Series of Terrorist Attacks Strike Kabul

Kabul has experienced a recent surge of violence, with four major assaults in just over a week that, combined, killed over one hundred people and leaving many more injured.

The Military Academy

An attack on Marshall Fahim Military Academy outside Kabul on Monday, January 29, killed at least eleven, leaving sixteen others injured. ISIS has taken credit, according to their news outlet Amaq. One attacker detonated his suicide vest at the base’s entrance at 5:00 local time. That was followed by a gun battle with troops lasting well past daybreak.

Defence ministry spokesman Dawlat Waziri told BBC “There were five attacks,lasting well past daybreak. The suicide bomber drove an ambulance full of explosives onto the crowded street at 12:15 local time, passing the police checkpoint by saying that he was taking a patient to nearby Jamburat hospital. The International Committee of the Red Cross said using an ambulance for this horrible act was “harrowing.”

The Taliban is taking credit for what is Afghanistan’s deadliest attack in months. Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid cited US efforts to assist Afghan forces with troops and air strikes, saying, “If you go ahead with a policy of aggression and speak from the barrel of a gun, don’t expect Afghans to grow flowers in response.”

The Afghan government has condemned this as a crime against humanity, accusing Pakistan of providing support to the attackers. US President Donald Trump said, “Now, all countries should take decisive action against the Taliban and the terrorist infrastructure that supports them…The Taliban’s cruelty will not prevail.” Other world leaders have also expressed their condolences, and called this event a violation of human rights.

The Aid Agency

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Save the Children is an international aid agency, with the mission to provide better access to education, healthcare, and essential supplies to children across the world. They have worked in Afghanistan since 1976, running programs in sixteen provinces across the country and reaching 700,000 children over the years.

The Hotel

The first in this wave of attacks was on Kabul’s Intercontinental Hotel on Saturday, January 27, in Kabul’s crowded centre killed 103 people, and injured 235, according to Interior Minister Wais Barmak. This area is home to government buildings, embassies, a hospital, and a shopping zone known as Chicken Street.

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Letter From the Editor

... And That's My Cue to Exit

On January 29, 2018, The Iron Warrior Advisory Board met to ratify the Iron Warrior Manual Update, which is the latest version of the governing document for The Iron Warrior. The changes, which had previously been presented to both The Iron Warrior staff and to the Engineering Society Council, were passed by consensus.

There are a variety of changes to the policy manual, not all of which will be discussed here. Some of the most notable changes are:

- 5.2.2.1: Formalizing the Engineering Society’s advertising discount at half the regular rate
- 7.1.1: Establish quorum for the Advisory Board at four voting members
- 7.1.6: Selection process for the Student-at-Large

The new document can be found at iwarrior.uwaterloo.ca/pdf/policy-manual-5.pdf

Iron Warrior Policy Manual Update

Greetings, all. Hope you enjoyed my editorial last week about why a lug is such a great symbol of potential. I think that, especially when we’re immersed in a galaxy far away, taking an unconventional approach to the editorial and spend a bit more time to simply speak my mind. I’m sure that my writers will forgive me for that.

A lot has happened since the start of the year. The American government shut down and reopened (sorry about being out of date on that one). President Donald Trump has given us no shortage of his usual shenanigans to discuss, the raise in co-op fees has been raising tension across campus, and just last week, we had “Let’s Talk” day devoted to raising awareness of mental health. With all this in mind, I think that there is one topic in particular that is important to talk about right now.

Star Wars.

Now don’t close the paper yet. This isn’t going to be a rant about “The Last Jedi”. I’m sure that enough people are getting sick and tired of those already. I just want to take some time to talk about everybody’s favourite little droid, R2-D2. Anybody who has watched the series will probably know that R2 usually pops up at the last minute and saves everybody. It’s present for most major plot points and, even though he’s only a side character, he still comes across as an anchor at the last minute and saves everybody. He’s present for most major plot points and, even though he’s only a side character, he still comes across as an anchor at the last minute and saves everybody. He’s present for most major plot points and, even though he’s only a side character, he still comes across as an anchor at the last minute and saves everybody. He’s present for most major plot points and, even though he’s only a side character, he still comes across as an anchor at the last minute and saves everybody.

This all extends to the world outside of the university. The world always seems like it’s getting progressively worse. I’m sure that most of the readers out there would be happy to hear me summarize that statement with the name of a certain president of the United States. But R2 watched a significantly worse public official get elected in his time. It never caused him to act any differently. Like I said before, everything is a matter of perspective.

Unfortunately, perspective can be a two-sided coin. It’s always good to high-light the good times when you can power through adversity and stay motivated. But there are also those other times. Life can be good. You can have a lot of friends. You can have high grades. You can be doing well in so many different areas, but it won’t matter, simply because of the perspective that you have towards your life. You can do a dozen things right but choose to focus on the one thing that you did wrong. Like I said in my last editorial, Darth Vader would tell the story much differently than R2-D2. When things get tough, it can sometimes be easy to only focus on the negative and ignore the positive completely.

