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145 Columbia under construction, future mixed-housing

Jansher Saeed Editorial Assistant

elinka Priamo Ltd., the land developers behind Waterloo's largest student housing project, ICON 330, have proposed yet another mixed housing development

Subject to the approval of a series of bylaw amendment appeals to the region, proposed by the developer, 145 Columbia and remaining land on 330 Phillip Street will soon become 20 and 23 storey buildings, respectively.

An informal hearing on the bylaw accommodation by the region took place on Nov. 2.

"Zelinka Priamo Ltd. is seeking to amend the existing site-specific zoning applied to 145 Columbia St. W., that currently permits two residential towers with heights of 15 storeys (47 metres) and 20 storeys (61.5 metres).

The applicant is proposing to increase the permitted tower heights to 20 storeys (61.5 metres) and 23 storeys (70 metres), respectively," The Waterloo Region Stated in their public profile for Zelinka's bylaw amendment appeal.

The region has recently granted approval to the developer's site plan 1 to construct a mixed use, highrise building, consisting of 435 residential units- or 445 bedrooms, and 162 square metres of groundfloor commercial space.

The building will face Columbia Street West, just east of the Columbia and Phillip Street intersection.

The property proposed for development totals 1.5 hectares (3.71 acres).

In October, the developers began in-

stalling underground infrastructure that will be used to service the construction of multi-residential towers at 145 Columbia St. W, resulting in temporary closures east of Phillip Street.

The closures are expected to end later this month.

The property, 330 Phillip St., is already developed and known as ICON 330,

Waterloo's largest student development, at 634 residential units (866 bedrooms) and 1000-square-feet commercial space, was listed as one of Canada's top 10 largest projects, starting in December 2014 at \$71 million.

"Composed of two, 25 storey towers, an unparalleled view of the evolving Waterloo skyline and conveniently located directly across the street from the University of Waterloo, ICON is the ideal place to call home," Rise Real Estate stated in their bio regarding

ICON 330

ICON 330, also known as ICON Waterloo, is currently managed by Rise Real Estate, a real estate company based in Ancaster.

Besides being known for a growing list of student-oriented condominium projects, it also has a history of student complaints and real estate-based controversy.

Move-in dates were set soon after construction and were put off leaving hundreds without accomodations.

Both internation students and domestic students were froced to couch surf until or find somewhere else to live quickly.

There were repeated delays in construction, and the company could not establish a condo board to protect tenant investments.

At this time, concerns regarding the management of 145 Columbia are unknown as the property is in the early stages of its development.

OUSA releases policy paper responding to COVID-19

Neha Lakshman Mandenganam Assistant News Editor

The Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA) released a policy paper providing recommendations in response to concerns students are facing during the global pandemic.

The paper was developed by students at OUSA's member schools and reflects student concerns resulting from the Fall 2020 term

The paper was passed on Nov. I and is available online for reference.

The policy paper addresses the affordability of post-secondary education as well as access to employment and financial assistance. Furthermore, students are concerned about the accessibility and quality of online learning, the lack of coordinated response from post-secondary institutions, and the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on international students and students with caregiver responsibilities. Many students have developed recommendations to address these concerns.

They believe the provincial government should support students as it begins recovery efforts to mitigate the pandemic.

The major theme of the paper suggests that students are pressing for improvements to student financial assistance, greater accessibility and quality of online learning, and more initiatives to support the health and safety of students.

UW announces delay of Winter 2021 term

Neha Lakshman Mandenganam Assistant News Editor

The University of Waterloo (UW) is delaying winter term classes by one week to acknowledge the importance of mental health during times of uncertainty caused by the pandemic.

While the term is officially scheduled to start on January 4, the first day of classes has been delayed by a week to January II.

Furthermore, classes have also been cancelled on March 15 and 16, to create a four-day long weekend. Reading week will follow the schedule of February 13 to 21.

"I hope these scheduled pauses provide some relief and allow you to catch up on studies and focus on your wellbeing," Feridun Hamdullahpur, President and Vice-Chancellor at UW, said in an online message.

Wilfrid Laurier University also recognized the stress of this fall term during the pandemic, and has scheduled to de-

lay classes until January 11.

"This delay in the start of the winter 2021 term will also impact the start of the spring 2021 term, which will now begin on Monday, May 10," Dr. Deborah MacLatchy, President and Vice-Chancellor at WLU, said.

The details of the schedule changes are still being confirmed and more information will be announced on how these schedule changes will work as the winter term approaches.



Winter term will begin on Jan. 11.

