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In an act of desperation, BJ Williams sprawls out at the bottom of the net, in hopes to save the shot coming from Brad Barriag at the tennis courts at Loyalist College on March 14, 2012. John Jackson (left) and Chris Cole (right) stand by, hoping for a rebound.

Journalists cope with technology changes

Speed removes buffer of time to review facts

By Sherry Tompkins

The world is changing – that part isn't news, but the way in which it's changing often is.

The way in which each generation takes in information is evolving and the process of reporting that information is evolving along with it. Today, speed is everything. The public wants to know, and they want to know now.

In journalism, this often creates some logistical dilemmas. One such dilemma is that speed removes the buffer of time. Time to review facts, time to decide which aspects are the most important,

time to evaluate ethical decisions, time to pare down the subject to its bare bones, what the public wants to know, the truth.

For many years, the news has been disseminated in the past tense. Although the very recent past tense, the past just the same.

Today with the use of social media, we find ourselves reporting news as it happens, in real time.

Our society has incorporated 'virtual experiences' into every facet of our lives and the news is no exception.

In the instance of high-profile court cases, when the public has a high degree of interest in what is happening, information must be passed along as if the reader was sitting in the courtroom themselves.

Enter social media and a new twist on reporting.

Bruce Urquhart, editor of the Woodstock Sentinel-Review, the hometown of

the current Tori Stafford murder case, believes that social media is a valuable tool for both readers and journalists.

"It does have an effect. They're wonderful tools," said Urquhart, who is a Loyalist College graduate in print and online journalism.

"It's a great way to discover stories, find sources, to get other content that we may not be able to get.

"In this particular instance, it's a little bit different, we're just funneling information. It definitely does have an impact on our readership."

Urquhart is referring to the reporting of graphic details from the trial of Michael Rafferty, who is being tried for the sexual assault and murder of eight-year-old Stafford, a Woodstock resident.

Urquhart had a plan ready to handle what many would consider extremely disturbing facts contained in the court

proceedings.

"If the details become too graphic we'll stop the direct tweets and send people to the direct news feed on our website."

This provides the buffer needed to allow the public to decide just how much detail they are interested in hearing, he said. On the direct news feed the readers can continue their virtual courtroom experience.

Urquhart is adamant that the Woodstock Sentinel-Review is first and foremost a news service.

"We're going to be compassionate but we're not going to censor."

Nathan Smith, news director at AM980 in London, has adopted a similar approach.

AM980 has a regular Twitter feed, with approximately 8,300 followers. On this feed, readers receive regular news updates. These updates would be written,

not with censorship, but consideration for the fact that not all of those 8,300 readers have a desire to hear every graphic detail. Once again, due to the sensitivity of this particular case, a separate Twitter feed was set up to accommodate those who were interested in the whole courtroom experience, featuring everything they would hear if they were there themselves. Approximately 1,500 readers have opted in to the optional feed.

"Our decision is that we will censor nothing on that dedicated Twitter feed," said Smith.

He describes this approach as an option way of reporting. People can choose to hear the summary, or go to a different site for the details.

"It's a bit of a relief to not have to choose what's in and what's out," said Smith.

Student leaders recognized

By Joanna Becket

Fred Pollitt admits he's a behind-the-scenes kind of guy.

But, as the director of student life at Loyalist College, Pollitt will be centre stage at this year's annual Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony luncheon as he hands out awards named in his honour to 25 Loyalist student leaders. The award acknowledges their exceptional contributions to student life in the 2011-2012 academic year.

The awards ceremony luncheon will be held at Loyalist's Club 213 on March 21, when Loyalist culinary students will get to showcase their newly acquired skills.

"I think the awards, whatever you want to call them, recognize that it's important to acknowledge students for contributing to the quality of student life and giving back something to the school," said Pollitt.

The awards were named for Pollitt because of his exemplary role as a leader and mentor to students throughout his 17 years as director of student life.

Chris Detering, 22, in second-year broadcast engineering technology, is one of this year's award winners.

"My time on student government has definitely improved my leadership skills because I feel like I'm bringing a voice to all of the programs in media studies," said Detering. "I was always trying to help people in one way, shape or form and I thought, 'why not run for student government and actually have the power to do so?'"

Introduced in 2007 to acknowledge the commitment and contributions of student leaders as members of the student government, the program was expanded in 2008 to include other outstanding leaders including class leaders, peer tutors, and student ambassadors.

"When students become engaged with student life, they see improvements that can be made. They want to leave a legacy," said Pollitt.

"They become focused on projects and have it down to a science. They

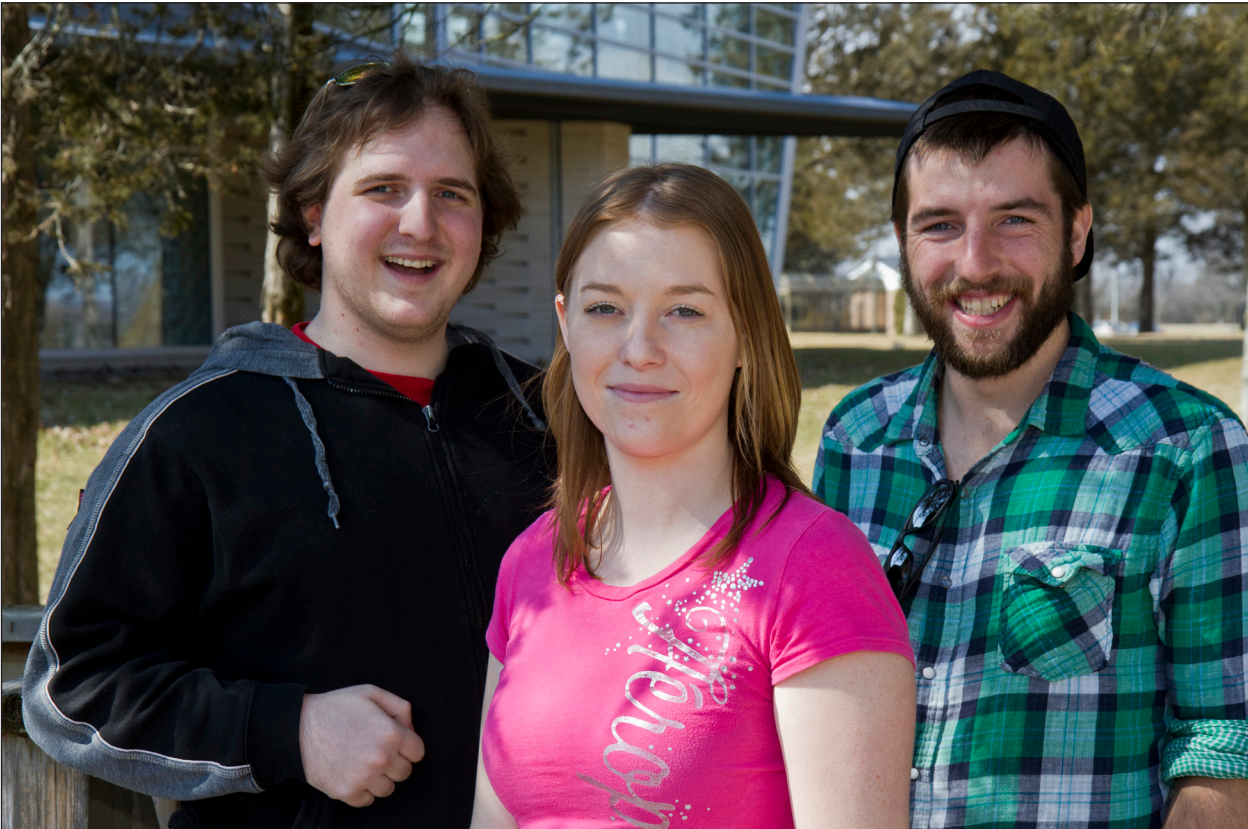


Photo by Joanna Becket

This year's annual Loyalist College Student Leadership Recognition Ceremony on March 21 will acknowledge 25 students for their exceptional contributions to student life. Among the winners of the Pollitt award are (left to right) Chris Detering, April Chamberlain and Andre Lodder.

send out surveys and get a huge response – maybe 1,000 responses. Then they'll look at the feedback from full-time students to find out what improvements they'd like to see made. Out of that, they'll develop a game plan."

"There's a real culture here at Loyalist," he said. "In this environment, students learn how to take the lead, go forward and complete projects."

