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Women connect with WWII history at Knitting Circle

Jaeybee Martinito

NEWS REPORTER

Judy Cutmore and Gloria Bubba remember their moms who made machine guns.

Their moms told stories about knitting warm clothing for soldiers during breaks from their jobs in factories building the Bren guns their husbands used to defeat the Axis during the Second World War.

And now both women are part of the Knitting Circle, which meet every Wednesday at the Lakeshore Grounds Interpretive Centre crafting socks and hats in similar patterns to those made by the factory workers during their breaks in the 1940s.

But their war is different. They're knitting for the cold homeless people of the Greater Toronto Area.

The knitting is part of an initiative to recreate the designs their mothers created during breaktimes

in factories, and the clothing is donated to the Out of the Cold program, which provides shelter, clothing and food to those in need.

"The yarn used at the Social Knitting Circle connects back to the women in the factories during the Second World War," said Bubba, who participates every week. "It wasn't just factory work. People's lives depended on what they were making"

Cutmore said she feels good to give back especially during Christmas time.

"We are lucky to have a job and that we're not out in the cold," she said.

Cutmore said she has a strong connection to the exhibit. Her mom riveted machinery in one of the factories which was near the campus. She said rivets had to be placed precisely in order for the military materiel to work.

"These women didn't just make

something — they made precision," Bubba added.

The centre also features an exhibit that includes newsletters, pamphlets, photos, and Canadian war propaganda posters from the war era.

Bubba recalled the time her mother taught her how to knit and the stories she told her about the factory.

She said the knitting and the exhibit were very close to her heart because war work was a security of income to provide for the family.

Nadine Finlay, an assistant curator, said the exhibit was a fun and different way of telling stories. She encouraged students to pick up and read the newsletters pamphlets.

"These allowed the voices of the women who worked in the factory be present in the exhibit," Finlay said.

The centre extended the knitting circle until Dec. 20.



JAEBEE MARTINITO

The women at the circle had spent the three hours trading war stories.

Discussions about Islamophobia should involve non-Muslims

Donna Akbari

NEWS REPORTER

For English instructor Prasad Bidaye, Islamophobia is complicated and it is about much more than just religion.

"I came in knowing that Islamophobia is a huge social problem which is tied to political events such as 9/11 and the war in the Middle East," Bidaye said in an interview with Et Cetera during the Diversity and Inclusion Dialogue talk at Lakeshore on Nov. 15.

"It has less to do with religion and more to do with prejudice and racism," he said. "Also, about oil on a more political note.

"I always knew there was an element of racism — but it's crystal clear now," Bidaye said.

As a teacher, he wants to talk to students about any crisis that impacts the Muslim community and

encourage them to resist easy conclusions.

"I feel as a teacher, I want to have more discussions, for example, if there was a crisis event, a mosque shooting or an event like 9/11," he said. "I want to talk about it and try to get students to think about the complexity of the matter rather than try to take a black-and-white stance on things."

He also seeks to explore the difference between free speech and hateful, incendiary comments.

"First of all, hate speech is prohibited and there are consequences" for those who engage in it, he said.

He seeks to understand "where this hatred is coming from, and I want them to reflect on the hate speech that they are making."

The workshop's facilitator Hiren Mistry, a doctoral student at the Ontario Institute in Studies and

Education specializing in religion, pluralism and leadership, led the lecture on Islamophobia at the Lakeshore campus.

His parents were immigrants to Canada from India, and identity is usually a lifelong issue for those who see themselves as belonging to two worlds.

"Throughout the course of my life I've been figuring out who I am as Canadian, who I am as Indian, and eventually question what is the background of being Indian because Indian is a broad category," said Mistry, who studied Hindu philosophy.

Muslim colleagues have told him that those of other faiths and all citizens should be involved in discussions about Islamophobia.

"So, I am not speaking as someone who is Muslim but an educator — I believe Islamophobia affects everyone not just Muslims," he said.

"One thing I learnt was from their experiences as Saudi Muslim, as Pakistani Muslim, as Afghan Muslim, people tend to put all Muslims in one pile even though there are variations on how Islam is practiced depending on which part of the country and how liberal or fundamental they are," Mistry said.

He recalled an Afghan Ismaili student who had said he had practiced Sunni prayer and pretended to be a Sunni just so that he could be safe. There has been sectarian violence around the world between Ismailis, a sub-sect of Shia Muslims, and Sunnis.

"I would have never picked that up unless I had an open relationship with my students," Mistry said. "Over the course of 10 years I learned a lot about Islam by learning with Muslim families and their concerns, knowledge and experience."

He said students are very curious about identity, politics and ethnicity.

"School is a fundamental place to explore their questions and their frustrations, their curiosity, what they think they know," Mistry said.

"What would happen if students left public education or college without ever once talking about Islamophobia, without once talking about religious identity that's a part of our commitment and we need to make sure we do it."

In addition to teachers, there were also representatives of several offices in the college, one of which was Lindsay Walker, vice-president of sustainability.

"I hoped to broaden my knowledge on the topic knowing that this is a part of the conversation, this event deepened my understanding realizing that there is more to learn," she said.



DRUV SAREEN

Fatima Babiker, the President of the York Federation of Students, speaks with reporters the day after Ontario's Divisional Court found the Student Choice Initiative unconstitutional.

‘Crazy Marxists’ beat Ford government in SCI ruling

Galvin Zaldivar

NEWS EDITOR

The Division Court of the Superior Court of Justice quashed the Conservative government's Student Choice Initiative (SCI) last night.

The SCI was originally announced by the Ontario Premier Doug Ford's government in January and implemented for the 2019-2020 academic year. It was accompanied by an overhaul of OSAP eligibility and elimination of free tuition grants introduced by the previous Liberal government of Kathleen Wynne.

