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Stabbing near campus

Injuries serious but
not life threatening

LINDSAY PURCHASE
LOCAL AND NATIONAL EDITOR

A man and woman were victims of a non-fatal stabbing in a disturbance early Tuesday morning in Waterloo. Waterloo Regional Police Service (WRPS) responded to the call around 3:30 a.m. at 90 Marshall Street, an apartment residence near the intersection of Marshall and Weber Street.

The suspect, who fled in advance of the arrival of police, also entered a residence at 67 Marshall Street and assaulted a male occupant.

According to WRPS, the stabbing victims suffered serious, but non-life threatening injuries, while the other male victim sustained a minor injury.

The male suspect was apprehended by police after fleeing the scene of the second crime, though charges have not yet been laid. He is believed to have been known by the victims.

Robyn Willert, a resident of the neighbouring apartment, said that she saw police cars when she got

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Best in the West

Women's soccer team
heads to post-season
as OUA West Division's
top seed

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CRISTINA RUCCHETTA FILE PHOTO

Laurier defender Kelsey Tikka (3) has been one of many key contributors to the Golden Hawks so far this season. The team awaits their quarter final opponent after earning a first-round bye.

Fall break far off

Laurier unlikely to
see first-semester
break next year

MARISSA EVANS
LEAD REPORTER

While some Ontario colleges and universities had fall reading weeks for students this past month, Wilfrid Laurier University students will have to continue to battle through fall term mid-term stress, as fall reading days may not be an option until at least the 2014-15 academic year.

On Oct. 17, the university's fall study days committee met to continue the discussion surrounding fall study days at WLU.

The meeting resulted in some large developments, including a new focus which will lead to an expanded process for looking at fall study days.

However, this also means students probably won't be seeing fall study days during the upcoming 2013-14 year.

"Given the broad nature of what we're reviewing, it will take a long time and the full implications of it probably won't be in place until 2014-15," explained Chris Walker, vice president of university affairs for the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union.

"We came to the conclusion that we can't talk about fall study days and the mental health component of that without also looking at the impacts it will have on Orientation Week, as well as the academic transition component of what we're trying to accomplish out of a strong orientation program."

As a response to this concern, the WLU will be working with the university, particularly student affairs, to strike a task force to look at the first year experience as a whole.

Last year, it was concerns such as these that halted the debate regarding fall reading days when the issue was brought to the WLU Senate.

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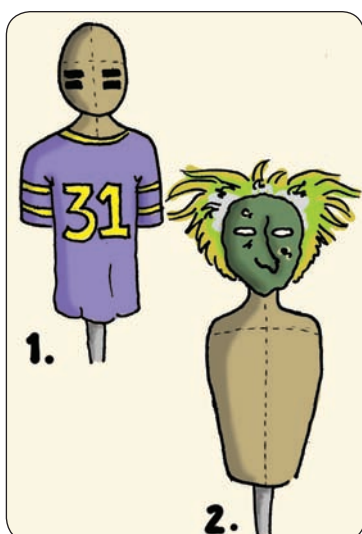
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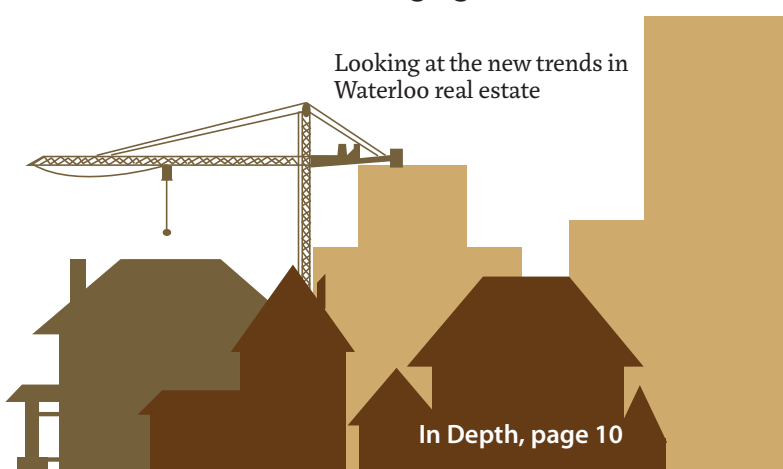
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CORRECTIONS

In the Oct. 17 article "WLU GSA announces new president and CEO Laleh Samarbakhsh," The Cord incorrectly wrote new president Laleh Samarbakhsh's last name as "Sara-bakhsh" in multiple paragraphs.

In the Oct. 17 article "Scarving poutine," The Cord stated the poutine eating contest took place in the Terrace, when in fact it was in The Turret.

In the Oct. 17 article "K-W gets tech funds," The Cord failed to clarify that the description "a mentorship organization that functions to facilitate startup businesses" referred to the Velocity Garage at UW and not Weston Expressions Inc.

The Cord apologizes for these errors.

Dear LIFE

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 Life,
I think I will dress up as our athletic director for Halloween. I'm sure I'll be able to scare some baseball and volleyball players around campus.
Sincerely,
Not impressed with athletics on campus

Dear Life,
I wish the old Dining Hall salad bar was back. The new one sucks with only half the options as before. I thought the dining hall changed so we have more healthy options, instead there are more gluten filled options.
Sincerely,
I will take my money elsewhere

Dear Focus,
Why did you leave me? It's been too long since I've spent the night with

you, and I really need you right now. Sincerely,
Can't get through midterm season without you

Dear Taco Bell lover,
Thought you should know, Taco Bell was never meant to be eaten after it has come out of your ass...that's probably why it tastes so bad. It's called excrement for a reason. But I guess, one man's trash is another man's treasure? Or then again, maybe not.
Sincerely,
Your Syntax Admirer

Dear Life,
If you want to improve the mental health of students don't schedule back to back to back exams for core courses. Oh wait, you actually don't care.
Sincerely,
Smile for the Camera!

Dear Life,
I have begun to realize that after dark, campus turns into a first year's haven. In which they may speak loudly about the heavy flow they're getting while on their period (TMI), the results of their chemistry lab, how to print from the hub and play 'who would you do' prof edition.
Sincerely,
Night Owl

Dear Life,
What is going on with the Tim Horton's in the science building?! No egg salad, a limited supply of bagels, and no soup variety.
Sincerely,
Not worth the 20-minute wait

Dear Life,
An ode to lover boy. I watch you sip that Arizona and wish that I were that can so I could touch your soft supple lips. The grace you nod your head with in class cannot be matched, your adorable ugly sweaters, hair that can't bounce because it's too greasy and the way you walk (which is way too fast, can hardly follow you effectively) are divine as can be. I shout on the inside but the words can somehow never reach my mouth. Why, oh why must you be too irresistibly attractive. Why oh why must you be so intelligent, witty, and amazing.
Sincerely,
Me love you long time

Dear Editor-in-Chief,
Nice shoes, let's fuck.
Sincerely,

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Sincerely,
Sorry not sorry

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Sincerely,
You Love My Stories Anyway

Dear Life,
Stop picking up guys at Phil's. Even if they say they're not trying to get in your pants, their 2 a.m. text messages beg to differ.
Sincerely,
Wheeling at the library

Dear Life,
Remember to put everything into perspective, whether it be the good or the bad, understand its importance in life by placing it properly into perspective.
Sincerely,
Don't sweat the small stuff

Dear First Years Looking at Houses,
Domus screwed me out of over 100 dollars last year by exploiting a legal loophole. They were exceptionally lazy about repairs in spite of my numerous maintenance requests and they let the kitchen sink leak for four months before repairing it properly. Even after hiring a new maintenance manager, they refused to acknowledge the presence of mould or even bring in a mould inspector even though the kitchen stunk of mould and you could even SEE IT in the sink cabinet. In case you don't see my point, stay the hell away from them.
Sincerely,
Good luck to the new tenants of my old house.

Dear Life,
Please tell the d-bag in the business building comp lab to take his phone off 'radio' setting or put some headphones in. I don't need to hear your dumbass friends talking via your cell in a place that is meant for studying. How many dirty looks do I have to throw your way before you take a hint? Also, tell your friends the reason the door locks/their OneCards can't open the door into here is because they are ARTS students, and don't PAY the PrismResources fees exclusive to SBE students to gain access to our labs. This is a place to STUDY, not play games or listen to people over the radio. Take a hike.
Sincerely,
Someone in a serious program

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What would be your weapon of choice during the zombie apocalypse?



"A frying pan."
-Sira Diaby
third-year, health science



"My fists."
-Kin Ho
third-year, business



"A shotgun."
-Joseph Redman
first-year, math and business



"A sword."
-Navnit Singh
first-year computer science and psychology

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The Cord will always attempt to do what is right, with fear of neither repercussions, nor retaliation. The purpose of the student press is to act as an agent of social awareness, and so shall conduct the affairs of our newspaper.

Quote of the week:
"His head looks like it's taped on."
-Visual Director Wade Thompson re: a certain Laurier prof.

NEWS

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Light Rail Transit enters early stages

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
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The Region of Waterloo is finally beginning to enter the early phases of their construction of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) system that will connect the three main municipalities of Kitchener, Waterloo and Cambridge by 2017.

Until the end of November, the region will accept requests from developers to determine who will design the approximately \$800 million dollar project.

“So through this process we will identify up to three teams who then will be given the opportunity to bet on and request a proposal next year,” explained Darshpreet Bhatti, the director of the rapid transit division at the Region of Waterloo. “They will submit their submissions by the end of November basically identifying their strengths in construction, design, operations, maintenance and finances.”

Those three potential candidates for the project will be chosen by the regional council in January. The team awarded with the contract and permission to go ahead with the project will be selected by council in the summer of 2014.

“Construction will likely be two to two and a half years. We anticipate and we’re aiming to have our revenue service and our system running itself by 2017,” Bhatti added.

The LRT system has been under debate since its first proposal back in 2009. According to Bhatti, the system will benefit the region — which has a population of about 500,000 people — in two ways: one

being transportation and the other being about land-use and growth management.

By focusing the growth of the region in already built-up areas, the environment and green space of the region will be maintained, Bhatti said.

“We want to protect our countryside, to maintain a good environment of this region for now and also in the future,” he continued. “Once you have that intensification coming in built-up areas you’ll have to provide options and opportunities for people so they’re able to travel from an origin to their destination.”

The route of the LRT was determined and approved by council back in June 2011, but little adjustments will be made by the development team chosen for the project. The set route and station locations, however, can’t be tweaked by the developers.

In addition, about eight kilometres of the route will be on railways and hydro corridors, therefore minimizing the impact on city streets. Bhatti noted that the rail system will be either in the middle or the curb side of the road, but road-widening will take place if required.

In the past, some opposition has arisen for the LRT, notably from the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce. While Cambridge will not be involved until the latter stages of the construction, the Cambridge representation on council approved the project last year.

Small business owners, like David Worsley, the co-owner of Wordsworth Books in Uptown Waterloo, are also voicing their concerns.



STEPH TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR
Four LRT transit hubs will be built around the core of Uptown Waterloo. System to finished by 2017.

“You’ll have to look at it from two perspectives: as a citizen I think it’s a no-brainer that we have to reduce our carbon footprint,” Worsley explained. “As an owner of a business that is directly going to be affected by LRT, it’s going to be problematic.”

As a result of the construction of the LRT, small businesses that are directly affected by the rail will see an increase in their commercial rent. Worsley is no exception as a train will pass right in front of where Wordsworth Books is on King Street.

“So commercial rent, all the way up to University [Avenue] really, is going up in a big, big way,” he said. “That doesn’t come into question if LRT is a good idea or not.”

Worsley added that the support for the project, in his own eyes, has been rather minimal.

Even though the construction won’t be completed until 2017, Worsley and other business owners will be affected throughout the whole process.

“As a business owner, I’m worried about it,” Worsley admitted.

This article originally appeared in the November issue of The Cord Community Edition.

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The scene at the apartment building on Marshall St. near Laurier.

‘A little unsettling’

—cover

up to go to work in the morning and claimed to have seen “blood on the door.”

“The only thing that kind of concerns me is that I walk to work at five a.m.,” she said. “It is a little unsettling.”

Willert said she’ll be having her dad drive her to work for awhile as a safety precaution.

Rachel Kuehnel lives in the building where the stabbing occurred, but said she wasn’t worried about the safety of her living situation. To her the incident did not seem to be a random attack.

“I think it was just a closed incident [that] had to do with the people who live there,” she speculated.

Acting dean of students at Wilfrid Laurier University Adam Lawrence had heard about the incident, but was unaware of any details, as

additional information has not yet been released by WRPS.

Although many students do reside on Marshall Street, it is unknown whether any students were involved in the incident.

“We deem our campus to be very safe, but we’re constantly working with WRPS, Special Constables and bylaw to ensure safety both on and off campus,” commented Lawrence. “The safety of our students is our number-one priority.”

Special Constables declined to comment, stating that it was an issue to be addressed by the regional police.

An investigation is currently underway to determine the nature of the incident.

Anyone who has information is being encouraged to contact either the police at 519-650-8500 ext. 6332 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

IPRM discussion delayed

Due to criticism, new system to be voted on in November

ELIZABETH DICESARE
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

With the new Integrated Planning and Resource Management (IPRM) system being implemented at Wilfrid Laurier University, many staff and faculty have been publicly expressing concerns regarding how the new budgeting system will affect the school as a whole.

At the last senate and board meeting, held on Oct. 16, the decision to officially implement IPRM was to be voted on, but was pushed back to the next senate and board meeting in November due to concerns that were raised by different faculties.

“There is a sense that the university will be sustaining cuts in the future,” expressed David Monod, chair of the history department.

“It’s clear to me that something has to be done to create a budget process, so IPRM is one of the various approaches that can be adopted to set priorities.”

However, Monod also explained that there is some concern over what departments the IPRM system will validate as needing more funding, or consequently seeing cutbacks.

“There’s a sense these days that the arts [programs] aren’t being valued ... in our society,” he explained. “Arts education is no longer valued in our community ... the fear about any budgeting process that identifies priorities is that those priorities won’t be the arts, because those aren’t the priorities that at the moment our society as a whole favours.”

Peter Elgin of the sociology department also voiced concerns to The Cord regarding the IPRM system.

“What immediately comes to

“I’m surprised there isn’t more objection from students.”

—Peter Elgin, sociology professor at Laurier

mind for me, we already have a fairly elaborate system in place for evaluating programs, and indeed individual faculty,” he said. “What is essentially a presidential decision, and describes itself as a planning exercise to do with resource allocation, is going to assess programs as to whether they are going to be enhanced or simply maintained or indeed phased out.”

