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Humber celebrates Black History

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NEWS REPORTER

Debbie Douglas and the African Drumming Collective launched Black History Month with a bang of a drum and led the ceremony with a traditional dance.

"I enjoy seeing everybody enjoy themselves," said Gailene Prime-Ramsay, a dancer on the African Drumming Collective. "It makes me feel like they understand our culture, that they're a part of us and that we are accepted."

They started the ceremony at the IGNITE Centre on Feb. 3 by leading everyone to join and sing the Canadian national anthem and the Black Anthem.

Ramsay and Claudine Thomas, fellow dance partners in the African Drumming Collective, then led the audience to participate in an African dance. At the same time, they were dancing along to the beat of djembe drums.

While different speakers shared a speech, videos of Black Canadian legends including civil rights activist Viola Desmond, the first black Victoria Cross recipient William Hall and journalist, and activist Carrie Best played on a monitor above.

Adam Benn, manager at the Centre for Human Rights, shared his experience in coordinating the ceremony with his colleagues.

"We're trying to ensure that we were doing something that spoke to both staff and students, and brought some black African culture into space," Benn said.

While hosting the ceremony, Benn and his team explained the importance of representing the black community at school and show unity with and respect for those who endured and still endure oppression due to the colour of their skin.

"I think the message around



MELANIE VALENTE-LEITE

African Drumming Collective dancers began the ceremony dancing along to the beat of the djembe drums.

Black History not being talked about just in February, but being an everyday sort of thing resounded with me," Benn said. "Hopeful-

ly, that's something that people are taking as they go forward in life."

Sacha Ally, one of the ceremony's event coordinators, hopes to

host this event annually so different groups of people can attend and learn more about the history behind achieving Black excellence.

Humber to open international grad school downtown

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ARTS EDITOR

Around 350 international students will begin their education in Humber College's new branch in downtown Toronto, the Humber International Graduate School (IGS).

The Humber IGS will be built at 59 Hayden St., near Church and Bloor Streets, and open its doors in January 2021.

Humber is one of the most diverse colleges in Canada with around 6,500 international students from more than 130 countries.

"Ontario graduate certificates have been our fastest growing credential for many years and the Humber IGS is a unique way to meet that demand and enhance opportunities for higher learning," said Chris Whitaker, president of Humber College.

The IGS will provide programs focusing particularly on business. The school will furnish employment opportunities in Canada's financial services hub and dynamic tech sectors.

"The Humber IGS is transformational," said Andrew Ness, dean of International. "Students will receive a global classroom experience in one of the most diverse cities in the world."

The Humber IGS will first offer four Ontario Graduate Certificate programs in Global Business Management, Marketing Management, Project Management, and Supply Chain Management.

More programs will be added for the May 2021 intake.

"Humber has a long history of educating international students in Toronto and abroad," Ness said. "The IGS will build on that success by helping international students to develop their skills and connect them with potential employers."

Wynne rebuilding bridges to take back Queen's Park in 2022



EMILY WILSON

Kathleen Wynne spoke about the challenges of being a women in politics.

Emily Wilson
NEWS REPORTER

Kathleen Wynne may not be the Ontario premier anymore, but she continues to instill inspiration to those she graces.

But she is also working to rebuild bridges with voters, including Humber College students and staff, in preparation of what she hopes will be a Liberal victory in 2022.

"I'm trying to answer the questions of young people to the greatest degree possible," she said.

Wynne was greeted Monday at the doors of North Campus by eager journalism students prior to her talk to their class. She was invited to speak about her achievements and hardships in her many years of politics.

Wynne became Number 25 on the list of Ontario's premiers in 2013, but even more importantly the first female and openly gay leader of the provincial government.

She said it is not a surprise she entered politics for she always had an affinity for community issues "and the power dynamics of deci-

sion making."

As a teenager and young woman in the 1960s, Wynne often attended protests on women's rights and education.

The 66-year-old said education has always been at the forefront of her political activism.

"I think education is the cornerstone. If we get education right then everything else in our democracy works," Wynne said, which is why she was so disheartened to witness the dismantling of her efforts on education and healthcare.

"Doug Ford and I are very different people," Wynne said. "I have to be honest with you. I don't think that the decisions that his government that he's making are in the best interests of the province."

"The problem I have with the decisions that he's making is that they are not looking at the evidence they are not looking at what we know works," she said, especially with changes to education.

One of the programs she advocated most for during her time as premier was the revised Ontario Student Assistance Program for

post-secondary students, where for those who qualified, received grants rather than loans.

Now two years later that program has changed dramatically with the election of Doug Ford and the Progressive Conservatives.

But despite the setbacks Wynne's optimism continues to shine through. Despite cuts across numerous programs by the Ford government, improvements initiated by the Liberal government haven't completely disappeared.

"The bar's been moved. People are earning \$14 an hour," she said.

Overall student assistance is higher and more funding for violence against women is available.

Her career, however, has been anything but easy and she hopes the path she's taken will make it possible for other women to succeed.

Wynne fought against discrimination against her gender, her orientation and trying to get ahead in the province's oldest boys club.

"There are real barriers," she said, ones that are needed to be broken before entering a male dominated institution. And she did that by having a team around her who believed in her values and ideals.

She stressed the importance because more women at the table create more dialogue on social issues.

Wynne's appearance at Humber shows her dedication to inspiring girls and young women around her. Anum Qasir, a first-year journalism student, said she can tell Wynne truly cares about her work.

"It's obvious she wants to make a difference and that's what a real woman is all about," she said. "It shows woman empowerment."

"I had to listen to the negativity and then decided to take the risk anyway"

-KATHLEEN WYNNE
FORMER PREMIER OF ONTARIO

Wynne is happy she can use her platform to help the thousands of young girls and women who walk the halls of Queen's Park each year realize their potential, rather than see the portraits of the previous premiers, who are all white men, she said.

"The fact that I'm a woman is important, for the girls and for the boys," she said. Diversity and LGBTQ+ representation should be the norm.

