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A group of protestors holding up various signs protesting against the Ontario Place revitalization in front of Queen's Park on Oct. 16.

# Protest to save Ontario Place

**Jeferson Quiros-Vargas**  
Social Justice Reporter

Voices were heard outside and inside Queen's Park on Monday as both residents and the NDP raised concerns about the ongoing Ontario Place revitalization project.

Earlier this year Doug Ford announced a 95-year lease of Ontario Place's west island to Therme Spa, an Austrian company.

The plan will not only add a spa but will move the Science Centre to a new location on Lake Shore Boulevard and add an upgraded music venue by Live Nation.

Norm Di Pasquale, the co-chair of Ontario Place For All, said the plan to relocate the Science Centre could be detrimental.

"It's a brutal decision," Di Pasquale said. "They're demolishing and they're diminishing the Science Centre. It's going to shrink down to a third of its size."

Marit Stiles, leader of the Ontario

NDP, held a press conference on Monday revealing information that the party acquired through a Freedom Of Information request to Infrastructure Ontario.

Stiles alleged having documents suggesting the Ford government knew about the parking garage that needed to be built for Therme Spa almost two years before the public knew.

She raised questions about whether Therme received preferential treatment.

"Why did the Premier gift a publicly funded, half-billion-dollar parking garage from Therme and hide it from the public for nearly two years?" she asked in a statement.

While no final report has been made, estimates suggest the parking garage will cost the city roughly \$500 million.

"Half a billion dollars of taxpayer money being spent on an

elite luxury spa while people were pleading for investment into emergency rooms and schools," Stiles said.

"This government needs to stop the transfer of public funds to private profits."

According to a government report released in April, the proposed Science Centre "structure has a significantly reduced footprint from its current building, and may impact staffing and the quality of exhibitions."

The same report notes the "proposed four-story structure will obstruct viewpoints to Ontario Place and the lake."

"Strong support for maintaining the current building and location of OSC," the report recommends.

Anne Low, a resident of Liberty Village who attended the protest said she often goes to the lake for cold swims which she says helps her mental health.



She said it's a shame the younger generation won't be able to experience the beauty of the park.

"It's a disservice to young people," Low said.

Steve Mann, a protest member who belongs to the SwimOP group that organizes daily swim sessions at Ontario Place, said one of his concerns with the Therme Spa plan is the lack of public swimming space.

"They propose chopping down all the trees on West Island and moving the beach over to the west side, right next to the sewer outfall beside the highway," Mann said.

"With all the dust from the tires and soot and facing the prevailing winds, it's very inhospitable to swim," he said.

A Mainstreet Research poll published in April suggested that 38 per cent of Torontonians opposed the Therme Spa and water park development while 36 per cent were in support.

The same poll suggested that 39 per cent of residents were opposed to the Science Centre relocation while only 32 per cent were in favour.

While it is unsure what will happen, changing the course of the project may prove to be a challenge.

"Work has already started on the site," Infrastructure Minister Kinga Surma said.



Protesters at Queen's Park on the side of the street showing their signs to oncoming cars on Oct. 16.

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# New bill set to return, protect Greenbelt lands

**Andre La Rosa-Rodriguez**  
News Reporter

The province has tabled a bill to return all removed lands into the Greenbelt and add a new process for any future changes.

Housing Minister Paul Calandra announced the new bill at a news conference on Monday.

“We want to make progress on building 1.5 million homes. But ultimately, this was not how the people of the province of Ontario wanted us to go about doing that. So, we’ve listened and we’re returning all of the lands,” he said at Queen’s Park.

Calandra announced last month the province would be proposing the bill as part of their restoration process to Ford’s Greenbelt housing plan that had 15 sites removed for development.

This is part of the province’s efforts to implement the 15 recommendations made by Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk’s Greenbelt report in August which found, after months of probing, that the plan was “flawed” and “lacked transparency.”

Calandra said the new bill is the “last step” into meeting all the recommendations, as well as their way of going further by adding “enhanced protections” to the Greenbelt.

The new legislation, if passed, will require the government to go through an “open, public and transparent legislative process” before making any proposed changes to the Greenbelt. Ontario currently makes changes through a regulatory process.

Calandra said the government will be moving forward with these changes and all other recommen-



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Signboards opposing the Ontario Government’s plans for the Greenbelt are seen outside homes within the Duffins Rouge Agricultural Preserve.

dations as they conduct a mandated review of the Greenbelt.

“What we’re trying to do and what we will ensure is that the politics are taken out of the review process,” he said.

The review was initially met with backlash when he announced that more lands could be removed.

However, Ford scrapped his plan on Sept. 21 and assured there wouldn’t be any future removals. This happened shortly after a second minister from his cabinet resigned amid probes from officers for allegations on the government’s ties to certain developers.

The land swap, which was already facing backlash, was being met with heavy opposition when it was found

that certain land developers stood to gain around \$8.3 billion from the deal.

Calandra said last month that he would not be compensating any developers whose lands will be returning to the Greenbelt.

The new bill will also give government members involved in the Greenbelt decisions “enhanced immunity protection” similar to the ones done in the original 2005 Greenbelt Act. All decisions will be seen as “acts done in good faith” and will free them from being personally liable for any damages those land developers may face.

Calandra highlighted that their next step is to continue to find a way to meet the goal of building 1.5

million homes by 2031.

“We made a mistake,” he said. “It was a process that took us off of what we have been trying to do for the last number of years, which is make it easier to build homes for people and make it more affordable.”

Wayne Caldwell, a retired professor at the University of Guelph School of Rural Planning and Development, said the province’s next step should be to take “careful considerations” on meeting their goals.

He highlighted that protecting farmland while also providing diverse housing should be one of their priorities.

“Good planning is not, nor

should it be a political issue. It’s simply about making good, wise municipal and provincial decisions that achieve our stated goals,” he said.

The restructuring of the province’s housing plans came as the RCMP announced last week it was launching a criminal investigation into the decision to open the Greenbelt for housing development. Calandra said that officers have not contacted them, but the province is ready to assist in the investigation.

The Acting Auditor General Nick Stavropoulos also confirmed in a letter to NDP leader Marit Stiles last week that they’re conducting an audit into the province’s use of the Ministry’s Zoning Orders (MZO) which allows the government to override planning authorities and push development.

Although Caldwell said these probes need to be taken with a “wait-and-see” attitude, he noted that the government must make decisions that “benefit society as a whole.”

