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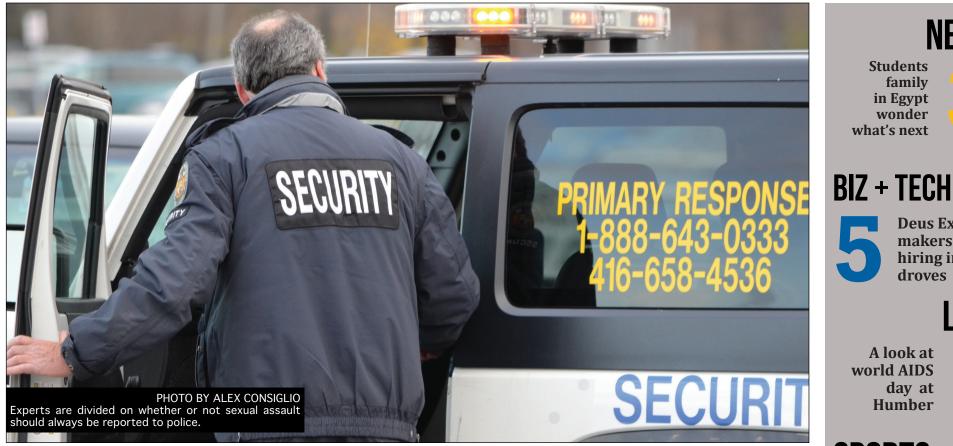
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# Sex assault numbers rise

**Alex Consiglio** Senior Reporter

Humber has seen a recent spike in reporting of alleged sexual assaults and police aren't always called by security to handle the situation.

According to Humber's department of public safety, it mostly depends on the severity of the incident and whether the victim wants authorities involved.

It's a contentious issue amongst professionals who deal with sexual assaults.

At North campus, there was one sexual assault from 2008-2010, then a spike to seven sexual assaults in a fraction of the time, from January 2010-October 2011, safety department statistics show.

At Lakeshore campus, there were no sexual assaults from 2008-2010, but there have been four from January 2010-October 2011.

The safety department said the meaning of sexual assault ranges from groping to rape.

Liz Sokol, a counsellor at Humber, said these statistics still don't reflect the number of students she sees day-to-day at her North campus office for sexual assault.

"At any given time, I can guarantee you that each of us (six to seven counselors) are at least seeing one student for sexual assault," she said, noting many assaults still go unreported.

Pervez Ditta, Humber's director of public safety, agrees and attributes the spike in security reports to victims feeling more empowered to come forward.

He said when deciding to call police, security officers must determine if the victim wants authorities contacted and if there's any further risk to those on campus while assessing the "mindset" of those involved and the severity of the alleged assault.

"Security officers can normally calm down the situation just by talking to the individuals," he said, noting in these situations most people are known to each other as well as the college.

Ditta said if both students are present and the victim doesn't want police contacted, security officers would file an internal report. But if the alleged perpetrator were on the loose or not known to the college, they'd call police.

Humber's security officers are employed by Primary Response Inc. under an estimated \$2.5-million contract with Humber that's currently eating half of its public safety department's annual budget.

This contract is up for a one-year renewal in 2012, which would make it Primary's seventh year on campus.

Ditta said on pub nights, when there's a heightened risk of incidents, the college also hires four police officers for four hours, at a cost of roughly \$1,200 per night.

"What we don't want is heavy handedness with our students," said Ditta. "Some cases may be criminal, but still not end up being dealt with by police."

Michael Kopinak, assistant director of public safety, said if a security officer contacts him about an incident and the victim doesn't want police involved, he may make the call anyway.

He said in a recent incident a female student at Lakeshore campus was allegedly groped by a male student and didn't want police involved, but he thought it necessary and arranged a private meeting.

"Two male cops showed up, went right up to her room (in residence) – she didn't want police there and it became a big public spectacle."

He said he would have preferred a female officer and a private meeting in an office.

"I wish I hadn't called police then," he said.

Victor Kwong, media relations officer with Toronto Police, said available officers are dispatched when called, whether female or male.

We would send whoever's available first, and then we'd assess the situation after that," he said, adding "it's not our position to say whether they (security) should call (police) or not."

He said it's the victim's right to not involve police and though security officers are right to respect that, police still can be called.

"We can be there to enforce laws or provide victim services," he said, noting the latter is something that shouldn't be left to security officers. Stacey Nichols, a criminal defence lawyer who specializes in sexual assault cases with Toronto firm Neuberger Rose, suggested regardless of the incident's severity and the victim's wishes, security officers have a duty to call police.

"No one's under any obligation to give a statement to police, but security still has the option of calling," she said. "I would think in the interest of keeping the campus safe, any type of incident should be investigated and they're not going to be investigated unless the police are called."

But Sokol, the counsellor, said it's hard enough for victims to inform and speak with security, let alone initiate an "intrusive" police investigation.

"When victims report to police, they lose power and control of the process," she said, something that's not too enticing because they just had all control stripped away.

Sokol said calling police without the victim's consent would be "even worse," though she'd expected it to be mandatory for security officers to call police.

"You're saying (to the victim) you don't get to decide your fate and again taking away power (from them)," she said, adding it's "excellent" security officers have the discretion to respect the victim's wishes.



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# Women working with big wheelers

#### Stephen J. Donkers Transportation Reporter

Women with diverse backgrounds are shifting into a truckdriving career with confidence through a program associated with Humber.

"This program is about getting women into a non-traditional field where there is a demand for qualified drivers," said Microskills coordinator Rebecca Anderson.

Microskills is a non-profit charitable organization that has served communities in Toronto and surrounding areas.

They begin behind-the-wheel training at the Humber Transportation Training Centre on Dec. 15.

The Ontario Women's Directorate funds the women in transportation program, which began its full run in September and will finish in March.

The pilot run of the program, which gives women the opportunity to obtain licences to drive different trucks ranging from TTC Wheel-Trans to 18-wheelers, was conducted in fall 2009.

By spring 2010, 78 per cent of graduates were working in the truck industry or they continued with their studies in a variety of programs.

This year students are currently at Microskills in Etobicoke, where they learn workplace skills training and receive job search support.

Anderson said the students have had supportive counselling at Microskills.

"We do have women in the program who come from more abusive backgrounds and personal struggles," she said. "The counselling sessions are a great way for them to self identify and build confidence."

All the women find the counselling helpful, Anderson said.

'Even women who haven't experienced violence before will learn about setting boundaries, discrimination in the workplace, and grow confidence with everyone in the program," she said.

Mihk Decaries, a student in the



program, said after nearly 15 years working in social services, it was time to trade in her cubicle for an 18-wheeler because of her interest in more hands-on work.

"Social services is something I enjoy doing, but I felt I had to do

something new," she said. "I now look at where I'm going and it doesn't feel like work - it feels like an exciting lifestyle."

Decaries said the students have been bonding and supporting each other and that connection will continue once they start driver training at Humber.

'There is a foundation of trust now," she said. "The program has helped us bond and shows we can make it through the entire program if we stick together."

# Humber earns spot as great employer for Toronto region

#### Cindy McKenny News Reporter

Humber College was named one of the GTA's top employers in 2012 for the way it treats its staff by Me-



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Jeanette Thompson, a writer for Canada's Top 100 Employers magazine, said employers who wanted to be considered for the list had to fill out an application.

"Once we receive an application, we look at things like physical workspace, work and social atmosphere, and community involvement," she said.

The other criteria of the Nov. 16 evaluation included health, financial, and family benefits, vacation, time off, employee communications, performance management and training and skills development, according to Canada's Top 100 Employers website.

John Davies, Humber's president, said this is an important acknowledgement for the college.

"We are committed to high quality services and high quality teaching - so when people see Humber on lists like this, it certainly helps us in their interest for coming to work for us," he said.

Nancey Adamson, manager for employment engagement, was responsible for completing Humber's application to be included on the list.

She said that the college's inclusion would have positive impact on the college community.

"We can use the top employer logo on all of our advertising and websites, which can only increase our reputation to the world that Humber is a great employer," she said.

"The college encourages employees to balance their work and personal lives by offering a range of alternative work arrangements, like flexible hours, telecommuting, and compressed workweek options, as well as investing in ongoing employee development," she said.