“Planning needs to be done, I’m not saying that’s not the case, but it needs to be done in a way that respects the academic nature of this institution,” he added.

Orna Duggan, Laurier’s director of institutional research, explained that at the last senate meeting, concerns raised regarding IPRM were discussed.

“We talked about the processing and to what extent that process will help us achieve the working groups that we want to put together [and] be able to deliver the structure of IPRM within the regulations and confines of the university,” she said. “There was a general discussion at the last senate meeting and the plan for the next meeting is about the specifics.”

She mentioned that 60 per cent of the planning task force committee will be made up of faculty members. “The structure of this process really gives faculty probably an unprecedented voice,” she said.

In addition, she noted that there has been communication with the Wilfrid Laurier University Students’ Union and the Graduate Students’ Association (GSA). She added that committees will be formed by January as expected.

Monod emphasized that these concerns being voiced regarding IPRM will benefit it in the long run. “If it is passed, it will probably be a healthier thing from being discussed and debated,” he said.

“If the thing goes through, then I think we have to make our voices heard as part of a process, and make sure it’s the best and most constructive thing that can happen.”

Elgin echoed these thoughts and also addressed the role of students within IPRM.

“I’m surprised there isn’t more objection from students,” he said, emphasizing that students should be aware of what is happening.

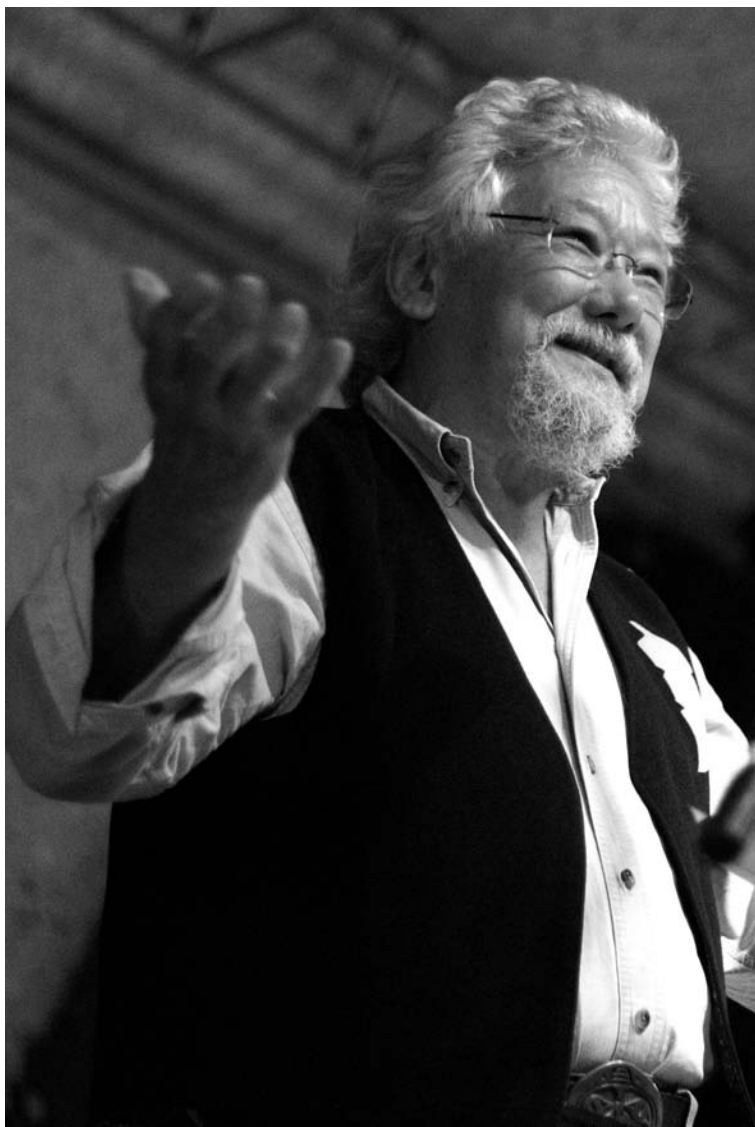
“[Students] should be thinking about what the university means to them, and they should think about its internal decision making and what role they should have in decisions about academic programs that might affect whether they can get to do what they want to do at university.”

The next senate and board meeting is to be held on Nov. 26.

— With files from Justin Smirlies

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David Suzuki spoke in the Turret about the importance of ecology.

The 'eco' in economy

David Suzuki and Jeff Rubin brought their Eco Tour to the Turret, where they addressed both the economy and ecology

ELIZABETH DICESARE
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

On Oct. 17, Jeff Rubin and David Suzuki brought their Eco Tour to Wilfrid Laurier University. Their presentation, titled "End of Growth: How to Achieve a Truly Sustainable Future" discussed how the potential end of our current economy can re-boot our relationship with nature and make the world more green.

While Rubin began by explaining that natural resources, such as oil, are needed to keep the economy from faltering, Suzuki stressed that the economy has taken over our lives in an unnatural way and that humans need to be giving just as much attention to the environment.

"Every major global recession, over the last 40 years, has had oil's finger prints all over it," Rubin began. "No matter how you move goods around the world, you're burning one fuel, and one fuel only, and that fuel is oil, and that's because it packs about four times the energy density of natural gas."

Because we rely so heavily on oil, it indirectly dictates the economy and society as a whole.

"The higher the price [of oil], the more of it will be supplied ... we need very high oil prices to raise oil

out of the ground," he explained. "[But] we can no longer afford to burn what's coming out of the ground."

While higher oil prices mean more to consume, we can no longer afford to buy oil, which results in a vicious cycle of oil-based recessions.

However, when this happens and the economy suffers, as Rubin pointed out, environmental issues are largely ignored.

"Every time the economy weakens, environmental issues get shunted to the back seat," he stated. "Perhaps we are getting messages that nature is telling us that something is wrong ... there is an element of great hope."

And it was this element of hope that Suzuki began his lecture with.

"I've never taken a course on economics, I just use common sense," Suzuki immediately told the audience.

He continued by explaining the frustrations of ecologists because economists tend to shrug them off for being too "radical."

However, as Suzuki explained, ecologists try to determine the laws that a species has to follow in order to flourish, whereas economists are supposed to maintain the domain in

which those species live.

"The economy is just a means to something else ... this is madness," he exclaimed. "Now that the economy has come to what I hope is the end, we better ask 'what do we have an economy for?'"

Suzuki then explained that the overpopulation of the Earth has resulted in a global economy that is too occupied with consumption, which has resulted in a massive ecological footprint.

"We have become a new kind of force on this planet; our species is altering the physical, chemical and biological properties of the planet," he said. "We are animals, we are like any other critter, [but] a lot of people don't like to be told this."

The emphasis of the talk then switched to humans re-evaluating what the most important things in life are: the economy or nature?

"The challenge today is to take the end of growth as our opportunity to get ourselves back into the biosphere, and then decide what are our highest priorities," he concluded.

"The challenge is frightening, but I think also very exciting; to get our eyes open to see our real place in nature ... and to start, let's put the 'eco' back into economics."

Cyber-bullying tough to monitor

SPENCER DUNN
STAFF WRITER

The face of residence life is constantly changing. As different generations pass through the halls of different residences at Wilfrid Laurier University, different challenges, opportunities and rewards are posed. In particular, technology has played a major role in the ever-varying world that is experienced while living in residence.

Sheldon Pereira has been a part of Res Life since 2004 when he began attending Laurier, and has just recently been hired as the Res Life manager at Laurier.

Pereira addressed the behaviour of students in residence, stating that, "They haven't really changed." Pereira spoke to the idea that most incidences occur because of transitional challenges.

"Student conduct hasn't changed, they make mistakes and learn from them, the nature of those mistakes has changed as society has," he explained.

This is predominantly because of changes in technology.

"When I was in first year, I anecdotally say that 20 percent of my floor had a cell phone," he said.

This number, has increased drastically since then. With this new wave of social media and social networking brings many new challenges for students and dons in residence.

One of these challenges is in the case of bullying.

"It's something we don't see as frequently in a personal face-to-face setting, it's now seen more virtually than we would have seen in the past," Pereira continued. "It's almost



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR

Cyber-bullying is becoming an increasing problem in residences.

like residence has continued beyond the physical residence."

This bullying has to be addressed by dons, though it is harder to identify because it is more difficult to physically see. Dons are discouraged from adding students on Facebook because it forces them to have conversations that otherwise wouldn't be addressed.

"It can bring to light some things that we can support students on," Pereira commented with regards to the benefits of social media.

Benjamin Head, a third-year business student at Laurier and a former don, also spoke to the topic of cyber bullying, and mentioned the difficulty of identifying cyber bullying.

"I don't think I was ever able to track down cyber bullying as I preferred to remove myself from social media interaction with my students," he stated.

This isn't to say that he didn't have solutions.

"My philosophy in my dealing with first years was to lead by example in person in hopes that it would resonate with my peers and in turn translate into better social media etiquette," he explained.

"In tackling cyber bullying everyone will share a video of the latest anti-bullying ad, and post it on their wall asking for friends to support the cause," said Head.

"However, that same person will then turn around and 'off the record' partake in forms of bullying."

This can be a major problem when trying to deal with cyber bullying in residence, because it's so hidden.

Pereira emphasized that no matter what changes occur, the focus is for residence to be a "learning lab," and a community where students can learn and grow together.

Reading days a possibility in 2014

—cover

economics raised serious concerns regarding the scheduling of midterms and exams, fall reading days were no longer being considered for 2012.

Other concerns were also brought up, both last year and throughout this year, regarding the possible affect that fall reading days would have on Orientation Week if classes had to begin on the Thursday the week of Labour Day.

When the debate to institute a break throughout the fall semester was debunked, many O-Week volunteers considered it to be a "victory."

According to Walker, this initiative is supported by Deb MacLatchy, Laurier's vice president of academic and provost, as well as vice president of student affairs David McMurray.

Walker went on to explain that it was the ambiguity surrounding where the fall study days should come from that led to the decision to review Orientation Week. For him, it's all about making the right decision the first time.

"Obviously we want first years to have a good transition," said Walker of Orientation Week.

The task force will be focussing on ensuring that this is the case.

Adam Lawrence, acting dean of students at WLU, explained that many questions need to be answered, but he's excited by the willingness of faculty, staff and students to contribute to the discussion around fall study days.

"Everyone is willing to have these conversations, [and] when that happens, so much good can come of it," Lawrence said.

"Chris Walker, David McMurray and Deb MacLatchy have really taken the lead on this and are bringing

the appropriate people together."

According to Walker, the task force will be composed of representatives from WLUSU and the university, as well as some student leaders and first-year students.

Their aim will be to "get broad-based feedback as to everything from the acceptance of first years ... right up until the end of April," he explained.

Lawrence felt positively about this decision.

"I think it's a great process, to be honest with you," he said. "But it is a process. It's not just a snap decision; there needs to be the appropriate plans in place."

There is no fall study days committee meeting planned for the near future.

Instead, the focus has been turned over to the task force. However, Walker shared that more changes are on the horizon.

"When fall study days comes back as a proposal, it's going to be part of a larger first-year experience review that's likely going to recommend changes or amendments to a lot of current structural things," he explained.

He continued by saying the review will include exam scheduling as well as developing strategies to alleviate peak work-load times.

Expressing WLUSU's opinion on the result of Wednesday's meeting, Walker said, "We're in support of it because we want to make an evidence-based decision. One that is going to have the most amount of benefit."

Lawrence also concluded by conveying his support for the process.

"I'm a big advocate for it," he said. "There's going to be give and take ... but everyone is coming to the table to have these discussions, which is good, and the conversation is very vibrant."

Arts raises entrance averages

Faculty raises cut-off average for first-year students from 74 per cent to 75 this year

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NEWS DIRECTOR

The faculty of arts at Wilfrid Laurier University has implemented various initiatives over the past year to ensure the level of quality in the faculty is optimal.

More recently, on Friday, the faculty unanimously decided to bump the entrance average for arts from 74 per cent to 75.

This motion, while passed by the faculty, still needs to be passed by the senior administration at a senate and board meeting.

Last year it was moved up to 74 per cent from 72 in the 2010-11 academic year.

"I think we're moving in the right direction. The average entrance marks for the arts at most universities in Ontario is the mid-seventies," explained Mercedes Rowinsky-Geurts, the associate dean of student affairs and special projects. "So we're up there with most competitive universities."

"I think it also has raised the quality of students," she added.

According to the acting dean of students at Laurier, Michel Desjardins, the faculty wants more of an emphasis on quality as opposed to quantity.

With government funding facing cuts in the near future, resources may be a bit more limited, especially if the faculty wants to take in less students.

"We would have lost about six per cent of our incoming students [for this year] and the faculty is still willing to do this," said Desjardins if the increase in the average were to happen this year.

"If the government decides to cut resources to the university significantly in the next year or the year after, then we'll play with what

"The average entrance marks for the arts at most universities in Ontario is the mid-seventies."

—Mercedes Rowinsky-Geurts, associate dean of student affairs and special projects

we've got."

"If we shrink or if we grow, whatever we do has to be quality."

He added that this situation of limited resources is not a situation unique to the arts faculty and that the business, music and science faculties will face these issues as well.

"Sure, it's an issue. If I had my wish list I would have a scholarship for every student that studies abroad," Desjardins continued.

"I think the whole university has to do with resourcing. All of us are dealing with that on a daily basis."

While Rowinsky-Geurts thinks it's a good idea, she said it needs to be taken with caution.

Universities can offer support programs that can actually allow a student who has a lower high school average to find their proper footing in first year, and to grow academically.

"I'm a bit cautious about entry averages. I believe a student in a university, if they find the right environment, can flourish," she explained.

"One person with an 80 [per

cent entrance average] can fall and a person with a 74 [per cent average] can find that here is the right environment."

Some of the programs that the faculty of arts have implemented to improve the student experience have been first-year seminars, a new mentor program and the arts scholars program for high-achieving students.

"As far as we can tell, it's been going well. It's always difficult during the programs to assess, but the feedback has been really positive," said Desjardins, particularly about the first-year seminars.

He noted that the faculty hopes to have 22 — two more than this

year and 13 more than in 2011-12 — in the 2013-14 academic year.

Rowinsky-Geurts believes these programs will "break the barrier" for academic services and that they are more proactive for students in need. E-mails and other messages have been consistently sent out to students.