April Chamberlain, 21, in third-year civil engineering technology, is vice-president of student life.

"It's been a really amazing experience. I've met so many great people. I've gotten to know Loyalist College President Maureen Piercy and she's very supportive of student government and each of us as individuals. I've participated in many big projects. It's helped my leadership skills and I now

take more initiative in my personal life."

This year alone, under the stewardship of the Loyalist student government, the school installed its 15th hydration station; six were installed in the month of February alone. They also made improvements to the quiet lounges that flank Alumni Hall, opened the new student space called the Link Lounge, and completed the expansion of the student fitness centre.

"It's a great fitness facility, and the students seem genuinely pleased to have additional space and better equipment," said Pollitt.

Andre Lodder, 23, a second-year photojournalism student, said, "It's a huge honour to be selected. I think student life is important at Loyalist College. Anything we can do to support it is a good thing."

Pollitt winners

Chris Barnim
April Chamberlain
Dan Vanden Broek
Lise Rouleau
Robert Hoekstra
Marcus Curle
Rebecca van Haarlem
Allyee Mulvihill
Dalton Sanderson
Chris Detering
Natasha Pereira

Susan Dorval
Jeffery Krampah
Christine Avery
Carlie Boor
Andre Lodder
Greg Dafeo
Matt Kerr
Kent Fleming
Charlotte Maschke
Merissa Hopkins
Martie Cannon
Garett Gruhl

KONY 2012 tells story through video

By Kelly Gagné

It's been about a week since Joseph Kony, leader of Uganda's rebel Lord's Resistance Army became famous, because of one viral video on YouTube.

The video that has been such a hot topic is the KONY 2012 video by the organization Invisible Children.

Invisible Children is an organization that uses film, documentary and the power of social media to tell the stories of Uganda and the atrocities committed by Joseph Kony and his army of abducted children whom he uses as child soldiers.

Invisible Children produced their first video, *Invisible Children: Rough Cut* in 2006, and it was then that the video had sparked some interest when director Jason Russell began to campaign and spread awareness. Showing the video to high schools and colleges across America, Russell was able to spread awareness and pick up his numbers in support to present the cause to the White House.

Once they had the mass numbers of supporters, Russell was able to get U.S. President Barack Obama to sign off on sending 100 elite American soldiers into Uganda to help supervise and mentor the Ugandan soldiers.

However, since last October, these numbers of supporters began to forget about Kony and the issue, and this is where the viral new video comes in, as it was to regain the attention of the Western people and direct it back on the issue of Kony.

Leona Hobbs, a Loyalist print journalism graduate and director of communications at Social Media Group, was able to speak a bit about viral videos.

"Viral videos are simply those videos that achieve mass popularity - typically, they gain so much momentum online, they cross over into the mainstream. It is every marketer's dream that a video they produce 'goes viral'," said Hobbs.

The Kony video had around seven million views within the first two days. By midweek, the video had about 31 million views, and after a week, the video has gotten over 75 million views, according to YouTube.

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Students get help with duds

Public relations students plan fashion show and shopping spree to help graduates

By Rebecca Rempel

Dressing for success has never been so easy.

Post-grad public relations students, in partnership with the career centre at Loyalist College, hosted the “Work your Wardrobe” Fashion Show and Spree in the cafeteria Wednesday.

Students were invited by e-mail to visit the cafeteria to watch a fashion show and look through racks of clothing for items suitable for interviews and workplace environments.

In addition to a fashion show with clothes from stores such as Moores and Eclipse, racks of clothing and tables of accessories were filled with goods.

All for free.

“It’s free clothes for students,” said Tara MacKinnon, one of the public relations students running the event. “To help out their pocket books a little bit and to get that one step further in their career.”

“We have 716 pieces. From men’s clothes to women’s clothes to accessories shoes, ties, everything is there.”

Students were permitted to take five items per run-through of the racks, and then return for more.

“Most of the clothing has come from faculty and staff from the college. We asked them to send us their clothing that they don’t wear anymore, so this is the result of that.”

Any items not distributed by the end of



Photo by Rebecca Rempel

Matt Woods struts his stuff at the “Work your Wardrobe” Fashion Show and Spree in the Loyalist cafeteria. Organized by post-grad public relations students in partnership with the Career Centre at Loyalist, the event featured an abundance of clothing suitable for interviews, internships and jobs. Students were allowed to walk away with up to five items of clothing for free.

the event will be donated to the Salvation Army.

Students walking away with clothes were asked to fill out a questionnaire regarding their experience at the event, and were entered to win one of two prizes, a \$25 gift certificate for Club 213 or a \$25

gift certificate for the spa.

“It’s very nice to offer the business clothes for free,” said Michelle Mccalder, an online medical administration student. “A lot of people, especially if you have job interviews coming up and don’t want to go out and spend the money, cause we’re

college students.”

“Everyone that I came over here with has left with a bag,” said Mccalder.

Kayla Coles, a child and youth worker student, walked away with a couple of shirts and a pair of pants.

“It was really helpful,” said Coles. “I’m

saving money.”

For more information on the resources the Career Centre provides, please visit their page on the Loyalist website <http://www.loyalistcollege.com/student-services/employment-and-career-services/>

Feeling stressed? Time to get moving!

By Carleen Schmidt

Start moving to eliminate that college stress.

“The very simple secret is the best way to deal with stress is to move your body,” said Valerie Geen, mind and wellness advisor at Loyalist College.

The majority of students face significant amounts of stress during college. Unfortunately eliminating that stress always seems too difficult because students’ schedules are so busy they don’t have time to find a stress reliever that works.

However moving your body is not something you need to take time out of your busy life to do. Being physically active does not mean you have to go to the gym, for some that is a great option but for others is can be uncomfortable.

“Being physically active simply means moving, walking, playing wii, biking, or dancing – in your room if you want – you

just need to be moving every day; enough to create a light sweat,” said Geen.

Geen suggests you choose an activity that is fun so that it is not a chore.

“I usually deal with stress by exercising or running and alcohol helps sometimes too,” said Emily Turnbull, a student studying to be a civil engineering technician.

Stress is a natural feeling designed to help you cope in challenging situations. In small amounts it’s good because it pushes you to work hard but too much stress can lead to physical and psychological problems such as depression or anxiety, according to the National Health Services.

“I have 350-400 student appointments each year, which doesn’t include students struggling with stress who choose see our two counselors or those you meet with learning skill advisors in the disability office,” said Geen.

“I use many resources and tools depending on the particular student. I lis-

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wellness advisor Valerie Green

ten to their interests and likes to come up with an activity or method that best suits them,” said Geen.

A person spends inordinate amounts of time thinking thoughts about their situation without ever actually doing anything. Our brain thoughts tend to make us think we are doing something about a difficulty just by thinking about it, said Geen.

“If you have heard yourself say the same thing or think the same thought at least three times, it’s time to stop talking and move your body and learn to quiet

your mind so you can have a holiday from your thoughts,” said Geen.

“Beer. I usually have a beer when I am stressed out and trying to work on homework, it relaxes me so I can concentrate on what I am doing,” said Dustin Mahoney, civil engineering technician student.

To relieve stress, students need to learn to relax. That’s where Geen comes in. She teaches relaxation techniques such as progressive muscle relaxation, mind in the feet and heart soother. She helps teach your mind to relax which helps you reduce or eliminate your stress.

According to Geen food and activity have an enormous impact on how you feel and think.

“Taking time to make a decent meal or to dance like crazy for 10-15 minutes at the end of every day is going to make a difference in your marks, your relationships, how you feel about yourself and how you look,” said Geen.

“A nice night to myself works best for me. It’s always different but sometimes just relaxing to a favourite show or movie and making a nice home cooked meal can remind me that I’m still in control and that whatever is stressing me out, I can overcome,” said Candace Jackson, pre-health student.

Stress can be cause by a number of things, finances, living situation, relationships and workload but if you move your body and eat right, not only can it help you deal with your present stress but it is also the best preventative, said Geen.

The first signs of stress are sleep problems, loss of appetite, headaches, irritability or dizziness. If you are experiencing any of these perhaps you should try the tips above or make an appointment with Geen.

You can book an appointment at the Student Success Hub in room 2H4 or by calling 613-969-1913 ext. 2519.