He said that he has concerns with the use of MZOs, but hopes the province has the public’s interest in mind.

“I think it’s also something that is fully deserving of the careful consideration in terms of ‘is that the right way to achieve development and material when you undermine the rights of individual citizens to have a chance to comment on how their community develops,’” he said.

The RCMP and the Auditor General have not given deadlines for their probes.



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Paul Calandra, Ontario minister of municipal affairs and housing, prepares to table a bill to return parcels of land to Greenbelt, at Queen’s Park.

## EDITORIAL

# British Columbia care aides deserve better treatment

A significant change is underway in British Columbia's healthcare system. Care aides are struggling to fulfill their vital responsibilities, with many considering leaving.

According to a recent Global News investigation, there's an unsettling trend in B.C. where care aides are likely to quit their jobs in the next two years.

The investigation brings to light the sobering fact that these committed employees are being pushed to the brink, with "45 per cent reporting that they have had to take time off work due to a workplace injury and violence, which included being struck, scratched and spit on."

What is happening in B.C. is reflected in the other provinces.

Meena Brisard, HEU Secretary-Business Manager, said it was no surprise it prevented care aides



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from providing efficient care to their patients.

"This poll underscores what we have known for years. Many of our care home residents do not receive the attention they need and that our members want to provide," Brisard said.

It's an unsustainable scenario that eventually jeopardizes the standard of care given to people

who need it most.

The Hospital Employees' Union (HEU), representing more than 60,000 healthcare workers across B.C., called on the British Columbian government to honour its pledge made at the 2020 election to reinstate the standard pay, benefits, and working conditions that the previous B.C. Liberal government had dismantled.

In a province where the healthcare system is already under pressure from short staffing, low wages, and the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, this exodus of care aides could not have come at a worse time.

For professionals who handle some of the most delicate and significant responsibilities in healthcare, this is a depressing reality.

Isn't it time we acknowledged that these dedicated workers be well compensated for their unceasing efforts?

Brisard said the staff shortage and stress make caring for residents with dementia and mental health conditions difficult for aides and health workers.

If employees are not committed and driven, the system as a whole may collapse. Canada's healthcare system must be compassionate and caring for future generations.

The care crisis in British Columbia demands our attention and action. The care aides in B.C. deserve better, and the B.C. government must step up to the plate and address this pressing issue.

It's time to appreciate these incredibly hardworking professionals and give them the resources, support, and acknowledgment they deserve.

## OPINION

# Journalists need to be weary of atrocity propaganda



**Santiago Helou Quintero**  
Editor-in-Chief

Hamas militants launched an attack on Israel that left thousands dead and hundreds kidnapped on Oct. 7.

Images of war have plastered our devices in the weeks that followed with scenes of brutal bombardments, corpses, flattened neighbourhoods and massacres broadcast directly to our retinas and seared into our consciousness.

Journalists are tasked with the responsibility of telling the stories behind those images and informing the public.

However, we must be conscious of how special interests will weaponize atrocity propaganda to sway public opinion to justify further conflict.

Three examples from neighbouring nations come to mind, the Gulf War, the Iraq War, and the War in Afghanistan.

Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, which kicked off the Gulf War involving the largest coalition of military forces since the Second World War.

In the lead-up to Western intervention, crucial testimony was given before the United States Congressional Human Rights Caucus by 15-year-old Nayirah al-Sabah.

The testimony claimed the Iraqi army had taken babies out of their incubators at a Kuwait hospital and left them to die.

It was later revealed Nayirah was the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador to the United States and the testimony was fabricated as part of the Citizens for a Free Kuwait public relations campaign.

This false testimony, which was widely circulated, was instrumental in stringing American public opinion in favour of military action.

In the aftermath of the September 11th attacks, the U.S. launched what was described as a "necessary war of self-defence" in Afghanistan.

The atrocities that occurred on 9/11 were used as justification for a conflict that would go on for nearly 20 years and led to the deaths of tens of thousands of civilians.

The public outrage from 9/11 was also used to stir up support for the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Surveys from the time show Americans



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Smoke cloud over Gaza following an Israeli bombing in March 2023. The Gaza strip has a high population density

believed Iraq aided 9/11, Iraq was harbouring terrorists, and Iraq had weapons of mass destruction were all seen as reasons to favour military action by the American public.

After the war, there was no evidence found corroborating the claim Iraq had WMDs or was involved in 9/11.

Today, public opinion, including veterans who fought in the war shows a majority of Americans believe the war was not worth fighting.

I could cite countless more examples including the sinking of the RMS Lusitania in 1915, the NATO invasion of Libya, and the Spanish-American war, but I think my

point is clear.

The prelude to war is almost always based around horrible atrocities, often true but weaponized, manipulated or exaggerated to justify further violence.

There are always people with agendas who seek out the platform of major publications to broadcast these claims to the world.

In the weeks since Oct. 7, major global publications have failed at their responsibility and several have had to retract claims, amend headlines and apologize for misinformation.

The most notable case was the claim that Hamas decapitated babies which was widely circulated

before the Israeli government stated it could not confirm the validity of the claim.

Since then CNN's Sara Sidner issued a correction saying, "I needed to be more careful with my words, and I am sorry."

There are too many examples to highlight so I'll leave off with this.

Journalists need to be more cognizant of the consequences of our coverage and uphold the highest possible standards of our craft.

Truth is often the first casualty of war, and our words can be as deadly as a bomb.

After all, the pen is mightier than the sword.

## OPINION

# MLB playoff format needs to change for fans sake



**Nicholas Rego**  
Sports Reporter

The MLB playoffs are well underway and there has already been drama brewing. Three of the top four teams have been eliminated early on, leaving fans with questions.

I believe the cause of top teams being eliminated is the playoff format and I'm going to explain why.

The Atlanta Braves had the best record in the regular season with 104 wins and 58 losses.

The Baltimore Orioles had a breakout season, finishing with 101 wins and 61 losses.

The Los Angeles Dodgers had a typical Dodger season, finishing with 100 wins and 62 losses.

These three teams have something in common other than having 100-plus wins in the regular season.

They were eliminated in the Divisional Series without putting up a serious fight.

Their combined record in the Divisional Series was one win and nine losses.

The reason might be how the playoffs are formatted, leaving them with a big disadvantage.

The MLB changed the playoff format in 2022, adding two additional teams in contention. A third wildcard team has been added in the American and National Leagues.

