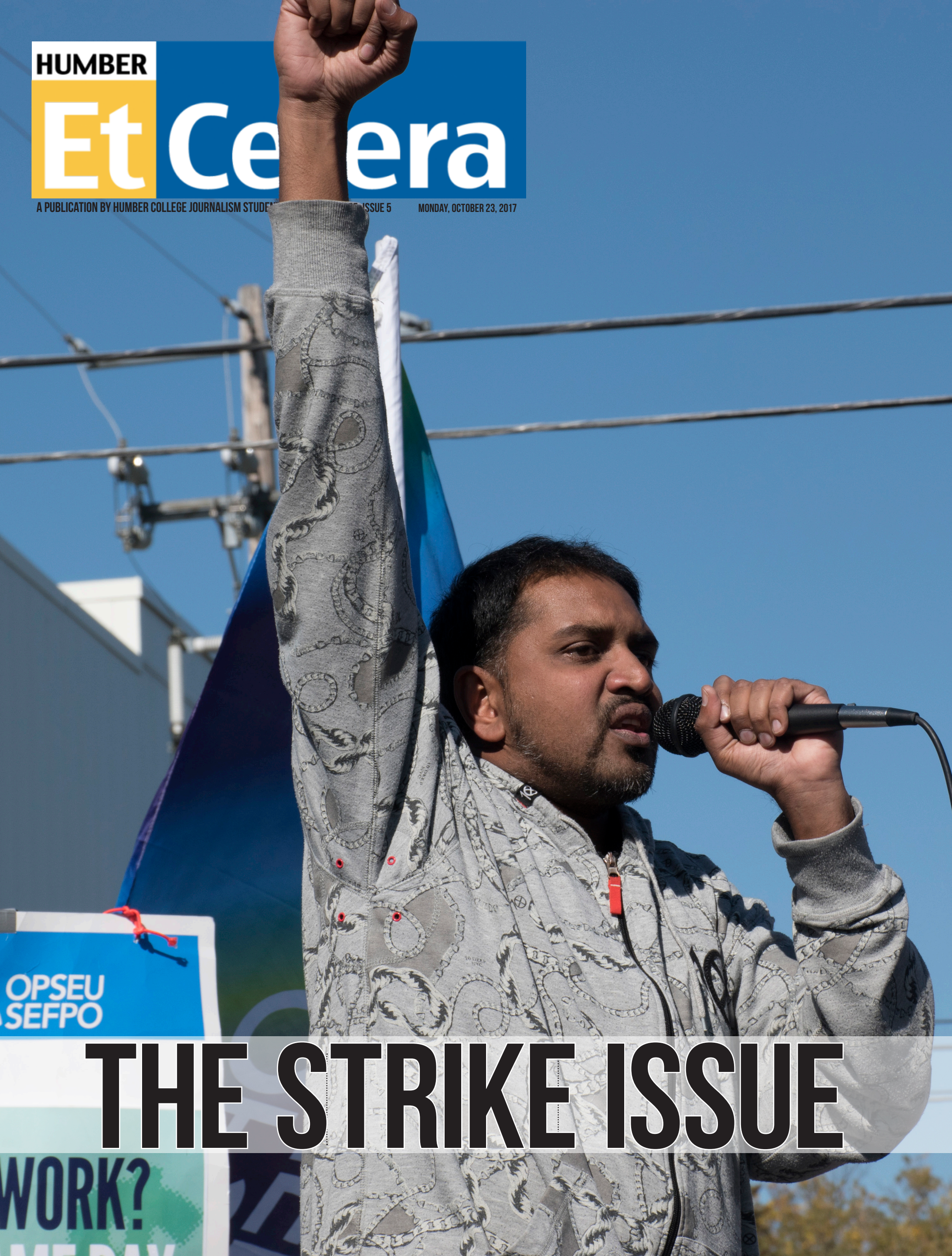


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Lakeshore rallies behind striking faculty

Ed Hitchens
SENIOR WRITER

Administrators rallied at Humber's Lakeshore campus for the ongoing OPSEU strike on Friday.

