



Halloween events are taking place at Humber! Check out story about Hawktober, an Humber Residence Committee event, on page 6

LGBTQ+ safe space opens at Humber

Resource centre at North campus offers a home for often neglected group

Mahnoor Yawar

SENIOR REPORTER

Humber is making room for students to show their true colours at last.

A brand new LGBTQ+ resource centre officially opened its doors Thursday to a big crowd of supporters among the Humber community at the North campus.

The centre provides a safe space to study, organize and mingle, open to anyone who has come out or is questioning their gender or sexuality, and also for allies of the LGBTQ community.

Thursday's grand opening was attended by members of the Humber community and the department of Student Success and Engagement.

"I think we can be extremely proud of Humber's leadership in providing this space and this resource centre for our LGBTQ community," said President and CEO of Humber College, Chris Whitaker.

Whitaker inaugurated the resource centre with a ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside the co-chairs of the Gender and Sexual Diversity Committee, Thomas Silcox-Childs and Maureen Carnegie.

"One of our goals has always been to encourage the college to create dedicated support for LGBTQ students, because as we know, the mental health issues and suicide rates are incredibly high among youth in the LGBTQ community," said Carnegie.



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Impending marijuana legalization stirring the pot

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NEWS REPORTER

Newly elected Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has made legalization of recreational marijuana a focal point of his platform.

For Humber it could mean re-evaluating the rules for students and how they control marijuana use.

Marijuana was an issue in this year's election, and the Liberal party's promise of legalization helped them win the youth vote.

"I think (the Liberals) are progressive about (marijuana reform) and that they have thought it through and

weighed their options and are making right decision," said Peter Lodge, a first-year Travel and Tourism student at Humber College. "If it's controlled properly, the financial income could be astronomical."

The Colorado Department of Revenue reported a major boost in the state's economy since its own legalization of recreational cannabis. Jack Strauss, an economist at the University of Denver found in just six months that between two marijuana dispensaries in Denver, there was \$30 million in economic output and 280 new jobs.

While legalization has proved

to be profitable economically, not much has yet changed for schools.

American campuses in states that have already legalized marijuana are sticking with their policies as if nothing happened.

"Marijuana was, and is, prohibited on the campuses," said Ken McConnellogue, vice president for Communications at the University of Colorado. "We work hard to let our students and their parents know that. We also employ a variety of strategies to work with our students and communicate about the effects of drug and alcohol use."

It could take time for any official

reform to happen but students have started thinking about legalization and how it will work on campus.

"School is going to have to approach it differently than anything else ... residence is going to have to create specific rules, and just like anything it will take a little while for them to work out the best rules for it," said Lodge.

"I think HSF will do some awareness programs warning students about the harmful effects of marijuana," said Akur Joshi, a Global Business Management student at Humber's Lakeshore campus.

Other students have voiced con-

cerns about what could happen to Humber if rules for smoking marijuana were not implemented and enforced.

"Imagine you are a conservative parent and you come to Humber and you see people smoking weed around campus. I would say (to my kids), 'well I guess you aren't going to Humber,'" said Aidan Morrison-Henshall, a third-year media studies student at the University of Guelph-Humber.

Humber will be on the clock to find a way to regulate marijuana effectively and fairly, as a new government promises legalization.

Breast cancer awareness day at Humber



KEN KELLAR

Richard Mitchell, We Are Hope event organizer, takes his turn at the Spa Management table. He organized the event after determining that Humber as a community could do more to help fight breast cancer.

Ken Kellar

ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

David Mitchell lives by his motto. “Our challenges don’t define us, our actions do.”

Mitchell doesn’t take credit for being the first person to say it, but he does take credit for organizing the Pink Ribbon Day for breast cancer at Humber North’s Learning Resources Centre on Oct. 26.

“It was a last minute kind of thing,” said Mitchell, a Humber math professor whose wife was re-

cently diagnosed with the disease. “No one else was doing it, and I thought ‘Someone’s gotta do it,’ so I took it on.”

The event ran from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the LRC lobby and was held in order to unite staff and students to commemorate hope, survival and awareness for breast cancer.

Mitchell said the day was part of a campaign called “We Are Hope” that had begun using the hashtag “#wearehope” in order to help raise awareness against breast cancer.

In the LRC lobby, tables were set

up to sell drinks and snacks, as well as pink paper ribbons to write the names of those affected by breast cancer or inspirational messages of support for those fighting the disease. These ribbons were then stuck to the columns in the lobby to create the Wall of Hope.

Mitchell praised the effort undertaken by the Humber community in holding the event on short notice. He reached out to as many different departments as he could in the days leading up to the event, hoping that some would be able to volunteer.

The response was emphatic.

“At least half the college (took part) and they’re all doing something,” Mitchell said. “Some stuff is in the background, like marketing. They’re helping out with Twitter and Instagram, just you name it.”

Volunteers from Humber’s Spa Management program were also on hand to clean up Humber’s nails and give them a fresh coat of – pink – polish.

Althea Phillips, a second-year Spa Management student, was one of those volunteers.

She said while the event was good practice, she also volunteered to support a friend’s mother who had been diagnosed with breast cancer.

“I’ve seen how it affected her, it made me want to do something to help,” Phillips said.

Mitchell said the inspiration for the event came from his wife’s situation.

“It was about a year ago, at one of these kinds of awareness things during breast cancer awareness month, that my wife was reminded, ‘Oh yeah, I better go and get my yearly mammogram,’ and this time they found three tumours, and when they went in there were six more,” he said.

Mitchell said although the tumours hadn’t spread to her lymph nodes, the following year was “pain, suffering and full of uncertainty, and I don’t want any women to go through that ever,” he said.

Tanzina Islam, the Health Promotion Coordinator at Humber, was at the event to speak with students about some of the facts and statistics behind breast cancer. She also had a table set up to distribute pamphlets on proper self-check techniques while a video showed a number of well-built male models demonstrating those techniques.

“As a college community we want to promote awareness of the issue,” Islam said. “As well as how to prevent it and why it’s important to screen and different ways of prevention.”

According to Islam and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, 25,000 women and 220 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015, with 5,000 of those women and 60 of the men succumbing to the disease.

Stabbing reflects rising knife violence

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CRIME AND SECURITY REPORTER

A recent stabbing near Humber College’s North campus has ignited concern of increasing knife crime.

Toronto Police said a man in his 20s was taken to hospital in grave condition after he was attacked near Humber College Boulevard and Humberline Drive, next to the Humber College North campus, around 8 p.m. Oct. 24.

The victim’s condition has since stabilized and police have one suspect in custody.

Humber’s security cameras provided police with some clues about the suspect, including the direction in which he fled, said Rob Kilfoyle, Head of Security Services and Emergency Management.

“We did manage to get some footage of who we believe to be the suspect fleeing the area through the parking lot down towards the playing field, that’s down below behind the campus,” he said.

One student who lives near the

scene is concerned about the violent incident.

“I think after this event I’m definitely a lot more nervous about being in the area, especially when I am alone or its late,” said Daniela Bianconi, a 19-year-old second-year Commerce and Fashion Management student. “It’s scary that it happened so early in the night and in such a public area.”

Bianconi also notices a trend of violence in the area.

“There seems to be quite a lot of violence in the area which is definitely concerning,” said Bianconi. “Especially since I am a student living here, I would like to feel safe in my own neighbourhood.”

Mike Mildon, a 21-year-old second year Film Studies student, has similar feelings.

“For people like myself, who live in the area, it doesn’t make me feel too safe about my surroundings,” he said.

Toronto Police Crime Statistics have recorded 14 fatal stabbings as of Oct. 26, compared to 10 in the same time period last year. Those

statistics are keeping pace with the year-to-date stabbing murder rate of 13 in 2013. All those numbers are dramatically higher than the four stabbings to-date in 2012.