Humber was cited for generous maternity leaves, parental leaves for new fathers and adoptive parents, flexible hours, ongoing employee development and assistance in preparation for life after work, with "generous contributions to a defined benefit pension plan."



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# Student's family afraid in Egypt

## Student's grandmother speaks out about political strife and religious tensions in the tumultuous country

#### Julia Alexander News Reporter

As political tensions reignited at Tahrir Square in Cairo last week, a second-year journalism student said her family feels scared and trapped in the turbulent country.

"The people in Tahrir Square want nothing to do with the old government or Mubarak's old regime. They want something completely different and new. They're fighting for democracy – something they've never had before," said Salwa Abad, grandmother of the Humber student.

Abad said she's terrified every day that she'll be kicked out of her home by the acting military government. She said Egypt's only future is through the activists at Tahrir and their message.

"They're fighting for the fact that there is no difference between Muslim and Christian – we are all Egyptian. We don't know what democracy is, but we know we need a change," Abad said.

Abad said because she is Coptic Christian, she's constantly worried about results of Monday's election for Egypt's new parliament.

"There is so much concern that the Muslim Brotherhood will become the power, because the country is 85 per cent Muslim. If this hap-



pens, Christians like us may be persecuted and denied exit from the country," she said.

Reports say Cairo-based Salafi Muslims, a hardline sect, burned churches and threw petrol bombs at homes and shops in spring of this year.

Second-year journalism student Dona Boulos, 19, said her family has tried to convince her grandmother to emigrate to Canada, but fears it may be too late.

"I talk to my grandmother every day and tell her to come home. She just told me she can't take her car out and go to the grocery store because she's terrified she'll be robbed," Boulos said.

"She said there's not enough food for the

city so they've been stocking up but they're scared."

Boulos said the Tahrir demonstrations sparked conflicting emotions.

"A part of me is happy that the people are finally speaking out and putting their foot down, but another part of me is worried. Not only about my family, but about the country I was born in," she said.

Mohammad Fadel, an associate professor of law at the University of Toronto, is an expert on foreign affairs.

He said until the military government has been removed, Egypt will not find peace.

"There's a crisis of succession occurring right now in Egypt. The youth who are rioting are sick of [the current regime] and want a civil democratic system," Fadel said.

He said the police state Egypt once was collapsed, but the military has yet to see that.

"The military, who is the acting government until a president and parliament are elected, are going to try and minimalize changes to the Mubarak regime largely to support their own privileges," Fadel said.

Abad said even given the choice, she would not leave.

"Egypt is my home, I love Egypt. Everyone knows the other person. It's time for change, but I love my country."

holes to do.

# All paws on deck for charity

### **Nick Pascal** Lakeshore Reporter

Dog lovers of all kinds braved the pouring rain on Sunday to support the not-for-profit organization Paws on the Shore at their monthly dog hike in Etobicoke.

<sup>a</sup>I created Paws on the Shore to help socialize dogs that might not get that opportunity normally, and to raise money and awareness for cole Richer, the founder of the organization. "Many owners feel that if their dogs are not socialized then they are

animal rescue operations," said Ni-

not welcome in the doggy park or the daycare," said Richer.

She said when a dog is nervous, shy or fearful, the owners could feel embarrassed to go to these places. Often what ends up happening is that the owners only walk the dogs at night or stop walking them all together.

"What happens because of that is the dog's actual behavior gets worse," said Richer, "because they are not being socialized like they are supposed to."

Richer is a certified dog trainer, operates her own professional dog walking business outside of Paws on the Shore, and has been part of many animal rescue operations.

"We choose a different rescue every month" said Richer. "Raffle prizes are usually all donated from local businesses."

Bulldog Bess and Sinister Stevie from the local metal band Full Give attended the walk.

"We're Niki's neighbors," said Sinister Stevie. "We just happen to be dog lovers too."

"It's nice to see people getting together, getting some exercise and raising money for a good cause," said Ken Wyman, the program coordinator for fundraising and volunteer management.

"The animals benefit, the people benefit and the charity benefits," said Wyman. "It's a triple win."

## New pot vapour lounge by Lakeshore

Nick Pascal Lakeshore Reporter

Vape on the Lake is a new vaporizer lounge for medicinal marijuana users on Lakeshore Boulevard, within walking distance of Lakeshore campus.

"There were no real places in Toronto that could offer a clean place to smoke in the west end," said Chris A., the manager at Vape on the Lake who requested his surname not be used. "We wanted to open up something on this side of the city that is clean – geared towards medicinal users."

Vaporizing marijuana entails heating it to release its cannabinoids in the air, which is then inhaled without the harshness of smoke from burning.

Chris said it took a long time just to get the property rental.

"We applied to a zillion places. Every time the owner would hear that we're opening a medical marijuana vapour lounge, they'd say 'oh, maybe we don't want to rent to you guys."

He said Vape on the Lake is doing legally what other people have had to jump through legal loop-

ulation that permits consumption of weed for defined health purposes such as pain relief. Toronto Police Detective Tyrone Hilton said the Toronto Police receive no notification from the city when a medicinal mari-

'You're not allowed to smoke

tobacco inside, that's one thing. So we let people vaporize, and that's

legal as long as you've got your

MMAR," Chris A said. MMAR

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juana vaporizer lounge opens. "Quite often we find out when the people in the community voice their concerns to the police," he said.

Vape on the Lake management called Toronto Police and notified them of the business' opening, and invited them to come see the place.

"I know that this is the first time we've actually been invited by a business like this," said Det. Wilson.

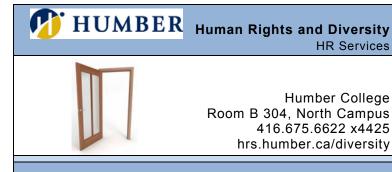
Wilson said that by approaching the police, the business made a good impression on them.

Chris said Vape on the Lake does not tolerate anybody dealing or asking for free marijuana, and doesn't allow entry to anyone under the age of 18.

"Any time the police want to come and check the place out that is fine," he said.

"We're not trying to penalize people using marijuana for medicinal purposes," said Det. Wilson, "and the bottom line is we're not trying to go out and target anyone."





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# Occupy Toronto organizers looking to occupy colleges

#### **Daniel Buzzelli** Special to the Et Cetera

A Humber student and active Occupy Toronto organizer says he would like to start an Occupy Humber group on campus.

"Hosting occupations at both campuses would be really cool, and there's more than enough room," said Bryan Batty, 24, a business management student. "And I encourage anyone who wants to get involved to contact me."

In the U.S., a movement called Occupy Colleges has formed with nearly 100 schools officially registered.

Encampments have popped up on several college campuses from Seattle Central Community College to Harvard Universi

Aidan Mehak, 18, an Occupy Toronto participant and organizer, said she's sure the protesters would consider moving the camp to a college campus should any institution choose to support the movement.

"If we had any offers of space in the city that would condone us, we would go for it," said Mehak, a firstyear psychology student at Ryerson.

President John Davies said while the college supports free speech and the relevant issues the occupy movement has highlighted, the

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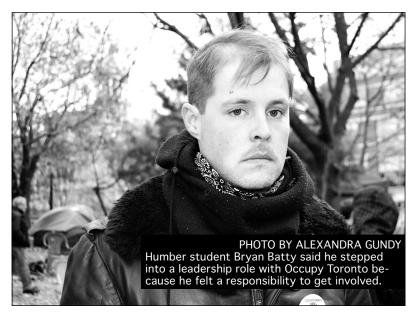
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school would look very seriously at saying 'no' to the proposition of encampments on Humber property. He said the school's permission

and co-operation are required for any activity to take place here. "That's got a lot of implications

"That's got a lot of implications for a very busy campus like this," said Davies. "Is that the way the occupy movement needs to continue? I suspect not. I think they've got a good framework, but someone has to take it to the next level."

Davies said he hopes a lasting legacy of the occupy movement is

the issues they've been raising continue to be a focus of discussion and concern because they are reasonable issues.

But Davies said he is skeptical that the encampment strategy is an effective means to ensure that legacy.

"I think if this is going to have any kind of legitimacy and any longevity, somehow it has to get into a different space than occupying a few places. I think it's got to move on from that."

## GH grad unhappy with alumni directory

**Christian Quequish** Guelph-Humber Reporter

Ron Taylor, a 1973 University of Guelph graduate, expressed his frustration at the institution's use of his personal information to Alastair Summerlee, the university's president.

