

## Piano-thon raises \$7,000 to support local artists

Lakeshore Arts president Frank Horvat played piano for 20 straight hours



# Mentors leading first-year students

Donna Marie Sevilla  
HEALTH REPORTER

The Humber mentorship program which launched at Lakeshore campus last year has now arrived at North campus.

Some 500 students at North have signed up for the First Year Experience which helps new students with their studies and act as a friend when needed.

Paul Wutjow, a third-year public relations student who was key in the creation of the FYE program, said the program was made for first year students who were having a hard time transitioning into the college life.

"A mentor is to help you with anything, so it's anything to do within Humber. Like, where is the building... or if you're having an issue with a professor and you don't know who to talk to," said Wutjow.

A study conducted last year compared the grades of mentees with students not participating in the program, showing an increase in GPA



Donna Marie Sevilla

Some of the unpaid student volunteers who work as mentors in the First Year Experience program to help college newcomers.

in those who had interacted with mentors.

"The peer mentors are volunteers – they're not getting paid to be here, which really

speaks a lot to you about their character and what they're willing to give back to the Humber community," said Amber O'Connor, coordi-

nator of student life at Lakeshore campus

Aside from academic help, the program also hosts events that give the students a

chance to meet their mentors and fellow mentees.

One of the first events was a carnival themed mix and mingle open house that took

place on Sept. 26.

Frank De Leeuw, 22, a first year student in the teaching English as a second language program said the events help become involved in the Humber student life.

"It's great – there's lots of different events. I had to sign up for it because it's a good way to interact and get to know people," said De Leeuw.

Regina Valiakhmetova, second-year business administration student, said that she was one of the 200 mentees that signed up with the program last fall.

"I'm an international student and last year, I was a part of the FYE program as a mentee. I had an amazing mentor and that's why I'm here.

"I want to be on the other side of the program, to help new students adapt," said Valiakhmetova.

To become a peer mentor, students are required to have a minimum average of 75 per cent, knowledge of school services and to be passionate about helping other students.

# Newsana.com panel tackles future of digital journalism

Tricia Chan  
NEWS REPORTER

The question on every Humber journalism student's mind was addressed at a Newsana.com sponsored Social Media Week panel last week in Toronto: What is the future of journalism?

"We are looking at a split

between breaking news that is omnipresent, you can find on Twitter and it's free and it's everywhere, versus high quality content you can't get anywhere else," said Ben Peterson, co-founder of Newsana.com, an online aggregator of news from around the world, and Journalists for Human Rights.

"There is a real opportuni-

ty for investigative journalism (in a digital environment) but we have to find a way to pay for it," said Peterson.

The Newsana panel was one of the last events of Social Media Week, an international initiative to examine changes in communications.

As moderator, Peterson led a discussion among three

media heavyweights: Chris Tindal, director of project development at PostMedia Networks Inc.; Chris Hogg, co-founder of Digital Journal and /newsrooms, a site that examines branding; and Wilf Dinnick, former international correspondent for CNN and CEO of OpenFile, a community-based, digitally

run, local news organization currently on hiatus.

"If you don't have a way to monetize from day one, that's a problem," said Hogg. "Local news has always been subsidized, mainly by local classifieds."

Dinnick said in defence of local newspapers that he does not believe there is "no value

in local news."

"There is nothing sacred about a bunch of dead trees," said Tindal. "Sometimes the best tool is a well crafted sentence."

Peterson asked the panel whether there would be more or less journalists 10 years from now.

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<b>Shooting Stars</b> The constellation Draco the Dragon will be spitting out meteors. These shooting stars will be most visible tonight.		<b>World Publishing Expo</b> The media world will gather in Berlin for this three day event. In the past it has attracted up to 8 000 visitors.		<b>International Walk to School Day</b> The global, annual event of the Active and Safe Routes to School program encourages daily activity and safe practices.		<b>ATCEUC strike</b> Air traffic could be affected in Europe with a looming strike by members of the Air Traffic Controllers European Union Coordination		<b>International Day of the Girl</b> Places around the world will be advocating for and celebrating the rights of girls.		<b>Toronto Zoo celebrates fall</b> The weekend event will include activities ranging from fall foliage tours to enrichment programs with the animals.		<b>Thanksgiving</b> A special day to give thanks, spend time with the people you love and suffer from a turkey hangover.	

## Bringing hip hop to the classroom

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DIVERSITY REPORTER

Awad Ibrahim, a University of Ottawa faculty of education professor, encouraged Humber faculty to integrate hip-hop in class to engage black students at a Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Diversity event on Sept. 27 at Lakeshore campus.

According to Ibrahim, hip-hop came out of a desire for a voice. It is a fusion of reggae and R&B that started in the "hood" by young men who

felt disenfranchised by the wider society.

Ibrahim spoke to a mixed group of faculty members and students as part of the Centre's Speakers Series, which invites researchers to share findings of their recent concluded studies.

Ibrahim's presentation guided the audience through a history lesson on hip-hop. He said it was necessary to know the background of the music and dance idiom, in order to reach students who identified with its culture.

Juanita Stephen, a part time lecturer in the Child and Youth Worker program was able to identify with the presentation not only as a black teacher, but as a black student.

"It is really important that we try to promote success in our black students," Stephen said. "Even if we have to alter the space to make it culturally appropriate for all students to be successful."

"Imagine if you started each class with music," Ibrahim said. "This would revolu-

tionize the learning space and open students' minds."

Beverly-Jean Daniel, Humber's community and justice services program coordinator, said her expectations were generally met having listened to Ibrahim's presentation. However, she found the presentation lacked practical suggestions for members of the faculty that were present.

"He introduced a wide range of topic areas and ideas regarding differing concepts of hip-hop," Daniel said. "However, there could have

been more of a focus on concrete implementation strategies."

Kaycia Merraro, 19, a first-year criminal justice student-considers herself a "member of the hip-hop generation." Merraro said that including hip-hop into the classroom would make it a more comfortable space to learn and work.

"Not hardcore hip-hop, something light and appropriate to ease into the lesson," she said. "That would be good."

## Residence concerns important to council

Jesse Noseworthy  
RESIDENCE REPORTER

Six residents have been elected to represent their buildings on residence council.

"They can make a lot of change," said Mandi Cook, a second-year tourism management student. Cook is a residence assistant at Humber North campus.

The election took place Sept. 23 when residents voted to elect two representatives for each building who represent a council that fields student concerns.

"Making sure residents' concerns are being heard is crucial to us," Willis said.

Topics such as food, sustainability and residence wide events are currently the concerns of residence council but they're open to anything else students would like addressed.

Residence council's first meeting is expected to happen this weekend said Sara Willis, residence life coordinator of S building who also oversees residence council.

"We have a game plan," said Willis. "Advocacy is the number one goal. The overall goal is to improve the student experience and bring residence together."

Willis said that council wants to make sure that concerns are addressed appropriately.

"Reps will go around to different floors and attend floor meetings," said Willis. "Their role is primarily to facilitate conversation with students in their building."

Willis said representatives will bring the information from conversations with residents to council meetings.

Jasmine Sean, a first-year esthetician and spa management student, was elected to represent S building on council.

"I want to help my community and make campus even better," Sean said.

## University fair at time of job woes

Ari Perlin-Bain  
NEWS REPORTER

Although the atmosphere at the Ontario Universities' Fair was fairly positive, the uncertainty of employment for graduating students continues to grow.

The event held from Sept. 27 to 29 at the Metro Convention Centre in Toronto helped students gather information regarding their post secondary education.

Studies conducted in the last few years show that a university degree increases the chance of employment for students within the first six months of graduating.

According to Statistics Canada, 400,000 more jobs were created in the last four years for university graduates compared to college graduates.

Angie Zanon, who attended the fair with her son on Saturday, said employment will be difficult to obtain no matter what credentials one has.

"There are many statistics saying a high percentage of university students get jobs within six months of graduating but do we know if their job is within the field they worked towards or if they are just getting a job," she said.

"My husband and I are university graduates but we did not find employment within our field of study."

Humber has the college and university transfer profile program.

Lisa Salem-Wiseman, the program coordinator of the transfer profile at the North campus, said a majority of students in the program tend to obtain a diploma, go on



Ari Perlin-Bain

Volunteers and faculty from Lakehead University talk with potential students and parents at the Ontario Universities' Fair at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Sept. 28.

to get a degree at Humber or elsewhere and then continue into post-graduate studies.

"In our program, we find a lot of students are trying to double their credentials by getting both a diploma and a degree in their field of choice," she said.

"Offering the opportunity to get both is us providing pathways for graduating students to immediately find work in our country's job market and we want to produce graduates that can hopefully be competitive in the future job market as well."

The program also allows students to take high school prerequisites they may need before getting the credits for their degree or diploma.

"Right now I'm doing a mix of Grade 11 and 12 courses so I can go into computer programming. Though I want to go to university, I have been looking at colleges. I can get a degree and a diploma and not have to stay in school for a longer period of time and pay crazy amounts for tuition, it may make the final decision a little easier for me and my family," said Waleed Mohamed, 17, of Toronto.

Humber College will be at the Ontario College Information Fair from Oct. 21 to 22, at the Direct Energy Centre.

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# Apprenticeship grant entices to join trades

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Ontario's Economic Action Plan announced in 2013, offers apprentices and trades people a grant from the provincial government upon completion of their courses.

Humber College is just one of the select institutions offering trade apprenticeship programs.

The Apprenticeship Incentive Grant, or AIG, was implemented to further entice those already interested in the trades, along with addressing Canada's trade shortages. Humber students enrolled in any of the college's several trade programs are offered this incentive, to aid them with tool purchases or to cover their school costs.

"The government gives you grants to help with your tools," said a fourth year elec-

trical apprentice at Humber who has worked in both union and non-union sectors of the electrical field. Apprentices are eligible for \$1000 grants upon completion of each of three levels of learning (basic, intermediate, advanced), "then you get \$2000 once you become a journeyman, to help with costs."

"There's a shortage of apprentices, so this is a way to entice some more people into it," said Walter Borges, program co-ordinator for Humber's electrician industrial apprenticeship.

"It helps the students, but I don't think they're becoming electricians because of it. We're talking about \$1000, \$2000, it's not huge money. But it's a nice perk at the end of it all," said Borges.

"If you want to draw comparisons between what (an) apprenticeship has to offer

and if you go the general post secondary route you're paying a lot more money to be there and you don't have that guarantee of finding employment. Whereas these students come in, they're already working, they're in school all together for 28 weeks... and while they're here they're making unemployment insurance."

