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ELECTIONS

GSA president acclaimed

Ian Muller will be the first to work under the newly adopted structure

KAITLYN SEVERIN
LEAD REPORTER

On Jan. 28, Wilfrid Laurier University's Graduate Students' Association announced the acclamation of their new president and CEO, Ian Muller.

Muller was the only candidate put forward for the position.

Although he is acclaimed, Muller said having elections is a value for candidates to bring ideas to the floor.

"I'm confident in the experience that I have with the GSA that I can know I'm aware of where the organization has

been in the last couple of years and where we need to go," said Muller.

Patrick Schertzer, the GSA's chief returning officer, said the organization is happy to have a full board of directors and a president who have worked previously with the GSA, acclaimed or not.

"I don't see it as the problem as well. We're very happy to have full involvement and have great people involved at the same time," he explained.

Schertzer believes the reason

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RESEARCH

Analyzing housing trends

Studies look at experiences with student housing in Waterloo

MARISSA EVANS
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Housing trends are being brought to the forefront of research in Waterloo. In the past year, two studies have been launched which look at housing — one small scale and one large.

The City of Waterloo's town and gown committee created a student housing working group comprised of representatives from student associations at the graduate and undergraduate level from all three post-secondary institutions, the city and the region.

Around this time last year, the working group circulated a survey amongst students in the city.

Ryan King, manager of residence assignments at the University of Waterloo, said though it was well-received, they didn't get a lot of traction. As a result, this past fall they decided to put out another survey.

"The whole student housing working group and the survey itself is to look at housing basically through a lens of safety and quality of life," said King. "We want to make sure that's the main focus of everything."

The survey looks into the wants and needs of students in terms of housing and their experience with accommodation in the city.

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"Made food, watched movies and did homework."

-Juan Ravagli, third-year economics



"Stayed indoors and avoided everything."

-Brody Kerrigan, third-year economics



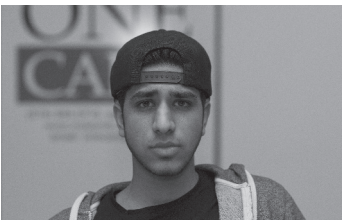
"Took four naps and spent the day in bed."

-Olivia Abercrombie, second-year communication studies



"Watched a lot of *Community*."

-Samiha Chowdhury, second-year business



"Studied and just chilled with my friends."

-Mehtab Khan, second-year business

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Letters to the Editor

Re: a case against legalizing weed

The argument that the "war against drugs is not working because people won't stop using drugs" is laughable. That is pretty much the point of the pro-legalization (of weed, or all drugs, ideally) argument. The law is not preventing people from using and selling drugs. Whether you believe, then, that drugs are bad or good, there needs to be a new set of policies put into place which are more effective than simply fining or imprisoning everyone involved.

Additionally, the point that drug use has increased as it becomes more culturally acceptable is also strange, considering the cultural acceptance of drugs was very high in the 1970s as well as how states which have legalized drug use have not generally seen a spike in drug use.

The following argument that purchasing drugs fuels drug related violence is actually another reason for legalization. When all drug trafficking, selling and purchasing have to avoid the law, the people involved resort to violence to protect goods.

The legalization of drugs could easily take power from organized criminals and gangs. This is a fairly common argument used by actual academics who actually study the drug trade, which is actually a thing people study (which probably comes as a surprise to the author of the previous article).

Finally, the argument that the state could benefit financially from pot legalization but shouldn't because "we simply don't want it" is pretty absurd. Who is "we?" I mean, the war on drugs is failing because people want drugs. So what is it that isn't wanted? The stigma of being associated with drugs?

I also have no idea what the article is suggesting when it notes that if drug users cared about tax revenue they wouldn't buy illegal drugs. This is an argument for creating new streams of

revenue for the state, which is an added benefit to the legalization of drugs. The majority of people I know do not care about state revenue, but pretty much anyone who does can recognize that increasing state revenue through sales that already exist would be positive.

As for the other haphazard arguments, I don't think they are even vaguely convincing enough to be worth addressing. The depiction of any pro-legalization advocate as a lazy Cheetos huffing stoner is laughable, as is the continued rhetoric of inherent immorality.

Until, that is, alcohol and tobacco are mentioned as being worse for your health, which is immediately dismissed as irrelevant because they were introduced into society when the health risks were "unknown."

We are all aware that tobacco, alcohol and weed use carry risks. In the case of tobacco and alcohol, those risks are mitigated with legalization. There are standards for quality of substances, standards for production and standards of expected behaviour in reference to substance use. If marijuana were legalized the state would be able to expect and enforce similar standards.

This article was just a sad PC's attempt to justify their belief that weed is gross just because. Your "drugs r bad" rhetoric is the reason why problems like mass incarceration (for petty crimes), deadly unregulated drugs and drug related violence exist and will never result in any kind of change except larger prison populations.

-Reagan Elly

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Quote of the week:

"I was never black."

-Campus News Editor
Shelby Blackley

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WLUSU ELECTIONS

Low turnout at open forum

Few students attended or tuned into the live stream of the open forum

SHELBY BLACKLEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

After a snow day delayed the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union Waterloo open forum on Monday, students relocated to the Turret on Tuesday to ask the candidates their final questions before the voting period began. However, due to the snow day, fewer students were in the audience to hear the candidates speak to their intentions for the respective positions.

"It's unfortunate it couldn't be in the concourse," said Olivia Matthews, one of two presidential candidates. "I think the whole point in an open forum is to engage more people — we just saw two teams standing there and the management team. Which isn't bad, but they're already all informed voters. I think the open forum should be about bringing students in that didn't know the elections were happening."

"The unfortunate thing is that every single person in this room, as far as I know, is either on a campaign team or they're on a management team or they're part of [Wilfrid Laurier University

Student Publications] and I think everyone, if not almost everyone, has already made up their minds before the open forum," said Frank Cirinna, the second presidential candidate.

Attendance seemed to be the concern of the day, as the majority of engagement came from alumni and members of the Students' Union executive teams. Attendance was staggered throughout the day with the majority being members from campaign teams.

Questions allowed the presidential candidates to dig into their platforms and address any last minute concerns before voting began on Wednesday. Candidates covered issues that have been at the forefront throughout the campaign period, such as the hiring system, safety and the Union's debt.

Both presidential candidates said they were going to use the last day of active campaigning to make last minute presentations and blitzes while encouraging students to vote.

"I've got a couple more presentations to do and I haven't eaten in like 24 hours," Cirinna said. "Just thank you guys so



WILL HUANG/PHOTO EDITOR

Colin Aitchison, acclaimed director of the board, spoke during the Waterloo open forum held in the Turret on Tues.

much for listening to me."

"At the end of the day, we've spent the last two and a half weeks working as hard as we possibly can. There's not much more we can do, just encourage students to vote and that's what we intend on doing," Matthews said.

15 out of 16 candidates for the board of directors were present Tuesday, including all four Brantford candidates. All eight acclaimed candidates were present. Only Maxwell Zibaei was not in attendance.

Individual questions from students were for both the acclaimed and non-acclaimed candidates, allowing all members the opportunity to speak to why they submitted their nomination packages either before or after the original deadline.

One candidate, Colin Aitchison, said he is seeking chair of the board and chief governance officer, while three candidates — Kanwar Brar, Nick DeSumma and Jonathan Ricci — indicated their intention to run for vice-chair of the board.

Sujaay Jagannathan, a non-acclaimed candidate for the board of directors who is seeking re-election, felt the flow of questions and dialogue for the directors was effective.

"We all had something concise to say, nothing too repetitive. We had everything divided into two groups and there were a bunch of questions asked as well, a variety of different questions from what is the role of the director to what is your vision for the Union and what experiences do you have. I think we tackled the dif-

ferent aspects of the role itself," he said.

Calvin Da Silva, a non-acclaimed director candidate, said jumping into the open forum was a little intimidating for the first time.

"The only thing I can really say is I want to get my name out there and let people know that I'm willing to do the job as best as I can," he said.

All three Senate candidates were present. Kanwar Brar, Ashley Lieu and Trevor Thompson spoke on behalf of student representation on the highest academic governing body.

Voting begins Wednesday morning at 8 a.m. online and will run until Thursday evening at 8 p.m. Results will be announced at Wilf's Thursday night, tentatively at 11 p.m.

FROM COVER

Housing popular topic for Waterloo projects

Both the town and gown committee and Generationed City are conducting housing studies

—cover

The need for the survey came out of the lack of information about students' experience with housing in Waterloo. When the national census is conducted, students are often directed to their hometown.

"For the City of Waterloo one of the things that we were very interested in participating with this survey and supporting it is because we have a lack of information, because as I said post-secondary students comprise about 20 to 25 per cent of our population, but they're not getting represented in our national survey unless they are a resident here and we know a lot of them are not," said Tanja Curic, policy planner at the City of Waterloo.

They had 5,429 respondents to the survey.

"We were very pleased with this response rate, in particular in comparing it with the one that we first tested earlier last year," said Curic.

The working group is currently analyzing the survey responses.

"I think we're looking at it as making sure we do follow the process of making sure that we collect the results as a working group, work toward analyzing those results, bring that back to the town and gown committee and then figure out what the next



WILL HUANG/PHOTO EDITOR

Survey collected student input on experience with housing in Waterloo.

step to make sure the report is released in some way publicly so people really get the snapshot of what the student experiences are living in the community," said King.

He continued that the first draft of the report will be done by mid-February and in March they will present to the town and gown committee.

"I think by having these results and having this large pool of data can help us make some re-

ally informed decisions moving forward and on what a student's experience is like in the community and when they're here in Waterloo," said King.

Generationed City is taking a larger scope approach to looking at trends surrounding housing.

The project was launched last week by Markus Moos, assistant professor of school of planning at the University of Waterloo, and looks at how age and generation might be tied to issues such as

inequality, housing and employment.

The idea came out of research Moos has been working on over the last several years.

"What I had found was that there's an increasing segregation of young people in specific parts of the cities, primarily downtown, but also other parts of cities that had the denser, high rise and lots of what you might call urban amenities," he explained. "I was interested in finding out more about what the reasons behind this are as well as what are the implications of this kind of segregation by age."

He wondered, for example, if this segregation was due to issues between generational relationships.

Moos has four research assistants working with him on the project. To collect data, they will be circulating a survey over the course of the year.

"The next phase of the project is really trying to get more cities, basically across North America, involved in trying to help us get survey participants because I suspect, I'm confident that our findings will be of great interest to municipal planning and housing departments, or even a provincial or state level," he said.

He hopes the issues the survey highlights will be addressed by

"So it's hopefully not going to just be another study that sits on a shelf somewhere..."

—Markus Moos, assistant professor of school of planning

relevant parties who can then begin to develop solutions.

"So it's hopefully not going to just be another study that sits on a shelf somewhere because we are trying so hard to make these connections with the policy world."

The survey is reaching out to people in the United States and Canada, and is specifically looking at how housing and employment challenges change as people age.

"I think the goal here is that if we understand better what the challenges are and how they might differ for different kinds of cities with different kinds of young adults in different income brackets and different ethnic backgrounds, that we can come up with more appropriate solutions that are targeted very directly at the problem itself," Moos said.

