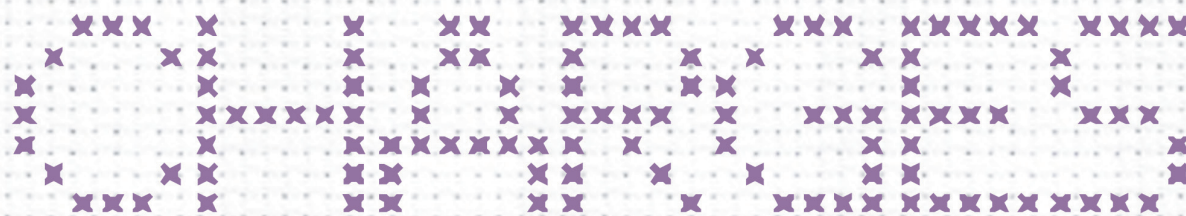
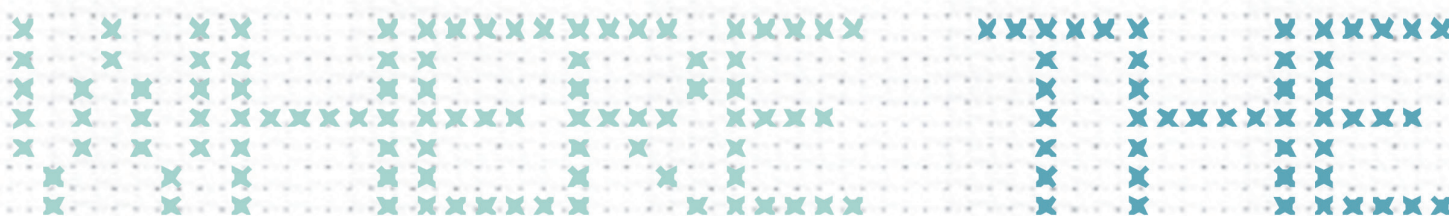
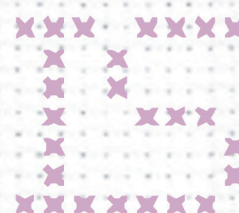


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VOCAL CORD

Are you engaged in the Waterloo municipal elections?



"Not engaged at all, which is pretty sad to say."

-Katya Desormeaux, third-year kinesiology



"I have absolutely no idea who is running, what their platforms are and I'm quite proud of that fact."

-Chris Luciantonio, second-year English



"I think more so I'm more concerned with my own city."

-Genelle Martin, third-year political science



"I haven't really put much thought into it."

-Alli Logan, first-year communications

Dear Life

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

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

Dear Life,

No wonder enrolment is down... what parental unit would encourage their child to come to a school that riots during their homecoming! Are we taking over from Queen's? You embarrass your school and should be ashamed.

Sincerely,
Embarrassed and ashamed

Dear people having fist fights on Homecoming,

Seriously? This is how you spend your time celebrating being Golden Hawks? I've been here five years and I don't think I have seen so many people fight as I did Friday and Saturday. Don't wear our colors lads, you don't deserve them. Sincerely,
Sad to see such stupidity

Dear Laurier,

I see a student body full of mixed infatuations. One of love, hate and horny teenage sexual manifestations. Why does everyone seem to have such pent-up sexual frustrations? Is it just about time for Laurier to introduce mandatory masturbation? I don't care if you shoot or if you squirt but instead of producing an

anger filled confrontation, why don't you end your high-horse practice of eternal self-sexual-manipulation damnation.

Sincerely,
The Poet Borden, I'm back!

Dear "Take a moment. Reconsider,"

You wrote "whomever" when you should have used "whoever". Please whom/who responsibly. Sincerely,
Who/Whom Useage Hound and Aficionado

Dear Life,

Once again Laurier is in the news for all the wrong reasons.

It is not the few, it is the all.

Hey, why don't we strive to be recognized for our...say...academic achievements?

Thanks for continuing to damage our reputation.

Sincerely,
Damaged beyond repair

Dear Life,

In your effort to make the library accessible to the few, you have made it inaccessible to the many. I have never seen an entrance more uninviting. How can we go from a 30 foot wide stair case to a small ramp and staircase. Surely there is a safety issue here...how can we all get down that ramp when we are evacuating the building?

Sincerely,
Architects are useless

Dear Life,

Is it sad that The Cord's crossword is one of the things I'm most excited about?

Sincerely,
Best addition to the paper ever

Dear Life,

Are you listening, Dave?

Sincerely,
The prestigious a-Welshley Arms

Dear Life,

Keenan Thompson is the funniest man on TV right now.

Sincerely,
Yeah, I said it

Dear Life,

Ok Laurier, O-Week's over, Homecoming's over. Can we please put a (permanent, in a perfect world) pause on the "It's great, to be, a Laurier Golden Hawk" cheer?

Sincerely,
It's seriously the least creative cheer I've ever heard

Dear Life,

Man, people at the gym suck.

Sincerely,
You look ridiculous and you sound like a douche

Dear Life,

Did people actually not know the whole point of Homecoming is that alumni come back? I saw far too many "you don't even go here" posts. Sincerely,
I don't know how much more faith in humanity I have left to lose

Dear Life,

The baseball playoffs are probably the most underrated thing in sports. Yes, the NHL's starting, but nothing really matters until December. Yes, the NFL's happening, but come on, it's only Week 5.

Sincerely,
Seriously, watch the baseball playoffs (also, we're Canadian, watch the fucking CFL)

Dear Life,

Hey Patrick Godfrey, that French horn cover of "Hey ya!" was badass.

Sincerely,
Nicely done



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Quote of the week:

"Poop or dick, Bryan?"

-Creative director Lena Yang re: possible conversation topics

News

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RELIGION

Support for Jewish culture

Students from Laurier and UW gather for significant Jewish holidays

SHELBY BLACKLEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

In one of the most holy times in the calendar for the Jewish population, students at Wilfrid Laurier University are able to find solace in their community.

Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, took place from Sept. 24-26. Yom Kippur, the day of repentance and atonement accompanied by fasting, is this upcoming Friday.

Daniel Gottfried, head of Alpha Epsilon Pi, the Jewish fraternity for Laurier and the University of Waterloo, said that because of classes this year he couldn't make it back home to the Greater Toronto Area for Rosh Hashanah.

But with the community surrounding UW and Laurier, he was still able to celebrate.

"I couldn't make it back home because of class, so I had no choice but to come here. And when I walked in [to the fraternity] I just felt at home and back to when I was a kid."

Other Jewish students at Laurier and UW who are in similar situations have options for how to spend the holidays.

Gottfried commended the rabbi of Chabad Waterloo Region, Moishy Goldman, for the support he has provided to Jewish students. This year, he put together an event in the Turret for Rosh Hashanah. He is also hosting a large meal before Yom Kippur begins and after the fasting ends, while hosting prayer services and lectures during for students to participate in.

"What I've seen is that the rabbi has cradled all of the Jews and told them, 'I'm here for you' ... It helps you transfer over from being at home to being at Laurier or Waterloo," Gottfried said. "The rabbi himself is an honorary brother of our fraternity."

Goldman explained that the shift from celebrating large events such as Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur at school rather than with family could be "jarring, isolating and depressing."

"What we try to do is for all of the students that don't go home have a second home. They are able to come and be part of a community ... and to celebrate the holiday together with their family away from home."

Yom Kippur is a 24-hour fast from



HEATHER DAVIDSON/PHOTO EDITOR

The Rohr Chabad Centre for Jewish Life on Albert Street provided solace for students during the recent holidays.

Friday evening until Saturday night. It is a time for atonement and repentance where Jewish people ask for "forgiveness and refreshing."

"After we've reflected on our purpose in life on Rosh Hashanah and we have contemplated that, we may find that we have fallen short of [our purpose] for the past year," Goldman explained. "We may have found that we've gotten distracted, we've fallen into some kind of temptation that is destructive. And we feel badly about

that. We feel like we've messed it up, so we believe that there's always another chance."

Yom Kippur is also a chance to take an "inventory" of the people who have been hurt over the past year and ask for forgiveness face-to-face.

It's a "restitution of what you've done," Goldman explained.

"It's a time to make repairs and put everything back in order, and recalibrating yourself and getting

back to your centre, core and vision of life."

Both Goldman and Gottfried said the Laurier community welcomes the Jewish population and are accepting of their values and practices.

"Laurier's just an amazing community in general ... as a religious minority, we feel it. We really feel it. And my interactions with people of administration ... they're so accommodating and so supportive," Goldman said.

HOMECOMING

No damages from on-campus festivities

The number of incidents reported at Homecoming events did not fluctuate compared to last year



KHA VO/LEAD PHOTOGRAPHER

Students and alumni participated in a pancake breakfast that was hosted in the Quad on Saturday morning as part of the Homecoming festivities. The event was run by the alumni association.

KAITLYN SEVERIN
LEAD REPORTER

As students at Wilfrid Laurier University recover from Homecoming, services such as Emergency Response Team and Special Constable Services are relieved to know the campus did not suffer damages from the weekend.

Jordan Brazeau, coordinator of ERT, said Homecoming was successful this year in terms of drinking-related incidences.

ERT only received three calls on Saturday and one the night before, all drinking-related, but with no serious injuries.

The number of incidents compared to last year's event is about the same amount.

"What it boils down to is either being drunk, or something that happened as a result of people being drunk, which is kind of to be expected for days like this," explained Brazeau.

One incident was due to a drunken fight.

Brazeau also said that Homecoming is a lot tamer compared to events such as St. Patrick's Day. Unlike St. Paddy's Day, ERT didn't have to overstaff as the amount of injuries were low to minimal.

ERT's quietest time was between 12 and 8 p.m., where no incidents were recorded.

Tammy Lee, manager of SCS, said she's pleased with how the day turned out for the team.

"It was a very well-organized

event," said Lee.

Brazeau also pointed out how ERT and SCS can successfully work together, especially on school events.

"We really get our time to shine in that we can take care of the medical sides of things," said Brazeau. "This year, we've made a ton of progress in our relationship with the officers, so it's like they kind of just give us the calls. Then they're there obviously when they can be because Homecoming can be really busy for them or sometimes just a bunch of things just happen at once."

ERT also said they haven't received any negative feedback from Homecoming. Brazeau hopes that this year's St. Patrick's Day is as safe and successful as Homecoming.

Students, even some from other

universities, are also pleased with how this year's Homecoming turned out for them.

"This was my third Homecoming at Laurier Waterloo, and every year it keeps getting better. I go to the Brantford campus and it is really nice to feel at home on the Waterloo campus. I always have a great time watching the game with my Waterloo girls and meeting new Golden Hawks," said Nicola Coldwells, a third-year arts student.

Phil Lee, a third-year economics student, also enjoyed what Laurier had to offer.

"What I liked about this year's Homecoming was the football game and the school spirit. Everyone was very friendly and energetic during the day."

"What it boils down to is either being drunk, or something that happened as a result of people being drunk..."

-Jordan Brazeau, ERT coordinator

Although there was an incident including drinking on State Street and Fir Street, Lee pointed out how SCS's work with both Waterloo Regional Police Service and Residence Life helped contribute to the success of the day.

AWARENESS

Assault stories

Student prompts others to share

KATE TURNER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Monday afternoon, two Wilfrid Laurier University students stood on the hawk in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre, with signs encouraging students to talk about their experiences with rape and sexual assault.

One of the students, Melanie, who did not disclose her last name, is a composition student in the music faculty. As a part of her final composition for her degree, she is asking people to speak up about their experiences.

"My final composition is a sound installation that features stories of sexual assault in the first person," she said. "I'm asking people to submit anonymously if they want to speak up about something that happened to them and how it affected them and if it changed the way they see the world."

Along with the signs, the students had flyers explaining what they were doing. It said of the installation: "Its purpose is to be a loudspeaker for you, but also to challenge the audience to listen and to consider their inaction as part of this wide-spread problem."

At the bottom, it explained a bit about Melanie: "I am personally invested in the subject matter, having heard way too many silent stories throughout my own recovery."

As Melanie stood on the hawk with another student, Mike, who also declined to give his last name, several students approached them with hesitation. One student said to his friends, "This is so disrespectful."

Reaching for a flyer, he told Melanie and Mike he understood what they were doing, but said, "That's the pride of our school and you're stepping on it."

"I see his point, but my body is my pride and someone stepped on it," Melanie said.

PROFILE



Eric Limeback will be building a giant Rubik's Cube for Nuit Blanche. This is a year after he broke the Guinness World Record for cubes solved in 24 hours. HEATHER DAVIDSON/PHOTO EDITOR

Record breaker takes on art

PEARL LEUNG
CORD NEWS

Oct. 3 of last year, Eric Limeback solved 5,800 Rubik's Cubes in 24 hours, setting a new Guinness World Record. This year, the fourth-year business student at Wilfrid Laurier University is building a Rubik's Cube art piece for Scotiabank's Nuit Blanche, which is taking place in downtown Toronto on Oct. 4.

"It's actually kind of a neat coincidence that the Nuit Blanche date is exactly the one year anniversary of my breaking the Guinness World Record," said Limeback. "It's a nice way for me to celebrate it."