All that I can say about these situations is that it’s in these times that we need to look to the master. R2 isn’t centre frame for every scene in every Star Wars movie. We’d get bored of him if he was. There are major plot points that happen when he, the narrator, isn’t even present. The only thing that I can say is that it is sometimes important to step aside and let other people take over the plot while you focus on yourself. It’s okay to step aside and take a break now and again while the audience watches people hack at each other with laser swords for bit. It doesn’t mean that you aren’t a part of the story anymore. It just means that you don’t want things to get too boring.

On that topic, I think that I should bring up an announcement that I wanted to save until the very end. For personal reasons, I am stepping down as Editor-In-Chief. But the铁甲 Podcast, the voice of the Iron Warrior. I wish that I could have gotten more of these out of the paper, but none the less, I have loved my time as editor and am very sad to see that time cut short. The nature of these circumstances was sudden and fortunately, Cameron Sollys, a long-time writer and former Editor-In-Chief will be able to take my place despite the short notice. I believe that we should also all be thankful that we have Raeesa Ashique as an assistant editor to help fill the gap that I’m leaving behind. If you are still interested in reading my articles, I will be staying on as a writer, so be sure to check out Electro-Nick’s Electronics when you can.

Of course, some of you might be wondering why I had to leave so suddenly. To that, I simply am going to say that R2-D2 has to go to Dagaba for a while to help Luke Skywalker with his training. Don’t worry though, he’ll be back soon enough to fix the hyperdrive on the millennium falcon.

Now, keep in mind in all of this is just my opinion, but you can trust my opinion. I may not be an expert, but I know that things will turn out for the best. May the force be with you.

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The former editor-in-chief of The Iron Warrior, now a full-time engineering student, offers advice and perspectives on the importance of perspective in both personal and professional contexts. The Iron Warrior encourages submissions from students, faculty and staff of the university in general. The authors encourages submissions from students, faculty and staff of the university in general. The authors encourages submissions from students, faculty and staff of the university in general. The authors encourages submissions from students, faculty and staff of the university in general. The authors encourages submissions from students, faculty and staff of the university in general.
By now, you’ve probably noticed the campaign against CECA涌起的原因是它们对：avoid; they’re on your route to class, they’re in your face on bathroom walls and now they’re a deal on display in the form of not one but two response emails. Why should we care, why indeed does Pro-

test CECA care? As Engineering students at the University of Waterloo, it is mandatory for us to be en-
rolled and take part in Co-op. Waterloo Co-
op, the holy grail held up as a golden stand-
ard for engineering students across the year?

Now it may seem that the Protest is one-
sided. Why criticize CECA now, we know they’re raising fees for reasons—not a year has gone by in which they haven’t raised them. Additionally, why are they asking CECA to show us their budget, when there has been an investigation into this that has been ongoing for the year now?

The plain fact of the matter isn’t that the 

Protest is some silly, shallow, almost-too-
late-to-the-tea-party movement. It’s the re-

sult of a slow burn and it’s exploding now 

because we don’t want to wait any longer.

We don’t want fees raised for a reason that 

seems to be a fee excuse for earning more 

money from a cash-strapped popula-

tion, we just want to know where the money is 

going.

Transparency. That is what this movement is 

all about. That’s what we want, and we 

want it now. We don’t want to keep paying 

more, blindly; we want to know why.

As the petition is a case in point, the reason 

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for such a fee increase is still in pro-

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dive.” The “deep dive” is on-going but it’s 

very rare to do so.

Since starting their Change.org petition, 

Protest CECA has raised over 2,900 signa-
tures in the time of writing this article with 

more expected in the coming days.

Respondents to the petition have shared their 

reasons for protesting, which are mostly cen-
tered around CECA’s claims that fee hikes are 

going towards salaries. One student say-

ing, “CECA is a most ancient and revered in-

stitution dating from 2015, which stipulates that 

the co-op fee is spent on staff salaries, which the 

Feds are reasonable; it is simply a question of 

whether—or not it is appropriate to ask. The 

response to the petition has proved but little sanguine to the 

netizens of Waterloo Works, as well as sundry 

students to know that those to whom they 

are outrageous high for the little amount of 

service that students receive from CECA. 

Especially since this is currently being in-

vestigated the salary increase should not be 

considered a premium hike in the price of 

our tuition. Our tuition and fees are some of 

the highest in Ontario and Canada as a whole.”

Is it true that I’m no great fan of CECA, I 

do believe their services are representative of 

the money we pay, and I don’t think they can 

be measured. I think that CECA’s advice to 

students is often rude, unhelpful and downright 

demeaning, and students feel that 

employers are treated as more important 

than students, that the integrity of CECA is 

undermined, and that the Co-op program is 

changing anything concrete, but it is show-

ing us our rights and we’re working on it.

That doesn’t really solve much.

And to be honest, none of us will really 

be satisfied until they make their decision 

(which is February 6th when the University 

Board of Governors votes on it.)

Waterloo has the largest co-op program 

in Canada; it makes sense that the fee is 

rising with more and more competitive 

entries into our co-op programs and 

faculties. According to the 2017 annual 

report, 72.4% of students in the Fall 2016 

class are registered in a co-op program; 

that’s around 20,000. So let’s take 20 000 

and multiply it by $709, the current coop 

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The End of Gerrymandering?