In order to apply for the AIG, one must be a registered apprentice with an employer, out of high school, and demonstrate progress within that apprenticeship. The grant program applies to Red Seal trades such as plumbers, chefs or electricians.

"It's a huge incentive to have it (AIG) there as another addition to get into the trades," said William Coyle, 26, a Humber alumnus of the electrical industrial apprenticeship program, along with



Melissa MacKinnon

An electrical techniques student working on an assignment

being a Red Seal journeyman. Coyle is currently a foreman at Independent Electric and Controls in northern British Columbia, and has been in the electrical field for eight years.

The apprenticeship grant "helps with all the expenses you incur when you're an apprentice, much like a student," said Coyle. "It goes hand-in-hand with the

T2200 tax form, which also allows you to write off gas, tools, insurance and kilometres on your vehicle."

Coyle said that through Humber's apprenticeship program, he was able to combine his hands-on training from his electrical apprenticeship and technical theory he learned at college to become a more efficient and skilled trades person..

## HSF offers free legal advice for students

Jake Wilson-Hajdu  
CRIME REPORTER

HSF is offering students free legal consultation every Tuesday, from Navdip Kavr Singh, a lawyer in the Toronto area.

Students are able to sign up for fifteen minutes of free legal consultation by making an appointment at HSF's front desk.

"This is being offered at HSF because we saw that students need legal advice, and we know that's expensive," Kay Tracey, HSF student affairs vice president, North campus said. "Where there is a need, HSF tries to fulfill that gap."

This new service is offered at Humber for several reasons.

"A lot of students were wondering why we weren't offering it, because we offered it before. So the students were actually going out to lectures and asking for legal advice," Tracey said.

This service can potentially save students hundreds of dollars and also provide students with reliable services outside of Humber.

"Sometimes a student can do the wrong actions without them knowing," Daniel Pasin, HSF student life vice president, North campus said. "Having this service, where they can have a one on one with a lawyer for fifteen minutes about any issue, is a good resource for them."

The service has been well used so far this semester.

"I could see myself using that depending on circumstance. If there was something that happened around the school; instead of going downtown, where you could spend hundreds of dollars. You can learn a lot in fifteen minutes." Rob Lewis, a first-year fashion arts student, and former paralegal student, said.

The University of Toronto offers Pro Bono Service Canada, a program similar HSF's, except it is student run. The University of Toronto declined to comment on the details of the program.

"I think Humber students could do same, pending on lets say your GPA, or your experience on how the working of a court is," said Lewis. "I think also to have a professor in that area, that thinks you're qualified for the part and will recommend you."

# Pianist hits keys 20 hours for charity

Trevon Marsh  
NORTH ETOBICOKE REPORTER

Lakeshore Arts president Frank Horvat played the piano for 20 hours from Sept.27 to the 28th to help raise \$10,000 for the south Etobicoke agency which supports local artists and promotes culture.

Horvat, pianist and composer, hosted the piano-thon at the charity's Smith Zone Exhibition Space. The fundraiser was part of encouraging young people and adults in the Rexdale and Etobicoke community to take part in the arts and was also held to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the organization.

Horvat's award winning compositions have helped him progress as a pianist in his specialties of classical, jazz, blues and folk music pieces which were all performed at the piano-thon.

"I think it's important to the community because stand-alone it's a very exciting event," said Brenda Siddall, 64, coordinator of the occasion. "I mean a 20-hour Piano-thon, I think we're probably one of the few communities to ever have such a thing, which is absolutely dynamic."

Many people gathered to witness Horvat put on a stunning performance and donated to help with the cause.



Trevon Marsh

Lakeshore Arts president Frank Horvat played the piano for 20 hours straight to raise money for his group supporting arts.

"The community is participating big time this year. We have many events yet to come and this one just kicks it off with such a bang," Siddall said.

"I think the reason this fundraiser is important is because first and foremost we have our president donating 20 hours of his personal time to create this amazing Pia-

no-thon all in the name of Lakeshore Arts," said Susan Nagy, 55, executive director for the group.

Horvat was the only piano player during the event but he was assisted by different talents to volunteer with his performance like a trumpet player, violinist, and flautist.

"It's important because it's a great community

event, a fundraiser with an art school right in the heart of the Lakeshore community here in Etobicoke," said Jamie Thompson, 53, volunteer flautist.

"People get caught up in the day to day and it can get really busy but I think people should pay more attention to events like this because what Frank is doing is

really fantastic because it's a unique event. He's definitely stepping up, offering to do a piano marathon as the streetcars rumble by, he's definitely testing his own limits," Thompson said.

With the event coming to a close, Horvat had narrowly missed his goal of \$10,000 but had raised over \$7000.

## Students advised to stay home during flu season

Jessica Laws  
NEWS REPORTER

With flu season fast approaching, Humber students are encouraged by the college's health administrators and health faculty to stay home to get better.

When it comes to attendance this year, Humber wants students to work with their professors.

"It's all about communicating," said Margaret Fung, manager of health and safety services at Humber. "If you're sick, stay home, take care of yourself."

Both students and professors need to take proper precautions during flu season, Fung says. Communication can help students stay on top of their studies while they are away.

"I think people fear the repercussions of not coming to school or going to work when they are sick, so they go in anyway," said Saudia Mohamed, 24, a general arts and science student.

Catharine McKee, registered nurse coordinator at Humber said, "It is important that we eat right, stay hydrated and get enough rest so we are strong when it comes to



Jessica Laws

**Health workers advise students to take precautions such as hand washing, to avoid missing classes due to colds and flu. But if students are sick, they should avoid infecting others.**

having to fight germs."

The best defence against the flu remains the annual shot, according to public health officials. The Public Health Agency of Canada has begun its annual Flu Watch and there have been sporadic cases of the bug within North America.

Humber students can expect to see proper hand washing signs along with other preventative approaches being hung as banners within its halls said Fung.

The flu shot is already being mass-produced in preparation for the many flu clinics that will be starting this month. This year's flu strain is not yet known to Health Canada but the vaccination will protect against H1N1, H3N2 and influenza B, all of which are evident this year.

Humber will eventually

hold its annual flu clinic in the health centre.

For Mohamed, flu season means stocking up on tissues.

"I try to get lots of rest so my body has time to combat any symptoms," she said. "I will stay home if I am really sick but otherwise I can be found in class with the rest of the people sniffing and blowing their nose."

The official arrival of the flu season starts in mid October. However, according to Toronto Public Health, there were 2,077 lab-tested cases during last year's flu season that included the months September through to June.

If a student or professor is away for more than one to two weeks they will have to provide a doctor's note stating that they are able to come back to school or work, said Fung.

## Habitat for Humanity seeks women builders

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NON-PROFIT SECTOR REPORTER

Habitat for Humanity's Women Build team is advocating and empowering women to take action and become a part of breaking the poverty cycle.

A 10-day program that concluded Sept. 28 had Toronto women volunteering and donating to help build an affordable home for a family in need.

"We're helping engage the community, it welcomes all people even if you have no experience, we have volunteer crew leaders that show how to build safe, quality homes," said Joanna M. Dwyer, director of marketing and communications at Habitat for Humanity Toronto.

Although the houses are not being built from start to finish, the volunteers are speeding up the process needed for the house to be built. The house-building is going to continue until spring 2014.

"These homes are given to hard working, low-income families. We believe home ownership is breaking the cycle (of poverty)," says Dwyer.

Habitat's Women Build fund is at \$40,000 with a goal is to reach \$1-million, all proceeds going towards building the homes.

As to why women should participate in the program, Dwyer said, "Why shouldn't they? There are so many benefits when building a community."

Enloe Wilson, Habitat's community and faith ambassador said Humber College has been working hand in hand with Habitat for Humanity since 2008.

Humber, along with such Toronto schools as York University, University of Toronto, Ryerson University and George Brown College, helped 200 students organize a fundraiser to build six homes at Acme Crescent at Kipling Ave and Dixon Road, which were successfully completed and given to families

in summer of 2012.

Wilson said this year Humber students are looking for new areas to assist Habitat such as donation-intake, merchandising and customer service volunteers at the charity's ReStore Etobicoke location.

Melisa Gallo, manager of peer programs and community engagement at Humber said, "the nice thing is that you use your own skill set. People like to be involved in things a lot bigger than themselves."

Gallo said that Humber likes to offer students a spring break volunteer experience working with groups such as Habitat. At the same time, the college seeks to turn that into an educational experience, and Gallo says it's important to have discussions and reflect on poverty.

Gallo says the Habitat programs offer a lot for Humber students and open eyes to the reality of the city they live in. Students gain empathy and are challenged in many ways.

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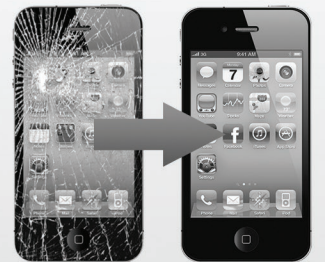


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# Fashion arts magazine to join blog

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FASHION REPORTER

With this third year for INFUSE, Humber's Fashion Arts, Spa and Cosmetic Management magazine, the program hopes for the publication to be available on its online blog soon.

"Media department is working on it, but as for now it is still a grey area," says Tamara Arnew, second year student in the Fashion Arts program at Humber.

Arnew started writing for the Humber Fashion Arts student blog within just three weeks of her first year in the program and is now top student blogger.

With both entities forming, "we'd like to see the magazine as an extension for the

blog," says Arnew.

Blogs and magazines serve a different purpose, but with Humber's digital magazine, INFUSE, expected to mesh with the blog, it may create a sense that the two have drifted away from being different mindsets in fashion.

Although an online magazine is simply a magazine in blog format, it is more technical than a blog. A team is essential in creating the design and content of the magazine, as opposed to a blog possibly being created by a dependant maker.

Any work seen in a blog may be more opinionated, compared to articles seen in an online version of a magazine. The personal platform of a blog is distinctively different from how a magazine

appeals to a larger audience.

Fashion blogs and magazines are filters to showcase a unique spin in fashion. The speed at which people consume information has made it become a higher demand.

"I think blogging is a form of journalism, but more organic rather than authentic," says Sylvia Wong, Content Marketing and Community Developer at Henkaa Inc.

Wong successfully runs a popular blog, Syl and Sam, with her sister Samantha. They are also founders of Lipgloss and Black, and independent online shop.

"The skills I have learned with being a freelance worker have helped me turn this passion into a career," says Wong.

Second-year Fashion Arts

student Shelby Fitzgerald welcomes the varying skills she is gaining in her program.

"It is teaching me skills for every single job that I could potentially get in the future," says Fitzgerald. "As this generation is entrepreneurial, many of us have created innovative ways to succeed. Tradition is no longer present in the minds of creative individuals."

