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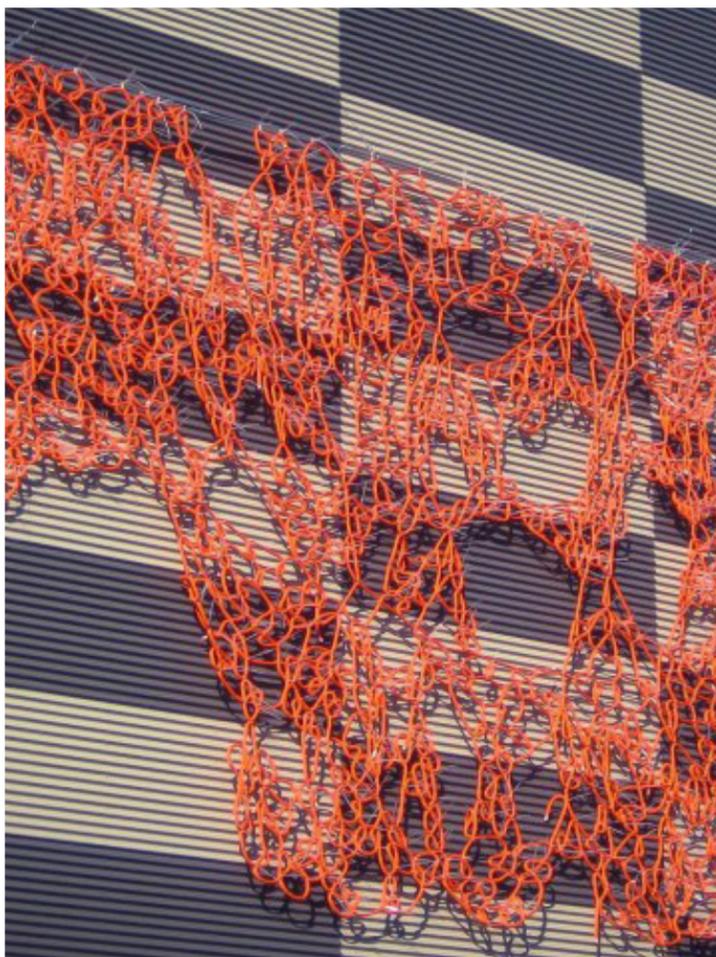
It was a weekend where intricate artistry became its truest. Where the collision of passion, music, creativity and community created a perfect definition of art. Where culture became its purest and most beautiful. Where lyrics were not just words heard through muffled car stereos, but a live expression of emotion that could be felt by even the most critical of listeners.

On Friday September 14th, the streets of Hamilton became artisan-owned for the weekend, hosting Hamilton's yearly arts and music festival. Hundreds of local artists gathered to celebrate the meaning of culture and showcased their works to the Hamilton community. From handmade clothing and jewellery to aged photography, James Street was the stage of months of work by many.

Music became a dominant attraction as three stages were set up within the street to house musicians throughout the weekend such as Great Lake Swimmers, Hollerado, K'naan and Said the Whale. It was also an excellent opportunity for emerging artists to debut their music as well as create a broader fan base. The reaction of the crowd provided an atmosphere that the artists had not seen coming, as many artists commented on the appreciation and unexpectedness of the mass amount of people watching and listening.

Although the general idea of Supercrawl is abundant with positives, to see a more interactive side of the festival would complete it in a sense. The consideration of a more active role from the crowd would maintain a larger crowd for a longer period of time. This could include areas where people can participate in creating art, such as an open studio, or organized jam sessions, allowing for a balance between observation and participation.

There is a certain power in a festival that can bring a community of people from all different walks of life together through the weaving of art and music. This exactly embodies a true meaning of culture, or at least what it should be. This festival allows interactions between different people regardless of colour, race, and age. There is a certain spark that is created when the uniqueness of different walks of life are able to gather in a common place, forget the differences that distinctly separate, and celebrate a side of life that seems too often to be pushed under the rug as the routines of everyday life seem to engulf the creative mind. Perhaps this is exactly the kind of thing we need to unite a separated culture: embracing the expression of the human mind.



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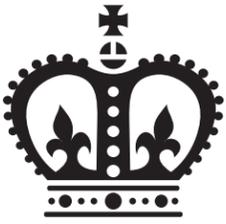
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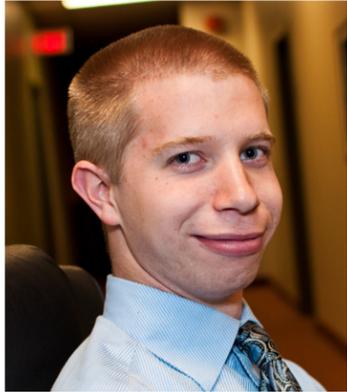


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Editorial: I Can't Promise You Anything



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I'll be honest with you. The Crown hasn't been the most popular publication in recent years. To be honest, on publication day, if you take a look you may even find a significant number

in the garbage can. I don't think it is from lack of effort, rather the right amount of effort possibly being put in the wrong areas. Regardless of what it was or is, it is safe to say that readership has declined in recent years. As I was rummaging through old editions of The Crown to get a sense of what other editors had said in their inaugural issue, I was surprised by their similarities. Several had rewritten the first ever editorial of The Crown's existence, while many others talked about getting involved and contributing to Redeemer and not wasting your time at Redeemer. Most if not all of them promised that this would be the year that The Crown turned around, that it finally would "make it," that everyone would read it and it would be exceptional. I, however, cannot promise you that. The editor-in-chief is not a magic man, in fact the editor-in-chief gener-

ally only writes one or two stories in each edition. Although I cannot promise you that, I would certainly hope that this is the year The Crown "makes it." However, it is not up to me. It is up to you. The Crown is a vehicle for students to express themselves, a training ground for aspiring journalists, editors, and managers, and entertainment for those who enjoy reading. It is not my paper; in fact, it is your paper.

I am not sure what the next few years hold for The Crown. Whether it hits success or goes the other direction and becomes paperless—I don't know. But if you're not happy with the paper, don't just sit around or throw it out. Do something about it. Write an article, submit a letter to the editor, submit pictures, do something, but don't complain that it is not what you want.

Having said that, The Crown isn't for everyone, which is O.K. Not everyone in the student body is going to read The Crown even if it is the best paper out there. I do ask that you give it a shot though. Read it and see what you like, even try your hand at writing. If you are not feeling up to that task, maybe give us some feedback. Tell us what we can do better. We would love to hear from YOU!



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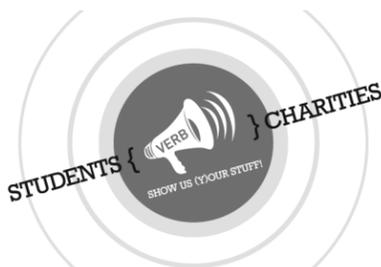
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Frosh 2012: How to keep your scholarship (or at least get B's)

SOFIA HASHI
THE FULCRUM (UNIVERSITY
OF OTTAWA)

OTTAWA (CUP) — It's first year and maybe you've scored a pretty sweet deal with an awesome entrance scholarship. Whether it's a few hundred dollars or a couple grand, maintaining your scholarship will probably be a priority for you.

While it can seem nearly impossible to keep that cash flowing until next year, here's the advice you need to keep your money — and your grades — up.

Go to class

This is probably the most important advice anyone, first year or not, should take. Apart from the obvious teaching that goes on during classroom hours, your professor will also discuss the course material, prep you for exams and essays, and answer questions. So don't blow off school just because you can, unless you have a valid reason. Chances are if you attend your lectures, you'll be cruising toward a decent mark.

Listen in class

When you attend class, don't go there just to play Tetris or check up on your hometown friends via Facebook. Pay attention, take decent notes, and ask questions. If you don't have any, listen to other students' questions and the answers. You'll be thanking yourself come exam season when you'll have

something more than just the professor's slides and the textbook to rely on.

Stay organized

It can be hard to keep track of all your assignments, essays, lab reports, and exams. Enlist the help of a good old-fashioned agenda if you want to stay on top of all your important dates.

Take care of your body

We get it. You're in first year, and it's probably the first time ever you've had such freedom. But that doesn't mean you have to party until the crack of dawn every night or stay up on your laptop until the birds start chirping. If you get the proper amount of Zs, you won't feel tempted to skip class to sleep in, or waste precious study time snoring on your bed. Same thing goes for your overall health. Don't get into the poutine routine every day for lunch. Eat healthy and exercise so you have enough energy to tackle your hardest classes.

It's all about balance

University isn't just about the parties, getting drunk and having crazy stories to tell about your first year. Remember the main reason why you set foot on this campus: to get an education. That doesn't mean you can't hang out with your friends or have some fun. The key is to manage school and your social life so that neither one gets neglected.

Don't procrastinate

It's really easy to let things pile up in university, and before you know it, it's midterm season and you have a mil-



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lion things to do. That's why if you keep up with your readings and start major assignments weeks in advance — not the night before they're due — you won't be stressed out come exam time.

Is higher education a right or privilege?

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OTTAWA (CUP) — It's a question that has been debated time and time again, on and off campuses: Is higher education a right or a privilege? With the London riots almost two years ago and the province of Quebec more recently coming to a near standstill over a proposed tuition hike, there's no question that education is important and people take it seriously.

While this discussion is by no means new, it has been brought into the spotlight once again by the recent student solidarity tour across Ontario, which aims to lower tuition fees in our province. Supporters believe that tuition increases will make post-secondary education inaccessible. But even as they fight vehemently to keep that from happening, many others see things quite differently.

Point: It's a privilege

Education is a right, but higher education — attending university — is a privilege. This argument may not be politically correct, or even the mainstream way of thinking, but it's the truth.

When discussing access to education, one of the main arguments tirelessly and repeatedly brought up is tuition fees. In Ontario, for example, full-time tuition sits at approximately \$6,000 a year — money that for most students is not chump change. Nevertheless, it's the price the province has deemed acceptable to charge university goes. Also, fees are only increasing, which is why so many students are up in arms over tuition prices.

"Look to the future," protesters cry out. "Students can't possibly continue to pay these fees, and soon enough there won't be that many students in university." But is this even a sound argument?

If access to education is what they're worried about, maybe these protesters should look at other — arguably

greater — barriers to post-secondary education.

These other obstacles begin way before anyone sets foot on a university campus.

The fact of the matter is that preparation and information about university while in high school is equally as important to how much a university, or college, education costs. Furthermore, your parents' influence and education level affects your decision whether to enrol in university. These are all factors that aren't controlled by tuition costs, but can be cited as barriers to post-secondary education.

Universities are also selective by nature. They choose some applicants over others. Usually this choice boils down to academic excellence and your interest in investing in your education. No one has the "right" to be a scholar. What we do have the right to is to not be discriminated against by universities because of our race, religion, political beliefs, gender or sexuality.

Furthermore, if you can't afford these tuition fees, then you can turn to grants, scholarships, bursaries, and loans. The government does dole out student aid, to which many students are guilty of not even applying for. What we need to do is make potential students more aware of this kind of assistance from a younger age, so more people can enrol in higher education.

Don't argue about your right to education when you've practically been handed one on a silver platter.

Counterpoint: Everyone has a right to learn

I may not be a tree-hugging hippy, or an eager student protestor, but I believe that education is a right and not a privilege. In today's world, many countries offer free schooling from ages four to 18, and after that it's pretty much up to the parents or the student to pay for their education. This system is flawed and will only hurt society in general.

Education is the cornerstone of a well-functioning society. Informed

citizens make sound decisions and sustain democracy and the nation's political landscape. Furthermore, by making higher education more accessible, society will actually end up saving money.

Think about how much cash it costs to support a teen parent or keep an inmate incarcerated.

By keeping a child in school, and sending more young adults to university, taxpayers end up saving more in the long run on social services. As well, our country loses money on the people who drop out of school or choose not to pursue a higher education, and the revenue they would've generated in their lifetimes. If cold, hard cash is what society is after, then clearly keeping students in school and making higher education more accessible would only generate more profits.

As students, juggling classes, a social life, and an adequate amount of sleep is difficult enough. Now imagine adding a part-time or even full-time job to the rotation. The fact is that financial aid barely covers tuition and book fees, much less living expenses. Students face enough stresses before struggling to make ends meet.