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“A smart content marketer approaches creating an online video or any other branded content asset methodically. At the core, the marketer seeks to engage a target audience, or customer, with content. To do so, they must understand their audience or the customer, and what kind of information adds value for them. The content they create must effectively por-

tray their brand message while avoiding the hard sell because they are seeking to earn the customer’s attention in a highly fragmented media environment,” said Hobbs.

“Once the video is created, the marketer must then promote it so it reaches the target audience. This can be done through owned channels like the company website and social network profiles where fans may choose to share the video with their social networks,” said Hobbs.

Which social network did you use to

watch the video? Whether it was Tumblr, YouTube, Facebook or Twitter, you heard about the video from one of these.

Kelly Greer, 20, first heard about the Kony video from her Facebook feed and her Tumblr blog.

“I didn’t watch the video at first. I heard about it from other people, because it was all over my Facebook. So I looked into the name ‘Kony’, and then I watched the video,” said Greer.

“I was completely sold at first. The video was really well put together, and I didn’t understand why anyone would be

against supporting their cause, until I started to question some of it, like how well the video was done and it must have cost them a lot of money to make,” said Greer.

As for viral videos go, the Kony 2012 video has greatly succeeded what the marketers and video Directors had hoped. It makes other charities and organizations both envy and admire the accomplishment of the cause, whether you agree with the work the organization is doing or not.

Gas station may be stopped from selling smokes

Store caught selling cigarettes to people under 19

By Zachary Greco

A Madoc gas station and variety store may face a prohibition on all tobacco sales after numerous failed compliance checks.

The Hastings and Prince Edward Counties Health Unit has submitted a formal request to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in request of an Automatic Prohibition under the Smoke-Free Ontario Act.

Madoc Gas and Variety/XTR, has been owned and operated by Kannathasan Arunasalam since 2007. Since March of 2008, Arunasalam has been caught selling tobacco to persons under 19 and charged four times.

The charges were laid following routine compliance checks made by tobacco enforcement officers.

Officers have an underage shopper who looks young go into a store and try to buy cigarettes. If the store clerk checks for I.D. then no charges are laid. If no request is made to see some sort of legal I.D. then the underage shopper gives the cigarettes to the enforcement officer and charges are laid.

The last charge was laid in August 2011. The conviction was registered November 29, 2011, with an \$800 fine levied.

When contacted about the possible prohibition, Arunasalam would not comment.

On January 9, the health unit submitted its request for prohibition to the ministry and has since been awaiting the results of the request.

“This does not happen very often, it’s not unprecedented,” said health unit media relations consultant Carol Snell. “Around the boardroom table, the medical officer of health didn’t recall any requested prohibitions during his time here, which is about six years.”

“We have had them previous to this, but this is the first one for some time,” said Snell.

Preemies feel the love with homemade quilts

By Jessica Corriveau

Premature babies at Kingston General Hospital are being wrapped in the love of the caring community of the Trent Valley Quilters Guild.

Local women from all over the Trent valley area have come together thanks to the guild to make over 200 soft linens, all donated to KHG’s neonatal unit.

Eighteen women came together for a day of sewing at the guild’s workshop.

“We’ve been doing this for four years. Sometimes we have two big bags once a year, sometimes we drop off one bag twice a year,” said Nicky Livingston, a member of the guild who brought together the workshop and was present to drop off the quilts.

“It’s a freebie event, the (participants) don’t need to pay to come, they just bring their sewing machine and we worked from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m.,” says Livingston. “All of the flannelette was donated, and we were given batting and leftovers from our Comfort Quilts events,” which make quilts to be donated to the seriously ill, fire victims, shelters and hospice.

“We’re happy to have them,” said Alyssa McCaugherty, a registered nurse in the neonatal unit at KGH.

A mother in the sunroom of the unit showed Livingston some photos on her cellphone of her preemie on one of the donated quilts from a previous year.

“It’s a fun day. It’s a great opportunity to get together and do something worthwhile,” said Jess Chambers, a Belleville resident and president of the Trent Valley Quilters Guild. “It’s a portion of our community who really need our help.”

The guild makes pads for the babies to lie on, tiny pillows to support the babies



Photo by Jessica Corriveau

Nicky Livingston (left) from the Trent Valley Quilters Guild, passes quilts, crib pads, and other soft linens made by the guild to Alyssa McCaugherty, a registered nurse in the neonatal unit at Kingston General Hospital on Tuesday, March 13.

in the incubator and support their arms for IVs, as well receiving blankets and quilts.

“The quilts are there to wrap the babies in or cover them, and often they go home with the mother and her child,” said Chambers.

According to a demographic review put out by the Hastings Children’s Aid Society in March 2008, Hastings and Prince Edward County has seen a significant increase in preterm babies from 2002 to 2007, moving from 4.9% to 7.1%, matching the increase in Eastern Ontario

in general.

KGH works with Almost Home, a home for families of children admitted to hospital to offer an inexpensive place to stay for families from outside of Kingston, such as families from the Hastings and Prince Edward County area.

Horse racing industry in trouble

By Mallory Haigh

On March 28, the Ontario government will introduce the 2012 provincial budget. Part of its budget deliberations could include controversial recommendations by economist Don Drummond to eliminate profit sharing agreements between the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and the horse racing industry.

When the Drummond Report was originally introduced at Queen's Park, it highlighted, among other recommendations, that the Government of Ontario "re-evaluate, on a value-for-money basis, the practice of providing a portion of net slot revenues to the horse racing and breeding industry and municipalities in order to substantially reduce and better target that support."

Local area horsemen say that if the Drummond recommendations are approved, they are greatly concerned about the potential fallout. Since the industry is very family-based, with many businesses spanning generations, the local equine economy is at risk.

According to the Value4Money website published by the Ontario Horse Racing Industry Association, an estimated 60,000 Ontarians are employed in this agricultural sector.

Within the Quinte region, there are an estimated 25 independent breeding and/or training operations for both thoroughbred and standardbred racehorses.

Dan Gassien is a local third generation horseman who bases his training operation out of Stirling.

Gassien, who dropped out of high school at age 15 to join in the family business of breeding, raising and training standardbred racehorses, said he is unsure of his future if cuts to the industry proposed in the budget is passed.

"I don't have any other education or training in any other trade, like many of the people in the business," Gassien said, "I don't know what anyone is going to do."

Forty-seven-year-old Gassien trailers his horses to Kawartha Downs for each race from his Stirling farm, between one to three times per week.

Originally, Gassien moved to Belleville from Lindsay, because of the proposed track construction on rezoned Bell Boulevard land.

Now, however, he said he is forced to transport his horses to other tracks to compete, because of the continual stalling of development.

With the Drummond Report recommendations, Gassien feels it is likely the track will never be brought back to Belleville, and that smaller tracks like



Photo by Mallory Haigh

Stirling-based standardbred owner and trainer Dan Gassien completes warming up his 9-year-old mare, The Shebaron, before the 8th race at Kawartha Downs on Monday night. Gassien, whose primary job is the training and racing of his horses, will be greatly affected by any cuts made to the industry by the Ontario government.

Kawartha Downs are likely to suffer exponentially.

"It is liable to wipe me right out. The quality of horses that will be left over are going to have to be of such a high calibre that your average current trainer is just not going to be able to compete," he said, also noting that it is the small-time trainers like himself who make up the body of the industry.

Many horsemen note that it won't just be them affected by a depleted racing industry. Other industries, including additional subsets of agriculture such as

hay farmers, blacksmiths and veterinarians as well as industries such as the automotive, insurance and entertainment industries will suffer, horesmen say.

The Progressive Conservative government, under Mike Harris, introduced a no-tax bill in 1998 on the horse racing industry to grow the sport.

In the late 1990s, the OLG entered into a two per cent profit-sharing agreement with the racetracks in order to increase race purses and assist horsemen.

Now, with this profit-sharing agreement at risk and the livelihood of many

on the chopping block, local politicians and MPP's are working to protect their constituents.

Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Rob Milligan is one of the Ontario politicians looking to come to bat for the horse racing industry.

"This politics of urban and rural divide, we have to overcome that," said Milligan.

"It is just about educating all parties on the industry itself, and how it benefits not just rural Ontario, but urban Ontario as well."



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Move to concussion prevention in Ontario schools

Legislation will require schools to institute management policies

By Sarah O. Swenson

In a move introduced last week, Ontario is set to become the first province to require schools to institute concussion prevention and management policies.

This new legislation will require that schools train and educate staff and parents on the seriousness and management of concussions, as well as form committees to advise on concussion prevention, identification, and management.