The initiative made certain tuition fees used to support student organizations, unions, newspapers and clubs optional. The fees amounted to \$55.95 for Humber students. It's not clear when the optional fees will be reinstated.

Student organizations, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) chief among them, protested the changes since their announcement.

The CFS and the York Federation of Students (YFS) applied in May for a judicial review of the SCI with the Ontario Superior Court of Justice's Divisional Court. Later the University of Toronto Graduate Students Union intervened in support of CFS, while the Jewish social organization B'nai Brith intervened in support the government.

Humber's student association,

IGNITE, wasn't party to the application, but will benefit from the protections upheld by the court.

"IGNITE will not speculate on the ramifications of this announcement as we await a response from the provincial government," Monica Khosla, IGNITE President, said in a statement.

The main question before the court was whether the SCI was improperly issued under the guidelines given by the government to colleges and universities, if they were made in bad faith and without notifying or consulting student associations.

The government argued the change was made to allow students the freedom not to fund student organizations whose actions they do not support. For example, CFS is one of the few civil society bodies in Canada that adopted a Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) policy in regards to Israel.

The court, in a 3-0 unanimous decision, could find no reason in the record for why student association fees were deemed non-essential, while other more expensive were deemed essential. Ancillary fees at colleges and universities can range from several hundred dollars to more than \$2,000 per academic year.

The court also accepted the reasoning a phrase used by the Premier in a fundraising email to supporters, where he referred to the "kind

of crazy Marxist nonsense student unions get up to" provided evidence of the true purpose of the SCI.

Kayla Weiler, CFS National Executive Representative told reporters at a Friday Queen's Park press conference the SCI was not about putting students first, but rather about trying to undermine student democracy and memberships to student unions.

"I'm very excited" by the ruling, Weiler said. "I'm really glad to hear the court ruled that this policy was unlawful from the very beginning it was announced back in January.

"This has always been a bad policy," she said.

In the 30-page decision released by the court, the government argued the implementation of the SCI was a prerogative power not justiciable before the courts.

Citing the United Kingdom's prerogation case in October, the court affirmed the justiciability of prerogative powers, in lieu of undermining the supremacy of the legislature, and allowing the government to rule by executive-decree.

But the court affirmed student associations and unions are private not-for-profits, and there existed no legal authority allowing the government to interfere with their internal affairs.

For student unions, the SCI would lead to an uncertain level of funding available to carry out their normal activities from semester to semester.



DRUV SAREEN

NDP MPP Chris Glover supported CFS in its fight against the SCI.

YFS also argued the uncertainty from semester to semester would force student unions to spend more of their resources on trying to persuade students to opt-in to their ancillary fees.

"We have been restricted from supporting our membership to our full capacity, due to the government's unwarranted intervention into student affairs," Fatima Babiker, President of YFS said at the press conference.

The court also found since most student unions are separate entities from universities and colleges, the guidelines implementing the SCI forced them to interfere in the in-

ternal affairs of student unions.

Chris Glover, the NDP critic for Colleges and Universities, described that Ford's policies are attacks on the legal and constitutional rights of Ontarians.

"I think Doug Ford should reimburse the services that had their funding cut this year," he told Et Cetera.

He thanked CFS for leading the fight against the SCI and said the NDP will keep fighting until Ontario starts investing in students again. The Ministry of Colleges and Universities is currently reviewing the decision.

WITH FILES FROM DRUV SAREEN, MADISON RAYE AND JARED DODDS

UGH prof touts music program to better students quality of life

Melanie Valente-Leite

NEWS REPORTER

Music is a learning tool that can teach students and communities about peace-making and love, says Olivier Urbain, director-general at Min-On Music Research Institute.

"I'm a researcher in the potential application of music in human life and in society for peace-building and I base most of my theories on music and peace-building on the values and principles of Soka Education," Urbain said. Soka, which means "value-creating" in Japanese, is an educational theory presented by Japanese educator Tsunesaburo Makiguchi.

Urbain, general director at Min-On Music Research Institute, believes music has enthralled potential for use in schools and communities to teach growing children and help them to learn about peace and love through music.

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Music is thought to have various elements that can help contribute to a child's education and brain development.

The philosophy behind this is to connect empathy with global justice. The goal is to teach, not only children but for anyone interested in learning how to grow as a human being but also learn how to be a welcoming neighbour in society, Urbain said. Paul Sherman, director of the Soka Education Research Initiative on Global Citizenship at the University of Guelph-Humber, has worked towards bringing this initiative to Guelph-Humber and hopes to spread more awareness.

"This initiative is only two years old, but has had such amazing success already, that the funder has given us additional funding for five years which allows us to enhance what we are going to do, which will also allow us to give more opportu-

nities to students to get involved," Sherman said.

Soka Education's goal is not to create professional music artists but to help with student's self-esteem and to improve their social skills. By doing this, it prepares students for future careers and life issues, Urbain said. Music influences people's emotions, therefore, it can influence their actions, he said. If a child is introduced to a certain type of music at a young age, it can shape the way they view life and different cultures, Urbain said.

Not only does that give the child a view on different cultures but it also expands their empathy towards things they do not fully understand, he said. "I never really thought about how something like music could globally affects everybody and how it can relate to peace-building," said Heba Elgharbawy, a third-year psychology student at Guelph-Humber.

"I've always been interested in art and music, so to see it like applied to something so important is amazing."



MELANIE VALENTE-LEITE

Olivier Urbain, director Min-On Music Research Institute, explained to faculty how music can help shape the minds of future generations.