The mentor program, which also began this year, has divided the first-years into three groups so they have direct access to an academic advisor. Rowinsky-Geurts said that the reception by students has been positive.

"This kind of constant communication with them is showing a difference," she said.



TAYLOR GAYOWSKY GRAPHICS ARTIST

Laurier in brief

Laurier student jailed for child pornography

Daniel Wright, a Laurier student, was sentenced to one year in prison followed by three years of probation Tuesday morning after confessing in a Kitchener court to charges regarding possession of child pornography.

Local police found the content, which was found in the form of over 400 videos, after they utilized a computer program that searched for suspected child porn online. They then found websites sharing videos as well.

Wright also confessed to viewing child porn since the age of 11, and stated that by the time of his arrest, it had become more of a daily habit. He was also found to be struggling with depression.

Laurier improves in *Globe and Mail* report

In this year's *Globe and Mail* Canadian University Report, Laurier was able to improve its rankings in eight different categories, while also placing in the top three in its size group, being a medium sized school, in thirteen different categories across the nation.

Laurier was also able to secure a first-place tie in the Class Size category.

The eight categories where Laurier saw improvement included, but were not limited to: Career Preparation, Course Registration, Libraries and Quality of Teaching and Learning.

These awards are based off of surveys that include 31,000 undergraduate students across Canada, and grouped based on a given school's population.

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Region addresses cyclist responsibility

ALANNA FAIREY
LEAD REPORTER

Avid cyclist Ryan Fox can remember the events of his biking accident back in 2010 like it was yesterday. Though he survived his injuries, his regret haunts him every time he gets on his bike.

"I always go back to that day and wish that I had been more assertive and smart while biking on the road," Fox shared.

"I shouldn't have been riding on the wrong side of the road, I should've known better than that. That one mistake almost got me killed. I just never thought it would happen to me; I've always been biking and I didn't see it coming."

Fox is part of a 60 per cent statistic that names riding on the wrong side of the road as a contributing factor of bike collisions.

Other statistics have shown that riding on sidewalks and through cross walks is a factor in 86 per cent of collisions involving bikes in Waterloo Region, according to a 2010 study created by the University of Waterloo.

To educate cyclists about their responsibilities and the growing concerns about collisions from the community, the Region of Waterloo has launched the Happy Cycling Campaign.

"It's really just an opportunity to take things in a new light and celebrate cyclists with cycling," said James LaPointe, principal planner for the transportation demand

management at the Region of Waterloo.

"We've heard back from the community about some of the issues that are facing cyclists on a day-to-day basis and we're trying to focus this campaign by addressing those concerns and come out with a program that can look at the factors of collisions and give a more positive reinforcement."

LaPointe stressed that a lot of individuals who are cyclists are also drivers. This leads the cyclist to not realize that they share the same rules and responsibilities when sharing the road with vehicles. However, there is an assumption from some cyclists that because they do not need a license to bike, the rules of driving do not apply.

"What that means is that people may not expect that they have to follow the same rules and predictable behaviours as drivers," LaPointe addressed.

"What we're finding is that cyclists are riding in the wrong direction on a roadway or they're riding on the sidewalks, which is illegal in Waterloo Region. What we're trying to do is correct those behaviours by educating cyclists on the right ways to cycle and give them an opportunity to see that."

The causes of bike collisions also include cyclists not letting the drivers know what they are doing by not signaling properly.

After gaining the courage to get back on his bike, Fox began to notice the recklessness of cyclists around



SAMANTHA KELLERMAN STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

While some cyclists follow the regulations of the road, others jeopardize safety with bad biking habits.

him.

"After my accident, I began to notice that a lot of cyclists wouldn't let other cars know when they were turning, and I'd see a lot

of near accidents happen," Fox shared.

"I don't think cyclists realize that the need to be predictable in a car still applies on a bike. I learned my

lesson the hard way and I hope other riders do as well."

Volunteers with the Happy Cycling Campaign will be giving prizes to cyclists who are riding safely.

Online education a 'tsunami' of change

John Hennessy, Stanford University president, discusses benefits on online learning at UW lecture

ALANNA FAIREY
LEAD REPORTER

Stanford University president John Hennessy was invited to the University of Waterloo (UW) on Oct. 19 to share his perspective on online education.

At the request of UW president and vice-chancellor Feridun Hamdullahpur, Hennessy not only spoke to the students and faculty members about the rise of online education, but he was also granted an honorary doctor of mathematics degree to recognize his contributions to modern computer architecture and to post-secondary education.

Hennessy's interest in studying online education came from an initiative that originated from his

colleagues coming together and discussing the possibility of online education being an experiment to work on.

"What initially got me interested was a group of my colleagues who wanted to do this experiment ... so I gave her the money to do that experiment and one of our colleagues decided to put that online," he explained.

"And all of sudden I said 'this is going to change how we think about education.' That is where it all really began."

When sharing his perspective on online education, Hennessy spoke of online teaching being a metaphorical "tsunami."

He explained that this is an accurate metaphor, as tsunamis have the potential to destroy or create the

area they hit.

"A tsunami comes and remakes the coastline and changes things dramatically. It both destroys some things, but it also creates new things," Hennessy said.

"I think for higher education, the question is how is it going to respond to the tsunami? Is it going to embrace it or surf it and create something that's new and better? Or is it going to let itself be disrupted and perhaps lose something in higher education?"

According to Hennessy, some of the things that could be created by the tsunami are alternative ways of thinking for students as not all students learn the same in a classroom, with some learning more effectively with textbook and individual coursework.

Online education would be another approach and paradigm for learning.

However, he also spoke about the downsides that will come with online education.

"It can lead to some lack of contact between faculty and students, there's a lack of motivation, so I think there are things to be aware of. But this is not a replacement, you don't want this to replace everything," Hennessy reasoned.

"Those seminars with fifteen people sitting around one faculty member, that is a unique learning experience. We cannot afford to have that as the only learning mechanism, but we don't want to get rid of it either. The challenge is to not throw out the baby with the bath water, keep some of the things

that are special about university education."

Hennessy concluded that the future of online education still has some assessments to be done, but that university students and faculty members should view this as an alternative way to revolutionize thinking and learning.

"I think online is going to be an alternative way for students to get an education and a way for universities to extend their reach to students who might not be able to be physically present, and a way to support their students. I think all of those things will be good for students and they will be good for the university as well," Hennessy said.

"I think this has characteristics which bring new advantages to the table."

K-W in brief

Conestoga College receives funding

Local post-secondary institution Conestoga College received a donation of \$325,000 to its business program from the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC).

The funding will go toward creating a small business ventures program, which will provide university and college graduates the opportunity to attain graduate certificates in entrepreneurship. The program will take place over a 25 week span and aims to create more entrepreneurs for small-to-mid sized businesses.

RBC will also continue to be involved. Students who develop their own businesses will be given a \$1000 award and RBC representatives will also be involved in parts of the education process, along with other coaches and mentors who will provide support to the students.

Uptown residents protesting hydro development

City officials and residents in the Uptown Waterloo area are clashing over hydro upgrades which are meant to update old infrastructure, but which locals fear will cause damage to trees in the area. They are also concerned about the esthetic value of the old neighbourhoods.

Some have accused the city of putting in new hydro poles as a means of gaining more revenue through increased hydro use, as the city of Waterloo owns 73 per cent of Waterloo North Hydro.

Between 16 and 18 hydro poles will be installed according to plans by Waterloo North Hydro. Infrastructure in the area is more than 50 years old. The new poles will look different than the existing ones, as they will be both taller and wider. —Compiled by Lindsay Purchase

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Zombies invade Uptown Waterloo

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LOCAL AND NATIONAL EDITOR

More than 100 people invaded Uptown Waterloo this past Saturday, an unusual crowd characterized by dripping blood, dragging limbs and loud moaning – no it wasn't the zombie apocalypse; it was simply enthusiasts of the 2012 Waterloo Zombie Walk, an annual event put on by kdub.ca.

Zombie participants could have their makeup done by an artist, check out the Zombie Disposal Unit, have their costumes judged to win prizes and, of course, stagger down King Street in full character as the undead of Kitchener-Waterloo.

John May has been coming out to the Zombie Walk for five years, and brought along his family and co-workers to enjoy the afternoon activities in spite of the rain.

When the event was smaller, he said, it was less formal, and just consisted of people dressing up as zombies and “[walking] into the unsuspecting downtown.”

“It’s very satisfying to see the reactions from civilians,” said May, who was dressed as a self-described “sleepwalker zombie.”

Other notable costumes were a towering scarecrow, a couple of ‘undead’ brides and a zombie who had used makeup and a zipper to give the appearance of having an “un-zipped” face.

Land of the Dead actor Peter Schoel, who lives in Kitchener, was there as a special guest and assisted in picking out the best costumes for the contest.

For him, dressing up as a zombie is a chance to act and “be someone

who you’re not.”

“It’s like Halloween – come early!” Schoelier exclaimed.

Though some had been coming for years or had participated in the Kitchener version of the event, others were experiencing it for the first time, drawn together by curiosity and shared interest in the zombie phenomenon.

Paul Poplawski, a Kitchener resident and first-time participant was dressed as zombie farmer. He expressed his interest in the culture of the undead.

“Zombies are the quintessential predator against man, and not only that, but if you’re prepared for a zombie apocalypse you’re literally prepared for anything,” he explained.

The event, however, is more than just an opportunity to embrace your inner zombie; it’s also used as a fundraiser.

This year’s donations were given to Nutrition for Learning, a charitable organization which provides support for local nutrition programs for children.

Raffle prizes were available to be won and donations could also be made at a makeup station.

“I’m the charity of choice for zombies, I hadn’t really thought of that. I’m feeling pretty good,” laughed Brian Banks, who was there representing Nutrition for Learning. “I’m really enjoying the atmosphere and how giving everybody has been.”

While Dawn Frey, who was there with her children, acknowledged her support the cause, she admitted it’s also about “just going out and freaking people out, having some fun with the kids.



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Drinking at the movies

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Cineplex Entertainment will be starting construction next summer for their new 11-theatre cinema in Kitchener. Three of the theatres will include VIP auditoriums which will be for movie-goers 19 and older. This will be the first cinema to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol in the Waterloo Region.

The theatre, which is being built on Fairway Road across from Fairview Park Mall, will offer patrons the VIP experience where they can purchase alcohol as well as skip lines due to in-seat food and beverage service, reserve seating and indulge in a new menu.

However, the alcohol menu will differ by location. The Kitchener cinema will offer beer, wine, mixed drinks and most types of liquor. Their food menu is more than the traditional popcorn and M&M’s and will include appetizers and sandwiches.

“It’s great because you can watch a movie while having a beer and a burger” said Sara Wilson, assistant for communications and investor relations at Cineplex. “It’s been something that people want to try, it’s something new and something that you can’t really get anywhere else.”

The 43,000-square-foot theatre will have more than 2,000 seats and will be completed sometime in 2014.

“We are pleased to provide our guests in Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge and the surrounding area with access to the VIP experience,” said Ellis Jacob, president and CEO of Cineplex Entertainment in a news release on Oct. 15.

James Howard, a third-year political science student at Wilfrid Laurier University, is looking forward to trying the VIP theatre out. “It will be a new experience and I will probably have a lot more fun watching the movie with a little alcohol in me,” he joked.

Third-year Wilfrid Laurier University student Zackary Stern, offered a different opinion when asked whether or not he would try the new theatre out. “I don’t really associate drinking with going to a movie,” he said.

“Drinking is a social thing and not something you would want to do in a dark movie theatre while trying to enjoy the movie.”

Drinking in theatres may be a concern for some, but when asked about any stories of drunk movie patrons Wilson expressed that she has not heard of that issue as of yet. “We have managers there and staff to deal with that if anything happens. Also, our bartenders are

“It’s great because you can watch a movie while having a beer and a burger.”

—Sara Wilson, assistant for communications and investor relations at Cineplex Entertainment

Smartserve certified and do not over serve guests,” she clarified.

Ticket prices for this experience have yet to be released for the new Kitchener location. However, other theatres generally charge six to seven dollars on top of the regular ticket price.

Cineplex’s VIP theatres have “proven to be popular and very successful,” said Wilson.

There are currently five locations which offer the VIP Experience — Toronto, Oakville and London, in Ontario, as well as Coquitlam, British Columbia and Edmonton, Alberta.



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Creative costumes and gruesome makeup characterized the event.

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Resignation could have effect on students

As education is a provincial issue, the resignation of Premier McGuinty could mean changes for students

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LEAD REPORTER

A week after former premier Dalton McGuinty announced his resignation, questions are rising about how this could impact the province's students.

A new premier could mean big changes for the province, and some are speculating that the change in leadership could result in a general election sometime next year.

Rylan Kinnon, the executive director of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA), affirmed that while it is still too early to determine the full impact this shake up in Canadian politics will have on students, they can expect some kind of change in the near future.

"We don't know yet," is the short answer. It's going to depend on who decides to put their hat in the ring for the leadership race, what their priorities are," Kinnon said.

"It does mean that some conversations that we've been in and some things that required legislation are off the table for now. And in terms of the productivity consultations, the strategic mandate process, we'll have to see basically, how the chips fall moving forward, in terms of what the result will be, what a new cabinet, what a new potentially training for colleges and universities minister sees in the process."

Last January, McGuinty announced a 30 per cent tuition grant for students to alleviate the pressure of high tuition costs for university and college students.

When McGuinty stepped down, some were concerned that this



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The Liberal government, under Premier Dalton McGuinty, was responsible for the tuition grant.

would change the tuition grant as well.

Wilfrid Laurier University political science professor Barry Kay predicts that the tuition grant will remain unscathed.

"I would doubt that the new premier in the few weeks that he had of being elected, that he would start cancelling policies that McGuinty initiated," Kay said.

"That was certainly a signature policy, I wouldn't be particularly apprehensive about that."

While there is no certain indication that an election will take place, it is a possibility.

In the event of an election, getting students engaged in the matter may be a challenge, as student voter turnout, especially in the Kitchener-Waterloo riding, is continually at a low level.

In the Kitchener-Waterloo riding, since May of 2011, voters have faced one federal election, going to the polls twice provincially.

"I think that what we really need

to be saying to students is that post-secondary is a provincial issue and if students are not voting, we don't have as much of an ability to influence what comes out at the end of the day," Kinnon said.

"I think if students voted and parties realized this actually is going to make a huge difference, appealing to students is going to be the difference between winning ridings and not, then we would have even more of a voice than we do currently."