"Concussions don't discriminate," said Laurel Broten, Ontario's Minister of Education, as she introduced the bill to the Ontario legislature. "They can derail the professional career of the best hockey player in the world just as easily as they can derail the academic career of one of our youngest learners."

Concussions have been an issue in sport for quite some time, but only since Canada's Olympic hockey hero, Sidney Crosby was sidelined, did people begin to really take notice.

From 2010 to 2011, nearly 20,000 Ontarians were treated in emergency rooms for concussions, with children making up 38 per cent of those visits.

"Like anything this serious, we don't take

it lightly," said Jim Buck, Loyalist College's director of athletics. "We're doing the best we can, trying to address any concerns."

The Ontario Colleges Athletics Association is currently forming a committee to address the concussion issue and form a universal protocol.

"But the hard part will be implementing these recommendations," said Buck.

Loyalist itself is currently investigating the possibility of implementing concussion baseline testing, something the Belleville Minor Hockey Association has made mandatory since last year. These tests, completed online, provide detailed clinical reports which will be used later by doctors as a comparison point when

trying to assess if an athlete has recovered from an injury.

Although Ontario may be the first province to place the onus on schools, in November 2011, British Columbia proposed similar legislation, the Concussions in Youth Safety Act. This private member's bill requires all youth sports organizations to develop awareness and management policies, have athletes maintain a concussion and head injury information sheet, and demands clearance from a health care professional before a return to play.

The B.C. bill is more broad in its scope, not limiting itself to students, but does not address the need for young ath-

letes to return to their studies, not just their athletics.

"If head injuries like concussions are identified early and enough time is given for kids to recover, we can make sure that our students succeed in school athletics and, most importantly, succeed in the classroom," said Broten to the legislative assembly.

While these measures are fairly new to Canada, the majority of the United States has already tackled the issue head on. The earliest adopter was Washington, passing its legislation in April 2009. By the end of 2011, more than 36 states had passed some form of concussion law and there are currently 10 more states with legislation pending.

Bulls win close one in overtime thriller

By Rebecca Rempel

A hockey game is what fans walked into the Yardmen Arena Wednesday night to watch, and a hockey game is what they got.

The Belleville Bulls faced off against the Oshawa Generals to the applause of 2,503 fans.

Both the Bulls and the Generals have already cinched their playoff berths and are currently ranked eighth and seventh respectively, in the eastern conference.

After a fast-paced start of the game, the Generals were the first to put a point up on the board with Christian Thomas putting the puck in the back of the net in the seventeenth minute of the first period.

At the end of the first period, the Generals were leading the Bulls in shots on goal 16-10.

With Branden Morris in the sin bin for delay of game 13 minutes into the second period, Brendan Gaunce brought the Bulls back into the game with a short-handed goal to bring the crowd to their feet. John Wilson, better known as the 'cymbal man' at Bulls games, appeared dressed as Spiderman and banged happily away with his cymbals to celebrate the goal.

Quick to put a damper on the excitement, Generals' Geoffrey Schemitsch scored in the remaining seconds of Morris' penalty to pull the General's ahead once again.

Belleville netminder Malcolm Subban stopped 12 shots in the second period,



Photo by Rebecca Rempel

Oshawa Generals' goalie Kevin Bailie stops a wrap-around from Belleville Bull Brendan Gaunce Wednesday night at the Yardmen Arena in Belleville. Gaunce was named first star of the game in the 3-2 overtime win, with one goal and an assist.

while Kevin Bailie stopped 10.

Five and a half minutes into the third period, Belleville defenceman Brady Austin earned his fourth goal of the season, and gave Spiderman another chance to

celebrate, bringing the game to a draw.

With the game still tied 2-2 at the final regulation time buzzer, the teams entered sudden-death overtime.

Going into the game, the Bulls have lost

only once this season in overtime, while the Generals have been defeated three times.

The puck bounced from end to end, with most shots going wide. With a min-

ute and 12 seconds left on the clock, Jake Worrada netted his fifth goal of the season, to bring the Bulls out on top for the night.

Of Worrada's five goals, three have been game-winners.

Bull's centre Gaunce was named first star of the night with two points in the game.

Generals Christian Thomas was second star, and Bull Austin as the third.

"We needed those two points and it's good to get those two points," said Carter Sandlak, a second-year leftwinger for the Bulls. "We battled hard out there and it felt good."

"I feel like we got down a little bit, but after the Generals scored we picked it up and played our game plan," said Sandlak.

"Hopefully we can use the win and take into playoffs and build on it," said second-year Bulls defenceman Adam Bignell.

"We're trying not to worry about who we're going to play too much, but we definitely want to win these next two games," said Bignell.

"We're obviously looking ahead, but not too far," said Sandlak.

Wednesday night's game not only put an end to the Generals four-game winning streak, but also allowed the Bulls to bounce back from three losses in the past four games.

The Bulls have two regular season games left in the season. This Friday they will travel up the road to play against the Kingston Frontenacs, the last place team in the conference. Saturday the Bulls will face off against fifth place team, the Sudbury Wolves, for their last regular season home game.



Photo by Megan Voss

A squirrel crosses the street near Cannifton road in Belleville, on March 13. Close to Memorial Park with many trees, it is where many squirrels spend time.

Spring a tough time for animals

Roadkill has huge impact on some species

By Megan Voss

Spring is the season of refreshment, renewal and – roadkill.

As the weather warms up, animals are coming out of hibernation. Many of them go onto the road and are hit by oncoming traffic, resulting in their own death. There are also injuries to humans and damage to their cars. Roadkill even poses a problem for a few already endangered animal populations.

Sgt. Ron Abrams, an OPP officer for Prince Edward County, said that the spring and fall are the worst times for roadkill.

“Last year, we probably had several weeks where we had two to three collisions a day out in the county,” he said.

If there is a positive side to roadkill,

it’s the lifecycle for animals. Shannon Simpkins, of Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, gave an example of a raccoon that is killed on the road.

“There are certain birds like turkey vultures that will come and eat that raccoon,” she said.

“There is its own ecology and its own trophic levels that is supported by roadkill.”

Simpkins also talked about a couple different species at risk – populations that are already endangered are being negatively affected by roadkill.

“Turtles are probably the biggest class of species at risk that are in danger of roadkill,” she said.

“Roadkill has a huge impact for them because a lot of them will come up and nest along the side of the road, because they can dig in the sand and lay their eggs. In some cases, the little turtles – when they hatch, are hit by the cars.

“Turtles take an insanely long time to become reproductively viable and so when a 60-year-old turtle is hit by a car,

it’s kind of tragic,” she added.

“In their lifetime, after laying hundreds and hundreds of eggs, there will only be one or two offspring that will reach full adulthood,” Simpkins said.

Snakes are another class of endangered species at risk from roadkill, Simpkins said. They already don’t have a good reputation with people, even though they’re not a threat to humans.

“They like to sunbathe on the road and consequently they are hit by cars,” she noted.

“Even though Ontario only has one native poisonous snake, people get concerned about having them. But, in reality, ultimately what they end up doing is persecuting and killing other snakes, or ruining their habitat. Poisonous snakes are not a concern for the majority of Ontario.”

Turtles and snakes may be some of the only populations at risk of extinction, and roadkill doesn’t help that, but they are not the only kinds of animals that are killed.

“Deer is an issue. Anywhere in south-

ern Ontario you’ll also get a moose, which is even worse up north,” Abrams said.

“The deer will stand at the side of the road and then all of a sudden as you approach them, they’ll take off right across the road. They can make it across before you have time to react or stop.

“They’re heading so fast that people don’t have time to swerve, and so the deer gets hit, but doesn’t do a lot of damage.”

“Moose up north are more critical for injuries because their centre of gravity is higher above the hood. The cars go under them and so the moose comes through the windshield,” he said.

However, little animals are just as dangerous – if not more dangerous – than moose.

He says people will swerve to miss small animals, then go right into the trees, telephone poles or roll their car as a result.

“It sounds cruel, but it is so dangerous. Your natural instinct is to swerve, and of course that’s when you lose control, and other vehicles on the road are put into real danger, as well yourself and your pas-

sengers. Most of the time, you’re better off just hitting them,” he said.

“You’re doing 100 km/h and all of a sudden you turn the steering wheel, and the first turn is okay – but it’s when you try to come back is when you lose control of the vehicle.”