The other big change was the top two division winners in each league received a bye in the wildcard round. The third division leader would host the third wildcard team in the wildcard series.

The problem with this playoff format is the top teams are sitting idle for a week, while the wildcard teams that move on to the next round are in game form.

The lower-ranked teams should not have that much of an advantage over the teams that finished better than them in the regular



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season.

Looking at it from the other side of the coin, teams get first-round byes when they don't necessarily need them.

The Braves clinched the National League East division on Sept.13, leaving them with four weeks to prepare for the postseason.

The Dodgers clinched the National League West division on Sept.16 with three weeks to prepare for the postseason.

Teams who clinch early can prepare for the postseason by resting their star players occasionally and figuring out the playoff roster.

They can rest players but choose not to because player stats are

more important than resting for postseason baseball.

The MLB season is 162 games long, at times playing 30 games in 31 days. Players are used to playing consecutive games, so do they need a bye when they are ready to play?

The mentality of athletes is wanting to be on the field and not be sitting on the sidelines while other teams fight it out.

Teams have five months in the offseason to rest, they don't need to rest while the postseason is nearby.

I believe it is the opposite, players should ramp up their intensity and sharpness as the postseason occurs.

The playoff format that I propose is once teams make the playoffs, they eliminate the American and National League. Teams will be seeded one through 12.

This will consist of the three division winners in each league and the three wildcard teams from each league. The team with the best record playing the team with the worst record.

The top seeded team plays the 12th seed, the second seed plays the 11th seed, the third seed plays the 10th seed, the fourth seed plays the ninth seed, the fifth seed plays the eighth seed, and the sixth seed plays the seventh seed in the first round.

This format eliminates byes, so every team plays in the first round, and allows teams to play different opponents each time. Instead of playing teams in the same league, they get to play teams in the other league, creating new rivals and something different for the fans to watch.

The playoffs are still electric, filled with drama, and iconic moments. I will continue watching them every year. However, it would be nice to see something different for a change.

## TALES FROM HUMBER

# Vending machines need better quality control



**Liam Neilson**  
News Reporter

your chances with the vending machines, roll the dice, and hope what you wind up with is still safe to consume. That is, assuming a product is dispensed after you pay.

The product with the most distant past expiration date I purchased was from a machine on the lower floor of L Building. The Vitamin Water I bought last February had expired the previous October.

I am not alone in feeling there is an issue with the Humber vending machine situation.

Hunter Cron, a Humber business student, said he received a product that had expired months ago.

"I went in feeling like just having a juice, so I went to the vending machine, put money in, and got the drink," Cron said.

"It looked a bit funky and when I opened it, it smelled a bit funky, so I looked at the date and it had expired about three months ago," he said.

Cron said he once had a vending machine fail to dispense the food he had paid for on campus.

Ethan Sanders, a Guelph-



LIAM NEILSON

Humber student living in Humber's residence, told Humber News he had also experienced a case of expired food in the machines.

"I came back to res kind of late one night and wanted a quick snack," he said.

"The kitchen was closed so I bought something from the vending machines and ended up with this cookie thing that was expired by a couple of weeks," Sanders said.

I am not saying that every product is expired and every vending machine is out of order. That would simply be untrue. I am

saying that people take a risk by attempting to buy a product from them and that is an issue.

The Associate Director of Ancillary Services at Humber College Michael Jeronimo, wrote to Humber News in an email stating that vending machines on campus are serviced no less than twice per week and that any issues with machines can be addressed with vendors directly.

He noted vendors facilitate refunds for machine malfunctions and product issues. Each machine has a label with the machine ID and the number to call.

Neither Sanders nor Cron are aware they were entitled to be refunded for their experiences with machines.

Jeronimo acknowledged in his email that the refund process was not well known and that they are currently exploring options of adding signage to the machines with details of how to address concerns.

The Humber community needs to see these changes to the machines will happen soon so that fewer customers are ripped off without being aware of the steps to fix it.

# Five spooktacular events for this Halloween

**Eleanor Kate Iglesias**  
Lifestyle Reporter

Everyone eventually outgrows the traditional trick-or-treating, so here are five Halloween events in the GTA.

## 1. Legends of Horror

Casa Loma has transformed into a horror palace.

The grounds of Casa Loma will perform a theatrical Legends of Horror trail from seven in the evening until midnight.

The path travels through the tunnels and darkest spaces of the castle, and never-before-seen classic horror figures will be open to the public.

Casa Loma also provides a Family Hour from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for families with younger children.

Tickets for Legends of Horror and Family Hour are available online and onsite. However, prices vary, and the event is time-slot-based.

Casa Loma's Halloween event is at 1 Austin Terrace, Toronto and is open until Oct. 31, 2023.

## 2. Screemers

Celebrating 30 years of haunting, Screemers is back in Vaughan.

The event includes seven haunted mazes, live entertainment, midway rides, various trucks food, and a drinking lounge.

Screemers is open from October



ELEANOR KATE IGLESIA

An orange, glowing Halloween jack-o'-lantern with a frightening face.

19 to October 22 and October 25 to Halloween day. Open hours vary according to the day.

Tickets are available online and at the door - cash or debit is acceptable. However, prices vary on the day of visitation.

Screemers is at 80 Interchange Way, Vaughan, and parking is free.

## 3. Anime North

Anime North is a non-profit, fan-run anime convention, and they're hosting the annual Halloween FrankenVent on Friday, Oct. 27, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

This event includes an artisan market, live performance, arcade and video games, cosplay contest, food vendors, and a Momo Tea

workshop.

Halloween FrankenVent has an entrance fee of \$5 (cash only), and all proceeds go to SickKids Foundation.

The event is located at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Sakura Way, in Toronto.

Anime North provides free parking, but space is limited.

## 4. Halloween Food Truck Festival

Looking for more food than fright? The annual Halloween Food Truck Festival is open from Saturday, Oct. 28, to Sunday, Oct. 29.

The food-loving event includes Halloween movies, food, drinks, kid-friendly activities, a costume contest, treats, live entertainment, a

photo booth, giveaways, and raffles.

Vegetarian, Halal, vegan, and gluten-free options are available.

In addition, guests are welcome to dress upon visitation.

The Halloween Food Truck Festival has a fee of \$10 per person or \$20 for families. The entrance fee supports Variety Ontario's unique programming for individuals with disabilities.