Waterloo Region moved to red zone

Claudia Tavara-Tello Reporter

n Friday, Nov. 20, 2020, Waterloo Public Health announced that the region will be going into the Red zone.

Last week, the average case number rose by 40 per day.

Fortunately, no new COVID-19-related deaths have been recorded since the beginning of November.

As of late, Waterloo has 363 active cases with five people in hospital - and the death toll remains at 121.

Two reported outbreaks have been confirmed by the Waterloo Public Health, bringing the total number to 21.

The first outbreak happened in a fitness facility, where nine people had tested posi-

The second outbreak took place in the construction industry, where two people have tested positive.

The positive test results from the two outbreaks mentioned above are connected to the Algarve Restaurant outbreak in Kitch-

As of Monday, Nov. 23, 2020, the region is expected to be moved to the red zone, as confirmed by Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Health, Christine Elliott.

This means further restrictions will be imposed on indoor places and activities, including bars, restaurants, gyms, and more.

Some of these indoor restrictions include the following:

- People must screen before entering public buildings.
- People must wear masks at all times except for eating or drinking.
- Social gatherings are limited to 5 people indoors and 25 people out-
- Restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments must have at most 10 people and a limit of four people for each table.
- Tables need to be separated by at least two metres or by a barrier.
- Outdoor dining, drive-through, take outs, and delivery are accepted.
- Live performances with brass or wind instruments are prohibited.
- Restaurants and bars need to close at 10 p.m.
- Personal care services must be closed.
- Hair salons and barbershops can remain open. However, services that require removing masks are prohib-

Movie theatres and performing art facilities

must close unless used for rehearsals or recording an event.

Provincial officials have said that more enforcement measures will be in place, such as placing a \$750 fine for anybody who does not follow the guidelines.

According to the province's newest COVID-19 system, a controlled level consists of a weekly incidence rate of 40 cases per 100,000 people, a positivity rate of 2.5 per cent or higher, and a reproduction rate of 1.2 per cent or higher.

Dr. Julie Emili stated that Waterloo's weekly incidence rate is 46 cases per 100,000 people, its positivity rate is 3.6 per cent, and its reproductive rate is 1.9 per cent. Based on the records confirmed by Dr. Emili and the public health officials, the region has exceeded the target rate.

Because of the data and recent events, restrictionsare now taking effect starting on

Before moving to the red zone, the Medical Officer of Health consulted with the province on the proposed system. The officer stated that "given our current situation, we recommend that businesses prepare for the possibility that we may be moved to the new Red-Control Category next week."

The possibility of a second wave concerned people, knowing that their lives will be much more difficult, especially those who are working during the pandemic.

Minto Schneider, CEO of Explore Waterloo Region, gave his optimistic thoughts about Waterloo's recent move.

"I think it's going to make it even tougher for restaurants to survive since they've been struggling since March, when they were initially closed. Closing earlier will mean it reduces the number of people they can have, they can't have a second or third seating to make it more difficult for them to make a living."

If cases continue to grow due to disregard for safety restrictions, it will be more likely for Waterloo to have another lock-down, similar to current measures in Toronto.



Waterloo had 363 active cases at press

UW appoints new president

Genevre Mae Villar News Editor

n Nov. 17, 2020, the University of Waterloo announced Dr. Vivek Goel as UW's seventh president and vice-chancellor.

Dr. Goel's five-year term will begin on Jul. 1, 2021, when he will replace Feridun Hamdullahpur.

A public health physician, Dr. Goel is a distinguished scholar, recognized in Canada and throughout the world as a leading public-health researcher, a health-services evaluation expert, and a champion for the use of research evidence in health policymaking.

Dr. Goel has held several senior roles at the University of Toronto, including those of Provost and Vice-President of Research and Innovation. Currently, he is serving on the boards of the Vector Institute, TRIUMF Canada's particle accelerator — and the Canadian Institute for Health Information.

"He is uniquely qualified to guide the institution and to bolster our strengths at the intersection of health, society and technology," Cindy Forbes, chair of UW's board of governors said in a release.

Dr. Goel earned his medical degree from McGill University and completed his postgraduate medical training in community medicine at the University of Toronto. He obtained a master's degree (MSc) in health administration from the University of Toronto and a master's degree in biostatistics from Harvard University's School of Public Health.



UW President Dr. Vivek Goel

COVID-19 confusion

Tara De Boer Reporter

ack in March, it was no surprise to wake up every day to the news of increasing COVID-19 cases in the Waterloo Region, paired with an overwhelming need for hospitalization at local hospitals. At its peak, St. Mary's General Hospital in Kitchener had 31 COVID-positive patients in the spring.