The piece, called Cubed, is an 8-foot by 8-foot large-scale replica of the corner of a Rubik's Cube. It will consist of 3,500 Rubik's Cubes strategically placed so the stickers on the sides of the cubes will come together to form pixel art.

The thousands of Rubik's Cubes will fill each square on the larger cube, showcasing eighteen different

circus images.

Limeback has prepared the art piece's design in advance, however, he will not begin to build the cube until just before 7 p.m. Saturday night.

Jeffery Jones, director of the Laurier Centre for Cognitive Neuroscience, will simultaneously be giving a presentation on brain mapping.

He will be tracking the movement of Limeback's eyes during the construction of the cube through an electroencephalography test. The EEG test will record Limeback's brain activity, which can then be used to study how he is thinking while building the cube.

The project came into place after Limeback was approached by Suzanne Luke, the curator of Laurier's Robert Langen Art Gallery, and Matthew Park, the manager of administration and marketing at Laurier Toronto, after breaking the world record. They proposed to him the idea of participating in Nuit Blanche, and he agreed.

"Throughout the year, we met up, we started to discuss ... what we wanted to do, what would be visually appealing to people walking by on the streets," explained Limeback.

He told Luke and Park about his experience working at a company that builds Rubik's Cube mosaic art pieces before coming to Laurier. From then on, the project took off.

According to Park, it is important for Laurier to have a presence in certain communities. He said the university strives to increase awareness of the institution by contributing to the cultural richness of Toronto, Waterloo and Brantford.

"Community awareness in and of itself [is] hugely important," said Park. "It's a great way for us to have our name out there as an institution that is participating and engaged in the community."

For Park, Limeback represents Laurier's goals well. He has a very obvious passion for speedcubing and in his second year, he started the Laurier Rubik's Cube Club in hopes

"Community awareness in and of itself [is] hugely important."

-Matthew Park, manager of administration and marketing at Laurier Toronto

of "bringing attention to the Rubik's Cube." Limeback's goal was to "teach as many students how to solve the Rubik's Cube as [he] could."

On Saturday, he will be talking to the general public and demonstrating how to solve Rubik's Cubes in addition to building the art piece. Although he has attended Nuit Blanche before, this is his first time participating in the event as an artist.

"[I'm] really excited to see how it turns out and what it looks like," he said.

ORIENTATION WEEK

O-Week volunteer training in review

After concerns about aspects of Orientation Week training, Students' Union look for improvement

MARISSA EVANS
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Every summer, Wilfrid Laurier University volunteers and leaders attend a series of training conferences to equip them for the year ahead. After a complaint from a student about the way a new aspect of training was conducted, the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union is currently looking at strategies for improvement.

This year was Frank Cirinna's third time as an icebreaker. He said he has always been okay with the diversity and awareness training in the past.

"What I didn't like this year was the way they approached privilege training," Cirinna, a fourth-year business student, said.

The privilege training was a new feature at the volunteer summer conference in July.

"Basically the idea is to understand that most of your students come from diverse backgrounds and you're not going to know the stories of everyone, you're not going to know what they've dealt with before they got here," explained Kaipa Bharucha, the director of Orientation

"What I didn't like this year was the way they approached privilege training."

-Frank Cirinna, fourth-year business student

Week. "So you have to be sensitive in different situations."

The training exercise involved the facilitators reading different statements aloud and having volunteers step forward or back over a line depending on whether they identified with it. Afterward, they debriefed.

"My main issue was the way they approached it because the training didn't feel like it was for awareness, the training felt like it was to put us down," Cirinna said. "It was very aggressive. I don't think they meant it to be that way, but that's how it came off."

Cirinna elaborated on one of the instances in which he felt uncomfortable. One of the statements the

facilitators read was 'step forward if the main language in your family is English.' Cirinna didn't step forward.

"Then someone looked at me like, 'But you're white.' I'm like, 'I'm first generation. My parents are immigrants. Who are you to say that I'm privileged in a way that other people aren't just because I'm white?'"

In fact, Cirinna said he doesn't even identify as being Caucasian.

He explained that he comes from southern Europe and considers himself to be Mediterranean. As his family is from a large Italian area, Cirinna found that when he first came to Laurier, he was victimized for this and had to change the way he spoke to fit the culture.

"We talked about that — how you can't always see problems skin deep, you can't see everything from the outside," Cirinna continued. "But it seems to have been ignored. It seems like they were putting emphasis on explaining to white males that we are privileged."

When he asked some of his fellow volunteers, Cirinna said many of them felt the same way.

"My main issue is that I felt a bit attacked and I felt like I was being

looked at differently because I perceived myself differently," Cirinna said. "People don't know I have a learning disability because that's a skin-deep thing. But all of a sudden, literally because I'm a white male, I felt I couldn't step back or forward other than what was stereotypically thought of me."

He said that he values the training, but felt the exercise in particular was approached the wrong way.

Cirinna and Samantha Deeming, vice-president of finance and administration at the Students' Union, met on Tuesday so he could provide his feedback, which Deeming said she appreciated.

The professional training and development team facilitated the privilege training. Deeming explained that part of the problem could have been they didn't make sure the facilitators were 100 per cent comfortable with running the exercise.

In addition, other minor aspects of the day could have impacted the way volunteers perceived the activity.

"I think a large part of the overall discomfort, the room they were in was really hot — there were 76 people in a small arts classroom,"

Deeming said.

"So I don't think the environment was right either and that I think had everyone heightened as well."

Bharucha added that a privilege activity in general can often be uncomfortable, since it is such a sensitive topic.

Deeming said she did sense some discomfort in the rooms she checked in on during the privilege training, but that she was not present for all of it.

At the end of April, new individuals will be entering the roles of those who plan Orientation Week. Deeming and Bharucha explained that they will be including feedback on the privilege exercise in their reports to their predecessors. Going forward, Deeming said they want to make sure facilitators are "equipped with the right tools and feel 100 per cent comfortable."

"I definitely do feel there is value behind that training," Deeming said. "Maybe the way it was executed and the way we will move forward from it is ensuring again that we make it as comfortable as possible for the student leaders who are participating in it because it is a touchier subject."

HOMECOMING

State Street party ends in arrest

Laurier student charged after throwing beer can at police during giant Homecoming street party

KATE TURNER
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On Saturday night, upwards of 1,000 people gathered around State Street and Fir Street as Homecoming celebrations trickled into the evening. Though the majority of the party was peaceful, it resulted in one arrest of a Wilfrid Laurier University student after he threw a beer can at a police officer.

A 19-year-old local resident, who preferred not to disclose his name, was in attendance at the party and said it was much larger than anyone expected.

"By the time we got there [at 8:30 p.m.], there was roughly 2-300 people there ... by the time 10:00 hit there was no beer left in the kegs."

He said though the crowd was large, the party was relatively under control.

"There wasn't any fighting, surprisingly," he said. "You know there's often a big fight that happens at a party and that kind of ruins the party — there wasn't really anything ... everyone was having a really great time."

Inspector Daryl Goetz of the Waterloo Regional Police Service was in charge of patrol on the day of Homecoming, and said they received a by-law complaint from a citizen and responded by sending several officers to the State St. area.

The resident who attended the party said he noticed a police officer approaching the crowd when a group of males shouted, "Fuck the police," which he said started the chaos.

"We looked over and all we saw was lights everywhere ... a bunch of guys just started yelling, 'Everybody get out.' We didn't actually realize until we got out from behind the



LENA YANG/CREATIVE DIRECTOR

house and hit the front of the driveway, when you looked down State St. there was only people. You couldn't see any of the street ... there was just people everywhere," the resident said.

Once he got out from around the house, that's when people began throwing bottles and cans at the officers.

"I remember just looking behind me ... I just looked in the air and saw — it wasn't a beer bottle, it was bigger than that, it was definitely a vodka bottle — I saw the cop walking and it was just flying through the air and then right in front of the cop's feet."

The resident said people began screaming and he and his friend left to avoid getting in the middle of it. As

they were leaving, he turned and saw more bottles in the air.

"We brought more officers in because as we came in, that's when the beer bottles started to fly towards our officers and obviously we were concerned about the safety of students and our officers and anyone else in the general public that resides there," Goetz said.

One Laurier student, a 19-year-old male from Guelph, was arrested and charged with assaulting police with a weapon. He was released from police custody shortly after his arrest.

"The one student was very evident in throwing — it was a can actually that was thrown at the officers — we grabbed him and got him out of there and chose to try and disperse the students diplomatically," Goetz

said.

Goetz said they "certainly could have arrested more" party attendees throwing cans and bottles, however they did not want to make the situation worse.

"Grabbing students without all of our resources in place could have escalated it and made it worse. So we took a soft approach to getting in with the students to try and disperse the students and de-escalate," he said.

"It's a tough decision as to how you respond to those of things, you can certainly incite to make it worse — basically you can incite a riot — that's what we were concerned about."

In 2012, a riot broke out in London near Fanshawe College during St.

Patrick's Day festivities.

Many emergency personnel, especially police officers, were subjected to violence at the hands of students. They had liquor bottles thrown at them, among other objects.

However, the fate of the State St. party was much different than the London riots.

Though several police vehicles were damaged, students did not react to the arrest with further violence. According to the resident who attended the party, most people simply walked away from the area once objects started being thrown.

He also added that for the majority of last week, people had been talking about the party.

Friends of his heard people discussing it in class and it had apparently become common knowledge by Saturday.

Several students came forward and said several of Laurier's football players live in one of the houses involved in the massive party. However, head coach Michael Faulds did not confirm their involvement.

"I haven't heard anyone confirm that it was at football players' houses. Obviously we tell our players constantly to be aware that you're in the public eye and everyone looks up to you as student-athletes here at Laurier," he said.

Faulds said that in the event that football players do live at the house, there may be repercussions.

"I don't rule by if, ands or buts, I only rule based on facts," he said. "Homecoming there are always lots of parties going on and we always have trust and faith in our players that they were making smart decisions, and that's not always the case, but based on facts then I'll decide if there's something that needs to be dealt with," he said.

EVENTS

Challenging gender violence

SHELBY BLACKLEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

For Cassandra Mensah, society still has a long way to go in terms of dealing with gendered violence.

The third-year philosophy and women and gender studies student at Wilfrid Laurier University participated in the 31st annual Take Back the Night event on Sept. 25, and stressed the symbolism associated with the event.

Take Back the Night is a march and rally that addresses the rights of women, children and trans people to be safe without fear of violence. As a symbolic gesture, women at the event walked without being escorted by men.

"I haven't experienced sexual assault, but I know a lot of people who have, so I [went] as an ally to support people who have experienced sexual assault," Mensah said.

Heather Millard, a fellow student at Laurier, echoed the importance of Take Back the Night for students and women as a whole.

"I don't like walking home at night and that says something," she explained. "So, I think it's good that we're coming together as a community and standing up against this. Because even if it's not going to do anything immediately, people are going to see it as something because we are all pushing back and we're

not going to let violence stop us from doing what we need to do."

Both Mensah and Millard are members of Not My Laurier: Golden Hawks Combatting Gender Violence and the Centre for Women and Trans People.

Statistically, Mensah explained only 10 per cent of sexual assaults are ever reported, but the number of assaults that occur is much higher.

"When [women are] ages 18 to 24, they are more likely to experience sexual assault, but this issue isn't just a women's issue. It impacts everybody," she said.

Millard explained events such as Take Back the Night help Waterloo residents, particularly Laurier students, promote awareness of incidents on campus and the surrounding area.

The walk — which extended from Kitchener City Hall down King Street, to Victoria Park and back — had about 300 participants.

While this may have disrupted the regular cycle of downtown Kitchener and the surrounding area, Millard said it's good to disrupt normality.

"I'm sure [it irritated] them a little bit, but that's good — that's what we want," she said. "We want to raise some kind of emotion towards people and that's what's going to get them to realize that this is an issue and it's important."

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STUDENTS' UNION

Background checks in place for volunteers

SHELBY BLACKLEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

The Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union took a proactive approach to the hiring of their volunteers and coordinators this year, implementing police checks into the process.

New hires and current volunteers for Foot Patrol, Emergency Response Team and Peer Help Line internal — the volunteers behind the phone — are now required to have a vulnerable sector police check done through Waterloo Regional Police Service. This checks for criminal convictions through the Canadian Police Information Centre, findings of guilt from the Youth Criminal Justice Act, outstanding charges and warrants.

According to Samantha Deeming, vice-president of finance and administration at the Students' Union, the logistics were figured out at the end of Orientation Week and the majority of committee members went last Sunday to WRPS to get their police checks. The diligence of the assessment is a collaboration between the dean of students office, Special Constable Services and the Students' Union.

"The process was that we wanted to have as much information as possible for our volunteers before we brought it forward to them, especially because it asks someone to do a police check, they instantly put a wall up," she explained. "So we wanted to ensure we had as much information and reassurance as possible."

"We want to make sure that whatever [the volunteers'] questions were,

we were prepared with answers."

The Union is giving a two-week window for new hires to get their police checks and they filter through SCS's department, where manager Tammy Lee then lets the Union know if there are any "red flags."

