LOOKING BACK ON MY LIFE AS MASTER

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I have spent six years as Master of New College and I’m still wondering how to describe the position...

When people ask me, “What do you do as a College Master?” I never know what to answer, other than “I run a college.” And I have been Master of New College for 6 years! Of course the difficulty comes from the definition of college.

Too many people do not understand what colleges are and what role they play within the university. Some students who are near graduation don’t even know which college they belong to. I’ll never forget this moment at the 2014 Orientation Day; as soon as I said ‘Welcome to New College’ a student asked, “Aren’t we university students?”

If I were writing an article for a scholarly book on managers I would say my time is allocated as such:

- Communication: 35%
- Management: 10%
- Event planning: 35%
- Student Interaction: 20%

In my six years as Master I have met many wonderful people, faculty, staff and students. The three schools that comprise the New College community represent the best community for me. Let me explain. I strongly believe that universities must prepare students beyond graduation, and the more they equip them with a variety of skills, the better. New College and its academic units strive at doing that.

I have so many good memories; I am happy when an individual student or an association receives an award, when students obtain a job after I have written a recommendation, when new froshes give me an A+ for my presentations at Orientation (!), or when students seek advice and I am able to help them. I feel I have accomplished something positive when I can assist the schools organize an event; when together, the school directors and I discuss the best way to enhance students’ university experience. I feel like I have done my job when staff members recognize that I’m here to pull my share. And I can go on and on.

I love this quotation from an unknown author, “Doing a good job is not always about impressive innovation. Sometimes it is only about doing something with plain dedication.” Most of our time is spent on small things but no matter how small something is, it has a purpose and needs to be done.

Along with dedication, one needs to remain optimistic and have a good sense of humour.

Some say colleges will disappear. I, on the other hand, am confident that they are here to stay. They are part of York’s DNA and play an important role.

I would like to conclude with a smile. At the 2016 York Orientation Day to the question, “What was your favourite part of Orientation?” one student wrote, “[When the] Master took off his clothes!” What he referred to was when I took off my jacket to show my Council jersey, with my name on it and the title MASTER!
BREAKING BARRIERS & MAKING BONDS

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On May 30th 2017, New College held its annual Club Ratification Meeting. Many of you may not know of the event’s importance or what this event entails for the New College Community, so I urge you to continue reading this article.

In order to be recognized as a Student Club, all the New College clubs have to go through an annual process, which includes being ratified by SCLD (Student Community and Leader Development), attending the Ratification Meeting and completing the New College Affiliation and Ratification Package. Furthermore, this meeting allows New College Council and the Master’s Office to clearly express their expectations of the clubs. This becomes increasingly important when allocating funds from New College Council and the Master’s Office to the academic clubs. Vice versa, this meeting also gives the clubs a chance to tell us about their performance last year and their plans for New College students in the coming school year.

The meeting consists of multiple representatives from each club, the President, one or two executives and Faculty Advisors, who are professors that support and aid the club’s decision making. Furthermore, the meeting also consists of the Master of New College and the VP Academics for that year, (which was me in this case). My role in particular was to inform the clubs on what New College Council is expecting from them this year, not only to receive funding, but to help strengthen bonds within the New College Community. Thanks to my presentation during the meeting, I hope the bond between Council and Clubs, as well as the bond from Club to Club, will be strengthened. This will allow us to work together and give us opportunities to collaborate further.

One thing I would like to say to all current and new students of New College is to consider joining these clubs. These clubs can help many of us excel in our respective majors and careers. Let’s take advantage of the networking events with big firms and companies, workshops that can teach and strengthen skills needed for the real world and more importantly, let’s take the opportunity to meet other students in our respective majors. For new incoming students, this can be a good way to break the ice and become part of our New College Community.

CHECK OUT: NC 2017-2018 academic clubs!

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The team is impeccable this season. It is well grounded on both sides of the pitch, the hitting is phenomenal, and the bond between teammates is obvious. As long as the team steps up to the pitch with a positive energy, the captain knows the game will shift in their favour. “Honestly, it’s all about momentum for us. If we have a sloppy first two innings or so, we’re not going to be doing too good. But if the bats come alive from the start of the game, that’s when the momentum shifts in our favour.” Wondwossen says.

The team is talented, but there is much more to becoming an Eagle of the Month. The team walks into each game with smiles and a contagious positivity that any opponent or spectator can feed off of. The team’s attitude is one that Wondwossen is proud of and hopes will continue. “I just want to make sure that they are always happy and having fun participating in the summer softball league.”

Catch Me Outside NC makes their college proud with 2 wins so far. Additionally, the Eagles experienced intramurals to the fullest, by making close friendships with their team mates and other softball players across colleges.

Congratulations to our 17 Eagles of The Month!

ALICIA KOEBEL
ANDREA TORRES
ANDREA TROZZO
CELESTE ALFARO
DANIEL AUDISHO
GABRIELLE DIAS
HAILE WONDWOSSEN
JELENA GRKOVIC
JENNA BYRNE
JITH PUSHPAHARAN
MARK CHARANDUK
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OPPORTUNITY NOW: NOW LEADERS

NOW Leaders

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Professional clubs are great for students in specific streams who wish to excel and perfect certain skills. Clubs such as accounting and entrepreneurial are great for those looking to focus on, and pursue those specific careers. But what about those who understand the importance of leadership? What about those who would like to network and learn from leaders?

From our experience as first year students, we saw that leadership was not emphasized enough in New College so we were forced to go to leadership events outside of New College. In class we learned about the different functions of business and the associated theories, which will soon be put into practice in the workforce. What we did not learn and put into practice in class are the important leadership skills and qualities we will inevitably have to take on. Business is synonymous with leadership, whether it be a project, department, or a company.

Therefore, NOW Leaders was formed with the vision to provide New College students with an opportunity for leadership development in our own school. Regardless of streams, we provide networking and learning opportunities with leading professionals in New College students’ respective industries.

Some may not be aware of their potential in leadership, either because they are not confident to show it or have not been given the opportunity to show their skills. Jennifer Kahnweiler, author of The Introverted Leader, reports that a full 40 percent of leaders are introverts. They include individuals like Abraham Lincoln, Steve Wozniak and Bill Gates.

As students we should feel empowered and understand our responsibilities as future leaders. This confidence will make us better students, employees but most importantly better global citizens.

Feel the drive, with the mentality that we are the now and ask yourself, why wait? As 19th century author Napoleon Hill once said, “Your big opportunity may be right where you are now.”

We are growing our team, so if you would like to be a part of this initiative and develop your skills, feel free to contact us at the email provided below and get involved.

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EAGLES OF THE MONTH

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Why only have one Eagle of the Month when you can have 17? Each and every Eagle on the New College softball team, Catch Me Outside NC plays an integral role in the outcome of each game. The VP of Athletics says it himself, “They’re all Eagles of the Month.”

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