Without the support of parents, or a large scholarship, it's nearly impossible to attend university full time and receive a diploma in four years.

If higher education was recognized as a right, and tuition fees were drastically lowered, we would see more youth considering university or college. For a country that prides itself on equality, it seems unfair that post-secondary education favours more affluent students. Everyone should have a chance at an education — regardless of how much money they have in their pocket.



JULY 22 2012'S NATIONAL PROTEST IN MONTREAL AGAINST TUITION HIKES IN QUEBEC. (PHOTO COURTESY CHICOUTIMI/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS)

Ushering in the fall semester with a spirit of worship

JULIA SODERHOLM
CROWN REPORTER

This fall there is a particular buzz around Redeemer's annual Worship Conference Refresh and Renew as we look forward to welcoming Brian Doerksen, renowned American worship leader, to campus as the conference's Keynote Speaker. Doerksen is widely held as one of the top worship leaders in North America, known for his genuine spirit of worship that precedes both his engaging presence on stage and his musically accessible songs. Doerksen is scheduled to be at the conference on Saturday September 22, where he will give the Plenary Address as well as offer a number of workshops throughout the day. The theme of the day and the title of Brian's Address will be "Worship: A Table in the Wilderness," through which he explores what the Psalms can teach us about the importance of worship while in the "wilderness" and what that may look like in our current culture.

Students of Redeemer will be pleased to hear that Doerksen will also be on campus that Sunday, where he is scheduled to speak at Redeemer's monthly worship service, Church in the Box. Doerksen will work with the Church in the Box worship team prior to the service, offering them guidance and coaching in the art of leading a congregation in worship. This should be an exciting way to start off Church in the Box for the year, and will hopefully provide the worship team with fresh incites for the coming season.

This will be the fifth year that Refresh and Renew has been held at Redeemer. The conference was designed to cater to worship leaders, pastors, musicians, and anyone else



with a heart for ministry and worship-leading in their church or community. There are a wide variety of workshops being offered throughout the day with a range of topics including visual art in worship, storytelling, and musical leadership. All workshops are put together with the intention to provide the conference's attendees with tools, fresh ideas, and encouragement in whatever field of worship they are particularly passionate about. The conference has always proven to be a day of learning and refreshment as members from churches across the country have a chance to connect and share ideas with one another.

Conference Coordinator Rachel Janecek is thrilled to have secured Doerksen as keynote speaker and "big name" for this year's conference. Past years have featured speakers ranging from theologian Dr. Marva Dawn to Redeemer's own chaplain, Dr. Syd Hielema, and have always been well-received. However, since announcing Doerksen's role at the conference, Janecek reports that registration num-

bers are at an all-time high. In fact, the conference was nearly sold-out before September had even rolled around, a phenomenon that would have been unheard of in previous years. There is no doubt that part of this hype comes from the presence of such a highly acclaimed worship leader and songwriter as Brian.

If interested in attending the conference, visit Redeemer's website where you can register online, or call 905.648.2139 x4544. Regular admission is \$85/person, with a special rate of only \$25/person for Redeemer students.



BRIAN DOERKSEN, KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT REFRESH CONFERENCE 2012

Rising Tuition:

Redeemer's tuition up \$1,000 over the past 3 years

JULIA SODERHOLM
CROWN REPORTER

Student debt is something that many university students assume to be a necessary evil of the post-secondary experience. Redeemer graduates are, however, perhaps more familiar with this unfortunate truth than others. Paying a higher-than-average tuition is unavoidable in order to receive the specialized education that this school offers. It is a reality that most students understand upon applying to the school—a reality that is made manageable by financial support from families, OSAP or other government funding, part-time jobs, and some seriously creative budgeting. However, the already-high tuition is not exactly static. It seems that with each passing year, students receive another email explaining the variety of reasons behind the latest tuition increase. Over the last 3 years tuition has risen by more than one thousand dollars (from \$13,212 in the 2010/11 academic year to the current tuition of \$14,290). The change may seem incremental in the grand scheme of things, but it can make a difference to students who are logging in long hours at minimum wage summer jobs in order to scrape up another year's tuition.

"It makes sense that as cost of living rises, tuition rises along with it," says a third-year student, "but Redeemer needs to take into account the fact

that until minimum wage is adequate enough for us to meet their rising costs, a higher tuition isn't really feasible." This becomes a tension that many students face as they struggle with each passing year to finish a degree at Redeemer. How can the 4 months of full-time work that constitutes a student's summer even begin to cover the costs of the upcoming school year? It seems that more and more students offer the same, tired response as their excuse for not completing their degree at Redeemer: "I just couldn't afford it."

A major disappointment was suffered last January when the provincial government announced the Ontario Tuition Grant that would reduce what OSAP students are paying by 30%. Rumours circulated around the school in the aftermath of the announcement, as students wondered whether or not this would apply to Redeemer. The excitement was quickly curbed, however, by an email from the president confirming that the school, being privately funded, would not qualify for the grant. President Krygsman expressed deep regret at the news, explaining that it was the decision of the Ontario Ministry of Training, College and Universities, and that the board had advocated for Redeemer students as much as possible. Students were nevertheless disappointed. A fourth-year student remarked, "Obviously, when you apply to Redeemer, you understand your tuition will be high, and

you understand why. But it just keeps rising—it gets more discouraging every year."

Despite these kinds of setbacks and the increasing cost of attending Redeemer, students maintain a good perspective: "It's easy to get distraught with the rising cost of tuition, but if that's the case, I would challenge people to really investigate why they're at Redeemer in the first place. Maybe there are some things that are worth being indebted to." This interesting outlook from a senior student can be a challenge to others to evaluate their own thoughts on the value of education and what it really means to be studying at a Christ-centered institution.



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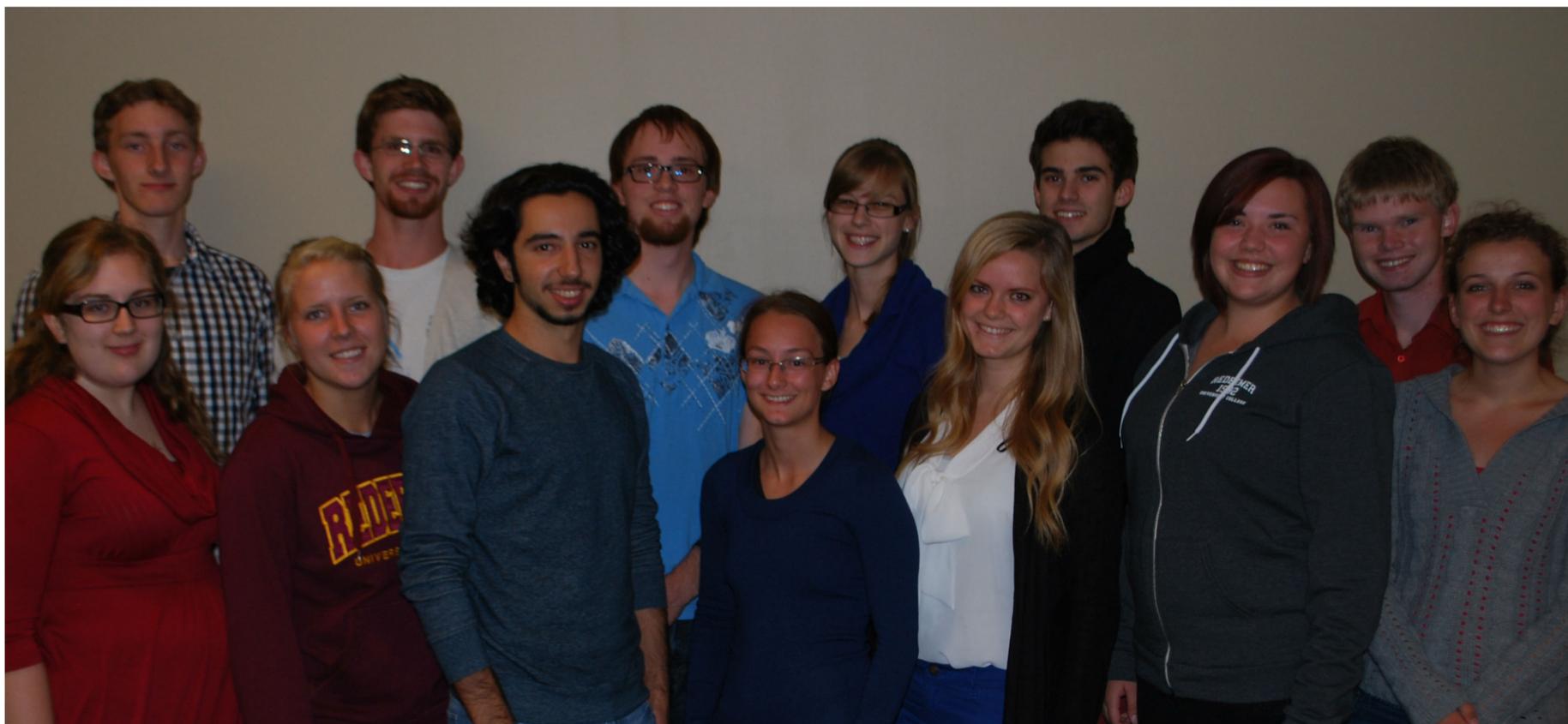
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A Message From Your President



JARED VAN HUIZEN

Hello and welcome to all students, both returning and new. I'm Jared Van Huizen, your new Student Senate President. I hope that your first month has been going well. I wanted to write a special welcome message to all the students, so that you can become a little more familiar with who I am and what I want to do this year.

First and foremost I am really excited that I get to be President during the school's 30th anniversary. Student Senate has also been around since 1982 and I hope to properly celebrate that fact this year.

Something else that I want to tell

you about is our plans for the Rec Centre. With all due respect to the school, the Rec Centre is showing its age, so with funds that Senate has accumulated over several years we hope to make some much needed renovations and updates to the interior of the building. We've already given a lot of thought as to what could be improved but I hope the next time you're at the Rec Centre you'll take a look around and fill me in on something you think is worth improving. The plan for the moment is to begin planning and preparation over the next 7 months so that when the summer begins the construction can start.

My vision for Student Senate this

year is one of mutual respect, not only between myself and the rest of Senate but also between senate and the students. Student Senate wants to hear your concerns and your thoughts about what goes on in the school and about what we do. We will try our best to be servants in this way. We also want to make your year fun, and I expect you will enjoy a lot of what we have planned for this year.

Continuing along that same track of mutual respect I know that, while I am the President, there would be little for me to preside over without the amazing work by the rest of Senate. In case I'm not thanking them enough in person I want to say how grateful I am

for the work they have already done. If you see someone sitting in the Student Senate Office behind the desk, give them a high-five, handshake, fist-bump, hug or whatever feels comfortable for you because it will go a little way to show thanks for all they do.

While Senate is a professional organization I want to assure you that we won't try and put ourselves higher than others. I like to think that I can be approached at any time at the school, whether you have a question about something in the school or you just want to get my opinion about the craziness that was the latest episode of Breaking Bad. (So crazy, by the way.) I will try and give you the attention you

deserve.

As the days get busier through the semester, I hope that Student Senate will still be able to offer you something unique in this school: a listening ear to your voice. Our slogan is 'Hear the Voice, Make the Choice,' and that little rhyme means we'll be there to provide students with a way to make sure they are heard by the right people. I look forward to the great year ahead of us, and I hope that you can be there right alongside us, making it more wonderful than ever.



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Getting to know your new residence Life director

BEN REID EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Laura Charmichael was recently hired as the new residence director here at Redeemer University. In an effort to get to know her better, she answered a few questions about herself.

B: Where were you born?

L: North York, Ontario

B: Where did you attend High School?

L: Markham District High School

B: Where did you attend University?

L: Trinity Western University- I studied Psychology and Sociology

B: Favourite Food?

L: Pizza.
After that-Thai and Indian food.

B: Hobbies?

L: I am an adventurer at heart and can enjoy most things that involve good company. I love traveling and am fascinated by languages. I and am developing an interest in reading and thoroughly enjoy playing outdoors-

whether camping, climbing a mountain or sitting by the ocean (now, the lakes of Ontario). I love drinking tea while having good conversation and love cooking. And Im thankful to be back in Ontario where people know what Euchre is.

