

HUMBER'S INT'L EDUCATION WEEK



Humber students hosted the "Global Cultural Hub" event for International Education Week on Nov. 24. Humber Ambassadors shows a student how to make a traditional Filipino parol.

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Ridhima Gaba showcases her photograph of the Safdarjung Tomb with a description of its significance to India at the Global Cultural Hub event.

Humber hosts multicultural event for Int'l Education Week

Andre La Rosa-Rodriguez
News Reporter

Humber students visited the Learning Resource Center (LRC) on Thursday to see dozens of booths showcasing cultures from around the globe.

Euella Chloe Manala, a Filipino international student ambassador at Humber College, had set up her station to display fashion, art and food from the Philippines.

"This event is very important for us because whenever I talk to other students about the Philippines, they don't really know much about it and sometimes they don't even know where the Philippines is," she said.

"It's a good way to let the Humber population know what we're all about and what's so unique about Philippine culture," Manala said.

Humber College's international student ambassadors hosted the "Global Cultural Hub" event to

celebrate the 22nd annual International Education Week (IEW). Schools, associations, and governments in more than 100 countries take part in highlighting the importance of international education.

Many students who walked by the LRC would make a stop at the event. In particular, students lined up behind booths giving out traditional snacks and treats.

Manala pointed to the rice cakes and traditional spring rolls, called Lumpia Shanghai, on one of the tables in her booth, and noted the importance of showcasing food.

"When you think about a culture, you think about food. It's intertwined with the culture," she said.

Across from her station was an International Development booth showcased by Alex Husband, a strategic communications specialist at the International Development Institute (IDI), who helps

Humber College connect with the international community for development work.

She said the school has a \$15 million profile on developmental work that "most students don't know about." The funds go towards providing education in more than 30 countries to prepare them for the workforce.

To make this possible, Humber collaborates with organizations like Global Affairs Canada, the World Bank, and many non-governmental institutions.

Husband's main goal at the event was to raise awareness and show students the opportunities there are to be a part of these projects.

"Developmental work can be interdisciplinary. It doesn't matter what your specialty is," she said. "There's always a way to interact with developmental work."

In one section of the LRC there were artists and photographers displaying various elements of their

work, which included monuments and designs that represented their country.

Ridhima Gaba, a media communications student, was eager to showcase a picture she had taken of the Safdarjung Tomb in Delhi, India, that was being displayed at the event.

She noted that the mausoleum, known for its historical and architectural significance, would highlight the beauty of her city.

"I was really happy that it was selected," Gaba said. "I'm glad that I was able to share this picture so that everybody will be able to see it."

She hopes her picture may persuade students to visit India and that people continue to learn more about her country.

To end the week, Humber is hosting an Intercultural Development workshop on Friday that discusses the cultural diversity that exists in the community.

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Humber remembers lives lost to anti-trans violence

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Transgender Day of Remembrance was observed on Nov. 20. The day was established in 1999 to remember and honour Rita Hester, a trans woman who was killed in her Boston apartment.

Humber College held three events on campus to mourn the lives of those lost to transphobia and anti-trans hate crimes.

Michelle Emson, keynote speaker, author, human rights activist and lesbian woman with a transgender life experience, spoke at the A Transgender Journey from Lived Experience event.

Her presentation's final words were a call to action which reflects how she was feeling during transitioning.

"If we come to acknowledge, love and respect our uniqueness, then, just maybe, we can learn to respect the uniqueness of others," she said.

A memorial was held in the Learning Resource Centre hosted by the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre, which was also the first-year experience for a public memorial remembering trans lives that were lost in 2022.

White bags containing a number of items, including white tea lights, displayed the names of those lost, and information flyers about the history of the day. The event was punctuated with a moment of silence at the beginning and end of the event.



COURTESY OF EMILY BERARDI

A group of students at Humber College pass through and read a display with information on Transgender Day of Remembrance which was Nov.19.

Philemon Weldu (He/Him), a third-year media and communications student, said that this day is important to honour and respect the lives that were lost due to transphobia and anti-trans violence.

"There is so much pain that is in the LGBTQ+ community, especially surrounding events that have hurt trans and fellow members of the LGBTQ+ community," Weldu said. "So today is an important day to reflect and make sure that we make action to help support trans people in the future."

Izzy Dewi, who identifies as he/they and is a User Interface Design student who is part of the LGBTQ+ community, said Transgender Day of Remembrance is a solemn but important day.

"As someone who identifies as trans masculine, which is under the trans community as we commemorate the lives that were lost in our community, it's sad and painful yet it is important and part of me is scared that it might be me," Dewi said.

On the eve of this year's Transgender Day of Remembrance, a

shooting claimed the lives of five people and left some 17 injured at Club Q, an LGBTQ+ nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The accused has since been charged with five counts of first-degree murder and five counts of bias-motivated crime.

To conclude the day's events, the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre welcomed Teddy Syrette, spirit name Ozhawa Anung Kwe (Yellow Star Woman), a two-spirit Anishinaabe storyteller and advocate from Batchewana First Nation. The

event centred around the impact of trauma on trans and two-spirit communities.

The LGBTQ+ Resource Centre has offices at both Lakeshore and North Campus.

"The core function is to provide inclusivity and diversity for everyone on campus," Dewi said.

"Since all of our staff members are members of the LGBTQIA community, the students don't feel alienated by it and they feel like they are having conversations with people from our own community," they said.



AP PHOTO/HANNAH SCHOENBAUM

A resident places a flower on a memorial for Sasha Mason, a 45-year-old transgender woman killed in Zebulon, N.C., at a Transgender Day of Remembrance vigil in Raleigh, N.C.



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A man is seated while receiving a vaccination. The COVID-19 pandemic contributed to a rise in anti-vaxx movements and a distrust in medical professionals and government officials.