Logan Paul: What Was He Thinking?

The second reason for optimism this time revolves around a similar case arising from Maryland being accepted for a hearing before the court. In the Maryland case, elected representatives have not been found guilty of gerrymandering (the state's electoral districts).

The court normally does not take on two cases that are so similar to each other, but in this case it might present a particular advantage. The Supreme Court, in its role as the neutral interpreter of American law, attempts to protect its reputation for neutrality wherever it can. In a like case, there are where very clear political winners and losers, and the court is likely to seek to avoid any accusations of partisanship. Therefore presents particular advantages if it is to be rule against the gerrymandering maps of both parties and hence avoid any accusations of partisanship within the court.

The court rules that partisan gerrymandering is an unconstitutional activity that can be rationally identified and stopped, the impact on American democracy and the general structures by which Americans govern themselves will be huge. It will become much harder for elected representatives to completely ignore the people they represent and just trust in a skewed map to consistently return them to office. In a way, solving the problem of gerrymandering would be just another way of perfecting the American union. It’s about damn time.

Logan Paul has not been soft on the issue of YouTube community guidelines. He said he could see ruling against gerrymandering on constitutional grounds. He said he could see ruling against gerrymandering if any future plaintiff is able to prove that the process of making a map like this was objectionable to the constitutional protection of gerrymandering.

The question is, will we see a landmark case before the Supreme Court? This is the process of creating a court case that can have a significant impact on the future of American democracy.

The controversy surrounding Logan Paul's video featuring the Japanese Suicide hot spot is one that has gained much attention. The video showed Logan Paul and his crew visiting the Golden Gate Bridge, which has been the site of many suicide attempts. The video was widely criticized for its explicit portrayals of suicide and the potential it posed to incite copycat behavior.

The incident highlights the need for a more comprehensive approach to mental health awareness and suicide prevention. It also underscores the importance of responsible content creation and the ethical considerations that should be taken into account when producing and distributing media.

The incident also raises questions about the role of social media platforms in shaping public opinion and the potential for content to have a harmful impact on vulnerable individuals. It is crucial that platforms take responsibility for the content they host and promote, ensuring that it is not only compliant with legal standards but also aligned with values of compassion and respect.

The controversy around Logan Paul's video is an opportunity to reflect on the broader issue of mental health awareness in society. It calls for a collective effort to address the stigma surrounding mental illness and to support those who are struggling with their mental health. By promoting a more empathetic and understanding approach, society can work towards creating a safer and more supportive environment for all.

The incident is a stark reminder of the power of social media and the impact it can have on individuals and communities. It is a call to action for all stakeholders to work together to ensure that the online space is a place of understanding and support, rather than one that could potentially incite harm.

Logan Paul's video was a significant event that captured the attention of the public and sparked a heated debate. It serves as a reminder of the need for responsible content creation and the importance of considering the potential impact of media on individuals and society as a whole.
Looking beyond the solar system, there is all the gas giants sport rings of varying size—plenty of other examples. In the solar system, Saturn’s spectacular rings are not the only example; the planet’s magnificent rings stretch from impacts between the planet’s narrow rings are made of dust, probably originating from impacts between the planet’s moons and asteroids. Saturn’s rings consist of ice and some rock, with many pebbles about 2 cm in size. The rings of Uranus are even bigger, including large ice boulders that can be metres across. Neptune’s rings are the least well-studied of these rings, but are thought to consist of small particles of rock and ice.

Planetary rings are mysterious, and their formation seems almost implausible or designed. The structures are incredibly wide and incredibly thin. In some cases, the line between dense rings and empty space is naturally stark. It seems incredible to think that they are naturally occurring.

Planetary Jewelry

Saturn, the second-largest planet in the solar system, is often lauded with the title “Jewel of the Solar System.” This title is well-deserved; the planet’s magnificent rings stretch far off into space, a beautiful circuit adorning Saturn’s yellow lateral stripes. However, Saturn’s spectacular rings are not the only example of the incredible ring structure; there are plenty of other examples. In the solar system, all the gas giants sport rings of varying size and opacity. A few small planetoids, such as Phobos and Deimos orbit Saturn, respectively, confirms this observation; Saturn’s rings have, in some cases, sharp and definite edges.

Planetary rings are composed of many tiny objects orbiting a planet. These rings are extremely thin—1 km thick, in Saturn’s case—yet incredibly wide—480 000 km in radius for Saturn. In many cases, the density of material can vary by huge amounts depending on the radius of the orbit. This is particularly obvious with Saturn, since it has the most prominent rings; there are rings of darkness as well as yellow-gold. From a far-away Earth perspective, with a small telescope, these rings of darkness—regions of space and emptiness—appear to have sharp edges. Surprisingly, work from satellites such as the Voyager probes and Cassini that flew past and orbited Saturn, respectively, confirms this observation; Saturn’s rings have, in some cases, sharp and definite edges.

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The State of the Union

President Trump delivered his maiden State of the Union address on Tuesday, January 30. At an hour and twenty minutes, the speech drew nearly 46 million television viewers.