"I believe the average fashion blog is dead. No one, in the fashion industry anymore, wants to be fashionable anymore because that's not in," says Sarah-Anne Peslar, former George Brown Fashion Management student. "People are desperate for an escape, a fantasy if you will."

Fashion bloggers are tempted to stretch limits in

their work to attract people.

Blogging is an "exciting thing," says Arnew. "It gives opportunity for democratic process, and a wealth of perspectives rather than a hierarchy," she says.

Humber's Fashion Arts student blog is not only an area where its writers can express thoughts and ideas in the fashion world.

"Our goal is to give students a chance to give their opinions and share events in the fashion world that have yet been on the blog," said Arnew.

Arnew continues to work with the Fashion Arts program co-ordinator, Pauline Ashworth, and the media department to have the magazine, INFUSE, available on the blog.

## Digital journalism seminar

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"I think there are going to be fewer journalists if we use the word journalist, but I think there will be just as many or more content creators," said Hogg. "The word 'journalist' carries a very specific execution with it. That skill set is extremely valuable so while we are seeing a lot of large media companies shedding head count I think the people and their skills will be valuable, but their business cards and job titles will change."

Tindal said that the broader the definition of journalist, the more journalists there will be. But he also looked at shifting the role of journalists and the possibility of retraining beat reporters to assume a presence online as a community manager.

"What if you looked at your audience as a user group or community and how would that change how you do your job as a journalist?" he said.

The Newsana panel was one of the last events of Social Media Week, an international initiative to generate conferences on the theme and examine changes in communications. Leading up to the panel were a variety of presentations and talks surrounding social media and how our society, businesses and institutions use it.

"There are people talking from companies like Google and Yahoo and LinkedIn," said Shaleni McBain, a Humber journalism graduate and Newsana intern, of the events of the week.

"A lot of journalism and social media is all about networking," said McBain. "So these events are amazing places for people to network who are just starting out and may not have that many connections in the industry."

"There were numerous talks I heard that just really inspired me and refreshed me and just reaffirmed that journalism and social media is the industry I want to be in," said McBain. "Coming from someone who just finished j-school at Humber, it's really good to hear these tips and to know that if you just continue to be persistent and just keep working your butt off that you will get somewhere."

*Editor's note: Et Cetera reporter Tricia Chan is a former media relations intern for Newsana.com*

## Humber club fair an expression of student interests

School's 20 clubs come in wide range

Rebecca Hamill  
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation held its annual club fair last Wednesday at the North Campus, allowing students to find a place to express their interests and hobbies.

Andy Caskanette, 33, a first year game programming student, is the head of the Table Tops Club. His club has recently merged with the Role Playing club.

"HSF provides a small budget for the clubs, and having a combined club makes it more challenging to cater to each generously as it must be shared among both clubs," said Caskanette.

The Role Playing Club has been around four years and the head of the club, Alex MacNeil, a business administration and financial planning student, agrees the merge was a good move.

"In combining membership, the RP club members hope to lend their experience to the leader of the Table Tops Club," MacNeil said.

Currently, there are 20 active clubs at Humber. The clubs most successful last year included: The Bad Movies Club, Comic Book Club, The RP Games Club, The Ministry of Magic Club and

Humber and Guelph-Humber eSports Club.

The intent of these clubs is for students to interact with each other and enrich the post-secondary experience of Humber and Guelph-Humber students, according to HSF.

Some clubs at Humber have been around for several years, others are new. A club is deemed unsuccessful based on a lack of "genuine interest," said Collin Edwards-Crewe, HSF vice president of student life at Lakeshore.

Edwards-Crewe said the clubs are provided by student government with resources like space, staff, and funding. The funding is used mindfully and approved by student council first.

"The funding should be used in creative ways to draw people's interest in the club," said Edwards-Crewe.

It is up to the head members of the club to maintain a fun and interesting environment for their members.

"In order for a club to be successful, it has to be fun," Alex MacNeil, 25, a business administration and financial planning student.

Meeting up nightly allows the club to participate in activities and organize more events for the members of the club. Caskanette said there is going to be a lot of board games and role-playing at their nightly club meetings.



Photo by Earl Abalajon

Ashlee Harris, a second year Early Childhood Education student, assists students with their purchases at the Toy and Book Drive on Sept. 27 put on by Humber's ECE program.

## Book and toy swap supports Early Childhood Education

Earl Abalajon  
EARLY CHILDHOOD REPORTER

Students in Humber's Early Childhood Education program held their first used book and toy swap fundraiser to raise money for future program events.

Many students showed up on Sept. 27 to purchase gently used children's toys and books, which were either donated by Humber staff and students, or swapped for another toy or book.

The fundraiser ran from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in front of the main doors for the School

of Health Sciences by the L building of North campus.

"We had a ton of books, just overflowing the [book] carts, and we couldn't get them on the tables," said Emma Schmitz, 23, a second-year ECE student helping with the event. By noon, Schmitz said they were able to sell over half of the children's books, and only a few toys were left.

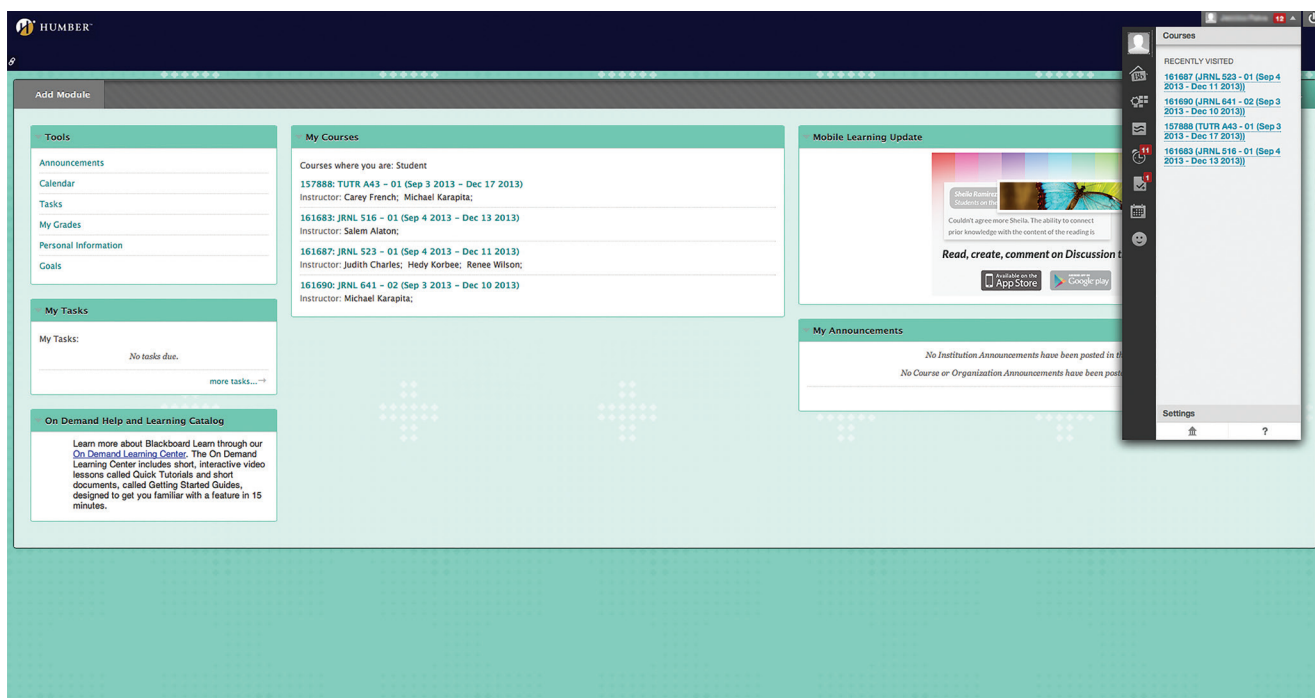
According to second-year ECE student Ashlee Harris, 27, the event raised over \$800 for funding future tentatively planned ECE events.

"I really didn't think a lot of

students would be interested, but a lot of students showed up," said Harris.

Not only did the event help with funding, but it was a great place to network with other ECE students from different sections and years, she said.

"If people across Humber are looking at ways to donate any resources that their children have grown out of, [this event] is a great way to show how sustainable actions can really help student learning," said Julie Valerio, an ECE professor taking part in the event.



Screenshot

Blackboard 9.1, the latest version of Humber's learning management system, is adaptable to mobile applications.

## Blackboard 9.1 challenging

New version of learning management system at Humber adds features, sows confusion

Edward Bayley  
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber shut down the old version of its learning management system, Blackboard Learn, in August and returning students were greeted with version 9.1.

"The college spent a year analyzing which service would be best for Humber," said Mark Ihnat, director of eLearning. Humber made the switch because the old version was dated and will no longer be supported by the company. The new version of Blackboard was chosen because of its improved support for the product, increased features and mobile app.

"Early on there was expected user interface issues

since teachers and students had to relearn how to do and find basic things with the new version," said Ihnat.

One of the bigger problems has been e-mails within Blackboard. The emails called course messages are course specific. With the new version users must go into a course and then click on the appropriate link to see or send messages. There are no notifications to alert a new message.

The transition to the new version began in January of 2013 when Humber conducted two periods of pilot testing with 150 and then 200 teachers. At the end of March, there were 300 introductory workshops offered to faculty before the start of this semester.

"The new version of Blackboard may look slightly better, but doesn't work any better than the previous," said Arthur Younger, an economics professor at Humber, who previously owned a software company. Younger said the product is slow, awkward and cumbersome. "If this were my product, I would be embarrassed."

Younger's main issue is the amount of time it takes to perform simple tasks such as entering grades. Younger also teaches at Guelph-Humber, where they use the learning management system Desire to Learn, and York, where Moodle is used. He prefers both those programs to Blackboard.

Younger said that Blackboard does provide a lot of options to faculty and a freedom to choose which tools to use and how to use them. This has led to issues for

some students, because they sometimes need to learn a different layout for each class.

Stephanie Weeks, vice president of user experience at Blackboard said they have tried to solve this issue by creating a summative page where updates from all courses will appear, and have received positive feedback since doing so. Regarding the course messages issue, Weeks said they have added an option for notifications when new messages are received, but Humber has not yet adopted the update with this feature.

Weeks said that the company's goals with the Learn product are to simplify the interface and work with faculty to make it more efficient. Weeks is eager to receive feedback from students and faculty and encourages people to voice their opinions about the product.

## Launch program for entrepreneurs at Humber helps

Students get contacts, guidance and maybe even venture funding

Jordan Biordi  
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber Launch Event is a program meant to help students and alumni build innovative ideas into successful businesses. It includes providing resources, advice and networking opportunities.