B: Favourite Bible Verse?

L: Eph 3: 14-21 Its such a good reminder and encouragement to me to be aware of where I as an individual am rooted, recognizing that we grow out of where we are planted. I want my life, relationships and leadership to grow out of a place of being rooted in the love of God.

B: If you could spend a day with anyone in the world, who would it be?

L: Desmond Tutu-- I could learn a lot from him about how to live. Four years ago I was blessed to share communion with him and would love, love, love the opportunity to talk with him and shadow him for a day (or week, or year)

B: If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

L: Ultimately, I would love to do a trip around the world--there are so many places I would love to see. If Amazing Race came to Canada, I would sign up! However, if I had to pick one place...right now, I would love to go to the Great Wall of China. Ive done a lot of traveling in the past few years--so for this particular time, Im thankful to be in Canada, close to family and living out of an apartment not a backpack. I dont think I ever noticed how beautiful Canada was until I left.

B: What superpower do I wish I could have?

L: The ability to live in two places at once.

B: Favorite Book?

L: Becoming Human by Jean Vanier. I find it really inspiring-- a beautiful challenge to embrace ourselves and others in moments of strength and vulnerability. Jean Vanier has shaped a lot of my ideas about what it means to live in relationship with one another. I highly recommend it. Come to my office--you can borrow my copy!

B: One thing people would be surprised to know about you?

L: Since no one really knows me yet I think most things would be surprising...:) Something that still surprises me about myself is that though I claim to not be a heights person Ive bungee jumped twice and been skydiving.

B:Apple Juice or Orange Juice?

L: OJ in the summer, apple in the fall.

B: Favourite TV show?

L: Not a huge TV watcher--but-I live vicariously through Amazing Race, love Gilmore Girls
And sometimes, I wish that Saved by the Bell was still on TV.

B: If you had to change your name, what would you change it to?

L: Growing up, there were so many Laura's that I always wanted my name to be Abby or Mikayla. When I was in Grade 4 I tried to change it but teachers wouldn't go for it

B: Why are you at Redeemer?

L: The most significant decisions

and personal development happen between the ages of 18-24. I love working in Student Life because I get to journey with people through that life stage. Being a person who believes that faith plays a foundational part in life, Im thankful to be in an environment where we can talk about how Jesus and life intersect. I love Residence Life-I believe it provides an unparalleled context for many areas of growth. Living in community can be a messy thing, but my years of dorm life have showed how beautiful that mess can be when we dive into it.

Hamilton's Cody Lanktree documents the sounds of a city



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HAMILTON (CUP) — “A couple of years ago, there was a situation where a busker got arrested downtown, for busking,” recalled Cody Lanktree, director of HamiltonSeen, a promotional company that seems to involve itself in all things media creation, marketing and design.

“The musicians of Hamilton were all, ‘Oh, we can’t have this here. This is a place where music happens and artists are loved. How could this happen here, of all places?’” said Lanktree about the public response to the busker’s arrest. Lanktree, like many others looking to set injustices right, created a Facebook group, which he called “Busker Crawl.” More than 80 musicians performed on James Street in Hamilton, he said. The City ultimately changed its bylaws to allow busking.

The public reaction to the busker’s arrest seem to show that music is a (perhaps surprisingly) significant part of Hamilton’s identity — significant enough that Lanktree has decided to make a documentary about the city’s music scene.

Lanktree’s film, *Seen* — A Document(ary) of the Hamilton Music Scene, almost didn’t happen.

“I was considering leaving Hamilton,” said Lanktree.

“A relationship had ended, and I was thinking maybe this is my time to take a step out into something else, and I was thinking about making travel documentaries,” he recalled. “I was looking at prices to fly to the Philippines. I’d gotten that far, and it was way too expensive, which was part of my decision not to leave yet.

“I realized that I’d spent the last three and a half years here in Hamilton making a lot of really great friends in the music scene, and I was like, ‘I should do something with that before I go,’ and this is me doing something with that before I go,” said Lanktree, who was quick to modesty.

“I don’t want to say that I’m giving

something back or anything like that. That would be kind of silly.”

Today, it seems like the internet has made the idea of a local music scene seem outdated; will we really have another Seattle grunge explosion? Lanktree believes that local scenes will always be important.

“In Hamilton, if you go to any show, half the audience is musicians, so what could more directly influence you than the people that you’re seeing every Saturday night?” he said.

“There’s an immediacy related to how direct your relationship is to something. If the woman that you love writes a beautiful song for you, that’s the greatest song you’ve ever heard.”

There’s been big support of Lanktree’s film from Hamiltonians, and on June 30, a group of the city’s musicians played a fundraiser show at the Casbah for Lanktree’s documentary.

“There was just a certain point last Saturday night at the fundraiser I looked around the room and I recognized half the people there, and just thought that the rest of these people are here because they believe in what the music of Hamilton is. Very rarely in life do you get opportunities to be filled with hope about what it is that you want to accomplish.”

My Name as a Barrier

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You don’t actually need to be an immigrant to be an immigrant. Born and raised in Canada, some would think I would be as “Canadian” as the next person. But society tells me otherwise. I have not been through any immigration process, I have not had to apply for citizenship and I do not speak with an accent. But my tanned skin and my name make me perpetually foreign. In a country that promises newcomers a better life, I have been rejected as a candidate for employment strictly because of my name.

I found an online job posting for a customer service representative position for a shipping and packaging company. I opened up a profile and submitted my resumé. Within a few days, I was sent a personalized email from HR regretting to inform me that they had better candidates for the job. I was disappointed but their response sounded fair. However, I was still in need of a job. So I kept checking over the next few days for other job postings and noticed that the one I applied for was still posted. If they had better candidates for the job, why would the posting still be up? is what I thought. I had the urge to investigate, and so I decided to create a new profile and submit a new resumé, but with only one change: my name.

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as a candidate for employment strictly because of my name.

I changed the name on my resumé to Christina Sullivan and created a new email account to match. The very next day, I got a call from HR asking if I were available for a phone interview. I accepted and played along. She seemed to be pleased at the end of the call and wanted to schedule an in-person interview; that is when I decided to interview her. I began with a small question: do submitted resumé get personally checked or are they checked by a computer? She said that

she personally reviews each resumé. I asked how many people make up the HR department. She said it was just her alone in the HR department. I knew then that it was her that rejected my application.

This is when I informed her that I applied for the job a few days earlier but was rejected. She sounded confused. I went on to say that I submitted the first resume under my real name.

I could sense that she was in a panic and asked me what my real name is. I told her that she would not find the first application because I closed down that profile before I opened a new one, in case the computer system realized they had two identical resumes save for the name of the applicant. She quickly began to deny all accusations but I told her that I still have the email she sent me rejecting my application. I asked her if she wanted me to forward her that email, to which she declined.

The company website advertises themselves as an equal opportunity employer, and so I confronted her and asked her why, if the company is an equal opportunity employer, would my application be rejected solely based on my name. She had no answer and in a panic tried to deny any wrong-doing.

After hanging up on this call, since I was getting nowhere with her, I received calls from senior management twice daily from the west-coast U.S. based headquarters. Because of the time difference and my school schedule, I could not answer nor return their calls.

The voicemails they left only asked that I return their call, nothing more. This is where the story ended. They got let off the hook; they could have potentially been sued and the company’s reputation could have been jeopardized. I regret not acting more, as

this was blatant discrimination. I still carry this experience with me every day of my life.

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That day I realized I will always be seen as an immigrant in a country I was born and raised in, a country that I was once proud to be a citizen of. That day, I learned what discrimination is and how it feels to be denied a job because of something so irrelevant. Did the woman from HR deny me because she didn’t know how to pronounce my name? Was it because she assumed I would have an accent? I may never know the specific reason, but the bottom line is that it was an act of discrimination; my name held me back. Should I start to hate my parents for giving me this name, for giving me tanned-coloured skin, for being immigrants? Absolutely not! The problem is not in my name, or in the colour of my skin, or anything personally related to me. The problem lies in society’s perception of immigrants and of who and who not are qualified and deserving of employment.

I now know personally how difficult it is to find employment, to be discriminated against based on my heritage. If everyone turns a blind eye to this type of discrimination, it allows other forms of discrimination to exist and to be ignored. If this is how we treat Canadian-born citizens, I can only imagine how worse settlement experiences are for real immigrants. How will we avoid a Canadian economic crisis in our aging population if we do not accept immigrants as real candidates for job openings?



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Fall Fairs

The abundance of funnel cakes and ferris wheels in Southern Ontario

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It has undeniably become a hallmark of the changing season. Starting sometime in late August, weekends in Southern Ontario are suddenly fragrant with the smell of manure; stars are dulled next to the lights of The Avalanche; and Grade 4 classes are painstakingly crafting turkeys out of construction paper. It is once again that time of year when agricultural fairs begin cropping up in nearly every small to midsized town in the province. A strange and deeply nostalgic cultural phenomenon of many rural areas, fall fairs have a tendency to draw a wide demographic as a community comes together under ferris wheel lights and next to funnel cake stands.

Agricultural fairs are a tradition linked mostly to Britain, having migrated here along with the British Set-

tlers, and have been thriving for hundreds of years since. These fairs offer local agrarians a chance to show the best of their product to the community, to compete against one another in various categories, and to advocate for agriculture and the rural lifestyle. Today, these fairs still focus heavily on their original agrarian ideals and activities; 4-H shows, tractors pulls, and so on, are staples of the event. The fairs, however, have also gained a truly carnival nature. A fall fair is now no longer complete without a ride on the Zipper, a viewing of the Demolition Derby, and obviously, excess amounts of food-truck wares. The agricultural fair of the past has come to be a somewhat odd mélange of the wholesome rural pursuits that it still supports and a social event for small town denizens, inevitably revolving around the always-busy beer tent.

This year, the 162nd Ancaster Fair will be running from Thursday Sep-

tember 20th to Sunday the 24th—an event held at the Ancaster Fairgrounds and packed with activities to appeal to a wide variety of interests. Admission runs at \$10 an adult, with a weekend pass for \$25 for the truly dedicated fair-goer. Thursday night will kick off the weekend with the ever-popular Demolition Derby and some entertainment in the form of an “Ancaster’s Got Talent” competition. Throughout the weekend there will be a number of musical performances from bands such as David Lum, Corduroy Road, and Fiddlestix, as well as a couple of magic shows, comedy acts, and even square dancing. If fall fairs have been a part of your childhood or a seasonal tradition in the past, why not support Ancaster’s agricultural community and spend an evening at the fairground this weekend? At the very least, enjoy a corn dog, try not to lose it on the Tilt-A-Whirl, and support Hamilton’s local farm community while doing so.

A Nation Divided



PAULINE MAROIS

MICHAEL EMMANUEL

A house divide cannot stand. This biblical proverb bears large relevance today in Canada where once again the song of separatism has risen up in Quebec, stirred by the first victory for the Parti Quebecois in nine years. But the proverb has an even deeper significance to Canada than just Anglophone and Francophone differences.

Within Quebec, the province is divided over the PQ independence agenda. The new Quebecois government has a difficult task ahead of it, having won a minority government with just fifty-seven seats in the 125-seat Quebec parliament. On one hand, they have to please their pro-independence supporters while on the other hand also seek backing from the rest of parliament, which means gaining support from the other parties. Nevertheless, the party leader and new premiere, Pauline Marois, seems confident in the province's ability to get things done. But is her confidence warranted?

The Quebecois have ambitious plans, considering that support for Quebec sovereignty has dropped significantly from the historical levels (down to 28% from around 50% support in the 1990s). Their agenda, as always, is what some—including the PQ—term “independence,” but what others—typically Anglophones—term “separatism.” To achieve this agenda, the PQ hopes to have Quebec viewed as a “distinct society” and culture within the Dominion of Canada. One of their goals is to establish a “Quebec citizenship” which would require citizens to speak French. Speaking French would also be a prerequisite to running for public office. They also hope to trans-

fer jurisdiction over areas like employment insurance, copyright policy, and foreign-assistance funding away from the federal government to their provincial government. Of course, these are monumental and largely controversial tasks.

