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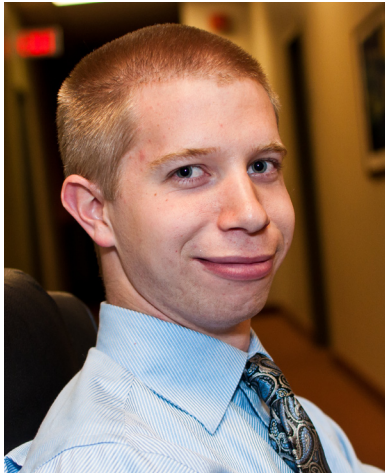
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the Numbers

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“clickety” chairs in the Auditorium

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doors (man doors and overhead
doors) on campus

5,540 - amount of
kilograms of garbage thrown out
from dorms at end of each year

Redeemer is going mobile!

TIM WOLFERT

On April 1st, MCS and IT launched a new website that has been optimized for mobile devices such as iPhones, iPods, iPads, and android phones and tablets. Many prospective and current students, staff, faculty and others are relying more and more on these devices to search for the information they want from and about Redeemer. This platform will allow users to quickly find that content, often with just 2-3 clicks.

Included on the mobile site are two new resources that recently have been rolled out. The first is a chat room that will allow prospective students to communicate online, in real time, with a University Rep. This is another feature that prospective students have been looking for, and they now have the option of doing it from a wide range of devices. The second is one that will benefit all of us who use the website regularly: an alphabetical listing of just about everything that is found on

our website. This will be a helpful complement to the site's search function.

The mobile website can be found at: <http://m.redeemer.ca>. You can view it from your desktop/laptop, but please remember that it has been optimized for -- and is therefore better viewed from -- a mobile device.

The new interactive chat function can be found at www.redeemer.ca/chat, and the resource listing is found at www.redeemer.ca/a-z.

Please forward these links to those who would be interested in learning more about Redeemer, and especially to prospective students that you know.

Thanks to Julie Van Huizen for doing the design work on the mobile site, Melanie Koetsier for developing much of the content, and to Tony Wiersma for doing all the back-end technical work to make these great ideas come to fruition.

Why Redeemer Needs Another Sidewalk

JEREMY PARSONS

If you've spent any time walking up or down Garner Road during your time at Redeemer, you've likely experienced some close calls with cars. Having been a student here for five years, I have spent a good amount of time walking, running & cycling the road. Many students walk Garner to catch buses into the city, grab groceries at Bennett's, or head home to their student houses along its length. The posted speed limit is 60km/hr but being a rural, peri-urban road motorists tend to go 80-100+ and students are forced to do a tight-rope walk along a non-existent shoulder in order to stay out of the way.

My purpose in writing this article is to raise awareness to the fact that Redeemer students are in serious need of another sidewalk. Between the university's Garner

Road entrance and the southern end of Kitty Murray Lane, there is a dangerous stretch that students regularly walk in order to cross the two streets. This 300m section is unlit at night and has a small shoulder that becomes so small in an area that students often opt to walk along the road, avoiding the mud or private driveways. In the winter, snowplows leave high mounds of ice and snow and students must either awkwardly climb them home or walk with one eye behind them along the road. A sidewalk would be cleared and would provide a physical separation between cars and pedestrians. A few years back there was a student biking to his house on Garner when he was hit by a passing car. He suffered serious injuries to his leg and left side and was on crutches for the remainder of the school year. I feel strongly about this because I don't want to

see this happen again. Although I am now an alumnus, I care about this school and these students. I also don't feel at all comfortable with my girlfriend or my younger sister having to walk that stretch, and I worry about their safety as they walk home.

I know that this is something that is on the radar of the school's administration and President Krygsman in particular, but I believe action should be taken sooner rather than later, primarily because it is an issue of safety. Sometimes minor projects such as these are contemplated and tabled in meetings but then forgotten about in the bustle of institutional priorities. I would rather it cost a little extra up front than for a life tragedy to make the university take action.

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Unsung Hero: Miki Beldman



Miki Beldman has been serving Redeemer in the counseling department for over 10 years. If you haven't met her personally, you've probably seen her warm smile in the halls. Miki's expertise and love of students has been vital to the strength of many members of our community. Miki is stepping back from Redeemer after the conclusion of this year and we would like to recognize her contribution to our school. On behalf of the Redeemer Community, we thank you for your years of work and dedication to countless students.

Giving Back: Senate's Sponsored Student

DANICA TOMPSEN

Student Senate collects a student fee from every student each semester, and most of us know that that money goes towards student clubs and publications. But did you know that some of those funds also impact a child's life forever? Student Senate has sponsored a child through Compassion, Thongdee from Thailand, for over ten years. The money we send to him has allowed him to go to school, receive medical care and proper nutrition, and most importantly hear about the love of Jesus.

This year, Thongdee turned eighteen and his sponsorship is coming to an end. For most sponsored children this means the end of the connection between them and their sponsor.

However, Senate had the unique opportunity to continue Thongdee's sponsorship because he was accepted into Compassion's Leadership Development Program (LDP). Thongdee was handpicked for this program, which "identifies young Compassion-assisted men and women who have shown potential to become Christian leaders who can, in turn, influence their own families, churches, communities and nations... [It gives] the opportunity to get an undergraduate degree

and develop and enhance Christian leadership skills and abilities, all while promoting and modeling world citizenship." To be accepted into the program, candidates must demonstrate strong evidence of Christian character and testify to God's leading in his or her life, contribute significantly in secondary school, church, Compassion development center and community, maintain outstanding academic performance, along with extracurricular activities, be endorsed and recommended by both school and church, contribute to school and community needs, graduate from secondary school, and graduate from Compassion's sponsorship program.

Thongdee is a Biology major and hopes to become a teacher. He hopes to return to his home community to teach and be a role model for the children there, specifically addressing problems of alcoholism there. He remains active in the church, serving in Sunday school ministry while he attends school. We receive letters from him fairly regularly, and his most recent is always posted on the bulletin board in the Senate office.

While this opportunity is significantly more expensive than regular child sponsorship, Senate is in a unique position as an organization to be able to support

Thongdee with funds to continue sponsorship that an average family may not be able to. Senate felt that because we have sponsored Thongdee for so long, we should not abandon him now. Also, while the cost was more expensive, in the grand scheme of things his education costs a mere fraction of what our own does. We clearly value education simply by choosing to come to Redeemer, and we felt that we should honour that in Thongdee's education. What a cool thing, for university students to sponsor a university student, who will go on to impact others because of our help!

We ask that you would pray for Thongdee throughout his education. He specifically asks,

"Please kindly pray for my study and my LDP life that I will be able to change myself as God's will. God will use me to do His works. Please kindly pray for my parents and my siblings that God will protect them from all trials. May God give them strength."

If you would like more information about Thongdee, stop by the Senate office and check out his profile on the bulletin board!

New tuition framework for Ontario set to cap increase at three per cent

KATHERINE DECLERQ
CUP ONTARIO BUREAU
CHIEF

OTTAWA (CUP) — The Ontario Liberal government has released a new tuition framework that will see tuition capped at three per cent for the next four years. This contrasts the former framework that capped the increase at five per cent.

Brad Duguid, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, believes the cap will strike a balance between the student desire for a tuition freeze and the financial needs of post-secondary institutions.

"I didn't want to look at a freeze because I didn't want to impact the quality of education students were getting," he explained. "My take would be inflation plus 1 per cent. That gives post-secondary institutions just enough additional revenue to maintain the quality and work with students. It will also give students a \$1,200 break over

the course of the framework."

"If we put too much pressure on post-secondary institutions to make up for the lost revenue a tuition freeze would create, it will impact the quality. We see what happens in jurisdictions where they don't put an emphasis on quality and that hurt students. We need the balance of affordability of students while maintaining world-class standard of post-secondary education."

While some student groups admit to the progressive nature of the cap, most are still not happy with the cap. The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has made it known that they cannot support this new framework, as it still means that tuition will be increasing over the next four years, while the College Student Alliance (CSA) is of the opinion that the cap is a step forward.

"The new framework does not acknowledge the reality that tuition fees in Ontario have increased by 71 per cent since 2006 and our post-secondary education

system is inaccessible. It is the most expensive in country," said Sarah Jayne King, chairperson for CFS-Ontario. "Given that students were asking for a reduction, it is very disappointing to see the Liberals go through with this."