Mark Loduca, a 19-year-old Brampton resident, remembers when he was targeted for a similar attack.

“You could tell it wasn’t a robbery. The guy grabbed my attention, when I turned he lunged at me with the blade,” said Loduca. “My adrenaline was racing. I ran down Richvale and didn’t stop, didn’t look back, I was gone.”

“Everyone’s always concerned about gun control, they don’t realize how easy it is to get a knife,” he said.

Kilfoyle said violent incidents worry people when they occur near home, school or work.

“No one likes to hear about incidents like this,” he said. “People are generally cautious anyway, but I think whenever there’s something like this close to home it does make people reevaluate what they do for their own safety.”



CHRIS BESIK

Intersection where Oct. 24 stabbing occurred near Humber North campus.

LGBTQ+ safe space opens at North campus

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“I think there’s a misconception that everything’s great in the queer community, and that’s just not a reality, that’s really not the case for many people,” Carnegie added. “Being part of a sexual minority can still be incredibly stigmatizing, and people do experience a lot of discrimination, oppression, and in the worst cases, violence.”

According to a study by the Canadian Mental Health Association, 20 per cent of trans people had experienced physical or sexual assault due to their identity, and 34 per cent were subjected to verbal threats or harassment.

Trans people in Canada report high levels of violence, harassment, and discrimination when seeking stable housing, employment, health or social services.

“One of our most important initiatives besides the center has been our safe and inclusive washroom campaign,” said Carnegie of the committee’s work. “That really has intended to create greater safety for trans people and genderqueer people, so that’s of huge importance.”

Carnegie said the committee has also offered a weekly support and discussion group in collaboration with counseling services, where students have an opportunity to connect with each other and receive support.

Attendees at the grand opening were visibly moved by Dean of Students Jen McMillen, who delivered an emotional speech on the importance of safe spaces when she was an

undergraduate at university.

“It’s been a lot of work, it’s been a lot of years coming, and it really feels like Humber has made a commitment to ensure that our students have a place that’s safe, that celebrates who they are, whoever that may be, and I’m really pleased to see it come together,” McMillen told *Humber Et Cetera*.

The resource center also sees the appointment of a new coordinator, Natalie Elisha, who said she was excited to work with the community at Humber to ensure the resource centre would fit their needs.

“When your institution is as big and as diverse as Humber is, I imagine it would be somewhat difficult to connect with people like you, people with similar identities, similar interests and goals,” said Elisha.

“So I think a space like this will bring people together to hopefully have some fun and put some cool events on.”

The opening of the new centre was also welcomed by students who have been waiting for a safe space at Humber for years.

“A lot of the time, it can feel really lonely in the Humber community, because we don’t see everyone who identifies with us,” said Sarah Arnold, a Justice Studies student at Guelph-Humber who identifies as queer. “It’s a lot easier when there’s a meeting space where we all can collectively be together.”

The new LGBTQ resource centre will be open to students and faculty Monday to Friday, with drop-in hours from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. for the month of November.

Jen McMillen, Dean of Students speaks at launch

Good morning everyone, and welcome. My name is Jen McMillen, I work as the Dean of Students within the department of Student Success and Engagement. It is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to this fabulous event this morning.

There is a number of people set to speak today, and while I don’t want to steal anyone’s thunder, I am first. Usually Chris (Whitaker) gets to do that, but I have a feeling Chris and I won’t be talking about the same things at this particular event.

This is a big day for Humber, and many of us spend a lot of our time talking about what will matter to students and today we get to do something that will actually matter to students and that’s a very exciting thing for us.

The existence of this space matters. My own coming out process started when I was in my undergrad on a campus. It was a challenging time, and I had just about every advantage that you’re supposed to have. I had a supportive family -- eventually. I had a strong social network, I was a student leader, I had a very strong sense of belonging on campus.

And the reality is that that’s not true for many of our queer, questioning and trans youth. And the fact that it is a human need, not just a student need, to be able to see yourself in your community and feel that you have a place where you belong. This is what



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Jen McMillen moved to tears delivering her speech at centre opening.

this centre starts to do.

It will matter to those students who choose to come through those doors, but I will also tell you it’ll matter to the students who don’t. When I was coming out there was a center on the campus that I attended, but I never went. But I certainly knew it was there and that mattered to me, because it meant to me that the institution knew I was there and they thought that was okay. Not only did they think that that was okay but they thought I brought something to their community that maybe wouldn’t be there otherwise and that was very important.

We know that this center will be critical in helping students with their transition, help them build social relationships, help them learn, feel connected, but I also believe it will help save lives. We do know that for many LGBTQ youth, the percentage

who will contemplate or attempt suicide is much higher than their straight colleagues. When you add to that the multiple intersections that many of our students face, those numbers will jump even higher. And maybe now... (falters, tears up).

Maybe now, students will walk by and will feel more hope. And I will admit, when Thomas and Maureen approached me with this proposal, I played the role of realist more than optimist. And I’m glad that I was wrong. I’m so pleased that I was overly conservative in my expectations.

I am proud of Humber. I am proud of us for taking this step. And I am very grateful to be a part of it. This is also a celebration, this is the reality that when you engage students and help them feel empowered, they will do wonderful things. And that is what I know we will see out of this space.

Free flu shots on campus part of province-wide push

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SENIOR REPORTER

Roll up your sleeves! This week Ontario is kicking off its annual flu immunization program in time for flu season.

Humber North is hosting a flu shot clinic in the Student Wellness and Accessibility Centre in the LRC for faculty and students, concluding today at 3:30 p.m.

Some students believe it’s important to get the vaccine every year.

“It’s a good preventative measure for myself. I don’t want to get the flu, especially being in school. I can’t afford time off,” said Mariarosa Sciorino, a nursing student.

“We’re all in close quarters here, so I think we all should be getting it, because we all touching elbows here and no one wants to get sick,” Sciorino said.

Toronto Public Health recommends every resident over the age of five get a flu shot. This year, the city has made the vaccine available for free at nine community clinics and 450 pharmacies.

The Ministry of Health says anyone living, working or going to school in the province can now be immunized for free at doctors’ offices, health clinics and several pharmacies.

This year’s campaign also offers the option for kids between the ages of two and 17 to have their vaccine administered via nasal spray rather than the traditional injection, though parents may still opt for the conventional approach.

The ministry says the vaccines for children protect against four strains of influenza rather than the three in the adult vaccine.

“They identify certain strains of what they anticipate would be the flu. Not to say that you’re not going to get the flu, because there are many variations of many different types of bacteria that you could get. But this one is supposed to be the flavour of the month. So that’s what you’re getting,” said Josephine Fiorello, a registered nurse who was working at the flu clinic.

Toronto Public Health said that the vaccine is only 60 per cent effective, and it takes two weeks to offer full protection, urging people to get



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Students and faculty stopped by the Student Wellness and Accessibility Centre’s flu shot clinic this week.

their flu shots early.

An estimated 12,500 people are admitted to hospital each year for complications arising from flu and about 3,500 die, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada.

But not all students in Humber

are convinced it is necessary to get a flu shot.

Guelph-Humber Justice Studies student Gobeshan Sureshkumar thinks the shot is a pointless exercise.

“If you’re paranoid about (getting the flu), I guess you can get it,” he

said. “But I don’t think it makes a difference in general.”

The clinic said that whether or not someone chooses to get the shot it’s important to continuously wash your hands and be mindful of sharing germs to prevent spreading the flu.

Students look ahead to Liberal plan on loans

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Post-secondary students may find the tide is finally turning, with the days of high tuition and daunting loans slowly phased out.

