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From left, Erika Caldwell and Julia Ciampa, both Board of Directors at University of Guelph-Humber; Monica Khosla, IGNITE President; Neto Naniwambote, Board-Chair North Campus, and Eden Tavares, Board of Directors-North speak at a Special Meeting of the Members regarding IGNITE governance changes on Jan. 22, 2020. The motion was approved without a headcount.

Lakeshore VP abruptly calls for vote on IGNITE changes

Jared Dodds

NEWS REPORTER

IGNITE's Special Meeting of the Members on Wednesday was cut short by a vice president who moved a motion to approve governance changes although questions were still being asked by voters.

The vote to change the mechanics of how IGNITE works took about 10 seconds. The motion that adopted sweeping changes in the way Humber College's student union governs by Lakeshore VP Ryan Stafford was approved without a head count.

"What just happened?" was heard from a row of students watching the proceedings at North campus.

The 11 a.m. meeting in the North campus Student Centre, which was simulcast to the Lakeshore and Orangeville campuses, policy changes would in part make the organization align with the pending Ontario Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

Humberetc.ca will be posting a complete story of the 32-minute meeting. A full update will be published in next week's Et Cetera.

The three proposals are headlined by shifting the executive positions, which include the president and the three vice-presidents, to hired positions as opposed to being elected by the student body.

They will be hired by the Board of Directors, which will continue to be elected by Humber students, ensuring the board would be recognized as the face of IGNITE.

The final amendment being put forward is the establishment of three different levels of IGNITE membership.

These three levels are Full-Time Members, who pay the mandatory IGNITE fees included in their tuition, Full-Time Enhanced Members, who pay both the mandatory and optional fees, and Part-Time Members, part-time students who pay a pro-rated mandatory fee.

Both categories of full-time members will be eligible to vote in IGNITE elections under the proposal, while part-time students will not. Nor is it clear at this point what the new functions of the president and vice-presidents would be if the changes were adopted.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) recent court victory quashing the Student Choice Initiative, which allows students to opt out of specific student union fees, is being appealed by Queen's Park. Apparently IGNITE will operate with the SCI in effect until the appeal process is completed.

However, the CFS noted the ruling by the Divisional Court must apply until an appeal determines otherwise.

IGNITE notes executive duties will include full job descriptions and duties expected to completed.

Unika Hypolite, IGNITE's communication's director, said the changes are meant to bring "certainty and

competency" to IGNITE, with students understanding it is the board that has power, not the executives.

According to IGNITE this is the way it has always been, but this change will cement that in the eyes of the student body.

"If you say to students, 'who's the front of IGNITE,' they go, 'oh, it's the president,'" said current Board Chair Neto Naniwambote.

As far as competency, an Oct. 29 IGNITE press release said the changes would lead to a "high quality of executive candidates, with relevant role-specific skills to offer to the organization."

IGNITE executive director Ercole Perrone said in that release the change would stop popularity from being a factor in determining the IGNITE executives.

Perrone urged reporters not to read too deeply into the language of the release when asked about the quote in the press release during a Nov. 11 meeting with Et Cetera.

The quote has since been removed from the release.

Perrone said the Special Meeting of the Members needed a quorum of 50 to be official. There is no limit on the number of questions each member can ask or how long the meeting will run. But questions ended when Stafford introduced the motion to vote on the policy changes. He said he didn't realize questions were still being asked when he introduced the motion to vote.

He said IGNITE expects the changes to pass based on the positive response members of the board and executives have been getting in conversations with students.

At a media availability meeting in December, current president Monica Khosla said the executive team tries to speak to an average of 50 to 60 students face-to-face per week.

She said face-to-face conversations are the main way the executive team interacts with students, deeming it more authentic.

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IGNITE violated bylaws on noting changes in meeting minutes

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The minutes from IGNITE's Board of Director's October meeting were incorrectly altered without noting it with an amendment as required by its bylaws.

According to Robert's Rules of Order, which IGNITE adheres to, amending something previously adopted requires a majority vote at the next meeting of the board.

Until that next meeting, the previously approved minutes will have a note posted either noting this information has been changed and what the original information was, or noting the information is wrong and will be adjusted at the next meeting.

However, IGNITE altered their minutes with no notes of the original content.

The change was to correct a mistake in the section regarding the approval of the 2019-2020 budget for Humber College's student union.

The original approved minutes listed expenses of \$1.2 million in the general expenses section. When the original revenue and expenses sections were balanced out, they showed an excess of almost

\$800,000 in revenue.

Board chairman Neto Naniwambote was unaware of what could have caused the excess when asked about the imbalance at a November meeting.

Ercole Perrone, the executive director of IGNITE, later clarified at the same meeting the variance was caused by a typo in the minutes, and the general expenses should have been listed at \$1.9 million.

Perrone told reporters the minutes would be corrected as soon as possible.

A few hours after the conclusion of the meeting, Et Cetera reporters discovered the minutes had been changed with no note or amendment posted.

This is uncommon for organizations and in violation of IGNITE's own bylaws.

IGNITE states in its constitution its adopted rules of order and procedures at all meetings "of the Members shall be the 'Robert's Rules of Order - Revised.'"

This required method of stating errors with notations is the standard course of action, according to Maria Racanelli, the program co-ordinator for business administration at Humber College.

"You can make it [the change] right there, and say objection or correction noted, it will be updated, and a revised copy will be sent," Racanelli said.

"Absolutely" the change should be noted in the original minutes with the error, she said.

Racanelli said changes in the minutes need to be noted for the purposes of accuracy and governance accountability, and the magnitude of the error never changes how it is addressed.

She said if someone went into previously approved minutes and changed something without noting it, there could be "a huge governance issue."

"If someone changes something and doesn't advise the rest of the committee it isn't a criminal offence, but would be subject to consequences," Racanelli said.

At a later meeting she said even in the case of a simple typo, IGNITE still must note it made an error and the minutes had been updated.

"When you make a change to a note, you have to stipulate it," Racanelli said.

A note of the amendment was never placed in the October minutes.



JARED DODDS

Maria Racanelli, program co-ordinator for Business Administration, said IGNITE needs to ensure they follow rules of good governance.

Perrone said on Jan. 15 the change would be approved at the board meeting later that night.

The minutes have been approved without the amendment.

"My line of reasoning is I wanted to have correct information rather than incorrect information and

I didn't want three weeks to go by with either, a) wrong information to be posted or, b) no information was posted," Perrone said.

When asked if IGNITE would post amendments in their minutes in the future when making changes, he said it was "not a bad idea."

New green wall a breath of fresh air in NX building

Beatriz Balderrama Baleeiro

NEWS REPORTER

Students passing by the NX building will now get the chance to breathe some fresh air.

Humber's most efficient energy building continues to implement mechanisms to improve its community's quality of life with more sustainable renovations.

The latest "mechanism" is an all-natural green wall.

"NX used to be one of Humber's most energy inefficient buildings and it was costing us a lot of money because there was a lot of hot air leakage," Sustainability Specialist Devon Fernandes said.

"Humber decided to renovate it and now it's one of North America's most energy efficient buildings, it's extremely well insulated. Now colleges and universities around the world are looking up to Humber as an example for energy and green infrastructure," he said.



BEATRIZ BALDERRAMA BALEEIRA

Students passing by Humber's new green wall in NX building. It is the second green wall on campus.

The new green wall connecting Humber College to University of Guelph-Humber was launched last week to highlight the building's retrofit and get students' attention to the ideas that put Humber's sustainable mission on the map.