Through her work as premier and her long-time position as the MPP for Don Valley West, a title she has held since 2003, Wynne voiced her prioritization of First Nations rights and quality of life.

She said it was a goal of hers to

visit and experience everyday life of northern Ontario's First Nations people, a town like Attawapiskat, located in the Kenora Region on James Bay.

Humber journalism student Damian Charles connected with Wynne over his own experiences in Attawapiskat. In 2016, he and a group of high school students introduced soccer to the remote town in response to the high suicide rates of First Nation youth.

Charles said it was nice to know that she goes out of her way to go up there. "She's showing the initiative," he said. "It shows that to get where you want in life you have to go that extra mile."

As for the future, Wynne is hopeful for the Liberal party. She said the new leader will be chosen at the Liberal leadership convention in Mississauga on March 6 and 7, giving the party two years to build a strong platform.

"I am really pleased there will be a passing of the torch to the next generation because they are all young," she said.

Wynne knows her position in politics has changed and has new goals to match.

"What I'm trying to do is do everything I can to speak up about what I think is important," she said.

Wynne's closing message to the journalism students was short, sweet and filled with hope.

"We're not done yet."



EMILY WILSON

Humber students listen intently to former premier Wynne as she talks about the ups and downs of her career.



ELI RIDDER

Kristy Lam, a self-described mental health advocate at the University of Guelph-Humber, is skeptical about provincial spending on Good2Talk.

Ontario dedicates \$1M for student mental health

Eli Ridder

NEWS REPORTER

The provincial government announced significant investment for the mental health of post-secondary students on Monday.

The Minister of Colleges and Universities said the ruling Progressive Conservatives is handing over \$1 million to Kids Help Phone to expand its Good2Talk/Allo J'écoute services to reach more students across Ontario.

Good2Talk is a free bilingual mental health support service that provides professional counseling and resources for referrals. It is available at all times, 365 days a year.

"Helping all Ontario's students maintain their mental health is critical to supporting student resilience and success," said MCU at a press conference at Ryerson University.

"We know that over the last several years the mental health needs of postsecondary students have increased dramatically in Ontario," he said in a prepared statement.

According to a report by the Toronto-based Centre for Addiction and Mental Health one in two Canadians have had or have a mental illness by age 40.

Those aged 15 to 24 are more likely to experience mental illness or substance use disorders than any other age group, a Statistics Canada study found in 2013.

Archie Chhetri, a first-year Humber College student, said she agreed with the investment by Premier Doug Ford's government.

"People tend to make suicidal moves all the time so if they can

contact someone during that time and if that person can talk to them and save their life, then why not," she said.

Suicide numbers for post-secondary students are hard to track as not every university and college posts statistics. However, suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth and young adults aged 15 to 34 years, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

The National College Health Assessment of 2016 found 46 per cent of post-secondary students said they felt symptoms of depression compromising their ability to function, and 65 per cent reported overwhelming anxiety, an increase of 13 per cent over three years.

Not all students are on board with the provincial government's decision. University of Guelph-Humber student Kristy Lam said the money could be spent better.

"I truly admire the government for putting money into mental health, but I personally believe it is not a good move because they already have a pretty good system on Good2Talk," said Lam, a self-described mental health advocate.

"I would prefer the government putting the money they want to put onto Good2Talk into the mental health services that universities [and] colleges provide to students, such as off-campus therapy," the second-year Family and Community Social Services student said.

At Humber College, counseling services are offered through the Student Wellness and Accessibility Centre on the second floor of the LRC building.

Lack of structure, purpose factors in Gen Z anxieties

Jaeybee Martinito

NEWS REPORTER

Young adults are sold a dream that they can do or be anything.

But they face potentially crushing student debt, sky-high housing prices and a lacklustre job market.

"We do not have what previous generations had in terms of a very clear scheduled, structured life," said motivational speaker Katie Zeppieri. She was on campus Thursday to help students at Humber College and the University of Guelph-Humber to face what could be their reality after graduation.

The Toronto social entrepreneur shared life experiences and lessons at a workshop about mental health in the digital age.

The room was packed full of students eager to learn how to build structure in what feels like "a chaotic generation."

Zeppieri said she uses the Google calendar and a variety of apps to help with time management, a key to keep herself on track. She said cell phones and digital devices can be used as tools rather than be distractions.

"When I say that when you feel keyed up, it's like, you've kind of been like, the switch has been turned on and you can't shut off your brain," she said.

It's important to be mindful of "not just being online, but what we're doing online. I believe that without structure, you lose a sense

of purpose," Zeppieri said.

Anxiety and a lack of purpose are tied to the amount of time people spend scrolling through social media feeds. Zeppieri advised students to put a limit on the time spent comparing their lives with others.

Students related to Zeppieri at a personal level, when she explained she burned out in 2017, telling them they are not machines.

"If you're going through a difficult time, struggling with repeated

on campus," Gudra said.

Megan Roopnarine, the vice president of IGNITE Guelph-Humber, organized the workshop to kick off 2020 on a positive note.

"I think it's so important to help implement these healthy mindsets so that everyone can just be their best selves," she said.

Roopnarine felt that IGNITE has the responsibility to care for students by bringing in experts like Zeppieri, to create a conversation

"We do not have what previous generations had in terms of a very clear, scheduled, structured life"

-KATIE ZEPPIERI

MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

thoughts and feeling really, really low, I want you to have the courage to ask for help, and to seek it because there are resources," she said.

Harmandeep Gudra, a first-year international student in Computer and Network Support, said coming to these events is the first step to balancing mental illness with student life.

"I don't want anyone to feel what I felt," he said.

"I just want to uplift humanity with as much experience as I have and promote the services available

on tough topics like mental health.

"Mental illness is sometimes underestimated because of how busy we get in our classes," she said. "I think it's just really important that you take a moment and reevaluate and step back and think this is my life. These are the things that are happening.

"These are the things that I can change and these are the things that I can't, what can I learn from this," Roopnarine said.

Zeppieri concluded the session by encouraging students to recognise and respect their feelings.