"We definitely want to commend the ministry for actually breaking away the status quo, the framework that has been in place with the past 6 years," said Ciara Bryne, president of CSA. "But it isn't the tuition freeze and the increase tied to rate of inflation like we asked for."

Duguid explained that the goal of the government would be to eventually achieve a tuition cap that was tied into the rate of inflation; however, it was important to give post-secondary institutions enough time to adjust and maintain the quality of education necessary to compete in a global market.

"We have the bigger issue of having a competitive post-secondary education system, and I think that is what we owe our next




generation."

Both CSA and the CFS were consulted before the framework was release, and look forward to further discussing the issue of accessibility within post-secondary education with Duguid.


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Thumbs up, thumbs down Redeemer


We asked students to give us feedback on what they liked and disliked at Redeemer this year.


 “Thumbs Down to the back path. On cold days it is completely ice, on warm days its completely mud. Half way through the year they actually just gave up trying to clean it.” - Ben Reid

 “Thumbs up to Royals Men’s Volleyball fans. It’s been a pleasure!” - Jesse Dykxhoorn


 “Thumbs down to amount of garbage emails we get daily. I don’t care that someone lost their bracelet, or that the bookstore has ANOTHER 10% off sale. Use the timeout like the rest of us.” - Jenna Bos


 “A huge thumbs up to the people who work at Williams. Saved my bacon during paper season for four straight years.” - Cam Oegema

 “My thumb is up to Redeemer FC, or better known as the Thursday night soccer league. Though I’ve really been missing the squished, smelly car rides to the Wentworth Arenas over the past couple semesters, the new soccer dome facility and resulting late-night games ensure you won’t be sleeping until well after 1am due to lingering conversations or high adrenaline levels. Redeemer FC is a great chance to get to know more people outside your normal scope of friends, with a mix of varsity and newer players.” - Melissa West


 “I give a thumbs down to everyone who feels the need to inform the world of their exam progress. It’s almost that time again when facebook pages everywhere will be bombarded with people informing us of their exams. Call me rude if you want, but I don’t care how many exams you’ve written or how many you have to write in a matter of two days. I also don’t need an update on how you did on each one. I fully understand that you will ace exams, bomb exams, kill exams, and get bent over by exams. Stop whining to the world about it and just write them.” - David Klomps


 “Thumbs up to the sylvan respite of the Whaley Garden.” - Prof. Chris Cuthil


 “Thumbs Up to the Women’s Volleyball Team for making it well into the play-offs.” - Prof. John Byl


 “Thumbs up to the IT Helpdesk workers, for working had to make sure that technological problems of many kinds were fixed, and ensuring people could log onto computers and their email.” - Aaron Korvemaker


 “Thumbs up to the Redeemer Royal’s Men’s Volleyball team on an incredible season once again.” - Aaron VanderHeiden


 “My thumb is up for all the first-years who have repeatedly shared their talent at Coffee House. I was a new student here at Redeemer and I went to Coffee House that third Thursday in September because I was told it was the place to be. I sat in awe as act after act were first-years bravely taking the stage in front of dozens of people they did not know or had only just met. Not only were they brave enough to get up there and sing, but they were good! I returned in October and the first-years were back--and they had multiplied. I have been at every Coffee House this year and look forward to hearing from these talented freshman. An even bigger thumbs up go to Johnny Thiessen and Eric Fisher who seem to be performing at Coffee House every month. I find myself disappointed when one of them is not there to share their beautiful voice and wonderful music.” - Beth Moffett


 “I give a thumbs up to our marketing communications team for their creativity, willingness to help, and overall excellent service!” - Anonymous


 “I give a thumbs down to the swarms of drunk students stumbling home from a late night bash Friday, March 15. I have never been so disappointed in the student body.” - Anonymous


 “Thumbs down to Redeemer’s internet because even if you do eventually get it to work (which is rare), it is slow as molasses.” - Anonymous


 “give my thumbs down to the newly proposed and recently passed Payment plan. For reasons that include but are not limited to the fact that it will only increase the debt of students, and it’s a sucky idea.” - David Feddema

 “Thumbs up to the custodial service. This place is always clean.” - Justin Hiebert

 “Thumbs up for the women’s basketball team for finallyyyyyy winning a game. Thumbs down to the men’s soccer team for taking over the losing streak.” - Anonymous

 “Thumbs up to professors who know students by name.” - Brandon Richardson

 “Thumbs down to professors who are more concerned with whether their students are on facebook, than their own teaching. We paid to be here, its ok.” - Anonymous

 “Thumbs up to all the graduates for graduating.” - Anonymous



LIVE IN THE CITY WHAT’S ON IN HAMILTON: APRIL 2013

Hamilton Place Theatre

Great Big Sea—Wednesday, April 10th, 8:00 PM
Broadway at Hamilton Place: Sleeping Beauty—Friday, April 12th, 7:30 PM
Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra—Saturday, April 20th, 7:30 PM

Copps Coliseum

Leonard Cohen—Tuesday, April 9th, 8:00 PM
The Lumineers—Tuesday, April 30th, 8:00 PM

The Casbah

Peter Katz & Emma Lee w/ Ash and Bloom—Wednesday, April 3rd, 8:00 PM
Suuns—Thursday, April 11th, 8:00 PM
Romney Getty & Sin City—Friday, April 12th, 8:00PM

Baltimore House

EONOM 006 w/ New Hands—Friday, April 5th, 9:00 PM
Hut w/ Bonaventure—Tuesday, April 9th, 9:00 PM
Art Crawl After Party—Friday, April 12th, 9:00 PM
Whiskey Epiphany & Doghouse Rose—Friday, April 19th, 9:00 PM
Andy Griffiths & the Lost Groove—Friday, April 26th, 9:00 PM

Chaplain’s Corner



ROBB POWELL

HE IS RISEN!

At the end of his remarkable pastoral letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul passes on that which is of “first importance”. He begins by underlining the fact of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It happened. It actually happened. And as a result, things would never again be the same.

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance[a] : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas,[b] and then to the Twelve.

Having reiterated the FACT of the resurrection, he then explains its SIGNIFICANCE. He does so by speculating on what it means if it were not true

13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 ... 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 19 If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

The resurrection of Jesus has everything to do with everything.. Paul puts it emphatically and

squarely on the table. If this is not true, then just forget about it.

I vividly remember the Easter of 2010. As I stood over the rectangular scar of dirt that was now the resting place of my recently departed son, David, I murmured to my Father, through my tears.. “This better be true.....”. I was not looking for consolation. I wanted the truth.

No longer was eternity a backdrop to the unfolding story of my life. It was no longer an idea to be contemplated and discussed at leisure. It was as if my camera lens had shifted and the “Background” came into focus and became the central point of the picture. Resurrection and eternity.... it matters. It really matters.

The entire 15th chapter is an

astounding affirmation of this truth. And the highpoint for me is in verse 20 when the apostle answers speculative doubt full on.... and in doing so summarizes the entire chapter in one ringing sentence.

20 But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Amen!

Fourth Year Address: Jeff Becker

JEFF BECKER

I remember when I first showed up at Redeemer. It was a sunny day as I got out of my family’s green Chevy Astro van to meet my RAs. I went on to move my stuff into dorm 17 and met some of my house and porch mates. I met a whole bunch of new friends that year, people who I still love even though I don’t get to see them or talk to them as often as I would like. Oh yeah, and I joined a very loud band. I also learned that many people had different ideas of what the word “clean” meant--the joys of living with people you’ve never met before. We’ve all been through it: I’m sure your housemates also threw a block of knives into the ceiling and forgot about half eaten sandwiches under their bed for a month. Or maybe that was just my housemates...

More importantly I ran into many people who had a different Idea of what the word “Christian” meant. Not to say that I was any kind of heretic, nor were these people, but I was a very proud person, the kind who thought I had this Christianity thing all figured out and anyone who understood it differently than me was off their rocker. However, my interactions with so many mature Christians of different stripes--both students and professors--showed me that I should be slower to speak and quicker to listen. In my first year, above all, God taught me humility,and is still teaching me to this day.