"This wall gets us a Passive

House certification," said Graham Jones, graphic designer at the Office of Sustainability. "The challenge was to build something on a wall to highlight it so that it doesn't go unnoticed by students and staff and visitors.

"These projects are very famous

in the environmental and energy community," he said.

The certification is considered to be one the most rigorous voluntary energy-based standard in design and construction industry, according to Passive House Canada's website. The benefits of executing

their standards include control over indoor air quality and temperature with simple to use and durable systems.

"We explored a lot of ideas and eventually landed on this idea. A company called Ginkgo Sustainability supports all our actions," Jones said. "All the moss is actually preserved moss, and it's ethically sourced."

The wall also gives Humber credits in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), an internationally recognized green building certification system that improves energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions decrease, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

"It's great seeing nature inside, you can definitely feel a difference in there with just how the place smells, how it feels the humidity, the air quality is a lot better," architecture student Paul Noriega said.



ABIGAE RUTO

Portraits of victims of the Iranian plane crash are displayed by candlelight at a Humber and IGNITE organized remembrance event on Jan. 16.

Humber mourns Iranian crash victims

Abigael Ruto
SENIOR REPORTER

A tearful Farzad Rayegani remembered his colleagues and friends who died in the Ukrainian plane crash, downed by possibly two Iranian missiles.

The senior dean in the Faculty of Applied Science and Technology at Humber College said in the Jan. 16 memorial at North campus' Barrett Centre that everyone should grieve but build the strength to move on.

"We cannot be angry and in loss forever," Rayegani said. "We have

to come together and grieve but tomorrow is a new day"

The event organized by Humber College and IGNITE for both North and Lakeshore campuses was in support of families mourning 176 passengers aboard Flight PS752 who died.

The fatal crash saw 57 Canadians, 82 Iranians, four casualties from Afghanistan and Britain, and three Germans with nine crew members from Ukraine.

Among the 176, there were 138 heading to Canada mostly for the beginning of the school semester.

"Many universities and colleges across Canada lost students and faculty," Rayegani said. "These are people and students who had hope for the future. We are sad and angry"

Humber College did not lose anyone, but people at the event shed painful tears because they lost friends and colleagues or knew someone who had lost a loved one, he said.

The University of Alberta lost

IGNITE President Monica Khosla expressed her grief and sadness as she addressed the mourners.

Her loss for words limited her to a 40-second speech, stating how the shooting down of the airliner disrupted many lives and tortured families of the victims.

"Humber College has been affected whether directly or indirectly," Khosla said.

"When there is conflict, poor people that have nothing to do with it are affected"

-FARZAD RAYEGANI

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

10 students and teachers in the crash, including electrical engineering professor Mojgan Daneshmand and his wife and professor of mechanical engineering Pedram Mousavi. Their daughters Daria, 14, and Dorina, 9, were also killed.

"I lost two of my good friends and classmates Mojgan and Pedram, together with their two beautiful daughters," Rayegani said

He begged for a peaceful future. The crash brought back the memories of a war in Iran he was involved in more than 30 years ago where a similar plane crash occurred.

"When there is conflict, poor people that have nothing to do with it are affected," Rayegani said.

She acknowledged it was a hard event to experience and encouraged anyone going through a difficult time to visit the IGNITE offices and get the support they need.

"Part of being IGNITE is to help you get through the good times and the bad times," she said. "I will be happy to help anyone through this process."

As the room remained in a somber mood with a few sobs heard here and there, a moment of silence was observed.

"We should grieve and reflect on the joyful moments we had with our loved ones," Rayegani said. "We must think forward...and achieve the life our loved ones wanted."

Bio-inspired gadgets help scientists to imitate nature

Melanie Valente-Leite
REPORTER

Bio-inspired gadgets have begun to gain popularity in helping out the Earth and those living on it, from innovative window designs used to protect birds to echolocating canes for the visually-impaired.

"We're trying to imitate nature," said naturalist and educator Richard Aaron on Jan. 16 during a biomimicry showcase event at the Humber Arboretum Centre.

"Biomimicry is a completely different concept than mimicry. It's the discipline of applying interest principles, so it wants to coordinate to revitalize life and use it to teach," he said.

The concept behind biomimicry is to model modern structures, materials and systems after biological ones.

With inspiration from nature, engineers can develop tools that are unique and environmentally friendly, Aaron said.

Christina Li, a second-year Interior Design student at Humber, is taking a class in sustainability materials, attended the biomimicry presentation.

"I came to this event because I thought maybe it could help me when designing products," she said. "Also, because I'm taking a class on sustainability materials, so I thought it would be useful to incorporate that into my class and career."

Some examples include subway trains designed to resemble the beak of a penguin to allow air to flow through more effortlessly, significantly reducing electricity needed to operate, water bottles that use less plastic, or snakeskin inspired pipes that saved companies from constantly repairing them, which reduced the use of water and power.

"I enjoyed the demonstration of the products," said Marilyn Campbell, the Communications Assistant at the Humber Arboretum. "Seeing them in action was a great way to bring the presentation to life."

"The environment is what gives us life, to be able to see people use that in their work is amazing," she said.



ABIGAE RUTO

Farzad Rayegani, Senior Dean in the Faculty of Applied Science and Technology, is comforted during a memorial for Iran plane crash victims.

Students join nurses fighting violence against children in Uganda

Galvin Zaldivar

REPORTER

Uganda hosts the largest refugee population in Africa and that leaves children vulnerable.

Three in four young adults experienced some form of violence during childhood in Uganda, according to the 2018 Uganda Violence Against Children (VAC) Survey, a joint study by the African country and UNICEF of 5,804 children between the ages of 13 to 24.

Humber journalism students Lucy Lau and Harmony Multani, along with Humber Journalism professor Heather Kelly, partnered with a Danish university to report on the work being done to end systemic violence against children in Uganda.

"I think (the survey) says 80 per cent of children are abused," Multani said.

Lau said there are more than 1.4 million refugees in Uganda, the most of any African nation.

The Denmark Uganda Vietnam Exchange (DUVE) aims to create teaching tools and materials to educate students and professionals in communities where children are vulnerable.

The project is funded through the European Union's Erasmus+ Programme and led by Denmark's University College Absalon.

Jaspreet Bal, a Child and Youth Care professor at Humber, said she was invited to be part of the project to provide a Canadian perspective.

"So, we're creating just a whole bunch of different components to it," she said. "Folks are just visiting each other's countries or seminars



HARMONY MULTANI

Lucy Lau and journalism instructor Heather Kelly interview Leilah Bbaale, chief news editor and journalist trainer at Spice FM, a radio station in Hoima that broadcasts information for refugees.

and workshops, and then we're all working to create ... a website with multiple e-learning modules about violence against children in different countries, so different practitioners could use them on the ground."

Bringing these different perspectives, knowledge and experiences together, helped challenge the preconceptions of all involved, Bal said.

Humber sent postgraduate jour-

nalism students Lau and Multani, along with Kelly, to Uganda on Jan. 10 to document the work of DUVE.

"This project is threefold for us," Lau said. "The first part of the project is producing video content for them that they can share on a future website that illustrates the work they're doing here on the issue of violence against children and the learning materials and the workshops that they're facilitating."

Their work over that week will

also count towards their independent study course, where they will expand on the issue of violence against children, she said.

In conducting their research and preparations, Lau said they found Uganda is the host of the largest number of refugees in Africa.

Multani said participating in documenting DUVE is exactly the kind of journalism she wanted to practice.

"I wanted to get into journalism

because I wanted to capture these stories around the world that are potentially making change," she said. "And so as soon as this opportunity came up, I was really passionate about applying for it."