The event is on 3701 Danforth Avenue, Scarborough, and parking is free along Danforth.

It's recommended to bring chairs and blankets due to seating limitations.

The hours for the Halloween Food Truck Festival differ for Saturday and Sunday.

## 5. Halloween Parties For Humber Students

Are you the life of the party and enjoy the nightlife? Student Nightlife is hosting three Halloween parties for Humber students.

Guests must be a minimum of 18 years old to enter and 19 years old or older to drink.

All parties include drinks, a DJ, a professional photographer/videographer, and a costume contest.

On Friday, Oct. 27, Humber Fright Night 2023 will be held at 180 Pearl Street, Toronto.

Tickets can be purchased in advance starting at \$25 per person.

On Saturday, Oct. 28, Student Nightlight will be hosting the Humber Halloween Boat Party.

This cruise will be at 539 Queens Quay West, Toronto, from 8:30 p.m. to two in the morning.

Advance online tickets are \$30 per person. Prices vary when purchasing at the dock.

On Halloween day, Humber Halloween Thriller will be taking place at 180 Pearl Street, Toronto, from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The cost of tickets starts at \$25 per person if purchased in advance.

For guarantee entry, purchase tickets online.

Unfortunately, no Halloween events or activities are planned on the campuses of Humber.



# New family-owned store open on campus

**Krishna Bhagnathsingh**  
News Reporter

Humber College welcomed a new store to the campus family on Monday.

JJ Mart, a small family-owned business, set up shop on the main floor of the parking garage next to the residence buildings.

The name JJ Mart was chosen in honour of the owner's kids.

Ning Ilano, co-owner of JJ Mart, said entrepreneurship was the right path for her.

She said that working in an office didn't feel right to her and that she wasn't too happy or had any energy, but felt that owning a store was for her.

Ilano quit her part-time job, which then led her to the decision to open and run her own business alongside her husband Eric Ilano. They saw Humber College as the perfect place to start.

"With Humber College, I saw an opportunity here, so why not take it? There's kids everywhere so it's a good opportunity," Ning said.

JJ Mart offers Filipino, Korean, and Japanese food and products such as shrimp-flavoured chips, Pocky ramen, and Skyflakes



KRISHNA BHAGNATHSINGH

Humber College welcomed JJ Mart, a small family-owned business to North Campus. JJ Mart sells a variety of Asian snacks, toiletries and others.

crackers.

"The store is all about international food because here in Humber College, it's more on diversity, so I want to introduce something different, more than what the other stores have," she said.

Jaydon Bailey, an Architecture Technology student at Humber

College, attended JJ Mart's grand opening and said it's nice for students in residence to have a convenient place to go to.

"It's a cool little place to have, especially for people who live in the dorms," Bailey said.

"In the campus, I'm pretty sure you don't see that much diversity

in foods there, so it's nice to have something else there, it's nice to have," he said.

Julia Sequeira, a Journalism student at Humber and a friend of the owner's daughter, stopped by the new store to show support and pick up a couple of stationery items as well.

"Humber has an Indian food place, a jerk chicken place but no Asian snacks, so I'm happy they have those because I'm Asian and these things are a part of my culture," Sequeira said.

"They have a lot of Filipino snacks and I like it, it reminds me of home," she said.

# Money-saving tips for college students

**Eleanor Kate Iglesia**  
Lifestyle Reporter

Humber students have shared their tips on how to save money at school.

## 1. Use second-hand products

One way to save money is to avoid buying brand-new items, according to Sara Learmont, a first-year student in the early childhood education program at Humber.

Learmont told Humber News that school is expensive, but she was grateful to get second-hand supplies from her older sibling.

"If you have a sibling and they are in the same program, then borrow their textbooks because that's what I did and I didn't have to pay for them," Learmont said.

Abigail Green, a first-year student in the early childhood education program, agreed that second-hand resources have helped her budget.

"I try to save money as much as I can by using second-hand resources such as textbooks," Green said.

Students may even want to consider turning to social media for help. Juliana Cortese, an esthetician/spa management student, said there are many ways to save money, but it can be challenging.

"Facebook Marketplace has second-hand textbooks that you can



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*Buying second-hand, budgeting workshops, and work-studies are all ways Humber students can save money.*

find that are half the price, and it's pretty much brand new," Cortese said.

Lisa Diluzio, a supervisor at Talize Thrift Store, said students can find products from textbooks to popular clothing brands that are in good condition at thrift stores.

"You can find all different kinds of brand names for cheap here and that's what we want, sustainable fashion," Diluzio said.

Textbooks that are of good quality (without any highlights or written notes) can also be found here at economical prices, she said.

## 2. Cook your own meals

Sunita Lopchan, a second-year

nursing student, said having a tight budget makes you find ways to save.

"To reduce my budget, I try to cook at home as much as possible since it is expensive to buy food every day," Lopchan said.

Cortese agrees that cooking at home can be the key to saving, along with making economical choices.

"There is a Starbucks, but Tim Hortons will also do the trick and even eating breakfast at home and bringing snacks to school will help you save more," Cortese said.

## 3. The Student Price Card (SPC)

Saving money can also be done by applying for discount services. The SPC is a loyalty discount pro-

gram for students in Canada.

There are discounts and deals on clothes, food, beauty, fitness, travel, technology, and more.

Offers can be redeemed by making purchases online or in person, depending on the deals provided.

Students who are clients with CICB may be eligible to get a free SPC+ membership. Otherwise, students can pay for a subscription of \$11.99 yearly.

## 4. Access Humber services to save money

Shaun Carson, the associate director of student life and learning, said numerous opportunities and

services at Humber College support students financially, but few students know about them.

"Students are already paying for this in their tuition [they] fee might as well take advantage of the services that we're offering," he said.

Humber College has partnered with the Royal Bank of Canada (RBC), and they run a workshop series throughout the semester that focuses on managing credit cards, budgeting, and investing, Carson said.

"The idea is to try not to sell products but to provide information," he said.

Humber even runs a work-study program that allows students to work on campus during the school year.

"It encourages faculty and different departments to hire student staff to make sure that we are employing students as well," Carson said.

Along with all of these services, Humber College offers workshops on bursaries and scholarship applications and tutoring services online and in-person for all students and programs.

"Take advantage of those bursaries, even if you think you're not qualified or [your] marks aren't high enough, you'll never know unless you apply," he said.

