk. "Most importantly, you need to know how to promote yourself. It doesn't matter how good you are if nobody is listening."

Social networking has become a primary tool for aspiring DJs in creating awareness for their music, proving to be an efficient way to get word out about their music, social media is removing the middle-man music label and is reaching the public directly.

The internet has become a weapon in maximizing exposure, allowing anyone from anywhere to promote themselves and their music.

Time commitment is a crucial component in developing a DJ's sound and brand, a novelty most often overlooked.

"I've been DJing for two years now. I practice every day and I'm still not the best DJ I know. It takes a ton of dedication, far more than people would think," said Burk.

"I couldn't tell you the number of nights I stay at home working on music while everyone else is out having fun - I put in around 20 hours a week, mostly in collecting and mixing music."

Despite the independent role that an aspiring DJ must take on to get noticed and heard, the rewards to be reaped are worth it.

"From a promotional and production point of view, production companies make more money hiring a superstar DJ over a big rock band.

Rock bands need highly expensive individualized equipment, specialized speaker equipment, roadies and trailers - not to mention there are usually four or five members to pay.

All a DJ needs is a memory stick for music and the venue itself," said Burk, then raising the question, "Which sounds more profitable for a production company?"

Venues such as Beta in Waterloo provide a medium for which many successful DJs entertain their fans, often selling out their tickets well in advance. Regardless, the uprising trend of EDM doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon.

"Never have I found subject matter [EDM] as potent in creating bonds between people. You meet someone who also listens to dance music and right away you find yourself a new friend—it's an unbreakable instant connection for all electronic music listeners," revealed Burk, whose Thursday night radio show has a loyal following of listeners.

Without a doubt, EDM has become an open field of creativity, revolutionizing the way that music is created and enjoyed.

This helps explain the explosion of up and coming DJs on both a local and worldwide platform, each finding a way to stand out amongst each other. "Electronic music is the future of music".



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EDITORIAL

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Hazing a useless tradition

Though the Laurier varsity baseball team's poor decision to enact hazing upon its teammates was unfortunate and immature, it thankfully shed light on an issue that is often overlooked.

Hazing, which seems like a completely primitive practice, is argued to operate as a method of social bonding; something a competitive sports team highly values. In order to play effectively as a team, you need to break the ice and learn to be comfortable with each other. Some organizations choose to handle this barrier by attending conferences, or retreats. Others, as demonstrated by our baseball team, chose to participate in asinine rituals designed to humiliate and endanger the lives of others.

The idea that senior team members need to 'break in' newcomers or assert their power in order to form a cohesive unit is completely ridiculous and it is clear the Laurier Athletics Department shares the same sentiment.

The university took immediate measures to investigate and discipline the hazing of the baseball team members by suspending them from four games and leaving the rest up to the team itself.

Having a zero hazing tolerance policy, the university forced the team to take responsibility and plead their case for participating in the remainder of the season. A case they must have pleaded well as their suspension was lifted after the initial four games Monday afternoon.

While it is difficult to make any assessments on whether the punishment was too harsh, just right or not harsh enough without knowing the details of the hazing incident itself, it is clear the issue was treated seriously and that is a step in the right direction.

Now, we can only hope the players involved, as well as athletes in general, have learned a lesson.

In this instance, the hazing allegedly involved only alcohol, however it begs questioning where we draw the line; there is a serious distinction between harmless jokes and putting somebody's well-being at risk.

Any hazing activities that dehumanize and endanger somebody's life should be reevaluated and sports teams should be encouraged to find other ways to bond.

Drink tampering still a serious concern

Many students come to Wilfrid Laurier University from larger urban centres and consider Waterloo to be a small and picturesque town complete with Mennonites, farmers markets' and an easily accessible downtown.

This small-town mentality instills a false illusion of safety in a significant amount of people who are under the misconception that Waterloo, and more specifically, the university area, lacks the threat of crime.

An arrest made in early September at an Uptown Waterloo bar, however, only proved the ever present threat of crime. The 20-year-old male who had tampered with a woman's drink serves to demonstrate the continuous problem of violence against women.

While the majority of people will blame the man for spiking the drink, which is obviously deserved, it can also be argued that there are multiple parties partially at fault.

Having the delusion that you are safe because you reside in a university town only contributes to a less-aware attitude that can result in a lack of attention when it comes to protecting your drinks.

Likewise, both Laurier and the Waterloo Regional Police could take a much more cautionary stance on the threat of date rape by keeping students informed about new drugs and techniques being used but primarily, what you can do to avoid this and where you can seek help if you suspect you have been drugged.

With better awareness and a more informed approach, the responsibility to protect people rests in the very bars themselves. Since drink detector technologies readily available, drinking establishments should be legally bound to have detector cards or coasters accessible in every club, pub and bar.

While we cannot truly blame anybody but the criminals who spike drinks, a stronger emphasis should be placed on the other parties who do indeed play a role.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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Incoming students need to quit high school antics



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LIFE EDITOR

Age has never been an issue for me. I have always found that whoever I decided to interact with, whether it be professors, peers, co-workers, friendly strangers or my closest pals, that maturity was measured by one's own personal acts and wills.

I could talk to someone who was 15 years my senior or three years my junior and not feel uncomfortable despite the number that was attached to our identities.

That was shattered when I was waiting in the long line for Tim Horton's in the Science Atrium last Tuesday.

After 25 painful minutes of eavesdropping, that resulted in a less-than-two-minute iced cappuccino and sprinkle doughnut pickup, I came to the sad and confused realization that being in fifth year brings the contemplation: Am I really that old or do I just suck at being a Laurier "Golden Hawk"?

Being a fifth-year student has developed a specific mindset based on the behaviours that I have witnessed, causing a hindrance towards those specifically in their earlier years at Laurier.

As if a light switch came on or I finally decided to swallow the red pill, there is a significant behavioral and maturity gap.

This sudden realization should not be fully blamed on the younger students who attend university.