Canadians' trust in medicine declining

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The COVID-19 pandemic put a spotlight on how people view modern medicine within the healthcare industry.

Vaccine mandates leading to events such as the “Freedom Convoy” protests that took place in January, or the rise of the online “anti-vaxx” movement, seems to have led to a distrust in the advice of medical professionals.

Milagros Salaza, a family doctor for Bramalea Medical Group, told Humber Et Cetera that when it comes to trust, it depends on the relationship between doctor and patient.

“I think it depends on the doctor, it depends on the relationship with you [and] if they have a good relationship with the doctor or the professional that they know,” Salaza said.

Salaza said patients will continue to have confidence in their doctors in the years to come if both parties are clear about treatment and care.

“They have to know the importance and the disadvantages and possible side effects and let them decide and they will decide for the better,” Salaza said.

George Saad, the most respon-

sible physician (MRP) at Brampton Civic Hospital — a physician or other regulated healthcare professional who has overall responsibility for directing and coordinating the care and management of a patient at a specific point in time — said people have less faith in today’s medical institutions.

He told Humber Et Cetera that bad patient experiences during COVID-19 may be to blame for

the lack of faith, given that many endured longer wait times and overworked staff.

“So if you took your car to the mechanic, and they took forever to fix it, he just had a general poor experience, you probably don’t want to take your car to the mechanic,” Saad said.

According to Statistics Canada, during the COVID-19 pandemic, 83.7 per cent of nurses and 65.2

per cent of physicians have had an increased workload and 63 per cent of nurses along with 46 per cent of physicians were forced to work overtime or additional hours beyond their regular schedule.

Additionally, 92 per cent of nurses and 83.7 per cent of physicians have reported feeling more stressed at work.

Karen Britto, an emergency services worker also working at

Brampton Civic Hospital, said the Stat Can report reflects her experience.

“We had actually a lot of that with COVID,” she said.

“Unfortunately, a lot of people who were sick with COVID didn’t believe that they had COVID and thought that we were lying to them and this was all a government conspiracy,” Britto said.

Britto said that it has become very difficult to treat someone who believes that you’re lying to them and that the pandemic has also given way to more people questioning all vaccinations.

Britto told Humber Et Cetera that she blames this on people getting their information from social media as opposed to journalism institutions.

“When someone says something, you just believe it. Usually through journalism you have to check,” Britto said.

Skepticism with medical institutions is held and platformed by people with a large influence.

Former comedian turned podcaster Joe Rogan famously said on one of his episodes that ivermectin was effective in treating COVID-19, gaining traction on social media, despite the narrative being proven false by the medical community.



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Rising inflation impacts Canadians' holiday spending decisions

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The holiday shopping season has started and Canadian shoppers are hitting the malls and building their online carts for the big day.

With inflation at 6.9 per cent, shoppers have been exploring ways to stretch their dollars this year. The holiday season may prove to be more economically challenging.

The online survey conducted by Ipsos was taken between Sept. 8 and 21, 2022, and asked 2,017 Canadians aged 18 and older about their spending intentions this year.

The survey has a plus or minus margin of error of 2.5 per cent.

Carolyn Goodwin, the CPA's Canada senior manager who oversees the financial literacy program, said everyone should find as many deals or savings as possible.

"CPA Canada's position on preparation for holiday spending is really to take advantage of some of the season savings," Goodwin said. "Overall, take a look at what savings are happening in the season and take advantage of coupons and sales."

Shoppers can also take the



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The south end of Pickering Town Centre decorated for the holidays. Christmas trees and lights line the hall.

opportunity this year to switch it up and try something new when it comes to gift giving.

"Think about a priceless gift that doesn't necessarily have to be a physical gift, but it could be a gift of your time or services," Goodwin said. "This is the time where a lot of people are feeling the crunch and as a year to maybe experiment

on experiences."

Another thing to consider this season would be the cost associated with holiday planning and preparation.

Jessica Moorhouse, a financial expert and the CEO and owner of MoorMoney Media Inc., said the season is more than just about shopping.

"Many people may just assume holiday shopping means buying gifts, but what about decorations, hosting holiday parties, getting new outfits, doing outdoor activities with friends and family?"

"List out everything you wish to do, or typically do, during the holidays, then look at what you spent on those things last year as a ref-

erence point to help you price out your holiday budget," Moorhouse said.

She said she has used a Google Sheet for years in order to help her stay organized when it comes to budgeting and recommends others follow her lead.

"A simple spreadsheet can make the world of difference," she said.

Sometimes shoppers can begin to feel overwhelmed or start to feel like they have started to overspend or are about to exceed their budget. There are many ways to approach these concerns, Moorhouse said.

"See if there are promo codes or coupons you can use and using a browser extension like Honey or Rakuten can help you do that pretty easily so you can save money but also earn cash back," she said.

"Look at what you've spent money on so far and if it is outside of your initial budget or causing you anxiety, see if it's not too late to return some of those things," Moorhouse said.

"Then cut yourself off from spending anymore, or if that's not possible, find a way to earn some extra income so you can afford those extra things," she said.



ERIC REID

Ice castle display in the centre court of the Pickering Town Centre. As the holiday season approaches, Canadians are concerned about their shopping budgets as inflation increases.

EDITORIAL: Female characters in games deviating from sexualization

As a consequence of the age-old perception that there are “girl” and “boy” toys, many video game companies decided to market their games to boys and Nintendo naming their first handheld console “Game Boy.”

It’s caused by the assumption that video games are a male-dominated hobby — which couldn’t be further from the truth.

According to Statista, a 2020 survey of Canadian gaming audiences found that 50 per cent of gamers in Canada were female, and 50 per cent identified as male.

Despite females making up half the gaming audience, “video game design teams sexualize female characters to make them look appealing to men instead of giving them a practical design,” said Adrienne Shaw, an associate media studies and production professor at Temple University who specializes in media and game studies.