So, what happens after the animal dies? Cruickshank, based out of Kingston, is a company that does roadkill removal. For the bigger animals, often they have to use special tools, such as winches, to remove the animal from the vehicle. Smaller animals are easily picked up, but there are certain guidelines the company has to follow in terms of how to dispose of them.

For the smaller animals, they do burials within the right of way – digging graves for them. The larger animals are sent to a facility that removes them.

The company also gets calls about lost pets – and although they are difficult cases to deal with, they are often able to give the pet owner peace of mind about their missing animal.

Few attacked by the flu

By Jessica Corriveau

Flu season has barely started this year, but already the numbers are low.

The Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) says “The percentage of laboratory specimens testing positive has just recently reached 10%, which is much later than other years. For comparison, in 2009, this number exceeded 40%.”

Whether it’s due to the mild winter, or how effective the flu vaccine was this year, it’s good news.

We aren’t out of the woods yet, however.

In week nine of the flu season, according to the PHAC, the numbers have picked up. FluWatch, part of PHAC, is reporting an increase in positive influenza B detections compared to last week, the majority of which were from Ontario and Quebec. Ontario has reported some surveillance regions with localized activity, and some regions with sporadic activity.

FluWatch helps monitor the spread of flu and

flu-like illnesses throughout the season. Its goal is to detect outbreaks, share information relating to the spread of the flu, and check how well vaccines and antiviral medications are doing against certain strains, such as H1N1. All of this information factors in to which vaccine will be used the following year.

The flu vaccine is decided ahead of time, with three strands chosen as those the makers decide to target. This year, they seem to have a good match, with circulating viruses stable for the past two seasons.

“I have had less students coming in this year with the flu,” said Lauren Deans, the college nurse.

“There has been flu out in the community, but not like the numbers we’ve seen in past years. Hopefully it’s due to a combination of the flu shot and taking care of themselves.”

Deans reminds students to take care and wash their hands, cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing, and to stay home when sick.

Water worries captured on film

By Chloë Ellingson

Last year Suzanne Brant ended up in the hospital for nine weeks because of what she described as poor water quality at her home on Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory.

“I started having problems with my nervous system,” says Brant, “and the next thing I knew, I couldn’t eat or drink.”

Brant says it took her body six months to get relatively back to normal, and she says she still can’t eat a lot of the things she used to.

Brant’s experience reflects a reality on many reserves across the country. This issue will be explored during Canada Water Week, which falls from March 19-25, at Loyalist’s Aboriginal Studies department, where Brant works as a student success mentor.

On March 22, the department will be screening the documentary *Crisis on Tap: First Nations Water For Life*, on a loop from 9a.m. to 3p.m. in room 3H8.

“The film is very current,” says Brant, who wants

to make known the far-reaching effects of poor-quality water. “People don’t realize how difficult it can be when you don’t have potable water,” she says. “If you don’t have a good quality of water, then your health becomes an issue, environment becomes an issue, social aspects become an issue, economics become an issue. All of those things lead off of one thing.”

Produced by the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research at the University of Victoria, *Crisis on Tap* takes a look at the spiritual value of water in First Nations communities, the causes of bad water on reserves, and the value of water in our ecosystem at large. According to the film, there are currently over 1000 water advisories across Canada, and about one in five reserves fall into this statistic.

One source interviewed in *Crisis on Tap* is Tsartlip First Nation Honoured Elder Tom Sampson.

“They talk about water as a commodity, as something that people must have control of and own,” Sampson says in the documentary. “For us, we don’t own it, we don’t control it. We look after it.”

Award-winning journalist focuses on United Empire Loyalists

Peter C. Newman has long-term connections with this community

By Rachel Cohen

Renowned award-winning Canadian journalist and author Peter C. Newman is living in Belleville primarily because the book he is writing over three years is about the United Empire Loyalists.

“I’ve had long-term connections to the Quinte region, and I believe it’s very important for me to write this book about the United Empire Loyalists and the role they played in developing a Canadian national identity,” said Newman of his current book project.

At age 82, Newman has been famously narrating Canadian politics for more than half a century. Building upon his series of books ranging from the Canadian establishment and how it has gained its power, to the history of the Hudson’s Bay Company and its impact on Canada as a nation, Peter’s new book will be called *Hostages to Fortune: How the Loyalists Invented Canada*.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Newman emigrated from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia to Canada in 1940 as a Jewish refugee. Escaping the war at the age of 11, Newman has said of himself, “What I wanted when I ultimately arrived in Canada was to gain a voice, to be heard. That longing has never left me.”

As a child, Newman enrolled in 1944 as a “war guest” at Upper Canada College – the training ground for children of Canada’s most wealthy and powerful families. Newman’s extensive collection of books he has written have been about many of those very boys he went to school with – recounting the lives of the rich and powerful: business tycoons, political players and prime ministers.

“I always felt like an outsider when I first came to Canada. I was labelled a ‘Jew boy’. It took some time before I found my way,” recalls Newman.

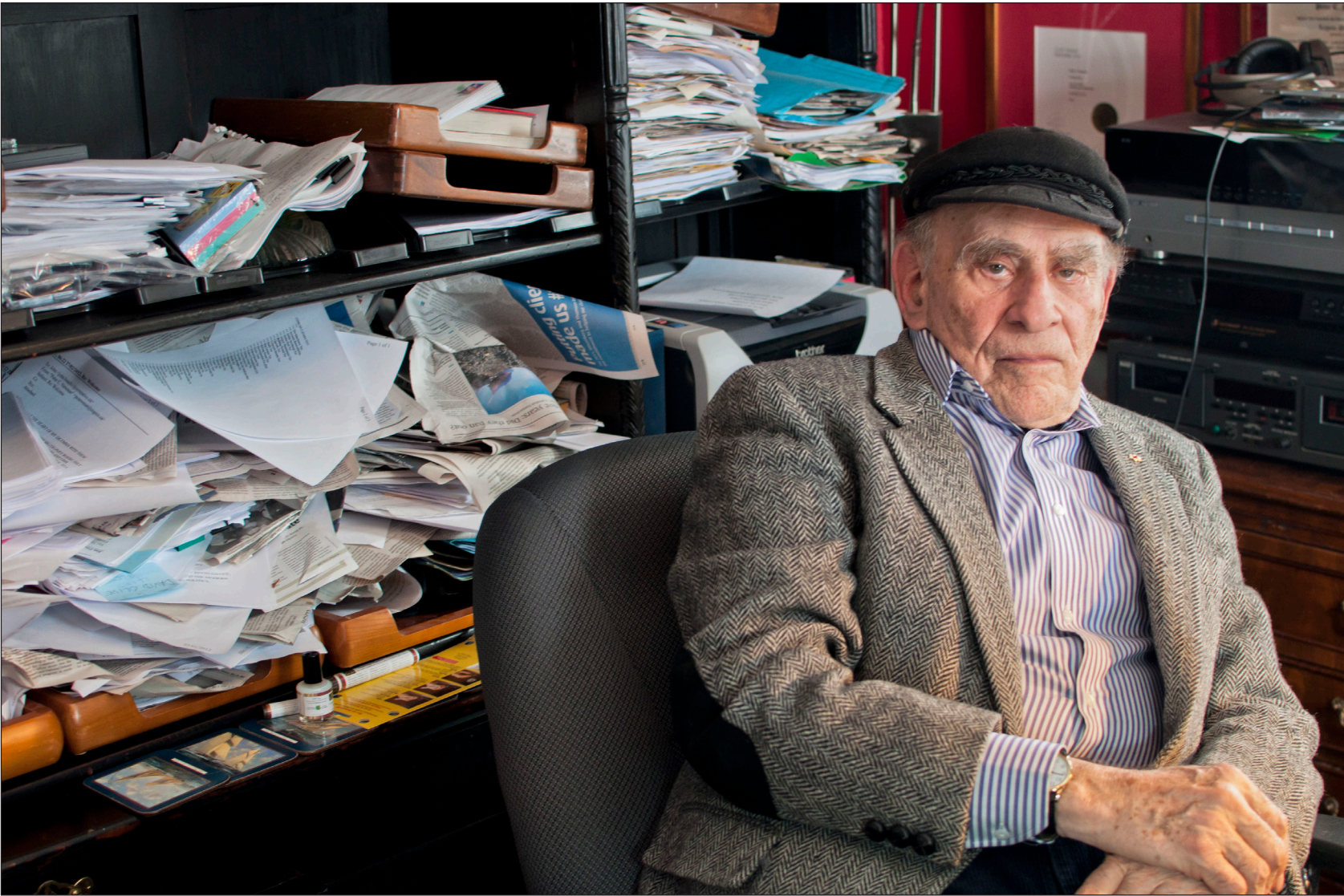


Photo by Rachel Cohen

Award-winning Canadian journalist and author Peter C. Newman is living in Belleville because the book he is writing over three years is about the United Empire Loyalists and role they played in developing a Canadian national identity. At age 82, Newman has has dedicated his life to recording the story of this country.