Students who attend universities

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Am I really that old or do I just suck at being a Laurier “Golden Hawk”?

away from their home experience a new level of independence, which is exciting and liberating. Without confined to rules except the responsibility you must a self-monitor, it is no wonder that students, especially those in first and second year are going to act a little rowdy.

This type of behaviour however, extends onto campus, and while it is unreasonable to judge those who want to go out on Monday nights, it is the acts that are seen within the classroom that raises the most questions.

Laptops are perfect to take notes and saves from having to spend a bunch of money on notebooks.

Solitaire, Perez Hilton and creeping that person sitting three spots away from you on Facebook, takes away all the great things about laptops and suggests we can't last three minutes without being wired in.

Reflection time where we like to go over what we learned or I guess, what

was so boring in class that we didn't have the capacity to soak in, is often considered in the long lines for on campus food vendors.

A hilarious yet embarrassing comment was made by one student who enrolled in a film class, who said: “Yeah, but we have to like watch ‘old’ films you know? Like, black and white and stuff” while others were debating all the Facebook events that they were filtering through in class.

High school antics like talking extremely loud during class, making snarky remarks at the professor just to offer a slight challenge and the most disruptive and annoying thing of all, anxiously fidgeting, staring at the clock and then rushing to pack your bag ten minutes before dismissal, makes a huge noise and causes the professor to struggle in order to keep the class in order.

We all have the same goal, going to school to earn our degrees.

No matter what program we choose in hopes of guiding us towards the right career path.

Yet, another goal is to make sure we have fun. Being a fifth-year student does not mean that having fun and acting like a hooligan is out of the question, but more so, our need to leave the playground antics and go to school to learn so that we can graduate is the top priority.

So, while my year may put me in a place where wanting to be serious in class, do my work and learn something can be seen snobbish, boring or non-spirited, as young adults who are trying to create new opportunities in order to further our success for the future, shouldn't we all be working hard to make good impressions?

OPINION

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Marijuana a serious threat to mental health

If marijuana is to be legalized, society needs to stop portraying it as a harmless drug



JAMES POPKIE
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Unfortunately, whenever a legalization-related issue arises on any subject, it is easy for the pro-legalization crowd to fall into the pit of denial. In no other group is this more true than within the marijuana legalization movement.

While I am not opposed to marijuana legalization, I am opposed to the fact-denying attitude that many within the legalization movement unfortunately hold.

The portrayal of marijuana as a harmless plant that poses no threat to society and no dangers to the individuals who use it is entirely false.

True, one could argue that many of its risks come from the act of smoking itself, meaning the risk of cancer, and that if it were legal, other, healthier forms of ingestion would become more widespread.

However, the act of smoking and the associated physical health risks are hardly the only threat that this drug poses.

The primary problem is the one that is most often denied, mocked and belittled whenever anyone raises it as a legitimate issue: the danger to mental health.

For some, the experience of being high can go beyond the mere stereotype of a general sense of vague paranoia. It can be utterly terrifying.

I've had experiences with marijuana far more reminiscent of Dante's *Inferno* than *Dazed and Confused*, and this is a big part of why I no longer use it.

These incidents may not be experienced by the majority of marijuana users, but they also can't be treated as the experience of some irrelevant

minority.

When talking about my negative experiences on marijuana, some marijuana users are understanding and take me seriously, but many don't and insist the problem must be entirely in my own mind and not with the drug itself. The facts speak otherwise.

Marijuana has a long documented history of triggering paranoid feelings similar to those of schizophrenia; never mind the damage to memory and overall intelligence.

A recent study headed by Madeline Meier, a postdoctoral researcher of Duke University, shows that prolonged marijuana use by teenagers can be harmful to the developing brain, to the extent of lowering adulthood IQ's by almost ten points on average.

There is one major threat that marijuana legalization poses, which the legality of alcohol does not.

Alcohol, even by its most devoted worshippers, is widely acknowledged as a substance, which poses many dangers.

Drinking and driving, the potential as an agent for rape, the propensity it creates for violent behavior — these are risks that almost nobody can deny and are taken seriously.

Marijuana, however, is widely considered to be a drug without any significant dangers.

By legalizing marijuana, it would mean legalizing a threat that a great portion of society refuses to even recognize as harmful.

In a way, as societal attitudes currently stand, it would make the legality of marijuana more dangerous than the legality of alcohol, because it would be allowing a threat, which many people would laughingly dismiss.

It begs the question, which is the greater danger? The obvious one that everybody recognizes, or the subtle risks that elude many people's radars and is often regarded as not dangerous at all?



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recognized, but they are often vehemently denied.

People who point out the dangers are often dismissed and ridiculed by the marijuana-using community, including those such as myself who have experienced the darker side of this drug.

It could be argued that alcohol on the whole, is more harmful. This still doesn't negate the fact that alcohol is a threat that people actually recognize.

If there was ever a non-hypocritical and non-self-contradictory argument against marijuana legalization and for the continued legality of alcohol, that would be it.

Alcohol, for all the social problems it's involved in, is something people are well aware of and the dangers it presents are often discussed.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for marijuana.

Not only are the effects not

Marijuana is harmful but often isn't even seen as dangerous, but a peaceful, mellow drug.

For marijuana to be legalized, an important first-step is educating people on the possible effects of the drug.

Similarly, the dominant attitude toward treating these threats as trivial and irrelevant need to be entirely diminished before we can welcome a new set of dangers to our society.

UFC just plain barbaric

Celebrated violence signals societies de-evolution



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If you asked the majority of people living in the developed world, they would claim they live in the most advanced, enlightened era history has ever known.

Why then, is entertainment wrestling like the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) so popular?

Simply put, UFC is utterly barbaric and the fact that there is such a massive fan base for it suggests that we are not as advanced as we believe ourselves to be. Now do not get me wrong, mixed martial arts serves its purpose.