The PQ knows this and plans to use this to their advantage, emphasizing their defeats to create fuel for the independence movement. Defeat will suggest for them that Canada does not care about Quebec or its culture. Therefore, the PQ will argue, Quebec no longer belongs with Canada. In essence, it is the divisions between English-speaking Canada and French-speaking Canada that the Quebecois will use to unite the currently divided Quebec. This could prove to be a relatively easy task for them.

The climate towards Quebec from the other provinces is growing increasingly hostile. According to the Sun News Network, recent polls indicate that approximately one-quarter of English-Canadians are in favor of Canada separating from Quebec. Furthermore, an astounding majority of English-Canadians agree that Quebec should not be treated any differently than any other province, despite how this might affect Quebec attitudes towards separatism. It is not hard to see

why most Anglophones think this way either.

Despite their shrinking birth rates and dying culture, Quebec enjoys benefits only dreamt of by other provinces. According to the Huffington post, in 60 years Quebec's population has dropped from one third of Canada's total population, to under one quarter, with no signs of this trend stopping. Nevertheless, Quebec is granted three out of nine positions in the Supreme Court. Quebec, which also has one of the worst economies of all the provinces, benefits from many of the programs provided by the federal government, whose tax dollars come from the other provinces.

With all the benefits, it seems strange that the Quebecois want to separate from Canada. Some suggest the Quebecois do not really mean to separate from Canada and are only pulling the separatist card for political or economic gain for Quebec over the other provinces. Indeed, the CBC quoted Parti Quebecois member Bernard Drainville saying, “This is the ultimate instrument that will command the respect of both the federal government and the rest of Canada.” At times it seems that Quebec is desperate to gain the attention of the rest of Canada. Perhaps they are. Still, how

can Canada respond to a separatist Quebec?

Local Member of Parliament, David Sweet, believes the best way to do this is through dialogue between Anglophones and Quebecois. He believes the most important thing is to keep the cohesiveness of the Confederation together. There are cultural and historical differences that transcend the here and now, and it is important for both sides to meet on common ground. This does not mean Quebec ought to get their way whenever they want. But there is a need for Anglophones to reach out to their Quebecois neighbors.

Whether you believe Quebec should remain a part of Canada or you join with a growing consensus that they should leave, what is certain is that Canada cannot properly grow as a nation while this major division between French-Canadians and English-Canadians still exists. A house that is divided cannot stand. Similarly, as Christ says in the Gospel of Mark, “If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.” ☞

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Role of Money in American Election Carries Lesson for Canada

BEN GOODWIN



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With both the Democratic and Republican conventions wrapped up and the nominees finally chosen, the U.S. Presidential election is officially underway. The “official” distinction is important because, although the unofficial campaign has been underway for months, the fact that election season has officially started removes most of the remaining restrictions in place to limit spending on behalf of candidates.

During this past term, President Obama has had most of his efforts stymied by Republican Party officials who claim that the most important priority of their leaders ought to be ensuring he isn't reelected, even if that means actively obstructing any of his attempts to accomplish anything on behalf of Americans. In such an environment, Obama has predictably been something of a disappointment to Americans on both sides of the spectrum. The left, who voted for him based on promises that he'd fix the Republican mess of two wars and an unsustainable taxation scheme, is largely disappointed that he hasn't done more to put America on more of a centrist track. The right is upset at Obama's refusal to adopt the ideology of the Republican Party, which continues to look to the ideas of Ronald Reagan despite his trickle-down theories having led to a tripling of the national debt during his eight years as president.

Mitt Romney, the Republican nominee for the top job, promises to extend the Bush-era tax cuts and put forth five trillion dollars worth of additional cuts aimed primarily at higher income brackets. The plan has been called into question by economists who feel the whole thing is unrealistic. “Romney's problem is he cannot possibly achieve all of these goals. He is doomed by both political reality and simple mathematics,” says Howard Gleckman of the Washington-based Tax Policy Center. “Romney himself never says how he will make all this happen.” The obvious way to make it happen, given

what Romney has already promised, is to scale back programs that serve the working poor and implement massive tax hikes on the middle class.

Given the fact that most of America is either poor or middle-class, Romney's plan is so obviously against the economic interests of most voters that he ought to fail. This is where the money aspect of this campaign becomes especially relevant. Assorted Super-PACs (political action committees over which there are no spending restrictions) generally backed by politically motivated billionaires have spent upwards of \$100 million on attack ads against Obama, many of which, as the Romney campaign proudly boasts, “are not going to be dictated by fact checkers.” Translation: “we have no problem with lying and because we have more money than the other guy our message will be the one you're most likely to hear.”

While the Obama campaign certainly isn't innocent of exorbitant spending it is hardly surprising that the best-funded campaign is the one that promises massive tax cuts for the wealthy at the expense of everybody else. Obama still enjoys a healthy lead in the polls, but it remains to be seen whether Romney's propaganda can actually convince enough Americans to vote against their own interests. If it can (and even if it can't...this time), the lesson for us as Canadians is that democracy requires safeguards against the co-opting of political discussion by those with large sums of money to spend and, while America's political dialogue may have been long ago sold to the highest bidder, it isn't too late for us to strengthen our regulations surrounding campaign spending and honesty in political advertising.

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Launch Week 2012

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On Saturday, September 8th, Redeemer's Launch Olympics took place as the annual closing to a week full of competitive cheer and challenges with first year students.

The Olympics included traditional games such as pulling apart the frozen t-shirt, popping balloons attached to the opponent's feet and, of course, the tug of war in the infamous mud pit.

Following unspoken ritual, participating and non-participating students of the games jumped into the mud pit after the tug of war for simple fun and foolishness. Unfortunate victims were dragged into the pit, and faces became indistinguishable by the end of the day as muddy silhouettes walked around the campus.

Marcella Zeldenrijk, a first-year student on the white team, said, "It was fun preparing and painting ourselves for the games." When asked how her team did she said, "we started off winning, and had lots of fans." The atmosphere of the games mirrored this encouragement and everyone supported one another, an unlikely occurrence among competitors.

Zeldenrijk said her first week so far has been "overwhelming because there has been a lot happening, but pretty good." As first years try to find their place in Redeemer, the Launch week offers the perfect time to get to know new friends, campus life, and where one's passions lie.

Tessa Kubornek (mission control) said, "Launch Olympics' opening ceremonies were really fun for mission control because there were lots of cheers. My whole week was consumed by Launch." She adds, "Heads and tails was a really funny game because Laura Goodfellow guessed right but thought she was wrong and was dramatically upset on stage; it was hilarious!"

Laura Goodfellow agrees that the week was full of accomplishments and says, "There were the most participants ever for the food drive."

As first-years settle in to Redeemer, it is important that the friendly cheer of the school is continued.

Welcome to the next four years of your life!

The winner of the Launch Olympics were: PURPLE! (Congratulations!)



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Off-Campus Cooking

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Many Redeemer students in their first and second years hugely benefit from the school's unique meal system. Its emphasis on eating communally, sharing cooking duties, and shopping for groceries at the Market on campus makes for the perfect transition from Mom's cooking to independent life. However, once making the next necessary migration from residence to housing elsewhere—be it a Meadowlands house with 8 others, a cramped apartment downtown, or a duplex on the mountain—we are suddenly left to our own devices in terms of cooking. Intimidating though this may seem, there are a ton of options that make this transition not only easy, but an act that can be enjoyable, creative, and even socially responsible.

The first step is actually acquiring groceries. Obviously, you could hit up one of the many supermarkets in the city, which will provide you with basically everything you'll need to put together a decent meal. However, why not support local farmers and businesses and head to one of Hamilton's Farmer's Markets? The citywide Farmer's Market is located downtown, in Jackson Square, and is open year-round from 7-6 on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Get-

ting there from Redeemer is an easy bus ride on the 5C or 34, and the market is a quick walk from the Jackson Square stop downtown. There are also a number of street markets throughout the city that only operate on specific days, which feature farmers, bakers, and other artisans from the area. Shopping at Farmer's Markets allows you to know exactly where your food is coming from, how it is being grown (or raised), and gives you a chance to meet some pretty interesting people!

Once your groceries are taken care of, it's only a matter of putting them to good use. Keeping your cupboard stocked with essentials like olive oil, pasta, rice, canned tomatoes, and broths gives you the foundations for countless recipes. Buying fresh produce and incorporating it into meals with these kinds of dry goods is perfect for making simple, healthy recipes like stir-fries and soups. Consider seasonal eating as well—a relatively easy feat if you're buying produce from Farmer's Markets who sell what their crops are currently producing. This fall, experiment with foods like Squash, Kale, Leeks, and Potatoes in your cooking. A delicious and simple fall recipe is Apple and Butternut Squash soup. Eat it with a loaf of fresh bread and a green salad and you have a healthy, tasty, and easy meal:

Apple & Butternut Squash Soup

¼ Cup butter

1 large onion, chopped

2 Cups peeled, diced apples

4 Cups peeled, diced butternut squash, or 3 cups cooked squash, fresh or frozen

4 Cups chicken stock

1 Cup light cream

1 tsp salt

Pepper to taste

Ground cinnamon to taste

1. Melt butter in a large soup pot. 2. Add onion and apples and cook, uncovered, stirring for about 5 minutes or until soft and tender. Do not allow them to brown. 3. Stir in squash and chicken broth. Bring to boil. 4. Once boiled, reduce heat and simmer for 20 to 30 minutes or until squash is tender. 5. Puree soup in a blender. 6. Return to pot. Add cream, salt and pepper. 7. Heat while stirring over low heat, but do not boil. Serve sprinkled with ground cinnamon.



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Movie Lovers of Redeemer

SIMON FALLON

Movie lovers of Redeemer, I think we can all agree that it's been a phenomenal summer for the theaters. Whether you loved Dark Knight Rises, the epic finale to Nolans trilogy, or found yourself fawning over more obscure films like Wes Anderson's "Moonrise Kingdom," there was something for everyone to enjoy.

But, alas, fall is upon us and the papers are already piling up. Our OSAP has come in, and it's never enough. If you can't break the bank this semester by heading to the movies, a couple you could pick up and would probably enjoy can be found in this new list I have compiled:

Chronicle: Not for those who can't handle loose camera work akin to "Cloverfield." Chronicle is the story of 3 unlikely teens who discover an alarming secret that changes them forever. Classic, "I'm a lowlife in high school. Bam. Now I have super powers." Really enjoyed this though. It takes paths that you wouldn't normally see coming.

Snow White and the Huntsman: Perhaps I'm just playing devils advocate here because everyone I talked to about this movie absolutely hated it. This is a completely situational movie. This is the movie you get when you've finished every speck of reading you have and it's a rainy Sunday afternoon and you have some gross old woolen blanket that someone's grandmother knit and a deep mug of coffee or tea or whatever it is you like to drink. Visually it's a masterpiece (the scene with her walking through the forest for the first time still freaks me out like it did back in the Disney days). Also, Kristen Stewart's performance is nothing special so if you enjoy watching a movie to ridicule the actors there will be plenty of ammunition.

Blue Valentine: Is tragic. For you psychology types, watch this movie. For anyone who has ever been in a dysfunctional relationship, watch this movie. For ladies who like fawning over Ryan Gosling, watch this movie.

Ryan Gosling is a force to be reckoned with in this soul-seeking look at the different stages of love.

Also, begin pinching pennies because a couple gems are coming to theater real soon.

Cloud Atlas: October 26

Les Mis: December 14

The Hobbit: December 14

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Eden Mills Festival

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On Sunday, September 17th, the Eden Mills festival—a celebration of and attraction for some of Canada's most renowned authors and newest talent—invaded the small, quaint town of Eden Mills, 12km outside of Guelph.

Upon hearing about the festival, Annie Stollery and I immediately began campaigning for transportation to Eden Mills. After days of desperately and shamelessly trying to capture the attention of Redeemer's literary fanatics, we found ourselves seriously disappointed with the student body. Was it really possible that there was not a single individual at Redeemer with an interest in absorbing a day of Canada's literary greatness? Perhaps students were busy with literary assignments at the sad cost of a unique literary opportunity. Annie and I would not be among them.

