

Bill 148 gives Ontario workers higher minimum wage

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Legislation has now passed that raises the minimum wage in Ontario to \$14 per hour on New Year's Day and to \$15 per hour in 2019.

The Liberal Party and the New Democrats voted in favour of it while the bill drew criticism from the Progressive Conservatives. Documents from Queen's Park show that Bill 148 passed with 67 votes for and 26 against.

Kristy Adams, a coordinator for Humber's Hospitality and Tourism programs, said the bill could have both positive and negative ramifications for the hospitality industry.

"There are two sides to every story," she said.

Adams said there were many positions within her industry that were paid minimum wage, including jobs like housekeeping or serving.

"There are positions that are less skilled positions so you don't have to come with an extensive amount of training," she said.

Adams said she thought it was great people in those positions would be paid better, as the cost of living rises.

"I don't think anybody's in a position to want to see people live below the poverty line," she said. "It helps our economy when everybody's doing well."

Adams also said while big chains and large corporations would be able to handle an increase in expenses, higher wages for staff could be hard for smaller businesses to absorb.

"You have these mom and pop shops, independent operators, that will now be squeezed tighter with the minimum wage being increased," she said. "The knee-jerk reaction is to cut labour."

Adams' comments echo remarks made by Progressive Conservative candidates during debates on Bill 148 at Queen's Park.

John Yakabuski, the PC Labour critic, said students told him they were unlikely to be able to get summer jobs they'd previously held.

"It's not because the student isn't still going to be in school and looking for a job — it's because the business won't be hiring students at the new rate of pay," he said.

Adams said labour costs were the biggest variable expense in the hospitality and service industries.

"This one hits them right in the pocketbook," she said.

Adams said when businesses cut labour costs it means "fewer people to do the same amount of work."



Students at Humber College's North Campus, who are effected by Bill 148 prepare food in a culinary lab. The passage of this bill will ensure that graduates in these programs can obtain a living wage right away.

While Adams had her hesitations about Bill 148 and what it meant for the hospitality industry, she said

that ultimately businesses don't want to lose their customers.

"Maybe out of this, there's some

good things, or creative solutions maybe flex schedules or new ideas,"

RIDE program focuses on drug-impaired driving in new ads



Officers lined Lake Shore Boulevard on Thursday to inform drivers about the launch of the RIDE program. The program intends to reduce drunk driving incidences on Ontario's roads.

Michelle Rowe-Jardine

NEWS REPORTER

Humber's Lakeshore campus buckled up for a lesson in responsible holiday driving for the 2017 launch of the RIDE check program.

The Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere initiative celebrated its 40th anniversary this year to promote safer and sober travel options. RIDE, which is partnered with Ontario Provincial Police, uses randomized police checkpoints throughout Ontario to monitor sobriety on the

Lakeshore campus hosted the Wednesday launch as dozens of students, police, paramedics and firefighters flooded the Learning Commons to hear from speakers involved with the program.

Insp. Vanessa Leslie of the OPP Highway Safety Division said statistics about impaired driving in Ontario are troubling.

"So far this year 37 people have died in collisions, 19 of those were innocent victims," she said.

Impaired driving is legally defined as a criminal offence when driver has a blood alcohol concentration of 80 milligrams to 100 millilitres of blood. A breathalyzer test showing a BAC between 0.05 to 0.08mg is known as the warn range and can result in provincial administrative penalties.

Leslie said 623 people were charged with impaired driving, and 407 blew in the warn range during the 2016 RIDE program.

OPP Sgt. Kerry Schmidt narrowed the numbers down to one

specific incident of a 22-year-old woman who was killed because of impaired driving.

A short video profiling Kalina Tsaneva played for the audience, including her mother, whose eyes dropped away from the video intermittently while pictures of her daughter flashed on the screens.

Tsaneva got into a vehicle with an intoxicated driver who sped 130 km/h down a country road in December 2015.

"Smiles are always half smiles, laughter always has a bitter taste," her father Victor said in the video.

Schmidt said it's a tragedy to see instances like these repeatedly occur.

"With every one of those numbers is a name and a family, who now have a life sentence of mourning and grieving the loss of a loved one," he said.

But it's not just drinking and driving making the road more dangerous.