Lau said being able to test her skills in real life, high-pressure situations on such a project, has been a fantastic opportunity.

"I really applied to this program so I can improve my shooting and editing skills," she said. "And I feel like I've really had the opportunity for that here and being pushed into the deep end, I think is one of the best ways to learn because you're forced to adapt, you're forced to work and think and troubleshoot quickly on your feet."

To help prepare Lau and Multani with what to expect while working on DUVE, Bal said she spoke with the journalism students as they were heading over there and explained the project to them. "I was able to share a child and youth care approach to working internationally," she said.

In talking with Lau, Multani and Kelly, Bal said she cautioned about falling into the trap of "poverty pornography" when intimate images of suffering, especially those of children, are used to elicit pity.

She said the journalists need to employ a "cultural humility" framework that involves understanding the cultural identities of the people in the study while acknowledging their personal biases.

"We talked about how to be respectful, how to use a cultural humility framework and how to do international work involving children," she said.

Rotating Ontario teacher strikes puts stress on faculty, students

Kristen Cussen

NEWS REPORTER

Four elementary and secondary teachers unions in Ontario are picketing in rotating strikes in response to larger classes, job security, online courses and the legislated one per cent wage cap.

While post-secondary students are safe from a repeat of the five-week long province-wide faculty strike in 2017, the effects of secondary and elementary strikes are rippling into the lives of Humber faculty and students with children.

"It causes a disruption,"

said OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas, the head of the union representing college faculty and support staff.

The ability to attend and complete course work will become a challenge for students affected by the work stoppages. The rotating strikes also interfere with teachers' ability to deliver quality education while finding accommodations for their children.

Bill 124 has been a catalyst for teachers facing a slew of changes due to Progressive Conservative budget cuts.

"The principle of the argument

is that it's an interference with free collective bargaining," said Thomas, who calls the legislation "unnecessary."

Bill 124 will cap the wage increases of public sector workers at one per cent a year once existing collective agreements expire.

The cap doesn't match the annual rise of inflation, but most importantly, it neglects the charter rights of those in the union, the union argues.

Another portion of the argument lies in class sizing and e-learning.

Thomas said the integration of online courses is an effort to eliminate teaching positions rather than

enhance the learning experience for students.

"With the government, it's always about money," he said.

"For the first time in history, one generation has left the next generation and the generation after that worse off, and we should be ashamed of ourselves."

Post-secondary students may not be directly involved right now, but graduates entering the public sector will be the next generation to feel the effects of the one per cent wage cap.

"It's your future. You have to grab hold of it," Thomas said. "Young people should be putting the heat

on the older generation to do the right thing and make life better with full-time work."

He said the gig economy and contract work hurts job security. "The smartest thing I ever heard a young person say is 'I don't care about free Wi-Fi, how about you give me a full-time job.'"

The current collective agreement for college faculty expires next year. Thomas suspects "the employer will take up Doug Ford's gauntlet saying 'no more than one per cent'" when negotiations begin between the union and the College Employer Council in the near future.

eSports team fails to advance in first Smash event

Nathaniel Marksman

SPORTS REPORTER

Jumping into the second term of the semester, Humber's Super Smash Bros. Ultimate eSports team failed to advance in their first event of the year at Up Smash.

Two of Humber's Smash players Roger Nguyen-Phan, who goes by the alias Guts, and Kevin Witaszek were invited to this event to play against other Super Smash Bros. players from across Ontario.

Although this event was different from the average tournament style setting with one champion coming out on top of the rest, the objective of this event was to see which players could make it into the top eight for the final showdown on Jan. 25.

The game settings were based on the official Canadian Smash Rule



NATHANIEL MARKSMAN

Roger Nguyen-Phan, who plays under the alias Guts, says he hoped to make it into the top eight but will take this loss as a learning experience.

set that includes three lives, eight minutes on the clock, no items, and final smashes were prohibited. The player to win two matches moves up their bracket.

A total of 40 players entered the Jan. 19 preliminary round but only 32 could qualify for the chance to enter the tournament. Both Nguyen-Phan and Witaszek made it into

the round of 32, however Witaszek lost his first match after that to a player from the GTA.

"I am not frustrated by any means but I find this tournament to be a wakeup call to take my practice a bit more seriously and fix my bad habits," Witaszek said.

Nguyen-Phan, using his favourite character Joker, was able to make it to the round of the top 16 best players of the tournament when he lost to a formidable King Dedede player. Prior to this Nguyen-Phan had not lost a single match, defeating all of his opponents in 2-0 victories.

He said his "matchup inexperience," his lack of knowledge on the game Super Smash Bros. 4, made it difficult for him to understand and adjust to characters he had never played against before.

"Pikachu and Pichu are my worst matchups, low profile targets with little lag on their moves which makes it very hard for Joker to punish them," he said.

Coach of the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team Michael Wilson also attended the event in order to see how his players fared in this new type of tournament setting.

Wilson was formerly the team's assistant coach before taking over the role when previous coach Vivek Nath a first-year student in game programming stepped down.

"I'm at these tournaments mostly to be supportive, I know the players know what they need to work on and I leave that to them" Wilson said.

The team is now looking forward to the next tournament, which will be hosted at Humber College, on Wednesday.

NBA Champ Ibaka tells Lakeshore 'anything is possible'

Ashley Radcliffe

SENIOR REPORTER

Toronto Raptors power forward Serge Ibaka strutted his way down to Humber College's Lakeshore campus on Jan. 11 to talk to students about success.

But despite his wealth, his diamond-encrusted NBA championship ring, the seven-foot tall baller remembers clearly where he's from: "My past is what made me who I am today and it made me stronger.

"I don't give up because what I went through when I was younger, if I can survive that, I think that I can survive anything," Ibaka said.

Humber College is known to host many famous athletes, but this time it was Toronto's very own 2019 NBA champion as a guest at the IGNITE Real Talks event Jan. 11 in A Building to talk about how he became the multi-talented individual that he is today.

He truly believes "anything is possible" after becoming the first NBA player from the Republic of Congo to become a champion. Indeed, it's become his mantra.

Ibaka escaped a childhood of poverty and violence to become the man he is today.

"People in my family use to tell me stop playing basketball, 'you're wasting your time, and that basketball is going to take you nowhere,'" he said. "At the time it was kind of

true because we didn't have big time basketball players where I'm from."

Although Ibaka had family members who doubted his abilities, he said people can achieve by believing anything is possible.

"I refused to think like that back in the day," Ibaka said. "I said I'm not playing basketball just to waste my time. And I believed that anything is possible, and that I'm going to go and try."

But sometimes confidence needs support and he has launched the Serge Ibaka Foundation, a non-profit foundation that raises funds that go towards education and health care for people in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Republic of Congo.

Ibaka isn't just an all-star player who heads a foundation, but he's also known "Mafuzzy Chef" on his own YouTube channel called "How Hungry Are You?" The show, launched about eight years ago, allowed Ibaka to get cutting edge stories from Hollywood celebrities and veteran NBA players.

It went viral in 2019. Ibaka politely acknowledged of all the people he interviewed, San Antonio Spur and former Raptor player DeMar DeRozan had to be his personal favourite.

Although many may think that cooking crazy foods — like alligator claws and fish eyes — is one of his many specialties, Ibaka is also



ASHLEY RADCLIFFE

Toronto Raptor Serge Ibaka speaking to Humber students and guest at IGNITE Real Talks event on Jan. 11.

known for having a runway quality style.

Ibaka has taken over social media platforms such as Instagram with his unique outfits, and has become a trendsetter by captioning his chic posts with "Avec Classé."

His witty personality resonated with Humber students and guest, and even sparked some interesting questions.