JAEYBEE MARTINITO

Motivational speaker Katie Zeppieri hosted a workshop on coping with social pressures in the digital age

Unlimited campaign wants \$50M for tech, new cultural hub at Lakeshore

Nicholas Rahmon

BIZTECH REPORTER

As Humber's students and faculty aim towards success in what they do, a new fundraising campaign will greatly change their work environments and the opportunities available.

Humber Unlimited is the first-ever fundraising campaign that is seeking to raise \$50 million for student welfare.

It will be used to fulfill three priorities: \$5 million towards students receiving easier access to resources outside of the classroom, \$15 million towards more opportunities in educational funding, and \$30 million for the advancement of facilities and technology.

"We need to continue every effort to improve and enhance our students' experience," said Vice-Chair of Humber College's Board of Governors Robert Hull, a partner at Toronto law firm Gowling WLG.

"Whether through learning pathways, accessibility, transit, and technology, these will, in turn, en-

sure our students' success in the economy when they move on from Humber," he said.

The campaign team is made up of 13 people which includes former presidents of Humber, a University of Guelph-Humber faculty member, associates of the Humber Board of Governors, and those in higher positions from some of Canada's biggest companies.

Within the three campaign pillars of the Unlimited campaign, another innovation will go towards Humber Lakeshore's soon-to-come Humber Cultural Hub.

The 360,000 square-foot hub is expected to open in fall 2024 and includes performance halls, learning spaces made to reflect chosen industries, more residential spaces for students in residences, and areas to allow collaboration with the surrounding community.

"[Students can look towards] the engagement with the Humber Community, including alumni, industry partners, faculty and fellow students, then watching the financial fruits of the campaign being

put to work for their benefit," Hull said.

Molly Chaffee, a second-year media communications student at Humber, sees the campaign as an opportunity towards advancement.

"Although it's been only a year since I started in my program, I've noticed changes around Humber which amaze me at every turn," Chaffee said.

"Once students get access to technology the industry uses, it's safe to say they're on the right track," she said.

Guelph-Humber Psychology professor Dan Andreae contributed to the campaign by creating scholarships for liberal arts, community, and social services, earning him an honorary degree.

He said students continue to be Humber's top priority.

"It's called Unlimited because it's meant to unleash the unlimited potential of students," Andreae said. "We know the world is changing, so here's a chance for Humber to meet the needs of the technology we need today," he added.



NICHOLAS RAHMON

Gurpreet Saini, Nitish Kumra and Sukhchain Blasi, second-year computer network technician students, put great pride in their work.

5G networks open door to improved AR, industrial automation and online education at Humber

Ryan Wanzala

BIZTECH REPORTER

As 5G makes its mark in Canada, Humber is currently looking at ways to develop new opportunities for students and faculty using the new communications standard.

Commonly known as the "fifth generation" of mobile wireless communications, 5G was designed to accommodate the increasing demand for mobile broadband and to allow large scale Internet of things implementations.

The Canadian government is estimated to invest \$199 million over five years to upgrade the existing communications infrastructure to the new standard.

"5G will enable augmented and virtual reality technologies that can create immersive learning experiences, providing faculty and students with innovative ways to teach and learn," said Andrew Leopold, director of Communications at Humber College.

"One of the pillars of our current strategic plan is to prepare students

to be career-ready citizens. Every day, we work to prepare students for changing work environments by teaching and engaging them in new digital technologies," Leopold said.

Average consumers of 5G will notice a significant increase of download and upload speeds compared to the current 4G network, typically peaking at gigabits per second.

"I think 5G does present some interesting capabilities in terms of speed for connected devices, and things like that, but also, security," said David Weisz, director of Humber's storyLAB.

Beyond low latency and speed, 5G will see its use in industrial automation, augmented reality, and 4K video.

As the standard continues to develop, Leopold wishes to see it as a substitute for WiFi and wired ethernet connections.

"5G could also be a substantive way to extend broadband internet to distance learners and under-served communities," he said. "This would increase access to online education and more opportunities for local,

national and global learning."

The University of British Columbia was the first post-secondary institution to roll out a 5G "hub" throughout its Point Grey campus. In a partnership with Rogers Wireless, the university planned to use the hub to "solve present and future societal challenges."

UBC's projects include early earthquake detection and smart transportation.

"We're excited by the opportunities it provides to use our campus as a living lab to help develop the next generation of 5G applications," said Gail Murphy, vice president of Research and Innovation at UBC.

"Ultimately, 5G can provide a new platform for innovations, some of which we are able to collaborate on developing through this partnership like autonomous cars, automated garbage cans and smart traffic lights that contribute to improved mobility and road safety," Murphy said.

Humber will provide updates on a 5G hub as an implementation plan is developed.



RYAN WANZALA

A Rogers cell tower situated at the corner of Darcel Avenue and Finch Avenue West, near Humber North campus. 5G is coming to the college.



JOHN GRANT

Phillip Goodchild, Humber's curatorial intern, showcasing the locations of where *Police Academy* was shot at the Lakeshore Campus.

Police Academy loses humour but buildings still look good

John Grant

A&E REPORTER

Humber College's Lakeshore grounds impersonated a police academy once again with the screening of *Police Academy* at the Interpretive Centre.

The Film Screening Series event was initiated by Humber's curatorial intern Phillip Goodchild. He wanted to give the students and the guests attending the screening a dive into the institution's past, highlighting the campus's history and evolution over time.

"We're hoping that they get an appreciation for the campus, where they daily walk in and out of these places and sort of see, 'okay, that's that place,'" Goodchild said.

The comedy premiered on March 23, 1984. It is about a bunch of misfits that come together and go through numerous trials and tribulations in their time at the police academy.

The movie was shot on the Lakeshore grounds and throughout Toronto and involved many buildings still in use. Filming in the city was free which made it the ideal shooting location for the movie.

Goodchild also knows the excitement a person can get when seeing familiar structures. He was born in London and was able to see some of the scenery in the Jason Bourne movies.

