

Tweets on trial

Website tracks use of homophobic language online

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Since July of this year, a website called nohomophobes.com has been live-tracking the use of four homophobic words and phrases on Twitter. The site counts the number of times “Faggot,” “No homo,” “Dyke” and “So gay,” to evaluate the prevalence of casual homophobia.

So far, the word “faggot” has been used the most – over three million times and counting. Professor Christopher Wells at the University of Alberta Institute for Sexual Minority Studies and Services has been in charge of the project.

“We wanted to find a way to call public attention to the issue of casual homophobia. The idea was to think of innovative ways that we could potentially use social media to help convey this message,” he said.

Wells said he was shocked by the numbers of tweets that came in, which number in the thousands each day.

“These are real live people out there who are tweeting this all over the English-speaking world, showing that almost every second of every day this kind of language is being used,” he stated. “It’s a call to attention, and hopefully a call to action for a lot of people.”

The website has garnered international attention. In addition to the site, there are also posters available to be downloaded and people are encouraged to use #nohomophobes when identifying and interrupting homophobic language use on social media.

Jeremy Dias, who is the executive director for Jer’s Vision, which works toward using education and awareness to diminish discrimination in youth communities, said he

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Hawks trampled

Football team sees playoff chances improve despite 56-3 loss to Western

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The Hawks’ offence has not scored in their last ten quarters. However, a U of T loss to York means they’ll still likely make the post season.

Locals react to McGuinty resignation

“All around him it’s a mess. And being premier isn’t fun in that situation.”

—Barry Kay, Laurier professor of political science

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Ontario politics took a surprising turn Monday evening with the unexpected announcement by Ontario Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty that he was resigning from his post. He subsequently announced he would ask the lieutenant-governor to prorogue the legislature until the party finds a new leader.

With his wife Terri by his side, McGuinty spoke to the caucus about Liberal accomplishments before

stating that he had asked party president Yasir Naqvi “to convene a leadership convention at the earliest possible time.”

McGuinty’s announcement was followed by addresses from Progressive Conservative and NDP leaders Tim Hudak and Andrea Horwath, respectively.

McGuinty said he will continue to act as leader until a leadership convention can be held.

The prorogation has drawn criticism from other party representatives, including Hudak, who said in his statement, “Now is not the time to close the doors on parliament and walk away.”

Catherine Fife, the New Democrat MPP for Kitchener-Waterloo, was also critical.

“The timing of it was surprising to me in that they had just revealed Ontario’s economic outlook and fiscal review, and there’s a lot of work to be done for the economy in the province of Ontario,” she said. “He shut down Queen’s Park for their own political purposes.”

Fife argued that disrupting work on the legislature was not in the interest of Ontarians, stating that provincial representatives “were elected to serve, regardless of leadership

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Baseball appeal gains ground

Players reveal support for inquiry request filed last week

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SPORTS EDITOR

In light of last week’s accusations by members of the Wilfrid Laurier men’s baseball community against the university, the school is currently following the procedure for the appeal process to move along with the allegations.

As of Monday afternoon, the university had not heard directly from the team’s players or coaches on whether or not they support the request sent in last Tuesday by Fran Smyth, the mother of a player and a professor at Seneca College.

However, Kevin Crowley, director of communications and affairs at Laurier, confirmed to The Cord Tuesday that “slightly less than half” of the players had been in contact with the university and a portion of

the players support the request.

“I just checked with [university secretary & general counsel] Sherleen Rowe with where we were in getting in touch with the students. That was the piece that was missing,” he said Tuesday.

“A number of [players] have said that they do support the notice for appeal Ms. Smyth has submitted.”

The request from Smyth included an investigation into the treatment of the players during the temporary suspension given to the team following a rookie party that included drinking and “hazing activities.”

According to Crowley, because the request for an appeal has come after the suspension’s process and the end of the team’s season, the university must go back and investigate the initial situation.

“We’re looking at the hearing

process under the Student Athlete Code of Conduct; just to see where we are in it because it’s not that straight forward,” he said.

“The request is for an appeal, but the process doesn’t provide the opportunity for an appeal until a committee of inquiry has been struck, and that committee’s done its job of reviewing the facts and figures and talking to people. It’s at that point that an appeal can be requested of the decision.”

If any player disagrees with what the inquiry finds then an appeal can be made.

“Our obligations are to the players,” Crowley said in an interview Monday, emphasizing that the process is “about the players and not the mother.”

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From the editor: Bringing The Cord into the community



H.G. WATSON
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

A community is made of stories. Since 1970, Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications has been telling some of these stories through its premiere weekly campus paper, The Cord.

As The Cord has grown in scope and quality, we've realized there isn't enough room in our weekly edition to tell all the different stories we want to. That's why we're adding a new publication to the Cord brand.

Starting October 2012 The Cord Community Edition will distribute monthly to over 30,000 homes, bringing Kitchener-Waterloo excellence in news and feature-length journalism. Our goal is to tell the stories that affect everyone in the community.

The Cord Community Edition isn't for students, business owners, politicians, commuters or urban dwellers. It isn't here to divide us or separate us.

What we're setting out to do is create media that is for everyone — or more accurately, everyone that cares about building the K-W community.

If you have a stake in this region, whether it be for the four years you come here to learn, or the 50 years you've been living here, The Cord Community Edition is for you.

That said, we aren't going to be afraid to get our hands dirty. Opening up to more voices means including voices that challenge the status quo. Kitchener-Waterloo faces challenges as a region and it's the Cord Community Edition's job to expose and explore each one of them.

The great thing about starting something new is that we get to define what it will become.

The Cord Community Edition's direction will evolve along with the voices we can feature in it. Our hope is that as the magazine grows, community members will become our writers, artists, photographers and designers.

We want this project to be one people have a personal investment in (and if it already peaks your interest, shoot me an e-mail at communityeditor@thecord.ca).

We can't wait to learn more about this great community with you.

Bag o' Crime

Break and Enter
Location: Northdale Campus
Reported: Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2012, 1:22 a.m.

Person(s) unknown entered through a window on the north-west side of the Northdale Campus (66 Hickory St) setting of a motion sensor in NC 116. Officers responded moments after the alarm sounded but no one was in the area. A check of the system panel showed the suspect(s) had exited out the north rear door (exit 4). It appears nothing was taken. There are several laptops in the room and all are accounted for. Waterloo Regional Police IDENT attended. No evidence was obtained.

Disturbance
Location: Chancellor Drive
Reported: Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, 1:32 a.m.

A group of Laurier student's three males and one female had a verbal altercation when exiting the Wilf's Bar. When the officers arrived and approached the group on Chancellor Drive the students dispersed. No further action was taken.

Injured/Sick Person
Location: Nichols Center
Reported: Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2012, 7:16 p.m.

SCS officers and EMS responded to a medical call regarding a female that was having a seizure in the Turret Night Club. She was identified as a 20 year old WLU student that had fallen off a chair and gone into convulsions. She was assessed by EMS and transported to Grand River Hospital for observation.

Drugs
Location: Residence

Reported: Friday, Oct. 12, 2012 12:23 a.m.
SCS attended to the student residence in response to a complaint of suspected drug usage. A small quantity of marihuana was seized for destruction in one of the apartments as well as some home baked brownies containing marihuana. No charges were proceeded with but the narcotics violation will be dealt with by Residence Life involving five WLU students.

Unwanted Person
Location: Residence
Reported: Friday, Oct. 12, 2012 2:22 a.m.

An 18-year-old male student was apprehended by SCS at the female student residence for property damage. He had been spotted by residents on the 3rd floor ripping down signs and posters in the hallway and doorways. Alcohol was a contributing factor for his disrespectful behaviour. He was taken to his residence and left in the care of his Don. Residence Life will be dealing with the matter.

Impaired Driver
Location: Residence
Reported: 11:18 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14 2012

Special constables observed a vehicle on the lawn at 188 King St Residence with a male person in the driver's seat who was believed to be impaired. Officers confiscated the keys to the vehicle after calling WRPS who subsequently charged the driver who was a non WLU male with impaired driving.

-Courtesy of WLU Special Constables

More Bag 'O Crime on thecord.ca

Vocal Cord

What is your strategy for dealing with stress?



"Step one: breath and prioritize. Step two: compartmentalize... Don't multi-task, time manage. Step three: get it done."

-Bisma Bhatti
fifth-year, business



"Listening to a large amount of music and having a couple drinks with the roommates helps take the pressure off."

-Ben Belluz
third-year, communication studies



"Music and a nap."

-Guan Fang
second-year, economics



"A lot of time management and talking to people because they can de-stress you."

-Emily Danard
fourth-year, communication studies

The Radio Laurier street team is out collecting Vocal Cord every Monday afternoon

The CCE is looking for volunteer writers, photographers and designers. Interested? E-mail communityeditor@thecord.ca

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The only limits of any newspaper are those of the world around it, and so The Cord will attempt to cover its world with a special focus on Wilfrid Laurier University, and the community of Kitchener-Waterloo, and with a special ear to the concerns of the students of Wilfrid Laurier University. Ultimately, The Cord will be bound by neither philosophy nor geography in its mandate.

The Cord has an obligation to foster freedom of the press and freedom of speech. This obligation is best fulfilled when debate and dissent are encouraged, both in the internal workings of the paper, and through The Cord's contact with the student body.

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:
"Sometimes I got it for free by using my feminine wiles."
-Copy Editor Kelly Burwash re: getting McDonald's.

NEWS

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Students wait at the Tim Horton's in the Science Atrium, one of the popular spots on campus. Lines like shown above are very common.

Long lines an increasing trend

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CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

This year, with more students on Wilfrid Laurier University's Waterloo campus than ever before, space has become congested and as a result, lines for businesses such as Tim Horton's and Starbucks have become increasingly long.

Many students have also noticed an increase in the length of lines on campus, and have begun voicing their complaints.

Heather Barnes, a third-year Laurier student, and Tiffany Lai and Keavney MacDonald, both fourth-year students, all told The Cord that they spend much more time waiting in lines for common items, such as coffee, than they have in past years.

"In some places, the wait time for lines is a lot longer than last year," explained Barnes. "I'd say the Terrace is less busy, but the Tim Horton's line is ridiculous, it can take like half an hour."

MacDonald echoed Barnes and agreed that she waits upwards of 15 minutes while in line at Tim Horton's in the Peter's building on campus.

"I think the Tim Horton's lines are longer just because they're cheaper than Williams or Second Cup; they're never too overwhelming," MacDonald said.

The Cord waited in line at Tim Horton's locations in both the Peter's and Science buildings, and found that the shortest wait time, seven minutes and 30 seconds, occurred in the Science Atrium Tim Horton's on October 15 at 11:00 a.m., whereas the longest wait, 17:30, occurred in the Peter's building Tim Hortons on October 8 at noon.

As for other locations, The Cord found wait-times for the Starbucks location in the Concourse to be anywhere between ten to twelve minutes between 10:00 a.m. and noon.

Waiting this long in line between classes at the height of density on campus has many students complaining.

When asked how these wait-times could be reduced, students had one common answer: build more service locations.

"We were just saying earlier that they should open another one [Tim Horton's location] on campus,"

explained Lai. "Maybe having one in every building would help reduce lines, because there's no in-between; having one in the Arts building would be nice."

David McMurray, vice president of student affairs, explained that Laurier is actively looking at ways to reduce congestion on campus.

"I know that there are renovations planned in the Science building ... to expand the facility and subsequently enhance service," he stated.

"There's also another food outlet being proposed for Bricker Academic, which would provide an additional venue for students, staff and faculty."

While McMurray personally hasn't noticed any change in how long lines on campus are, he did state that he usually only frequents the Starbucks in the Concourse, and does not often venture over to either Tim Horton's location, where lines are reportedly longer.

For now, though, students will have to continue to wait in line and some students will still refer WLU as "We Line Up."

-With files from Marissa Evans

17:30

Approx. time (in minutes) waited at Science building Tim Horton's on Oct. 8 at noon

15:00

Approx. time (in minutes) waited at Mr. Sub on Oct. 10 at noon

7:30

Shortest time (in minutes) reported at the Science building Tim Horton's on Oct. 15 at 11 a.m.

Fall break still in question

MARISSA EVANS
LEAD REPORTER

The possibility of fall reading days at Wilfrid Laurier University remains a hopeful prospect for students as the concept continues to be discussed by the committee that was struck to review it. However, not much beyond discussion has gone on since September.

David McMurray, vice president of student affairs, explained that several proposals have been suggested regarding where the days might be placed in the academic calendar, as well as how the two days will be made up. However, no decisions have been made thus far.

Ryerson University implemented a fall reading week for the first time this year, opting to give students a full week off rather than a couple of days. It was held this past week, after the Thanksgiving long weekend.

Michelle Galdes, a second-year occupational health and safety student at Ryerson, commented on this addition to the academic calendar.

"Personally, I liked it a lot," she said. "I was able to work, which was a good thing because I have to commute. So it was a big plus."

It also provided her with the opportunity to get caught up and study for her midterms, which were all scheduled for the week following the break. She noted that the atmosphere at her midterm on the first day back was noticeably different.

"From what I saw everybody seemed pretty relaxed," she explained. "It wasn't too stressful like I've usually seen before my midterms."

Fall reading days may be up in the air at Laurier, but McMurray explained the direction the discussion is taking.

"We've been talking further about a more comprehensive look at the first-year student experience and all of the key factors associated with student academic and personal transition, as well as personal success," he said.

McMurray also noted that they are trying to look at the bigger picture rather than focussing on one small piece at a time.

"I fully support fall reading days," McMurray continued. "I believe that they will contribute in many ways to student success and well-being."

But the greater challenge, he said, will be figuring out when the days will be scheduled.

"That's why I think a more comprehensive approach of 'what does this mean overall' is really important," he added.

A meeting regarding fall reading days is being held on Oct. 17 where the university and the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union will discuss a proposal.

McGuinty leaves amid scandals

—cover

competition."

Kitchener-Conestoga MPP Michael Harris, a representative of the Progressive Conservative Party, was in agreement.

Echoing Fife's sentiments, Harris said, "It's clearly an example of Dalton McGuinty and the Liberal party putting their own partisan interests in front of Ontarians."

"Right now, we have a jobs and debt crisis that continues to grow each and every day that requires real action. Dalton McGuinty, in essence, has now just locked the doors on dealing with those important issues on behalf of Ontarians," he continued,

Barry Kay, a political science professor at Wilfrid Laurier University, mentioned that the prorogation of parliament was an inevitable decision.

"If he hadn't prorogued the House, the government would have been brought down in a confidence vote and they would have been in an election without a leader," he said.

McGuinty did not provide reasons for his decision, though he has recently been facing a number of contentious political issues such as the ORNGE scandal. In 2003 and



NICK LACHANCE FILE PHOTO

Premier Dalton McGuinty visited Laurier last spring to unveil the 30 per cent tuition grant for students.

2007, he led the Liberal Party to a majority government in the province, but lost ground with a minority victory in 2011.

The Ontario government has also generated approximately a \$15-billion deficit last year. That number has since been projected to be \$14.4 billion for 2012-13, according to Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan.

"All around him it's a mess. And being premier isn't fun in that situation when you've got minority government," said Kay.

In addition, over the summer, McGuinty faced off with Ontario's teachers, legislating them back to work to prevent the delay of school starting.

His plan to freeze the wages of public sector workers to help Ontario's economy has not been well received.

Controversy has also arisen over the cancellation of energy projects in Oakville and Mississauga. All documents regarding the gas plants

were supposed to be released to the legislature on Sept. 24, but another 20,000 pages, which the Liberals claimed to have missed, were not released until Oct. 13.

Opposition parties were highly critical, with Hudak claiming that correct information was intentionally withheld to hide the costs of the project.

Additionally, while the Liberals were successful in retaining their seat in September's Vaughan byelection, they were unable to gain a crucial seat in Kitchener-Waterloo, which would have given the party a majority government. Fife took the riding, with the Liberal candidate Eric Davis coming in third.