"Will the Toronto Raptors become champions this year?" business student Justin Lombardo asked Ibaka.

Ibaka's response, of course, was simple and to the point: "Yes."

"His answer was obvious, but it's not every day you get to speak with a Toronto Raptor and I'm just happy that our school gives us opportunities like this," Lombardo said.

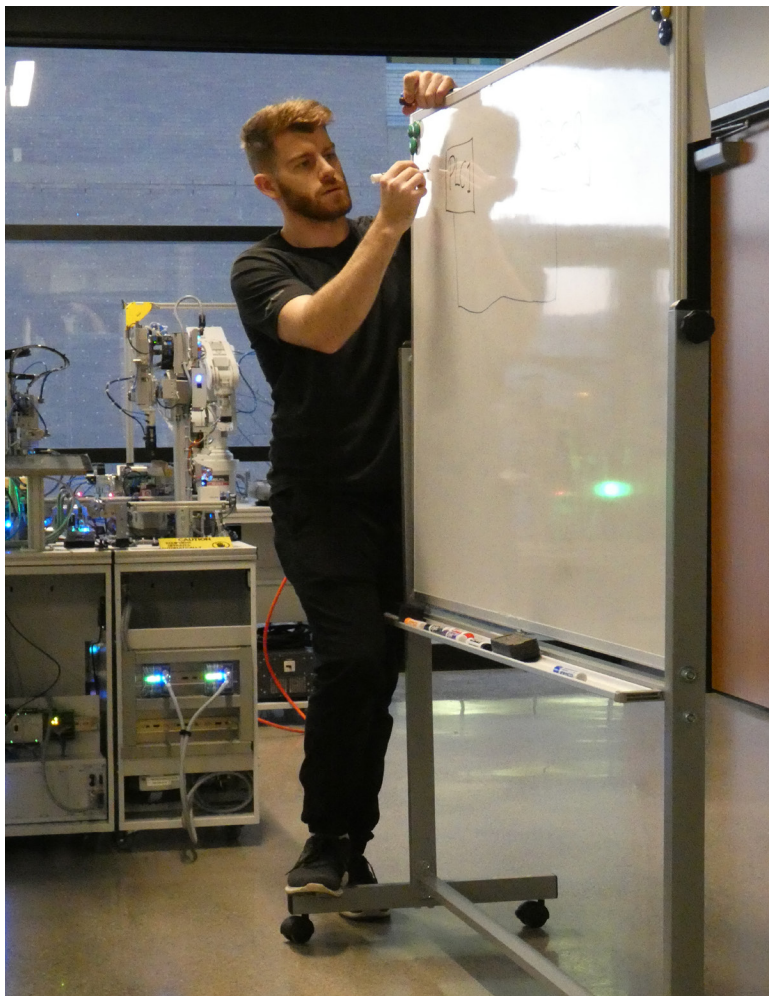
Many of the students and guests peppered him with questions based off their love of basketball, but they also were intrigued by how Ibaka was able to achieve so much based on where he came from.

On a more lighthearted conversation with fashion management

student Stephanie McGregor, she asked Ibaka about his favourite place to travel.

"After the season the first place that I like to go is back home first, of course. But then after that I go to Mykonos, Greece because it's beautiful. Also I like to go to Barcelona because I use to live in Barcelona," Ibaka said.

McGregor said she asked him the question because "I know he has had the opportunity to live in more than one country, and knows multiple languages."



NICHOLAS RAHMON

Humber alumni and WorldSkills bronze champion Avery Bird helps students prepare for the 2020 Mechatronics trials beginning next month.

Love of technology keeps Mechatronics students on track for Skills Ontario

Nicholas Rahmon

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

On a cold Monday, the Barrett Centre of Technology held nine of Humber's electromechanical engineering students with an overall focus on one thing: "the trials."

"I used to be a skills competitor for the Mechatronics team while I was attending Humber and now as alumni, I've returned as an assistant coach under Mauricio [Zangali Toigo] and I'm now teaching the next generation of competitors in mainly controls programming," said Avery Bird, an Humber Alumni of Electromechanical Engineering Technology.

The Mechatronics trials, an annual event which combines elements of mechanical engineering and electronics, is the first level towards reaching the World Skills Competition. Humber's Bogdan Malynovskyy and Mateusz Cwalinski came in fourth in last year's global contest in Kazan, Russia.

Humber's technology students

will attend the trials in February where they'll compete in teams of two with tools, laptops, and their controller for the first and second place teams to attend the Ontario Skills Competition.

"They're given documentation and a bunch of mechanical parts where teams race against each other to finish a system faster and to a higher degree than other teams," Bird said.

Despite the trials being a first for Electromechanical Engineering students, including Nickolas De Boer, love for technology and positive attitudes are powerful motivators.

"Before going to college, I was on a high school robotics team for six years or so and I realized that's what I wanted to do and came to Humber for automation and robotics," De Boer said.

"From there, I joined the skills team as it furthered our studies and gave us skills we wouldn't learn in the course until later," he said. "We also have the privilege of having all this equipment to train with."

Mechatronics coach Zangali

Toigo is looking to inspire the next group of technology students towards more gold medals.

"I've been in this position for some time, almost two and a half years of training teams," he said. "I started with Avery [Bird] and Theo [Willert]. They were the first team I coached. They got bronze at the World Skills Competition in Abu Dhabi in 2017, our biggest accomplishment."

Humber has been participating in the Ontario Skills Competition for more than 15 years and in that time, they've won 14 gold medals.

Because of this, alumni Bird and Wesley Juan are here to help teach the group of students, on their free time, the skills required for the competition.

"The best advice I could give to future students would be to keep practicing, focus on what you're not good at and improve on it, and to succeed, you need to be strong in all areas," Bird said.

The trials will take place on Feb. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., on the first floor of the Barrett CTI.

High-risk cryptocurrency trading event shutdown by security

Josh Bergant

NEWS REPORTER

Ryan Wanzala

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

A series of unauthorized cryptocurrency and foreign exchange trading seminars were stopped by Humber's security at the North and Lakeshore campuses late last semester.

A group of Humber alumni and students reportedly trespassed into classrooms and lecture halls and held multiple cryptocurrency and foreign currency exchange trading seminars without the approval of Humber College, according to the Department of Public Safety.

"Public safety security folk are patrolling the campus," said director Rob Kilfoyle.

"If they see something taking place out in public space or even in classrooms if we know that the classroom should be unoccupied, they are required to investigate and request a copy of a permit. If the group can't provide a permit, they are shut down," he said.

An interceded seminar that was initially scheduled to be held at Humber North campus promised to

invite instructors who allegedly paid off their student loans from cryptocurrency and foreign exchange trading. A video uploaded on Instagram last year depicted an instructor teaching a so-called "earn while you learn" system from a smartphone.

Tyler Fleming, director of the Investor Office at the Ontario Securities Commission, cautioned potential investors about the potential high risks of the two markets. They were flagged in a report by the Canadian Securities Commission as "very volatile and complex."

"Forex trading can be complex and volatile, and investors have been alerted against dealing with unregistered firms offering forex investments," said Fleming.

"For example, representatives who use high-pressure sales tactics that encourage you to invest on the spot or who make grandiose marketing claims such as 'guaranteed high returns, with little to no risk' are signs to watch for."

Nir Khestri, a professor at the Bryant School of Business and Economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, outlined the risks associated with these investments.



RYAN WANZALA

Despite a new policy that enlisted new rules on temporary use of space, an unauthorized trading seminar was able to publicize its November 2019 event around Humber North campus. The event was halted by security.