Although nothing has been set in stone, the movement towards more affordable education is finally in motion. The young Prime Minister-designate, Justin Trudeau, has a clear and detailed platform in store now that he's in charge.

Trudeau released an 88-page campaign plan in early October called A New Plan for a Strong Middle Class. His plans for tuition and education include increasing the maximum amount allowed under the Canada Student Grant program. The maximum amount dished out to a full-time student will be raised to \$3,000 a year, a 50 per cent increase from Harper's Conservatives, and up to \$1,800 for part-timers.

What really has college and university students buzzing is Trudeau's plan that would require students to pay back loans once they have a job that pays at least \$25,000.

"To be able to wait until you're on your feet to pay the loan back is huge," said Christopher Bolarinho, 20, a Humber Fitness and Health Promotion student. "It gives students a bit of breathing room, for sure, which is a change."

Though the Liberals have major changes planned, the bulk of Ontario students' tuition and loan issues are handled by the provincial Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Without any major platform changes since the election of Premier Kathleen Wynne, it's unclear as to whether students can expect change in the coming years as the provincial and federal Liberals work together.

"Though nothing has been discussed at this point (in) time, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Reza Moridi, does look forward to working with his federal counterpart, once cabinet has been appointed and sworn in," said Belinda Bien, communications advisor and press secretary for the minister.

The current system has been in place for years now, so any complete overhaul will take a while, but students are willing to be patient if a change is going to come.

"It doesn't matter how long it takes, something just needs to be done about how expensive schooling is," said Matt Raedelli, 24, a Mohawk College project management student.

While it's not surprising that students are getting excited over Trudeau's plans, the path towards cheaper post-secondary education could be longer than they previously hoped.



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WHO says processed meats linked to cancer

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The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) published a report on Oct. 26 stating that processed and red meat could potentially cause cancer in humans.

The agency, which is the specialized cancer unit of the World Health Organization (WHO), has classified processed meat as "carcinogenic to humans" (Group 1), while red meat has been classified as "probably carcinogenic to humans" (Group 2A).

According to its website, a Group 1 classification means there is convincing evidence that an agent causes cancer based on human and animal studies. Group 2 designations have limited evidence of carcinogenicity in humans and sufficient evidence in experimental animals.

In a news release, the IARC said that both types of meat are linked primarily to colorectal cancer. Red meat was also linked to pancreatic and prostate cancer.

The IARC said that the risk of developing cancer increases with

the amount of meat consumed on a daily basis. It said, "Each 50 gram portion of processed meat eaten daily increases the risk of colorectal cancer by 18 per cent."

The committee looked at more than 800 studies covering the correlations between more than 12 types of cancer and consumption of red or processed meat. The studies come from many countries and reflect a wide range of diets.

Despite the new cancer-causing designation, meat-eating tweeters showed their indifference to the results online.

As well, many proponents of red and processed meat are denouncing the report, calling it misleading.

In a news release, the North American Meat Institute (NAMI) said every substance reviewed by the IARC in its entire history has been deemed carcinogenic to some extent. Only one, a chemical found in yoga pants, was not.

"IARC says you can enjoy your yoga class, but don't breathe air (Class I carcinogen), sit near a sun-filled window (Class I), apply aloe vera (Class 2B) if you get a sunburn,

drink wine or coffee (Class I and Class 2B), or eat grilled food (Class 2A). And if you are a hairdresser or do shiftwork (both Class 2A), you should seek a new career," said Dr. Betsy Booren, NAMI Vice-President of Scientific Affairs.

In the news release, Booren said that the IARC report must be viewed in its proper context.

"IARC's decision simply cannot be applied to people's health because it considers just one piece of the health puzzle: theoretical hazards. Risks and benefits must be considered together before telling people what to eat, drink, drive, breathe, or where to work," she said.

Canadian meat organizations echo the call for public awareness of what the report really means.

"It is important to note that the IARC does not evaluate risks, but hazards," said Ron Davidson, Director of International Trade and Government and Media Relations for the Canadian Meat Council.

"These hazards indicate whether a product or profession, at some level under some circumstance might

cause cancer. If you want to take into account cancer risk, you have to take into account the amount that is consumed and a number of other factors. So when there are indications that this finding indicates risk, that's not correct at all," Davidson said in an interview with Humber News.

Davidson also took issue with the fact that the IARC's decision to endorse was not approved by the entire group.

"The IARC normally tries to have a unanimous decision and in arriving at its split decision, the group chose to disregard several studies which present high quality evidence towards the contrary," he said.

"The agency did not take into account any of the proven benefits of meat or the substantive implications of removing meat from the diet. There are many scientific studies that show no correlation between meat and cancer and numerous scientific papers that show the benefits of balanced diets, which include meat. And we believe that risks and benefits should both be considered before recommending what people eat and drink."

TPP may affect Canadian copyright laws

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Although details of the new Trans-Pacific Partnership plan are still under wraps, despite the 'final' document of the deal being released by Wikileaks, experts say it could drastically affect our copyright policies.

The deal was finalized Oct. 5. Part of it includes harmonizing copyright laws across all countries involved, which include Japan, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Australia, Malaysia, Chile, Singapore, Peru, Vietnam, New Zealand, and Brunei Darussalam.

Standardizing copyright terms in numerous countries across the globe could potentially lead to the monopoly rights of content being held for the duration of the author's life plus 70 years. That is decades of creative work, held without any legal sampling or studying of the content.

Alan Shanoff, a law professor at Humber College, said it's very difficult to protect yourself from potential copyright infringements in this



Humber College law professor Alan Shanoff says Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal could further increase potential copyright infringement cases.

day and age.

"It's the same thing as in defamation law: once you publish something, if it's accessible in another jurisdiction, there is always the possibility that someone can be sued," said Shanoff.

"Canadians are going to see their democratically-created laws over-written in favour of laws that benefit giant, U.S. media conglomerates and censor the Internet," wrote Meghan Sali, a digital rights specialist on the website OpenMedia.ca

Michael Geist, a law professor specializing in Internet and e-com-

merce at the University of Ottawa writes that forcing content off the Internet will be easier than ever with this partnership in place.

"Another court could rule on the legality of the content based on its domestic copyright law and the Canadian provider would still be required to remove or disable access," said Geist on his website.

Current Canadian laws are more lenient towards content such as memes and GIFs. However, the TPP will allow copyright owners to remove that sort of content very quickly.

"Under the treaty, if it comes to

be, then I understand that the notice-and-notice requirements would be changed so that the website must act," said Shanoff.

The partnership will be a major factor in slowing down content creation and modification.

Shanoff said that there are huge risks involved in publishing things that are accessible around the world.

"From my understanding, the treaty protects copyright holders to a much larger degree and is open to some abuse," said Shanoff.

The TPP may also change any trade agreements involving Canada. In addition to Canada's copyright laws, critics are currently examining the TPP as an updated NAFTA agreement. According to The Globe and Mail, the TPP would expand Canada's free trade range to Asia and the Pacific. This means, in addition to copyright work laws dramatically changing, anyone in the farming, automotive, and pharmaceutical industry will face a larger competitor pool once the deal takes effect.

HORRORSCOPES



JAN. 20 – FEB. 19
Careful around large bodies of water. You're prone to drowning. You won't. But then watch the roads...



FEB. 20 – MAR. 20
Death will follow you around this week. It's probably just a serial killer in a spectacularly low-budget costume.



MAR. 21 – APR. 20
You survived the full moon, but don't put away that silver dagger just yet. That howling isn't for pleasure.



APR. 21 – MAY 20
If you bury a body deep in the dark woods, and no one is around to hear it, will it still make a sound?



