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IGNITE cautious after 80 per cent opt-in rate for fall semester

Jared Dodds

NEWS REPORTER

The end of fall semester at Humber College brings snow, project deadlines and the stress of upcoming exams.

But for student unions around the province, including Humber's IGNITE, the approach of winter semester also brings uncertainty.

When school comes back in session in January, students again have the choice to opt-out of ancillary fees under the Student Choice Initiative (SCI).

The directive, passed last January by the Ontario government of Premier Doug Ford, allows students to opt out of what are considered additional fees on top of tuition.

For Humber these Enhanced Student Experience Fees include Student Financial Support and IGNITE events and social opportunities.

A student choosing to opt into all five of the fees would pay an extra \$55.95 a semester.

Eighty per cent of Humber students opted into the fees, something that pleased IGNITE President Monica Khosla.

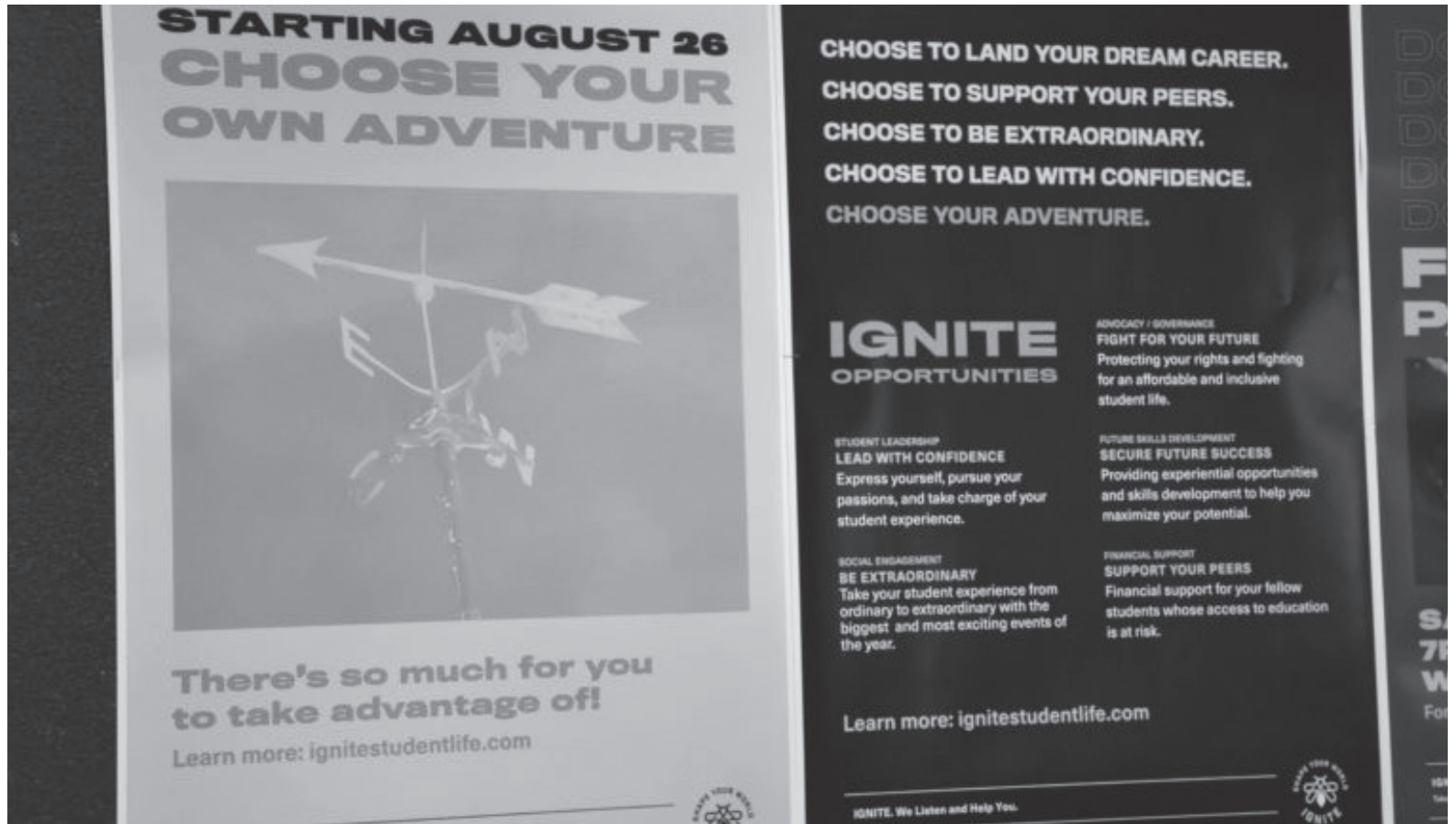
"We really take care of our students," Khosla said. "We really do put the time and care into knowing how they're doing, and I think that reflects in our opt in results."

IGNITE has been more successful than some post-secondary institutions around the province, including Ryerson's Continuing Education Student Association, which only had 59 per cent of students opt in.

But IGNITE's strong start does not guarantee continued support, a fact not lost on Khosla.

"It's going to be difficult because of how well we did the first semester," she said. "Some decrease is probably expected, and that in itself is frightening."

Students have the choice to opt in or out every semester, leaving the budgets of these unions in flux as



HUMBER NEWS

Under the Student Choice Initiative, Humber students will have to opt-in to pay certain IGNITE fees. The voluntary fees total \$55.95 per semester.

they wait to see how many students they gain or lose.

Sofia Descalzi, the National Chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), said she hopes the

tack from the Ontario government to stifle the voices that hold it accountable," Descalzi said. "It is incredibly important to not lose that political power for students."

ered in mid-October at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Divisional Court, with hopes of a decision before the new year.

Descalzi said students must realize they have the power to influence this government, even though the election is years away.

"We need to keep organizing," she said. "We need to keep the pressure up and keep escalating our actions to make sure that government at some point will respond to us."

"Students have not been the only one targeted by this government," Descalzi said. "People have reacted to that and the government has stepped back and have reinstated what they cut."

While the court case may be ongoing, Humber College is preparing for the reality its budget may shrink again in January.

But Jason Hunter, vice-president of Student and Community Engagement, understands a shrinking budget does not change the priority of getting students the services they need.

"I don't think students care where they get services from," Hunter said. "I don't think they care whether they're from the college, the student government or somewhere else. They just want their needs to be met."

He said working with IGNITE to make sure these services get to students is the most important thing.

"Our objective is to together say how can we [Humber College] serve them these ways and how can you [IGNITE] serve them in other ways, and how can we make that seamless," Hunter said. "We're two bodies of the organization here to support student success."

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VICE-PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

constant uncertainty makes students see the initiative for what it is.

"I think the take home message is that it [the SCI] was a targeted at-

The CFS announced a legal challenge to the SCI last May, citing a lack of legal authority.

Opening statements were deliv-

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End of tokens may negatively impact vulnerable communities

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NEWS REPORTER

Public transit is a hot-button issue for many students at Humber College, especially as winter brings cold mornings at the bus stop.

But a major change to how transit functions — the elimination of TTC tokens and tickets — has yet to cause a stir around campus, at least in the eyes of Amandeep Sharma, a second-year environmental technician student.

“Actually no, I haven’t thought about it,” Sharma said.

The TTC announced on Oct. 23 that tickets and tokens will no longer be sold as of Nov. 30, replacing them with the Metrolinx Presto Card.

Customers will be able to use their tokens after Nov. 30, but refunds for any tokens left over will not be given after the phase out is complete.

This date has not yet been announced.

Heather Brown, manager of Customer Communications at the TTC, said the organization has been preparing for this switch for years.

“We’ve been rolling out Presto

across the TTC since 2015,” Brown said. “We have all of the necessary infrastructure in place, on our vehicles, in our subway stations, to enable customers to make that transition away from paying with tickets, tokens or cash, towards paying with a Presto.”

She said customers can still use cash if they want to avoid Presto.

It will cost \$3.25 to purchase an adult fare with cash, compared to the \$3.10 it costs for Presto users.

The TTC will also be introducing a one-ride and two-ride ticket to replace the single fare, as well as a full day pass. These are targeted mostly at visitors to the city or infrequent transit users.