Apparently, his administration is “building a safe, strong, and proud America”, and “there has never been a better time to start living the American dream.” He called for bipartisan cooperation with Democrats—ironic, since cooperation has been severely lacking throughout the duration of his term—saying, “Tonight I am extending an open hand to work with members of both parties, Democrats and Republicans, to protect our citizens, of every background, colour and creed.” However, he tarnished the pledge to revisit the issue of immigration with the seemingly snide comment, “Ameri- cans are dreamers, too.” This is a reference to the topic of Dreamers, which is addressed later in the article.

Trump began by braggading about his economic record: the low unemployment rate, restored consumer and business confidence, and a high stock market. While it is true that the economy is prospering, the accompanying statistics are much lower than one might expect.

Presidents generally take the opportunity in this address to introduce new policy initia- tives; eager to be different, Trump spent more time bragging than speaking towards pro- ductive matters. His noted policy initiatives included lowering the high cost of prescrip- tion drugs, investing in American infrastruc- ture, and prison reform. However, he did not specify how these prices could be reduced, or from where the target of $1 trillion to invest in infrastructure would come.

Joseph Kennedy III, great-nephew of Pres- ident John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts con- gressman, delivered the Democratic rebuttal, calling the presidency “chaos”, and noting that “many have spent the past year anxious, angry, and afraid.”

The “Putin List”

The US Treasury Department released a list of 210 prominent Russians last week, as part of the sanctions law—Countering America’s Adversaries Through Sanctions Act (Caasta)—passed by Congress in Au- gust. The government stressed that this “is not a sanctions list, and the inclusion of indi- viduals or entities... does not and in no way should be interpreted to impose sanctions on those individuals or entities.” It also noted that “inclusion on the unclassified list indi- cates that the US Government has information about the individual’s involvement in malign activities.”

The sanctions law is meant to punish Rus- sia for meddling in the 2016 US election, its human rights violations, the annexation of Crimea, and ongoing military operations in Ukraine.

However, by not imposing new sanctions on said persons, some US lawmakers say that Trump is giving Russia a free pass.

Trump begrudgingly signed the act with ten minutes to midnight on the deadline of January 29, attaching a statement calling it “deeply flawed”. In a very Trump-esque manner, he said, “As president, I can make far better deals with foreign countries than Congress.” The US government also argued that Caasta had already pushed other govern- ments to cancel deals with Russia worth bil- lions of dollars, so sanctions were not neces- sary. State department Heather Nauert said, “From that perspective, if the law is working, sanctions on specific entities or individuals will not need to be imposed because the leg- islation is, in fact, serving as a deterrent.”

The list included 114 politicians—exclud- ing Putin—and 96 oligarchs. The politicians include all forty of Putin’s allies and top law enforcement official, s y c h e f s A l e x e i

Bortnikov of the Federal Security Ser- vice (FSB) and Sergei Naryshkin of the For- eign Intelligence Service (SVR), and CEOs of all major state-owned companies. The oligarchs appear to be from a Forbes maga- zine ranking of Russia billionaires, arranged alphabetically; they are all worth more than $1 billion and affiliation with the Kremlin does not seem to be a factor. In fact, the Ananayar brothers are included although they fled the country last year, threatening to sue the government after their bank was declared bankrupt.

By calling attention to those who have benefited under Putin’s rule, this list isolates Putin’s government diplomatically and eco- nomically.

The Kremlin is calling this an attempt to meddle in their presidential election, as it could damage the reputation of those named. Putin called the list a “hostile step”, but that he will not act: “We were waiting for this list to come out, and I’m not going to hide it: We were going to take steps in response, and, mind you, serious steps, that could push our relations to the nadir. But we’re going to refrain from taking these steps for now.”

Government Reopens

The American government shutdown for three days, starting on Friday, January 19, when Republicans and Democrats could not agree on a bill to temporarily fund the gov- ernment. Trump signed a stopping fund bill late on Monday, allowing hundreds of thousands of government workers to return to work on Tuesday. This is the fourth tem- porary funding bill since October, which will keep the government open until February 8; the Senate approved it by 81-18, and the House by 266-150.

Trump ended Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) in September, which pro- tects nearly 800,000 undocumented people who were brought to the country as children, saying that he would reinstate the policy for applications for the Mexico border wall. Immigration issues have been entan- gled with the budget ever since, as Demo- crats are looking to protect “Dreamers” from deportation.

However, the Democrats caved on this is- sue, as they did not want to be blamed for government shutdowns. In an interview, Trump said, “I am pleased that Democrats in Congress have come to their senses.” Major- ity Leader Mitch McConnell has promised to discuss this issue further at a later date.

Donald, the Superbug

Rapper Jay-Z appeared on CNN’s The Van Jones Show, and called the exclusion of African countries as “*4h0le* countries” “disappointing and hurtful”. He said that the election has highlighted fundamental issues of racism in the country, including “how peo- ple talk...behind closed doors”.

“You have sprayed perfume on the trash can... While we do when included the bugs come. You spray something and you create a superbug because you don’t take care of the problem.”