The fact that many people learn these skills for self-defense is commendable.

But the issue with watching wrestling for pure entertainment value stems from the fact that wrestling originated as a method of self-defense and was turned into a sport akin to that of the Roman gladiator fights.

I acknowledge that those who

participate in this sport should be recognized as athletes as they possess an incredible amount of skill and require a tremendous training schedule.

I do not take issue with the athletes themselves and respect them for what they do.

The problem extends to the message it sends to its viewers, mainly, that this type of ancient and uncivilized sport should be highly valued in a society pushing towards a more sensitive approach to human connectivity.

The popularity of this "sport" suggests that while thousands of years have passed, clearly we have made little progress in terms of civility. UFC is essentially two goons beating the life out of one another which leads me to ask the question, how are people entertained by watching another human get their face smashed in?

The president of UFC Dana White, has suggested why he believes the blood-bath is so popular, "Fighting is in our DNA. We get it and we like it."

While White exclaims this with an air of pride, I am not convinced that his egoism is justified. Yes, he has made millions of dollars off his business venture, but he should be embarrassed that he encourages this type of barbaric behavior.

There are numerous fans out there who will argue that these events are closely monitored and will never become undisciplined, which may have some truth, but this is not the primary problem.

The lack of protective equipment in UFC takes the threat of risk to an unreasonable level.

Even sports such as boxing provide participants with some amount of protection and are closely observed with fairly strict regulations.

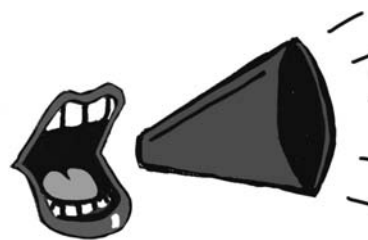
Additionally, arguments are made that claim that there are plenty of fatalities in other sports and therefore, they must be just as barbaric and problematic.

This, however, is an oversimplification. While other sports may have the same if not more casualties, the purpose of UFC boils down to one thing: to annihilate the opponent.

The truth is that clever marketing has led the public to believe that wrestling is a sport equal to competitive ones with an actual purpose.

This is the 21st century; we should not need, nor should we be entertained by, this type of savage, barbaric bloodbath.

I am disgusted that these matches continue to sell out and those that continue to believe we are the most advanced society ever are absolutely kidding themselves.



You know what yanks my cord...

...people who don't know how to correctly walk on sidewalks.

How difficult is it, if you're walking in a pair or group, for one of you to move out of the way as someone passes you?

Why is it such a complicated concept to grasp that if another person is walking from the other direction, you, as the greater posse, have a responsibility to move over slightly to let them by?

This should be a common courtesy that everybody learned at three years old.

Yet, time and time again, I find myself having to move last second to avoid bowling over the idiot not recognizing that I have the right of way.

I'm a pretty big guy, so if I keep going, it will be no good for anyone if I end up knocking you over. And I walk pretty fast, so there's some velocity coming in at 225 pounds.

Sidewalks are not one way streets. They accommodate enough room for one person to walk in either direction, on both sides of the concrete.

It should not be my duty, as a single walker, to have to step on the grass or in the mud to pass you and your space cadet friend(s).

And don't look back at me like I'm the moron for shaking my head and laughing at how much of a tool you are for not moving out of my way.

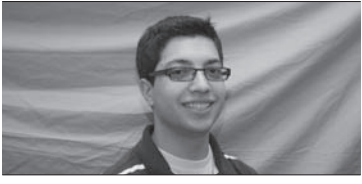
I wouldn't have to do such a thing if you simply learned how to walk like a courteous human being and not some oblivious robot.

Of course this same thing also goes for walking on campus, but for now, I'll keep my qualms focused on sidewalks alone, because let's face it, there are morons everywhere and not just here at the university.

—Wade Thompson

Romney's failed presidential campaign

Republican presidential candidate so disconnected from US citizens he is sabotaging his own party's chances



JOSEPH MCNINCH-PAZZANO
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I've been trying to pinpoint the exact time that Mitt Romney went from being the plausible post-Obama politician to the "how did this guy get elected to anything?" politician.

Was it the moment he decided it was a good idea to let Clint Eastwood talk to an empty chair?

Was it the time he mistakenly thought Britain was a democratic state and started trashing everything about it?

Or, was it the time he decided it would be easier to get elected by writing off half the country as "victims" who didn't grow up with George Romney's silver spoon in their mouths, so he decided to give government assistance a try?

No, it can't be any of these isolated instances that doomed Mitt Romney's chances of handing over the keys of one of his umpteen mansions for access to the White House. The only plausible explanation is this: Romney is secretly a devout Democrat who is throwing every aspect of this election — and deliberately sabotaging his chances — so that the President who should be in the political fight of his life can simply take a cake walk back to the oval office.

For someone who prides himself on his managerial and leadership abilities, it's somewhat surprising

that Romney's campaign has evolved into the official train wreck that it is.

If this is how Romney acted as CEO of Bain Capital, I'm shocked that the company ever became even a moderately successful venture.

The campaign's decision last Friday to finally release his tax returns is something voters and the media have been begging him to do since he started running for president. Everybody knew he would eventually have to relent and release his returns.

But, for weeks he avoided it, told the press that they had everything they needed to render judgment on him and created an environment where the Senate majority leader was accusing him of paying an effective tax rate of zero per cent.

He had no retort to this unsubstantiated claim because he refused to produce the evidence.

So, Harry Reid's seemingly contrived and outrageous claim garnered some credibility to the point that even the supposedly sensible media was asking "do you think he really paid no tax?"

Still, no releases were made.

Now, when the most voters are tuned into the election and when Romney has bottomed out in the polls, Obama has more momentum than he ever has before.

Romney has turned off 47 per cent of the electorate by basically calling them lazy citizens looking for a government handout and when he is in the hot seat for politicizing the death of the American ambassador to Libya.