Heather Gaffney, vice-president of programming and services, said it was an internal discussion that led to the idea of police checks when deciding on an initiative toward campus safety.

Volunteers and coordinators that are dealing with confidential information, such as a student's name or where they live or their medical history, also sign confidentiality agreements.

"They all have to sign confidentiality forms, so it only makes sense that if they're interacting with confidential information, we do this check for volunteers," Gaffney said.

According to Gaffney and Deeming, the reasoning for the police checks has nothing to do with the incidents last year, when a claim was made against a Foot Patrol volunteer, and a residence life don was arrested for break and enter.

Gaffney also ensured that the decision to enforce police checks did not come from any "external pressures."

"This year we're really focused on being as proactive as possible," Deeming explained. "Obviously we weren't involved in anything that happened last year, so moving forward, one of our goals is to be as proactive as possible so that we are ensuring a safe campus for all students."

When volunteers in Foot Patrol, ERT and Peer Help Line were approached with the initiative, there were two initial reactions.

"The first question was 'why?' That's usually the question of push-back," Gaffney said. "Any changes we've made, even for Orientation Week, the question was 'why are we doing this if it wasn't done in the past?'"

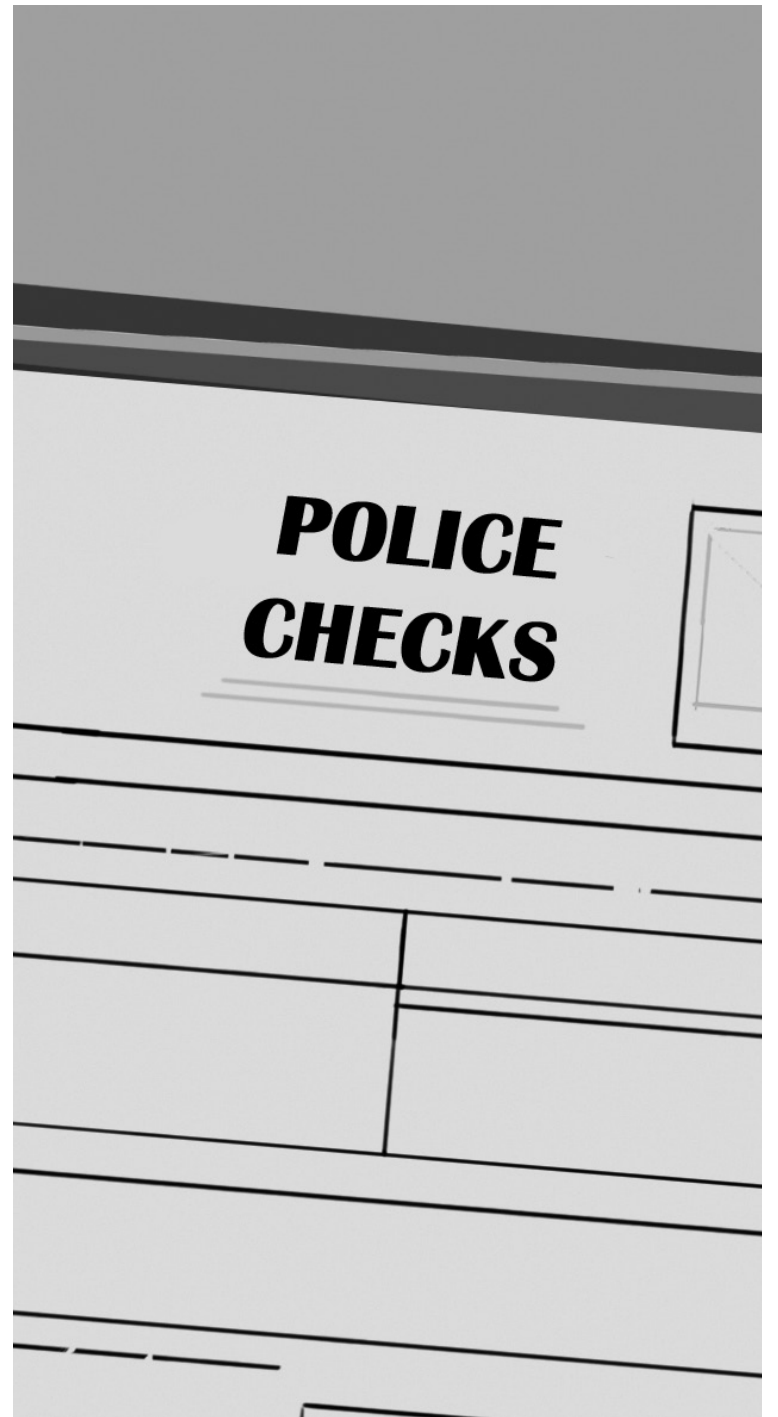
Gaffney explained the Union was "very transparent" in explaining the implementation wasn't because of anything that has happened, but rather being as "diligent as possible" in making sure volunteers and students that use the services are safe.

The cost was the second question. Police checks will cost each student volunteer approximately \$10, which will be covered by the Union. Deeming explained that it isn't fair for the coordinators and volunteers to pay for something that was implemented after they were hired.

"Moving forward, we're looking at a plan of how it will be funded," she explained.

The ultimate goal of having student volunteers undergo a police check is to make them feel more confident in both their own services as well as the others. Students can feel safe using the services because they are amongst the "best candidates."

"We're really happy that we were able to do a turnaround so fast," Gaffney said. "Being able to have the entire department be on board with us as well as having the support of the dean of students office and Special Constable Services, that really helped our confidence."



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PROFILE

UW grad invited to White House

Software engineering graduate David Hu helped work on the website for Obamacare in the U.S.

DAINA GOLDFINGER
LEAD REPORTER

David Hu, a recent graduate of the University of Waterloo, didn't expect his life to be transformed in one semester, leading to one of his greatest accomplishments. This accomplishment is one that would allow for national recognition by the White House and from President of the United States, Barack Obama.

Hu studied software engineering at UW and graduated in April of this year.

During the course of his undergraduate degree, Hu did an internship at Google and spent his work terms at Khan Academy. This is where his career really began to prosper.

He wrote a blog post regarding his work at Khan Academy, which went viral with 40,000 hits within the first week. It became so popular that Hu was given the opportunity to do a TEDx talk on his work.

Aside from his many work placements, Hu also developed the website uwflow.com. This was a project he worked on with two other friends, which initially began in September 2012.

"We have about 7,000 users for it, and it basically allows students to plan courses, see what their friends are taking, see their friends' schedules," said Hu.

All of these achievements are what allowed Hu to work on a project with HealthCare.gov, which gained recognition from the White House and Obama. In 2013, he interned at Sift Science and was invited to work on the website.

HealthCare.gov allows people to sign up for Obamacare, which



Hu, pictured above, was among people acknowledged at the White House for helping make Obamacare happen.

is a program meant to give Americans more affordable and quality healthcare. It acts as a marketplace for healthcare insurance companies, where citizens are able to choose the insurance company that they wish to invest in.

According to Hu, Obamacare works in a manner that encourages citizens to sign up for insurance. If one does not sign up for insurance, then one must pay a penalty. Obamacare is also required to pay

subsidies for individuals and families of lower incomes, in order for them to enroll in the insurance program.

When HealthCare.gov was launched in October 2013, only a portion of people were able to sign up for it.

In order to mediate the situation, engineers were flown in from Silicon Valley in order to keep the service up and running.

There was also an effort to create a new website in order to replace

the previously existing one, as the creators were not confident that the website would be able to support peak traffic days. This was the endeavor that Hu became a part of in November 2013.

"When I was working at Sift Science ... my mentor was drafted to work on this project, and he invited me to also work on it," explained Hu.

"I was a student at the time — I had not graduated yet — so what I offered was to basically work

"I had fun there. It was sort of surreal actually."

-David Hu, University of Waterloo graduate

remotely in Waterloo as a student," he said.

Hu continued that in order to focus on the important project with HealthCare.gov, he dropped a course, some of his previous responsibilities and barely attended any lectures. Despite this, the project did not impact him too much academically.

Finally, after the success of HealthCare.gov, the White House decided to acknowledge all of the tech engineers and celebrities who helped to make Obamacare successful. Consequently, these two groups of people were invited to the White House for a reception, where Obama and his wife gave a couple of remarks.

During his visit to the White House, Hu was also given the opportunity to play basketball on the White House courts and experience a mini boat cruise of Washington, D.C.

"I had fun there. It was sort of surreal actually," said Hu. "I really enjoyed my visit. I enjoyed meeting people there, I enjoyed reuniting with people who I worked with remotely, seeing them in person."

Hu is now currently a software engineer at Khan Academy, waiting to see what comes next in his career.

EVENTS

Integrating startup culture

Talent Collision Day brought startups together with students, entrepreneurs

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SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

On Monday, Communitech hosted its second Talent Collision Day, inviting students and entrepreneurs in the region to listen to and network with local startups.

"Here at Communitech we run many networking events," said Marilyn Ma, account manager of startup services, at the start of the event. "This is just one of many to help you integrate into the startup ecosystem and just see what's out there."

10 startups were featured at the event and were each given a few minutes on stage to pitch their company's vision and hiring needs. The audience was made up of other startups and talent looking to make connections with one another.

"Talent" refers to those in attendance with skills in technical development, business development, marketing communication and design.

The first time the event was run was in February.

"Great success, lots of positive responses," said Ma. "Three startups managed to hire successfully from the event, so we thought it was worth it to run it again."

They're hoping to continue to

run it bi-annually, in tandem with each co-op cohort at Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo.

The event was sold out the week prior, so Ma said she feels the event was a success.

"Even one successful hire, we count that as a successful event because that is the end result," she said. "Ultimately, just bring everyone together to start talking startups and especially inspiring young students and new graduates to be involved in entrepreneurship is really the end take-away."

As incentive for people to take advantage of the networking opportunity, they offered a \$50 gift card to the person who tweeted the most pictures of them networking to #talentcollision.

Homefed was one of the startups present. Their company is meant to connect people over home-cooked meals.

"How many people here have sat at home on a Wednesday night, looked at Facebook, Twitter, seen pictures of people's food?" asked James Mclean, cofounder of Homefed. "We want to make it so you can actually buy that food and eat it with them. We've found that people are starved for social con-



Homefed, a local startup that connects people over home-cooked meals, is shown here networking at the event.

nection and that's what we're on a mission to do, connect people over food."

Mclean explained that he was there representing Homefed to look for technical talent to join their startup.

"It's something that needs to be done," he said of the event. "It's really important to bring people together that are looking and also it's great because it pushes the culture of startups."

SkyWatch was another startup who presented at the event. The company's goal is to try and index

space to "deliver the universe through the browser" to the public. They have connections with both Google and NASA.

They were at the event looking for talent as well as to promote the fact that they will be taking on co-op students starting in January.

"The fact that we are able to come here, and pitch to everybody and get the introductions is fantastic," said Ryan Ovas, cofounder of SkyWatch. "It takes a lot of the hurdles down when finding talent."

Andrew Tran, a student at the University of Waterloo, attended the

event with one of his classes, but also attended out of personal interest.

"I'm really interested in startup culture," he said. "I'm also looking for people to join me in building my startup idea."

Ma said that Communitech is currently developing more events and programs that specifically target students.

"We're rolling out an ambassador program as well, and we're integrating in the clubs at Laurier," she said. "So definitely going to have lots coming for students, we're not stopping here."

GRAND OPENING

KW Habilitation opens new building

Organization facilitates programs and services for developmentally disabled children and adults

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KW Habilitation, a not-for-profit organization in Kitchener focused on offering services to developmentally disabled persons in the Region of Waterloo, opened a new building last Thursday. The new building, dubbed The Vibe, was opened by the organization with help from many developmentally disabled citizens in a grand opening ceremony.

KW Habilitation facilitates programs and services for both developmentally disabled children and adults in the Region of Waterloo.

Currently, the organization offers group living, employment supports, programs that offer short breaks for families with disabled members and education support for 1,100 children with special needs in their early learning family resource program.

"Where we were before was a very traditional model of support for adults with a development disability, and it was also in an old factory that was very much aging and in disrepair and needed to have a lot done," said Ann Bilodeau, executive director of KW Habilitation.

The Vibe building was actually built on the same property as the old KW Habilitation location. The property, owned by the organization, will now house both the new building



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and an upcoming project that KW Habilitation is currently working on.

"We were able to build on this property and now we're tearing down the old factory and we're going to be putting up a 22-unit affordable housing project which certainly has redefined and revitalized this neighbourhood a great deal, just in those two projects," said Bilodeau.

The Vibe will bolster the organization's community participation program and host new facilities to better serve the region's developmentally

disabled population.

The new building will also be based on more modern approaches to assisting developmentally disabled persons, a step forward from the older model the organization previously used.

"We certainly have been able to enhance the services we have, and we also have been able to become a little more defined, like any of our programs that were out in the community, we've brought together," said Bilodeau.

"So there's a lot more collaboration and there's a lot more community partnerships we've been able to establish with our new building."

The Vibe is also one of the first of many expansions in the realm of infrastructure and services that will be offered for the developmentally disabled in Ontario.