In a 2007 video game character study by Karen E. Dill and Kathryn P. Thill, it showcased that female video game characters are typically represented as either sexualized,

scantly clad, or a vision of beauty.

The study revealed that more than 80 per cent of women in video games are represented by one of these depictions.

Female characters are typically designed with big breasts and butt, slim waist, dressed in skimpy clothing, and very small compared to the male characters.

Male characters treating female characters as objects for sexual pleasure, or characters acting in overtly sexual ways, has also been seen in many games. This is seen in the game *God of War 3*, where a female character trades information for sex with Kratos, the main protagonist.

As a result of exposure to sexualized media characters, female players are at risk of self-objectification and decreased body satisfaction, according to the objectification theory.

Yet change is on the horizon.

From 1983 to 2014, Science Daily researchers analyzed depictions of playable female characters. While sexualization is still a problem, the study found that the sexualization



COURTESY NAUGHTY DOG

Ellie Williams from *The Last of Us* defies damsel in distress stereotypes.

of female characters peaked in the 1990s and has since diminished.

As a result, people are seeing female characters stray from stereotypes and taking on the role as the protagonist.

However, Feminist Frequency, an organization studying female representation in video games, tracked the number of leading

female protagonists over the past six years and reported improvement with 18 per cent of games launched last year featuring female characters in leading roles.

Signalling the rise of strong female video game characters emerging in recent years, these games have been praised online for their realistic portrayals.

An example of this is the character Ellie Williams from *The Last of Us* who is a strong queer female character that completely erases the damsel in distress stereotype.

The Last of Us was released in 2013 to universal critical acclaim, winning 300 game of the year awards. Williams went on to win best new character from Hardcore Gamer and most valuable character at the SXSW Gaming Awards for *Left Behind*, a downloadable addition to the main game.

The Last of Us is set to be adapted as a television series in 2023, starring Bella Ramsey and Pedro Pascal from *Game of Thrones* on HBO.

An era welcoming different body types can be seen in the modern era, such as popular game *Valorant* with the character of Skye, a woman designed with a strong muscular build rather than the typical troupe-heavy design.

Still, female characters continue to be objectified. However, game designers are pushing to create realistic characters and receiving praise, which is revolutionizing how women feel seen.

OPINION: Club Q attack raises alarms about LGBTQ+ safety



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A 22-year-old gunman walked into a nightclub in Colorado Springs, Colo., and opened fire. The result was devastating. The violence lasted only minutes, but 25 people were wounded in the carnage and five were murdered.

Club Q, a local and popular LGBTQ+ club in the city, became the site of one of the worst attacks on the community in recent memory.

The attack at the nightclub happened just last Saturday, the day before Transgender Remembrance Day.

Club Q took to its Facebook page to release the following statement: “Club Q is devastated by the senseless attack on our community. Our pray[er]s and thoughts are with all the victims and their families and

friends. We thank the quick reactions of heroic customers that subdued the gunman and ended this hate attack.”

The attack reminds me of the carnage that occurred at Pulse Nightclub, which killed 49 people and wounded another 53, on June 12, 2016, in Orlando, Fla.

In an act of incredible bravery, the shooting at Club Q stopped after two patrons confronted the shooter and stopped him from committing further bloodshed.

According to the New York Times, Richard Fierro, a local Army veteran, and Thomas James, a performer from the club, are being heralded as the heroes who stopped the shooter by tackling him to the floor when Fierro instructed one of the performers to kick him.

James stomped on the shooter’s face with a high heel.

Colorado Governor Jared Polis ordered flags across the state on all public buildings be lowered to half-staff until sunset Nov. 26 to honour and remember the victims.

“Flags will be lowered for five days to remember each of the five individuals who lost their lives in this senseless tragedy,” the governor’s news release said.

“To further honor and remember the victims and those injured in this tragedy, the Polis-Primavera administration will also be flying

the Pride flag at the Colorado state capitol for the next five days,” the news release said.

It’s a nice sentiment. But it’s hollow and unsubstantive.

Action needs to be taken to protect the LGBTQ+ community.

What this attack does is raise the concern surrounding how well the LGBTQ+ community is being protected, not just across the United States but here in Canada too.

While the pandemic has certainly brought out more people, unafraid to voice their concerns with the direction of this country, that concern has largely been based on false and hateful rhetoric.

At the centre of this hate are marginalized groups, like racialized Canadians as well as our own LGBTQ+ community. According to Statistics Canada, there were 258 police-reported hate crimes in 2020 based on sexual orientation. A year later that number jumped to 423.

Another report from Statistics Canada cited a report from the “Survey of Safety in Public and Private Spaces, sexual minority people are almost three times more likely to experience violent victimization than heterosexual people.”

A federal Department of Justice report said the nature of the hate crimes sometimes deters victims from reporting incidents to the police.

“Due to the sensitive nature of hate crimes, particularly those targeting sexual orientation or gender, some individuals may be less likely to report the crime to police for fear of secondary victimization or stigma on the basis of discrimination toward their sexual orientation or gender expression or identity,” the 2015 report from the Department of Justice said.

Canada needs to act swiftly to continue to ensure that acts of vio-

lence and hate are mitigated but also that acts of hate and violence against the LGBTQ+ community are mitigated. The government acted to ban conversion therapy across Canada, and they acted to prevent the sale of handguns in Canada, the next step is clear.

Better protections need to be instituted to protect LGBTQ+ Canadians and it starts with support nationwide and more impactful gun laws.



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People march in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community in Sydney, Australia, to protest the controversial Religious Discrimination Bill.

OPINION: Twitter chaos highlights concerns regarding Elon Musk's ownership



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Twitter is one of the most important social media platforms in the world, specifically in North America. The site has undergone many changes since Elon Musk took over, mostly negative.

Most of the staff has left the company, advertisers are leaving, and “fake news” has become more prevalent on the site.