MAY 21 – JUN. 20
All your photographs are fading. Soon you will be nothing. Your future is dark, just like your past.



JUN. 21 – JUL. 22
Did you know glass tastes like blood? You will. So will your partner with their suspiciously sharp canines. Pucker up!



JUL. 23 – AUG. 22
You will fail to live up to your parents' already low expectations. Don't fret, next week you'll... oh. Never mind.



AUG. 23 – SEPT. 21
That perfect date who seems too good to be real? They aren't real. Nothing is. Life is an illusion.



SEPT. 22 – OCT. 22
Look under your chair. There's an envelope. Open it. Inside is all the proof you need. Cough up that ransom.



OCT. 23 – NOV. 21
You will be tricked into participating in a Satanic ritual, but all the body parts are now shortbread cookies. Lucky break!



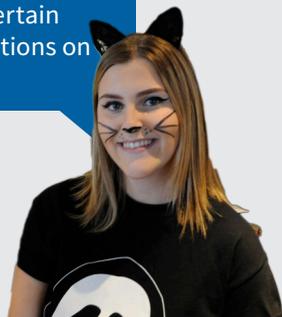
NOV. 22 – DEC. 20
There's a nip in the air, but no worries. There will be plenty of warmth when they burn you at the stake this week.



DEC. 21 – JAN. 19
You will buy a Tamagotchi to relive your youth, but it will refuse to eat. You will watch helplessly as it dies.

QUOTED: Is marijuana legalization the right direction for Canada?

It is a good direction as long as they put certain limitations on it.



Meaghan Boyle, 20
BUSINESS STUDENT, 3RD YEAR

Honestly it is weed, it is not that harmful, so why not?



Talha Khokhar, 20
ACCOUNTING, 2ND YEAR

That would be awesome because we could smoke anywhere.



Steph Li, 20
MASSAGE THERAPY, 1ST YEAR

SCHOOL DAZE

COMIC BY JORDAN BIORDI



Dinisha Kndasamy
20 years old
Business Administration
First-year

Scarf: Forever 21
Boots: Topshop
Jacket: Forever 21
Sweater: Banana Republic
Bracelet: Pandora

I like comfy clothing and neutral colours like black and grey.

Templeton draws audience at Humber's Comic Con

Sukh Toor
LIFE REPORTER

Ty Templeton always wanted to be one of the Beatles.

Disappointed all the jobs with the Fab Four were taken, he became a comic book artist instead. It's a decision that landed him into the Canadian Comic Book Hall of Fame.

Not a bad second career choice for a 53-year old full-time dad.

Templeton, a Brampton-based artist who has drawn some of the major characters for Marvel and DC comics, appeared as a guest artist at the third annual Comic Con held at Humber College earlier this month.

Despite his deft hand at drawing super-heroes, Templeton still thinks about music first and plays every day of his life.

"It never occurred to me that this [comic work] was going to be my job," he said. He always thought he was going to be a musician.

"I [still] think of myself as a musician when I first wake up," he said. He plays "mostly pop music" and "the kind of stuff you used to hear in bars." He once brought drums home to inspire one of his kids to become a drummer, but his wife said no more instruments after the ruckus. Templeton laughed hard.

"I'm forming a band out of my kids," he said.

Templeton may be deflecting his dreams to his kids, but when he was younger, he had to make a decision.

"I had to stop being a musician because it [comic work] was taking up so much of my time," he said.

Now well-renowned for his artwork, Templeton said he began his career in the comic industry "accidentally." He was invited to draw a comic book by someone at a party and the rest is history. He worked on two comics for a publisher in Toron-

to and was later offered a permanent job. After a couple years working in the industry, he was nominated for an Eisner Award, the comic book world equivalent to the Oscars.

"Arguably the best part is switching hats," said Templeton. "I don't have the same job like four days in a row." The variety means he never feels he gets into a rut.

"I clearly can't focus," said Templeton.

Templeton comes from a family of entertainers.

His mother, Sylvia Murphy, was a CBC television and radio star and his father Charles was a cartoonist for the Globe and Mail in the 1930s and 1940s, taking on Hitler in his political cartoons. Charles later became a preacher and eventually a filmmaker after finding success as an author.

Nevertheless, the senior Templeton still believed Ty's job wasn't real. His father thought of comics as reading for children, Ty said.

On the other hand, Templeton's wife Keiren Smith said she loves all his work. Her addition that they've been together "way too long" was followed by hysterical laughter that Templeton joined in on.

He is passionate about American Splendor, Harvey Pekar's autobiographical comic book series on his life as a file clerk. He remembers thinking it was the most brilliant idea he'd ever come across.

Templeton, who personally knew Pekar, said the 2003 Paul Giamatti-starring film based on American Splendor captured Harvey incredibly well.

"The movie is touching," he said. "It's the only movie about comics that has made me cry."

Templeton has worked on The Simpsons, Spider-Man, Superman and is currently working on an Evil



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Ty Templeton, a Canadian comic book artist, was among the illustrators showing off his work at Humber's third annual Comic Con Expo earlier this month.

Dead 2 comic series, which one of his children is ecstatic about. He also just finished the cover of a Jughead issue.

But when it comes down to choosing his favorite, it's "Batman by far," said Templeton. His tattoos are all of Batman. Batman is the essential embodiment of chaos versus order and he has a more human experience, he said.

Templeton said he wrote Batman for about 15 years and can't help but

feel like The Dark Knight.

"You can't write Batman and not take some of that on you," he said. The comic book genius has served his fair share of justice.

"I've broken up fights and stopped muggings," he said.

Kevin Hickey, owner of Stadium Comics, partners with the Humber Students' Federation to orchestrate the Humber College Comic Expo.

Hickey said Templeton is amaz-

ing, personable and described him as a great teacher who is the most knowledgeable person in the history of comics. Templeton is also often found at Stadium Comics for signings.

"As far as comic books go, he's the man," he said.

Templeton has been in the comic industry for 32 years and counting and cannot wait to see what else the journey has in store for him.

Star Wars is coming to Netflix Canada

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A new hope has come to the north.

Canadians are rejoicing after Netflix confirmed to CBC News that the hotly anticipated movie Star Wars: The Force Awakens will be available to stream in Canada only.

The movie, slated to hit theaters December 18th, will be available for streaming on Canadian Netflix eight months after its theatrical run.

The eight-month clause was announced when Netflix Canada negotiated a licensing agreement with Disney last year.

Disney purchased the rights to Lucasfilm, the production company that makes Star Wars, in a \$4 billion USD deal in 2012.

According to a report by Variety on Friday, the reason Netflix was able to secure the movie in Canada exclusively, "has to do with the timing of when Disney's pay-TV distribution deals

were up for grabs."

"From Netflix's point of view, it's a very smart strategy," said Michael Glassbourg, Film and Television Production program co-ordinator at Humber College.

Glassbourg said it's Netflix's ability to pay lump sums in advance for films like Star Wars: The Force Awakens that gives it unlimited power, no pun intended.

"I think it will happen quite a lot," he said. "They're doing it with high profile films so that Netflix gets an even higher profile as a bona fide distribution network."

"I would imagine the theatre owners are very nervous about it. It's one more thing that eats into their box office," said Glassbourg.

Diehard Star Wars fan Andrew McGuire, a first-year Computer Engineering Technology student, said the announcement won't sway him to skip viewing it in normal theatres.

"It's cool to know that Netflix is trying to pick up high quality titles,"

said McGuire. "But big fans will get the DVDs and merchandise and all that so they won't need it."

Star Wars fans aside, Glassbourg believes this move is an early sign of a growing shift in the film industry, and one that has traditional cable services like Rogers On Demand reeling.