In my second year I lived in Aug hall with some of the best guys I know. Second year was very different from first year for me in a couple ways. For myself, I was just as excited but I had a much better idea of what to expect concerning workload, things to do, and the like. It was also in this year that a mentor of mine shared with me the words: “You’ll never live this close to this many

of your friends again.” As a result, it wasn’t a very academic year. I hung out with friends and tried to take full advantage of living so close to so many of them. In my second year I had some of the most meaningful devotions with friends and more laughs than I can count. In that year I experienced Christian brotherhood and fellowship like I never had before.

In my third year I found that I felt very much like I did at the beginning of first year. Much was uncertain. I didn’t know if my first-years would think I was lame or uncool, and I was concerned about balancing my studies (which I had only recently begun to really care about) with the responsibility of being an RA. As it turned out, I was blessed to have 5 of the coolest first-years God could’ve given me, all of whom were young men with struggles, and all of whom were willing to fight through them to grow closer to God. The broken person that I am, I did my best to lead them, teach them, and learn from them as well. As an aside, if you don’t already know Daniel Jumaquio, Timon Moolman, Nico Willemssen, or Roberto Buscarino, I’d recommend introducing yourself. In my third year, more than anything I learned balance, and humble leadership.

This year has been different. As an off-campus student I feel, at times, isolated from the on-campus community. My neighbor is pretty grumpy--too grumpy for me to dare ask him for an egg or to borrow the ketchup. Also, whenever I’ve played guitar outside none of my neighbors have come over to jam, although I’ll give this another shot if it gets warmer before school’s out. I have to thank dorm 22 for letting me hang out with them and have some on campus fun. However, this year I’ve learned, basically by missing it, the importance of Christian community which is at the core of Redeemer’s on-cam-

pus life.

To conclude, I want to say that academics are, indeed, important. But I also want to say that being open to the things God has to teach you outside the classroom are of--at the very least--equal importance. For me it was humility, fellowship, balance, leadership, and community. For you it might be some of those things or something different.

If I were to do this whole Redeemer thing again I would absolutely work hard at school, but I would also manage my time better so I could take part in things like deeds, or maintain deeper relationships with friends. I would read God’s word more consistently and strive to be a more prayerful person. It is my hope that those of you who will return to next year and those of us moving on will make space in our lives for these things--the things that really matter.

As a fourth-year student preparing to leave a place that has nurtured me as a Christian and an academic for four years, I’m so grateful to God for my experience here. I’m so grateful for the people I’ve had the privilege of meeting, and thankful beyond words for OSAP.

Thank you, Jeff

Perhaps Your SADness is More Than Just a Mood

BECKY CONNELL
CROWN REPORTER

Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or “winter depression” affects 2% of Canadians at a serious level, and another 15% to a milder degree throughout the winter season, according to Vancouver’s UBC Hospital Mood Disorder Clinic.

It is not uncommon to feel gloomy when the sky has been grey for days on end, but for some it becomes an inhibiting part of daily life during the winter season. Opposite to typical symptoms of depression, people with SAD often oversleep and have an increased appetite (especially for carbohydrates). Accompanied with overeating and weight gain, people suffering with SADness often lose interest in activities, have difficulty concentrating, and have a low and depressive mood.

According to the seasonal affective disorder organization, SADA, “It is caused by a biochemical imbalance in the hypothalamus due to the shortening of daylight hours and the lack of sunlight in winter.”

In rare cases, SAD can affect people in summer.

According to Dr. Miriam Stoppard, the key to reducing the SAD symptoms can be found in five rules: “Stick to regular daily routines, eat a healthy balanced diet, don’t eat sugary, fatty food, get as much light as you can, even though that’s difficult in the winter, do anything that you really enjoy and makes you feel good about yourself and life.”

SAD can affect people of any age but those between 18 and 30 are most likely to exhibit SAD

symptoms.

The CBC In Depth states that light therapy, medication, and cognitive behaviour therapy are popular ways of dealing with SAD, light therapy being the most recently popularized.

The rays from light therapy is unlike the light used in tanning beds so there is no risk of UV exposure or burning. Instead, the device emits “natural” light which leads to a biochemical change in the brain that alleviates one’s mood and relieves symptoms of SAD. Light therapy has an 80% success rate, according to Dr. Raymond Lam, medical director of the Mood Disorder center at the University of British Columbia.

If you are in the 15% or a sufferer of the winter blues, here’s how to avoid being SAD:

1. Healthy eating: The winter is often a season of hardy foods and we all know that, in Canada, it is important to have an extra layer of chub to insulate us during those long cold months. However, eating healthy (sad or not) will ultimately make us feel better.
 2. Be Active: As the snow blizzards on and the ground freezes, it can be tempting to hibernate beneath a pile of blankets for the entire winter season; however, keeping the body active and exercising regularly reduces the chances of suffering from SAD.
 3. Sleep: What student doesn’t love being told to sleep? The fact of the matter is the more well-rested we are, the more energy we have to face the day.
- May your winter be a happy time, or at the very least SAD free.

An Unexpected Failure

Contributed Image

MICHAEL EDMMANUEL

On a shelf in a room there stood a movie. Not a numbing, dumbfounding, insipid movie, filled with contrived scenes and flaccid characters, nor yet a dry, bland, mediocre movie with nothing but rehashed plots or exaggerated effects to watch: this was Peter Jackson’s *The Hobbit*, and that means quality. Or at least it should have. *The Hobbit* had lived in the dreams of both young and old for time out of mind, and people hoped it would be very successful, not only because it’s story was so rich, but also because Jackson’s *Lord of the Rings* took everyone on an adventure and did it better than expected. You could tell what a Tolkien fan would say on any question about the trilogy’s quality without the bother of asking him. This is a review of a film that did not take us on an adventure, and found itself looking and sounding altogether unexpected. It may have won the mainstream’s respect, but it lost – well, you will see whether it lost anything in the end.

The vision of our particular version of *The Hobbit*—what is *The Hobbit*? I suppose this story needs some explaining nowadays, considering Jackson’s distortion of this beloved classic. That was one of the major tragedies of this film. Anyone who, like me, came hoping to see Tolkien’s magical story of a small hobbit shaken out of his content bourgeois life and thrown into the wild and fantastical world of dwarves, elves, goblins, and dragons transformed by the delights of cinema was sorely disappointed. Instead what we got was cheaply manufactured mediocrity that couldn’t decide whether it was *Lord of the Rings* part 2 or an episode of *SpongeBob Squarepants*. Not only were major plot points confused, but there were so many additional plot arcs it was as if Ockham’s razor had been snapped attempting to shave the dwarves’ bizarre hairstyles. Although I could spend great lengths describing the films’ innumerable flaws, for the sake of brevity, I will only attempt to identify a few of what I think are the movies’ greatest faux pas.

Some of the great errors fall under what I call the “Out of the Frying Pan Into the Fire Fallacy.” This is where a movie, probably to add screen time, adds unnecessary plot points which it then has to go to great lengths to solve, even though it really adds nothing to the main plot or major themes. Sometimes these additional plot tensions either cause continuity errors or force *deus ex*

machinas.

Easily the biggest and most egregious of these was the addition of Thorin’s nemesis Azog, aka “The Pale Orc.” Putting aside the fact that the film writers took a fact as incidental to the original book as the snippet about Bilbo’s horse riding great-grand-uncle Bullroarer and Troll-sized it beyond proportions, the nemesis plotline brought some serious problems to the movie. Let’s ignore simple questions like, “Where has Azog been this whole time and why hasn’t he attempted to capture Thorin before?” or “Why does he choose now to exact revenge, especially now that Thorin has joined with Gandalf, a powerful wizard?” Some of the more imaginative fans of the movie can probably weasel some explanation out anyways. What I want to know is: if Thorin won the battle against Azog at Moria, as the movie claims, why did he not claim Moria as his new home? Isn’t Moria supposed to be filled with Mithril? Are we just supposed to believe that after beating back orc host the dwarves just...went home? In any case, as we’ll see, Azog becomes a convenient excuse for the movie in a number of situations.