The misinformation problem with Twitter has reached new levels over the past few weeks. Researchers at Tufts University in Massachusetts found that since Musk took over, there have been more extremists flocking to the platform.

One of the major reasons for this was the very short-lived blue verification subscription service that Musk attempted to implement. Prior to this program, the accounts in question either represent or are associated with a prominently recognized individual or brand.

Musk's idea gave any person the chance to pay \$8 per month in

order to be verified — soon chaos ensued.

There was rampant fraud and abuse before Twitter shut down its “premium” service after two days.

Major companies such as Eli Lilly, Lockheed Martin, and Nintendo saw their stocks plummet after fake accounts impersonated their brands and posted fake information.

Many of these fake accounts have been shut down, but accounts still exist with fraudulent names and blue check marks that will inevitably fall through the cracks.

Only time will tell what other fraud will be perpetrated based on the short-lived Twitter blue program.

This is only one of the problems that has come to light since Musk took over. He initially claimed he would bring back previously banned accounts, most notably Donald Trump, through a content moderation council and that no bans would be lifted without a “clear process for doing so.”

Well, ultimately he decided to conduct a poll on his own account and leave it up to Twitter users.

Trump was brought back by a slim 52 per cent to 48 per cent margin.

According to SparkToro.com, an online audience research website, more than 70 per cent of Musk's following of 118 million people is made up of bots or accounts that have been deemed fake. The average account has between five to 30 per cent fake users, which puts into light who or what is really



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Elon Musk's recent \$44 billion takeover of Twitter has resulted in advertisers fleeing the platform and the return of previously banned accounts including the likes of Donald Trump and Kanye West via user poll.

behind those votes.

The true irony of Musk's liberal mindset of total freedom.

The importance of Twitter can't really be understated. The platform has been invaluable as a source of information during natural disasters and wars, and is being used to share messages and shine a light on injustices worldwide where they're needed.

Movements such as the ongoing Iran protests and BLM have been catapulted to wider attention, in part due to Twitter's massive reach.

At the end of the day, Musk paid the handsome price of \$44 billion to acquire the site, and I suppose he is free to twirl and morph it however he wants. Yet, the way he has handled the takeover is both dangerous and reckless for people

who rely on Twitter for information, both as small scale as local happenings, or big galactic world-shaping events.

It looks like we may be reaching a point where we can no longer rely on it for our news, and no other social media site is equipped to take over that role.

The whole thing is nothing but concerning.

TALES FROM HUMBER: Pit bulls really don't deserve a bad rep



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News Reporter

For as long as I can remember, my family has fostered pit bulls. The work we've done with these dogs specifically has always brought a sense of joy to our family and brought us closer together.

Over the last five years, we've welcomed 10 fosters into our home and helped raise and train

them. Five were pit bulls and five were bully mixes. A bully mix is a pit bull crossbreed.

Historically, and even today in some parts of the world, pit bulls are used for dogfighting. They are trained to be aggressive and to fight. It's why many people perceive this breed to be scary and violent.

But it's only pit bulls that are trained in this way that are aggressive and violent.

“Dogfighting is one of the most heinous forms of animal cruelty,” states the American Society for the Prevention and Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) website.

“Dogs used for fighting are typically raised in isolation, so they spend most of their lives on short, heavy chains. They are regularly conditioned for fighting through the use of drugs, including anabolic steroids to enhance muscle mass and encourage aggressive-

ness,” the website also said.

Pit bulls were banned in Ontario in 2005 after two dogs attacked a man. Critics of the ban said the law punished the animal and not the owner. The Conservative provincial government eased regulations last year, allowing for the return of a dog not involved in an incident with restrictions.

In the five years since my family has been raising pit bulls, we've come to learn that they are often referred to as the “nanny breed” of dogs. That means they are very good with children.

In my experience with pit bulls, they're the most loving and physically affectionate dogs you'll ever meet. They're gentle around kids and other dogs, and just want to show you how much they love you.

I think the misconception about pit bulls stems from their physically imposing stature. They're muscular, fast and have really

strong jaws. I would argue, given my handling of many different types of breeds, smaller breeds like the chihuahua can be equally aggressive if not trained properly.

The journal of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery reports that in a five-year review of dog bite injuries, 51 per cent reported were the result of a run-in with a pit bull.

The article says the reason for this has to do with the size of the breed and the size of the bite. I would argue this statistic illustrates the fact pit bull bites are reported more often than bites by smaller breeds.

Whether a dog becomes aggressive and shows its teeth, growls, or bites is often because of the environment they're in. The owner has either trained them this way or neglected to train them properly.

It's this unfair label attached to pit bulls that makes it difficult to

adopt them out.

“Pit bulls are misunderstood, feared, and overcrowding shelters all over the place,” the dog rescue site, Kennel to Couch, said.

“The sad reality is that all the negative traits about pit bulls are common knowledge, while few may have an understanding of their unique and special characteristics that surely make them lovable and adoptable,” the same site said.

I plan to continue to raise pit bulls correctly to be their best selves and to prepare them to live happy lives in their forever homes.

“Pit bulls love people,” said Pit-Bulls.org.

“Although this breed frequently gets a bad rap in the media, if you have ever met a pit bull that was raised by a loving and conscientious family then you will understand how much they like to be with people.”

Humber suspends the Bachelor journalism degree program

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Ever since high school, Fernando Bossoes, a first-year international student in Humber College's Bachelor of Journalism program, knew he wanted to become a journalist.

Bossoes, who is from Brazil, chose to study journalism in Canada for its comprehensive and wide-ranging selection of multi-media journalism education.

"In my country, journalism is all about writing. Of course, writing is such an important point for journalists. But it's not only about this anymore," Bossoes said about Brazil's current journalism curriculum. "If you think about journalism as just reading, it's an old point of view.