"I saw one of the Jason Bourne movies. They filmed extensively in London. I come from London myself, so when they're running through Waterloo station, you get that gasp of recognition of, 'I live

there, that's my home,'" he said.

Police Academy is also a film caught in another time, using racism, misogyny, and sexuality as punchlines for jokes in ways that would not be acceptable today.

One scene, in particular, had the main character telling his future love interest, who was played by Kim Catrall, about how he would love to see her reduced to an object.

The curator of the Lakeshore grounds Interpretive Centre, Jennifer Bazar, felt there was a significant difference watching it when she was younger to watching it now.

"When I watch it now, there's certain scenes that make me uneasy. There's comments about sexualized dynamics between men and women that I find a bit uncomfortable," Bazar said.

"There are some racially inappropriate comments that are made towards different groups of people." Social Services student Madison Crombie agreed with Bazar after watching the 1984 film for the first time during the event.

"The movie was funny at parts and cringing at others," she said. "There was a lot of racism and objectification of women. Kim Catrall's character was really only used as a damsel in distress."

Regardless, the Interpretive Centre event will showcase three more movies to represent the history of the Lakeshore grounds, the mystery slasher film *Urban Legend* on March 4, the Genie-nominated drama *Beautiful Dreamers* on March 25, and comedy *Strange Brew* on April 1.

PSA tackles horror of plastic bags, wins award of GH film-festival

Kristen Cussen

A&E REPORTER

University of Guelph-Humber media student Sean Jackson was presented the Cinematography Award for his public service announcement entitled *Plastic* at GuHu Media's fifth annual film festival.

"I definitely didn't expect to win anything," Jackson said after the Feb. 3 festival. "It's nice to see people here, but it's also nerve-wracking to have an audience."

As GuHu Media's Vice President of Television, Jackson brought experience and passion to the director's chair, but was shocked to hear his name called at the award ceremony, he said.

Humber's KB111 was transformed into a theatre showcasing the latest work from film-makers on campus. The screening included 11 short films ranging from two to 10 minutes.

The students embraced a wide range of genres including horror, mini-documentaries and PSAs.

Jackson's PSA took a literal spin on the horrors of plastic, fusing

comedy, horror and environmentalism into a two-minute short film.

In the short film, a woman's life is so consumed by plastic bags that they begin to haunt her as "the plastic bag monster." The husband's interviews offer comic relief, as he wipes his tears away with a paper bag.

"We tried to base the plastic bag monster on the movie *IT*, so he was

with lighting, but post production remains the most time-consuming task.

"We filmed it all within the span of one day, but editing took two weeks for our team of five," Jackson said.

Writing student Sahar Golshan picked up professional videography equipment for the first time last summer through the Reel Asian Unsung Voices program.

Golshan's short video Kar Sahar is inspired by her father's life as a cab driver. Working with community sector non-profits allowed the University of Guelph student to take her storytelling off paper and onto the big screen.

Her goal was to film a personal story about her father who immigrated to Canada. He was a cab driver who lost his job because of upstart ridesharing companies.

The story takes place on a nostalgic father-daughter drive through the neighbourhood and landed her the People's Choice Award at the festival. It also shared the 2019 Air Canada Short Film or Video award at the Toronto Reel Asian International Film Festival.

"It's nice to see people here, but it's also nerve-wracking to have an audience"

-SEAN JACKSON

THIRD YEAR MEDIA STUDIES STUDENT

always lurking in the background," Jackson said.

Many students showcased their work in front of the live audience for the first time. This also allowed a few students to pick up filming equipment for the first time.

"It was our first time using external lights," he said. "Measuring the brightness so it didn't reflect off surfaces was the most difficult part."

Filming presents its challenges



KRISTEN CUSSEN

Sean Jackson, a third-year media student, took home the Cinematography Award at GuHu Media's film festival.



AKANKSHA LAMBA

Freelance model Astrid Sedgvick talks about the importance of buying second-hand and sustainable clothing.

Thrifting, renting solutions to waste created by fast fashion industry

Akanksha Lamba

SENIOR REPORTER

Antoine Zikry, a second-year fashion arts and business student at Humber North campus, wants to encourage his fellow students to thrift.

The fashion industry is the second largest consumer of water while manufacturing clothes, which makes it unsustainable, according to Business Insider.

“Sustainable fashion is usually environmentally friendly,” Zirkry said. “It is made on more ethical practices and that usually lasts longer.”

Sustainable clothing eliminates the need for constantly buying new products.

Zikry recommends organic cotton and wool for men’s fashion.

Some retailers are trying to be more sustainable in their clothing as it is becoming a trend as people realize what they are wearing is causing harm, he said.

“By thrifting, we can recycle the clothes by wearing them again,” Zikry said. “Men have a lot of options when it comes to dressing sustainable — a pair of woolen pants and linen shirts are a must for this season.”

Astrid Sedgvick, 21, a freelance model and a first-year fashion arts student at Humber North campus, said thrifting can result in a more durable wardrobe.

“I think shopping vintage for things like fur and leather is okay

because it’s secondhand and you’re not actually contributing to unethical practices,” she said.

Sedgvick suggests students visit the Humber boutique at the college’s North campus as it promotes vintage and sustainable clothing.

“I will be able to rent something that’s very unique and high fashion for a very affordable price and I think I will be contributing to ethical standards by doing that,” she said.

The Humber boutique has a pop-up sale every year to promote sustainable fashion.

“It doesn’t have to be something boring — you can show your personality through anything, you just have to be conscious of how you get your clothing,” Sedgvick said.

She recommends buying bamboo and recycled cotton as it’s one of the most sustainable fabrics.

Bret Samba, 23, a fashion arts and business student at Humber North campus, said how sustainable fashion is unique.

“For me, thrifting is one of the best things to do right now because it saves our environment,” Samba said. “Throwing clothes would cause a lot of waste to go to landfills and it is better to save clothes and donate.”

She recommends students buy knitted sweaters and sweats for the winter from a thrift store.