OUSA is not alone in this

argument. Chris Walker, vice president of university affairs of the students' union at Wilfrid Laurier University, also spoke about the importance for students to vote and get involved in politics. Walker emphasized that McGuinty's resignation should inspire students to engage with politicians.

"People say that politicians don't engage students because students don't engage with politics and you can make the chicken and the egg argument all you want, but the fact is that somebody's got to be the bigger man and step up to the plate and actually put their money where their mouth is, and I think the students have got to lead that," Walker explained.

"Politicians are always going to respond to what the electorate is asking for. And we can't always guarantee that post-secondary education is going to be a top priority unless we actually prove to them that we care and that we're invested in it."

With the Kitchener-Waterloo area being composed of a large number of university and college students, Walker believes that students will be able to have an impact should an election take place.

"The students in and of themselves could elect a candidate, even if no other person voted for that candidate. So the impact we can have is absolutely massive," Walker said.

"We can't always guarantee that post-secondary education is going to be a top priority unless we actually prove to them that we care and that we're invested in it."

Addressing future concerns

OUSA sits down with The Cord this week to talk education

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LOCAL AND NATIONAL EDITOR

Post-secondary education has been a highly contentious issue in Ontario over the past few months following the release of the Liberal party's discussion paper on education reform. Spearheaded by the minister of training, colleges and universities, Glen Murray, the paper, titled "Strengthening Ontario's Centres of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge," made suggestions such as creating more three-year degree programs and enhancing online education, which have invoked high levels of opposition from many people involved in post-secondary education.

Executive director of the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA), Rylan Kinnon, said that much of the opposition to the Liberal discussion paper is because people believe that the suggestions are pre-determined outcomes.

"A lot of people have approached this discussion with the apprehension that the government's going to move forward on these things. We've approached it as it's a discussion," he clarified.

OUSA, of which Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union is a member, was quick to respond with their own suggestions for how to improve education based on what they believed to be in the interests of their members. Their discussion paper, "Education Reform," emphasizes the development of online learning and a renewed emphasis on teaching, among other suggestions.

"Online learning that has actually had time invested in it, courses that have been developed making use of experts in online learning and how

you actually engage students, this is something that we think is good," said Rylan Kinnon, the executive director of OUSA.

While the argument has been made that online courses are simply a cost-cutting measure, OUSA's position is that benefits can be found in the way of increased accessibility and flexibility in the learning process. This may be of particular value for mature students, students with dependents or those participating in distance education, but can be useful for all students, according to Kinnon. However, students must retain "access to all the same kinds of support services that a student studying on campus does" at hours which reflect the needs of this type of learning.

Kinnon believes that online education has often been painted unfairly as simply posting lectures online, which disregards the possibilities which exist for discussion, use of experts and other benefits.

"Our main concern is ensuring that the discussion remains holistic and recognizes that there are many different ways of doing it," he said.

OUSA has also made recommendations on how to raise the teaching stature of universities, based on the recognition that an unbalanced emphasis in favour of research in Ontario puts the quality of teaching at risk.

Kinnon explained, "What we'd like to see is at every university in Ontario you have at least one, but preferably five, teaching chairs in place at any given year who are looking at how they teach, looking at basically new ways of doing things."

Teaching chairs, he claims, would also be more cost efficient than research chairs, which currently exist

and are highly expensive.

The problem with a disproportionate research focus, according to Kinnon, is that it doesn't allow for those who are interested in teaching to explore their options, as research is also rewarded in a different way.

"We know that there are faculty who enjoy teaching and who want to teach more, but if they don't have the same professional growth opportunities as faculty who do research, then obviously the incentives are toward doing research," he argued.

With costs for attending university in Ontario the highest in the country, tuition was also a major discussion point going into the fall. Ontario's average tuition, at \$7,180, is well over the national average of \$5,581.

OUSA released this week part one of two discussion papers focussed on tuition, titled "Ontario's Next Tuition Framework."

The main recommendations presented are to freeze tuition for at least a one-year period, increase per-student funding and ensure that any future tuition increases be no greater than the rate of inflation. The recommendations, Kinnon said, are based on direction provided by OUSA members.

"We need to see government funding increase," he acknowledged. "It also means ensuring that tuition costs don't continue to increase as they have been, because obviously trying to catch government funding up to a point where they can become again two-thirds of the funding source means that tuition can't keep climbing as much as it has been."

OUSA's discussion papers and policy recommendations can be found at www.ousa.ca.


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What's New in Waterloo

We did a little apartment hunting to see how far your money actually gets you in the Waterloo rental market.

\$613.47-\$675

Luxe Waterloo

Who says living like a student means you can't do it in style? Luxe Waterloo is part of a new wave of high-end student residences that come equipped with flat screen TVs, brand new appliances, granite counters and ensuite bathrooms. You still have to have roommates, but for \$675 a month you only have to share with three other people as opposed to four or five.

Pros: Has basically everything you ever need.

Cons: Might be difficult to leave your house and actually go to class. Plus that price point isn't necessarily friendly to the budget-conscious person.

\$530-\$560

One bed in an apartment building

The mid-range gets you into an apartment unit that you'll share. Several listed options are nice, though not quite as high-end as Luxe. In some, you'll also be sharing a bathroom or other amenities with your new flatmates.

Pros: Easier to find availability in these due to the number built in the area for the student market.

Cons: For slightly more, you get the added perks that a high-end building has to offer, and for slightly less you save some money without giving up much.

\$485-\$495

A cozy bedroom in a house

In the \$495 range, bedrooms in shared houses are the norm. On inwaterloo.com, the home of VIP Student Housing, one unit on Hickory St. included laundry, parking and internet — but you still have to pay your water bill and have up to four other roommates.

Pros: Cheaper, for a start. Plus you get some of the amenities promised by the higher end facilities.

Cons: It's a student house, which can be a pro depending on how you look at it. Regardless, expect to be cleaning up a lot after parties and your roomies' 2 a.m. munchies attack.

\$400

Shared apartments further afield

There is a place where the rent is reasonable and — shocker — you could even afford an apartment all on your very own. Kitchener gets a bad rap, but venture out of the bubble and you'll find a revitalized downtown that the hipsters haven't quite yet discovered, which means rents are still on the reasonable side.

Pros: More bang for your buck

Cons: The distance will be frustrating for people who like going out in their PJs — but keep in mind, the area is well served by the GRT.

Student housing m

Cord Community Edition Associate Editor **H.G. Watson** investigates

Walk down King Street as it stretches across Waterloo. From Uptown to past the universities, the horizon is dotted with apartment buildings, cranes and sites for future projects.

"From a developers point of view, five years ago there were a few people who were putting up new builds," said Benjamin Bach, a real estate agent at Cushman & Wakefield.

For the last few years he has blogged about the changing Waterloo real estate scene at benjaminbach.com.

"In the last few years — probably going back to 2009 — a lot more groups have been involved [in putting up new builds]," he added.

The phrase "changing landscape" isn't just a metaphor for the changing real estate scene in Waterloo. The landscape is literally changing. The town is getting taller and small landlords are beginning to feel the push. In digging down into real estate, The Cord found that the forces at play are hungry for the growing class of renters that don't seem to stop coming — students — and lacking the only thing they need to accommodate them: land.

In the 2011 update to the Student Accommodation Study (the City's look into where students are living), the City of Waterloo estimated that student numbers would rise by 1,000 every year. This didn't account for graduate students (Wilfrid Laurier University's Campus Master Plan predicts 4,000 more graduate students on campus by 2017). It also doesn't mean 1,000 is a certainty.

In 2010, the University of Waterloo, WLU and the City of Waterloo predicted that 34,830 new students would arrive in town. In actual fact, 38,985, did and of those students, 33,960 needed a place to sleep at night.

Jim Butler, vice president: finance and administration at WLU, estimates this year that the school was about 800 to 900 beds short for its first-year class.

"We're renting from the private sector," he said, noting it was the only place where they could find the accommodation. It's one of the factors that led to the school's purchase

of \$59-million worth of real estate around the — 10 properties on Ezra Avenue, one on Brick — one on Hickory Street — last March.

But the long-term goal is to turn the newly properties into university-zoned residences.

"We're losing money on [renting from the p

added Butler.

Mike Milovick is another experienced Waterloo real estate agent. Over his 11-year career, he's market change dramatically.

"All of a sudden we saw a big uptick in rent," Milovick. "Usually it was around \$400 but it jumped to \$65 to \$75."

That's not the only change.

Housing starts (the number of homes on w construction has started) fell in September all ac Milovick thinks that in a few years there will be Waterloo.

"Waterloo is out of employment and residence the next three years," he said.

Smaller landlords now claim they are the o the brunt of this fight for land. Much of this a directed at the rental housing licensing bylaw into effect this spring.

"The city has made it so costly and onerous censed, you have people willing to do it but no ing so," said Adam Hoffman, the owner of Ho Management. Hoffman manages 83 properti which fall under the new bylaw.

"The impact on my portfolio has been an i burden for the rental housing provider," he ad

He estimates that the rent increases on sor erties is a difference of as little as \$35 a month as \$200 a month, depending on how many up be made to the property. To Hoffman, it's clea advantage under the bylaw; the developers w

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high rises, which fall outside the grasp of the municipal legislation.

“The smaller service provider is at a disadvantage by having to provide additional fees the larger competitor doesn't have to,” he said. “It's like the City of Waterloo decided to pass legislation that benefits Starbucks at the expense of local coffeeshops.”

Jeff Henry, city councillor for Ward 6 — which is home to the vast majority of Waterloo's student population — downplays any connection between the bylaw and large-scale residential development.

“That's a broader market forces matter that is entirely separate from rental housing,” he said, adding that he hadn't seen any acceleration of the building trend. “That was happening from year to year and I would consider it to be separate from whether or not there is a bylaw.”

Yet, the City's statistics from the Student Accommodation Study seem to contradict Henry. In 2010 the amount of units under construction in Waterloo spiked at 1,474, up from over 1,200 from the previous year. Meanwhile, the number of properties licensed as lodging houses — typically low-rise buildings with shared facilities — has been steadily declining. In 2003 there were 139; in 2011 there were only 10.

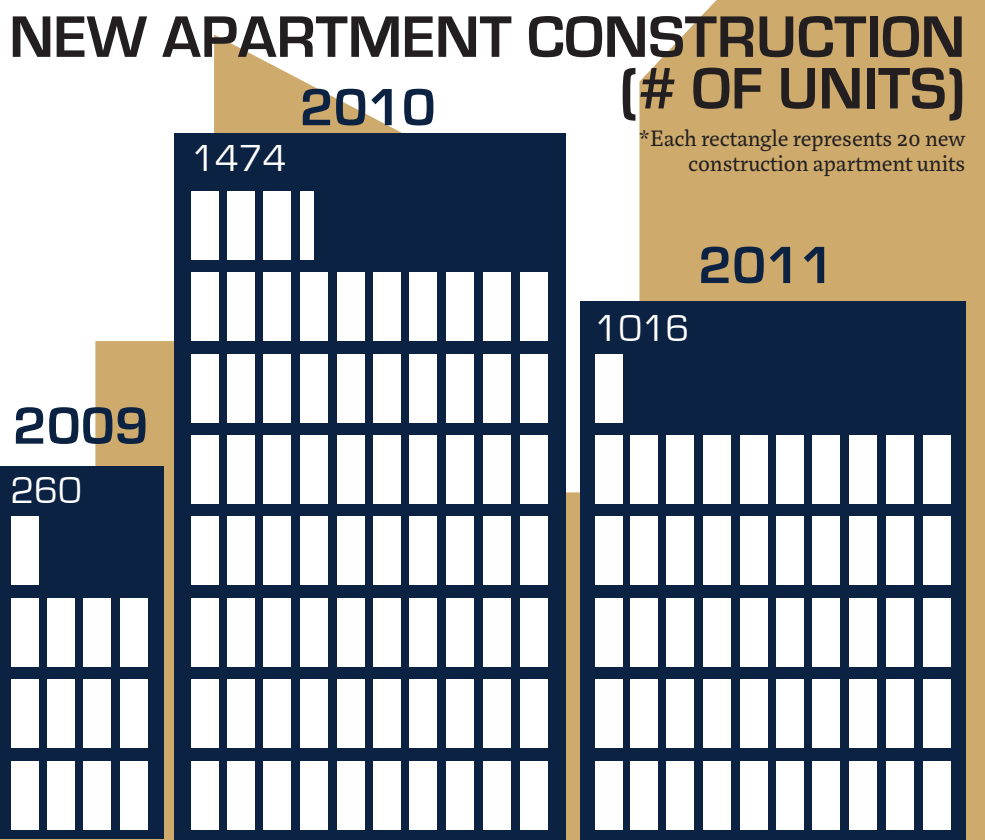
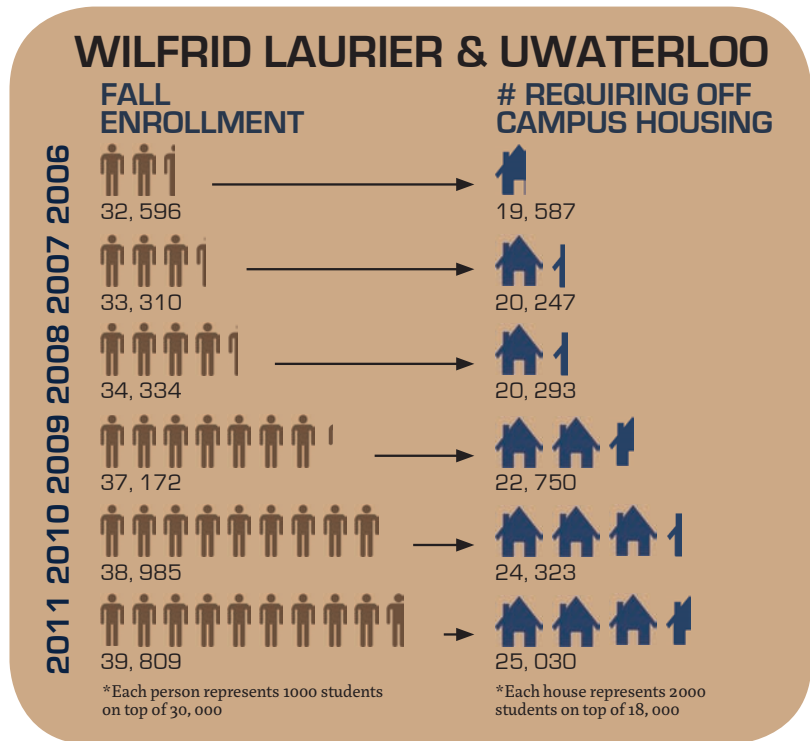
There are a number of factors that could account for this decline, one being a lack of property to even get licensed as a lodging house.