# Humber Public Safety warns of locker thefts

**Drew Chambers**  
News Editor

The Department of Public Safety issued a warning Oct. 16 after Humber's North campus experienced a surge in locker break-ins.

Multiple students having reported that someone stole

valuable belongings from their lockers, Public Safety said.

"Someone saw, someone knows," the alert says.

In response, the department urged everyone to be vigilant. They informed the public of the "do's and don'ts" to preventing locker theft.

"Contact Security at 416-675-8500 immediately if your locker has been broken into or if you witness a locker being forced open,"

The alerts were taped onto locker doors said.

"Never hesitate to report any suspicious activity."

"Don't give out your locker combination to anyone. Invest in a high-quality lock for your

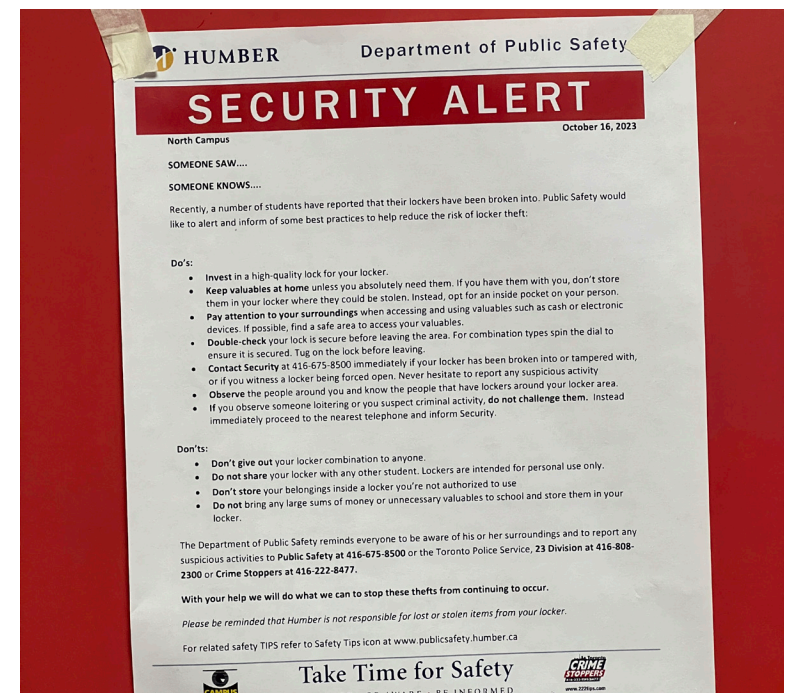
locker. Keep valuables at home unless you need them," the warning read.

Public Safety said that it is important to report any instance of forceful entry into a student's locker to campus security immediately as it is a criminal act.

The posters urged students to report any suspicious activities to Toronto Police, Crime Stoppers, or them.

While Public Safety stated that "with your help, we will do what we can to stop these thefts from continuing to occur."

The sign warned students that Humber College "is not responsible for lost or stolen items from your locker."



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DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

Volunteers at the Daily Bread Food Bank sort packages for its Thanksgiving Drive that runs until Oct. 31. The charity aims to end food insecurity and advocate for solutions to end poverty.

# 'Dark place' without reform: food bank advocates

**Annicca Albano**  
Reporter

More Ontario workers find it nearly impossible to escape poverty due to housing challenges, disabilities, wage stagnation and low social assistance rates, food bank advocates said.

"It's this person who's working as hard as they can and still can't make ends meet," said Neil Hetherington, the CEO of Daily Bread Food Bank. "That's not fair."

The Daily Bread Food Bank sees over 12,500 new food bank users each month. Last month, client visits were at a record-breaking 275,000.

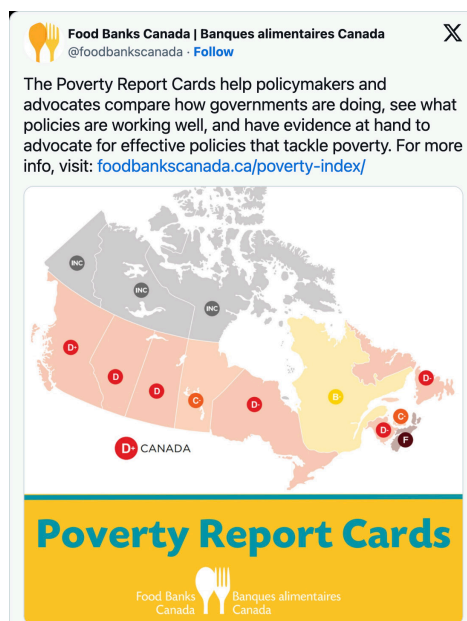
More than half of individuals have some post-secondary education, Hetherington said. Many food bank users today have precarious employment or multiple jobs.

"The thought that you go to school, you work hard, you get a job, you'll be fine? That isn't true anymore," Hetherington said.

On Sept. 26, Food Banks Canada released its first-ever Poverty Report Cards to compare how provinces perform and provide a roadmap to zero poverty, the root cause of hunger.

The report found that 43 per cent of Ontarians say they're financially worse off than a year ago.

From 2021 to 2022, there were an average of over 561,000 cases (families and single adults) and 855,000 beneficiaries (individual claimants, their partners and dependent children) in Ontario's social assistance programs, according to research by the Caledon Institute of Social Policy



"They would need their incomes increased by \$17,000 just to be considered not poor, never mind stable," said Claudia Calabro, community organizer at the Income Security Advocacy Centre, in an email interview with Humber News.

A single person's income on Ontario Works (OW) is \$733 and has remained so since 2018. The Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) provides \$1,308 a month, only slightly more.

Food Banks Canada recommends increasing both. Calabro said rates should be at least doubled to "give people a fighting chance" to cover all bills, pay off debts, and get ahead in life.

OW and ODSP recipients may only earn so much before their social support is clawed

back, which "disincentivizes work," she added, noting that the minimum wage, now \$16.55, should be raised above the inflation rate.

"The provincial government has shown that they are not interested in making sure that everyone has the income they need to live a dignified life, whether or not they are able to work," Calabro said.

She added discrimination that results in pay equity issues and inflexible, unaccommodating workplaces put people in a tight spot.

Single parents with two part-time jobs and kids who could benefit from emergency food relief may not be able to afford to shop when food banks are open, explained Hetherington of the Daily Bread.

The poverty report cards also found that 70 per cent of food bank users are renters. Nearly two in five Canadians are paying more than a third of their income on housing.