WLUSU ELECTIONS

Involvement lacking in elections

Students' Union is seeking ways to improve the student engagement in the board of directors

MARISSA EVANS
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

This year the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union set a goal to increase the number of students running for positions in the elections.

However, the beginning of the election period saw a shortage of students running for board of director positions, resulting in eight acclaimed directors. Following the reopening of elections, eight new candidates entered the race for the remaining four spots on the board of directors.

"We actually saw more students than in the past come up to us and talk about the roles, come talk to current and past directors," said Kaipa Bharucha, assistant chief returning officer for the Students' Union elections. "It was really interesting in that sense because a lot of people seemed intrigued by what the position was as a whole."

She believes that students who expressed interest may have made the decision not to run because they realized they couldn't put in the time the position deserved.

"We had a lot of candidates this year who talked to us as well saying, 'I'm going to run next year, I absolutely have plans to, I couldn't organize my time or my schedule enough to be able to take two-and-a-half weeks out to apply for this position,'" she added.

The eight candidates who are



The Students' Union tried to increase the number of students running for board, but had to reopen nominations.

currently running for the four remaining spots on the board are, according to Bharucha, very dedicated despite applying for the second deadline.

"It drove a sense of, 'I'm seeing there's this lack of interest in the position and I want to be someone who can step up to that and put my voice in as well because I see the value in it,'" she said.

"I get that not everyone did that in the first round."

In order to help inform students about elected positions

such as the board or president, Bharucha said the Union relies a lot on word of mouth.

"There's only so much social media marketing you can do to try to advertise without having to explain in paragraphs what the board is and what its function is."

Derek Worden, one of the non-acclaimed director candidates, noted the work the Union has done to bring awareness to the board via social media or hawk talks, which were put on by the ownership linkage committee.

"I think that we need to work to be able to communicate what we do in the most simplest terms that any student can understand that they can start thinking they maybe that's something I'd want to be involved with," he continued.

Hem Patel, another non-acclaimed director candidate, said he believes making a personal connection with students will be the key to increasing engagement.

"That's more important than

getting connections through social media or anything," he said.

"Because when you do a personal connection that's when you actually go about making a difference between the students and the Students' Union — creating the transparency."

Many of the candidates who are running now were approached by current or acclaimed directors.

Bharucha noted that Laurier's political science program and school of business and economics directly relate to the director positions.

"I have to submit a monitoring report to the board of directors, so one of my goals is going to be how do we push this further, how do we make a more integrated marketing strategy?"

Bharucha said bringing awareness to the board needs to be a year-round process.

Worden said he would also like to see information about the board to be more visible on the Students' Union website. In addition, he said there should be more of a push earlier on in the school year for people to think about running for board.

"I would like to see some more even as early as October, just so people know that it's coming and they can start preparing so it's not a last minute decision to run," he said.

Overall, Bharucha said they are in good shape with the eight candidates they have running and eight acclaimed who are still participating in campaigning.

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WLUSU ELECTIONS

Candidate addresses discrepancy in answers

Cirinna responds to concern over Sigma Chi presidency

MARISSA EVANS
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Two of presidential candidate Frank Cirinna's answers during the election period have revealed a discrepancy regarding his dismissal as president of Sigma Chi fraternity in November.

At the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union presidential debate on Jan. 28, Cirinna was questioned about his presidency at Sigma Chi.

"Could you speak to the possible concern voters might have regarding your dismissal and why your next presidency will result in a complete term?" moderator Dani Saad asked.

In response, Cirinna said he stepped down from the position so he could commit more of his time to campaigning for Students' Union president.

"I stepped down because it makes the most sense for me to have the most time to go after my passion and help as many students as possible," he said.

Also contributing to this decision, Cirinna said, was the trust he had in his vice-presidents to continue to support the chapter following his leave.

During an interview on Radio Laurier on Jan. 30, Cirinna was

"I think one of the main things we have to keep in mind is that this is my personal life."

-Frank Cirinna, presidential candidate

again questioned about his dismissal from Sigma Chi.

Following questions from several students, station manager James Blake asked him whether or not he had been impeached from the position.

While Cirinna initially declined to respond to the question, he did clarify that he officially stepped down.

He then went on to explain that there had been a false claim made against him and it "was better for [him] to step down than let it stew."

After stepping down, the claim was revoked.

When asked why he didn't explain this at the debate, Cirinna said, "Because I don't want to keep dwelling on the past. And I don't want the person who said what was inappropriate and not

true to feel like I kept bringing it back up to them because I promised I was going to stop talking about it. Because they feel just as bad as I do."

Following both of these instances, Cirinna was given a chance to comment on the discrepancy between his answers regarding his reason for stepping down from president of the fraternity.

"It was a false accusation," he said.

"No one wants to draw attention to themselves on something that's a false accusation, especially when it's been proven to be untrue."

He noted that Sigma Chi is an off-campus organization, separate from the university.

"I think one of the main things we have to keep in mind is that that is my personal life," Cirinna said.

"And I know that in this position and during this election my personal life does become the public limelight. But at the same time I would request a little bit of respect because not everybody knows the absolutes of what goes on within the organization and even then not every single person in our organization was at that meeting."

WLUSU ELECTIONS



HEATHER DAVIDSON/PHOTO EDITOR

Dave Patterson announced Monday on his Facebook that he was withdrawing himself as a presidential candidate.

Patterson withdraws from presidential race

Due to severity of health concerns, candidate steps down

SHELBY BLACKLEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

On Monday evening, Dave Patterson made the decision to pull out of the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union presidential election. Due to the severity of a concussion and neck injury he sustained playing intramurals early in the campaign, Patterson felt he needed to step down in order to put his health first.

"I started to notice that my injuries, especially the concussion, were getting worse before they were getting better," he said. "Combine that with everything else I'm trying to do in my life right now, I realized I wasn't in a position to campaign the way I wanted to or do the job the way I would have liked to."

Patterson began thinking about withdrawing himself as a candidate on Friday when the pain had not subsided after almost a week. He went home to see a doctor and discussed his options with his family and close friends.

The doctor said by participating in the presidential debate, he pushed his recovery back by almost a month.

As of Sunday morning, Patterson was still determined to finish the campaign period, but Sunday afternoon he "finally came to his senses" and realized he should put his health at the forefront.

He originally wanted to make the announcement Monday at the Waterloo open forum, but due to the closure of the university and the cancellation of the event, was forced to wait. He decided to make a post on his Facebook so he could announce his withdrawal on his own terms, he explained.

According to him, the hardest part was telling his team.

"From my perspective, personally, I wish I could have done more," Patterson said of his campaign period. "[It] was frustrating for me knowing I couldn't give it everything I could. But I think overall, we did well. We ran a campaign that was true to us, true to my values and the way I hoped to run it."

Patterson said one of his main goals was to still be able to "recognize the person in the mirror" at the end of the campaign period. He said that's something he's been able to do throughout the campaign.

"We ran a campaign that was true to us, true to my values and the way I hoped to run it."

-Dave Patterson, former presidential candidate

Now that Patterson has stepped down, the Students' Union presidential ballot will only have two names: Frank Cirinna and Olivia Matthews.

This means the winner will need 51 per cent of the vote to be declared president and the voting will only take one round.

Patterson thanked his team and wished the best of luck to Cirinna and Matthews in the last days of the campaign.

"Every year, I've sat and watched people run and you can't quite explain the experience it is until experiencing it yourself," he said. "But at the end of the day it was a great experience and it's an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I wish them both the best of luck."

FROM COVER

'Encourage their personal growth'

President-elect Muller hopes to increase recognition of GSA services

-cover for the acclamation depends on the students interested in working with the GSA.

Last year the GSA also did not have a campaign period.

Robert Bruce, current president, was also acclaimed as president.

Muller thinks hiring a president with the help of an elected board of directors could be the solution for the lack of competition in an elected position.

"There's definitely been some feedback that they could attract more candidates if there was a hiring process rather than an election process for the president, so that's definitely a conversation that could be worth having," he continued.

"I think the possibility of a hiring process could increase more candidates, which would be healthy for the organization."

Muller's plans for his new position include better communication between the GSA and undergraduate students.

He will be the first GSA president to work under the new structure and will only be required to work 25 hour weeks instead of 35.

This was one of the restructuring recommendations made by the Bruce and the current board of directors.

"I definitely want to continue to work to make it better known and to provide more outlets for students to become more aware of the things we provide."

He also wants to implement a strategic planning process from the board of directors that will make the plan shorter.

This involves going from five years to two to help with the effectiveness of the organization as a whole.

"Rather than a president like myself coming in each year with

"I definitely want to continue to work to make it better known and to provide more outlets for students..."

-Ian Muller, president-elect for GSA

a few big projects that I want to do, you have an engaged board of directors that is interested in strategically planning things over the course of a couple of years," Muller explained.

This way, the board will be able to make decisions according to the priorities of the GSA more easily and the president can execute their plans on a professional level, increasing the voice for students.

"Hopefully that would then increase the engagement and people will be more interested in becoming a part of the board of directors because there would be a definite connection in their own personal development in terms of participating on a board and having some strategic leadership."

Muller said his one simple goal would be for Laurier students to recognize what the GSA does and the services they provide on campus.

As an organization, Muller said the GSA's overall mission is to provide services and support for its student body.

"Our goal as an organization is to allow [graduate] students to succeed and to complete their degree in anyway that we can help them to do that and encourage their personal growth and academic growth," said Muller.

Muller's term will begin on May 1.



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BUSINESS

Fifty years of burgers and memories

Getting nostalgic with Sonny's

CONNOR WARD
LEAD REPORTER

This year marks the 50th anniversary for Sonny's Drive-In, a restaurant familiar to many in Waterloo. Sonny's was built in 1965 on Weber Street North, where it remains today in its original building.

Two brothers, Bob and George, bought Sonny's in 1970. The restaurant remained family-owned and operated until 2009 when current owner Paul Moussis took over the decades-old establishment. Bob still works at Sonny's, and according to Moussis, is a popular part of the restaurant.

"I recall when I first took over, the first couple Saturday nights that I worked people would be walking up to the door thinking maybe they were in the twilight zone because they never saw Bob. They would say, 'What happened here, am I at Sonny's?'" said Moussis. "He was always there."

Sonny's earned its popularity as a host for Waterloo's teenagers, especially being the only restaurant in an area that once had both a high school and a

"Today's day and age with all the franchises, it's pretty easy to forget about the little guys like us."

-Paul Moussis, owner of Sonny's Drive-In

roller skating rink.

"It was a pretty happening spot," said Moussis. "A lot of older customers who come in would always talk about how when they were next door at the roller skating place, they would come down to Sonny's."

University students from the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University have also frequently visited Sonny's throughout the years.

"I always hear that customers have been coming since they went to university," said Moussis. "I get guys who graduated in 1970 coming in here to see Bob and George."

Sonny's still attracts a large customer base from the Waterloo



WILL HUANG/PHOTO EDITOR

Sonny's has been in its location at the corner of Weber Street North and University Avenue West since 1965.

area, with one day in particular being a standout. Known for its fish and chips, Sonny's often garners a line that stretches down Weber St. on Good Friday.