“I would also recommend high waist pants and turtle neck sweaters,” Samba said.

Zikry believes sacrificing and buying something of high quality



AKANKSHA LAMBA

Antoine Zikry suggests looking for organic cotton and wool when thrifting for men’s fashion.

will help people make their wardrobe last longer.

“For sustainable shopping, people should buy clothes from local designers who provide sustainable clothing, as they are affordable and eco-friendly,” he said.

Music student’s new single breaks into Billboard Dance Club Top 40

Liliia Smichenko

A&E REPORTER

First-year Humber music student Avery Raquel began 2020 by entering the second semester of her music course at Lakeshore campus hitting the Billboard charts with a Top 40 song.

The 18-year-old Toronto-based pop-soul singer’s song “Pieces — The Remixes” was released as a single early January, based on a cut from her third solo album *My Heart Away*, and has since been inching up the Billboard Dance Club Song Chart to 35.

“I write from personal experience,” Raquel said. “I do it so, in a way, that whoever is listening is able to connect to it.

“It landed on the chart because of the remix that we got done, and it was very exciting development in my career for sure. I’ve never been happier,” she said.

Raquel, who is from Brantford, started her career long before arriving at Humber’s doorstep.

When she was four she started to play piano and violin, and by seven she played in musicals. Her first job was as an actor on a TV show pilot as Avery Kadish, her family’s last name, on the dystopian sci-fi show “Falling Skies” by Steven Spielberg, and she also acted for a very first Canadian production of *Mary Poppins*.

It was after that foray into acting that Raquel singer started developing her music career, and at age 15 she released her first album *With-*

out a *Little Rain* produced by Greg Kavanagh.

Now, she has seven singles and three albums, that were written by her. The remix of *Pieces* helped her hit the Billboard chart.

Raquel was number three breakout artist on the chart in early January with “Pieces — The Remixes”, pieced together by remixer StoneBridge.

An EP with 10 remix versions was released Jan. 24.

The dance remixes are a bit off Raquel’s usual jazz, R&B and soul path.

She recalled when — at 13 — she sang at New York City’s Birdland jazz club, one of the oldest and influential spots for the genre.

She was on vacation when she heard that Birdland was hosting an open mic evening. She asked if she could sing on the stage, and the host agreed, not knowing her background.

“[It] was really nice of him because I was super young at the time and he was taking a chance on me,” said the young singer. She now has an open invitation to sing any time she’s in New York.

Raquel said her songs are about how everything happens for a reason as she’s trying to keep up with studies while managing her career which appears in the fast lane towards stardom.

“As I’m growing my career, they’re [teachers] all just more and more supportive and they understand if I have to miss a class for performances and whatnot,” she said.



LILIIA SMICHENKO

Singer-songwriter Avery Raquel’s song “Pieces – The Remixes” debuted on the Billboard Dance Club Song Chart at 50.

EDITORIAL

Corruption in Peru makes for an uncertain future for its people

South American politics is complicated. And dangerous, fraught with violence and corruption.

Chile remains in turmoil following protests sparked by bus fares. Protests and riots ensued, and tensions remain. Argentina faces economic collapse, again. Venezuela is almost a non-functioning state, Bolivia had a coup and the once narco-state Colombia which had been fighting a war until recently with rebels seem normal in comparison.

And now let's add Peru to the list. Corruption and political logjams have led the land of Incas into a constitutional crisis.

It began when Pedro Pablo Kuczynski, leader of centre-right PPK, was elected president in 2016 over opposition leader Keiko Fujimori, daughter of the imprisoned former president Alberto Fujimori, jailed for corruption and crimes against human rights.

This set up the logjam what effectively ended the cooperation between the national congress of 130 elected members — a majority of members of Fujimori's party

Fuerza Popular and allies — and the president. We see a similar situation in the United States as the Republicans and Democrats are butting heads and failing to move forward. Representatives and senators are foisting party over country, and that leads to dangerous partisanship and ineffectual government.

In Peru, the infighting practically led to the political fracture of the nation into two.

The political crisis forced the 81-year-old Kuczynski to quit the presidency. He was also accused of receiving payments from a consulting firm when he was the minister of state, and has since been accused of moral incapacity and to "buy" votes from some congressmen.

A new president was installed, Martín Vizcarra, who was the Peruvian ambassador to Canada in March 2018.

Meanwhile, IDL-Reporteros, an independent journalist agency, revealed a corruption case that linked politicians, soccer players, judges and others to influence peddling. Further, the National Council of Magistrature, which screens and

nominates judges, was accused of being a "criminal organization."

"We are at a special time in the country where we are seeing major examples of corruption among officials in the judicial branch — we have to change that," Vizcarra said in a 2018 press conference.

The following year, another major scandal broke. Odebrecht, a Brazilian company, was investigated about bribery involving different Peruvian governments over the past 19 years. Their representative, Jorge Barata, revealed the company gave money to all the presidents in those two decades.

That revelation led to the suicide of former President Alan García on Easter Week 2019.

Vizcarra later shut down the legislature just before Congress was discussing a confidence vote. It was the sixth time a Congress in Peru has been dissolved.

Last month, the far-left Union por el Peru, a party led by Antauro Humala, a retired army major imprisoned for killing policemen, got 13 seats. He is the brother of the centre-left ex-president Ollanta Humala, but Antauro is much more



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Keiko Fujimori, daughter of former president Alberto Fujimori and leader of the opposition in Peru arrived at court for a money laundering case.

radical and said recently if necessary, he would kill his brother.

Some of Union por el Peru's proposals call for the killing of corrupt politicians and to impose the death penalty to many other cases, including femicides. Today, Kuczynski is confined to his home accused of corruption, Ollanta Humala and his wife are on trial for corruption, and Keiko Fujimori is in jail, accused of corruption, ex-president Alejandro

Toledo is imprisoned in the United States for corruption, and Garcia, the former president, committed suicide last year for corruption.