The Ontario Government had included a new \$810-million fund in their pre-election budget for the growth of developmental services in the province, aiming at reducing

waiting lists and enhancing community support.

"The building is a great representation of what they do. They believe in the people they serve, they believe in our community and they believe in each other. For them, it's all about belonging and connectedness. They've been real leaders for our community, and they inspire all of their colleagues in developmental services every day," said Gary Whiting, director of developmental services Ontario.



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KW IN BRIEF

Pajamas cause Twitter debate

A University of Waterloo professor posted a photo of baby pajamas sold by Target in Conestoga Mall and has started a heated online debate.

A pair of pajamas, one clearly meant for girls and one for boys, have caused people to denounce Target for gender stereotyping babies. One of the items of clothing is pink with a Superman logo and says, "I only date heroes." The other is black with a Superman logo and reads, "Future man of steel."

Once the images were posted to Twitter, hundreds of people retweeted and commented on the image. Many people responded by sharing images of the same nature.

Schembri a no-show at hearing

On Tuesday, a Landlord and Tenant Board hearing was held for a student hoping to get her deposit money back for 1 Columbia, which is still not completed.

Connor Ruest wants her deposit and damages back, however neither she nor her parents have yet to hear back from Schembri Property Management, who owns the building. However, no one representing the company showed up to the hearing.

Schembri reportedly attempted to

change the date of the hearing, however it was not moved. The hearing went forward despite the absence of a Schembri representative.

LRT construction road closure

Construction of the region's Ion light rail transit project has closed Caroline Street between Allen Street and William Street in uptown Waterloo.

This is the first of many road closures to occur during LRT construction in the next year. The work on Caroline St. will be mostly underground, moving and upgrading water and sewer pipes to make room for the trains.

Trains are reportedly going to begin running in 2017.

Murals on the way to Waterloo

Last week, city councillors voted to develop a new policy for outdoor murals.

Currently, murals are under the sign by-law, however a member of the Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee advised council that murals should have a separate policy.

Waterloo by-law states that murals may only be allowed in the uptown area and need to be approved by council and an advisory committee.

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AWARD CEREMONY



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Governor General David Johnston, a former president of the University of Waterloo from 1999-2010, presented 13 citizens from the Waterloo area with Caring Canadian Awards on Sept. 23.

Locals honoured by Governor General

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SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

On Sept. 23, Governor General David Johnston visited Kitchener to present Caring Canadian Awards to 13 individuals from the area. His visit also celebrated the launch of the Kitchener and Waterloo Community Foundation's new initiative, Smart and Caring Community Grants Program.

"We were absolutely delighted that their Excellencies — not only the Governor General but his wife, Sharon Johnston — were willing to come back to what we consider their community," explained Rosemary Smith, CEO of KWCF.

Johnston was the president of the University of Waterloo from 1999-2010 so in many ways his visit was a return "home."

The Caring Canadian Awards were first presented in 1995 by the governor general at the time, Romeo LeBlanc, to recognize volunteers

who give their time to make their community a better place.

Smith explained that in May 2011, Governor General David Johnston spoke to Community Foundations at a national gathering in Vancouver.

"At that time he laid out, as passionately as he is known to do, his vision for building a smart and caring nation," Smith explained. "Part of that ... was encouraging people to be the best they could be to step up and make those differences in their communities to recognize what was called 'caring Canadians.'"

Smith explained that since it was KWCF's 30th anniversary, Johnston is a patron of Community Foundations and they were ready to launch their new program, it was a perfect fit for Johnston to attend the event and present the awards.

She continued that because this was the first opportunity he'd had in a while to visit the area, he requested that others from outside the region be present to receive their awards.

Accordingly, nine recipients were from the region, with the others being from Brantford, Stratford, London and Midland.

Smith was also recognized at the event for her contributions to the community.

"On the one hand I felt really proud and humbled to be included in the group, and on the other hand I thought, well this isn't about me at all, it's about community," she explained.

Kelly Lovell was recognized for her work to inspire and empower young leaders. She is a motivational speaker and founder of several organizations which target helping youth reach their full potential.

She explained she was humbled when she found out she was a recipient of the award.

"That's really what the best part of it is — when you connect with the fellow Caring Canadians," she said of attending the ceremony.

As for her personal passion for

volunteer work, Lovell said she was inspired by her own struggles with being taken seriously as a leader as a youth.

"I wanted to build a path for my peers that gave them opportunities to have their ideas heard and to take action and discover their potential in their youth," she explained.

Timothy Jackson was also a recipient of the award. He said he was taken aback when he found out.

"I know most of the local people that were recognized, and I think all of us just go about doing what we do to give back to the community and none of us do it to be recognized. That's why it was a surprise."

Jackson has been involved in a number of local organizations, such as chairing the board of the local food bank, the Waterloo Public Library board and the Centre in the Square Board.

He explained that his reason for volunteering comes from his belief that it's everyone's obligation as

community members to help make their community a better place.

"For me, Waterloo is a great community and it's been a community of barn raisers since its inception," Jackson said. "The whole concept of barn raising, which David Johnston often talked about, the notion of a community coming together to help one another — I just think it's part of our culture."

Smith paraphrased a message Johnston gave at the award presentation which she found inspiring.

He explained that when Canada celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1967, the emphasis in the country was on building brick and mortar. But his vision for the 150th anniversary in 2017 is to build a country that is known for smart and caring people.

"I just thought, man, you can have all the brick and mortar in the world you want, but if you don't have smart and caring people you don't have anything," she said.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

City makes efforts in increasing student vote

Waterloo working with universities to raise voter turnout

DAINA GOLDFINGER
LEAD REPORTER

On Oct. 27, residents of Waterloo will be given the opportunity to vote in the municipal elections.

The city is working to get students involved in order to produce a larger voter turnout than in previous years.

According to Olga Smith, city clerk at the City of Waterloo, the city has met with student representatives from both Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo in order to promote the vote and student engagement.

The city has also collaborated with the universities to coordinate advanced polls at both Laurier and UW on Oct. 8 to give students more of an opportunity to vote.

At Laurier, the polls will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre.

"Basically anyone can go to campus to vote on that day, but primarily it is to sort of assist the students to sort of get it out there," said Smith.

Smith said the City of Waterloo has created a video in conjunction with the City of Kitchener and Cam-

"We are hopeful that through these additional efforts ... that will bring out students to vote."

-Olga Smith, city clerk at the City of Waterloo

bridge in order to discuss issues that are important to students and to get them out to vote.

"There is going to be a candidate debate at WLU on October 2, and they are promoting that to students as well," Smith said.

Typically, voter turnout for the municipal elections is not high. In 2006, 28.66 per cent of the population voted. In 2010, voter turnout increased to 41 per cent.

However, according to Smith, this may have been due to two referendum questions that were on the ballot.

According to Smith, it is mostly

older individuals who come out to vote. Not many students or younger people between the ages of 18 and 25 typically participate in the vote.

"We are hopeful that through these additional efforts, and having an advanced poll for the first time on campus, that will bring out students to vote," she continued.

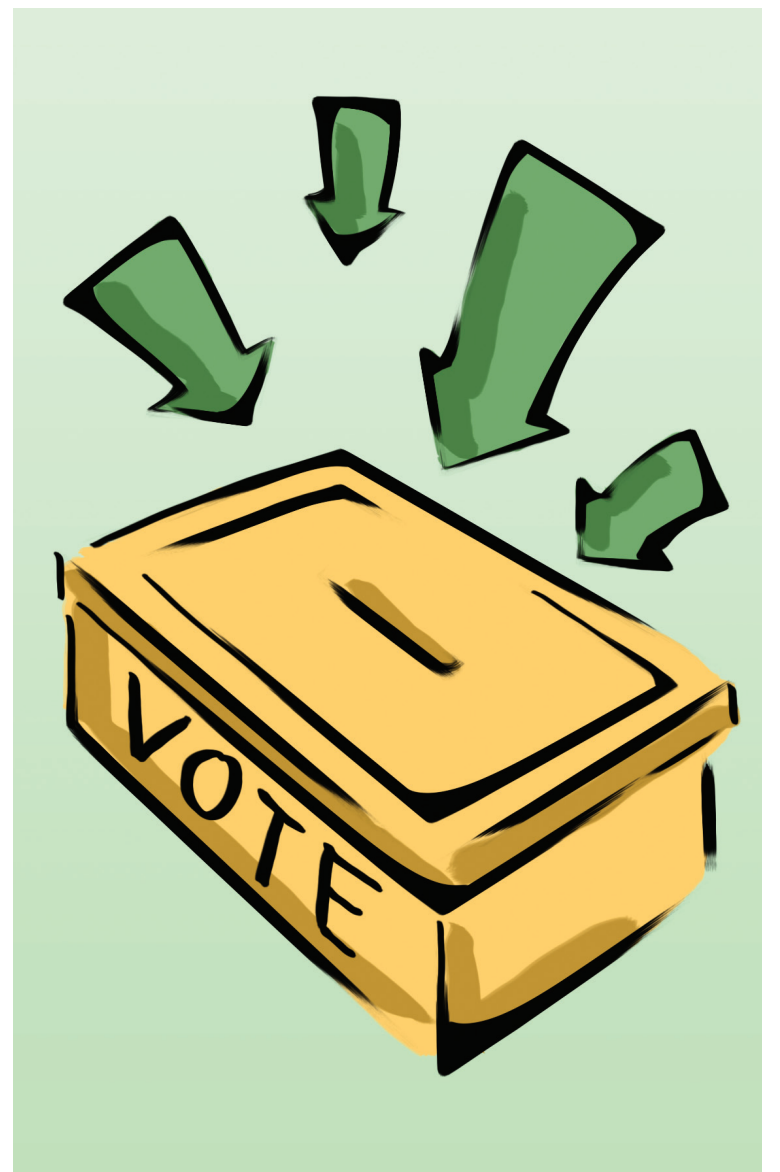
In order to prepare for voting day, students can go on the city's website to view the list of registered candidates and their contact information.

The website also includes information on upcoming debates. If students are looking for information on specific candidates, Smith encouraged students to contact the candidates directly.

She continued to say voting is important because issues that are addressed in the municipal elections affect each and every citizen who is residing within a particular region.

"We hope students will take an interest, and they will go out and vote," she said.

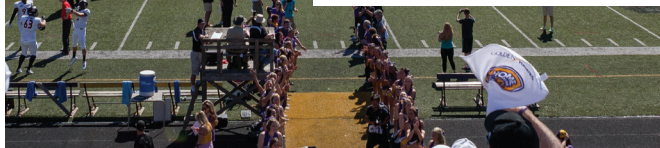
"We encourage them to take advantage of the advanced poll, and get out to vote and let their voice be heard."



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HOMECOMING

Shad comes back home to Laurier

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From Phil's nights on Wednesday to sitting through lectures in Arts 1E1, some things are just as much part of the Wilfrid Laurier University student experience today as they were when Juno Award-winning rapper and Laurier alumnus Shad graduated in 2005.

Homecoming weekend marked the return of one of Laurier most accomplished graduates. Shad was back for the first time in nearly four years for a show in the Turret hosted by the A-Team on Sept. 26.

The Cord was given the chance to take one of Canada's most respected rappers on a tour of the campus, stirring up some nostalgia from his days as a student. Even though a lot has changed since Shad left, he still looks at Laurier with a sense of familiarity.

"I remember coming here on a really hot night and throwing the football around with my roommates," he said as we walked by Alumni Field. "That was an interesting time in my life. I can't just call up my buddies to go throw around the football at 2 a.m. anymore."

He also reminisced about the house he lived in on King Street with his roommates. The property has since been demolished and in its place is a high-rise apartment building.

Waterloo's nightlife is another part of the student experience that has changed since he was around.

"Culturally, as far as goings-on and things to do, there wasn't a whole lot," he said. "Except of course for making the regular rounds at Phil's," he laughed.

Turns out Wednesday's hip-hop night at the closest bar to Laurier's campus had just as much appeal to the class of 2005 as it does today.

When it came to his academics,



[Above] Shad makes time for his fans; [Below] Shad busts out the electric guitar for one of his songs at the Turret.

Shad was in a place many students can relate to.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do," he said. "I figured I'd study business because people were telling me it was a good idea."

Even without a clear sense of purpose, his time at Laurier was an important part of his life.

"I've never felt like that again," he said, recalling when he started freshman year. "I had a feeling of embarking on something and not knowing how it was going to turn

out. It was a really special time even though I didn't know what to expect. I was just trying to figure out what to do with my life."

The course work for the business degree he was working towards didn't resonate with him. "I wasn't super keen on it," he admitted. "But I was just really happy to be able to follow through."

His program aside, Waterloo was good to him.

"There was a radio station called 91.5 that ran an unsigned talent

competition," he said. "I was lucky enough to win that and record my first album while I was in my fourth year."

Shad said he is grateful for the sense of home he's found in the Canadian hip-hop scene.

"It's been great," he said. "I'm happy every day and I'm lucky to get to do something I love. If that's the case you're not allowed to complain. It feels very nice to be at a point where I've made four albums, people respect me and I get to participate in

"It feels very nice to be at a point where I've made four albums, people respect me and I get to participate in the culture of this country."

