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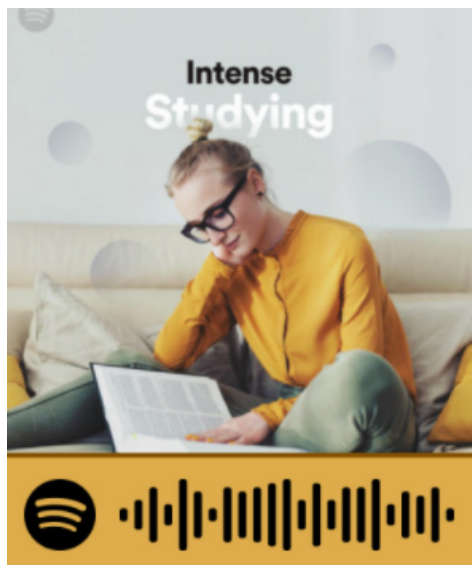
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Student of the Month

Entry from Maegen Segne

Hi Alexia!

I wanted to nominate my friend, Vanessa Dinh for student of the month. On top of excelling in all of her classes, she is involved in multiple organizations at UofG such as, the sorority Pi Beta Phi and is the incoming 3rd year mechanical engineering representative. Vanessa is hardworking and is a team leader who constantly encourages the people around her to do their best or to do even better. During my time with her working on our engineering design 2 project, she has gone above and beyond with the tasks required in the completion of our project. Even when faced with challenges, you will never see her without a smile on her face and is determined to finish what she started. Fun fact: Vanessa plays multiple instruments including the harp and the flute

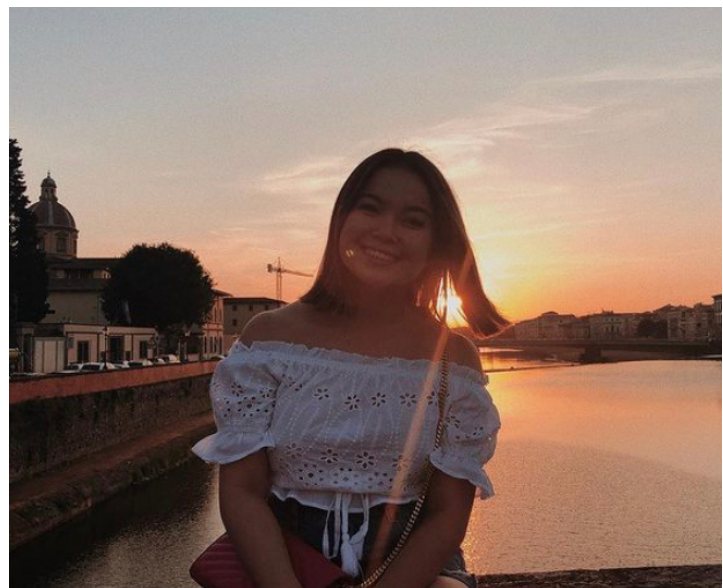


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A Love Letter to All of Our Friends

by Grace, Greg & Lienne

Hi everyone,

Hope you're all doing well!! It was so amazing to see you all at 3rd Year Party, we hope you all had fun because we definitely did, both at the party and planning it for you! Engsoc and all the 3rd year reps wanted to thank you all for coming out and making the event a greater success than we could have ever imagined. See, the technicality of planning events during COVID isn't as tough as people make it out to be, the hardest part is getting people to come out.

I'm going to briefly talk about what went into planning that event because (between you and me) it was probably the best event of the year in terms of organization, engagement, and turnout. 3rd Year Party was held on March 12th, as you know, and we started planning it at the beginning of

January. This seems early, I'm not sure if it was, but basically at the beginning of the new semester is when we started planning. 3rd Year Party is normally bowling so we knew we wouldn't have a previous event to learn from. We were kind of on our own for this one. We brainstormed for a while until we decided on a games night and knew we needed some incentive to get people to come, because let's be real, I know we all miss each other but after spending all day on Zoom for school or work, the last thing anyone would want to do is hop on another Zoom call at night. That's where the patches and gift card prizes came in. Patches are fun because you can basically get whatever you want and it's cheaper if you buy them in bulk, so it's the



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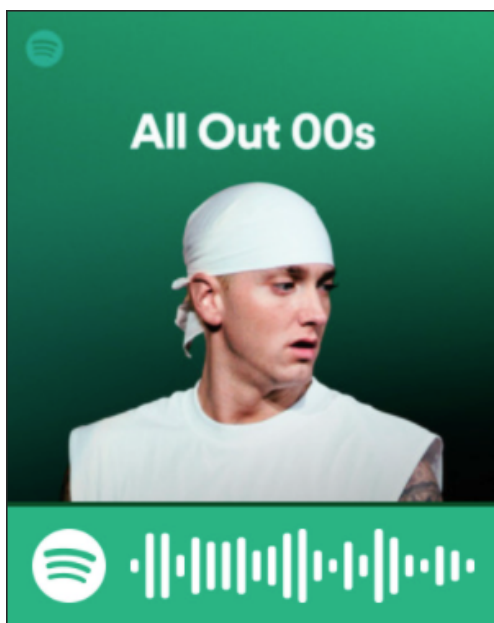
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PERFECT participation prize. And then the gift cards came in to get that competitive spirit going. I actually got the idea of doing the team stuff from a conference that I went to in January, CELC, because they actually did a great job in terms of transitioning their social events in my opinion. But yeah, we were basically planning this event for 2 months, did a little test run a few days before and then the actual event was great!