On Sept. 26 and continuing this month, small events are held at Humber's Lakeshore campus to help build entrepreneurial awareness in students.

"We have a very strong following through social media with over 4,000 followers on Facebook," said Ruth-Anne Dafoe, 25, a graduate of the public relations program who handles social media for Humber Launch. She was optimistic about the event because 50-60 people had come by one hour in. "It's great because we're so new...we were just trying to let people know we're here," Dafoe said.

Tim O'Reilly, 27, graduated from Humber's Music program and said Humber Launch has supported his business in huge ways.

"It's incredible" he said. "They helped me do networking, helped me with some venture capital and helped me hook up with Launch 180 (a business implementation program). They're a research group so they give you experience,

support and guidance and all they require is answers."

O'Reilly also won an iPad and \$1000 from the program.

Since their involvement with him, O'Reilly said he's done music videos for artists from all over the world and filmed an entire showcase for the Toronto music festival, North by Northeast.

"Business isn't my forte, I'm a music student and they helped me get that side of things together."



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Tim O'Reilly  
HUMBER MUSIC PROGRAM ALUM

Gustavo Macias, 28, and Jake Harding, 22, are both graduates of Humber's sustainable energy and technology program who came out to support the Humber Launch event.

"Humber supports us, so we like to give back and show our support," Macias said.

Through Humber Launch they were able to start Skyline Farms, which employs urban farming. They work together with Tower Gardens, an aeroponic planting device, and Thistleton Collegiate to help teach kids about sustainable energy options as well as growing and cooking food.

## Blackberry lost market edge when messenger apps came

Innovative Canadian smartphone firm lost lead to Apple, Samsung

Jarasa Vikneswaran  
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

It is no surprise BlackBerry Ltd., a once large player in a major consumer market, has now lost its image and market value to Apple and Samsung handsets.

Last Monday, the Canadian smartphone company agreed to be sold for \$4.7 billion to a consortium led by Fairfax Financial Holdings, which will take the company private, said a press release.

John Butler, a senior telecom analyst with Bloomberg Industries, said BlackBerry's move to go private needed to happen because the new Q10 operating systems "did not appear to be resonating with consumers."

He said the consumer market is dominated by Apple and Samsung and remains that way because BlackBerry does not have devices that can compete.

In a Humber College student survey, 83 per cent of

young adults between 20 and 25 years old said BlackBerry is an "ineffective device" because it lacked a wider range of applications that were free and easy. Sixteen per cent said it still is an "effective device" for some business consumers.

"BlackBerry was really in the edge when they introduced BBM messenger and so people liked that functionality but when messenger apps became available across other devices like Apple, they lost it," said Christine Mc-



PHOTO BY JARASA VIKNESWARAN

BlackBerry's devices were deemed "ineffective" in a survey of Humber students; new Q10 operating system fell short.

Caw, program coordinator of Humber's business school. She cited users who share photographs online on appli-

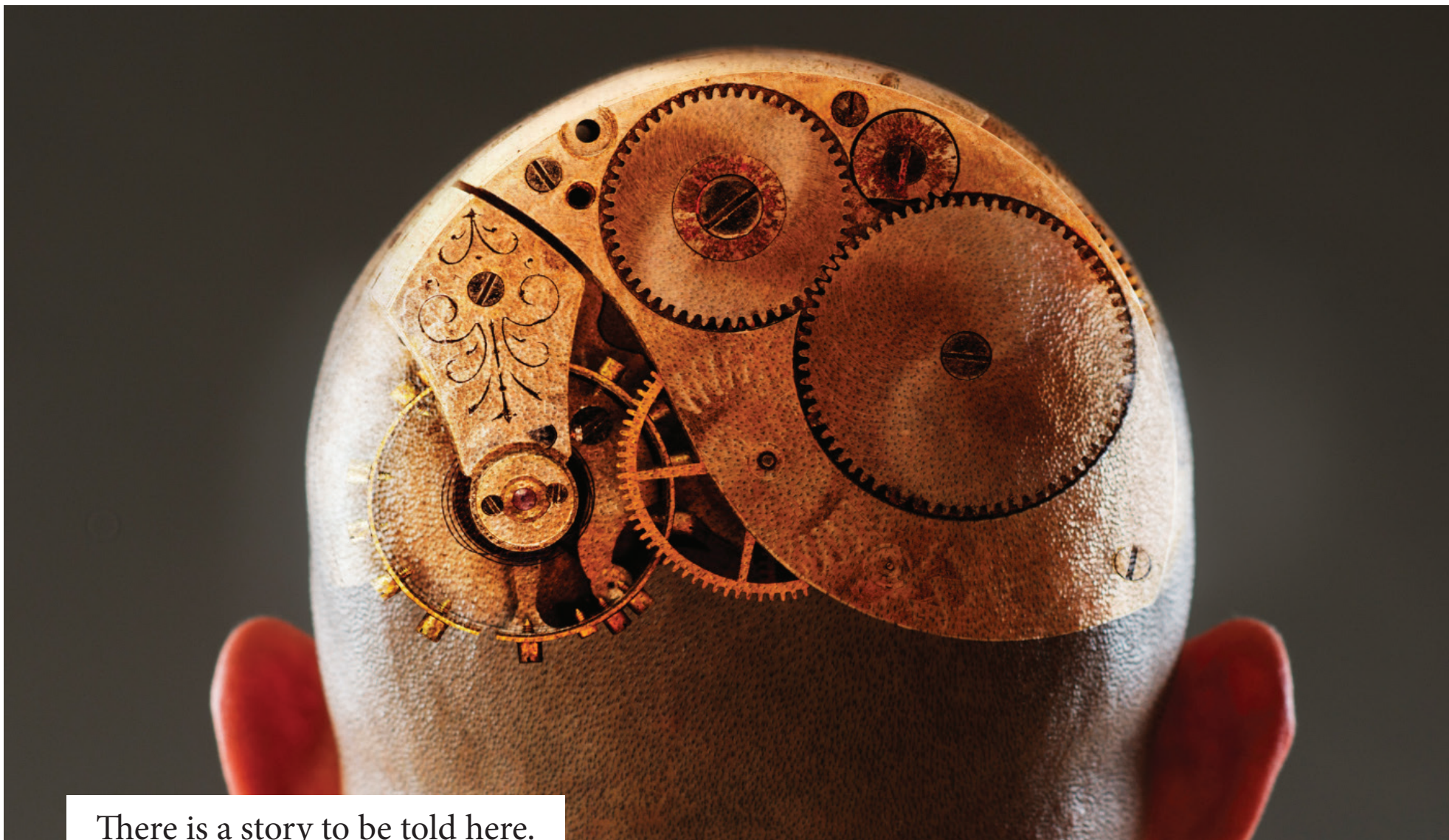
cations such as Instagram. "Apple has better zoom features for high-resolution photographs compared to

BlackBerry's camera quality."

Cassandra Costa, 18, a first year travel and tourism student said that if the company improves on applications that meet all consumers' interests, it could attract consumers.

"Messenger applications, camera features, keyboard devices, immediacy of free applications...there's a chance the company could rise," she said.

Lisette Kwong, manager of corporate communications for BlackBerry declined to comment but referred to a statement from BlackBerry board chair, Barbara Stymiest, who said the company's plan to go private is "the best available outcome for the company's constituents, including for shareholders."



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# Texting and driving is a real killer

A staggering epidemic is unfolding before our eyes. It can claim the lives of loved ones in an instant, or turn us into instruments of its destruction. It's an act so commonplace in this digital age that it can disguise itself as a harmless social function.

Police say that cellphones are now responsible for more road fatalities than alcohol, due in large part to texting while driving. The CAA has stated that drivers who text message are 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash than those who don't.

Texting while driving is banned in Ontario yet many distracted drivers remain on the road. The ban imposed in 2009 has done little to keep our eyes up and our hands on the wheel. Texting related deaths have increased from 19 per cent in 2010 to 26 per cent so far this year.

Recent campaigns have been launched in hopes of raising awareness of its effects. Acclaimed filmmaker Werner Herzog released a chilling documentary on this very subject. Featuring interviews

with victims' families and those charged with manslaughter, *From One Second to the Next* proves that a momentary lapse can change lives forever.

It may seem as though media-driven advocacy is gaining traction, however statistics are saying otherwise. Just like drinking and driving, we all know that it is wrong to distract ourselves while on the road, and yet so many think they are the exception to the rule. It is now illegal under the Highway Traffic Act to hold a cellphone while driving a car, let alone talk or text.

Most recently, an Oshawa woman, Khojasteh Kazemi was convicted of violating this law. She argued that she was merely picking up the phone while stopped at a red light when a police officer ticketed her for a \$155 fine. Kazemi's case was dismissed by a lower court judge, who ruled that the conviction would require a "sustained physical holding" of her phone. But the Court of Appeal for Ontario later overturned this finding, stating that "road safety is best

ensured by a complete prohibition on having a cellphone in one's hand at all while driving."

Many may see this ruling as harsh, but if texting while driving is more destructive than driving under the influence, why should the penalty be lighter? Ontario is one of the only provinces in Canada that does not issue demerit points for cellphone use. A simple change to that could strengthen the battle against distracted driving.

Experts have gone so far as to say that our generation is addicted to cellphones, especially for texting. This is why the blame constantly falls on the younger demographic.

In a news report regarding texting zones designated in New York state highways, Governor Andrew Cuomo said that it would be a "hard sell getting young drivers to wait to answer their phone or check an incoming text." In reality, drivers between the ages of 30 to 39 were the most likely to have been distracted by their mobile devices before a fatal crash, states a study by

Transport Canada.

As students with a voice we must discredit ageist claims like Cuomo's. This kind of discrimination runs deeper than common generalizations. Stricter laws in Canada will help combat this by gathering proper data of the convicted offenders. Ontario, as a highly populated province, needs to recognize that distracted driving is a huge threat to its residents. Distributing demerit points and perhaps a larger fine will help, however what won't help is the recent news that Wi-Fi connections could be coming to all vehicles in 2014. A Rogers Communications spokesperson, the company working with Sprint Corp. to bring out this feature, told the Toronto Star that they encourage customers "to take the appropriate measures for safe driving, and to obey laws in place around the use of technology and distracted driving." This ignorant claim will regress our society, immensely heightening the already dangerous situations responsible for so many road fatalities each year.

Somehow we survived centuries without cellphones. Perhaps we could last a few seconds more while on the road.

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### Doctor-assisted suicide: Is it ethical and should it be legalized?