Yet the demand for housing continues unabated.

“I believe [the vacancy rate] to be about 2.5 per cent in September,” said Milovick.

The Canadian Housing and Mortgage and Housing Corporation says that a balanced market lies between three per cent and six per cent, which means Waterloo is teetering on the side of a shortage. New swanky residences like Luxe Waterloo are also creating demand for luxury apartments for student, which may very well price low-income families and individuals right out of the city.

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*All numbers from City of Waterloo Student Accommodation Study

Top five worst Halloween costume ideas

Staff Writer Michael Porfirio, warns against being caught using the same, tired Halloween ensembles

It's the holiday that invites us all to be either creative, hilarious, sexy, ironic or all of the above. Halloween is an open invitation to dress as you please and can ignite some, ahem, "interesting" costume pieces.

Not all Laurier students will get it right this year, but in order to avoid being obvious, embarrassing or downright lazy, here are five terrible costume ideas.

5. Generic Athlete

This is just too easy. It's not enough to throw a basketball jersey on and call yourself a "basketball player."

Also, don't think you're more dedicated because you're carrying around a hockey stick or baseball bat. Not only is it a lame costume, but now you have to babysit a baseball bat the entire night.

"Hey, have you seen my bat?"

"Yeah, those drunk guys are using it to get dizzy and then race down the street."

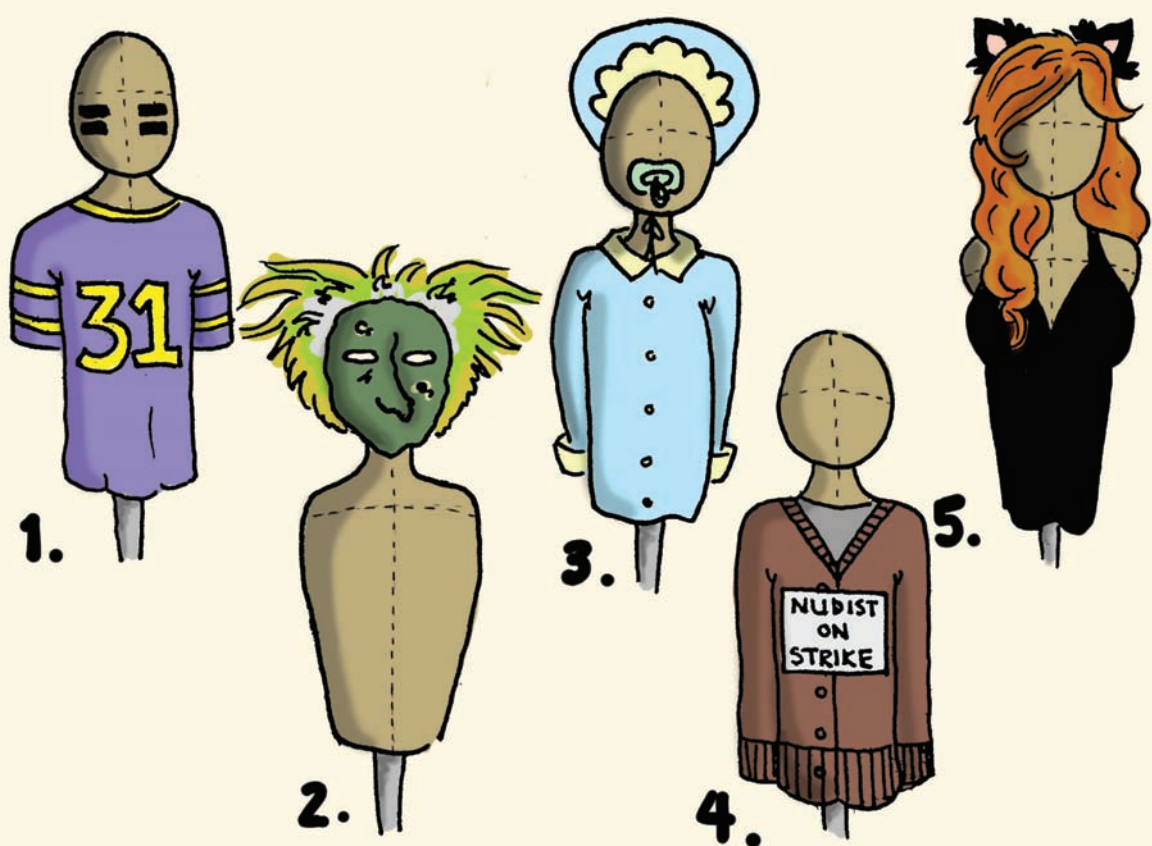
If you are insistent about being an athlete, go for something out of the box. Perhaps a bobsledder, or one of those people in the Olympics who dances with a hula-hoop (I don't know their official names, but neither do you).

4. Anything with a mask

Yikes, how ugly can you really be?

Wearing a mask on Halloween tells people that you're either embarrassingly unattractive, or that you are going to mug someone to-night. None of which are warm first impressions.

What is this, 2003? You realize we have moved past the stage of actually trying to scare people with our creative costumes.



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Halloween has gracefully transitioned from a spooky monster festivity to a popular culture celebration.

I'd rather you take off the *Scream* mask that bleeds when you pump a tube, and start applying the spray tan or spiking your hair to become one of the cast members of Jersey Shore (unless you dress like that everyday, in that case 70 per cent of you are not open to this option).

3. "Baby"

This lazy costume isn't as popular as it once was, however, it still deserves a warning at number three.

Maybe you think your pajamas are too cute to only be exposed at night, or maybe you adore the idea of getting out of bed and not having to get dressed for the day.

The dilemma is that babies do not wear pajamas nor carry around a pillow, they wear diapers, hold

blankets and make funny noises.

From an objective standpoint, you are not a baby, you are a toddler. I get it though, who wants to tell people they're a toddler for Halloween? No one.

We already have to convince people that our normal behaviour isn't childish.

Just know in the back of your mind that having a pacifier in your mouth doesn't correspond with your

pigtails, slippers and teddy bear.

2. Nudist on strike

Ha! You are the funniest person in school, potentially in the world. Oh wait, you're not.

This expired joke isn't going to be a free pass towards not dressing up this year.

Realistically, this costume idea should be titled 'a fun-person on strike'. Halloween is the one night of the year where you can be anyone you want!

From Frankenstein to Sailor-moon, the options are endless. There is absolutely no excuse for not dressing up.

Two types of people don't dress up on Halloween: those who are incredibly insecure, and non-conformists who believe Halloween is a fascist holiday. They could be the same person but I haven't looked that far into it

1. Slut with animal ears

Unfortunately my favourite costume is number one on the list.

The reason this has to stop is because it's simply not fair to the girl who dressed up as an astronaut for Halloween.

She's in a full-body suit, lugging around an oxygen tank while you prance across the room in your underwear with bunny ears on.

Aside from that, the costume may be aesthetically pleasing, but doesn't really add up.

How about this: point me in the direction of an actual kitten with a 34C cleavage and I'll give you the green flag for the costume. Until then, the whole idea of a furry animal being "slutty" doesn't work.

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Buying into fast fashion



BRIANNE BERRY
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A couple weeks ago, I wrote about individual style and the realization that even when we are trying to be different, somehow we all end up looking the same based on the products we tend to buy. As stated before, there's nothing wrong with styling ourselves in a similar manner.

As university students, most of us rely on basics and picking up whatever we can find in our local mall due to fast fashion's ability to provide us with the latest styles, at half the price and half the time it takes for designers to present us with an updated look.

What I want to talk about this week is the mall, and our habits as consumers to keep buying even though we are in the poorest period in our lives.

Older generations characterize these school years as the time where Kraft Dinner is considered a staple for breakfast, lunch and dinner because we live off of student loans and buying non-perishable food items aren't as costly.

But what about the shopaholic?

We all know who they are. They are the female or even male, who is able to go without doing laundry for months because their closets never cease to have items in them.

They have the same shirt in three or four different colours and they always come home from the mall with something that was "just so cute, I couldn't resist!"

I define my penchant for retail as "compulsive shopping disorder" (CSD), a disease characterized by an irresistible urge to buy anything new: clothes, shoes, accessories and especially lipstick.

For the most part, I consider it harmless. I live for fashion so much that I write about it, so it makes sense that I can't help but love shopping. I even work at the mall, so it's much easier for me to know when there are sales and promotions going on.

However, I am the first to admit that I am a broke student who does not need any more "stuff", so I will be the first to blame fast fashion for feeding into my CSD.

For starters, fast fashion is cheap and I mean dirt cheap. Why save up to buy that \$200 shirt when you can go to Sirens and get a similar one for \$20?

It doesn't matter if the quality isn't up to par, you still have what you want and you didn't have to pay an arm and a leg for it.

Furthermore, that gives you the opportunity to buy more things that

you may not have needed, or even wanted, in the first place.

You end up with a closet full of "stuff" that is either out of season, damaged or you wore once and never put on again.

Also, now there are ways to get the high-end labels without breaking the bank.

In the past ten years, designers have realized how much more accessible fast fashion is to younger demographics.

Since 2004, H&M has done 16 designer collaborations and on Nov. 15th, the launch of Maison Martin Magiela will be the 17th.

Forever 21 and Target are fans of designer collaborations as well, because it brings in traffic and boosts sales even though items from the collection are being sold for a fraction of the price.

This really makes me question why we care so much about aesthetics, for appearances sake.

Is it because we don't want to look like broke students? Or is it because it's so easy to look trendy for \$100 or less that we don't even care how much money we waste on these small but frequent purchases?

All I know is, I need to forgo shopping for clothes and buy some groceries this week.

And when I mean groceries I mean something other than packaged noodles. Eating Kraft Dinner all day is starting to make me look like Snooki.

The Carnivore's Conundrum: Hitting the gym

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If you're like me and don't like lifting weights, counting reps or just working out at all, then the wellness pass is the perfect alternative to getting yourself to the Athletic Complex more than once this semester.

After already owning a wellness pass, a membership that enables you to go to as many aerobics classes as you please during the semester, I decided to renew my membership and for its price of \$60, it's worth it. Or, the drop-in rate of \$7 offers an easy-going pick-and-choose type option if the member rate is too expensive.

For the challenge of extending my diet by fitting in a routine exercise, the Carnivore's Conundrum took a trip to the Athletic Complex to try out the classes offered by the wellness pass.

Potential classes range from yoga, to step classes, to body pump and other alternative aerobics that are designed to make you get a good hour of exercise. This week, I tried to attend ones that fit my schedule.

Zumba, if you've never tried it, or never heard of it, is a Latin-style aerobics class that involves dancing and movement. As my first class of the week, it was an absolute blast and had me ignoring the fact that I was exercising.

Zumba is excellent since it is a low-pressure activity that is not advanced, so anyone at any athletic level can take it. If you aren't coordinated don't worry about it. If a ginormous, awkward dude like me can do it, so can you.

Yoga, meanwhile, is more physically demanding on your muscles.

Although Yoga is supposed to relax you, which it does, the instructors will find positions and ways to move, strain and challenge your body into positions that you are not normally comfortable with. Your body feels great after but you have to work hard for this one.

If you are more of a Yoga padawan, then the class is perfect too. As many advanced options as there are, there are an equal amount of beginner alternatives. Yoga can be really great to balance out your day and focus you before a big test or assignment.

The most extreme class offered by the pass are the bootcamps, which rely on lifting weights while doing a series of aerobic routines.

Those who really want to sweat and get a hearty challenge, go for the gold by taking these classes (they don't call it bootcamp for nothing).

Now, after taking classes here; a major difference between working out in the gym and working out in one of these classes: there is camaraderie.

So the Carnivore finds camaraderie this week, and next week he finds his inner peace with Zen Week. See you next week on a special showing of Pixar's classic "Fat-atouille."

For past Carnivore Conundrum challenges, check out thecord.ca



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Mid-term munchies don't have to include pizza

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During this critical time of year students are plagued with the outcomes of mid-terms.

Although we don't always realize how much our health is affected by the choices we make and the adjustments to our diet, we want quick, easy meals and snacks that will satisfy us in the moment.

But do we stop and think about how these foods will carry us through our long nights of cramming?

To find out some alternatives to our usual favorites we asked Laurier's educational nurse Marilyn Nieboer for some helpful tips.

"It takes a little bit of planning,"

said Nieboer. "It's easy to go grab chips, but its about making your healthy choice and taking a look at an alternative."

Now it is time to fess up to our bad habits.

Our pick: Chewy's Chocolate Granola Bars

Nieboer's replacement: Kashi Bars

"Kashi bars, and make sure you read the labels; they make a difference because they are whole grain, as opposed to chewy chocolate bars or rice crispies. Natural sugars will hold you over after your energy from breakfast has faded," said Nieboer.

"Kashi bars are a healthy boost on your sugar and if you don't satisfy that mid-day low, then you tend to grab a chocolate bar and after an

hour or so you'll be hungry again."

Nieboer added that natural sugars are a way to give you long-lasting energy, instead of sugary, chocolate-coated snacks.

But what other snacks can we carry around to help us gain energy?

Nieboer replied with the option of a fruit cup, but beware of the ingredients.

"Fruit cups packed in water, rather than syrup, are definitely a good choice," she said. "The natural sugars are a healthy alternative to grabbing a chocolate bar and it will give you a boost of energy."

Our pick: Pizza

Nieboer's replacement: Roasted Chicken or Beef

All students love the convenience

that is ready to eat pizza, but will this meal hold us over during those long nights in the library?

"Pizza is just going to make you more sluggish," said Nieboer. "Look for a lean protein. Roasted meats for the day; the protein will give you that long lasting energy you need to hold you over".

Our pick: Coffee

Nieboer's Replacement: Scrambled Eggs

Nieboer revealed that our go-to energy booster brings along some dangerous side effects for our overall health.

Not only is caffeine a "quick fix," when we consume too much of it we face the risks of increased blood pressure, sore stomach and inability

to sleep.

Nieboer describes this as "not a good feeling that will not help you study. Sleep will keep you up the following day, you need sleep before an exam so you can read it clearly, being exhausted you won't do as well."

"The problem with coffee is it is a drug, caffeine is a drug to our system, use it wisely in moderation," said Nieboer.

As a replacement to our midnight booster, Nieboer suggested the easy preparation of eating scrambled eggs.