Striking workers are hopeful that the demonstration is going to provoke talks among Ontario's 24 colleges and their faculty, who walked off the job on Oct. 16 after contract talks fizzled.

"This gives me a lot of hope, that it puts pressure on the council, the college presidents and the provincial governments to come back to the table and negotiate on the key issues," said JP Hornick, chair of the OPSEU bargaining team.

Myles Magner, a member of OPSEU Local 562, the group that represents Humber faculty, said, "solidarity is truly inspiring. Members are not alone. They know the issues are important to the students as well as members of the community. I feel the government should be looking over their shoulder if

they cross the show of support that is being shown".

The boisterous crowd was entertained by the self-proclaimed "socialist vocalist" Mohammad Ali, as well as several theatre students, who waved signs such as 'We Want Classes' and 'Support for Faculty'.

They also got up to delight the crowd with a chant to the tune of



I think that all the demands the union is asking for from the government is to benefit students"

Kira Forde
THEATRE MAJOR STUDENT

Queen's *We Will Rock You*.

"I think that all the demands the union is asking for from the government is to benefit students," said theatre student Kira Forde.

"They have all the right to strike. That is what is best for them and for us."

Forde said one of those key components that she feels strongly about is academic freedom.

"I think it's ridiculous that they are telling us how we should learn," she said. "I'm learning modern dance. How is somebody who has never been taught modern dance going to tell me what I should be learning, when they don't know what modern dance is."

Ali, who served as a student representative on councils at both George Brown College and Ryerson, suggested that the government should be on notice by the strong turnout, with the strike now going over a week.

With the rallies happening across the province, it puts pressure on the other side to get back to the bargaining table," Ali said. "It gets the message out to both students and parents. It's about strengthening college education and strengthening the college system."

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Humber students stand in solidarity with faculty during the strike.



JP Hornick takes the stage at the Lakeshore campus rally for faculty.



Students at Humber's Lakeshore rally hold signs to demonstrate their anger over the college faculty strike.



Andria Babbington, a member of the York Region Labour Council.

Strike has increasingly large effect on food, transit

Marlee Greig
CREATIVE ADVISOR

Humber students and non-faculty staff who come to campus during the strike will have to navigate a number of service reductions, such as food and transit services, around campus.

All GTA transit systems have released statements alerting riders that buses will be diverting around campuses for the duration of the strike.

“We will plan alternate routing and get students as close as possible to the campus in the event of a strike,” TTC spokesperson Stuart Green said. “TTC vehicles do not cross picket lines. Waiting to do so – whether entering or exiting the property – slows service both ways.”

This will affect 191 Highway 27 Rocket, 96 Wilson and 186 Wilson Rocket routes.

All Brampton transit buses will be detouring around the Humber College bus terminal. There is a temporary stop on Humber College Blvd. at Silver Bell Lane. This af-

fects 511/511A/511C Züm Steeles, 11/11A Steeles and 50 Gore Road routes.

YRT’s 7 Martin Grove bus and MiWay’s 107 Malton Express and 22 Finch routes also have temporary stops on Humber College Blvd. between Silver Bell Lane and Arboretum Blvd.

Students choosing to travel to Humber should plan accordingly for delays. The school also suggests crossing picket lines cautiously and with patience.

“Whether driving, walking or biking onto campus, be prepared to stop. Be prepared to wait until you can safely pass through the picket line. Be prepared for delays. Remember to operate your vehicle in a safe and lawful fashion. Roll down your vehicle window or otherwise indicate your willingness to communicate with the picketers,” wrote Vice-President of Human Resources Lori A. Diduch in an email to all staff.

Food services will also be affected by the labour interruptions. The Food Emporium, Hawk’s Nest, GH

Café, Booster Juice and LinX at the north campus are all closed during the strike. Students can also use the staff lounge in K Building.

Common’s Eatery, Media Buzz, On the Go, and Arena Café at Lakeshore are all closed.

All three Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism outlets on campus, The Humber Room, Gourmet Express and the Humber Food Truck, remain open during the strike.

Other food service locations will be operating with reduced hours.