In Tolkien’s tale, after escaping the Trolls, Thorin and Co. simply continue on into Rivendell as planned. However, Jackson’s version runs into a problem. Another plot arc gives Thorin a special hatred for all elves because some elves abandoned him when Smaug attacked Erebor. Thus, the movie now needs to explain how the company arrives in Rivendell. Good thing Azog exists! Just send in some of his warg-riders to force the company to flee there. Problem solved! Except we run into another problem: wargs travel much faster than the stunted legs of dwarves. Solution: bring in Radagast the Brown (another plot arc unmentioned in *The Hobbit*) and have him travel by rabbit-sled to distract the warg-riders. Phew! That was close... Except the whole chase scene occurs in broad daylight in an open field. Isn’t there that whole thing about orcs not being able to travel in sunlight? You know, that axiomatic principle upon which major plot points in *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings* are built? Yeah, just ignore that. In other words, because the film departs from the real story it has to throw in additional characters and then break the rules of Tolkien’s world to move the story along.

Speaking of Radagast, he

brings a whole host of unnecessary plot developments. (It is with great restraint this review hasn’t turned into a rant about the drug-addled kook the film turned him into.) We follow him visiting Dol Guldur, the lair of the Necromancer. The movie could not have done a better job of making the Nazgul and Sauron into a mockery. (Apparently some hack-job animations and a dolly zoom are supposed to inspire fear...?) We see the white ghost-like figure of the Witch King. I guess Jackson forgot the explicit point he made in *The Fellowship* where one can only see a Nazgul like that when they are wearing the One ring. Radagast engages in some dueling against a sword from the Shadowlands using his wooden staff. I suppose it’s a magic staff since it can battle ghost swords. Nevertheless, what bothers me is that the same character we are supposed to believe gets high on magic mushrooms is somehow able to fight off the Witch King without a moments warning although even Gandalf the White has trouble in *The Return of The King* (extended edition), Aragorn only defeats him with fire, and Arwen just runs straight for the river in *The Fellowship*. The movie needs to decide: is Radagast a bumbling fool or a noble wizard of the Istari? It can’t have it both ways. Also, what is Sauron supposed to be doing in Dol Guldur? Yes, I know he’s regaining strength and preparing to build up Mordor in the books. But in the movie it appears he’s just sitting in an abandoned ruin with the Nazgul, sending out some spiders occasionally. Where are the signs of a fortress being built, of a dark power that is taking over the Greenwood? If magic-mushroom-man can just walk in and leave with a Morgul blade, how is Sauron taking over Mirkwood?

We’ll depart from our discussion on plot arc problems to look at the second major error, which I call the “Riddles in the Dark Complex.” This is where the movie confuses itself between a children’s cartoon and *The Lord of the Rings*. In every other scene the movie is either taking itself too seriously or is taking nothing seriously at all, even to the point of Tolkien sacrilege. The movie begins with a quick overview of the history of Erebor and the desolation of Smaug, setting a somber but empowering mood, foreshadowing the great adventure to take place. Then we meet the dwarves. Epic quest story becomes corny cartoon hour on the Disney channel.



Who made the costume decisions on the dwarves? I know *The Hobbit* is a children’s story but that doesn’t mean it has to look like a child made it. I mean seriously, are these dwarves we’re talking about or discoloured oompa-loompas? Thorin looked great; why couldn’t the rest have been variations of him? They don’t have to look identical. Just don’t make them look like plastic surgery gone wrong.

Well the deadline is closing in and this review is already getting long enough. I haven’t even begun to write about the poor script using excessive exposition and laborious on-the-nose writing. Nor have I drawn attention to the film’s third major flaw, what I labeled “A Shortcut to Mediocrity.” This is where the film, rather than displaying directorial vision or artistic integrity, uses cheap clichés, excessive special effects, and an oversaturation of teal and orange to pop out something they know a mass audience will buy even though it lacks artistic merit. In short, let me just say this was an extremely disappointing film. For those of us who long looked forward to seeing *The Hobbit* on screen, Jackson delivered dirt.

I know what the fans will respond. “You can’t expect *The Hobbit* to be like *The Lord of the*

Rings.” After all, it was a children’s story and Tolkien never intended it to be a fantastic epic. Why should the film be any different? The problem is that we were sold another *Lord of the Rings*. The advertisements and trailers leading up to its release, Peter Jackson’s name plastered all over it, the film’s explicit attempts to tie itself into the trilogy—all of these declared to the audience and fans of *LOTR*, “We’ve done it again!” But they didn’t do it again. Jackson sold his name and artistic integrity to throw out a mangled, hackneyed version of a childhood favourite. There was once a day when Peter Jackson was willing to make a three-part story into a single movie because it was a story he wanted to tell, because it was a story worth telling. Now, in typical Hollywood fashion, he has taken a one-part story and split it into three to suck as much money out of a franchise as mass audiences are willing to throw away. I guess this is why Gandalf wouldn’t even touch it. He knew the Ring eventually corrupts even those who know its power.

Beers of the Summer

There is nothing quite like coming home from work after a long day and cracking a beverage on the back deck, or having a cold-one around the fire at your cottage. If you happen to enjoy the outdoors and a quality cold beverage this list's for you. Luckily all of these beers are brewed close by in both Ontario & Quebec. So next time your looking for a beer skip out on the Molson Canadian and buy a real one.

Le Paysan Saison - Nickel Brook Brewery - Burlington, Ontario

A taste of Belgium with their newest summer creation! This style originates from the farms of Belgium where it is served to refresh the workers as they toiled in the long, hot summer months in the fields. They ferment their Saison warm which gives rise to many distinct fruity aromas. The initial malt flavor gives way to a crisp, dry finish with a lingering spiciness which is the result of traditional European hops. The result is a remarkably smooth, refreshing beer that anyone can enjoy in the hot summer months whether it is on the patio, at the cottage, or whenever you feel the need for a uniquely flavourful brew!

Original Organic - Mill Street Brewery - Toronto, Ontario

Ontario's first certified organic Lager was born in 2002. Both the raw materials and brewing process are pesticide- and herbicide-free. Brewed with Imported malt and hops, this German Pilsner offers a light, crisp, refreshing flavour with a clean finish. You'll be able to taste the delicate floral aroma, with malty flavour balanced by some hoppy bitterness. Even your mother will like this one.

St. Ambroise Apricot Wheat Ale - McAuslan Brewery - Montreal, Quebec

A wonderful summer beer that perfectly balances traditional beer taste with a hint of fruit flavour. Apricot Wheat Ale blends various barley malts with malted wheat and natural apricot essence to create an original-tasting beer with a clean, fruit nose.

Crosswind Pale Ale - Lake of Bays Brewing Company - Baysville, Ontario

This beer will not disappoint, especially if you can find it in mini-keg form at your local LCBO. It pours with a brilliant golden colour and a nice white foam in which the bubbles are generous. The aromatics are primarily citrus and range between lemon and grapefruit. There are also hints of caramel, toasted grains, and a touch of fresh apple. The flavours include toasted bread and a slight note of toffee and stewed apple. The mouth feel is quite dry and the finish is quick with some mild, lingering bitterness.

Dark Ale - Muskoka Brewery - Bracebridge, Ontario

For those of you who like a dark beer anytime of year, you won't find an English-style brown ale quite like Muskoka Dark. Its bold colour yet remarkably easy-going taste give it a personality as unique as the region it's from. Subtle undertones characteristic of its Dark Munich malt ease into hints of chocolate and caramel, making this gold-medal winning ale as inviting as it is distinct.

Streamlining Summer



JUSTIN HIEBERT

Summer: a golden time, the land of beaches and spare time. As students, the majority of our time is spent looking forward to things—due dates, exams, holidays etc. Summer is the third of the year we get to ourselves, so it's important to plan ahead and be able to take full advantage of it. With this summer being my fourth, I thought I would enlighten the rest of you so that you can learn from my mistakes and prosper from my findings.

Summer for some can be a time of rest and relaxation, of going home and catching up with old friends. For those who prefer school to the summer it can be a difficult time away from friends. Regardless, for most, the majority of summer is spent questing after money in an all-out battle to crush, or at least injure, the feral beast known as student debt.

When looking for a summer job there are many things to con-

sider: distance to travel to work, hourly wage, hours per week, type of work, etc. All of these simply determine the efficiency with which you can make money. Finding a job or an internship within your field can be very beneficial in the long run. This is assuming you don't want the summer as a break from that type of learning. Whether you end up working in your field or in a greenhouse it's important to work hard and put in the long hours to keep the income high.