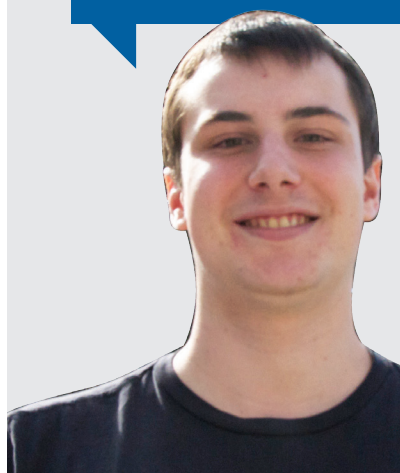


Willy Cardona

I don't think it's unethical and I understand why people would. It should be legal as an option, but it should be administered by a doctor.

It's hard to say because there's a chance it could be abused. If there are boundaries, then yes.

As a nurse, we're all about the patient. If it's what the person wants it should be legal, it's their own personal choice.



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# Doctor-assisted death is progress Canadians need to consider

Ashley Cowell  
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“I’m just frustrated, not being able to have control over my own life. Not being able to make the decision for myself when enough is enough.”

Toronto microbiologist Dr. Donald Low spoke those words only eight days before he died. Seven months earlier he had been diagnosed with terminal brain cancer which brought on the question: how and when will I die?

There is no denying that human beings are afraid of death, even though it is the only certain thing in life. Everyone knows that one day they will die and yet, for some startling reason, people will spend more time dwelling over what kind of car they want buy than in planning their funeral.

Dr. Low had one simple request. He noted early on in a YouTube video that he was not in pain. In the video, which was uploaded to the Cancer View Canada You-

Tube channel, Low says he simply wanted to end his life before the suffering began— while he was still able to speak to his family, spend time with the people he loved, or even get himself to the washroom independently. It stands to reason that anyone would prefer to experience the last days of their life comfortably and with full faculties.

This is where the scary, dreaded words come lurking in from the dark corner of the room: doctor-assisted suicide.

Only few people dare to speak those words. Dr. Louis Hugo Francescutti, president of the Canadian Medical Association, has said that while physicians may participate in the discussion among the public, they will not be the ones to lead this discussion. Some people will claim it is a way to die with dignity still intact while others will be quick to call it murder. The discussion usually stops after a firm statement of belief.

Doctor-assisted suicide is illegal in Canada. From my own memory, the only time I have ever heard the debate is when brave souls such as Dr. Low speak up and say, “Hey, why aren’t we talking about this?”

What are we so afraid of? Com-

pared to the United States, Canada has been progressive in understanding the rights and freedoms its citizens deserve and in some cases fight for.

In 2005 we legalized gay marriage nationwide. We have provided a healthcare plan to all Canadians for over 60 years. There are no legal limitations on abortions in our country. Yet this free, multicultural nation cannot grasp the idea of someone wishing to die peacefully and without putting additional stress on their loved ones.

Supporting the legalization of doctor-assisted suicide does not mean wanting another person to die. It means supporting a person’s wish to have the freedom to explore options when they are faced with a terminal illness. The citizens of this country are able to decide, for the most part, where they go to school, what jobs they can apply for, what kind of house they can live in, what car they own, what phone plan they want to be on, who they want to marry and how many kids they want. Yet, when it is time to die that same citizen has absolutely no say in the matter. If they are faced with five years of being unable to per-

form the simple bodily functions they learned as a toddler, they’re doomed to suffer in that state unless they are somehow able to hop on a plane to a country where doctor-assisted suicide is legal, such as the Netherlands or Switzerland. But who knows how many people in their dying days are able to even consider that as an option?



All this trouble stands simply because we, as a country, are afraid to raise the discussion.

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Let’s not wait until another individual has to plea for a quiet, pre-determined time to die. Let’s start this discussion now and keep it going. If science can help us prolong life, we must realize that this can lead to prolonged battles with death. Sure, life expectancy may soon increase well into the age of 80 for both genders in Canada,

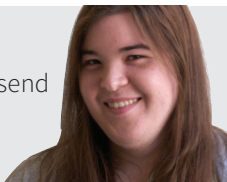
but what if those final years are plagued with an illness that traps a loved one in bed, unable to speak or think? With life comes death and that is something everyone needs to raise their voice about because it deeply affects us all.

Legalization simply means providing people with a choice. Let’s talk about those choices. Let’s talk about death and how we can make it easier for everyone to understand and deal with, because the truth is we are all going to one day see a family member or friend go through a terminal illness. That loved one, who might have previously refused to give the idea of doctor-assisted suicide a fair chance, may lie hopelessly in a bed wishing they could go back in time and revisit the topic— or maybe even do something about it.

Dr. Low was the microbiologist chief at Mount Sinai Hospital who updated the public regularly during the SARS outbreak in 2003. He was a smart man who served the public and did the best he could for the people. The least people can do for him is to keep a dying wish alive: move forward and keep the hope in what he stood for alive.

# Monteith: Our time with substance-addled star was short, sweet

Kelly Townsend  
A&E EDITOR



It’s a strange thing, to mourn the death of a celebrity. There is no funeral to attend; there’s no gathering of friends and family to say goodbye. Every fan mourns in their own way. Some fans obsessively read articles and news reports, while others ignore them completely.

It’s stranger still when the person you’ve idolized died as a result of substance abuse.

Canadian-born actor Cory Monteith, best known for his role as Finn Hudson on the Fox music-comedy series *Glee*, died from an accidental overdose of alcohol and heroin last July, according to a recent Vancouver autopsy report.

Monteith was very open about his history with substance abuse and addiction. Early into his fame he confessed to his struggles with substance abuse in his teen years, and later admitted himself into a rehab facility in April.

By no means is Monteith the first celebrity to pass away due to drug or alcohol abuse. In the past five years, some high profile deaths due to complications from alcohol, prescription drugs or illegal substances include Amy Winehouse, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson and Heath Ledger.

Ofentimes grieving fans will hold a candlelit vigil for their fallen

idol, as they have for Monteith.

From Vancouver to Toronto to New York City, *Glee* fans came together to pay their respect to Monteith and mourn together. These gatherings were reminiscent of vigils held for both Jackson and Houston upon their passing.

The media reaction this time, however, felt different, which may have had to do with how green Monteith still was in his career. In a personal tribute to Monteith, Justine Harman, an editor at *Elle*, wrote, “I will always remember him just how the rest of America does: as the one who got away.”

TIME TV critic James Poniewozik credited Monteith’s Finn as the emotional anchor of the show: “In a way, I’m glad that I’m writing this before we know the cause—before the focus turns to why and how Monteith died, rather than who and what we lost.”

Last month’s Primetime Emmy Awards featured an extended tribute to Monteith. Adam Klugman, son of departed Jack Klugman—famous as Oscar Madison in the TV series *The Odd Couple*—made waves when he condemned Monteith’s tribute as a shallow grab for youth viewers. “I don’t mean to say anything disparaging about Cory, but he was a kid who had won no Emmys and it was a self-induced tragedy,” Klugman said.

Klugman’s words do ring true. In a segment meant to single out true television legends, Monteith’s tribute stood out as an odd choice. His only other television credits including a recurring role on the



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**Calgary-born Cory Monteith died in July from an accidental overdose of heroin and alcohol at age 31 after fighting addiction since his teens.**

Canadian television series *Kyle XY* and a handful of small, one-episode TV roles such in shows such as *Smallville* and *Killer Instinct*.

Monteith’s mother, Ann McGregor, defended her son’s Emmy tribute. In a statement to TMZ, McGregor said, “If he had lived 30 more years he would have accomplished much more.”

Monteith had completed two films before his passing: *All The*

*Wrong Reasons*, directed by Gia Milani (who won the Grolsh Film Discovery Award for it) and *McCanick*, directed by Josh C. Waller. Both opened at the Toronto International Film Festival last month.

It’s impossible to say whether or not Monteith would have been a major success in the industry, if he had survived his addiction. Perhaps it’s easier to lament what might have been than to come to terms with the

grim reality that not everyone lives up to his or her full potential.

When it comes down to it, the coverage of Monteith’s death isn’t about the loss of a great actor. No one will ever know what Monteith could have achieved.

What people do know is how genuine a person he was; how Monteith would go out of his way to sign autographs and take pictures for fans, or how he took the time to champion youth charitable programs, like the *Limelight Project*. Even from afar, fans got to know Monteith through interviews, behind-the-scenes footage and through Finn— who really was the heart of a television show where the chances of a happy ending have now slightly dimmed.

Lynch’s Emmy tribute summed up, not as a great actor, but a good man who struggled with a real disease. For the fans who loved him, it’s a much Lynch said, “To a generation that loved Cory so, please know, this gifted and wonderful young man was worthy of your love. And if you were lucky enough to know Cory as we did, and witness firsthand Cory’s goofy, breezy sense of humor, his natural instinct for inclusiveness, and his unbridled sense of generosity day in and day out, I promise, you have loved him even more.”

The mourning period for Monteith remains ongoing. This week *Glee* will air “The Quarterback,” a tribute episode to its fallen hero. Let’s hope that with this last tribute we can let Monteith rest in peace.

## ABORIGINAL POW-WOW AT CULTURE DAYS



The event at Humber's Lakeshore campus featured authentic headdresses, outfits and practices of many aboriginal tribes.

## Listening is students' first step to a better bond with parents

Jessica Richard  
LIFE REPORTER

Most people go through rocky patches in their relationships with their parents, but taking the time to listen may help develop a stronger connection as a result.

"Often there are things that are happening within that relationship that the student doesn't appreciate, doesn't like or causes them to feel a certain way," said Semone Kassim, a Humber North campus counsellor. "Rather than communicating that, they may react based on their feelings," she said.

Counselling services at the North campus notes students come in with a wide range of issues, and parent conflict is one of them. Frequently, issues come from lack of communication.

Kassim offers one piece of advice for students who want a better relationship with their parents.

"Always remember the intention, what was the underlying motivation. For parents, a lot of time it is love and wanting the best for their child," said Kassim.

Taylor Sowerby, 19, a Culinary Management student said his relationship with his parents is still a little rocky, but it is slowly getting better after a run-in with the law as a teenager.

Now in college, Sowerby said if he was able to set aside more time for talking, the relationship would get stronger.

Chanel Hensworth, 20, another Culinary Management student said she feels that the teenage years were a rough patch in the relationship between her and her mother. After realizing her mother only had her best interests at heart, she started to take her advice more often.

"At the time it might sound to you like what they are saying is stupid, but it isn't," said Hensworth.



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A child dances in traditional Aboriginal dress at Culture Days presented by Lakeshore Arts. The event, which took place on Sept. 28 to 30, highlights an array of activities and shows from different cultures.