-Shad, hip-hop artist

the culture of this country. That's a real joy."

As we headed to the Turret for the show, he recalled the classmates that supported him as his career took off.

"It's a small community. People have been super supportive, especially in the early days right after I graduated. Those were the first champions of my music."

The packed crowd at the Turret proved to be no less supportive than the Laurier community nine years ago. The crowd hung on every punch line, rapped along and even chimed in with the cheer "it's great to be a Laurier Golden Hawk" during the show.

Shad's hour-long set list featured singles on his latest album *Flying Colours*, throwbacks to his older material and even a freestyle about being back at Laurier. In one of the most memorable moments of the show, the crowd went ballistic as Shad grabbed an electric guitar to perform "Rock to It," a song off his debut album.

The show ended well past midnight, but only after he gave in to the audience's chants for an encore. At one point, Shad paused to share a moment with the crowd, acknowledging that he was once in their place as a Laurier student and a guest at the Turret. He's had quite the journey getting back to the campus he knew so well almost ten years ago.

ADVICE

Looking like a zombie

Some tips on how to look as undead as can be on Oct. 4



CHRIS DONALD
STAFF WRITER

With the annual Waterloo Zombie Walk dawning upon us, it may seem like a daunting task to perfectly capture the look of the ever-popular, ever-trendy beings we know as zombies. In order to accommodate those who may not know where to begin, here is a guide to help send you lurching in the right direction.

Clothes

A definite must is to not wear any cherished or valuable clothing, as you and everyone around you will be covered in staining makeup. Make sure what you wear is disposable so any dripping liquids don't ruin your day. If you don't have anything old that looks good in public, go to a thrift store and pick up some cheap, potentially disposable clothes, as tearing here and there is a must. While it would be easiest to assemble an outfit that allows for the best and most comfortable shambling, an intricate costume can lend all sorts

of personality to the zombie you wish to role-play. Have some old formal wear? Go as a lonely prom-dweller struck before they could ask the person they liked to dance. Got an unused tracksuit lying around? You're now a hyper-dedicated track star who was training for Olympic gold.

It depends on your dedication level, but the ones that stand out are always the most intriguing.

Gore

Ah, now here's where the fun begins. To be frank, a non-mutilated zombie is also a boring one, as the right amount of blood and guts can give the right look to the kind of zombie you wish to portray. Even if you don't have the time to make a latex monstrosity to marvel the best zombie flicks, a nice slathering of fake blood can compensate for a lack of complexity in the viscera. Of course a sufficiently thick mixture — typically one part water and three parts corn syrup with drops of red food colouring — does the trick nicely. In order to really capture the grotesque nature of a reanimated corpse, a bit of cocoa powder will give it a sickly brownish colour, as well as giving it just the right amount of thickness to make it seem as though the blood

has been there a good long while. Either way, a selective amount of fake blood can be the perfect concoction to help support your particular zombie's sense of identity amidst a crowd of fellow shamblers.

Skin

Getting the right undead hue for your skin is the foundation the entire look rests upon. If this is not successfully pulled off, the rest of the costume falls apart because of how alive you look compared to your fellow walkers. And when they're so often used as a metaphor for conformity, sticking out like a pulsating thumb would be rather antithetical.

To achieve the exact hue of the recently-rotting will change from person-to-person, but a good base to start with is a thin layer of baby powder, as it drains the vibrancy and sheen from the skin until it becomes beautifully dull. Combining that with a face powder to match your skin will help you reach a tone that will make you appear undead without going so far as to look like a pale, sparkling vampire.

While there are more elaborate ways of transforming into an undead version of yourself, these simple tricks are a good starting point and will hopefully guide you on Oct. 4.



LAILA HACK/GRAPHIC ARTIST

PROFILE

Gains cites K-W as helping him in the start

BETHANY BOWLES
STAFF WRITER

Cambridge native Conor Gains was eight-years-old when he received his first Fender Stratocaster from his dad. Now at the age of 21, Gains has just released his first album, *Run Away With the Night*, and has finished up touring across the country with The Conor Gains Band.

I've known Gains personally since we were kids and he was always known as that kid who lived and breathed blues guitar. It was always assumed that he would play at school functions and he never needed much time to prepare. The first time I saw him play we were 12 years old. During an assembly in front of our middle school, he played a guitar solo behind his head. I had never seen anything like it, especially from someone so young.

While chatting with Gains, he reminisced about the first time he played in front of a large audience.

"My mom and her boyfriend at the time were regulars at the Huether Hotel," he explained. "The Huether used to have open mic on Saturday afternoons. I remember seeing guys a couple years older than me, in their mid to late teens, ripping blues guitar really good ... I remember being amazed by these kids that could just jam and make music together."

Gains first played at the Huether Hotel when he was only 12 years old.

After feeling the high of playing in front of audiences, Gains got together with two other local musicians and started playing at small bars in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. He continued to play with these two guys until he was 19, then the three parted ways.

Later, Gains started up The Conor Gains Band with current band members Mack Jordan, Mikey Vee and Aaron Hernandez.

One of Gains' biggest accomplishments to date was playing at both B.B. King's bars in Memphis and Nashville while he was playing other venues in the South.

"My old man was my manager, and he would take us on little road trips. We started going to the states a lot," Gains said.

His dad must have known what he was doing, because at 14, Gains played with B.B. King's band, The B.B. King All-Star Band, while B.B. King himself was in the audience.

When asked who his biggest influence was, Gains didn't hesitate to say that his dad has played a huge part in his success. He was the person who bought Gains' first guitar, who set him up with lessons and who scheduled his shows and tours. Gains explained that as a kid he really enjoyed hard rock and metal, but it was his dad's

extensive record collection that introduced him to the world of blues.

The second time Gains made it back to Memphis, he was 17: There he played in the International Blues Challenge, where bands from all over the world come together to compete. The first time Gains' competed he made it to the quarterfinals.

The Conor Gains Band recently won the 2014 Toronto Blues Society Talent Search, which is sending them back to Memphis to represent Toronto and play in the International Blues Challenge again this winter.

"This summer we did a cross-Canada tour from Halifax to British Columbia," Gains said when asked what is currently going on with The Conor Gains Band. "That was the best summer I've had. The reason I wanted to go in the first place was just to network."

The tour was scheduled to promote their new album, which was recorded at the Sound Distillery in Kitchener. Gains explained the album doesn't fit into a typical genre.

"It kind of crosses a whole bunch of them," he said.

After listening to the album several times, I'd have to agree with him. The album is fun and upbeat, with tones of old school blues and new age rock. Each song has its own distinct sound, yet comes together to produce a solid album you won't get bored of.



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Conor Gains at the 2014 Kitchener Blues Festival main stage with his band.

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FILM REVIEW

One I Love a strong debut



ZACH GUITOR
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The cerebral romance *The One I Love* follows a struggling couple as they journey to a secluded country rental by recommendation of their therapist (Ted Danson), in an attempt to rejuvenate their failing marriage. Although they are skeptical at first, Ethan (Mark Duplass) and Sophie (Elisabeth Moss) soon discover the magical properties of the guesthouse.

Without divulging too much, the guesthouse allows Ethan or Sophie to peer into a dimension where their significant other is everything they ever wanted: a dimension where they are always "right." Conflict arises as jealousy takes grip of the couple.

In his full-length feature debut, author and director Charlie McDowell brings this challenging concept to life through the use of elegant cinematography and an excellent score. The real standout aspect of this film is the acting, as Duplass and Moss are each challenged to play two contrasting roles.

It was easy to appreciate the acting in this film. Watching Duplass shift from the neurotic, uptight and reserved Ethan, to the mellow and relaxed "other" Ethan proved his incredible range as an actor.

Although the differences between Moss' characters were less apparent, the subtle changes in her nuances and mannerisms made her performance equally as enthralling.

There have been numerous films

in the past where actors have taken on multiple roles, but what makes this film standout is the apparent attention to detail put into every scene.

However, despite a strong cast, the film sustained a few missteps in its narration.

At a glance the concept of the film is fascinating, but when stretched to over 90 minutes, it became frustrating. With little variance between scene structure, notably in the middle, the film felt repetitive. As a viewer I felt as though I waited far too long for a shift in pace.

The film is not slow by any means — the ambiguity of the guesthouse keeps tension high — but as we revisit the same setting, the same concept and the same exchanges, the suspense that was engaging at first quickly becomes monotonous. However, *The One I Love* was still an entertaining watch, and a change of pace near the end allowed for a strong finish.

The musical score for the film was excellent. The mix of delicate strings and staccato percussion fit the film perfectly.

At its most subtle moment, the arrangement was the perfect accessory to the relaxed setting. In contrast, the unorthodox percussive grooves instilled a sense of urgency at the film's most suspenseful moments. The film composers Danny Bensi and Saundra Jurriaans' efforts could be likened to Jonny Greenwood's work in films such as *The Master* or *There Will Be Blood*.

Despite a script that leaves more to be desired, it is a strong debut by newcomer Charlie McDowell. With excellent performances by Mark Duplass and Elisabeth Moss, the film remains a highlight among this year's independent films.

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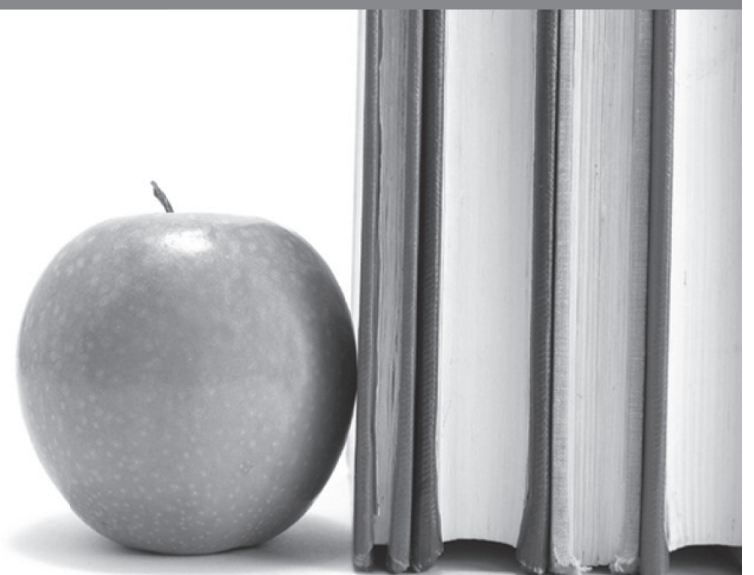
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Editorial

OPINION EDITOR
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Refocusing on the meanings behind drinking holidays

There are several drinking “holidays” in the academic year, the most recent of which was Homecoming.

The traditional intention of Homecoming is to give alumni an opportunity to revisit their alma mater and perhaps reconnect with old friends.

It also gives current students an avenue to develop their school spirit.

In order to make this day even more worthwhile, several events are organized by students and the university. These include the tailgate at the football game, pancake keggers and in some occasions, a concert or two.

In short, this day is meant to give past and present students an opportunity to celebrate all there is about Wilfrid Laurier University.

Not included in the official order of events on this day, however, is the part set aside to give students an opportunity to behave like vagabonds, scoundrels or worse, animals.

Nonetheless, this past Saturday all of these characteristics manifested in full form, and several students did in fact behave like vagabonds, scoundrels and animals.

Contrary to the advice written in the fine prints of alcohol bottles, they drank irresponsibly and as a result, they acted irresponsibly.

They littered, vandalized, dis-

turbed public peace and caused other disturbances.

On State Street and Fir Street, and around town, some of the particularly imprudent and belligerent students got involved in an explicit disregard of the law by challenging without cause the authority of the police: they assaulted — or tried to, at least — the police officers and damaged several properties, and some police vehicles.

In doing so, these students have managed to pervert the original meanings behind Homecoming.

More importantly, they have given third parties a reason to lump the university and its students into the same group universities like Carleton and Western have been lumped into: the group of universities with imprudent and irresponsible students.

This is an image of Laurier that must be avoided at all cost, lest we further damage our reputation.

On future drinking “holidays,” we must all remember to place as much importance on behaving civilly as we do on having fun and living in the moment, while enjoying our youthful years.

This way, we can strike a sensible balance between animalistic behaviours and perhaps remain focused on the reasons for the celebration.



JOSHUA AWOLADE/GRAPHICS EDITOR

The need to develop truly inclusive training programs for student leaders

In an attempt to promote inclusivity, the Wilfrid Laurier Students' Union has developed and made improvements to several procedures in training for its student leaders.

Some of these improvements include the development of alcohol awareness programs and the development of diversity programs.

The aim of the former is quite obvious: to be a student leader, you must be capable of understanding the necessity of controlling alcohol consumption, both for yourself, and for those who may be under your care.

The aim of the latter, however, is more ambiguous.

It tries to instill in student leaders the ability to discern appropriate language to use in certain scenarios, the right questions to ask or, more generally, the way in which one must act when dealing with a population of very diverse students.

This way, student leaders are less likely to say something or act in a way that may inadvertently or inadvertently lead a second or third party to feel ostracized, unwelcome and disregarded.