Now as the long anticipated second-wave of the virus settles in, numbers are rising but the need for hospital beds is much lower than back in the first wave. Is the virus weaker? Are you less likely to contract COVID? Not exactly. Here's what has been going on.

The contrast between the first and second wave of COVID-19 in Waterloo Region is the difference in age groups of those contracting the virus. You may remember hearing about the long-term care facility in Kitchener, Forest Heights Revera, which had 178 cases among residents, 73 in staff, and 51 deaths overall in the spring. Out of the 1,066 cases in the spring, 39 per cent were people over the age of 60.

In the second wave, a younger age bracket has taken the first spot for the highest number of COVID-19 cases. This age group is more commonly able to recover from home as the effects are less detrimental compared to those in older age groups. This trend is also evident in the numbers of deaths in the second wave. As of Friday, the only person in the region who has died from the virus was over the age of 70. As for the long term care residents this fall, they have all been contained to less than three cases in the region. Dr. Ahmad Firas Khalid, a professor in health policy at Wilfrid Laurier University, spoke of this positive change.

"The reason that we are not seeing large outbreaks at long term care facilities is because the government has invested effort in trying to make sure that what happened last spring does not happen again," Dr. Khalid said. While this sounds like a promising report, Dr. Khalid urges hospitals to prepare for the potential rise in hospitalization numbers. Although, if proper measures are put in place this winter, we can remain optimistic for the increased safety and health of the region.



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The science behind: Racism

Tashfin Salam Orna Reporter

n her best-selling novel, Caste: Origins of our Discontents, author Isabel Wilkerson reasons that the modern concept of race was developed during the making of the New World.

"It was in the making of the New World that humans were set apart on the basis of what they looked like, identified solely in contrast to one another...on a new concept called race. It was in the process of ranking that we were all cast into assigned roles to meet the needs of the larger production."

Wilkerson's argument can be further debated by social scientists or anthropologists, however, what Wilkerson emphasizes is the emergence of the concept of race, a relatively new concept. Consequently, the concept of racism developed with the inception of categorizing members of society by "race."

In her book, Wilkerson emphasizes how the emergence of race as a new concept led to the development of racism. Essentially, with the inception of categorizing members of society by "race," humans opened the door for discrimination toward certain groups of people.

Ultimately, science can't justify racism, but through the appropriate utilization of science -- it can definitely be a crucial player in combating racism.

"We are responsible for our own ignorance or, with time and openhearted enlightenment, our own wisdom," Wilkerson says in Caste.

Dr. Hilary Bergsieker, Associate Professor at UW's Department of Psychology, shared her insights about socially constructed racism, scientific and systematic racism.. Dr. Bergsieker's research focuses on interpersonal dynamics of intergroup interactions and relationships. Her publications have also appeared in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, and DuBois Review, among various other journals.

"Racism is a modern construct,"

Bergsieker, like Wilkerson in Caste, explained. "Racism is about combining prejudice and power to essentially allow some groups to assert dominance over others through mistreatment."

Race is not a biological reality but a social one.

Although race is a social construct, science has often been used as a crutch in an attempt to identify and define race through a biological lens. However, advancements in science have led to the diminishing of the biological notion of race, further solidifying that race as a social construct.

"We need to understand that race is not a biological given," centralized notions [of prejudice and biases] - that's when we get in trouble. When we recognize that these groups themselves are extremely diverse, but they have been defined differently over time and there are overlaps of traits across intergroups - that helps us in identifying that there isn't a biological reality, but a social reality assigned by what we[society] make for the groups."

Psychological Motives

Group affiliation can be a core psychological motive in explaining our inclination towards certain groups over others. In 2009, Kirsten Gesine Volz demonstrated the importance of group memberer the out-group as more homogenous, thereby allowing negative stereotypes to easily end up being applied to them, especially as these stereotypes are propagated by systemic racism," Caroline Wyatt, an Experimental Psychology student at Oxford University, said.

"We [humans] have a desire to control our motivations, racism has a powerful notion on controlling."

Cultural motives can also be intertwined with psychological motives that lead to out-group discrimination. "In some cultures, we see the existence of certain hierarchies. The commonality with psychology is that the in-group the system often incite dissonance.

"If you live in a system that certainly does not treat everybody the same way, that creates dissonance. Sense of dissonance can be psychologically uncomfortable to confront a contradiction between values of fairness, and the reality of injustice," Bergsieker said.