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# First pregnancy test dispenser installed in university bar

Charity that works to prevent fetal alcohol syndrome seeks to have inexpensive test sticks available where people drink

Dilara Kurtaran  
LIFE REPORTER

Healthy Brains for Children hopes to prevent prenatal alcohol exposure by installing pregnancy test dispensers in local bars.

The non-profit group installed a pregnancy test dispenser by the bar washroom at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay last Tuesday, making it the first public location in Ontario to have a dispenser.

HBC chairperson Marilyn Leiterman, said there are many misconceptions surrounding Fatal Alcohol

Spectrum Disorder, the pathological condition the charity works to prevent.

“Many women don’t know the consequences of consuming alcohol while pregnant, and that’s why Healthy Brains for Children organization is leading a movement to put inexpensive pregnancy test dispensers in washroom near bars,” Leiterman said.

“The only way to prevent this (disorder) is not to consume alcohol.”

The initiative, which was created in 2012, is also mandated to have



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the dispensers located in women’s restrooms, shopping malls and in fitness centres in the future.

David Yen, public safety coordinator at Humber’s North campus said more research would have to be done before putting pregnancy test dispensers on Humber grounds.

“In theory, it’s a good concept, but I have to look more into it,” said Yen. “A lot of people pre-drink before they get to the bar, and that just

defeats the purpose of that to begin with.”

Elisa Chiappetta, 20, a fourth-year early childhood education at the University of Guelph-Humber said she would be worried about the credibility of the test.

“Personally, I wouldn’t trust a pregnancy test that comes out from a bathroom dispenser because shaking and dropping the pregnancy test could make it ineffective,” said Chi-

appetta.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is a medical term to describe a person who was born with permanent brain, physical, and or growth deficiencies due to prenatal exposure to alcohol.

It is estimated that one in every 100 live births are affected by fetal alcohol exposure in Canada. The issue has been a subject of strong concern in Aboriginal communities but is present across the population.

## TO THE NINES

Toronto Maple Leafs returned to regular season action and some Humber students decided to show their colours.



**Chris Wiredu, 19**

FASHION ARTS, FIRST-YEAR

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## Turning your internship into full-time employment

Hannah Hollingsworth  
LIFE REPORTER

Career advisors at Humber College advise students who want to turn an internship into full-time employment to treat their role as a job.

“Take it seriously,” said Christine Colosimo, a career advisor at Humber. “If you take it seriously like it’s a job, you’ll treat it like a job and the employer will treat you like an employee.”

Colosimo suggests being more assertive while on the job.

“Never take the internship saying, ‘I’m just the intern,’” she said. “Even if that particular company might not have full-time employment for you, they might know somebody who does.”

Colosimo also said a person must be outgoing in an interview for a potential employer to consider hiring him or her.

“You’ve got to make sure you practice your interviewing skills,” she said. “You could have a beautiful resume, but if you can’t sell yourself in the interview, the résumé means nothing.”

Getting an account on LinkedIn for networking purposes is another sound idea, according to Colosimo.

Elizabeth Duncan, a public relations professor and internship coordinator at Humber, oversees the internship process for final year students in degree and certificate programs.

“We want students to show initiative and to take ownership of their own internships,” Duncan said. “The best case scenario is when it turns into a job, and the student is asked to stay.”

Duncan said the internship process could be hard for students

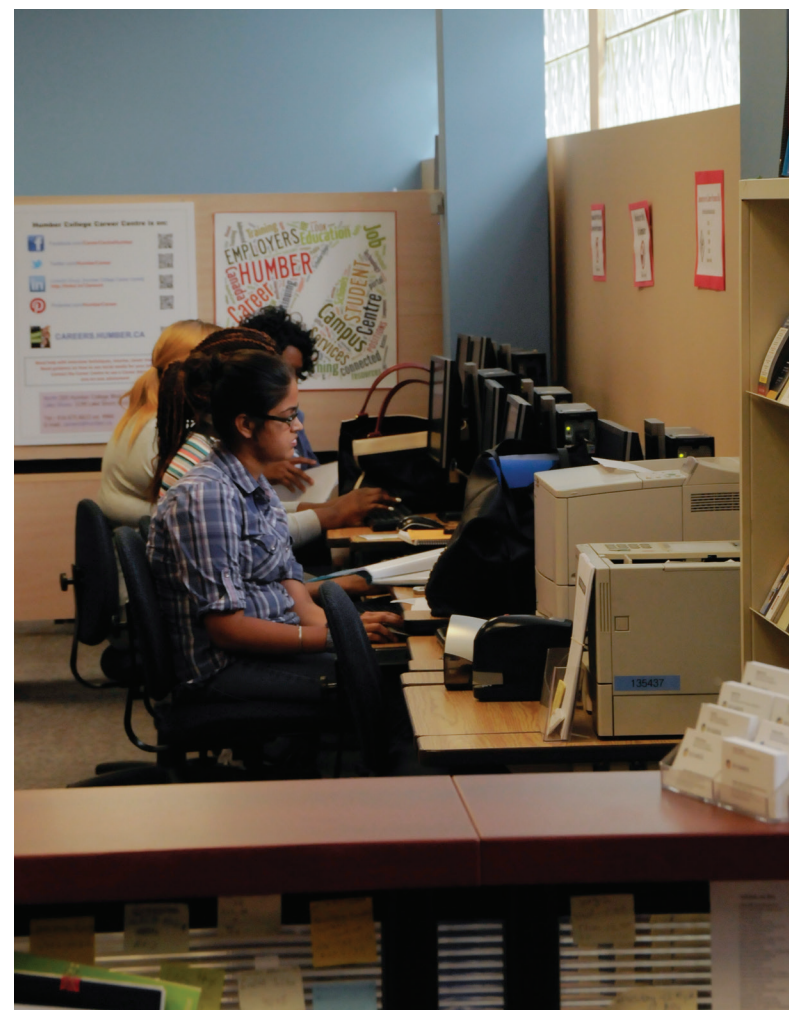


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Students at Humber’s Career Centre at the North campus.

“If you take it seriously like it’s a job, you’ll treat it like a job and the employer will treat you like an employee.”

Christine Colosimo  
HUMBER CAREER ADVISOR

to manage alongside their course loads.

“Applying [for internships] and interviewing and going back and interviewing again, that can be stressful,” said Duncan.

Erika Vandermeulen, 19, a second-year fashion arts student at

Humber found her own internship at Plutino Group in Toronto.

Vandermeulen applied for the internship in August, and offers advice for other students seeking internships.

“Look early. Don’t wait until fall to look because often if you look in September, the big companies are full already,” said Vandermeulen. “They don’t wait until September to hire interns, they look in the summer.”

Updating Plutino’s social media accounts and models’ portfolios are some of Vandermeulen’s duties, but she said she’s really there to network.

“It’s a really good platform to meet people, I’ve made a lot of connections already,” she said.

# Sawyer wins lifetime sci-fi honours

Former Humber writing teacher Robert J. Sawyer also only Canadian to take world's top three sci-fi awards

Tiara Samosir  
A&E REPORTER

Former Humber professor Robert J. Sawyer has been given the Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association Lifetime Achievement award.

"I'm thrilled," Sawyer said about winning the award. "They haven't given out the Lifetime Achievement award in 30 years. I've forgotten about this award."

Sawyer said he is flattered and grateful to win the award.

On top of his Lifetime Achievement award Sawyer has won 13 Prix Aurora Awards, the most of any author.

He is also the only Canadian who has won three world's top awards for best science-fiction of the year. He won John W. Campbell Memorial Award in 2006 for *Mindscan*, Hugo Award in 2003 for *Hominids* and Nebula Award in 1996 for *The Terminal Experiment*.

"Nebula [Award] is like the Academy Awards for science-fiction," said Sawyer. "I know I have

to write the best, the most complex book to make a splash."

Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Association president, Clifford Samuels said Sawyer is one of the few writers who have gone beyond just writing a book.

"His dedications as a writer and in helping others are amazing," said Samuels.

He also said for 30 years, they [the association] were having a hard time to find an author with "the sparks."

"Sci-fi isn't just about aliens and spaceships. It's about big ideas," said Samuels. "Also, the award is for authors who go extra step. We want to honor

them."

Lorna Toolis, collection head of the Toronto Public Library's Merrill Collection of Science Fiction, Speculation and Fantasy said Sawyer's involvement in seminars got him strong responses from both science fiction aspiring authors and fans.

"He's going to write more books," Toolis said about what's next for Sawyer. "I'm fond of several of his books. Always a lot of people waiting for his next novels."

The Lifetime Achievement award was scheduled to be given to Sawyer at the Minto Suites in Ottawa yesterday as a part of breakfast banquet of the 2013 Prix Aurora Award.



Photo Courtesy of Carolyn Clink

**Robert J. Sawyer is the leading author in science fiction award nominations, beating out Stephen King.**

## Lakeshore Arts exhibit marks 20th anniversary

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Lakeshore Arts is celebrating its 20-year anniversary with the Through the Eyes of an Artist visual arts competition.

The non-profit supports the arts in the south Etobicoke area.

"[The competition] is a really different show every year because of the jurors," said Kathleen Burke, Humber graduate. Burke is the program manager of Shazaam!, an interdisciplinary arts program out of Lakeshore Arts for Grades seven and eight.

"The first prize of the previous competition gets asked to be on the jury the following year," she said. "We get lots of entries from different cultural backgrounds."

The competition permits artists to submit up to two pieces of artwork in fields like oil, acrylic, watercolour, drawing, photography, printmaking, mixed media, fibre arts, sculpture and fine craft.

Doreen Renner, third place winner, is one of the artists that will have her artwork featured at the Smith Zone Gallery.

"Today I'm doing a different type of work. I decided to take a drastic change and try abstract," said Renner.

Ciera Chin, 20, a former Guelph-Humber Media Studies student attended a summer camp at Lakeshore Arts during her eighth grade summer.

"I've been to the [Smith Zone] gallery when they've displayed the winners' works before, and it's all really, really fascinating," said Chin.

The public is welcome to join Lakeshore Arts in commemorating the competitions award winners from Oct. 4 to 31 at the Smith Zone Gallery.



COURTESY SUZY WILDE

Spice Girls cover band Wannabe has performed up to 100 shows all across Canada and are currently on a cross-country tour.

## Spice Boys and Wannabe go all out

Viktoria Sciacca  
A&E REPORTER

Tell me what you want, what you really, really want! The Spice Boys, comprised completely of Humber jazz students are currently on a Canadian tour with the Spice Girls tribute band, Wannabe.

