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PARTY'S OVER

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"Club DC" is still at capacity — just a lowered one UW removes tables from noisy and crowded Davis Centre

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STAFF REPORTER

Twenty-two tables and eighty-eight chairs have been removed from the Davis Centre Library and distributed throughout the Student Life Centre. The remaining tables have been spread out to provide a quieter and less cramped group study area in the library.

Hundreds of comments submitted to the library website's "DC Zone" section over the past few months have pointed out such issues as excessive noise, socializing, and general misuse of the DC group study area, leading to the need to transform the space into one more suitable for studying.

Bringing down the volume in DC seems to be working so far, according to Jennifer Haas, the DC library's head of information services and resources.

Haas said that the main floor "seems quieter during the day, at the very least." Student users of the library have noticed the newfound quiet, but are not yet accustomed to the library's new character. Electrical engineering student Hussein El-Kotob says he thinks that "this new quiet campaign doesn't really work... If you want quiet [study], there's DP, but DC is for group work." Jokingly, he added, "...maybe they should advertise DC as the loud library."

Despite being appreciative of less noise, other students are bothered by the new lack of group work space in DC. "It's harder to find free tables during the daytime," commented math/business student Laura Chelaru, who noted that she's seen students studying on the library floors since the tables were removed.

Library staff are aware of these concerns, and have provided an almost-comprehensive list of alternative campus study spaces on their web site.

Future plans

Haas mentioned that while cellphone use is a major source of noise in both libraries, there are potential legal issues preventing the university from blocking signal access in either building. The planning team has considered adding expanded lounge areas or "cellphone booths" similar to those found in other university libraries, but there are no concrete plans.

The library's project team is also consulting with acoustics experts and representatives at Plant Operations to find structural solutions to help mute sound in the library.

Individual study rooms in the Davis Centre Library will be a thing of the past. The rooms, which the library's Communications and Development Manager Mary Stanley explained were originally typing rooms that were abandoned during the most recent DC renovation. They have not received much positive feedback from students and are often described as "smelly and claustrophobic," said Stanley.

"Ideally, [the library] would completely change the open area," she continued, in particular moving the collection to the centre of the main floor and creating a variety of new group study areas facing Ring Road. Haas noted that these spaces will hopefully provide amenities for more effective studying and collaboration, such as whiteboards.

Despite the abundance of plans to optimize study space in both libraries, there is currently a lack of funding to realize these goals. UW's libraries have previously received extensive corporate funding — \$1 million from RBC for the 2004 Davis Centre renovation and hundreds of computer workstations from IBM — but there are currently no sponsors confirmed for this round of upgrades.

What about DP?

Plans to upgrade study space in Dana Porter, however, are less directed. Renovations to the main floor of the library were completed last summer, but work spaces on the upper six floors have been relatively untouched. Sharon Lamont, the library's organizational services director says that "The main [priority] is to replace the study carrels with more modern ones," as funding becomes available.

Allocating more floor space for studying, however, could force some library books underground. According to the university's Master Plan, there is an underground area between Dana Porter and the Arts Lecture Hall that can be used as an extension of the library stacks storage system. Lamont notes that there is no plan at present to relocate library holdings, and that such a plan would be subject to possible lengthy deliberation with university administration.

Student input still needed

Student involvement in transforming the library has, at times, been difficult to solicit. Feds will be working with library administration to form a library advisory committee that will bring together students, faculty, and staff to provide input on the library's future. As well, students are still invited to offer their feedback on library renovations at <http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/dczone/spring2009/feedbackform.html>.

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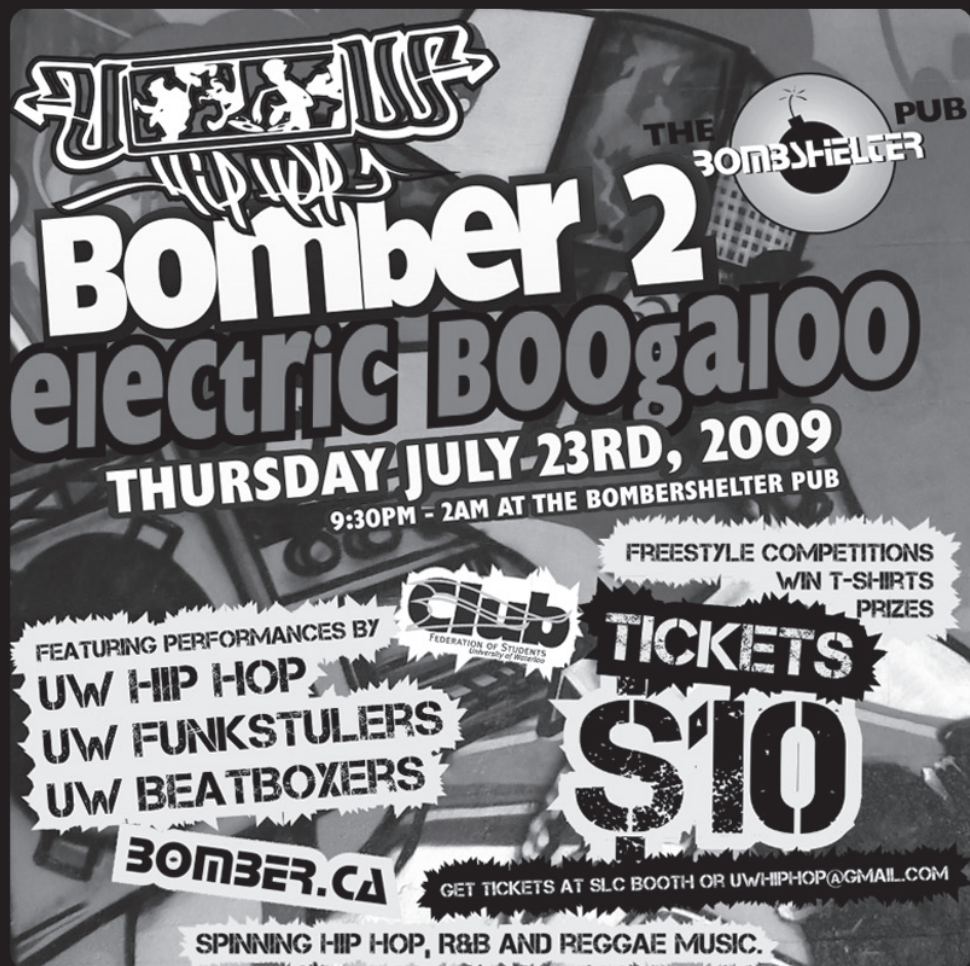
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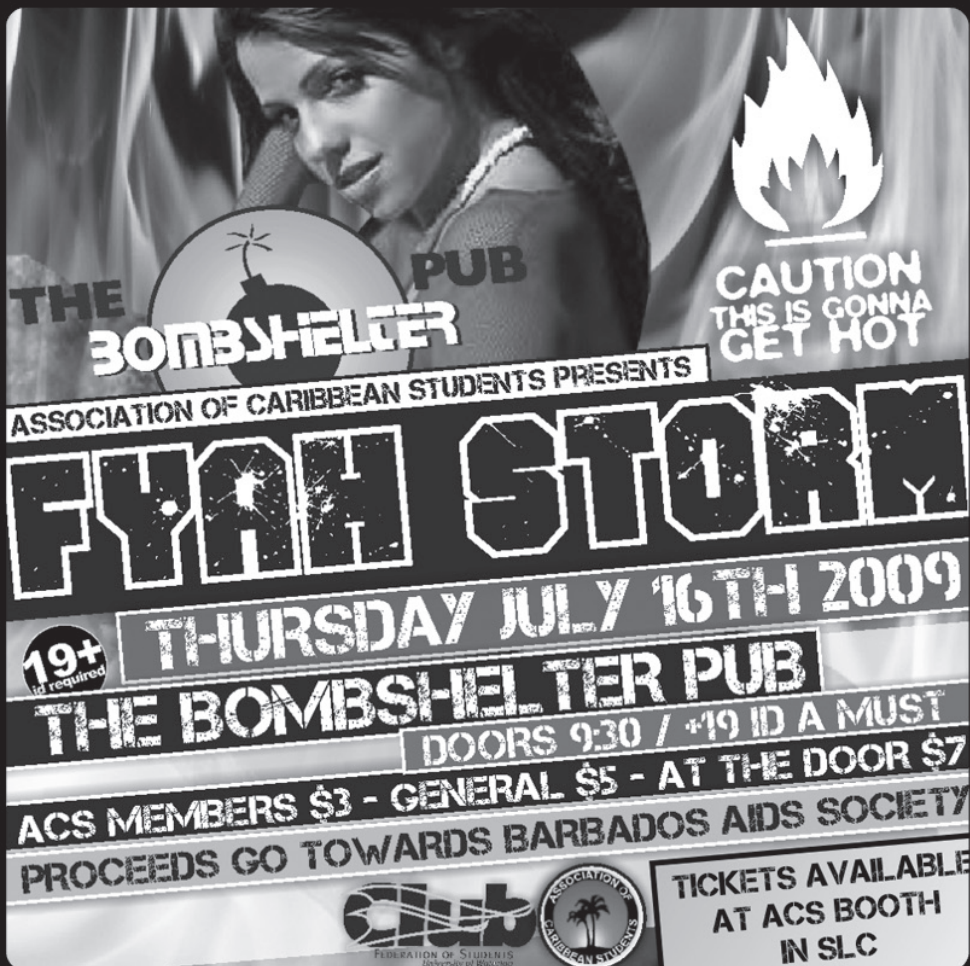
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HARSH ENVIRONMENT FOR UW SUMMIT CENTRE?

Muskoka campus moving forward despite threat of legal action

Ryan Webb
STAFF REPORTER

University of Waterloo's Dean of Environment, Dr. Deep Saini, faces a critical question on July 14, when he meets with residents of the Town of Huntsville: whether they will welcome UW when it opens its new Faculty of Environment campus in the community for the Fall 2010 semester.

Saini's public meeting will come nearly two weeks after Huntsville Town Council changed the location of the proposed facility in a June 30 emergency session in response to a threat of legal action made by two local residents, Jim and Terry McCaffery. Legal action could threaten the whole project, as its construction relies on funds set aside by the Canadian government for expenditures related to the 2010 G8 Summit, which is to be held in Huntsville.

The McCaffery brothers feel the project was rushed through normal procedures and question whether the town has the right to develop on the site at all. They point to the 1923 deed for the property that stipulates that it be used to memorialize locals who perished during the First World War, and for "athletic purposes [...] or other amusements."

"Council unanimously agreed to the change, rather than risk the loss of the University of Waterloo facility," Mayor Claude Doughty announced in a press release. "The effect of any delay caused by legal action would be devastating to the hopes, dreams and aspirations of Huntsville." He declined to offer an opinion on the legal validity of the deed issue.

Based on council's decision, the entirety of the building's new footprint will lie on an area designated for road allowance that bisects the property, and which council argues falls outside of the 1923 arrangement. A new veteran's memorial, which was promised by council as part of the original project, also remains on the agenda.

The *Huntsville Forester* local newspaper reports that although Jim McCaffery believes that council's revised plan still falls outside "the spirit of the original deed," he will not proceed with legal action "at this point, pending other benefactors that want to come in."

The fight over "green"

As *Imprint* reported in May, UW entered into an agreement with Huntsville — located approximately 125 kilometers north of Barrie — to open a unique environment-focused campus there after it plays host to the leaders of the world's wealthiest countries for the G8 Leader's Summit. The G8 will use the

facility as an operational centre during the Summit and, afterward, the new federally funded facility will be leased to the faculty of environment to be used as a research facility and conference centre. Saini anticipates that upwards of 3,000 researchers and students will make use of the UW Summit Centre for the Environment each year. In recent years the land designated for the new facility has been used as a soccer field, but in the past it has been a trailer park and a venue for demolition derbies. It lies in a natural bowl that overlooks a lake in Muskoka's cottage country.