"Powerful economic-rested interests can also contribute to the discomfort of having to confront injustice and hypocrisy in the system given the status-quo biases. It is also the idea that, if you have an expanded conceptualization of morality that includes concepts like preserving the purity of your ingroup then it becomes difficult to challenge the unjust hierarchies to benefit the outgroup biases," Bergsieker said.

"Value systems also come into play. Conservatives tend to have moral codes with more dimensions as opposed to liberals. Conservative theory of morality includes the importance of hierarchy or loyalty to your in-group. There would be systems in place, such as appointed rulers and leaders in charge, who would set out the distinctions of what was right and wrong," Bergsieker said.

Dissenting and challenging the leaders by expressing the concerns of the ingroup's prosperity over those oppressed also meant defving the conservative moral code of loyalty. However, throughout history there were always people or groups who marched forward in fighting to end racial inequalities

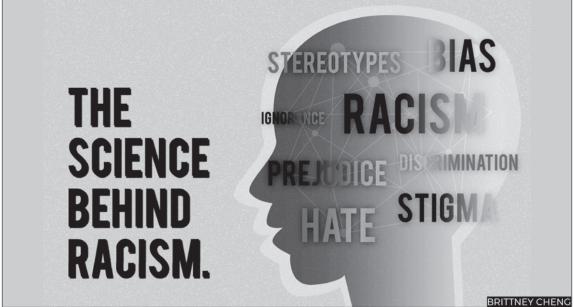
in their system. Self-affirming sense of iden-

"There are positive meanings to race too. For some people, their racial identity is extremely important for them, in a self-affirming sense - without being about derogating others. We are not here to erase the concept of race - but racism," Berskieger said.

Scientific Racism

Science has also been exploited in ways to rationalize racism, which led to the surfacing of scientific racism, or racist scientific theories.

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Bergsieker said.

"The kinds of groupings that people treat as self-explanatory such as Black or white or Latino or Asian - those don't actually map well to the genetic variation that we see within people."

Bergsieker said within each racial group there is a lot of diversity. If society grouped people by their genetic propensities, like lactose intolerance or sickle cell anaemia, the groups would look much differently.

'Yes, people look different from each other, but it's when we layer on those differences and treat them as separate groups of people with different essences in

ship to peoples' identities.

"Group membership is part of an individual's identity, the more likely they are to show in-group [one's own group] bias and consequently derogate the out-group," Bergsieker said. "A sense of belonging and understanding" can develop within the in-groups.

"It takes minimal conditions to treat groups unequally," Bergsieker said. A common social experiment used to prove this idea involves groups being divided, with members being given either red or blue shirts. Group members would incline to those who had the same T-shirt colour as them.

"We are predisposed to consid-

feels that they are the best possible group," Bergsieker said.

Status Quo, Value Systems, and Dissonance

"When a system is in place, everybody grows up in the system [and] thinks it's natural. They think the status quo is good, what is given is good. It takes a lot to challenge the system," Bergsieker

Bergsieker points out that when an economy is powered through unjust means, but leads to prosperity of one group over others, and eventually a prosperous economy, disrupting that system becomes difficult.

However, inequalities within

U of T-Waterloo research data to put self-driving cars to the ultimate test: the Canadian winter

Reporter

o you hate driving in the winter? With the help of game-changing new data, collected by researchers at the University of Waterloo and the University of Toronto, you might never have to again.

Researchers at UW, UofT, and ScaleAI have collaborated to generate the Canadian Adverse Driving Conditions data set that will enable self-driving cars to tackle the snowy Canadian terrain.

"There are lots of great training datasets out there already, but they were collected on sunny, summer days," Steven Waslander, an Associate Professor at UofT's Institute for Aerospace Studies in the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering, said.

"If you take algorithms trained on those data sets and try to use them in adverse conditions, they tend to get confused. They can misclassify objects - such as pedestrians and other vehicles - or,

cause of the changes in sensor data caused by snowfall."

The data set was collected with a Lincoln MKZ hybrid dubbed the "Autonomoose". The vehicle - equipped with sensors, eight cameras, a lidar and a GPS track-

even miss them entirely, all be- er-collected data from more than 1,000 kilometers of driving.

Through the use of computer and human image recognition, the San Francisco-based company -Scale AI- was able to identify more than 178,000 vehicles and 83,000 pedestrian instances.

"Data is a critical bottleneck in current machine learning research," Alexander Wang, Founder and CEO of ScaleAI, said.