"Make yourself scrambled eggs, they will carry you through the night," she explained. "It's cheap and the protein will give you energy for about three hours."

Student zombies: a Life comic

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Hot music blogs: what to follow

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While the discussion surrounding social media has largely been exhausted, its practical implications have had a resoundingly positive effect on the arts community.

Through the successful utilization of social media, many “mainstream” artists, such as Skrillex, Childish Gambino and even Justin Bieber have garnered a loyal fan base because they were able to freely showcase their music to a mass audience.

Where do these audiences come from? With a dizzying array of platforms through which listeners can find and share new music, but where to start?

Here’s a list of some of our favourite blogs that provide daily updates about the best new music from a variety of genres.

Earmilk

Rumour has it that this popular blog was started by a former University of Waterloo student. Currently based in both Canada and the United States, Earmilk reaches an international audience with contributors from across the globe.

Spanning across multiple genres including dance, hip-hop, indie, pop, electronic and experimental, Earmilk doesn’t hesitate to delve into more obscure subgenres such as moombahton, dreampop and glitch-hop. There are also daily updates and posts about chart-topping superstars as well as more niche musicians.

Beyond

music, the blog delivers music-related news and organizes events and concerts in Toronto and New York City.

Ryan’s Smashing Life

With daily updates straight out of Boston, Ryan’s Smashing Life, or RSL, provides readers with music and entertainment news covering mostly indie and lesser-known rock bands.

Not limited to music releases, RSL reviews both movies and concerts related to subject matter that would be interesting to their 20-something demographic. Recent posts include a review of the movie *Argo* and reviews of recent concerts put on by The Counting Crows and Ben Folds Five.

The Music Ninja

Covering a multitude of genres from dubstep to hip-hop and even folk, The Music Ninja strives to bring up-and-coming artists to public attention.

Updated multiple times a day, the continuous play function that is built into the site makes listening to all of their posts easy and convenient. All songs include links to the artists’ Soundcloud or website, and more often than not, posts include free (and legal) downloads. Playing into the ninja theme, each week, contributors compile two MP3 playlists called “The Trap Dojo,” which contains the latest releases in the newly emerging genre of trap music and “The Indie Dojo,” which presents a variety of indie rock and folk songs.



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Joel Plaskett Emergency

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LIFE EDITOR

With a man who is so dedicated to his music and making his shows both intimate and engaging, it’s almost impossible not to love Joel Plaskett. A pioneer in Canadian music, Joel Plaskett Emergency returned to Uptown Waterloo’s Starlight Lounge on Oct. 18 to put on an electrifying performance to a sold out crowd.

However, before the lights turned on and the guitars were plugged in, Plaskett managed to sit down with The Cord to talk about the record, what it’s like to be on tour and of course, tweeting in between shows.

After his recent record release, *Scrappy Happiness*, which came out on Mar. 27, Plaskett has been touring non-stop since the spring.

“I’m home for like a week or two and then I’m off again. We toured a bunch in the Spring and did a bunch of festivals which took me away (from home) every weekend,” said Plaskett. “I did a two and a half week tour in the West, which was an acoustic solo set. After this, I’m going to the Maritimes and will be doing a gig at the Horseshoe (in Toronto) for four days in December.”

Due to constantly being on the road, Plaskett noted that his fans’ reactions to the record are solely based on his shows.

“The songs are fun to play and the audiences are reacting well to them.

They either know the songs or if they don’t,” he said, “they’ll still react to it well instead of going to the bar during a new song.”

With fans standing elbow to elbow, the audience was able to sing along and croon to the new additions on the set-list like “Harbour Boys,” “North Star” and “Lightning Bolt.” While concert-goers expect to hear their favourite classics, after having recently released a record, Plaskett knows he must integrate the newer and unfamiliar songs into his set-list.

“It’s always the balance and as the catalogue grows there are more songs that people want to hear. I try to put together a show that has most of them,” Plaskett stated when asked about having to incorporate new songs into his set list.

“Lightning Bolt” is a really big part of the show. I’m happy with the record because it gives us a new material.”

Audience reaction and participation has always been a huge force in driving Plaskett to consider a tour successful. “The coolest thing that’s happened is that we haven’t had bad shows in terms of attendance and enthusiasm,” he said. “Some are a bit more mellow than others, some are crazier but it’s been a long time since I’ve had a show and I’ve felt like a drag onstage.”

Most of Plaskett’s performances in Ontario have been in large theaters, so his return to Starlight was

able to offer a more connected bond between him and the audience. “The cool thing about [Starlight] is that you can really feel the room.”

The connection between Plaskett and his fans is extremely important, so much so that he makes note of reading all their tweets.

“I like making a connection, I like knowing my audience, I love the fact of people taking an interest and talking to me,” said Plaskett.

This is extended beyond his iPhone as his shows are intended to be participatory, breaking down the invisible barrier between the audience and the stage.

The crowd at Thursday night’s show got a first-hand look at his unique approach. Differing from concert norms, Plaskett re-entered the stage for his encore and asked the audience to listen to a song on his iPod, “Point of No Return” by Bobby Wormak as he happily swayed along. The iPod music sharing session did not stop as he continued to play his own song, “Fashionable People” while singing along, karaoke style.

This laissez-faire approach of improvising onstage is carried into his plans for the future. Hoping to get started on his new record once he’s calmed down a bit from the tour, his plans are still to be determined. “I’ve been living in the moment this year, I’m trying not to think ahead. It’s actually serving me well,” Plaskett concluded.

Dragonette says ‘hello’ at Wax

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Canadian electronic band Dragonette brought their North American tour to Wax Nightclub in Kitchener last Tuesday night, delivering an upbeat show to a packed venue.

The night began with three openers, all of whom brought their own unique sound and enlivened the crowd in preparation for the main event.

Opening first was local band Dogbus. This spirited group of pop rockers seemed a bit disorganized at points but made up for it with pure charm and enthusiasm.

Next up was Vancouver-based Data Romance. The angelic vocals of singer Amy Kirkpatrick — who references Bjork as one of her main influences — combined with the gritty, layered beats of instrumentalist Ajay Bhattacharyya, blended together to create an amazing sound and resulted in an impressive performance.

The final opener, Young Empires were a group of indie rockers whose sound resembled that of Vampire Weekend and featured some electronic influences. By the end of their set, Young Empires had the audience raising their glasses and stomping their feet.

When Dragonette finally took the stage, they began with one of their older hits, “I Get Around” a song about the rendezvous of a girl who is promiscuous and proud of it. As the song continued, the energy of the crowd increased noticeably — lights danced across the room, playing off the giant crystal chandelier suspended above the dance floor.

The band continued to sprinkle older tracks in with new songs off their latest album *Bodyparts* released last month. New material such as “Live in This City” and “My Work Is Done” all had fans jumping, bumping, grinding and grinning. This was no small feat given that the crowd at this all ages event was an eclectic mix of diehard fans, tweens, twenty-somethings and some older folks.

Their single “Let It Go”, which has been the most successful off *Bodyparts* thus far was an obvious crowd pleaser. Martina Sobara, whose skillful vocals, eccentric moves on stage, and friendly interaction with the crowd gave the show something many electro-pop groups seem to lack — authenticity.

It was easy to see how electronic DJ Martin Solveig could effortlessly drop Sorbara’s vocals onto a beat and create “Hello”, a single released in 2010 that received worldwide success.

The killer show the band delivered was a testament to the positive progression Dragonette’s sound has made over the last couple years. They appear to have truly come into their own as a group and be sure of the direction they are taking.

The results of this were certainly tangible last Tuesday as they commanded the stage with confidence and poise and proved they’re likely a band with many electro-pop hits still to come.

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Big business meets niche art

The Cord looks into how arts organizations can find funding in a new, creative way.

ALI CONNERTY
ARTS EDITOR

Funding a small arts-focused organization can be difficult. Costs incur for production, events, promotions and theatre rentals, and when operating on a dime, it's stressful at times.

However, there are ways to get around this. Government and university grants are available, the most accessible for the Laurier community being the Council for the Intellectual and Cultural Development of the Arts (CICDA). However, the applications are time consuming and sometimes have little return in regards to funding.

Laurier Musical Theatre (LMT) is an organization on campus that is funded through CICDA grants and Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union special events funding. Liz McNeil, this year's president, has gone beyond just these sources of funding and explored another

"I'm very passionate about expression and artistic freedom and creativity,"

—Liz McNeil, president of Laurier Musical Theatre

option for non-profit arts organizations: corporate sponsorship.

This past Sunday, LMT hosted a series of workshops from 12-5 p.m. in the Arts Building. With each one catering to the unifying theme "Express Yourself," the entire event was part of a final challenge in the Samsung Mobiler competition run by Campus Perks in an attempt to

personify Samsung's new campaign slogan, "Pursue Your Passion."

"I'm very passionate about expression and artistic freedom and creativity... and not necessarily things relating to only musical theatre," McNeil explained about Sunday's event.

Four workshops, including a dance session taught by Bernadette Gomes and an improvisation class taught by Nick Carswell, both dedicated LMT members, brought out over 20 people Sunday. An impressive number considering the lack of advertising LMT used on campus. Other workshops included arts and crafts and cake and cookie decorating.

"It's not something that we have done in the past," she continued. "My focus right now is to provide opportunities for the club that aren't centered on our production."

With four top prizes of \$1,500 available to the winners of the Samsung competition, LMT was given

\$500 to create the interactive event on Sunday, which was more appealing than filling out a tentative grant.

"[The grand prize] would be huge, for our production and for throwing more events like the one we had [Sunday]" said McNeil. "I really do think there is a demand for these types of events."

Concerns over the integrity of the content that these small organizations produce after partnering with corporations are always present in our minds as observers. Will the corporations have an impact on content once they are sponsors? Will they use this content for purposes other than how we, or the organization, think it should be used?

Alternatives to direct funding, including crowdsourcing.com, a website dedicated to connecting multiple individual donors and small projects or organizations through a creative online platform, are emerging, but these types of funding are very insecure.

Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

Flying solo at the rock show

World-renowned pop-punk band Blink 182 has become an independent artist. The announcement was made in a tweet by guitarist and vocalist Tom DeLonge. He has dubbed it "Blink 182's very own independence day" over the social media site.

The band went on an "indefinite hiatus" back in 2005, but got back together in 2009 and plated their first show after the break at the 51st Grammy Awards.

Break-ups lead to billions

Six-time Grammy Award winner Taylor Swift released her highly anticipated senior album, *Red*, this past Monday to eager fans worldwide.

Within hours of its midnight appearance, the CD had topped the all-genre iTunes charts. The sharp lyricist and hopeless romantic's album follows a five-song rollout.

Though Swift's record has gotten mixed reviews, sales are expected to surpass one million copies by the end of the week. Forget Platinum, This album is going RED.

Third time's the charm

The trailer for Iron Man 3 has now been released and the film will come out May 2013. Robert Downey Jr. is back as Tony Stark in a slightly new role, more compassionate about those around him than ever before. The third movie in the series is bound to be action packed as the villain, Mandarin brings new challenges and threats.

—Jeremy Enns

What to do in K-W

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A-Team Comedy Night with Dave Merheje
Wilfs, 8 p.m., \$2

OCTOBER 25:
WAC Presents: Visual Playback
Maxwell's Music House, 8 p.m., \$5

Comedy Night at the Princess Cinemas
9 p.m., \$12

OCTOBER 26
Wintersleep with Elliot Brood
Starlight, 9 p.m., \$25

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EDITORIAL

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Cyclists need to pay attention to road rules

For those of us who bus, carpool, or drive, bicyclists can seem like a looming threat. Their lanes are small, their visibility can be difficult — especially in poor weather conditions — and most troublingly, many bike riders neglect their responsibility to follow basic road regulations.

The implications of various vehicles sharing a road were investigated by the University of Waterloo in a study on collisions in Waterloo Region. The study revealed that 86 per cent of collisions involved cyclists riding on sidewalks and through cross walks.

Other bike collisions are also the result of cyclists not signaling properly, and therefore, not communicating to other vehicles what their intended moves are.

Similar studies have also revealed that the majority of road accidents actually involve cyclists. With such overwhelming evidence of the threat of bike riders on the road, it is clear that safety is a serious concern.

Projects like the Region of Waterloo's Happy Cycling Campaign are welcomed, innovative ideas that are helping to educate cyclists about their responsibilities when sharing the road.

The campaign's primary stance is to educate cyclists on their responsibilities while bike riding and informing them on the major threats that their vehicles pose to their community. Since riding a bike does not require the same commitment and investment as getting a driver's license, many neglect the responsibilities that accompany bike riding.

But with increased legislature surrounding helmet regulations and an attempt to shed light on the impacts of an increased number of cyclists, it is clear the government is shifting towards categorizing cyclists as vehicles.

In this respect, they will be treated under similar regulations as motorcycles and other road vehicles. While an increased amount of cyclists is a positive change in society that has both health and environmental benefits, it is important for cyclists to realize that if they are riding on the road they are subject to the same rules and regulations as any other vehicle. And if they choose to stay on the sidewalk, they must understand that pedestrians always have the right of way.

Fall reading days essential to students

While many university students in Ontario, like those at Ryerson, get valuable time to rest and prepare for their fall-semester midterms, papers and finals, Laurier students are burdened by a crippling amount of work with no end in sight.

Similarly, post-secondary institutions like Sheridan College recognize the necessity of giving its students a break. It seems that once again, Laurier is falling behind.

The WLU fall study days committee met last week to continue the debate on whether or not Laurier will give its students a break during first semester. Unfortunately, the only thing that was clear was the fact that this will not be an option until at least 2014-15.

With seemingly no developments on the horizon, it leaves many students confused as to what the delay on such vital decision-making is.

While there is of course something to be said for the university doing its diligence before making a big decision like this, the process has been ongoing since early last year and the question needs to be asked, how much longer can the process drag on?

With so much attention being cast on the issue of mental health, you would think the university would consider the increasing stresses that students are put under and attempt to alleviate it.

During the winter semester students are given a week to recuperate and prepare for the incoming demands, yet they are not given the same consideration a semester earlier.

Debates surrounding fall reading days somehow devaluing Orientation Week are essentially, a non-issue. Starting classes towards the end of O-Week is not a significant change, especially considering it could mean those days will be made up by a slight break during the busiest time of year for students. As many students are cramming, pulling all nighters and rapidly wearing thin, students at other universities are enjoying their quick break. It is about time Laurier acknowledges the need for students to have time off not in 2014, but as soon as possible.