"People come and they bump into the same people year in and year out, and to them it's a tradition," said Moussis. "No matter how long they wait, it's the experience of coming to Sonny's."

These days, Sonny's looks

much the same as it did in 1965, except for a few modern additions like a television and a debit machine, and the large sign that sits on top of the building. For Moussis, the authenticity of Sonny's is part of why he purchased the restaurant.

"I like the feel, that's what I loved about Sonny's when I bought it. I liked the mom and pop atmosphere," said Moussis.

As for the future of the restaurant, Moussis said his aim is to introduce a new generation to Sonny's and continue to remind Waterloo that the restaurant is still there.

"Today's day and age with all the franchises, it's pretty easy to forget about the little guys like us," said Moussis. "We want to let people come in and experience an old school burger place."

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ENVIRONMENT

Waterloo Region working towards sustainability

CONNOR WARD
LEAD REPORTER

Climate Action Waterloo Region, a collaboration between multiple local organizations focused on lowering greenhouse gas emissions in the Kitchener-Waterloo area, is continuing to progress with its climate action plan.

Climate Action WR is an initiative set on implementing a climate action plan with the combined efforts of REEP Green Solutions, Sustainable Waterloo Region, the Region of Waterloo and the cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo.

The initiative, which dates back to a thesis done at the University of Waterloo by several students, outlines goals and an implementation strategy to lower the region's greenhouse gas emissions. The plan targets a six per cent reduction from the 2010 greenhouse gas levels by the year 2020.

The most recent development for the initiative is the creation of a leadership committee and the unanimous endorsement of the climate action plan by a regional committee composed of municipal governments, community organizations and businesses.

"The task for the leadership committee is to oversee and aid the implementation of the climate action plan in Waterloo region," said Claire Bennett, a member of the leadership committee and manager of Wilfrid Laurier University's sustainability office. "The goal of that plan is to meet once every two months and then there's subcommittees for each sector that meets more on a monthly basis."



JOSHUA AWOLADE/GRAPHICS EDITOR

The future goals of the initiative's leadership committee also include advocacy for its plan through public events and a continued push to make community members aware of environmental issues.

"We actually have a journalist and a development officer for the tri-cities out of CIGI. The administration added those two roles because they're so connected with the community,"

"If people aren't aware of their portfolios, they may not support them as easily..."

-Claire Bennett, manager of Sustainability Office

said Bennett. "A big part of their portfolios will be how we can connect to existing events, or how to put on our own events to communicate where we are to the community."

Part of the continued implementation of the plan, and part of the leadership committee's advocacy, includes encouraging community members to take part in positive environmental change.

The initiative currently has many subcommittees and task forces open to local citizens who wish to join Climate Action WR or give expert opinions on how the region's environment can be bettered.

"If people aren't aware of issues, they may not support them as easily, so just being aware of the issues and how the plan can benefit them in their community, and then showing support within the functions of city council or whatever events Climate Action Waterloo holds," said Bennett.

K-W IN BRIEF

Hep C outbreak

Waterloo Region Public Health has identified the Tri-City Colonoscopy Clinic as the site where five people were infected with hepatitis C.

The patients were treated at the clinic on Dec. 24, 2013. 13 people in total were treated at the clinic that day.

Tests have been conducted on patients and staff who were treated at the clinic within two days of the incident. So far, none have tested positive for hepatitis C. The clinic has been cooperating with Public Health.

UW remains open during blizzard

While Wilfrid Laurier University, Conestoga College, high schools and elementary schools in Waterloo closed due to Monday's weather the University of Waterloo remained open.

The University received emails and comments from students who were upset about the decision.

However, UW defended its decision to stay open, believing the conditions were safe enough for staff, faculty and students to travel to campus.

STARTUP

Battling winter with nanotechnology

Neverfrost, a product designed by UW graduates, coats windshields to prevent frost from developing in winter

JULIA VASILYEVA
STAFF WRITER

A new product developed by two graduates from the University of Waterloo is hoping to make winter driving a little more bearable for Canadians.

Khanjan Desai and Chong Shen are the inventors of Neverfrost, a film that can be applied to car windows to prevent them from frosting over in the winter's cold temperatures.

The product also keeps cars cooler in the summer and can protect the windows from shattering.

Neverfrost started as an idea for a fourth-year design project course at UW and quickly grew into a startup business.

"Essentially one of the ideas was to create a coating that can prevent frost on people's windshields," Desai explained.

"It's a problem that we feel every winter and yet we don't have a solution to it today."

The pair used nanotechnology to develop the product, which functions similar to window tints.

The film lasts for five years once applied.

"It's a problem we feel every winter and yet we don't have a solution to it today."

-Khanjan Desai, co-founder of Neverfrost

When the technology was beginning to work well and the project started to become successful, Desai and a few friends ended up looking to form a company.

"It's a very steep learning curve — you learn the reality of the world very quickly," Desai said.

"I kind of think as a student I was very sheltered by the university and by the structure around me."

After several years, the company was able to grow and continues to grow owing to the various grants and competitions available in the Region of Waterloo, which aided with the finances in the early stages of Neverfrost's production.

"The first thing an engineer has to learn is how to build a company, not just the technology. And that's something I'm still trying to learn today," Desai explained.

"It's a very different thing to build a technology or to build a product or to build a company. They're all in succession," he added.

At the moment, the company has caught the attention of the trucking industry and is looking to expand to the public market as soon as possible.

"We're starting with automotive businesses and then we hope to scale as quickly as possible to consumer space as well," said Desai.

The pressure of being young entrepreneurs with an attractive new idea did not phase Desai and Shen. The engineers turned down a position at Facebook and postponed acquiring a masters degree, respectively, in order to fully commit to the blossoming project.

"What we want to do is become a nanotechnology company that continuously uses our expertise in nanotechnology to build really awesome products."

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Dear Professors,
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Sincerely,
Broke Students

Dear Life,
As a member of the Laurier student body I'd like to express my distress with the current plan to phase out academic diversity using the Integrated Planning and Resource Management (IPRM)

recommendations. I'm disappointed that this plan will coerce existing programs into watering down academic standards in order to stay afloat with tighter budgets. I can't believe that this new program is going to make teaching even more difficult for professors and lead to more reliance on grossly underpaid and overworked Contract Academic Staffing (CAS). It's depressing to think how my learning will shift towards online courses and larger class sizes, putting more barriers between me and my professors. I'm scared that CURRENT and future generations of Laurier students will graduate with a lower quality of education and end up less prepared for the workforce! Did the creators of IPRM even think about this?
Sincerely,
noiprm@gmail.com

Dear Bus People,
If it takes two old women and parka girl to yell you and your shopping bags into paying attention and moving out of priority seating, you might want to schedule an appointment with your optometrist.
Sincerely,
Crutch Girl (can it get more obvious than that?)

Dear Life,
I'm so glad I get to laugh at UW for staying open on a snow day.
Sincerely,
I love you, Laurier

Dear Life,
Has Spotted at Laurier killed "Dear Life"?
Sincerely,
I miss my weekly Dear Life fix

Dear Life,
After reading through The Cord's blog coverage of the WLUSU presidential candidate's debate, I just want to vote for Chandler again this year. Seriously, Laurier, get engaged with your school politics while you can make a difference!
Sincerely,
Make sure you vote!

Dear Life,
I'm sorry but I cannot accept a 3D Spongebob. I cannot and will not.
Sincerely,
Get back under the sea, man.

Dear Life,
Is it sad that I was shocked that someone held the door for me on campus today?
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I guess not everyone is a dick at this school



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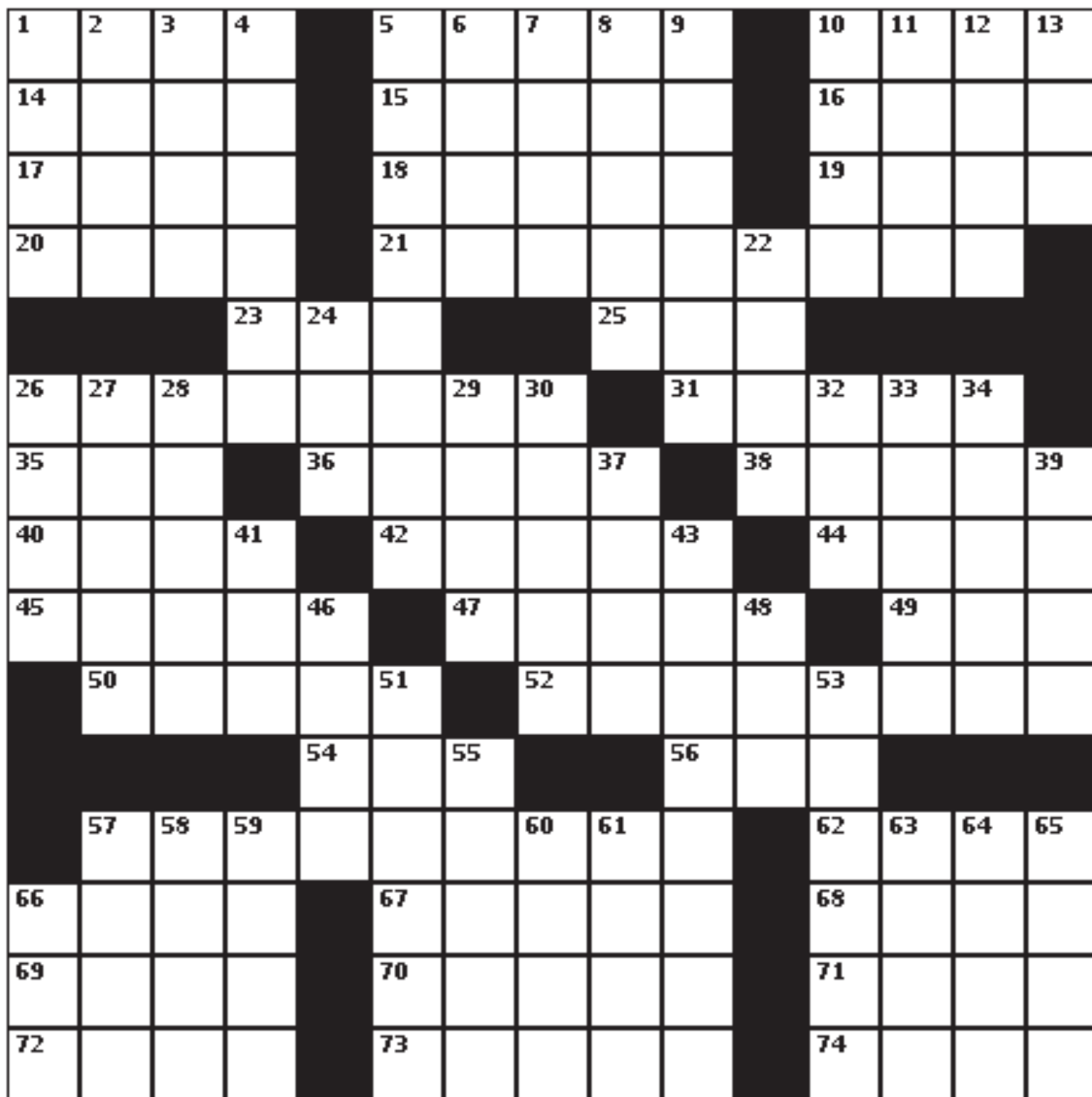
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Crossword