"If they had won the byelection, I don't think McGuinty would have resigned at this time," Kay reflected. "I'm not sure he would have stayed for another election, but it would have made life a lot simpler for him in sort of negotiating the next couple of years."

Questions are now arising over

who will take over for McGuinty once a leadership convention is held, which Kay speculated would likely be in March or April.

Looking to the future, he believes "they need somebody with some pizzazz and for want of a better term, charisma. They need somebody who can renew excitement within the party."

Gerard Kennedy, who formerly served as the Minister of Education for Ontario and Sandra Pupatello, a former MPP, Kay said, could be potential candidates.

After numerous calls to Liberal Kitchener-Centre MPP and House Leader John Milloy's office in Toronto, the minister of community and social services could not be reached for a comment on the situation.

"Whoever becomes the next leader of the Liberal party, it doesn't really matter who that person is, they are inheriting a mess," said Harris. "It will take more than one election cycle to undo the damage of the McGuinty Liberals."

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New GSA president

After the early departure of Ben Hesch, GSA acclaims new president

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Terrace prices under question by students

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For first-year students with meal plans, buying food on campus is as simple as swiping their OneCards. But for upper-year students at Wilfrid Laurier University, buying food on campus is a different story. They take notice of the dollar amount that pops up on the cash register and are voicing their displeasure with prices at food vendors in the Terrace.

According to many students, it is significantly more expensive to eat at the Terrace than at an off-campus location.

"It's almost like we're paying for the convenience of just having it here," said Jessica Landouceur, a second-year geography student. "You could always go to the dining hall — oh. Oh wait."

She feels that prices are noticeably higher at the Terrace and that the flat fee of around \$12 to get into the Dining Hall isn't worth it either.

"I went to Pita Shack and got a pita and a drink for \$12," explained second-year film studies student, Jane DaSilva. "And I'm a vegetarian, so I don't even get meat with anything. It's just so expensive." DaSilva has also noticed that this year there are less vegetarian options available to her.

"It sucks," agreed Meghan House, a second-year political science and anthropology student, who is also a vegetarian. "You have to go off campus."

DaSilva said she enjoyed eating at Union Market last year, but that this year it is overpriced.

"I hate Union Market," said

"But if there is a price increase then it's something that we'll have to look into."

—Chris Hyde, interim general manager and director of policy of research

second-year film studies student, Kyle Taylor. "It's like \$10 and they give you a chicken strip."

Eating off campus seems to be the only option for students who don't want to pay high prices at the Terrace. Fourth-year students Hannah Doyle and Amanda Stone commented on how on campus food options have changed since they started at Laurier.

"This year I noticed it was really expensive," said Stone.

Doyle agreed, commenting on the \$9 quesadilla she bought for lunch that day.

"For the past three years if we wanted to grab a salad or something at lunch we would just walk through [the Dining Hall]," she added. "I eat on campus maybe once a month because it's too frustrating."

But the new system at the Dining Hall has impeded their ability to continue to do this in their fourth year. The Terrace, they noted, is difficult to get food at as it is crowded

with first years.

Ryan Lloyd-Craig, director of food services at Laurier, declined to comment on the prices at the Terrace due to restrictions put in place by Aramark. However, he did forward The Cord a comment from Karen Culter, Aramark's director of communications, stating that the company provides competitive prices based off of local establishments.

Chris Hyde, interim general manager and director of policy, research and advocacy, said that the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union hadn't been focussing on prices at the Terrace until The Cord drew their attention to it.

"WLUSU isn't in charge of the Terrace anymore," Hyde said. "But if there is a price increase then it's something that we'll have to look into."

Aramark took control of the Terrace last year and has its own agreements with the businesses located there. Hyde said that this means places like the Union Market have a separate contract with Aramark that WLUSU isn't privy to.

"One of the things we've stipulated to Aramark is that they respect some of the principals around our contract with them — and that's that it has to be affordable [to eat] on campus," he explained. "Just because you have a student cliental who likes to eat on campus, doesn't mean you can raise the price."

Hyde also said that WLUSU has always asked for vegetarian options to be present on campus.

He assured that WLUSU will be looking into these concerns regarding the Terrace.



AVERY GALES STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laurier students stuffed their faces with poutine last Saturday.

Scarfig poutine

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
NEWS DIRECTOR

Using your hands to stuff your face with hoards of fries with gravy and cheese curds doesn't seem to be most conventional way to eat a meal, but on Saturday for about three hours it was.

The Laurier Marketing Association (LMA) at Wilfrid Laurier University, for a challenge put on by Campus Perks, hosted a poutine eating competition in the Terrace. Smokes Poutinery provided the poutine for free.

"There were two tiers for the [Campus Perks] competition and one was social media and awareness, and the second tier was throwing a really good eating competition," explained Naz Sokmez, the marketing manager for LMA, about how Campus Perks determined the winner.

The actual event, according to Sokmez, was a success.

The competition, however, was not based on how much each competitor ate, but how fast each team of four ate it.

"I've always been a fast eater, so my friends told me that I should enter it. So they all came here and they all supported me," said Yasin Elrofaie, a third-year business student at Laurier who ate his poutine under a minute.

According to Elrofaie, there's a technique to eating really quick.

Crushing and mashing the poutine and using your hands, instead of a fork and knife, was the way to do it.

With water and gravy covering

their faces students, who had to dress up in a uniform or costume, quickly wolfed down loads of poutine, where the occasional competitor would throw-up.

They continued on with the competition, obviously.

"You can't be worried about how gross you look," he laughed, adding that the competition was fun.

"From what I heard at least, people loved it, even though it was more of a puke and rally type of deal," added Sokmez.

Various other universities across the nation put on their own poutine eating competition this past weekend.

The winning school — the one who generates the most support and awareness at their school — receives \$2500 for the club and a free poutine party for about 50 people.

Sokmez and Denise Wang, the co-president of the LMA, believe that they have a pretty good chance of winning it.

"The scale at which we did ours [was] way bigger than they expected us to do," said Wang. "[And] we did really well in social media."

LMA, if they win the competition for Campus Perks, plans on using the money to put on more events and to fund their annual marketing case competition.

President and CEO of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union, Michael Onabolu also participated in the competition, and ate his poutine so fast he was still hungry. He didn't eat all day to prepare for it as well.

"I'm going to get Frat Burger!" he laughed. "You have to keep going."



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Laurier in brief

WLU recognized for its "Passion Capital"

The 2012 Canada's Passion Capitalists awards named Laurier as a finalist because of its dedication to passion capital. Passion capital is defined as "the energy, intensity, and sustainability needed to generate superior results." Laurier's representatives will accept a certificate of recognition on the school's behalf on Nov. 5 in Toronto, with the award's winners being announced on Nov. 9 on the Business News Network and profiled in the *National Post* on Nov. 10. The awards are being presented by Knightsbridge Human Capital Solutions and based on ideas from the book *Passion Capital* by Paul Alofs.

Canada Research Chair reappoints Anne Wilson

Anne Wilson, a Wilfrid Laurier University psychology professor, who previously held the Canada Research Chair in 2007 for Social Psychology, was reappointed to a second five-year term during a presentation at University of Toronto last Friday. During the presentation, plans were also announced by the government of Canada to invest more than \$120 million in its more than 155 research chairholders to support new research and strengthen Canada's global leaders. Her second term will see her focus her research more on how peoples' thinking and behavior change when they are anticipating a bleak or negative future.

—Compiled by Shaun Fitl

Milton still an option for WLU

ELIZABETH DICESARE
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Roughly three years after Wilfrid Laurier University began talking with Milton about the possibility of opening a satellite campus, the waiting game is still on.

While Laurier already has four different locations — in Waterloo, Kitchener, Brantford and Toronto — the institution feels it is ready to take on a fifth.

The wait to begin expanding in Milton, however, was halted earlier this year when the Ontario government released a plan to build three new satellite campuses. Post-secondary institutions will have to apply to an upcoming “Satellite Campus Policy” that will outline the application process for pre-existing institutions to go through if they wanted an expansion.

“[The new] policy will articulate, from the government’s view, what is meant by satellite campus, and also set out a process by which universities that want to create satellite campuses can work with,” explained Brian Rosborough, director of government relations at Laurier.

“Historically we’ve said that we will only build a campus in Milton if the government agreed to [it] and provided the investment to help us do it.”

So for now, Laurier is playing a waiting game to see whether or not it will qualify to expand into Milton.

Rosborough also explained to The Cord that once the new application system is put in place, it is unknown how long universities will have to

wait until they get a go-ahead to build new campuses.

However, he believes that Laurier has a good chance of being chosen over other institutions to expand.

“Laurier is viewed very positively by the province for the work that it’s done [with multi-governance],” he said.

“We’ve been working with the town of Milton for a number of years, and Milton is the fastest growing municipality in Canada ... it’s fast growing and there is currently no post-secondary education there.”

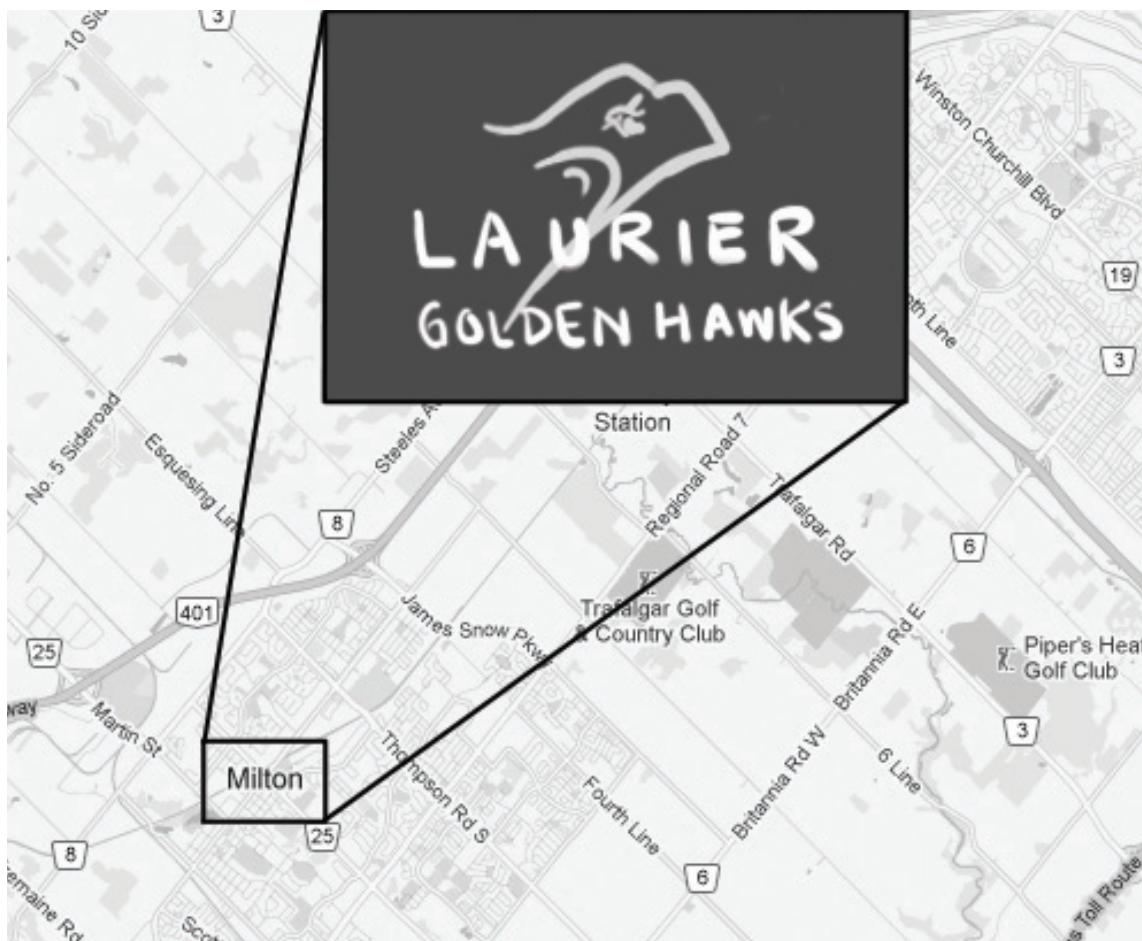
Laurier has chosen Milton as a potential location for a new campus because of its growing population, location within the Greater Toronto Area and need for a post-secondary institution of its own.

A memorandum of understanding has been signed, and re-signed, between Milton, Laurier and Sheridan College, who is also looking to expand into Milton.

This means that all three parties will continue to work together in the hopes of moving forward with their programs.

In terms of programming for the Milton campus, Rosborough said that no decision has been made yet as to what programs would be offered at the new campus.

“The decision about our academic future is really invested with senate ... but I think the prevailing view is that we would need to provide programs that are complimentary to what we have in Waterloo and Brantford, and that students [at all campuses] would have access to the



STEPHANIE TRUONG GRAPHICS EDITOR

Milton’s geographical position within the greater Toronto area makes it an ideal location for a campus.

full array of Laurier programming,” he explained.

Chris Walker, vice president of university affairs at the Wilfrid Laurier University Student’s Union, echoed Rosborough’s comments on the ambiguity of how a campus in Milton would function, with regards specifically to WLUSU, since it’s still up in the air.

“Right now it’s still unclear as to whether or not Milton will happen. It’s been articulated in the university’s strategic mandate agreements as a large priority for Laurier,”

explained Walker. “If Milton moves forward, the intent right now is that the student’s union would have the capacity to do so ... but until that [decision] is made we are more than happy to work with the university in commenting on what direction we see that campus taking.”

While Walker stated that it’s still too premature to comment on what activity WLUSU would have on the potential Milton campus, he added that its function would be very similar to that on both the Waterloo and Brantford campuses.

“The same high-quality support and holistic student experience we provide on the Brantford and Waterloo campuses we would want to see at the Milton campus as well,” he explained.

What happens on that campus also affects us in Waterloo, and affects us in Brantford too.”

However, until the new government systems are put in place and decisions to expand are made, Laurier will have to continue to wait until any official plans can be made.

Laurier outlines future academic priorities

The new strategic mandate agreement boasts focus on students, community and affordable education

JUSTIN SMIRLIES
NEWS DIRECTOR

Along with every other university and college in Ontario, Wilfrid Laurier University recently made their strategic mandate agreement (SMA) submission that Glen Murray, the Ontario minister of training, colleges and universities, called for in the summer.

Through his discussion paper titled, *Strengthening Ontario’s Centres of Creativity, Innovation and Knowledge*, Murray asked each institution to outline their priorities for the near future.

“It’s an invitation by government to identify our strategic position in the [Ontario] system,” explained Max Blouw, the president of Laurier.

Blouw outlined the three priorities that were made about Laurier: a focus on student outcome, the links between academic research and the community and lastly, to ensure cost affordable, high-quality education for students.

All three of these priorities, however, relate to one another.

“What we’re trying to emphasize there is that our research activity is very tied to our educational, community service and economic development missions,” added Blouw about their second priority.

These community relations exist in both Kitchener-Waterloo and Brantford

“It just about pervades everything we have and it is true in Brantford too ... university presence in

Brantford has rejuvenated and revitalized that community,” Blouw added.

In one of the avenues to ensure cost-affordable education, Blouw highlighted their multi-campus approach, including the potential Milton campus.

“We believe Laurier’s multi-campus model is a very good way to do that, and particularly if we go to Milton,” he continued.

The discussion paper, released during the summer, gave various discussion points about what direction Ontario should go in terms of education. In the past, heavy educational reforms such as three-year degrees, teaching-only professors and more accessible online courses have been debated.

But Laurier’s SMA also took into account the student experience outside of the classroom.

“So we have the academic, cognitive and intelligence side but also the development as a whole person culturally [and] socially,” said Deb MacLatchy, vice-president of academics at Laurier.