"Without reliable high-quality data, that captures the reality of driving in winter, it simply won't be possible to build

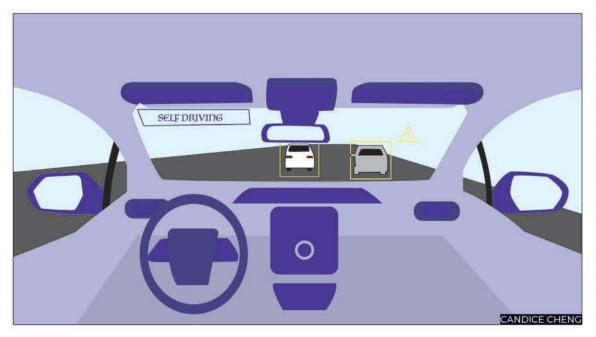
self-driving systems that work safely in these environments."

The next step is to implement the data set, within current software, to program self-driving cars for a Canadian winter environment.

"We're hoping that both industry and academia go nuts with it," Waslander said. "We want the world to be working on driving everywhere, and bad weather is a condition that is going to happen. We don't want Canada to be 10 or 15 years behind simply ,because conditions can be a bit tougher up

This game-changing data will be critical in furthering research in the developing field of autonomous driving.

"We want to engage the research community to generate new ideas and enable innovation," Krzysztof Czarnecki, a Professor at UW and Researcher for the Canadian Adverse Driving Conditions data set, said. "This is how you can solve really hard problems; the problems that are just too big for anyone to solve on their own."



The University of Waterloo and Rogers partner in real-world 5G network research

Sarah Hammond Reporter

 $R^{
m ogers}$ is bringing Canada's first 5G network to 18 new cities and towns in Ontario, including Kitchener and Waterloo. This makes their 5G network the largest in Canada, supporting a total of 50 cities and towns.

With new technology comes a major research opportunity that UW is not missing out on. Rogers and UW have entered in a threeyear, multi-million-dollar partnership to test the applications and efficiency of Rogers' 5G network.

UW's 5G Smart Campus will help advance 5G research and technology through projects, including but not limited to 5G smart city infrastructure monitoring, alerting systems, as well as 5G network design and operations research.

This partnership puts the University at the forefront of 5G research in a real-world setting, making it the first smart campus in Canada to accomplish this.

This technology has become invaluable to some during the pandemic, given its unmatched speed and reliability compared to any other wireless technology. Many new phones come equipped with 5G, including the iPhone 12 and Samsung Galaxy S10 and above.

Rogers is also collaborating with ENCQOR 5G, a five-year partnership agreement between government and industry leaders that aims to accelerate the development of 5G infrastructure in Canada. This is a \$400-million-dollar partnership supported by the Government of Canada, Ontario, and Quebec that will allow enterprises to make the most out of the new technology across the country.

A widespread 5G network will increase the capabilities of wireless technology significantly, allowing for a large increase in connected devices and creating a much shorter response time. It will theoretically drop the lag between sending a request to the network and receiving a response to one millisecond.



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The Memorial Anchor (Danish: Mindeankret) is a maritime memorial in Copenhagen.

Danica Halum Reporter

openhagen is the home of fairy tales. Besides Denmark being the home of famed writer Hans Christian Andersen, Copenhagen's royal palaces, legendary amusement park, and unique architecture colors the city in a picturesque scene. Experience the city on wheels as you bike through its many pathways, as the Danish city is also renowned as one of the world's biking capitals, next to Amsterdam. Witness just how calm and collected Copenhagen is and enjoy the peace and serenity it entails as you grab a quick bite from the international food

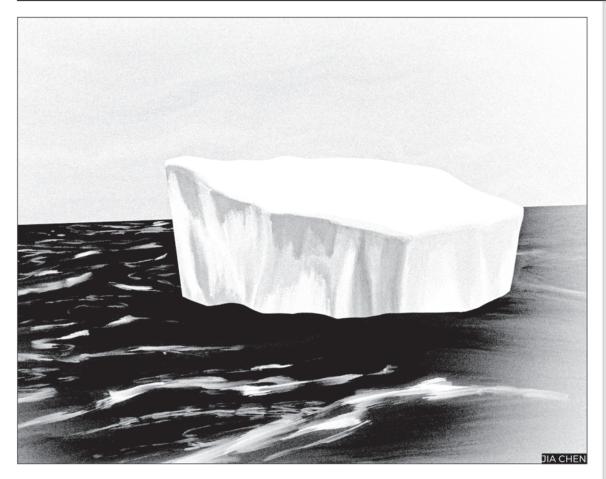
Tivoli Gardens / This historic amusement park is one of the oldest functioning in the world. You can take the many carnival rides and relive your childhood days. As you

stroll around, you'll also notice the plethora of flora in the area during the spring and summer seasons. Nearby is the new Tivoli Food Hall, consisting of multiple food choices from the international gustatory sphere. With all these activities, there is no shortage of fun to experience at this lovely