ACROSS

- 1- Puppeteer Tony
- 5- Devour
- 10- Gospel singer Winans
- 14- In ___ of
- 15- Acid type
- 16- Jazz singer Anita
- 17- ...___ saw Elba
- 18- Sonata movement
- 19- Look at amorously
- 20- Woven fabric
- 21- Pen name
- 23- Exclamation of relief
- 25- Lilly of pharmaceuticals
- 26- Last
- 31- Take pleasure in
- 35- A Kennedy
- 36- Villain's look
- 38- Gold standard
- 40- Archer of myth
- 42- Kett and James
- 44- Lazy, inactive
- 45- Fathers
- 47- Smooth transition
- 49- Dusk, to Donne
- 50- China's Zhou ___
- 52- Heliopsis-shaped design
- 54- Lady of Sp.
- 56- Air rifle ammo
- 57- Second highest in Tibetan Buddhism
- 62- About
- 66- Strike with foot
- 67- Bus station
- 68- Radar screen element
- 69- An apple ___...
- 70- Whiskey type
- 71- After the bell
- 72- Beatty and Rorem
- 73- Fable
- 74- Black, to Blake

DOWN

- 9- Breed of dog
- 10- Masked critter
- 11- Nervously irritable
- 12- Still
- 13- Storm center
- 22- Hog sound
- 24- Early hrs.
- 26- Numbered rds.
- 27- Strange and mysterious
- 28- Decorate
- 29- Tennis units
- 30- French beans?
- 32- ___ alai
- 33- Command
- 34- Some locks
- 37- Prego competitor
- 39- Portable shelter
- 41- Poivre's partner
- 43- Bask
- 46- Scarf
- 48- Outward flow
- 51- Containing a platinum-like element
- 53- In working order
- 55- Olds model
- 57- Periodic movement of the sea
- 58- Mil. school
- 59- The ___ the limit!
- 60- Neat as ___
- 61- Lion's share
- 63- Thick slice
- 64- Bandleader Puente
- 65- Dentist's request
- 66- Neb. neighbor

JANUARY 28 SOLUTION



DOWN

- 1- Killed
- 2- Leeds's river
- 3- Ridge of rock
- 4- Stringed musical instrument
- 5- Headset
- 6- Old Testament book
- 7- Fork feature
- 8- Unwarranted

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A TIMELINE OF PRE

Features Editor **Alanna Fairey** chronicled the journeys and experiences of five former Students' Union presidents

While election season has students looking forward to 2015-2016, it is also a time to look back.

The purpose of election season is to choose a new leader to represent the Wilfrid Laurier University student body. However, it is not meant to disregard the work and dedication that came from the presidents before. Rather, it is a time to celebrate how far the presidents have come and learned from one another.

Going back five years, it is evident that the former Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union presidents have changed and have used their experiences in the real world after completing their presidential terms.



KYLE WALKER

Why he chose to run: "When I came to Laurier I really had no intention of getting involved at all. I had a couple of doors open up for [Residence Life], where I was a don for a couple of years and that was the next step where I wanted to do something a little bigger and see student life outside of residence and it just felt like the next step so I decided to throw my name into the hat and see what happens."

Details of his platform: "I tried to focus my platform on a lot of actionables where students would see results right away. I focused on wireless being on campus, extending the library hours — I really wanted to put together a platform of ideas that I was getting from students directly that I thought were very actionable and very short-term achievable."

Most memorable presidential moment: "One of my most fond memories of being president came a couple years later and it was when I came to see the Athletic Centre expansion because that was a project that had come up and I partnered with the university while I was president. It wasn't necessarily when I was president but it was pretty special to come back a few years later and see that facility and know that you had an impact on that project."

Where he is now: Account executive at Proctor & Gamble in Toronto.

Politics beyond Laurier?: "Immediately, no. Everyone always thinks I'm going to and keeps asking me when, but I have no immediate plans."

Lessons learned: "No matter how much you plan, no matter all the goals you hope to complete before the end of the term, other things come up — life throws curveballs. So it's really the biggest thing I've taken away from that. No matter how strong of a plan you have, expect the unexpected."

2010 – 2011



NICK GIBSON

Why he chose to run: "Over the course of my undergrad it was just one of those things where my experience had two areas...with one being in a policy realm with my political science degree and my advocacy work. I also had a fair amount of experience in campus clubs and Orientation Week. It gave me a broad sense of the organization and the school and a good sense of what I wanted to get done. I'm not someone who typically stands around and waits for someone else to get it done and I said that if I need to stand up, then I will."

Details of his platform: "Mostly it focused a lot on food services, which is one that comes up from year-to-year. I also looked at pieces on safety, with respect to Foot Patrol, and I also looked at budgeting."

Most memorable presidential moment: "During the course of my year, the biggest thing was doing multi-campus changes. We had a lot of vigorous debate, let's say, during the course of that time. From the end of January to March, we constantly had a lot of sometimes heated and passionate debates from the Brantford campus and the Waterloo campus. There were people engaging a lot with both good feedback and sometimes some challenging things. I just remember a lot of the engagement of the students and the passion that comes through their involvement and show that they care."

Where he is now: Analyst at Nielsen.

Politics beyond Laurier?: "It depends on what day you ask me. One day you'll ask me and I'll feel very inspired and energized and wanting to make the changes and I'll want to do it. And then the next day you'll ask me and I'll be very cynical and not particularly confident in the institutions of government for any level ... It obviously depends on life's circumstances. I don't think I could ever rule it out."

Lessons learned: "It gave me an opportunity to change my way of thinking in the sense that it challenged me to become a more strategic thinker, looking at things in a higher level and see how these things affect our business strategies. I've been able to take that into my current job. There's the intangible learning strategy, and then the other piece is the people, the networking and the lasting friendships you get from that."

2011 – 2012



MICK ONAN

Why he chose to run: "When I got involved at Laurier I started to realize that it wasn't just affecting students, so that's the angle that I wanted to address mental health on campus. I thought about being prime minister with politics and I thought that it was something I could actually do."

Details of his platform: "I wanted to bring that awareness and bring that discussion to the table. I wanted to improve the safety of the campus. I understood how the safety police were operating. I wanted to be aware of the financial side where the money was going."

Most memorable presidential moment: "During the opening ceremonies during the summer, I had a tough summer preparing for the students arriving, my opening ceremony welcoming the students, that was my element and I felt like it was a year and I was committed to it. It wasn't that I was afraid. I had a lot of fear."

Where he is now: Staff accountant at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Politics beyond Laurier?: "I don't want to change the world and I have no intention of getting involved. One day you'll ask me and I'll be very cynical and not particularly confident in the institutions of government for any level ... It obviously depends on life's circumstances. I don't think I could ever rule it out."

Lessons Learned: "Now that I'm in the real world where you don't have as many people behind you, I was president, having my friends and my vice presidents behind me because it's like starting at the beginning. Part about it is I have those experiences that it's like having those people behind you. When I talk to them, I understand the pressures that it's harder to try and support the

2012 –

PRESIDENTS



MICHAEL BOLU

When I started to get more involved, I started to see myself as president, but I didn't know it was going to happen. And then I realized the issues, I felt like my dream was not realistic anymore. But then I met the students who were also experiencing mental health and then I started affecting me, but affecting lots of people that I took because I wanted to help the campus. I also always wanted to minister and getting involved in that if I did well, I could see if I could really do and do well."

I wanted to raise mental health issues to the forefront. I wanted to help the campus, so people who were struggling worked on campus. I wanted to be aware of the issues and be aware of the needs of the campus."

Key moment: "I would say my key moment was during Orientation Week, because I was running for the job, but once the ceremony speech and I realized that was when I really felt in my heart that I was going to be a really great president and doing the best that I possibly could. I wasn't committed before, but I was committed at that moment."

Where he is now: I have always wanted to work in the business world, I always wanted to do that but I didn't want to be prime minister. I really want to happen or not, that is yet to see if I can get involved with some of the issues."

Politics beyond Laurier?: "I'm out in the 'real world' and I have a lot of support as you did when you were in the full-time staff behind me. I think it's been a transition from the top to the bottom again. But the nice thing about the experiences so I understand the people above me in the work world. I feel like I can relate and that they are under so I work hard for them."

2012 – 2013



ANNIE CONSTANTINESCU

Why she chose to run: "I had so many positive experiences at the school. I was involved with Res Life, I was a coach for RAC and I was exposed to so many different areas of the school and I was very passionate about Laurier. It was a school that gave me so much so I wanted to look for a way to give back to it and I just thought that there were a lot of areas that could be improved with the union and around campus and I wanted to find a way to funnel my passions and experience and create a platform that students could relate to."

Details of her platform: "I had three pillars: it was communication, campus experience and campus partners. There were so many wonderful things going on at Laurier, but sometimes you find a lot of redundancies that take away from the effectiveness, so I wanted to make sure that the Union had a strong partnership with the different campus partners so that we could provide the best experience for students. In terms of campus experiences, I felt that all universities should be able to provide for their students. Lastly, communication was my strongest point of my platform. I tried to think about what would happen if I wasn't engaging with students and if I wasn't communicating with them and that was the biggest thing I wanted to implement."

Most memorable presidential moment: "It would have to be during Orientation Week, because I was so involved with Res Life and it has always been very symbolic for me. It's when students first come to campus, they're excited but they're scared, they're eager but they're shy and there is just so many emotions going around. So being able to stand up there and tell them my story and express how much I loved Laurier is an opportunity I might not have again. It was special and very personal."

Where she is now: Working at the marketing agency Hooplah in Toronto.

Politics beyond Laurier?: "My world has been exposed to so many fascinating and moving things with politics and even after I finished being president, I was on Dave Jaworsky's campaign team. I was heavily involved in his team and was focused on the monitoring in the social media and web developing for the website. Now I'm actually hoping to volunteer with the Liberal Party. I think one day if I have the right connections, I can run for either an MP or MPP position, or even just a councillor position. I've got the political bone in me — I don't think I can easily let it go."

Lessons learned: "I think I learned about myself, but I developed many work skills that I will be able to take away with me anywhere I go."

2013 – 2014



SAM LAMBERT

Why he chose to run: "What inspired me was the opportunity. It's an amazing opportunity for personal growth and to learn about yourself and to really make an impact and leave a lasting impression on a place that you love so much. So I think for it was loving this school and wanting to give back to Laurier and on the other hand, there were all of these opportunities for me as a person and that inspired me to want to run."

Details of his platform: "A lot of what I talked about were things that were really close to me. For example, one is study space and we have been doing a lot looking at the renovation of the Turret. Hiring was a big one because I was heavily involved with Orientation Week so the carousel interviews are coming and we are getting rid of the lottery system. So I think those are the big things that you see, but it's funny looking back on a platform and realizing, 'I really didn't know what I was talking about,' but I don't think it's possible to know at the time."

Most memorable presidential moment: "The most memorable for me was giving a speech in front of all of those people at Orientation Week. It's a pretty unbelievable opportunity and I will never forget it."

Where he is now: Finishing up his term then travelling Europe, then returning to work sales at Proctor & Gamble in Toronto.