She added that the SMA submitted was discussed with the faculty, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students’ Union and the Laurier Graduate Students’ Association.

“As with anything, you get positive comments and questions, and I would say, the overall response has been positive in that I think people feel that they can recognize Laurier in the SMAs, and that it’s an authentic agreement,” continued

MacLatchy.

However, MacLatchy noted that the process to get in the submission was a bit challenging given the period in which was created.

“It was challenging because we got asked to do this mid-summer with an end of September deadline,” she said.

Both Blouw and MacLatchy noted that reforms in education are required and that they are open to such discussion with other universities and the government.

“I do think we need to be constantly thinking about how we can improve, how we can do better, how we can manage within the resources that we have and to continue to really deliver exceptional quality of education,” concluded Blouw.



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Art of mental health

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This past Sunday, The Tannery in Kitchener came alive with multiple mediums of artwork depicting emotional representations of recovery from mental health and addictions issues. "From the inside out ... creating awareness through art" was the result of a partnership between the Grand River Hospital, Spark of Brilliance and the Self Help Alliance.

The event focused on raising awareness of the positive contributions of people with mental illness within our community through art. Through several art workshops hosted in the months leading up to the event, the organizations were able to involve an assorted cross section of the Kitchener-Waterloo community in the project.

Sunday's exhibition featured paintings, textiles, as well as photographs from many of the participants.

"This year we were looking at opportunities to create awareness, looking at ways we might create stigma reduction in our community," said Judy Shearer associate vice president of mental health and addictions program at Grand River Hospital.

The benefits of a program like this in the mental health awareness sector became far reaching as Kathy Bazinet executive director of the Self Help Alliance explained, "It gave [us] the chance to create some

"This year we were looking at ... ways we might create stigma reduction in our community."

—Judy Shearer, associate vice president of mental health and addictions program at Grand River Hospital

artistic work shops so we could invite people in ... some have never been familiar with the Spark program or Self Help, so really for them it's a first introduction to what peer support, self help and recovery is all about."

In addition to adult members of the community, the program was able to involve local students.

Jason Panda, head of the visual arts department at Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate Institute, involved students from grade ten to 12 with his photography classes. "What it really came down to was a raw emotion, with the bigger picture of the mental health journey in mind, students were asked to focus on a step or stage associated with a strong emotion," Panda said.

Though Sunday's event was a competition, many runner-up images were displayed. Additionally, honorable mention photographs were projected on large screens around The Tannery.

Jay Samuler Lefler, the first-place winner in the painting category, offered words of inspiration to others with lived experiences of mental health and addiction: "Express yourself in any way you can through art; No matter what you are feeling try to put it down on canvas."

K-W receives tech funds

RAVI BALAKRISHNAN
STAFF WRITER

Early last week Kitchener-Waterloo MP Peter Braid announced that the government of Canada would be investing \$4.4 million dollars into five of K-W's most exciting and innovative businesses. The investments are being made through FedDev, an agency that was created in 2009 to respond to economic challenges in Ontario.

"This is just a significant investment by FedDev, in these very exciting, innovative, startup companies in Waterloo. These companies have high growth potential and have the seeds to become significant global players," explained Braid.

"We're supporting innovation because innovation is an important driver of economic growth and job creation," he continued. Braid went on to illustrate just how rapidly Waterloo is developing by adding that in the past year Waterloo had an average of one start up created every single day.

"What makes Waterloo unique is that we have all the ingredients for successful centres of innovation. Those ingredients are two excellent post secondary [institutions] and the entrepreneurial spirit in Waterloo; we have mentorship centres like Communtech, and lastly we have a spirit of collaboration," he added.

Douglas Lusted, the founder and president of Weston Expressions Inc., a company and mentorship organization that functions to facilitate startup businesses, mentioned how this investment will aid local businesses.

"It's amazing how far you can really go if you're a start up with a little amount of money. I'm a hardware startup so I require a lot more capital, but even with the funds I've raised, that included no equity, were enough to build a prototype," said



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Lusted.

Lusted himself has won similar awards and grants so far to help finance his startup.

Sweet Tooth Inc. is expecting to realize tremendous benefits and rapid development in the near future, as they are one of the five companies that received a share of the \$4.4 million government investment.

The company serves to give electronic commerce developers and merchants the tools to provide unique and engaging points/rewards programs, in an effort to foster customer loyalty.

"We've got about 2,400 merchants around the world right now running our stuff, and the thing is that each loyalty program is branded towards them, which means that you might have even used Sweet tooth and not even known it," explained Steve

Deckert, the marketing manager & rewards specialist at Sweet Tooth.

One of the largest companies Sweet Tooth works with is Delta Airlines in the Philippines. Deckert added, however, that they do a lot of work with local businesses, such as Ren's Pets, that has a branch out of Kitchener.

Acknowledging the benefit of the grant, Deckert said, "These [investments] are crucial. It is one of the reasons that Waterloo is the startup capital of the world. The reason why it helps us out is it allows us to be competitive, we don't have to worry about taking talent out of Waterloo and going somewhere like Silicon Valley."

"We're not going to be known for RIM anymore, we're going to be known as the startup hub," concluded Deckert.



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'Fresh look' at garbage

ALANNA FAIREY
LEAD REPORTER

In an attempt to look at how waste collection, diversion and disposal will change over the next 20 years, the creation of a new Waste Management Master Plan has begun.

The Waste Management Division will be examining current programs and discovering alternative ways to keep more garbage out of the landfill. This plan will be looking ahead at the next 20 years, as the process of approving a new waste facility could take up to ten years.

"The current plan that we have been working off of is 25 years old and when it was first put in place, we have been putting updates to it every five years and the content and the mandate of that plan was

implementing new programs and related to diversion," said Donna Serrati, manager of engineering and programs at Waste Management.

"At this point in time, the majority of those recommendations in the master plan and the subsequent five year updates have been implemented, so it's time to take a fresh look and see what else we can do."

The study will be running for over 18 months, starting in spring 2013 and ending in fall 2014. Three rounds of consultation will be taking place in six-month intervals. The first round is a series of public open houses, the first public event beginning next week. The second round will include community outreach via social media and surveys.

"When the study is completed towards the fall of next year, we are going to be taking all of the recommendations to our final report for our regional council, which is an opportunity for members of the community to participate," Serrati said.

"At this point in time, we haven't completed the study, but if you look at the objectives of the study, it promotes diversion and many other impacts will take place in Waterloo."

Mabel Wong, a global studies

student at Wilfrid Laurier University and sustainability advocate in the community, believes that this new plan needs to strive to reach out to students living in Waterloo who remain mostly ignorant of the impact this new plan will have on them.

"University students don't have parents in their home telling them what to do and how to do things," Wong said.

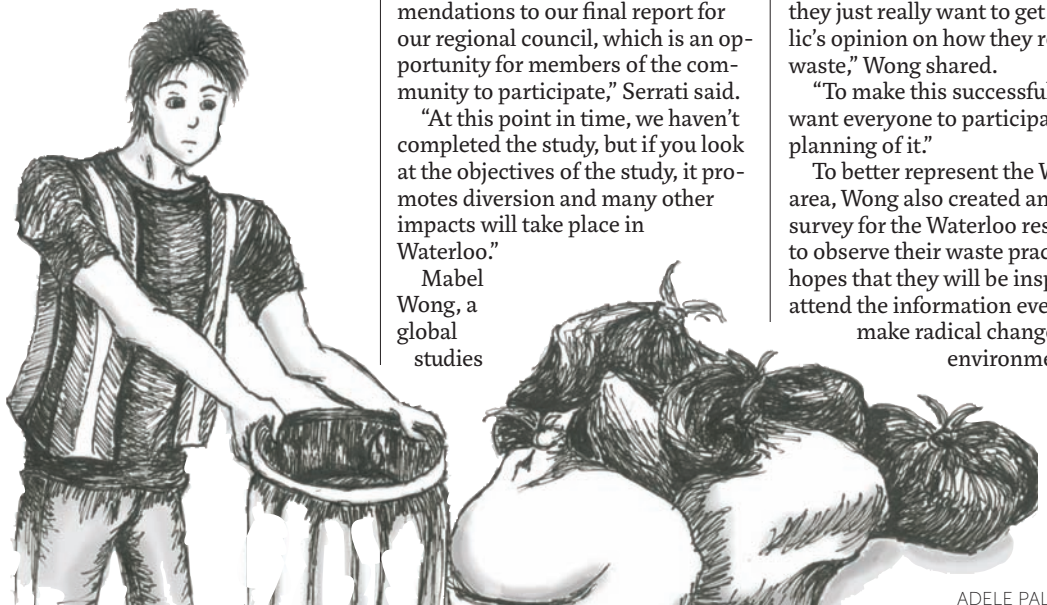
"We learn most of our waste management habits in elementary school and I think we all forgot how to do this."

Wong will be attending a public information event on Oct. 22 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Waterloo. The event will disclose more information about the master plan and what the community can do to help.

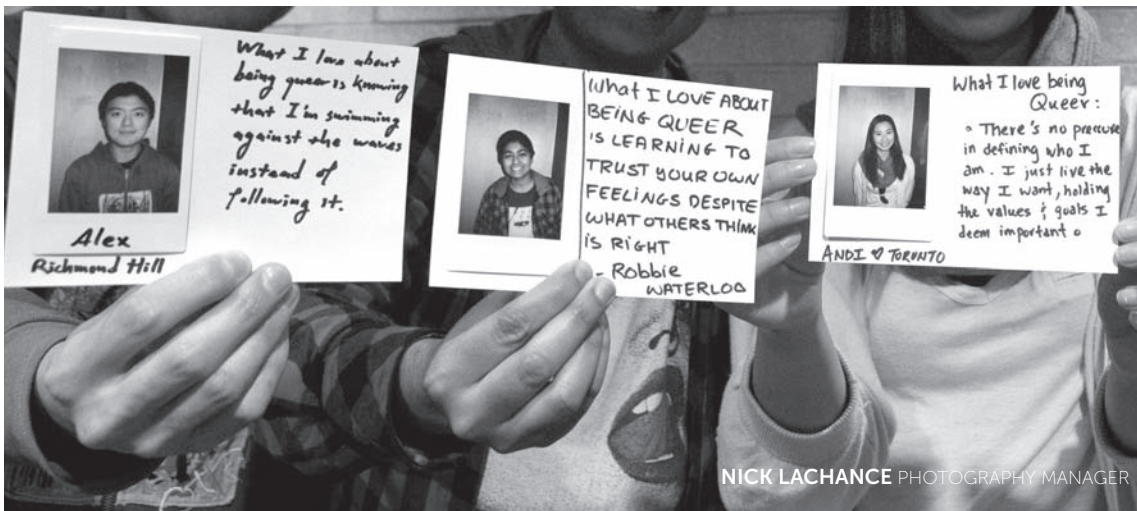
"They're just trying to figure out what to do for the next 20 years so they just really want to get the public's opinion on how they reduce waste," Wong shared.

"To make this successful, they want everyone to participate in the planning of it."

To better represent the Waterloo area, Wong also created an online survey for the Waterloo residents to observe their waste practices, in hopes that they will be inspired to attend the information events and make radical changes for the environment.



ADELE PALMQUIST



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Queer awareness at UW

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The University of Waterloo “came out” in full force last week, as numerous events were held between Oct. 9 and 12 in support of the Glow Centre for Sexual and Gender Diversity’s Coming Out Week, an annual event which looks to educate and raise awareness about the queer community on the University of Waterloo (UW) campus.

“The best way to educate is through visibility and Coming Out Week shows that there’s a queer community on campus and that encourages people to see that there’s queer students among them,” explained Robbie Ahmed, the co-ordinator for the Glow Centre.

This year’s focus was on anti-bullying and acceptance. By making the queer community more visible to students, UW’s Glow Centre hopes to make queer students feel more comfortable and recognize the support they can draw on.

“Educate, illuminate and create” was the aim of Coming Out Week. Ahmed explained, “So we educate the community, illuminate it by

giving them hope and acceptance and then we create things.”

The week, according to Ahmed, went well, with events drawing plenty of student attention. A mixture of social and education events included guarding the rainbow flag, scrapbook making and a film showing, among others.

Vivek Shraya is the filmmaker of “What I Love About Being Queer,” which was screened for students last Friday evening. Having been told previously that the film was appropriate for educational uses Shraya got in touch with the Glow Centre in the summer, who felt that it would be a good fit with the themes of Coming Out Week.

“It’s about celebrating a part of someone’s identity that’s actually really complicated and has a lot of negativity often associated with it. It gives you this opportunity to think about the positive aspects of being queer,” he commented.

Shraya further explained that coming out is a highly complicated issues, with many people in positions where they feel they can’t do that.

“There’s also sort of this sense

that if you’re out you’re living more honestly or something like that, and that’s not necessarily true,” he countered.

The emphasis should be on celebrating a person’s identity, whether in public or in private, he believes. Shraya claimed that the film was well-received by the students.

Ahmed said that while some students do choose to come out during the week as a result of the support they feel, it’s not necessary, and the focus is more on “coming out as a queer community and being proud” through attending events.

On the overall experience of Coming Out Week, he claimed that this year he learned more about the amount of external support networks that people can find in the broader Waterloo area.

“This year I guess it showed that it’s becoming way more accepting. The numbers have changed and people have become more open about coming to these events,” Ahmed reflected.

Coming Out Week will continue to be an annual event, with the Glow Centre aiming to have it return next fall.

Learning about local government

Awareness campaign starts this week

JONATHAN PERES DA SILVA
STAFF WRITER

From Oct. 14 to the 20, Waterloo and Kitchener will be having their yearly Local Government Week. This is a school-focused campaign with the hopes of educating society, primarily the youth, about the roles of the local government through a variety of ways, such as guest speakers, or even having students sit in during a council meeting.

The reasoning behind the week’s conception was simple: to inform people about the role the local government plays in running the country. As stated by the Mayor of Waterloo, Brenda Halloran, “It is just an awareness opportunity for the local government to reach out and teach the community about what the local government is.”

She went on to say that it aims to “explain to citizens and to students exactly what municipal government does, because I think there’s a lot of confusion with the roles of various levels of government.”

The Local Government Week was instated by the Ontario government, and has been carried out in some other provinces, like British Columbia. Plenty of public service employees help out as well through various events or interaction with the public.

Stevie Natolochny, council and committee support specialist at the Region of Waterloo, said “locally, and it depends on each municipality, some municipalities may not organize any special events or initiatives to celebrate it, but there are municipalities across Ontario, and I believe other provinces do as well.”

Halloran is involved in the

program, and plays an important role.

“Today I was at regional council, and we had two grade-five classes come in to watch regional council in action, so I was able to address the students and kind of explain what regional council does,” she said. At one point during the presentation, she brought out the key to the city, evoking the response from the students: “Where’s the door?”

According to Natolochny, the program has been in planning for about a month and a half.

However, as stated by Halloran, “Because this is a provincial initiative, we don’t really have any sway or influence over it, so whatever the provincial government decides to do, we’re just part of their initiative.”

Local Government Week is relatively more freeform than other events. Halloran said, “It’s inside the schools; we don’t really have any events ourselves.”

Despite advertising and public notices via websites, public meetings and social media, Halloran claimed the event doesn’t have a lot of popularity. “I don’t see much community awareness and much action happening around it,” she said.

However, she maintained, “It is extremely important. It always interests me, the lack of information people have about the government.”

Halloran concluded, “I think that local government week is really important, because it talks about municipal government, and being the mayor of Waterloo, I’m very proud of our municipal government and all the work that we do to make this city a great place to live. Local government works and it matters.”