Nyhavn / If Tivoli Gardens is not Copenhagen's iconic place, Nyhavn is. It is the first picture that comes to mind when you think of Copenhagen. It is characterized by the array of vibrantly coloured houses facing the namesake canal. At the bottom of these buildings are plenty of restaurants and cafes. I've personally never tried eating here but I would still recommend trying other low-key areas, as Nyhavn is quite touristy.

Amalienborg & Christianborg / These are the two most noted palaces in Copenhagen where the Danish royalty resided. These palaces are well worth a visit for their ornate interiors and historic museums. If you're not into museums, you can see what they have at the nearby street sellers, and maybe grab a (not so) quick bite while you wait for your companions as they take their sweet

cold cuts, spreads, and garnishes. It's simple time admiring the interiors. and you might unknowingly make it on the regular, but what elevates this dish is the Copenhagen has a surprisingly diverse preparation of the ingredients and their food scene from various corners of countless fun combinations. Denmark's the world. If you find yourself in quality of produce has to be one of the a food hub, such as Torvehallerne, best in the world and you can witness it Reffen, and the previously menfor yourself upon tasting the ingreditioned Tivoli Food Hall, you'll find ents. Many Scandinavian dishes Indian curry stews, sushi, and have an earthy undertone, aiming even Filipino food among the to enhance their ingredients' natvariety of other dishes. Many ural flavors instead of concealing of the international food stalls them. A clever smørrebrød can are run by natives of that cuicreate the perfect alchemy for a whole party in your mouth. These sine who know what they're doing, so you need not wordefinitely look more aesthetically ry about a lack of spirit pleasing than your regular egg in the food. Despite my sandwich. digression into the glob-Experience true seal nature of the foods renity in Copenhagen. here, Denmark's array Things are smooth of Scandinavian dishsailing in this stunes brings out the best ning waterfront natural qualities of city. their ingredients.



Raise ALARM at **THEMUSEUM**

Zainab Muneer Reporter

THEMUSEUM's "ALARM Responding to Our Climate Emergency exhibition" has been extended to Jan. 3, 2021.

"ALARM" first opened in January, 2020, as a response to the City of Kitchener declaring a climate emergency. With four connected exhibitions, "ALARM" advocates for immediate action on climate change.

Two of the four original exhibitions are still running: "Agents for Change | Facing the Anthropocene" and "Melting Ice". A new exhibition titled "Grand Expressions" has since been added to the selection.

Co-curated by Nina Czegledy and Jane Tingley, "Agents for Change" features artwork from 10 interdisciplinary artists whose work explores the theme of ecological change.

These artists are working at the intersection of science, technology, and art.

"Melting Ice" features the work

of two local photographers, Ben Eby and Brian Riddell, from their recent trips to the Antarctic and the Arctic circle, as well as an interactive iceberg installation.

Eby spoke about his connection to the Arctic and how the connection inspired his art. "I went to the Arctic Circle for my first time, and I just loved that landscape up there, loved the wildlife, loved the ice [laughs] and I was hooked after that," Eby said.

Eby's pieces fit perfectly with an exhibition about the threat of a climate emergency: the Arctic is shrinking rapidly, exacerbating the effects of climate change.

His photographs memorialize a world that may soon no longer

Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, Eby encouraged people to experience the exhibition in person. "It's been a strange year for art," he acknowledged, "and particularly difficult for museums, where you usually attend in groups. But it's really important to see such important and significant artwork displayed [in an exhibition]."

Eby attended opening night and expressed his joy at seeing everything come together so successful-

"Grand Expressions" features work from Indigenous youth at Six Nations of the Grand River, who created pieces to share their stories about water. These stories include testimonies about lack of access to safe drinking water and teachings that have been passed down for generations in their communities.

The project is a co-created collaboration between Elaine Ho, a UW PhD Candidate, and Richelle Miller, Music Coordinator for the Spirit & Indigenous Visual Arts.

With "ALARM", THEMUSEUM aspires to highlight efforts being made to conserve the climate and explore opportunities for people to help build an eco-friendly fu-

"It is important, as a community, we get back to the narrative of climate emergency. The impact on humans by COVID-19 will pale compared to the collapse of our environment," David Marskell, CEO of THEMUSEUM, said.