Many transit users, like Sharma, will be completely unaffected by the change, as they have been using Presto all along.

But Susan Bender, manager of the Toronto Drop-In Network (TDIN), wants people to look past their own lives and understand who this change hurts most.

“The cash fare that people will have to pay for a single Presto ticket is an unacknowledged fare hike,” Bender said. “The people who can’t afford a monthly pass and rely on single fares are being asked to ab-



JARED DODDS

The Presto card will soon become the only option for TTC commuters with the end of token sales on Nov. 30.

sorb a price increase.”

The TDIN is an organization devoted to assistance and advocacy for the homeless and precariously housed community. They give people tokens to get to important meetings, such as consultations with a landlord, or appointments they can’t miss.

The loss of the tokens will make handing out the fare more difficult, though the TTC said they are work-

ing towards a solution for social services.

“We’re working on a new plan for bulk purchase customers,” Brown said. “They will be able to purchase either Presto cards or one ride tickets.”

Bender fears the accessibility taken away with the tokens phase-out will affect people who have already been cast aside by some parts of the community.

“You have to go to a subway station

or a Shoppers Drug Mart,” she said. “And Shoppers Drug Marts aren’t always the friendliest places for people who are street involved. Some people are barred from Shoppers Drug Mart or they get followed around.”

Bender said the best solution to the problem would simply be free transit, which would have the added benefit of eliminating the need for expenses such as transit enforcement officers.

IGNITE proposes new governance rules for Jan. 16

Emily Wilson

NEWS REPORTER

Changes are coming to the structure of Humber College’s student government made to give the power back to the true decision makers, the Board of Directors.

IGNITE announced in October the executive transition from an elected student union structure to hired corporate structure.

Executives include the president and the three vice-presidents for North campus, Lakeshore campus and the University of Guelph-Humber, while the board of directors will continue to be elected. All will remain as student-held positions.

Ercole Perrone, executive director of IGNITE, said the board of directors will take over being the face of the student union, making the executives staff members of the organization rather than as representatives of the student body.

The announced change comes with an expectation of filling the executive vacancies with the highest

quality candidate as opposed to popularity, Perrone said in the release.

He said they are moving away from the open government approach which students often mistake them for having.

Student will still have a say in who speaks for them, but will not necessarily have the privilege of presence in board meetings.

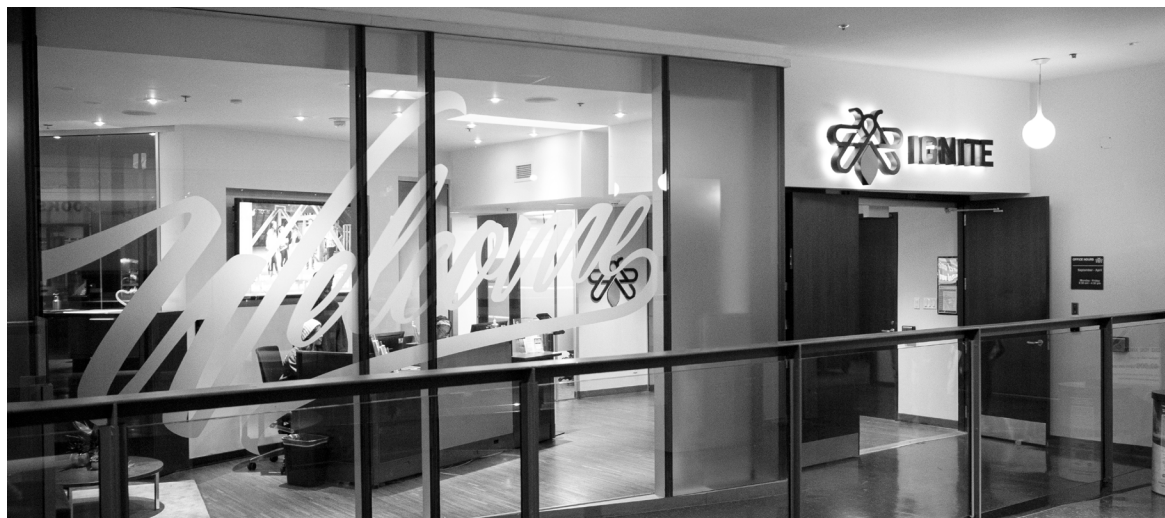
They don’t have the privileges of having full access to their meetings. Students may request to attend but ultimately the board can decide to admit them, he said.

What qualifies students to be a part of these meetings is unclear.

“The intent is to move towards a more formalized non-profit organization style way to work, which is to say meetings with the board of directors and guests the board wants to hear from,” Perrone said.

IGNITE President Monica Khosla agrees the process will ensure the competency of executives she passes the torch to.

“There’s certain skill sets and



EMILY WILSON

The new by-law changes are supposedly to recruit the best possible executives, rather than the most popular.

certain things you just need to have that qualify you better as being an executive, and sometimes when you’re elected you don’t always get,” she said.

But some question the transparency of the organization, which according to the 2018-19 financial statements has capital assets of more than \$7.2 million.

Humber College executives hold some skepticism. Jason Hunter, vice-president of Humber College, Student and Community Engagement, said he has never worked with a student government who has taken this approach before and is going forward with an open mind.

“My advice would be that students understand what you’re [IG-

NITE] doing and that students are supportive, while still having a transparent process,” he said.

Students will have an opportunity to voice their opinions. They are asked to attend IGNITE’s Special Meeting of the Members on Jan. 16, where they can vote to determine the future of the government structure.



MELANIE VALENTE-LEITE

On Nov. 11 Humber observed a moment of silence in honour of veterans and soldiers who have died since the First World War. Remembrance Day was first observed 100 years ago in 1919.

Remembrance Day ‘honours what it means to be Canadian’

Melanie Valente-Leite

NEWS REPORTER

Humber joined the millions of people across the globe united to commemorate the fallen soldiers and honoured those who fought for Canada’s freedom.

Amongst them Matt Smith, a Humber student studying music, paid his tribute to veterans by playing his trumpet for the Last Post.

“I’m honoured to be playing at this ceremony. To me Remembrance Day means a moment a day or even potentially every day to remember the veterans that risked their lives for us,” said Smith, a four-year music student.

Around the world, different names are used for Remembrance Day, such as Armistice Day or Veterans Day, but no matter what the name is, everyone knows Nov. 11 as the end of a long, devastating war that brought victory and joy to millions across the world.

More than two million Canadians served in the First World War and nearly 120,000 people made the ultimate sacrifice by losing their lives to protect their country.

And 101 years later and Humber continues to honour the veterans that went to war to protect Canada’s everlasting legacy of sacrifice and bravery.

“Their sacrifice is what preserves

Ian Crookshank, the Dean of Students at Humber, led the ceremony with a speech on what Nov. 11 means to him.

“I think beyond on what Remembrance Day means. It is an

“Folks, and I, and all Canadians should bow down and thank these veterans for the wonderful sacrifice and patriotism they gave us.”