Nevin Dunn is the saxophone player of the band and also a graduate of the Humber Jazz program. "When the (Wannabe) girls were looking for a role, they were hiring musicians that worked well together," said Dunn, crediting his "tight-knit musical community" and close relationships he gained from Humber.

Wannabe made its debut in To-

ronto last winter. Their first two shows at the El Mocambo and Lee's Palace sold out quickly. They have performed all across Canada - platform shoes, makeup and all.

The shows on a Wannabe tour are anything but that of a monotonous cover band. "We try to make sure we do something different, there's always a surprise whether it's a celebrity guest, a gospel band or even shirtless male dancers. We really try to go all out," said Suzy Wilde, who performs as Victoria Beckham, also known as Posh Spice.

According to their official web site, Wannabe has a fan base made up of mostly 20-year olds. "The audience usually ranges from 20 to 30 year old gay guys, and a lot of girls,"

said Andrew Kesler, one of The Spice Boys in Wannabe.

Wannabe band members never forget to include the instrumental ensemble as well.

"We really try to feature and highlight our band," said Wilde. The band members are given solos throughout the show, and the girls will often "shimmy" beside the Spice Boys to divide attention on stage.

The Spice Girls, a British pop group, broke out on the music scene in the mid 90's. The group consisted of five female singers; Scary Spice, Baby Spice, Posh Spice, Sporty Spice, and Ginger Spice.

The five Wannabes include Wilde, Anika Johnson (Scary), Catherine Miriam (Baby), Janee Olivia

(Sporty) and Barbara Johnston (Ginger). Wilde and Olivia both graduated from Humber Lakeshore Jazz program in 2008 and 2009.

Wilde said that a perk of the band is hanging out with her friends.

"We've known each other since we were kids, and we hang out all the time anyways." She said. "Being able to perform with them is amazing."

Wannabe, has already done up to 100 shows across Canada, and received recognition from *Toronto Life*, *The Torontoist*, and the *Toronto Star*.

They recently performed at Pop Montreal, and will be wrapping up their Spice Tour in Edmonton this December.

## – TORONTO EVENTS THIS WEEK –

TODAY	7	TUESDAY	8	WEDNESDAY	9	THURSDAY	10	FRIDAY	11	SATURDAY	12	SUNDAY	13
<b>Inside Out Festival</b> The LGBT film festival will be screening <i>Sarah Prefers to Run</i> at the TIFF Bell Lightbox theatre.		<b>Beyond The Pale</b> The Arta gallery in the Distillery District is hosting an exhibition of four female Toronto artists.		<b>SWARF</b> The Red Head Gallery is presenting an exhibition by artist Margie Kelk, located on Richmond St. West.		<b>Beatles tribute</b> A tribute to the A-Side of the Beatles Red and Blue album at 3030 Dundas West, doors open at 8 p.m.		<b>Retracing the Lines</b> The Museum of Inuit Art is screening <i>Tunnitt</i> , a documentary on Inuit traditional face painting.		<b>World of Dance</b> The world's largest urban dance competition, hosted at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre.		<b>Neo-Romantic Piano Series</b> The series featuring pianist Stephanie Chau performed at the Canadian Music Centre.	

## First-ever teenzFAV awards model event for PR students

Vanessa Marciano  
A&E REPORTER

Students enrolled in Humber's Public Relations program were given the opportunity to attend the teenzFAV Awards on Sept. 28 at the John Bassett Theatre in Toronto.

teenzFAV is Canada's first and only multi-media award show. The event was hosted by comedian Sabrina Jalees and co-hosted by reality star, Brody Jenner.

Shaheena Azmatullah, 20, a first-year Humber Public Relations student, attended the event because she thought it would be a good learning experience.

"I learned a lot about how important the audience is to make an event successful. It really makes or breaks your event," she said.

Jennifer Leonard, program

coordinator of Humber's three-year Public Relations advanced diploma program, said 60 students in the program attended the award show, thanks to Can Public Relations.

"It's a nice little perk because often we get requests to help out at these events, so our students go as volunteers," said Leonard. "This time they got to just go and be a guest."

Humber College PR students, as well as 25 other non-profit youth organizations, were given tickets to attend the show.

*Degrassi* stars Dylan Everett and Melinda Shankar snagged FavActor and FavActress, American rapper/comedian Timothy DeLeGhetto picked up FavViralVideo, and Danny Fernandes and Vita Chambers rocked the theatre with their hit-making

performances.

Rob Lutz, coordinator at Can Public Relations, stressed that students should look out for opportunities where they could volunteer, get experience and network.

"If you attend an event and you want to talk to people around you, wait outside and see who comes out," said Lutz. "Look for management people, and show up early. These are the opportunities where you can actually meet people."

Leonard said Humber students attending these events helps contribute to their classroom discussions.

"It's a great learning experience for them because what we do is critique the event afterwards in class. The students suggest what was done right and what could have been improved."



PHOTO BY VANESSA MARCIANO

Scan to see the video



Canadian singer Vita Chambers was the winner of the FavPopstar award and performed three of her songs. The teenzFAV awards brought in 60 Humber public relations students.

## YouTube gives Royalty-free music for indie filmmakers

Marielle Torrefranca  
A&E REPORTER

Humber film students have access to royalty-free online music tracks, thanks to a new online library launched by YouTube on Sept. 25.

"When producing a film, indie filmmakers don't always have the money to hire high-priced composers," said second-year film and television student Eric McKenzie, 23. "Free audio portals like this are perfect for free songs on a modest budget."

Video creators who want to use published music in their work must get permission from both the music publisher and record label if applicable. This can be a long and sometimes complicated process, especially for students who have limited resources and are creating projects on a deadline.

The YouTube Audio Library features over 150 royalty-free tracks free to use for any creative purpose not limited to YouTube videos, according to YouTube's official blog on creative issues.

"We understand that there are tons of licensing complications with music," said Chelsea Maughan, YouTube's communications and public affairs manager. "We wanted to simplify that and make it easier for creators to enhance their videos."

Songs are sorted by genre, mood, instrument and length, making it easy for users to search for a song that suits their needs. In addition to R&B, jazz and reggae tracks, classical works by Chopin, Strauss and Beethoven are available. YouTube users can access the library through the website's video manager or at youtube.com/

audiolibrary. Tracks can be downloaded as high-quality mp3 files at no cost.

With the influx of YouTube videos and online media, many videos that feature background music are being taken down for violating copyright laws.

But under YouTube's commission, musicians such as Jason Farnham, Tophér Mohr and Silent Partner created tracks for the library.

"We are able to allow anyone to use [the tracks] as we (YouTube) own them," said Maughan.

Steve Sauve, a Humber film and television professor, says that, while the YouTube Audio Library is a good place to start looking for tracks, there isn't enough variety for film and television students.

"If it's a corporate kind of video, you're looking for a groove or some energy," said Sauve. "When you're doing music for film...you need to have access to a really wide variety of choices. So, I don't know if the YouTube selection itself is good for what we need, but it's a great thing."

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SEPT. 22 – OCT. 22  
Quit boring people with your hobbies. Look to your little nephew for the new trend this weekend.



**SCORPIO**  
OCT. 23 – NOV. 21  
You're not thankful for those close to you. Share your feelings and your turkey this weekend, even if they're both dry.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV. 22 – DEC. 20  
You're becoming a germaphobe. Embrace snotty kids this weekend.



**CAPRICORN**  
DEC. 21 – JAN. 19  
The one thing you're never late for is breaks. Try to be early for something other than McDonald's breakfast this weekend.



**AQUARIUS**  
JAN. 20 – FEB. 19  
You should be thankful that we forgot to write your horoscope this week. Happy Turkey day.



**PISCES**  
FEB. 20 – MAR. 20  
Take a break from your best pal, the mirror, and make eye contact with someone else this weekend.



**ARIES**  
MAR. 21 – APR. 20  
Give thanks for food, friends and family. But not too much; they're not that great.



**TAURUS**  
APR. 21 – MAY 20  
Give thanks for your new iPhone: it makes you seem cool. Get drunk at dinner.



**GEMINI**  
MAY 21 – JUN. 20  
We're thankful you come with a mute button. Say something up-beat at dinner, or skip the yams.



**CANCER**  
JUN. 21 – JUL. 22  
We're all thankful for your impulsive decisions. Consider streaking after turkey dinner.

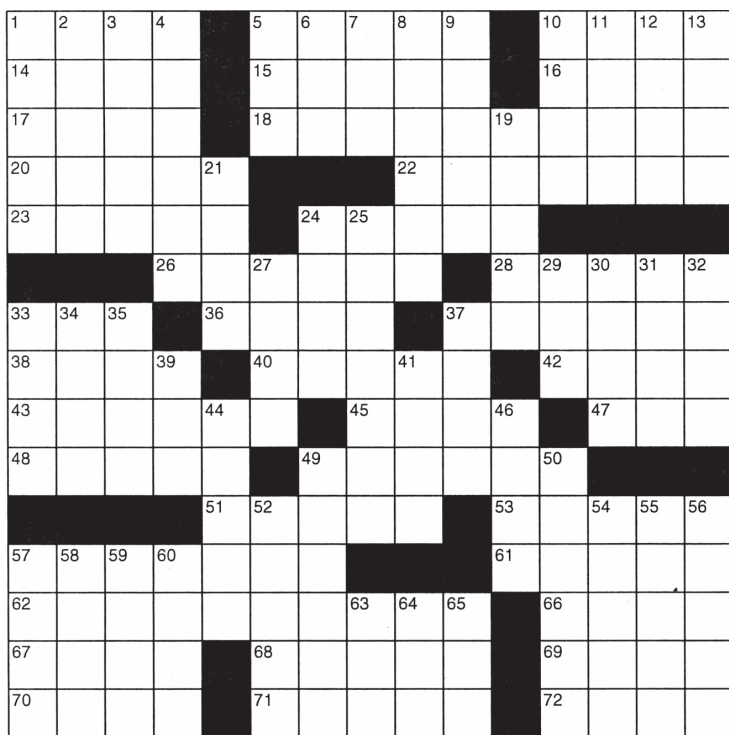


**LEO**  
JUL. 23 – AUG. 22  
You're rarely a leader. So lead the turkey carving.



**VIRGO**  
AUG. 23 – SEPT. 21  
Give thanks for happy hour, or be cursed with a turkey drought.

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3. Foreigner
4. Falling star
5. Nervous twitch
6. Artist Yoko \_\_\_\_
7. Basker's desire
8. Involve
9. Signified
10. Go by boat
11. Scheme
12. Gambler's notes
13. Sparrow's abode
19. Freon and oxygen
21. Sycamore or oak
24. Long fishes
25. Lash thickener
27. Conspire
29. Shade tree
30. Sudden attack
31. Indian of Peru
32. Eve's garden
33. Role
34. Cruising
35. Chore
37. Purple flower
39. Diner dessert
41. Prayer ending
44. Garden pest
46. Lions' lairs
49. \_\_\_\_ Cardin of fashion
50. Suit maker
52. Smudge
54. Kind of drum
55. Pinnacles
56. Minimum
57. Poems of praise
58. Not messy
59. Beige
60. Care for
63. Be ill
64. Summer shirt
65. NH time zone