It goes against all political wisdom to add more fuel to the growing

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Romney is secretly a devout Democrat who is throwing every aspect of this election.

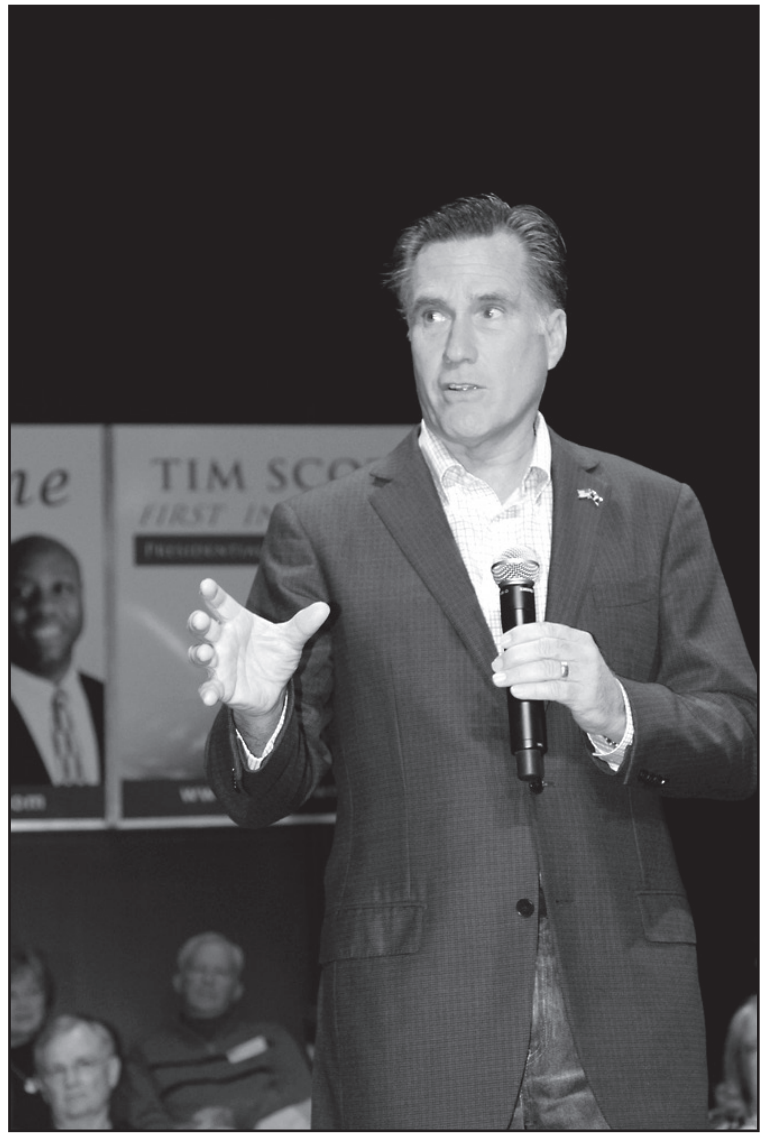
fire. This is the time that Romney needs something, anything positive about his campaign.

Not more ammunition for the media currently content with feeding the "Romney is in free-fall" storyline.

The Romney campaign has so far, been characterized by cringe-worthy gaffe after cringe-worthy gaffe from a candidate who is so far disconnected from the average American that he can't seem to have a five-minute chat with a voter in an Ohio coffee shop without putting his campaign on the defensive.

Add to that a political staff that doesn't seem to know how to control their candidate or how to build an effective, coherent and consistent economic message, and you have the quintessential recipe for presidential campaign disaster.

The Romney campaign is running out of opportunities to turn



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After a gaffe-filled presidential campaign, Republican Mitt Romney has helped President Obama's cause, more than his own.

this around.

With three debates standing in between the candidates and election day, if Obama gives a passable performance, he'll be the likely winner of an election where all the economic and political fundamentals were lined up against him.

I never thought that the Republicans were taking this election seriously.

When Michelle Bachmann, Herman Cain, Rick Santorum and Newt Gingrich were all frontrunners at one point or another, it was clear

that the plausible Republican candidates were sitting this election out. I just never thought that there would be a nominee so inept that they looked like they were trying to sabotage their own party.

This column originally appeared in Joseph's blog "Global Watch Project", which can be found at www.joseph-pazzano.ca

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Letters to the Editor

Study space available at Laurier library

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed Katelyn Cullum's Cord story about the need for more study spaces on Laurier's Waterloo campus (Sept. 19, 2012).

However, the story did not make mention of the Waterloo campus library, and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind students of the library's extensive study areas, which are open late throughout the 2012 fall term.

There are approximately 800 carrels in the library, most of which are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Its eight bookable group-study rooms are open to all Laurier students, and are available for drop-in use when not otherwise occupied.

The new Graduate Commons includes numerous study spaces, and we also have 14 individual study rooms for PhD students and those registered with Accessible Learning.

Yes, there are times when the library is very busy, which is why we

plan to further enhance our student study areas in the years ahead.

The library is changing in many ways to meet the needs of students in the 21st century — by increasing its focus on digital resources, for instance.

The expansion of its role as a space for both quiet and group study is an important feature of this evolution, and we encourage students to take full advantage of it.

—Gohar Ashoughian
University Librarian

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Academic institutions lacking male participation

With boys less likely to enroll in university, society should encourage their education



DON MORGENSON
COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR

In 2009, the president of the University of Alberta made headlines for encouraging men to enroll to university.

While I applaud Indira Samarasekera's concerns for the future education of Canada's young men, there is little new information about such concerns.

Gender and academic success have always been a source of great controversy; female versus male brains and gender-related academic success from kindergarten through university.

The U.S. Department of Education released a study weighing academic progress by gender and every graphic and statistics told the familiar story: boys are over 50 per cent more likely than girls to repeat grades in elementary school, 1/3 more likely to drop out of high school and twice as likely to be identified with a learning disability.