In Toronto, a one-bedroom apartment costs, on average, \$2,500 to rent, according to Rentals.ca.

"The first thing in the month people do is pay the rent and utilities to keep the roof over their heads. If there's enough money for food, then food and other basic necessities," says Ricardo Tranjan, political economist and senior researcher with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Otherwise, "they will go to the food bank. They will send their kids to school with boots that are not warm enough," Tranjan said. "These are some sacrifices."

Food Banks Canada also recommended a provincial housing accelerator fund with tax

and grant incentives and a land acquisition fund to fast-track affordable housing development.

"Supply is necessary, but it is not sufficient," Tranjan said.

The author of *The Tenant Class* said funds should be allocated to non-profit and cooperative housing providers for a more immediate and lasting impact, along with enacting strong rent controls and extending tenants' collective bargaining rights.

"When we remove profit from the equation, [housing becomes] cheaper and more widely accessible, like health care, education and child care," said Tranjan, who previously managed Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy.

He said cities like Ottawa and Montreal have a long history of co-ops that should be reviewed, funded and scaled.

Tranjan said tenant tenure in one is longer than that of private housing because of the security it offers.

"We know how to fix this," Tranjan said. "The real challenge is a political one, to build enough political power and pressure so elected officials take that path."

In light of the report, Phil Ozga, chief network and government relations officer at Food Banks Canada, said in a statement that governments at all levels should find a new sense of urgency and work together to find solutions.

Hetherington said he has hope and optimism for this country.

"(But) if things continue to go without social policy reform, then we are heading into a dark place," Hetherington said.



# Humber launches gaming drop-in club

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Humber College Esports Club brings the world of casual and competitive play into one room where gamers can come together and play the games they love.

The mission of the Oct. 17 drop-in is to create a community within Humber to show that Esports exists on campus.

Senior Administrator of Esports Bernard Mafei made the weekly event for that reason.

"There was no gaming presence whatsoever on Humber College on any of its campuses I wanted to create a community first," he said.

IGNITE and Humber Esports joined forces for the first time to share resources to help bring each other up.

People who entered the space were greeted with PCs, consoles, and VR headsets and were welcomed to set up any sort of game they wanted. Different genres of gaming like fighting, sports, Multiplayer online battle arenas (MOBA's) and racing appeared at the drop-in.

The drop-in attracted many



*Humber College Esports community creates a space for all students to come together and play games.*

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gaming students alike. Some came to meet with friends they met online. Others were just walking past L159 came in and were later seen playing with other members of the community.

Community member and Humber College Esports Club President Lanvy Nguyen was shocked at

the turnout of the drop-in

"I have not seen an Esports event here at this school in person this buzzing," she said. "The previous year's Esports at Humber College has almost been like a secret society, but now I am seeing everyone in person."

Nguyen said the partnership with

IGNITE is expected to boost the number of people dropping in and may have to change their venue.

"Hopefully we move to a different space and we're able to host more drop-in gaming events," she said.

People filled the room wanting to play or see what was happening. People surrounded players to watch

people fight each other in Mortal Kombat, as well as some streaming their games on Twitch.

Humber Esports used Twitch to help showcase their tournaments at Humber so those who weren't there could watch the games happen.

This a new stream team headed by Julius Lalik-Williams, who was able to do his first stream for Humber Esports,

"It's a lot of fun we had some troubles early on and that was a little stressful but as we got everything going smoothly it was good, this has been fun," Williams said.

Mafei thinks this drop-in will significantly affect the Humber community in general.

"There is a place for you that is welcoming and safe, I think the messaging is [that] gaming, in general, is a big part of society most people game in some way," he said. "What college would we be with this many students (more than 86,000) if we didn't bring that to life in some way?"

The weekly event happens on Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. until April. Gaming and players can be viewed on @Humber\_Esports on Twitch.

# Esports staff searching for potential coaches

**Luca Furlano**  
Sports Reporter

The return of Esports at Humber College has brought a difficult challenge for staff as they look for the perfect candidates for head coach positions for their teams.

Currently, the Valorant, Super Smash Bros Ultimate, and League of Legends teams are without a coach, and Esports staff hope to fill these roles quickly.

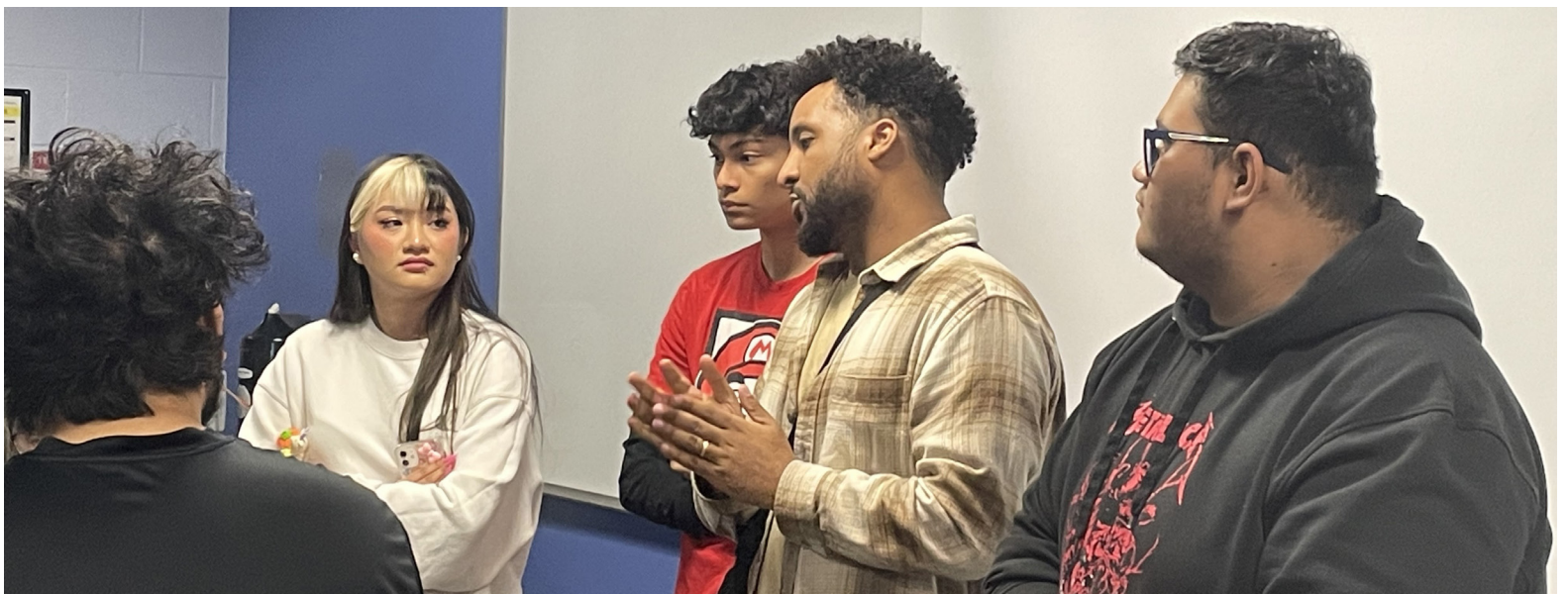
Esports staff have found this to be somewhat of a difficult task despite the positions being posted on X and Discord.