"Typically, scammers will run these types of events through all the big social media channels. It's more about the marketing than the actual product — which doesn't really exist," Khestri told Et Cetera.

He noted scenarios of fraud in these investments.

"If you look at examples in India,

many criminals resort to running ICO scams promising unrealistic returns," Khestri said. "You'll see these scammers presenting potential returns of 10 per cent or more to lure in victims."

The latest interventions at the North and Lakeshore campuses were a direct result of a new policy adopt-

ed by Humber last year that detailed temporary use of space on campus.

"There's a permitting process that has to be taken every time an event is held on campus. It's really so that public safety is aware of who's using the facility, particularly if there's an emergency of some sort," Kilfoyle said.

Doc screening evacuated due to technical problems, fire alarm



JOHN GRANT

Attended at the Humber's 51st annual documentary screening were evacuated from the Ted Rogers Cinema due an overheated popcorn machine.

John Grant

ART REPORTER

Humber's 51st annual documentary screening at the Ted Rogers Cinema went up in smoke as an overheated popcorn machine and a triggered switch forced the evacuation of the building and the event postponed.

"Within seconds, 500 plus people

were vacating the cinema. I've never seen that many people vacate that cinema that fast, which was quite amazing," said Donna O'Brien-Sokic, a professor with the Media and Creative Arts program.

The night began as planned at the Bloor Street West theatre near Bathurst Street with the showing of the first documentary called Perpetuum.

The documentary had a great response from the audience.

Unfortunately, things would take an unexpected turn for the worst. Technical difficulties would arise during the second documentary called Friendly Faces in Safe Places, which halted the entire event.

"We've been screening at that cinema, since before I even came to

Humber, I would say for probably at least 40 or 50 years," O'Brien-Sokic said, "We've never had a screening flameout like our screening flamed out last night."

O'Brien-Sokic said there were two problems that night, a malfunction because a switcher on the switchboard in the control room malfunctioned just before

fire alarms were set off because of a smoking popcorn machine.

Nobody knows exactly what triggered the popcorn machine to go array. Regardless, the entire building was evacuated as Toronto Fire responded.

"I actually thought that at first the fire alarm going off was a joke, which you should never think of fire alarm is a joke," O'Brien-Sokic said.

Many students were distraught their documentaries weren't shown during the screening, and were left feeling empty.

"I was really disappointed," Samantha North, a second-year Film and Television student at Humber College said, "I didn't even really know how to react afterwards. When I got home, I was just like, 'what do I do?' I didn't feel that nice satisfaction that I would have."

Joanna Benevides, a second-year film student, was confused with the events that transpired that night.

"We had no idea that the whole system had supposedly broken down," she said. "So, we all just assumed that it would be a 10- to 15-minute wait at most."

"The next thing we knew, we were being evacuated for a completely different reason," she said

Nobody was hurt in the chaos, and the event was rescheduled for Saturday, March 14, at 2 p.m.

Musicians mourn loss of 'ambassador of Canadian rock music'

Jacob Phillips

ART REPORTER

Musician, writer, drummer, and lyricist Neil Peart was many things but to Canadians he was a part of one of the country's greatest music exports, Rush.

Rush announced Peart died from brain cancer after battling it for three and a half years on Jan. 7. Musicians shared their condolences and talked about how great of a person and inspiration he was to them. Artists like The Beach Boy's Brian Wilson, Public Enemy's Chuck D, Kiss' Gene Simmons, the Canadian rockers Trews, and many others, paid tributes to Peart and his legacy to both Canadian music and rock 'n' roll.

Peart's technical style and live performances required a lot of stamina due to their exacting nature, influenced aspiring drummers who saw or listened to him, includ-

ing drummers in Humber's music bachelor program like Oscar Evans.

He's a trumpet major who doubles on drums and said listening to Peart changed his playing style.

"When I was 10, I played the drums trying to sound like Keith Moon, and then I saw how Neil Peart played and I went, 'oh s—t that looks really cool,'" Evans said.

Evans and many other drummers like him saw Peart as a music god who helped Rush become rock legends and selling 40 million records worldwide.

Mark Kelso, the head of the drumming department at Humber's music bachelor program, described how Peart completed Rush and made them one of rock's most influential bands.

"He set them (Rush) on their way and it's hard to think of Rush without him and he was the lyricist of the band cause the other guys weren't interested in writing lyrics,"

Kelso said.

Peart's lyrics were very philosophical and caused listeners to think very deeply about what was in the song and not just the usual generic rock song that was on the radio, he said.

Songs like Spirit of Radio, Limelight, YYZ, and Tom Sawyer that have become rock radio staples and classics contained catchy hooks and lyrics that buried deep into the listener's mind.

Along with the Guess Who and Neal Young, Rush were one of the most important Canadian rock bands in Canada's history, said Andrew Scott, Humber's Associate Dean of Music and Fine Arts.

"They were really one of the first rock bands to not just be a Canadian success, but to have success in the United States, and then more broadly as ambassadors of this music and of Canadian rock music around the globe," Scott said.



REUTERS

Rush drummer Neil Peart, who died Jan. 7, performing at a sold-out show at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas in September 2002.

Hawks' forward attracts hockey world's attention

Kyle Drinnan
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber Hawks' hockey player Johnny Ruppert got a late gift on Boxing Day as he saw his goal on the NHL social media platforms.

Humber doesn't have a varsity hockey team. However, it does have an extramural team that competes in tournaments all season and in November 2019, Humber hosted its the first tournament of the extramural season.

In a game against Canadore Panthers, Hawk's forward Ruppert had a breakaway and scored a "Kucherov goal." What Ruppert did is net a no-shot goal against the Panthers' goalie, similar in style to the technique used by Tampa Bay Lightning's Nikita Kucherov. The superstar used the move during the 2018 All-Star Game where he faked a deke on a breakaway which allowed the puck to slide past a displaced goaltender and into the net.

At first, Ruppert's goal caught the attention of Canadian sports media networks Sportsnet and TSN. After that, the NHL had full attention of the forward from Humber.

They contacted the Hawk's social

media coordinator, Alyssa Turner, in November, a little after the social media posts were made on the sports networks.

"Just a little after Sportsnet, the NHL direct messaged and asked for the video," Turner said. "We were expecting the post but after a while there was no post so we were either expecting it later or they just decided to not post it."

Ruppert knew about the NHL contacting the social media account and had been waiting patiently.

"I knew about it since they contacted me about it," he said. "It was cool at first but I soon put it in the back of my mind."

From November to all the way to the end of December, there was no word from the NHL about the goal.

However, on Boxing Day, Ruppert saw the post on the NHL's socials, right next to posts that contained organizations like Toronto Maple Leafs and the Chicago Blackhawks were the Humber Hawks with Ruppert in the centre of the video.

But unlike the Kucherovs of the NHL, Ruppert didn't get asked for autographs or become Humber's new celebrity.

"The biggest response was that I



KYLE DRINNAN

Viral Twitter video of Johnny Rupert, seen here recently playing against UTSC, was picked up by NHL's media.

would get teased for it," he said.

Ruppert plays in the Junior C level league, Provincial Junior Hockey League (PJHL) for the Penetang Kings. They play in Penetanguishene in Simcoe County, a far drive from his school in Toronto. The league is a long way from the NHL.

But Humber's twitter handle, Humber Athletics had around 500 more followers because of the NHL's tweet. But that caused some problems as well.

"Our account doesn't do a lot of hockey highlights because it isn't a varsity sport," Turner said. "We now

have a good chunk of our following that just wants hockey content.