Five year sustainability plan unifies campus groups

Emily Wilson

NEWS REPORTER

Humber College has a new vision of sustainability in a recently developed five-year plan which unifies the school as one.

The 2019-2024 Sustainability Plan was announced at both North Campus and Lakeshore in a grand launch showcasing what the school has planned.

Devon Fernandes, Humber's Sustainability Specialist, was involved in the year-long planning process. The goal was to have a sustainable and inclusive campus and community, he said.

"It became quite clear that if you're aiming for a vision of sustainability, that has to include equity, diversity and inclusion or you're not going to get there," he said.

Fernandes said for the first time, the Sustainability Plan has a three-pillar system. It contains Culture and Community; Teaching, Learning and Applied Research; and Sustainable Operations.

All three rely on each other to accomplish the more than 150 action plans within the Sustainability Plan.

Students involved in sustainability around campus are eager to play



EMILY WILSON

Devon Fernandes, Humber's Sustainability Specialist, reviews the college's new five year sustainability plan.

a part in the action.

Alena Blanes is happy with the improvements. The fourth-year Media Studies student said many students at Humber care about sustainability but do not understand the importance of it on student life.

"Affordability, health care, and wellness. These are all things that students care about on their own but don't see the connect between those issues and sustainability," Blanes said.

The B.C. native is a member of the Sustainability Steering Committee (SSC) at Humber and also works for IGNITE, providing sustainability content for the website.

Ayushi Delvadia, an International Business student from India, said when she moved to Canada, she became aware of climate change and other issues.

"We need a culture of sustainability to begin with, but we need

students to be interested enough to take part," she said.

Delvadia, involved with the SSC, said there was very little dialogue around sustainability until the recent climate strike. Even then she doesn't see a high student interest in the issue and hopes the new changes will help that.

The sustainability office is working with many departments in the school, which makes Delvadia ex-

cited to see happen. The culture and community action plan involves IGNITE with pop-up events and more clubs for awareness, she said.

"I've been trying to read up and educate myself and the biggest thing I've learned is that it's not just about the environment, [sustainability] needs a holistic approach," Delvadia said.

The curriculum will see sustainability integrated into everyday learning. Important to make sure students understand issues affect them on more than just an environmental level, Blanes said.

"It's not all about keeping campus clean from waste but also making sure students are leaving the institution with the proper skills to enter the workforce. [It] helps students see the value of sustainability in their courses and how to integrate it once they graduate," she said.

Humber is a leader in energy savings. The newly retrofitted NX building on North Campus is the first to achieve zero carbon status and one of the most sustainable buildings in North America, Fernandes said.

"Climate crisis isn't just a challenge, it's an opportunity," Fernandes said.

Students collab on VR climate change doc

Ryan Michael Wanzala,
Nathaniel Marksman and Josh
Bergant

BIZTECH REPORTERS

Humber is in the throes of a dramatic, story-driven VR revolution.

CodeConnect, an event hosted by the college in the recently opened Barrett CTI (Centre for Technology Innovation) offered a compelling glimpse into what VR (Virtual reality) could offer for the future of journalism.

The third floor of the Barrett CTI featured a Virtual reality project collaboration between the Game Programming students and the Bachelor of Journalism students.

The project was a VR and Augmented Reality interactive documentary which toured the user around documented sections of downtown Toronto by Journalism students. It was intended to showcase a climate protest that occurred previously in Hamilton and a greenhouse-tour located on the campus of McMaster University.

"It wasn't really our idea necessarily," said Curtis Squire, a second-year Game Programming student, who exhibited the documentary. "We had journalism students send us all the assets that you



RYAN MICHAEL WANZALA

Second-year Game Programming students Michael Wilson (left) and Curtis Squire (right) exhibited a VR and Augmented Reality interactive documentary. The project was part of a collaboration with Journalism students.

just saw on screen.

"That's what made the collaboration so compelling to us. We could have one set of people go out and get everything we needed, and just send it to us at the end of the day," he said.

Game Programming Coordinator Umer Noor created the showcase from his fascination with stu-

dents achieving their goals.

"I'm always amazed. Making a game is really hard, I really appreciate the struggle that these students have gone through past the few semesters," he said.

Noor said the collaboration was first devised by Mike Wise, a professor in the Journalism program, who expressed interest in linking the

two mediums, working with Game Programming and 3D Design students to develop visual stories to be used with VR headsets.

CodeConnect gave undergraduates a platform to unveil their creativity through game design, coding and script writing. A plethora of mid-program and capstone demonstrations were hosted on the

first floor of the Barrett CTI.

Game Programming students like second-year Alender Fazio got an opportunity to collaborate among his peers to create a 3D-modeled video game.

"People used to say when they hear the words games, they would say go get a job, but now this is a job," Fazio said.

He worked on a concept titled "Blade Works" that featured a hero who fought against monsters referred to as "slimes."

Michael Wilson, a second-year Game Programming student, described the unique learning curve required to develop VR games.

"You have to be inspired by something in order to create it," he said. "In order to understand the logistics of programming and designing the games you have to play them."

Wilson said video games are like homework and it helps him come up with ideas.

Many students ran their prototypes to professors for feedback, and some will get the opportunity to display their full games to major developers like Ubisoft.

CodeConnect is expected to hold a second event next year, with a smaller demo showcase for next semester.

Idea Lab holds space for digital media creators

Ryan Michael Wanzala

BIZTECH REPORTER

Digital literacy is at the forefront of a brand-new workshop space opened by Humber Libraries this month.

The workshop called Idea Lab included a suite of multimedia resources designed to support students and faculty who intend to create digital media. Studio spaces, workshops, and online resources are one of the many components incorporated in the new initiative.