Stories from home

In a time when we are questioning our faith in humanity, Imprint brings you stories that try to capture the core of humanity: hapiness. Stories to give you hope; one person, one story at a time. In out physically distanced world, you never know who you might feel closer to.

've always loved playing Nintendo games but in particular, Pokemon games were always my favourite. I love the nostalgia it gives me and even now they're one of my favourite games to play.

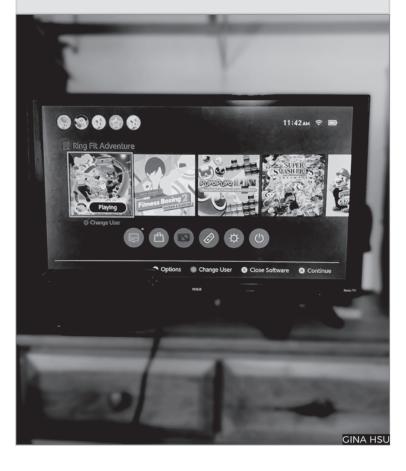
During the beginning of quarantine, I was still adjusting to the work-from-home lifestyle and it was hard separating work-time from metime. My girlfriend came to visit me in Ottawa and brought her Nintendo Switch along too. Before then, I had rarely played on the Switch but having the opportunity to play games like Mario Kart, Mario Party, and Super Smash Bros renewed my appreciation for Nintendo systems and their games.

After playing on her Switch for a couple of months, I finally made the decision to buy one for myself. I ended up getting a great deal for mine and got Pokemon Sword as part of the package.

Since then, I've been able to play through the game during my downtime. It brings me back to the childlike wonder I use to have for the game. Learning all the new characters, their types and move-sets was one of my favourite parts of playing Pokemon and now having the ability to do all that during a time where everything is uncertain brings me to my happy place.

I've also recently purchased Ringfit for my Switch so hopefully, I can work off the quarantine 15.

Jarrid Brake



sports & health



Young adults responsible for spread in Waterloo's worst COVID-19 month

Julie Daugavieti Sports and Health Editor

In Waterloo's worst month for COVID-19 cases, this November, there have been 658 new cases in the region, already surpassing the previous month high of 633 cases in April.

With case numbers steadily on the rise since September, Waterloo is not alone in experiencing a surge of COVID-19 spread.

According to the Ontario Ministry of Health, more than one-third of active cases are among people in their 20s, even though this age group makes up only 14 percent of the province's population.

The reason for the rise in young adult cases is unknown, with 54 percent of cases labelled "no epidemiological link", meaning the coronavirus is being spread through run-of-the-mill interactions in the community.

Health professionals say there could be many reasons that young adults are being disproportionately infected, from a lack of caution to a necessity to work in potentially hazardous environments.

"You hear anecdotally, it's because people in that age bracket are less scared and they're not taking the precautions that other age groups are taking," Ashleigh Tuite, a Toronto Epidemiologist, said.

"Another explanation is that a lot of people in that age demographic need to be out to work. They're the people who are working in restaurants. They're the people who are working in bars."

Though young people are less likely to become seriously ill from

the virus, with the majority of carriers of the virus under 40, they can pass it to vulnerable groups such as the elderly, who bear a much higher risk, if exposed.

The majority of cases are in concentrated urban areas, displaying the significance of reduced social distancing.

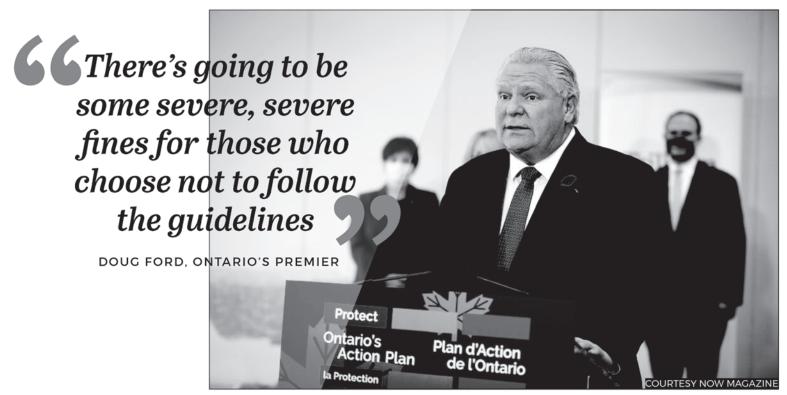
"The vast majority of trans-

mission is with close contact with someone who's infected, typically for a prolonged period of time in an indoor environment," Dr. Isaac Bogoch, a Toronto-based Infectious Disease Specialist, said.