Andrew Leopold, the Director of Communications at Humber, said that certain administrations will be opened during the time of the strike.

“During a strike, Humber and Guelph-Humber campuses will be open,” Leopold said.

“Services such as Peer Tutoring and the Math and Writing Centre, food service outlets and the bookstore will be open. Varsity athletic games, fall convocation and Humber’s participation in some offsite activities will continue. Employment Ontario offices will be open.”

“Some placements will continue,”

Leopold said. “Any student who is currently on, or has a planned, co-op, work/field/clinical placement should contact their academic school to determine the status of this activity.”

Over 12,000 faculty at Ontario’s 24 colleges went on strike at 12:01

a.m. last Monday after contract negotiations between Ontario Public Service Employee Union (OPSEU), the union representing college faculty, counsellors and librarians, and the College Employer Council stalled. Over 500,000 students are affected by the strike.



DAN CAUDLE

All transit buses have temporary stop on Humber College Blvd.

Small rally but big message for students and faculty

Brett McGarry
ARTS EDITOR

Chanting demands for resolution, the half dozen group of mismatched students and supporters carried signs from Bloor and Bay down to the Ontario Ministry of Education building.

A student protest marching through the streets followed by more police officers and journalists than protesters themselves.

Some carried signs asking for a strike, some for an oddly mismatched disdain for the current Liberal government and Mayor Tory.

But regardless of the odd underpinning of anti-Trudeau and Wynne messages, and an oddly inflated media presence, one thing was clear: They were not upset at teachers, but the system that put them at odds with their education.

“I’m tired of being exploited and something needs to be done,” said rally leader James Fauvele.

“That being said, we’re out here to address the faculty’s point of view. People need to know that they’re humans as well.”

Humber paralegal student Paula Monahan highlighted the strikers



Rally organizer James Fauvele with supports lead the charge towards the Ministry of Education building at Bay and Wellesly.

understanding of the correlation between the conditions of the striking teachers and students.

“Our professors wait every single term before they know if they’re getting work, that is Ludacris. There’s no security, no benefits and they’re facing that in this economy. Why on Earth would we not support them?”

Nour Daoud, leading their chant at the ministry, showed particular frustration towards what international students are facing.

“International students have come to this country to study and now are sitting out of the classroom. This costs a lot for them, it takes a lot for them to be here,” Daoud said.

It has been a week since the strike came into effect causing 12,000 faculty members to picket and hold rallies on college campuses across the province, leaving roughly 500,000 students out of the classroom.

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Protesters form a circle and continue their chants outside the Ministry of education building lead by Nour Daoud.



Humber paralegal student Paula Monahan.



Rally organizer and Centennial social services student James Fauvele.



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LGBTQ+ Resource Centre host short film for National Coming Out Day

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NEWS REPORTER

Humber's LGBTQ+ community are sharing their experiences of 'coming out' in celebration of National Coming Out Day (NCOD).

NCOD helps address issues around acceptance by getting students to embrace themselves and their sexualities in a safe environment.

Humber's own celebration of NCOD was held at the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre at the North campus on Oct. 11.

"Events like NCOD give students the necessary support they need to come out and identify as member of the LGBTQ+ community," said Kenny Dawkins, resource and event assistant at the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre.

"However, the last thing we want to do is force people to come out in an involuntary way," they said.

People should be comfortable with themselves when they announce something like that, and forcing it upon people is not healthy,

Dawkins said.

Even today, people face a double standard with coming out. Fear of ridicule from family and friends is still prevalent.

"Many who personally identify as LGBTQ+ are afraid that if they don't come out that their own community might disregard [them]," said Dawkins. "Being marginalized by your own community leads to isolation and exclusion."

"In order to ensure students are not being excluded, we need to educate people on the stereotypes associated with coming out," said Natalie Elisha, Humber's student diversity and inclusion and initiatives coordinator.

To help address these issues the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre decided to screen the short film *At Home*, which explored the stereotypes surrounding the idea of coming out.

The award-winning film was made by local LGBTQ+ filmmaker Dinaly Joyce Trans with help from the Inside Out Film Festival.