It was from there that Newman embarked on a remarkable career, which included writing for the *Financial Post*, *Maclean’s Magazine*, and *Toronto Star*. As a novelist, Newman has written over 20 books, selling more than two million copies.

“My plan was to make a lot of strong statements about Canada, and I think that’s important,” says Newman. “I am neutral,” he says of his opinions. “I attack everybody.

“I think they need to be attacked. They are responsible to us. They may have

the power, but I have taken responsibility for proving the powerful accountable,” says Newman about the importance of his work. “That is what I try to do in my books.”

Spanning over six decades, Newman has dedicated his life to emphasizing how

Canada will survive, and has ultimately recorded the story of this country. Newman has retired to his beautiful Victorian home in Belleville and is happily married to his wife Alvy in Belleville.

People can expect to see his book released in the upcoming year.

MARCH BREAKOUT



Nick Kirby, 9, in yellow, and James Reynolds, 12, take advantage of the sunny weather and climb around on the jungle gym at Zwicks park in Belleville on March 14. Photo by Dan Pearce

(From left) Quintin Traynor, Patrick Fee, and Caleb Fee catch a ride on a giant green dinosaur early in the morning at a playground along Bayshore Trail in Belleville on March 13. Photo by Topher Seguin

Liam Gray, 7, tries on a helmet and gloves during the “You wouldn’t want to live in Medieval Times” event at the Belleville Public Library on March 14. Photo by Dan Pearce

Ben Pross, 6, explains the creation that he brought to the Belleville Public Library for the LEGO building contest that was held on March 13. Pross proudly describes the treasure being brought to the King and the role of the snakes and the scorpions in his LEGO castle. Photo by Megan Voss.



VIDEO LINK



Students disappointed about current tuition framework

Five per cent increase in tuition fees planned for next fall

By Joanna Becket

Ontario’s students say they are disappointed over the government’s decision to extend the current tuition framework over the next academic year.

University and college students will be required to pay an average of five per cent more in tuition fees next September, as the provincial cap on tuition fees has been extended until fall 2013.

The current tuition framework has been in place since 2006 and has permitted an average increase of five per cent in each of the last two years. The policy was set to expire this month.

The province will continue to provide a 30 per cent rebate on tuition for college and university students for qualifying students.

The decision was announced in a statement released on March 8, by Glen Murray, minister of training, colleges and universities.

“This means that the average tuition will increase by five per cent this fall for the seventh year in a row, leaving Ontario with the highest fees and lowest per-student funding in the country yet again,” stated a press release issued March 8 by the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance.

“Increasing tuition fees at well above the rate of inflation is not a sustainable future for Ontario’s students and families,” said Sean Madden, OUSA president, in the release. “We will continue to work with the government toward the creation of a fair, long-term tuition framework and an enhanced financial aid system.”

“We’re disappointed and concerned about it for lots of reasons,” said Sam Andrey, OUSA executive director, in an interview.

“Our organization’s vision has been that tuition should not make up more than one third of the cost of your education. So, one third of the operating budget should be contributed to by students. Now it’s about 50 per cent, which we think is too much. We would have preferred a much lower cap if any increase at all.

“So even just from a fairness perspective and worrying about the erosion of public education, what does it say about public education when the majority of the costs are born by private dollars, student dollars?” said Andrey.

Other student groups also raised concerns.

“I’m really frustrated that this government continues to try to tout itself as the education government or McGinty as the education premier, when all they’re doing is increasing tuition fees, saddling students with debt, and making sure that more students can’t attend their secondary education,” said Sandy Hudson, Ontario chairperson, of

the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, in an interview.

“Since this government’s been in power since 2006 when they first allowed tuition fees to increase, tuition fees have increased 71 per cent on the high end. It’s unbelievable,” said Hudson.

“Across the board – colleges, universities, graduate students – everyone is paying the highest in Ontario.”

This announcement comes just weeks after students rallied outside Queen’s Park to protest the McGinty government’s new 30 per cent tuition rebate that promises \$1,600 per year to university students already carrying a government student loan, and \$730 per year to students in college diploma and certificate programs.

The grant excludes mature students, part-time students and students whose family income exceeds \$160,000. The protesters, organized by the Canadian Federation of Students-Ontario, were demanding that the rebate be applied to all students.

In his report released in February, economist Don Drummond recommended that if the government cannot operate within his recommended 1.5 per cent increase in government funding for post-secondary education until 2017-18, they should scrap the new 30 per cent tuition rebate program.

He also recommended that the tuition grant be targeted to low-income students.

Students awarded with scholarships

By Melissa Murray

Ashley Solmes, a Bayside Secondary School student, always wanted to pursue a job in health care.

Her decision to pursue health sciences was amplified when she found out that her sister’s friend had cancer. Now, she wants to study medical oncology at Queen’s University.

Her dream to help research cancer became a little easier last night when Solmes and six other area high school students received a \$5,000 scholarship to help them pursue health studies in university.

At the Belleville Bulls game, Medigas, a healthcare supplier, presented a student from each of the Belleville high schools with a cheque with the hope that the students will learn and succeed in different health-care fields and then come back to the Belleville to serve their community.

This year’s recipients include Nicholson Catholic College student Elizabeth Lee; Centennial student Micaila Mahoney-Ashberry; St. Theresa’s Sawyer Bonin; Albert College’s Minal Aundhia; Quinte’s Christine Cyr; Moira’s Georgina Chapman and Bayside’s Ashley Solmes.

Solmes, whose parents knew she had earned the scholarship before she did, was elated at finally hearing the news.

“It’s still a shock,” she said.

Cyr, a Quinte Secondary School student, who is also studying at Queen’s University in the fall, was also surprised.

“The school set up a fake guidance appointment to tell me I had won. Even though I applied for the scholarship, it still hit me in the face like a brick,” she said.

Cyr, whose mom teaches medical terminology at Loyalist College, has always been exposed to health studies.

“I’m a compassionate person and Belleville needs doctors. I’ve always felt that healthcare

would be a good choice for me,” said Cyr.

“The scholarship is most of the cost of our first year of tuition,” said Aundhia who completed a placement with a paedodontist, a dentist who cares for children.

The scholarship application is comprised of an online form and a 500-word essay. Each year, Medigas representatives go to schools personally to explain the scholarship process and to announce the winners.

“Most scholarships, you have a one in 5,000 chance or a one in 10,000 chance, but because you are competing with people in your own school, for me, it was a one in 180 chance,” said Aundhia.

This is the fourth year the Driving Dreams for Our Youth scholarship has been handed out and this is the first year, that the scholarship included a student from privately-funded Albert College, said Bonnie Sullivan, director of the Driving Dreams for Our Youth committee.

“The students are thrilled to have received the assistance,” said Sullivan, “We hope that it eliminates some of the burden put on parents because of rising tuition, as well.

“These students are competitive, gifted and bright young people. They are the top of their class and they get involved with the community and are an impressive group,” said Sullivan.

“They are also excellent representations of their school community,” she added.

“Medigas wants to be out in the community,” said Matt Hamilton, territory manager of Medigas, “We want to be able to really sink our teeth into a community and make a difference.”

The scholarship is funded through the Medigas celebrity classic charity golf tournament that takes place every summer, which also gives money to families with children that have physical challenges.

Music and fellowship part of festival

Loyalist's End of Winter Blues Festival well-attended

By Dan Pearce

Mike Logan and Brenda Turcotte had the best seats in the house at the End of Winter Blues Festival.

They weren't afraid to show their affection as they kissed during a performance by the headlining act, the Johnny Max Band.

Mike and Brenda were two of the 200 to 300 people who came to enjoy the Loyal Blues Fellowship's eighth-annual festival at Loyalist College last Friday and Saturday.

"We're having a blast, man, and this is my woman and I love her to death. This is the best blues music," Logan said. "We've got the best table in the house and everybody's cool. This is just a great event."