-ROOPNARINE SINGH

FOUNDER OF THE CANADA DAY PARADE IN MONTREAL

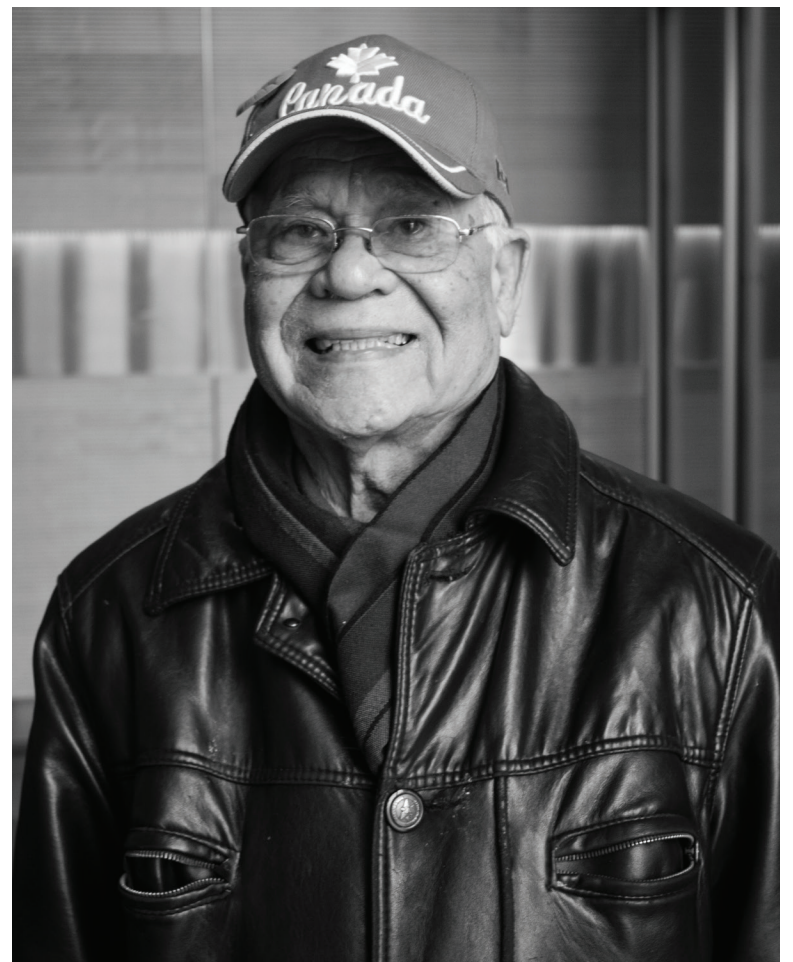
our liberty, our security and prosperity. Folks, and I, and all Canadians should bow down and thank these veterans for the wonderful sacrifice and patriotism they gave us,” said Roopnarine Singh, heart specialist and the founder of the Canada Day parade in Montreal, who attended the ceremony at Humber’s North Campus.

The vibrant red colour of poppies, that symbolizes the blood that shed during battle, was seen laid upon the heart across campus.

opportunity to think about what it means to be Canadian,” Crookshank said. “What it means to live in a time of relative peace. And we’ve been fortunate and privileged enough to do so. And I think sort of reflecting on what it has meant to me over my lifetime.”

Every year, people continue to salute those who served — and continue to serve — to protect their country.

And every year, those who paid for Canada’s freedom with their lives are remembered.



MELANIE VALENTE-LEITE

Roopnarine Singh says Canadians owe much to veterans for their bravery.

Campus closure no surprise, says Orangeville mayor

Josh Bergant

NEWS REPORTER

Humber's first foray outside of Toronto officially met its end.

The Orangeville campus, which started with hopeful beginnings, will officially close in June 2021 and it doesn't come as a surprise to the town's mayor.

Sandy Brown said the numbers "didn't really add up."

"Humber had been paying roughly \$150,000 per year for its current location," he said. "They could have went the route of Georgian College and bought a facility outright."

Brown was also disappointed that, when Humber was "gifted" land by the town, it didn't take the opportunity to build a full-service campus.

He said the town is now developing plans for the space at the centre.

"We're making an application with the provincial government to build a new library inside that space," Brown said. "What we want to build is more of a community hub — which libraries have become over the years. They used to be quiet places of study and reflection and education but now they cover a lot of different areas of everyday life in a community."

The Orangeville campus was first announced in 2005. The campus officially opened in 2006 in the town's Alder Street Recreation Complex.

The original plan for the campus consisted of a much larger square footage than what ended up being developed. Surplus land provided to Humber by the town aimed to house a \$20 to \$30 million, full-service campus that would more match the likes of Georgian College in Barrie.

Orangeville seemed like the ideal place to expand. Surrounded by verdant, protected Niagara Escarpment lands and many smaller communities immediately serviceable by the college.

The town spent \$3.1 million in 2005 for land to develop a campus. The land was returned in 2013.

Orangeville as a municipality was growing in those years as well — with the population growing to 30,734 from 29,007 between 2011 and 2016. Orangeville is a popular choice among potential new residents due to its proximity to major job centres such as Brampton, Mississauga and even Toronto.

Then problems arose.

Demand wasn't high enough to sustain the campus. Predicted numbers of students never came to



JOSH BERGANT

Despite being given land to construct a new facility, Humber instead rented space at the Alder Street Recreation Complex for its Orangeville campus.

fruition — and some residents were even disappointed at the sheer lack of space and programs provided at the Orangeville campus.

Joe Andrews, the principal of Orangeville campus, said although he was saddened by the news, he understood the ultimate reasoning behind the closure.

"Like most business decisions, it came down to finances" Andrews said.

"If we can't sustain a campus in Orangeville and provide the same, great services we had before then it doesn't make a whole lot of sense from either the town's side or Humber's," he said. "It saddens me to see the campus go — but you have to make certain decisions to remain sustainable. Humber still plans on remaining a vital part of the community of Orangeville."

"Whenever you are a part of something for a long time — it's hard to leave that," Andrews said.

Current and former students had mixed reactions to the news of the closure.

Hannah Leighton, a first-year Police Foundations student, was shocked to hear of the news.

"I thought they were going to close the campus before I finished my program — so it was a huge relief to hear that I could finish next year,"

Leighton said.

Leighton said she enjoyed the connections to the community and to Orangeville Police the program built for her.

Lisa Post, a town councillor and a student at Lakeshore campus, was disappointed by news of the closure. Post noted Humber was a "valuable community supporter" and that she "loves attending Humber."

"The facilities at North and Lakeshore campus where I attend classes are world class and state of the art facilities," said Post, who is currently enrolled in the Bachelor of Community Development program at Lakeshore campus.

Todd Taylor, also a town councillor in Orangeville, expressed strong regret when it came to the closure.

"It was a punch in the stomach to be honest," he said. "I felt a bit angry and sad at the same time."

Taylor supported a full-service campus.

"Part of schooling is the experience," he said. "It's about pushing forward in some way. You grasp and get that with a school."

"There are circles that continue to turn like a watch. All the levels and elements of a town are like a watch. The entire experience with Humber has now come full circle," Taylor said.

Long-awaited Presto machines may come to campus this month

Josh Bergant

NEWS REPORTER

Humber finds out later this month whether its three major campuses get a PRESTO machine.

PRESTO machines capable of loading PRESTO cards are available at both subway stations and GO transit stations throughout the Greater Toronto Area. However, none of Humber College campuses at North, Lakeshore, and Carrier Drive campuses, have access to PRESTO machines and their corresponding cards.

TTC tokens, previously a staple of the city's transit system, are also being phased out as of Nov. 30.

The topic of a PRESTO machine has been discussed among members of IGNITE for several years and has until recently been among the main campaign promises of some candidates.

Devon Fernandes with Sustainability Humber said ongoing negotiations with Metrolinx — the provincial body governing

transit construction and planning in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area — involves the price, placement and timing of delivery. Price and placement are both elements that are being ironed out.

Students can expect to see the machines "as early as late November," Fernandes said.

"I'm all for students voices," he said. "If they have any specific questions or concerns about PRESTO they should contact me and learn more about the process."

Rob Corail, a first-year Tourism management student, said he's enthusiastic about a PRESTO machine and the entire concept of the TTC in general. His other main mode of transportation is a skateboard emblazoned with a TTC subway map at the bottom.

Loading and buying a PRESTO card should involve a lot less hassle than it does, Corail said.

"I have to load my card at Kipling station usually. It would be super convenient to have one on campus," he said.

Humber-backed Data Driven conference explores new ways to report

Beatriz Balderrama Baleeiro

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The third edition of Data Driven where Canada's most resourceful data journalists, developers, coders and data enthusiasts will gather at Google's headquarters for a one-day data journalism symposium on Nov. 15.

Visitors will have the opportunity to learn how to transform a myriad amount of data into stories that impact politics, social justice and the daily lives of Canadians.

The 2019 conference, which sold out in record time, will focus on analyzing and researching data-driven storytelling through one of the many presentations.

The first panel of the day will be the Data Driven Show 'N' Tell, where visitors will watch journalists — including Humber College Journalism grad Kit Kolbegger — share some of their recent journalism stories in a quick-fire talk.

Kolbegger was part of the Humber team that included fellow Humber grads Michelle Rowe and Brendan Pietrobon who worked on the ground-breaking story about lead contamination in Canadian drinking water.