The spaces are available to Humber and the University of Guelph-Humber students and faculty. Priority will be given to students with assignments, such as producing videos, podcasts, and printing 3D objects.

The Idea Lab's opening was an exciting time for founder Ewan Gibson, who hopes the new space will help students to take their work

"to the next level."

"If a marketing student wants to film an elevator pitch or an ECE student is interested in learning about 3D printing, they now have a place to learn, create and experiment,"

Gibson said. "If that's the case, then the studios and equipment here and the workshops and online resources might be helpful."

The Idea Lab also incorporates video cameras, microphones, computer workstations, and lighting equipment. So far, more than 85 people from classes like Sports and Recreation, Business and ECE, came to the Idea Lab seeking resources for specific assignments.

"We're aware that studio spaces and technologies such as 3D printing already exist on campus," Gibson said. "But these tend to be specific to certain programs and are only available to a select number of students."

A strategic plan of the Learning Resource Commons was an inspi-

ration behind the creation of the Idea Lab. The plan intended to use the group study spaces for presentation practice.

Influenced by the emergence of media labs in libraries over the years, Gibson said Humber Libraries "could do something special with these rooms," and saw the need for these types of learning spaces.

In addition to providing multimedia resources, the Idea Lab arranged seminars and workshops to assist students and faculty about the multiple ways of communicating through digital media, he said.

"We're not just here for assignment support. You can attend a workshop or book out the spaces, even if you are just curious," Gibson said.

The Idea Lab hosts a website where users can rent a room to record or print.

The digital space can be found on the third floor of the Learning Resource Commons.



RYAN MICHAEL WANZALA

The Idea Lab has four bookable spaces on the third floor of the LRC building at North campus: a video studio, an audio studio, and two 3D printer workstations. The space also holds regular open workshops.

QUOTED**DID YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES REGISTERING FOR CLASSES?**

“It’s my first semester here at Humber and I didn’t know we had to register so fast and the places are being taken right away, so I wasn’t able to choose my classes.”

**AMANDEEP KAUR**

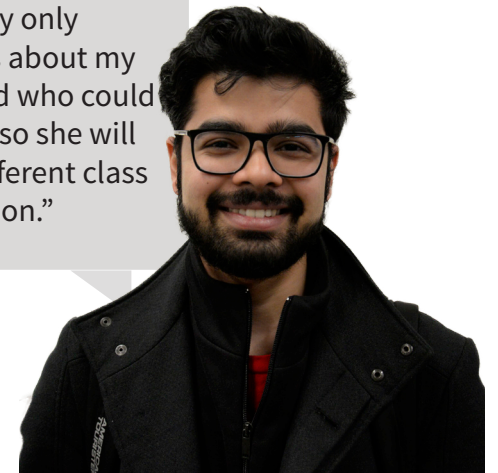
SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, 1ST YEAR

“Registering for the next semester has gone very well, there was no issues. I decided to choose classes in the morning and the office for the registra was very helpful.”

**SOFIA FERNANDES**

CICE/CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 1ST YEAR

“I have successfully gotten in and chose all of my seats and classes. My only concern is about my best friend who could not get in so she will be in a different class from now on.”

**YASH PATHAK**

WEB DEVELOPMENT, 1ST YEAR

PHOTO OF THE WEEK**ENN GIVES STAFF A PLATFORM TO ENHANCE COMMUNICATION**

Bethany Sharpe, a Government Relations and Communications employee at Humber demonstrating the new Employee News Network (ENN) video streaming service. Employees can share upcoming news and events on the platform.

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EDITORIAL

Freeland earns promotion as PM's top minister

Chrystia Freeland has been appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. The first since 2006, and the third woman, after Anne McLellan under Paul Martin.

Anything less would have been seen as a demotion.

The post of Deputy Prime Minister has largely been used as an honour, a sinecure office to reward long service or particular loyalty. Informally, the Deputy Prime Minister also defends the Prime Minister from political damage during Question Period.

If necessary, they would take responsibilities under other portfolios, often issues the government would want to highlight. For example, when John Manley was made Deputy Prime Minister in 2002, he was given further responsibilities for security in the aftermath of 9/11.

Freeland has been a key member of Trudeau's inner circle since the very beginning. She was the first candidate to be recruited by Trudeau shortly after he won the Liberal leadership in 2011. When the Liberals won the 2015 election, she became a key member of his first cabinet, serving as Minister of International Trade and later as Minister of Foreign Affairs.

It is in the latter role that she

would prove to be Trudeau's ablest minister. Top of her agenda was the NAFTA renegotiations with the Trump administration. She also had to navigate escalating tensions between Canada and Saudi Arabia over its human rights record.

She has also championed Trudeau's globalist, inclusive and multilateral approach to diplomacy, even being named Diplomat of the Year by Foreign Policy magazine in June 2018. In her acceptance speech, Freeland defended the "rules-based international order," and warned of the "threat that resurgent authoritarianism poses to liberal democracy itself."

These credentials and her diplomatic standing will serve her well in her key role as Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Despite representing the Toronto riding of University-Rosedale, Freeland was born and raised in Alberta. This will be key for the Liberals, who were shut out of Alberta and Saskatchewan, raising the old spectre of western alienation and separation.

Freeland's main mandate will be to deal face-to-face with the provincial premiers, and bring all her diplomatic skills to bear.

Jonathan Wilkinson, who takes over from Catherine McKenna as Minister of Environment, will assist



REUTERS/BLAIR GABLE

Chrystia Freeland poses with Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau next to Gov. Gen. Julie Payette after being sworn-in as Deputy Prime Minister during the presentation of Trudeau's new cabinet on Nov. 20.

her. Despite being born in Ontario, the Vancouver MP began his political career in Saskatchewan as an advisor to former NDP premier Roy Romanow. This gives him familiarity with the issues in the prairie provinces and the clout to talk about environmental policy with the region.