More importantly, it ensures that the cycle of apathy when dealing with safe places and discrimination is broken, starting from the top.

However, it has come to our attention that some of these training methods are quite paradoxical.

They are paradoxical, first of all, because it appears as though some of the trainers have not gone through the training (or any similar training, for that matter) themselves.

As a result, some of the generalizations the training preaches against are perpetuated in the training.

In our quest to ensure that all groups — whether those that have historically been the oppressors or those that have historically (or still continue to be) the oppressed — are not discriminated against, we must treat everyone with equal respect, without placing blanket generalizations on and vague notions about them.

A training program developed with the aim of promoting inclusivity that ends up excluding, even if only accidental, a certain group of people is very counter-productive and inherently flawed — right on the cusp of injustice.

Let it be said, however, that we do not condemn the Students' Union; on the contrary, we do commend their efforts to extinguish exclusivity, but only wish to see some improvements in the future.

On closing the gender gap



LENA YANG
CREATIVE DIRECTOR

Feminism has been brought to the forefront of media attention with polarizing responses toward the movement.

A number of men have explicitly expressed their disdain for feminists and announced, via Twitter and other mediums, their reluctance to date a feminist.

Some women have also denounced feminism with the “I don’t need feminism” movement, in addition to a number of female celebrities (Shailene Woodley, Lady Gaga and Lana Del Rey to name a few) who have chosen not to identify as feminists because they are not “anti-men.”

However, there have also been a number of female celebrities who have embraced feminism, one of whom is Emma Watson, who caused quite a stir last week with her HeForShe speech on behalf of her role as goodwill ambassador for UN Women.

Watson spoke of some of her girlfriends dropping out of sports for fear of appearing masculine and her guy friends’ reluctance to express their feelings for fear of appearing feminine. It is evident that these are superficial issues, and her speech was very much a regurgitation of a standard feminist speech that only scratched the surface of the movement.

I’ve read many articles debating the decision by the UN to appoint Watson, a privileged white female, to

represent the cause when she’s probably just following the “fad” (despite Watson having identified as a feminist in a 2011 Vogue interview). Why not a minority woman who can talk about developing world struggles?

They fail to see that appointing Watson in this role was a very intelligent move by the UN, because she embodies white privilege. She is rich, was educated at an Ivy League school and is the media’s sweetheart. She recognizes that she’s incredibly privileged; yet she still found a way to relate to the movement.

By drawing upon personal experiences, she is making feminism relevant to the average person who may not understand, or be interested in, sophisticated theories and global concerns. There have been many women who have spoken about feminism, but none of their speeches have gained as much attention as Watson’s. It’s not about diminishing their voices; it’s about Watson’s capability to drive this topic to a place where subsequent discussions will be afforded proper attention.

Moreover, her speech has already garnered millions of views on YouTube. It’s about time that feminist discourse reached a wider, more basic sphere, and who better to do that than a role model that appeals to the younger generation — the generation that will be driving societal changes in the years to come?

Near the end of Watson’s speech, she joked, “You might be thinking, ‘who is this Harry Potter girl and what is she doing speaking at the UN?’” This shows how closely branded her image is with that of an immensely popular fictional icon. There is a generation of children who have grown up with her and a new generation of impressionable children who are discovering the world

“Once the message has become saturated, feminism will be embraced more openly.”

of Harry Potter.

People will watch her speech and say, “Oh, look, it’s Hermione!” or “Hey, it’s the girl from Harry Potter!”

It doesn’t matter whether they identify with Emma Watson or Hermione, the point is she has gotten their attention and they are listening to what she has to say.

Maybe, finally, we can reclaim feminism, because as Watson so deftly pointed out, feminism is not the man-hating movement so many believe it is. Once that message has become saturated, feminism will be embraced more openly.

So yes, there are larger issues within feminism that need to be addressed, but we shouldn’t discount the power of smaller initiatives. After all, lobsters were considered peasant food until the railway carried it inland to a new crowd who thought it was the most delicious thing ever, which then drove its popularity and turned it into a delicacy. Watson’s speech may be the ripple that turns into a tsunami. In fact, it has already inspired a 15-year-old boy to pen a letter that also went viral.

She is just beginning her journey as a goodwill ambassador and I’m excited for whatever future endeavours she may undertake. We only have to wait and see.

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Opinion

OPINION EDITOR
MOYOSORE AREWA

Letters to the Editor

Re: Poor voter turnout is a non-issue

To the Editor:

In the 1980s I came to Waterloo to attend university, and I recall the excitement of being able to vote for the first time.

Information on municipal candidates was largely dependent upon their pamphlets and some news articles. I became informed, made a choice and voted.

In 2014, that information is at your fingertips and there are on-campus debates to meet the candidates personally. Becoming an informed voter is easy and important.

Three months ago, I wrote a blog, *Raising Voter Turnout: Responding to Three Excuses*.

It is a good counter-point to *Poor Voter Turnout is a Non-Issue*. In particular, many students feel that they are only here temporarily and their opinion doesn't count.

However you are electing a mayor and council for exactly the time that you are here in Waterloo: four years.

For the first time, both the University of Waterloo and Wilfrid Laurier University will host on-campus advance polls on Wednesday, Oct. 8.

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And you may be like me. After graduation, I made my home here. My vote in the 1980s was important.

– **Dave Jaworsky**
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A bright future for Somalia



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Earlier this month, al-Shabaab leader and military commander Ahmed Abdi Godane was killed by a United States drone strike.

Along with several other militants, Godane was killed days after African Union troops initiated Operation Indian Ocean.

This is a strategic military operation that is aimed at taking back several significant key ports in Somalia, including port town Barawe, which has been under al-Shabaab control for several years.

His death comes just one year after the attack on the Watergate Shopping Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.

Godane, who until his death was the mastermind and brutal dictator of the group, has been largely responsible for its brutal tactics, ranging from targeted assassinations, weekly car bombings and attacks in Kenya and Uganda to fierce territorial rule in several regions around Somalia.

Al-Shabaab lost much support

from Somali natives; the group prevented much-needed humanitarian aid and support workers from getting to areas that were heavily affected by 2011-2012 East African Drought.

Al-Shabaab, which was formed in late 2006 as an outcome of the failed Islamic Courts Union, is believed to have fighters in the thousands.

Its name is ironically derived from the Arabic word for “the youth.”

However, there is nothing youthful about al-Shabaab.

In fact, the cynicism of the group and the destruction that follows, is the complete opposite of youthful.

Support for the group continues to be dwindling both in Somalia and around the world, where people in the diaspora are beginning to see that al-Shabaab is an impediment to Somalia's development.

Somalia is going through a vital stage in its history and the election of President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud is symbolic of this new era.

Mohamud, an American-educated former dean of SIMAD University, a private university located in Mogadishu, was also named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world.

There is no doubt that under Mohamud's leadership, Somalia has been able to develop.

But what is most important is how al-Shabaab has been, and continues to be, an obstacle to that development.

Al-Shabaab is the anchor holding Somalia back from reaching great limits. It is single handedly ruining every chance Somalia has at becoming a fully functioning democratic country.

As the world watches with uncertainty whether or not a potentially violent power vacuum will occur within al-Shabaab, one thing is certain: Godane will surely not be missed and Somalia will be able to continue up the road to recovery relatively peacefully.

The death of Godane and other key members in the past years, along with the al-Shabaab's loss of key Somali cities, has become an indicator that Somalia is heading into a different era.

These developments will certainly enable the Somali government to focus and strengthen other areas.

Such areas include, job creation, provision of accessible social service and the promotion of democracy and good governance.

Mogadishu, Hargeisa and Kismayo are all cities that are beginning to show life reminiscent of what Somalia was long before al-Shabaab and other socio-economic and political

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puzzles came along.

Moreover, long before the war, Mogadishu was known as the “white pearl” among European tourists.

Although Somalia is by no means the white pearl it used to be, progress is being made.

Many young, educated Somalis in the diaspora are flocking back their homeland, not to fight al-Shabaab's battles but to put to use their medical, engineering and legal education in order to rebuild the place that was once home.

There is no doubt that Somalia's road to recovery will be rough and rocky, but progress is being made and there is much to be optimistic about.

Examining the rise of social media activism

A 16-year-old Palestinian girl tweeted about Israel's Gaza offensive, sparking a common debate



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The rise to dominance of social media, much like the invention of the television, has had a great impact on our society.

It has provided us with the ability to communicate with and get closer to people in various parts of the world.

More importantly, an unintended consequence of social media lies in the fact that it has developed political importance.

It is used during times of conflict with increased frequency and with the purpose of raising awareness about important issues, thereby

helping revolutionaries further their cause.

The Arab Spring marked the first time social media was used as an effective means of springing up dialogue and generating global rapport about a struggle.

It initiated the period in which social media began to affect public opinion and international support through the quick and instant spread of news, information and ideas.

However, there are still many limitations in the use of social media in revolutions.

In the Egyptian 2013 coup d'état, social media played a very small role in removing Mohammed Morsi from power.

It was key in keeping the rest of the world informed on what was happening at the time, but the change came from the protests of those on the ground with economic grievances, who were politically oppressed.

Furthermore, social media creates weak ties that reduce the effectiveness of revolutions because it facilitates the building of casual interest, but this casual interest very rarely turns into serious, dedicated support.

For instance, back in 2012, Invisible Children released a 30-minute video with the purpose of bringing awareness to Joseph Kony's inhumane crimes, which caught the attention of millions of people around the globe.

However, he continues to live freely as a warlord.

He has not yet been captured and very few people show support for the cause now, especially in comparison to the size of the bandwagon in 2012.

There are still many debates over social media's effectiveness.

It has become an essential tool for drawing attention to conflicts, but has done little else to reach a solution.

Social media allows users to keep

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themselves updated on events happening across the world and freely share their ideas and values with others.

It also allows for those experiencing the conflicts first-hand to draw international attention to themselves in order to share their point of view on what is happening.

Earlier this year, Twitter became

particularly useful for a 16-year-old Palestinian girl named Farah Baker.

She gained several new followers during the conflict, presumably because of her tweets about the agony and despair around her neighbourhood in Gaza.

With Baker's tweets, Twitter users were also able to track the conflict from the point of view of a local.

Though it may be hard to predict the future effectiveness of social media its presence is impossible to ignore.

As we become more reliant on social media for several political reasons, governments are likely to become compelled to hold themselves to higher standards of good governance and accountability.

However, the process of solving a conflict will continue to depend on and involve the actions of people of-fline, who are on the ground organizing and mobilizing others.

Idleness should be considered a virtue



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A weary traveler on the road to Naples, Italy stopped when he saw 12 idlers basking in the sun (it was long before the days of Benito Mussolini, I can assure you).

The traveller offered one lira to the laziest of the men. 11 men jumped up to claim the money, but the traveler gave the lira to the twelfth, the man who remained idle, lolling on the ground.

Samuel Johnson once wrote: "Every person hopes to be an idler." And while he may have been right, today it would be very difficult to find idlers, devoted as we are to filling our hours.

While there is a large psychological literature praising the achievement drive and the work ethic, there are very few essays dealing with the joys of idleness, the selective leisure or studied indolence.

And yet our history is filled with purposeful idleness. A backward glance reveals there was always an idle class with wealth inherited or newly acquired from clever investments or gained through corrupt business practices.

There were always women and men who never worked and never intended to work; idleness was the defining characteristic of their class.

Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, daughter of British Prime Minister Herbert Asquith, told how, as a little girl at the turn of the century, she asked her nanny what her life would be like.

Her nanny replied: "Until you are 18, you will do lessons and after 18, you will do nothing."

It is not difficult to make a strong case for idleness, just as professor George Watson of Cambridge University does, writing in *The Wilson Quarterly*: "Idleness has an elegance which in itself is virtuous. It can have a civilizing influence creating a large market of readers, collectors of literature, and those who appreciate the fine arts."

Bertrand Russell agreed in *In Praise of Idleness*, writing: "The leisure class cultivated the arts and discovered the sciences; it wrote books, invented the philosophies and refined social relations."

But today to be idle is thought to be at least uninteresting, redundant or at worst, seen to have failed.

Some years ago, the then-president of Wilfrid Laurier University, wishing to recognize those of us who had 25 years of service to the university, chose to give us all a beautiful Boston rocking chair.

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But today to be idle is thought to be at least uninteresting, redundant or at worst, seen to have failed.

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Many of my colleagues expressed their unwillingness to be confined to a rocking chair, even voluntarily.

Clearly, few of us thought ourselves ready for the cushy, but richly reflective idleness of the front porch rocking chair.

Such a negative attitude toward idleness is related to the "activity ethic" — often disguised as the work ethic — where to be active is morally acceptable; to be idle is to be a wastrel.