The Humber grads — guided by Journalism Professor Lara King — worked with 10 university jour-



CHELSEA ALPHONSO

Carolyn Thompson and Lagu Joseph discussed the difficulty and dangers of pursuing data in South Sudan during the 2018 Data Driven symposium.

nalism schools and 10 news organizations in the year-long national investigation.

David Weisz, director of the Humber College storyLAB and one of the founders of the event, said the idea developed three years ago along with Associate Dean Andrew Ainsworth.

"I just felt the time had come in the industry, we have enough talent to stand on our own two feet and do an event like this, celebrating our own our talents on our own soil," Weisz said.

He said the morning section of the event will be a mix of panels where industry journalists, among them

Megan Ogilvie from the Toronto Star, CBC's Annie Burns-Pieper and freelance journalist Yang Sun, will talk about a variety of data-related subjects and projects.

Weisz said there will be tips on the challenges and benefits of working with data in journalism.

"We are offering hands-on train-

ing with Microsoft Power BI, which is a data visualization software, as well as kind of hands-on guides on how to navigate the Freedom of Information System with Beginner's level guide to data journalism for people who don't really have too much of a background in it," Weisz said.

Government ban on vape advertising 'not enough,' say experts

Emily Wilson

NEWS REPORTER

The Ontario government announced a ban on advertisements at convenience stores and gas stations starting January 2020 in a bid to stem the rise in youth vaping.

The Oct. 25 announcement in a news release stated the ban "will help prevent youth from being exposed and influenced by promotion in retail settings."

David Jensen, spokesperson for the Ministry of Health, said the Ontario government is reducing exposure due to the increase of youth vaping by 74 per cent between 2017 and 2018.

But experts feel the ban is inadequate.

Christina Sperling, senior director at The Ontario Lung Association, said the organization has been pushing the government to make changes toward e-cigarette use for some time.

"The ban is a step in the right direction, however it's not enough," she said.

Sperling said there are many other places vaping advertisements are available, such as billboards and social media.

Mimicking the Tobacco Act by limiting all promotions and removing flavouring would further assist in preventing aspects that make vaping attractive to youth, she said.

"Essentially everything that happened in the tobacco industry, we would like to see happen with e-cigarettes and vaping," Sperling said.

As far as health concerns go, "we don't know a lot of what it does to your body yet," she said.

Sperling said it took decades to understand the effects of tobacco use on the body. Vaping has not been around long enough to do the same.

Evidence showing vaping is safer than cigarettes does not mean that there is no harm to the body. There are still many toxic substances be-

ing inhaled, she said.

Propylene glycol is a common chemical found in vape products and as an anti-freeze, according to a study by UCSF Department of Medicine.

A study published in the BMJ, formerly the British Medical Journal, titled What are the respiratory effects of e-cigarettes? found significant damage related to vape use.

Jensen said youth vaping can have harmful impacts on the brain, affecting memory, concentration and brain development.

Matthew Wood, a Culinary Management student at Humber College, is not concerned about the health effects on his body and feels vaping is much safer than the cigarettes he used to smoke.

"There aren't any places that tell me vaping is bad," he said.

Sperling said many e-cigarettes on the market contain nicotine, the addictive component of cigarettes

and vaping. New users could move on to cigarettes due to the levels of nicotine used.

She said many youth and adults assume e-cigarettes are harmless, thinking there are no health risks associated with vaping.

"We just want people to educate themselves," she said, including people like Wood who uses vape products every day.

The 20-year-old believes only black market vape products contain harmful chemicals not tested for inhalation.

"Products from the black market can't be trusted to be safe. Those ones have the chemicals that are bad for you," he said.

Vaping is legal in Canada and age restrictions are placed on products but there are many ways teenagers can acquire e-cigarettes, Sperling said. Vape devices can be purchased online by providing an age above 18 or finding older friends to get products.



EMILY WILSON

Ads for vaping products in retail locations will be banned in 2020.

"I think people who are purchasing these products underage are not doing it in [convenience stores and gas stations]," Sperling said. "They're doing it online."

Jensen said the ministry plans to monitor the situation and will take action, if needed, to protect the health and safety of Ontarians.

OnTheHub offers students discounts on Adobe CC, Office software

Nicholas Rahmon

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Mikayla Mercer, a Media Communications student, wanted to work on her projects outside of school but couldn't afford Adobe licencing.

"A yearly cost was involved which was hard to balance," she said.

Humber OnTheHub, an online portal to discounted software, saved Mercer \$130 on a 12-month Adobe Creative Cloud licence that normally costs \$260.

"In finding the Hub website, it's the best decision I've made this school year, and now I'm prepared for upcoming projects," she said.

Humber is partnered with Kivuto, a software distribution company, to create Humber OnTheHub.

"The portal was set up in 2010 as we were the exclusive distributor for a Microsoft Program for which

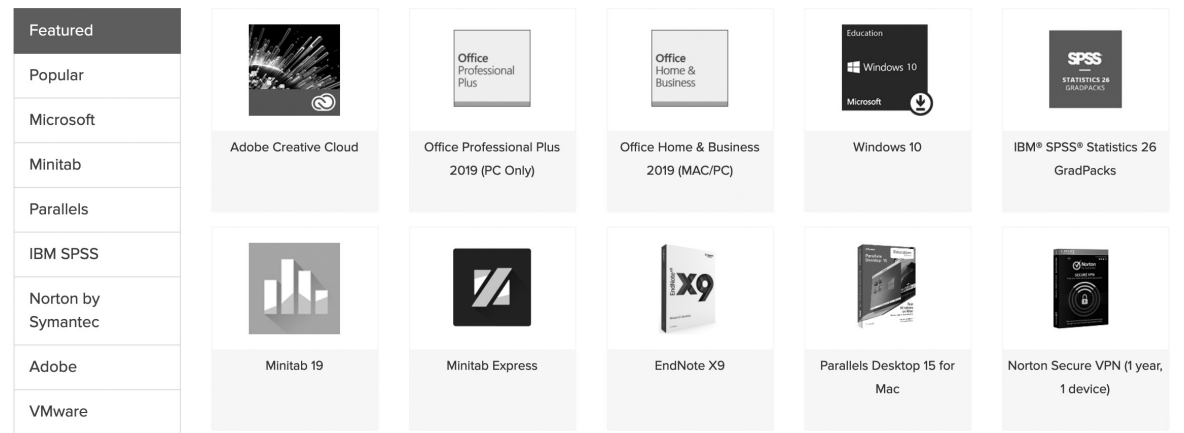
Humber was entitled," said Paz Moaz, account executive with Kivuto. "Humber came on board with Kivuto Cloud in September of 2018."

Moaz said there are three business lines within Kivuto: its e-store catalog, exclusive distribution of software, and Kivuto Cloud.

"This is where schools contract directly with us to leverage our portal for other software items they need to manage and distribute," he said. "Humber was able to save their students excessively by licensing them all and charging a much lower cost to students."

Ashlynn Ricciardi, a former Humber journalism student now studying policing at Sheridan College student, was on OSAP and couldn't afford Microsoft Office.

"As I live far from Etobicoke, it's a bit hard for my mom to pay for my expenses and software," Ricciardi



ON THE HUB WEBSTORE

OnTheHub offers students dozens of discounted programs and subscriptions including Adobe CC, Office and Norton.

said. "With Humber OnTheHub, I was able to save money on the technology I would use in class and get through another school year."

There are dozens products on the online store to date, including design software, operating systems and se-

curity programs.

Moaz said the opportunity is open for Humber to add more software towards the benefit of students and faculty.

"Kivuto is constantly adding new software to our e-store catalog," he

said. "There are always new tools being developed and if Humber wanted to add other software, that would be their decision."

There is no word on whether Humber will add more discounted software.

Arboretum assesses TransformTO climate strategy

Natasha Maskell

ARTS REPORTER

The Humber community was given a chance to evaluate the City of Toronto's plans to fight climate change at a recent TransformTO Climate Action Strategy event at the Humber Arboretum.

"Last month, Toronto city council declared a climate emergency," said Sarah Rodrigues, senior Environmental Planner from Toronto's Environment and Energy Division.

