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# Staffing issue leaves LinX lounge dry

Kettelia Wright and Matt Owczarz  
NEWS REPORTER

There is not a single drop of alcohol in Humber North campus' bar for the start of the school year.

The beer taps are dry, the fridges are unstocked, and there are no bottles adorning the bare shelves at LinX, but students do not seem to care.

"I don't think it's a big deal," said Amandeep Johal, a cosmetic management student.

"I mean, there's no reason to be drinking in between class anyways."

Don Henriquez now manages the lounge after bar manager Daniela Trozzolo resigned before this semester started.

LinX, located in the LX building, still offers students pool tables, TVs to watch major events, and a Smoke's Poutinerie to chow down on, but alcohol might no longer be served.

Paul Iskander, director of campus

services, plans to reassess the space in light of changing social habits.

"Year over year, we've seen a decline in sales, and the reason for that is that student behaviour changed when it comes to alcohol drinking and consumption," he said. "A lot of the students are underage when they are coming in to the college, from ages 17 and 18. They can't really enjoy the pub as much."

Iskander said Humber does still have liquor licenses for both the North and Lakeshore campuses.

"The Humber Room is still serving alcohol," he said. "They serve beer and wine. If a student is ever feeling like they want to have a drink then the Humber Room is still available for drinks."

Iskander said that assessing what LinX will be in the future is now the challenge.

"We want it to be more of a hangout place to have fun. We are



DANIEL CAUDLE

As the LinX lounge continues to serve no alcohol, the shelves remain empty waiting for further notice.

planning on building more arcades games, bringing in a talent night, or even a movie night," he said.

LinX will still honour the pre-approved pub nights Trozzolo had set up before she left. This will include

an athletics pub night set for the last week of September.

"Although we won't be serving alcohol, the pub will for special occasions," said Iskander. "At this point in time it looks like Chartwells will

provide the alcohol for these events."

It is not clear if this will mean a surge in the price of alcohol, as LinX previously had a deal with Molson Coors to supply its alcohol, which Chartwells does not have.



MICHELLE ROWE-JARDINE

Humber College union President Robert Bolf is using buttons and bulletin boards outside the union office at the north campus to try and inform students about the potential strike.

# OPSEU pushes right to call a potential strike

Michelle Rowe-Jardine  
NEWS REPORTER

The bargaining table is the only thing standing between Humber College and the picket lines.

According to a Sept. 21 OPSEU press release, the bargaining team for the colleges' 12,000 faculty asked the conciliator to issue a "no-board" report, putting the parties in a legal strike or lockout position in mid-October.

The union says the no-board request was made to kick start "real negotiations." It hasn't set a strike date, and a five-day notice of either strike action or a lockout is required.

The request follows a Sept. 14 strike vote where faculty at 24 Ontario colleges voted in favour of giving the bargaining team a strike

mandate. The union said 68 per cent majority approved across the province, with Humber's faculty voting 67 per cent in favour. Faculty includes all professors, instructors, counsellors and librarians in the province.

Stalled negotiations between the College Employer Council and the Ontario Public Service Employees' Union prompted the vote.

"A lot of our demands, they won't even discuss right now at the table," Humber faculty Pearlina Lung said.

The council tabled an offer to extend the existing contract for four years, with a pay increase.

Humber President Chris Whitaker said contingency plans are being developed, but they won't be publicized unless a strike takes place.

"We've had very few strikes in our

history but they always take a strike vote in bargaining," he said of OPSEU.

An update appeared on the Humber website with information regarding the OPSEU negotiations, including an assurance that no student had ever lost a year of school because of a strike.

Whitaker worked at St. Lawrence College in 2006 when the last strike occurred. He said the strike lasted 18 days, and the semester was extended to let students make up for learning that was missed.

No student was "short-changed" any of their learning outcomes during the strike, he said.

Humber Union President Robert Bolf was on the picket lines during the 2006 strike and he said the main bargaining point then was "the quality of education."

He said this has worsened since 2006.

"We don't feel students are getting the value for what they're paying for," Bolf said.

The OPSEU bargaining team is negotiating for, among other things, academic freedom: faculty having more authority in how classes are taught and how students are evaluated.

Bolf said academic freedom is key to ensuring students get the education they're paying for.

"Faculty are subject matter experts with experience, yet faculty aren't able to decide what goes into a course... from our perspective that's just not right," he said.

Conversely, Whitaker said, "faculty have a lot of freedom in how they teach the curriculum."

Unlike universities, Whitaker said,

"Colleges have program standards which are approved and set by the Ministry... that we have to follow."

The parties are also negotiating monetary issues, with the government currently offering a 7.5 per cent pay increase over four years, with the union aiming to improve benefits for contract workers.

Bolf estimates 75 per cent of Humber faculty are currently on contract, either as part-time or partial load instructors.

"Contract faculty don't know from term-to-term whether they will be employed, so it's highly stressful, there's no guarantee of reemployment and they only get paid for teaching hours," he said.

"At one point we need to make a stand... as uncomfortable as this is for everybody," Bolf said.



# Justice grad killed in car crash

**Dan Caudle**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Although he may have graduated from Humber, Sean Seeber's tragic death will keep him apart of the Humber family.

Seeber's life was cut short Sept. 9 when a single vehicle accident occurred in the Lakeshore and Avonhead Roads area in south Mississauga. The 25-year-old Oakville native was killed when the car he was a passenger of veered off the road around 3 a.m.