Ontario has seen a steady increase in drug-impaired driving over the past few years, with a 38 per cent increase in 2016, according to Statistics Canada.

The RIDE launch event placed an information spotlight on driving high this year, since the legalization of r ijuana is just around the corner.

Dr. Roger Ferreira, the chief science officer at the medicinal marijuana company Beleave, presented a video that dispelled the smoke and mirrors surrounding high driving.

Beleave partnered with RIDE to produce three fake "Consequence Strains" of marijuana with side effects akin to the consequences of driving high: Kourtroom Kush, White Whiplash and Slammer Time.

Slammer Time has symptoms of "remorse, paranoia and isolation from the outside world. The same feelings as someone who's been sentenced to prison for killing another driver or pedestrian," the narrator said.

Toronto Sgt. Alex Crews said Toronto will be assigning more Standard Field Sobriety Test officers who an conduct roadside sobriety tests.

The RIDE checks officially launched on Lake Shore Boulevard West later that afternoon with officers stopping cars at random to let them know about the program.

'The whole idea is if you get stopped, you talk about it. The message gets out there and hopefully that's going to make you think, 'I better not, because just around the corner there may be that RIDE check," Crews said.



JP Hornick, Chair of the current CAAT-A bargaining team, speaks at a rally outside the Ministry of Education in downtown Toronto on Oct 25. Faculty were ordered back to work Nov. 19.

Union and CEC agree on arbitrator to settle five-week strike

Zach McGregor

NEWS REPORTER

Toronto lawyer and author William Kaplan, with an experienced history in arbitration, was selected to resolve the labour contract dispute between the faculty union and Ontario's colleges.

Kaplan is a veteran arbitrator and mediator noted for his work in labour disputes involving Canada Post, Elementary Teacher's Federation, the LCBO and the CFL among numerous others. Specifically, he has received 31 awards for his work with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union in the past.

OPSEU, which represents faculty, librarians and counsellors at Ontario's 24 colleges, could not agree on a new contract with the College Employment Council (CEC).

The ensuing five-week strike that began Oct. 16 would be the longest in Ontario college history, with students caught right in the crossfire.

"When it became clear that no progress was being made between the two parties, we made the move to save the semester," said Minister of Advanced Education Deb Matthews.

The government tabled back-towork legislation and sent the two parties to binding arbitration. Many felt that this move was too harsh, while others thought it was necessary to save the semester.

"I'm shocked that a government that calls itself progressive would bring forth legislation that stomps on the rights of workers," Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said last week.

Students officially resumed their studies Nov. 14 after the provincial legislation to end the strike.

Horwath argued the Liberals could have at any time issued a directive to get the two parties back to the bargaining table, but instead waited until introducing back-to-work legislation was the only option.

However, under the Colleges Collective Bargaining Act, the government claimed it would have been not able to get involved any sooner than it did.

Despite being against the backto-work legislation, President of the Humber Faculty Union OPSEU Local 562, Bob Bolf admitted it was necessary to get students back in the classroom.

"During negotiations there seemed to progress, but then the CEC withdrew any and all concessions that they made and presented a forced vote contract which was worse than the one we already had," he said.

Under the new contract the colleges could have preference in hiring just part-time faculty, meaning they would no longer have an incentive to hire full-time faculty.

It would also exempt partial-load and contract faculty from being paid under the provisions of Bill 148, which was proclaimed Nov. 27.

"Faculty want to teach, but the contract was bad that they had to take a stand because it would affect the quality of education the students are receiving," Bolf said.

"The forced vote contract was rejected by faculty as expected and that is when the government decided to step in and legislate us back to work," he said.

The strike may be over, but issues

government passed back-to-work surrounding both the labour rights of faculty and the structure of the college system itself remain.

"The college system is clearly broken," Horwath said.

"Seventy per cent of the faculty are working either part-time or on contract which is not good for students in terms quality of education," she said.

Over the next few months, a new contract will be drawn up in arbitration which will hopefully address some of longstanding issues that face Ontario's College system.

Bolf hopes some compromise can be made between the two parties with regards to hiring more fulltime faculty and giving faculty more rights to academic freedom.