Politics beyond Laurier?: "Maybe. To be honest, the political side of this role is not my favourite part of this role. What I do like is advocating on behalf of students and getting work done. I didn't like campaigning; I like the business side of things. So politics isn't for me, but you never know."

Lessons learned: "We're lucky in our structure at the Union in that it's so corporate. You have a lot of management responsibility and reporting responsibility to the board, you have a lot of big decisions on your plate. Having to be forced to make those decisions and be that guiding voice for everyone who looks up to you as a manager has prepared me above and beyond anything else for real life."

2014 – 2015

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FOOD

The perfect place for bacon and eggs

Waterloo has a plethora of fantastic restaurants that offer enticing and affordable breakfasts



SCOTT GLAYSHER
STAFF WRITER

Whoever invented the phrase, “Breakfast is the most important meal of the day” was right. Despite what people may think of dinner or lunch, breakfast is easily the focal point of anyone’s morning and the perfect start to the day. But as we all know very well, each of our mornings can start off very uniquely. Some mornings might start at 7 a.m. while others may start at noon. Some mornings might start groggy and others totally refreshed. No matter what morning you wake up to, Waterloo has enough breakfast spots to satisfy your every breakfast need.

If you have woken up with a stomach filled with rye and gin-gers after a long night out, Mel’s Diner on University Avenue is the perfect place for you to break bread. Their all-day breakfast works seamlessly with most hangover timelines; whether you get there at 10 a.m. or 3 p.m., the greasy goodness will remain the same. They have very generous portions and don’t skip out on the side of homefries. You will want a hearty breakfast to get you through your sunglasses-and-Advil morning.

At first glance, their menu might be intimidating but defaulting to a Belgian waffle with whip cream or a Big Mel Meal is



Mel’s Diner (above) and Wilf’s (below) are excellent breakfast options, both in terms of food and reasonable prices.

never a bad choice.

Ever gotten that early morning call from your mom or dad saying they will be arriving at your apartment in 15 minutes and want to go for breakfast? You’re the lucky one if the answer was no. If you have, then you know Benny’s is the perfect spot to take them for a little morning outing. The newly renovated space

is surprisingly sophisticated, proving to your parents that you haven’t been eating exclusively at McDonald’s and Harvey’s. They have some classic breakfast items that are reasonably priced. Their egg, meat and toast combos can hit the spot and keep the parents happy too.

Believe it or not, Wilf’s is your best bet for the cheapest

breakfast around. On Sundays only, the legendary Hungry Hawk is \$4.50. That’s three eggs, bacon, sausage, toast and tons of home fries. Out of anywhere in Waterloo, that is easily the most amount of food for the least amount of money. The beauty of Wilf’s is that it’s right on campus and their drink specials on Sundays never disappoint. Breakfast

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No matter what morning you wake up to, Waterloo has enough breakfast spots to satisfy your every breakfast need.

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may end at 2 p.m., but why not enjoy some cheap caesars afterwards and make a day of it?

Breakfast dates do happen and when they do you need to be prepared. Having Symposium in your back pocket is key. The modern classy establishment in the heart of uptown is perfect for a first date or two-year anniversary.

They have tons of share platters and the best eggs benedict around.

Their morning cocktails are also decently-priced so feel free to dive into a little mimosa with your date. Not only is the menu perfect for a date but also the seating is comfortable and very intimate.

If you’re looking to eat a little healthier in the morning and want to start your day off on the right foot, then think Cora’s, which has a great selection of fruit-based breakfast entrees that will satisfy your appetite without putting you in a food coma. Cora’s is also a crêpe and omelette haven. Any omelette concoction you could think of is probably on the menu.

COMEDY

Laugh with food

KRISTEN LAMBIE
STAFF WRITER

If you’re a foodie with a love for stand up comedy, the Brothers DePaul’s new podcast *Back of the House* may peak your interest. The hour-long podcast about food and comedy delves into recipes of delicious meals and takes you straight into the minds of today’s up-and-coming comics.

Wilfrid Laurier University alumnus Chris DePaul and his brother Miles began the podcast as a venture to blend their love for comedy with their love for food.

“We love podcasts,” said Chris DePaul. “We thought, ‘Let’s try doing one ourselves.’ Why not give it a try and let’s try to have a conversation with comics that are rooted in our love and appreciation for food.”

To make things more interesting the meals are chosen and prepared by host Mike Christie.

“What we began doing was reaching out to comics and asking them to come over to our house, where Mike will prepare a meal for them that is in some way significant to their life,” said Miles DePaul.

“Mike would reveal what the significance of the meal was and that would act as a launching off point to interesting conversation.”

Certainly, *Back of the House* presents a unique perspective on food by connecting it to the comedian. But the choice to have an audio-based cooking show is a unique twist to a podcast because you don’t get the chance to see what is being prepared.

“The conversation that happens over food is often the most riveting,” said DePaul.

It complements the title of the podcast, as it feels like a tap into two friends having a meal and free-flowing conversation.

“Right now we go to comedy shows across Toronto and Kitchener and the experience is pretty well the same. So maybe you’ll grab a drink maybe you’ll get some fries, and that’s awesome.”

At first the thought of incorporating a cooking show with a comedy talk show seems a bit unorthodox, but that’s what makes the podcast especially engaging.

It is not a show with stand-up acts, but rather a chance to get to know comedians on a more personal level.

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MUSIC



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Embracing the cold with music

For most students their walk to school involves throwing on some headphones and listening to their favorite albums. With the cold weather in the winter months, the right album can make any walk manageable. Here are some of the albums we listen to when walking to campus:



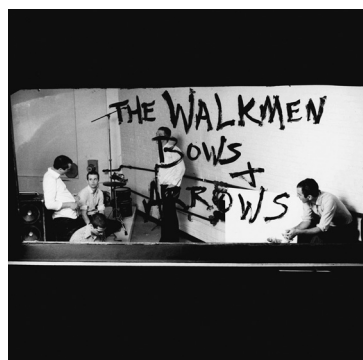
Interpol – *Turn on the Bright Light*

Quickly dismissed as a Joy Division rip-off when it came out in 2002, Interpol's debut album *Turn on the Bright Lights* rises above such a comparison and stands firmly as its own body of work. The 11 songs on this album produce something shrouded in pain, emotionally penetrating and yet beautifully serenading.

There is a very romantic quality to the songs from start to finish. Tracks like "Untitled" and "NYC" bring the listener into the aura of a walk along Steinway Street on a cold, wintery night. That feeling of being in a metropolis comes as much from the environment they were written in to the songwriting abilities of Daniel Kessler, Paul Banks, Carlos Dengler and Samuel Fogarino.

The musicianship also added to melancholic atmosphere; the layered guitars, propping bass lines and ornate drumming all seems to come together and create this sorrowful yet beautiful sonic affair.

–Bryan Stephens



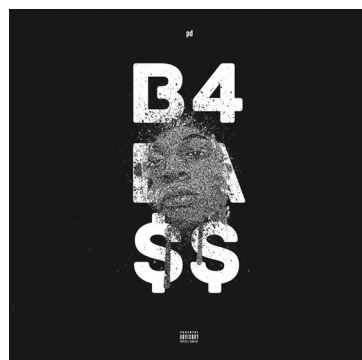
The Walkmen – *Bows + Arrows*

The Walkmen's sophomore release *Bows + Arrows* is the sound of winter. It perfectly captures what it feels like to be a broke twenty-something, reeling from heartbreak and bursting with angst. The album opens with the appropriate "What's In It For Me," a song that recalls drunken walks home and bouts of uncertainty. The band is at their most immediate with "The Rat," arguably one of the most intense and gratifying songs in indie-rock history. It opens with a wall of sound, built from layered guitars and organs, followed by what can only be described as the most air-drum worthy beat of all time.

The intensity and angst is sustained for the next few songs, until "Hang on Siobhan." A swooning ballad of heartbreak with a delicate piano that feels fit for a lonely drive home through a blizzard.

As the album nears its end, the band appears to grow out of resentment and accept their failed relationships. The very last line, "Some day girl we'll get along" gives end to a winter of melancholy.

–Zach Guitar



Joey Bada\$\$ – *B4DA\$\$*

Brooklyn MC Joey Bada\$\$ made quite the impact with his 2012 mixtape release *1999*. He even got crowned "New York hip-hop saviour" shortly thereafter.

Since then he has kept it pretty low-key until this past week he dropped his first studio album *B4DA\$\$*.

The album is filled with grimy boom bap tracks that make you feel like you are in the mean streets of New York City. The production is reminiscent of that golden era 90s hip-hop that made the genre so popular.

After listening to the LP over and over again, it is clear to see that 20-year-old Joey is an old soul. The rhymes fit seamlessly with the turntable beats, making a perfect winter soundtrack.

–Scott Glaysher



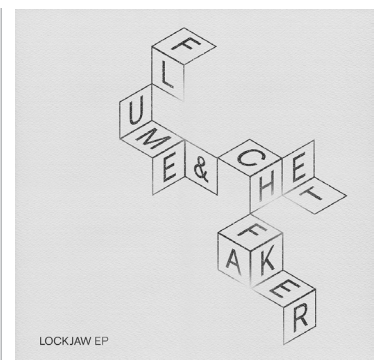
Royal Blood – *Royal Blood*

By their sound, you wouldn't guess Royal Blood has only two members. Like The Black Keys or White Stripes, Royal Blood has produced a sound that seems to exceed their capability on their debut, self-titled album.

From the very first track, Royal Blood presents them as authoritative and direct. This album has a level of instrumental heaviness that rock music seems to lack these days, but still maintains that popular, smoky bitterness that can be found in other popular alternative bands like the Arctic Monkeys.

Royal Blood's album is energetic and instantly gets your adrenaline pumping. This is why it's the perfect album for second semester. Royal Blood will drag you out of bed on those dark winter mornings and motivate you to kick it into high gear and get going.

–Bethany Bowles



Flume & Chet Faker – *Lockjaw*

Despite consisting of a mere three songs in its entirety, this collaboration between the two Australian standouts is a precursor for all the hype they have received over the past couple of years. The EP is as much eerie as it is unique, with each song differing from the next.

Each song plays like a different state of mind, beginning with the hypnotic "Drop the Game," which then transitions into the mellow beat of "What About Us" and finally culminating with the thought-provoking and moody track "This Song Is Not About A Girl." Ultimately, this EP is essential for any music lover's winter playlist with its ability to coincide with the dark days of winter in which you're bogged down by readings, midterms and fast approaching deadlines.

However with the help of intricately constructed tunes on behalf of Flume and Chet Faker, there is hope on the horizon if you are willing to let yourself be whisked away by their downtempo vocals and production.

