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Niagara Falls stays with Nicholson, Liberals tide rolls over NDP in Niagara Centre • Stories and results on Page 3



Newly minted Liberal MP Vance Badawey rolls up his sleeves and loosens his tie before proclaiming change for Canada, during his victory speech at M.T. Bellies restaurant as election results show a stunning electoral upset on Oct. 19. Badawey will join St. Catharines Liberal Chris Bittle in Ottawa in forming a majority government. PHOTO BY JEREMIAH LINK

Int'l student cohort grows again

By UTSAV GUPTA
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Niagara College has set a new record having enrolled nearly 2,000 international students for full-time studies this year.

As of the 10th day of the term, that enrolment rose to 1,852, nearly an 18 per cent increase from the previous year's 1,570.

Sean Coote, international student director, says, "We are very pleased to see an increase in international student enrolment this fall. The increase is a result of a tremendous amount of work from our marketing, recruitment, admissions and service teams."

On the continuous year-by-year increase, he adds, "Niagara College has built a strong brand reputation around the world and we continue to offer programs that are very attractive to international students."

Along with the international enrolment hike, the college's total student enrolment rose to 9,353, an increase of 1.2 per cent from the prior year's 9,331. All the efforts, however, weren't enough to boost the count on domestic student enrolment as those numbers fell to 7,501 from 7,666, a two per cent decrease.

Susan McConnell, the college's media relations adviser, says, "Niagara College has many popular programs – our food, wine and beer programs benefit from strong national reputations, our advanced technology, applied health and media programs benefit from unique learning environments."

"Leading-edge equipment and our business programs benefit from a strong focus on entrepreneurship."

On the department's future plans, Coote says, "We will continue to expand our international marketing and recruitment in an effort to achieve our enrolment

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Faceless dolls, faceless victims

Highlighting Aboriginal atrocities

By CHRIS GERICS
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A fallen mother or daughter, terrorized by heinous abuse and disregard, are seemingly just a number, but for every fallen victim there is a faceless sister who symbolizes hope and strength.

For Niagara College's Alkie-Babe Froman, this faceless dolls event symbolizes more than just a simple reminder of the atrocities Aboriginal women and girls face day in and day out, whether authority figures or notorious criminals and hopes to spread awareness throughout Niagara College, specifically at the Niagara-

On-The-Lake (NOTL) campus.

"The event has a personal correlation. My mother was a prostitute in B.C. where her, and her fellow work colleagues were approached and picked up by the notorious Robert Pickton."

Froman says when her mother arrived at the house, she immediately felt fearful and, noticing the door did not have an inside handle, escaped.

"She hitchhiked back to town, and she never heard from those women again."

The pain these women and girls experience on a near constant basis is staggering, with roughly 1,200



having been reported missing, or murdered. However, these are only the reported cases as many disappearances aren't investigated because of the victims' line of work.

This ignorance is often coupled with the implementation of "starlight tours" – the practice of essentially abducting Native prostitutes, homeless persons,

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Remembering a coach and a friend

By SAM JANJAC
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Luciano Berardocco was an encouraging soccer coach and a friend to everyone he crossed paths with, inspiring many.

Monday night Berardocco, 41, collapsed on the men's soccer practice field while coaching the Knights and later died in hospital.

Niagara College's women's soccer players were told later Monday night of the loss of coach "Luch", the teams' favoured nickname for the late coach.

"He wasn't just a coach, he was a very close friend to every person on our team," says Mike Dagg, one of his players, when asked about his assistant coach. Dagg says his coach not only encouraged the team to be



Luciano Berardocco, the late assistant coach of the Niagara Knights men's soccer team.

better players, but also to be better men.

College President Dan Patterson mourned the loss of the beloved coach.

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