Off-duty Peel Region Const. Tristian Kettles, assigned to 11 Division in east Mississauga, was the driver of the vehicle and was also killed in the crash, according to Toronto police, who is investigating the crash. A third person in the car suffered injuries not considered life-threatening, police said.

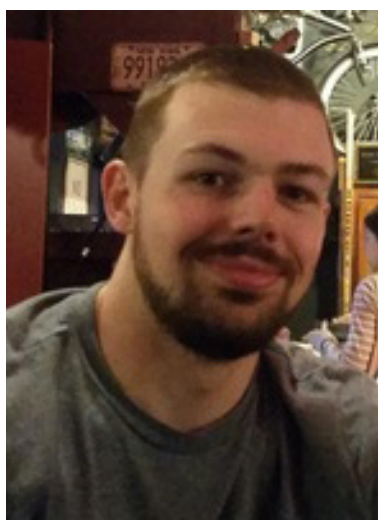
According to his obituary, Seeber was an honours graduate of the Humber police foundations program and was actively pursuing his dream to be a police officer with Halton Regional Police.

In the meantime, Seeber was working as a mental health assistant at Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial Hospital.

Seeber was an only child and is survived by his parents, Scott and Tara Seeber, as well as his girlfriend Amanda Tanti, with whom he was deeply in love with, the notice stated.

"He was a 'Big Brother' and an active member of his community, volunteering his time and energy to many causes," the notice stated. "There are no words sufficient to express the depth of our family's loss.

"Sean was an incredibly vibrant,



FAMILY PHOTO

**Recent justice studies grad Sean Seeber was one of two men who died in a single vehicle crash in south Mississauga on Sept. 9.**

ambitious and compassionate young man, with a hunger for life," the family notice stated. "He possessed a smile and personality that would light up the room.

The recent graduate left behind not only a great school, but an outstanding reputation with the faculty and administration of Humber's police foundations program coordinator and retired Peel homicide detective Richard DeFacendis.

"The administration was notified and I sent out a formal communique to all faculty members," he said. "Faculty and administration alike were shocked deeply saddened by the news. A promising life ended far too soon."

Seeber left his personality and willingness to achieve the highest honour any police foundations student could have wished to leave with Humber, DeFacendis said.

His parents ask that anyone who was touched by his death to leave a donation made to Big Brothers and Sisters of Canada. No formal service was planned but a celebration of life is being planned.

# 10,000 Humber students receiving free average tuition under new OSAP

**Sunny Bains**  
NEWS REPORTER

The Ontario government made universities and colleges in Ontario free for students from low-income families or independent students, making it more affordable for the middle-class.

More than 210,000 post-secondary students in the province, about one-third of all full-time students, will have the cost of college or university covered this year. The new system provides more generous grants and loans to students in need, in effect covering the cost of tuition for students whose family income is less than \$50,000.

Half of the families earning less than \$83,000 will also benefit.

The policy has been greeted warmly by student bodies and teachers across Ontario.

"I think it addresses a core issue and the issue is that post-secondary education was not accessible to everyone," said Maja Jocson, president of the Humber College student government IGNITE. "The solution they came up with was this change, and I want to make sure that we're all ready for it."

Ingrid Anderson, Ministry of Education spokesperson, said in an email that about 13,000 Humber students receive OSAP and of those, 10,000 are receiving free average tuition.

OSAP applications are up by 10 per cent with 50,000 more students applying this year.

Applications from Indigenous students rose by 36 per cent and from mature students by 28 per cent, with a 20-per-cent increase in applications from those applying to universities,



SUNNY BAINS

**IGNITE President Maja Jocson said that Ontario's new OSAP rules address the issue of accessibility for students in post-secondary education.**

according to a ministry statement.

Professor Kevin Ramdas at Humber College's engineering department thinks the policy is very good for students.

"From my experience, I find that students usually have to balance their financial commitments in the form of part-time work along with



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**Maja Jocson**  
IGNITE PRESIDENT

their academic commitments at school," Ramdas said.

"If the policy relieves students of some financial stress then students can focus more on performing well in school"

Deb Matthews, Minister of Ad-

vanced Education and Skills Development, said the new system will be more accessible but cost taxpayers about the same, \$1.3 billion.

Some tax breaks have been eliminated, Anderson said in an email interview. Parents who received tax breaks on their children's education expenses and students who worked got tax credits for their tuition will no longer receive those benefits, she said.

Ontario University Students Alliance (OUSA) long campaigned against those tax credits.

"The new OSAP is largely a result of OUSA's long-standing advocacy to reallocate tuition tax credits to upfront OSAP aid," said alliance president Andrew Clubine. "Tax credits were originally intended as financial aid to students but were ineffective and largely benefited students from wealthier families.

He said the new plan is more effective, efficient and equitable.

# Students say training not enough, they prefer paid internships

**Fox Johnson**  
ARTS REPORTER

Humber students weighed in on how they feel about not being paid for time spent at internships coordinated by the school.

They say they want to be paid.

Two unscientific polls by Et Cetera conducted from Sept. 8 to Sept. 11 show that of 80 respondents, 71 say they should be paid and only nine feel they shouldn't.

Megan Mapley, a second-year Recreation and Leisure Services

student, is one of the nine.

"The company is taking the time to teach people and give them practical experience is the reason programs have internships," Mapley said. "Having that opportunity to learn first hand is an award in itself."