–Andrew Savory

CULTURE

Monopolizing on nostalgia

Hollywood is looking into the past in order to capitalize on reused ideas



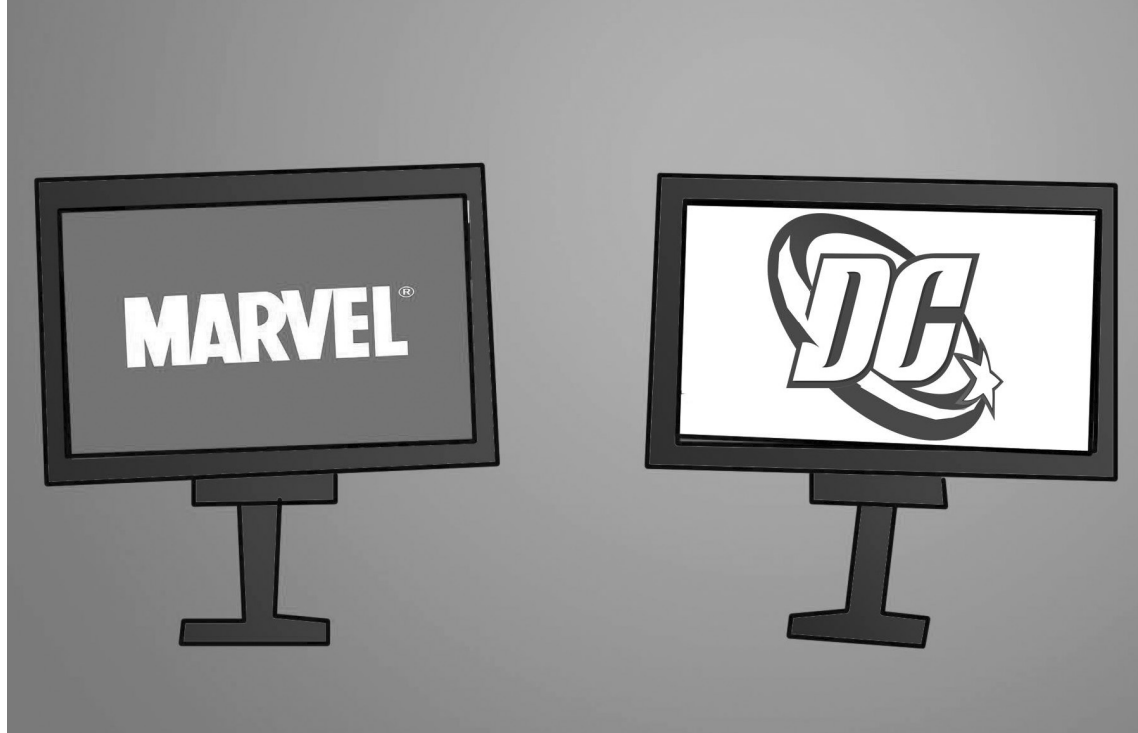
ANDREW SAVORY
STAFF WRITER

In Hollywood, originality is hard to come by and it has been growing increasingly scarce due to the steady arrival of reboots and spinoffs. In particular, the integral commonality these two practices possess is an ability to monopolize on the nostalgia of past cinematic and televised success.

The idea behind this strategy is to harness the adoration and love that audiences had for past storylines and characters, reintroducing it years later to entice returned viewing from past fans while also inviting new audiences to watch.

This widely practiced business model is rampant in the world of film and television and it can be seen to be operating with varying degrees of success and failure. For instance, many forget the immensely popular comedic sitcom *Frasier*, which ran for 11 seasons and won three Golden Globes, is in fact a spinoff of the equally successful sitcom *Cheers*. Upcoming series *Better Call Saul* is a spinoff of one of the most popular shows ever, *Breaking Bad*.

However not all spinoffs are successful, with notable duds including *Joey*, which was derived from *Friends* and lasted all of three dismal seasons. Unfortunately the degree to which Hollywood measures success is financial gain, not critical acclaim. Due to the fact that Marc Webb's reboot of Sam Raimi's *Spider-Man* earned nearly \$1.5



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billion worldwide, we can expect another dull *The Amazing Spider-Man* movie in the near future.

Consequently, the more audiences invest their time and money in supporting spinoffs and reboots with ticket sales, the more they will simultaneously be reaffirming Hollywood's intent to redeliver storylines that have already been exhausted or should remain untouched to preserve their originality.

With regards to cinema, the forecast for reboots and spinoffs has never been greater, with announced spinoffs of hugely popular franchises such as *Jurassic World*, *Terminator*, *Mad Max: Fury Road* and *Star Wars*. In addition, popular film series can even spark TV adaptations, which is apparent with Marvel's *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.* and *Agent Carter* as well as DC's *Gotham*.

This cross-convergent sharing of ideas functions in reverse as well, with well-liked TV shoes earning their own film adaptations just as *Entourage* has.

Ultimately, this cross-convergent sharing of ideas illustrates Hollywood's lucrative mindset that seeks to capitalize on audiences longing to return to familiar states of nostalgic pleasure.

These reboots, spinoffs and adaptations are pre-sold in the eyes of Hollywood producers and fund themselves based upon the reliable assumption that all who enjoyed the original will invest in its newer form. Essentially, the broader the narrative scope of the universe that is created, the more a film series is worth an investment from producers, who envision potential spinoffs and reboots with each film franchise they finance.

A prime example of this prevalent industry technique of monetizing narrative universes through reboots and spinoffs exist with Marvel and DC comics, which are scheduled to jointly be releasing a total of twenty-three feature films by the end of 2018.

If it weren't already evident, the age of adaptation is upon us and as a result originality in an industry dominated by replication and the rehashing of ideas is diminishing.

Instead of reinventing that which has already been established, Hollywood should be lending its financial commitments not to a surplus of reboots and spinoffs for the purposes of maximizing profits, but rather to unique scripts that explore new ideas and promote refreshing narrative worlds that have yet to be explored.

Arts bites

The latest news in entertainment

Harper Lee's second book will see light after all

Nearly 50 years after *To Kill a Mockingbird* was published, HarperCollins has announced that its sequel will be seeing the light of day.

Go Set a Watchman was written in the mid-1950s and is set 20 years after the events of Lee's classic. The novel will follow an adult Scout Finch as she travels from New York to Maycomb, Alabama to visit her father Atticus.

Lee, now 88, told the press that she submitted the manuscript for her second book in 1957. The publisher said that the manuscript was lost and only found last fall. Lee said she was "humbled and amazed that this will now be published after all these years."

Robin William's children 'heartbroken' over contested will

Susan Schneider, the widow of late comedian Robin Williams, has filed papers to contest Williams' will.

Schneider will be going against Williams' children Zack, Zelda and Cody over the possessions of his estate, including jewellery and memorabilia from throughout his career.

The children are accusing Schneider of going against their father's wishes. The case will go to court on March 30.

OSCARS

Short films 'likeminded'

Existential themes were commonplace in nominations



VICTORIA BERNDT
STAFF WRITER

The animated short is one of the categories of film that holds the unique privilege of being simultaneously complicated and simple. It is one of the few areas where filmmakers can experiment with style and message and use the short running time for a bit of a shock value.

This year's selections of Oscar-nominated short films, which are screening at the Princess Cinema from Jan. 30 to Feb. 5 were no exception. The nine short films, all ranging between five to 20 minutes, all seemed to focus on similar themes of life, death and depression.

These extremely relatable and overused themes ran rampant in each short film. While the topics themselves are certainly not new, the subtle changes in how life and death were approached created refreshingly existential

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awareness, letting the audience laugh at the absurdity of it all.

One technique that was not universally used but which was effective for the material shown in each short was switching up the point of view of the film. By using an indirect point of view, the short films could show deep or mature situations through restricted lenses such as the eyes of a child, like in *Me and My Moulton*, or the eyes of a dog in *Feast*.

This year's selection of animated shorts really pushed on the montage technique, fitting lifespans into small spaces where topics such as death and depression shouldn't really fit but

where they always end up being portrayed anyway. Each short provided mini-lessons about humanity's life and death experiences and while some were depressing, others were absurd and even more were reflective of the phenomena we are all too familiar with. *A Single Life* and *The Bigger Picture* were the most notable in this regard.

Ironically, the longer selections focused on development of the individual in a particular moment in time as opposed to the montage technique. One such short film where this could be clearly seen was *The Dam Keeper*, which was a total of 18 minutes and focused entirely on the main character's mental struggle.

Surprisingly, there wasn't a lot of diversity in the countries nominated for the category. Almost all of them were American, with a few from Canada or from Western European countries. Settings were also heavily influenced on these countries. Whether or not this indicates the similar themes and styles, it can safely be said that the world was very likeminded this year.

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Presidential endorsement: Olivia Matthews

When The Cord began their discussions of this year's presidential candidates, the answer was simple for who we wanted to endorse. While both candidates lack in places that are crucial to the fluid operation of the Students' Union, we felt Olivia Matthews could best achieve what the organization currently needs.

While Matthews lacks in-depth Union experience, she has done a lot of research into what the position encompasses and addressed many facets of university life that are important to students throughout the campaign. It was evident she spoke to many people while planning her platform and campaign and this was evident with her answers in the debate. She has clearly been planning her campaign for months and did not take the decision to run for president lightly. By taking so many other thoughts and opinions into consideration, Matthews has shown she is determined to make change but knows she has a lot to learn

to do so. During the debate and open forum she didn't shy away when she was criticized for her platform, but rather backed it up with facts and a strong approach, demonstrating her extensive research.

Matthews is also incredibly approachable, talking to students from both Brantford and Waterloo as to what the most pressing issues are for the university. By having a campaign team in Brantford, she proved she has a multi-campus vision.

Her marketing strategy throughout the campaign kept her visible on both campuses and she seems willing to have students' voices heard in what the Union provides. Rather than speaking of the two separate campuses, she does a good job of looking at the student body as a whole.

Overall she comes off as a genuine person who cares deeply for the student experience in all its facets.

Matthews takes a realistic

approach to the position and understands what the Union currently needs. She was the only candidate to thoughtfully critique the current Students' Union president Sam Lambert's performance in the role, recognizing his lack of transparency and visibility.

However, Matthews will still have a lot to learn going into the position.

Her lack of internal Students' Union experience will make her transition tough and she will have to overcome a large learning curve, as is often the case for incoming presidents. She should be wary that while being transparent and a voice for students is important, she should try to add something more to the role and ensure her term involves more than meeting the bare minimum. She will need to take the time before her term begins on May 1 to understand the day-to-day operations that require more extensive knowledge in order to be a good president.

Frank Cirinna is by far the most knowledgeable about the Union and their operations.

His experience in the past four years would help him with day-to-day operations and he has a very clear idea of what he wants to accomplish, but there is concern with his approachability and integrity. His vision for what he would want to accomplish could hinder his ability to hear out other students.

Although Dave Patterson has withdrawn from the race, it should be recognized that he set out a good campaign.

He made himself visible on campus and approachable to students and should be commended for his efforts in continuing to advocate for his beliefs while dealing with the effects of his concussion. Patterson had a clear passion for hearing the concerns of students.

Matthews' strengths of advocacy, resources and knowledge would best help her in the position of being a solid president.

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U.S.-CUBA relations: prosperity or demise?



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News of a symbolic rapprochement between U.S. and Cuba could be good news for Cubans, but it could also be detrimental or be of very little effect. Regardless, Cuba needs a miracle.



TARIQUE PLUMMER
OPINION COLUMNIST

After over five decades of hostile relations between the United States and Cuba, the Cubans are sounding trumpets, and it appears hope is on the horizon.