In the past decade, the gap by which high school girls outperformed boys on tests in both reading and writing widened significantly. Parents know the reasons; boys play too many video games and listen to too much music.

But this cannot explain why virtually the entire Western world has such dramatic gender differences.

In the early 1980s, boys and girls

were evenly matched in their university ambitions.

Such academic aspirations began to climb for girls, but for boys the curve hit a plateau.

Now, 63 per cent of female high school seniors plan to attend university while only about half the boys have similar post-secondary education plans.

University registrars reveal that the average male applicant has lower grades, writes sloppier essays and personal statement pieces, and confesses to fewer extracurricular activities.

The possible remedies for such a situation are varied.

It can be simply argued that the solution is to make boys, in all ways, more like girls.

Feminist critics argue that boys are locked into a masculine mystique which severely limits their academic expectations and intellectual abilities.

Another approach suggests that reading material in general is not boy-friendly as most literature classes continue to encourage an exploration of feelings.

While researchers seem convinced that the problems are limited to Canada and the United States, Richard Whitmire reminds us of a study by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, which reported lower academic performance among boys in 19 of 27 countries.

In 21 of 27 countries, the number of women graduating from university exceeded the number of men.

A significant part of our so-called boy problem is that news of difficulties is often treated indifferently.

Looking around the world, we see men occupying top positions in

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industry, at academic institutions, and in all levels of politics.

It would appear from these gender imbalances that men are already successful, and thus, do not require attention from teachers.

However, there continues to be serious concerns that must be addressed or our boys will get left further and further behind.

It is easy to focus on boys' many deficits, but the trouble is not with them or their brains, but rather, it is how we treat them as a society, often with ignorance and indifference. Education is one of the most important gifts in a person's life and we must ensure we are not leaving anybody behind, male or female.

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Road win evens record for Laurier

Football moves to 2-2 on the season after a late-game victory against the Ottawa Gee-Gees

SHELBY BLACKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

BECKWITH TOWNSHIP, Ont. — A smile came across Gary Jeffries' face as his Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks football team took a knee for their post-game huddle.

Before starting his speech, he looked up at the clock.

35-27 in favour of the visitors.

In another come-from-behind victory, the Hawks overcame a deadly wind and multiple errors in play to defeat the hosting Ottawa Gee-Gees in their temporary home in Carleton Place, about 40 minutes outside the nation's capital.

But despite those errors and a detrimental wind, the Hawks managed to climb out of their 0-2 season-starting hole and improve to 2-2.

"We're thrilled," Jeffries said. "We're not thrilled with how we played, we made a lot of errors again, but it's all correctable stuff."

In what was anything but a predictable game, the Hawks prevailed and sustained a late-game lead after falling behind twice throughout the match.

After an Ottawa touchdown on their first offensive play from scrimmage and an eight-point lead midway through the third, the Hawks crawled back twice to hang on for their second win of the season, and second win in a row.

"To get in here and get that win was huge. Particularly how we did it," Jeffries said. "The wind was a huge factor and we had enough guts to play into the wind and put points up and that was the key to the deal today."

Laurier quarterback Steven Fantham made his first career start in a Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) match and threw for four touchdowns, completing 15 of 26 passes. However, his performance was far from flawless, turning the ball over three times, throwing one interception and adding two fumbles.

"I felt a little nervous coming into it, but after the second and third quarter I got a little bit more



Laurier running back Lance Freeman breaks away from a pair of Gee-Gees during the Golden Hawks' 35-27 win on Saturday.

KATE TURNER PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

comfortable," Fantham said after the game. "It was nice to get a win. Especially when the offence started putting points up and we didn't have to rely as much on the defence."

Fantham was starting in place of rookie Travis Eman, who didn't dress due to a hamstring injury. However, shaky play through the Hawks' first two games led to Eman being benched for the fourth quarter of Laurier's win over York last week.

Fullback Josh Pirie had his best performance of his CIS career, catching two touchdowns.

"I was ecstatic. I couldn't believe it happened twice," he said. "It comes down to our offence

coordinator's play calling. He knows where to attack defences and he gets us out of the backfield and into routes where he knows defenders may not account for us"

Jeffries also praised fourth-year fullback Isaac Dell, who more than once made incredible plays to push the Laurier offence up the field.

"He made a catch on the top of the guy's helmet just as good as you'll ever see. He made another play here going into the wind where he had to battle to get the first down, and he did it with one shoulder," he said.

The offence in Saturday's game almost matched the season total for points. With a shaky start to the

offence earlier this year, the Hawks may have found the key to their post-season search.

To match, the defence continued to be stellar, holding the Ottawa offence Saturday from extending their lead, including three consecutive blocks on their one-yard line.

"They make plays. That's all they do. They're amazing. Our defence is lights out," Pirie said.

Ottawa's loss dropped them to 0-4, their worst start since 1984.

Fighting against a very strong wind into the west, the Hawks persevered and found offence in the fourth quarter. Jeffries expressed his happiness with the passion shown

from his squad.

"To play the fourth quarter into the wind was big," he said. "And we told the kids at halftime whatever team had enough guts to play into that fifteen minutes worth of wind would get the win and we did. We did."

And now it's just looking forward. The Hawks now have the momentum going into the second half of their season, and will go into their Homecoming game with two wins behind them.

Saturday afternoon they will meet the 3-1 Guelph Gryphons in what Jeffries considers another playoff game for his squad.

Rugby left winless

Wilfrid Laurier University women's rugby team was defeated Saturday afternoon against a very tough visiting Western Mustang squad by a score of 57-15 at University Stadium.

Western found the board early, scoring three tries in the first 21 minutes, but the Hawks managed to score a penalty goal and then a try before the end of the half.

However, another second half falter proved to be too much for the Hawks, as Western outscored the home team 26-7 in 40 minutes.

Jennifer Gilmour, Lauren Morris and Amanda Lewis found the scoreboard for the Hawks.