On the energy side, Seamus O'Regan, MP for St. John's South-Mount Pearl, has been made Minister of Natural Resources. Despite taking charge of a profile that mostly con-

cerns Alberta, O'Regan was quick to remind critics that Newfoundland and Labrador is the third largest oil and gas supplier in the country.

In addition, Manitoba MP Jim Carr, the former Minister of Natural Resources, leaves cabinet and becomes the prime minister's special representative to the prairies. His ongoing fight against blood cancer precluded him from taking any official cabinet post.

Freeland's mandate as Deputy

Prime Minister is probably wider than any in the history of the post. In addition to her work on national unity, she is still responsible for bringing NAFTA 2.0 over the finish line, and for US-Canada relations.

Her appointment signals Trudeau's supreme confidence in her ability to handle the national unity file. Furthermore, her success with that issue may increase Freeland's profile as a potential successor to Trudeau.

OPINION

High unemployment numbers ignore poor quality of new jobs



ALIREZA NARAGHI
EDITOR

Modern life costs too much. The young lament the prospect of being the first generation in living memory to be worse off than their parents. There is widespread agreement they deserve well-paying and se-

cure jobs, the best healthcare, and affordable housing.

The 2019 figures for employment are as good as they are gloomy. The unemployment numbers continue to fall, now hovering around 5.5 per cent, a level not seen in 40 years.

However, the reason appears to be the new economy, particularly this boom, is being driven by disappearing, once-secure full-time jobs and the emergence of temporary, part-time contracts. The so-called gig economy, a change in the nature of work, is happening rapidly and hitting the youngest segment of society.

Unemployment rates among young Canadians have held relatively steady when compared with the mid-1970s, according to Statistics Canada. Still, the proportion of full-time or permanent jobs has dropped sharply over the same pe-

riod, the agency said.

Employment statistics and economic trends are notoriously vulnerable to spin and often fails to capture the full picture. Clearly, the Canadian figures are showing the potential of a modern economy. Yet, it's obvious the weaker labour laws have also flooded the digital economy with precarious gig-work and zero-hours contracts.

This has driven down unemployment, but it has also affected the working lives of poorer people and their prospects for long-term stability.

Of course, there is no going back on the economy, but the notion that the hollowing-out of the labour market is a permanent fixture of the digital revolution should be rejected. In September, California's state legislature passed a bill that would force gig economy companies to reclassi-

fy their independent contractors as employees. In the U.K., Uber was defeated in court over its classification of its workers as self-employed.

Legal victories such as these are instructive examples of how to win workers the rights they deserve and promote fairness in the tech-fueled gig economy.

Curbs on the bargaining power of trade unions, along with globalization, meant the balance of power in the labour market was swinging in favour of multinational corporations. Indeed, the unchecked growth of the gig economy and weak enforcement of labour market regulations explain why the past 10 years have seen the weakest real wage growth in most advanced economies.

The solution must be that economic disruption on such a large scale must come with a welfare

safety net. Minimum wages, once deemed as a threat to economic growth, are now entrenched in political party platforms, and there are robust conversations around basic universal income as championed by Democratic presidential candidate Andrew Yang in the U.S.

For decades, every item of government economic policy has tipped the scale in favour of growth instead of worker security. This approach has harmed the future aspirations of younger generations to start families while also wasting human potential.

The disruptive economy has its potentials, but it has also assailed the younger generation from every angle, fracturing their sense of hope and depriving them of a meaningful future.

The Canadian economy cannot ride forever on an economy fueled by worker insecurity.

Split start for Hawks women's volleyball

Pablo Balza
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's women varsity volleyball team is looking forward to this weekend's road games against Conestoga in Kitchener and St. Clair in Windsor.

Last weekend's match against the Fanshawe Falcons — ranked fourth in the country among college teams — didn't go as planned, losing 3-1, at home on Nov. 15. They are now 2-2 and are fifth in the OCAA West Division.

"Our performance wasn't the best but next game we will be ready," said Hawks' outside hitter Danae Campana.

Fanshawe recorded nine blocks, 55 digs and 10 aces, compared to Humber's six blocks, 43 digs and five aces.

The game however was marked

with strong individual efforts including 14 kills and three blocks by right side Julia Watson to lead the Hawks, while middle blocker Alex Krstonosic had 11 kills, two blocks and an ace.

During the first few minutes of the first set against the 6-0 Falcons, Humber couldn't find their rhythm as Fanshawe took a 7-1 lead. Hawks' coach Chris Wilkins called a timeout to analyze the problems defence was facing while looking for ways to improve before the first set was over.

Despite Humber not giving up, the Falcons took the first set with a 25-13 score.

The Hawks jumped in with a better mindset in the second set. Krstonosic led the Hawks take a 8-4 lead with a six-point service run.

That was followed with a block



PABLO BALZA

Hawks middle blocker Alex Krstonosic prepares the spike the ball into the Falcons. Humber lost 3-1 on Nov. 15.

and a kill by right side Julia Watson who extended Humber's lead by six.

Outside hitter Oliva Foley had a few kills that finalized the second set with a 25-16 tally.

The game then slipped away from the Hawks, although they were able to take a lead in the third

set, due to blocks by Krstonosic and setter Alex Bartman.

The score seesawed between the teams but Humber came up short with a 31-29 tally in the third set before losing the fourth set 25-19. During the third and fourth sets, both teams focused to make no

mistakes due to the intensity of the game and the crowd.

During the game, the Hawks came up short finishing the third set by 31-29 and 25-19 in the fourth.