**ACROSS**

1. Chowder shellfish
5. \_\_\_\_ pole
10. Twirl
14. Robust
15. Ridiculous
16. Lily species
17. Prepare copy
18. Communicable
20. Icy rain
22. Critical examiner
23. Male voice
24. Gives forth
26. Revoke
28. Supernatural
33. Light touch
36. House additions
37. Rhode \_\_\_\_
38. Right away (abbr.)
40. Felix's roommate
42. Small rodents

**DOWN**

43. Fight back
45. In the center of
47. Anchorman \_\_\_\_ Rather
48. Captured
49. Adjusted beforehand
51. Japanese, e.g.
53. Twangy
57. Former (hyph.)
61. From that moment
62. Slow down
66. Dalai \_\_\_\_
67. Merit
68. Zodiac ram
69. Mineral deposits
70. Small earring
71. Rented again
72. Take five

### ANSWERS

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# High hopes for men's volleyball rookies

Coach's son among group of new recruits who are expected to contribute strongly from day one

Jordan Finkelstein  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber men's varsity volleyball team spent the off-season recruiting new star players to help secure their status atop the OCAA rankings.

Head coach Wayne Wilkins doesn't consider them rookies, "These guys are all well-experienced players," said Wilkins. "They really have the talent and knowledge of the game to play at a high level of competition."

The new additions include Alex Stefaniuk, Kamyn Wilkins (son of the coach), Joshua Shermer and Craig Barclay.

Stefaniuk, 18, a Multimedia Design and Development student, stands at a towering six feet, 10 inches, making him the team's tallest player. He attended Woodlands Secondary School in Mississauga and played club volleyball for the Pakmen with Hawks teammate, Kamyn Wilkins.

Provincial and national gold-medalist respective-

ly, Stefaniuk and Wilkins are considered Canada's top prospects.

"I'm still learning the way the team works. I'm striving to start for next season," said Stefaniuk.

Coach Wilkins described Stefaniuk as, "a force to be reckoned with," and, "a future star of this team."

The younger Wilkins, 19, a General Arts and Science student, is a six-foot-two-inch outside hitter. Coach Wilkins described his son as, "a player you can place anywhere." He said Kamyn is already comfortable with the playing schemes, because he has coached him for so many years, and that his experience playing alongside Stefaniuk could really improve team chemistry.

"I want to eventually be a big influence on the team. The chemistry I have with (Stefaniuk) is really carrying over already to the rest of the players," said Kamyn Wilkins.

Shermer, 23, a Culinary Skills student, is a six-foot



Jordan Finkelstein

**Kamyn Wilkins, son of Hawks' men's volleyball coach Wayne Wilkins, is part of a group of new recruits that includes the player's Pakmen teammate and other highly touted players.**

two-inch setter with experience playing for the University of Toronto. He is a North York Regional Finals Champion. His brothers are also star Humber volleyball alumni, so a lot of eyes will be on Shermer to replicate their success. He said the main reason he chose the Hawks was because of their success in

past years.

"I want a national championship. I think that's what most guys are here for," said Shermer.

Barclay, 24, a Fitness and Health Promotion student, is an athletic six-foot-two setter with playing experience from Donald A. Wilson Secondary School in Whitby, the

Durham Attack and Ryerson University. He also coached for three years at Lakehead University. Barclay, like Shermer, said his goal is to win a CCAA championship.

"I think I have progressed well at Humber. The team has progressed well, too," said Barclay. "We're all getting along great and that is mak-

ing us stronger."

Coach Wilkins said Barclay, like Shermer, has the ability to make an immediate impact in games because of his post-secondary playing experience.

The Humber men's volleyball team last won the CCAA championship in the 2011-12 season. Wilkins says he hopes the new players will vault the team back into the national spotlight and be key to winning another championship.

"These players were scouted by many teams. Recruiting them was a year-long process and I think we invested in the right guys to bring us back to the finals," said Wilkins.

Mitch Cohen, 20, Media Communications student and avid fan of the team, said he's excited to see how this season plays out.

"It's great having new, youthful players. The Hawks are already considered a powerhouse in their division," said Cohen. "These new guys should really be amazing to watch."

The Hawks begin the regular season against Mohawk College on Oct. 23

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2. Durham	18 pts	<b>2. Humber</b>	<b>18 pts</b>	<b>2. Humber</b>	<b>16 pts</b>	2. Conestoga	14 pts	<b>3. Humber</b>	<b>10 pts</b>	<b>2. Humber</b>	<b>10 pts</b>
<b>3. Humber</b>	<b>16 pts</b>	3. Conestoga	10 pts	3. Sheridan	16 pts	2. Sheridan	13 pts	3. Sheridan	4 pts	3. Sheridan	5 pts
4. George Brown	6 pts	4. Durham	10 pts	4. St. Clair	11 pts	4. Fanshawe	11 pts	4. Conestoga	0 pts	4. Conestoga	0 pts

## Women's soccer on a roll as season closes

Hawks poised to reach playoffs as top seed

Jamie-lyn Baggs  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks women's soccer team destroyed the Redeemer Royals at home in a 7-0 blowout win on Sept. 25.

It may have only been the fifth game of the season, but this new, young Hawks team looked unstoppable after controlling the play from start to finish.

Striker and second-year player Corinna Vanderschaaf

opened the scoring, receiving the assist from first-year teammates Ashley Orsorio and Brittany Verge. The goal set the tempo for the rest of the game as the Hawks continued to control the play.

Jayde Wiklund-Roach got her third goal of the season from an unassisted shot outside the 18-yard box in the 26th minute.

The Hawks weren't finished there. Wiklund-Roach and

Vanderschaaf both scored their second goals of the game, giving the Hawks the insurance they needed to make a few changes at half time.

"I really do think that Redeemer has improved since we have played them last, but I felt like we were able to connect more passes and had more offensive chances which is why we were successful today," Vanderschaaf said.

The Hawks dominated the play during the second half. Their defence was immovable,

shutting down any scoring chances the Royals created.

Midfielder Ariana Bof started another scoring trend, making it 5-0 at the 80-minute mark, then Keyanna Jackson got her fourth goal of the year to make it 6-0. The Hawks weren't done there. In the final minute of the game, Brittany Verge capitalized on her scoring opportunity to finish the game and make it 7-0.

"We have gotten to know each other more as the season has gone on and this

result will hopefully help us to be more confident going further. We created many opportunities, passed well and had better communication. I also think we supported the player on the ball well," said Wiklund-Roach.

Assistant coach Connie Tamburello, said she was really impressed with the way the girls played.

"I think they played great together as a unit, and moved the ball around well. They capitalized on all scoring op-

portunities. I am very happy with the outcome of today's game," she said.

The Hawks travelled to Windsor and Sarnia next to take on the Lampton Lions and the St. Clair Saints.

Humber looked to be out of fuel and fell short to the Lions 3-2. Sunday was a better day for the Hawks, powering past the Saints 4-0. The Hawks were to play their last game of the season on Oct. 5 at the Ontario Soccer Association in Vaughan.



Humber Athletics

Sheriffa Hammond blows past the Conestoga defence en route to a commanding 57-0 win. Humber has picked up where they left off last season, crushing the opposition and want to redeem last year's controversial shared OCAA championship.

## Dominant Hawks seeking clear rugby title this time

Ryan Poirier  
SPORTS REPORTER

After Humber was forced to share the 2012 women's rugby OCAA title in bizarre fashion, the Hawks are looking to take sole possession of it this season.

The championship game with Algonquin College last spring ended even and went

into a 10-minute, sudden death overtime period. Humber scored and thought they had won the game, and the title.

However, the referee decided to allow another 10-minute period. Algonquin tied the game and went on to win in a third overtime.

Humber protested the result, and was subsequently

awarded the win. Algonquin counter-appealed and eventually the OCAA decided both teams would share the championship.

Assistant coach Dale Essuv, is looking at the 2013 season, already underway, as the Hawks' chance for revenge.

"We are really looking forward to playing Algon-

quin this season," Essuv said. "We'd definitely like to get another run at them."

This season will be a little different compared to past ones, because of all the new players added.

Out of 32 players, 17 are rookies, but Essuv looks at this more as an asset rather than a challenge.

"In the past years we just took athletes that we thought could play the sport, but now we're getting a lot more (experienced) rugby players coming into the school, which is great," Essuv said.

## Athletes must balance road trips with studies

Free time hard to come by for varsity players keeping up

Ryan Poirier  
SPORTS REPORTER

With the semester already in full swing, time-management will be a demanding task for student-athletes who hit the road throughout the varsity sports season.

Fatigue and stress are issues that need to be dealt with every day and having to play games away from home only makes these challenges that much harder to deal with.

James DePoe, athletics events and program coordinator and assistant coach for the Humber men's baseball team, said that for student-athletes to be successful off the field, they have to utilize any free time they have.

"They have to use their pockets of time. We recommend [students] study on the bus and study in the hotel," DePoe said. "It's just a matter of being a young student-athlete and being able to balance everything."

The difficulty of being on the road for games falls heaviest on the student's academic requirements within the school.

"You have to understand that baseball is a priority," said fourth year baseball player George Halim, 22. "(But

if you suck in the classroom you're not even going to have baseball any more."

The Hawks will be in Windsor Oct. 17-19 for the OCAA Championships, hosted by St. Clair College. Being away for an entire weekend can seriously impact a student-athlete's workload and make it difficult to not fall behind.

To help the student-athletes manage their time better, each Humber varsity team attended a 90-minute workshop that went through the book, Making Your Mark: Develop the Motivation and Skills to Achieve High-Performance College and Career Success, written by Don and Lisa Fraser.

Monique Haan, varsity academic coordinator and cross-country coach, spoke to the student-athletes in the academic portion of the workshop.

"Not only are they learning the skill sets for being academically sound but how they can transfer those skills into their future career," Haan said.

In addition to the first workshop, first-year varsity students are required to attend two other academic and/or career-orientated workshops.

"If they need help with note taking, time-management or study skills, we've set up a number of workshops for them over the course of the two semesters," Haan said.