The team hopes to find their first win of the season as they take on the Waterloo Warriors Friday at Waterloo field.

They will finish off their season at home against the Brock Badgers—the only other team still at 0-4.

—Shelby Blackley



DANA SILVESTRI CORD PHOTOGRAPHY

A Laurier player tries to tackle a Western runner during Saturday's match at University Stadium. Western won 57-15.

Play continues

— cover

signed on Aug. 27.

But Sunday evening, the Hawks gave a thorough presentation with two trainers, an assistant coach and head coach Scott Ballantyne present, apologizing to the university, the athletics program, the community and the players' families.

The team acknowledged the negative aspects of hazing and proposed activities they will partake in, such as playing a role in the university's peer-to-peer education programs, delivering anti-hazing and anti-bullying presentations, developing the team's code of conduct further and initiating new team-building traditions.

"Peer-to-peer is much more powerful than a 53-year old athletic director saying 'thou shall not,'" Baxter said.

According to co-captain Brett Van Pelt, the team spent much of the week together working on the presentation. Ironically, he said, it was one of the best team-building exercises they could have had.

"We've literally been a big family this week," Van Pelt said.

The incident attracted media attention nationally throughout the

week. Players were advised to stay quiet on Twitter and not speak to any media.

"I anticipated that we would be covered," Fillion said. "But national attention did catch us by surprise."

Ballantyne expressed his happiness with his team, despite the events that unfolded this past week.

"The outcomes far outweigh the detriments of what happened," he said. "I couldn't have been prouder of watching them last night."

The team forfeited four games, which dropped their record to 4-8. With eight games remaining in the season, Ballantyne is still looking toward playoff contention.

"Kind of the way things have worked out this year, one or two teams are kind of pulling away and a bunch of teams are bunched together, which has left us right in the mix," he said. "We've got just as good a shot as those teams to continue to make the playoffs."

The Hawks resumed their season Tuesday night with a 7-4 loss in St. Catharines versus the Brock Badgers.

Their next action comes this Friday night at home against Queen's, followed by a double-header versus the Badgers Sunday.



JODY WAARDENBURG CORD PHOTOGRAPHY
Julie Maheu keeps the ball away from a McMaster attacker Sunday.

Hawks remain undefeated

Laurier defeats McMaster; ties UOIT in weekend action

ASHLEY DENUZZO
STAFF WRITER

“Critical” is an understatement when referring to the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women’s soccer team’s eventful weekend.

In just 24 hours, the squad had managed to play two vital games, forced a 3-3 come back, clenched a 1-0 win against a serious competitor and overcame freezing wind, rain, and “swamp-like” conditions.

“Today’s game was a tough game,” Laurier head coach Barry MacLean pressed when reflecting on Sunday’s close 1-0 victory over the McMaster Marauders. “We played yesterday in a real battle and [today] our players were tired.”

In hindsight, Saturday brought forth a nail-biting game against the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT).

The UOIT Ridgebacks, who until this year had never had a women’s soccer team, had pushed the Golden Hawks into a 3-0 deficit until late in the second half.

Clawing their way back, Laurier’s Emily Brown, Krista Cellucci and Sarah Farano managed to find open net and end the game with a remarkable tie.

Farano’s goal was scored during extra time at the end of the game.

With that momentum still fresh in their minds, the Hawks went on to play McMaster on Sunday — a team

who was just barely trailing them in the division.

“Very good team we played,” MacLean noted about the Marauder squad. “They are right behind us in the standings and so this was a critical game.”

The game begun a little rocky with the visitors clearly being better-rested and quite determined to surpass the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) West leaders.

Laurier had a difficult time executing their shots and passes, only capable of getting three clean opportunities against McMaster netminder Brittany Duffey in the first half.

“Their legs were heavy,” MacLean added. “But I thought it was a very committed attacking performance.”

With a goal called back due to an offside in the first half and a goal post struck in the second, it seemed as though the results of Sunday’s game would mirror that of Saturday’s.

Then, in the 75th minute of play, Laurier rookie Shelby Fallis, scored the lone goal of the game, bringing the Golden Hawks to their concluding score of 1-0.

“We were able to figure out that we needed to communicate more,” Fallis said.

It was the rookie’s third goal of the season.

“We [learned] that we had to put passes behind their defence rather

than in front of them and then we were finally able to get it across and in [the net] this time.”

Laurier midfielder Julie Maheu also regarded the improvement of play in the second half.

“We just wanted to keep up the intensity, keep up the pace, keep putting pressure on their goalie, and it paid off in the end.”

“Mac is only a few points behind us,” Maheu said. “It was definitely one of our biggest games so I’m just really happy that we came out with a result [in our favour].”

This weekend’s success keeps the Hawks on top of the west division and on track with their initial post-season goals.

The top three teams who place in the OUA final four go on to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship in Victoria, B.C.

With Queen’s University getting an automatic bye to the tournament because they are defending OUA and CIS champions, this opens up two more Ontario positions.

Currently, the Ottawa Gee-Gees are no. 1 in the country, with Laurier ranked fifth, and Queen’s ranked sixth.

Looking to continue their undefeated record this weekend against Waterloo, Laurier will look to exceed the expectations of those who initially wrote off this season as a “re-building one”.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
September 23 - 29, 2012

RECENT SCORES

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M Football 35 - Ottawa 27

W Soccer 3 - UOIT 3

M Soccer 1 - UOIT 0

W Rugby 15 - Western 57

W Lacrosse 10 - McMaster 2

W Fastpitch 17 - Carleton 2

W Fastpitch 11 - Carleton 0

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W Soccer 1 - McMaster 0

M Soccer 0 - McMaster 3

W Lacrosse 6 - McMaster 6

W Lacrosse 17 - McGill 7

M Lacrosse 2 - Brock 12

W Fastpitch 9 - Ottawa 14

W Fastpitch 5 - Ottawa 11

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

09.28.12

W Soccer vs. Waterloo

Alumni Field, 1:00pm.