"The faculty being the experts in their fields can best decide what students need to learn to be successful in their future careers," he said. "Deans and associate deans often do not have the knowledge or experience faculty may have in their particular field." Bolf said their contacts and industry experience are often out-of-date, whereas faculty are more up-to-date on changes in their particular fields.

"Each of the eight schools at Humber has such a wide variety of content areas and no one dean could know all of these areas," he said. Faculty need to have an input to ensure students on academic curriculum to ensure students are getting the most up-to-date educational training.

Bolf says the CEC could save money by hiring less administrative employees and hire more full-time

"The rate of growth for the number of administrators at Ontario colleges is actually higher than the rate



SOURCE: TWITTER.COM/@CAATA_LOCAL562

Bob Bolf addresses the crowd during an OPSEU rally at Humber Lakeshore.

of student enrollment and the rate of hiring full-time faculty is down considerably," he said.

Bolf says it's clear where the CEC's priorities lie, hiring more unnecessary administration rather than giving students the education they deserve.

Some OPSEU leaders have even called to abolish the CEC itself as it is not accountable to anybody, including the Ministry of Advanced Education.

"The CEC directs the activities of all 24 colleges, yet they are accountable to no one and they are interfering with the quality of student's education," said Warren "Smokey" Thomas, President of OPSEU.

He says the CEC is running our public colleges like private corporations and they need to be held accountable.

Bolf is confident that faculty will get what they want as more and more people are becoming fed up with precarious work.

"The strike was followed across North America and there was support from workers in many other sectors," said Bolf.

Hey says the CEC is following the American system of private colleges as they continue their push to only hire contract faculty.

Despite the negative impact the strike had on students across Ontario, it did spark major backlash against the rise of precarious work.

The ripple effects of this strike will be felt well into the future.

The strike began on Oct. 15 when 12,000 faculty members from all 24 of Ontario's colleges walked off the job.



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ARC doll-making workshop teaches traditional parable

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A traditional corn husk doll making session hosted by Humber North's Aboriginal Resource Centre was also a lesson about remaining humble.

Corn husk doll making by using corn stalk is specific to the Haudenosaunee people, teaching humility, said Quazance Boissoneau, Humber's Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

The making of the dolls is a morality story "to teach that everyone is equal," she said.

Patricia Chrisjohn, healthy living coordinator for the Indigenous Friendship Centre, told participants the origin of corn husk doll making comes from a story about a doll with a beautiful face who went from village to village, playing with children. One day she notices her reflection in a river.

"She started making judgments of people based on their looks, choosing who she'd play with," Chrisjohn said.

As punishment for her judgemental actions, the girl's face is taken away.

"Her face, what she considered to be her most prized possession, was gone because of the way she was treating all of the other children," Chrisjohn said.

The people of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, meaning the People of the Long House, from that

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A completed corn husk doll made by Patricia Chrisjohn sits on the desk as participants make their own dolls at the North campus' Aboriginal Resource Centre on Nov. 27. The dolls tell teach a lesson in humility.

day forward would make corn husk dolls without faces to remind themselves not to judge others based on appearance, she said.

The Great Spirit took her face away as punishment for her conceit.

"Everyone in the eyes of the creator are equal, we're all loved, we're all equal, we're all valuable, and we're all important," Chrisjohn said. "It's a story about respect, friendship

and humility."

The teachings of the story help people become conscious of how they look at other people and to see the pureness in someone's spirit, she said.

Corn husk dolls can also be made as mementos, such as a doll can be made of a family member who is away from home, Chrisjohn said.

"Another idea is sending [those loved ones] a doll as a gift," she said.

"Dress it in a little piece of fabric that is part of your clothing. There are lots of ideas."

ARC works in partnership with regional Aboriginal communities to host numerous events during the school year to ensure Aboriginal students are supported and connected to their learning environment academically, culturally and socially, Boissoneau said.



Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau delivers an apology to members of the LGBT community who were discriminated against by federal legislation and policies, in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill on Nov. 25.

Humber student Beau Deguire appreciated the apology Prime Minister Justin Trudeau gave to the Cana-

Trudeau teared up when he offered the apology for decades of discrimination that "legitimized hatred and violence and brought shame to those targeted."

dian LGBTQ2 community Nov. 28.

Trudeau said in a much-anticipated statement to the House of Commons the state destroyed people's lives through an orchestrated culture of stigma and fear perpetuated by their own government.