“You can’t take the trash out, you keep spraying whatever over it to make it accepta- ble. As those things grow, you create a super- bug. And when now we have Donald Trump, the superbug.”

President Trump tweeted a characteristi- cally immature response: “Somebody please inform Jay-Z that because of my policies, black unemployment has just been reported to be at the LOWEST RATE EVER RE- Corded!” First of all, this is false. African American unemployment has been reported to a his- toric low at 6.8% in December. Jay-Z also commented on unemployment figures on the show; “It’s not about money at the end of the day...That’s missing the whole point. You treat people like human beings... that’s the main point.”

The State of the Union...
Trudeau’s Approval Rating at “Middle Marriage” Phase

How did Canada’s overly positive view of the young and charismatic Justin Trudeau slide back to the status quo so quickly? Let’s review the Liberal party’s policy during the 2015 election and how Trudeau’s government has delivered. The Liberals campaigned on a platform of:

- Ending airstrikes on Syria
- Running three fiscal deficits to fund infrastructure programs
- Funding for housing projects
- Support an inquiry into missing and murdered Aboriginal women
- The establishment of a youth advisory council
- Funding the establishment of more youth jobs
- Amended bill C-51
- With the next federal election set for October of 2019, how well has the Liberal government returned on their campaign promises?

Here is a list of accomplishments and the status of their promises:

- Moved the retirement age from 67 to 65 (March 2016)
- Recreational marijuana is set to be legalized (July 2018)
- 9 Veteran Affairs offices reopened out of 116 locations currently active (December 2017)
- Child benefits reform set to take action soon (July 2018)
- Electoral reform ambitions abandoned (February 2017)
- GRIP* enacted (January 2018)
- Following previous conservative party’s small business tax plan from 2015 (October 2017)
- No federal carbon tax plan enacted but provincial carbon taxes are enacted in QC, AB, and BC (January 2018)
- Endless Canadian airstrikes in Syria (February 2016)
- Accepted 40,000 Syrian refugees into the country (January 2016)
- 120 billion dollars invested into infrastructure programs (March 2016)
- Revamped senate-appointment system enacted (April 2016)
- Amended Bill C-51 being discussed in Parliament (January 2018)
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As you can see the Liberal government hasn’t been completely stagnant, yet the most common complaint of Trudeau’s government is the sense of inaction. Perhaps it is the immediate impact fullness of the actions the government has taken. Legislation like reworking the Senate appointment system don’t exactly grab news headlines or people’s attentions. The average Canadian doesn’t worry about funding for infrastructure programs everyday. In my opinion, the average Canadian doesn’t worry. We are not in the midst of a war or recession. There is currently no major issue Canadians are discussing for a prolonged period of time for the government to take immediate action. Simply put, this country is not in crisis and, when a country is not in crisis, minor actions made by the government aren’t seen as significant. I believe that the true reason Trudeau’s popularity has fallen wasn’t because of the policies he advocated; it was the feeling of change and the new he instilled in Canadians. Here was a party led by this young and progressive politician replacing the decade old conservative government. People expected change and they got that shortly after the election (gender balanced and multicultural cabinet, and encouraging Syrian refugees, for example), but there just wasn’t and hasn’t been enough big ticket issues to go around till now.

I find today there’s a strong sense of the establishment party being in power and that sense is founded in reason. Justin Trudeau is the son of Pierre Trudeau. With him coming to power, it marks the first political dynasty in Canadian history. The Liberal party is the oldest party in Canada and is centre-left on the political spectrum. But the question I want to you to ask is “is establishment politics really that bad?”. With the 2016 US election still relevant in our collective memories, establishment politics was painted in a negative light by popular candidates Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump. Even Trudeau campaigned on a platform of change and reform. However, with our current “establishment” government, there is no major crisis and most Canadians are living fairly good lives. Looking south of the border at what is apparently a non-establishment government led by a “Washington outsider”, perhaps we should be thankful with the stability Trudeau’s government provides.

* GRIP = Government Response to Investment Pullback

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Hey everyone! This will be a short update, since it’s been a relatively quiet couple of weeks as I wind down after attending Congress earlier in January, and start ramping up for the First-year Integration Congress earlier in January, and start ramping up in March! We’re planning on sending a Waterloo team to a fun inter-school tournament. Keep an eye out in the next few weeks for more information on how to participate in the blood drive and hockey tournament. I’m about to start work on an initiative to update the layout of the LCD screens that are placed throughout the engineering campus. We use them to advertise events, but in general, I find that they aren’t very eye-catching and don’t convey much information. Plus, they’re quite inconvenient for our staff and designers. If you have opinions or suggestions about these screens (or about any other element of our branding), please let me know! I can often be found in the EngSoc office, or email me at vpcomm.a@engsoc.uwaterloo.ca.

Good luck with midterms and interviews!

Over 40 Meetings Later...