Fate (and a wonderful boyfriend with a car) was enlisted when we found transportation at 11 a.m. the day of the festival. Within twenty minutes we were ready and, in the beauty of midday, we drove along the countryside listening to poetically-sound music as we anticipated the day's events.

Earlier in the week, Dr. Deborah Bowen had said, "As a resident of Eden Mills, you would have to love books or go away for the weekend because it is completely taken over by the festival." This statement was affirmed when we were rerouted upon arrival because

the car park was already full with literary enthusiasts.

Once we entered the town, I knew we were a part of something special. Eden Mills appears as an old, enchanted town, forgotten years ago by most until its resurrection for the festival twenty-four years ago. The town plays a perfect host with old brick homes, a quiet river and plenty of trees for hipsters and granolas to lie beneath.

As well, the town is lined with book vendors, one of which gave free copies of Joan Crates' "Pale as Real Ladies: Poems for Pauline Johnson" to Annie and I when she heard us excitedly discussing Crates' poems. The atmosphere of the festival paralleled this act of kindness; everyone was giddy with a common passion for literature.

We listened to a poetry slam performed by a young group based in Guelph. A poetry slam is a battle between poets who use their original verse as a weapon.

Poets and authors were ideal speakers as they read snippets of their work with quirkiness and enthusiasm. I found myself in complete serenity as I laid beneath the sun with the voice of some of Canada's most creative writers in my ear. Among these authors were George Elliot Clarke, Linda Spalding, Leon Rooke, and Michael Ondaatje.

More authors included Alistair Macleod, Don Mckay, and Allan Stratton.

For anyone interested in the Eden Mills Festival, a day's omission of homework is well worth the sacrifice.



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First Look: iPhone 5

ANDREW TOSLAND

On Wednesday, Apple unveiled its newest addition to its cellphone line up: the iPhone 5. At the press event, Apple CEO Tim Cook said the announcement was "the best thing to happen to the iPhone since iPhone," but will his claims live up to the hype? Apple's previous announcement of the iPhone 4S featured the same physical design as the iPhone 4. Apart from changes to reduce problems with the cellular antenna, the phones were physically identical. For the wmost part, the iPhone 5 maintains the same structural design of the iPhone 4 series with some modifications to achieve a slim profile and improved performance. The iPhone 5 maintains the metal band of previous iPhones but drops the back layer of glass in favor of a unibody aluminum housing. In addition, the display now features in-cell technology, which reduces the number of layers in the LCD and touch assembly to create a slimmer profile and the illusion that the display is directly under the users fingertips rather than behind a sheet of glass. All of these features come together to create a design that is both thinner and lighter. Apple also showed a finished version of its newest mobile operating system titled iOS 6. Along with 200 new features, the update also brings Apple's first attempt at creating a mapping system to substitute the previously used Google maps. While the in-house maps offers new features, such as a 3D view of popular cities, it does lack some features from Google's offering. One missing feature that will hit stu-

dents of Redeemer in particular is the removal of bus transit routing. When attempting to use the transit feature in iOS 6, the user is directed to use a third party application, usually provided by the transit service. Unfortunately, at the present time there are no such applications for the Ancastor and Hamilton area, although with significant demand this could change. Overall, the update brings an increased level of polish on Apple's mobile system, while still adding new features.

Apple's iPhone 5 is available from participating Canadian cellphone carriers with prices ranging from \$699 to \$899 (without a contract). In addition, iOS 6 is available for no charge to update on compatible iPhones, iPod touches, and iPads. 

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Locked Out: A Scary Future



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BRANDON RICHARDSON

1917-1918 was the inaugural season for the National Hockey League (NHL). Newsy Lalonde, who was considered the original "Flying Frenchman," played for the Montreal Canadiens. In that year, Lalonde was the highest paid player at a salary of \$1300. If you take into account the inflation of our dollar, he would be making \$25,000 today. Fast forward to the 2011-2012 NHL season, as we near the 100-year mark in the league. Brad Richards of Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Island and player on the New York Rangers flashes the league's highest salary of 12 million dollars. In short, today's highest-paying player is making 480 times the amount of the highest paid player when the league first started. When we are talking in the numbers we are, that's a lot of dough. I'll try not to bore you with all of the details, as most who are reading this article have been following this development for some time now. The league and the NHL players' union have been attempting to settle on a new collective bargaining agreement which hopes to eventually split the share of hockey-related revenue. Many different ideas have been tossed around but, in short, the league would like the players to reduce their cut from this revenue from 57% to 49% for the time being. As we have already learned, today's players make a Zamboni-full of money. The players are frustrated at the cut, the league is frustrated with the lack of progress, and the fans are irate. Or are they? Perhaps the scariest

thing for the league is that fans have not been as responsive to the lockout as they would hope. In fact, the Montreal Gazette published a poll that was taken from Canadians, and the results should scare the NHL. "52 percent of Canadians appear in no rush to see the National Hockey League dispute resolved," said the Montreal Gazette. This past month, I read a tweet in which one fan remarked, "I don't care if there is an NHL season and that's what should scare them most." There is no hiding the fact that the NHL has been in a hard place the past few years in terms of television and media contracts in North America. The league runs off of revenue generated by fans, and the lockout does not seem to be helping their case at all. Many blame the NHL's commissioner, Gary Bettman, for the lockout and perhaps rightfully so. Bettman, who has spoken of his concern for the league's television contracts, has seen three lockouts under his "reign." In the 76 years before Bettman there was only 1 lockout, and in the 10 years since Bettman there have been a total of 3. Fans place a lot of blame on Bettman but either way the lack of fans should be what concerns them most. Ultimately the hope is that, for the sake of the league, it will resume sooner rather than later. In any case, Leaf Fans are now able to say that this year was their year. 🍁

Hockey team has varsity ambitions



BRANDON RICHARDSON

After competing in the Niagara Christian Hockey League (NCHL) for about 20 years, the Redeemer Royals men's hockey team has decided to stop playing in the league that has treated them so well over the past years. Third time's a charm and, in the case of the men's hockey team, they really hoped this would be so. After winning two championships in back-to-back seasons, the Royals were hoping they could make it three in a row.

Although a decision was made to pull from the league, it may not have been as disappointing as some may think. Of course the fans may suffer a little, not knowing what to do with their Friday nights, but support can still be given under the new format of the men's season. The decision was made to pull out of the NCHL in order to pull the team in a varsity direction.

After an incredible year, the Royals' hockey team was able to put together a

first place finish in the NCHL season, a championship in the NCHL, two tournament wins against other colleges and universities, and an invitation to the Challenge Cup. The Challenge Cup is an invitational tournament at the end of the season for the best hockey teams from colleges and universities around Ontario that are not currently in a league. Due to the fact that there is no college league, the tournament brings together an array of talent. After entering the tournament as the favourites to win, Redeemer was still able to pull off an impressive third-place finish.

The past season is one of the many reasons that the team has chosen to head in the new direction. Rumour has it that eventually the colleges around Ontario would like to put together a varsity league for hockey. This season will bring the Royals' hockey team into more contact with these colleges and universities across Ontario and the States, preparing them for what

is hopefully to come. The new format will be a series of tournaments and exhibition games throughout the year where Redeemer will meet up against those vying for the Challenge Cup. Exhibition games and tournaments will be held in Hamilton as well as in other nearby cities throughout the year. The team would appreciate the support of any who could make it.

In proper fashion, the Royals compete in their first tournament against our "sister college," Calvin College. Calvin College is hosting the tournament over Canadian Thanksgiving in Michigan, which will prove to be a test for our Royals. The competition will be great and the introduction of contact will hopefully continue to prepare the team. Best of luck to the hockey team. More updates to come on future tournaments and games. 🍁

Redeemer to host OCAA Soccer Championship

PETER REID ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Redeemer University College will be the official host of the 2012 OCAA Men's Outdoor Soccer Provincial Championships. The event will take place at Redeemer's new soccer complex on October 26 and 27. The Championship will see the Final Four teams in the province compete for the gold medal.

This will be the first time that Redeemer has hosted the Men's Outdoor Soccer Championships. "We are excited to welcome the top players and teams in the province to Ancaster", said Redeemer's Athletic Director Dave Mantel. "We look forward to building on the successful hosting of other recent Provincial Champion-

ships in badminton, men's volleyball and cross country".

Redeemer's Soccer Development Coordinator, Caell Huyer, thinks hosting the Championships is a great opportunity and exciting for Hamilton and the surrounding area. "We have the ability to invite people in to catch a glimpse of some of the top soccer in the province. We have a great facility here at Redeemer and we look forward to sharing it with the community and making this a really fantastic event."

For updated information on who will be playing in the Championships, visit www.redeemerroyals.ca. 🍁



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Show Your Colors Winner

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Sarah VanSlightenhorst is the grand prize winner of the 'Show Your Colors' t-shirt contest run by the Redeemer Athletic Department this past summer. The Athletic Department received many entries from all across the world including Ontario, the U.S., New Zealand, Australia, Japan, and Israel.

Picking a winner was difficult as there were many pictures that were very unique and interesting including photos with animals (moose, koala, baby birds, a baby calf) as well as photos in unique places (the Dead Sea between Jordan and Israel, Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park, and the 12 Apostles in New Zealand).

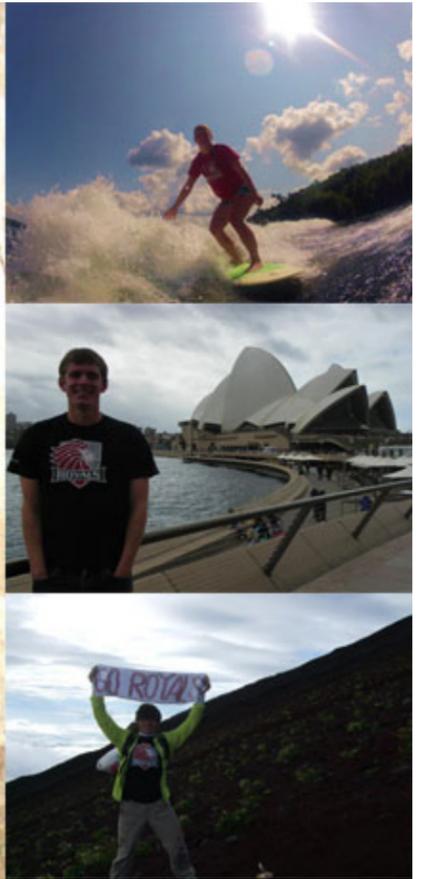
The following is an explanation of the winning picture as well as 3 honorable mentions.

Grand Prize Winner: Sarah VanSlightenhorst in Hezekiah's Tunnel. Hezekiah's tunnel was dug underneath the City of David in Jerusalem before 701 BC. It is one of the few intact, 8th century BC structures in the world that the public has access to. Sarah also submitted photos of herself in the Mediterranean Sea and the Dead Sea.

Honorable Mention #1: Zach Smoker climbing the highest mountain in Japan, Mt. Fuji. Mt. Fuji is located on Honshu Island at 3,776.24 m (12,389 ft). It is an active stratovolcano!

Honorable Mention #2: Cameron Groenendijk in Sydney, Australia. One of the most distinctive buildings of the 20th century is in the background, the iconic Sydney Opera House. If asked to picture Sydney, this famous shell-like structure is probably the first image that comes to most people's minds. Cam submitted photos from the U.S., Ontario, New Zealand, and Australia!

Honorable Mention #3: Janelle



VanHalteren catching a wave in one of Ontario's lakes. No traveling required here, just a really amazing photo on a beautiful day. Likely one of the most difficult photos to capture out of all the entries!! ☺

Falcons Spoil Home Opener

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The Lady Royals (0-2-1) opened up their 2012 season at home last night with a 4-0 loss to the overpowering Fanshawe Falcons (2-1-0). The Falcons came in on a spoiled first home game for the Royals in front of a strong Redeemer crowd.

The match started close with both teams sharing the majority of the possession early on. No one team seemed to be able to capitalize. Then in the 35th minute, Fanshawe opened up the scoring and took the lead 1-0 on a goal from Marisa Oliveira. Redeemer responded well however and continued

to keep the Falcons from any quality scoring chances keeping the score 1-0 heading into halftime.