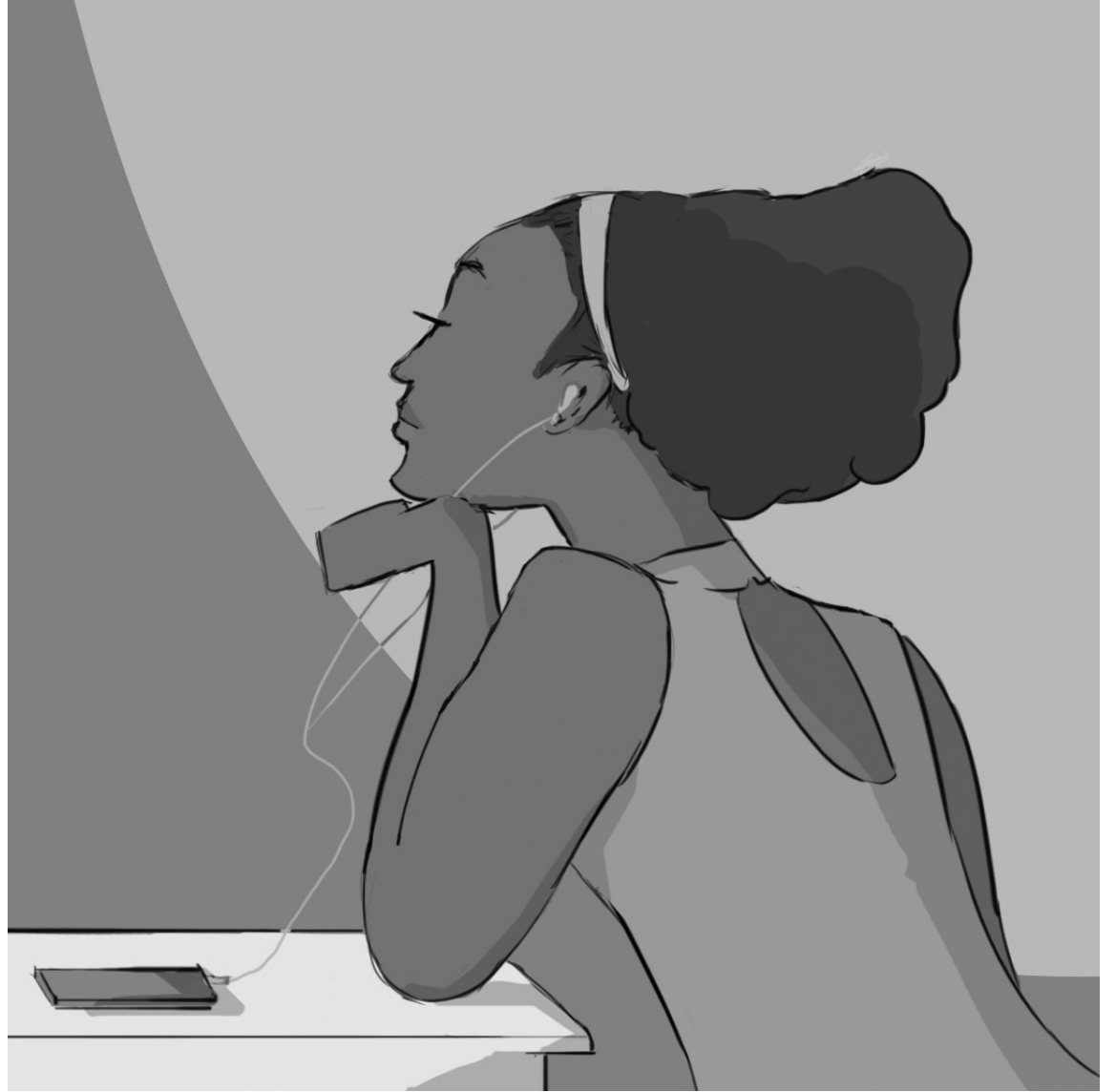
Many retirees face the question: "What are you going to do with all time you now have?"

Unfortunately, many of us simply exchange one set of frantic pre-retirement activities for a set of frantic post-retirement activities.

We are constantly warned about "idle minds" that only serve the Devil and his minions.

Much as they might like, Bible thumpers cannot cite scriptures to support our obsession with work.

Many have given Mary more credit than Martha and there are many instances where prophets became recluses, spending lengthy sojourns in the wilderness, time spent in meditation and idleness.



JOSHUA AWOLADE/GRAPHICS EDITOR

And the scriptures applaud Solomon's "Lilies of the field that neither toil nor spin."

Certainly with our dedication to hurrying through life, I can understand the decay in idleness.

My students, impatient with the lengthy process, hurry through their degrees and can't wait to get on that treadmill to work-a-day oblivion.

The custom in the past was that after completing a four-year degree, the young would take a gap year — a year off was a youthful ambition, making new friends, visiting fascinating places and seeing the world.

Another difficulty with idleness is that many of us achieve our sole identities through our work.

Our labours often define precisely who we are and work always ensures us that we have something to do.

Our work allows us to escape monotony and boredom. Some of us fear the terror of the vacancy or dread of the wasteland. Monotony and boredom are as close to death as we living can get — so we avoid it by running faster and faster.

The *New York Times* recently cited the results of 11 studies of more than 700 people, and the majority reported they found it intolerable to be idle and alone for six to 15 minutes.

The conclusion is that when alone and idle, we tend to concentrate on what may have gone wrong in our lives and fail to see the joys of idleness and solitude.

The best praise for idleness comes from that authentic, mysterious prophet Henry David Thoreau.

In *Walden*, he wrote, "I sat in my sunny doorway from sunrise till noon, rapt in a reverie, amidst the pines and hickories and sumacs, in undisturbed solitude and stillness, while the birds sang or flitted noiseless through the house ... I grew in those seasons like corn in the night and they were far better than any work of the hands would have been."

My wish for all of us is the gift of whimsy, cultivated in solitude, lengthy periods of reflection and the prolonged repose of contemplation — the many rewards of idleness.

On corporal punishment and aggression



VICTOR LY
OPINION COLUMNIST

Stand-up comedian Russell Peters recounted his experiences as a child in one of his most famous jokes, where being disobedient meant "somebody a gonna get hurt real bad."

Despite the hilariousness of the skit, the grim truth is that this is the reality for many children, whose parents use physical force as a method to teach them right from wrong.

Legally speaking, this is permissible. Section 43 of the Canadian Criminal Code says, "Every school-teacher, parent or person standing in the place of a parent is justified in using force by way of correction toward a pupil or child, as the case may be, who is under his care, if the force does not exceed what is reasonable under the circumstances."

While using domestic corporal punishment is not intrinsically a bad thing, it's open to interpretation as to how much force is considered reasonable.



LAILA HACK/GRAPHIC ARTIST

Take the extreme example of Adrian Peterson, who made news headlines for beating his child with a tree branch, causing bruises and lacerations to his back, legs, scrotum and buttocks.

Amid widespread outrage, he's been placed on the NFL exemption list and his career moving forward is now very much in doubt.

This begs the question: what kind of force is reasonable? When is it okay to hit your child as opposed to grounding them or retracting certain privileges?

In several societies, ours especially, it's a common view that punishment should fit the crime

committed.

Using this framework, it would make sense that violence should only be used to deter violent behaviour.

However, critics of domestic corporal punishment often claim that it has an inverse effect and that it leads to more violent behaviour later on in life. Not only that, but some studies claim that spanking leads to higher rates of juvenile crime and higher scores on post-traumatic stress tests.

Proponents insist that it is an effective technique, so long as it is not done out of rage, love for the child is reinforced and milder methods are used first.

In their view, it is an essential part of being able to provide backup to the disciplinary process, showing the child that what they did was indeed very wrong.

In their studies, children disciplined in this way were actually less violent than their non-physically disciplined counterparts. It's a difficult dilemma that's not black and white.

The idea of getting hit by a larger person is no doubt very frightening to a young child, but it seems intuitive that intimidation is an effective way to teach the severity of bad behaviour to children, who often do not yet have a fully developed ability to reason and understand ideals.

In addition, everyone can probably recall at least one person who grew up in a nice household and was never beaten, yet for some reason had a seething hatred for the world and everything around him or her.

The connection between corporal punishment and aggression is not definitive.

I believe it's perfectly acceptable to punish your child, so long as it's done for disciplinary purposes and not to vent out anger.

A child is very perceptive to its surrounding environment and will internalize the actions of its caretakers, learning acceptable behaviour from that. Attacking a child out of frustration will teach the child a lesson, but perhaps not the lesson that you intended.

The only person that can truly tell you whether or not it's reasonable is you. Picture yourself in the position of the child, but don't ask yourself whether or not you'd like to be treated that way — the answer to that is obvious.

Rather, ask yourself if you'd learn anything and if you would understand the connection between the crime and the punishment.

If the answer is no, then what you're doing is hurting the child in more ways than one.

Sports

SPORTS EDITOR
JOSH PETERS

HOCKEY

Poised to make a deep run

DREW YATES
STAFF WRITER

The Wilfrid Laurier University men's hockey team is coming into this year with lots of positivity.

Last season, the team posted a 9-17-2 record in the conference and missed the playoffs for the first time in two years.

They are looking to improve their record this year with their incoming talented rookie class and the mindset to do well.

"I don't think there's been that talented of a rookie class since I've been here, and I look at the team and everyone's got a lot of energy," fourth-year captain Tyler Stothers said. "This year feels a little bit different. The mindset is that we're expected to win—we're not just hoping."

Head coach Greg Puhalski shared his captain's outlook on the year.

"There is just a better vibe, a lot of positivity with what we are doing," he said. "Last year we had a lot of injuries too which made things a little difficult on our team."

The team agreed that their end goal for this season is going to be winning the Ontario University Athletics championship. According to Puhalski, the team has a pretty good chance of making that goal happen this season.

"I think we have some real positive ingredients," Puhalski said. "I don't think there is going to be one team that runs away with the [OUA] cham-



MATT SMITH/FILE PHOTO

Men's hockey battled the Waterloo Warriors in their first exhibition game of the season, winning in overtime 5-4.

pionship. I think it is going to be the team that is playing the best hockey at the right time and we are right in the mix with that, so we'll see."

For Stothers, making a deep run into the playoffs would be a great end to his career at Laurier.

In the last three years, the team has either bowed out of the playoffs in the first round or never made it.

He explained that one of the biggest reasons that the team wasn't able to make a deep run into the playoffs was due to the inconsistency in the production of their lines, while playing in a league that requires a

full team effort to win.

"This year we got four lines of players who are fighting to be in the lineup and they are all good, genuine players," Stothers said.

"They're going to be battling for ice time and that's what we need—that competitive environment."

Another obstacle that both Stothers and Puhalski find will be a challenge for the recruits is finding their role among the team.

The Hawks finished their exhibition play with one win and one loss. On Sept. 19 they hosted the Waterloo Warriors to kick off their preseason.

In an intense matchup that both teams took turns taking the lead, it was Laurier that came out on top, scoring a goal in overtime to win the game in a thrilling fashion with a score of 5-4.

The Hawks were unable to repeat their performance in their second game when they played against York on Sept. 21. They lost that matchup by a score of 4-2.

The club will kick off their 2014-15 campaign on Saturday Oct. 4 against Lakehead Thunderwolves at 7:30 p.m. at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of
Sept 29 - Oct 5

RECENT SCORES

09.24.14
M Baseball 9 - Team Ontario 2

09.26.14
W Rugby 43 - Brock 24
W Fastpitch 1 - Western 8
W Fastpitch 1 - Western 11

09.27.14
M Football 53 - Carleton 3
M Rugby 8 - Brock 29
M Baseball 12 - Toronto 2
M Baseball 9 - Toronto 4
W Lacrosse 8 - Western 14
W Lacrosse 13 - Guelph 5
W Fastpitch 9 - York 0
W Fastpitch 14 - York 2

09.28.14
W Soccer 1 - York 0
M Soccer 0 - York 4
M Baseball 3 - Western 2
M Baseball 7 - Western 2
W Fastpitch 8 - Queen's 1
W Fastpitch 8 - Queen's 14
M Lacrosse 6 - Laurentian 14

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10.02.14
W Hockey vs Nipissing
Waterloo Rec Complex, 7:30pm

10.04.14
M Football vs York
University Stadium, 1:00pm
M Hockey vs Lakehead
Waterloo Rec Complex, 7:30pm

10.05.14
M Golf Wilfrid Laurier Invitational
Cambridge Golf Club, All Day
M Baseball vs Brock
Bechtel Park, 12:00pm
W Rugby vs Waterloo
University Stadium, 1:00pm
M Baseball vs Brock
Bechtel Park, 4:00pm
W Hockey vs Laurentian
Waterloo Rec Complex, 7:30pm

GOLDEN HAWKS WOMEN'S HOCKEY

HOME OPENER vs NIPISSING

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:30 PM

WATERLOO REC COMPLEX



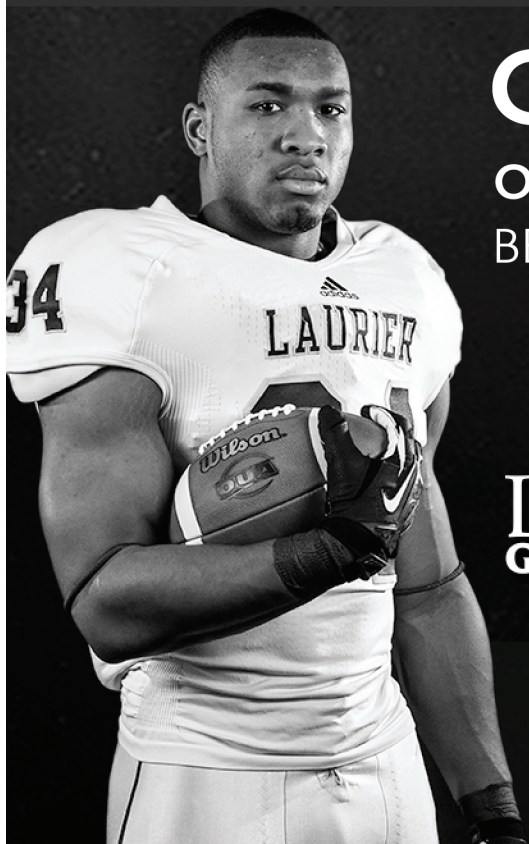
GOLDEN HAWKS FOOTBALL

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

1:00 PM

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AWARDS

Laurier legends inducted to Hall of Fame



(Left to right) Hollie Nicol, Cindy Eadie, Andrea Bevin, Luke Fusco and Clive Tharby were inducted into the Laurier Hall of Fame on Friday evening.