Elections are planned in April 2021. But they may prove to be futile. Clearly, the crisis in Peru is based in corruption. There is nothing any individual politician or Congress can accomplish until the dreaded plagues of greed and graft are eradicated.

OPINION

The blue bin is not a magic bin — the fantasy of recycling suffocates our future



ANUSHKA YADAV
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I have never been a fan of recycling.

I remember being taught the 3Rs in middle school, the entire class would chant together, "reuse, reduce and recycle." The teacher would remind us every day about the growing use of plastic, how its filling landfills, and the air and water being polluted.

There would be skits and street plays organized by the school to

encourage environment-friendly behaviour. But I could never see plastic being a hindrance. I was not a proponent of recycling because I never saw the need for it.

In 2015 after graduating from university, when I looked around, I realized that, yes, plastic littered everywhere I looked. Plastic overflowed from garbage bins, plastic blocked wastewater pipes, plastic floated in holy rivers, plastic piled up in hill stations we visited for our vacation and heaps of plastic decorating the village my grandfather grew up in.

"Indians consume 11 kg of plastic per year," a 2018 Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) report said. I was not a fan of recycling because even though I recycled, I could see plastic growing every year.

I came to Canada to study journalism last year and witnessed the wonders of recycling. Once a week, I would talk to my friend in India and tell her how Canadians have

three separate bins.

I called the blue bin the magic bin. My landlords diligently separate waste and put recyclable waste into the blue bin for recycling.

I started liking recycling but questioned the way I would still see garbage bins at Humber or around the city filled with plastic.

Before talking to authorities about recycling, it was necessary to look at consumers' behaviour at Humber, the students, the staff and the occasional guests.

As one walks towards the cafeteria or cafes in the college, you will notice plastic cutlery, food boxes, coffee cups and food wrapped in plastic.

What is wrong with paper coffee cups or food boxes? They're coated with less than five per cent plastic per cup to prevent leaking. This composition makes it difficult for it to be recycled since it is impossible to break down the cup or box into pulp.

The coffee cup mountain outside Tim Hortons is a work of art created by the Office of Sustainability. It

represents just 8.6 per cent coffee cups Humber produces as waste, Humber College's 2019 Solid Non-Hazardous Waste Audit said.

"We understand change makes people uncomfortable, we're not here to shame or blame anyone. But everything depends on supply and demand," said the Sustainability Communications and Events Coordinator Tayler Buchanan.

"We're spreading the message and hoping students make small changes like bringing reusable cutlery and coffee mugs," Buchanan said.

The next time you go to get a Tim Hortons coffee or snack, notice the small green office right beside it. A team of merely five people are bringing small changes that impact our lives in unimaginable ways.

Now while I realized I have never been a fan of recycling because when an Indian consumes 11 kg plastic every year, an average North American consumes 109 kg plastic, according to the FICCI report.

I have never been a fan of recy-

cling although 582.5 tonnes of garbage from Humber is disposed to a landfill. Out of the total garbage, 33.8 per cent is non-recyclable waste produced by North campus, Humber's 2019 Waste Audit report said.

I have never been a fan of recycling because, despite all the recycling, only nine per cent gets recycled with 87 per cent of plastic waste ending up in landfills or dumped somewhere in the environment, an economic study of the Canadian plastic industry, markets and waste by Environment and Climate Change Canada showed.

One million plastic bottles are purchased worldwide every minute, and of those, less than 11 per cent are recycled in Canada, and about nine per cent globally, according to Waste Reduction Week in Canada, a coalition of not-for-profit environmental groups and the 13 provincial and territorial governments.

Indeed fellow Humber students, let us become complacent and not be fans of recycling.

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THOUGHTS ON THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS WINNING THE SUPER BOWL?

I would say it was a moving moment... It was a good win for them especially for the coach, who had the most records in NFL history without a ring.



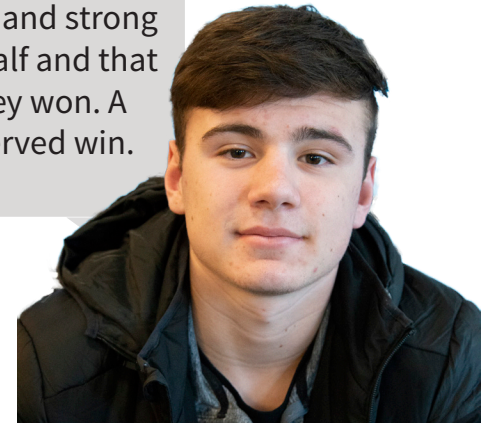
ANDRE EDGECOMBE
COMPUTER ENGINEERING, 3RD YEAR

I did not care who was going to win but I was really happy that the coach won. Because he is a great coach and he has never won before.



ROMAN MBWASI
INFO TECHNOLOGY SOLUTION, 2ND YEAR

I thought the game was really good. I thought the Kansas City Chiefs had a really good and strong second half and that is why they won. A well-deserved win.



MAX FERRARI
SPORTS MANAGEMENT, 1ST YEAR

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN STUDENTS PREP FOR CHAIR SHOW

Odin Cappello with second-year Industrial Design students Collin Jarvis and Han Yang prepare for the Chair Show.

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Hawks' volleyball team 'over the moon' with rookie recruit Fadare's confidence

Jonathan Frasco
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber Hawks' Joshua Fadare has made his mark on the men's volleyball program establishing himself as one of the top rookies in the country.

A heavily sought after recruit, Fadare's athleticism is a sight to see and his impact on a match is unparalleled.

"We were obviously over the moon, and glad when he chose us," head coach Wayne Wilkins said.

Humber knew from Fadare's club days that his potential was undeniable, but the question was whether the program could offer him what he wanted as well as a team that could compete at the same level.

"When he came out to practices and met with the team and started playing with these guys everyday, he realized they can compete," Wilkins said.

But despite all the hype, the rookie Radio Broadcasting student was still nervous about coming to Humber.

"I mean, for my first year, I'm just trying to stay level headed," he said. "I'm working hard and just seeing where it takes me and how things are going to go."