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Student stress hinders our ability to enjoy the season



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For as long as I can recall, autumn has always been one of my favourite seasons.

No other season can compare to the beautiful colours that give every mundane day a warm glow — not to mention all the crunchy leaves you get to step on along the way.

The traditions that accompany this glorious season are also great. Activities like pumpkin and apple picking with family and friends, preparing for your gluttonous Thanksgiving dinner, getting your costumes ready for Halloween and just simply frolicking outside with the cool crisp wind on your face are what define the season.

These enjoyable memories I hold of autumn however, have been incredibly difficult to recreate as of lately. This otherwise beautiful time is plagued with the misery that is mid-terms, essays and the stress that is synonymous with student life.

Students are bogged down every year at this joyous time with copious amounts of schoolwork that leaves us little to no time to enjoy this fleeting season.

We anxiously try to make the grade or finish the paper; while the warm reds, oranges and yellows taunt us outside our window.

As we get older, we acquire many more responsibilities that need our attention, and tending to these things takes a toll on our leisure time.

It becomes increasingly difficult to

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make time for these traditions because we all seem to have better and more important things to do.

Not only do our schedules become denser, but also our spirit and enthusiasm for simple pleasures dwindle.

Halloween, as it was for most children, was my favourite part of autumn. Doesn't everyone remember excitedly making a costume and running around your neighborhood in search of the best candy like rabid animals?

I'll never forget those remarkable — and potentially life threatening — sugar highs followed by the most intense stomachaches.

I'll also never forget that awesome house on my street that handed out Archie comics.

Though my mother forced me into my winter coat because it was cold out, which consequently covered my fantastic costume, the anticipation and excitement more than made up for it.

I use the term fantastic loosely, as I was Minnie Mouse for nearly 85 per cent of these childhood Halloweens. But the best part was the end of the night, when we all ecstatically returned home to enjoy our candy harvest, still

leaves me with fond memories. Sadly, this memory is perhaps the most lost of them all. Every year, the number of trick-or-treaters declines drastically, and the number of sexy kittens and cops increases.

Surely their mothers would cover them up in more than just a jacket if they saw these costumes.

The spirit of Halloween is slowly becoming lost in today's youth and it is probably one of the more disappointing losses.

The costumes become more and more scandalous, the candy is replaced with alcohol and going home to enjoy your candy harvest turns into you seeing everything you drank and ate that day face down in the toilet or on the sidewalk.

A night that held actions led merely by the promise of candy has now been replaced with scarce amounts of fabric called “costumes” and — terribly, terribly misguided — actions inspired by alcohol.

Surely it would be peculiar to see a group of 20-somethings walking through neighborhoods asking strangers for candy, but it is disheartening to know that we will probably never enjoy the simple enjoyments of autumn in the same way.

We become busier people, making seemingly “important” life decisions, and that makes easy days like these feel very distant.

It is an inevitable fact, but we do unfortunately change, similarly to the cycle of the seasons.

Although we can always count on autumn to bring its familiar cool, crisp breeze, richly coloured leaves and golden sunlight, we are different people experiencing these old familiarities each year.

We grow up, find different things that interest us and develop “mature” tastes, inadvertently leaving the pillow cases of candy, jumping in the leaves and drinking apple cider at the farm, behind.

OPINION

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Ontario Ranger Program vital



ALEX REINHART
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On Sept. 27, the Ontario government announced its plan to eliminate the Ontario Ranger Program (ORP).

For nearly 70 years, this program has provided thousands of youth with summer employment, and a once in a lifetime experience.

The closure of the ORP would have a negative impact on the province, not only for the youth who would be denied this wonderful opportunity, but by extension, all Ontarians.

The ORP provides youth with the opportunity to spend a summer in Northern Ontario working for the Ministry of Natural Resources.

They work five days a week and have educational experiences, typically related to environmental issues. Projects are varied and include stream rehabilitation, tending to replanted trees and trail maintenance.

In return for their hard work, students are paid minimum wage and have room and board deducted from their paychecks. Due to the typically secluded locations of the ORP camps, students typically leave with the majority of their summer

earnings.

For many, the ORP provides youth with their first summer jobs, not to mention the seclusion of the ORP often puts rangers outside their comfort zone which forces them to develop new social skills.

Dani Buckner, a nursing student at Laurentian University and a supervisor for the Killarney Ontario Ranger Camp states that, "The skills rangers learn, such as punctuality, respect, confidence, leadership skills and how to work as a team, will benefit them in their future.

The confidence rangers acquire is hugely valuable. Living without their parents in a safe and welcoming environment empowers them to get out of their comfort zone and become more independent."

Ben North, a student at Wilfrid Laurier University and ORP supervisor, reiterates Buckner's claims, stating that the educational aspect of the ORP cannot be underestimated.

The importance of the learning portion of the program, he states, introduced him to "the forest industry, fire management and to historical sites."

The value of this education is also recognized by the Ministry of Education, who recently allowed participants the opportunity to gain high school co-op credit for their participation in the program.

While the Ontario government has suggested that a Stewardship ranger program would be an acceptable replacement for the ORP, this is

simply not the case. The Stewardship program does not offer any of these opportunities.

Not only would it cater to a select few areas, making a large percentage of applicants ineligible, but an integral aspect of the program is lost.

For many this is a coming of age experience. So why is the government proposing to slash this incredibly valuable program? In a short-sighted attempt to save \$1.6 million per year.

Despite this, only two years ago the government granted the ORP \$6 million to upgrade outdated facilities. The argument that the Ontario Ranger Program is an economic drain is completely unfounded.

The operating costs of this program remain relatively little, as the renovations have already been completed. To close the program after this investment would be an irresponsible mismanagement of government property.

In a time of environmental concern, the ORP is not only facilitating programs that are beneficial to the ecosystem, but creates environmental awareness to a new generation.

In a time of environmental and economic instability, the ORP provides a rare opportunity for youth to gain insight into managing Ontario's natural resources.

This can have an impact on career choice, as many Rangers subsequently pursue environmental studies or resource management.

As a former ranger, I can

personally attest to the value of the ORP. Sadly, it is now an oddity to see a program in which one's family connections, socio-economic background or place of residence do not influence opportunity. The ORP is one of the last completely fair opportunities left in

the province; to cut it would not only be a loss for the youth, but for all Ontarians. Due to the value of this program, I encourage you to contact MPPs to voice your concern, or visit www.friendsoftheorp.com for information.
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STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR

Being successful does not mean you are happy



LEAH DEJONG
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Success leads to happiness. It's the formula presented from a young age, passed from parents to children who soon adopt the mantra as their own.

No longer is success defined as a nice house, a good job, a spouse and 2.4 children; success is whatever you want it to be and when you get what you're striving for, you'll be

happy. Unfortunately this is a broken formula.

The number of successes required to get into university is astronomical. You need to learn how to talk, read, write and behave to get good grades to get a job and earn money.

We've had so many successes, so many accomplishments, that we should be overflowing with joy. But we're not; when people ask us how we're doing the answer is rarely "happy". So what's stopping us?

What helped evolution is the same thing keeping us all miserable or mediocre at best: adaption.

Although the achieved success may be exciting for a moment, we immediately look towards the next

thing we need to achieve to be happy. The success quickly becomes the norm, replaced by the stresses of the new goal we define as success.

We never get to the end goal because we're constantly changing our idea of what success is. It's not a goal, but a moving target.

As soon as you get into university you start worrying about grades. As soon as you graduate, you need to worry about finding a job. There is always a next step. Yet there are people who are happy, and these people have varying levels of success behind them. Their method is simple, reverse the formula.

Society needs to change the communal thought process and realize

that happiness leads to success, not the reverse. If you can make yourself happy without success as a prerequisite, studies indicate you are more likely to find success. Unlike success, happiness has a state we can all identify as a feeling, even if we've only felt it for a few seconds.

The best part is that happiness is something we can all achieve; it's a mindset, not a concrete thing to be obtained. It's dependent on whether you want it, not on past success.

Happiness is a choice, a lens we can choose to view the world through. The brain works roughly 20 per cent more efficiently when it's 'happy' compared to any other state. This is the result of simple

biology. Actively trying to be happy releases the neurotransmitter dopamine. In addition to being involved in pleasure, increased dopamine is correlated to an increase in goal driven behaviour. It's that simple; try to be happy, increase dopamine and naturally want to achieve your goals.

Clearly society has it wrong. Success does not lead to happiness but rather, happiness leads to success. No longer do we need to be stuck with clouds over our heads and worry in our hearts. We just need to wake up every day deciding that it's going to be an awesome day; with that mindset, success will follow.
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Letters to the Editor

Campus line ups shorter at library

Dear Editor,

The Cord had a great article on coffee lineups on campus on October 17, 2012, which mentioned that some coffee shops on campus have up to 20-minute waits before people get their dose of caffeine.

Have you considered The Second Cup in the library, though?

I'm usually served right away, or at most within a minute or two if I'm caught in the rush between classes. Check it out.

—Michael Steeleworthy, Government information librarian and coffee fiend. Laurier Library, Waterloo Campus

The university, the Senate and the IPRM: 13 Theses

The University and the Senate

1. What makes the university distinctive is that it is an academic institution. It's why universities exist, to do the academic work of research and teaching in pursuit of truth through free, independent,

disciplined and critical inquiry.

2. The principal bearers of the university's academic mission are the faculty.

3. The principal organizational expression of faculty self-government is the body known as the Senate, or simply Senate.

4. On Senate are represented all the constituencies that bear on the academic function of the university, but faculty form a majority both on Senate as a whole and on its committees.

5. Faculty are elected to the Senate and its committees.

Planning and the Senate

6. The IPRM (Integrated Planning and Resource Management) is, according to its proponents, a planning process. It will end up deciding which of the university's academic programs are to be enhanced, which maintained and which phased out.

The planning involves both academic and resource allocation decisions. (See the university IPRM website.)

7. According to the Wilfrid Laurier University Act, which establishes WLU as a legal entity and sets out its structure of governance, the Senate has the power to "undertake, consider and co-ordinate long-range academic planning" (19(i)) and to "consider and recommend to the Board of Governors policies concerning the internal allocation or use of University resources" (19(j)), "which would include recommendations to modify or terminate an academic unit" (university website).

8. Because both academic planning and resource allocation are properly done by Senate, it has an Academic Planning Committee and a Finance Committee. That's what they are there for. Senate nevertheless recognizes that the final decisions on resource allocation (the money decisions) are made by the Board of Governors.

The IPRM and the Senate

9. The IPRM was NOT undertaken by Senate. It was undertaken by the president.

10. The IPRM is NOT to be considered by Senate, simply approved (rubber-stamped). When faculty strenuously objected, the vote to approve the IPRM's mandate was postponed from the Senate meeting of Oct. 16 to that of Nov. 26 and the president permitted a "discussion" in the October meeting. The IPRM is to be considered by the non-Senate derived Planning Task Force (PTF) and its three constituent committees. Senate gets to express its opinion at the end of the process before the Board of Governors decides. (See the IPRM website.)

11. The PTF is NOT composed of a majority of elected faculty. Elected faculty comprise 30 per cent of its membership.

12. The IPRM is NOT being

co-ordinated by Senate. It is being co-ordinated by the senior administration assisted by American consultants.

Conclusion

13. The IPRM usurps the role of Senate, and thereby the faculty, in university academic planning and resource allocation. It is therefore illegitimate, and should be rejected.

Coda

When the IPRM process was begun, you the students were to be excluded entirely. Now you have token representation.

—Peter Eglin
professor of sociology

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Rape prevention needed



JAMES POPKIE
OPINION COLUMNIST

There has been a recent campaign about raising awareness on rape, which focuses on criticizing rape-prevention tips.

The campaign's message claims that it is not the victim who needs to change their ways, but the rapist. Their subtext is that all rape prevention tips blame the rape victim and thus, should not be disseminated.

This movement tends to focus on the notion that the problem is with the tolerance of rape in society, and can be easily solved by educating people.

They seem to believe that rapists can be stopped if they are simply reached through education. While some could be stopped this way, the truth is, this approach will not work for everyone.

The obsession with re-education ignores that sort of *Clockwork Orange*-style brainwashing or Soviet-style totalitarianism; there is no way to "re-program" certain people.

Some people are just psychopaths. Some people will rape regardless of how much or little society tolerates it.

Rapists will never listen to any number of posters on university walls or infomercials on television. In many cases the only way to stop them is through force, whether by the law or a citizen standing up against them.

The idea that some people must be stopped through force is contrary to the ultra-liberal worldview in which education can solve all

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Some people will rape regardless of how much or little society tolerates it.

problems, but the truth remains, the only society in which "education" can actually change all minds is a totalitarian society.

Short of that, in some circumstances, force and legal punishment will be needed.

Even though the majority of sexual assaults are carried out by people familiar with the woman they abuse, assaults by strangers do happen. I've seen many reports of such assaults on the streets of student neighborhoods surrounding WLU over the past five years.

In some cities and neighborhoods, these sorts of assaults are even more common, and sometimes I feel like the people who dismiss assaults by strangers as a statistically irrelevant aberration have never had to live in a dangerous neighborhood.

If I wore the wrong coloured shirt in a gang neighborhood and got shot, would it be my fault? No, on a moral level, it would be the gang member's fault, and they are the one who would deserve the punishment.

But, if someone advised me it wasn't a good idea to wear this colour, would I argue that they're blaming me and not the gang members?

Rather, I would thank them for

giving me such advice.

Teaching precautions about avoiding rape isn't about 'who's responsible' in a moral sense, it's about protecting yourself from harm.

Advising a woman on how to avoid rape isn't alleviating the rapist of blame; just as advising homeowners on tips to burglar-proof their home isn't alleviating the burglar of blame.

I understand there is a problem with rape victims being blamed as if they 'had it coming,' but that doesn't negate the necessity for rape prevention measures.

This movement has a mindset where emotion trumps logic and proving an ideological point becomes more important than women's safety.

If people want to combat the tolerance of rape, that is an admirable goal, but they shouldn't do it at the expense of attacking and tarnishing safety precautions.

Furthermore, educational campaigns that target rape culture may possibly decrease rape rates but they won't stop it altogether. The problem with using education as the sole approach is that it ignores human nature.

It ignores the reality that there has historically, always been murderers and thieves, just as there have been rapists.

It is unfortunate, but unless we are able to form a totalitarian society that can thoroughly monitor everyone or control human nature it will always be a part of society.

Of course we shouldn't blame women as 'having it coming,' and there are still problems in society with the prevalence of rape culture.