"We post basketball clips and there will be someone commenting for more hockey. We can't because hockey content only happens a few times a month and it wouldn't be our top priority," he said.

Men's hockey prepares after losses to George Brown, UTSC

Kyle Drinnan
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks were the first team to be eliminated last week at a men's extramural hockey tournament at Seneca.

On last Friday, the second-seeded Humber Hawks entered the four-team tournament last Friday at the Nenham campus in North York.

Their first game was against a tough opponent, the top ranked George Brown Huskies.

The Huskies struck early in the morning game, who scored two goals in the first period. The Hawks would respond with a goal in the second, but it went quiet as the game finished 2-1 with the Hawks going into the loser bracket against University of Toronto Scarborough (UTSC).

"We just didn't start on time," said Hawks forward Johnny Ruppert. "After a while we got our heads into it and started to play what we know and what we know is playing

a great game."

Even though they are at the bottom of the tournament playing the first match of the loser's bracket, they still knew that being a small tournament, and how well the Huskies play, there was a possibility of them playing them in the future.

"We see that they are the first seed and that makes us want it more. We want to be the first seed in Ontario and that makes us want to work for it more," Ruppert said.

But they needed to beat UTSC in the first loser's bracket. Which started well as Ruppert got the first goal in the first shift of the game. The Hawks dominated the game but the score didn't budge for most of the game.

But Humber took a penalty with a minute left and with the man advantage, UTSC pulled their goalie.

During the six-on-four the Hawks were kept in their zone and a slapshot from the blue line tied to score with 33 seconds left.

A shootout was needed to deter-



KYLE DRINNAN

Hawks' Johnny Rupert stickhandling the puck right in last week's tournament where they exited early.

mine which team would be eliminated from the tournament.

In the first round, both teams failed to score, but UTSC scored in the next two shots while Humber failed to respond.

"We can blame anyone for this loss but at some point, we need to be grownups and understand that we are a team," head coach Scott Creighton said.

Despite the early departure, Creigh-

ton was looking for the future already.

"We have five practices until our next tournament in Brantford," he said. "We will have things to work on but I know this will be a great learning moment for them."

QUOTED

WHAT DID YOU DO THE DAY OF THE SNOWSTORM?

“For the recent snowstorm, I just decided to stay in and I hung out with my family and watched Netflix. It was a pretty good time, and later on in the day I just shoveled the driveway.”



CHRISTIAN FERNANDO AGUIRRE
CONTENT STRATEGY, POST GRADUATE

“This is my second year in Canada but my first snowstorm. I stayed at home all day because I was scared to get out of the house. Snow was falling like rain and life just stopped for a day.”



DEEPINDER KAUR GILL
CULINARY SKILLS, SECOND YEAR

“It was terrible and very cold. I stayed in and I didn’t want to go anywhere because the road was very bad. I turned up the heat, did some cleaning in the house and cooked to beat the cold.”



NADEESHA MANBODH
BUSINESS ACCOUNTING

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

PARKING AT NORTH CAMPUS A CONSTANT HEADACHE

Traffic jams, like this one on Tuesday, are a daily occurrence in the Humber College North campus parking lot due to oversold parking permits. Some drivers spend hours waiting to find a spot.



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EDITORIAL

New citizenship law threatens Indian democracy

An Indian judge recently reminded Delhi police of the constitutional right of every citizen of that country to protest them as they opposed the bail of an activist. The ruling also served as notice that India, the most populated democracy, is at a crossroads.

The activist was arrested for joining a students' protest he was denied permission to join. A vicious circle that intends on quashing dissent by students, scholars and activists in India and across the world protesting against the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill. The law claims to protect the secular fabric of India but it appears designed to grant citizenship based on either religion or selective heritage.

The ruling government is known for its violent toll on Hindu nationalism and creating riots with its populist policies. Indian Muslims remember the dark days of the 2002 Gujarat riots spurred on by Narendra Modi's supporters.

Modi now leads the government, which introduced the bill that hides India's weakening economy while expressing racist ideologies.

Amending the Citizenship Act of 1955, India provides citizenship to "any person belonging to Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi or Christian community from Afghanistan,

Bangladesh or Pakistan, who entered into India on or before the 31st day of December, 2014," said the Gazette of India.

The government says the bill provides citizenship to those who were "forced or compelled to seek shelter in India due to persecution on the ground of religion" and were living in the country without documentation.

The new law will benefit 25,447 Hindus, 5,807 Sikhs, 55 Christians, two Buddhists and two Parsis, the Intelligence Bureau of India said.

But the bill is also remarkable by who it does not grant citizenship to, including Tamil Hindu refugees from Sri Lanka, Myanmar's Rohingya Hindu and Muslim refugees, Buddhist refugees from Bhutan, and immigrants from Tibet and Nepal.

The harmful bill brings uncertainty when linked with the National Register of Citizens (NRC) and the National Population Register (NPR).

The NRC will "verify the citizenship status of every usual resident" from the data collected of all residents of India by the NPR.

The register requires 1.3 billion citizens to prove the citizenship of their family's origin in the country.

While non-Muslims left out of the final citizenship register may be able to apply for citizenship under CAA, Muslims will be left with no option.

Detention centres to house the excluded immigrants are being prepared across the country. Whether illegal migrants will live in centres or be deported is unanswered.

Yet, the government maintains it does not violate the right to equality as a fundamental right under Article 14 of the Indian constitution.

When detention camps for religious and ethnic minorities are being created, it is no wonder the Prime Minister is being called a fascist.

The NRC was implemented in the state of Assam, in northeast India, between 2013 and 2014 and the state has since faced unrest. Its planned implementation in the rest of the country will come with high social and economic costs.

The government spent US\$16 billion in Assam implementing NRC over a 10-year period.

The government promises NRC to be limited to Assam without troubling the rest of India. However, the NRC is masked under the NPR and will highlight "doubtful citizens" who fail to verify their information.

The CAA and NRC are separate and not directly linked. However, the government's comment on CAA being followed by the NRC paved the way for democratic unrest.

In a country with a GDP growth at 4.5 per cent, the government is



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Protesters demonstrate against a new citizenship law, which targets religious and ethnic groups, in Ahmedabad, India, on Jan. 21.

expected to spend approximately US\$500 billion on the implementation of CAA and NPR.

With poverty and unemployment at its lowest, the government is blind to the realities of going forward, and is desperately attempting to silence the voices of protestors.

The police were ordered to control the situation in the epicentres of the protest including Jamia Milia Islamia, Aligarh Muslim University and Jawaharlal Nehru University. Students were beaten, tear-gassed, detained

and arrested. The unrest left students and teachers severely injured.

The question is why isn't a democracy opening its doors to all minorities who have been persecuted because of religion, ethnicity or political unrest?

India was not formed on the basis of religion. The citizenship bills are draconian and are the real threat to the country's secular fabric. They should be rewritten, if not repealed, and not base citizenship on religion or ethnicity.

OPINION

Seems like Humber College cancelled lunch time

NEIL GONPUTH
OPINION EDITOR

The universally accepted time for lunch is between from noon and to 1 p.m. Yet more than half of my courses, three of six, run right through lunch. I'm sure many reading this are in a similar situation. Why is Humber College

holding classes during lunch time?

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), students should have at least at least 20 minutes of seat time for lunch. Seat time does not include things like lining up, paying for meals or waiting for microwaves. Seat time is the time you are seated with your meal in front of you.

Ontario's Employment Standards Act (ESA), Section 20, Paragraph 1, "an employer shall give an employee an eating period of at least at least 30 minutes at intervals that will result in the employee working no more than five consecutive hours without an eating period."