Her division proposed 14 new approaches to combat climate change in the coming years and event participants were invited to comment on them, which seemed promising.

A few of the proposed approaches include creating a city better equipped for electric vehicles and making it easier for individuals to use public transit, walk, and cycle around the city.

All of these ideas are factoring climatic concerns in government decisions, and reducing emissions caused by everyday items.

"In order for Toronto to reach its 2050 goal of net zero, the city would need to cut 15 million tons of greenhouse gas emissions," she said.

Data released by TransformTO showed that in 2017, 52 per cent of the city's greenhouse gas emissions were caused by buildings, 38 per cent by transportation, and 10 per

cent from waste.

Staff at the Humber Arboretum encourage more students to participate in similar events.

"Attending these events is a really good learning opportunity to understand more about climate change and its impacts and how our actions affect not just our future, but everyone else's," said Marilyn Campbell, communications assistant at the Humber Arboretum

Margaret Tellis, manager of the Humber Arboretum, said it is important for students to voice their concerns on environmental issues on campus.

"Students can influence the institution and let them know that this is a priority for them, that they care about the way waste is managed on campus," she said. "The way energy is managed, they care about energy efficiency and conservation."

The global climate crisis is alarming for younger generations. With more than 15,000 protesters at in the September climate strike in Toronto, the rally attracted many young people to the fight for climatic justice.

Tellis said although climate change is the result of pollution over decades, it is younger generations that will be most impacted by the global crisis.

"I think the generation that's currently in college are going to face the brunt of the issues caused by climate change," she said.



NATASHA MASKELL

Sarah Rodrigues, the senior Environmental Planner of Toronto's Environment and Energy Division. Rodrigues' division proposed 14 new approaches to combat climate change after the city declared a climate emergency.



DONNA AKBARI

Models JP Michaels (left) and Mark Henderson (right) pose for photographer Moses Leal at the one-day art show organized by University of Guelph-Humber business students on Nov. 8.

UGH art show celebrates depth, beauty and darkness

Donna Akbari
ARTS REPORTER

The work of photographer Moses Leal showcases the depth, beauty, and ultimately the darkness of human emotion.

“My main inspiration for my work is my fascination with what is unseen in human expression than what is,” Leal said during his first solo art exhibition. “Each person has a spirit embedded within themselves and I seek to bring them out through my work.”

“What I love about each and every one of my models is their courage,” he said. “There are very few people who have the courage to express themselves.”

The photos in Leal’s one-day event involved everything “from the costumes to the cosmetics – it took people,” he said.

Leal’s show at the Art Gallery at the University of Guelph-Humber on Nov. 8 was the culmination of long-term planning by business students at UGH.

Gursharanjit Padla, a fourth-year Business Event Management, said her first time planning an event for her first real-life client was as chaotic

as “a Mad Hatter’s tea party.”

“There were many things that didn’t go according to plan,” she said. “In all honesty, we didn’t know if we would be able to make it, however, by the day of the event everything worked out.”

Only one thing remained consistent throughout the planning process, teamwork, she said.

“We couldn’t have done without one another,” Padla said.

She said that there were many different events that come and go here at the Art Gallery of the University of Guelph-Humber, however, this event, in particular, didn’t need much for it to be entertaining and whimsical.

“I really enjoyed seeing how everything turned out,” she said. “It was like a Mad Hatter’s tea party – we were all dressed up and there were several people wearing costumes of their own creation.”

“In the Event Management one, students have to put on an event in the classroom,” said Aida Memisevic, an instructor of Guelph-Humber’s Business program. “In Event Management Two they take it up a notch and the group is assigned the Art Gallery venue and an artist, it could be a photographer, sculptor

and that’s the real-life client – it’s not a student.

“Students are given a budget by the school for \$115 each group and they get to spend it how they see fit,” Memisevic said.

“They decide on what type of food to serve, and the types of props that will be showcased and if they go over budget than it comes from their own pocket so they have to manage it properly,” she said.

Memisevic said students usually stage three openings every semester, each with a gala opening like this while most exhibits show for about two weeks.

“It’s an amazing and experiential, very hands-on course that’s very unique – event management one is one of the most popular electives in the business program,” Memisevic said.

While the event was too gory and goth for some, there were many who appreciated Leal’s work.

“It’s different,” said Andy Marte Castillo, a fourth-year Business Administration student at the University of Guelph-Humber.

“The pictures themselves contrast with the elegance of the location,” he said. “For example, the



DONNA AKBARI

Photographer Moses Leal said that his inspiration for his work was his fascination with what is unseen in human expression than what is not.

frames are solid black with white background while the photographs are edgy and gothic.”

The event attracted Humber students from different campuses and garnered rave reviews.

“I loved this event,” said Natalie

Comella, a fourth-year Kinesiology student. “The art of raw human emotion keeps you still. It was like I couldn’t keep my eyes off the photos – I hope Humber collaborates more with these types of artists; it makes it so much more enjoyable.”

Correct pronoun usage shows respect, defines personal identity

Kyshia Osei

ARTS REPORTER

Pronouns define how the world perceives one's identity.

They are simple characteristics that are almost never given a second thought although they play a significant part in how people choose to identify themselves.

"Before I started using they/them, I would go somewhere and others would just say, 'is he going to whatever, whatever. People just assumed,'" said Riddhi Patel, a Humber Photography student, who's pronouns are they/them.

Patel recently spoke freely during a group discussion among their peers in Humber's LGBTQ+ Resource Centre on proper pronoun usage, discussing issues like when people mess up their genders, and the growing change in acknowledgment surrounding the challenge.

Being misgendered is usually a small matter of apologizing and moving on, but some members of the LGBTQ+ community have found the issue to be uncomfortable and at times offensive.

Other LGBTQ+ community

members, who were at the meeting explained how being misgendered can quickly become awkward when the person they're speaking with becomes overly apologetic.

"A lot of people just assume right? Especially for us, whenever we go out people just assume. It would be best if they didn't," they said.

"Now I don't take it personally, so it's okay. But someone else might, and they might get really offended by it. So just try to be safe," Patel said.

Members of Humber's LGBTQ+ community also expressed parental concerns, and how the overall shock of coming out can hinder a parent's ability to accept their child, or from addressing them correctly.

The conversation boiled down to helping educate parents on proper pronoun usage.

The floor opened for discussion on things like National Coming Out Day and International Pronouns Day that happened this past October.

Unfortunately, not everyone in the LGBTQ+ community has been able to fully share in the luxury of coming out. This concern was expressed for future generations.



KYSHIA OSEI

Rid Patel is their own superhero sporting the Pride flag at the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre after Coming Out Day.

Patel comes from a very strict Indian household, where even the thought of coming out was an impossibility.

"With National Coming Out Day, what I would point out is that not everybody has had the liberty

to experience coming out. I haven't. Not to my parents at least," they said.

Though on campus they and many others enjoy the rights and privileges that Humber's LGBTQ+ resource centre has to offer.

Patel has a younger sister they shared their sexuality and gender identity with. They did so in hopes of reassuring her that if she were to ever need to come out some day, she could do so confidently, and safely, to them.

Multi-talented keyboardist never doubted being able to achieve her musical dreams

Lillia Smichenko

ARTS REPORTER

Humber music grad Jennifer Pos had no doubts she would succeed as a musician.

"There were definitely people that doubted that I would be able to become better at playing piano well enough to do that for a living," said Pos, 28, a one-handed musician who graduated in 2015 from the Bachelor of Music at Humber College.

Pos was born without the forearm and hand of her left arm, but that didn't stop her from making her childhood dream of becoming a musician a reality.

Pos was eight when she started to play piano, and her parents encouraged her to learn how to master the instrument. This was because their family's life was surrounded by music and musicians.

"I chose to go to school for music because my career path was obvious from the start," she said.

When her piano skills reached intermediate level, some people

were skeptical about whether she could do more than that.

However, she just kept trying to play songs that were written both for one hand, for two hand, and even for flute with the support of her piano teacher.

"The hardest part was transitioning into more advanced music," Pos said.

Sometimes she had to figure out how she should modify the song and whether she could play it at all.

Pos saw one of her friends attending the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto — one of the largest and most respected music schools in the world.