But advising women to take precautions in order to avoid rape isn't victim blaming; it's just common sense.

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CRISTINA RUCCHETTA LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Columnist James Popkie argues that not all preventative measures should be dismissed as sexist or "victim blaming."

Hey Cord readers,

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ULTIMATE FAN CONTEST

Free speech threatened

The freedom to express oneself is a basic human right regardless of however offensive a claim may seem to some



BRAD KLEINSTUBER
OPINION COLUMNIST

Not long ago, U.S. pastor Terry Jones was turned away from the Canadian border. Jones gained worldwide infamy in 2010 for publicly burning the Qur'an and his actions fuelled worldwide protests, counter-protests and imitators.

Jones' actions are comparable to the anti-Islam film *The Innocence of Muslims*, which similarly provoked global anti-American sentiment.

Both were shocking pieces condemned by the American government as they sparked deadly protests. Yet, despite their ignorance, both should be allowed.

It could be argued these incidents were part of a larger agenda, either purposeful attention-seeking or a conspiracy-style plot by Americans, Zionists or both.

The Qur'an burning and *The Innocence of Muslims*, are actually political and religious expression, which makes the issue even more serious.

Canada rejecting Jones sends a clear message: approved opinions only, for he is not an immediate danger to anyone's safety.

He's got, at best, a simplistic opinion of Islam paired with cruel

and pointless means of expression and a sense of controversy.

While freedom of expression is a guaranteed right in most modern liberal democracies, the current era has seen that right eroded.

Jones ought to have a right to burn and scream; that's the essential nature of human rights.

Limiting free speech for the sake of immediate safety is a doomed proposition. The government can't even keep drugs out of prisons, let alone stop stupid people from saying stupid things.

Even if there were moral ground in limiting the speech of Jones and others like him, it would be impossible to monitor.

In the age of YouTube, national governments can do almost nothing to limit expression. The *Innocence of Muslims* received essentially no media attention prior to the protests it sparked.

From the Klu Klux Klan to Neo-Nazis to anti-Muslims and Muslim extremists: it's clear that no measure of government control can ever keep hateful opinions confined.

However, this argument from practicality is not where we should focus.

Jones is a speaker, and no matter how offensive or downright dumb his ideas are, he has a basic right to expression; it's in our constitution and our consciousness.

There's a relevant counter-argument in the fact that protests like these do seem to engender violence. However, we can't hold the right

to expression hostage to the reaction of people who might be violent because of it.

Though there have been some truly savage protests against the United States like lynching, Bush effigies and burning flags and Constitutions, there are no major counter-protests that led to the kind of destruction and even death, that the world experience after Jones' actions.

Generally speaking, when North America is criticized, people don't die. When Islam is blasphemed, protests ensue.

A limit on free speech would likely restrict anti-Islamic speech, but not anti-American.

Despite this, there are those who would still support the restriction of free speech for the safety of troops or civilians.

But when you advocate for restrictions on armed speech, you are advocating for the use of force and coercion.

If Jones insisted on continuing his protest in spite of any new laws, armed police would physically restrain and stop him.

Physical violence is only a solution for those who limit the right to speech. There should be no apologies for human rights.

The best thing we can do is set an example for regimes that respect human dignity, essential rights and personal property.

If that means we need to let the foolish speak, so be it.
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SPORTS

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Laurier's women's soccer team successfully captured the OUA West division over the weekend. They get a bye to the quarterfinal.

Women's soccer tops division

ASHLEY DENUZZO
STAFF WRITER

Silencing those who claimed their season to be a rebuilding one, the Wilfrid Laurier women's soccer team are not only surpassing expectations, but are also rewriting them.

Last weekend, the purple and gold finished off their Ontario University Athletics (OUA) regular season with a 1-1 tie against Guelph Gryphons and a 1-0 win over the York Lions.

The weekend's results bring the Hawks to a record of 11-2-3, earning them first seed in the OUA West division going into the playoffs.

"We're guaranteed top place," said head coach Barry McLean after Sunday's victory over the Lions. "We [now] have a home field advantage through the quarterfinals and it

sets us up well if we win that game to play the second seed on the other side."

The Hawks get an automatic bye to the quarterfinals and will play their first post-season game next Sunday at home at 1 p.m. Laurier's first opponent is yet to be determined, but it'll be the lowest seed of the remaining teams

"I think it's an achievement just to get there," said Laurier striker Emily Brown. "There's a lot of pressure [now] on us."

Last year, the Golden Hawks hosted the OUA Final Four, losing to Queen's in the championship game in a heartbreaking 1-0, falling 5-3 in penalty kicks after 120 minutes of scoreless soccer.

Now, for the third-straight year, the Hawks have another chance to

claim back their throne.

"Hopefully we'll get players back from injuries," McLean said about the upcoming playoff run. "We've been decimated with injuries."

In the absence of major players, Brown has assumed a key leadership role on the squad. Brown closed out the season with 15 goals—the most in the OUA.

Brown would also be the only goal scorer in Sunday's match. She capitalized on a fumble from York's Sarah Fiorini and ended what could have been another tie.

"They came out fighting," Brown said, considering York's intensity. "But we handled them accordingly and got the win we needed."

York currently stands third in the OUA West, six points behind the first-place Hawks. Western

captured second place and the second bye in the OUA West.

Preparing for their post-season, Laurier will be training all week and begin planning for their first playoff competitor.

In the OUA East division stands the undefeated Ottawa Gee-Gees as well as the second place Queen's Gaels, who have 44 and 36 points respectively.

Ottawa has been ranked No. 1 in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) top ten list for the past four weeks and has yet to be conquered.

However, as history so often tells us, the playoffs can be quite unforgiving.

Now entering a position almost identical to the 2011 season, the Hawks appear to be a huge contender for the post-season.

Hawks finish sixth

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With the post-season quickly approaching, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks men's soccer team had a rocky finish to their regular season, losing 2-0 to the Guelph Gryphons on Saturday and 2-0 to the York Lions Sunday in what were pivotal games to secure home field advantage for the playoffs.

Although the Hawks managed to hold their own in the first half against Guelph, they just couldn't keep the Gryphon offence at bay, as they managed to pull ahead with a goal in the 52nd minute while Laurier struggled to find the net. A penalty kick in the 90th minute off a handball would seal the game on a bitter note.

Coach Mario Halapir knew exactly what his intentions were going into the game.

"To get three points," he said bluntly. "This game was a pivotal point for the playoff situation and we had an opportunity this weekend to get home field advantage."

"Today we needed three points and that's the only thing we could ask the players to get."

Despite solidifying a position in the playoffs, injuries have plagued the team this season.

"Injuries are for every team in the league, we can't use that as an excuse," said Halapir. "We were obviously hampered today missing our key ingredients in the midfield with two central players and it was awfully missed today."

To add insult to the Hawks' already plentiful injuries, starting goalkeeper Brett Harrington left the game following the first goal but Halapir is confident this will not be a major problem.

"Evan [Phillips] has done a tremendous job" he said of the backup keeper. "He's got courage, a great attitude and you just hope he can improve on these as the years go on and that's our main aim with him."

Halapir knows there are some definite improvements that need to be made if they hope to go far in the post-season.

"The thing this team lacks is character," he said. "Unfortunately we've been lacking for the last couple of years and I shouldn't say that about everybody because there's a few but there's just not enough and those players that have it need to develop leadership qualities."

Character isn't the only thing they need.

"On field leadership is something we don't have from any players and it's difficult," he said. "We have some senior players who aren't capable of it and we have some first year players who don't have the mental capacity for it."

"It's very difficult when you put a team like that on the field... when a game is on the line. There just isn't that will to win and without that you shouldn't be competing."

But one loss doesn't mean the end.

"I personally never give up," said Halapir. "We're going to come back to try and coach to win again."

The Hawks finished their season with a 5-6-5 record and sit sixth in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) West division. The Lions and McMaster Marauders finished first and second respectively.

Laurier will face the third-seeded Western Mustangs in London at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the first round of the OUA playoffs. Laurier tied and lost to Western during the regular season.

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M Hockey 0 - Lakehead 4
W Soccer 1 - Guelph 1
M Soccer 0 - Guelph 2
M Rugby 12 - RMC 14

10.21.12
W Soccer 0 - York 1
M Soccer 0 - York 2

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Football team looks to correct mistakes

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SPORTS EDITOR

Fate has given the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks one more chance.

Despite losing five of their eight regular season games, being shut out twice in the same season for the first time in history and being out-scored by the opposition 229-109, the Hawks managed to sneak into the playoffs as the sixth and final seed.

With help from last week's rival, the Western Mustangs, Laurier was able to barely scrape into the final spot after the Mustangs defeated the Ottawa Gee-Gees on a last-second field goal.

A Gee-Gees win plus an unexpected Waterloo Warriors win—a 48-29 victory over the fifth-place Windsor Lancers—would have knocked the Hawks out of playoff contention.

And now, with the third-place Queen's Gaels waiting patiently for their sixth-place opponent to arrive Saturday afternoon, Laurier focuses on the common errors that have haunted them all season.

"We just, somehow, need to find a way to move the football and generate some offence. If we don't do that, it's just too hard. For heaven's sakes," head coach Gary Jeffries said Saturday afternoon after the No. 1 McMaster Marauders defeated the Hawks 43-0.

The Hawks were unable to generate any offence against Mac, with only 10 first downs and 121 total yards. Red-shirt freshman James Fracas had seven completions on 14 attempts for 94 yards after coming on in relief of Travis Eman.

"We definitely moved the ball; we just need to remove a lot of the mistakes that we have as a team and I think moving from this game, we take a lot from it," Fracas said.

Laurier's only tangible opportunity for points came on a field goal attempt from second-year kicker Ronnie Pfeffer, who missed just wide to the left.

"I gotta keep my head down," Pfeffer said of his attempt. "Last game I brought my head up before

the kick and I made a mistake of that."

Jeffries highlighted the constant mistakes of his team.

"We had a chance to make some plays and we didn't. Then we'd make a big play then snap it over the quarterback's head 20 yards. Or we'd make a big play and then get sacked. We can't do that."

However, regardless of their performance to end off the year, players on the Hawks' squad did manage to make the record books. Fifth-year linebacker Drew Galpin cracked the Laurier top five all-time tackles and finished first among the OUA with 59 tackles.

Pfeffer finished fourth among Laurier's all-time punting records with 72 for 2,499 yards, which also lands him fourth in the OUA.

In the first matchup between Laurier and Queen's this season, the Hawks fell in their home opener 42-16 following a 19-0 defeat to the hands of the Toronto Varsity Blues.

"It's a team that we were very competitive with for 28 minutes when they came down here," Jeffries said of Queen's. "In all likelihood there might be some bad conditions down there. We could have lots of muck and slop so it's going to come down to what it usually does, and that's mistakes."

Pfeffer shared Jeffries' sentiments, saying that the Hawks could stay with the Gaels if the mentality is right.

"All you gotta do is think the team is like any other team," he said. "You can't really think that they're better or bigger or stronger than you are because when you do that you just get intimidated and that's what's going to make you make mistakes in the game."

This week, the focus in practice was fixing the mistakes that have cost Laurier the majority of their games, including their devastating loss against Western a week ago where the Hawks saw their early lead erased by 56 unanswered points.

"We've got to drive together. And move the football down," Jeffries said. "And if we ever score one, we



McMaster backup quarterback Marshall Ferguson scores a one-yard touchdown in Saturday's game. **KATE TURNER** PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

might score two."

Now, the focus is on keeping the motivation and effort in the players before they make the trek to Kingston on Saturday for a 1 p.m. quarter-final start.

"Playoff season is a brand new season," team captain and fourth-year Alex Anthony said. "Once you

get into playoffs, it's any given Saturday so you just come out on Saturday and play the best you can."

Anthony also stressed that the characterization of a "young Laurier team" shouldn't hinder their efforts in the upcoming game.

"We were young during training camp, but everyone's been here

now," he said. "This is week nine. I think if we just come out and play hard and play fast we can take these guys for sure."

Quarterback Steven Fantham will return to the lineup after being sidelined with concussion symptoms. It's likely he will start, according to Jeffries.

Women's hockey 5-1-0 despite inconsistency



York Lions' goaltender Megan Lee is unable to stop Laurier's first goal of Thursday night's 3-2 victory. **WADE THOMPSON** VISUAL DIRECTOR

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SPORTS EDITOR

Something's missing.

Stepping into Waterloo Recreational Complex Thursday night, there was no doubt there was a game being played. It was the same atmosphere and the purple and gold were still skating feverishly from one end of the ice to the other. They even won their fourth straight game.

But it just wasn't the same as that Laurier Golden Hawks team that dominated the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) league merely a year ago.

"It's not quite us yet," women's hockey head coach Rick Osborne said. "The new players, a couple of them are doing absolutely great. And there's a couple of rookies that are learning on the job."

The Hawks defeated the visiting York Lions Thursday 3-2 in a shootout, where veteran Candice Styles beat Lions netminder Megan Lee.

After having a two-goal lead, the Hawks allowed the Lions to come back in the last seven minutes, leading to a tight overtime period that featured the styles of Lee versus Laurier starter Erika Thunder.

Thunder stopped 32 of 34 shots she faced, plus all three shots during the shootout.

And although Thunder was able to hold the Hawks within the grasp of another win, Osborne critiqued the structure of his team.

"I would say we have two or three players playing pond hockey and

that doesn't fit with us," he said. "I still think there's a few players that aren't paying attention to the structure that's in our program."

After opening their season with a 7-2 loss to the hands of the Western Mustangs—the same team they faced in the OUA final last year—the Hawks were forced to rebound against the Windsor Lancers the following night.

They delivered with an easy 2-0 victory. But the same adversity they faced that night came back to haunt them when they let the Lions crawl back to tie their home opener.

"Our team's psyche is not good when we face diversity like the first game against Western," Osborne said. "It was like, 'oh my god it's the end of the world.'"

Osborne said that his team will have to be a lot tougher, finishing plays not getting stuck with three players on the back check.

Friday night, the Hawks found their niche when they dominated the UOIT Ridgebacks 4-0. Thunder recorded her second shutout of the season within six games.

They will now travel up the street to play the Waterloo Warriors at Columbia Ice Field Arena Friday at 7:30 p.m.

And as Laurier moves forward to try to repeat last year's record and capture their ninth OUA championship in ten years, Osborne's focus will be to get this team back to where it should be.

"It's not the Golden Hawks yet. But it will be."