Yet for my courses that run through lunch I am only given a 10- or 15-minute coffee break in the name of lunchtime. Lining up for

the microwaves at Humber takes more than 10 minutes. It's next to impossible to eat a complete lunch in that time.

Students aren't employees but surely someone should take into account our rumblings.

Some professors permit students to eat in class. But that's awkward. And apparently against college rules. There's little room around desks for a meal with the computer monitor, keyboard and a notepad.

Can you even take proper notes while you are eating? Eating a greasy pizza or piece of fried chicken eventually leaves a computer keyboard or pen equally greasy. I hope the warranty on your laptop covers grease.

Can the lecturer or your classmates focus on the lecture while your spoon or fork is clanking

against your bowl, and can you focus on the lecture while you eat? Clearly this is a half-baked solution at best, pun intended.

You can always skip class. But you never know when you might need those participation marks, or if something important might be said.

Plus, you may develop a bad reputation among the professors, which could come back to harm you in later semesters.

Why should anyone have to choose between attending class and eating a complete lunch? It seems such a choice is often made and unfortunately students typically choose to skip lunch. It is the lesser of two evils, I suppose.

Skipping lunch has consequences. Many of my classmates who skip lunch often feel tired and

light-headed. It's no wonder they can't concentrate during the lecture.

According to Canada's Food Guide, school lunches and snacks are important because they provide the energy and nutrients needed throughout the day and are a major source of vitamins and minerals.

A 2007 study in the McGill Journal of Medicine and a 2010 study by Yale University both showed people suffering from anorexia lose both white and grey matter in the brain.

A 2015 study by Stanford University showed a loss in grey matter is linked to mental illnesses including schizophrenia, depression and addiction.

It seems obvious nothing good comes from skipping lunch and Humber College shouldn't insist on holding classes during that time.

Women's volleyball resumes pre-holiday win streak at home

Jonathan Frasco

SPORTS REPORTER

After spending the holiday break soaking up the San Diego sun, and taking on top competition, there was a concern the Humber Hawks women's volleyball team would be too exhausted to resume their pre-holiday win streak.

The anxiety about the team's ability was unwarranted. They didn't miss a beat as they defended their win streak versus the Conestoga Condors.

"I told the girls after the game it's one of the toughest days, your first match after a long break," head coach Chris Wilkins said.

A blend of festivities and tough competition made for a not-so-relaxing break. They were an exhausted team.

"We've been travelling a lot, and got some illnesses going on, so I thought the girls did a real good job of getting through all of that stuff," Wilkins said. "Sometimes it's just about getting that W."

Before the break, the Hawks had carved themselves out a five-game

win streak but the visiting Condors would not make it easy for their first game of 2020.

The Hawks came out excited to play at home, getting off to early leads but the Condors kept hanging around.

It was the depth of the team — particularly the brilliant play by Alex Krstonosic and Julia Watson — that allowed the women to withstand any attack the Condors threw at them and maintain the lead.

The Hawks would come away with three straight sets and extend their win streak to six.

Third-year setter Alex Bartmann said the win was a huge confidence boost for the team.

"It shows us that we can take a few days off and have fun and still succeed," Bartmann said. "It wasn't the greatest game but we pushed through which was good."

The team knows the competition is only going to get tougher as the season progresses.

But Bartmann believes as long as they keep playing their game, everything will work out.



JONATHAN FRASCO

First year Hannah Petcoff, winds up for a spike as the outside-hitter against the Conestoga Condors.



JONATHAN FRASCO

From left, Joshua Fadare, Collin Skanes and Eduardo Silva Ferreira go up in unison to block a spike by the Condors. Humber swept Conestoga.

Hawks defend "The Nest" with glorious victory against Condors

Jonathan Frasco

SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team knows the value of the "seventh player."

The team returned to action after the holiday break in the second half of the season.

The players know the encouragement from the home court fans play an important role in keeping its win streak alive.

The team kicked off 2020 at home versus the Conestoga Condors and made it a point of pride to defend what they call "The Nest."

Outside hitter Rrezart Sadiku said coach Wayne Wilkins constantly reminds the team fans that fill the bleachers are there to support them.

"We're really grateful for the fan base here at Humber," Sadiku said.

It makes the audience wonder

whether home crowd support must somehow factor into the team's number 1 ranking in Canada.

The team understands winning is a part of the culture at the college. They also know the Humber family is always backing them, so it's important for them to play hard at home, he said.

For Eduardo Silva Ferreira, having the Humber family support

"I have no family here so Humber's family makes everything easier for me to play my best"

-EDUARDO SILVA FERREIRA
VARSITY OUTSIDE HITTER

means everything to him after he left his real family back home in Brazil.

"I am here by myself, I have no family here, so Humber's family makes everything easier for me to play my best," Ferreira said. "It makes me want to play hard for them."

Over the season break, the team flew overseas to Amsterdam to test

their skills against steeper competition and build stronger chemistry.

Just like the women's volleyball team, Wilkins was worried the break would take away the momentum the team had built.

"It wasn't really the break we were worried about; it was the fact we went away, playing in Europe, playing in Amsterdam and all of a sudden were playing in Ontario and there's a little bit of a letdown," Wilkins said.

But despite returning home, Sadiku and Ferreira didn't miss a beat as they dominated in their win over the Condors in three straight sets.

The team played strong from start to finish winning 25-15, 25-17 and 25-13.

The squad remains undefeated on the season after the win and with the next two games at home as well, defending the nest is going to be key to keep the win streak going.

Men, women's volleyball take top spots in international tournaments over break

David Pastor
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's men and women volleyball teams travelled across the world to play in tournaments during the holiday break.

It gave the teams an opportunity to face strong opponents from North America and Europe, improve on their game and build a stronger relationship with one another.

The women's team travelled to San Diego, Calif., to participate in a tournament they have attended a number of times over the last decade.

The tournament consisted of four to five of the top colleges and universities in Canada as well as at least one of the state's best volleyball teams.

Chris Wilkins, the head coach of the women's volleyball team, found this year's tournament to be even more important because of the team's young roster.

"We have a fairly young team this year, we have a bunch of first years and quite a few second years and only a hand full of third and fourth years," he said. "So, it was nice for us to get away for 10 days, no school, no family, none of that stuff, and just bond and work on some things, and just get ourselves ready for the second half."

Megan Hunt, Humber's outside hitter on the left side, took the opportunity to help build on the relationship she had with her teammates.

"It really gave me a chance to meet the girls and bond with the girls that I didn't think I really get close with, so it really helped us become a tight knitted group," she said.

The women were able to get away from the cold Canadian winter and do what they enjoy most and loved every minute of it.

"It was awesome. We were all together, the weather was nice, the facility was really good and the volleyball we were playing was really good," said Alex Bartmann, the setter for the women's team. "It was a good experience and we had some fun, played some good volleyball and was also a good bonding moment as well."

The men's volleyball team, meanwhile, were invited to the Dynamo Tournament in Amsterdam by The Netherlands Association. The tournament has been running for 27 years and organizers wanted to in-



DAVID PASTOR

Second year middle blocker Maximum Crowder winds up for a spike against the Conestoga Condors.

crease the amount of international competition.

And the Canadians invited to the tournament did very well. Humber took gold, beating Nipissing University in the final.

Wayne Wilkins, the coach of the men's team, was excited about the invite his team received and looked to take advantage of the opportunity, physically and educationally.

"Getting a chance to travel overseas and see how the other side of the world plays volleyball and lives and was awesome for the guys," he said.

"The educational growth that they came away with was far more valuable than necessarily the volleyball stuff," Wilkins said.