"It is our collective shame that you were so mistreated and it is our collective shame that this apology took so long," Trudeau said. "Many who suffered are no longer alive to hear these words, and for that, we are truly sorry."

Deguire, who also works at the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre, is relieved to have the prime minister addressing an issue that is so dear to him.

"We finally have someone who's addressing these issues by talking, apologizing and doing something about it today," Deguire said. "Personally, I'm more confident in who I am and I don't have to fear as much as I would've had to back then."

Governments of the day discriminated against thousands of workers in the Canadian military and public service for decades.

"From the 1950s to the early 1990s, the government of Canada exercised its authority in a cruel and unjust manner, undertaking a campaign of oppression against members, and suspected members, of the LGBT communities," he said.

"You were not bad soldiers, sailors, airmen and women," Trudeau said. "You were not predators and you were not criminals. You were professionals. You were patriots.

and above all, you are innocent. For all your suffering, you deserve justice and you deserve peace."

The government has also set aside over \$100 million to Canadians whose careers were forced to end or put on hold due to their sexuality.

Federal workers were fired because it was felt that their sexuality posed a "national security" threat. Pierre Trudeau, who was Justice Minister at the time, introduced the reforms to the Criminal Code that decriminalized homosexual acts in 1967.

Humber graduate and LGBTQ+ activist Christopher Karas was in attendance when Trudeau made his

"People were crying because this was an intimate moment for a lot of

folks who were in the military and the public service who were apologized to," Karas said.

Karas is currently challenging Canadian Blood Services' policy on gay men donating blood at the Canadian Human Rights Commission. Health Canada allowed Canadian Blood Services to change in 2016 the donation ineligibility period for men who have sex with men from five years to one.

He added he was mostly disappointed, saying Trudeau didn't go far enough. Karas said he thinks Trudeau should've mentioned Canada is still not a welcoming country for LGBTQ2 people.

WITH FILES FROM DANIEL CAUDLE AND OMAR JABER.

Humber rebooking canceled activities

Paul F. Schubert

ARTS REPORTER

The Ontario colleges strike forced Humber College to cancel many of its events, leading IGNITE to find an appropriate time to reschedule them for the enjoyment of the students.

Steve Bellamy the Chair of the School of Creative and Performing Arts at Humber College said that there were some notable performances that were cancelled in the midst of the strike's occurrence.

"We had the Humber 50th anniversary celebration booked at Koerner Hall downtown," Bellamy said. "Although that wasn't cancelled, it's been postponed."

He said that other concerts and theatre performances have been postponed to later dates, like R&B Night and The Poetry Project.

"Some performances in theatre and in music are being rescheduled to the new semester," Bellamy said.

Although not all of the dates have been finalized yet, Bellamy said.

The Program Director for the Bachelor of Music program at Humber, Denny Christianson knew a handful of the new rescheduled dates.

"R&B Night will be on Friday, the 23rd of February," Christianson said. "Vocal Jazz will take place on the 23rd of March."

He also said that a World Jazz concert would take place on the Feb.9, along with a Latin Jazz concert on Jan. 19.

Christianson mentioned that all of the student concerts will take place at the Lakeshore campus in Room 128 of the Auditorium.

Tatiana Jennings who serves as the Program Director of the Theatre Performance Program said that her program was hit with some events that were to be rescheduled.

"We have managed to salvage everything, but things got moved," Jennings said.

"We were supposed to have a show on the week of December 1st. That show will be opened on January 15th."

Jennings mentioned that she will direct another Humber play, which will be shown in April.

Bellamy said that some of the student-led events – such as the performances from the Comedy students at Yuk Yuk's have continued on a regular basis.

Bellamy said that his favourite concerts where ones where he gives students the opportunity to demonstrate their skill sets at events like concerts and plays.

QUOTED Did you watch the CFL Grey Cup? If not, why?

I think the Argos won but I'm not exactly sure what the Grey Cup is. I have no interest in that, I prefer racing.