Harris Connect, a U.S. directorycreating company forged a partnership with Guelph University on Sept. 29, according to Harris Connect's website.

Taylor, who was in the hotel and food administration program, said he was upset that Guelph didn't produce the alumni directory itself or give it to a Canadian business.

"This whole project could have been done in-house without farming it out to a U.S. telemarketing firm."

University of Guelph is not the only Canadian institution that has partnered with Harris Connect.

Taylor said he is unhappy the company is still contacting him to verify his information.

"I don't know why Guelph University needed to outsource," said Taylor. "I also object to getting a second post card when I had already said I was not going be giving my information away."

Joel Habinski, a fourth year biological sciences major at University of Guelph said that he feels confident in Guelph's ability to handle his information.

"The only information that I feel is at risk is our email addresses, and those belong to University of Guelph."

Leah Murdock, Guelph-Humber's Manager of Student Life and Career and Alumni Services said Guelph-Humber's part in managing alumni information is to make sure to pass it on to University of Guelph.

She said that very little info is handed to Harris Connect, such as their email information.

"Every university tries to make a large, up-to-date database so they can share news, activities, and opportunities," said Murdock.

Lyndon Stewart, executive director of advancement services at University of Guelph said Harris Connect is one of the few alumni directory creators in North America.

"It was one of the number one requests from our alumni – the ability to reach each other and find their classmates," said Stewart.

Stewart said that partnering with Harris Connect is the most costefficient choice.

Stewart said that University of Guelph alumni staff has dealt directly with Taylor and other alumni staff to make sure they are, "feeling that they're fully informed."

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# App marks the spot

## Streetline app lets drivers find and reserve parking spaces

#### Mark Mullen

Biz + Tech Reporter

A smartphone app that helps find vacant parking spots in congested downtown areas could save users fuel, time, and money, said Leon King, a computer engineering instructor.

"If you take some [place] like New York or Los Angeles where parking can be difficult at times, you would save an awful lot on fuel if people weren't circling around, looking for a place to park," he said.

"They could just zero in on one of these places."

King said that the scarcity of parking in congested areas gives it value and room for a company to sell op-

portunities for access.

The American company Streetline's smartphone app, called Parker, assists users in finding vacant parking spots.

The app works with Streetline's other app, ParkEdge, which allows parking providers to upload availability, along with promotions and reservation opportunities.

The app, already used in major U.S. cities, is expected to be in Canada at some point.

"Because the on-street parking availability comes directly from sensors monitoring the occupancy status of each space, the information is extremely reliable," said Sean Pratt, marketing specialist for Streetline.

"Availability is either published as a

manual estimate by the provider or as real-time availability using sensors or another counting solution.'

Pratt said the app can read data from sensors under the pavement of some parking lots to update the application and ensure accuracy.

Catalin Rangu, 18, first-year business marketing student, said he would find the app useful to find parking in downtown Toronto, where he said he can spend up to 20 minutes looking for a vacant parking space.

'That would be awesome because I go downtown a lot in the summer for the Toronto [International] Film Festival so I always have to park there in and out."



# Game studio plans 100 hires next year

## Deus Ex video game programmer Eidos-Montreal expanding operations

### Philip Lam

Biz + Tech Reporter

Eidos-Montreal, the video game studio behind the recently released Deus Ex: Human Revolution, plans to create 100 jobs next year for directors, animators, level designers and scriptwriters.

"I wouldn't say there's a specific trade we're looking at," said Stephane D'Astous, the studio's general manager. "It's basically across the board."

He added that specialization is important because he sees a lot of young people who are interested in working at a video game studio but unsure of what exactly to do.

D'Astous said people "need to be specialized and persistent even though it's tough to continue knocking on the doors."

The Deus Ex games are traditionally single player experiences, but D'Astous said there is a possibility of opening the series to multiplayer. He said Eidos-Montreal will need to consider work on a new generation of platforms.

"The Montreal studios are moving their more senior employees to their new ventures," said Jordan Mellow, a Humber game programming graduate of 2011, now working for Ubisoft, the developer of popular games such as Assassin's Creed.

"When that happens, it bumps everyone at the pre-existing studios up the ladder a few rungs and creates a vacuum at the bottom."

"In other words," he said, "it's the perfect time for young Canadians to get into the industry with a decent entry level job."

Kyle Halladay, 21, a third-year game programming student, said most of his peers are interested in starting at a smaller studio and working their way up the ladder.

"I'm leaning that way because I don't really feel like I have any of the skills necessary to make a difference at a big company. I'm not interested in a job where I can't see results for my work. I'd rather start small, and learn the ropes first," he said.

A small device created by Freer Logic could improve the decisionmaking of Ontario Power Generation employees in the high-stress

Victoria Brown Biz + Tech Reporter

environment of nuclear plants. OPG began working with Freer five years ago, asking for a product reflecting its needs, said Rob Templeton, OPG's lead auditor for operations. He added the device is

in the testing stage. "Anywhere where people have to make critical decisions and execute critical steps, this will help them to do so with a lower error rate," Templeton said.

The BodyWave performance monitor attaches to an employee's arm and passes brain wave data to a computer wirelessly, where progress in performing a specific task can be monitored, said Peter Freer, CEO of Freer Logic and creator of the device.

"No matter the amount of stress or lack of stimulation, we need to get them to be able to perform in a peak state," said Freer, "or to be able to transition to a peak state rapidly so that they are less likely to make error."

Templeton said NASA, the U.S. military, legal firm R. Rex Parris and the U.S. women's bobsledding team are already using the device and that other high stress professions such as in the field of healthcare could benefit as well.

**Device helps focus** 

Sandra Richardson, 37, a thirdyear practical nursing student who is currently completing her internship at Brampton Civic Hospital, said she thinks using BodyWave in hospitals would be a great idea because nurses and other health practicioners are always thinking critically.

"It's very easy to be interrupted constantly, just by other nurses alone," Richardson said.

"Anything that helps the health industry is good, we should always be accepting of new technology."

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## Barbershop quartet gets showcase, plans album

**Bianca Bykhovsky** A&E Reporter

The Humber student musical group Rendezvous, winners of the 2011 Ontario Collegiate Quartet competition, have made a guest appearance at the Gentlemen of Harmony's annual showcase in Simcoe, Ont.

The vocal quartet formed in September, 2010, and features tenor Danny Fond, lead singer Brodie Cuff, baritone Andrew Kesler and bass Rob McLaren. Fond, Brodie and Kesler moved to Toronto for the music program. There, they met their fourth member McLaren and their love affair with barbershop quartet began.

"We find songs we really like, learn them and then make videos and perform them. We got connected with the Toronto Northern Lights men's chorus and we've grown since then by word of mouth," said Kesler.

"The barbershop society is very tight knit," Kesler added. "We spent some time with the Gentlemen of Harmony after the Collingwood District competition in April, and we connected with them.

"When they were looking for another act, they chose us, I guess because we definitely made a good impression on them," said Kesler.

The group said they plan to wait for two of the four members of Rendezvous to graduate from Humber, and afterwards they are hoping to get a cruise contract and create an album together.

COURTESY RENDEZVOUS QUARTET From Left: Danny Fong, Brodie Cuff, Rob McLaren and Alumnus becomes journalist by day, bass player by night

Alex Fuller A&E Reporter

A graduate of Humber's journalism program has gone on to find employment at the Toronto *Metro* newspaper, and is also co-founder of the local rock band Corners.

"It is kind of a juggling act," said alumnus Laurie Wilson.

"Basically, I've dedicated my weekends to the band," said Wilson, who works as a Toronto *Metro* editor on weeknights and for the past year has written, recorded and performed as a founding member of the Toronto-based band.

"We're finally going to be able to release this music that we've been working on," said Wilson.

"We want to keep working on getting out new material," he added.

The four-member band consists of keyboardist and vocalist Matthew O'Halloran, Wilson on bass, guitarist Mark Anderson and drummer Calvin Castellino.

Wilson said the music Corners produces is influenced by indie rock, grunge, alternative genres, Radiohead, Nirvana and Nine Inch Nails, among others.

The band has had a long road re-

incarnating themselves from multiple older projects, including a band called Il Attire, said Anderson.

"We're gaining ground right now," said Anderson. "The next step I guess is a full-length album."