"When I saw Humber's [program] for journalism, I saw that we can have opportunities to study video and audio production and photography classes. This variety of options in the journalism program is what made me choose Humber," he said.

Bossoes, however, is one of only seven students who have enrolled in the college's four-year journalism degree program this year. Humber College has seen declining enrolment in the honours bachelor's degree program, based at its Lakeshore campus, over recent years, prompting the decision to suspend the program in its entirety next fall.

The college's diploma and post-graduate certificate programs, based at its North campus, are not affected by the decision.

The announcement was shared Oct. 31 with the program's students

and faculty by associate dean of journalists and writers Sarah-Jane Greenway. This comes as no surprise to her considering the pattern of enrolment over the past few years.

"I see enrolment data every week. So as soon as people start to apply, and as soon as Humber starts issuing offers...you can see enrolment and we can see where things are headed," Greenway said. "Enrolment in the degree program has been declining steadily for a couple of years now, and so I knew that we were going to have a very small incoming class."

Small intakes strain a program through limitations on classroom experience, student engagement and course offerings, which in turn affect students throughout the program years.

The college has monitored enrolment numbers for its Bachelor of Journalism program since 2019. It found enrolment dropped 65 per cent, from 20 total students in 2019 to seven in 2022.

The cause of declining enrolment at Humber College remains unknown. But Greenway suggests possibilities like new journalism programs being introduced at other institutions, or a four-year journalism degree, are becoming less attractive to prospective students compared to post-grad or diploma programs.

Other journalism programs at Humber, like their certificate and advanced diploma programs, have been experiencing steady, if not increasing, enrolment levels of approximately 30 to 50 students.

"It's just the degree program [seeing a decline] which makes it really perplexing for me," Greenway said.

She also suggested the lack of in-person recruitment opportunities, like the Ontario College Fair or Open House, during the pandemic could also be cited for the decline.

"If you can't get a bunch of high school students on campus to see the newsroom, then they don't quite understand what the program is about," Greenway said. "They don't get excited about what they could experience at Humber."

Humber College is not the only institution whose journalism degree program is decreasing in numbers. Post-secondary institutions across Canada offering degree programs in journalism and mass communications have also seen a steady decline, according to Statistics Canada.

Many experts attribute such decline to the financial state of modern journalism. Budget cuts, shrinking newsrooms, outdated curriculum and overwhelming competition for full-time positions are some of the reasons why many have deterred from pursuing journalism at the post-secondary level, according to Insight Into Diversity magazine.

In a 2019 interview with the magazine, Joel Kaplan, associate dean for professional graduate studies at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications, said a more entrepreneurial approach to journalism education would benefit students



COURTESY FERNANDO BOSSOES

Fernando Bossoes, a first-year international student in Humber's Bachelor of Journalism program located at the Lakeshore campus.

as freelance writing appeared to be a more viable option.

The program will suspend first-year enrolment in September 2023 for at least one academic year. During this time, Greenway, program faculty and the college's Program Advisory Committee will conduct a review of the program.

The review will occur through focus groups with current students, curriculum reviews and an environmental scan of other journalism programs in Toronto. The results will then be used to restructure or redesign the program to attract more prospective students.

Such news about the suspension

of a program may be disheartening or discouraging for students, prompting them to doubt their decision to pursue journalism as a career. But for students like Bossoes, his passion for journalism overcomes uncertainty.

"This situation makes me think that I need to get better and better every day," said Bossoes, who explained the announcement was not discouraging, but motivating.

"This gets me to think about it and keep working on it. It didn't affect me at all. Of course, you do think, 'Am I doing the right thing or not,' but I believe I'm doing the right thing.



COURTESY HUMBER COLLEGE

Humber College's L Building on the Lakeshore campus, housing the Bachelor of Journalism degree program, which has suspended intake of new students, expected to be reviewed.



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Laura Walton, president of CUPE's Ontario School Board Council of Unions, speaks in Toronto on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2022 after a tentative deal was reached over the weekend.

CUPE members begin voting on tentative deal

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The Canadian Union of Public Employees' (CUPE) education workers began casting their votes on Thursday to accept or reject the tentative contract deal currently on the table.

"Now, it's your turn to make your voice heard by the government and school boards with the ratification vote," said Laura Walton, president of the Ontario Board Council of Unions (OSBCU) at a press conference on Sunday.

Both parties came to an agreement just before the 5 p.m. dead-

line last Sunday after CUPE was set to strike on Monday. Parents, teachers, and school boards across Ontario would have needed to switch to online learning had no deal been reached.

The four-year contract offer includes a \$1 per hour annual wage increase that would have CUPE's 55,000 members see their salaries raised by 14.36 per cent. However, the deal does not include the unions' request to add more staff to those sectors.

"As a mom, I don't like this deal. As a worker, I don't like this deal. As the president of the OSBCU, I understand why this is the deal

that's on the table," Walton said.

"When you're being told by the government that there is no possible way that they are going to improve, then you have to do the right thing as a leader which often is very uncomfortable," she said.

Walton noted that the deal falls short of their expectations.

On Tuesday, CUPE national president Mark Hancock called on members in a statement to vote in favour of the contract offer.

"We've secured all that could be secured," he said. "No deal contains all we seek."

Education Minister Stephen Lecce said both parties got "some-

thing out of the negotiations." He held a press conference shortly after the tentative deal was reached and noted their focus was on the students.

"The biggest beneficiary of this deal is our kids," he said.

Lecce highlighted the importance of keeping "stability" in the school year because of the academic regression that has affected students.

Walton emphasized that not providing more services for its education workers creates uncertainty in the province's schools and noted that there are many ongoing issues that need to be addressed.

"Right now we're seeing record high pediatric illnesses because our schools don't have enough custodians to keep them clean," she said.

"There should never be a parent who's asked to keep their child home because there are not enough educational assistants," Walton said.

She said that if members reject the offer, then they will return to the negotiating table. CUPE would still be in a position to strike as long as they give a five-day notice.