Being a generally absent-minded master procrastinator I've found throughout my career as a student that it's valuable to make lists. This valuable organizational tidbit can be applied to summer as well. Make a list of all the things you want to do and see, books you want to read, skills you want to develop, places you want to go, etc. Be extensive; put all the things you want to do even if it may be unfeasible for you. Some things I have included in the past

have been different activities with younger cousins or building a 3D Settlers of Catan board.

It's helpful to have a running list that you can add to as you think of things, in a notebook or on your phone. Once you have the list established, take the things on the list and prioritize them in order of both importance to you and achievability. This way when summer approach's and you have all the time in the world you can simply look to your well ordered list and easily find things to do.

It's valuable to realize that not everything on your list is going to happen. That's why the prioritizing is important. Lastly, it's not all about the places you go or things you do but, most importantly, summer is about having fun with friends without the looming deadlines and homework assignments. The event that stands out most from last summer is the Canada Day weekend spent lounging by the pool with friends, all day.

101 Words of Summer

Fishing. Concerts. Beach. Barbeque. Camping. Kayaking. Campfire. Beer. Read. Country Music. Pool. Sunglasses. Beach Volleyball. Boating. Rest. Fireworks. Sandals. Shorts. Watermelon. Steak. Tan. Picnic. Popsicle. Sunscreen. Hammocks. Biking. Golf. Ice Cream. Vacation. Hamburgers. Baseball. Smores. Canada Day. Stargaze. Barefoot. Breezy. Ice Coffee. Hot Dogs. Blue Jays. Seadoo. Cottage. Lake. Deck. Trout. Dock. Cabin. Pick-up Trucks. Strawberries. Farming. Tenting. Late Nights. Hiking. Shades. Sidewalk Chalk. Bug Spray. Driving Windows Down. Sand. Frogs. Lemonade. Motorcycle. Skipping Rocks. Surfing. Daisy Dukes. Spitz. Tan Lines. Hats. Convertibles. Wonderland. Sea. Gardening. Swimsuit. Summer Fling. Dandelions. Fresh Cut Grass. Waterfall. Adventure. Thunderstorms. Flip Flops. The Drive Inn.



It’s ALMOST Beach Season!! (At Redeemer, also known as “Wedding Season”)

JORDAN MILLER

It seems fitting, in my last article of the academic year, that I share some information that may benefit those of you looking to shed weight heading into another Canadian summer on God’s beautiful planet. So here are 3 EASY steps to looking better while you enjoy some time in the sun:

- 1) Watch what you eat
- 2) Exercise
- 3) Ignore fads and splashy ads

Then you say to me: “But Jordan, that sounds like common sense, and it doesn’t sound fun at all!” and my response... “Exactly.” It’s funny, isn’t it? Hal Johnson and Joanne McLeod from “Body Break” were right the whole time. If you are looking to lose some weight and develop a healthy lifestyle, it takes dedication and perseverance, and barring any underlying conditions you will

see results guaranteed. I think it’s important to focus on the fact that despite what magazines and infomercials tell you, without the challenge the final product would not be half as rewarding.

Watch what you eat! Calorie counting and fad diets are, for the most part, associated with quick weight loss followed by a high burn-out rate with minimal compliance. The secret to food is that there is no secret. If you do not enjoy what you are eating, you are far less likely to follow through with a health regime and attain your long term goals. To really “watch what you eat,” what you can focus on is consistency in timing of meals and quality of foods, as well as variety in what you eat. Keep snacking to a minimum as well as avoiding 1 or 2 huge meals a day; balance is the key to health. On a side note, for those gym buffs out there, protein shakes are an expensive way to enrich your bowel movements. The average North American eats twice the required protein in a day

and you don’t need any more for optimal muscle growth. Timing with protein is everything. If you were going to eat a food which is high in protein during the day (chicken, fish, eggs, beans, etc.), move that meal to within 30-60 minutes after a workout and you will gain all of the benefits of these so called “super shakes.”

Exercise! Like your diet, balance is everything. Being “in shape” doesn’t mean you could qualify for the Kenyan distance running team or win a strong man competition. It means you are capable of exercising at a comfortable level and your heart is healthy and happy. If you want my advice, which few muscle maniacs in the gym do (they already know everything without any formal education), the best way to look and feel good is to use a mix of cardio, resistance training, and flexibility; cardio being the best way to strengthen your heart and lungs, resistance training being the best way to increase your metabolism and flexibility

keeping your muscles relaxed and efficient for the rigorous exercise you are putting them through. Make sure whatever you do that you are enjoying yourself while you exercise. The more fun you have, the easier it will be to stay motivated and the more likely you are to stick to your program. Last, but not least, to improve your fitness levels, going to the gym shouldn’t be about staring at yourself in the mirror or looking pretty with a full compliment of make-up on. If you don’t feel the burn there will be no results in turn.

Ignore Fads and Splashy Ads! “Shake-Weight,” “Ab-Tronic,” “Ab-Coaster,” “Hawaii Chair,” “Atkins Diet”... If these names aren’t ringing any bells, Google them... now. If a diet or exercise tool seems too good to be true, it is, plain and simple. At the risk of being a Debbie-downer, please know that losing weight and changing your lifestyle will challenge you and at times can be discouraging, but it will be well

worth it. If you have struggled in the past, if compliance is an issue, if the aisle in the grocery store with salty snacks and chocolate is irresistible, my advice would be to seek outside help. An established routine, provided and monitored by someone other than yourself, is sometimes the perfect kick in the pants to get moving towards a healthier you and is highly recommended. Just be sure to check credentials and be skeptical of any program you receive. If formulated by the wrong person, a fitness program can be just as detrimental as no changes at all.

As usual, never hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns about this or any other health concerns! I pray you all have a blessed summer and that you use your gifts and talents to go out into the world and spread the beautiful gospel. Be healthy and happy and take care of yourselves. Until the next time!

Summer Concerts in Southern Ontario

Couldn’t afford tickets to Osheaga this year? Didn’t get time off of work to get to Chicago for Lollapalooza? Make sure not to miss this knock out line-up of shows and festivals taking place in southern Ontario over the next few months.

MAY

The Lumineers—May 3rd, Sound Academy, Toronto
James Blake—May 4th, Music Hall Theatre, Toronto
Needtobreathe—May 4th, Sound Academy, Toronto
Foals w/ Surfer Blood and Blondfire—May 11, Kool Haus, Toronto
The Shins—May 22, Sound Academy, Toronto
CBC Music festival—May 25, Echo Beach, Toronto

JUNE

Devendra Banhart—June 3rd, Music Hall Theatre, Toronto
Kesha and Pitbull—June 5th, Molson Ampitheatre, Toronto
The XX & Grizzly Bear—June 6th, Downsview Park, Toronto
Crystal Castles—June 8th, Sound Academy, Toronto
Calexico—June 12th, Mod Club Theatre, Toronto
The National—June 14th, Yonge & Dundas Square, Toronto
Mavis Staples and Dr. John and the Nite Trippers—June 22nd, Nathan Phillip Square, Toronto
Serena Ryder—June 29th, The Commons at Butler Barracks, Toronto

JULY

Bruno Mars—July 5th, Molson Ampitheatre, Toronto
fun. w/ Tegan and Sara—July 6th, Downsview Park, Toronto
Animal Collective—July 9th, Music Hall Theatre, Toronto
Weezer—July 12th, Downsview Park, Toronto
Bjork—July 16th, Echo Beach, Toronto
Jay Z and Justin Timberlake—July 17th, Rogers Centre, Toronto
Beyonce—July 21st, Air Canada Centre, Toronto
Tim McGraw—July 25th, Molson Ampitheatre, Toronto
Justin Bieber—July 25th + 26th, Air Canada Centre, Toronto
Imagine Dragons—July 29th, Echo Beach, Toronto

AUGUST

Ben Howard—August 1st, Echo Beach, Toronto
Kendrick Lamar—August 2nd, Sound Academy, Toronto
John Mayer—August 14th, Molson Ampitheatre, Toronto
Kenny Chesney—August 15th, Molson Ampitheatre, Toronto
Mumford & Sons w/ Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeroes—August 23rd, Norfolk County Fair
Kelly Clarkson & Maroon 5—August 29th, Molson Ampitheatre, Toronto



Headed to the Hall

Allan Brown to be inducted into Hall of Fame



PETER REID

This Saturday Redeemer will celebrate the past season’s athletic accomplishments as the Royals host the 26th Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony and Dinner. Outstanding performances and team accomplishments from 2012-2013 will be highlighted but Redeemer will also take a look at it’s past as two new members will be inducted into the Royal Road to Victory.