Logan has been attending the festival since it began and said this year he was particularly impressed by the younger performers.

"The performances have been very progressive," he said. "I'm very impressed. I'll definitely be coming back next year."

Blues fan Paul Stacey was attending the festival for the first time and was very pleased with the local talent. He said the music and the performances were fantastic and Kim Pollard was his favourite performer.

"There are some very good acts. Kim Pollard is fantastic," he said. "I'll be coming back next year."

Loyal Blues Fellowship president Peg Voigt agreed the Kim Pollard Band was the standout act.

"Everyone was really impressed with her performance. She's a relative unknown, but she was our representative in Memphis, Tenn., for the International Blues Challenge," Voigt said.

Voigt said the festival has always been a



Photo by Dan Pearce

Johnny Max of the Johnny Max Band performs at the eighth annual End of Winter Blues Festival at Loyalist College on March 10.

great event to show off local acts and give them an opportunity to get some exposure.

She said proceeds from the event go back into the fellowship and support its

Blues in the Schools program.

Johnny Max, the lead singer from the headlining act, the Johnny Max Band, was really happy with the show, and in particular, the crowd.

"A great crowd, a very receptive crowd, a great Canadian crowd," Max said. "It's great playing to people who enjoy live music."

If you're craving more of the blues, you

can check out the fellowship's fourth annual Frankford Island Blues Festival this summer July 13 and 14 at the Frankford Tourist Park. For more information, visit www.loyalblues.ca.

Dancers strut their stuff at Canadian Legion

By Brynn Campbell

Legion members slip into their dancing shoes and bust a move.

Strobes and disco balls light up the room for all the men and women who have come out to support Belleville's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 99 on a Saturday night by dancing up a storm.

About 70 people made it out to this hip, happening dance on Saturday evening where Legion members decorated the hall with four-leaf clovers and leprechauns.

"Lots of people said they're coming back," said Legion first vice-president

and life member John McIntyre.

McIntyre and his daughter, Penny, decided they would start organizing dances at the Legion once a month to give people of all ages a chance to twist and shout.

"That's the way dances were when we were young. People kind of dressed up, mingled and had fun. I want it to be a fun night, a family and friend night. That's what bars used to be like, an event for everyone," said McIntyre.

This was the third dance put on by the Legion in three months after taking over the space where the monthly Romeo and Juliet dances once were. All

the proceeds from the monthly dances will support the Legion.

The dances are run by volunteers, including doorman Andy Anderson. Anderson has been a member of the Legion for 15 years and is glad to see everyone having a ball and mingling, although he did say that "the music was a little bit too loud."

Robert Hird, another Legion member and St. Patrick's Day dancer, has attended all of the Legion's dances so far.

"My favourite part is supporting the Legion because without this there are an awful lot of things that don't happen," said Hird.

"Besides the memberships and the

drives and all that, this is a little bit of income. And it's a lot of fun."

The Legion and McIntyre hope to keep seeing more and more people coming out each month. During the evening, there are three spot dances, during which a set of tickets is given out for the following month's dance.

"The next time you use that ticket you can bring a friend," said McIntyre.

Next month's is the spring dance that will take place April 7. The dances will take place the first weekend of every month.

"We would like to see it build up and get bigger. It will take time," said McIntyre.

Artist opens up...and not just her vocal cords

Passionate love of music lead to successful career as singer-songwriter for Jeanette Arsenault

By Carleen Schmidt

"I can sing all I want to my living room walls," laughs Jeanette Arsenault, "but it's the interaction with people that makes the singing worthwhile."

Jeanette Arsenault is a singer-songwriter from Prince Edward County. She has achieved a number of awards, including the Leading Women, Building Communities award and the Prince Edward County Citizen of the Year award.

Arsenault began singing as a little girl. She remembers her first audition like it was yesterday.

"It was Grade 6 and I sang *Signs* by Five Man Electrical Band," said Arsenault. It was for a variety night at her school and she got the role.

Arsenault laughed as she recalled how years after that first audition, she actually met the bass guitar player from Five Man Electrical Band.

Continuing with her passion throughout her growing years paid off in 1994 when she released her first album.

"It was released the same year my daughter was born; in fact I found out that I was pregnant while recording the album."

Arsenault decided right then and there that she would not do any travelling away from her daughter; she chose to be a full-time mom and any singing she could do was a bonus.

Arsenault has continued to sing throughout the years, performing for the Canadian Olympic athletes both in Salt Lake City in 2002 and then in Athens, Greece in 2004.

She has also performed in four languages – English, French, Spanish and Italian – at the Business and Professional Women International World Congress in Helsinki, Finland, where 600 women from around the world, dressed in their native costumes, gave her a standing ovation.

The Quinte Arts Council has worked with and hired Jeanette Arsenault for many events. Carol Bauer, the artist and

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Quinte Arts Council's Carol Bauer

member services officer of the Quinte Arts Council, said Arsenault is very generous with her time and she supports many a worthy cause.

"The Quinte community is very lucky to have her," said Bauer.

"She is absolutely fabulous," exclaimed Bauer. "She's talented, not just as a songwriter, singer and musician, but as an all-round performer. She always lights up the stage."

Arsenault has performed for many community organizations and events. She has released six albums to date and has a seventh album to be released this summer.

"Each album represents a milestone in my life and each show has its own importance," Arsenault said confidently.

She is a very busy woman, but she is sure of what she does and the messages she wants to send through her music.

"Ideas for songs come from my emotions, not from my head."

Arsenault said she always gets her song ideas through something she has seen or heard somewhere that sparked her interest. She said you can never run out of song ideas: anything can be turned into a song; it's endless.

"I can't just sit down and say 'OK, I need to write a song now.' It has never worked that way for me. It has to come from something because if it doesn't have soul or emotion than it won't capture people," said Arsenault.

Arsenault loves motivational songs and is motivational herself. According to Bauer, she is very supportive of local young performers, helping to give them opportunities to show their stuff.

Arsenault said her favourite part of what she does is communicating soul-to-soul with people, when she is making connections through a show.

"When I give, the audience gives back."



Photo By Carlee Schmidt

Jeanette Arsenault of Prince Edward County is a busy woman, working on her seventh album as a singer-songwriter which will be released this summer. She has been singing since she was a young girl, auditioning for the first time in Grade 6 performing *Signs* by Five Man Electrical Band.

Pizza and music go hand in hand at fundraiser

Customers enjoy a variety of music at Pizza-cato Fest

By Jessica Corriveau

Great applause was heard as Quinte Symphony and the Quinte Irish Canadian Society Session Players played to their heart's content at Boston Pizza Monday, raising funds through the symphony's March Break Pizza-cato Fest.

"We raised \$407.56. It's our best year in the six years we've been doing this," said Linda Minty, principle cellist in the Quinte Symphony. "We were hoping to raised \$350 to \$400, based on previous years."

Boston Pizza donates 10 per cent of their profits from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., while the musicians play for their patrons.

"The turnout was phenomenal," said Christina Publow, a manager at Boston Pizza. "Everyone enjoyed themselves. The restaurant was full; a packed house."

The symphony is in its 52nd season, and fundraisers like this, along with community partnering and private and corporate donations, make up two-thirds of their revenue.

Minty, on cello, and Concertmaster Marion Stratton on violin, opened up the fundraiser with a handful of classical favourites, warming up the crowd that was quickly pouring into the Bell Boulevard restaurant.

Tucked into a corner, they played merrily next to each other, with friends and family stopping by between songs to give them quick words of encouragement and support, bringing smiles to their faces.

Following Minty and Stratton came Janice Ley, a cellist with the symphony, who picked up her accordion and began to play. Ley wandered up the aisles of the restaurant, to the delight of the patrons giving applause between bites.

After Ley came the first set of the Quinte Irish Canadian Society Session Players, bringing together Minty, Stratton, and Carroll Leafe on the fiddle, Bill Tucker on bodhran and whistle, Ed Fowler on bouzouki and vocals, Paul McAllister on flute and whistle and Bill McKim on concertina. Carrying peppy Irish folk tunes, they quickly had the restaurant tapping their feet, with a mother and her baby coming up to get a closer look and bounce to the music.

Following the lively group were Andrew Morgan and Shane Dunne, giving another lively handful of songs for the patrons.

To wrap things up, the Quinte Irish Canadian Society Session Players performed another set of songs, ending the night on a high for entertained diners.

On the street

We asked people at Loyalist College the following question:

What’s the craziest thing you’ve done while driving?