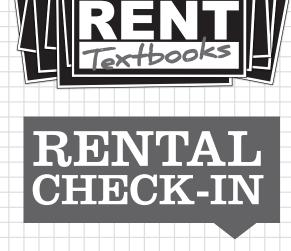
Anderson and O'Halloran both said an album and a tour would be a suitable next steps for Corners, and O'Halloran added there is a possibility of producing a music video. Corners will be performing tomorrow night at Bovine Sex Club on Queen Street West and will be performing in support of a CD release January 13, 2012 at Lee's Palace on Bloor Street West.

Corners' music can be streamed at facebook.com/wearecorners or at wearecorners.bandcamp.com.





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## Alumna's poem shortlisted for new international prize

#### **Brandon Humber** A&E Reporter

A graduate of the Humber School for Writers is one of 50 poets from all over the world shortlisted for the first-ever Montreal International Poetry Prize.

Leslie Timmins' poem "After Cancer" is one of several from Canadian poets that has a chance to win the international competition.

Timmins wrote the poem after being diagnosed and treated for two types of cancer.

"The poem reflects the struggle I had after that experience – to just be able to quietly be in my body... and feel safe there," Timmins said.

Timmins took the correspondence program at the School for

Writers in 2007, and worked with author Isabel Huggan as a mentor.

"Working with Isabel was critical for me as a writer, because she really understood what I needed at that point in my writing," Timmins said.

Huggan said that as a mentor, having Timmins' work recognized is a rewarding experience for her as well.

"I guess it shows that my faith in her was absolutely justified," Huggan said. "It's one of those situations where the mentor's able to say, 'I knew she was good."

Len Epp, one of the creators of the prize and colleague Asa Boxer, whose non-profit organization celebrates poetry from around the world, created The Global Poetry Prize.

The contest was established With the help of an anonymous "catalyst donor" who funded the first prize of \$50,000, Epp said.

Epp and Boxer are in the process of publishing an anthology of the prize winning poems in an titled The 2011 Global Poetry Anthology.

Epp said the two thought there would be an audience for such a book.

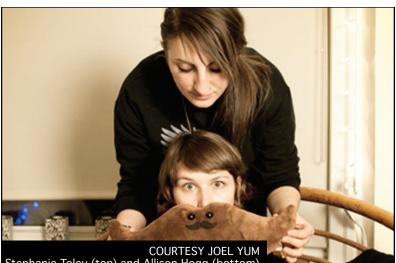
They plan to carry over profits from this years' shortlist anthology into next years' prize.

A long-list anthology will also be available free online for download some time in December, said Epp,

Timmins' poem will be included in the anthology, Which will be available by the end of the year.



COURTESY LESLIE TIMMINS Humber graduate Leslie Timmins, whose poem "After Cancer" is one of 50 from all over the world that made the shortlist for the Montreal International Poetry Prize.



Stephanie Tolev (top) and Allison Hogg (bottom)

# Ladystache comedy duo wraps first tour

Melinda Warren A&E Reporter

Graduates of Humber's comedy program are living their dream performing as the two-woman sketch comedy troupe Ladystache.

Ladystache was established in 2005 shortly after members Allison Hogg and Steph Tolev graduated from Humber.

"Humber allowed me to try things I never would have done before," said Hogg.

"I never would have tried standup if I hadn't gone to Humber. [The instructors] just throw you in there and you end up being less scared of being on stage," Hogg said.

Ladystache had four members when it first began but when two of the original members went their own way it evolved as a two person troupe Hogg said.

"I hate when people say that they

have never seen two women like us before," Hogg said. "It's kind of like a back-handed compliment because women can be funny."

Hogg and Tolev have known each other for so long that they are able to play off one another well, said Ellie Gordon-Moershel, a freelance journalist and long-time friend of the two.

"They an all-female comedy troupe, a majority of their sketches don't fit into conventional lady comedian territory," Gordon-Moershel said.

The two comedians do not have a script they follow for their performances. An idea is planned out and gets built on it from there, Tolev said.

"We have never done a period joke once in our life and we probably never will. We want all genders to remember what we have done and make them laugh," Tolev said.

"We won't say the exact same thing twice because we try to keep it as fresh for us as the audience," said Toley.

Ladystache just finished its first multi-city tour on Nov 21. Touring the Ontario cities of London, Collingwood, Ottawa, Pembroke and Toronto, as well as Montreal.

Ladystache will be performing Dec. 7 at The Ossington in west Toronto. Additional information can be found at ladystache.com.



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# **AIDS awareness comes to LinX**

#### Shaleni McBain Life Reporter

Today is Worlds AIDS Day, an opportunity for people to raise awareness and unite in the fight against HIV.

Third-year nursing students and nursing intructor Colin MacRae are hosting events today around North campus to raise awareness about AIDS.

"There is an estimated 65,000 people living in Canada who are known to be HIV positive," said MacRae. "Half of these cases are in Ontario, and half of [the Ontario cases] are in Toronto." At tonight's LinX pub night, MacRae and his students are planning to set up different games, booths and performances.

The group has choreographed a dance, and will perform at the pub.

"We're bringing *Glee* to LinX pub," said Christine Strack, third-year nursing student. "Colin will even be joining us on stage."

The group said they've carefully selected a playlist for the night with songs based around sex.

"Without sex, you can't talk about AIDS, so let's talk more about

sex," said Kenneth Prosper, a thirdyear nursing student. Among the events at LinX will be

demonstrations to teach students d

## "WITHOUT [TALKING ABOUT] SEX, YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT AIDS" - KENNETH PROSPER, NURSING STUDENT

how to properly apply and remove condoms.

The group will have free condoms on hand, as well as packages that in-

clude a condom, lubricant, proper application instructions and a lollipop. The group will be offering condom manufacturer Durex's new game, which offers a digital sexual experience.

"It is an interactive experience that involves having online sex with your hand. You get to choose your partner and you get to have sex with your brain and your hand by touching the screen," said MacRae.

The participant is instructed to put their fingers on the outlines which appear on the screen.The longer the partcipant holds their hands on the screen, the more "intense" the cyber sex becomes.

Displayed on the screen are monitors for heart rate and pleasure.

You can experience "risk free sex", said Durex's website.

The group is also giving away shirts, glasses and a manicure from the Humber Spa.

They will also be screening the films from the AIDS Jaago series tonight at 7:30 p.m. in front of the North campus lecture hall E135.

They are Bollywood-style films that follow people infected with HIV/AIDS and tells their stories. The films were shown at the 2007 Toronto International Film Festival.

## Arboretum a safe haven for some migrating birds

Bird feeders are spreading seeds to keep them here all through the winter months

#### **Jesse Thomas** Special to the Et Cetera

Many bird species that generally migrate south can find enough food sources in the Humber Arboretum, to keep them here all winter.

"We do not want to replace the bird's natural food selection, but come late November we begin feeding them," said Jimmy Vincent, a nature interpreter at the arboretum.

"Whether some birds stay for the winter or migrate south depends on food availability."

The Arboretum staff has set up bird feeders behind their building and spread seed on the ground.

"The black capped chickadees are a big thing for us around here," said Vincent. "We start feeding them here from bird feeders but we also feed them right from our hand."

"We are seeing cardinals, robins, woodpeckers and mockingbirds staying here in the winter," he said. "Some think the birds look fatter but they have down feathers they puff up that help keep them warm."

Bird feeders and fruit trees keep birds such as robins and mourning doves around, which also keeps birds of prey such as hawks staying to feed on them.

"We are seeing mallards stay here all year round," said Mark Peck, director of ornithology at the Royal Ontario Museum. "The Canada goose is random, they will sometimes stay around, same with the longbilled duck, the greater scaup and bufflehead."

Such waterfowl have typically migrated further south but when they are able to find open water they will stay all year.

The owls that migrate here from farther north are a big attraction at the Arboretum.

"This time of year we start to see our owls showing up," said Chris Biatek, a tour-guide with the Arboretum's Owl-Prowl. "The long-eared owl is the most common owl living in the area."

Other owl species present include the great horned owl, the Eastern screech and the Northern saw whet.

"The owls hunt in the evening and sleep late at night, said Biatek. "During the day, you will see them roosting in a tree. This is probably the best time to see them."

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## Gambling addiction a threat to students' life stability

**Terry Elkady** Special to the Et Cetera

Student Richard Southcote (not his name) makes the short drive from North campus to Woodbine Race Track to play the slots and ponies a couple of times a week.