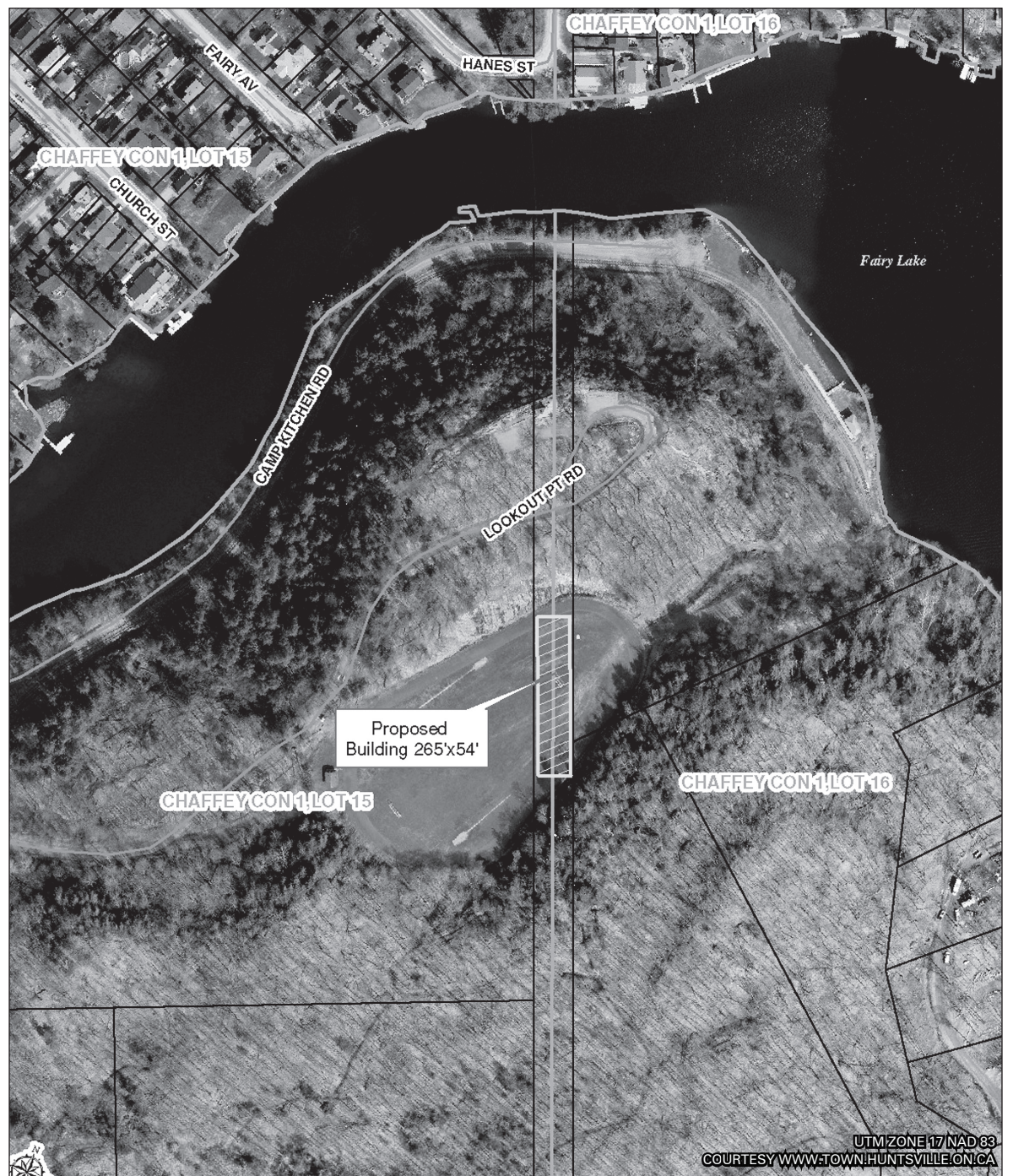
The site's countrified setting was a priority for both the G8 organizers and the environment faculty. The temporary guest hopes that the relatively remote location will dissuade crowds of protestors, which are ubiquitous at such high-profile meetings, from gathering. Meanwhile, UW hopes to use the rural setting to provide unique opportunities for ecological research, education opportunities, and, ultimately, to further increase the academic prestige of its faculty of environment.

However, the idyllic location has proved to be Janus-faced: Muskoka residents highly value their natural spaces, and some are vocally against any development on the site. The McCafferys, the same two residents who threatened legal action against the town, claim 500 residents have signed a petition against the use of the site that they advertised in the local newspaper.

Central to much of the criticism is the desire to preserve the natural beauty of the lookout area, and to ensure it remains an accessible green space for the community. The nearby school makes use of the field for physical education around the year. However even proponents readily concede that the Memorial Park soccer pitch at the site is less than perfect. The strongest opposition has come from those who use the area as a park. According to resident Barb Hesk, who was critical of the proposed location, the "seclusion" and "peacefulness" of the park is "one of its main draws."

Doughty feels such criticisms are "a reach." The town's website indicates that the "site will make up approximately 4.5 hectares." He told *Imprint* that the whole UW Summit Centre building will occupy no more than a "hectare" and that the rest of the ground will be open to the public. "The city owns over a hundred acres... Arrowhead Park is five minutes away," he continued.

Council has also been drawing attention to its construction of a new soccer field, albeit in a different part of Huntsville. It insists that, to the extent the motion was passed through quickly, it was because of the time critical nature



of the project. A press release points out that when the university's proposal was accepted by the municipality on May 25, nobody raised any objections.

Although Saini is no stranger to environmental stewardship, he may have a difficult time convincing critical Huntsville residents that a 'green future' means development atop their favourite green space.

When contacted by a critical resident, the dean of environment maintained that the campus would act in the "best interest" of the environment. A conceptual report presented in council by the construction firm overseeing the building, Greystone Project Management Inc., indicates that construction will proceed using this green philosophy. In addition to local materials and efficient windows, the plan calls for the use of displacement ventilation with solar and geothermal heating, green roofing, and solar photovoltaic and small wind turbine power generators.

Letters from readers published on *The Huntsville Forester's* website regarding the UW project have

been generally mixed. Some share the McCafferys' perspective, while others indicate they would welcome a post-secondary institution in the community. However, the latter sentiment raises another area of confusion: the extent to which the UW Summit Centre campus will benefit undergraduates.

The faculty has not indicated whether undergraduates would have any access to the facility at all. Indeed, if the town's press release is any indication, things are not promising in this area. The Summit Centre "will not be a classroom in the traditional post-secondary institutional sense," it said. Instead the Centre will cater to researchers, high school students and executives looking for conference space. This is in stark contrast from a typical "institution of higher learning," which many residents seem to assume the facility will be.

In the end though, critical opinions may not count for much: preparations for construction have begun in earnest. "The destruction of the forests leading up to the hill is already well underway," Hesk wrote in an e-

mail to *Imprint* in mid-June.

Meanwhile, Doughty expressed confidence that, despite the continued possibility of legal action, council's unanimous motion would successfully keep the project on schedule. Groundbreaking is set for later in July, or early August.

Mayor Doughty told *Imprint* that he was "over the moon" at the prospects of a UW campus in Huntsville. "We ask that residents come forward and welcome the University of Waterloo with open arms to our community," he said in the statement announcing Saini's July 14 meeting.

The UW Summit Centre is to be housed in a new \$9 million facility. Construction costs are being paid for by some \$40 million in government funds that are being distributed through the G8 infrastructure fund. Before the fund closed its application process earlier this month, it had received \$450 million in proposals for a piece of its \$50 million bounty. The fund is expected to pay out its final \$10 million before the end of this month.

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YORK ELECTION MEDDLING

CAMPUS WATCH

INTER-UNIVERSITY NEWS

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REPORTER

York Student Federation accuses Conservative politicians of election meddling

The York Federation of Students (YFS) has issued a press release accusing two Conservative politicians — MP Peter Kent and MPP Peter Shurman — of interfering in the YFS general elections.

Through the *Freedom of Information Act*, YFS obtained copies of email messages between the politicians' assistants and university executives. The student federation claims the messages indicate "persistent inquiries...about the results of the York student elections." The YFS also stated that both politicians appeared to ask whether the university would annul the results. In fact, Kent assigned a key staff member to intervene in the election on behalf of a more conservative, pro-Israeli team of candidates.

A more left-wing, pro-labour, and pro-Palestinian roster won the general elections. However, the losing team complained about voting irregularities, such as accusations of campaigning within proximity of the ballot box and additional ballots being printed. Nevertheless, the student election committee decided to uphold the vote. This, in turn,

led to the e-mail messages being sent by the Thornhill politicians' assistants. The YFS accuses the federal and provincial Conservative parties of attempting to influence students' democratic decision-making processes.

"The student elections were run in a fair and democratic manner and in accordance with our bylaws," said Krisna Saravanamuttu, president of the YFS. "The York administration and members of the Conservative Party have no right or authority to interfere in the elections of the students' union simply because they disagree with student criticisms of their policies."

Kent and Shurman denied allegations of meddling. They insisted that they were merely seeking updates on behalf of their constituents. Many of these constituents, they said, were Jewish students who were concerned about on-campus anti-Semitism.

York Vice-President Rob Tiffin said the e-mail messages have been treated as requests for information, and not as political pressure. While York is not planning on cancelling the vote, Tiffin asked the YFS to have an external firm perform a review of the university's election process.

Kent is also the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs (Americas).

— *With files from The Toronto Star.*

LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT IN KW

Enhanced service to benefit UW students

Erin Harrison
STAFF REPORTER

A variety of resolutions regarding the Rapid Transit Initiative were approved by city councillors at the June 24 Waterloo Regional Council meeting.

Resolutions included the choice of Light Rail Transit (LRT) as the preferred technology for the system (over Bus Rapid Transit, BRT). Also endorsed was the final route and station location for the future rapid transit line.

After presentations by a number of delegates and some heated discussion amongst councillors, all the resolutions were passed by a wide margin, despite strong protestations by Cambridge mayor and councillor Doug Craig, who was the only member of regional council to vote against light rail technology. Overall however, the sentiment in council chambers was overwhelmingly positive and viewed the approval of these resolutions as a step towards creating a stronger and more successful region.

"In future years, people will look on this decision as doing something more than anything else to manage growth and shape Waterloo Region," said Regional Chair Ken Seiling. "Our ability to cope with growth and ensure our future quality of life will depend on providing a transportation system that encourages intensification, limits urban sprawl to protect our agricultural and environmentally sensitive lands, and avoid gridlock by providing alternatives to the dependence on cars as we grow."

With an estimated \$790 million budget, the project will be implemented in two stages. Stage one of the approved rapid transit route consists of installing light rail technology running from Conestoga Mall to Fairview Park Mall

in Kitchener, with adapted bus rapid transit running from Fairview Park Mall to the Ainslie Street terminal in Cambridge. The second stage of the project, which will follow the completion of stage one, consists of continuing light rail transit from Fairview Mall to Ainslie Street Terminal.

Project background

Waterloo Region is one of the fastest growing communities in Canada, with an existing population of 500,000 residents. While this isn't a staggeringly large number, it's forecasted that in the next 25 years, the region will be home to approximately 729,000. In order to plan for the challenges associated with such a rapid population and employment growth, the Region of Waterloo's proposed Rapid Transit Initiative will link the residential, commercial, and employment areas of the three cities (Kitchener, Cambridge, and Waterloo). This will help to ensure the Region's competitiveness, and prosperity in the coming years.

In June 2003, the Waterloo Regional Council adopted a long-term framework for growth management and direction as embodied by the Regional Growth Management Strategy (RGMS). The RGMS was strongly supported by the Ontario provincial Places to Grow Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (2006) which identified the development of rapid transit service linking the cores of the region through a central transit corridor as key to supporting downtown revitalization and controlling urban sprawl.

In May 2004, the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Region of Waterloo jointly announced funding to support Transit Initiative Technical studies and the preparation of an environmental assessment for the initiative.

UW impact

Jeff Casello, an associate professor in the School of Planning and the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Waterloo has been heavily involved in the planning of the Rapid Transit Initiative for the past five years as both a member of the public advisory committee and as a member of an expert panel.

According to Casello, the introduction of rapid transit — particularly LRT — will benefit UW students by enhancing quality and reliability of transit service to the university. As the rail will be separated from other traffic, it will be faster, quieter, and more reliable than existing GRT service.

A further benefit will be the redesign of the existing bus routes as a result of the introduction of rapid transit. The Region of Waterloo is known nation-wide for its leadership in progressive regional planning in terms of land-use guidelines, growth policies and regulations. According to Casello, "if Rapid Transit is going to work anywhere in Ontario, it'll be here."

Next steps

The region is taking steps to negotiate funding agreements with provincial and federal governments. When the federal and provincial governments announced the Building Canada Fund a year ago, rapid transit for Waterloo region was specifically cited as a top priority, and with such strong support, it is expected that higher levels of government will pay a significant percentage of the cost. As of June 27, the federal government has committed \$160 million, which falls short of the one third of the price expected, although it has been stressed that this is only an initial amount and that more money will be allocated once the Region submits a proposal.

Once funding is secured, the system's final design will begin in 2010 with construction on the LRT scheduled to begin in 2012 (construction on the adapted Bus Rapid Transit will likely begin earlier as it doesn't require as extensive an environmental assessment as the LRT) with service beginning in late 2014.

Transit enthusiasts like Jeff Casello are hoping that some of that funding will be set aside to study the land-use impacts of the rapid transit line, hopefully establishing some guidelines and best-practice suggestions for future lines in Ontario. With cities like Mississauga and Hamilton currently examining rapid transit options, perhaps the Waterloo experience could lead the way.

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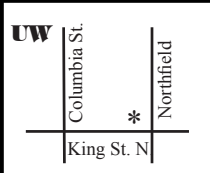
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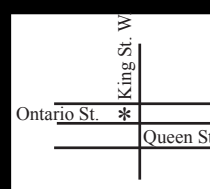
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MICHAEL L. DAVENPORT

TRUE USE OF MICROBLOGGING

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I've finally caved and joined Twitter. Since Twitter began, I'd disparaged it. After all, what sort of meaningful discussion can be packed into 140 characters? I'm a writer, I'm verbose, and I don't like character limits. At first glance, it felt like an attack on intellectual thought — all the inanity of SMS given its own forum.