"They're so expensive that most people are going with Netflix," said Glassbourg, who believes Netflix's move has more to do with the bottom line than bringing the best entertainment for its audience.

"All these businesses are cut-throat. They're in it for the money, they're not in it to make you and I happy," said Glassbourg.

"If people think they're really getting a variety of movies with Netflix, they're not. But it's a great way to get entertainment and now it's starting to be a great way to get first-run theatrical features," he said.

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CREATIVE COMMONS

For once, Canada beats the United States to something. Netflix has signed a deal to bring Star Wars: The Force Awakens north of the border eight months after its theatrical release.

Gameapalooza at LinX

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NEWS REPORTER

From Tetris and Mario to Assassin's Creed and Halo, behind every video game is a person and that person had to start somewhere.

The future of gaming is graduating here at Humber and they decided to go out with a bang by showing off their skills at Gameapalooza, held at LinX Lounge on North campus last Monday.

"Talk to humans," said Kris Alexander, new Project Management professor for Humber. "This is a networking event."

As the Game Programming students set up their computers, attendees were given free pizza.

Alcohol and soft drinks flowed at the bar. On the whiteboard, a roster was started for Super Smash Bros., Tetris and Street Fighter tournaments.

"We're trying to get game students and non-game students mingling," said Mark Seaman, 20, a second-year game programming student. "Humber's program is great for getting started in the gaming industry. They teach you all the coding and programming."

Music from game soundtracks blared as more gamers filled up LinX, almost all wearing t-shirts and other gear from their favorite games. Once the students set up their projects, it became a free-for-all to play, despite a small hiccup with a fuse being blown.

Dylan Ravka, a third-year game programming student, made a scuba-diving game with a simple main objective: freeing sea turtles from their traps. What made his game more thrilling was that he turned it into a virtual reality experience with Oculus Rift.

"The Oculus Rift is a virtual simulator headset," he said. "You can look around and feel like you're actually in the game. You're immersed

into the game world."

He purchased his own headset to give players a more in-depth virtual experience based on his scuba-diving trips.

It was no surprise that the virtual addition to his game created a large lineup to play. While the gameplay and premise were simple enough, Ravka is optimistic of his future.

"I hope to land a job at a game studio here in Toronto," he said. "I also want to further pursue the game I'm working on here. I'm all for indie gaming."

Indie gaming has blossomed all over the world thanks to Steam, a computer program which allows people to purchase and play games from virtually every developer.

"Indie games help build your portfolio and a lot of students here at Humber got jobs at the AAA companies like Ubisoft, and Rockstar," said Ravka. "We're learning everything we need to know."



HELENA SHLAPAK

Humber students were invited to LinX Lounge, Humber's North campus bar, where they mingled and played games.



KATHERINE AYLESWORTH

Humber Residence Council held annual Haunted Arb Walk for North campus residents as part of Hawktober.

Hawktober for Humber North residence

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NEWS REPORTER

Many Humber residents say they are excited to participate in this weekend's Halloween themed festivities as part of Hawktober.

Hawktober is run by Humber Residence Council, which gets students excited for the scary holiday taking place this Saturday.

Hype Night was the first event to set Humber's Halloween spirit on Monday as the Humber Residence Council staged a pie-eating contest and provided miniature pumpkins for students to paint.

The approach was "to paint some scary pumpkins and eat some tasty

treats," said Mackenzie Fair, a first-year creative photography student attending the event.

Sydney Lawson, an executive member on the Humber Residence Council, said it took around three weeks to plan Hawktober.

"Throughout the whole week we (had) different events," said Lawson, who is also a Media Studies student at the University of Guelph-Humber.

Monday was Hype Night, Tuesday a scavenger hunt, Wednesday the haunted Arb walk, Thursday was movie night and tonight will be a photo booth.

The haunted Arb walk is the most exciting and busy night for students living in residence. Students gath-

er in groups of ten or so and walk through the Arb in fear.

It is an annual event that continues to be a hit with residents. This year's theme was based on the folklore of the Brothers Grimm.

"The Arb (looked) like an old wrecked village where all the fairy tale characters lived," said cosmetic management student Victoria Hammond. "A terrible attack has happened and they've all been killed and murdered and are coming back to haunt the place."

Hammond wrote the backstory for the walk this year and played one of the characters. She said she was excited to scare the unsuspecting students.

Humber bands get chance

96.9 FM Radio Humber's choice of Band of the Month often creates a good stepping stone for new and emerging bands, including campus groups

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Humber student bands have a chance to be a Band of the Month (BOTM) next year on 96.9 FM Radio Humber.

Kylee Winn, a first-year digital communications student at Lakeshore campus and promotions coordinator of BOTM, said they are always looking for new bands to promote, including Humber-based bands.

Winn said Humber bands need their CanCon (Canadian content), which is a requirement for CRTC (Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission) to show Radio Humber they are a Canadian band. The band must also have some professional photos and an album or single the station can play.

"We're the first step until they get to the bigger stations," said Winn.

Being BOTM is a stepping stone for many emerging bands. Radio Humber was the first to interview indie rock band Glorious Sons from Kingston, Ont. Not long after, they were nominated for a Juno this year for Rock Album of the Year.

Radio students record videos of each band on the North campus. They recently recorded Ivory Hours, an alternative pop band from London, Ont., for October's BOTM. Ivory Hours performed an acoustic

version of their song "I Won't" in the Arboretum.

"The director of the Arb saw us one day and she was like, 'This is great, we always wanted stuff like this happening around here,'" said Winn. "It's built up our overall brand and our status and presence on campus."

The BOTM promotion also gives radio broadcasting students experience on interviewing skills and exposure to more contacts in the radio field.

"I always tell the bands that you never know because we don't know who you will turn out to be and you never know who these kids will turn out to be," said Winn. "In a year's time these second years will be working across Canada."

"It will give me some more experience and I can add it onto my resume and it will show that I know how to interview celebrities and certain people," said Sarah Ferreira, a second-year radio broadcasting student.

Tori Fixman, a fellow second-year radio broadcasting student, interviewed bands for BOTM in the summer.

"It helps you with your interviewing skills and just kind of professionalism in the business and dealing professionally with bands," Fixman said.

"It's fun to get to know people you didn't know literally a week before and you're told this is the band you're interviewing," Fixman said. "You do some research and then you get to know them even more on a personal level."

The BOTM's for this year have already been chosen by the students last semester, but station workers are excited to start the process again next year.

Legal pot could mean users ‘won’t be ashamed of it’

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LIFE REPORTER

When it comes to relaxing from the pressures of class on the weekend, Tyler Stoddart (not his name) is pretty adamant on what helps him out.

“I love to smoke weed,” said the first-year business administration student at Humber. “The release it gives me, it allows me to forget about stress.”

Stoddart said he is a habitual smoker. The 19-year-old said he tried marijuana for the first time about four years ago.

He suggests that Justin Trudeau influenced his decision to head to the ballot box. “I believe that Mr. Trudeau is bringing about positive change in this country,” said Stoddart.

Among the campaign promises by Trudeau during the federal election campaign was to seek legalization of the recreational use of cannabis.

With the Liberals winning a healthy majority, focus has shifted to that particular campaign vow, which is a steep contrast to the anti-drug stance of former Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

While it appears the tides are

turning with legalization in U.S. states such as Washington and Colorado, not everybody seems to be on board with the possibility in this country.

One Humber first-year business management student isn’t sure what it would mean in terms of addiction.

“I know there are health benefits to pot, but legalization is a very dangerous thing. It could make people ignore their jobs and responsibilities,” said the student, who asked not to be identified.

Sam Tehai, a university student from the United States, thinks it is time Canada came out of what he calls the “dark ages.”