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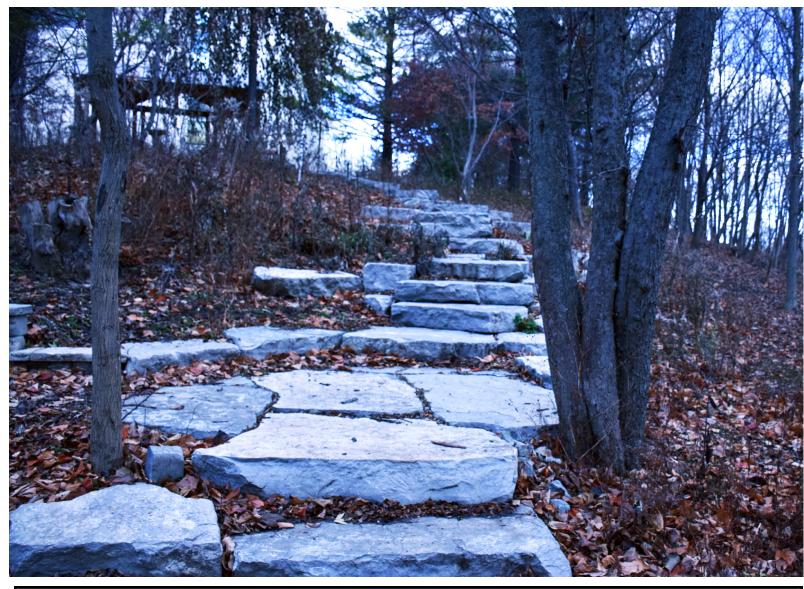
HUMBER'S ARBORETUM CHANGES WITH THE SEASONS

December's winter weather has rolled into southern Ontario - yet Humber's students are not feeling it. On Dec. 1 a high of 4C was felt across the campus. This unusually warm weather has kept the Arb snow free, and maintainted an atmosphere welcoming students to enjoy the beauty the Arb has to offer. The photogenic area is expected to reamin snow free for now, so be sure to check it out while you can.

DAN CAUDLE



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EDITORIAL

Post-secondary schools should be leaders in harm-reduction

anada has been swept up in an opioid crisis that has been killing both hardened addicts and first-time users by the thousands. The main culprit? Fentanyl, a painkiller that is more potent than heroin and morphine.

A dose of fentanyl that is the equivalent to two grains of sand is enough for someone to fatally overdose.

When people overdose on an opioid, they can stop breathing. Naloxone block the opioid receptors from the brain and allow the person to breathe again until paramedics arrive. The drug can be administered through nasal spray or injection.

More than 850 Ontarians died because of opioid-related causes last year alone, according to Public Health Ontario,. Indeed, the number of deaths has been steadily rising over the decade, with 336 recorded deaths in 2003.

Most people who overdose from opioids don't die alone: they die in the company of friends, family or somebody capable of saving them if they had the proper training.

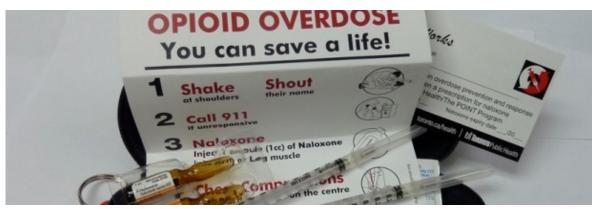
There is a prevailing drug culture among the college and university crowd and students, teachers and faculty at these institutions should be trained and armed to deal with fatal overdoses. It could help save lives.

Fentanyl isn't just in opioids. It has been found in all kinds of drugs — cocaine, meth, marijuana and most other party drugs — and it's nearly impossible to tell when it has been cut in.

As part of Ontario's Strategy to Prevent Opioid Addiction and Overdose in April, Ontario expanded access to naloxone by providing it free of charge in more than 200 cities and towns across the province.

The Ontario division of the Canadian Mental Health Association has also been championing for public venues like bars, restaurants and clubs to stock the life-saving naloxone kits.

"Approximately one in every 170 deaths in Ontario is opioid-related," said Dr. David Williams, Ontario's chief medical officer of health. "If we are going to reverse this troubling trend, the entire health care system must continue to work to-



MCGILL UNIVERSITY

Naloxone is available in two of eight post-secondary schools in across Toronto, and Humber isn't one of them.

gether. Distributing naloxone kits to those at risk of an overdose and their friends and families is an important step in the right direction."