However, that was more advanced for her and she never tried to play. She understood that she couldn't do that and modified songs, so they could work for her.

In high school, Pos started to teach other kids how to play piano. By the end of Grade 12, she moved from her Nova Scotia home to Toronto to attend Humber College's Music program.

Pos agrees the music industry is difficult industry to make money in, but she feels lucky to be a piano player because makes it easier for her to find a steady job.

"Being a piano player, I know there is a lot of opportunities," she said. "I am not really sure what those look like for many other instruments."

After the graduation she taught music at Academy of Music in Oakville, Ont., and was awarded Teacher of the Year in 2018. However, the commuting became too hard for her after four years.

Now Pos teaches at the Annex Academy of Music in Toronto, and plays with three different bands with a wide repertoire ranging from jazz to hard rock, including Strike, Screaming Run, The Purcell Project and Ryan Dorman. She said that she is getting ready to record with one of these bands and they already have few songs in mind.

Even though they haven't booked the date for the studio yet, she really hopes that it will work out well.



LILLIA SMICHENKO

Jennifer Pos graduated from the Bachelor of Music program in 2015.

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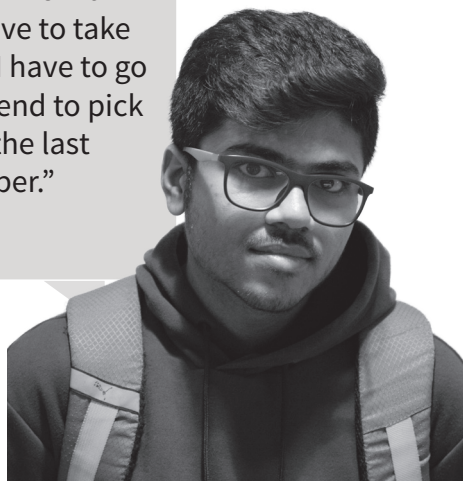
"I got my snow tires on so it's okay I kind of like the snow. So I'm not too worried about it. A lot of people are unprepared because it's so early in the year."



ALEXIO GANEO

MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS, 2ND YEAR

"It's not a big problem for me in the winter but when it snows, I have to take the bus or I have to go with my friend to pick me up. Or the last option is uber."



DARSH LODALIYA

CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY, 2ND YEAR

"I find it easy but it does make everything a lot more stressful because of time management especially because busses can be late because of the snow."



EVAN CARPENTER

GRAPHIC DESIGN, 2ND YEAR

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HUMBER PUBLIC PIANO SETS UP AT LAKESHORE'S A BUILDING

Andrew Chiappetta, a first-year Music student, plays on the public piano that Lakeshore campus brought in. It's currently in the A Building.

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EDITORIAL

Presto isn't ready to replace tokens, tickets on TTC

The TTC announced in October that tokens will no longer be sold after Nov. 30. Its replacement will be the Presto system.

Single-use Presto tickets cost \$3.25 for a single ride, \$6.50 for a two-way trip or \$13 for a day pass. Presto Cards cost \$6 and can be reloaded online.

The TTC is planning to distribute free Presto cards before the deadline so people can load up their cards.

Nevertheless, the TTC should either rethink how it's applying Presto or even delay it. Presto clearly has its issues, and the TTC can't afford to leave behind their tokens just yet. It's not cost effective for those who find public transit expensive. Its technology is unreliable, although the TTC and Metrolinx, the over-arching GTA transit authority, are working to fix the expensive bugs.

Shifting to the online system seems to make sense, however single fares are pricey. Buying one ticket is more expensive per unit than when buying three tokens.

It's been 10 years since Presto launched and it continues to have problems.

On Sept. 3, the first day of school for many students, those commuting could only use cash to reload their Presto cards because the debit and credit options on the machines were out of order.

Presto vending devices are regularly out of order because the coin boxes are constantly full. In one instance, a machine was out of order for seven days until its coin box was finally emptied.

The card readers tend to freeze up as well. In a two-day period in June, 168 buses reportedly had 300 cases of frozen Presto readers.

These issues are costing the TTC \$3.4 million annually.

Metrolinx gave its users a way around malfunctioning machines with the Presto app, which launched in January. Commuters have the ability to load funds on the app. But the app has numerous technical issues and users can't tap their phones to pay for their fares.

Those that don't use Presto cards are also dealing with inconveniences.

Buying single Presto tickets is difficult for those that aren't close to a subway station that has fare vending machines. And while 136 Shoppers Drug Mart locations can sell tickets, it doesn't beat the 1,200 locations that tokens are available.

The token was a reliable currency for the TTC, which has struggled to transfer those qualities to Presto. Making that switch for its users is a tough sell.

"We have advocated for a couple of years now to keep the best features of tokens with whatever Presto pushes forward," Susan Bender, manager of Toronto Drop In Network and long term member of Fair Fare Coalition, said in a press release.

"Tokens are available in many locations, less expensive if you can buy three or more, indestructible, easy to use and to give to someone else to use, and there is no expiry date for something that you have already paid for," she said.



JARED DODDS

"The Single Presto Ticket has almost none of these features — and it goes in the garbage after it has been used for one ride," Bender said.

Presto has even received backlash from TTC employees.

The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113, representing 11,000 TTC employees, sent a letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford asking the government take "immediate and urgent action" to what it sees as an

unreliable system with machines that regularly break down.

"We want (the government) to address the fact that the Presto system has failed," said Kevin Morton, spokesman for the ATU 113. "It's just a debacle."

At the very least, Metrolinx and the TTC should ensure Presto's reliability and make it affordable for those who rely on public transit before ending the use of tokens.

OPINION

Catholic schools are not religious orders but public institutions



GALVIN ZALDIVAR
NEWS EDITOR

allowed to create and fund their own separate school systems within their community.

Practically, this meant creating Catholic schools in majority Protestant areas, and creating Protestant schools in Catholic areas.

Currently there are 29 English Catholic school boards in Ontario and eight French Catholic school boards, all publicly supported by those who choose to put their tax dollars towards the Catholic school system. All of this is striving to provide a Catholic-minded, but still public education to Ontario's Catholic community.

I went to a Catholic school, and it was...fine.

Issues of sexuality and gender were never brought up in all 13 years of my time in Catholic education. Granted this was back in the late '90s to early 2010s, and times have since changed, but only to the extent the province required.

As the past couple of weeks has shown, where the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB) vot-

ed to language concerning LGBTQ+, sexuality and marital status in their Code of Conduct. Catholic education in Ontario must be mindful of the communities they serve.

This is especially true in Catholic Secondary schools, where there was no requirement to prove your Catholic faith to attend. I had classmates throughout grades nine through 12 who held a variety of beliefs.

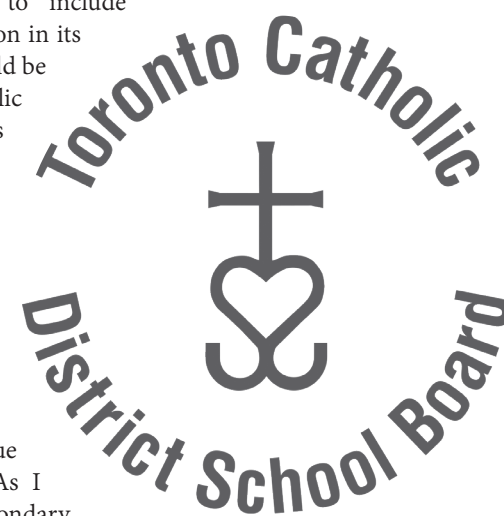
The silence and willful ignorance of issues of sexuality of my Catholic education made discussing them difficult. Sexuality was the stuff of taboo and rumors, confined to speculation and innuendo on fellow students. Confirmed only with close friends.

I vividly remember my World Religions teacher in Grade 11 calling sexuality "a choice," and regularly make homophobic remarks to a class of 16-year old students, language I found disgusting in 2010. It is completely unacceptable, culturally, morally and legally for any teacher to use this language or express these views, even under the aegis of religious belief.

TCDSB's decision to include LGBTQ+ discrimination in its Code of Conduct should be taken up by all Catholic school boards across the province.