The voting process ends on Dec. 5 and an official decision will be made the following day.

Hockey world mourns the death of Börje Salming

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Legendary NHL defenceman Börje Salming has died at age 71 after a battle with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

In a statement released on Thursday, Toronto Maple Leafs president and alternate governor Brendan Shanahan said the organization is mourning the loss of Salming.

"Börje was a pioneer of the game and an icon with an unbreakable spirit and unquestioned toughness," Shanahan said. "(Salming) defined himself through his play on the ice and through his contributions to the community."

Salming, nicknamed "The King," was a trailblazer for future European players in the NHL after signing with the Leafs as a free agent ahead of the 1973-74 season. He quickly became a favourite for many, including long-time Leafs

fan Richard Morris.

"I remember watching him when I was little and telling my parents that I wanted to be just like Börje when I grew up," he said.

In August, the team announced Salming had been diagnosed with ALS, a progressive disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, deteriorating the motor neurons.

Earlier this month, Salming made the trip to Toronto during Hall of Fame weekend where he was honoured in an emotional video tribute in front of thousands of fans at the Scotiabank Arena prior to the Canucks-Leafs game on Nov. 12.

Morris was in the building during the special moment.

"The vibes in the arena when he came out that night was just amazing" he said.

"You could tell that he was respected and that he really made an impact from his time being on the team till now."

He noted that the celebration

means even more now after his passing.

"He got the recognition that he deserved and he was celebrated by the team and the fans, which now we know that in fact was his last goodbye to us," Morris said.

The native of Kiruna, Sweden, went on to play 1,099 regular-season games with the Leafs, establishing team records for assists (620) and goals (148), points (768) and playoff points (49) by a defenceman leading him to become the first Swedish player to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in 1996.

Young fans like Nicholas Walker never saw the defenceman play but knew how much of a loss this was to the hockey world.

"Even though he retired when I was still young, I recognize that he is and will always be a big part of the hockey community here in Canada," Walker said.

"He will be dearly missed by the fans," he said.



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Swedish player Börje Salming and his then-wife Margitta Wendin.



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Former Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Börje Salming, joined by his wife Pia Salming and family members, is greeted by Toronto Maple Leafs right wing William Nylander pre-game.

Argonauts win 18th Grey Cup in thriller



HAWI TULU

Toronto announcer Herbie Kuhn lifts the Grey Cup during the Argonauts 2022 Grey Cup Championship rally in Maple Leaf Square on November 24, after defeating the Blue Bombers.

Megan Smith Hawi Tulu

News Reporters

The Toronto Argonauts won the franchise's 18th Grey Cup Championship last Sunday in a triumphant underdog 24-23 win over the back-to-back champion Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

It didn't always look like the Argos were going to pull out the win as starting quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson dislocated his thumb on his throwing hand and backup Chad Kelly came into the game and led a game-winning drive to put the Argos in the lead and give them the eventual win.

Bethel-Thompson addressed the crowd remotely as he was unable to attend the championship ceremony as he was spending American Thanksgiving with his family.

"To play elite professional football, it takes the entire body, mind, and soul," Bethel-Thompson said. "I miss my brothers. I'm sorry I couldn't be there," he said.

Bethel-Thompson finished the season with 4,731 passing yards and 23 passing touchdowns as he looks towards free agency this off-season but could possibly return to Toronto to win another Grey Cup.

Argos head coach Ryan Dinwiddie thanked Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment (MLSE) and Argos General Manager Michael "Pinball" Clemons for allowing him to coach the team.

"A lot of folks probably didn't think this was the right hire...look at us now," Dinwiddie said.

"We try to build a culture the right way, and everybody's the same," he said. "We're all equals and we have a job to do and it counts on each one of us every day to get it done."

Linebacker Henoc Muamba was named Grey Cup MVP and the most outstanding Canadian with three tackles and an interception in the championship win.

The former first-overall pick spoke to the crowd about how he

and his teammates didn't listen to the narratives surrounding the team ahead of the game.

"Many narratives were floating around, we weren't good enough to win this Grey Cup championship. We wouldn't be strong enough and we wouldn't last and we wouldn't bring this home to Toronto, but we didn't listen to that," he said.

Muamba told fans that many people underestimated them, and many doubted whether the Argos

could withstand Regina's cold November weather.

"The special thing about this team is that we were so resilient," Muamba said. "We get that from the leadership that starts from the top and trickles down. Everybody that played a role in getting us here today."

Muamba had an impressive year with Toronto as he finished second on the team in tackles with 76.

Jesse Kambakos, a die-hard

Argos fan, said he was thrilled to witness the team make history by having 18 grey cup wins and their first since 2017.

"It's great to be here at this rally and it feels pretty good," Kambakos said.

"My grandpa was a big Argos fan, and he turned me into one," he said. "This cup is for him."



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Toronto Argonauts linebacker Henoc Muamba named Grey Cup's Most Valuable Player and Most Valuable Canadian after 24-23 Grey Cup win.



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Toronto Raptors' Pascal Siakam, left, looks to shoot as Philadelphia 76ers' James Harden defends during first-half NBA basketball action in Toronto on Oct. 28, 2022.

Raptors show signs of promise despite injuries

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Following the Toronto Raptors' 112-98 loss to the Brooklyn Nets, they have fallen to a 9-9 record, yet something about this current group shows great potential.

The Raptors started the season strong, taking down the Miami Heat and Philadelphia 76ers in impressive performances.

Since then, they've been swarmed with injuries that limited fifth-season head coach Nick Nurse's options and slowed down their progress.

Regardless of the injury-ridden roster, Nurse has managed to muster a thinning lineup to maintain a competitive squad in Toronto.

Raptors play-by-play radio host and commentator Eric Smith said the season is young but the feeling is high at Scotiabank Arena.