Universities elsewhere in Canada like the University of British Columbia, University of Alberta and University of Manitoba and University of Calgary, do offer naloxone kits and harm prevention programs. In Toronto, NOW contacted eight post-secondary schools and only two confirmed they stock naloxone, George Brown College and OCAD University. Humber College reportedly declined to comment.

The war on drugs and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education or D.A.R.E program are spectacular failures in the attempt to stop drug use in North America. And as we know, the tried and tested "just say no to drugs" logic doesn't work either.

The reality is that our kids, friends and family members are all likely going to experiment with or use drugs, know someone who is a user or be around drugs at some point. It's hard to ignore that knowledge, but now it's never been a more dangerous time to experiment with or use drugs.

It's time to drop the stigma and forget the taboo around drug use.

Colleges and universities don't bear the brunt of responsibilities in preventing opioid related deaths. But if they can do something to prevent them, shouldn't they?

Toronto hip hop represented everywhere but Toronto radio



Elvin George **NEWS EDITOR**

n Tuesday, the Grammys released their list of nominations with seven for Toronto hip-hop artists. This number is nothing compared to last year's 16 nominations.

signature monument of their from Drake, The Weeknd, city on the cover of their album and dedicate their album for the city?

The multi-platinum selling Scarborough artist, The Weeknd, shows his appreciation to Toronto by hosting a free listening party for all of his album releases in secret locations in the city.

Toronto is a multicultural city with a unique sound that can't be cloned by artists below the border. There are plenty of artists in America that attempt to replicate the Toronto sound, but they can't master the grimy quick bar for bar flow.

The Move 93.5, formerly known as Flow, carries the heavy dosage of hip-hop, rap and a mix of pop which served the craving the city needed. Last year in early March, it rebranded and has Tory Lanez, PartyNextDoor, Daniel Caesar, Roy Woods, NAV, and the list goes on. The hip hop ears from Brampton all they down to Toronto need more varieties of music.

All these Toronto artists have collections of songs that are far better than what the radio plays. It's just that the radio only as access to the singles. Get You by Daniel Caesar, Blem by Drake, King of the Fall by the Weekend and *Recognize* by PartyNextDoor are all great Toronto tracks that charted on the American charts, but never got the air-time in this city.

It's understandable that opening up a new radio station is fairly expensive. It's difficult to fund a station myself. At the end of the day, Toronto music has never been so huge and the hometown fans just

THERE ARE MANY GREAT TORONTO TRACKS THAT CHARTED IN AMERICA BUT **NEVER GET THE AIR-TIME THIS CITY**

Toronto talents have been emerging left and right since Drake's rise in the industry. However, it appears local Toronto radio stations aren't showing their appreciation for the current Toronto hiphop music scene. Drake's "CN Tower" covered album Views sold 1.04 million sales in April 2016. What other rapper would put the

become a 1990s and 2000s throwback station. There's a reason why Throwback Thursday is only once a week because hearing the same throwbacks everyday gets annoying too quickly.

Pop stations are playing the same singles from Toronto artists that are becoming annoying. The region needs one radio station that plays records

want to enjoy it some more.

Besides the heavyweights, there are so many underground Toronto rappers who need the radio exposure to build their fan bases.

A large number of hip-hop fans in "The Six" need this kind of radio station and the local artists need the radio exposure to succeed around the world need it as well.

Conquering travel anxiety: The Big Apple took a bite out of me



Sanzana Syed **OPINION EDITOR**

Tt's loud. There's a subway train rattling up above me while I'm waiting in traffic. Cars blaring as the afternoon crowd heads into the city. I know the clock's ticking and I avoid looking at the digital numbers on the dashboard.

At this point, I'm slightly overwhelmed.

But this is New York City. The Big Apple. The original Gotham.

The trip from the airport where I cast my eyes on the five boroughs from a plane landing at LaGuardia to my hotel was an experience I will never forget. I'm not sure if it's like this in other parts of America, but it seems merging into lanes doesn't require

It took me a month after my trip to realize I did have the symptoms of an anxious

It's funny because many common threads of having travel anxiety include the fear of flying - which wasn't my case since I didn't bat an eye after hearing that I was over 30,000 feet in the air. For someone who's never had anxiety before, it was a strange feeling. I always felt like there was a phantom clock ticking somewhere in the back of my head for every moment I walked through Gotham's streets. It made me feel like I would be late to a book signing event I was volunteering at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel, near Times Square. Or that I wouldn't make it a restaurant before they closed.