M Soccer vs. Waterloo

Alumni Field, 3:00pm

09.29.12

M Football vs. Guelph

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Two Hawk defenders put pressure on a McMaster Marauder forward Sunday afternoon. Mac won 3-0.

Staying with the competition

SHELBY BLACKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Sitting at 4-2-2, the Wilfrid Laurier University men’s soccer team has a lot to be proud of.

Having already matched their win total from last year, the Hawks fell to the McMaster Marauders — who sit second place in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) West division — 3-0 in an intense, but controversial game Sunday afternoon.

The Hawks managed to stick with the Marauders for the first half until the visitors broke free and found the net on three accounts.

After controversial calls from the referees and an ejection to Laurier netminder Brett Harrington, the Hawks were handed a loss.

But despite the loss Sunday afternoon, head coach Mario Halapir still looks on the weekend as a success.

“The game itself, before it was spoiled by the officiating crew, was actually well executed,” he said. “I think we came out. We had a game plan. The boys actually played very, very well.”

Laurier came off a 1-0 victory Saturday afternoon against University of Ontario Institute of

Technology (UOIT) in Oshawa, where the field conditions were poor and difficult. The Hawks returned home to face McMaster not even 24 hours later.

“We played the night before and these guys didn’t,” Halapir said. “We played in knee-deep mud the night before. We’re still short energy, we showed composure and we held our shape really well. The game went according to plan.”

The Hawks handled the strong McMaster team well for the first 45 minutes of the match. The second half didn’t see scoring until the 60th minute, when a shot passed Harrington.

That opened up the floodgates, as Mac striker Mark Reilly found the back of the net twice to round out the scoring.

Although they received no points on the day, Halapir still believes the young squad will take away positive aspects of the weekend.

“I think overall we did a lot better than expected because of first-year players,” he said. “I’m pretty optimistic about the way things have gone so far and hopefully we’ll continue that.”

Halapir was visibly frustrated

with the officials following the game, but he sees the experience as being a test for the young Laurier team.

“[This game] will definitely test their mentality and test what they’re made of. But I hope it doesn’t spoil what we’ve done so far,” he said.

But the effects of dealing with a controversial game will not be evident right away.

“We’re going to see that on the field,” Halapir said. “The only way we can see that is six games down the road and see how we react to something like this and how we deal with something like this. It’s a shame, it’s one of those things, but it’s just the way it goes.”

With only eight games left, the Hawks are improving overall on their record from last year.

The loss to McMaster was their first loss since their season opener to the York Lions.

“I’m actually quite happy with where we are right now and I’m quite happy with their performances.”

Laurier will host the Waterloo Warriors Friday before UOIT comes for a visit Sunday at Alumni Field. Game times are 3 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

Sports in brief

Women’s lacrosse remain undefeated

The Hawks travelled to Queen’s last weekend to battle the McMaster Marauders and McGill Martlets. Laurier managed two wins and a tie, defeating McMaster 10-2 on Saturday before striking even with them 6-6 on Sunday. Bouncing back Sunday, the Hawks defeated McGill 17-7. Shelby O’Ryan had eight goals and one assist over the weekend. They travel to Guelph next weekend to play UOIT and the defending champions Western Mustangs.

Hawks split weekend

Women’s fastpitch completed the weekend 2-2, after defeating the Carleton Ravens in their double header 17-2 and 11-0. The Hawks then played Ottawa and were handed 14-9 and 11-5 defeats. After the weekend, Laurier now sits with a 6-4 record and will travel to Queen’s and York this weekend for a pair of double headers.

Homecoming tickets sold out

With a week left before the game, tickets for Saturday’s Homecoming football game against the Guelph Gryphons sold out late Friday evening. There will be approximately 500 tickets being sold on game day at University Stadium starting at 9 a.m. Kickoff between the Golden Hawks and Gryphons is 1 p.m.

Cross country have best finish

The Hawks participated at the Western Invitational last weekend and finished 10th as a team, their best finish ever at the race. Fifth-year Brent Meidinger ran the best race of his CIS career, finishing 31st overall and clocking a time of 26:29. —Compiled by Shelby Blackley

New season, another search for victory

SHELBY BLACKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

Leadership. Dynasty. Success. Revenge.

You don't have to question the fight that will come out of the Wilfrid Laurier University women's hockey team this year, because it's the same as it is every year.

After finishing fourth in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national championship last year in Edmonton, the Hawks are looking to rekindle the flame that has been burning underneath them for the last nine years.

And in Rick Osborne's tenth year behind the bench, the head coach found depth in the best of places.

"We have nine, ten really experienced forwards. Third, fourth, fifth-year kids that are going to give us a lot of balance," he said regarding his 2012-13 team.

The Hawks recruited six rookies that will join the squad after captain Abby Rainsberry and fellow veterans Alicia Martin and Katherine Shirriff graduated at the end of last season.

"I think [forward] Robyn Degagne is going to be a high impact rookie," Osborne said. "We have two rookie [defencemen] that I think are going to come along pretty nicely by Christmas and will be comfortable in their roles."

In Thursday's exhibition match against the K-W Rangers, all three rookie forwards — Degagne, Emily Kekewich, and Erika Kiviaho — found the back of the net.

The Hawks generated good offence and controlled the majority of the game, while using the final period to sort out some minor kinks in their special teams.

Osborne also revealed that the Laurier squad would be getting some help in the back end from a former NCAA player. Defender Geneva Kliman, who is originally from



Rookie goaltender Kayla Brown looks on during a pre-season game Thursday night.

WADE THOMPSON VISUAL DIRECTOR

"I think that spot is going to be a share. It's wide open. I'm not going to prejudge either of them."

—Rick Osborne, women's hockey head coach

Toronto but played three years with Darmouth University, will be joining the Hawks after taking a year off.