The skeptics, though, would disagree about the extent of this rapprochement. It has been 54 years since the U.S. imposed the trade embargo on the Hispanic Caribbean Island, but U.S. President Barack Obama not too long ago declared a symbolic end to it.

He stated that this approach is an “outdated” one that “for decades has failed to advance [American] interests.”

Whether it serves as a beneficial or utterly devastating play, the move represents a turning point in the politics between two nations separated by only 90 miles of water.

Revisiting the corridors of the past will reveal that as far back as the 18th century, before the time of Fidel Castro, Cuba has been subject to America’s most intrusive foreign policies.

Upon ascending to power in 1959, Castro quickly made an

alliance with the Soviet Union, which “made Cuba a geopolitical flash point in a global struggle of ideology and power.”

President Dwight D. Eisenhower imposed the first embargo in 1960 and a year later, all diplomatic relations were severed. Funnily enough, the current U.S. president was born seven months later. President Kennedy launched the Bay of Pigs operations, which saw a 13-day showdown over Soviet Union missiles installed in Cuba. The efforts of the U.S. were to no avail as Castro and his nation expertly warded Uncle Sam off. Cuba was subsequently dubbed ground zero of the cold war.

U.S. presidents came and went, and the Soviet Union buckled while America harboured false hope of the demise of Castro.

Cuban continuity was emphasized, however, when Castro

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handed the mantle over to his brother, Raul.

Like North Korea, Cuba was only one of the few communist countries left as the U.S. established relations with China and Vietnam. Moves to normalize diplomatic relations between the nations were somewhat untenable as both countries held captive nationals of the other.

Obama made it a must to give attention to Cuba in his second term and as such authorized clandestine negotiations, which started in June 2013.

A total of nine meetings have transpired since with most of them taking place in Canada. Interestingly, Pope Francis also became a part of the process as he facilitated a meeting in the Vatican between the leaders.

In December 2014, indications appeared positive as Cuba released an American contractor who was imprisoned for several years and America in response released three Cuban spies who were held prisoners since 1998. Both the Cubans and Americans were joyous with even more releases pending.

Although the embargo will technically remain in place, America is expected to ease the pressure on banking, immigration and remittances while Cuba is expected to ease restrictions on Internet Access and

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release more than 50 Cubans identified as political prisoners of the U.S.

Obama has called for an “honest and serious debate about lifting” the embargo while the Republicans have already declared their opposition to such a move on the grounds that the Castro brothers will never unclench their hold on Cuba just because a hand of kindness has been extended. A debate will inevitably take place in Congress once this topic arises.

Obama’s reason is simple and reasonable: he was noted saying in his nationwide address that after doing something the same way for over 50 years, expecting a different result is unwise and a more up to date approach is required.

On another note, one has to wonder what the game of the U.S. really is. Despite being ranked

an impressive fifth in the Human Development Report’s Poverty Index on Latin Caribbean states, Cuba’s policies have stifled dynamic economic expansion as competition is shut out.

In other words, their economic situation is arguably below that of other developing countries. The issue of contention solely stems from Cuba benefitting a great deal from this new relationship or plummeting even further.

The Hispanic Island is expected to accrue the following benefits: the establishment of a U.S. Embassy in Havana, an increase in travel, commerce and flow of information to the Cuban people.

Nevertheless, here is the million-dollar question: how does America expect the nation to succumb to such a massive task? To switch from being a communist state — which for years has grown to be the identity of Cuba — into being a democratic state appears to be wishful thinking on the part the American government.

The U.S. is hoping that increased economic activity breeds increased prosperity, freedom of speech and a greater flow of information through the Internet and television. Over time, these developments will transition Cuba towards much greater democratic reform.



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The importance of showing love to family

Sometimes, we get so caught up in our lives that we forget to show love to those that have always been there



DONNIQUE WILLIAMS
OPINION COLUMNIST

I have to admit, I can be hard to love.

I'm passive aggressive, snarky in the mornings and I avoid confrontations. Basically, I suck at being around my family.

Family are the friends you didn't choose. They share your blood and love you with primal fierceness.

But somehow, I've noticed that I'm not the only one who ends up treating them less than they ought to be treated.

When I was a surly teen, not too long ago actually, I remember my mom continually chiding me for treating my friends better than my immediate family.

She would complain, as I internally rolled my eyes, about the times I've avoided family to go out with them or have stilted their feelings in selfish ignorance.

Obviously I didn't believe her, but nowadays those words echo a truth I didn't see before.

We love our families, care about them and appreciate them beyond words — right?

I know more than once that I have screened a call, e-mail or simply forgot to let them know I'm alive and not in a ditch somewhere.

However there is never a platonic text, snap or email I don't respond to instantly.

If love is, as my mom often quotes, about how you act, not about what you say, my actions speak something very problematic.

I don't act like I truly appreciate my family — at least not in the meaningful, purposeful and intentional ways.

It's hurtful to admit, but if I can examine my habits of loving they do not match up to the ideal of love I have often thought I express.

What is it about the people closest to us that we think they deserve less than all of our respect, attention and ultimately our love?

Perhaps after years of being coddled, sheltered and suffocated with love, we have taken for granted the sacrifices our family, especially our parents, have made for us.

Perhaps love has become so banal that we have forgotten it is intrinsically special for the sole reason that this parental affection is unconditional.

Some of us know that regardless of what we do, our parents will never cease to love us.

And it is the knowledge of this fact that invokes a sense that we can neglect acts of love toward them, knowing their love will flow regardless.

This is the wrong way to love. We must never let love, especially the love for our own blood and those who raised us, to run cold.

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Familial love is the most underrated yet absolutely essential affection.

The right way to love is not just to know it and feel it, but also to act with intentional affections and purposeful action that express the fierce love we have for our kin. This is the only way to show them how appreciative we truly are.

Interestingly, my parents never knew that I've had the same New Year's resolution for a while, to be a better daughter.

Needless to say, as I write this I feel as though I have failed this resolution more profoundly than any I could have made.

I pen this knowing in the process I have received a sort of atonement for my habitual neglect of the love of my family.

Yet, these words alone will not suffice.

This won't stop me from striving to live up to their love for me with a fierce expression of my own. I will love with intention, with purpose, with how I act and not just what I say.



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Mitt Romney: sane Republican



SPENCER GIBARA
OPINION COLUMNIST

Democracy in the United States is in disarray. While both parties are in strikingly scary agreement on some of the worst aspects of U.S. foreign and domestic policy, while being drastically opposed to each other on numerous other issues that could potentially bring about meaningful change, there isn't a lot to be optimistic about in the future.

American citizens are stuck choosing between two parties, moderate Republicans (also known as Democrats) and the new radical incarnation of the Republican brand that's become so far right wing they make Ayn Rand look like Michael Foucault. So as the 2016 elections inch closer and closer, everyone is wondering who will challenge Hilary Clinton.

Out of the pool of Republican hopefuls there's hardly any hope to be found. As more candidates like Sarah Palin and Ted Cruz throw their name into the political ring, it becomes clear just how badly the Republicans need someone with a streak of sanity running through their veins.

That's where Mitt Romney would have come back into the picture.

Despite the polling numbers being better than any other Republican in the race, he's decided not to run again for the nomination.

Worse, he's actually a moderate who can support reasonable policies.

It's important to remember that when the talks of a minimum wage increase were being brought forward by the president last year, Romney was one of the few significant Republicans to actually support the increase.

It's a small step, but one that shows some of the flexibility needed right now.

It's frustrating to see how much of the media covered Romney's potential return as a joke, especially the right wing media that seems to crave the most stringent neo-conservative candidate it can find in order to hype them up to an eventual loss. It boggles my mind how people

like Rand Paul, who genuinely believes charity can replace any social program, can capture the hearts of so many people.

And then there's Ted Cruz, who I'm not sure realizes he's not actually qualified for the position of President, but can draw a crowd of potential voters by championing the wackiest of economic ideas.

I think Republicans need to face the fact that America has become more left wing, and compromises need to happen if the Republicans are to win some of the other battles in the socio-political landscape.

I know that's spitting in the wind at this point, considering this advice should have been followed six years ago, but with a new President comes new possibilities for change — and economic change is what America needs most.

I'm worried about the nomination race. The gong show two years back showed how difficult it is for a reasonable Republican to survive, even with massive amounts of corporate backing.

Half of the Republican base itself is so opposed to anything resembling change, that connecting with the rational conservative voters has become a daunting task.

Overall there really isn't a candidate that is better than Romney. Chris Christie maybe, but he seems unsure about running at this point.

I don't even like the Democrats, but this cycle of hard-right political fire bombers calling themselves conservatives is playing into the left's hands.

What we can be sure of is the new base of the Republicans that Karl Rove has reached out to will once again stop the party from redemption in the mainstream.

As more conspiracy nuts and uber-nationalists gain influence and elect members to congress, we'll have to deal with obstructionist measures and crooked politics.

There's a fine line between crazy and radical, and the U.S. has become a place where these people can take millions of dollars worth of donations, ruin the country from Washington and win reelection.

If Romney did decide to run, he would have at least saved the public from an embarrassing election, and even if he lost, we might've gotten another great movie out of it.



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HOCKEY

Pushing for the playoffs

The Hawks have recently picked up their game and sit sixth in the standings

DREW YATES
STAFF WRITER

As the playoff grind intensifies, the Wilfrid Laurier University men's hockey team is rising up to the challenge. After sitting in tenth place in the standings the Hawks picked up two crucial wins last weekend, beating playoff contenders York Lions and Brock Badgers to propel themselves to sixth place in the Ontario University Athletics West, sitting right above the Guelph Gryphons.

Head coach Greg Puhalski said he is happy with the way the team is playing and their ability to play cohesively. According to the coach, special teams, which has been a common nemesis for the Golden Hawks, is finally coming together.

"I think for us, we've been able to get a more consistent effort for a longer period of the game," Puhalski said. "As a team we've played better team hockey."

"Everyone's buying in and you don't get two character wins like that with two teams battling for a playoff spot without everyone buying in," said fourth-year captain Tyler Stothers.

Several players are heating up at the right time, with Stoth-

ers picking up three goals and two assists, bringing him into a three-way tie for second place in the OUA leading goal-scorers category. Second-year goaltender Vinny Merante is rounding into form after being bitten by the injury bug. First-year center Zach Lorentz also had a five-point weekend.

Stothers picked up a hat-trick Thursday night against the Lions in a match that came down to the wire as the Lions tied it up at three in the third period. Stothers was able to extend the lead and score the game-winning goal, as the Hawks would win the game 5-3.

The Hawks repeated their performance on Saturday night when they routed the Badgers 4-1 to surpass both of their opponents in the standings. Third-year Ryan Lopes scored three minutes into the contest and the Hawks didn't look back from there.

"We feel like we're already playing playoff hockey. We're not in a position of comfort right now, we don't have the luxury of having a bad game, and in the playoffs you don't either," Stothers said.

"It's a three-game series and anything can happen. Getting



JODY WAARDENBURG/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The men's hockey team looks to continue their strong play in the playoffs.

hot at the right time, playing these games and coming out on top is huge to set the tone just going into the playoffs."

According to Puhalski, players have to be able to maintain their intensity while playing, especially in this brand of hockey. As a four-line hockey club, it is important to keep tempo and

pace of the game.