One of the main goals of the event was to keep everyone engaged. We tried to keep this as a major factor in planning the event as we all know how hard it is to pay attention to zoom calls. One of the ways we incorporated this was by adding the team spirit category. This was a points prize that only one team could've received for being the most engaged with every event we did during the night. One example of this was our presentation of teams and jokes. We asked each team to come prepared with a costume and a theme song. The presentation of teams kicked off the night with every team taking time to introduce themselves and sing/ play their theme song. This created such a fun environment for the rest of the night that followed: the energy was high; people were laughing; and team spirit was roaring; and it was really good to see everyone for the first time in a year. We also asked everyone to submit their favourite engineering joke with the google form they used to sign up for the event. The 3rd Year reps chose the ones they enjoyed the most and asked the people who submitted their jokes to perform them for team spirit points. On top of this, you could also earn team points by turning on mics and laughing at each joke that came along! As money was on the line, people weren't afraid to go nuts if it meant potentially earning more points for their team.

Thank you all for coming to the event and taking a chance on us! The transition to online was hard for everyone, but we're so glad you decided to come spend a night with us that we will certainly never forget!

With love, your friends who miss seeing you all around Thorn



Speaking of partying...
this is what I've
been listening too when I need
to dance it out

Quick Cookie Recipes

by Maia Ruscutti & Julia Billings

Ruscitti Family Recipe

The Ruscitti family's chocolate chip cookies are the BEST I have ever eaten. They are a staple of my childhood. I have fond memories of coming home and the house smelling like fresh cookies. The recipe is below:

Ingredients

- 3.5 cups of all purpose flour
- 1.25 teaspoons of baking soda
- 1.25 teaspoons of baking powder
- 2 teaspoons of coarse salt
- 1.25 cups of unsalted butter at room temp.
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1.5 teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1.25 cups of milk chocolate chips
- 1 cup of semisweet chocolate chips

Steps

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees,
2. Whisk flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a bowl
3. Beat butter and sugar using an electric mixer on medium high for 6 minutes.
4. Reduce speed to medium low, beat in eggs (one at a time), vanilla.
5. Mix in dry ingredients until incorporated and add in chocolate.
6. Using a large spoon, scoop dough onto a baking sheet with parchment paper and refrigerate for one hour. You should have 24 cookies.
7. Pop cookies into oven, for approximately 17-18 minutes (or until golden brown).



Easter Cookies

These mini egg cookies have a soft and chewy center filled with mini eggs that are perfect for a delicious Easter treat.

- Ingredients:
- ½ cup unsalted butter
- ½ cup brown sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 ¼ cups flour
- ¼ tsp baking soda
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¾ cup Cadbury mini eggs chopped

Instructions:

1. In a bowl, whisk together the melted butter and brown sugar until combined.
2. Then whisk in the egg and vanilla extract until smooth and glossy.
3. Stir in the flour, baking soda, and salt until combined
4. Then fold in the chopped Cadbury mini eggs. Cover and chill in the fridge for 20 min.
5. Drop rounded cookie dough onto a parchment paper-lined backing sheet.
6. Bake at 325F for 10 min or until the edges are lightly browned.



Photo Courtesy of Julia Billings

COVID Lineup Ratings

by Matthew Krahn

Living through the current pandemic has brought many changes that no one could have ever predicted. After a full year since the university shut down and the world came to a halt, so much has happened - yet at the same time, nothing has happened for most of us stuck in our houses. While I'm sure everyone has gotten used to waiting in lineups by now, I thought I'd take a moment to look back on some of the more memorable lineups I've experienced over the past year and give them a completely arbitrary rating based on my personal experiences.