Calm, cool and collected, Fadare's presence has a ripple effect that spreads to the rest of the team.

"It's reminiscent of some of the best players that have ever come through here," Wilkins said. "It

"If you make a mistake, you make a mistake," he said. "I like to move on."

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team is the number one ranked team in the country, posting an impressive record of 14-0.

The Hawks' message to the nation that they're the team to beat was by winning in straight sets nine games in a row and only losing two

“For my first year, I’m just trying to stay level headed”

-JOSHUA FADARE

FIRST-YEAR VARSITY VOLLEYBALL PLAYER

gives this sense of calm that in times, when things are getting tough, you've got confidence in this guy that you believe can side-out at will."

It's maintaining that level head and having a short memory that allows Fadare, of Markham, to perform in those tough moments.

sets the entire season.

The team believes Fadare is the best rookie in the OCAA, and Humber awarded him Athlete for the week of Feb. 3.

Fadare said he doesn't think about being the best rookie, but is going to continue to work as hard as he can.



JONATHAN FRASCO

The Hawks are 14-0 with rookie phenom Fadare bolstering the attack.

TALES FROM HUMBER

Erin Haven: my hopes for Hope Town

Bahamas is a paradise on Earth, but no one has cared much about my country up until the worst natural disaster in our history hit us — Hurricane Dorian. We were even the most searched thing on Google in 2019.

I'm Erin Nicole Haven, I grew up in Nassau. Nassau is the capital city of the Bahamas and lies on the island of New Providence.

The Bahamas is a small country constituting of multiple islands, and it is safe to say that for someone like me, who wanted to study interior design, it was much needed to step out of my home country.

But only a few weeks that I was here, in Canada, Hurricane Dorian hit the country that I call home.

It had been originally coming for my island, but it ended up changing paths and going to the northern islands which are still very close to home. Grand Bahama and Abaco were affected the most.

I have been to Abaco countless

times in my life. It is just a 40-minute flight from Nassau. Our friend in Abaco maintains a key (a key is a small island) and we usually stay there whenever we visit. It is like having our own private island.

Hope Town is one of my favourite places from home. It is a small village island located in Abaco. My cousin owns a house in Hope Town and it is like a second home to me.

There were times when we could go golf carting around Hope Town and we went to go see the lighthouse one time. That time, when we actually went on top of the island, looking at Abaco, looking at the boats, set out in the harbour, looking at Hope Town, it was so beautiful. I don't know when I can do that again.

Hope Town is now completely destroyed. The docks were ripped apart, the buildings were ripped apart, and my cousin's house was actually ripped apart, too. It is now a home without a porch, which is

absolutely devastating.

I was here when I found out, and I was heartbroken. Knowing that I can't go back there for a while broke my heart. My parents were here too and they were originally supposed to fly home but because of the hurricane they could not.

My friends and family were talking about it and it sucked because I felt helpless and I could not do anything about it. Even my sister and my brother were back home. Usually when a hurricane is coming we all board up the house together and we all sit and wait for it to pass by.

But now I'm in a completely different place where nothing is happening and I was constantly thinking about my family going through the aftermath all by themselves.

And I am not even there to see what is happening.

Because there are many Bahamian students going to school here, I found people talking about how drastic it was and people actual-



KAJAL MANGESH PAWAR

Erin Haven is an interior design student at Humber North campus.

ly making efforts to raise funds to help people of my country. It was very heartwarming to see everybody trying to help people get back on their feet.

The islands are now recovering but many people are still homeless and most of them have moved to Nassau.

AS TOLD TO KAJAL MANGESH PAWAR

Men finish month undefeated after 12th straight win

Francis Commey

SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team made it an even dozen last Thursday evening when they won their 12th straight victory, defeating the Niagara Knights at the North campus Athletic Centre.

The Hawks, who have been on a roll since the start of the second semester, extending its streak after losing its first four games of the season.

The turnaround is being led by fifth-year forward Jaylan Morgan's 23.6 points a game average since the start of the second half of the season. He's averaging 18.3 points a game since opening tip-off.

Morgan's play Thursday also helped grab another win over Niagara, 105-97. He led the Hawks with 26 points, four rebounds, a steal and a block while recording his seventh game of at least 20 points this year.

Fourth-year guard DeQuon Cascart had a great game offensively and defensively, with 22 points and three steals in 17 minutes.

Shae Phillips said this is the kind of effort he likes to see from his teammates.

"We're bringing it offensively and defensively with a lot of intensity," the first-year guard said. "I feel like we're a complete team that's very dominant which will end up going all the way at Nationals."

Humber took the season series 2-0 against Niagara this year by putting a class effort against Knights.

"Honestly, I've made it a personal goal to just be better from the start of the second half of the season, I don't care about scoring, I care about winning," said Morgan, who has been tearing up the OCAA of late and continuing to propel the Humber Hawks higher in the standings.

"We're playing really well right now from top to bottom but it's one game at a time," he said.

Assistant coach Chad Bewley said that the Hawks still need to improve.

"We're not a perfect team," he said.

"We still have a long way to go before we get to where we want to



FRANCIS COMMEY

Keith Laryea running the fast break against multiple Niagara defenders. They also won against the Royals on Jan. 30.

be but this game keeps us on the right track to getting where we want," Bewley said.

That poor start has become a motivator for the Hawks, who have become the hottest team in the

West division. They finish January undefeated along with beating four of the five teams they faced in January by a minimum of 13 points a game.

The 12-4 men's basketball team

will be faced with a bigger task this Thursday against the Redeemer Royals (11-3) who have already beaten them earlier in the year.

Now the Hawks look for revenge at home.

Hawks stalwart forward Jaylan Morgan awarded Athlete of the Week

Jayvon Mitchum

SPORTS REPORTER

Men's Humber Hawks basketball player Jaylan Morgan is leading in average points per game with 18.3 among his teammates. He is second with 7.3 rebounds per game and second with a 53 per cent field goal average.

What else?

Oh yeah, he's tops in three-point percentage with 38.7 and 81 per cent in free throws.