Yesterday we announced Women’s Volleyball standout Carlena Schipper (Van Driel) will be inducted for her sensational career at Redeemer as an athlete from 1999-2003. Today we announce that former Women’s Soccer Coach and former Redeemer Athletic Director Allan Brown will be inducted.

Al will be inducted in the category of Coach and in the category of Builder.

Al Brown’s coaching career began in 1989-90. He took over the women’s soccer program. Although the team struggled in its first season, it was the beginning of one of the most successful periods of varsity competition for Redeemer in its history. In 1990-91, Al led the women through an undefeated regular season, delivering a Silver Medal, the first silver league medal earner at Redeemer. That same year, the women would enter Indoor Soccer competitions and earned the first Provincial

Championship, taking home the Gold medal. Al would be named Coach of the Year in Outdoor soccer’s West Division in 4 of the next 5 seasons. His indoor teams would also earn a Bronze Medal and twice finish 4th overall.

Al retired from coaching after the 1996-97 season as the most decorated coach in Redeemer history.

Allan Brown began work as the Athletic Director at Redeemer in 1991-92. At the time, Redeemer’s varsity offerings included only men’s and women’s soccer and volleyball. When Al started, Redeemer competed in Men’s and Women’s Indoor and Outdoor Soccer, Volleyball (in Division II), and was starting its first year in Women’s Basketball. In 1994-95, Redeemer entered Division II for men’s basketball. In 2003-04 Redeemer entered Cross Country competitions. Al’s part-time role as Athletic Director ended after the 2004-05 season.

Al will be inducted to the Royal Road to Victory (Hall of Fame) during a ceremony at this years athletic banquet at the Courtyard Marriott in Hamilton. There, Al as well as Betty Steenbeek will reflect upon his time at Redeemer. The Athletic Department will present him with his Hall of Fame plaque that will be hung in Redeemer’s Athletic Centre on the Royal Road to Victory wall.

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Carlena played women’s volleyball during her time at Redeemer and was one of the strongest Right Side’s to ever hit the floor for the Lady Royal’s volleyball program.

Carlena was a two-time Redeemer Athlete of the Month, a two-time OCAA West Region All-Star, an OCAA West Region Scoring Champion, and was named Redeemer’s Women’s Volleyball MVP and Redeemer’s Athlete of the Year in 2002-2003.

Since the introduction of the rally point scoring system in OCAA volleyball, Carlena dominated in almost all statistical categories. When she concluded her career in 2003 she was at the top of many of Redeemer’s and the OC-

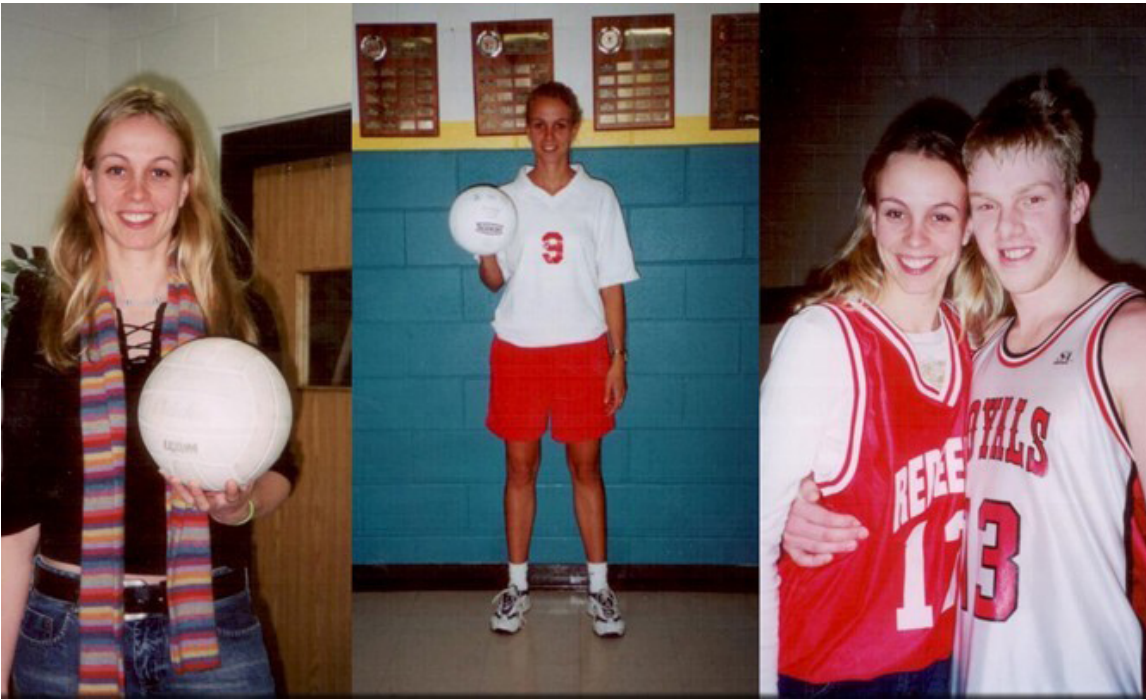
AA’s Career and Season statistic records. 10 years later, her name is still etched in the record books in many of those same categories.

Here is a short look at some of these statistics:

Redeemer University College (Career)
2nd in Blocks at 110
2nd in K/G at 2.15
2nd in B/G at 0.56
2nd in Pts/G at 3.04
3rd in Kills at 420
3rd in Points at 591

Redeemer University College (Season)
2nd in K/G at 3.00 (2002-2003)
2nd in Pts/G at 3.90 (2002-2003)
3rd in B/G at 0.81 (2001-2002)
3rd in Kills at 168 (2002-2003)
5th in blocks at 35 (2001-2002)
5th in Points at 216 (2002-2003)

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With our very own Robb Powell, Chaplain of Redeemer

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Editorial: Thank You Loyal Readers



BEN REID
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Summer is just around the corner and another school year is coming to a close. The Crown staff would like to thank all its readers out there, and would like to say thank-you to those who gave us feedback, both positive and negative, throughout the year and those who were interested in what we were up to. We really appreciate it. I'd also like to give a shout-out to our frequent visitors Ryan Van Zeumeran, Justin Vanderveen, Matt Koning (even though he thinks The Crown is run by a dumb Islander), Miki Beldman (thanks for the candy!), the pizza pizza delivery guy, and Justin Hiebert (story-title giver

extraordinaire). The Crown staff would also like to give a shout-out to our CUP friends, Sammy Brooks, Jeremy Enns, Andrew Bates, Coleen, and the staff at the Big Slice! You all played a big part in our weekend! I would like to thank all of the staff here at The Crown for making my job easy. Jenna, for making the paper look great every issue and keeping me on track; Melanie West for taking a lot of the beautiful pictures you see every month, especially the picture of the bus in February's issue. You are clutch; Justin Olthof for providing the sound financial recording this year, even though

he was generally only working with 3 limbs; Jordan Bokma most importantly for repping the East Coast, but also for keeping the website updated and looking good! I'd like to thank Christine for editing almost everything you see in the paper. The stuff she didn't edit was responsible for 98% of the spelling mistakes and were my fault. And I'd like to thank Julia and Becky for providing us with sound reporting throughout the year. You guys all were fantastic and it was impressive you managed to put up with me. It is a weird feeling passing the leadership baton on. However, I

am confident next year's Editor-in-Chief, Brandon Richardson, and his staff will continue trying to improve The Crown and make it relevant. I wish all of you all the best wherever life takes you and encourage you to become involved in Redeemer throughout your time here. Redeemer is about so much more than just getting good marks. There is a land of opportunity out there and you'd be silly to stick your head in a book and let it pass by.