Hey friends! Well the past two weeks have been busy, but that just means that I have a lot of things to update you on. I’ll try to focus on the more important things I’ve been working on, and there’s a lot of good news to go around. Firstly, I have continued to work with Mary Robinson (Academic Advisor in the Undergrad Office) on a space utilization plan for increasing student study space on campus, and it is coming along quite well. I will be working to finalize the plan within the next few weeks, and then we’ll be working on sources of funding, so more on that to come. Secondly, I have reached out to the Accessibility Office, as well as to Karen Dubois (the Faculty Space Manager), to discuss the possibility of introducing accessible ramps to the entrances on the second floor of RCH, and she is now looking into quotes so that we can make this happen!

So one thing I had mentioned in my previous article was that I am trialling a ‘POETS study space’ idea for the term, which is happening every Tuesday starting at 6:30 pm. Just know that the space is yours, so please feel free to utilize it. I have also continued my work with the Faculty Strategic Plan, which I now sit on four different committees for: the Undergrad Office, the Dean’s Office, Engineering Computing, and the International Office. Things have been progressing well, and the hope is to have the initial draft for each committee done by February 23. I have been working to set up an in-person meeting with the person in charge of Bar Services, Rob Sexton, to discuss the current relationship between the Engineering Society and Bar Services, so more to come as things develop.

One of the biggest things that has been on my radar this term has been the mental health referendum that we planned on running in order to bring a new Engineering Counsellor to reside in the Undergrad Office. Because of concerns brought up from the Faculty, we’ve come to an agreement that we will not be running the referendum this term. However, we have created such a sterile that word of our referendum has reached the Associate Provost-Students (Chris Read) and is being talked about at the highest levels in our University. Things are not 100% set in stone, but because of the evident need for additional councillors that has been presented, it is looking like we might be getting a brand new Engineering Counsellor, no additional charge to students! Now that this is confirmed, we will better advertise this awesome news, so keep your eyes posted.

On a final personal note from me, I have been very proud to represent all of you as your President, and now I am proud to represent the engineering profession with my shiny new iron ring! That is all from me for now, but if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. ‘Til next time friends! :)
Hi Everyone. More updates! This is Pat Duong your EngSoc VP Academic for the Winter 2018 term! I deal with all things co-op and academic related.

Co-op Fee Deep Dive

See more at watwaterloo.ca/co-op-educational-advisors/co-op-fee

Waterloo Co-op has now updated their co-op fee deep dive information. They have released the summary of an approximate breakdown of the co-op fee (see the figure). About 51% of the co-op fee is directly to explicitly student servicing students (student resources/support/programming, co-op employment process, and new job development). The other 49% goes towards maintaining employer relations, managing co-op (both the educational/your-co-op-fee

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The final report was published in late December 2017, where 7 categories of recommendations were made. Please do look over this report. Some changes to WatPD Engineering that will be happening starting in 2018:

* IS18: 3 PD course deadlines (so that it'll be due midnight for our west coast co-oping friends)
* 183 (running pilots): a choice in assignment frequency (FDS), and allowing upper years to do 2 PD courses in a term (to finish the courses earlier) OR to defer a PD course until the next term if your company is particularly tight co-op) with the departmental academic advisor permission
* Ongoing: transformation of courses into textbook-like assimilated resources to keep up with the field
* Going forwards: resuming PD 22 to decrease workload some spent on the course to match other PD courses, PD 13 development for the Research Co-op designation

Other Discussions

• The impact of the ON minimum wage rise on OSAP (due to parental income eligibility) and co-op employment
• The re-evaluation of Orientation Week, Fall Reading Break, and calendar flexibility
• Nation-wide Engineering Education stance on Workload and mental health
• Have thoughts/opinions/concerns on the topics above? Or anything academic/co-op related?
• My office hours are Fridays 11:30 am - 1:30 pm in the Office or drop me an email at vpsacademic.engsoc.uwaterloo

Other

Engineering Society

Change in Action!

Pre-Hell Week Events

Marcio Shimoda
VP Student Life

Here we are again! Another dawn, another day, another Iron Warrior update from your favourite exe! How are all of you doing? I hope your term is going well. Come hang out with me in the EngSoc office! I like friends.

Co-op Fee Breakdown 2018

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VP Finance

Hello all! Coming into the second month of term now, I’d like to extend congratulations to all of our freshly-ringed fourth years. It’s an exciting time, and hopefully you’d all be regretting the weekend too much. I’ve been to a lot of meetings recently, so I’m going to bring you all up to speed on the goings-on there, and I’ll also get into the POETS excitement.

First, let’s get you up to speed on POETS! Our first licensed event in POETS was a huge success, and the return of Warrior Lager was welcomed by many a fourth year. There’s a photo of the bottle on the POETS Facebook page, and don’t forget that it will be featured at all of our licensed events, and you are allowed to keep one bottle (empty)!

Our next Fourth Year Friday will be licensed and is this Friday, February 9! After that, there’s Feb 16, and March 2 and 9, so if you missed the first one, there’s no need to cry; we’re here all term!

I have a meeting planned with Bar Services this week where I will be discussing the high prices in POETS. I think I speak for everyone when I say I’d like to see the prices a bit lower. Bomber gets lower prices for the same items, so I see no reason why the Engineering Society can’t swing the same. Also on the agenda is our relationship with Bar Services. In the past it was a bit strained, but recently we’ve been models of good behaviour, so we just want to make sure Bar Services appreciates that we are responsible and trustworthy.