Ontario health officials say stricter spread prevention measures will be implemented in the near future, including lowering the maximum size of social gatherings and harsher fines for people who break public health rules.

"There's going to be some severe, severe fines for those who choose not to follow the guidelines," Doug Ford, Ontario's Premier, said.

"They will be the highest in the country."







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The complications of student housing in Waterloo

fter my first year at UW, finding a new apartment to live in outside campus was both a novel and challenging experience. I'd heard about a bunch of student residences and leasing companies across town that I could choose from, and decided to explore my options from each of them.

Cost of living and the location relative to campus were the main factors I considered while choosing accommodation, but, little did I realize there were many other factors that would affect my living experience.

Unless you live with people you know already, you don't get to choose your roommates. One of my roommates, for example, would constantly be under the influence of something, and would occasionally argue fiercely with strangers in the apartment. This was not only distracting and loud, but also slightly worrying since I did not know what was happening.

A friend who lived in the building next to mine also had some issues with his roommate, who was forced to leave the apartment due to possession of illegal drugs. In another student residence building on Columbia Street, there was a reported stabbing that was covered by the press. I've also read

posts on Facebook about student housing groups where an individual had chained his room door and attached it to the floor in order to avoid paying rent, in addition to impersonating the leaseholder of the room.

Reports like these, not surprisingly, raise concerns as to whether living off campus is actually safe. I remember walking into a friend's house one evening to find a wooden dining table being

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trucks approaching in the distance. Many have told me that they never get back the initial security deposit that they pay to certain leasing companies while signing a new lease, even though it is promised by the company. Upon asking for the deposit back, they respond by pointing out minor damages in the apartment, and use those to hold on to the deposit.

> In my opinion, having good landlords and roommates in Waterloo is heavily based on luck. Student-living in the city can be a bad experience riddled with discomfort and irritation, but it can also be full of adventure. Nonetheless, it is always

landlords and other sources of information on the community of certain apartments and houses in Waterloo before signing a lease. You can find reviews for properties on Reddit and Facebook,

a good idea to look into

and consult with Off Campus Housing at UW to learn more about what to watch out for. **Rohit Kaushik**





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Friday, November 27 **Virtual 2020 Tree of Bright Stars**

memorial event presented by Bereaved Families of Ontario-Midwestern Region is now being organized. Personalized ornaments will be available as well. For more info call 519-603-0196 or admin@ bfomidwest.org.

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Motion: Resolved, the membership approves the agenda for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Resolved, the membership approves the minutes for the 2020 AGM.

BOARD MESSAGE

APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT

Motion: Resolved, the membership accepts the audit.

RATIFICATION OF BYLAW CHANGES

Motion: Resolved, the membership accepts the new bylaw changes.

APPROVAL OF FEE INCREASE

Motion: Resolved, the membership accepts the new fee increase.

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Motion: Resolved, by membership.

DISSOLUTION OF IMPRINT PUBLICATIONS

Motion: Resolved, by membership.

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Q: WHAT DO YOU GET WHEN YOU CROSS A SNOWMAN WITH A VAMPIRE?

A: FROSTBITE!

KIRIT SHERGIL

The most important meal of the day

Across

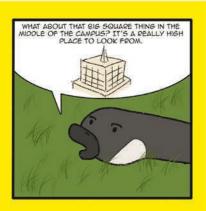
- Acronym in education
- Something to devil
- **Bulb numbers**
- Group of fish
- havoc, cause great damage
- Chatting up privately
- Toucan Sam's boxful (5,5)
- The Queen's late sister
- 1942 circus-set Disney anima-
- 10. Type of malicious software
- 11. Aunt you might have over for breakfast
- 12. Whereabouts excuse
- 13. What Goldilocks took from her visit to the bears?
- 14. Quarantine fatigue feeling
- 15. Tranquil
- 16. Chess piece; bird

Down

- 'They're great!' (7,6)
- Japanese horseradish
- Asleep
- Get ready for the big game, perhaps
- Calls forth
- Seal eaters
- Young sheep
- Kind of cracker
- Colourful fuel that's squeezed
- 10. This painter must face his canvas
- 11. Curly hairstyle
- 12. Association of workers
- 13. Object of worship
- 14. Debit card code, briefly
- 15. Footloose actor Kevin or presenter Richard?
- 16. Press with an iron
- 17. ___ Fifth Avenue
- 18. What makes a woman blush!
- 19. 'Stranger Things' waffle brand









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