“The age of pot smoking is here,” said Tehai at the Hot Box Café, a Kensington Market spot known to permit cannabis consumption. “People from all walks (of life) smoke. So why punish them for something they enjoy?”

John Smith, proprietor and owner of The Dragon Smoke Session Depot on Yonge Street, thinks it is about time Canada embraced the benefits of pot, with the country having a recreational counterculture industry that according to some statistics generates about \$5 billion a year.



EDWARD HITCHINS

Hot Box Café, a Kensington Market spot known to permit cannabis consumption.

“I think you’ll see an immediate uplift in terms of dollars. Something that was solely considered illegal and recreational, just like the US states will now be legal,” said Smith.

“A lot of the negative attitude toward cannabis was dogma and a generation of misinformation,” he said.

“The same doctors who were claiming it was dangerous are now embracing the health benefits. I guarantee there will be lineups around the doors of people who want to try it, people who are interested.”

That’s certainly a statement that Stoddart can agree with.

“People think stoners are just lazy,” said Stoddart. “They don’t understand there are professionals like doctors and lawyers with well-paying jobs that use weed as well. Perhaps if it is legalized, they won’t be ashamed of it. They’ll be allowed to relax and smoke a joint in peace.”

Beekeeping on campus teaches ecology

Sarah Minard
LIFE REPORTER

Humber beekeeper Fran Freeman put a honeycomb slat into a metal contraption and began turning a handle.

Pure wildflower honey and tiny bits of the honeycomb poured out of a spout into a plastic bucket.

Four attendees of the workshop were busy scraping honeycomb off slats from the hives, occasionally popping pieces of honey-drenched comb into their mouths.

Nibbling on pieces of honeycomb offered a quick taste test of the natural honey in a process that begins with bees pollinating flowers in the Humber North campus Arboretum.

On October 10th, the Centre for Urban Ecology at Humber held a beekeeping 101 workshop aimed at teaching novice beekeepers how to winterize and harvest their hives.

“I think it’s always been an aspect of the beekeeping, educating urbanites about bees, partly because of the fear factor,” said Freeman.

Emmeline Molnar, an environmental studies student at University of Toronto, stood at a table with her mother, hands sticky with honey while scraping away at slats of honeycomb.

“I know there are a lot of beekeeping initiatives taking place on campus at U of T and I’m affiliated with DIG IN and a lot of the agricultural extra-curriculars that happen on campus, but beekeeping was sort of this area I hadn’t explored yet,” said Molnar.



SARAH MINARD

Arboretum’s Centre for Urban Ecology held beekeeping workshop Oct. 10.

Included in the workshop was a tutorial on how to set up a proper beehive, how the bees move and react and how to properly insulate the hives for winter.

Bees play a significant role in sustainability. The pollination of plants by bees allows fruit and seed crops to produce our food.

The Humber honeybees in particular pollinate more than 250 acres of plants in the surrounding area.

“People have lost track of where their food comes from and they don’t make the connection between bees and pollination and the food on their table,” said Freeman.

Freeman said the bees are not

sugar fed, they aren’t given antibiotics, and no harsh chemicals are used on the hives. The beekeeping process at Humber results in organic honey.

Allergies are always a concern when it comes to bees however.

Josh Bowslaugh, landscaper for North York Gardening, encounters bees frequently on the job.

“If I get stung my face puffs up a bit, but it’s nothing deadly. I find if you just gently wave them away instead of freaking out, they will leave you alone,” said Bowslaugh.

It’s important to know that bees are not aggressive by nature and only sting when they feel threatened.

Culinary, hospitality career fair links to jobs

By Jessica Kudas
NEWS REPORTER

The gymnasium at Humber’s North Campus was transformed as booths lined in rows filled the room, behind all of them, employers, chefs, and managers eager to speak to students and answer questions.

Humber hosted its Annual Career Fair with some of Toronto’s top hospitality companies last Tuesday linking students to potential employers.

The companies, including Liberty Grand, Earls Bar + Kitchen, and Oliver and Bonacini, were looking to meet and pre-screen culinary, tourism, and hospitality students for internships and employment opportunities.

“Employers from the industry, different partners every year, come to speak directly to our students to really network and get to know what we do here at HRT, and to show them what our students have to offer,” said Karen Hamilton-McKinnon, Internship Coordinator for HRT, and one of the coordinators of the event.

“It also shows our students what’s available out there for them,” said Hamilton-McKinnon. And students feel equally as optimistic about the event.

“We have our internships next year, so this is a great way to get to know people and show them what we do,” said Ruby Tseng, 20, a first-year culinary student. “Our pro-

gram gives us many opportunities to improve our cooking skills, and our English. Our classmates are all really nice too.”

“I’m looking forward to finding a job in baking and pastries, which is what I majored in back in my home country,” said Joyce Lee, 21, also a first-year culinary student.

The event was also meant to allow students to think creatively about their futures, and show them all aspects of the industry.

“Let’s say you’re in culinary, it gives you the option to maybe work at the front desk of a hotel, as opposed to working in the kitchen,” said Vita Giglio, head pastry chef at the Toronto Metropolitan Hotel and a Humber College instructor.

“The event really gives you the option to explore,” said Giglio.

This was also a great chance for students to find out what employers are looking for when hiring.

“What we really look for in students is appearance and passion. Someone that carries themselves professionally, looks good, and has a clear drive for what they’re doing are all things we strongly take into consideration,” said Nicolaas Vanderklei, head chef at Earls Bar + Kitchen. “We’ve been working with Humber College for years now and we love being here.”

Students spent the closing hours rushing from booth to booth, hopefully leaving with a positive future in mind.

EDITORIAL

Be respectful of cultural heritage on Halloween

Halloween is seen as a time to express yourself by dressing up in costume and enjoying a day of being someone else. This has been the tradition for many years: children will trick or treat, adults will party and everyone finds an alternative self for the day. But our tradition is changing. In a diverse community, like Humber, Toronto and Canada, we must be sensitive to the cultures around us and the people we surround ourselves with.

Dressing up allows you to choose any profession, character or idol and represent them any way you like. Unfortunately, many cultures and groups of people are disrespected because of the way these uniforms and outfits are put together. A gypsy costume used to be a common costume for women and children, but they are actually a group of people known as Romani people. They are a culture and have beliefs around their clothing and jewelry they wear, which is often disregarded and ignored around Halloween when their outfits are altered and adjusted, changing the costume into a racial display.

To be fair, many people don't consider offending groups of people when choosing their costume; they are just thinking of something they've wanted to dress up as. But there's a fine line that must be watched when it comes to Halloween costumes. There are cultures, histories and people related to every costume that must be taken into consideration when picking an outfit.

One of the groups most commonly insulted by costume choice is Aboriginals. Many people use their headbands, outfits and makeup to create a costume. However, think of the oppression and tragedies Native cultures have gone through. Even today we're facing constant battles with missing and murdered Aboriginal women (#MMAW) in Canada, yet people still choose to dress as 'Indians'. In times of tragedy this doesn't come off as anything but mocking the community and tossing their issues to the side for your own pleasure. If you're going to choose this sort of costume, make sure you're educated in the outfits and know what you're wearing before displaying disrespect to a group

of people so important to Canadian culture.

This goes for any culture or group: understand what you're doing. There are many groups, especially in the last couple of years, dedicated to taking a stand against offensive and racist costumes. Even groups of workers have found offense in the often sexually hyped versions of uniforms, especially for nurses, maids, Army forces and emergency responders like police officers and fire fighters. If you choose to use one of these professions as your costume this year, that's fine, you can decide to be whatever you've worked on or thought about all year, but educate yourself. Ensure that you know exactly what you're representing.