"I lose pretty much every single time," said Southcote, a first-year student at North campus who said he averages weekly losses of around \$100.

Southcote said he recalled one trip where he left class a little early to bet on the horses.

He said that after making his bet, his horse started acting strange behind the starting line and ended up dead last.

Southcote said that pretty much all of his experiences at Woodbine have been negative and are rarely profitable. "I should probably stay away

from it for a little bit," he said.

Liz Sokol, the co-ordinator for counselling services for North campus said gambling is a serious matter that affects some students. "One hundred to \$200 a week

is significant for a student," said Sokol. "One student was so involved

that their life was at risk," she said. "It's money that is going to

waste, with interest," said Sokol, referring to students who use OSAP toward gambling.

She said though gambling is an important issue for counselling services, it does not provide particular preventative approaches to gambling addiction.

However, Gamblers Anonymous comes to Humber once a year and counselling services works with them, said Sokol.

Students who need help can also contact Disability Services.

"If a student has been dealing with an addiction, then they can receive services from disability," said co-ordinator Maureen Carnegie.

Services can include a reduced course load and support in modifying timetables, among others. "Gambling is a big issue and

can derail lives," said Carnegie. Carnegie said these issues often come to their attention unexpectedly.

"Sometimes through discussion with a counsellor, it comes out that 'Hey, I like gambling and can't make rent," she said.

# **Kickboxing boosts women**

Shylo Adams Life Reporter

Womens' boxing club PinkMafia and Thai style boxing training center Hook Up Muay Thai will be hosting an all girls kickboxing event at Queen St. West's Great Hall on Dec. 9, with all proceeds going to Nellie's Shelter, which supports women and children.

"Boxing made me feel really empowered," said Anna Von Frances, owner of PinkMafia.

"I wanted to incorporate it in a way and do some fundraising for Nellie's Shelter."

The first 'GirlFight' hosted in March of this year, by promoter PinkMafia, raised \$7,000 for Nellie's Shelter and with this event they hope to raise even more, said Von Frances.

"They will be fighting in K1, which means they can kick, clinch and knee," she said.

The event will have six bouts of women's amateur kickboxing, said Jim Marinow, founder of Hook Up Muay Thai gym, located at the intersection of Caledonia and Bridgeland.

Jenna Pettinato, a development worker at Nellie's, said she hopes the event will bring awareness to the shelter, which protects women against violence.

"It is our hope that people contact us after the event," said Pettinato.

Debby Cabral will be fighting on behalf of Hook Up Muay Thai. She said she started training after getting herself out of a difficult time in her life.

"I had just gotten fresh out of detox," said Cabral, "My friend and I said, 'Why don't we join a gym?' so I could focus and channel my mind on something else."

Cabral said it's been almost two years now and the gym has become her new addiction.

Samantha Ralph, 21, a fourthyear kinesiology student at the University of Guelph-Humber, has been in Muay Thai classes for a year.

"I used to play varsity basketball



and I stopped because school was getting so busy, and I was bored," said Ralph.

Ralph's brother told her about the fun he was having at Muay Thai classes.

"I jumped on the computer, Googled Muay Thai gyms around the area, found one, went there and it was instant- I loved it," said Ralph. She said she's been in two Muay

Thai competitions, winning one and tying in the other. Ralph, said

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she supports women competitors in the field of boxing and kickboxing.

"I think [women's kickboxing] is awesome. It definitely gives them confidence that they can hold their own," Ralph said.

Ralph said she hopes it shows women in need that they can fend for themselves.

"GirlFight is kind of a good representation that girls can take care of themselves," Ralph said.



# HyGrade clothing: style with humour

#### **Dona Boulos** Life Reporter

A Humber student has joined a clothing line called HyGrade Clothing which is aimed at college students.

Three months ago Paul Iarusci joined HyGrade Clothing Co. as a vice president and sales associate.

Paul Iarusci, 22, a hospitality student who is taking a break from school but coming back next year, said the name of the line "can have so many different angles.

For example, living a high-grade lifestyle, or high-grade quality."

Matt Karin, founder and president of HyGrade, said he and cofounder Jeff Hare were the first two to come together and say "let's do this," and then Iarusci joined them.

Karin said the line for men and women features sweaters, t-shirts, long sleeve shirts and tank tops. They

have original designs and logos. "We like making people laugh with our shirts. People see the skunk design and they laugh," said Karin.

"A lot of our clothes have a double-meaning, which just means depending on who you are, the designs will be interpreted differently," Karin said, "We love making clothes that we would wear. Everything we make, we wear."

Michael Karin, brother of Matt, designs all of the clothes.

The clothes range from \$20 - 50, depending on the item and design.

The new brand made an appearance on a Hello Beautiful music video, as the band wore their clothes.

Jason Meyers, a Toronto based designer, who is currently re-branding from high-end "red carpet" wear to high-end street wear, said passion will get you through the fashion industry.

"If you love what you do, it doesn't feel like work. And if you're passionate about it, don't ever stop or give up," said Meyers. How did you choose your outfit

today? Well, usually I plan my outfit the night before, but I was busy with readings last night so I was distressed this morning and just threw this on. What fashion

### style would you say is your favorite? I like the classic

look, pearl earrings, black pants and pencil skirts.

### What are you looking forward to wearing for winter?

Scarves! I love scarves so much I try to wear them all year round.

By Shaleni McBain

**Kari-Lyn Garvel,** 23 First-year, Film and Television



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## **Attack on CBC just rivalry Et** Cetera

The CBC has been under fairly constant attack recently because of its refusal to disclose information about its internal workings to the Information Commissioner of Canada.

It has lately relented and handed over the documents requested of it, but because of the ferocity with which it defended itself, what should have been a small inconvenience to it is now a grand victory for its rivals.

For the past few months, the CBC/ Radio-Canada has received almost 1.500 access-to-information requests.

These requests came from various places, but the bulk of them were from media outlets owned by the Quebecor Media Company.

Quebecor owns Osprey Media, the Sun Media Corporation, the Sun Television Network and 24 Hours.

It contends the CBC is biased and is using taxpayer money inappropriately. Quebecor is seeking to find out how much money the CBC spends in what places, such as what Peter Man-

sbridge's salary is. The CBC has denied the allegations, saying (quite rightly) that Quebecor is trying to gain a competitive advantage by trying to force it to re-

veal its journalistic practices. This has as much to do with Quebecor trying to gain support for its Sun TV network as it is to do with trying to hold the CBC accountable to commissioner Suzanne Legault.

And the CBC was right in its decision not to give Quebecor information about their practices.

The origin of this debate dates back to 2009, when the Information Commissioner of Canada formally was investigating complaints about the CBC refusing to disclose information under Canada's Access to Information Act.

Section 68.1 of the Broadcasting Act states, "This Act does not apply to any information that is under the control of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation that relates to its journalistic, creative or programming activities, other than information that relates to its general administration."

The CBC refused, and initiated a judicial review application challenging the Legault office's authority to obtain records from the CBC.

The Federal Court dismissed the application, the CBC appealed, and the Federal Court of Appeal has taken the matter under reserve.

On Oct. 25, Legault reported to the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy, and Ethics that she had formally, "asked the CBC to provide us with information that had been withheld so that we could assess whether its decision on disclosure was justified or whether the withheld information fell within the exception to the exclusion"

Quebecor has also made numerous

CBC has used taxpayers' money to

It's also true that the CBC has been (until recently) fighting all attempts to access any information about their journalistic, creative, or program-

And it's not just CBC that gets mon-

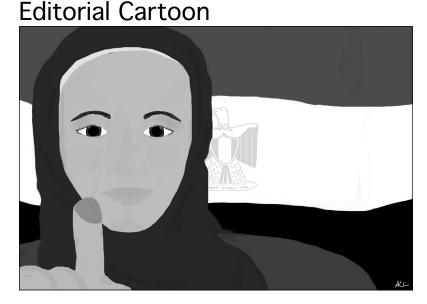
Hubert Lacroix. CBC's president and CEO, recently said CTV, Global, and Quebecor all receive support from the government.

He listed the Canada Media Fund and the CRTC-run Local Programming Fund as government packages that are available to all Canadian broadcasters.

When CBC refused to disclose its practices, though, Quebecor took this as an admission of guilt.