But fourth year nursing student Jaime Taylor said that award isn't worth the chase. Her registered nurse placement requires her to work full-time but she also works part-time.

"Why am I paying full tuition to work for free?" Taylor asked.

"That doesn't seem right to me."

The Humber website says two terms of nursing program cost \$7,633.92 or \$3,816.96 per term.

Another nursing program, practical nursing, is two years long and has students working 40 hours a week in unpaid placements to reach the 1,035 hours of participation needed.

Stephanie Kratz, an internship coordinator for the Humber College School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism, said an internship is for students to get real world experi-

ence, practice professionalism, network with veterans of their industry and more. She said they offer both paid and unpaid internships.

Taijean Moodie, a first-year mechanical engineering student, shares Kratz's opinion that internships are an opportunity for students to get real world experience. "When we're in college or university, it's all paperwork and you're not getting the real life experience," Moodie said. "You don't get to use those skills that you learned until you're actually out in the world."

Kevin Andal, a first-year game programming student, agrees with Moodie that internships should be paid to help offset tuition fees.

"When we're working there, we're spending time there, but if we're not getting paid it might throw off some people," Andal said.

Interns are entitled to protections under Ontario's Employment Standards Act, including the minimum wage. But there are six conditions found on the Ministry of Labour website the employer can avoid paying interns.



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# New tech hub links education, industry

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BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber College is preparing to take a bold step forward into the future as construction of its new state-of-the-art technology hub is scheduled to open next spring.

Once operational, the Barrett Centre for Technology Innovation (CTI) will immediately become the heart of technological innovation at Humber.

The new addition to North campus scheduled to open in April 2018 will be a huge benefit to students and faculty alike.

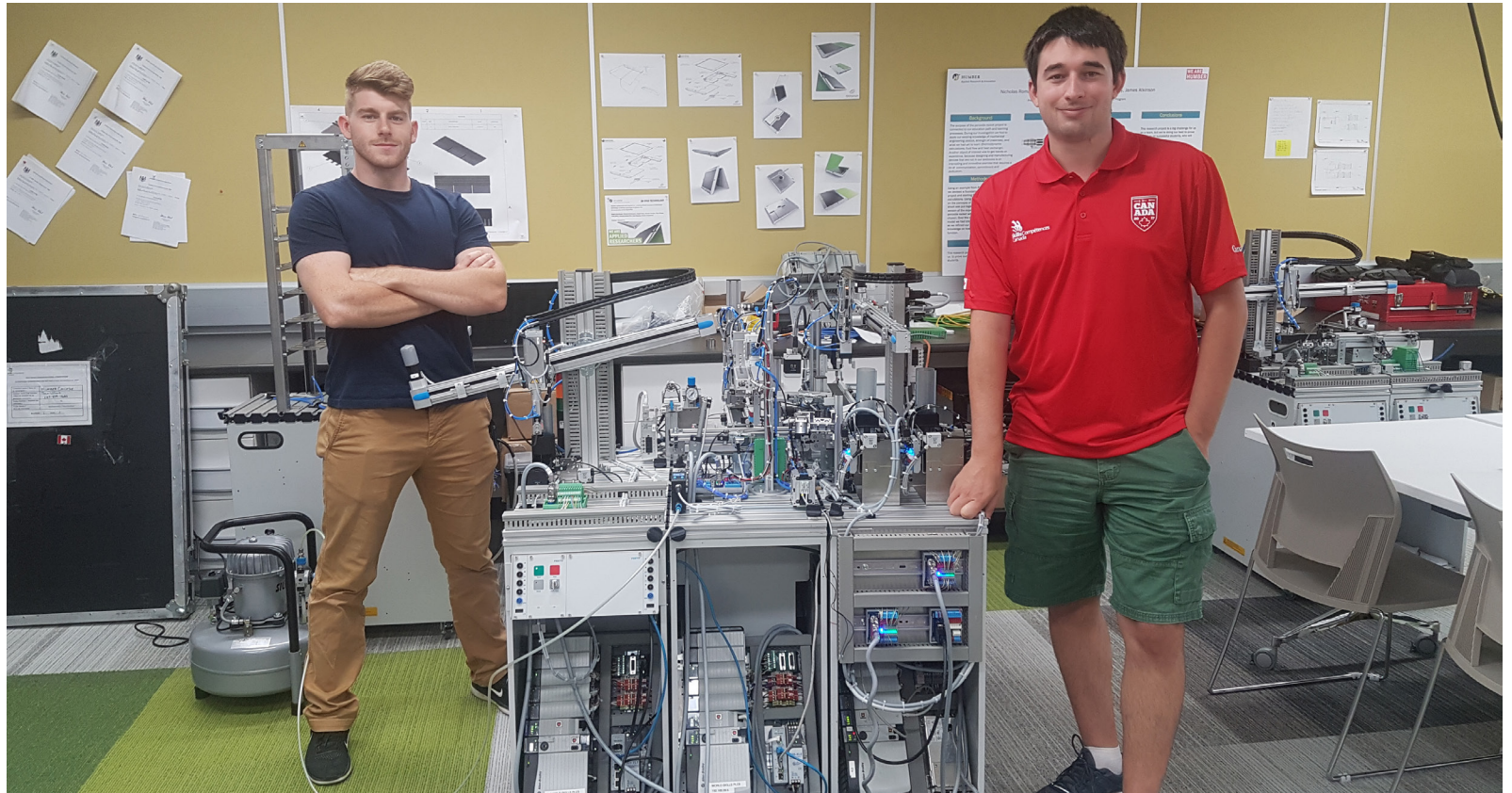
The 93,000-square-foot facility has no classrooms, but it will contain dedicated space for students to conduct research, design prototypes and manufacture products.