"University hockey is maintaining intensity, being in the game, throughout the game, and not letting yourself become complacent for 10-15 minutes of the game," Puhalski said.

Laurier will face Western tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. in London.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of February 2-8

RECENT SCORES

01.28.15
W Basketball 60 - Waterloo 47
M Basketball 93 - Waterloo 85

01.29.15
M Hockey 5 - York 3

01.31.15
W Hockey 1 - Guelph 4
M Hockey 4 - Brock 1
W Basketball 59 - Lakehead 73
M Basketball 82 - Lakehead 86

02.01.15
W Hockey 3 - Brock 0

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

02.06.15
W Basketball vs Algoma
Athletic Complex Gym, 6:00pm
M Basketball vs Algoma
Athletic Complex Gym, 8:00pm

02.07.15
W Basketball vs Algoma
Athletic Complex Gym, 1:00pm
M Basketball vs Algoma
Athletic Complex Gym, 3:00pm
M Hockey vs Lakehead
Waterloo Rec Complex, 7:30pm

02.13.15
W Basketball vs Laurentian
Athletic Complex Gym, 6:00pm
M Basketball vs Laurentian
Athletic Complex Gym, 8:00pm

02.14.15
W Basketball vs Nipissing
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HOCKEY

Women split weekend

After a loss to Guelph, women's hockey shuts out Brock

WILL PROWSE
STAFF WRITER

The Wilfrid Laurier University women's hockey team earned every bit of their 3-0 win at home against the Brock Badgers on Sunday night.

Coming off Saturday's 4-1 loss to Guelph, the Hawks were looking to get back in the win column against a 1-14-4 Brock unit that sits dead last in the Ontario University Athletics standings.

After a slow first period where both teams struggled to find scoring chances of much value, the club grinded their way through the Badger defence in the second frame and attacked the net with vigor.

"That's the only you can win in this league. If you play on the perimeter, there's too many teams with good goaltending and good inside out defensive play that you just won't score enough goals to win," said head coach Rick Osborne.

"[If] you want to win moving forward and into the playoffs, you've got to be good defensively, but you've got to be willing to go to those rough areas of the ice and pay the price."

The offence was lead by a goal and two assists by third-year Robyn DeGagne. DeGagne was thrown into unfamiliar waters early in the game when Osborne placed her on a new line in an effort to generate production.

"I think playing with [Tammy] Freiburger and [Jessie] Hurrell ... they're really going right now. I've never played wing alongside them so to get that opportunity, I knew I had to step it up and create something," said DeGagne.

"Those are our smartest, our best and our hardest working players and they're the ones I trust the most right now," Osborne added.

Thanks to staunch Golden Hawk defence, first-year goalie Nicholle Kovach had a relatively uneventful night between the posts. However, 17 saves was enough to capture her second OUA shutout.

"It was nice to get the shutout. Especially towards the end, Brock really started picking it up a lot, and they were getting a lot of opportunities so especially those last five minutes, finally when the buzzer rang it was a huge relief," said Kovach.

"We've had a really long process throughout this entire season," she added.

"I'm extremely proud of the way every single one of my teammates worked; They absolutely played their guts out for me and I have to thank each and every single one of them for that win."

Kovach also attested to the difficulties presented by a sleepy night in net.

"From a goalie's perspective, some of these games where you don't get a lot of shots are actu-

ally some of the hardest games to play because you kind of become cold in the game and then all of a sudden they'll come flying down and they'll make this great play and you'll kind of be caught off guard."

By going 1-1 on the weekend, the Golden Hawks now sit at 12-5-4 on the year.

This places them fifth in the OUA standings, firmly in playoff position.

With just three games left on the 2014-15 schedule, the focus of the Golden Hawks has now shifted to the postseason. They now have to play on without captain Laura Brooker, as she fills that same role on Canada's World Universiade Games team in Granada, Spain. According to Osborne, the team will look to veterans on the roster to fill the hole left by Brooker.

"I'm really looking at players like Prevette, I'm looking at Meigs. I'm looking at Platt and those players. Last year not all of them were playoff warriors and this year I would like to have more of a critical mass at playoff time" he said.

With the season winding down, the Golden Hawks will travel to Kingston to play the Queen's Golden Gaels on Feb. 7 in a rematch of last year's OUA championship. The game is their third to last of the regular season before the Hawks start to get tuned up for playoff hockey.



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BASKETBALL



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The Hawks beat the University of Waterloo Warriors on Wednesday but were unable to topple the Lakehead Thunderwolves in Thunder Bay on Saturday night and now hold a record of 5-9.

Golden Hawks fall to 1-6 in January

WILL PROWSE
STAFF WRITER

The Golden Hawks men's basketball team got themselves back into the win column for the first time in 2015 this last week, splitting a pair of matchups to move them to 5-9 on the season.

Coming off five consecutive losses, Wilfrid Laurier University was in dire need of a boost when the Waterloo Warriors, the team against which they had last tallied a win, came to visit Wednesday morning.

As the gym was filling with elementary school students from the Waterloo area for the school day game, captain Will Coulthard led his team on a torrid start versus the rival Warriors. Laurier jumped out to a 10-point lead in the first quarter on 71 per cent shooting.

"Both teams came out and played hard," said head coach Peter Campbell.

"I thought the tempo early indicated how little defence was going to be played and how well the two teams were going to shoot the ball, and for the kids I guess that was awesome, they got into it right away because it was 'basket, basket, dunk, long shot' — it was great entertainment."

The Golden Hawks cruised through the second and third quarters, continuing to give the young fan base much to cheer about and extending their lead to 20.

However, once the scoreboard switched to the fourth quarter the Warriors collected themselves. Guard Myles Charvis dived up the Laurier defence, collecting 15 of his game-high 37 points in the quarter and helping to reduce the Golden Hawk lead to a much less breathable six points.

"We valued the ball really well until the fourth quarter. They put a little pressure on, we got

nervous, we turned it over six times in the fourth quarter and that let them close the gap again, and that made it a game," said Campbell.

Despite the shrinking gap, the Hawks held on and punctuated the explosive win with a Kyrrie Coleman dunk in the closing seconds.

After the game, Coleman, who contributed 18 points and 10 rebounds, spoke about what the school day game means to the players.

"It's good for the kids," said the fourth-year forward. "It's good for the community of Waterloo to come and watch both of the schools play and support. I really enjoyed this, I hope they continue this tradition for many years to come."

While all involved were pleased to return to the win column, possibly the most thankful for the team's success was their coach.

"I might sleep tonight, I haven't been sleeping very well for a while now. So maybe tonight I'll get a good night's sleep. For the guys, it's got to feel great, it takes a load off," said Campbell.

Despite being well-rested and re-energized, the Golden Hawks were unable to parlay it into a win when the team hit the road to visit Lakehead University Saturday night.

Will Coulthard again stepped up and attempted to will the Golden Hawks past the 8-6 Thunderwolves, putting forth a 29 point effort on 48 per cent shooting from the field. Despite their captain's performance, Laurier attack never really gelled, leaving Coulthard and freshman Chuder Teny as the only Golden Hawks to score in double-digits.

According to Campbell, the inability of the team's forwards to produce when it mattered cost them in the 86-82 defeat.

"I think we got beat inside. Their post players outplayed our post players and that was disappointing because I think that was a good matchup. I thought they were more aggressive to the loose balls and more aggressive defensively," he said.

Coulthard, who is at present riding a five-game streak of scoring 18 or more points, had his efforts lauded by his coach.

"I think he's been fairly efficient of late. Some nights when nobody else is playing he puts up more shots than he should because he puts the pressure on himself," said Campbell.

"I'm just playing with confidence, I'm just in my groove, shooting well, trying not to force anything and just play my game," Coulthard added.

The Golden Hawks will next play when they host the 1-14 Algoma Thunderbirds who most recently fell 87-46 at the hands of the Carleton Ravens.

BASKETBALL

Streak halted at twelve

The Thunderwolves handed the Hawks a loss on the road

JOSH PETERS
SPORTS EDITOR

85 days after their home-opening loss to the Ryerson Rams, the Wilfrid Laurier University women's basketball team felt the sting of defeat for the second time in the 2014-15 season, falling to 12-2.

This time it came at the hands of the ninth-ranked Lakehead Thunderwolves, led by their fifth-year superstar Jylisa Williams, who dropped 36 large on the Hawks on Saturday. The final tally saw the Thunderwolves walk away with a 73-59 victory, pushing them to 11-3.

The Hawks toppled the Waterloo Warriors by a score of 60-47 earlier in the week for their twelfth-straight win before heading to Thunder Bay. Third-year guard Kaitlyn Schenck pitched in with 15 in that contest and was satisfied with the team's performance.

"Everything is working for us. We are pounding it inside when we need to, we are kicking it out when we need to, we are playing amazing team defence, we are playing for a solid unit, a solid team, so that's really our key to success," she said.

However, head coach Paul Falco knew there were improvements to be made before attempting to take on the top player in the country.

"I think we had a lot of good looks that didn't go down. I think we have to be a lot stronger with our takes. We need more movement in our offence. It was too stagnant at times," he said following the win.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, the adjustments made were simply not enough to contain Williams as she had her way with the Hawks defence on Saturday. In addition to her point total, she grabbed 16 rebounds, including three on the offensive side of the floor.

"She had heck of a game. She made some difficult shots with hands in her face. One of the things we wanted to limit were her transition hoops, but we were not able to do that consistently enough," said Falco.

Williams is averaging nearly a double-double this season with averages of 28 points and 9.7 boards per game. She also leads the league in free throw attempts and field goals made and is second in steals with 49.

Falco had a plan to help stop Williams, but joked that maybe a little luck may necessary in stopping the Thunderwolves star guard.

"I think one thing we could do is maybe have her show up two hours late and miss the game," he said.

"I thought we did a pretty good job on most of the other players,

"If you look at where we were at the end of November to where we are now, I think we are a better basketball team."

-Paul Falco, head coach

even with her scoring a high total we still would have had a chance if we had better execution on the offensive end."

With the loss in their rear-view mirror and the streak extinguished, the club will attempt to turn their focus to what has been working for them throughout the entire season — trying to make incremental changes with each coming week.

"There's always little improvements to be made. We can talk more on defence, we can do little things on offence," said Schenck.

According to Falco, the end of the end of the 12 game stretch does not change the game plan going forward.

We haven't really talked about the streak as much as we have talked about getting better month after month, week by week," said Falco.

"I think we definitely improved in January. If you look at where we were at the end of November



HEATHER DAVIDSON/PHOTO EDITOR

The women's basketball team won 12 straight before losing to Lakehead.

to where we are now, I think we are a better basketball team."

After a season with multiple road games, the Hawks will now head back to the Athletic Complex for a four-game homestand including two games against the Algoma Thunderbirds and contests against Laurentian and Nipissing. They then head to London for a game against the Western Mustangs and wrap up their season against the number

one Windsor Lancers at home.

"We've talked all year about not worrying about who we are playing but worrying about how we are playing and playing with the same intensity no matter who we are matched up against," said Falco.

"I think if we are playing good basketball in the final weekend against Windsor and into the playoffs it is going to set us up for a good finish to the season."