The upshot is that Quebecor has successfully portrayed the CBC to the public as an opaque and unaccountable organization.

But really, it's doubtful that the information commissioner will divulge what she learns about the CBC.



## **Please take the 'P'** out of PD



There are some things in this I world that just mystify me. From people putting ketchup on their Kraft dinner, to that random sticky stuff on the floor of theaters, even after they just cleaned it. But the

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one thing that completely blows my mind is couples who feel the need to publicly display their affection.

Every time I'm at the mall, I can't help but notice many couples necking – playing games of tonsil hockey.

Do they not realize that they are not alone? That there may be individuals present who fall ill at this sight? There is a time and place for this,

and the mall - or any other public place - is not it. Public displays of affection (PDAs) should be private. Please, if you feel the need to show

your loved one how much you care about them, stay home. Consider this: have you ever noticed that couples who display said affection often look like they are in a competition to see who can eat the other person's face first? Are we that close to cannibals? It can be rather disturbing to witness; it makes me want to stay at home.

But even though I hate witnessing PDAs, there are some situations that make me smile and melt my heart. When an elderly couple is giving each other kisses and holding hands, or when I see a four-year-old kiss another for the first time, an "aww" comes involuntarily to my lips.

But when you see a teenage couple embraced, I can't contain my highpitched "eww."

I understand the need to show affection to the people you love - it's nature. But while you are in public, it would be beneficial for all if you kept it to a minimum.

On the other side, I understand some of these gestures could be described as romantic and "in spur of the moment." Someone might have walked in on the moment where the boyfriend has just proposed, or the couple has just reunited after a year of being apart.

These situations are understandable, and justified.

But there are many different ways to show affection without making others feel uncomfortable around you.

Hold hands. That's always sweet. But if you feel the urge to do more, why not give a peck on the lips or cheek if you need to?

Please, think of the children - stop trying to see who can last the longest with no air.



"I don't agree with the fare hike, we are students. But driving is still more expensive because I would have to pay for parking and gas. It's definitely not going to make me and my friends happy.

Leonora Lekha, 21 Second-year law clerk

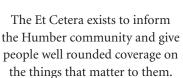


year because I'm fed up. It's ruined my experience for a long time. Service isn't as people friendly.

Antoinette Mahabir, 23 Graduate ECE

"This morning I was standing for 32 minutes in the rain. The service is so bad lately. I might consider driving."

Jaspreet Kaur, 21 Second-year business accounting



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### claims that the CBC is misspending taxpayers' money. It's very difficult to tell at this point if that claim holds water, though the **MANAGING EDITORS**

fight the information commissioner. ming activities.

But in all fairness, Quebecor is opposed to the CBC, both politically and in business. It is also ideologically opposed to the CBC, which has been criticized as left-leaning by various people and organizations.

ey from the Canadian government.

## To Bieb or not to Bieb, here's my confession

Stop hating on my boy Bieber, that's it



### Kaitlyn Campanella

First thing's first. I must confess that I am, indeed, a Belieber. I proudly own Justin Bieber's My World, My World 2.0 and Under the Mistletoe albums, as well as a Bieber Barbie which I might regret admitting later.

I could go on and on about professing my love for Justin Bieber, but that's not the point I'm trying to get across.

For every dozen screaming fan girls, there is one bitter twentysomething who prides himself on his Bieber hatred. Sure, the kid is \$53 million richer than you, and has hundreds of thousands more Twitter followers than you do.

And yes, he has more girls chasing after him than you could ever dream of - but still, why all the hate?

All numbers aside, this kid has talent. If you have ever turned on a radio, or a TV, you've heard him sing. Most disbelievers mock Justin's "prepubescent voice", trendy hair and cheesy, overplayed songs.

What some people don't know and could easily learn by watching Justin's movie, Never Say Never is that he is a multi-talented musician and certainly has heart. I possess no formal training on which I can base my judgment of Bieber's talent. I do, however, listen to a lot of music and I'd have to say that Bieber, with his ability to hit high

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notes that some famous female singers cannot, has one of the best voices I have ever heard. Judging by his early videos, I doubt that Bieber woke up one morning and decided to post videos of himself singing to make money. He began playing drums at the age of three, and taught himself to sing and play guitar not long after. His lifelong love of music paid off when he was discovered on YouTube.

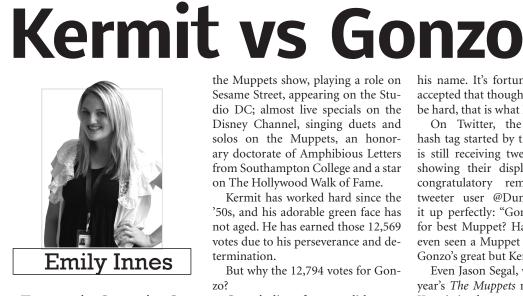
Before you disregard my opinion and assume that I'm a pop-obsessed fan girl, please reconsider. I have eclectic taste in music, and I tend to listen more to indie bands like Born Ruffians and my all-time favourite post-hardcore band, Dead and Divine, than I do to major label pop stars.

That said, I discovered Bieber's YouTube channel even before his manager, Scooter Brauhn, did. I should have formed a record label and signed him right then - but sadly didn't have that foresight.

I was still in high school when I found the Biebs, singing a mindblowing cover of Chris Brown's "With You." Again, I am not a pop-hungry, mainstream music lover, nor am I a fan of Chris Brown. I am a fan, however, of seemingly genuine musicians, which, contrary to popular opinion, Bieber is.

My point is that on the surface, maybe Justin Bieber does appear to be just another money-hungry pop star. Take the time to watch even just one of his videos; learn something about him, swallow your pride and give him a chance. I guarantee you'll gain at least an ounce of respect for the little guy (no offence, Biebs).

He's just a kid who was in the right place at the right time, and had the opportunity to make money doing what he loves. So why not give him a chance?



ast week, Gonzo the Great Lwas announced the winner of the Muppets popularity contest run by the National Post, narrowly edging out Kermit the Frog for the lead, wreaking havoc on the Muppets dynamics.

The tournament began on Nov. 16 and ran for six days in a single elimination event that garnered a lot of interest in the social media sphere. The final round, Gonzo versus Kermit, was a tight race with over 25,000 votes cast. Gonzo was voted the favourite with 50.4% of the vote.

"Kermit may be the hub, but he's never hogged (sorry Miss Piggy) the spotlight," wrote National Post reporter Chris Knight, who represented Kermit for a concession speech.

"Kermit doesn't take top billing (sorry Dr. Teeth) and wouldn't have it any other way."

I think though Knight makes a valid point that Kermit does not require the spotlight, the fact is he is the centre of the Muppets. His calm, collected nature holds the crew together. Kermit's resume includes hosting

the Muppets show, playing a role on Sesame Street, appearing on the Studio DC; almost live specials on the Disney Channel, singing duets and solos on the Muppets, an honorary doctorate of Amphibious Letters from Southampton College and a star on The Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Kermit has worked hard since the '50s, and his adorable green face has not aged. He has earned those 12,569 votes due to his perseverance and determination.

But why the 12,794 votes for Gonzo?

Gonzo's list of accomplishments includes being on the Muppets and playing the final trumpet note in the opening theme song. This is not nearly as impressive as Kermit, who also gave a commencement speech to the Southampton College graduating class of 1996.

Gonzo may be unique, and proud of it, and I'm happy that individuality is being celebrated. But his victory came at the cost of hurting a kind, hardworking frog.

It was a classic Rocky-style case of wanting the underdog to take the win. But, in this case the top frog - an Apollo Creed in green – is great.

Kermit once sang: "It's not easy being green, It seems you blend in with so many other ordinary things, and people tend to pass you over 'cause you're not standing out like flashy sparkles in the water or stars in the sky."

In this case, he wasn't wrong.

He got passed over by Gonzo, who is as flashy as they come. He occasionally wears caps, shirts with red peppers, bowties, and he has "great" is in his name. It's fortunate that Kermit accepted that though being green can be hard, that is what he wants to be.

On Twitter, the #muppetbattle hash tag started by the National Post is still receiving tweets with people showing their displeasure or their congratulatory remarks. I think tweeter user @Dunstanb summed it up perfectly: "Gonzo over Kermit for best Muppet? Have these people even seen a Muppet show or Movie? Gonzo's great but Kermit's the man."