Again, the Royals were able to start well in the second half and neither team really seemed to be able to grab the momentum. The Royals continued to play strong defensively but struggled to find any offense. However, two quick goals by Fanshawe in the 56th (Amanda Dafoe) and the 60th (Katie Parker) on a header and a free kick pulled the game away from Redeemer. Fanshawe would add another (Bailey Maxwell) in the final minute of play for the 4-0 win. Cheriss Marson had the shutout for Fanshawe.

The Lady Royals now run their record to 0-2-1 3 games into the season. The Conestoga Condors and Mohawk Mountaineers head to Redeemer on Friday and Saturday in games that will have huge playoff implications for the Royals. Without a win thus far, the Royals will likely need to pick up points in both matches. Conestoga comes in on Friday with the same record as the Lady Royals at 0-2-1. Game time is at 4pm. Then on Saturday, the Royals host their cross-town rivals Mohawk (1-1-0) in another pivotal match. Game time is at 2pm. ☺

Royals Remain Winless



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It had the atmosphere of a big game but when all was said and done the Royals Men's Soccer team struggled for the 3rd game in a row. The visiting Fanshawe Falcons (2-0-1) proved to much for the Royals (0-3-0) as they took the home opener by a score of 5-1.

The Royals got off to a difficult start as Fanshawe struck early and often. Milos Janikic got Fanshawe on the board in the 6th minute and goals by Cedric N'Guessan (10th minute) and Robert Mboko (15th minute) had the Royals in a huge hole at 3-0 very early in the game. From there the Royals seemed to gain their composure and settle down. A couple quick strikes on net including a diving save by Fanshawe's keeper Luke Arthur on Redeemer Jordan Bokma (Shubenacadie, Nova Scotia) and a shot of the

post by Redeemer's Dirk Van Soelen (Georgetown, Ontario) gave some life to the Royals. The score was 3-0 at half.

Eric Miedema (Burlington, ON) got the Royals on the board in the 58th minute and down by 2 it looked like Redeemer was right back in the game. Unfortunately, Fanshawe spoiled and momentum 5 minutes later when Cedric N'Guessan scored his second of the match and gave Fanshawe a 4-1 lead. The Falcons grabbed one more goal in the 79th minute when Milos Janikic netted his 2nd of the game.

The winless Royals now have a huge uphill climb facing them. Redeemer hosts Conestoga College and Mohawk College on Friday and Saturday in a few must win games for the Royals. Kick off on Friday is at 6pm while the match gets underway on Saturday at 4pm. ☺



Redeemer For Life Experiencing Dwindling Participation

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I've been involved with the school's pro-life group, Redeemer for Life, the entire time I've been here at Redeemer. For the most part I had been a participating member, helping out with club functions when necessary but never assuming any kind of leadership role. When Tabitha DiDomenico left Redeemer this summer I reluctantly accepted the position of Pro-Life club leader, or at least that's what I've been told.

While most of the students here are probably at least nominally pro-life, our display at the club showcase yielded little interest and resulted in only eight signups. In an ostensibly pro-life school with over nine hundred students, that kind of low

turnout requires some examination, especially given the fact that we've had abysmal participation levels for at least the past two years.

One possible explanation for the lack of interest is that students simply aren't motivated by political causes, but I'm going to go ahead and point to the success of things like the Social Justice Team and give Redeemer students the benefit of the doubt; on the surface it does seem as though we'll get up and support a cause when it's something that makes an obvious and worthwhile difference in the lives of others. Pro-life doesn't do that. Some of the boxes of stuff willed to me by departing club leaders contain pictures and documentation of things like protest trips to Ottawa, trips downtown to help out single mothers

through Hamilton Right to Life, and other endeavors that seemed to make a genuine contribution to the lives of others in the name of Jesus. I don't know when those activities stopped, but it's a shame that they did.

If events like that were all I thought it would take to rebuild a strong, relevant pro-life club I would set them up, but I feel like there's a more powerful reason why participation levels are faltering. Officially, pro-life organizations deal with a host of issues including euthanasia, capital punishment, and stem cell research, but the number one issue we're associated with is a political non-starter: abortion.

Most of the material in those boxes I inherited comes from a time when the Conservatives had a minority gov-

ernment and could plausibly blame "liberals" for their failure to pursue the issue, keeping students committed to the club. However, Stephen Harper has failed to move on abortion now, when Conservatives number in the majority in the Commons, the Senate, and the Supreme Court, and students ought to confront the reality that the Conservatives are not a credible choice for those who wish to vote against abortion.

Those who do want to vote based on abortion don't have much choice. In Canada, it means voting for the Christian Heritage Party, which is essentially a vote thrown away. In the United States, a more credible alternative exists with the Republican Party, but with them a vote against abortion is also a vote for war with

Iran. I suspect that students identify this situation as evidence that abortion laws are the dead ideas of far-right parties and pro-life interest has waned, not because of laziness or lack of conviction but in response to the political reality of the situation.

This isn't the end of the pro-life club. We'll be doing our annual Life Chain protest again on October 7 and, if it's nice outside, we'll probably manage to drag enough people out of the dorms to make it seem like the student body cares about this issue. Is holding a sign out in the street for one hour a year enough to free us from the moral culpability associated with living in a nation that sanctions abortion? I hope so, because there doesn't seem to be much interest or point in doing anything more. ☞

Depression Among Students

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Anxiety is familiar to most university students as they try to balance readings and assignments, jobs, social interaction, and finances. However, the stresses of university life should be treated seriously as many students face the reality of depression.

MacLean's article Student Depression on the Rise states, "A quarter of students who visit university health clinics display symptoms of clinical depression, and 10 per cent report having suicidal thoughts."

It is often stated that university is supposed to be "the time of our lives," and to many it offers an undergrad of growth, exposure and learning. However, at times this exciting season may be overshadowed by academic and financial pressures.

In 2009, the American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment (ACHA-NCHA) surveyed that 30 percent of college students were "so depressed that it was difficult to function at some time in the past year." The New York Times reiterates, "10 to 40 percent of college students at some point experience such symptoms."

In Canada, Statistics Canada released a survey in 2006 that "revealed that people aged 15 to 24 are most likely to experience anxiety disorders, with 6.5 per cent reporting an anxiety disorder in the past year." In addition, "researchers from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland found today's college students suffer from anxiety and depression at a higher rate than every generation since the 1930s."

It is not a surprise that some students struggle with depression when they are overwhelmed with working on school assignments, dealing with social interactions, and trying to afford education.

So why do we rarely hear of depression at Redeemer?

At Redeemer University College the conversation about depression is scarce. As a loving community of God, we should work to remove the stigma of depression and accept and love all who may suffer with it.

It is not "unchristian" to find oneself with symptoms of depression. As we try to find our place in the world sometimes it becomes overwhelming, especially as we are bombarded with many pictures of what that may look like. In a school setting, it can be hard to maintain a balanced lifestyle. However, if you are feeling any symptoms of depression, you are not alone.

According to Health Canada, symptoms of Depression include:

- feelings of sadness and loss
- feelings of guilt and worthlessness
- feelings of extreme impatience, irritability, or a short temper
- loss of interest or pleasure in usually-enjoyed activities
- changes in weight or appetite
- changes in sleeping patterns like insomnia
- reduced ability to think clearly or make decisions
- difficulties in concentrating or short term memory loss
- constantly feeling tired
- noticeable lack of motivation
- anxiety and restlessness, sometimes leading to panic attacks
- muscle and joint pain
- constipation or other intestinal problems
- frequent headaches
- lack of interest in sex
- recurring thoughts of suicide or self-harm
- withdrawal from friends and family

If you or anyone you know suffers from these symptoms feel free to contact a school counsellor or outside assistance.



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Frosh 2012: What I wish I knew on the first day of school

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You've finally managed to free yourself from your mother's suffocating goodbye hugs, unloaded your U-Haul truck and unpacked your stuff into your room. Your roommate seems pretty cool and so do the couple of people you've met on your floor. All in all, frosh week was a success — you had a little bit too much to drink without embarrassing yourself or waking up on a stretcher. So far so good. You've survived.

But as orientation comes to an end, you realize classes are approaching and your mind inadvertently starts to create scenarios of everything that could go wrong on your first day. Welcome to university!

Don't worry. Come next year you'll realize that first-years — and almost everyone else on campus — have very little knowledge of what the hell they're doing. I've put together some advice to help you get through.

Everyone is as lost as you are. You are not the only one with that dumb look on your face. During my first year, I pulled out my phone and called a friend so whenever I got lost at least I looked less stupid because I was doing something.

Try patrolling the grounds with your schedule in hand the day before. It also never hurts to have a printed copy of the map with you. But if you are unfortunate enough to have class in Kerr Hall on your first day, there is not much I can do to help you. Just be prepared to ask for directions.

Smiling is a miracle. If you're living in rez, a simple hello can do wonders. If you're shy, there are people who are either as shy or shyer than you are. One hello will develop into a 'hey' every time you see each other, and before you know it, you're sitting in a staircase at 2 a.m. talking about your favourite

On the first day of classes though, chances are the few people you met in rez are not from your program and you'll find yourself back at square one in terms of meeting buddies. You will be surprised how much easier it is to get lost with a friend than alone. So smile at people. It's the best icebreak-

er and it will probably incite a conversation about which program you're in and which way you're headed.

Whatever you do, don't be late. Most professors never say anything when you walk in late, but you are a fool to think that they won't care or remember the few who dare to disturb their welcome speech. You don't want to be the one who receives a snide comment from a gutsy prof. Let somebody else test those waters. Plus, the first 10 minutes of a lecture are usually the best: professors actually crack a couple of jokes before they pull out the boring stuff. So remember, since you will most likely get lost, make sure you make your way to class with enough time to spare for wandering around disoriented.

On the same note, you should never, ever talk in class while the prof is speaking. Yes, it seems like something your mother told you when you were eight. But you have a reputation with profs and a reputation with your friends. Might as well keep the former professional.

Talking to your prof does not make you a keener

I've found out, much later in my university career, that talking to profs after or before class time makes you more personable and they like that. A lot. Plus, they are often very funny, nice people. Think about it, they have spent more time studying their subject than you've spent being alive. Talking to them will only benefit you. The Library helps you get crap done. You don't need to do work in the library if you don't want to, but it helps a lot. It's so quiet that it's annoying so you have no choice but to study because — well — what else are you going to do? Just make sure you close Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, or whatever distracts you. The library may seem dull, but it forces you to be productive. You'll appreciate that come midterms.

Do not confine yourself to a group of friends

Ryerson has a wide variety of personalities on campus and, yes, there are cliques. But that doesn't mean you can only fit in with one group of students. Don't judge people before you know them.

If someone likes to follow sports a lot it does not make them a jock. If some-

one likes fashion, art, or music it does not make them a hipster. If someone likes clubbing it does not make them a douchebag/baguette. If someone likes video games it does not make them a geek/social outcast/dork.

Everyone is cool here, gosh darn it. You'll find that different people have different things to offer. Remember what they say: You meet your life-long friends in university, so don't close yourself off from any opportunities to meet awesome people.

Come prepared to class. I once had to hand in an essay and assumed the professor would have a stapler with him. Wrong. What did I learn? Bread twisters are actually very good — in fact, much better than staples — at holding together papers.

What else did I learn? Binding an essay with a bread twister will get you called out and laughed at in front of an entire lecture room. I now carry a mini-stapler in my bag at all times. Bring everything you need to class. Don't assume people are going to hand it to you.

Money does not grow on trees, surprisingly

Seriously, save money. You'll be thousands of dollars in debt by the time you graduate and although it may not feel that way now — when you've got a loaded bank account with OSAP money — you will feel it later. Being young at university is the only time when broke equals sexy. Everyone gives you discounts. So be as cheap as you'd like. Check out deals around campus, avoid cafeteria food (it's overpriced and unhealthy), and go easy on buying booze.

Good grades are great, but they're not all you need

University is about social skills as much as it is about professional skills. A good journalist, for example, can have the best writing technique and flawless use of the language. But without the ability to talk to people, to really converse, he or she is useless. Learn to talk to and read people when you are at school. You will be using these skills for the rest of your professional and personal life.

The expectations of a Redeemer grad

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As a fourth-year student, I have found myself reflecting upon my past three years of experience at Redeemer. What I have come to acknowledge is that many things have not aligned with the “great plan” I had concocted for myself as a young seventeen-year-old first entering university.