Best Buy:

This was mostly my fault for attempting to go the week leading up to Christmas. I simply underestimated the amount of people looking to get their evening tech fix in on a weekday causing the lineup to wrap around the back of the store. 5.5/10

Engineering Labs:

With last semester having the first in person labs since the COVID shutdown, there was a sense of confusion with how things were going to go at the beginning. It was only for the first day of labs and the line moved quickly as they handed out masks. 7/10

Costco:

The mazes they had to direct the line at the beginning of the pandemic was something I definitely did not expect but enjoyed. While I thought it was exciting at first the amount of people was... Costco level, and took about as long as you'd expect given the amount of people. 4/10

Mucho Burrito:

No line - Just food. 10/10

Avondale Dairy Bar:

This is a summer ice cream staple in Niagara, but the 40-minute lineup had me seriously questioning if it was worth it by the end. The warm sunny day and a nice view of some fields really made it more bearable. All things considered, a solid 6/10

Beechwood Doughnuts:

My excitement was at an all-time high, but I was unaware of the change requiring you to order the day before. Fate was just not on my side that day. The walk back to the car was one full of disappointment. Completely my fault and totally avoidable. 1/10 (The line was a 10 since there wasn't one, but I'm still not over the sadness I felt)

LCBO:

I've been lucky and the lines haven't been too bad. Everyone always seemed to be in a good mood... 8/10

While no one likes waiting, it has forced everyone to slow down and have a chance to think or to talk with whoever you are with. With so much of our lives this past year spent living in front of a screen, this extra time separated from those things is something that I definitely feel most can appreciate.

Cultivating Your Green Thumb

by Madison Greco

Excited for spring? Ready to look outside and see lush green colours instead of brown, brown, and browner? You don't need to wait for Mother Nature to catch up, you can create your own tropical jungle in your own house!

When quarantine started it was really hard to find reasons to get out of bed in the morning before I started getting plants. They brighten up your room and let you focus some of your energy into something positive that you can see is making a difference. Taking care of plants can seem daunting at first but I promise it's not that hard and when you see the sunlight coming through your window and hitting your new leaf just right it'll be so ed for spring? Ready to look outside and see lush green colours instead of brown, brown, and more brown? You don't need to wait for Mother Nature to catch up, you can create your own tropical jungle in your own house!

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My top five plants that I recommend to first time plant owners are:

1. Pothos
2. Jade
3. Snake
4. Croton
5. Spider

These plants are all really easy to take care of and are very forgiving to first time plant owners. Pothos, spider, and croton plants let you know that they need watering by drooping their leaves so it's easier to not under or over water them. Jade and snake plants let you know they need watering when their leaves become less firm to the touch, although they really only need to be watered once a month. Something else that is also important to note when selecting a plant for yourself is the direction that your window faces. Pothos and spider plants work well in west or east facing windows, croton and jade plants fare best in south facing windows and snake plants can handle the low lighting conditions offered by north facing windows.

Here are some tips and tricks that I have picked up over the past year to help you get started:

DO:

- Make sure that your pot has drainage
- Add humidity using a spray bottle or humidifier
- Place rocks in the bottom of your pot for extra drainage
- Group plants together for extra humidity and warmth

DON'T:

- Overwater your plant
- Place plant in a drafty area
- Constantly repot your plant

(2 x per year max)

- Burn the leaves of your plant

by placing in direct sun unless specified

Overall, don't be afraid to fail at first and learn from your mistakes for next time. Watch out for yellow leaves on your plant and if you're unsure of something Google is your best friend. If you are in Guelph, I can recommend getting plants from Plant, Bloom Room, or @wepotplants on Instagram. The weather is also warming up which means that stores like Home Depot and Walmart sometimes have a surprisingly good selection of plants but it's always better to support local businesses. Happy gardening!!



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This song is about plants right?

COVID Safe Spring Activities

by Jaimee Pedersen

As warm weather and nicer days approach, we are all probably itching to go out after being locked in our houses all winter. While vaccines are being administered (YAY), we still need to abide by covid rules because we don't want to get hit by a 3rd wave. Here are some great, covid safe spring activities you can do with your friends!

Go to Johnston Green

If you miss going to campus as much as I do, grab some friends and head over to Johnston Green! One thing you can do is grab a football, frisbee or your spike ball set and have a fun competition with your friends; this is a great way to have an active, fun day! If you're not into sports, grab a blanket, food, and drinks and have a picnic with your friends! This is a perfect way to catch up with people you haven't been able to see in a while. It's also a popular activity to bring your homework to Johnston green and have a little study session with friends; this will definitely help with finals season coming up!

Go on a Hike

Guelph has plenty of hiking trails that are an incredible way to get your steps in, get some fresh air, and stay 6 feet apart! A beautiful trail that we have right next to campus is the Arboretum; this is an easy walking trail and is very accessible for people who can't drive to trails! More trails in Guelph include Eramosa River Trail, the Royal Recreation Trail, and the Speed River Trail!

Patio Season!!!

The long-awaited patio season has finally begun! We finally get to soak up some sun while enjoying some good food and drinks with friends! There are so many great patios close to the university and right downtown but be prepared to make a reservation if you want to go. Restaurants such as Beertown Public House, Earth to Table: Bread Bard, and McCabes Irish Pub and Grill all have their patios open, so grab some friends, get something to eat and have a great covid safe spring!



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