HEATHER DAVIDSON/PHOTO EDITOR

SHELBY BLACKLEY
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

Members of the 2004-05 Wilfrid Laurier University women's hockey team stood at the front of the Senate and Board Chamber Friday night and addressed the director of athletics and recreation, Peter Baxter.

"You promised us a national champion coach [in Rick Osborne] and you delivered. Thank you for making this team so special," they said to Baxter.

The 2004-05 Canadian Interuniversity Sport women's hockey championship team was inducted into the Laurier Hall of Fame along with six athletes and a builder.

10 years removed, the women's hockey team was the first national championship team in the program, picking up the hardware a year after picking up head coach Osborne on

the way to an exhibition tournament. The Hawks went through a coaching shuffle in 2003-04 and the following season found themselves capturing CIS gold in a 4-1 victory over the perennial powerhouse the Alberta Pandas.

"It's so special. You heard person after person talk about how special it is to be part of the Laurier community, not only as a student, but as a student-athlete," women's hockey goaltender and inductee Cindy Eadie said.

"To win a national championship with those friends and teammates and people who support you is just the icing on the cake, really."

Two members of the women's hockey team, Eadie and Andrea Bevin, were among the inductees, along with Hollie Nicol and Paul Arkilander from curling, Mark Voakes from men's hockey and Clive Tharby

from men's football. Luke Fusco was inducted in the builder category.

Eadie, one of the most decorated athletes to ever play for Laurier, won three Ontario University Athletics championships and was named the OUA and CIS rookie of the year, OUA player of the year, a CIS first team all-Canadian and an OUA first team all-star in her first outing.

In 2004-05, she also collected CIS first team all-Canadian, OUA player of the year, OUA first team all-star and OUA goalie of the year honours. Eadie was also recognized with Laurier's president's award for top female athlete of the year in her fourth season.

Joining her is Bevin, who won an OUA championship in each of her five years at Laurier and one CIS championship. She was named to the CIS all-rookie team in 2004-05 and won Laurier's rookie of the year

Nobody wants to win more than I do, and nobody wants to win more than the athletic department

-Luke Fusco, inducted in the builder category

award.

Bevin won CIS first team all-Canadian honours three times and OUA player of the year twice. She finished her career with Laurier's president's award.

"It feels fantastic," Eadie said. "It's such an honour and, as I said earlier, this group of girls is just fantastic. A highly successful [group] of people

and it's a pleasure to be their teammate."

Nicol, the first women's curler to be inducted into the hall of fame, twice guided her rink to a national championship and added one OUA gold medal.

She was a two-time CIS academic all-Canadian and was a recipient of Laurier's Outstanding Women of Laurier award and the Luke Fusco academic athletic achievement award.

She also won a silver medal at the 2009 Winter Universiade.

Arkilander won a CIS gold medal and was a first team all-Canadian and OUA all-star, and won two OUA titles. He also represented Canada at the 2009 Winter Universiade, where they finished sixth.

The men's football inductee, Tharby, was a 1987 Yates Cup champion and was named an OUA (now the OUA) second team all-star, an OUA defensive MVP and first team all-star en route to CIAU (now the CIS) all-Canadian first team honour.

"To say that Laurier really helped build my character is an understatement. It was an integral part in my development as a person," Eadie said on behalf of the inductees.

In the builder category, Fusco is inducted after over 40 years of service to the Laurier community.

As a former dean of the faculty of social work, he has been a counsellor and mentor of student athletes and helped students balance academics and athletic success.

He has an award named after him, and also worked with many of Laurier's coaches and athletics staff in providing guidance and continues to remain active in the hiring of coaches and chairing the Hall of Fame committee.

"[The department] really cares about young people who are developing in all parts of their lives," Fusco said.

"Nobody wants to win more than I do, and nobody wants to win more than the athletic department. We also want the people who we are working with to develop and then succeed later on in life. And we want to be a part of that. And that never ends."



MATT SMITH/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Women's rugby defeated the Brock Badgers by a score of 43-24 Friday.

RUGBY

Getting back to the postseason once more

KOBI LEE
CORD SPORTS

The Wilfrid Laurier University women's rugby team played a critical game last Friday against the Brock Badgers.

The club pulled away with the victory by a score of 43-24 and clinched a playoff spot for the second straight year. The Badgers found the lead early, scoring two tries to Laurier's one to go up 12-5 after the first 20 minutes. However, the Golden Hawks finished the half strong leading 17-12 going into the second.

The second half was very close with the Hawks and the Badgers going try for try making the score 29-24 with 10 minutes left.

The Hawks pulled away in the last 10 minutes, scoring a try to pull ahead 36-24.

In the last minute, forward Jennifer Gilmour had an impressive run of around 50 yards to score her second try of the game and fourth conversion for a convincing victory against the Badgers.

Centre Chloe Graves was thrilled with the continued success of the program.

"We are just building, and every year is getting better and better."

-Chloe Graves, centre

"Last year was our first year [making the playoffs] in a long time so just getting it two years in a row and having two wins this season, as opposed to the one win last season, feels great. We are just building and every year is getting better and better," she said.

Graves had an extremely strong performance for the Hawks, scoring two tries this game for a season total of five.

Co-head coach Amy Bambury was very pleased with the team's performance and ability to come back from behind in the victory on Friday night.

"We have been working through adversity for the past few years so the fact that as soon as the girls got

scored on they retaliated was big, very big for us in that game," she said.

Even though the Hawks played a great game, Bambury thinks they still have some work to do.

"We get a little frantic when it's close. We get too excited and want to do everything all at once and that's just rugby experience ... but we pulled through in the end," she said.

Going into the next game, Graves said she would like to see more of the same from her teammates

"[We want] that same intensity, that same organization and that same team play. Everyone doing their job and everybody building on what we have done in the past weeks so we can finish our season strong," she said.

If the Hawks win their next game against the Waterloo Warriors they will have home team advantage for their first playoff game of the season, and will have achieved the best record for the women's rugby team since 2005.

The Hawks will play in their final game of the 2014-15 regular season is on Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. at University Stadium.

FOOTBALL

Hawks impress at Homecoming



HEATHER DAVIDSON/PHOTO EDITOR, WILL HUANG/PHOTO EDITOR

Men's football dominated the Carleton Ravens at Homecoming on Saturday afternoon, winning by a score of 53-3 and improving to 3-1 on the year as they wait to host the York Lions this week.

JOSH PETERS
SPORTS EDITOR

So far, the Wilfrid Laurier University men's football team have been following the script laid out for them.

With their 53-3 Homecoming victory over the Carleton Ravens on the weekend, the Hawks move to 3-1, while the Ravens fall to 2-2.

The Hawks have been beating the teams they were supposed to beat; they were heavy favourites in their victories over the University of Toronto Varsity Blues and Waterloo Warriors. Their one loss came in an extremely tight game against the closely-ranked Windsor Lancers.

Coming off a last minute victory against the Ottawa Gee Gee's last week and sitting at 2-1, the Ravens seemed like they were a likely candidate to break the trend.

However, some huge performances by the Hawks quickly extinguished any chance of a Ravens victory.

Running back Dillon Campbell got things going with two touchdowns, but he did not work alone on Saturday afternoon.

The Hawks were leading 34-0 at the half, and according to head coach Michael Faulds, it was a total team effort led by quarterback James Fracas.

"We are a really balanced offence. Everyone knows our headliner is Dillon Campbell, but James Fracas is doing such a great job," he said. "He's spreading the ball around. You saw Marcus [Arkarakas] had some catches and [Anthony] Pizzuti had some catches, so he is doing a really great job being the facilitator out there."

Campbell rushed for 176 yards

during the game. He currently sits at 850 so far this season and has not even played in half of two of the games. He is 21 shy of his Ontario University Athletics-leading 867 season a year ago.

Pizzuti grabbed two touchdowns during the Homecoming game, which held a little extra significance for him. In last year's Homecoming defeat to the Lancers, Pizzuti had a touchdown taken away from him as Laurier was trying to come back. The referees ruled that his feet were not in bounds in the corner of the end zone.

On Saturday, Fracas ran two similar plays when the Hawks had the ball inside the 10.

"When they made the call, I kind of had a good feeling in my stomach," said Pizzuti.

"Coming in I had a little bit of a

chip on my shoulder, 'thinking you know what, I better make it count this time. I'm happy that I got two and I am happy that we won as a team. That's all that really matters.'

In their three victories, the Hawks have outscored their opponents 150-20, with some inspired play from their defence.

Against the Ravens, they were able to limit wide receiver Nathaniel Behar to just 27 yards—a week after he picked up 276 against the Gee Gee's.

Defensive end and top Canadian Football League prospect Chris Ackie had 5.5 tackles on the day.

He is pleased with the effort the defence has been bringing, and has no plans to let up against York next week.

"Even last year when we were at 1-7 we surprised a lot of teams, so York can surprise us as well. We can't

take any team lightly. We are going to prepare for them like they are Western or [McMaster] or any team that is higher up," he said.

The York Lions have not won a game this year in five attempts and have been outscored 266-12 over the course of the season.

Dillon Campbell alone has rushed for 850 yards, which is more than the entire Lions offence this year, as they sit at 784 total yards.

That being said, Faulds is not going to be making any changes in preparation.

"We have to come out here and execute and continue to play Laurier football regardless of the opponent coming in because we know we are going to get their best shot," he said.

The Lions make their way to University Stadium on Saturday Oct. 4 at 1 p.m.

BASEBALL

Climbing to the top of the standings

DAVID DESSAU
CORD SPORTS

The wins keep on coming.

The Wilfrid Laurier University men's baseball team kept their hot September going with a two-game sweep against the Western Mustangs.

Head coach Scott Ballantyne said he was not ready to take Western lightly heading into the two games on Sunday.

"It's definitely a good feeling whenever you can win two games, but we've had some struggle with them over the years," he said.

"They're a good team, so it was nice to be able to beat them."

After Laurier's 3-2 win in the first game, the intensity between the two teams hit new heights early on in the second game of the afternoon at Betchel Park in Waterloo.

Both teams were grinding it out on the field as well as on the benches, where emotions were flaring.

Ballantyne discussed the difficulties of trying to stay composed in these kinds of situations.

"We know whenever we play these guys, it's going to be a grind. For sure, they like to talk. We're not going to shy away from that kind of thing. We held it well," he said.

The third inning was full of momentum swings and Laurier took advantage of theirs and never looked back after rebounding to take the lead against Western with a four-run bottom of third inning, quieting the Western dugout.

Laurier's pitching was once again the focal point for their winning success.

Starting pitcher Andrew Ziedins got high praise from Ballantyne on his ability to stay mentally strong

HEATHER DAVIDSON/PHOTO EDITOR
Men's baseball took both games against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues and Western Mustangs over the weekend and improved to 11-1

early on in the game.

"Andrew, our pitcher, kept his cool, kept his demeanor," said Ballantyne.

After the hectic third inning where Ziedins gave up two unearned runs, he managed to stay composed and won his third conference game of the year pitching a seven-inning complete game, the first of his career.

Ziedins was happy with the results of the game as well as being given the opportunity finishes the game.

"It feels pretty good. It was great to see them have the confidence in me to send me out for the seventh. I felt

strong," he said.

He attributes his strong composure to past experiences pitching against Western.

"It was like that last year in my first start against them. It was the same thing. But battling through it last year really helped me battle through it this year. I knew to just zone them out and get the job done," he said.

Winning their last six games and going into the month of October with a conference play record of 11-1, Laurier's baseball team is in mid-season form.

The Hawks now have the second

best record in Ontario University Athletics (OUA). They only trail the Brock Badgers who are 13-11.

But, Ballantyne is not taking anything for granted is getting the team prepared for tough upcoming games.

"Next weekend we've got two [games] with Guelph and two with Brock. Two teams we're battling out for first place with. It won't be very hard to get up for those games and we just got to keep working hard every week to get better."

Laurier's next regular season game will be on Oct. 4 at Larry Pearson Field against Guelph.

"We know when we play these guys it's going to be a grind."

—Scott Ballantyne, head coach