This is no surprise to me now, as my initial plan at 11 years old was to be married by 16 and impregnated by 17. I am grateful to God that His plans were greater than mine.

Life is really not as predictable as we like to convince ourselves it is.

First of all, there are my academic studies. I was determined to ace every course and graduate with a double minor, a general major, and an education degree. While I remain in pursuit of the education degree, I will now be graduating with only one minor and an honours major.

In addition—much as I hate to admit it—I had planned to find the love of my life at Redeemer. Whoever this strange man might be, we would surely fall in love by first year and be comfortably settled in the married dorms by third year.

What amazes me is how much my priorities have changed since this time. Now I am focused on school, and discover that I know less about myself each day. I have grown in many ways but, through this, I have come to acknowledge that the world is far beyond me. What I can conceive is only a fraction of what there is to know in the great, big, mysterious world, and by this I am truly humbled.

As I grow as an individual, I am

able to see beyond my academic disciplines and the goals I had set for myself over a five-year period. So, first-years, my advice to you is this:

1. Don't stress too much over what you are able to accomplish. Find your niche and the areas in which you succeed and pursue them.

2. Balance! There are so many wonderful programs to get involved with at Redeemer but, if you wish to refrain from a mental breakdown before Thanksgiving, I suggest you breathe before you commit yourself to anything wholeheartedly.

3. Allow yourself to be surprised. Life would be dull if we could predict what would happen so allow room for change, and allow room to find yourself in places you never envisioned.

4. Use this time to grow. There are so many interesting and insightful programs and individuals at Redeemer; use this time to get to know them!

5. Get to know Hamilton! It pains me to see so many bus passes wasted each year. Go downtown and explore. There are plenty of waterfalls and interesting places in Hamilton, enough that you should never be able to complain of boredom. (King William, James, Locke, and Ottawa St. all offer unique experiences from coffee shops to antiques).

With these small pieces of advice and a year of unknowns ahead of you, I hope that your undergrad experience is better than you could have ever fathomed! ☺

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Why Canada needs more medical specialists: Addiction

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MONTREAL (CUP) — According to the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, 10 per cent Canadians over the age of 15 will experience dependence to either drugs or alcohol. Though there are numerous support groups out there to help deal with this disease, the rate will likely only increase unless steps are taken to help doctors learn how to help their patients. The health care system in this country is not fully equipped to deal with the ever-growing problem of addiction. There are barely any training programs for doctors, nurses and specialists when it comes to dealing with addiction in its many forms. This desperately needs to change, for it is disheartening to live in a society where people can't get sufficient treatment for such a common and difficult disease. Dr. Evan Wood is a Vancouver medical doctor focusing on inner-city medicine. This lack of training for doctors, said Wood, extends beyond the shortcomings of British Columbia's system.

“The problem is typical of all Canadian provinces,” he said. “Dedicated and caring as they usually are, most Canadian physicians who consider themselves addiction medicine specialists assembled their knowledge about addiction treatment after completing their medical training.” What Canada really needs are doctors and specialists who know exactly how to approach addiction and have formal training, as well as experience in the field. We need to teach physicians how to help people who are struggling with such deeply personal and psychological issues, using the latest scientific and therapeutic advances. Wood has familiarized himself with many addiction centres in and around the country and believes that having a trained doctor when it comes to dealing with addiction can make all the difference. “What was really eye-opening from my visit to [the Boston Medical Center's Clinical Addiction Research and Education Unit] was the impact that a skilled addiction medicine workforce can have in turning patients' lives around,” he said. Canada needs to invest more time and money in the creation of programs where such skills and techniques can be taught and developed. Hope is not

lost though, said Wood, referring to a new initiative — one which could prove game-changing in the fight to improve addiction treatment. “A potentially ground-shifting opportunity has emerged with the recent establishment of the American Board of Addiction Medicine,” he said. “The board has created guidelines for the development of addiction medicine fellowship programs enabling Canadian medical schools to create programs that are eligible for full accreditation.” Now it's Canada's turn to invest more money and time in order to create effective addiction training programs — and stop ignoring the larger problem.



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Chaplain's Corner



SYD HIELEMA

LEARNING TO BE LOVERS

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal...Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face...And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love (1 Cor. 13: 1, 12-13) Knowledge puffs up but love builds up (1 Cor. 8: 1b).

September is the month of love at Redeemer – no, not couples falling in love (well, maybe that too) but rather

the community honeymoon of the beginning of the year. Just listen to conversations in the Williams coffee line or feel the hallway buzz between classes and you pick it up: love is in the air.

The global news this past week is filled with hate: an anti-Islam video posted on the web (produced by supposed Christians) hit the Muslim world and evoked riots, protests and killings in twenty-five different countries.

The Redeemer bubble feels contagious with love; the world out there seems to be contagious with hate. And somehow the name of Jesus is linked to both of these realities.

What's going on?

Hatred and violence that flow from religious conviction often misunderstand the relationship between knowledge and love. The misunderstanding (simply put) looks like this: "I know that I am right; I know that you are wrong; therefore, I am permitted to treat you with contempt. You don't deserve to be loved."

Or, to rephrase it in terms of this year's theme: "All things are held in Christ," is replaced with "All things are held in my kind of knowledge about Christ." And then the focus is placed upon me instead of upon Christ. My knowledge becomes the idol that takes the place of Christ, and justifies treating those with whom I disagree with contempt.

The Apostle Paul, dealing with a similar problem in Corinth, deliberately contrasts love

and knowledge. What is our knowl-

edge like? It's "a poor reflection in a mirror." In other words, it captures the general outlines of reality and serves an important purpose,

but it's not our foundation and definitely not our idol. Jesus is THE Truth (John 14:6), and our call is to surrender to the one who holds all things together, and embody this surrender by being profoundly contagious with his sacrificial love.

Living as sacrificial lovers in a broken world filled with hate calls for lifelong learning.

That's what all of us (students, staff and professors) are called to do! Embodying the love of Christ in all that we are and do is very complex and requires a great deal of knowledge, wisdom and discernment. That's why Paul writes to another church:

"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God" (Phil. 1: 9-11).

And my prayer for our Redeemer community is that the September honeymoon love that fills our hallways at the moment will mature into such profound and sturdy love.



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The rosary

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Do you ever become distracted in prayer? Although many think that the rosary is "a Catholic thing," the rosary is not just reserved for Catholics but is, instead, a gift from Our Heavenly Mother to all children of God to draw closer to God as we meditate on the life of Her Son Jesus Christ. It is Christ who is the centre of the rosary. This is the premise of why Mary was sent down from heaven and gave us this tool or instrument; it was to help us be more diligent and focused in our prayers no matter where we are. (A side note, as a mother wants the best for their children Mary wants the best for us and does so only for the love of Her Son Christ Jesus.)

Tradition tells us that Mary Mother of God appeared to St. Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche in the twelfth century and gave him the rosary as a tool against the devil. Originally the rosary had 150 beads, the same number of psalms in the Bible. In those times monks and other religious orders would recite together the 150 Psalms and in this way they kept the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "pray without ceasing." People who did not know how to read wanted to share in this practice, so praying on a string of 150 beads or knots was in a

way equivalent to praying the psalms. The Hail Mary found in Gabrielle's greeting "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women," Luke 1:28 (KJV), was translated by the common people of the day as "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee" and was often prayed along with the "Our Father" prayer. Elizabeth's greeting too, "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb," from Luke 1:42 (KJV) was also added. Later, in the sixteenth century, people added the words "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." If we ask others to pray for us and they do, how much more would the Mother of God pray for us if we ask Her? 

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The danger of playing with fire

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Since discovering fire, humans have held onto a fascination which has led to many developments. Man has been able to use the flame for both good and bad. Fire has been used to develop technologies, relationships, even a wonder for God's creation. Fire has the ability to comfort and provide warmth and, in many ways, is essential to life. But fire can be used for evil as well.

This is the flame I'd like to briefly write about, the one that destroys. Not to be pessimistic or to view the glass as half empty but the dark side of the flame is literally what is burning up, not igniting, many Christians' relationship with Christ. Humans have an innate attraction to the flame, mostly due to the fall and a desire for self, but I see this pattern carry into the Church. Not the building, rather the body, the people.

We have seen true light, the radiance of Christ, and yet we choose the flame of destruction. In fact we flirt with it, play with it, anything but distance ourselves from it. Playing with fire may be one of the most dangerous acts carried out in the Church today.

Instead of turning to Christ, focusing our sights on Him, many (not all) have decided to seek the false sense of warmth which the world displays.

It may seem harmless at first, and the affects don't seem to be hurtful. Really, what is wrong with a little warmth? Warmth feels good; in fact desiring warmth is fairly normal, comforting even.

Eventually, standing in the warmth loses its heat and to feel the same amount you'll have to get a few inches closer to the fire. Some take these inches or feet much more quickly than others, just "desiring warmth," that is all. Inches turn into feet in the direction of the fire. Even those who move slowly walk in the fast lane to destruction.

What we do not realize is that we actually begin to burn! The warmth numbs the skin so that the burn is barely recognizable, and the extra warmth may feel worth it. Before too long, those flirting with the flame have found themselves with first-degree, second-degree, or even third-degree burns. Does the analogy seem somewhat far-fetched? I wish it were.

People in the Church are walking around with burns, some terrible,

others not so much, but they are there. The fire, the flame, and the warmth do not seem all that bad until you have to deal with the burns, the scars and the drastic effects of being scorched by the fire.

Christ of course is the healer and will bring healing if you draw close to the true source of life. But it remains that far too many are playing with the fire, feeding the flame and pushing for its warmth, inching forward. The effects may not look bad now, but the burns will come and often take a great amount of time to heal. Return to Christ and see the transforming power of His blood.

Song of Songs 2:15 

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Keeping an open mind

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According to popular philosophies, open-mindedness is not only ranked among the cardinal virtues but it also replaces the traditional Christian virtues of faith, hope, and charity. Movements that shun the authority of tradition, particularly that of religious tradition, are those often characterized as having such a virtue. The New Atheism and New Ageism for example, that invoke cheap, ill-informed brands of science and spirituality, sugar coat their motives by embracing a misconceived notion of open-mindedness. Those who participate in these movements rebuke public claims that appeal to the authority of universal principles and charismata. Such beliefs, they maintain, should be reserved for the personal life (or, according to Dawkins and Hitchens, they should be demolished altogether); they are implicitly suggesting that public engagement should ignore the scope of human experience and isolate only what is immediately appealing. On the other hand, within my conservative circles, some cringe at the notion of an open-mind, suggesting that it was the same unorthodox curiosity that led to the Fall. Such connotations are a stretch, but perhaps the witticism "Don't be open-minded or your brains will fall out" is a little less critical. Regardless of these radical misconceptions, embracing a particular notion of open-mindedness yields a deeper understanding of human existence in both personal and social contexts. I will examine three fundamental qualities of an open-mind that are required for an intellectually progressive society, followed by a tentative guideline for how Christians can be faithful to their confessions while keeping an open mind towards contrary evidence.

First, an open-minded person must recognize that everyone is born in a particular family, society, and culture, and it follows that our minds are naturally permeated, consciously and unconsciously, with beliefs. These beliefs are mentally arranged into a system that largely corresponds to an individual's upbringing. Furthermore,

it is important to note that although it is possible for one to have a superior belief system (one that more fully accounts for the range of experience) it would be impossible to compare the totality of two systems; to do so would require an impossible movement into the subjective experience of another. .

Second, an open mind has the capacity to accommodate new ideas (even if it initially conflicts with one's own system of belief commitments) while repudiating others. To illustrate the process of accommodation, I will borrow terminology employed by the German philosopher Hans-Georg Gadamer. When one interprets a written text, there are two of what Gadamer calls "horizons of understanding": the first being the immediate cultural context of the interpreter and the second being the historical-cultural context of the author. Interpreters of a text use their presuppositions that arise from understanding the former horizon in order to guide their interpretation, whereas the latter transforms the interpreter's presuppositions. Thus the interplay between the two horizons is what Gadamer calls the "hermeneutical circle." Through this process an interpreter who is trapped in their own historical period will in theory progress towards the meaning of a text. For our purposes I will broaden this concept to include not just the interpretation of text, but also the interpretation of all phenomena. People use their presuppositions to guide their interpretation of various phenomenon, while each phenomenon transforms their presuppositions and shifts the structure of their belief systems.