"It's a positive vibe right now. They're mature and responsible enough to realize it's only been about 20 games, and it's a marathon," Smith told Humber Et Cetera.

The 2019 NBA champions gave

their fans an unforgettable title run for the first time in franchise history, and just a few years later the new look Raptors aren't holding back against anyone.

At the moment, the Raptors are seeded eighth in the Eastern Conference and are only five games behind the first seed.

Smith said the Raptors depth has been the reason they've been able to compete at a high level, even while undermanned.

Young rotation players like Rexdale native Dalano Banton, recently dropped a career-high 27 points in a close win against the Detroit Pistons.

"They themselves set the bar. We are better, we have better players, we have better depth, we have another year of experience under the belt of Scottie Barnes and our young vets," Smith said.

Another valuable asset the Raptors have to compete with is a tall and lengthy roster which they have sometimes lacked historically.

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"They've got an interchangeable lineup with so many players, the vast majority of them are 6 '8-6' 9 and above," he said. "They can come at you in waves and come at you with so many different looks."

Some notable injuries have included Pascal Siakam, Fred VanVleet and Gary Trent Jr, along with others which have differed from game to game.

Despite the injury, Pascal Siakam has proven to be a stud with a spicy start, averaging a near triple-double with 24.8 points, 9.3 rebounds and 7.7 assists.

For a man who many fans have said in the past hasn't done enough to lead Toronto since the departure of Kawhi Leonard, he's certainly impressed this season.

Another name worth noting is the Raptors' rookie of the year, Scottie Barnes.

Barnes has taken strides thus far this season, as if he's been in the league for several years, often playing a key role in winning tight games.

Fred Vanvleet, who earned all-star honours for the first time last season despite battling injuries and illnesses, hasn't shown many signs of slowing down either.

His improvement in defence could be backed up by his top five

spots among steals in the NBA, a ranking that OG Anunoby knows all too well.

During a recent post-game press conference, Anunoby stated he believes he is the best defender in the league and will aim to win the defensive player of the year.

His domination on defence, ranking first among steals in the league at 2.4 per game and a total of 44, has given him a valuable reputation in the NBA.

Smith said with the talent and maturity evident in this Raptors team, they must hold themselves to a high standard and expect to still be there come late spring.

"You have to set the bar higher, whether that's conference finals or an NBA championship. You're a good team and you've got a lot of good pieces, so why not Toronto," Smith said.

The Raptors know all too well that although the injuries have set them back, strong teams such as the 76ers, the Nets, the Bulls, and the Heat are all seeded behind them, so there is no reason to panic while waiting for their key pieces to return.

‘I was thinking about my brother’

UFC fighter Damon Jackson overcame an unexpected tragedy to knockout Pat Sabatini a promising featherweight on a six-fight win streak.



UFC

Damon Jackson, 34, throwing a headkick against Daniel Argueta at the UFC Apex in Las Vegas. Jackson's brother Bradley, 37, died unexpectedly just days before his most recent fight.

Jack Albanna Sports Editor

As a fighter, it's very common to step into the cage with injuries or weight-cut issues, but for Damon Jackson, a heavy heart outweighed any physical challenge.

UFC featherweight Damon Jackson, 34, is a highly experienced fighter who has had two separate stints with the UFC during his combined 22-4-1 MMA career.

Jackson faced his toughest challenge on Sept. 17, when he stepped into the octagon just days after his 37-year-old brother, Bradley, suddenly died.

A loss in the family is urgent reasoning for fighters to pull-out of fights, but Jackson said this was never an option.

"I was thinking about my brother," he said.

"If somehow he could've told me he was going to pass, he would've definitely wanted me to continue to fight," Jackson said.

Jackson faced off against Pat Sabatini, a highly promising featherweight who was riding a six-fight win streak.

The +170 underdog Jackson

remained composed and pulled off a stunning first round finish in just over a minute via ko/tko, which earned him fight of the night honors along with a \$50,000 bonus.

Once the referee pulled Jackson off Sabatini, he fell to his knees

happen, but I never thought it was gonna hit me that hard," he said.

The veteran fighter out of Fortis MMA made it a total of 19 career finishes during the one-sided victory.

Jackson says regardless of what

Jackson said the key to his victory was doing everything he could to suppress his emotions, including plugging his ears to avoid hearing the TV broadcast describing what had happened with his brother, during his warmup and walkout.

"I hadn't talked to my mom the whole time. I kind of felt selfish for doing that, but I knew that was the best route for me to get the win," Jackson said.

"I had to do that all week. I never wanted to process it, I never wanted to talk to my parents, I didn't wanna talk to anyone in my family that whole week," he said.

Jackson said what hurt him most was that he and his late brother had just been talking about how this fight was a perfect gateway to a high ranked opponent and his brother had planned on coming with him because he wanted to be in Las Vegas.

Instead of carrying on in life and letting this experience fade away into memory, Jackson said he learned from the death of his brother that nothing can be taken for granted and he's prioritized spending all the time he can with his family.

With all doubts removed from

Jackson's ability since he's returned to the UFC, he is now set to face a very tough opponent in Dan Ige, a fighter who's never been finished before and is looking to regain momentum in the featherweight title picture.

Jackson said that as a fighter who's always looking for the finish, he recognizes the toughness of Ige and the caliber of the fighters he's faced, but is still confident that he's just another opponent.

Now looking to extend his four-fight win-streak, he said the pressure he brings could overwhelm his opponents and referred to the recent shocking title upsets as an example.

"He's tough as hell and he's great but everybody's beatable," Jackson said.

"The last few months of UFC have really shown that to a lot of people. The champs that you think are unbeatable, have been getting finished and getting finished in bad ways," he said.

"Action" Jackson, a nickname inspired by his brother, faces Ige on Jan. 14 in Las Vegas, as he looks to carry on his brother's legacy and make his way to the top of the featherweight food chain.