But recently I realized the problem wasn't Twitter. The problem was *most people were using it wrong*, which gave me a bad impression.

My initial problem was that I saw Twitter from the same haughty point of view many see the blogging site LiveJournal. LiveJournal had earned a reputation for being where emotional teenage girls wrote (poorly) about their crush of the day. And to some extent, the reputation is true: it's easy to find emo-drivel on LiveJournal. But hidden in the mountains of crap there are people, strangers even, who are worth following. LiveJournal also has a sizable community of UW students. Making full use of an online service is just a matter of finding the right people, and ignoring the dreck.

But there is a difference between the two services: Twitter isn't for essays. Twitter isn't even for discussions. It's more fair to say that Twitter is for discussion *books*. It's good for sharing links, sharing thoughts, or posting notes for later use. "I just saw someone driving while talking on a cell phone. It was a police officer." "UW is a place where you can sit with a group of random people, and realize you have all the ethnicities of the Planeteers." Those posts are meant to spur discussion, but aren't meant to be the discussion of the topics themselves. The

feed is meant not to be a dissertation, but a list of possibly interesting thoughts and ideas. Criticizing Twitter for lacking meaty discussion is like criticizing the Yellow Pages for not having restaurant reviews.

The problem with Twitter is most people don't write discussion hooks. Nobody cares when you ate lunch. "I'm eating" is a terrible, but stereotypical Twitter update. The solution for users like me is as simple as not following those people, and following more interesting people instead.

Twitter also fills a niche on the internet. I've been asked, "Why get Twitter? Couldn't you use Facebook updates for the same thing?" But Twitter fills a useful use-case. See, following someone's status on Facebook requires that person be my friend first. Twitter is much more public. People don't really have to be friends; a lower threshold of intimacy is required to share ideas — so I can share my ideas with everybody. Twitter is like the 60s swinger party of our generation. Except we swap bytes, not bodily fluids.

It's easy for the crotchety skeptics like me to look down on something because it's a fad, but just because something is popular for the wrong reason, doesn't mean that popular things are inherently bad. Twitter is like the pen and notebook I carry all the time, except anyone can read my notes. And there's a *use* for that.

There are other good uses for Twitter, like organizing flash mobs. But my point is I shouldn't have bought into the anti-Twitter culture. Rationally, if the service has a use *for me*, that's a good enough reason to use it.

Community Editorial

WHAT DO YOU WANT OUT OF YOUR CAMPUS BAR?

Chris Neal

FEDS VP ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Did you know that the Federation of Students operates five businesses? Curry-Up/Wasabi, Feds Used Books, Federation Express, Federation Hall, and the Bombshelter Pub are all run by the Federation of Students ultimately to serve you. Did you know that one of these businesses is budgeted to run a deficit for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year?

The business in question is the Bombshelter Pub. The business

currently runs with two separate visions. By day, we focus on creating a friendly restaurant atmosphere with a large variety of food choices on our menu. By night we operate more like a bar featuring Open Mic Mondays, Legendary Wednesdays, and Live Music on Fridays.

This article's primary goal isn't to promote the Bomber. Rather, the goal is to ask you, the readers, to consider the question: "What do you want Bomber to do for you?"

Given the business's financial position and after consulting with the Feds Board of Directors and our general

manager, we've mandated that this business needs to undergo strategic planning. Clearly what we set out to do isn't working and the question we need to ask ourselves is "What do students want from the Bomber?"

So far, we have noticed that our strengths include our location and that we provide a safe place for our students to drink. Our opportunities are that we have over 20,000 students at UW, and we have the ability to learn what other student unions are doing to reach students.

As our team goes deeper into the rabbit hole our goal is to come out

of this process with a plan of action that will set a vision for Bomber that serves students better, and not at their expense. After this plan is formed we will take it to Student Council and review it there to ensure that we are giving you what you want.

Please contact your representatives on the Student Council or myself directly to get your opinions included in the plans. Tell us what you want to keep, and what you want to go. Our businesses exist to serve and benefit students. We want to hear your ideas about how your bar should be run.

Letters

Re: *Stay or leave*
Letter: To the editor,

Canada is a diverse and multi-cultural country, where people from five continents call it home and enjoy a peaceful existence. As an international student, my sentiments echo theirs, believing that this country is full of opportunities. However, the reality may seem somewhat convoluted.

As far as I know, many Chinese international students chose to stay in Canada after graduating from a Canadian university, however they may not find an ideal position in their field of study as they preferred. Many

internationally educated and trained professionals take "makeshift" positions after an enormous amount of time, effort and expense. A controversial question may be: why don't we go back to our home country? Some of them do return to their home country where they make a good living, but many of them regret their initial decision to leave Canada, saying "Why didn't I hang in there just a little longer?" In contrast, those who decided to stay and actually found employment feel that they do make a good living but not necessarily possess a good life, imagining how the grass might be greener on the other side.

Simply put, which grass we choose to sit on is a matter of choice. And when it comes to making a choice, more often, there is no right or wrong method for choosing. We make decisions based on all available information, and expect things to go as planned. Unfortunately, things almost never "pan out" exactly as we anticipate. Therefore, we need to change our plans from time to time. It is like a game of golf. Players try to do the best they can do, but may not make an eagle or a birdie any time they choose. Even Tiger Woods cannot guarantee that. They have to make modifications to their plans according to circumstances.

In our lives, we should pattern our mentality after the game of golf. We should just "play golf" and aim for the "hole," doing whatever we believe is good for us. If necessary, we can always actively adjust our plans and decide on our next move according to the current situation. There should never be any regret for what we try. Instead, what we need to do is make the most of past experiences, look forward, and make as good a decision as we possibly can for our own future and future generations.

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RACING TO THE GRAVE

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I would never have thought that of all the unlikely pairs to share America's insane 24-hour newsreel, Sarah Palin and Michael Jackson would be such a pair. But one must admit the obvious, a day before America's famed July 4 celebrations, those were the only two things on television — and believe me, it was indeed sickening.

However, I will admit this much: the American media's sickening fawning over these two controversial icons got me thinking. I wondered what the two had in common. What made the loss of these two icons or divas (depending on what aisle of the political spectrum you are on) so painful? I could only come to one conclusion.

They came and left the world stage — unprepared.

yourself and the people you love just so your constituents can get the representation they need. It means that you have to get an education under stress just so you can ensure others have it easier. It means you are always in the spotlight; your every move must be measured.

Student government officials should ordinarily take on great sacrifices to do their jobs well. The problem now is that with the advent of these “impulse” candidates, the incentives are changing. Student officials are more concerned with the perks of office than with its sacrifices. Perhaps what is most shameful is the resumé-building activity that the serious business of student government has become. Student government has become so cynical that the informal advertising for student council positions has invariably become “In fourth

prepared candidates, rather than a system that permits just about anyone who has enough friends that translate to votes to assume office.

Most of all, if we must properly apportion the blame for this worrisome situation, a less than vigilante student body had been an endemic problem. Indeed, nothing is worse than a student body that does not take its student government seriously. I must admit that a lack of volunteers willing to dedicate time and effort to student government is one of the reasons we have been apt to settle for a harmful “second best.” Even worse, a lack of dedicated individuals determined to effectively monitor the activities of student government has been central to this problem. I will be the first to admit that even your student media has failed you terribly in this regard. However, despite new improvements by the current student government, the lack of openness and accountability in student government has also contributed to these policy failures. If students knew exactly how their student dues were serving them — or not — perhaps they would be better inclined to take issues of representation more seriously.

While political apathy does seem like one of Canada's more hopelessly genetic diseases to which there is no remedy, I do think there are concrete ways that we can ensure we have a student representation that actually works — rather than one that pretends to.

First we must restructure incentives for participation in student government. This does not necessarily mean that we should cut whatever small benefits they already have and make being in student government even more of a title grab than anything else. However, there is a strong case for making student government actually pay people who choose to make the sacrifice — and actually perform. Until we do this, student government will keep losing necessary talent to minimum wage positions at Tim Hortons and Feds Express.

Second, we must strengthen the electoral process to systematically weed out intellectual lightweight. People who will serve the student body well are people who are knowledgeable about the process.

Elections that are in fact popularity contests do no one any good. Candidates that would be better off partying get stuck with hundred page memos they must read to make meaningful contributions. Constituents that should be getting more for their dues get stuck with a representative who really hates the job but is just hanging in there for the extra line on his resume.

Third and most importantly, we must increase accountability in student government. While this is definitely improving, a lot more remains to be done. We need to know everything Feds is dealing with — *as it is dealing with it*. Those dictatorial days when one individual makes decisions they “think” students will agree with are clearly over. Every important issue that Feds faces must be brought directly to the attention of the students. Whether it is exams on Saturday or budget proposals for Feds' new fiscal year (a nudge and a wink here), student government has a responsibility to open up the decision making to the floor. If students feel strongly about it, they will surely make their opinions heard. If they are not heard, perhaps they will be bothered enough to speak with their vote in the next election. That student apathy is indeed the bane of our student government can no longer be an excuse for closed-door decisions among a handful of people with weak mandates. The process must be opened up in the variety of ways that are now possible, through social media, town hall meetings, opinion editorials, and paid announcements. If students will not go to the information, we must take the information to them and see if they will not scream blue murder about something the group-think of our student leadership may have missed.

The tragic demises of Michael and Palin are forebodings of a failure to act in this respect. Michael and Palin were unprepared whimsical candidates for greatness and they lived and died tragically unfulfilled and buried in swaths of controversy. In the same way, a whimsical student leadership will die early — and tragically unfulfilled. Surely Waterloo desires no such fate. If Waterloo must have a student government that will not die a premature death, our student leaders must first be prepared to serve.

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In both cases, they were thrust into the spotlight without any preparation for it. Palin was yanked from her quiet spot in the ice fields of Alaska where she lorded over a handful of people and Alaskan wildlife. Jackson's world was crammed with issues five-year-olds should not have to deal with. In the end, despite their immense talent and luck, they both led the only type of lives a lack of preparedness can guarantee — sad, failed lives. What is even more painful about their physical and political obituaries is the potential they seemed to possess right before they fell to fate's heavy hand. Palin, it seemed, would assume leadership of the Republican Party and perhaps stage a presidential run. Jackson, it seemed, would wow the world at the O2 arena and truly reclaim his crown as the King of Pop. Unfortunately, it turns out that their efforts at recovery were too little, too late. They had fallen too deeply into the pothole of vices that preparedness should have disciplined them to avoid. For Palin, it was incoherent loquaciousness; for Michael, it was an indulgence that permitted a dangerous drug addiction. Well, we can comfort ourselves with the legacies they left us, both of scandal-worthy *Inquirer* covers and comic punch lines.

Let us observe a moment of silence, if you may, for these tragic demises.

While we are on the topic of preparedness, I must drive home the point of choice for this week — the preparedness (I realize I am using this word quite a lot now) of candidates who wish to contest student election. Being an avid observer of the student government scene, one cannot help but get the impression that some students run for student council positions on whims or think it's fine to run for an election without reading the rules for election procedure.

Unfortunately, what Waterloo students fail to realize is that these lackadaisical “candidates-on-whims” or “candidates-in-ignorance” can never give them the kind of representation they deserve and desire. Why?

In the first place, candidates-on-whims lack the will to serve. Anyone who is willing to serve in student government must give it considerable thought. Participating in student government, despite the seemingly enticing perks, means less time for

year and your resume is a mess? Run for student council.” Perhaps this tragedy would be at the very least, bearable, if candidates running on impulse actually took an active interest in advocating the interests of their constituents. Unfortunately, the bitter truth is that this is hardly the case. But for the few who may be inspired by some good-natured spirits, winning is the end for the whimsical candidate. Since he contested the elections without an issue or a focus, he simply wins on the back of vague campaign promises that mean nothing, such as, “I am running to clean up campus and make student government more effective.” Thus, since there are no specific obligations with which we can measure performance, post-election, he simply adjusts his resume, sighs “mission accomplished” and disappears. Then we wonder why student representatives are absent at senate and council meetings.

What is even more disheartening is that our student government system enables these destructive candidates to stand for elections in the first place. My close observations, especially of the student government electoral process, have shown me whimsical candidates are more often than not ignorant candidates. People running on a whim hardly care to know the rules. Unfortunately, our electoral process is such that there are no consequences for not knowing the rules. I remember during the winter elections, the majority of candidates who had failed to submit their budget expense forms before the deadline stipulated in the rules of election procedure and the student council decided to pardon them. Understandably, there are problems with the procedure itself. Some of the rules are not clear and are hardly compatible with new realities. However, some rules of election procedure are broken frequently without any consequence for the erring candidate; you have to wonder why we bother with them at all. This makes me wonder how the candidates resulting from such a broken system, who can hardly be bothered with a short nine-pages document, could be trusted to read senate agendas that are hundreds of pages long.