Catholic education is not private, but public, operated and funded by the state, not by the church. They cannot expect to impose church doctrine on students by virtue of their attendance. As I said, in Catholic Secondary Schools do not require a test of faith for attendance or registration.

If Catholic schools do not keep in mind that they serve a wider community than Catholics in Ontario — and that there is also a great deal of overlap between the LGBTQ+ community and people of faith — what is the message they would be sending by not taking incidents of discrimination and bullying seriously?



Catholic schools should also remember, that since their establishment, the demographics of the country have shifted. We are no longer a minority at risk of assimilation by Anglo-Saxon Protestants, but the largest single Christian denomination in the country.

We will not be disappearing anytime soon even if we lose our separate school system.

Journalism alum takes part in his second Movember

David Pastor

NEWS REPORTER

Austin Spearman's voice cracked as he spoke about losing family and friends to suicide.

The losses motivated the Humber graduate to participate in his second year with Movember, a fundraiser entering its 16th campaign, attempting to raise awareness for testicular cancer, prostate cancer, mental health and suicide prevention among men.

"I come from a town where we had a lot of suicides when I was in high school," Spearman said. "[I] lost a couple friends to suicide, even within my own family I've lost a couple [family members] to suicide."

The statistics are concerning. Mental health is a large concern in today's society as 75 per cent of suicides are male and globally a man dies from suicide every minute. Testicular cancer is the most commonly diagnosed in men between 19 and 34, and prostate cancer is the most commonly diagnosed in men over 65.

Throughout November, Movember Canada encourages men and women to take part in the campaign. Participants are urged to grow a moustache, run 60 kilometres, or hold an event to get the word out about the severity of these illnesses and to start conversations.

Radio Humber has taken part in the fundraiser for the last eight



DAVID PASTOR

Austin Spearman, a Humber graduate, is taking part in his second campaign as he helps raise awareness.

years and has raised more than \$10,000.

Shane DeMerchant, development manager for Movember Canada, praised students for their help and contributions throughout the

campaigns.

"We get a ton of support from students all across Canada, on campuses from coast to coast," he said.

Within the first week and a half, colleges and universities across

the country have raised close to \$300,000.

Ismail Ali, a first-year Film and Media Production student at Lakeshore campus, took part in his first campaign this year.

"It's a way I can be a part of a good cause," he said. "It's something as simple as shaving my beard."

There's more involved than just raising money to help find a cure. Students should keep a healthy lifestyle to prevent these diseases from occurring.

Jason Powell, the senior Dean of Student Health and Wellness, emphasized the importance of students keeping a healthy balanced lifestyle despite a busy schedule.

"I think students need to pay attention to a healthy diet, healthy exercise pattern, healthy sleep pattern and physical examinations from a health care provider," he said.

DeMerchant said men should be aware of experiences that could be described as life changing, such as becoming a parent, retirement or students moving away from home for the first time.

"It's a period of transition where we encourage all guys to be vigilant about that period for their own mental health, but to be aware of the mental health of the guys around them," he said.

Although some people in the world may not be affected by these diseases personal, others in their lives may. Movember Canada motivates everyone to be there for one another and make sure to Ask, Listen, Encourage and Check-In (ALEC).

It may not seem like much, but it can save a life.

Faculty union expected to fight for wages won in 2017 college strike

Kristen Cussen

NEWS REPORTER

Nestled between the staff lounge and Faculty of Health and Wellness office in K Building at North campus lies Humber's faculty union office (OPSEU 562). Virtually undisturbed by students, the faculty union is a quiet office with a lot to say and even more at stake.

The Ontario government's Bill 124, passed last week, caps public-sector wage increases — including the pay of college faculty — at one per cent a year, about half the annual increase of the cost of living.

"Of course, unions are not going to agree with this and there will be a charter challenge because it goes against bargaining rights," said Urszula Kosecka, the North Campus faculty steward of the Faculty of Health Sciences and Wellness.

The bill negates the 7.75 per cent pay raise over four years as set by an arbitrator which ended the five-week 2017 strike by about

12,000 Ontario college faculty.

With wages capped below the rate of inflation, faculty will actually absorb a salary decrease, Chandra Hodgson, an English department professor said. And while such is-

"You've got people in your classrooms who are not being paid to find good readings for your classes, not paid to develop courses, not paid to get professional development to do their research."

-URSZULA KOSECKA

NORTH CAMPUS FACULTY STEWARD

sues might seem irrelevant to students, they have an impact on academic life at Humber.

Humber faculty are hired on a tiered system. Full-time workers make up a fraction of faculty while part-time, partial-load and sessional workers dominate the workforce. The faculty union only includes those employed

under full-time or partial-load status.

For Humber students, having a teacher dedicated to programming, course content and student success is a crucial part of the college experience. Lack of job security im-

pacts faculty member's ability to meet student needs.

Instructors, especially part-time, partial load and sessional employees, will find it difficult to "deliver quality" while struggling to make ends meet, Kosecka said.

"It's physically impossible," she said.

"You've got people in your classrooms who are not being paid to find good readings for your classes, not paid to develop courses, not paid to get professional development to do their research and maintain their expertise," Hodgson said. "That's a quality issue for students."

In 2017, faculty fought for equal pay for equal work, an annual pay increase that would rise adequately with the cost of living and job security. Efforts to unionize other tiers of faculty have been delayed.

"In the next collective agreement, we want to work on job security not just have people with contracts that — maybe — get contracted next semester, but you know, making more full-time jobs," said Rena Borovilos, a North campus Chief Steward.

The faculty union "welcomes any students that wish to work with the union to improve the quality of education within the college," Borovilos said. She encourages students to get in touch, ask questions, and engage in discussion.

North and Lakeshore face off in cricket tournament

Kyle Drinnan

SPORTS REPORTER

The talk on the cold Friday morning last week at the Centennial Cricket Tournament was the playoff match between the two Humbers, North and Lakeshore campuses.

Cricket players from nine different colleges invaded Centennial's Progress campus in Scarborough to play the sport where the players were safe from the dreaded chill as they played in the gym despite cricket being an outdoor sport.

Humber was the only school to have two teams that played in the tournament. The Humber team is a dominating force and having them split in two for a tournament eventually saw two giants playing each other.

"Off the field they are like brothers, but on the field, they want to win more compared to other team," said Humber North's head coach Taqi Baig.

Both schools won two of their round robin games against other colleges before the semifinals were decided. Lakeshore learned in the morning of the tournament that their opponent was the North cam-

pus team.

The North team were at a disadvantage being one player short. Zafar Nauman who is a leader among all cricket players at Humber was away in the West Indies to play for the Canadian National team.

But without Zafar, they were playing on grass instead of concrete, the teams were determined to bring their best to the game with no excuses.

"It's part of playing the sport, we have to be ready for everything. We have to be prepared for snow playing in Canada," Humber Lakeshore player Arshid Shah said.

Players were feeling the pressure because even though they were up against a familiar opponent, friends representing the same school, the desire to win was greater than usual.

"It will be a fast-paced game, it gets competitive but it isn't like other games," Shah said. "We want to win."

In the stands watching were members of the Centennial Colts who won their semifinals match and was watching who their opponent will be in the final.

Humber Lakeshore was first to



KYLE DRINNAN

Lakeshore's Khan Roach (left) and Darsh Bhawsar (middle) lost to Gagan Thakkar (right) and the North campus team at a tournament at Centennial College. North won the championship 55-53 over the Centennial Colts.

the wicket. Humber North bowled well with keeping Lakeshore at 38/5 in six overs. The game was tense but because the players knew each other, smiles were present and the odd joke was thrown to the other team.

However, Lakeshore came back

in the second inning with strong bowling and fielding. North needed eight to win with one wicket.

On the last ball, Humber North hit it to tie the game, and then got one more run to win the game.

It was a precursor for the game

that followed. North campus won the tournament beating the Colts 55-53.

In the end, the school was united in the victory even if half of them lost. Onto the next tournament where their plan to take over Canada is still on their to-do list.

OPINION

Don Cherry has mixed legacy but it was time to go



PIRASANTH GUNASEKARAM

SPORTS EDITOR

Don Cherry doesn't do anything in half measures. He rants, he advocates, he's outspoken. And he's offensive. He struck seemingly for the last time Nov. 9 on Coach's Corner which he shares with Ron MacLean, who some have accused him of being his enabler.