Humber faces the 2-5 Conestoga in Kitchener on Saturday and the 4-1 Saints in Windsor on Sunday.

Women out in semis at Humber hockey tournament

Kyle Drinnan
SPORTS REPORTER

After an impressive showing in the first round, the semifinals was as far as the Humber Hawks Women's hockey Team can go when they lost to La Cité Coyotes at the Humber North Tournament.

Both the men's and women's extramural teams were at tournament held at Westwood Arena on Nov. 14 and 15. The women's team only played one game during its first day but it was an important one. They were the hosts and had a reputation to uphold.

"They are a tough team," said Canadore Panther's head coach Quinn Harding. "You want to take them at your best." Humber remembered last year when they went all the way to the finals but they fell short.

"They remember what it felt to lose and that is what will drive them this tournament," said Humber's head coach Mallory Lawton.

After the first period, the Panthers kept the pressure, but the Hawks got through it and became dominant for the next two periods winning 2-0.

Their second game on Friday morning was against the Boréal Vipers where Humber quickly dominated the Vipers in two periods with a score of 7-0.

La Cité and Laurier University



KYLE DRINNAN

Centre Alyssa Turner stickhandling the puck to get past a Canadore Panthers' defenseman to shoot at the net. Humber ousted by the La Cité Coyotes.

were in the quarter-finals match to decide who would go on to face Humber. Humber's women watched the match where La Cité claimed victory and were ready to face the next opponent.

"Every game is redemption. We just want to win as a team and play as hard as we can," said Hawks for-

ward Brianne Miceli.

The semi-finals match was next. Both teams were stuck at zero for the first period as both goalies made saves.

In the second period, the Coyotes got the first goal but it was waved off because it was offside. Once the Coyotes got their footing

again, they scored again.

The Hawks couldn't fight back as through the second and third period the Coyotes were stopping every shot.

In the end, the Hawks lost 2-0 with the second goal coming from an empty net.

"Our best aspect is that we learn from every game," Miceli said.

Lawton said he believes the game against the Coyotes is one his players will remember.

"We just couldn't finish some plays and communication was off in the offensive zone," he said.

The extramural team's next tournaments will be hosted by George Brown and Georgian.



REMI DROUIN

Humber Hawk first-year centre Tim Payne trips over a Huskies defender while trying to score against George Brown. Humber was down by two goals early on route to a 4-2 semi-finals loss.

Men's extramural hockey falls to George Brown in semi-finals

Remi Drouin

SPORTS REPORTER

Coach Brett McCully was far happier after the latest tournament performance by his Humber Hawks men's extramural hockey team than he was in their previous outing two weeks earlier.

The George Brown Huskies were the eventual champions when they beat the Canadore Panthers 4-3.

The Hawks were bounced 4-2 in the semi-finals by the Huskies after winning their first four games Nov. 14 and 15 at the Humber North Tournament at Westwood Arena in Etobicoke.

"The guys had a rough tournament a couple weeks ago," McCully said about Humber's quarter-final elimination two weeks earlier in a tournament in Orillia.

"They definitely turned it around," he said. "It's an improvement from our last tournament, you know there's some positives we can take with us moving forward and I think we'll be better for it."

Humber opened the tournament with a 9-0 trouncing of the Centennial Colts and then beat the Pan-



REMI DROUIN

Humber Hawk first-year centre Tim Payne scores against the eventual champions the George Brown Huskies.

thers 5-0.

"I really liked the intensity we brought, we noticed early on that their goalie seemed a bit shaky so we knew we had to get as many pucks on net as we could," said

centre Tim Payne.

Humber capped the round-robin portion of the tournament with a 7-0 win over the Durham Lords, going undefeated and not allowing a goal through three games.

The Hawks next task was taking down the University of Toronto Mississauga Friday afternoon in what was a nail-biter to the very end.

The game went three periods without a goal, requiring a shootout

to settle matters.

In round one, centre Tim Payne rifled a shot past the UTM netminder putting the Hawks up one.

Both UTM shooters denied by Humber goalie Travis Hebert, and it was up to forward Mitchell Harknett to finish off the game for the Hawks.

After his initial shot, Harknett may or may not have double touched the puck before it crossed the goal line. The official ruled it a goal in what was a controversial decision between fans and players.

"I didn't get a good look but all that really matters is we got the win," Payne said. "Whenever a bounce goes your way you just have to be thankful and keep moving forward."

With that, Humber advanced to the semi-finals against George Brown.

The Huskies got off to a quick 2-0 lead until Humber stormed back to tie the game at two.

George Brown scored again to take the lead 3-2, with time winding down, Humber pushed hard.

The Hawks came inches within scoring but couldn't convert and George Brown scored an empty-net goal to eliminate Humber.



HUMBER ATHLETICS

Former Humber Hawks small forward Aleena Domingo screaming in celebration as Domingo and the team won the 2017-18 OCAA championship which was her last year in the OCAA.

Four-time OCAA champion takes talents to France

Jonathan Frasco

SPORTS REPORTERS

Humber women's basketball coach Ajay Sharma remembers tossing Aleena Domingo, one of his best stars, out of practice.

"We have a great relationship, but it was so combative at times too, where I would throw her out of practice," he said. "But we try to do this with our players where we want them to say, 'I'm not leaving practice.' We want them to fight back."

And of course, Domingo fought back, proving she's all in when it comes to breaking through her ceiling. And that acrimonious relationship led her to sign a professional contract in France.

When Domingo started playing basketball, the last thought on her mind was going pro.

But after a college career that included winning four straight provincial titles and two national titles, Domingo inked her first professional contract.