There is no doubt that for students to have the best representation, we must have a reformed electoral system that highlights the contributions of informed and well





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An interview with Ryan Sohmer

Ryan Sohmer, writer of the Schuster Award-winning webcomic *Least I Could Do* (www.leasticoulddo.com), has been working in the webcomics industry since 2003. As well as writing a comic that follows the world of Rayne — a man that knows the world of seduction like the back of his hand — he is also the co-creator of the fantasy webcomic *Looking for Group* alongside *Least I Could Do* artist, Lar deSouza. Currently, the two are up for three Harvey Awards this year, including “Best Cartoonist” and “Special Award for Humor in Comics.”

Sohmer is also the co-founder of the indie entertainment company Blind Ferret Entertainment with Randy Waxman. The company has been involved in a slew of projects such as books, merchandise, and animations. With the company, Sohmer has helped begin animated series based on his webcomic, as well as for *Ctrl+Alt+Del* (Buckley: www.ctrlaltdel-online.com) and *PvP* (Kurtz: www.pyponline.com).

I had the opportunity to talk to Sohmer and ask him about his success making comics and working in the independent industry. Here is our conversation:

Peter Trinh: First off, happy belated birthday! Hope the party was good! From what I've heard, it's best to think of aging like you're levelling up.

Ryan Sohmer: One more step towards the abyss, true, and yet I got a Transformers cake, so I can't complain too much.

Trinh: It's been about six years since *Least I Could Do* (*LICD*) started! Did you guys ever think you'd get this successful in the webcomics scene?

Sohmer: Moving on seven, actually. When we originally began *LICD*, it was nothing more than a writing exercise, to prove to myself whether I could write this thing, or not. Only a few years into it did I begin to see the potential.

But no, I never thought I'd be where we are today. Hoped, maybe.

Trinh: With all your latest projects, like the animations and your comic *Looking for Group*, I'm enjoying *LICD: Beginnings* a lot. As it contrasts from a lot of your other projects, have you guys been wanting to do Children's-genre work for a while or did the wish come up around the time *Beginnings* started?

Sohmer: About two years ago, my sister-in-law gave birth to a gorgeous little girl, and since then, I found myself wanting to create something that she'd enjoy when she's a bit older. That, along with doing an homage of sorts for *Calvin & Hobbes* is what really prompted us to get going on beginnings!

Trinh: Including *Calvin & Hobbes*, I've heard that some of your writing influence comes from your friends and family. Are they your main sources of inspiration, or do you have others?

Sohmer: My biggest inspiration is life, the world around me. I try to take in as much as I can, from wherever I can. My friends, my family, a stranger, a hotel clerk, all of it.

Trinh: What does it mean to you, being a Canadian comic writer?

Sohmer: To be honest, I've never really looked at myself like that. I prefer to take a more global view of things. That said, I'm proud to be Canadian.

Trinh: What comics are you reading now?

Sohmer: Funny enough, I've been in a Kirkman mood lately and been re-reading his *Invincible*, *Walking Dead*, and *Wolfman* series. Also adoring Brubaker's run on *Captain America*, along with Garth Ennis on the *Punisher*.

Trinh: Do you have any upcoming projects? Also, I remember a while back someone started an online petition for you to be the next writer of *Deadpool*; has there been any update on that?

Sohmer: Too many upcoming projects to list. A lot of things in the world of animation, and a few new book projects.

As for me and *Deadpool*, all I can say is that I'm still trying to work my magic.

Trinh: Have you had any problems with nay-sayers of *Least I Could Do*? Your comic looks like it could cause small bits of controversy among a number of readers.

Sohmer: Problems? Not really. Amusing e-mails? Hell yes.

We have a wall here in the office, where we keep the best hate mails. I love it.

Trinh: What has helped you guys succeed in making webcomics and in creating Blind Ferret Entertainment?

Sohmer: The normal stuff, really, profes-

sionalism in particular. If you say you're going to do something, then do it.

Your readers are the reason you are where you are, and that's never to be forgotten.

Trinh: Is there anything else you'd like to mention: sage advice, tips? Maybe a great recipe involving Red Bull?

Sohmer: Don't get discouraged, though it's often really easy to. Stick to it.

And yes, Red Bull does make everything better.

If you want to know more about Sohmer and the rest of Blind Ferret Entertainment, you can check out their website at www.blindferret.com. Also, if you're in the Montreal area at the time, the creative team's having their annual *LICD* Meet event from August 6 to 10, complete with a tour of their studio, bowling, and a whole lot of nightlife partying!



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TO PURGE OR NOT TO PURGE

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Once upon a time I believed that I needed to keep every book I read. I also wanted to own every book that I read. It soon became obvious that this was impracticable, as well as infeasible and nearly impossible. This leads to both the need to purge books, and the pain of purging books. I have purged on many occasions, but it is always a bittersweet situation. I have sold books when I needed space, when I needed money, and sometimes just because of changes in reading habits. Now currently for me, purging is a little less painful for a few reasons. First, I receive over 100 free books a year because of the number of reviews I write and publish, both here in *Imprint* and elsewhere. My blog, www.bookreviewsandmore.ca, receives about 500 hits a day and I have publishers and authors contact me regularly asking me to review their products. Second, I also now have an e-book collection. I have over 20,000 books in electronic format that I have collected over the last decade or so. These books are sorted by author and genre, and can easily be carried on a jump drive or put on my laptop and read at leisure. I enjoy the e-book format because it is easier to carry multiple books, and because I can reread old favourites anytime I want without having to keep the physical book. But back to the topic at hand: the need to purge physical books and how to go about doing it.

For example, when I got married I had about 10,000 books in my library. Currently, I have about 5,000 and of that 5,000 only about 100 are books I owned when I got married. If I still had every book that I had owned and read, I would need a second or third house just for the books. So refraining from purging is not really an option, but since it is painful how does one go about parting with their books, their treasures, their friends? Here in Waterloo, I do it in a few ways. If I am selling because I need money then I usually pull out all the books I am willing to part with and pile them on my den floor, then I go back through the shelves and pull

out the sacrificial books. These books are ones that I have had more than two years in my "to read" pile but have not read yet — books I intend to read but just have not made a priority, or books I have started but never got around to finishing. Then I pull out the books I know will bring the most cash. If I am just selling to make space, then I skip this final step.

Once I have all the books pulled out, I load them into boxes and hockey duffel bags. Then the travel begins. First, I take them to Old Goat Books on King Street. They are a little more picky about what they will take, but pay prime dollar for used books, and are great guys to deal with. Next, I hit Bookworm on University. Anything that Old Goat did not take comes here. They tend to take a good percentage of the books, and even some of the advance reading copies I get from publishers. Then I hit A Second Look Books in Kitchener. They take almost anything and in any condition but do not pay nearly as well. By this point I am usually down to about 10 per cent of the books I left the house with, and these go to the Generations thrift store in Waterloo. I have a policy that "If I pack up books to sell, it does not need to come back home." I get to go home with some extra cash, empty bags, and get to reorganize my den. I now have spaces on my shelves and room for the new books that I receive almost every week to review, which get placed in the "to read" queue. My office always feels cleaner and fresher after a purge, because by the time I have purged, I usually have every shelf full, some with double rows of books or stacks of books on tables, and the front of shelves. So once all the books are sacrificed, the space is reorganized and is free of clutter at least for a few months.

Hopefully those tips will help you during your time here at UW, whether you need to purge because you need the money, the space, or it's just time for a change. Then someone else can find what's between the covers.



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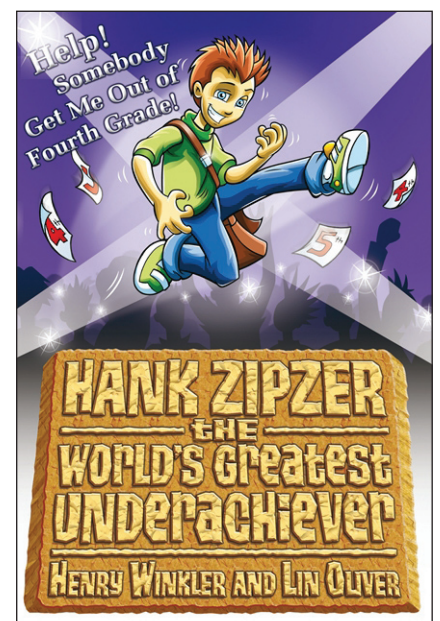
Books

Help! Somebody Get Me Out of The Fourth Grade!
Hank Zipzer, Book 7
Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
Penguin Canada

This series gets better and better. In this adventure, Hank sneaks a peek at the teacher's register and sees "redo" beside his name. Now he is panicked he is going to have to repeat the fourth grade and be in the same class as his brilliant younger sister. But rather than asking adults he trusts to help him figure this out, he devises his own plan. His plan includes getting his parents out of town so they will miss his parent teacher interview.

His plan is elaborate. First he needs to forget the interview slip two days in a row. And he wins a trip for them to Philadelphia to catch a rock concert. Now, his mother wants to rock but his father, who collects mechanical pencils and does crosswords, has no interest. Will he get them to Philly? Will they miss the parent teacher interview? Will he make it out of the fourth grade? Read this wonderful story to find out.

I have said it before, but as someone with dyslexia these books are eerily haunting. It is like reading a piece about my own childhood; my struggles, failures, and successes. These books are meant for a younger audience but they are great for anyone who struggled with learning difficulties, even if they were diagnosed as an



adult or university student. They are also great fun for a family to read together or for those who know people with these special needs.

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Gaza in need of a cure

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Recently Dr. Abdul Rahman Lawendy travelled to the Gaza strip during the Gaza war, otherwise known as the Gaza Massacre in the Arab world. He returned to the University of Waterloo campus, on June 25, 2009, to share his experiences as a volunteer doctor while in the Gaza Strip.

Dr. Lawendy is a trauma and orthopedic surgeon, and is currently completing his PhD in medical biophysics and practices in London, Ontario.

Starting the presentation off with a humorous recollection of his time as a student at UW, Dr. Lawendy gave the impression of a humble, soft-spoken man who has seen a lot in his lifetime.

Lawendy says that he went to Gaza to volunteer his services at the hospitals in the Strip. He arrived at the Gaza-Egypt border in January 2009. After experiencing delays at the

Israel/Egyptian border due to the restriction on movement and after trying to get the Canadian embassy to help him, Dr. Lawendy was forced to find "another way" to enter the border.

While in Gaza, Dr. Lawendy put his medical skills to use, tending to victims of gunfire, explosions and shrapnel. During the few breaks Lawendy had, he took photographs as he and his colleagues were able to, during their stay. The photographs offered a rare, unedited glimpse into the destruction that was wrought during the Gaza war. Photos ranged from tank tracks that had torn apart olive gardens and farmland, destroying farmers' livelihood, to cattle that had been killed and left to rot.

Lawendy also noted that during the time of war, the black market flourished, supplying goods from oil to Coca Cola with many of the items smuggled through the underground tunnels, in some cases with mud from the tunnels still on the goods.

His photographs also showed the damage that was inflicted on the structures in Gaza



including a mosque that had been demolished by steady attacks.

As he continued to display the images from his journey, one could see the effects the war had had on Gaza inhabitants, ranging from children playing on top of a fresh water tank, to houses whose inhabitants had been forced to use sheets in place of walls.

Dr. Lawendy also spoke of the resilience of the people in Gaza. These inhabitants stayed in their homes and refused to leave despite the almost constant bombardments and airstrikes. He described instances where homes were literally torn apart and the cement needed to rebuild them was no longer accessible as the cement factory nearby had been destroyed. He shared his experience of surviving a bombardment, hearing the whistle of the bombs and rounds as they struck and the drone of the war planes circling overhead as they fired their ordinance.

Lawendy described the sheer chaos that gripped the medical facilities in the region. He described hospitals overflowing with patients as the bombardments continued, the casualties mounted and the supplies dwindled due to Israeli restrictions on movement through the border. It was at this time that critical medical supplies, including painkillers were all but gone, leaving many of the patients without needed

anaesthetics. Often doctors and nurses were forced to remove burnt flesh from patients, while the patients screamed in pain, due to lack of pain-relievers.

Among the individuals in Dr. Lawendy's photographs were some of the patients he had treated. He did mention the fact that he obtained these photographs with the permission of the patients and/or their families. These photographs, which were quite graphic, included burn victims and shrapnel victims to patients who had zip ties tied to them in an attempt to stop bleeding.

The photos showed that there was no discrimination in terms of victims, who ranged from full-grown adults with phosphorus burns to babies who lost their eyes due to shrapnel.

The presentation was wrapped up with a published quote from an Israeli Defence Force (IDF) squad leader, who gave the following recollection of the war: "To write 'death to Arabs' on the walls, to take family pictures and spit on them just because you can, to understand how much the IDF has fallen in the realm of ethics is really what I'll remember the most."

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PLASTIC BAGS: BLUE BIN APPROVED

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They line your garbage cans. They carry shoes to the gym. They fill up the space underneath your sink. They float in the breeze. Everybody has used one, and Canadians use more than 11 billion every day.

Say hello to the plastic bag.

Did you know you could recycle them?

Perhaps you were unsure, or just plain never thought about it. Either way, you are with the majority. According to Environmental Action Barrie, less than one per cent of shopping bags used in Canada are recycled.