Kliman did not participate in the exhibition game against the Rangers because her eligibility did not go through in time, but participated in the warm up.

"She will be in the lineup next game, we finally got that all sorted out. And she's a real high-end player," Osborne said. "With Blaire Connelly focusing on school this year and not playing hockey that left a dent in our back end on the skill perspective. So [Kliman] is a good addition."

Osborne also addressed the diversity in some of his veteran players.

"We have the option of using [Candice] Styles back or up depending on which was we want to go."

With being crowned No. 1 in the country before going into last year's CIS national tournament, the Hawks will be searching for another chance at redemption, and it'll start right away.

The defending OUA champions will open their season on the road against the Western Mustangs, the same team they played in the OUA final.

"It'll be a tough trip," Osborne said. "I think there's still some adjustments to the way our team plays, but we have a week or two to look after that."

According to Osborne, the

question of goaltending is still being decided.

Without Rachel Hamilton returning, the Hawks will look to last year's stand-out rookie Erika Thunder as well as first-year Kayla Brown to fill the pipes.

But the starter has not been decided.

"Both have started slower than I thought they would," Osborne said. "I'm not sure Erika came to camp in the kind of shape I would have liked her to or expected her to. She tweaked her back a little bit last week."

"I think that spot is going to be a share. It's wide open. I'm not going to prejudge either of them."

The season starts Oct. 6, which resulted in less exhibition and non-conference games earlier in the season. Osborne stressed that he preferred the games to be during winter break.

This will also help any final nerves in the rookies before the last part of the season.

"I'm hoping that by Christmas you won't be able to tell who the rookies and who the vets are like most years on our team," Osborne said.

He also mentioned that he used last week's defeat against the Calgary Dinos as a breath of fresh air instead of a burden from the defending CIS champions.

"It was kind of nice — well it wasn't really nice getting wacked by Calgary — but we were on the ice every day that week, really tired, and they were all in awe of [Hayley] Wickenheiser," he said.

"I think that went a long way to get all of the butterflies and nervousness out of the team."

Now, the team moves toward contending for another OUA title and a chance at the CIS championship once again.

And Osborne still has faith. "I'm still very happy with all of them."

Men's hockey opens preseason with 4-2 loss



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Winger Mitchell Good tries to keep possession of the puck between the Windsor Lancer defence Friday night in a pre-season game. The Hawks open their season Oct. 11.

ERIC THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

After a long wait, hockey was welcomed back to Wilfrid Laurier University on Friday night, as the Golden Hawks men's hockey team dropped a home exhibition game to the Windsor Lancers 4-2.

The following night, the Hawks 5-1 to the Guelph Gryphons in Brantford.

The game was slated to start at 7:30 p.m., but was pushed back almost an hour due to an absence of referees. Despite the long holdover, the Hawks started the game strong before surrendering three third period goals en route to their first loss of the preseason.

"No, I don't think [the delay] threw anyone off really," said Hawks rookie goaltender Brandon Foote. "We already got the first goal and we were playing well, and then halfway through the second period it kind of fell apart. We didn't really rebound from that second goal they got, and

it kind of went downhill from there."

The Hawks held a 2-1 lead midway through the third period on goals by first-year Andrew Henry and third-year centre James Marsden.

But a late collapse saw the team surrender 21 shots in the third, and left the team knowing there is still a lot it can improve on.

"I think really we maybe had about 15 good minutes out of 60 tonight," said assistant coach Graeme Swan. "It started with a flurry and we had a little bit of energy early and then we just fell back, and our defense coverage was lax. On a bright note, I thought Brandon Foote was our best player."

In his first taste of Ontario University Athletics (OUA) action, Foote, the Hawks' new recruit stopped his first 19 shots, and 41 of 45 on the night.

The ex-member of the Guelph Storm showed phenomenal reaction time and flexibility making a number of cross-crease saves to keep

Laurier in the game, including one that made TSN's honour roll.

"It's pretty crazy. I mean coming from the OHL I didn't really know what to expect, but there are a lot of good hockey players out there," said Foote after his first game.

The showing by Foote could be a welcoming sight to current starter Ryan Daniels. Daniels appeared in 28 games for Laurier last season and may benefit this season from having a chance to rest.

"It's one game for Brandon so I think we liked his start," said Swan. "Ryan Daniels is going to be the number one guy here in his last year. He'll still probably have a good workload and Brandon will earn his time. I think it will be a good 1-2 punch."

Despite many new faces from last season, it was the same story for Laurier's offence. The team was drastically outshot 45-27 and failed to generate sustainable pressure on the power play despite numerous opportunities.

There is still plenty of time to improve before the season starts on Oct. 11 and Swan believes the team has the right mentality to be successful this season.

"I like our energy that the new guys are bringing. I thought last weekend at Ryerson we showed that in the game, but we have certainly seen that through practice," Swan said. "It seems like there is just a renewed energy in practice and a little bit more enthusiasm for what we are doing. We've got a good core veteran group still; and I think that will help with as many as 16 new players."

After a difficult 2011-12 season, where the Hawks lost a number of players for injuries or academic reasons, this year's roster is loaded with available talent.

"The one thing that is kind of nice this year that we didn't have last is that we've got extra bodies," added Swan.

"That just helps to keep everybody more accountable so if you have a night where some guys are a

little off in their game, and you have some healthy scratches, then you can get new guys to step up. That competition should be healthy for our team."

This year's team should see better results than the previous incarnation. Where they will finish is still a mystery.

"I'm sure if you ask any guy on the team they would want to win every game," said Foote.

"I'm not really too sure what happened last year with this team, being a rookie, but I know we want to try and make a playoff push and try and go far."

"I think with the changes that we've made we have a pretty good group of guys in there. We just need to battle in practice and rebound for tomorrow."

The Hawks regular season opens with five straight road games, starting on Oct. 11 at the University of Waterloo. The home opener is Oct. 27 against the Guelph Gryphons at Sunlife Financial Arena.