The former Humber Hawks stand-out signed a one-year contract with US Wittenheim Basket, a French club located in Grand Est in northeastern France, on Sunday Nov. 17.

"When I started playing basketball, like recreationally and in high school, I wasn't thinking, 'yeah, I'm going to go pro,'" said Domingo, who played between 2012 and 2018. She didn't play in 2015-16.

It wasn't until after her time at Humber where her love for the game of basketball was realized.

"I feel like they developed something in me where I love the game so much now, it's almost like a drug," she said. "I got to play ball, I got to play ball."

The team won the 2014-15 Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Championship but fell short in the bronze medal game at Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association. After that, something changed in her.

"When you go through that horrible pain of loss, it does something to you," Domingo said. "It kind of

becomes that chip on your shoulder that you carry with you every day after that."

She said holding onto the pain losing the bronze was a big part of a transition for the senior players on the team.

Everything then became much more serious.

There were changes in habits and mentality that allowed them to focus on the little details and developing a winning strategy one step at a time.

"It's the level of seriousness and buy in, how much are you willing to buy in?" Domingo asked.

She bought into coming in early for practice. She bought into putting in extra work in the gym and the hard work paid off after her first year at Nationals.

"After my first year at Nationals I didn't have confidence, but my second year I was like, 'yeah, I've already been here I know what it's like,'" she said. "I'm going to go to work and play these three games: done."

Domingo became the second

player to go pro under head coach Ajay Sharma's watch.

"When she came here, she was pretty raw," Sharma said. "A good athlete, really strong, ran well, and good size."

He said Domingo's motivation increased when she saw herself improving and scoring more. Over time, her impact on the game was felt, Sharma said.

"We have a saying," he said. "Your ceiling is so high, and we need to get you there, we need to get you to push through it."

It's through pushing a player to be great that a coach and player relationship can often times be volatile, and for Domingo and Sharma it was no different.

The off-court relationships that Sharma has with his players is what instills a trust that they can count on him for anything.

So, when Domingo told Sharma her idea about playing professionally, he brought her on a team trip to Taiwan to showcase her talents overseas.

"What coach does that, I had already graduated," Domingo said.

"He could have easily focused on his new players."

Brian Lepp, Humber Sports Information and Marketing specialist remembers, Domingo as a work in progress.

"She just worked her ass off and she competed every day," Lepp said. "You can see from her stats how much better she got."

Her 1,134 points are the second-most for Humber and placed her sixth all-time in league scoring. Domingo holds the regular-season and career record for rebounds, and her ten-postseason double-doubles are the most in program history.

Domingo carved her name into history at Humber and feels like the determination and focus she developed through her training for basketball can be applied to anything in her life.

"I don't know what my life would be if I hadn't gone to Humber," a teary-eyed Domingo said.

Hawks best Falcons for the first time since 2015

David Pastor

SPORTS REPORTER

The year was 2015. Drake released his fourth album, NBA star Steph Curry won his first M.V.P. award, and it was the year Humber men's volleyball team last beat the Fanshawe Falcons.

Wayne Wilkins has coached the men's volleyball team for a quarter of a century and has experienced the triumphs and struggles that have occurred over that time, including 10-straight losses to the reigning national champions.

"We got a great group of guys, great competitors," Wilkins said before the Hawks-Falcons match Nov. 16 at North campus. "I think they'll rise to the occasion tonight it'll be a great opportunity for us to see if we're ready to take it to the next level."

And they did.

The national second-ranked team Humber decisively defeated Fanshawe 3-0.

It's been a long road since Feb. 14, 2015, when the Hawks came back to win three straight sets af-



DAVID PASTOR

Outside hitter Rrezart Sadiku is averaging a career high 2.8 points per set.

ter losing the first two, winning the match 3-2.

Nearly five years later, Humber's volleyball team finally ended their 10-game losing streak against the Falcons defeating Fanshawe in three straight sets, 25-18, 25-12 and 25-15.

The Hawks were dominate from the start shutting down the Falcons offence as Humber totalled 14 blocks over the three sets.

Humber was led by Jake Gomes, Humber's setter in his third season with the Hawks, who totalled 28 assists in the match and four digs.

The Hawks men's volleyball team continued its perfect start to the season as they improved to 4-0, defeating Niagara 3-1, Mohawk 3-0 and Sheridan 3-0.

"The team can compete with the some of the best teams out there," he said. "What's unique about this team is that from the first guy to the 16th guy they actually, genuinely care about each other, it's a great group of guys and enjoy each other company."

Wilkins believes the players on

this team have a special bond with one another. It feels more like a brotherhood more so than a team, which he thinks is a factor in Humber being ranked so high among the college teams in the country.

Humber has won all but one set to start the 2019-20 season with the help from Andrew Blakey, Humber's middle blocker entering his fourth season with the Hawks.

He currently leads the team in hitting percentage with .512, along with 24 kills, which is fourth best on the roster.

"It feels good, its good going out there and getting a win any day whether it's against Fanshawe or not," he said. "For the guys who have been around here for a while it's a little bit more special but again it's just another game and we got to keep it going."

The Hawks are looking to improve to 5-0 for the second straight season as they face-off against Conestoga Condors, the first placed team in the West with a record of 6-1, on Saturday, Nov. 23, at 3 p.m. in Kitchener.

Velasquez gets weekly award after double-double performance

Jayvon Mitchum

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Felicia Velasquez is one reason why Humber Hawks women's basketball team remains undefeated.

And the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association noticed, naming her as the athlete of the week after Velasquez tallied a double-double during the Nov. 6 game against the Fanshawe Falcons. Teammates are enthusiastic for her receiving the reward as the Hawks start the season on an 5-0 record, but she's handling it in the humblest way possible.