This is a problem when we consider where the rest of the bags are going. Some of them remain in our homes, and many are reused, but eventually the ones that don't make it into the blue bin end up on the street, or in the oceans, or in the landfill where they will never degrade.

If you throw a plastic bag into a trash can it will not be sorted out. UW's Director of Plant Operations and Waste Management Tom Galloway, says plastic bags that make it to the local landfill are troublesome for those who work there because of the quantity of litter they create. They are also the reason for the fences you often see surrounding a landfill site — an attempt to keep airborne debris in.

The bags will remain in landfills for thousands of years. Not only are they made of material that is not easily broken down, but when they finally do degrade, tiny particles of toxic plastic material can easily contaminate soil and water.

Fortunately, there are ways of dealing with

the plastic bag issue. One is to increase recycling; another is to reduce our overall consumption of bags. Reduce (as one of the three Rs) is the most effective way to see a decrease in the number of bags present in Ontario, Canada or the rest of the world for that matter.

Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. It's a good thing the Region of Waterloo is promoting all three.

Take a walk around UW's campus and find a blue bin, now look a little closer and you will see a white label that reads plastic, paper, or glass. There are also reminders scattered around campus in the form of posters, which explain what belongs in each category in more detail.

The university officially adopted the Region of Waterloo's waste management strategy back in November 2008, so plastic bags are accepted in all paper blue bins on campus and all household blue bins off campus.

What's more is that Zehrs, Sobeys and other grocery stores across the province are charging five cents for single-use plastic bags. This move has come about in support for a greener Ontario, where the province has committed to waste reduction, and has plans to halve its plastic bag use by 2012.

A self check-out clerk at the Zehrs Conestoga Mall location said "slowly but surely customers are bringing reusable bags, but some are still continuing to pay the fee." Surveying the main check-out counters, two out of three tills were packing reusable bags or green bins, a definite change from counters crowded with plastic bags.

Tom Galloway supports the five-cent charge

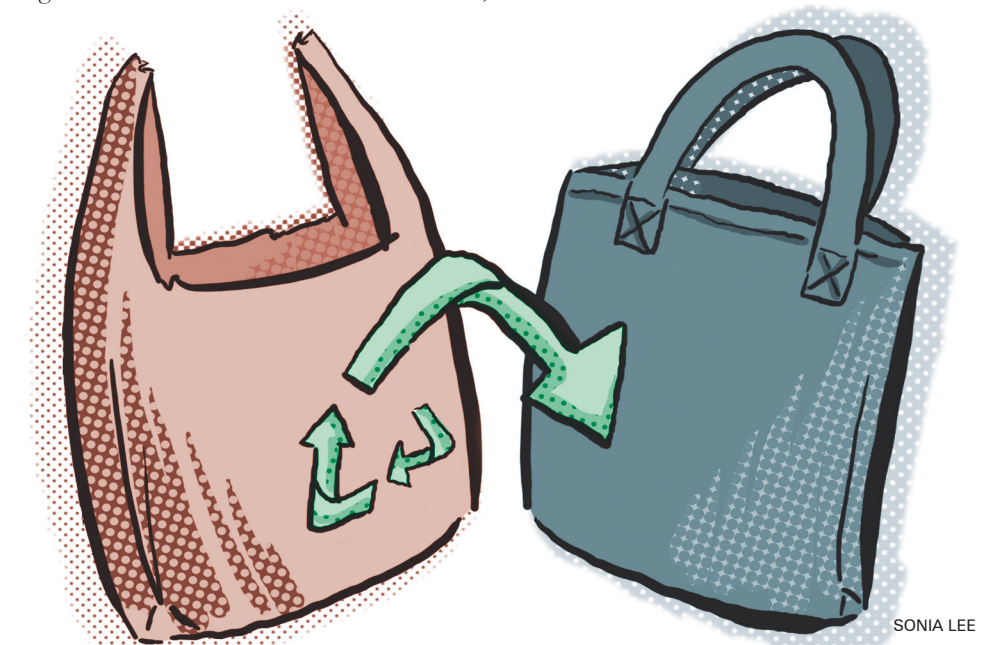
for bags as a deterrent fee. He said, "Over time I see people migrating completely away from them." Galloway could be right, because there are already stores in Canada that have gone completely bagless. The inspiration could come from Nova Scotia, whose local Atlantic Superstore eliminated plastic bags over a year ago.

It is often easier to say hello to a plastic bag than goodbye to it. We are finally starting to make the connection that free isn't always a good thing, and that we must pay for items that have negative effects on the environment. Granted,

we have already seen a change - on June 30th Loblaws reported that it is using 75 per cent less bags than average nationwide since they initiated the five cent charge in April.

The best is yet to come. The next step is to say goodbye to the plastic bag completely, but when we do, we must say it in the right place — not the trash can, or the street, but in a bright blue bin. It's something we can all feel good about.

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KW FROM THE GROUND UP

Part 2: The People / Marginalized People

“ *I learned that you should stay away from homeless people, like it's a disease you can catch. It's a crappy attitude to have.* — Colin ”

Christy Ogley
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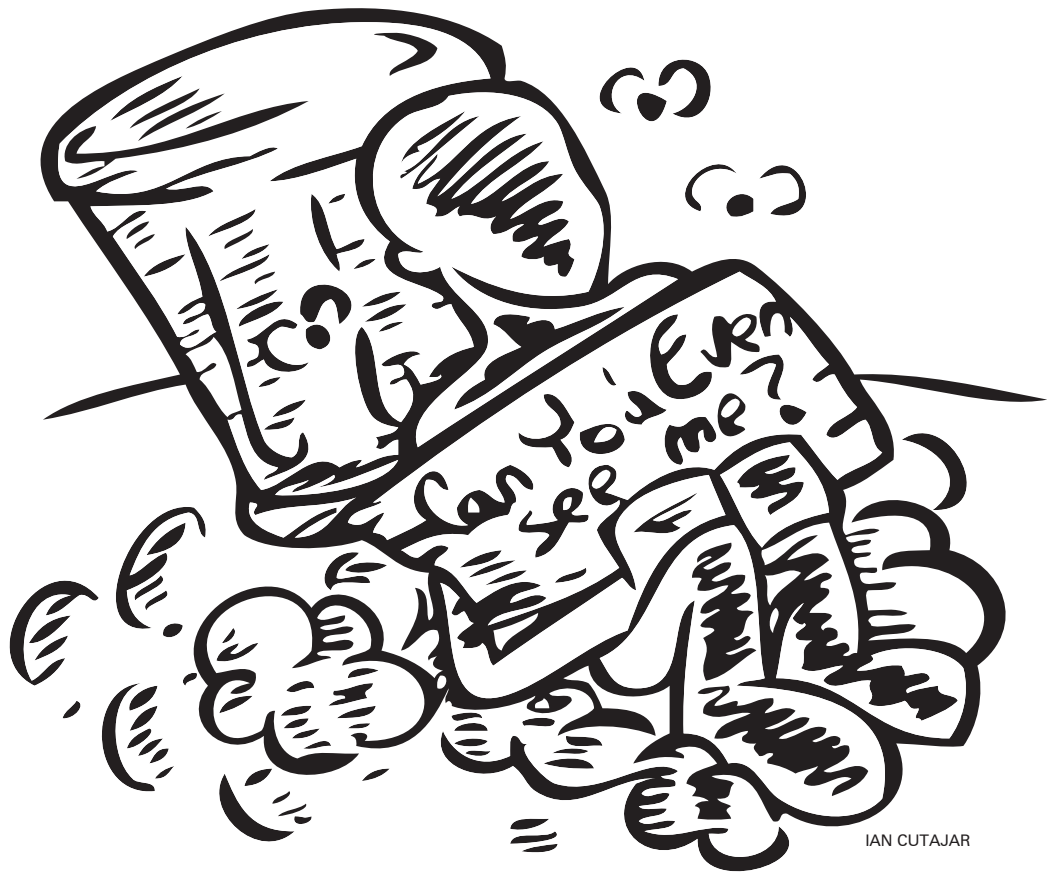
In the first article in this two part series, I talked about some of the housing issues that put people at risk for homelessness in KW. However, no one explanation or image can account for the variety of marginalized people in this region. What follows are profiles of local residents — some homeless, some housed in substandard buildings, some with a connection to street culture — who can help illuminate what it means to be homeless.

I started off a few of the interviews by asking what the interviewees thought of students, what kinds of interactions they generally have. Knowing what many students think of homeless people, I wanted to know what the interviewees thought of students. “What do I think of them? I don't really know,” said Dave. “With the money I got, and the places I go, I don't see any people like that.” Gerry, in his 40s, agrees. He sees students only when he gives talks at Laurier. Other than that, he knows people from the street.

“Joe” might not know a lot of students, but he knows they judge him. He's currently housed, precariously though, and can't work much after having his jaw broken in a senseless beating by strangers. “I had no control over it. I was in the wrong place at the wrong time.”

“Judgments do have an impact,” says outreach worker Sara. That is a frequent complaint of street youth — the looks of disgust and scorn they receive on a daily basis. Sara explains that every subtle look matters, like when someone says, “Sorry, I've got no change” but glare as they walk off. As such, homeless and marginalized people are often adept at hiding their status — perhaps contributing to students' lack of knowledge.

“I learned that you should stay away from homeless people, like it's a disease you can catch. It's a crappy attitude to have,” says Colin, now housed, but previously on the street, and with connections to it still. Colin grew up in a middle class family, so he never expected to become homeless. He and his wife divorced a few years back, leaving Colin with more bills than he could pay. “I was like that too, once. I grew up in Toronto — used to step over people, literally. People lying on the sidewalk.” When he became homeless, Colin says, “I was expecting a fight a day, but the [sex worker] who was getting off her shift at 7 am was bringing me a coffee. ... Unreal. I lived a sheltered life, was expecting the worst. What I found were a lot of



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good people, genuinely good people.”

I asked Dave, quoted earlier, what it's like to have very little money and live in cramped, shoddy housing. “You get bored to tears. You can only watch the same TV shows so many times.” He's starting to volunteer to pass the time. He would also like a part-time job — as much the pinched nerve in his back and hand problems will allow. Dave has addiction problems now that are exacerbated by the rooming houses he lives in. “It's hard to get away from [drugs], especially on the street, and even in the shelters.” He's hoping to work at night to avoid the temptation.

Addictions, unfortunately, are often the focus of talks about homelessness. People seem to think that it is the primary cause — not poverty, divorce or the lack of affordable housing. It's also common to find excuses to dismiss people. Not just weighing whether people deserve to be on the street or not, but whether they deserve assistance, whether they deserve kindness, and what they owe in return. “Compassion, the idea of being nice for the sake of it, is getting lost,” Sara says. “People debate [about helping people]: ‘Why should I?’ ‘Nobody helped me.’ or ‘What's in it for me?’” The current social assistance rates and methods of administration reflect these attitudes, keeping people who must access Ontario Works or ODSP in poverty — and far below national poverty lines at that. Workers spend a lot of time advocating for people, whether it's to be able to rent (places within people's means), access proper health care, legal services, you name it.

Gerry, quoted earlier, has both experience on the streets and in college. Gerry doesn't meet students in his own time, but he sees them when he gives talks at Laurier's School of Social Work with Colin. “I hate to say it,

but they're really naïve. About what they're going into, what they'll face. As much as I admire them, appreciate the fact that they want to go into social work... they've never missed a meal in their life.” Maybe that ignorance contributes to rudeness, to cruelty? “I wouldn't say it makes them mean, but people don't know what's going on unless they've lived it.”

Gerry continues to give the lectures at Laurier, nonetheless, in hopes of making people more aware. The students tell him they appreciate hearing his story instead of reading it from a book, or hearing it from a “book-educated” professor. Gerry, though, has some book-education of his own. He went to college for social work after realizing he had something to give. He became homeless in 2005, and is currently housed. But it wasn't easy. “I sat around thinking, ‘Why am I here?’ ‘What's my purpose?’ ‘What's the point?’ ... And it struck me. You're here to help people that are worse off than you. I live in chronic poverty, right, but there are always people worse off than you.”

I'm always struck by the kindness and empathy of the patrons at St. John's Kitchen, like this moment with Gerry. On a stressful day, people accessing services there often tell me a kind word or a funny joke, seeing my tense face and hoping to relax me. They don't ask if I deserve to be stressed, or if there is something I could be doing to reduce my workload. Compassion, as defined by *dictionary.com*, is “a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.” What if I, and we as students, were to return that kindness? If I've learned anything during these months at St. John's, it's that compassion matters. Although you may want to decode and dissolve the sources of people's misfortune, it's important not to forget the people and your concern in the process. Whether you can help someone or not, replacing judgment and scorn with decency and respect is an excellent start.

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A candlelight vigil was held in Waterloo Town Square on Thursday, July 25, as a further protest to the elections and ensuing violence in Iran.



NIKOO SHAHABI

OH CANADA!



MICHAEL L. DAVENPORT

Celebrants at UW's Canada Day sought shelter from the rain during the afternoon. However, the poor weather cleared up in time for the fireworks.