We're not going to tell you to throw out your costume and change it last minute or bash people dressed inappropriately when you go out Saturday. We just want readers to consider how other groups of people are being represented. If you're in a teaching program, how do you perceive naughty teachers; if you're in a nursing program, what do the sexy nurse costumes make you feel;

if you're in the fire fighting program, what do you think of shirtless men in suspenders representing your career? If it doesn't bother you, that's fine. There is nothing wrong with not being offended, but you should realize that others are and for good reasons. People have experienced horrible things in their groups and cultures and workplaces and it may be offensive for them to see you dressed as a more relaxed version of what they believe or do.

If you are offended by these costumes, try to explain why this is upsetting. Explain what the outfit means to you and how you use it to be a part of a group or how it matters to your culture. Educate people and maybe next year we'll see less sexy nurses and insulting Aboriginal chief costumes and more outfits that our community can accept and be supportive of. There are so many choices of costume in our society, there is no need to disrespect the people that make our community, city and country diverse and hurt the people we live and work with.

Happy Halloween Humber!

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Survivor's guilt as yet another earthquake hits Pakistan



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On October 8, 2005, I was a sophomore at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts when an earthquake in Kashmir changed everything. There's no word for waking up to 17 messages from family members and friends alike, telling you the world is different now. Within less than a minute, it was almost 90,000 people short of what you remembered.

There's a strange version of survivor's guilt that follows a natural disaster. Being away from your people, being away from the tragedy of loss that you feel but cannot share in. You are helpless in the face of tears and a list of names that you will forever remember as the lost ones. You hear tremors in voices that you grew up thinking strong. And you missed everything that turned it into fear.

It's an irrational urge, blaming yourself for something no one could've controlled. As though your

presence could've changed the very course of nature.

When another earthquake struck on the border with Afghanistan on October 26, 2015 - almost 10 years to the day everything changed - things were only mildly different. For one, I was already awake, and I was still away here in Toronto.

My first instinct was to dig out every phone number I'd gathered over the years, and prepare to make calls for a story. Systemize, organize, compartmentalize. Collect data on seismic activity in the region. Talk to aid workers and people in neighbourhoods near the epicentre, much like you did years ago when you were trying to help. Hear about homes being leveled, watch cellphone videos of landslides wiping out entire towns, silently count the procession of casualties being taken into hospitals.

Checking on loved ones is different now, too. There are no sob-filled calls home to make sure everything's okay. No tentative asking around to see if your friends are grieving.

No lifetime of memories buried under debris and statistics. Facebook asks everyone I know if they're safe, and lets me know in a single notification. Family and friends live-tweet the cracks in their walls and their sense of safety alike. (In this case, my family was safe.)

What doesn't change is the way lives are affected outside this bubble of privilege. War-weary towns already suffering from the vicissitudes of conflict must now contend with the cruelty of nature.

Winter is on its way, and those who survived their worlds caving in must live without whatever shelter or food they had left.

Children are ripped from their parents, left completely vulnerable to whatever evil wants to harm them. Villages are cut off from access, hours from real roads, with aid workers frantically losing any chance of finding survivors as the clock ticks on their efforts.

It's easy to ignore the Afghanistan-Pakistan region as a self-contained bastion of extremist conflict. As long as whatever evil lurks there doesn't come here, we're all safe. Don't worry about it.

But living amidst all that evil are people who don't know the comfort of a quiet night. Who look to the sky in fear of unmanned drones. Who deal with trauma as a way of life.



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Want to be a sexy black cat? Rock it! Halloween no time for slut-shaming



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“Halloween is the one day a year when a girl can dress up like a total slut and no other girls can say anything else about it.”

That line is from the cult classic teen comedy *Mean Girls*. Yet while Halloween is the single day of the year you can dress however you’d

like, the judgment is there whether it’s in the form of unwanted attention or the judging remarks of a friend.

Slut-shaming happens year round, but spikes during Halloween because of the costumes worn. If you’re shopping for a Halloween costume, it’s obvious that most female costumes are over sexualized. A men’s firefighter costume will look similar to the uniform an actual firefighter wears, but a woman’s costume will consist of a form-fitting dress or impossibly short shorts, both of which are completely unpractical if you’re to fight a fire. Women’s costumes are aggressively revealing; you’re hard pressed to find one that isn’t.

It’s a double-standard that has existed for years but whether you want to go against it or not is your choice.

My first year of university I dressed as Spider-Girl and I

thought wearing red leotards was the most daring costume I would ever wear.

Since that year I’ve been Little Red Riding Hood, an army girl of sorts and a few French maids, all of which could be considered ‘slutty.’ Do I consider myself to be slutty then because of wearing this costume for a night? No. The only thing about me that changed in those years was my confidence.

There is the idea that dressing in a provocative costume takes away your empowerment as a woman, and while I can see why some people would believe this, I disagree. If a woman feels confident enough to wear a revealing costume, who are we to bash her?

We, as women, are trapped inside a box when it comes to Halloween. If we decide to take that sexy version of whatever costume we want, we’re reprimanded for the way we dress. I’ve been out for

Halloween and dressed in a revealing way and I’ve had guys assume I’ll go home with them and then get angry I don’t. I’ve had friends declare that I’ve ‘lowered my standards’ because of the costume I’ve chosen, or that I’m seeking the wrong attention.

My costume does not reflect my standards, which is exactly why it’s a costume. It’s me dressing up for fun, for a night.

My view is, if a woman decides one Halloween she wants to dress up as that sexy black cat then all the power to her.

Her body, her choice. This choice of a revealing costume is made by her, for her. If she’s wearing it to impress someone, that’s just as fine. But dressing in a “scandalous” way is in no way a form of consent, and doesn’t give any permission for anything regardless of what some people may think.

“Just because it’s become more or less culturally acceptable to dress in a less-than-traditional manner for a night does not make it okay for women to be ‘slut-shamed’ or for men to harass women simply because of what they are wearing,” states an article from the University of Michigan campus newspaper.

We’re in a different country, but laws on sexual harassment still apply even when a woman, or a man, is dressed in costume on Halloween.

Halloween is the day of the year you can be anyone you want and wear whatever you want.

Want to be a sexy black cat? Rock it! Prefer a goofy costume that’s totally punny? You do you! The point is what you wear is your choice and no one has the right to say anything about it, on Halloween or any day of the year.

Tory must do more to unite Torontonians



Jeremy Appel
NEWS EDITOR

John Tory’s first year as Toronto’s mayor has brought a welcome change of tone from the Rob Ford circus. But in terms of policy, he has a lot more in common with his predecessor than meets the eye.

Let’s start with the positive. While Ford ridiculed anyone on council who disagreed with him, Tory has expressed a willingness to listen to other points of view. You won’t hear Tory say that his opponents on council are “two steps left of Joe Stalin,” as Ford said of Liberal MP and former councillor Adam Vaughan, among others.

Both men are Conservatives, but only Ford was out on the hustings stumping for then-prime minister Stephen Harper’s ultimately unsuccessful re-election bid. True, Ford is no longer mayor, but he is still a wildly popular city councillor for Ward 2 (Etobicoke North), which is a staunchly Liberal riding federally.

By contrast, Mayor Tory was careful to avoid endorsing any candidate in the federal election, lest he alienate any of his constituents.

“I will stay uninvolved in the campaign because I think I’m the mayor

of all the people - I’m the mayor of Liberals, Conservatives, New Democrats, Greens, Rhinoceros Party, Marijuana Party people,” Tory said. “I’m the mayor of all the people and it is my job to get the best deal for Toronto and not to get involved in the campaign.”

It’s undoubtedly refreshing to have a mayor with a less partisan approach to representing the city, but this does not entirely lessen the political similarities between Ford and Tory.