One of the core principles behind the CTI is increased collaboration with tech companies partnered with Humber.

The space available in the new facility will allow these companies to work directly with Humber students on various projects in an effort to solve real-world industrial problems.

Companies will also bring to the CTI some of the most cutting-edge technology available. Humber students will soon have advanced equipment in mechatronics, robotics, computer control systems, virtual reality and 3-D printing at their disposal.

"In the past, we had to go and work at outside facilities to finish certain projects because Humber lacked the equipment," Avery Bird said, a grad-



ZACHARY MCGREGOR

World Skills competitors Avery Bird (left) and Theo Willert (right) stand next to the miniature computer controlled assembly line they constructed.

uate of Humber's electromechanical engineering program.

Bird said starting in 2018 companies will be coming to Humber and setting up shop in the CTI rather than the college going to their facilities.

The CTI will also give students production space, so they can design and test prototypes for actual products.

"The new facility will get students out of the classroom, give them direct hands-on experience and en-

courage them to find solutions to real-world problems," Darren Lawless said, Humber's Dean of Applied Research and Innovation.

Cisco Systems Canada, Siemens Canada, Universal Music Canada and Xerox are just a few of Humber's industry partners involved with the CTI as listed on their website.

"Working directly with these companies on campus will also benefit students when it comes to mak-

ing contacts in their field of study or forging a career path," Lawless said.

Another core principle of the CTI is the multidisciplinary research expected to take place between students in different fields of study.

There will be opportunities for all Humber students to come together and use the facility as technology is linked to all fields of study.

"We want the CTI to be popular with both students and our in-

dustry partners," Neal Mohammed said, the director of the Centre for Technology Innovation. He said it is imperative for students to maintain relationships with our industry partners as it may lead to a future career opportunity.

The fundamental goal of the CTI, however, is to ensure students have the technical tools and support they need to launch a tech-based career in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Future of robotics in the hands of engineering students

Terrence Bishundayal

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber student Jonathan May knows that one day, robots will do a person's job without a human presence.

That's how advanced robotics have become in the last few years.

"The advancement of robots leads to job integration, as they can be placed in most jobs and eventually all jobs in the future," May said. "Assembly jobs are frequently completed by robots, rather than a person working hands on."

May adds at least for now, humans will still need to supervise and monitor machines.

"For now, many jobs still require people's presence, as machines have more advanced stages to go through," May said.

May entered the program with an estimated 119 other students, and continues to study in his final year.

Robotics is one of many aspects he is studying in his program, in his final-year at the North Campus.

The Electromechanical Engineering Technology program will teach students the skills required for a manufacturer's engineering activities using automation, or

vautomatic, equipment.

Aside from robotics, students also acquire other skills for machining, hydraulics, automation, control systems and computer control methods.

David Van Anlesvoort, another third-year student, has also gained some work experience, corresponding with his studies in the electromechanical field.

He worked at GIT Security Systems assisting in the installation of alarm systems in the summer of 2017.

Anlesvoort's task is to place wires in houses under construction.

"It's easier to run wires in houses under construction because there are no walls in the way," he said.

Anlesvoort then installs the alarm panels and sensors and tests the alarm system's functions.

"This process takes about one to three days, including the consideration for minor mistakes," he said. "Major mistakes such as construction workers taking apart the wires could take up to one additional day (at the least) to identify and fix the issue."

Anlesvoort's work experience is similar to what May said about getting practice.

"Many friends and classmates

have higher employment opportunities, throughout the duration of this program," May said. "On many occasions companies visit and express their interest in students working for them."

Some students work during the summers or obtain an internship, which gives them a higher chance of graduating with a full-time job.

While coordinator and professor Tyler Clapperton agrees work experience is valuable, it goes back to the content being taught in the course and how it is presented.

"One major reason electromechanical engineering is effective, is because students are being taught integration," Clapperton said. "When I worked in the field, I worked as a team because other people had their own positions, which was essential to the job."

He said students are learning the skills of each position now so they are well prepared later in third-year.

"By third-year, many students will take the skills they have and put them together," he said.

Clapperton recommends students take the three-year program instead of the two-year, to learn how to further develop their skills.



TERRENCE BISHUNDAYAL

Electromechanical Engineering Humber student David Van Anlesvoort leads the rest of his group members for their next project in room N107 at the North Building. The project is one of the few major class assignments.



# Ontario plans ‘safe and sensible’ framework for pot

**Demetre James Politis**  
LIFE REPORTER

Ontario released a “safe and sensible” framework in response to the federal government’s plan to legalize cannabis by July.

The framework, released Sept 8, will set the minimum age to buy and use cannabis to 19 and allow LCBO to sell in stand-alone stores, according to an Ontario press release.

About 150 stores will open by 2020 and will sell cannabis separate from alcohol and consumption will be confined to private residences.

People won’t be able to buy edible products, and private cannabis dispensaries will remain illegal.

Ontario is also planning an increased enforcement strategy to shut down all illegal dispensaries, after several raid operations, including the most recent Canna Clinic raids in June that led to 80 charges.

