September is just around the corner, which means it might be a good time for me to start picking my classes... Well hey, who knows, maybe I will come back for one more year (just kidding). In all seriousness, September is one of the most important times of the year. Not only because we start classes, or because all of New College gets to see each other and hang out again. It is because for 9 days in September, I, along with an amazing team, are presented with the opportunity to change the incoming students’ lives forever.

People love to view Frosh Week as “The Best Week Ever!” or “Lit, Fam!” (I still don’t know what that means.) But heading into what would officially be my 6th Frosh week (technically 5.5) I can honestly say my life has changed for the better because I decided to click BUY on a New College Frosh Kit way back in 2012. Sure, I may not be the ideal student to many, but to some I have become what my Frosh Leaders and Captains were to me, and that is a hero. During those 9 days back in 2012, I looked up to every single person that took part in running that week, and that is the exact opportunity that many of our very own New College students will experience.

Being a leader during Frosh Week is a feeling like no other, and the idea of being a role model for so many students is a surreal experience. Maybe that’s why I keep coming back. This year in particular, I am extremely excited to work alongside Co-Orientation Chair, Haya Alsayegh and President, Dominic Ong, as well as an amazing team of Captains, Leaders and Council to bring what is sure to be a week to remember. We have spent months planning events that people love, like Wasaga, Quest, and the Boat Cruise. In addition, we have also brought some NEW events along the way like the New College Festival and our first ever Heroes vs Villains Dodgeball Tournament. Although there is so much to be excited about, I want to make sure that everyone who is a part of Frosh 2017 is ready to change the lives of the incoming students, because just like we had our heroes, it is time for them to have theirs.
New College? WHAT’S THAT?

WRITER: ALEXA SALAGUBANG (2ND YEAR, BDES)
“Do what you mean I’m in a college? I go to University.” This is a common question many York students have, whether they’re about to graduate or picking which frosh kit to buy.

Being at such a large university like York, and secondly, being deemed a “commuter school,” makes finding a sense of community hard. The college system closes the gap between students by providing a smaller social circle for them to make friends and find their community. Depending on your program/faculty, York students are split up into 9 colleges. Bethune, Calumet, Founders, Glendon, McLaughlin, New College, Stong, Vanier and Winters. Chances are, if you’re reading this, you are part of New College within the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.

Getting involved with New College all begins with Frosh Week. Meet friends within your program, participate in social icebreakers and educational presentations, attend parties and make the start of your university experience a memorably one. From there, you can represent your college in intramural sports, attend events, join New College Council, and more importantly, build a solid group of friends you’ll keep far after university.

Keep updated about events and opportunities at New College through facebook, Instagram and the New College website.

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MEET NCC

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“Inclusivity, Fairness, Comfort.”

“Want to establish a fun and safe year for all New College students”
- Cristian Kuyten-Thomas (VP Social)

“I want to establish a strong academic culture within the college community.”
-Dominic Org (President)

“Want to give everyone a voice. Send in ideas/articles to ncnews@yorku.ca.”
-Alexa Salagubang (New Beat Editor)

“I want to work to make each of your university experiences the best it can possibly be.”
-Jack Orozati (D-Chair)

Individually, we are one drop, but together we are an ocean

“Were not just recruiting council, but instead sowing the seeds of our future reputation”
-Sharvna Patel (CRO)

“Want to help everyone connect with each other to show what NC is really about.”
-Omar Abdelaab (VP Promotions)

“I want to strengthen the bond between NCC and all the different NC clubs.”
-Hansh Verma (VP Academic)

GET INVOLVED:
- Attend events
- Meet new people
- Check out what’s going on in NCC

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A piece of advice from New College Alumni.

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Ferris Bueller once wisely put things into perspective saying,

“Life moves pretty fast. If you don’t stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it.”

As a 2017 York University graduate, I can tell you that no truer words have ever been said. Here are three tips from my golden ‘Declassified York Survival Guide’ to help you enjoy university, and life in general:

1) Take a chance on relationships
Put your phone down and don’t be afraid to chat up with someone new (or the good friend that is next to you). I found that the best way into someone’s circle was when technology didn’t make a full appearance. Before the professor arrives to class, or even during breaks, make it a habit to introduce yourself and say “what’s up?” to the person next to you. Ask them about their schedule, their weekend, or even throw them a curveball and ask them a question you rather question. Not only will things be facilitated when you are asked to form groups, but you will also have likely opened the doors to a juicy long-life friendship.

2) Be Grateful
Cherish your privileges, the friends, and how far you’ve gotten from a year’s time. Often people find 19 ways than none to complain than to be appreciative. Be the optimist and think of all the good that comes out of the bad and remind yourself that there is more to be thankful for.

3) Hear out Bueller and take in the moments
Don’t just simply look forward to things (which don’t get me wrong, they serve as excellent motivators), but enjoy the present. Its easy to get carried away with planning ahead or meeting deadlines, but remember to also live in the now. Embrace and welcome all that is.

EAGLES OF THE MONTH

WRITER: ALEXA SALAGUBANG (2ND YEAR, BDES)

Did you buy your New College Frosh Kit yet? If your answer is yes, then congratulations! You’re one of August’s Eagles of the Month.

For those of you who have not bought your kit yet, or if you’re still wondering what exactly you spent your money on, then continue reading.

You’ve heard all about frosh in this issue of New Beat, but haven’t heard anything about a frosh kit; so what is it exactly? It’s your admissions ticket to York’s informative orientation events, to the biggest parties, and to meeting the people you’ll be spending the next few years with at university. All that, plus some exclusive York and NC swag to help you get through frosh week.

So what are you waiting for? Don’t waste any more time. Purchase your Frosh Kit now!

BUY: Purchase through the YU START page :
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*Remember, you can only participate in social orientation (Frosh Week) with the purchase of a frosh kit. Although not mandatory, it is highly recommended.

FINANCIAL LITERACY AT YORK

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According to a 2014 survey of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies students, most (72%) have some form of debt - whether from credit cards, student loans, auto loans, or other personal loans. The study clearly found that students are stressed out about their finances. Over 60% worry about paying monthly expenses. Almost 40% said the amount of money they owe has caused them to neglect their academic studies or caused them to reduce their course load, 60% said it caused them to consider taking a break from their studies, and 40% said they considered dropping out altogether.

Some of the findings on student loans was a bit troubling. More than half of the students surveyed said they do not consult with anyone (for example, parents or financial aid officers) when deciding how much to borrow. Most troubling, however, is that one-third of students do not think they will be able to pay off their debt after graduation.

Financial literacy questions on topics such as inflation, compounding interest, and loan repayment were asked as part of the survey and students did not fare as well as we might hope. On the question concerning inflation and future buying power, more than half of students (53%) responded that they did not know or answered incorrectly. One-third of students responded either incorrectly or said they did not know the answer to the questions on compounding interest and loan repayment. Almost 90% of York students in the survey indicated that they have never had any sort of personal finance class, either in high school or post-secondary. While taking a personal finance course is a great step, it is not a miraculous solution, for students who are keen to learn how to responsibly manage their money, it can be an important opportunity.

With this in mind, I decided one way to help students was to offer a course in introductory personal finance. In this class students learn the basics of how to manage their money. We cover everything from budgeting, to managing debt and credit, investment fundamentals, and retirement planning. There are no prerequisites for the course, because managing your money is an everyday task that we all must learn. The emphasis is on students learning about the financial system and how to make good financial decisions. During the 2017 fall semester, Introductory Personal Finance, ADM2541, will be taught on Tuesdays (2:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.)

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