Cherry was dumped by Sportsnet on Remembrance Day, a day to remember for Don Cherry who was

ironically fired from Coach's Corner due to his poppy comments. MacLean publicly apologized on television for the rant.

"You people love our way of life, love our milk and honey," Cherry said during his poppy rant on the Hockey Night in Canada segment shown during the first intermission.

"At least you could pay a couple of bucks for poppies or something like that, these guys paid for your way of life that you enjoy in Canada."

He remains unrepentant although he later said he was trying to encourage Canadians to wear a poppy in the days leading up to the services held on Nov. 11. But the way he phrased it sounded ominous for those who are immigrants.

"You people" keeps those who made Canada their home on the edges of society. It is an unwelcoming description — at the very least — of those who moved here. At worst, it's a dog whistle for more division within society.

Reaction was swift. He was trend-

ing on Twitter, where people disagreed with his opinion and agreed with opinion. But the anger and disgust were palatable, even Budweiser stepped away from Cherry.

Cherry's comments were disrespectful. It sounded like he was trying to say that if immigrants live in Canada, they should at least wear a poppy to show respect. But he did it in a very disrespectful way.

This isn't the first time Cherry rubbed people the wrong way.

In 1989, he called then Winnipeg Jets assistant coach Alpo Suhonen, who is Finnish, "some kind of dog food."

On the subject of visors in January 2004, Cherry claimed players using visors have less respect for safety.

"Most of the guys that wear them are Europeans and French guys," Cherry said when he explained his claim.

On Dec. 7, 2010, he attended the swearing in ceremony for Rob Ford, who was elected Mayor of Toronto,

and Cherry was asked to say a few remarks.

"I'm wearing pink for all the pinkos out there that ride bicycles and everything, I thought I'd get it in," he said.

Cherry faced backlash in 2018 when he denied the existence of climate change. He referred to people who do as "cuckaloos."

He has also had a history of being critical of European players. Cherry complained of Alexander Ovechkin's goal celebrations in 2009 and Russian hockey in general.

"Look at this, this is what we want our hockey players to act? Now watch Ovechkin, does this not remind you of it? Does he not remind you of a soccer player?... This is goofy stuff," he said.

"Listen you kids, don't get caught in the Canadian syndrome, where if it's Canadian it's got to be bad. We're the best, I've been telling you're the best."

Even though Cherry rants were negative, he did have a good im-

pact during his broadcasting career. He advocated for women's hockey, even though he said, "I don't believe women should be in the male dressing room," Cherry shouted on the topic of women reporters and access. And he doesn't want women talking during games.

There are other incidents. He leaves a complicated legacy.

Cherry partnered with companion animal organization Pethealth Inc. to offer Canadians the Cherry Blue Pet Insurance program, because he's an advocate for pet health.

He's also an advocate of organ donation awareness. He campaigned for stop signs being sewed on the back of children's hockey jerseys to prevent potentially dangerous body checks from behind.

Despite the charitable work outside of Coach's Corner, it doesn't negate his questionable rants that led to his firing. His 38-year legacy of controversy outweighs his 38-years of hockey talk.



REMI DROUIN

Hawks first-year back Juan Manago running with the ball past Seneca Sting defenders during the OCAA bronze medal game at Sheppard's Bush Soccer Fields in Aurora on Nov. 9.

Rookie men's rugby take third at OCAA after four-year hiatus

Remi Drouin

SPORTS REPORTER

A four-year hiatus did little to stop the Humber Hawks men's rugby team.

The team brought home the OCAA bronze medal by defeating the Seneca Sting 33-22 on Nov. 9 at the Sheppard's Bush Soccer Fields in Aurora, maintaining the legacy of medalling it had before the 2015 suspension for a hazing incident.

The Hawks found themselves down 17-12 at halftime after a slow and frustrating 40 minutes to lead off the game.

It wasn't until head coach Fabian Rayne had the opportunity to talk to his players at the break which appears to have shifted the momentum and the outcome of the game.

"Our coaches always do a great job at hyping us up and keeping us focused," first-year lock Noah Strong said.

That hype translated into a try and conversion for Humber during the first two minutes of the second half.



REMI DROUIN

Juan Manago avoids Seneca defenders in the OCAA bronze medal game on Nov. 9. Hawks beat the Sting 33-22.

The Hawks would add a pair of tries with hook Zack Shurtleff, including a solo run downfield that vaulted Humber in front.

When the final whistle was blown, Humber had come back to win the game and the celebration was on.

"I know it's not the game we wanted, but we came out on top,

we worked our tails off and we're going to enjoy the win tonight," OCAA all-star and prop Christopher Dominey said.

"With all the hard work we've been putting in all season, it's nice to say we won something."

Rayne was happy with the push-back he saw from his players in the final 40 minutes of the season.

"I thought they played really hard during the second half, the guys that came in off the bench did well, we had to be more physical and we did that," he said.

"We're a new group, we had a lot of guys that are new to the sport so it's great to see them get a win and get that bronze medal," Rayne said.

Shurtleff was named player of the

game for scoring 16 points, while wing Richard Sheffield, hook Scott Kisiel and Dominey were named to the OCAA All-Stars.

Before the team was shut down due to the 2015 hazing, Humber had won five straight OCAA titles touting a perfect 30-0 league and playoff record.

The bronze gives the team something to build on going into next season.

"There's lots to be proud of, we made a lot of improvements throughout the year," assistant coach Andre Rose-Green said.

"But moving forward, we need a strong commitment from the guys, it's important they know that ultimately, they'll get what they put into it."

Strong said he has a positive outlook following his team's return season and knows Humber can only go up from here.

"I think next season will be a lot better for us, you know, sometimes you have to lose before you achieve your ultimate goal," he said.

Provincial champs finish in fifth place at the CCAA

John Grant and Jonathan Frasco

SPORTS REPORTERS

Humber men's soccer team came full circle as they ended the season in the same spectacular way they launched the 2019 campaign. Super-sub forward Zachary Zitoli started the Nov. 9 game to settle the National tournament's fifth spot by scoring all five Humber goals. It was reminiscent of the Hawks' opening game when Leaford Allen scored five goals in that match.

The Hawks beats the Red Deer College Kings 5-0, which placed the team fifth place in the CCAA championships.

The game against Red Deer was utterly one-sided as Humber thrashed and bashed the Kings. Zitoli was in fine form against Red Deer showing the depth of this Humber team and how scary they can be on any given day.

"We have the best players, and our bench could easily compete with any teams starting lineup," the third-year forward said.

They did not achieve what they set out to do but, they are still the OCAA 2019 champs and they beat numerous strong teams to get into the position they finished this season. It was a season filled with, as expected, ups and downs and the Hawks showed their resilience.

Midfield maestro Federico Leal feels the disappointment of not

winning the Nationals, but strongly believes in this young group of stars.

"Obviously, we didn't get what we really wanted, which is the National championship," he said.

"We came together in this short season, which is two, three months, and brought in a group of young guys and some core players in together, and we had a good season."

This young team will still be together for next season except for defender Cody Green who played his final game against Douglas College in the bronze match.

To say this team will be hungry is an understatement because they have learned many lessons this season.

Player of the year, star forward Allen will also be returning next season, meaning the Hawk's attack will not be compromised. He thinks this team will be back next year to compete for the championships.

"We have fought through a lot, and sometimes things just didn't go our way," Allen said. "Once we go back, look over a few things we will be an even stronger team, and be back to win it again." This young Hawks team may be on the verge of crystalizing for next season and Humber coach Michael Aquino has advice for this young squad:

"Learn from this year. There were a lot of positives, so let's be hungry for what we could not accomplish this year."



JONATHAN FRASCO

Midfielder Alex Baez tries to avoid out of bounds during the Nov. 8 game.



JOHN GRANT

Striker Zachary Zitoli takes a shot from outside the box against Red Deer while a defender tries to stop the shot.



JOHN GRANT

Midfielder Damion Kaye with the ball surveying the open field to get away from defender Brandon Fedoruk.

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