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Abortion funding criticized

On Oct. 13, protestors advocating the defunding of abortion gathered across Ontario

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STAFF WRITER

This past Saturday individuals across over 40 political ridings gathered together in front of their respective MPP offices in support of their initiative to defund abortion from Ontario health care. The Campaign Life Coalition, a pro-life organization, spearheaded the rallies, arguing that abortions should not be funded by tax dollars because they believe the procedure to be medically unnecessary.

"Many people in Ontario are not aware that all abortions are fully funded by the taxpayer, whether they're medically necessary or not. We're just drawing awareness to the fact that this does cost money and tax dollars are scarce," explained Alex Matan, a high school teacher and one of the main organizers of the rally held in Waterloo at the office of MPP Catherine Fife.

Matan went on to explain that he feels resources need to be allocated as efficiently as possible, and this is fundamentally the issue that he and fellow protesters have with the current system.

"As of last year, there's a freedom of information act amendment, there was a whole breadth of amendments, but they put in one specific amendment now: that you can't make freedom of information requests on abortions," said Matan, "They're the only medical procedure [that] you're not allowed to ask questions about now."

"In Canada you can have an abortion, up to and including, nine months," added Ewelina Widerska, also a high school teacher and key organizer of Saturday's rally. "Just like at Grand River [Hospital] they will do it up to 24 [weeks], then you have to go to a special clinic for later abortions."

Widerska went on to explain that the purpose of motion 312, recently a controversial political issue, was to prevent very late abortions from happening.

Motion 312 was defeated by the House of Commons in a vote of 203



NICK LACHANCE PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

Protests gather outside the office of MPP Catherine Fife to show support for defunding abortion.

to 91 in late September. The bill was presented by Kitchener Centre MP Stephen Woodworth and had the support of Cabinet Ministers such as Jason Kenney and Rona Ambrose, despite Harper not getting involved.

"Harper has said he won't reopen the debate, and I believe that it's not a priority of his," explained Peggy Cooke, a media spokesperson at the Abortion Rights Coalition Canada (ARCC). "In indirect ways, the Harper government has negatively affected access by defunding considerable numbers of women's programs and organizations. Organizations that deal with particularly young women, aboriginal women and marginalized women."

Cooke criticized Harper for being too slack and allowing other MPs to introduce backdoor legislation, which she suggested "are chipping

away at abortion rights."

These legal rights are of particular concern to young women, on both sides of the abortion debate and a critical point that is often raised is the fact that females under the age of 18 are permitted to get abortions without parental consent.

"There's no guarantee that a parent would have the child's best interest in mind," justified Cooke.

"Most clinics that operate on an explicitly pro-choice mandate are going to say, 'for a woman or girl coming in, at any age, the body is hers and her decision.'"

Cooke concluded by saying that it would be in the best interest of young females not to have law mandating parental involvement, simply because it would be, "Erring on the side of caution."

"We're just drawing awareness to the fact that this does cost money and tax dollars are scarce."

—Alex Matan, high school teacher

CRTC looks to change

ALANNA FAIREY
LEAD REPORTER

Thomas Alexander's frustrations with complicated cell phone bills leave him feeling disgruntled and annoyed. However, according to the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), that dissatisfaction may be coming to an end.

A resident of Waterloo, Alexander, along with other Canadians, has been complaining about the impediments that ensue from cell phone contracts, which often have negative long-term effects, such as cancellation fees not being properly addressed in the terms and conditions.

"These long-term cell phone contracts misinformed me as the paying customer and I do not think that it's fair or right," Alexander lamented.

"I just think that a three year contract is unreasonable for something that will probably last me twelve months. I don't think that the terms and conditions are really all that clear."

Criticisms such as these have reached representatives at CRTC and they have decided to take action for the sake of the clients. The CRTC will be conducting a public-consultation process to assess consumers' views on new regulations on the sale of wireless services for smartphones and tablets.

Independent technology analyst and journalist Carmi Levy believes that the consultations will be useful to the public, as people will direct their frustrations to those who can solve their problems.

"Canadians really do love to complain and unfortunately we tend to complain very often about our wireless service," Levy said. "This is Canadians' chance to be heard and so instead of complaining to each other at parties, they now have a chance to have their input considered by the very agency that makes the rules."

Based on Levy's observations, the CRTC had previously been hesitant to extend beyond its roots as broadcast regulator and had taken a very passive approach to the issues revolving around wireless and Internet services. Using the metaphor of the CRTC requiring "teeth," Levy spoke of the CRTC needing to be more aggressive.

"Unless there are real consequences for the non-compliers for all involved, when all is said and done all of this will be for naught, so the rules have to be clear, the boundaries have to be clear and the punishments for exceeding those boundaries must be clear as well," Levy reasoned.

According to Levy the CRTC must also aim to improve on becoming more "21st century," as its roots and actions in the industry are still perceived to be very "twentieth century" due to the CRTC trying to catch up with Internet-based enabled services.

"This is important to the future of Canada because our competitiveness depends on our ability to deploy our online and wireless technology," Levy said.

"But if the rules aren't clear and the national regulator cannot make those rules clear, we will continue to interact with other countries who will do it better and economically that is a bad news story for us."

A public hearing for the CRTC consultation process will be held in January where people can freely express their opinions to members of the CRTC.

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Tweets used the phrase "No homo"

71,829

Tweets used the phrase "So gay"

29,156

Tweets used the word "Dyke"

All tweets collected reflect the week of Oct. 10 through Oct. 16

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was not surprised by the numbers.

He does not believe the problem is getting better.

"If you go to schools in communities where they don't have dialogue about homophobic or transgender bullying, the problems are just as bad as they were in the late '80s, early '90s," Dias claimed.

He added that if people were more aware of the true meanings and historical context of homophobic language, they might be less inclined to use it. "Dyke," he explained, was a term which originated in the post-World War era, when men came back to work after the wars. "Bulldyke" was used as an affront to women who wished to

remain in the workplace, many of them homosexual.

According to Dias, what is needed to move on from bullying associated with the use of homophobic language is "healthy dialogue and education about it."

Christopher Owen, a fourth-year English major at Wilfrid Laurier University and the administrator for the Rainbow Centre, was troubled by what he saw on nohomophobes.com.

"I was really upset with it and really hurt," he expressed. "I found it disgusting."

While the content was certainly surprising, Owen found that the method was not sufficient to act as a deterrent to the use of homophobic language. He believes that showing the popularity of the phrases may

contribute to their use.

"The website needs a clearer explanation of why these words are problematic and how they can be harmful and what these harmful words can lead to," Owen explained.

Looking at ways to move forward, Owen believes that education and awareness are key components to addressing the issue.

According to Rainbow Centre public relations and marketing coordinator Nephenee Rose, "Sometimes you have to vary your approach," depending on the context and whether the person is using homophobic terms intentionally or otherwise.

She continued, "Getting really assertive and upfront about it can often shut down any opportunity to learn, because they get defensive."

Owen added, "It's better to go up to someone and say do you understand what you've just said? Do you understand who you're hurting? How could you have said that differently so that you don't oppress anybody?"

For Wells, the website is just a beginning, a way to quantify casual homophobia and draw attention the issue.

"When you don't interrupt this kind of homophobic language or behaviour when you see it, you're silence makes you complicit in the act of discrimination," he said.

It is one step forward in aiming to end bullying, cyber or otherwise, which as the website reveals, continues to impact LGBTQ youth on a daily basis.

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

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Dear Life,

So how did the person at the top of the WLUSU hierarchical structure also become a part of the WLUSP Board of Directors? I never knew you could control the government and the media.
Sincerely,
George Orwell

Dear loud intoxicated boys on the street outside my window,

I'm glad your buddy is getting "birthday sex" but that doesn't mean you need to chant it repeatedly at 2 a.m..
Sincerely,
K, thanks. IT'S A SUNDAY NIGHT

Dear Life,

For all those people that say they are always in class. Fuck off! You do not have class from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. at night everyday of the week. You can take two minutes out of your day to meet up the and return the usb you borrowed last month.
Sincerely,
Ten minutes in between your classes is all it takes

Dear Life,

Burrito Boys and Smoke's Poutinerie should never be had on the same day at the same time.
Sincerely,
Proud mother of a food baby

Dear Creepy guy,

No matter how much I try to steer away from you, fate always brings us back together. Like when you walk into my lecture and sit in on my presentation.
Sincerely,
Felt like you were undressing me with your eyes X_X

Dear Editor-In-Chief,

What's a nice guy like you doing in a dirty mind like mine?
Sincerely,
My mind is full of lots of kinky fuckery

Dear MyLS users,

Stop mass emailing for notes. They are clogging up my email and I don't even know what course you are asking for.
Sincerely,
I understand you were sick but a message on the discussion board would do

Dear Life,

When in disgrace with LORIS and the Dean,
I all alone unto the 2-4 lounge Retreat, to trouble Facebook with this mean Injustice, and from the food bank to scrounge.
Wishing me like to one less hungover,
Showered like him, like him with cash possess'd,
Desiring this citations to be over
And these woes, of my cares, the least.
Yet in Phil's beer myself almost despising,
Haply I think on thee, and then my state,
Like to the Hawk at the U-desk lying
From sullen earth, sings cheers at Newbrough's gate;
Comparing thee to Western and those fiends,
That then I scorn to change my state with Queen's.

Sincerely,
Wilfrid Shakespeare

Dear Life,

Why does taco bell taste so good going in, but so bad on the way out?
Sincerely,
My Ass is on Fire

Dr. Guys laughing on the 7th floor of the library for the past two hours,

Prepare to become a Laurier statistic in April of the wrong kind.
Sincerely,
Wasting 15 grand for fun is not my thing

Dear Life,

What's it gonna take for Sinbad to get another shot? I mean, has the world forgotten about the masterpiece that was *Houseguest*?
Sincerely,
Eddie is the best one on *Slacker Cats*

Dear Person writing the dear life's about our EIC,

Come talk to me.... I have some inside info for you.
Sincerely,
The Bosses Boss (president@wlsup.com)

Last week's Sudoku solution

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9	4	5	8	1	3	7	6	2
2	7	3	6	5	9	1	4	8
5	8	7	9	4	6	2	1	3
6	2	1	5	3	7	8	9	4
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Laurier Golden Years: Part 2

The 1960s

Waterloo Lutheran University was the place where Shinerama actually involved shining shoes and the library was a building with only two floors. In fact, much of the university's infrastructure was not yet present during that time. However, some of its current professors were.

Academics

"Don Morgenson was around," recalled alumni student David Oates who studied psychology at Waterloo Lutheran, the final precursor to Wilfrid Laurier University, during the late 1960s.

"The very first lecture, it was in Psychology 101 in the lecture hall there, and at that time people could smoke during classes and in the rooms," he continued. "[Morgenson] would come in with these great, huge pipes. One time he lit up his pipe and smoke was all around him and you couldn't even see his face and he just waved the smoke around and said, 'I'm still here.' I still remember that."

The work conducted for these classes, however, was a much different affair.

"Research was very labourious because we had to write things out. We had to be very careful putting the commas and periods in for citations and doing it properly," said Oates. "The professors were very stingy about that."

Although this was taxing, Oates only spent half of his time studying in the more academic locations on campus that such work required. The other half was spent in the Torque Room, which we now refer to simply as the Concourse.

On Campus

"The library was the place where you did research and found stuff and wrote things out. The Torque Room was where you drank coffee and had fun," said Oates.

"We drank one heck of a lot of coffee, let me tell you," he continued. "But we did a lot of work as well because a lot of us took the same kind of courses."

Although this was true of the majority of the student population at Waterloo Lutheran, the first 'WLU,' was primarily an arts school.

"I was one of the fifth table Torque Room boys. We were the fifth table from the door. We chose that because we were halfway between where the football players and basketball players met and all of the other artsies on the other side," Oates explained about his particular group of university friends. "We wanted to be like the jocks, but we weren't. And we wanted to be like the arts people and we weren't so we were in the middle."

This isn't to suggest there was a higher degree of exclusivity during that decade than what exists now, actually Oates would argue the opposite.

"The Torque Room ethic is gone, you don't seem to have the same kind of camaraderie and connectedness to the university that the Torque

Room symbolized, for me anyways," he said.

The students of Waterloo Lutheran were also more involved in the university's athletic atmosphere, which wasn't difficult considering the central location of everything on its significantly smaller campus.

Athletics

"[The Torque Room] was a great spot because you could look over to see the football field. Where alumni field is now, they used that for football," said Oates.

"We had a riot at the football games. The fifth table Torque Room boys followed the basketball team around the year they won the [national] championship [1967-68] ... all their games around the province," he continued. "It was crazy, we rented cars and borrowed cars and took trains and buses and stuff to get to these places."

These were some of Oates' fondest memories as a university student.

"Being there with a whole bunch of people that were watching the game, freezing our buns off, drinking beer illegally and just being there to cheer on a bunch of people who were doing some good things," he reminisced. "At basketball we couldn't drink in the stands, but of course we drank afterwards."

Of course, there weren't too many opportunities for drinking within the university atmosphere at that time other than the odd smuggled beer to such events. This was before the Turret or Wilf's opened, which meant that general entertainment was limited as well. However the school would did in musical talent for special occasions.

"I often wondered and marvelled how such a small school could get people like Chuck Berry and The Supremes for winter carnival," said Oates. "My wife and I, our first date was to The Supremes at winter carnival."

So sports it was, which, along with traditions like the winter carnival, first fuelled the remarkable school spirit that still burns brightly in Laurier students today.

"It was that team spirit and that whole thing about cheering for your team no matter how good they were," Oates recalled. "I remember the cheerleaders, how enthusiastic they were even when the team was losing."

Generational Culture

This decade saw the emergence of many progressive attitudes, not merely confined to a university setting.

"The social movements were very important," states Oates.

"I think a big movement too was more personal and social interactive processes, more understanding process where people understood what people were saying and doing through dialogue. People were sitting down and talking with people and I think that was something that wasn't happening before."

"Campus was always a venue for discussion and academic argument and philosophical discussions. I think it was more than that too."

Students and people in general were not only addressing what existed, they were questioning how it could evolve.

"How do we get around this problem of drugs, how do we get around the problem of racial discrimination, how do we integrate different groups of people into our milieu?" illustrated Oates.

It's important to note that this was a time when the student population was primarily male.

"It was all guys ... more guys then there were women. That certainly has changed, there are more ladies

on campus then there are men now," said Oates.

"There was still that lagging '50s ethic where the lady married and stayed home and raised children and didn't go out to work or any of that stuff and didn't go past anything than high school," he explained.

"That would be one of the changes, an equality of academic freedom ... that change was developing through the late '60s."

A lot of the justified normalities of today can be traced back to this time period, which Oates feels grateful to have been a part of.

"That was one thing that came out of all of that, that social revolution that we were a part of. The problem is that when you're in the middle of it you don't realize how important it is that it's happening until you look back."

The 1970s

The transition of Waterloo Lutheran University to Wilfrid Laurier University during this decade meant a lot of changes for the school, such as the renaming of several residences and the opening of a liquor-licensed establishment on campus. These changes largely came because after receiving provincial funding, the university was no longer a private religious school, as it had been since its inception in 1911.

There were some lingering customs however, and the students were grateful for them.

On Campus

"We used to have a break between 10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and basically it was like recess. In other words, no classes. So everybody used to go for coffee at that time," recalled Laurier alumnus Steve Wilkie who studied business administration at the university during the late 1970s.

"It had been cut from an hour because prior to that, between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., you were supposed to have a spiritual hour, whether you went to the chapel or not."

A few other remaining enforcements however were not as appraised, particularly in regards to residence.

"Guys were only allowed overnight on Friday and Saturday. Monday to Thursday you were out by 11 p.m.," said Wilkie of the all-female residence Conrad Hall. "We called it Clara Convent. You used to have to keep the door open."

Wilkie did not experience residence living during his time as a student at Laurier due to its much smaller size.

"When I was in first year there was no such thing as residence for all first year students so I lived off campus," he said.

However, there were other means by which he was able to get involved on campus.