Both men have positioned themselves as champions of the oft-neglected inner suburbs - Etobicoke, Scarborough and North York.

Tory doesn’t make a habit of raging against “downtown elites” like Ford, but his policy on the Gardiner Expressway appears as a giant middle finger towards downtown city councillors.

Instead of tearing down the troubled highway east of Jarvis Street to make way for a scenic boulevard, as the downtown councilors preferred, Tory advocated the far more costly partial tear down, or hybrid option, advocated by many suburban councilors.

The vote was a frightfully close 24 - 21 in favour of Tory’s plan. Not exactly what’s expected from the man who pledges to unite all Torontonians.

Every single downtown councillor voted against the hybrid plan, plus notable suburbanites like Maria Augimeri of North York and Paul Ainslie of Scarborough.

Ford was the only councillor to vote for keeping the Gardiner as is, but this appears more as political grandstanding than actual policy difference.

The Gardiner connects Etobicoke with the rest of the city, so Ford’s



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Toronto mayor John Tory commits to staying “uninvolved” in the campaign process because he believes a mayor should represent all political groups.

support for it is understandable.

If he were still mayor he’d likely take Tory’s position on the matter, salvaging whatever he can of the expressway.

Though Ford pledges “support for taxpayers,” he’s been more than willing to spend when it’s politically expedient.

The most prominent example is the Scarborough subway, supported by both the current and ex-mayor. The subway costs about \$3.5 billion, whereas the light rail option, which

serves the same purpose, costs \$1.5 billion, according to a University of Toronto study from March.

The 24 - 20 vote, which occurred under Ford’s watch, was split along regional lines, like the more recent Gardiner vote.

Like many Torontonians, I’ve met the mayor.

He seems like a genuinely nice guy. But Tory’s sky high 72 per-cent approval rating may be more reflective of his likable persona than actual policies.

Like his predecessor, Tory taps into the very real disconnect between the suburbs and downtown core.

This is not specifically a mayoral problem, but a Toronto one, that existed before Ford and will continue after Tory.

If Tory’s policies were consistent with his rhetoric, he would have spent the last year attempting to bridge this gap. Regrettably, he’s done anything but that.

Women's volleyball sweeps Redeemer University in home opener

Caitlin Patrick
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's varsity volleyball team squared off against Redeemer University for their first home game of the season on Thursday.

An energized Hawk Nation fuelled the team on the court and it showed as the Humber Hawks ended up sweeping the Redeemer Royals in three straight games.

In the first of three matches, the Hawks started off strong. But the Royals slowly crept up on them. The Hawks, however, regrouped and after serving a few rounds passed the Royals and pulled through with a final score of 25-22.

The second game was over within the matter of a few minutes.

The Royals couldn't match Humber's production, scoring one point for almost every three the Hawks scored.

Humber brought a merciful and quick finish to that game with a final score of 25-9.

During the third game, the Hawks held a steady lead for the first few points until the Royals pulled ahead and led by three points.

Hawks women pulled through



CAITLIN PATRICK

Humber's Womens volleyball team squares off with Redeemer University at the home opener.

though, taking over the lead ahead by two points before closing the game at 25-22.

The team impressed head coach Chris Wilkins.

"I'm real proud of the girls tonight," said Wilkins. "We've had a

lot of adversities this week, with a bunch of injuries and everyone stepped up and played a big part tonight. This was a big game and it's a big team win for sure."

It's the Hawks' second straight win since their season opener 3-2

victory against Sheridan Bruins last Saturday.

The team's next game is at Conestoga College against the Condors on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. and their next home game is on Saturday, Nov. 7 against the Fanshawe Falcons.



TRAVIS KINGDON

Humber Hawks in action on Oct. 18 against the Seneca Sting. Future rugby games will now be held at the Brampton Rugby Club.

Women's rugby games being held in Brampton

Travis Kingdon
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber Hawks fans hoping to catch women's rugby playoff action may be surprised to find the team isn't playing on home turf anymore this fall.

The Hawk's home turf, Valley Field, has been closed for the season by City of Toronto's Parks, Forestry and Recreation department, which operates the field.

As winter approaches, the city cuts back on maintenance and staff resources are redeployed to municipal arenas, said Ray Chateau, athletic director at Humber College's

North campus.

A game between the Humber Hawks and Seneca Sting was scheduled to take place at home field last Saturday, but Humber News reporters hoping to cover it found that no game was being played.

The match was relocated to the Brampton Rugby Club because of the City of Toronto move which did not permit the Hawks to play, Andrew Leopold, Director of Communications at Humber College, said in an email to Humber News on Thursday.

"Saturday, we couldn't get the field lined, so we were unable to play here," said Chateau.

The change of location did not shake the Hawks, though. The team beat the Sting 66-0.

With the field closed, the Hawks now have had to change their routine. "We'll start practicing now on turf fields, and we'll play our two playoff games at Brampton," said Chateau.

This is not the first time the Hawks have had home turf closed on them

"We end up in this situation most years," said Chateau. "Last few years we've been lucky enough to get our playoff game on the field, but they keep pulling the timing back."

The Athletics department is look-

ing into a bus that would take rugby fans from the North campus to the Brampton Rugby Club for playoff games.

The Brampton Rugby Club is located at 7065 Kennedy Rd. S., near the Powerade Centre off of Hurontario Street in Brampton.

Humber hosts the semifinal game on Nov. 7 at noon, the game will be played in Brampton.

The championship matches are slated for Nov. 15; if the Hawks host any of the medal games, they will also be played in Brampton.

To find out more details on the rugby story, visit www.Humber-news.ca.

Students gather at LinX to say goodbye to Jays

Victoria Sheba
SPORTS REPORTER

The Toronto Blue Jays played for a spot in the World Series, but it just wasn't their year. The Kansas City Royals beat the Jays 4-3 on Oct 23.

Before playing the Royals, the Blue Jays faced the Texas Rangers, who they beat in five games.

A larger than usual crowd landed at Humber College LinX pub when the Jays opened up the playoffs against the Rangers on Oct 8.

Mohamed Ali-Sharif, a business administration student at University of Guelph-Humber, enjoyed the playoff opener with a beer in hand.

"It's a great idea having the school play the post season opener on screen for students to watch the game," said Ali-Sharif.

Ali-Sharif agrees it's a bit distracting but loves the way baseball fans can get together and share the Jays' first playoff game in 22 years.

Since some people are not always "real" fans of baseball, they are hopping on the bandwagon.

But Ali-Sharif does not consider himself a bandwagoner. He's been watching baseball for years.

"(The) first time I watched baseball was when I was in Grade 1," said Ali-Sharif.

Ali-Sharif said his favourite player is outfielder Jose Bautista, whereas Patrick Arzoonian, a business administration student at University of Guelph-Humber, said his favourite player is Ryan Goins.

"I found it very distracting to watch the game in the pub due to a large crowd, music and the game being on high volume, and intoxicated students that were there as well," said Arzoonian.

He has been a fan of the Blue Jays for about eight years and enjoys making fun of those who jump on and off the bandwagon.

"The Blue Jays have a good fan base at this point, so they should be playing better and getting us those wins." Phillip McQuade, a blueprint studies student at Humber College, said.

McQuade has never really followed the Blue Jays during the regular season.

"I really just started watching the games now that they made the ... playoffs," he admitted.

"It's great to see all the students come together and enjoy a good game of baseball and maybe a couple of drinks," he said.

"We have a great community so why not gather all together and share the memories and support our nation," said McQuade.

McQuade thought it was a great idea to have LinX, as Humber College's pub, playing the big game.

"It gives students who have a spare the opportunity to be watching the game," said McQuade.