“Preliminary work is underway at Humber to prepare for the potential implications of the legislation for our campus,” Andrew Leopold, Humber’s director of communications, said.

He said Humber College will align its campus policies with the legislative requirements governing the sale and use of marijuana, as well as focus its approach on safe use.



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Attorney General Yasir Naqvi, centre, Minister of Finance Charles Sousa, left, and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Eric Hoskins speak during a press conference where they detailed Ontario’s solution for recreational marijuana sales, in Toronto on Friday, Sept 8.

“With new legislation, we anticipate the need to provide additional health education regarding safe and responsible cannabis use and the potential implications of use on mental health, especially for those under 25,” Leopold said.

While the government is set to take full control of the lucrative cannabis industry, cannabis use and safety remains a public concern.

Whether cannabis should be sold through the public or private sector, and which sector could do a better

job at protecting the youth, are questions Torontonians continue to ask.

Daniel Bear, a criminal justice professor at Humber, researches drugs policy and the policing of drugs.

He said government monopolies are preferable from a public health

perspective. However, it’s a matter of how well the government responds to demand.

“The challenge is if the government monopoly is unpopular or unable to provide the product or the access that people want, then it doesn’t matter if there’s a public health benefit in the government sector if the people aren’t actually willing to buy from the government,” Bear said.

Aside from the challenge of connecting with the culture, Bear said pricing cannabis appropriately is an additional complexity the federal government must figure out.

“Theoretically, the private sector would be able to do lower prices,” Bear said. “Government bureaucracies tend not to be cheap, but there’s a sweet spot in there, where the prices are low enough to undercut the black market, but not so low as to encourage use beyond which is already sort of naturally in our society.”

Julian Oreskovic, a 17-year-old electrical engineering and control systems student, said while he doesn’t use cannabis himself, he respects the freedom of being able to at a legal age.

“I think if you’re old enough, then go for it. I don’t do it myself, but it’s your choice,” Oreskovic said.

## Budget for Life workshop gives students tools to manage finances

**Ross Lopes**  
LIFE REPORTER

Humber College’s Budget for Life event taught students Monday how to manage their finances.

The event focused on ways students can change their spending habits to create a manageable budget and was run by Humber’s First Year Experience (FYE).

“When we start spending our money extravagantly, whether it’s going out to parties or shopping, it gives us a nice feeling inside, however, it ends up forming a habit,” said Kristopher Caine, a peer mentor from FYE.

Humber student Mosimiloluwa Femi-Ladiransaid said the event taught her about planning her finances and budgeting with what you have.

“It taught me that [my finances] can be proper if we plan ahead,” she said.

“What we got to do is take a step back, pencil out how much money you are making, what kind of money you are spending and cancel out what you don’t need from what you need,” Cain said.

He also said students who buy materialistic goods to show off for other people is one reason why students are in debt. “Make yourself feel comfortable and know how to use your



ROSS LOPES

Students learned to budget their expenses and manage their finances at First Year Experience’s Budget for Life workshop on Monday, Sept 18.

money properly,” Cain said.

Budgeting is a way for students to track one’s expenses with their income to make sure that they are not spending more money than they are making, FYE peer mentor Kevin Machado said.

“When you spend more than what you make, you are going to go into debt,” Machado said. “If you don’t stop now it’s going to be like

the snowball effect, [only getting] bigger and bigger.”

One way for students to solve this problem, that was talked about at the event, is to track expenses in a daily agenda, similar to the way students do for their academics.

“An agenda is your best friend,” Cain said. “[It creates] a plan. Those who don’t have a plan, plan to fail.”

Students tend to track what they want instead of what they need, but when it comes to our finances, they are more prevalent to our future, he said.

“When it comes to our loans, we think we can pay it later,” he said. “It’s better to deal with it now, get it out of the way because you don’t understand how much it will be a burn to you eventually.”

“Make yourself feel comfortable and know how to use your money properly”

**Kristopher Cain.**  
FYE PEER MENTOR.





KIT KOLBEGGER

Students and faculty got together to make music during a Jam Session at Humber's Lakeshore Campus Auditorium on Wednesday, Sept. 20. It was the first student-faculty jam session, though students and instructors alike were enthused. Lucas Dubovik (below) said he found playing with faculty intimidating but thought he performed better than expected.

## Jazz students join idols on stage for first ever student-faculty jam session

**Kit Kolbegger**  
ARTS REPORTER

Susan Weaver, an elderly resident of south Etobicoke, joined students and community members alike at Humber Lakeshore on Wednesday afternoon for a very simple reason.

"Jazz."

Weaver didn't need to say anything else.

The Bachelor of Music program played an hour of improvised music during its first-ever student and faculty jam session.

Nathan Martin, 21, a fourth year student of the program, said while he didn't play on Wednesday afternoon, he's excited about the new event.

"You break a little bit of the teacher-student barrier when you do this kind of thing," he said.

Martin said he was nervous for the friends of his who would actually be taking the stage.

"It's always nerve-wracking to play

for people you idolize," Martin said, adding many faculty members are influential in the Toronto music scene.

He said for some students performing may be just the push they need to get over their nerves.

The first performance had a quartet of students accompanying their teachers on a variety of instruments, including Lucas Dubovik, 18, who played the sax.

Dubovik said he was frightened before stepping on stage. He said being a first-year student, playing with "ridiculously good" faculty members and "amazing" students from other years, was intimidating.