"One off the biggest groups at that time was called Offcam which did a lot of activities for off campus students to try and integrate them into the student life experience."

Academics

Along with the classrooms they filled, the student populous was also significantly smaller which made the academic atmosphere slightly different. Especially in upper years, as it is today, small classes then coupled with campus sizes meant a different degree of commitment for the students.

"You miss one of those classes, you were noticed. If [the prof] saw you the rest of the day you would have had to be walking with a limp or have a note," joked Wilkie.

If you made it to class however, much of what went on within its curriculum was the same.

"You had a midterm, you had a final and you had a paper. It's just that you did a lot of research in the library, you wrote long hand and you had typists," said Wilkie.

"We had off-campus ladies who were very competent in typing using typewriters ... they made a killing," he continued. "They used to put ads up all over campus and you used to just call someone."

Since typewriters were only really required for bigger assignments, many people didn't have one. This was especially true for the male population which made up the majority of Laurier students.

"When you go back, even when I was in high school in the 1970s, typing or keyboarding was for girls. Guys didn't do it," said Wilkie. "Nowadays I regret every time I didn't take it, but it was all female courses."

Night Life

The male majority at Laurier however did require there be some activities on campus, some less academic, that were geared in their direction.

"Monday night was big, it was Monday Night Football up at the Turret," said Wilkie.

"Guys with beers"

Most leisure activities occurred at the school, but there wasn't the same kind of weekend activity that there is now.

"I never strayed off campus," Wilkie stated. "The Turret was the place to go, Thursday night was the big night. A lot of kids tended to go home Fridays."

"Thirty years ago there wasn't the development that you have nowadays with Morty's and all that"

Change and Similarity

Even with all the time spent on university grounds, there wasn't the same relationship between the school and the students as there is now, according to Wilkie.

"What I see right now from where we were to where you are today is really an evolution for students of becoming more of a partner of the university in the sense that the university has become more transparent," he said.

"It used to be very much the ivory tower; it used to be very impenetrable, now universities are more accessible."

This is true now right from the student's first interaction with their school, when they are going through the application selection process.

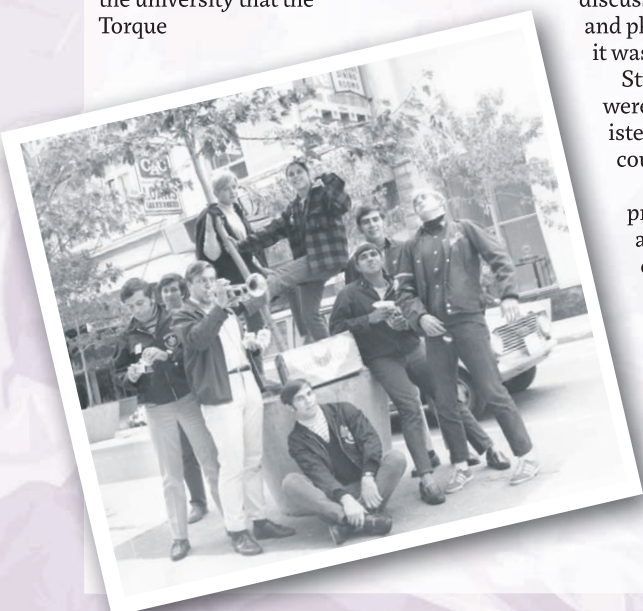
"There wasn't as much benchmarking going on. MacLean's hadn't come out [with university rankings]," Wilkie continued.

"For the student now, they have a lot more information to make a good choice as to where they want to go to university. The flip around is that there's far more competitiveness."

There was a degree of accessibility at Laurier, however, that still separates it from rival universities and that is the concentrated learning environment.

"Over the years talking with all the different folks, whether it's a '60s grad, '80s or '90s or 2000s grad, they all talk about the student life experience and the small, intimacy of the campus. What I think is a key to success is that we've really kept the teaching all in that centre," said Wilkie.

"The non-teaching services are moved off campus," he continued. "So I think that's what certainly makes the student life experience for today's kids as great of a success as it was years ago."



From a name change to a shift in academic focus, the WLU campus and student lifestyle went through a lot of changes between the years of 1960 and 1970. **Features Editor Colleen Connolly**, in accordance with last week's theme, takes another look into the university's history





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Don't let the stressful season get you down

Life Editor Carly Basch breaks down a few helpful tips to clear your mind and get rid of your stress

The overwhelming stress that gets piled up on top of your consistent deadlines, presentations, essays and assignments, can be the main factor why we are spiraling down into the gloomy and gritty phase of our semester.

We read the syllabi, our professors have made note of it many times and now we must come to terms with our reality; it is time to put our heads down, shove those headphones into our ears and work.

Whether it is back-to-back due dates, procrastination or just the thought of how much work needs to be accomplished, we cannot ignore the damage that is being done to our bodies.

Those thoughts suddenly making your muscles tense up and your blood boil? Getting snappy and grumpy. This is called stress and it needs to be released.

The importance of relieving stress is vital; when our bodies go under stress, our muscles contract and our heart rates skyrocket.

Some of us go into a full-on panic attack, while others will wallow, be consistently grumpy or snap if anything sets them off.

Regardless of the reactions to stress, it needs to be released in order for us to stay sane and power through.

When you feel your body starting to tense up, your breaths shortening and your rage suddenly building up, stop what you're doing immediately.

Close the laptop, put down the pen or slam the book down. Get away from your work and do one of the following:

1) Play your favourite song and go for a walk

Sometimes even just getting five minutes of fresh air can immediately relax you and clear your mind. The stale air from being inside can get to you and this is the perfect excuse to go for a little break.

Having a song play can immediately distract your thoughts away from your work and put you into a

better mood. Working with a friend? Bring them along, casually discuss what's going on and don't stop moving for a good 15 minutes.

Walking will enable you to clear your mind. By the time your walk is over, you will feel much more relaxed and be able to get some more work done.

2) Clean your room and/or rearrange furniture

It may sound weird that doing chores would be a good solution, but getting rid of clutter in your room can also clear away the clutter that's getting in the way of your thoughts.

Dust, vacuum, fold the pile of clothes that have been sitting there for weeks. Hang up posters, switch around your desk; maybe it's not positioned in an area that gives you the best energy. Blast your iTunes while this is happening and get it done.

Even if it takes an hour to clean, a clean room is a happy room and provides a much better environment

to work in.

3) Run an errand or two

Procrastination will get the best of us and while we hammer out our evidence to support our thesis, all the "things we have to do" will be ringing constant alarms in the back of our head.

So, why not answer those alarms and knock a few things off the list? Have some groceries you need to buy or have to run to the drugstore?

Once again this will channel you to move around, go outside for a bit. Being productive in other areas will instantly make you feel better.

4) Do 30 minutes of cardio

The task requires us to use most of our energy, but it guarantees that cardio-related workouts will become the most-rewarding. It can be a walk in the park or a simple 30 minutes on the elliptical machine.

Working out releases endorphins. Endorphins make you happy. Happy

people won't throw their laptops out the window.

5) Call your best friend and vent

Those best friends that are always there for you, even during your darkest moments? Time to pick up the phone and give them a call.

It doesn't even have to be about your schoolwork. Got tension built up? Let it out and have your most dependable pal be there.

6) Laugh

Although it is better to step away from the computer, anything that results in laughter can immediately turn your mood around.

Let's face it, we are all in this hell-hole of stress together and sometimes instead of being angry about it, it's better to just throw your head back, laugh at yourself and carry on.

We are all doomed, we are all stressed and no one wants to write essay. Instead of crying, laugh about it.

Going out in the cold



BRIANNE BERRY
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The summer heat is definitely over and Waterloo is living up to its name with cold winds and rainy days. This is expected though; the fall season marks the literal fall of pleasant sunny temperatures without having to layer up.

During daylight hours, it's not so bad, assuming that most of you are wearing warm jackets and using umbrellas.

However, the nightlife is a completely different story. It's the night when we want to break away from our academic wardrobe and bring out our favourite and most-desirable ensembles.

I'm not saying that wearing a bunch of layers means you dress terribly, but for the most part, especially when it's time to hit the clubs, our "dress-to-impress" requires more skin and less hassle to pack on the layers.

Typically, this is the time of year when all my skirts and dresses get stuffed to the back of my closet and I start wearing only jeans and leggings.

I'm a huge wimp when it comes to being cold and if I have to stand in line with minimal clothing on, I can't help but think how crazy I must look to anyone else who was wise enough to bring a jacket.

We luck out with having the bars

only being five to ten minutes from our places, so the question is always asked, "Should I bring a jacket or not?"

There are two types of people who go out in Waterloo: Those who brave hypothermia and those who pay for coat check.

Both groups are easy to recognize and they both have similar arguments for their choices. It's all about being practical, whether it's making sure your body temperature doesn't drop drastically or whether you're saving your money for drinks instead of stashing away your coats.

For the former group, they don't want to deal with the hassle of paying for coat check or hiding their jackets when they know they're probably going to be extremely warm inside whichever bar or club they've chosen to attend that night.

The money that would normally go towards coat check goes towards drinks. They figure they can always run or hop in a cab when it's time to go home.

The latter group doesn't mind paying for the coat check; they do mind being cold. Depending on the day or event, wait times to get in can be less than ideal and the last thing they want is to be doing the dance that comes with frozen fingers and toes.

There is nothing worse than waiting in a line for 20 minutes and everyone is chattering their teeth, jamming their hands into pockets and bouncing around as if they have to go to the washroom depending on how much they've had to drink, they probably do have to go to the washroom.

As a member of the 'coat check crew', bring on the coat, the scarf



and the gloves. I'll just drink more at home.

The worst part about this kind of weather is that there's no happy medium.

During the summer you're trying to stay as naked as possible, spring is still lukewarm, but you can bear it. As fall slowly moves into winter, it's hard to convince yourself that it's not that cold outside.

My advice? Do what works for you but be aware of the consequences when it comes to making your choices when stopping outside.

And stock up on Cold FX. Depending on which group you fall into, you may need to use it a lot.

The Naughty Prude: Threesomes

Dear Naughty Prude,

What are your thoughts on threesomes? Should my fantasy stay inside my head or should I give it a go?

The decision to partake in a threesome is not a simple one like bringing someone home from the bar or even deciding to become "exclusive". It is much, much heavier than that.

Deciding to have a threesome is deciding to indulge in an alternative lifestyle. You are taking a huge risk when you agree, and are essentially going in blind. Your inhibitions are playing Marco-Polo, desperately hoping to connect with the other two thirds of the intimate equation.

I am going to view the logistics of a threesome like a math equation. Admittedly, I suck at math but please bare with me.

Two parts couple (or one) couple, one part stranger: You, by yourself or with your partner, decide to spice up your relationship with the zestiest of spices: the threesome. For a couple, this can be seriously risky, and unfortunately for some, a fatal move.

Even if you are the mastermind behind setting up the threesome, it does not appoint you puppeteer. All participants in the threesome are equal and should be allotted the same amount of attention.

One part stranger, one part couple: The couple are the sought and the stranger is the seeker. As the couple, you generally have no obligations in this equation except

maintaining the level of attractiveness that turned the stranger on in the first place. Although you must set up ground rules, which should start with respecting comfort levels. As a couple being asked to participate in a threesome by an outside source, there needs to be a conversation regarding boundaries.

Although threesomes are extremely risky they are so desirable and are highly fantasized. Being a tad brash, I am going to say the majority of individuals our age (young adults) have debated if they would ever participate in a threesome.

Personally I believe it is a normal topic of debate amongst friends and an exploration of our sexuality. The actual execution and participation in a threesome demands extensive thought, awareness and confidence.

You don't need to be the star of the show and you definitely cannot be greedy, but what you can do is thoroughly enjoy yourself, seek and explore all the erogenous zones of your fellow participants, gauge their reactions and relish in their pleasure.

The Naughty Prude is our sex columnist who anonymously tackles questions people are too nervous to ask. You can email The Naughty Prude at: thenaughtyproude@gmail.com

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A soundtrack for the fall semester

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ARTS EDITOR

With midterm and paper season upon most students, all we want to do is burrow into the cave that our bedroom has become, and hibernate until Christmas break.

Since hibernation isn't socially acceptable, unless you're a bear, your Arts and Life Editors have compiled a list of songs to get you through this stressful half of the semester.

To reflect the dropping temperatures and the notion that winter is coming, many of the songs are chill and frankly, angst-ridden; however, we've provided a list of dance-inducing tracks should you require a well-deserved study break.

Our playlist will keep you going through this month, so, pop in your earbuds and enter into headphone hibernation.

Life Editor Carly Basch says that her go-to playlist right now is a "combination of old and new favourites that immediately make me feel happy, relaxed and most importantly, motivated to carry through with what needs to be accomplished."

The first song on her list is "Juveniles" by The Walkmen. Upbeat and folksy, while still being modern, this song is composed at the perfect note-taking tempo.

Next is the appropriately titled "Fall" by singer/songwriter Frankie Rose. Almost ethereal in its sounds, "Fall" is very relaxing, yet it's incredibly unique. You'll want to keep listening rather than letting it rock you to sleep.

Arts editor, Ali Connerty, prefers a bit more bass when studying, so

her go to tracks are a bit grimmer, yet still upbeat. "Smash the Funk" by GriZ is a dubstep track that is sure to keep you going either at the gym or studying on campus.

The more mellow, and ironically titled "Your Head is on Fire" by the Broken Bells, is a perfect chill-out song. In fact, their entire album, *Citizen*, is wistful and dreamy, sure to whisk you away somewhere beyond midterm stress.

I don't often study to music, but when I do, it's to hour-long electronic dance music (EDM) mix tapes. They provide the perfect motivation to power through readings and notes. My favourites include the Glitch Mob's "More Voltage" and Bassnectar's recently released "Amorphous Music Mixtape Vol. 7."

When taking a break from studying, I cannot stop listening to the Chicago band Kids These Days. Comprised of eight 17 and 18 year olds, they have a unique sound that incorporates elements of jazz, blues, rock and hip hop.

Their album *Traphouse Rock* comes out on Oct. 30, but in the meantime check out "Darling," "Summerscent" and the recently released "Who Do U Love."

At this time of year it's also essential to have some "guilty pleasure music" on the go. These songs provide the perfect opportunity for an impromptu dance party or sing-a-long.

Please refer to any song from Taylor Swift's new *Red* album (most notably "I Knew You Were Trouble"). Also check out Wheatus' "Teenage Dirtbag" or anything that you considered "good" music when you were a pre-teen.



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Seven movie psychos

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Usually, when October rolls around, we as movie-goers are subjected to an ever growing number of masked killers and newly refurbished ways to try and get us to pee our pants.

While there have been, and will be, a few new additions to the horror canon this month, another "horrific" release has garnered my interest; Martin McDonagh's *Seven Psychopaths*.

In the spirit of the unstable month of killers and the insane, and the fresh release of McDonagh's latest effort, I began thinking of the greatest off-kilter characters ever put on film. So with that, I give you film's seven greatest psychopaths.

1. Norman Bates

The obvious choice. How can anyone possibly make a list of the greatest movie psychopaths and not choose the one who all predecessors are now compared? Anthony Perkins' portrayal of the insane mama's boy in Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* is the definition of creepy. No one can argue that the final, hovering shot on Norman's blank stare does not leave you feeling anything but chilled.

2. Hannibal Lector

Where Norman Bates is a flagrant nutjob, Anthony Hopkins' Hannibal Lector is a calculated genius. In his three-film series (which we'll stick to for the sake of space) he carries an aura of sophistication, never acting as anything other than courteous and professional. It is this

inability to divert from his savvy, crazy-eyed lunatic that makes Lector oh so menacing. Well, that and the fact that he eats people.