The process of accommodation is important for everyone to practice regardless of their culture, religion, or upbringing. It is largely due to the diversity of belief-systems stemming from unique cultures that evidences are able to be understood in a new light. Also, accommodation entails common courtesy such as mutual respect in dialogue, empathy, and the like. However, it needs to be realized that there are two difficulties when communicating ideas. When an idea is communicated, it detaches from the

belief system of the sender and is not identical to the intended idea. Furthermore, when an idea is received, it will only be understood in the light of the recipient's belief system. Ideas are either accepted or rejected based on whether or not it will conform to the individual's belief system. Therefore, the process of accommodation needs to be continuous task in order to achieve a mutual understanding between two people.

Third, one must have a willingness to share ideas. This quality of an open mind might come as a surprise given our postmodern culture, for those who openly share their beliefs are often scrutinized with such labels as "dogmatic" or "intolerant." However, for the sole reason that each individual probably possesses beliefs concerning redemption - whether it be from sin, ignorance, or intolerance - it seems to follow that one is morally obligated to spread their good news. The following thought-experiment clarifies this point:

Imagine the dawn of Armageddon, when the entire world will endure a nuclear Holocaust. Surprisingly, however, the truth of this fate is only revealed to one man; only he is convicted, and only he knows of a safe haven. This man wandered from city to city preaching his gospel - the only hope for humankind. But in response the people scoffed at his convictions, and not one entertained the possibility of their inevitable fate. Eventually the bombs fell and no one escaped. Regardless of his persecution, it seems that this man has a moral obligation to preach to others about his conviction. However, suppose he was delusional, and there was no nuclear holocaust, yet he has all the psychological factors that correspond to the notion of certainty. Wouldn't it still be a moral obligation to preach confessions that offer redemption even if the belief was actually false? I think so. Therefore, all ye Christians, Muslims, Naturalists, preach your gospels for the sake of humanity!

The three qualities of an open mind have a dynamic relationship with each other. The first establishes within an individual's conscience a system of

beliefs that enables interpretation of phenomena. The second accommodates new ideas in order to revise one's system, thereby improving the accuracy of interpretation. The third, the sharing of ideas, stimulates intellectual progress.

The following question remains: can a Christian have an open-mind and still be faithful to the fundamental principles of Christianity such as those recorded in the creeds? On a superficial level its clear how some might conclude that an "open-minded Christian" is an oxymoron. What if there are powerful defeaters for the most fundamental Christian commitment such as the resurrection of Christ? I am afraid there is no easy answer for this question. I can only offer a tentative guideline.

Christians should have no problem with accepting the fact that a majority of our beliefs are due to our upbringing in a particular time and culture. If one explores the Old Testament narrative, it becomes clear that the distinctive features of Judaism, such as the Law of Moses, are passed down from generation to generation, resulting in the formation of a unique culture. Until the ministry of Jesus and the apostle Paul, radical doctrinal accommodation occurred; the Law of Moses along with other Jewish traditions have not been abolished, but transformed into something arguably greater. A unique cultural identity with its corresponding beliefs and practices offers humanity as a whole a different way of approaching life. A culture only becomes esoteric and irrelevant when accommodation and transformation do not occur.

It needs to be stressed that accommodation does not entail repudiating the fundamental principles of one's system. Only the naïve minds of pseudo-intellectuals simply accept every new idea that presents itself with immediate plausibility. If one approaches new ideas in such a sophomoric fashion the fundamental principles in their belief-system will conflict with their adoption of contrary ideas, thereby rendering their system incoherent. This incoherency will lay dormant in the mind until a future

intellectual, spiritual, or practical crisis reveals it. Therefore, Christians should not be quick to accept persuasive evidence contrary to their confessions but should instead examine it in the light of their system and engage in the process of accommodation.

One of the beauties of the Christian belief-system is its astounding history of Christianizing pagan and secular thought. For good and for ill, this history led to radical diversity. Understood in a positive light, Christians are able to engage life from a variety of perspectives while remaining faithful to the fundamental principles of Christianity. If we are all committed to a particular brand of Christianity we will become irrelevant. Diversity allows finite beings to engage life that stems from an infinite God. Given the wide diversity of Christian thought and the sheer number of interpretive possibilities, it seems highly unlikely that there are logical defeaters for the fundamental principles of Christianity after an effective process of accommodation.

Ultimately, individuals should develop a system of thought that best grasps their own condition. That is, there should be a radical interplay between one's system of beliefs and new ideas. Open-mindedness stimulates intellectual progress not only personally but also on a social level. If each member of a given society is able to accept their presuppositions or personal belief-system, engage in the process of accommodation, and share their beliefs with others, the society will foster mutual respect for each other, and together they will appreciate the mysteries of existence and perhaps gain some insights into the nature of reality. As students who attend a Christian institution, open-mindedness should be among the virtues that need to be cultivated. Christ is sovereign over all creation, and He works through us to redeem the many facets of life. We, above all, should not be afraid to confront new ideas. This does not mean allowing them to not destroy our Christian belief systems, rather transforming them so that they give as a more accurate description of reality. ☪

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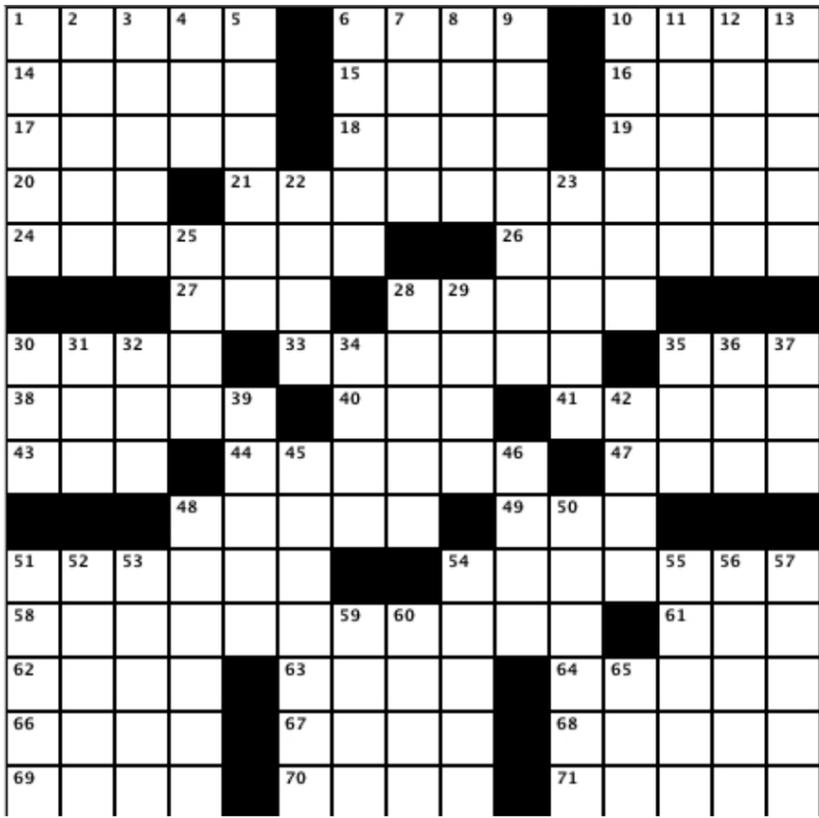
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- 16- Top-notch;
- 17- Dens;
- 18- Ancient Athens's Temple of _;
- 19- Ripped;
- 20- Mil. officers;
- 21- An organization;
- 24- Veil worn by Muslim women;
- 26- Exclusively;
- 27- _ Lingus;
- 28- _ nous;
- 30- Reason to cancel school;
- 33- Painter, e.g.;
- 35- DDE opponent;
- 38- Sri _;
- 40- Bran source;
- 41- Sufficient;
- 43- Verily;
- 44- Exam taker;
- 47- "East of Eden" brother;
- 48- Follows orders;
- 49- Common ID;
- 51- Asian deer;
- 54- Artist;
- 58- Esteemed;
- 61- _ Dawn Chong;
- 62- Nerve network;
- 63- "The Time Machine" race;
- 64- Jewelled crown worn by

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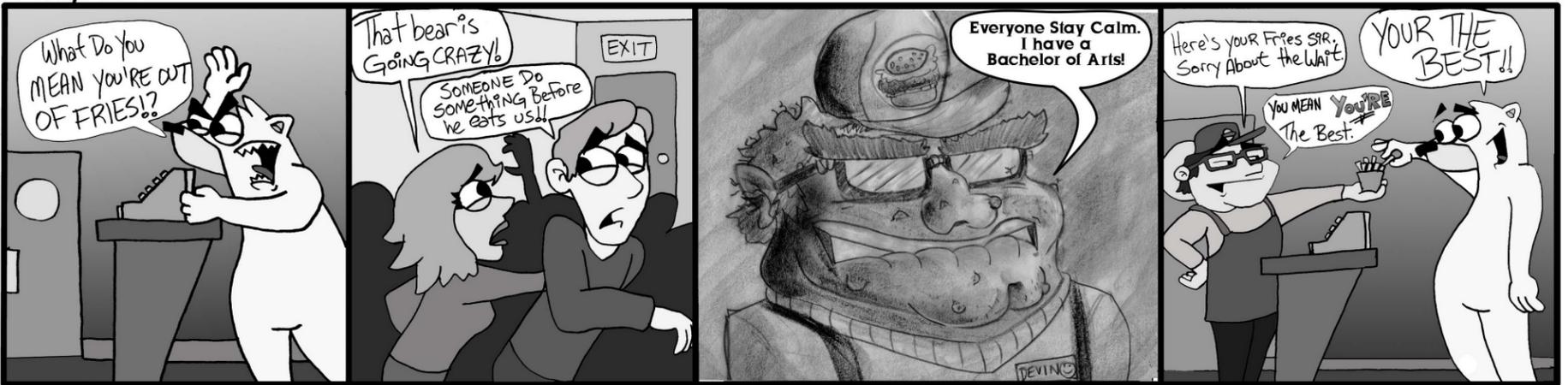
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- 6- Bottle;
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- 8- Just _ !;
- 9- Withstands;
- 10- Conflict;
- 11- Sarge's superior;
- 12- Sign up;
- 13- Amphetamine tablet;
- 22- Franklin D.'s mother;
- 23- Large artery;
- 25- Bird of prey;
- 28- Les _ -Unis;
- 29- Evening, informally;
- 30- Wily;
- 31- Not for a Scot;
- 32- _ roll;
- 34- Optimistic;
- 35- Spring mo.;
- 36- "Hold On Tight" band;
- 37- D.C. VIP;
- 39- Ready to hit;
- 42- Jazz flutist Herbie;

- 45- Most strange;
- 46- Biblical birthright seller;
- 48- Haunt;
- 50- Female sibling;
- 51- Herring type;
- 52- Betel palm;
- 53- Unit just above a yard;
- 54- Composure;
- 55- Commerce;
- 56- Having auricular protuberances;
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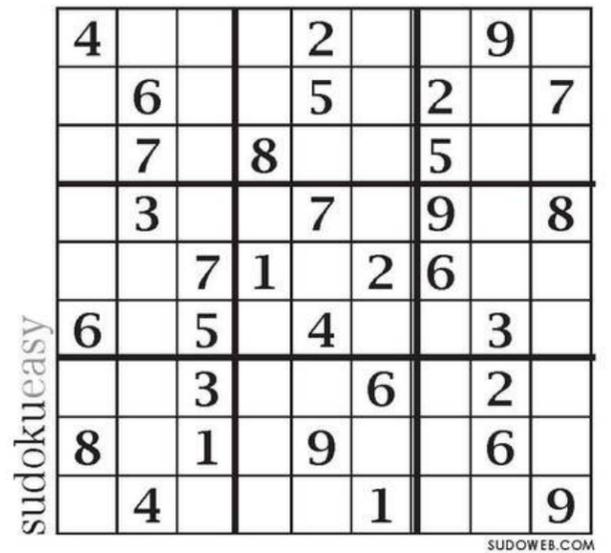
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