Silly to think, considering I was in the city that never sleeps. Being late is the one thing in the world that stresses me out and puts a damper on my mood.

But the amount of worries piled up and I didn't fully grasp them until I returned home. I had a lot on my plate during my weekend in New York City. Navigating alone to a building where a party was being hosted wasn't as easy as I anticipated.

I still have no clue what the difference is between avenues

Without having that second person travelling with me, I felt like I doubted a lot of my instincts. I had quite a few negative thoughts cloud my mind, like missing my flight home or getting lost and never finding my way

I slept comfortably in a swanky hotel, had some delicious, greasy American food and saw the city with my eyes filled with wonder. But there was always that nagging ticking clock in the back of my head that worried me to no

For the majority of the time I thought, screw it, I'm in N.Y.C.! How many people my age get to travel alone? And it helped. I love N.Y.C. and it's constant bustle. People look like they have a place to go, a person to be, even at midnight.

Eventually, I had to accept that I wouldn't be able to see all of N.Y.C. You can only do so much in a weekend, especially if you're on a business trip. That helped to alleviate my anxiety and I was able to enjoy my trip.

However, N.Y.C. has been very welcoming to me, someone who's just beginning to cross off cities on her travel bucket-list. However, it will be a while before I decide to hop into a new city alone.



DeQuan Cascart hits the deck hard early on in the 1st quarter. He finished the game with 12 points on 44 per cent shooting.



Guard Gabriel Anderson drives the lane and tries to dish the ball to the outside. Mathushan Srikannathasan and Kyle Boorman defend.



Kenny Ejim slams the ball home during action versus the UTM Eagles. Ejim paced Humber with 25 points, eight rebounds and two blocks.



Terry Hill hits a free throw during action Nov.29. He scored four points, all from the line.

Men's basketball leaves UTM Eagles at 0-8 with 109-53 win

Ed Hitchins SPORTS EDITOR

The U of T Mississauga Eagles men's basketball team never had a chance.

The Humber Hawks raced to a first quarter lead of 28-13 and never looked back, as they shot 56 per cent from the field in the opening stanza of Wednesday night tilt at the Humber Athletics Centre.

And the Hawks hit the century mark for the sixth time this season, and the first time in their past four games, with a 109-53 drubbing.

Humber turned over the ball seven times in the first, but the defense stepped up, with the Eagles shooting just five of 20 from the field.

UTM head coach Nkosi Adams was quick to praise Humber, who are now 8-2 and second in the West.

"Their athleticism is what impresses me most," Adams said. "Our man-to-man defense is something we need to work on. We knew how good they were coming in."

The Eagles had its most successful play early in the third, shooting 60 per cent from guards Nicholas Al-Rehany and Mathushan Srikannathasan and forward John Filaber. It didn't put much of a dent in the gap between the two teams.

Their first victory continues to elude them, as they sit in the Western division basement with a 0-8 to start the year. And they didn't get close to the Hawks, never getting closer than the 36-point deficit they trailed at the end of the third, by a score of 77-41.

Humber guard Kenny Ejim was the top scorer for Humber with 25 points, eight rebounds and four assists. C.J. Bennett chipped in with 16 points and 10 boards, while Fowzi Mohamoud scored six off the bench.

Forward Zamam Khan paced the Eagles in the losing effort with a double-double of 24 points and 10 rebounds.

Adams said being the new team on the block is what really hurt the Eagles more than the prospect of facing the nation's 14th ranked team.

"Being the new guys, we are going to have to try to do things and try to adjust," Adams said. "They are a solid team and their fast break points were something we definitely expected."

Next up for the Hawks is a road trip to Niagara to face the 5-and-3 Knights, and at 8 p.m. on Dec. 8.

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Curwin Elvis (white) blew past UTM's Nicholas Kwantwi (left) and Zamam Khan (centre). Elvis scored eight points, five assists and three rebounds.