"It's been a little bit more challenging than I thought actually," Humber College Esports Senior Administrator Bernard Mafei said.

"I put out a call and honestly I didn't get as much interest as I would have liked," he said. "But I think that's because coaching is a hard job. It's not just playing games. You have to be a leader to other human beings and not just in the game, but out of the game as well."

One of the main factors for the Esports staff team to consider is what they are looking for in a varsity coach. They expect more than someone with gaming experience.

They expect them to be a positive encouragement for the team



*Humber Esports staff continues the search for the perfect candidates for the challenging coach positions of the various collegiate games.*

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or teams they coach and to keep a consistent engagement while practicing for tryouts and leagues.

"I would say it's not just about being good at a game to me," Mafei said.

"It's somebody that can inspire them to actually be the type of players that we want representing the culture."

The staff team also wants dedicated coaching staff to help the varsity teams quickly perform their best in the drive to return to tournaments

Humber College Esports Club President Lanvy Nguyen said the players are excited as they return to competitive gaming in the collegiate leagues.

"Our expectations for coaches, we would like someone who is adaptive with our players that are future teams and who is fully committed to coaching our teams so they can get as far as they can in tournaments," Nguyen said.

Most importantly, they want to see the new coaches show respect.

This is what separates a good

coach from a great coach, it helps to keep a safe and positive environment for every team and shows a positive representation of Esports as a whole.

"From my perspective, there are many players who are very good at gaming, but some of the players may have ego issues," said Sarvatra Rawat, the Humber College Esports Club vice president.

"A coach should be someone who can have the players in a confined space and have respect towards their team," Rawat said.

"They should be reliable and accommodating to all the players who are playing"

Mafei said to date more than 20 candidates for each team have applied and all seem strong, but there's plenty to consider.

It's expected varsity coaching will be picked in the next month.

"It could take probably about a month in total," Mafei said.

"So I would say we have some pretty strong candidates, so the quality is high, but the quantity is not assigned to one."

# 'Don't sleep on Humber' in OCAA playoffs

**Nicholas Prencipe**

*Sports Reporter*

Humber Hawks men's baseball team had another successful regular season and are ready to start the push to become OCAA champions.

The tournament at Stewart Burnett Park began on the right foot in Aurora yesterday with Humber beating Seneca Sting 10-7 in their opening game of the OCAA finals.

Justin Groves and Xavier Whittle each hit a home run. The pitchers Ronan Hayes, Maxim Skoropadsky, and the winner Eric Alcaraz combined for eight hits, seven runs with three earned, eight strikeouts and six base on balls.

Today didn't go as planned losing 11-7 against the Durham Lords but despite that, they still have a chance to make it in to the finals.

They finished this season with a record of 13-5 securing them third place in the OCAA standings.

Alcaraz, a third-year player,

said this season placed more obstacles in front of the team than anticipated.

"This season we faced a crazy amount of adversity," Alcaraz said.

"We didn't face much adversity both years before until the playoffs but a lot came at us early this year."

The team was forced to make some changes to start the season as multiple key players were halted by injuries.

Alcaraz was a member of the 2022 team that was almost unstoppable winning 17 of 18 games in the regular season but came home from the playoffs with only a silver medal.

When comparing this season to last year, it's easy to see the team had a drop off but head coach Troy Black says the slight record decline is not a result of lack of quality in his squad.

"There was no easy wins this year," Black said.

"It's baseball, you're going to win games you shouldn't, you're going

to lose games you should've won, but top to bottom, the quality of the league is the biggest change."

Black is in his third season as coach of the team taking them to consecutive finals appearances in 2021 and 2022.

In his time as head coach he has a record of 33-8 but is yet to touch gold coming just short in both years prior at the hands of St. Clair Saints, a team they know very well.

In the first nine seasons of OCAA men's baseball, only the Humber Hawks and St. Clair Saints have won the championship, with the latter winning the title seven times.

It's time for the team to buckle down and get their heads in the game because another loss could result in a disappointing end.

Black said he is hungry to take home gold this season but needs to keep level-headed.

"Take things play by play and game by game, don't let the moment get bigger than us," Black

said.

"I still have full faith in our ability and I think we have a

very strong staff who can get us through a lot of games, which this time of year is a big deal."



NICHOLAS PRENCIPE

Hawks baseball team is working hard toward an OCAA championship.

## ANALYSIS

# New season, new era coming up for the Toronto Raptors

**Antoni Canyameras Rojas**

*Senior Reporter*

The Toronto Raptors are welcoming a refreshing new era next Wednesday when they host the Minnesota Timberwolves in front of the roaring crowd of Scotiabank Arena.

The team underwent significant changes since the end of last season.

The biggest being no more Nick Nurse. For the first time in five years, Nurse will not be in charge of the bench after he was fired in April following their elimination from the play-in series against the Chicago Bulls.

After a long process, it was announced in June that Serbian native Darko Rajakovic would assume the head coach position.

The hiring of Rajakovic gives the team a unique perspective. He is just the second European to become an NBA coach in its history and is currently the only one.

The 44-year-old Serbian talked about what makes European coaches different from American ones.

"We have a different perspective of the game. We grew up watching one type of the game, we learned so much from NBA coaches and European coaches at the same time. We have exposure to that kind of different styles," Rajakovic



AP PHOTO/MATT MARTON

Toronto Raptors head coach Darko Rajakovic talks with guard Malachi Flynn during a preseason game.

told the media on Oct 15.