3. Anton Chigurh

Despite the Dorothy Hamill haircut, the rest of Javier Bardem's stone cold killer is frightening as all hell. His unwavering self-instituted morals and terrifying cattle pressure pistol make audiences cringe with anticipation of something awful to come every time he's on the screen. Not that there weren't other factors involved, but Chigurh makes *No Country For Old Men* a magnificent film.

4. Alex Forrest

Glenn Close has made a career out of her ability to play any character thrown at her, but none have had the same effect as her portrayal of a woman scorned in *Fatal Attraction*. Her depiction of Alex Forrest implies that she's actually a pretty normal person in the beginning but there's a pretty psychotic individual waiting to be exposed. It takes a special kind of crazy to think cooking a rabbit will get the man you love back.

5. Principal Ed Rooney

Not all psychos have to be killers. In fact, some of the most memorable film crazies were just obsessive creeps. Enter Jeffrey Jones' Rooney. A man so enamored with catching a student in the act of taking a day off, that he stops at nothing including breaking into his house and encountering his protective Rottweiler. No moment may amount to when

he thought he saw Ferris Bueller at the arcade, and after grabbing "him," finds out it's just a teenage girl.

6. Travis Bickle

Martin Scorsese has directed his fair share of nuts in his career. Tommy DeVito in *Goodfellas*. Max Cady in *Cape Fear*. Bill "The Butcher" in *Gangs of New York*. A pretty impressive array of crazy. But more insane than those is Robert DeNiro's titular *Taxi Driver*. A seemingly normal human being on the outside, the audience gets a front row seat to the soundtrack of his mind where his normal is stalking the streets of New York and taking dates to midnight pornos. A mirror scene has really never been more terrifying.

7. Randle P. MacMurphy

I thought about leaving this space open for Nicolas Cage as any of his roles because, well, come on, but I couldn't leave off the man who first made a career off of crazy: Jack Nicholson. What I regard as the greatest performance of all time, Nicholson's mental patient in *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* really gives us a lot to consider about the definition of a psychopath. Is he the one who is really crazy, or is it the villainous Nurse Ratched who's off her rocker? Nicholson treads the line of sensible and psychopath so well that it's hard not to accept the idea that the craziest ones of all might in fact be the most sane.

Seven more: The Joker, Daniel Plainview, Regina George, Phyllis Dietrichson, Judge Doom, The Hanson Brothers and Alex DeLorge.

Halloween 2012

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It's that time of year again. Everyone eats a ton of candy, watches some scary horror flicks and tries to come up with the most unique costumes for Halloween.

Whether it's the latest YouTube craze, a popular TV show or a cult classic film character, there's always a costume that's sure to be a crowd pleaser.

Some of you may be stumped this year but rest assured, there are plenty of hilarious and interesting ideas for you to pull off. These are just some ideas for what you could be wearing out this Halloween season.

1. Gagnam Style's PSY

I know some of you were thinking of this one, and it's actually very easy to do. Find yourself a suit (preferably with a colourful jacket or blazer), a button down shirt, bow tie, black pants and classy shoes. Top it all off with some sunglasses, a load of hair gel, and you've become PSY. Don't forget to practice those dances moves!

2. Alana "Honey Boo Boo" Thompson

The girl that everyone cannot help but love can also be a costume idea to make people laugh. This could go either one of two ways: you can do her pageant look or her

"everyday" look that you see on her television show, *Here Comes Honey Boo Boo*. For the pageant look, find a crazy, poofy pink dress, douse yourself in makeup and throw on a curly blonde wig. For her usual look, find a funny graphic, or tie-dye t-shirt, some ripped jeans, a blonde wig and speak in a Southern accent. You can yell her catchphrases or make a few for yourself!

3. The Avengers

One of the year's biggest box office hits can also be one of the coolest costumes of 2012. You can fly solo as any of the Avengers like Iron Man, Thor, Hulk, Hawkeye, Captain America or Black Widow, or you can get a group of friends together and re-create the whole superhero gang. You can go all out and get these costumes online, or, if like most, you're on a student budget you can find some handy things around your house, along with a few craft ideas, to make your own handmade costumes. You can make Captain America's shield out of a flying saucer sled by painting it and making your own handle out of cardboard or foil. For the Hulk, paint yourself entirely green with some purple shorts — easy. Either way you get your costume, you can show off your inner hero. Merely stepping stones for any pop culture Halloween costume, you can be a character from your favourite film or band and show off your creativity!

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Easy Star All-Stars dub it out in Waterloo

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One of the coolest things about Starlight Social Club in Uptown Waterloo is how the space accommodates a diverse variety of shows. Having been to both unplugged and acoustic shows, as well as DJ'd Saturday nights where the club is at capacity, it was great to experience a reggae concert.

Friday night played host to Los Angeles' The Aggrolites, followed by the Easy Star All Stars collective. An after-party with Friday's resident deejay, DJ Charles followed the concert.

The crowd was a mixture of Waterloo residents who were there to dance, ranging in age from 19 to 65. Through the diversity in the social classifications of the audience, the music stood as the sole unifying factor — you were there because you had an appreciation of good, live music.

All five members of the Aggrolites took the stage by storm bringing the mostly-seated audience to its feet. Huddled around the stage, everyone began to groove to the music and a small group of avid fans created a jam circle where everyone danced around each other.

Organ and piano player Roger Rivas brought the music to life as he danced behind the organ to the music the band created. Watching him play was captivating as he seemed to bang on the organ — yet the music of a skilled artist protruded from the instrument.

Lead singer Jesse Wagner interacted with the crowd riling them up with close, personal contact and by passing the microphone to audience members to sing along with the band. Crowd favourites included the instrumental "Soul Gathering" which had the crowd bouncing along and the encore performance of the band's cover of the Beatles' "Don't Let Me Down" which had the crowd

harmonizing at full volume.

A short break built anticipation for the awaited Easy Star All Stars and after some sound glitches were fixed, the nine performers took the stage to much applause and cheers.

Producer and arranger Michael Goldwasser described the philosophy behind the music collective.

"As musicians we like all different things. We don't want to restrict ourselves to just looking at rock or looking at R&B. We want to look at really great, interesting albums that we could reinterpret."

The set comprised mainly of covers from their newest release *Easy Star All Star Thrillah*, a dub of Michael Jackson's *Thriller* album. Covers included "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin'" led on vocals by the keyboardist, "Beat It" and "P.Y.T." Hits from their previous albums including Raddread's "Karma Police" and Dub Side of the Moon's "Time" had the crowd shouting and dancing along. Even DJ Charles was dancing to the

music from his makeshift booth off to the side.

The collective's on stage presence was powerful and their chemistry was admired by the audience. Making everyone feel comfortable, the band applauded the strengths of each member and showcased them with solos. The stage presence of each member resonated with the audience, creating a personal connection that's only possible in a group this varied.

Easy Star All Star's *Thrillah* "allowed us to explore the R&B side of reggae more which was fun since we all have an R&B background," explained Goldwasser. "I'm a big fan of the original album and a fan of a lot of Michael Jackson's work."

Comprised of two lead vocalists, a keyboardist, guitarist, bassist, drummer, a trombone and trumpet player, the reggae and R&B backgrounds of each member create a cohesive sound in their songs that are unlike any other cover.

"It's not even about just getting to explore the R&B side of reggae, but I'm hoping it will be more educational for our fans and listeners," said Goldwasser.

"I'm hoping that people will listen to *Easy Star's Thrillah* and it'll kinda occur to them like wow — R&B makes a lot of sense together and maybe they'll investigate on their own why it makes so much sense together by looking back at what's gone on in reggae over the years."

Closing with a double encore and jam session led by the drummer, the band played their renditions of Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean" and Pink Floyd's "Money."

Goldwasser confirmed "[Easy Star All Stars] only have two dates in Canada on this tour. We're trying to get some more dates in Canada in 2013."

If you want to take a nostalgic trip through the most influential albums in your life, check out the Easy Star All Stars.

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October 17
A-Team presents: Capture the Flag
WLU Quad 7:30 p.m.

GRFF presents: China Heavyweight
Empire Theatres 7 p.m.

October 19
Big Band Theory
The Jazz Room 8:30 p.m. \$20

GRFF presents: Autumn Gold
Empire Theatres, 7 p.m.
Minds in the Water: 9:15 p.m.

Laurier Film Series Presents:
Persepolis, BA201 7 p.m.

October 18
GRFF presents: Stories we Tell
Empire Theatres 6:45 p.m.

RUFUS Fundraiser
Maxwell's Music House 8:30 p.m. \$7

October 20
GRFF presents: The Creator's Game
Empire Theatres: 1:30 p.m.
Robot & Frank: 1 p.m.
The Entrepreneur: 3:15 p.m.
Greenwich Village Music that Defied a Generation: 7 p.m.

LMT Workshop: Turret

Brian Byrne of I Mother Earth:
Maxwell's Music House 9 p.m. \$10

Zombie Walk:
Uptown Waterloo Square, 1 p.m.

Haunted House:
250 Daly St, 7-9:30p.m. \$5

October 21
GRFF presents: The Cantabrigians,
UW School of Architecture, Cambridge

SNL invades Globes

CARLY BASCH
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It seemed all hope was lost when it was announced that Seth MacFarlane would be hosting the 85th Academy Awards. But then a miracle happened. One award show finally got it right and on Oct. 15th, the Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) announced that the hilarious estrogen-powered dynamic duo, Amy Poehler and Tina Fey would be hosting the 2013 Golden Globes.

Using a host for the Golden Globes has only become a practice over the past three years with comedian Ricky Gervais taking the stage and leading the show. With three Golden Globes under his belt, and a familiar face on television, the choice for him to host seemed appropriate. However it was time for the torch to be passed.

This is not to say that when Fey and Poehler take the stage they'll sugarcoat their gags, but it can be guaranteed that whatever the two have up their sleeves, it will be done tastefully, yet in a manner that will take the audience by surprise.

One of the earliest and most notable performances Fey and Poehler had together on was NBC's sketch comedy show *Saturday Night Live*. The two teamed up in 2004 to host the sketch *The Weekend Update* — the first time SNL ever had two female anchors.

Their collaborations did not stop as they starred and worked together in the films *Mean Girls* and *Baby Mama*. There is no doubt that when you see these two together there's no shortage of smart, witty and hilarious laughter.

What is exciting and important to note about having Fey and Poehler host this year is their appeal to people of all different ages. Seen as role models not only to mothers, as they each have children, but also to young girls who are still growing up. Poehler has recently created a YouTube channel called "Smartgirls" honouring young girls in different countries. The two emphasize that success is not garnered by looks but with intelligence, humour and motivation through working with others.

So how does this tie back to the Golden Globes? For starters, in recent years, the hosts of most major award shows have far too often had a negative effect on viewership.

Unable to connect with people of all ages, award shows have fallen into a dark hole of delivering performances that fall short of entertainment. Organizations have to be careful in selecting their hosts to not only represent their respective awards, but to also bring in high ratings.

The decision to have MacFarlane host the Oscars was made in the hopes of drawing a broader audience to the show, not because of his prestige in the film industry. However, Fey and Poehler excel in both film and television. Both have been successful in expanding beyond SNL, creating their own TV shows, and bringing laughs to the silver screen.

When it comes time for the Golden Globes, we won't need our tissues to wipe away tears of sorrow from another disappointing award show performance. We'll need them to mop up tears of joy because we'll be laughing so hard that we can barely contain ourselves.

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Questions surround McGuinty decision

With the surprising resignation of Premier Dalton McGuinty earlier this week, Ontario's future appears more unstable than ever before. Many politicians and constituents are highly critical of McGuinty's shocking decision, however the fact remains that Ontario is a province crippling under debt.

While McGuinty intends on continuing his position as premier until a new leader is found, it still leaves many Ontario citizens confused and angry that McGuinty even bothered running again last year.

But what will perhaps anger Ontarians the most is the fact that in addition to stepping down, McGuinty is requesting the prorogation of the legislature. At a time when the province is facing critical issues, closing the doors on Queen's Park will do more harm than good.

Whether he cracked under the pressure of our debt crisis or lost his ability to deal with the harsh criticism that surrounded his rampant wage cutting campaigns, it appears McGuinty's number was simply up. It is difficult to argue against those who believe McGuinty made a mess of the province, and it seemed there was no chance he would be able to clean it up.

The complaints about McGuinty's tenure at Queen's Park are plentiful, however his government's work with post-secondary education was largely commendable. Programs like the Ontario Tuition Grant — despite the fact it only benefitted about half of the province's student — and the several investments made in colleges and universities during McGuinty's time in office showed the government's support of post-secondary education. And we don't need to look very far to find a university that has reaped the benefits.

Whether it's the \$72 million the provincial government invested in Laurier's Global Innovation Exchange building project, or the Liberal program to fund a new satellite university campus in Milton, for which WLU is the frontrunner, McGuinty has certainly been a friend to this university.

So while some will be happy to see McGuinty go, it is important to remember the ramifications of a massive shakeup of this kind in provincial politics.

No excuse for using homophobic language

We all have moments when we hear our grandparents or even parents say something completely derogatory.

Usually in these moments, however, we neglect to correct them as their linguistic choices are a deeply embedded notion, reflective of the social and political climate they grew up in. The current generation of teenagers and young adults however, have no excuse for using the same type of offensive language.

A new website called nohomophobes.com, launched in July, tracks in real time the use of offensive language on Twitter. The four key phrases it picks up are "no homo," "faggot," "so gay" and "dyke." It's remarkable to watch as every second a new tweet refreshes with language most of us stopped using in grade school once we were educated about its implications and historical origins.

So far, the word "faggot" has been recorded in over 3 million tweets, demonstrating the casual distribution of homophobic attitudes in daily conversation.

Students of post-secondary institutions often become desensitized to the reality that not everybody is as liberal-minded or open as we are taught to be. If anything, the primary message this website sends is that indeed, there is still a long way to go in terms of handling homophobic attitudes in society.

The key to overcoming such discrimination is education. By teaching kids at a young age the historical reasoning behind offensive terms, people can better understand why they are derogatory and harmful.

While Canadians pride themselves on being a progressively liberal society, maybe we aren't quite as accepting as we give ourselves credit for. With the Amanda Todd suicide fresh in everyone's mind it should be noted now, more than ever, that words have an incredibly powerful impact. Perhaps this site will bring to light the reality of the way the younger generations are negatively interacting through social media.

—The Cord Editorial Board

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'Virgin-shaming' a troubling practice for women's rights



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There is a growing trend with academic critics, media and feminist blogs alike to denounce the traditional patriarchal oppression which "slut-shames" women who are sexually liberated.

Events like the Slutwalk initiative, which attempt to bring attention to the tendency of society to blame women for sexual abuse, are necessary in order to eliminate double standards of sexuality and blame.

With extreme right-wing politicians, who ignorantly and publicly argue against birth control, abortion and bring up notions of 'legitimate rape,' it is crucial the debate against women's bodies is finally settled.

What a woman chooses to do with her body is entirely her decision.

But with such passionate advocating that reprimands the act of slut-shaming, the other spectrum of women's sexuality has become oppressed, ridiculed and stigmatized, a trend I can only call 'virgin-shaming.'

Somewhere in the second wave of feminism, liberating your physical body became a staple of the women's rights movement.

What was previously considered deviant became more acceptable to discuss in the mainstream, leading to positive changes in the way society regarded gay rights, sexually transmitted diseases, sexual education and of course the way sex was viewed outside the confines of marriage.

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Why do girls feel coerced into sharing their sexual status with a potential partner as if it's a burden?”

The sexual revolution absolved women of their sins and shame for having a sexual appetite and not wanting to wait until marriage to fulfill it.

Naturally, these are positive progressions in the way society regards the presence of sexuality; however, the battle of body authorship left a problematic legacy in western culture.

Whether virginity became encoded as a form of patriarchal oppression or culturally regarded as an unpopular and undesirable status the fact remains, it still demonstrates an active control over the body.

If we defend promiscuity, why can't we defend abstinence?