"I LOOKED UP AND SAW MY MOM, MY WIFE AND EVERYBODY JUMPING UP AND DOWN CELEBRATING. THERE WAS JUST SO MUCH PAIN GOING ON WITH MY FAMILY!"

Damon Jackson
UFC featherweight

in tears, overcome with emotion. His family was seen in the crowd celebrating the bittersweet accomplishment together.

"I looked up and saw my mom, my wife and everybody jumping up and down celebrating. There was just so much pain going on with my family," Jackson said.

"It was too much to hold back and I knew that it was gonna

goes on in his life, the sport means so much to him, that's why he takes his career very seriously and stays consistent in training as well as his diet.

He also mentioned that although this scenario was the most extreme, it wasn't the first time he opted to fight after personal events, considering he's fought shortly after family loss before and even days after his wedding.

Italian Canadians back Team Canada at 2022 World Cup

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Italian fans were ecstatic about their Euro cup victory in the summer of 2021 and it brought a sense of unity to the community.

But Italy didn't manage to qualify for the World Cup for the second straight time, after losing 1-0 to North Macedonia in qualification. This means that many Italian-Canadians have shifted their focus to Team Canada.

"I'm not very happy about it but stuff happens and we'll go all in for Canada," Selena Maripusso said.

Maripusso is an employee at Evangelista Sports in Vaughan, Ont. The store is popular with local Italians in the area, offering various types of soccer jerseys and other equipment.

She said business was impacted by Italy's elimination from the World Cup, something many people probably wouldn't have noticed.

"We ordered hundreds of jerseys before the qualifications happened and now we are left with too much in stock so we had to put them on sale," Maripusso said.

Italy has played a key historical role in the world of soccer, winning four World Cups, only behind Brazil, which has five World Cup victories.

"The World Cup without Italy is like going to Rome without seeing the Colosseum," the former Italian icon Francesco Totti told a television network.

The World Cup is to be watched by a billion people regardless of which teams are competing. Many Italians are still having a hard time



Team Canada Jerseys on display at Evangelista Sports. Since Italy was eliminated from qualifying, Canada has been their highest selling attraction. NIKO DE CIANTIS

trying to understand how their team managed to get knocked out of qualifying so unexpectedly.

"In soccer, anything is possible, especially when it comes to international competitions," said Andrés Garcia, another employee from Evangelista Sports.

"Italy certainly underestimated their opponents and didn't look hungry enough to qualify."

Garcia said the Italian squad underestimating opponents was a big factor, but Maripusso said injuries also played a big part in the

upset.

When Italy played at the Euros last summer, fans in Woodbridge, part of Vaughan, celebrated together at the Market Lane Shopping Centre after every game.

Market Lane is in the heart of Woodbridge where hundreds of fans gathered to watch Italy win the World Cup in 2006.

But this year, Italians from coast-to-coast-to-coast will be cheering for the country that their families immigrated to many decades ago.

Stefano Commisso is an Italian

Canadian who was born in Canada. He's a huge Italy fan, but he'll be cheering for Canada this year.

"Some Italians want to stay loyal to their home nation but I believe that if you were born in Canada you have the duty to cheer on Team Canada," Commisso said.

Commisso is currently playing soccer for Inter Milan Academy in Toronto and hopes to be able to play for Canada one day.

Team Canada will certainly be trying to make a name for themselves in their first World Cup

since 1986, after losing by the slimmest of margins against Belgium, the world's number two squad.

With a lot of young names and stars such as Alphonso Davies and Jonathan David, a top two finish in the group is still a realistic goal.

Team Canada will be needing the support of everyone in hopes of getting something special out of this World Cup.

"We all want Italy there but let's focus on Canada, maybe in four years time we'll be back celebrating in Market lane," Maripusso said.

Hawks basketball back on-track with home win

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Sports Reporter

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team beat the St. Clair Saints 86-82 on home court, ending their three-game losing streak.

Head coach Omar Miles said the team has struggled to close out games in the fourth quarter.

"We were able to get stops on defence and key baskets towards the end of the game, which we haven't been able to do all season," he said about the recent win.

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team started the 2022 season with a 2-3 record in their first five games, which contrasts with their OCAA championship-winning season last year. They have used every game as a learning experience to work on defending their title.

"We gotta protect the hawks nest,



Romeo Osas Joshua goes up for a layup in the game against St. Clair HUMBER ATHLETICS

there's lots of history and tradition," Miles said. "After games, it's about celebrating for five minutes and

moving on to the next game."

Since last year's victory, the team has seen changes, including six

rookies.

Miles said part of the team's success will come from providing experience to young players.

"The best experience you (can) have are through opportunities and getting these guys on the floor and getting them playing time is the best experience," he said.

Before the game against St. Clair on Saturday, second-year rookie point guard Sydney Kabongo reflected on the importance of team building.

"I feel like we are still trying to get acquainted, learning how each [of us] play," he said.

"The fact that it's a fairly new team, we just have to get used to the principles and play together, but we have all the right pieces," Kabongo said.

He said the key is in the bonding activities they experience during practice and the conversations

they share during their training.

Third-year forward Raheem Dennis said it was also important to build friendships.

"We're always in the gym, we have group chats, we're always talking to each other, we're playing video games," Dennis said.

"We learned to stay together even through bad moments, keep our cool, stay together and everything works out from there," he said.

As the team looks forward to their next match, Miles said they need to remain confident and not give away any leads.

"We just need to relax in crazy moments like this and if we can play with some poise and some confidence in the fourth quarter, we can win all the games that we typically haven't been winning," he said.

The Hawks will face the Redeemer Royals on Nov. 26.

ARGONAUTS ARE CFL CHAMPIONS



Canadian announcer Herbie Kuhn lifts the Grey Cup in downtown Toronto. The Argos celebrated with fans during their parade on Thursday. This was Toronto's first ring since 2017.

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