I also had a meeting with Abdulf and some from the Engineering Society to talk about moving into E7, with all of the difficulties that entails. We’ll have a much bigger space for RigidWare, of course, so we’re happy to fill it! We’re working out an agreement with the Ideas Clinic and the SDC/Machine Shop to see if we can come to a compromise and make sure students have access to the latest and greatest all the time. This could include tool sign-outs, interesting new items, and access to massive amounts of stock. There’s some more boring back-end stuff that I won’t talk about at this week’s council meeting (catered by Baba Grill), but it’s not all that important to most o’ you.

Finally, kind of on the same topic as above, I had a meeting with Karen Danboks about storage and furniture solutions for RW and the C&D. Karen is being an amazing resource for us so I wanted to give her a major shoutout for being awesome! Basically, RigidWare is going to operate on a service desk model—if you’re bringing you’ll bring a list of items you want, and it will all be gathered and brought to you that way we can save you time browsing the shelves, and we’ll be able to tell you right away if something is unavailable. Hopefully this will help us maximize our throughput, and keep you from waiting too long. With the space we’re being given, there’s also some potential to have small hand-on workshops with our Rigid Techs, but this will be worked out later. There’s also going to be a variety of seating options near the C&D, like save in CPH but much, much more space, so it’s exciting! I will hopefully be able to bring you some sneak peaks of the inside of E7 at the end of term, but we are all going to be moving in for sure in the Fall term! Something to look forward to, all you third years who were unfortunate). Until next issue: keep it cool, folks!
The Iron Crossword
As American As Apple Pie

CAMERON SOLTYS
4B MECHANICAL

ACROSS
1: Exclamation of shock (abbr)
4: Tissue that connects your skin to muscles
11: Movie about a talking teddy bear
14: Sandra and ___, a popular web comic
15: Surround and starve out
16: Single-stranded information molecules
17: Acknowledgement of a debt (abbr)
18: Land of leprechauns and clover
19: Story of Paris and Helen
33: American Film Institute (abbr)
34: Tabletop linear electron accelerator (abbr)
37: ___, easily-decipherable encryption algorithm
39: Did again, for instance data analysis
40: Vehicle for traversing many terrains
41: Female sheep
43: 10 000 years
44: US Great Depression economic policy (2 wd)
45: A non-profit voluntary group (abbr)
46: Exclamation if you don’t have any beer (2 wd)
47: Has a school survival guide
48: Battery or speeding, for instance
50: Repugnant
52: Roald Dhal’s most recent movie (abbr)
53: Exclamation of shock (abbr)
54: Driver’s license for commercial vehicles (abbr)
55: Metal-containing mineral
56: Frequently-missing white and red-wearing man
57: Happy, especially for another
58: Extraterrestrial Biological Entity
59: Period of sleep associated with dreaming (abbr)
60: Universally used on the Voyager spacecrafts
61: Cars have 4 of them
62: Plant originator
67: Private campground network
69: Metal-containing mineral
70: Opposite of start
71: Expression of protest (2 wd)
72: Has a school survival guide

DOWN
1: War starting in 1941 (sic)
2: Used by humans, chimps, and crows
3: Dirty and polluted
4: Standard order at McDonald’s
5: Did again, for instance data analysis
6: German for “donkey”
7: Doesn’t mix with water
8: Low-fat, especially ground meat
9: Name meaning “holy”
10: Colours of the Chilean flag
11: Natural green tower
12: Employment Non-Discrimination Act (abbr)
13: Author of “James and the Giant Peach”
21: Deer that sounds like a bugle
22: Deer that sounds like a bugle
23: Gradient operator
25: Hefor___
26: Maniac confectionery maker Willy
28: First month of the Assyrian and Hebrew religious calendar
30: Trust Your Heart (abbr)
31: Canadian pronunciation of “about”
32: Fine and ___
35: Power source used on the Voyager spacecrafts
36: Society that makes standards for steel
37: First month of the Assyrian and Hebrew religious calendar
38: Nocturnal flying hunter
39: National green tower
40: Live for Speed racing simulator (abbr)
41: Vehicle for traversing many terrains
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57: Happy, especially for another
58: Society that makes standards for steel
59: Period of sleep associated with dreaming (abbr)
60: ___, Musk
61: Cars have 4 of them
62: Plant originator
63: Hyperlink (abbr)
64: Put a program on your computer
66: False statement

Sudoku
#2018-01
CAMERON SOLTYS
4B MECHANICAL

easy

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

Medium

5 3 2 9 8 7 6 1 4
6 1 4 5 3 2 7 9 8

Very Hard

2 3 7 9
8 1 5 4

Solutions for previous crosswords can be found on The Iron Warrior’s website at iwarrior.uwaterloo.ca/distractions.
Welcome back to a very special episode of Broskies on Brewskies, the newly ringed edition. Tristan and I finally made it to that classic rite of passage, the Iron Ring Ceremony, and received our cold iron. Immediately after tossing on our new bling we hit the LCBO to find some new beers to review. This week we’re bringing you four beers from the Wellington Brewery in Guelph. I was introduced to the Wellington brewery by a friend and have enjoyed them ever since.