OXFORD COMMA,
BABY,
LIGHT MY FIREGET NOUN
TONIGHT

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To comma, or not to comma? That is the question. And it's been asked a lot.

I recently stumbled across *Battle Grounds*, a book by Dr. P. Whitney Lackenbauer, a St. Jerome's and UW history professor. The book was dedicated to "Jen, my wife and my muse." Just by reading this one line (and one that that didn't even include a list), I knew that Dr. Lackenbauer supported the Oxford comma. Read the line again: does it contain non-restrictive, parenthetical information, or does it contain a list? Anyone with a firing neuron would say the former; comma haters would say the latter. According to our anti-comma friends, that dedication does, technically, contain a list, splitting Jen, the author's wife, and his muse into three different entities. It's ambiguous, and ambiguity is bad.

The Oxford comma (traditionally known as the serial comma) is not really a type of comma at all. It's a response to an intended grammatical deviancy; in other words, an intended error for the sake of anti-redundancy. And, in simplistic and non-phrasal cases, killing the last comma in a list does make things run a little more smoothly. But are we doing things for clarity, or are we doing things for aesthetics? I know commas are ugly, but it doesn't change the fact that we still need them. Since so many people want the change, I'll address it.

How important is stabilizing our language and protecting it from change? Not very important; change is often good. If I asked "How important is preserving our grammar?" though, I'd say the opposite. Grammar and syntax are of the few components of English that aren't completely arbitrary. There are good rules in place to make sure that people are communicating on an even field.

For example, let's look at the word 'book'. It's almost completely arbitrary; the evolution from oral language to Old English *boc* to Middle English *bok* is as unjustifiable as its origin. In my mind, who cares if the spelling continues to shift, so long as everyone else shifts with it?

Grammar, though, is different. You

can probably see some logic within subject-verb-object sentence structures, as well as good reason for our different types of punctuation. Bad things happen when you start playing dress-up with grammar.

But some people argue differently; when I was young, it seemed that everyone wrote "Hello world" as "Hello, world," (the correct traditional spelling). Nowadays, I think that such commas are things of the past. You don't often read emails saying "Hi, Matt, how are you?" (and not just because your name isn't Matt). Grammar books have said that it's OK to slide on the comma whenever it comes after the first word in a sentence. And I'd be OK with that, too, if it hadn't gotten the ball rolling for other commatastrophes.

It's a bit of a stretch, but take holding doors as an example: Over the past year, I've read article after article complaining—and rightfully so—that people on campus don't hold doors for each other. In this case, it's not that some of us are carrying so many books that we can't open the doors ourselves (at least, I'd like to hope not); it's all about mutual respect. If you wouldn't normally do it, hold that door. Even though it shouldn't be anything extra, go the extra mile.

Write the extra comma. It's not only an act of clarity; it's an act of respect.

We judge people all the time based on their mannerisms. If the sum of your being decides to scratch your belly button or pick your teeth during a fancy dinner, it's fair to say that someone will view that action as helping to represent the whole you.

In summation, writing the last comma in a list isn't always important, but for clarity, consistency, and niceness, why not? You wouldn't omit the last semicolon in a semicolon list, so why you be hatin' on the comma?

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL BRAWL

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A city street has been blocked off. A fight is going on. People have gathered around to watch. Some are on the street along the side of the fight. Others are hanging out of the buildings above. The fighters in the middle of it all feel threatened by each other. They believe only one can exist at a time. One believes that humans and the environment can't get along. All humans need to disappear for the planet to continue living. The other believes that humanity must live, poverty needs to be ended, and technological progress must continue. The environment is unfortunately in the way.

As the two continue to clash, onlookers start taking sides. Some are cheering for the environment. They chain themselves to trees, protest in the streets, and start harassing the humanitarians about the consequences of population growth. The others start protesting for the end of poverty. They state that everyone has a right to live above the poverty line and we need to produce more food and create more energy for that to happen, no matter the cost to the environment.

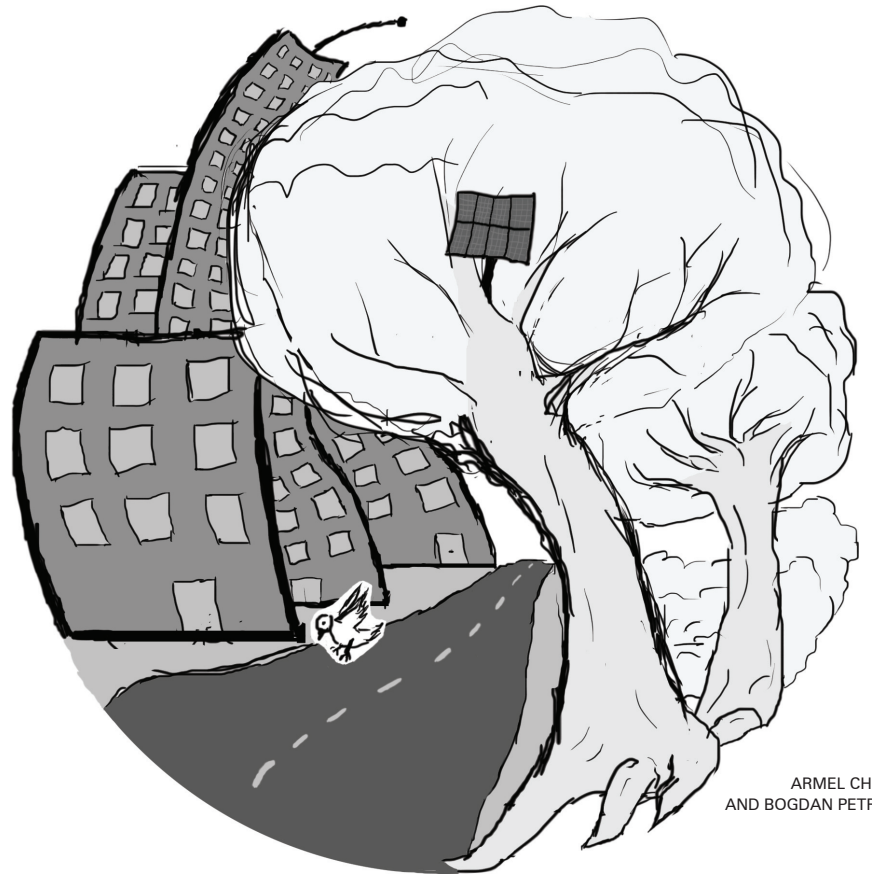
The fighting in the middle becomes more intense as the two fighters start swinging at each other with swords. One is yelling about the rights of other animals. The other is yelling about the right of humans as intelligent beings. The crowd is yelling louder, too. They're starting to bring in scientists and the results of studies. The humanitarians are saying that environmentalists are destroying the economy. That progress must continue. The environmentalists yell that technology is dooming the world and state the threat of global warming. With each argument, excuses appear on both sides. It isn't much longer before name-calling begins. The environmentalists are called hippies, tree-huggers, and liberal moonbats. They are shown as trying to bring humanity back to the Stone Age or get rid of

them altogether. The humanitarians are being hit with insults such as neo-cons, ignorant, and the tools of consumerism and lobbyists bent on destroying the planet.

As the crowd gets more involved, the gap between them grows wider. They've now been defined by stereotypes and ideals. The number of people involved has expanded until the entire city centre is filled with yelling individuals. All of their ideas and beliefs aren't being acted on. Nothing is being done for either cause as they focus their attention on the massive brawl between these two fighters. They're yelling encouragement to their cause and yelling insults and arguments at each other. Swords have been abandoned for guns, each one getting bigger and causing more collateral. Grenades and rocket launchers are being used to try and destroy as much of the other as possible. As the gap between the two sides widens, they all want to get involved in the fight. Soon the entire crowd is moving in on the two fighters, eager to join the brawl.

Then somewhere out of the crowd, someone yells, "STOP!" Everything comes to a halt. No one moves. The two fighters are standing in the middle, guns pointed towards each other, a grenade ready in the other hand. In the centre and in the crossfire sits a young, malnourished boy. He's sitting over a tree that is trying to grow out of a crack in the concrete. He sits, waiting patiently for someone to bring more water for the tree so that it can grow to produce fruit for him to eat and shelter from the sun and rain. No one even noticed through their excitement and adrenaline over the brawl. The two fighters throw down their weapons. There is nothing to fight over.

There is no split between humanitarianism and environmentalism. No difference



ARMEL CHESNAI
AND BOGDAN PETRESCU

between harmony with nature and human progress — both in technological and social development. Both sides are working towards the same goal. You can't have humanitarian progress without environmentalism. Without the environment, we have nothing to live on. No resources and no natural space to enjoy. You can't have environmentalism without humanity to appreciate it either. If life on Earth

ceased, who would notice? The value of life is determined by the intelligent life observing it. Before humans, life just was. Now it has names, value, and appreciation. We save the planet so that humans can live on it, enjoy it, and be part of that life. If humans disappeared, life would go on until the end of our sun's life; but who would be around to appreciate the call of a loon on a calm morning?



SEXUALITY ILLUMINATED

ANYA LOMAKO

OLYMPICS WILL LIKELY FOSTER SEX TOURISM

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The phrase "sex trade" usually triggers images of children lining darkly-lit streets in Thailand, or pale-skinned mail-order brides from Russia loading off a plane. Although the sex trade is prosperous in Canada, the plains of Saskatchewan aren't the first

thought to cross one's mind. If the sex trade is an issue in his country, why then is so much media attention and funding funneled into outsourcing international sexual exploitation crises, while Canada's remain unresolved? This is certainly a question worth asking, particularly since at least 600 foreign females are "coerced into joining the Canadian sex trade each year," and between 1,500 and 2,200 people are "trafficked from Canada into the U.S. annually," according to a 2004 RCMP report.

Sex tourism is an area of Canadian sight-seeing that is severely under-reported. Seeing how Canada is a human trafficking hot spot, it's easy to see why under-reporting may be self-inflicted. With between the 800 and 2,200 people trafficked "into or through" Canada annually, only five have ever been convicted, all in 2008. Sentences ranged from two to eight years in jail, as reported in the *Vancouver Sun*.

With these statistics in mind, accountability for human trafficking victims in the 2010 Vancouver Olympics is cause for human rights concerns. The 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece

occurred during the same year the government found double the number of trafficking victims than in 2005. As such, the 2010 Canadian Olympics should be coupled with a commitment to preventing human trafficking, a commitment that will not be fulfilled lest politicians make it a set priority.

Alternatively to the 2004 Olympics numbers, research conducted by a Vancouver police initiative group, the Sex Industry Worker

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Safety Action Group, suggests that the correlation between the 2010 Olympics and drastic increases in human trafficking are over-arching. The study, released in June 2009, suggests that "there is no evidence the number of sex workers and trafficking victims increased dramatically" in other locations during similar events such as the Olympics and World Cup games.

Meanwhile, the only 2010 Olympic protection sex workers are receiving is in the form of training in dealing with media coverage and reporters, to be provided by The

Prostitution Alternatives Counseling and Education Society (PACE) in November 2009, as reported by CBC.ca. PACE intends to ensure sex workers know their rights when it comes to being filmed or questioned.

The vulnerability of sex trafficking victims is particularly alarming in light of previous governmental inaction. For instance, 14 Canadian permits for exotic dancing were issued last year, with 15 issued in 2007.

While exotic dancing is listed as a skilled worker category for migrant employees, politicians have persistently promised to remove exotic dancing from the list due to fears that the category was abused as a legal loophole to "import women into forced prostitution," according to the *Vancouver Sun*. Despite the longevity of the promise, the category remains valid.

Even the United States has commented on the faults of the Canadian courts on the issue of human trafficking. An annual reported issued by the U.S. State

Department in June 2009 outlines that "Canada's law enforcement efforts reportedly suffer from a lack of co-ordination between the national government and provincial and local authorities," and that there is "no national action plan to deal with the issue," as reported by CBC.ca. Canada is yet to provide a rebuttal for the report.

With *The Record* reporting on July 8th that 25 local police officers "will assist the RCMP with security during the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver," it is a prime moment for the citizens to demand accountability and raised security standards of Olympic staff training in dealing with sex traffickers and victims. At this point in the selection process, the regional police applicants are requested to "submit a one-page letter detailing why they wish to go to the Games."

It is evident that panoramic, proactive, decisive political leadership is needed to confront human rights issues concerning sex trafficking in Canada. With the upcoming elections in close proximity to the 2010 Olympics, the time is ripe for the public to demand action where action has long been idle.

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MAKE: KW CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

Bogdan Petrescu
SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY EDITOR

There is a new group that has taken off around Kitchener. The name is Make: KW, and it is organized around the concept of creating and designing new objects, from creating robots to inventing new microchips. The driving force for this group is a "Do It Yourself" personality as opposed to a consumerism based one, where you can buy the finished product. This group also finds new ways of integrating arts and science, as there is both an aesthetic sense and a technological aspect to most of the inventions. It is a place where different creators can come together and show off their projects as well as seek solutions advice on existing problems. Although it's a new group, Make: KW has managed to become quickly popular and is responsible for attempting to create a "hackerspace" in Waterloo. It is also working in collaboration with the City of Kitchener to host an event called 'Do It Yourself and DJs' (DIY and DJs) in Kitchener Square.