"I think seeing things like the Rijksmuseum, we took them to the Anne Frank House, we toured the canals, they got a chance to really see how life is different in other countries and I think that's something that they'll never be able to replace or forget and hopefully it makes them better people in the end," he said.

Despite being away from fami-

ly at New Year, Rrezart Sadiku and Eduardo Silva Ferreira, Humber's starting outside hitters felt at home with the team.

"Once we got there, once we settled in, we're like, hey, we're with our second family. So, we were good," Sadiku said.

"Personally, for me, I've never been in Europe, so it was actually a great time, a chance that I had to be with the team, it's our second family," Ferreira said. "Everybody's pretty close. It was just a great time and a great experience."

Hawks' Stoddart signs contract with Tubingen Hawks

David Pastor
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's pitcher Matt Stoddart is preparing to join the Tübingen Hawks of the Baseball Bundesliga to play professionally in Germany.

Stoddart has spent the last five years playing with Humber's baseball team. He began his collegiate career as a two-way player before making the transition to Humber's pitching rotation.

For his career Stoddart is 10th highest batting average with .348 in the program's history while posting a record of 7-2 with an ERA of 2.95 over the past five years.

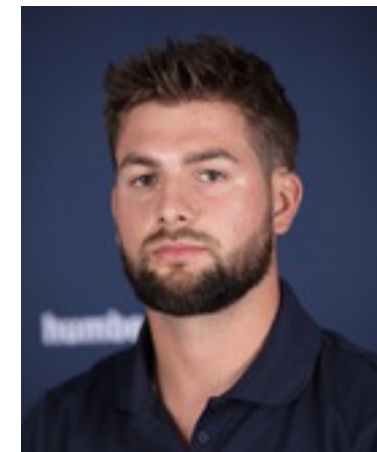
"I'm very excited to be signing my first professional contract," Stoddart told Humber Athletics. "I'm grateful for this opportunity, and for the support of my family, friends, and the Humber community that has helped me get to this point."

Over the summer Stoddart joined North Baseball, a program that gives baseball players from across North America the opportunity to travel playing against some of the top baseball teams across the globe.

He was able to compete in Germany, Czech Republic and Austria. It was on this trip that Stoddart was introduced to Tübingen's assistant coach Allan Attridge.

"I'm excited to start my career overseas," continued Stoddart. "By living in Germany, I will be able to learn and experience a new culture and language, meet new people, all while playing the sport I love," said Stoddart to Humber Athletics.

Tübingen is improving its already solid pitching staff with Stoddart as they finished first in the Bundesliga's South Division with an outstanding record of 26-2 last season.



HUMBER ATHLETICS

Hawks pitcher Matthew Stoddart.



NATHANIEL MARKSMAN

Humber's indoor women's soccer team start new regimen to prepare for the upcoming regional tournament.

Humber women's soccer looks to past for its future success

Nathaniel Marksman

SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's soccer team ended its outdoor season on a sour note. It was a powerful and dominating team during the regular season, but were stopped in the semis to the Seneca Sting.

And now with the outdoor season behind them, the soccer team now looks forward to sealing a fourth championship at indoor regionals.

Expectations were not met as they lost in their semifinal match against Seneca Sting 2-1 post-season. The girls fought hard but came up short when Seneca's Sona Maku-lova scored the winning goal ending the Hawks' journey to victory.

Captain Rebecca Spratt said "it was pretty devastating and heart breaking," explaining that putting in all that effort to win a gold medal and coming out with nothing is quite painful.

The Hawks settled for a bronze after defeating Sheridan Bruins 2-0.

In 2018 the team's outdoor season was a clean record of all victories straight up to post-season. The 2019 pre-season, however, began with one win and two losses against McMaster Marauders and Seneca.

The team won six of their nine matches, tying to Fanshawe Falcons and Mohawk Mountaineers, and losing to Niagara Knights during the regular season.

Another statistic, however, showed the Hawks offence changed last year, scoring 29 goals in total, about half of the 2018 count of 52 goals. Other noticeable stats from last season's included 21.1 shots per game, 0.89 goals against per game and 3.22 goals per game, compared to 2018 numbers over 10 games: 27.1 shots per game, zero goals against per game and 5.2 goals per game.

But moving forward, the Hawks are now focused on maintaining its three-year win streak at indoor regionals and keeping their title as champions.

"Indoor is a very different approach than the outdoor season, indoor there is a lot of pressure on you at all times and you need to physical because there is a lot of contact," assistant coach Jose Caro said.

Head coach Mauro Ongaro has his sights on the regional gold medal as well but understands that a secured victory is only as good as the team's performance.

"Our goal is always to win gold but it's a process, you can't go so

far ahead of yourself and your expectations," Ongaro said. "It's a cliché we say but one game at a time, you always want to see improvement." Practices have already begun and new changes are in the works as the team trains until their indoor tournament. Aside from the repetitive shooting, passing and ball control practices the coaches seek to add a new regimen through fitness testing this year, including a VO2 max test – a cardio test on a treadmill – and high-performance training.

But while the veterans are training and playing indoors, new girls are now jockeying to be recruited for the 2020 outdoor team. The coaches are scouting high school players who will be starting their post-secondary education this fall. It's a few months earlier than usual, as the process routinely begins during the summer break.

Ongaro said the women's varsity team will be hosting the provincial championship tournament this year and the determination to win gold at home added fuel to the team's head start on early recruiting.

"We are hoping the new players buy into the culture of we're going to work hard and we always will," Caro said.

Three game sweep wins it for women's curling team

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The first year Hawks helped propel the men's and women's curling teams to successful victories during the Humber Bonspiel on Jan. 17.

Humber held its seventh annual bonspiel at the Richmond Hill Curling Centre as the men's and women's teams faced off against the Fanshawe Falcons and the Fleming Knights in a round robin tournament.

The women's team won all three of its matches, defeating the Falcons men's and women's teams by a score of 8-2 and 10-2 respectively and then beat the Fleming Knights women's team 11-2.

The men's team would go on to win two of three matches defeating Fanshawe's men's team 8-7 and Flemings women's team 12-0. They finished the bonspiel losing to the Knights men's team 11-0.

Head coach Sean Turriff was pleased with the overall outcome of this year's Bonspiel. He said both teams just need to clean up "little mistakes" and they will be ready for provincials.

"This was kind of the first test, so we were able to test what things we plan to put in place," he said. "And in order to kind of continue the success from today, we've got to identify those things that we weren't doing very well and just get better at that because a lot of stuff is just

clicking for both teams right now."

This year's curling team doesn't have much experience at the collegiate level with a third of the team being in their first year.

But despite the lack of experience Turriff has a lot of praise for the first-year athletes on the team, especially the skip on the women's team, Kaitlyn Jones.

"She's a player, she's a superstar. She's going to be on TV someday for the women," he said. "She actually brings a lot of leadership and she brings a lot of structure to the team as a first year."

Jones isn't concerned with the leadership roll she has been given because of the support she receives from her teammates.

"I don't feel any pressure because I love the sport, and my teammates are super supportive and right behind me every step of the way," she said. "I think that having that and just having the confidence in myself really helps."

Zack Shurtleff, the skip for the men's team, and Brittany Elson, the lead for the women's team along with the other veterans on the team, have done everything to welcome their rookie Hawks onto the team, showing them what Humber athletics is all about.

The rookies and Humber will participate in one more tournament on Jan. 24 as they prepare for the provincials between Feb. 13 to Feb. 15 at Fleming College.



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Kacie Ransom and Brittany Elson, along with the women's curling team, won all three of their matches in the round robin of this year's bonspiel.

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