Indeed, he told media in an Oct. 2 scrum that he wants a team "that shares the ball."

Although this is his first gig as a head coach in the NBA he hopes his long tenure as an assistant coach with the Oklahoma City Thunder will help him lead the team to success.

Isolation plays were the most

dominating game style last year in the schemes Nurse, who is currently coaching the Philadelphia 76ers.

Fans will also see some changes on the court.

After seven years in Toronto and four of them as the starting point guard, fans won't see Fred VanVleet as he signed on with the Houston Rockets in free agency.

The Raptors' new signing Dennis Schröder will play point guard.

Schröder had an exciting off-season after helping Team Germany win the Basketball World Cup and was named the tournament's MVP.

Schröder, 30-years-old and at the peak of his career, said he has positive feelings in his new locker room.

"I'm very confident in his group. I think we can do something with this group," the former Lakers player told the media following a preseason game in Vancouver on Oct. 3.

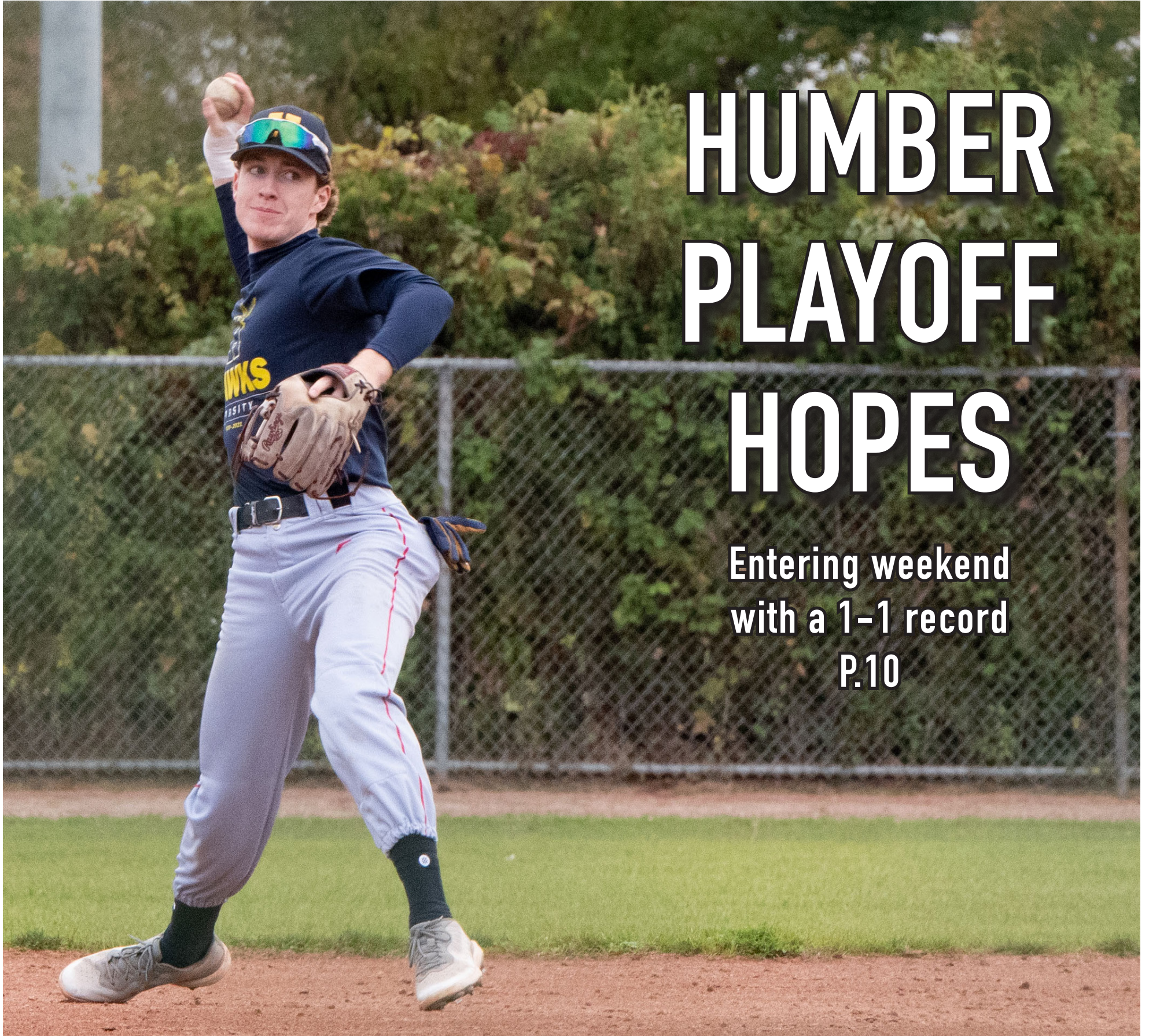
He is expected to be in the starting lineup alongside Jakob Poeltl, Scottie Barnes, OG Annunoby and Pascal Siakam, who hasn't yet discussed with the team an extension to his expiring contract in 2024.

Fans can also look forward to rookie small forward/shooting guard Gradey Dick, selected 13th overall in this year's draft by the Raptors. He's expected to solve the Raptors' recent struggles with shooting.

At 19-years-old, Dick is the youngest player on the squad, while Thaddeus Young, 35, is the oldest veteran, starting his career in 2007.

Young has experienced considerable NBA action and has gone through similar situations like this one. Despite the changes in the off-season, he said the objective doesn't change.

"The goal right now is just to get everybody acclimated to what we are doing and winning so many games as possible. And then, we will see how the season goes," the power forward said in the team's Oct. 15 media gathering.

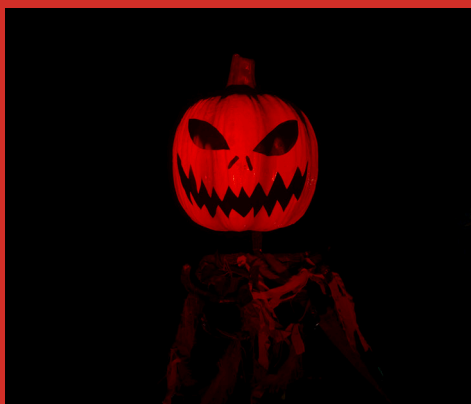


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*After falling just short of the OCAA gold medal last year, the Humber Hawks men's baseball team hopes to bounce back win the championship for the first time since 2018.*

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