But he has a simple way of dealing with that anxiety.

"Pardon my French, but," he said, then he cursed and shrugged. He smiled, steeled his nerves and said, "jump on stage."

Despite his earlier anxiety, Dubovik said he thought the performance went alright.

"It went better than it did in my head the night before," he said.

He said he planned to participate in the next student and faculty jam session in January.

"I'll take every chance I can get to jump on the stage with amazing players," Dubovik said.

Program coordinator Andrew Scott said he felt jam sessions were a great way for students to learn the art of playing jazz.

"Jazz music is a participatory music. It's music you're supposed to play and participate in," Scott said.

Scott, a guitar player, said he thought about signing up for the performance today, but saw that the docket was already pretty full. He said maybe he'd play next time and talked about what songs he'd pick.

"If I could play any song, I guess I would like to play something by Charlie Parker or Duke Ellington" because they are master musicians, Scott said. "Or Thelonious Monk."



The next jam session will be a faculty jam session on Tuesday, Sept.

26, at the Rex Hotel at 194 Queen Street West near University Avenue.

## Test Centre aids students with disabilities or language hurdles

**Nathalie Leveille**  
LIFE REPORTER

Some Humber students can't see their tests, others need to hear them, while some need a translation.

For those students, help is available at the Humber College Testing Centre, a quiet space that helps those with disabilities or language hurdles overcome challenges when it comes to testing.

The centre, in operation since 1981, is located on the second floor of the Learning Resource Commons at Humber's North campus.

Tom Ford, one of Humber North's Test Centre counselors, said the centre helps students "who either have accommodations or have

had problems with their tests." The test centre also helps international students and applicants writing admission tests.

He also said accommodation letters which outline a student's needs helps determine how the centre might provide support in taking tests or exams.

"We try to work with the students, and they help us understand what they need to write their test," Ford said.

He said an instructor drops off an exam for a student, indicating whether the student needs extra time, or specialized software. Sometimes students might need a scribe, which is someone who would write down the answers for the student.

Kurzweil 3000 is an example of a

special software that students with impaired vision use to see tests.

"Those are things that they can't necessarily provide in a classroom because they don't have the resources, or the time to do so," Ford said. "The professors send the tests here, or email us a copy of the test materials. We provide the extra time, and the software for the students."

Andrew Knowles, another counselor at the North Campus Test Centre, said it took time to develop Humber's modern-day facilities.

"We didn't start the test centre in the way it is now really until about 10 years ago. We used to provide a small room, services just for students with conflicts," he said.

"As time passed, these projects

expanded. Here at Humber North, we have well over 100 seats with computers ready to help students with the tests," Knowles said.

He explained the number of tests administered literally number into the thousands.

One of the improvements the test centre adopting is Register Blast, a website that allows professors to upload the tests, so students can access and complete them by computer.

Wayne Morison, a Humber North testing assistant, said both faculty and students find the method to be more effective and time-saving.

"Professors, for example, can send the test to us from wherever they are at any time of the week," he said.

Students can use private rooms in

the test centre if they require quiet space to write the test.

Jacqueline Johnson, another testing assistant at Humber North's testing services, said the Register Blast system has become increasingly popular.

"We have an online system where teachers can upload their exams, and after the students finish the test they can send them back to their teachers," Johnson said.

"We've moved to doing placement and admission testing on Register Blast," she said. "Professors are being trained on how to submit, and receive finished exams."

The test centre improvements are "just more user friendly, and more convenient," Johnson said. "One more thing, less paper."



## EDITORIAL

## The voices, goals of Humber's Et Cetera

Humber Et Cetera has an agenda.

Our Editor's Handbook outlines both our long standing objectives and the expectations we have for ourselves: "Journalists are professionals whose code of conduct demands that they tell the truth. We earn credibility and the public's trust only by adhering to strict policies of honesty — telling balanced stories accurately and fairly."

Since our first issue in 1993, the newspaper has strived to achieve that goal. Most of the time, we succeeded, but there are times when we didn't reach that height.

With so many students involved in the reporting process to obtain stories and seven editors working diligently to produce a weekly newspaper, we want this newspaper to be

spread throughout all of Humber.

We plan to achieve that by providing in-depth and high-quality news coverage. Et Cetera aims to tell the stories that matter to Humber and its students with an emphasis on truth and journalistic integrity.

The newspaper will cover all of the significant and interesting events that impact the diverse student body, distinctive school clubs, organized student government and all the other communities that make up Humber.

In the digital society of today with social media consciousness and "fake news", the Et Cetera is itself caught in this time of ethical crisis. We want to help bring good journalism back to the forefront.

Like Humber's women's volleyball team, we want to make the Et Cetera a brand the students can

trust to deliver them the most dedicated story possible.

As journalism evolves, so does technology. News outlets, publications and writers go on social media to promote their piece and bring attention to them.

This creates a conversation with a wide range of the audience. We must, and will, accustom ourselves to the evolving journalism industry by adapting to the technological changes.

Our daily campus events always strive for something amazing or something dramatic that our reporters live for. Some stories can be so fascinating that it may be difficult to add some personal input, but our job is to report it as it is.

We want our readers to be the ones who want to tell us their story and how our stories make them feel.

Sports often gets much of the attention here at Humber, especially at the North Campus and it definitely should. What some fail to realize, though, is the depth of talent this college's arts programs offer.