While popular culture is often to blame for depicting women as sluts in movies and on television, shows on TLC like *Geek Love* and *The Virgin Diaries* serve as a space to gawk at real-life virgins.

These shows portray both male and female virgins as either religious fanatics or, plainly put, incredible weirdos that nobody wants to touch.

Reality dating shows like *The Bachelor*,

and most recently the Canadian franchise, typically feature at least one virginal contestant.

What should be a minute signifier becomes deeply wrapped up in their entire character as they struggle with how to tell their potential mate about their past.

Why do girls feel coerced into sharing their sexual status with a potential partner as if it's a burden?

Rarely do sexually-active girls feel compelled to explain they've had numerous partners nor does it become a defining characteristic.

The fundamental problem with these popular cultural archetypes is their reinforcement of the idea that self-worth and sexual status are somehow linked.

In this respect, it sends a message to younger girls that in order to be appreciated or deemed admirable, you need to have sexual experience.

It's as if the shame of regret is completely ignored by those who defend meaningless sex.

With such enormous pressure put on women to lose their virginity before they reach their late teens, I can't even imagine the humiliation that is put on men in a society that's essentially evolved into a giant locker room.

The dread of beginning university as a virgin for most men is enough motivation to 'lose it' with anyone whose willing and several girls in my high school offered their services that mutually benefited most parties.

Congratulations. You have the ability to do what every human being is biologically engineered to do.

I'm not suggesting people start rocking purity rings like a Jonas brother, but virginity should not be something that is criticized or reflective of a person's self-worth.

It's important to be conscious on the implications of extreme feminist ideas that ironically, function to shame an entire other aspect of sexuality.

OPINION

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Online RPG more than just video games



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Anybody who considers themselves a 'hardcore gamer' has likely come across a massively multiplayer online role-playing game (MMORPG or MMO for short) in their time.

Whether you love or hate MMOs, a common misconception exists that they are simply addicting.

Too many people give MMOs this label without fully understanding the fundamental motivations behind playing such video games.

MMOs are a unique game genre, one that provides an experience like no other. But what exactly is it about these games that attracts so many gamers, including myself?

To find out, I take you back to the beginning of a new game just after it has been installed.

Before a player even begins, they are given the task of character creation. During this initial phase, you begin to develop a feeling of uniqueness as you change your character's gender, appearance, characteristics and name.

This process is essential to MMOs because it puts the player in the game almost physically.

In addition to character creation, the role your character plays adds to your sense of individuality.

Whether you have chosen to

become a wizard, ranger, healer or warrior, your contribution is integral to the success of your team.

By having these classes, the game grants a sense of self importance; since your team needs you to continue effectively.

Another fundamental component of MMOs is their ability to immerse the player in a virtual world. The maps found on games like World of Warcraft or Guild Wars 2 are so extravagant that there is always somewhere new to explore.

When a player experiences such intense immersion into a virtual world, their stress diminishes as

they forget about any worries they had in the real world.

Although MMOs provide great stress relief, all gamers must understand they should not use this entertainment to procrastinate from addressing problems.

As human beings we strive on social relationships. It is for this reason that game developers always include social components within MMOs.

Within such games, players are able to interact with each other through chat and cooperation.

Most MMOs include a party system that allows you to create or

join a group of individuals who are working towards the same goals as yourself.

In addition to parties, a larger organizational group within the game can be created, resulting in clans or guilds. These factions can consist of a few players or up to hundreds in some games.

Guilds provide gamers with a larger sense of community and require some form of leadership to keep their team motivated.

The most common relationship that is developed between players is a supportive friendship. By adding a gamer to your friends list you

are able to keep in touch and get to know one another.

In some cases, players become friends in real life and maintain contact outside the virtual world.

Some of the most 'hardcore' gamers you may come across strive for personal achievement. Their desire to play MMOs comes from the need to become more powerful within the game.

There is rarely a formal end to a MMO game, which is attractive to many gamers.

Even though you may reach maximum level or finish every quest, there is always something else you can do to make yourself more powerful.

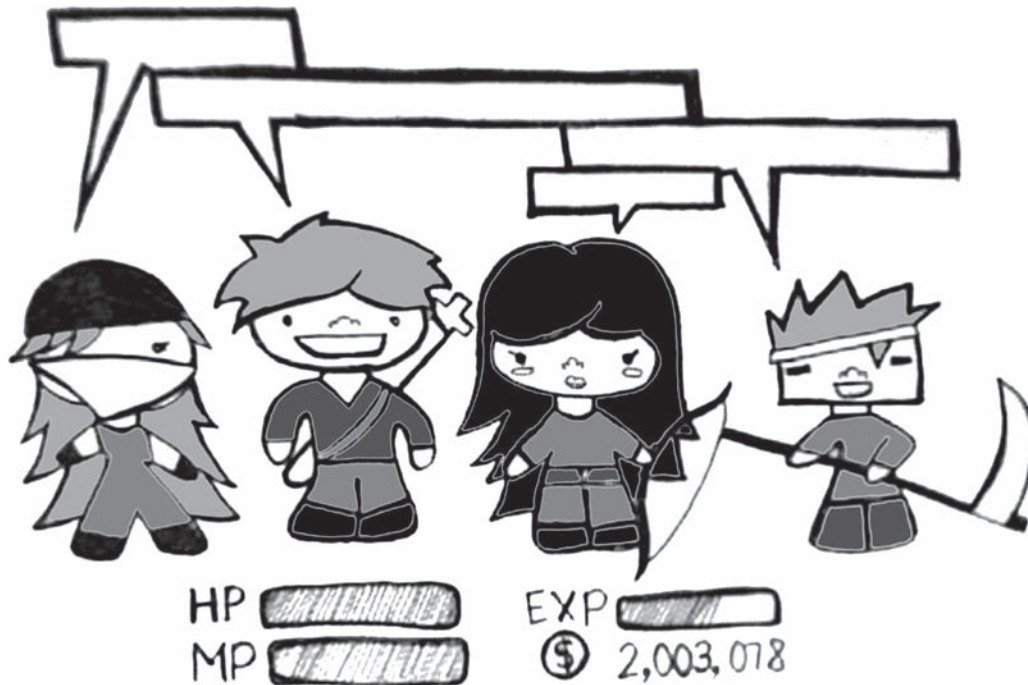
In addition, veteran players sometimes take up leadership roles within guilds and help newer players.

Clearly MMOs have a lot to offer the gamer community. But why has this genre adopted the label of being addicting?

This misconception comes from the amount of time people commit to these games. But to assume MMOs are an addiction based solely on the amount of time spent playing is an inaccurate and ignorant judgment.

We do not play MMOs because we are addicted. We play because the personal sense of accomplishment and achievement, along with the social interactions and immersion make the experience more rewarding than most other video game genres.

Clearly, there is much more to MMOs than playing a simple video game.



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Talking Mental Health: Bullying



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Have you ever been in a situation where you felt someone was saying and doing things because they wanted to have power over you?

If anyone has ever called you names, used verbal taunts, put you down, excluded you, intimidated you or attacked you, then you have been bullied.

Bullying occurs when people don't empathize with others and when they fail to behave with tolerance and respect.

Bullying can occur in your daily interactions and also frequently through the Internet and other interactive technology.

Cyber-bullying is often deliberate and repeated and can include threats, false accusations, monitoring and surveillance, identity theft, solicitation for sex and gathering information in order to harass.

Bullying can be subtle and difficult to recognize. For example, people may talk behind your back or you may find yourself excluded as punishment for resisting peer pressure.

Someone may make fun of you in a way that appears to be friendly teasing but is actually intended to hurt your feelings and make you feel inferior or uncomfortable.

Bullying can make you feel lonely and frightened. It can impact your self-esteem and your sense of security.

However, it can also cause more

serious, longer-term effects like stress, anxiety, trauma, isolation, sleeplessness, poor concentration and memory and feelings of guilt and shame.

Bullies just want control, attention, to be popular or they might be jealous of others. They often repeat the way they have been personally treated in the past.

They might not even be aware of the destructiveness of their actions. Bullying is a learned behaviour, so it can be explored, challenged and changed.

If you are being bullied or have recently witnessed someone being abused, speak out.

If you feel comfortable, you can challenge the behaviour rather than ignore it. Express to the bully that their behaviour is not acceptable and to stop.

If you are being bullied now, or were in the past, you might benefit from professional support to deal with its long-term effects.

Remember that there is help available in the Laurier community. If you think you might engage in behaviours defined as bullying in this article, you can seek professional support to help explore yourself, your environment and ways to alter your behaviour.

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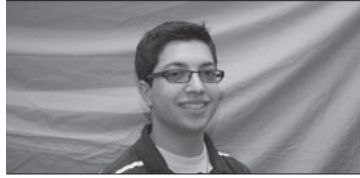
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Woodworth garnering all the wrong attention



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After Kitchener-Centre Member of Parliament Stephen Woodworth's failed attempt to reopen the abortion debate in Canada, you might have thought he would gracefully exit the spotlight of hot button social issues. Regrettably, this is not the case.

On Oct. 7, Woodworth was a featured guest for an event in Quebec where he appeared alongside Michel Lizotte, an outspoken advocate who believes that gay people can become straight if they simply choose to do so.

Woodworth was criticized in the House of Commons, but has not yet responded to the criticism nor made a public statement disowning what Lizotte advocates.

At the event, Lizotte reportedly delivered a lecture on sexual re-orientation.

Lizotte advocates for gays to learn "how to be freed from thoughts, attractions or unwanted homosexual behavior while taking the path of heterosexuality."

One of two things could explain Woodworth's silence.

The MP could actually believe the psychologically-debunked nonsense that Lizotte trumpets.

Or, Woodworth could oppose what Lizotte advocates but refuses

to publicly state his disagreement—which is equally detrimental to gay rights.

There is absolutely no psychological basis for Lizotte's claims.

The American Psychological Association states "there has been no scientifically adequate research to show that therapy aimed at changing sexual orientation is safe or effective."

It seems likely that the promotion of change therapies reinforces stereotypes and contributes to a negative climate for lesbian, gay and bisexual persons."

Similarly, the Canadian Psychological Association asserts that homosexuality is not a psychological problem and has not been considered so by the professional mental health community for 30 years.

Let's consider the company of past "cure the gay" advocates.

There was a large group of psychiatrists that believed in conversion theory as a way of converting from gay to straight.

German psychiatrist named Baron Albert von Schrenck-Notzing believed that all gay men needed to do was to see a prostitute and they would magically become straight.

Would we accept for a moment that if Woodworth had appeared on stage with anyone who espoused any of these methods that he wouldn't have to denounce his company or answer about his own views?

Lizotte is no different.

His advocacy is just as offensive and damaging to the gay men and women who are struggling to come to terms with their sexuality.

With the number of gay and transgendered teens who commit suicide at alarmingly higher rates than their straight peers, it is simply irresponsible and immoral for Woodworth not to tell his constituents that he does not stand for these damaging views.

In his attempt to reopen the debate about when life begins, Woodworth stated that "our 400-year-old definition of a human being says a child does not become a human being until the moment of complete birth, contrary to 21st century medical evidence."

If Woodworth wants to invoke his conceptions of modern medicine in the abortion debate, he must give equal time to the notion in the gay rights debate.

Woodworth cannot simply turn a blind eye to an activist who is living in 1970s psychology textbooks.

Among the Kitchener-Centre constituents that Woodworth purportedly represents are young men and women who are looking for guidance and acceptance of who they are.

If Woodworth does not have the decency to come out in strong opposition to Lizotte and his views, then perhaps he should reconsider whether he espouses the necessary values to represent the people of Kitchener-Centre.

Or, perhaps better yet, the people of Kitchener-Centre should tell Woodworth that they would like to have a full-time representative instead of one who seems to be more interested in advocating for the social issues that keep him in the national spotlight.

Teen pop stars don't deserve hate



JESSI WOOD
OPINION COLUMNIST

When I can't sleep I often poke through the depths of YouTube.

One night I stumbled upon a video of a dorky kid singing in his basement.

He was bobbing around in front of an old Bart Simpson photo singing a cover of a pop song.

He could barely look at the camera out of what I can safely call crippling shyness, but I'll give that he wasn't a bad singer.

Shrill, but he didn't look much older than ten and probably didn't have balls yet; you can't blame him.

Apparently the kid made it pretty big. I think his name was Justin-Something?

We forget that in 2009, "Justin-Something" was just a cherub churning out cute YouTube videos of himself singing R&B songs.

Had Scooter Braun not scooped young Bieber up when he did, he could have ended up just another adorable footnote in the lives of middle-aged housewives.

However, in contrast to most highly talented, musical children, Bieber's number of "haters" is almost as large as his tweeny-bopper fan base.

Most people don't care about innocuous teen idols but the Justin-Hate was big for a while.

I think I personally drew the line on my own Justin-Hatred when listening to the radio.

One morning I heard three grown men cruelly ripping on the kid for botching an interview, a kid who had confessed to being shy, explaining why he doesn't talk much in

interviews anymore.

Once Bieber Fever slightly slowed down, it seemed apparent we still needed teenage royalty to fill the hot seat. Enter Rebecca Black.

Overnight, the world decided that Black was one of the worst things to hit music since, well, Bieber Fever.

We all heard her song somewhere, partially or in its entirety, and we all needed to tell someone just how much we hated it.

Black's mother paid \$4,000 to ARK Music Factory so her daughter's vanity video could be made with decent production value, and was clearly not meant to be seen by anyone outside their family and friends.

But oh, was it seen.

The Internet culture clung to this video as soon as it went viral and Black was only 14.

I guess this is just one of those trends I don't understand.

I'm not going to demand that everyone stop berating awkward child stars but when has it ever been anything but disgustingly pathetic for people who've already gone through puberty to berate the ones that haven't?

Truth is, these songs are easy to ignore since they rarely get airtime on mainstream radio.

Perhaps we just don't have enough evil people in the world to hate. We go to class and learn about the monsters of our history, like Hitler and Stalin.

But we apparently like this better; the public slaughter of our youth over stupid songs on YouTube.

It's no question that Bieber's star is cemented for at least a little while, but all the publicity from "Friday" was enough for Black to try for fame as well.

And whether you despise these pop stars or not, remember that you created them with your unintentional power and unwarranted abuse.

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Playoffs still likely despite 56-3 blowout

SHELBY BLACKLEY
SPORTS EDITOR

How do you play one of the worst games in team history, yet still not only be in playoff contention but see those playoff chances improve?

You become the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks.

Despite an embarrassing 56-3 loss Saturday afternoon to the Western Mustangs, which included 56 unanswered points, six total completions from three different quarterbacks and a total of 194 rushing yards allowed, the Hawks are still the frontrunners for the sixth and final Ontario University Athletics (OUA) playoff spot.

With the seventh-place York Lions defeating the Toronto Varsity Blues Saturday 36-24, the Hawks still hold a one-game lead over the Blues.

And if the Varsity Blues lose next Saturday — a likely scenario considering they're playing the 5-2 Queen's Gaels —, regardless of Laurier's outcome, they have a punched ticket for Kingston to play the third-place Gaels.

"Right now... I guess that's okay," a subdued head coach Gary Jeffries said. "I don't have much to say."

The Hawks saw their hopes for an above .500 season disappear with the sun Saturday as they were handed their fourth loss of the season.

"Obviously things didn't go as planned, clearly," said veteran line-backer Drew Galpin. "They're a very full-coached team and they were well prepared for us."

Jeffries agreed, saying that full credit should go to the Mustangs, who notched their fourth win of the season.

"You saw it," Jeffries said. "We got beat in all phases. That's pretty discouraging because we thought we were getting better."



KATE TURNER PHOTOGRAPHY MANAGER

The Golden Hawks endured a devastating loss Saturday to the Western Mustangs to drop to 3-4, however, are still in playoff contention.