Introducing Your New Editor In Chief: Brandon Richardson



BRANDON RICHARDSON

Twelve years ago I was in a race that would change my life. It was a cross-country race and I was proud to be taking part. This particular race was the regional meet at a conservation area in the heart of Ganaraska Forest. In order to qualify for this meet you had to place in the top 8 at your public school. I loved to run, so at the ripe age of 9 years old I strapped on my skateboarding shoes and ran the 2km loop at Camborne Public School to qualify. Although I almost finished last out of the 8 people that ran, I still qualified for the Ganaraska meet and I was proud to be there. Ignorantly, I believed that I had a shot at winning the

regional meet.

I lived in a small town at this time, about 15 minutes away from where I grew up playing hockey. Nobody on my hockey team went to my school and neither did my best friend at the time. I had a couple of close friends at Camborne but I was really just excited to be at the regional meet to show my friends on my hockey team and my best friend just how great of a runner I was. I can still remember my false hope of finishing first as I took to the starting line.

Just as I had done with the race at my school, I remember sprinting to the front of the pack. I immediately found myself in first place with all sixty competitors left to stare at my back and eat my dust. I kept the lead for what felt like an eternity and then had

to deal with the excruciating pain of cramping. As I gasped for air, acting like I was dying, I had to deal with the humiliation of being passed by almost everyone I had led for so long. I finished 48th and I believe ten people dropped out of the race. I felt like a failure and I was unable to prove to any of my close friends just how great of a runner I thought I was.

When I went home that night, I also dealt with the humiliation of telling my dad how I had failed. He didn't seem too disappointed with me and, instead, encouraged me. I still remember being asked a little while later if I wanted to start running with him, that was, if I was serious about getting good as a runner. Over the next five years I ran regularly with my dad. He started my training by buying me the proper shoes to run in. We trained for races together and tried to beat each other continually. We set goals for ourselves and ran almost every day. My Dad was a lot more experienced than I was at running and he was able to help me through my cramping troubles. We would talk for long periods of time on our extended runs, often forgetting altogether that we were running.

Eventually, at the end of these five years I began to outrun him. Along with outrunning my Dad, I also began to outrun all of my peers. I began to win local, regional and even larger races. I began to compete individually at a provincial and even national level. I grew from a racing nobody to being picked in fantasy drafts amongst high school runners. I began to find myself in races against past Olympians (whom I lost terribly against) yet

continually improved. I also diversified as a runner and began to compete in shorter races as well as steeple chase races, and I also tried competing in distance medleys. Distance medleys are basically relay races that include the passing off of a baton to different team members who run different distances within the relay, which brings me to the real reason I am writing this article.

I now have the incredible opportunity to be passed the baton of Editor-in-Chief (EIC) of The Crown by Ben Reid who has done an incredible job with it over the past year. He took the baton from a great EIC and became an even more effective EIC. I hope to be able to carry on the same pattern while passing the baton off to an even greater EIC when I am finished, perhaps one that is able to run an even greater length of time than I am able to.

The Crown serves as a voice into the culture of Redeemer. I believe its main purpose is not to provide students with just more reading material, but rather with meaningful reading material, perhaps even formational material. I view The Crown as a hybrid between a newspaper and a magazine. It has many creative aspects while it also contributes a voice that makes students aware and challenges our understanding about certain issues. I believe that The Crown should not have its voice into only one area of the university but into many areas, I hope that you will consider taking part in the greater diversifying of The Crown next year.

I am an aspiring Pastor and writer, studying Religion and Theology at Redeemer while minoring in Business. Perhaps not

the typical resume you might find for an EIC. Regardless, similarly to my years of running, I have trained hard for this EIC position. I have developed my writing at Redeemer through papers and writing many articles for The Crown over my years at Redeemer and I continue to strive to learn more in my personal studies. I have many creative and unique ideas I would like to implement into The Crown and this all comes from a perseverance of becoming increasingly interested in publication.

As I take this EIC baton from Ben Reid I hope to show that my prior "training" and continual perseverance, despite shortcomings, will be of immense value to The Crown. Next year I need your help and your skills, as well as feedback, just as my Dad would give after watching one of my races. Continually let us know what you think of The Crown and how we can better speak into the culture of Redeemer. If you have any ideas of your own or are interesting in contributing to The Crown feel free to email me at brichardson@redeemer.ca . I am looking for the right resources--similar to the proper running shoes I needed while training--to improve The Crown even more than what it has become in this past year, but this team needs you; unlike running it is not a one man show.

Overall, I want to thank you for this opportunity and I look forward to running this race with you all throughout the upcoming publication year.

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Athletic Centre Getting Pool

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Redeemer is finally getting its aquatic centre. While it was not exactly the way they expected,

leyball player David Kiomps had this to say: "I mean, obviously it is disappointing because Redeemer and-corner Elizabeth Schilstra was mostly excited but a little scared.

Grade 8 student and diving upsals, but they'll do ok."

knowing that if you miss your dive However, its a little intimidating. "I think the new pool is fantastic.

figures the water level will be high enough by 2023 that the bleach-deemer is aware of the issue and for prospective Redeemer stu-

ents with the new opportunities coming their way.



about swimming on campus.

Athletic Director Dave Mantel

said, "I am excited about the shift

in athletics this will present for

us." He went on to say, "We are

thrilled to add diving and swim-

ming to our sports repertoire in

2019 and beyond. Of course we

won't be able to compete in 10m

diving due to our low roof, but

that will simply mean our 3m &

5m teams will be better."

Athletics isn't the only group

getting on board. The city of

Hamilton is donating water to the

cause. They have to truckloads of

water coming that will simply be

poured on the roof and will slowly

make their way through the leak

and into the gym.

At the root of the decision was

the low cost of the whole thing.

Redeemer executive John Hoek-

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actly what I like."

Students have mixed responses

to the decision. Redeemer vol-

After a successful article outlin- ing the effect of women's volley- ball shorts on Redeemer athletics and the student body at large, as well as the equally popular coun- ter article, Redeemer Athletics noticed a large increase in the level of spectatorship at women's volleyball games. Apparently the author of the first article was so delusional that he did not realize the benefit this clothing had on Redeemer athletics. The article and its counter article were quick- ly labelled two of the most suc- cessful The Crown has seen on the issue of Redeemer Royals' sports. Arguably, the two articles ramped up the support and suc- cess of the women's volleyball team's attire by filling the stands. In fact the women's athletic wear has been so popular with spec- tators that plans are now being made to implement it across all Redeemer athletics. The women's volleyball team is not the only team that will enjoy the success of spectatorship during upcoming

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seasons.

Cross-country runners are particularly fond of the idea; an increase in spectators out in the middle of lonely forests is hard to resist. Secondary bonuses also bolster support for the new attire; lighter weight while running, in- creased aerodynamics as well as flexibility is hard to ignore. The men's soccer team will also appre- ciate the increase in spectatorship after last season's showing.

Rumour has it that there is one athletic program that refuses to wear the women's athletic attire. Ironically, it is the male's volley- ball team. Historically speaking, the men's team tried the shorter shorts to gain fans but it ended up having the reverse effect. Regard- less, the men's team has decided to also participate in this overhaul of team uniforms across Redeem- er Athletics. Currently they are discussing the possibility of com- pting shirtless. Along with the

coming reading breaks.

The men's team is particularly excited for this change in uniform not only for the increase in specta- tors but also the freedom they will have to crush the ball on oppo- nents more effectively. One anon- ymous team member commented, "Well I'm glad my working out will not go unnoticed this next year." Apparently other colleges in the OCAA have also caught on to the news and have already sold out of tickets for when their teams are playing the Redeemer Men's team.

The upcoming Redeemer Ath- letic year is sure to be exciting. Remember, you too can also pick up Athletic wear starting next fall at all retail locations across cam- pus, but the soccer dome will hold most of the clothing in an attempt to be useful on campus. Enjoy your calendars and clothing.



BookStore
Sale!
10% off Rebranded hoodies,
check your e-mail for further
details



Redeemer Staff on Strike

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On April 2nd, 2013, the Redeemer Union of Compatriots (RUC) announced that the professional community of Redeemer University will be going on strike starting September 2013. With the wake of political movements such as “Occupy Wall Street” and “Idle No More” it is no surprise that professors have jumped on the protesting board, sick of the limitations placed upon them.