Even Jason Segal, who stars in this year's The Muppets movie, voted for Kermit in the tournament. His vote should not count in the same way as everyone else because he has a personal relationship with the gang. I think his vote should be worth about 226 votes, which coincidentally would give Kermit the win.

Leading into the final vote, Steve Murray, a National Post graphic columnist, defended Gonzo by writing: "What is Kermit? What are his traits? He's the blank canvas narrator. He's Nick in the Great Gatsby. He's air. He's utterly and completely boring, by design."

Though, Kermit is not in the least bit boring, he is air. Air is something we can't live without, and I think that is the essence of Kermit.

Maybe Kermit lost because the polling system was flawed. The "readers choice: pick your favourite Muppet" contest that the National Post ran on Nov. 22 gave Kermit a second chance. Out of all the 16 Muppets characters, Kermit won with almost 17 per cent of the vote. A small victory, but Team Kermit will take it.

# TTC fails riders yet again



Rob Ford said we would feel the cuts, but he didn't say how. Look at the comments section on any newspaper website - many Torontonians who use the TTC for daily transportation are confused and enraged.

I should know. I'm one of them. Here's the situation as it stands, even before cuts - I'm waiting for the 36 Finch, either to get to Finch Station or Humber College, and it's still busy as hell. In the winter, it's often snowing and freezing.

The TTC says this bus comes once every 10-15 minutes-though sometimes it even takes up to 30 minutes. Once the bus finally arrives, I often can't even get through the doors be-

cause riders are nearly piling on top of each other.

Rob Ford confirmed in November that there will be a 5.3 per cent cut to the TTC's funding from the city.

So how exactly is Ford improving our transit system?

Increasing the wait time for busy bus routes like this seems idiotic and nonsensical. Though the TTC has said wait times will only rise by up to a minute or two, in reality, TTC riders could now be waiting up to 40 minutes for these buses - much like the route times in much smaller cities, without the thriving population found in Toronto.

Again, I know; I've waited 50 minutes for a Finch bus.

It's been reported these budget cuts will cause the removal of 422 TTC jobs and the review of 500 others for possible outsourcing, including union, management and trades.

The majority of the cuts will happen to the management positions in the TTC, and the cutbacks are supposedly going to hit a majority of TTC managers, according to the Sept. 13 story in the Toronto Star - something that could prove disastrous when it comes to service and planning.

Ford is making major budget cuts not only to the TTC but other city programs as well - so the city can spend less money than last year.

This is something Ford claims has never been done before, and touts it as a big deal. It's understandable that the city cannot run at a deficit, and in tough economic times, Ford has strict constraints to which he must adhere.

As he says, these budget cuts will "remarkably" improve city expenditures and affordability, but at what cost? What we will we lose? The TTC is certainly going to be a big one.

Not long ago, the TTC was deemed an essential service for commuters, but how essential can it be when we're slashing its budget? If anything, the TTC should be receiving a bigger budget to improve amenities for a growing ridership.

The TTC is seeing a three per cent rider increase from last year and over 500 million rides this year alone, and Ford is still insisting on cuts.

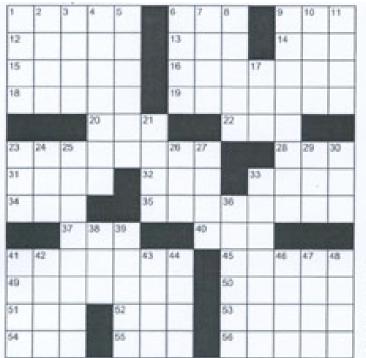
Clearly, Torontonians are committed to using this transit system. But instead of accommodating them appropriately, the city is making TTC even more inconvenient than it's ever been.





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- 6. Which person?
- 9. Invite
- 12. Mexican sauce
- 13. Actor McKellen
- 14. Once named
- 15. Boot out
- 16. Blunder
- 18. Transplant
- 19. Gift

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- 20. Salmon eggs
- 22. Brewed drink
- 23. Renovator
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- Skin decoration
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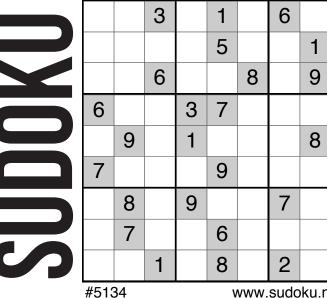
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During this hallowed and sad week you will mourn the loss of your majestic mustache and join in grieving with your newly shorn brethren.



LEO JUL. 24-AUG. 23

Maybe this year you'll pick yourself up off the floor. Or maybe you won't. Your call.



PISCES FEB.19- MAR. 20

You will finally learn a true tenet of friendship; friends don't let friends shave half their head.



AUG. 24 - SEPT. 22

This week hoards of charmed onlookers won't be able to stay away from you, Mr. Delicious.



ARIES MAR. 21-APR. 20

You have no future. We're on a deadline.



SEPT. 23- OCT. 23

None of your Twitter followers truly believe that you are a connoisseur of anything.



This weekend, you will decide to get off your couch and lower your standards.



**GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21** 

This week you will live up to your horoscope namesake and show someone the goat.



NOV. 23-DEC. 21

How many nights are you going to spend outside someone's window with a boombox before you realize she's moved away?



**CANCER** 

**JUNE 22- JULY. 23** 

You have 30 days to

annoy as many people

as possible with

Christmas music. GO!

12 6 **CAPRICORN** DEC. 22 - JAN. 20

Santa's coming, better bring tissues. You know, to clean up the crumbs.





OCT. 24-NOV. 22

This weekend you will discover Shakespeare was right: one tequila, two tequila, three tequila, floor.





### Sports 15

# **Dodgeball for SickKids**

Recreation and leisure students, including cancer survivor, organize dodgeball tournament to raise money for hospital

#### Chanelle Seguin Sports Reporter

Humber's second-year recreation and leisure students raised \$760 for the SickKids Foundation at their dodgeball tournament last week, which is close to the heart for one student organizer who battled cancer.

Jed Luna, a second-year recreation and leisure student, is a cancer survivor who spent a lot of time at the Hospital for Sick Children between the age of 10 and 18.

"It means a lot to the people at SickKids too, because all the money goes to helping other kids with cancer," said Luna.

Luna, now 21, goes to Princess Margaret Hospital for annual check-ups, and said he remains cancer free.

Kayley Pezzack, 19, a second-year

recreation and leisure student and chair of the event, said along with Luna's connection to SickKids, the time of year was also a reason for their choice of charity.

"We thought doing an event for a children's hospital around this time of year was appropriate," said Pezzack.

The event also featured a raffle for prizes and a donations table for SickKids. Teams of 10 that registered for the tournament paid \$10 per player. This fee, along with the raffle funds and donations, all went to the SickKids Foundation.

Chad Patterson, 18, a secondyear recreation and leisure student, said choosing to go with dodgeball was based on its popularity.

"We wanted to choose something that was very well known with everyone in the community," said Patterson. "Everyone knows dodgeball."

The event was a class project for the third semester recreation and leisure students, but it turned into something more than just a class task.

Luna said it's the small things like the tournament that can do so much.

"It gives a chance to a kid like me to live a better life," he said.



# Galle revered by Humber Hawks

#### Adriano Mancini Sports Reporter

Some coaches and players consider Roberto Galle the very definition of what Humber asks from its athletes.

"Roberto is every coach's dream player," said Germain Sanchez, head coach of the Hawks men's soccer team. "He can play every position and he runs nonstop."

Galle, a Toronto native, enjoyed a successful season with the soccer team, winning the Ontario College Athletic Association provincial title.

He also ran with Humber's crosscountry team this year.

Sanchez said Galle was a vital component to the soccer team and a player he could count on every game. "Athletics are really important to me," said Galle, 20, a secondyear recreation and leisure student. "Sports are something I am consistently doing whether it's playing soccer or any other sport."

He led the men's cross-country team to the national tournament in Kamloops, B.C.