The 'improvement' came after of the devastating season-opening loss to the Varsity Blues, where the Hawks failed to find the scoreboard, which was followed by a blowout at the hands of Queen's. The Hawks then won three of their next four games before their fate Saturday.

That fate being a one-sided affair that included only three points coming from the foot of Laurier's second-year kicker Ronnie Pfeffer, and being held to less than half of Western's first downs.

"And that knocked us back on our ass today," Jeffries said Saturday.

With only one game left before

the postseason, Laurier must face off against the No. 1 nationally ranked and defending Vanier Cup champions, the McMaster Marauders. The Marauders have allowed the fewest points against among all OUA teams and will be coming off a 39-18 win over the Windsor Lancers at their Homecoming.

"In reality, we're still in the playoff race," Galpin said. "You can get into the playoffs 1-7 and once you're in, you're in."

"We've got a lot of work to do," Jeffries said. "A lot of work to do."

And indeed they do. With McMaster stretching the gap between

themselves and the second-place Guelph Gryphons and the rest of the league, the Hawks will look to adjust their playing style in the upcoming week.

"Only one thing we can do," Jeffries said. "We're all going to get up in the morning. Sun's going to come up and we're going to get up and get at it again. There's no other option."

Galpin looks forward, as the playoffs are a whole new ballgame.

"Once you're in it, it doesn't matter. Everyone's 0-0 again and we'll go from there."

The four top seeds in the OUA have been finalized after Saturday's

play, with Mac, Guelph, Queen's and Western finishing as they are respectively. The bottom two spots can change with the results of the final week. However, based on the match ups, the most likely scenario will see Windsor finish fifth, and Laurier grab the final playoff spot, coming in sixth.

As the sun surely does need to shine on the diminishing hopes of the Golden Hawks, they have one more week to fix the mistakes that became prominent on the field Saturday. And the positivism is still there.

"But that hurt," Jeffries said of

Hawks go undefeated in weekend action

JUSTIN FAUTEUX
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

It may be early, but Paul Falco is happy with his team.

After 61-58 win over the Cape Breton Capers Thursday and a 69-60 win over the McGill Martlets Friday, the Laurier women's basketball team came away with wins in each of its first two pre-season games.

"I was happy with the weekend," said Falco, who is entering his fifth season as the team's head coach. "We've got a lot of new pieces and finding out where everyone fits is

going to be a bit of a work in progress, but this weekend we played 13 different girls and they all came out and played well."

Friday's win over McGill was particularly encouraging for the Hawks, as last season the Martlets won the Quebec conference, earning a trip to nationals. While the end score showed a nine-point win, the Hawks were securely in the driver's from the opening tipoff.

"McGill's definitely a really strong team," said fifth-year point guard Amber Hillis. "We came out a little rough in the first half, but we really

picked it up. We knew what we needed to work on and we executed really well."

As the only experienced point guard on the roster, following the loss of 2010-11 Ontario University Athletics (OUA) West rookie of the year Felicia Mazerolle due to academic reasons, Hillis will be looked on to play an expanded role this upcoming season.

"I don't think I really feel it," said Hillis when asked if she feels any added pressure. "We have some really good young players and I think as they get more experience, it'll

only help out."

Rookie Kitchener native Kaitlyn Shenck appears to be a likely candidate to take on some of the point guard duties coming off the bench. Shenck played 13 minutes on the court versus Cape Breton and 20 against McGill, scoring a team-high 11 points versus the Martlets.

The Hawks will also likely see significant minutes from third-year guard Lee Anna Osei, who didn't play due to injury against McGill.

Laurier also lost their leading scorer and 2011-12 OUA West rookie of the year Shelby Kurt, who left

the university to pursue a college program in the nursing field.

"We've kind of moved on from that," said Falco when asked about replacing Kurt and Mazerolle. "We've brought in some girls that compete just as hard as [Kurt and Mazerolle] and now it's just a matter of determining what style of basketball we're going to play."

The Hawks continue their pre-season schedule this weekend when they travel to Ottawa for the Metro Glebe Tournament before returning home for their final two pre-season matches.

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Laurier hosted Hawk Challenge over the weekend at the AC.

Uncertain road ahead for rebuilding men's basketball

ERIC THOMPSON
STAFF WRITER

It's called the Hawk Challenge for a reason, and this weekend the Laurier men's basketball team definitely faced challenges.

In the annual preseason tournament, the Golden Hawks finished 0-2 after dropping two close contests, 74-69 to the UBC Thunderbirds on Friday and 94-86 to Concordia Stingers on Saturday.

Though the record doesn't read well, the results were promising for a young Laurier team heading into a season of uncertainty.

"Considering how many young kids were playing, we played pretty well," said head coach Peter Campbell. "Patrick (Donnelly) played well this weekend, Max (Allin) played well this weekend and Will (Coulthard) played well this weekend and they are the three guys that have got to be playing well all the time if we are going to be good."

The trio led the scoring in both games for the Hawks, with Allin scoring 41 points, Donnelly 34 and Coulthard 23.

The leadership of the Hawks' "big three" will be important for a team that has only six returning players and a boatload of freshman rounding out the roster.

Campbell joked about the amount of first years saying, "From a coach's perspective, that's too many."

Aiddian Walters, Kyle Enright and Jamar Forde round out this year's crop of returning players.

Enright was a deep scoring threat, shooting 45 per cent from beyond the arc last season. Meanwhile Forde looks to contribute more this year after missing half of last season to an ankle injury.

With the development of young players being a big focus in the upcoming season, Laurier's competition this weekend acted as great measuring sticks. The out-of-province teams finished the weekend 2-0 after knocking off both Laurier and the Guelph Gryphons.

"I would say UBC is probably a team that's going to be one or two in Canada West Pacific Division anyway," said Campbell after Saturday's loss. "And with a minute to go we were only down a point. I think that was a really good improvement."

"The same thing today [Saturday], Concordia was missing a couple of guys but they are still a veteran team with a lot of athleticism and a lot of talent."

6'7" Laurier newcomer Matthew Chesson provided the highlight of Saturday's game, taking a feed from Allin and throwing down a dunk that resulted in a roar from the crowd.

"I was up at the high post," said Chesson. "Max posted up his man, my man went over for the double and the whole lane was wide open and Max has great court vision, saw me and I put it down."

"I think Chesson has played really well in all four of our games," said Campbell. "For a freshman big guy, big guys come along slower, he's out of a small school in Whitby so the tempo of play and the physicality of the play is a whole new experience and I think he's done a great job."

"You look at the dunk he put down today, it wasn't one of the most athletic ones, but we haven't seen many of those in this gym."

In total, 15 players saw court time for the Hawks this weekend. Campbell noted that it doesn't allow players to get into a good rhythm, but

"It's basketball, it's what I've been playing my whole life so you just have to go out there and give it your all."

—Matthew Chesson, first-year centre

he was impressed with what he saw from some of his first years.

There will certainly be opportunities for these kids to contribute this year, but Chesson says he isn't feeling the pressure.

"It's basketball, it's what I've been playing my whole life so you just have to go out there and give it your all."

Overall, coach Campbell is excited for the upcoming year.

"I'm optimistic. I don't think we are going to be one, two or three in the country; but we have a chance to progress through the year and have a chance to be a factor by the time it's all over."

The Hawks will travel to Montreal this weekend to participate in the Redbird Classic. They will face McGill, Ottawa and Trinity Western before returning home for an exhibition game against the Laurier Alumni.

Regular season action begins for Laurier Nov. 9 against Queen's in Kingston.

Appeal supported by student athletes

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"We want to make sure that the players feel that they have been heard in a fair and transparent way."

Crowley also mentioned the "downplay" of the hazing activity that took place in September with the baseball team.

He said that in recent news stories regarding the request for an appeal, the hazing activity has been left out.

"It is unfortunate that the incident that led to this situation — a rookie party that violated Laurier's Student Athlete Code of Conduct — is now being clouded over by these subsequent allegations against the university."

As of Tuesday, the university has been in contact with Smyth and is looking to move forward with the process.

However, because of the nature of the request, the process may need to be adjusted.

According to the Student Athlete Code of Conduct, an appeal must be requested after the committee of inquiry submits a report with its findings.

However, typically the request for an inquiry is made during the initial suspension. Since the team is now looking at how the process was "handled" in September, the procedure needs to be worked out between the university and the team.

"At what point do we enter that process and, given that the request is for an appeal, that's what makes things a little less than straight forward," Crowley said.

There has been no set timeline for the ensuing procedure, but Crowley

"We want to make sure it's done in a fair and transparent way."

—Kevin Crowley, director of communications and public affairs

believes all parties will want to have an agreeable solution as soon as possible, especially one suitable for the students.

"The university's committed to hearing the players' concerns," Crowley said. "We want to make sure it's done in a fair and transparent way."

However, he emphasized that the activity was punishable under the code of conduct and the suspension was laid properly.

"I don't want to lose sight of the fact that a hazing activity did indeed take place," Crowley said.

"The players were made aware of the issues and allegations. They acknowledged that their behaviours violated the student athlete code of conduct."

Laurier's athletic director Peter Baxter and baseball head coach Scott Ballantyne both declined to comment on the matter.

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10.11.12

M Hockey 2 - Waterloo 3

W Basketball 61 - Cape Breton 58

10.12.12

W Basketball 69 - McGill 60

M Basketball 69 - UBC 74

10.13.12

M Football 3 - Western 56

W Hockey 7 - Ryerson 2

M Hockey 2 - Western 3

W Soccer 0 - Western 1

M Soccer 0 - Western 3

M Rugby 0 - Western 54

M Basketball 86 - Concordia 94

W Lacrosse 18 - Brock 5

10.14.12

W Hockey 5 - Toronto 2

M Soccer 1 - Windsor 1

W Soccer 4 - Windsor 0

W Lacrosse 7 - Western 15

W Lacrosse 20 - York 5

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.18.12

W Hockey vs. York

Waterloo Recreational Complex

7:30pm

10.20.12

W Soccer vs. Guelph

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M Soccer vs. Guelph

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ULTIMATE FAN CONTEST

Rookies lead Hawks to .500 weekend



CRISTINA RUCCHETTA LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Rookie Sarah Farano goes up for a header against a Windsor Lancer defender Sunday afternoon.

ASHLEY DENUZZO
STAFF WRITER

Recovering from a mid-season hiccup, the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks women's soccer team finished their weekend with a crucial 4-0 domination over the Windsor Lancers.

After losing to both the McMaster Marauders and Western Mustangs — both of whom are trailing the Hawks by mere points — the squad needed the win in order to maintain their lead in the Ontario University Athletics (OUA) West division.

The two losses spoiled the Hawks' undefeated record and dropped the team's Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) national ranking from third to fifth.

"We were happy to get the result," said Laurier head coach, Barry McLean, after Sunday's victory. "We had a lot of injuries [and] it made a big difference for sure."

In terms of injuries, Laurier's natural starters Jackie Lence, Cassandra Mensah, Karen Barak, Krista Cellucci and Shelby Fallis all sat on the sidelines for the duration of the weekend.

As a result, Laurier's rookies and youngsters were required to step up to the plate.

And they did not disappoint.

"It shows that we have some depth to our team," McLean commented on the young players' performance. "They all did very, very well."

First-year midfielder Kiara Reyes scored the first goal of the game just seconds before halftime. Her first goal of the season, Reyes started the team's momentum that would later become a dominant shutout.

"Everyone worked together," the Kitchener native smiled. "[I was] just in the right place at the right time."

McLean noted Reyes' exceptional work ethic in the season so far.

"Kiara deserves it," he said. "Just on the work she puts into the game."

The rookies continued to turn heads as striker Kayleigh Bell scored after halftime for her second tally of the season.

"Kayleigh's goal was fantastic," McLean said.

Bell found a clear opportunity off of a pass from defender Kelsey Abbott. The Hawks generated 20 shots in 90 minutes, holding the Lancers to seven in both halves. Bell alone had four shots at the Windsor goal.

Windsor's Tara Benard-Rae and Kelse Knechtel shared time between the pipes, with Benard-Rae given the loss.

"I was just wide open for the shot," Bell humbly told *The Cord*. "I just kind of got lucky."

Other goal contributors were Emily Brown, who made an amazing shot right off of a Windsor defence-man and Kelsey Tikka, who scored her first of the season and career through a penalty shot.

Brown currently sits tied for second in the OUA scoring race with 13 goals.

Laurier netminder Katrina Ward stopped all seven of the shots she faced, recording her second shutout of the season.

Putting an end to their two-game losing streak, the Hawks move forward in their season looking to defeat both Guelph and York next weekend. Laurier's win widens the gap between the second-place Western Mustangs, who hold a three-point lead on the McMaster Marauders.

Next weekend's games close out the season, which will determine the final spots in the playoffs.

The top two teams in each division will receive a bye, while the third place will host the sixth place team and the fourth place will host the fifth place team in the quarterfinals.

Laurier fights back to tie; clinches playoff berth

BRAD BOWEN
CORD SPORTS

It was a bittersweet weekend for the Laurier Golden Hawks men's soccer team.

They fought back to a tie against the Windsor Lancers forcing a 1-1 draw on Sunday, following a 3-0 loss to the Western Mustangs on a rainy Saturday match.

The Golden Hawks struggled to find offence against a strong defensive opponent in the Mustangs, who picked up a clean sheet Saturday, holding the Hawks to just two shots on net.

"It's a really tough time when most of your starting players are hurt and it can be tough to make adjustments," said Laurier head coach Mario Halapir of Saturday's loss.

"It was a tough loss, we didn't have one regular guy in the back so considering that, it makes a difference."

On Saturday, the bench was short for the Hawks as they had many unfamiliar faces on the field. The Mustangs played a patient game defensively and lit up the score sheet with an early goal in the 9th minute.

Western's Rudy James would add a pair of goals later in the game to cushion Western's lead.

A win would have allowed the Hawks to pull away from the Mustangs in the standings by six points, but the Mustangs defence was too much to handle for the third place Hawks.

"We had a lack of intensity, and coming to this point on the year this is where the players have to take a challenge, as it is coming close to the real crunch time and on their own they have to compete and realize this. I can't say that all of our



CRISTINA RUCCHETTA LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Laurier's Trevor Schein jockeys the ball away from a Windsor Lancer player during Sunday's 1-1 tie.

players have done that," Halapir said.

The Hawks' bench didn't get any bigger on Sunday afternoon when they faced off against the Lancers and went forth with their injury-stricken squad.

The game was full of action early as the Lancers took a 1-0 lead going

into half, with a rocket shot into the net by Windsor-native Cristian Mayorga in the 29th minute.

The Lancers fired off eight shots in the first half on Laurier goalkeeper Brett Harrington who was able to keep the Hawks fighting going into half, saving all the shots he faced including a phenomenal save on a

breakaway attempt.

Laurier forward Sandro Stojakovic commented on Harrington's stellar performance after the game.

"It's awesome. I mean it all starts from the back, we need that kick start from the back to be a good team," he said.

The second half was much better

"I mean it all starts from the back, we need that kick start from the back to be a good team."

—Sandro Stojakovic, forward Laurier men's soccer

for the Hawks as they held the Lancers to only two shots and attacked the Lancers' defence from all angles. Stojakovic booted home a loose ball in the 81st minute for a crucial goal late in the game to gain a point for the tie.

"It felt great, we needed the points and we could have risked falling in the standings, and it was good for the whole team," Stojakovic said.

Despite chalking up a disappointing loss against the Mustangs and only picking up a tie against the Lancers, the Golden Hawks were able to clinch a playoff berth for the first time in two years.

The Hawks look to bounce back into the win column on Saturday as they take on the Guelph Gryphons at 3:15 p.m. on Alumni Field.

"Last time we played them we beat them, it was the second game of the season," said Halapir.

"They have a decent offence that can be dangerous, and I don't know who will be healthy and in the line up for us come then, so it'll definitely be a challenge."