“It’s pretty bad. Professors are forced to eat every day at Refresh, and on their own dime too. They are forced to use a minimum of five obnoxious, almost indecipherable words per lecture, and the uniform policy states that they must where corduroy pants at least once a week,” reported an anonymous source.

Noel Moor, Director of the RUC stated, “The treatment of professors at this university is a crime. It’s bad enough that they have to deal with students who think Wikipedia is a viable reference source for a paper, but to be starved of meal and clothing creativity? Well, that’s an atrocity.” Professor Krygsman released an official statement earlier this week stating, “We are working as quickly and efficiently as we can to en-

Instead of preventing a speed of 20km/h, the new speed bumps will be sure to prevent a speed of 10 km/h. The speed bumps will also give an opportunity for more walkers to cross in front of cars trying to park. Individuals who have heard of this initiative have been quite skeptical thus far about the cost of this addition to the university’s system of roadways. Operation Speed Bump’s committee assures those skeptical of the cost that “if they can slow down even one more



Bigger is Better: Speed Bumps

erratic Redeemer driver, they will have accomplished more than what the soccer dome has done since opening up.” They have also assured us that while the additional speed bumps will contribute absolutely no economic value to the school, they will certainly protect more road-walking-students who refuse to use the provided sidewalks.

Strategic places for the speed bumps are currently being voted on but many potential locations remain. Options for the speed bumps include: each entrance to the school, each parking lot entrance, in between existing speed bumps, in the roundabout by Redeemer’s box office and one in the hallway for Anthony Ramuscak (although word is that he is still fighting this one).

Operation Speed Bump’s main goal is to see further protection for Redeemer’s road walkers. If Operation Speed Bump fails, Redeemer University has also looked into the option of creating bike lanes on the road system that will provide a safer place for students to walk. In the winter, an increase in the use of salt from a lot to even more, may also help students use un-iced sidewalks. The other option is to turn the road into the sidewalk and officially allow Redeemer students to drive on the sidewalks; some students have

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Through careful research, Redeemer University has discovered that their current speed bump set-up has greatly decreased the average speed that cars travel through the campus and has also protected students. The results are so thrilling that they have decided to more than double the current speed bump population. “The bigger the bump population,” says the schools bump committee as they gear up

to implement “operation speed bump.” Keep in mind that operation speed bump has nothing to do with the current increase in engagements and “shotgun” weddings at the school. The committee has been quite public about the advantages of more, “bigger” speed bumps on campus. If students haven’t already had the thrill of bottom-ing out their Chevrolet Cavalier or Pontiac Sunfire then the new speed bumps will more than assure that incredible experience.

chosen to try this option a little early. Redeemer will stop at nothing to create a safer environment for their students. Operation Speed Bump is just the start. In the future you can also look forward to chain link fences around the perimeter of the school, guard dogs at entry points, alcohol detecting monkeys, and a rash of WHIMIS training classes for all students once a month. Next time you see an Operation Speed Bump committee member in the hallway be sure to say thanks and slip them a toonie so they can get some hot water for themselves at Williams.

Jewelry Counter to be installed in Bookstore

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Redeemer has long carried a reputation for its ability to produce one's future spouse—a sure-fire equation of young men, young women, and a common interest in God and His commandment to be fruitful is likely behind this. Redeemer's finance department, a group of business-minded individuals, wisely imagined that they could capitalize on the constantly increasing number of couples who are realizing that old Bible school adage: "Ring by Spring or your money back." By Fall 2013, the Bookstore will be making a significant addition to its current layout, most significantly, a jewelry counter specializing in engagement and wedding rings. Promise rings will also be offered, on special request.

The Bookstore will undergo some serious renovations in order for the counter to be installed along the back wall. Stephen Moore, specialist in jewelry, diamonds, and custom design, will be employed by the school to ensure that students are receiving knowledgeable and genuine customer service. Moore explains, "Giving the students an opportunity to purchase their engagement rings on campus ensures a few important things—not only does it encourage an atmosphere of wedding mania and quick engagements, but it actually means that students have absolutely no need to step foot off campus! It's a win-win." Although some controversy has arisen over the subject, with students raising some concern over encouraging these already somewhat troubling stereotypes

at Redeemer, school officials are unconcerned. The important thing, members of the committee say, is that revenue is created. "This addition can only benefit the community of Redeemer," says one member confidently. "Plus, a portion of the sales will be going to a charity organization that operates within a few countries in Africa—funny, that's where we get most of those diamonds from anyways! It'll be going completely full circle!"

Look for updates on this exciting project over the next few weeks. The final plans still need to be approved by the Board of Governors, but with the amount of positive feedback this project has already been getting, it isn't expected to be a problem. If everything continues to go as planned, the business will be up and running by Fall 2013.



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Tradition of Nicknames Lives on at Redeemer

ANONYMOUS

"In an effort to foster a closer relationship between students, staff and faculty, Redeemer is planning a number of new campus buildings/areas as well as some strategic name changes that will pay homage to long-time Redeemer employees."

Ever heard of the Linc? Do you know for whom it is named? If you know it is named for Lincoln Alexander, do you know who he was and what role he played in the history of Hamilton and Ontario? Along with proper names for libraries and residences, nicknames have become part of the Redeemer's campus lore. Any-one heard of Hoogey Park? Peter Hoogendam was a staff member in the early years of the university who completed his maintenance tasks around campus not on a golf kart but on his trusty bicycle.

Names and nicknames insinuate a shared history within both the broader and the immediate community that add another strand of unity to the bonds of brotherhood.

In an effort to foster a closer relationship between students, staff and faculty, Redeemer is planning a number of new campus buildings/areas as well as some strategic name changes that will pay homage to long-time Redeemer employees. It is hoped that students will recognize the great work these members of the Redeemer community have done:

A new indoor speedskating facility will be named "The WilkeRink" after our esteemed Registrar, an alumnus of Redeemer.

the money is being donated by a well-known family in the community, it will be named "Egg-ingsma Hall"—to be known fondly as "Egg Hall" for short. We hope in the future to approach other distinguished families with complimentary names to continue the tradition. Anyone with last names incorporating "Igg," "Ugg," or "Agg" in their names are asked to contact the Fundraising Dept. at Redeemer. The pond out front of Redeemer will finally have a proper name so that professors referring to places "across the pond" will no longer be misunderstood. Three pioneer Redeemer professors are honoured at once and a nod is given to Redeemer's Dutch heritage in the new name "The Meer" (which translates as 'lake') with the swath of land in the centre being fondly called "the (van)Dike."

Planners at Redeemer hope that these new names will bring a sense of belonging and community to all those recognized in some way. If these changes " Garner" positive responses, a tradition of naming communal meals after other staff and faculty may be added in the future.

After years of confusion, Redeemer has finally decided to end it. Students and outsiders have been referring to Redeemer as a college for far too long and people are starting to wonder what kind of school are they really attending. While Redeemer legally must be called a college because they currently do not offer any grad programs, they figure they can defer the word college to much later in the title. Thus, Redeemer will undergo a name change this summer to the Redeemer University Institute of Higher Learning & Spiritual Development College of the Arts. That the name will be so long and complicated that people will start to refer to Redeemer University Institute of Higher Learning & Spiritual Development College of the Arts. Redeemer is that this is cheaper than developing a grad program so this solution is the best of both worlds.

The Crown approached several happy with the name change. "I think the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association is going to be the most confused. I mean we've had them fooled for so long, now they are going to know," said injured varsity athlete Justin Olthoff.

3rd-year student Ryan Van zeuren said, "More words equals more sophistication. I think employers are definitely going to be impressed knowing I went to Redeemer University Institute of Higher Learning & Spiritual Development College of the Arts. Plus I don't have an extensive work history so the long name will definitely help fill some place."

Overall, most of the school feels alright about the name change. However, the marketing department has raised some concerns. "They are going to need a biggggg sign if they want to fit all those words on that thing, and now the only thing our promotional material will have room for is the name," said Dory Vandekan.

The head of the rebranding campaign insists that the name explains everything you need to know about the university and As for current students, the book-store will begin carrying the newly branded school clothing by the end of April in hopes that students will take the new brand home with them for the summer.

So say good-bye to R.U.C. and Hello to R.U.I.H.L.S.D.C.A. I know I can't wait to get my hands on a new hoodie!

BEN REID
HEAD-CHEF

Redeemer is Rebranding

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