Everything from music to comedy, to visual arts and digital design, Humber has both hands in the proverbial soil of this city's culture. The creative talent cultivated here has been recognized on both the national and international scale.

It is a part of our duty as editors to ensure this talent receives its earned recognition.

We want to be a voice for journalism, a place where young and old journalists can write what they're passionate about.

Humber College is only a tiny part of the world, but is a huge con-

stitution in the Etobicoke area. And while we're telling stories about people, we also want to give insight on how we feel on certain situations.

We have a reputation to uphold, but we also want to transform our stories into something that the community can read weekly and continue to keep reading for the years to come.

Humber's Et Cetera is an award-winning newspaper that has won many awards such as The Apple Award, The Silver Crown award and General Excellence awards. The newspaper, its staff and writers will strive to continue its award-winning ways.

It's time to bring Humber's newspaper back to its old glory days. We want this newspaper to be something we can be proud of, and something that can leave as legacy to the school as we graduate.

## Journalism versus an angry world



Sanzana Syed  
OPINION EDITOR

My mom always told me that my eyes could see into her soul. That my eyes were so big and wide as a baby, it was like I could see her life story unveil through them. Although they aren't as wide as they used to be, I've always lived my life reflecting that image of myself: a young, wide-eyed girl, who was always curious for information.

As a journalist, one of the most natural instincts is curiosity. It's that urge to ask questions in order to get the right ideas to develop a story. It's that instinct to take a photo that speaks out to you, whether it's what the sky looks like, or a protest on the streets.

But our world has shifted, and journalists are being scrutinized with every move they make. Young and old are being tested in their credentials, and suddenly, the people you've known to tell

the truth, to report the facts, is being questioned.

With news flowing in from social media outlets, John Carroll, a media critic and professor of communications from Boston University said it makes it difficult to know which stories are real. The best way to find out what's a fact and what's not are distinguishing creditable sources.

Carroll encourages people to dig into the story and do research, even if there is some kind of filter, but it's a shared street.

A 2016 poll showed only 11 per cent of Britons trust journalists to tell the truth. When the participants were asked how they'd describe the British Press, words like untrustworthy, and liars came up.

One of the most common word was fake.

"People do not trust the press to regulate itself and the cannot afford to take news publishers to court," said Jonathan Heawood, CEO of IMPRESS, a British website for independent journalism, which commissioned said.

It's a loud majority. It's also disheartening to hear that we're at all time low for being untrustworthy.

What's even more devastating is the treatment we get for having the title.

According to Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ), 25 journalists have been

killed in parts of the world in 2017, with motives of anti-journalism animus confirmed. In 2016, 48 journalists were reported killed, and in 2015, 72.

A good portion of these deaths occurred in the Middle East, but it's just a shocking number to read. It's an emotionally jarring job and a lot of people take that for granted. Those numbers can easily be someone I know from this class, in the future.

That frightens me.

I see it in people's eyes when I tell them I'm a journalist. Sometimes their eyes widen, and their body language isn't as open; their arms cross over their chest, hunched into their seat, and their responses become shorter.

Other times their eyes look blank.

The word journalist seems to be a taboo word. In certain interviews, I almost have to sugar coat my title to being just a student at Humber studying journalism.

However, I've had more interviews that went successfully than the ones that haven't. It's those interviews and stories I've written that I'm most proud of. The one I want to put in my portfolio.

Still, a part of me fears the outcome of journalism in the next five years.

In the end, however, it's journalism versus the world.

## Weed investments brings people the green: as in cash



Daniel Caudle  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There is still time to invest before the green train pulls away from the station, leaving behind everyone in a hazy cloud of marijuana smoke.

I don't mean go out and buy a big bag of weed to peddle on the streets to your friends. What it's time to do is invest in one of the many weed stock companies currently dominating the market.

It really is an easier way to make money off of a pending legal market. Instead of having fiends blow up your phone by texting and calling, then wanting to meet you in some sketchy area, all I have to do is check the stock market and I can see how much I am up. Plus this means I don't have to act like I'm friends with the people buying weed — we're not friends.

It's a business.

With the Liberals' plan to legalize marijuana, it has pushed these companies to the forefront of investment sites.

"To ensure that we keep marijuana out of the hands of children, and the profits out of the hands of criminals, we will legalize, regulate and restrict access to marijuana," said the Liberal Party of Canada in a statement.

Canopy Growth Corp is currently the industry leader in Canada, and is expanding worldwide. They are also known as Tweed, but known on the Toronto Stock Exchange as WEED. Being the industry leader since 2014, the company recently announced huge corporate deals and massive earnings reports. At its investors meeting in September, the company announced a majority of its stakeholders are doctors, lawyers and politicians.

It is much easier to be a college student who has already invested in this company. The stress melts away when you can look at your phone while sitting on your couch and see you've made your months' rent in three days.

According to Canopy Growth Corp., "Tweed doesn't just sell marijuana; it facilitates a conversation about a product we've all heard about but haven't met intimately yet. As marijuana

laws liberalize around the world, Tweed will expand its leading Canadian position around the globe."

There are many companies that students can look to invest into that are still considered penny stocks. Companies such as Aurora Cannabis Inc. trades in the \$2.70 a share range, WEEDMD goes for under a dollar a share and Emblem Corporation sells for less than \$2 a share.