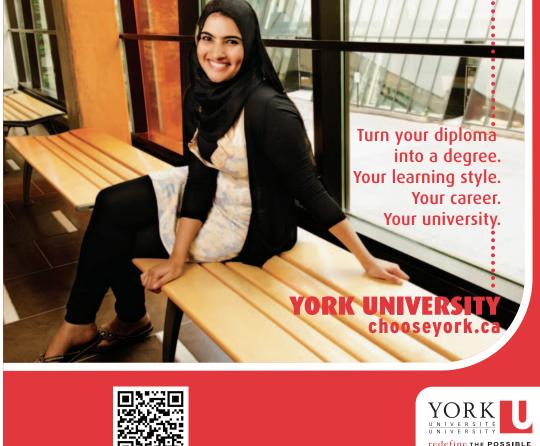
"My goals at the start of the season were to finish top 10 and beat my race time in cross country provincials," said Galle. "Lucky enough I did them both in one day."

Hawk Jose Caro, 25, a first-year psychology student at Guelph Humber, said Galle is a role model for all athletes and a person who gives 100 per cent all the time.

"He is the very definition of an outstanding athlete who does everything he can to win."

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# Humber considers policy in wake of Penn State scandal

#### **Sarah MacDonald** Special to the Et Cetera

Humber's Athletic Director said he will consider how varsity sports can ensure preventing the kinds of sexual abuse evident in the Penn State University scandal.

"It's something that I will probably put on my agenda for our athletic staff," said Doug Fox. "I will probably mention it to our dean."

But he said it's difficult to imagine a policy that could have avoided something like a Penn State football coach from abusing young boys at the university's facilities and elsewhere for over a decade.

"I don't even know how you would predict that," he said.

He said the college is careful when it hires coaches for women's and men's teams, not simply relying on interviews with candidates but also doing extensive background checks.

"I'm pretty careful with who I hire. I go by references 90 per cent of the time," he said.

Still, neither Humber nor the

Ontario College Athletics Association has a written policy regarding coach behaviour.

Guidelines on harassment and fair treatment of students are found in Humber's code of ethics policy.

"I'm bound by the college. It wouldn't matter what I put down," Fox said. "It would be the college policies that I follow."

The OCAA maintains it is a governing body for game related activities and that's where its policy ends.

"We have a code of ethics policy that we expect our coaches and our student athletes to abide [by] when it comes to sport," said Blair Webster, executive director of the OCAA. "Outside of sport, those issues fall to the institution."

John Davies, president of the college, said he believes the bond between the athletic department and administration is strong enough that if inappropriate behaviour by coaches existed, it would be reported.

"It's always best to take the position that there's always more that you can do to improve safety and security."



The Under KINfluence dodgeball team at the tournament organized to raise money for the SickKids Foundation on Nov. 25 at Humber.

# **STANDINGS**

Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Men's Volleyball	Women's Volleyball
1. Niagara 12 Pts. 2. Humber 12 Pts.	1. Fanshawe 12 Pts. 2. Sheridan 12 Pts.	1. Nipissing 16 Pts. 2. Humber 10 Pts.	1. Nipissing 14 Pts. 2. Humber 12 Pts.
3. Fanshawe 10 Pts.	3. Algoma 12 Pts.	3. Mohawk 8 Pts.	3. Fanshawe 10 Pts.
4. Sheridan 10 Pts.	4. Humber 10 Pts.	4. Fanshawe 8 Pts.	4. Niagara 8 Pts.
6. Algoma 10 Pts.	8. Mohawk 8 Pts.	5. Redeemer 8 Pts.	5. Conestoga 6 Pts.

# Hawks take two at home

#### Keaton Robbins Sports Reporter

The Humber men's basketball team has won four in a row after defeating the St. Clair Saints 74-51 on Sunday.

The Hawks won both home games over the weekend, and also beat the Lambton Lions 83-65 on Saturday. With the weekend wins, the Hawks improved their record to 6-2 in OCAA regular season play. Hawks head coach Shawn Col-

Hawks head coach Shawn Collins said the team needs to address turnovers, as the Hawks totaled 18 giveaways in Sunday's game.

"A lot of our turnovers have been unforced," Collins said. "I don't think St. Clair's defense really caused the turnovers. Right now we're still trying to find a rhythm with our offence, and it goes between the guards and the forwards."

"Overall we've been really happy with our performance of the last couple weeks," Collins said. "I'm confident we can reduce the turnovers."

Hawks guard Mark Perrin, 21, scored 11 points against St. Clair and

said the depth on the roster makes every player's job a little easier.

"I think the squad rotation has taken a little bit getting used to, but it will definitely pay off later in the season at nationals," said Perrin, a sec-

ond-year health and fitness student. "Every win from now on is going to push us and give us more momentum," he said.

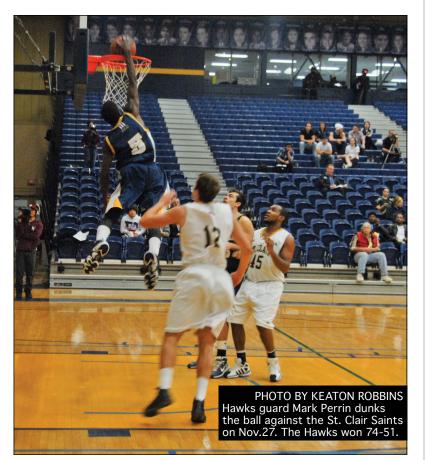
Hawks forward Brett Neumann, 21, a first-year heating refrigeration and air conditioning student, said things are starting to come together.

"Mike [Dvorak] has found his shot again, Chris Thompson has been great on the boards for offence, and Ron [Gabay] has been our best defender," Neumann said.

"The offence should run through the forwards, but a lot of it comes down to trusting that the forwards will be smart with the ball," he said.

Neumann said the big test will be when Humber hosts Niagara College tomorrow night.

"We really don't want to have three losses by Christmas," he said. "This game will be massive if we want to clinch first place."



# Women erase bad start with five wins



#### Matt Smith Sports Reporter

Humber women's basketball continues to climb the ranks, beating the Lambton Lions and the St. Clair Saints last weekend at home.

The Hawks beat the Lions 62-39 and Saints 62-47 to extend their winning streak to five games and move in to second place in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association western division with a 5-3 record. Hawks forward Atissa Cronk, 19,

totaled 28 points on the weekend.

Cronk, a first-year sports management student, said her team didn't fare well against the Lions until their passes started connecting after the first half.

"We played really good defence and it's hard for our opponents to get around it," said Cronk. "We want to make it a challenge for our opponents and that's what we did."

Lions coach Peter Kaija said his team had a few problems, most importantly their inability to sink field goals, connecting on only 14 of 49 shots.

"It got worse the second half

since we have very limited discipline," he said. "So until we improve on this, we're going to have games like this."

Saints coach Ken Ambrose said though his team started 10 rookies, he thought they played well, especially Saints guard Arica Price, who scored 14 points.

"Price is the heart and soul of my team," said Ambrose. "Without her we're in trouble but Humber did try and shut her down with their defence. Overall we had trouble getting the ball in the basket."

Hawks coach Ajay Sharma said Price is the type of player who tries to create shots for her teammates by driving and passing the ball.

"When she drove, I told defence to get back to [the defensive zone] as she's driving so that it's just her to cover, so we did a good job in covering her," said Sharma.

Sharma is building his team's game plans around the defence first.

"We're trying to take away our opponents best players chances and we're doing a good job of that in every game – including the ones where we lost," said Sharma.

## Volleyball team beats St. Clair

**Dion Caputi** Sports Reporter

The Hawks men's volleyball team beat the last place St. Clair Saints three sets to one on Nov. 26.

"We just needed to be consistent and let them make the mistakes, because we knew they would," said Andre Brown, 21, a third-year business administration student. "We needed to play out the game. Nothing more."

Brown said the team had been putting extra emphasis on improving its passing in practice.

"I told them to never underestimate their opponent," said Hawks head coach Wayne Wilkins. "Each opponent is an opportunity for us to prepare for the championships."

Wilkins emphasized that the starting left-sides improved in the win over the Saints.

"They weren't overly tested, but were very consistent," he said. The win allowed one Hawks player in particular to get his game back on track.

"I was impressed seeing Markus Poldma redeem himself after a poor performance against Redeemer," said Paul Kemboi, one of the Hawk's assistant coaches. "[Poldma was] serving tough, passing better."

The Hawks have relied on Poldma, one of the best left-side hitters in all of the OCAA.

Despite facing a weaker opponent, the game brings the Hawks one step closer to their goal of a provincial championship.

The Hawks are now 5-1 and come home on Saturday to face the Mohawk Mountaineers in a rematch of the Durham tournament finals.