The DIY and DJ event is an event where people can come in sit and listen to music while they work on their own projects. The inspiration came to Tracy Suerich, one of the main event planners, when she heard about Make: KW. The group has also helped spread the word about the event and has worked with the city on the event. The town is providing the electricity for the DJ as well as providing some of the materials for the people to work with. There is supposed to be music playing the whole time, so they have a number of bands lined up to perform. This event, unlike Make: KW, is more arts oriented, seeing as they expect to have people painting, reading, writing, or even knitting. There is even some talk that there might be a couple of actors joining in the event. There may also

be some technological aspects to it if people decide to bring in different instruments or technological devices. Suerich believes that if the event is successful, it may be held two to three times a year. Suerich said that she is very pleased with the work Make: KW does and also says that this event can continue on. There are quite few people expected to attend. The event will occur on Saturday July 11, from 2 to 9 pm.

The other big project on which Make: KW is working on is a hackerspace. A hackerspace is "A shared workshop with tools and equipment necessary to make stuff." Hackerspaces are geared significantly more towards the technical aspect of life. People can get together and share their ideas. The hackerspace is also supposed to have an assortment of materials and tools for creating different boards, circuits or other technological hardware that the inventor may be interested in. However, before this project can be fully started, there are some issues to be dealt with. For example, the group is still looking to find a place where they can set up the hackerspace. They are still trying to decide on membership fees in order to break even as well as deciding on a board of people who will be in charge. Because of these challenges, the group has been meeting almost on a weekly basis for the past two months. Other events that have been considered include hosting barbecues and creating bottle rocket launches.

In terms of projects, there are a number of different ideas in the works. Their first projects will most likely end up being small electronic projects. One such project may include creating an Arduino microcontroller board, a controller that can sense the environment through the use of a number of different sensors, as well as affect it by using lights or motors. There is also one person who is working on

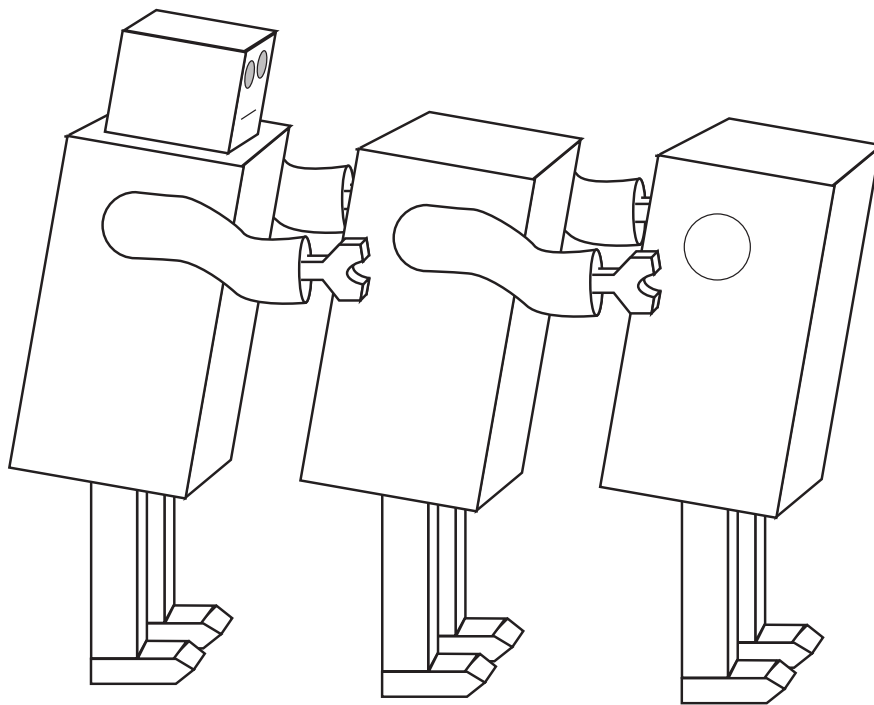
making a "reap" which is a robot that replicates itself. Among people who are part of these groups, there are some who are very knowledgeable about metalwork. There is already talk about putting a security system in place for the hackerspace.

Originally this group was inspired by an O'Reilly publication titled *Make: Magazine*. It has

grown significantly to have its own website, where people have posted some of their inventions and talked about problems they have encountered. One problem that was talked about was how aluminum turned into a "dark grey brown colour if you leave it in an orange degreaser overnight". One can also look at the website (<http://makekw.org>)

in order to find more information about the group such as where future events will be held. The group hopes to be able to have weekly meetings and be able to continue working on their projects as well as feed off of each other's ideas and learn to create new things

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ROW, ROW, YOUR DRAGON BOAT

Calvin Li
REPORTER

What competitive team sport has been around for more than 2,000 years, is the subject of annual festivals with thousands of participants, and was recently recognized by the Federation of Students as an official club at the University of Waterloo? The answer may not be one you were expecting. Dragon boat racing is a competitive water sport that has a long, cultural history stretching back over 2,000 years. In 1976, it was officially recognized as an international sport, and has since exploded in popularity on an international level. Festivals are held yearly at Centre Island in Toronto, as well as in cities all over Canada and the world. As a matter of fact, dragon boat festivals are closely linked with cultural, ceremonial, and religious traditions in China.

The University of Waterloo Dragon Boat Club (UWDBC) was started in May 2008 by Philip and George Wang, with the idea of spreading the dragon boat experience to the rest of the Waterloo student body. The dragon boat “spark” that was lit that day led to the creation of two competitive teams — UW Fire and UW Overclocked. Both teams have competed in 2008 at the Kiwanis Dragon Boat Festival of Waterloo. Recently, UW Overclocked finished second in the B division at the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival at Centre Island and posted a race time of 2:11. The club is now currently training hard in preparation for competition once again at the Kiwanis Festival taking place on July 18 at the Laurel Creek Conservation Area in Waterloo.

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environment where students of all backgrounds can come to develop their skills in dragon boat racing, meet new people, and challenge themselves physically. Land practices are held weekly, with additional training sessions offered for individuals wishing to supplement their training in areas of strength, conditioning, or endurance. Pool practices are held weekly, with an emphasis on training new members to acquire proper paddling form and techniques and having experienced paddlers work on synchronization exercises, perfecting racing techniques, and improving paddling strength and endurance. Current President Edward Yu and Vice-President Darren Chan hope that these training sessions will enable the UWDBC team to improve upon the 2:11 race time set by our team at the 2009 Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival.

The team operates year-round during all three terms in both Waterloo and Toronto to accommodate co-op and summer students. The executive team of the UW Dragon Boat Club also plans on organizing many fundraising events in an attempt to reduce the cost for racing and further promote the club on campus. On July 14, 2009, UWDBC will be hosting a barbecue at the MC quad from 11:00AM – 5:00 PM. Come out and support the team by enjoying freshly made burgers and other refreshments.

If you are open to trying new experiences, interested in developing a physically fit body, or simply wish to join an exciting new club at the University of Waterloo, UWDBC might be the perfect club for you. Team practices are held every Tuesday from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. in front of PAC Red South. For more information, please visit www.uwdbc.com or join them on our Facebook group at University of Waterloo Dragon Boat Club (UWDBC).

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UPCOMING

Tuesday, July 14, 2009

UW Dragon Boat Club presents our very first summer BBQ. Come join us for some juicy burgers, delicious hot dogs and some cool refreshing drinks. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., MC Quad, between MC and Chem 2, near the water fountain.

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

“Sandstorm” – the darkest moments can reveal the deepest truth. Award winning film about the persecution of Falun Gong in China. Followed by Q&A with director Michael Mahonen, 8 to 10 p.m. at HH Humanities Theatre. Free admission.

Friday, July 24, 2009

Blues dancing at K-W Naval Association, 315 Weber Street, N. Lesson at 8 p.m. and dancing until midnight. For cost/info visit waterlooswing.com.

Sunday, August 30, 2009

2nd annual Memorial Butterfly Release 2009 at Williamsburg Cemetery from 2 to 4 p.m. Proceeds support the work of Bereaved Families of Ontario.

UW RECREATION COMMITTEE

UW Recreation Committee events are open to all employees of the University of Waterloo. Register by emailing adm-mail.uwaterloo.ca.

UW Book Club meets July 15, On Chesil Beach, by Ian McEwan; August 19, Unfeeling, by Ian Holding. Cost is price of book if you wish to purchase it. Dana Porter Library, room 407 at 12:05 p.m. Details www.uwrc.uwaterloo.ca.

Discount tickets are available for Centreville (Toronto) Island, Ontario Place, Ontario Science Centre, Royal Ontario Museum and Wings of Paradise. Email uwrc@uwaterloo.ca for a UW code for online ordering.

VOLUNTEER

Summer volunteer opportunities with Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region. Summer reading club, bookbag club, and boys' activity club volunteers needed. Contact 519-576-1329, ext 3533 or Carey.Reist@facswaterloo.org.

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Do you text...do you iPod? We are looking for volunteers to take part in a study on mobile hand held device use and any related health or comfort troubles experienced during their use. The study is being conducted by the Department of Kinesiology and the institute for Work and Health. As a participant in this study, you would be asked to fill out a five to eight minute computer-administered confidential questionnaire. If you would like to participate, please follow this link: <http://ithumb.iwh.on.ca>. If you wish more information about this study, please contact Sophia Berolo, Department of Kinesiology, University of Waterloo at sberolo@uwaterloo.ca. This study has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through, the Office of Research Ethics, University of Waterloo.

Speak Laos? Volunteer needed to visit Laos-speaking woman with Alzheimers in Heritage Park, Kitchener. For info contact Jill at jmercier@alzheimersocietykw.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Exploring Your Personality - Part 2 July 13, 2:30-4 p.m., TC 1112. NOTE: \$10 materials charge payable at Career Services prior to the session.

Work Search Strategies - July 22, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., TC 1208. NOTE: Prerequisite for this workshop. Work Search within “Marketing Yourself.”

Interview Skills: Preparing for Questions - July 14, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., TC 1208. NOTE: There is a prerequisite for this workshop. Interview Skills within “Marketing Yourself.”

Interview Skills: Selling Your Skills: July 15, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., TC 1208. NOTE: There is a prerequisite for this workshop. Interview Skills within “Marketing Yourself.”

Successfully Negotiating Job Offers: July 21, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., TC 1208. NOTE: Session geared towards graduating students.

Success on the Job: - July 23, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., TC 1208.

Getting a U.S. Work Permit: - Learn more July 23, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., TC 1208.

Are You Thinking about Med School/ Perspectives of a Waterloo Grad: Learn more about the medical school application process in Ontario - July 11, 10 a.m. to 12, TC 2218.

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July 2009

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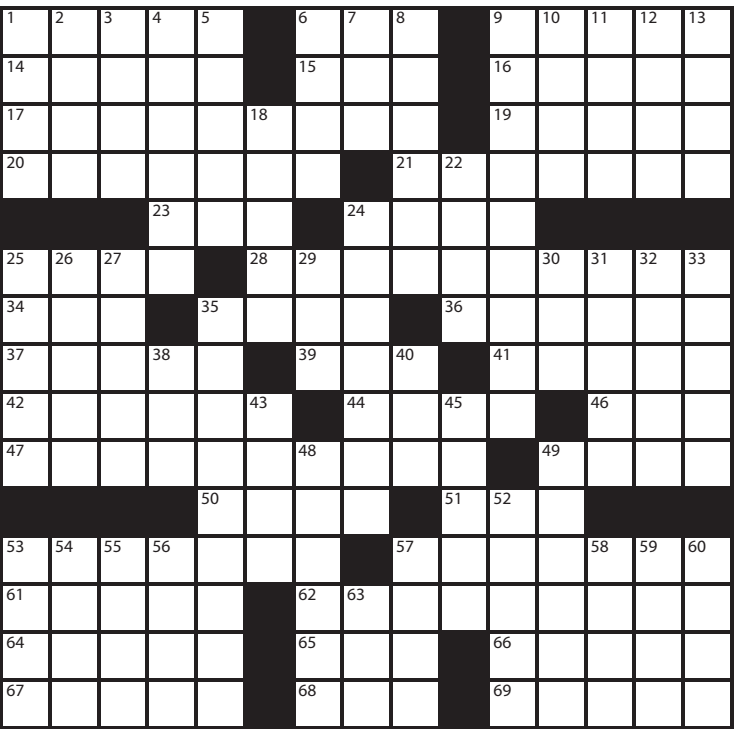
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CROSSWORD By Tina Ironstone & Michael L. Davenport