For that, he was named the Humber's male Athlete of the Week on Jan. 27.

But Morgan says he's not done and believes what he's accomplished is only the beginning.

"It's cool and humbling to get acknowledged for something like this, but I'm trying to build up on that through every game I play from now on," the fifth-year forward said.

With Humber's season turned a troubling 0-4 start into a double-digit winning streak — 12 as of today — after defeating Mohawk 114-100, Fanshawe 93-80 and most recently Niagara 105-97, he and his



JAYVON MITCHUM

Jaylan Morgan furiously running to the net in a game against the Niagara Knights. Morgan scored 26 points.

team have a lot to celebrate.

Throughout the Mohawk game, Morgan had achieved a career-high

of 40 points, with 15-of-17 shooting from the field (88.2 per cent). He also had six rebounds, four assists, and a

block, leading to a spectacular night.

Many including the Hawks assistant coach Chad Bewley are "proud"

of the hard work he put in and for the acknowledgment he "deserved."

"He's really hit his stride second semester," Bewley said. "His 40-point game was one of the best individual performances I've ever seen in a post secondary game."

His teammate rookie guard Shae Phillips also believes his teammate deserves the attention people are now giving him.

"Every time I reach the gym, I see Jaylan. His work ethic speaks volumes to us, even to me," Phillips said. "He's definitely not scared to go into the paint when he needs to. He's not scared to shoot when he needs to. He's an all-out beast that can handle every position on the court when he needs to."

With his team continuing to win, Morgan hopes to continue to work on his skills and continue the streak against Redeemer Royals on Thursday.

"Basketball is the game that I've been involved in since I was a kid," Morgan said. "It's the game that's always going to keep me on my toes, and the game that's always going to allow me to be the best man on the court possible."



PABLO BALZA

Miea Campbell-Johnson going against multiple Niagara Knights defenders. They returned to the winning path.

Women outscore Niagara Knights for 95-55 victory

Pablo Balza
SPORTS REPORTER

It didn't take long for the Humber women's basketball team to return to the win column.

The team bounced back from its Jan. 25 overtime loss, the only one of the season, by beating the Niagara Knights 95-55 on Thursday evening at the North campus Athletic Centre. The women closed January by averaging a league-leading 87 points a game.

Throughout the game, forward Miea Campbell-Johnson made her presence felt, achieving her second double-double of the season with 17 points and 13 rebounds, with two assists and two blocks.

Starting the first quarter, Humber had control in the early minutes as they built a 20-8 lead over the visiting 1-12 Knights. But Niagara pushed its way back into the game with a 13-4 run before ending the quarter.

Humber kept extending the lead by dominating both ends of the court and outscoring Niagara 23-7 in the second quarter. The Hawks defence was able to limit the Knights' offense to only two baskets and seven points in the second.

Niagara only shot two-of-22 (9.1 per cent) from the field. On the other hand, the Hawks made nine-of-20 (45 per cent) in the quarter as

Humber finished with an 18-point leading heading into half-time.

The Hawks launched the second half with a 15-4 run keeping the game out of reach for Niagara. Eight different Hawks scored 22 points in the quarter as they shot 10-of-18 (55.6 per cent).

As the lead continued to widen, the Hawks got help from their bench players to close the game, including Jessica Daniel, a fourth-year guard, who scored 15 points in the fourth quarter, a personal best.

"I mean, it was a slow start in the first quarter, and it was a little concerning, but as they understood where the opportunities came of-

ensively and defensively, they performed better," said head coach Ajay Sharma.

"For the next games, we just got to sharpen everything to execute the offensive and defensive plays well-executed," he said.

Daniel agrees, saying there's still room for improvement.

"I think we played good, but there's a lot to improve such as our rebounding but overall we played a good game," she said. "There's more to achieve as coach said but it was a good game and we have to keep our heads up."

The Hawks play their last home game Thursday against the Redeemer Royals on Feb. 6.



PABLO BALZA

First-year guard Brittney English goes for a lay-up against the Knights.



DAVID PASTOR

Troy Black has been named the new head coach of Hawks men's baseball team. The Hawks won gold at OCAA and bronze at CCAA last year.

New baseball coach talks challenges, past successes

David Pastor
SPORTS REPORTER

Troy Black was named the new head coach of Humber's men's baseball team starting in the 2020 season, said Ray Chateau, Humber's director of Athletics and Recreation.

Black spent the last two years as the assistant coach for the men's baseball team with his focus being centered around working with the infielders, as well as hitting and base running.

During that time, Humber had an overall batting average of .337 with 13 home runs, 271 runs scored and 77 stolen bases.

The men's baseball team has seen tremendous success in OCAA competition, winning back-to-back provincial titles in 2018 and '19 with Matthew Ferreira and Jeff Gibbs as head coaches.

Black said he's learned much as assistant to Ferreira and Gibbs over the past two seasons and is excited to take his coaching style in collaboration with what he has learned.

"I think just taking what I saw from them, and kind of applying that to my own coaching style as well," he said. "I've learned a lot getting to watch Matt and Jeff and see how things work at the OCAA level."

Last year's National tournament didn't go as planned for the Hawks

finishing fourth in the tournament as division rivals Durham Lords would win the championship last October.

Black said the Humber held tournament was a good learning experience for him and the team.

"You got to go out and do the work," he said. "You got to make sure we're taking it one pitch at a time."

"No matter what the game no matter who the opponent," Black said.

He says there are many athletes coming back next season and he praises them for their dedication and determination to the game.

"A lot of the guys that we've got coming back this year are guys we have had on teams in the past and that's part of the reason I took the job in the first place," he said. "Just getting to work with a really good group of guys, a good coachable group of guys, guys who want to win, guys who want to work hard."

Black is confident in the group the team already has and is looking forward to the next set of athletes to step up in their new roles.

Last season Humber finished with a record of 13-5 and despite the league getting better, Black thinks next year's group will be just as good as years past.

"Anything less than an OCAA championship to me is a failure," he said.

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