ED HITCHINS

Makeba Taylor (far left), Britney English (centre in white) look exhausted, but Miea Campbell Johnson is all smiles as Humber rolled to its 68th straight OCAA victory Wednesday, Nov. 29.

Women breaks OCAA record with 68 straight wins

Ed Hitchins

SPORTS EDITOR

Humber women's Hawks reached new heights by setting a OCAA record with 68 consecutive wins.

The first place basketball team took care of business Wednesday night by clipping the wings of the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Eagles by a score of 94-54.

The win breaks the record total for OCAA victories, one more than Algonquin, who held the previous record of 67 consecutive victories from 2011 to 2015, and the three-time provincial champs haven't lost an OCAA match since 2014.

The Hawks' raced to a 19-5 run early in the first quarter and never trailed. Forward Aleena Domingo scored 22 points and had 10 rebounds. Star Point Guard CeeJay Nofuente earned the rare quadruple double, with 15 points, 13 rebounds, 12 steals and 11 assists.

Despite the impressive numbers, head coach Ajay Sharma wasn't overly happy with his team's performance and still thinks there were some jitters there.

"We didn't play well in transition," Sharma said. "We were able to let them score a few points off of perimeter shots because of our lapses on transition defense.

"I think we were too wrapped up in continuing the streak," he said.

Nofuente seemed to agree with her coach.

"There was pressure on us, but at the same time we're still trying to get our jitters out," Nofuente said. "With a new team, we're still trying to figure out how they are."

UTM, playing in its debut sea-

son in the OCAA, seemed to rattle Humber at times with its perimeter shooting. They shot 30 per cent from the floor and 25 per cent from the three-point zone.

Despite their ability to shake up the Hawks, the Eagles never got closer than the 22-point gap they trailed at the end of the first quarter, 30-8.

However, Eagles assistant coach Shannon Bartley was quick to praise her team going forward.

"We knew it was going to be hard game," Bartley said. "The Hawks' scored a lot of points on the fast break and we expected that."

She said the Eagles played at a higher intensity to the expected play by the Hawks.

"We played at a high level because we knew how they were going to push the ball," Bartley said. "I told our girls, the way we played against Humber, we shouldn't lose another game all year. Humber is a solid team."

Next up for the Hawks is a road

trip Friday to Niagara to face the Knights on Dec. 8 at 6 p.m.



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Guard Felicia Velasquez preps for a jump shot. She scored 11 points.

Rowe wins third badminton triple crown in a row

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Winning one trophy at tournament is usually good enough, but taking all of the three possible trophies in a single tournament. No easy feat.

Humber Hawks badminton player Chloe Rowe took the triple crown at the Fanshawe Invitational in London two weeks ago. A triple crown is winning the singles competition in their respective gender, along with winning both the doubles and mixed doubles competitions.

"It's what Humber expects me to do," Rowe said. "It's also what I expect myself to do. I was still very happy but I just met my expectations"

This is exactly what the Hawks are expecting out of Rowe after she won the women's OCAA championship last season.

After winning three triple crowns in a row to start this season, it appears Rowe is picking up right where she left off, and it's her great work ethic that translates well to her on-court performance.

"She's very coachable," head coach Ray Wong said. "She is always training very hard and pushing herself to do better."

Rowe's success may not be possible if she was not a great teammate as well. Her success motivates everyone else around her to do better.

Rowe's doubles partner Elizabeth Duong says Chloe is a great teammate and makes everyone around her better.

"She is always motivating me on the court to be better," Duong said. "If I'm doing something wrong she will always correct me so I know what to do for next time."

Rowe's experience playing badmin-

ton helps with her on-court success.

"She has been around the circuit for a while now," Wong said. "She has played in national tournaments which has helped to give her more experience in the sport."

Rowe hopes she can keep her badminton career alive after she is done competing for the Hawks.

"I really hope I can train four or five days a week at the club I go to in Markham," she said. "There are many international coaches there I work with that really help my game.

"I would also love compete at the national and international levels as well," Rowe said. But she also wants to help develop future badminton stars.

"I want to get a job in the fitness industry," she said. "I'm into personal training and group exercise. I want to be able to incorporate that into training badminton players."



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Badminton player chloe Rowe won singles, doubles and mixed doubles at the Fanshawe College Badminton Invitational in November.





68 WINS AND COUNTING