"It's good, but I definitely couldn't have gotten it without my team," the fourth year point guard said. "It's a humbling achievement to get."

Velasquez, who is also playing in her fourth year with the team, achieved the double-double with 13 points, 11 rebounds, seven assists and seven steals.

She's averaging 7.2 rebounds per game, tops on the team, and is third in field goals with 44.1 per cent while averaging 7.8 points per game.

Velasquez said she intends on helping the team stay in the win column, and uses her role mod-

el Oklahoma City Thunder point guard Chris Paul to motivate her.

"He shows that even though you're small, you could still be one of the best players," Velasquez said. "You don't have to be big to be the best."

Along with her work ethic, her calm attitude has also been apart of the team's attention towards her, including her head coach, Ajay Sharma, and fellow teammate, Ivana Twumasi.

Head coach Ajay Sharma, currently in his ninth season, said Velasquez "was bound" to receive the athlete of the week honour "at some point."

"She's a big part of our team, sets the table for all of us, me included," Sharma said.

He said he's impressed by the way Velasquez demonstrates leadership on the court.

"She's our coach on the floor, our thinker," Sharma said. "Really, her job is to make everybody max out on their abilities while they're on the court."

Sophomore shooting guard Ivana Twumasi said "it wasn't a surprise" that she received it.

"I feel like she deserves it be-



HUMBER ATHLETICS

Guard Felicia Velasquez handling the ball looking to get past Mohawk Mountaineers guard Grace Mahler Nov. 2.

cause, she works really hard, she's a really good teammate," Twumasi said. "She's also a great leader on our team."

She also believes Velasquez will continue to get recognized based on her progress throughout the season and work ethic.

"She had a good week, and I feel like she's going to have a couple more good weeks ahead," Twumasi said. "I'm proud of her."

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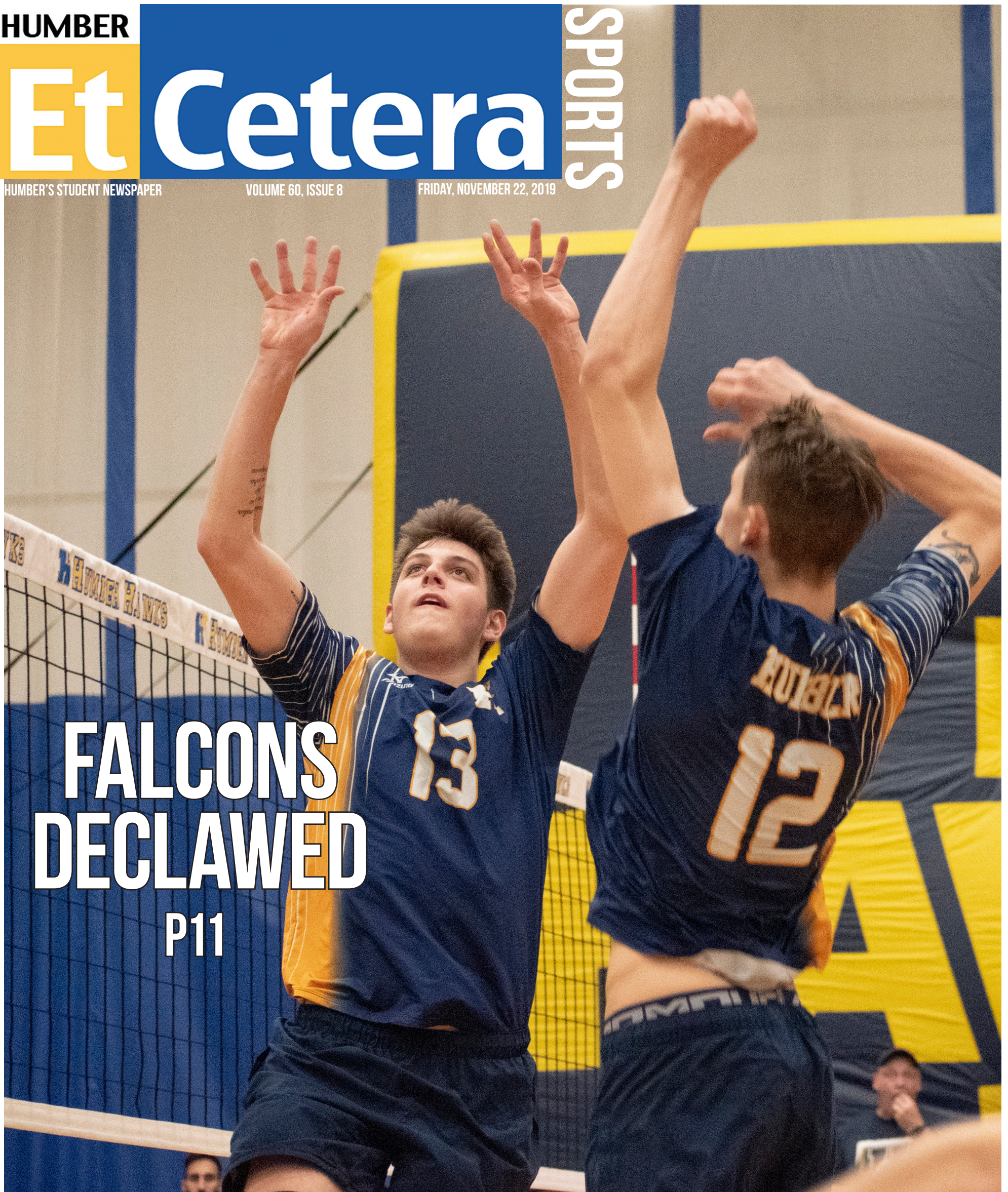
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