Ryan Herley, community and justice services worker, “Drove naked.”



Shawn Reid, electrical engineering technician, “Spitting out the window.”



Ryan Hobart, electrical engineering technician, “At 2 a.m., turned right onto the oncoming traffic.”



Melissa Runions, aesthetics, “Texting.”



Jessalyn Foley, child and youth worker, “Gone around buildings at 120-kilometres an hour, skidding around the corners.”



Shelby Hudgins, pre-health sciences, “Texting, I got a ticket once and got out of two!”

Editorial

Too much media: Is it really?

The trial of Michael Rafferty, accused of the death of eight-year-old Tori Stafford of Woodstock, will no doubt fall into a long list of famous trials. We learned more than was necessary during the trial of convicted rapist and murderer Russell Williams. The Moussaoui 9/11 trial in 2006 followed quite possibly the most in-depth and graphic coverage of terrorism in north American media history. The Bill Clinton impeachment trial, in 1998, struck a deep blow to the heart of the American people’s trust and support for its government. Of course, the O.J. Simpson trial in 1995, was the first tabloid level broadcast reporting ever. While we are at it, let’s not forget our history and include the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692. Is social networking about to cause irreparable damage to an unsuspecting public with shocking reports from the Rafferty trial? The reason for the Rafferty trial is horrific — a child only eight years old was abducted, sexually assaulted and murdered brutally. It is heart-wrenching, terrifying and sickening. Processing the information from this trial and trying to understand how individuals from our own human race can be so twisted and incomprehensible is bad enough. Now we have to read these atrocities in single lines of tweets as well as reporting on the tweets by other means of media. What made the Salem witchcraft trials an outrageous travesty of injustice? Historians attribute it to an unfortunate combination of an ongoing frontier war, economic conditions, congregational strife, teenage boredom and personal jealousies. Does this sound familiar to anyone in present day? In their time court communication methods such as trial transcripts and courtroom sketch artists introduced heinous details of crime for public consumption. From the days of public hangings when calm people turned into crazy mobs, to open courtrooms being filled to the rafters of outraged citizens to present day “viral videos” such as Kony2012. There is an insatiable need-to-know mentality escalating out of control. Technology makes our world faster and more expedient, reaching the public in ways that boggle the mind. No matter the method of technology used journalists have a duty to maintain high standards of responsible reporting. Generation Z coined digital natives has been bombarded with new methods of communication. Readers and viewers are scrambling to understand the impact and figure out just when is enough, enough. Twitter is not the question; it is who should be held accountable to protect ourselves against our own unquenchable need for information. We are facing system society overload and it is about time we step back, turn it off and reboot before we all crash permanently.

Sharon Kallaste

Robocall scandal a sour taste in Canadian politics

The recent robocall scandal suggests the political climate in Canada is souring. Reversing the Conservative government’s tendency to weaken the bureaucracy may make it palatable to Canadians again by making elections more clean and fair. During the last election, it is alleged that thousands of calls were made by an automated dialing system and warm-blooded call centre workers to as many as 77 ridings across Canada. The caller advised the voter that their voting station had changed, when it had not. Elections Canada staff said in their report on the last election that they had 1,003 complaints that required individual response. Among those were several allegations of calls “designed to discourage voting, discourage voting for a particular party, or incorrectly advise electors of changed polling stations.” It is not clear who is going to shoulder the blame in the end. Regardless, it is an issue both for the Canadian government and public. Former Reform Party Leader Preston Manning commented rightly on this scandal, noting that it is a problem for all the political parties. If there is a heavy distrust of government, it makes it harder for the government to do any governing. He prescribes changing the culture of campaigns by doing ethics education for campaign workers. That likely would not help “Pierre Poutine,” or the possible others hiding along with him. Poutine is the mystery alias that made automated robocalls. He has evaded investigators so far by using a prepaid cell phone and a Paypal account filled by a Visa gift card paid for by cash. Poutine knew the illegality of his actions and that being associated with a specific party would be detrimental to its public support. The quicker Elections Canada, the RCMP or a public inquiry can get to the bottom of this scandal, the better for everyone involved. The NDP is providing a more concrete solution to the issue with a private member’s bill from Nycole Turmel. It will empower the chief elections officer to request all party financial documents related to the elections act, force telemarketing companies that provide voter contact services to register with Elections Canada, and require telemarketing clients to be registered and verified; this bill proposes to make these requirements retroactive to cover the last election. The motion was initially opposed by the Conservative government but in an about-face, they have given it some initial support. Giving Elections Canada the power to investigate this and future matters fully appears to be the best possible way to bring Poutine to justice and to strengthen Canada’s democratic institutions.

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Opinion

Tuition hikes, protest and apathy: a tale of two provinces

Quebec students battle over rising tuition hikes while Ontario students seem accepting of increases

By Liam Kavanagh-Bradette

It seems like every article I read about these upcoming tuition hikes just slag Quebec students for daring to take issue and fight for affordable fees. Yes, students in Quebec pay less than us living in Upper Canada but they’re also the ones who are fighting for it. Students are protesting in Quebec because of an upcoming tuition increase of \$1,625 over the next five years. In the fall, students in On-

tario can expect a five-per-cent tuition hike of their own. Did you know that from 1990 to 2001, average undergraduate tuition fees in Canada skyrocketed by 135 per cent? The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance holds semi-regular rallies against tuition rate increases and the few that I have been to were sparsely attended. It’s as if students in Ontario have given up and are docilely accepting that tuitions will continue to rise at such incredible rates. The Drummond Report suggested raising tuition to help shrink class sizes by reducing the number of students who can afford to attend. The report argued that this would not only help balance the provincial budget but would also increase the quality

of education. By reducing the student-to-teacher ratio in each class, the quality of teaching and therefore the quality of education that each student receives would be markedly increased. Two glaring problems struck me when I read the report. If you look at class sizes across the country for post-secondary institutions, you’ll find that the province with the lowest number of students attending some sort of post-secondary institution per capita is Quebec. It’s interesting that the province with the lowest tuition fees also has the fewest students attending post-secondary institutions. Do we want to live in a province that thinks only the wealthy few should be entitled to post secondary-education?

Love a feeling of acceptance and understanding

Oversexualization within mainstream media has impact on society

By Brynn Campbell

With mainstream media becoming over-sexualized, people are becoming more oblivious to what love actually means. Sex appeal in the media has become the most common method that most companies use to advertise their products. Using sex appeal through advertising can often lead to the misconception that sex is what will bring you love, especially to younger generations who have not been completely informed about sexuality. Media influences people’s behaviour. The bombardment of sexual images to a young, vulnerable generation affects their sexual attitudes and behaviours, and they may act on the confusing feelings these images may cause without any education. With boys and girls being exposed to sex through the media at such a young age, this

could be linked to the rising rates of teen pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections. The lack of education about healthy, loving relationships has had a lot of negative impact on younger generations. The power of the media has influenced so many people to think that sex is what makes two people connect. The many different forms of love have not been fully represented in the media either. A romantic encounter or a loving relationship is not always between man and woman as the media portrays it to be. The lack of representation of all the different forms of love has left a void for some who don’t necessarily fit into this common norm. For instance, the bias may even keep some homosexual or bisexual people “in the closet” about how they feel, because it is seen to be against cultural norms to have certain feelings for someone of the same sex. Love is not always a relationship between a man and a woman; love can be expressed to all forms of being. We should replace the sex appeal in the media with positive, healthy, realistic images and messages about love. Love does not necessarily mean there is romance or sex involved... love is a feeling.

Love isn’t just about having a romantic encounter, it could also be a feeling you have for a family member or friend. It is an unconditional bond between two people that is mainly built on trust. Love is the energy between two people on many different scales. Where does this feeling originate? Love is not something of our control, it is a connection to another being and it is built on compassion and empathy. Love is an appreciation for the goodness in another being. It is a feeling of acceptance and understanding. Love is a realization that each of us is the same at the core. Therefore, there is love among all of us. Love is what heals pain, supports, and creates the strongest bonds among people. In other words, love is good! So perhaps if people were exposed to healthy ideas like these, they would have more of an understanding what a healthy relationship should look like. If there were less exposure to sex in the media, perhaps there would be fewer broken relationships and more opportunity to express without feeling judged. If love and affection were reflected in the media through all forms of relationships and not represented by sex, this would have a positive impact on how we treat each other.

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