The first beer up was the Wellington Special Pale Ale. This beer is very reminiscent of the classic craft beer pale ale, but just a little better. It favours malts over hops which cuts down a lot on the bitterness. It’s also a very smooth drink with a good light feel to it. It’s a fairly popular beer, if you find a Wellington beer on tap at a local bar, this is probably the one. Overall we liked this beer well enough and would drink it again, but it’s not something that we’d seek out. We gave it 3.5 stars.

Next up was the Up Side IPA. This returns to the classic IPA bitterness, with both malty and hoppy flavours. It favours citrus heavily, and is fairly acidic which we weren’t super happy about. This acidity ruined the feel of the beer. It’s also definitely a summer patio beer, which wasn’t reflected in this week’s weather. Overall we weren’t super happy with this super hoppy beer. We gave it 2.5/5 stars.

The third beer we sampled was the Kickin’ Back Session IPA. This was the best Wellington beer thus far, and has a nice dry and hoppy taste. It’s also very clearly a summer beer, with more tones of citrus present. They nail the citrus undertones in this beer, which don’t overpower anything and provide nice summery hints. While it was the best beer we’ve had so far it still isn’t really anything to write home about, and we settled on a score of 3.5/5 stars.

Our last beer was the Russian Stout, which was a large departure after three pale ales. As usual we were a little split when it came to the stout. I like stouts far more than Tristan does, and it’s one of the key differences in our palettes. This stout was very well put together though. Undertones of chocolate and coffee come through in varying levels with each sip, and it feels very nice and rich. There’s a fine line to toe with stouts, and this beer is an excellent pass at one. We ended up settling on 3.5/5 stars but I’m hopefully awaiting their next batch.

That’s the end of another review. Even though we were fairly hard on the Wellington Brewery I still think they’ve got a lot of good things going and am excited to try their new batches when they roll out. Next time on a very special episode of Broskies on Brewskies we’re going to be bringing you reviews of four beers from the Lake of Bays brewing company, which Tristan and I are both very excited about. Until then, please taste responsibly!

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**Life is a Game**

LEAH KRISTUFEK

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**Why Interac Debit is Evil**

*(There, I Said It)*

NICK OWENS
2A MECHANICAL

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**Note:** The following article was written by an Unlicensed “Professional”!

Hello to all you Android users who are out there to stop Apple and all you iOS users who didn’t get the memo. It’s me, Electro-Nick, back to take on the most pressing issues regarding electronics. First of all, I would like someone to let that blockheaded editor know that I did not miss the first issue because I was afraid of the Y2K virus. That would be absurd. Y2K means year two thousand. I was hiding from the Y2K virus, thank you very much. Second, I’ve never made a full-on accusation in my title before, but this time, things are going too far. Interac must be stopped, and I require you, the readers, to help me on this one.

Remember what using a debit card was like only a few years back? You’d take your card out. You’d type in your pin number. Everyone in line behind you would be watching because you didn’t use cash. Then, after doing it all again because you accidently nudged the machine, you would be done at the checkout. Those were the days. But now what does using a debit machine look like? You step up to the machine, you tap your card, then you’re good to go. Isn’t that the most convenient thing that you’ve ever heard? Probably. Does that make cash obsolete? Of course it does and good riddance. Cash was only ever a way to get you to subliminally link wealth with royalty to the queen. But there is one consequence to the new Interac Debit that cannot be suffered. Is it the high security risk? Only conspiracy theorists would believe that garbage. It’s the fact that using the card is fun now. Yes, it’s all fun and games now. The first time I pressed a bank card to the machine and heard it beep, I almost let out a childish scream (a fully grown man, of course). It was like living in the 1990s. I never thought I’d ever see Interac Debit again, but that’s the future. I just wanted to sit there and let out a childish scream (a fully grown man, of course). It was like living in the 1990s.

Interac Debit is evil, and we don’t even know it. Well I, for one, have had enough. Interac Debit is evil, and we don’t even know why. I propose that we all have a beeping debit machine, it could be a mind control tool from Interac. By now, we don’t know how else they can control our behaviour. It has taken all of this is just my opinion, but you can trust my opinion. I’m an expert.

Now get out there and stop Interac.
Disorientation Week 2018: Prank Rundown

Enviro Balloon-Pit

“Tweety Visits Civil Engineering’s E8”

Meth ’18 Iron Ring (Featuring Stamfurd Mechatronics)

“ECE’s Campaign in the Defence of CECA”

“What was the Best Disorientation Week Prank?”

“The car”
Grant Mosekjaer, 4B Mechanical

“The zoo—it’s a wild experiment”
Daniel Lahey, 4B Civil

“Our electrical plugs from a few years ago”
Divakar Kapil, 3A Electrical and Computer

“Balloon pits. I just love balloons.”
Ben Moir, 2A Environmental

“The crazy banana-throwing gorillas outside”
Melanie Perrault, 4B Civil

“The ECE memes”
Eyad Abdalla, 3A Electrical and Computer