These other companies, however, don't promise as big as a return as their market cap. Sales and vision is lacking behind the big players, but they do show some promise to battle it out when full legalization does occur next year.

As students, we do not have enough money floating around to play heavily into the stock market, especially if it takes a hit. However, after following this market for over two years, I have confidently played the market and come out well above my initial market investment.

If anyone was looking to buy stocks, these are the ones to get behind. It is a lot more fun to sell the theoretical idea of weed, than it is to meet some guy in a back alley and do the awkward exchange in a dark alley.



# Humber's women step up to the plate with OCAA dreams

Jahnelle Simpson  
SPORTS REPORTER

The second place OCAA powerhouse stepped up to the plate in last weekend against Fanshawe College and St. Clair College.

With a win in the finale, Humber's women's softball team split the weekend with two wins and two losses.

"I think we all wished for a better result," said third year infielder Meaghan Murphy.

The Humber women's softball team arrived at their doubleheader game against Fanshawe undefeated hoping to continue its winning streak in the 2017 OCAA season.

However, the win streak was shattered in the first game, losing 9-5 against Fanshawe.

"It was not the best, and it was certainly wasn't what we hoped for," said second year catcher and infielder Maddie Pasma.

In order to ensure these hiccups with defence do not occur again head coach Duaine Bowles hopes to buckle down on it for the future.

Those mistakes teach the Hawks how to adjust their game against their opponent, Bowles said.

However, it seems as if the Hawks buckled down quickly and had a bounce-back performance Saturday sweeping Fanshawe 10-0.

"If we would not have lost in those first games like we did we would not have come back game two and won either of those games," Murphy said.

Head coach Duaine Bowles put

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DUAINE BOWLES  
HAWK'S HEAD COACH

the fate of the Hawks in second year right-hander Rachel Matheson-Green.

She did not disappoint.

"Coming back and winning that game 10 to zero was huge for us,"

Murphy said.

Humber bought that same energy against St. Clair the following Sunday.

The Hawks secured a split weekend after the same results against the Saints.

Three out of four runs against Matheson-Green was unarmed which contributed to the loss in game one against the Saints.

However, Pierson led the team to a win in game two.

"Anything less for us would be a huge disappointment," Bowles said.

Humber headed to Durham to take on the Durham Lords on their home field.

The Hawks had winning on their minds and nothing else, Bowles said.

The Hawks have their eye on the prize and winning the OCAA is always the goal of taking the championship, Bowles said.

Humber split the games with Durham winning 15-14 and losing 5-1.

They hope to make adjustments as they prepare to take on the Mohawk Mountaineers on Sunday.



JAHNELLE SIMPSON

First year outfielder Kyra Gay steps up to plate against the St. Clair Saints Sunday. The Hawks won two out of four games in opening weekend.



COREY CLAYTON LOBO

Humber's Emily MacLean reaches for the ball as Renee Bowen looks on during an opening weekend game against St. Lawrence College at the Brampton rugby club on Sept. 16..

## Crushing victories for Humber's 7's team at opener

Corey Clayton Lobo  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's rugby champs are back on the field for their 2017 season, ready to defend their champion title.

After dominating the Women's rugby 7's season last year the returning champs were eager to show their opponents they were as strong

as ever.

"The goal is to get back to the finals and potentially win it again," said Humber head coach Dale Essue. "Our experience and that winning attitude we've developed over the years. If you work hard, you will outwork someone that's more talented than you."

The former OCAA champs opened their season on Saturday at

the Brampton Rugby Club which featured three games against Mohawk, Conestoga, and St. Lawrence.

The hawks won all three games in convincing fashion beating Mohawk 36-0, then taking on Conestoga leading to a 38-5 win before their final game where they demolished St. Lawrence 34-5.

Throughout the three games the lady hawks outscoring their oppo-

nents 108-10.

"We prepare for every team pretty much the same. We just expect that if we can play our systems right, and do the simple things well that we'll be okay," said St. Lawrence College head coach Kait Pasic. Christina Branch led the team with 38 points scored throughout the three games, which lead her to being named one of Humber's top performing ath-

letes of the week.

Humber, being the fan favourite to win the OCAA, looks like they haven't missed a beat following last season's outstanding performance.

They will continue their season and look for another stellar performance on when they face Seneca, Sheridan, and Loyalist, on Saturday Sept. 23 in Kingston.



### QUOTED What do you think of the strike vote?

I didn't even hear about it. I didn't know a strike could happen. If there is a strike, it could delay my classes.



**Shawn Chaves**  
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
3RD YEAR

Well, I guess it's going to impact on our courses because if they'll go on strike, we're going to have a few days off.



**Adriana Mejico**  
ACCOUNTING,  
1ST YEAR

I do want what's best for teachers, but again, I paid too much money to have them leave and have time off.



**Steven Hutchison**  
COMPUTER PROGRAMMING,  
2ND YEAR

### PHOTO OF THE WEEK HUMBER HAWKS PREP FOR NIPISSING LAKERS GAME

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team prepped before they headed north to play against rivals Nipissing Lakers last weekend. Jake Gomes (left) looks on as Daniel Rynold (centre) and Dylan Deversi (right) reach out to block a spike. While the women's Hawks finished the weekend by taking Saturday's game against the Lakers 4-0 on Saturday and 3-1 on Sunday, the men's team came out on the losing end of both games to Nipissing, losing 4-0 Saturday and 3-1 on Sunday.

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