- Across**
1. Pirates of the Caribbean character, Boot----- Bill
6. Mature female sheep
9. A protein involved in the processing of microRNA
14. Scientific word for piss
15. Popular brand of amplification
16. Frankie says -----
17. A plant with a sucrose-containing root
19. To speak well
20. Sea creature named after savannah animal
21. A Greek drink combining wine and honey
23. Aged
24. A strong desire to do something
25. A ---- and doe
28. Southeast Asia (two words)
34. UW's health faculty
35. Radio station 102.1
36. Playground toy alternatively known as a teeter-totter
37. In a Jewish calendar, it is the seventh month of the year
39. Nightmare on --- street
41. Brief argument
42. Conical tent
44. A large indefinite period of time
46. Sign of the lion
47. A taste that remains after consuming
49. I am Sam, lead actor
50. People missing teeth have these in their smiles
51. A hockey league started by Dennis Murphy and Gary Davidson in the 70's
53. Hawaiian musical instrument
57. Same atom, but different number of neutrons
61. Lit again
62. A property of dice (two words)
64. A type of lemurs
65. A type of deer



66. To conclude
67. An abbreviation for cosecant
68. A negative vote or a no
69. Considered overly bold and saucy
- Down**
1. Admonish hilariously
2. Boolean logic state
3. Capital of Latvia
4. Opposite of "digital"
5. Quality of the Castle Anthrax (Monty Python)
6. Don't get mad, get...
7. Feeling of distress
8. Get money from someone else illicitly, perhaps through blackmail
9. Having the property of susceptibility
10. Windows Vista default theme
11. Term used in tennis, baseball and bridge.
12. Form of speech banned in Canada
13. German name, misspelling of "axle"
18. It was an omen
22. Alternate spelling of "aegis"
25. This person enters your house, gives you things
26. This person enters your house, takes your things away
27. On a ledger sheet, opposite of "liability"
29. Along with weight, don't ask a lady about this
30. Fourth letter of alphabet
31. Strong fibre obtained from plants
32. Food that you ate
33. What you do when you're being romanced
35. Opposite of lethargic
38. Copying something badly, also animal name
40. A witty remark
43. And others (Latin, two words)
45. Like news, but not quite
48. Sasquatches
49. A thin surface or superficial layer
52. Water your garden with these (plural)
53. Derived from piss
54. A gambling game, French origins
55. Times of life
56. Currency in Italy (plural)
57. Name of Pac Man ghost
58. 38 to 1 in Roulette
59. Takes a whiz
60. Circular motion in water
63. The side of your nose, winglike structure

?? CAMPUS QUESTION

What occasion should have fireworks?

By Ethan Oblak



"Frosh week!"
Andrew Ferrante
3A Arts & Business



"Both equinoxes!"
Tom Terlecki
1B Systems Design Engineering



"Juggling!"
Luis Choi
2B Biomedical Science



"A student showing up on time to my morning class!"
Professor Joe West
10C Applied Math



"A fortnight of sunshine in Waterloo!"
Tarek Chammah
CS Grad Student

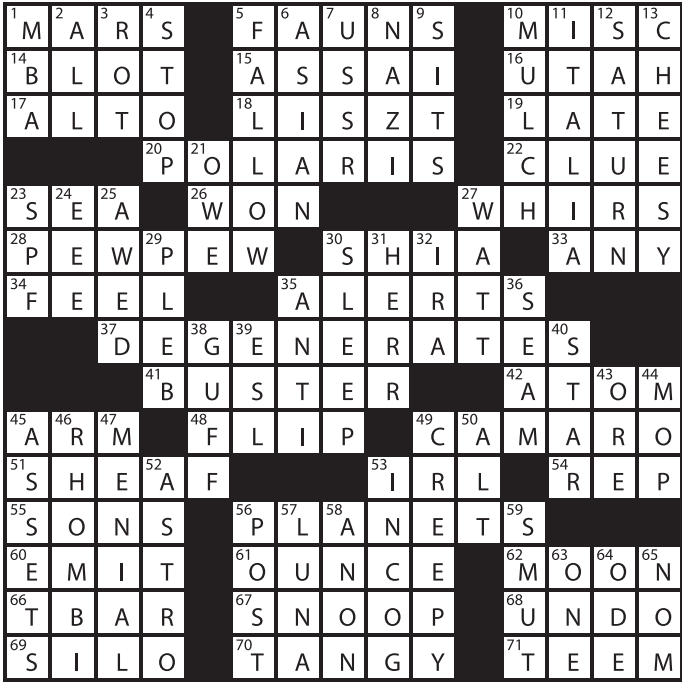
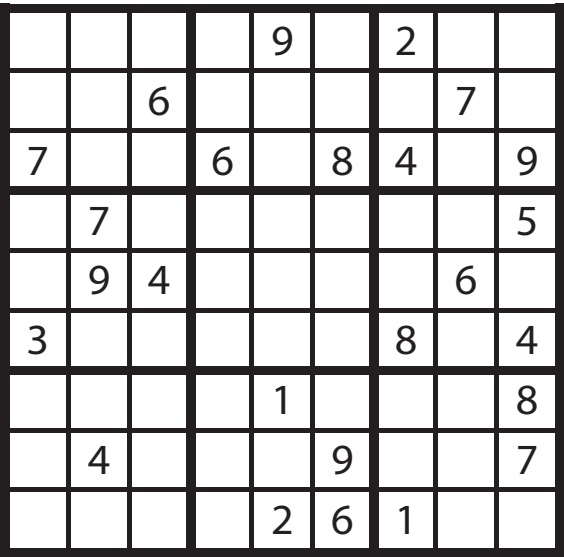


"Pi Day!"
Chris Neal
FEDS VP, Administration and Finance



"Your first time!"
Emily Brown
Masters Kinesiology
Ashley McKeown
4B Kinesiology

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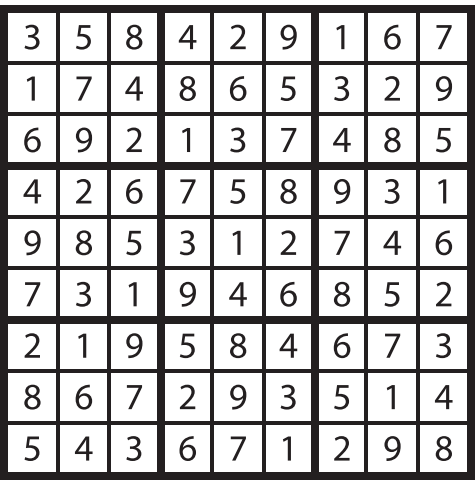
LOGIC PUZZLE

Four businessmen want to figure out what the average salary is between the four of them. However none of them want their own salary to be found out.

The problem: Provide a method that the four business men can use to find the average without their salaries being found out.

Note: Multiple solutions.

SOLUTIONS: JUNE 26, 2009



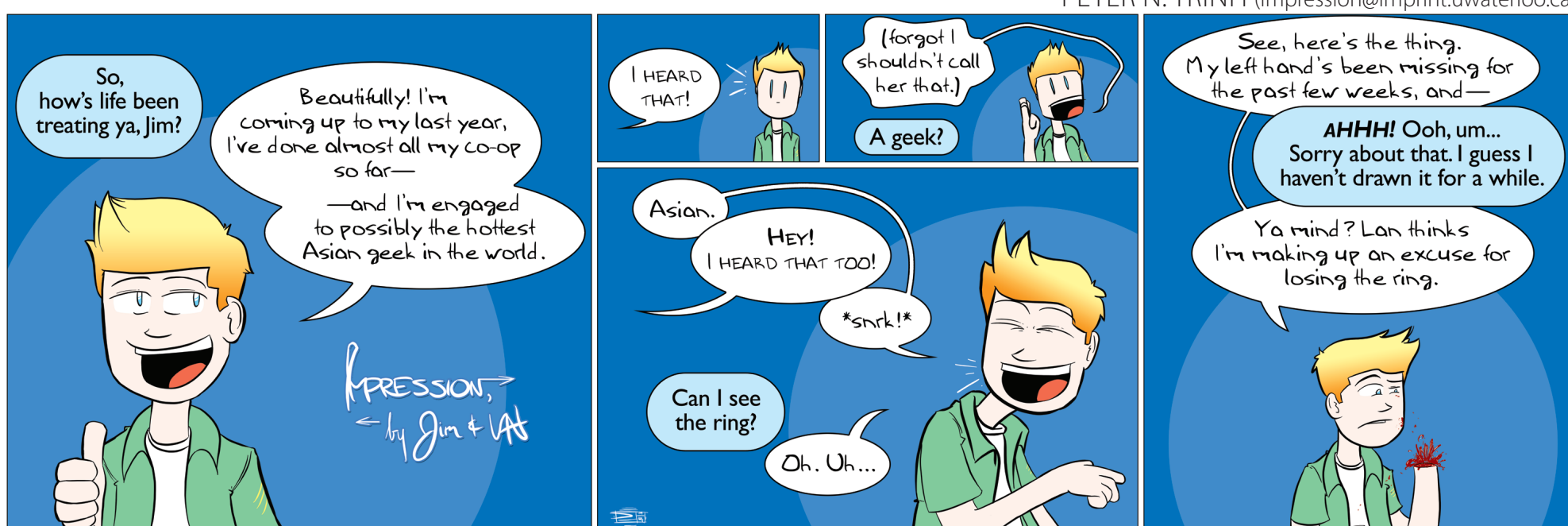
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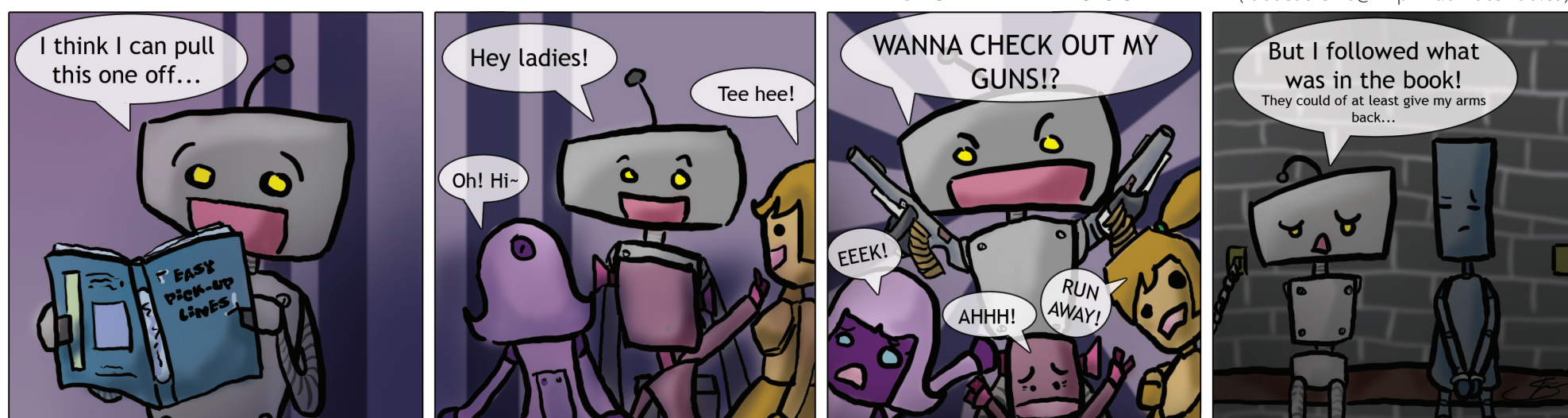


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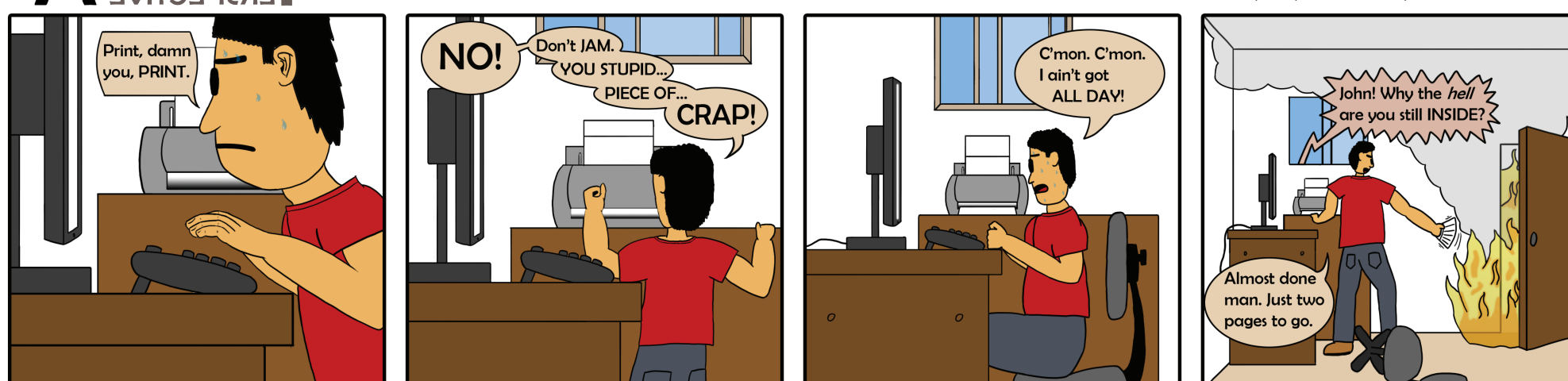
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A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

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What would you do for your 20-page essay?