"People need to realize that the path and process of coming out is different," Trans said. Trans hopes the film will highlight the stereotypes associated with coming out and how they have an impact on culture, family and belonging.

"There is a long-standing assumption that everyone is straight



ZACK MCGREGOR

Students celebrate National Coming Out Day at the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre at the North campus on Oct. 11.

There is a long-standing assumption that everyone is straight till they say otherwise."

Dinaly Joyce Trans
LGBTQ+ FILMMAKER

Humber hosts backyard chicken workshop

Demetre James Politis

LIFE REPORTER

Torontonians gathered at the Humber Arboretum early morning on Oct. 14 for a backyard chicken-raising workshop.

Dan Pryce, owner of the backyard poultry company Four Legs or Wings Pets, hosted the workshop with two of his chickens inside of an Eglu Go Up, a chicken coop with a walk-up ladder and shelter.

He explained crucial instructions for raising chickens and maintaining coops.

In terms of health and comfort, Pryce said in the summer, the coops require ventilation in order to keep the chickens cool.

"It's all about fresh air," he said.

In the winter, chickens adapt to the cold by growing extra feathers and eating more to add extra fat to their bodies, Pryce said.

"What kills chickens in the winter is draft. Drafts can part a chicken's feathers, exposing its skin. A wind break is needed to stop the draft from flowing through the chicken's body," he said.

Using heat sources in the coop can be dangerous as hens may take interest in them, and heaters can prevent the chickens from naturally adapting to the cold, Pryce further

warned.

When harvesting eggs in the winter, one must retrieve eggs within four to five hours of t being laid.

"If an egg freezes solid, it can crack, allowing the inside to be exposed to things such as excrement from the chicken's feet," he said.

Justin Bull, a participant and engineer, asked Pryce, "If you don't collect the eggs and they saturate in the nests, will the hens stop laying eggs?"

Pryce said he would have to gently remove the hen away from her nest and then collect the eggs.

The workshop took place nearly two weeks after city council approved a pilot project on Oct. 3, permitting residents of four Toronto wards to keep chickens in their backyards.

The Etobicoke-Lakeshore, Parkdale-High Park, St. Paul's West and Beaches-East York wards will allow up to four chickens per household.

Richard Carmichael, a creative director from High Park, said he came to the workshop to learn how to safely raise healthy and happy chickens after recently bringing home four baby chicks.

"I learned how they survive the winters, which I was concerned about," Carmichael said.

He said he wants his three kids, raised in the city, to learn how to

till they say otherwise," Trans said. "Until this changes, the notion of coming out will remain a big deal or a necessity for members of the LGBTQ+ community."

The idea that coming out should

be a choice not a necessity is changing the way NCOD is celebrated.

The Humber LGBTQ+ Centre is committed to giving students the necessary support they need to feel safe and accepted.

In the future, the centre will hold workshops for both students and faculty so they can better understand how to be supportive members of the LGBTQ+ community.



DEMETRE JAMES POLITIS

Dan Pryce parts his hen's feathers, letting participants examine her skin at Humber's Arboretum on Oct 14.

raise chickens as well.

"I currently have the chicks living in a big cardboard box. So tomorrow we are building a coop for them to have a home," he said.

Carmichael said he chooses to raise chickens because he learned that eggs from local farms are "far more delicious and nutritional" than what he can buy at the grocery

store.

"I also want to teach my kids where food comes from, as opposed to just sourcing it from the store," he said.



Attendees at the Diwali event participate in the Bhangra dance routine in the Student Centre at the North campus.

Diwali event success despite cancelled classes

Kettelia Wright

LIFE REPORTER

Students showed up en masse to celebrate Diwali at Humber's North campus, regardless of the ongoing strike. With classes suspended the college's hallways were empty for most of the week, but many came out for all the food, music and dance that the First Year Experience's Diwali event had to offer.

Diwali, which fell on Oct. 19 this year, is known as the new moon day, the darkest day of Hindu calendar

and coincides with the Hindu new year. "Diwali is the most important festival of India. They are also some demographic areas in the Caribbean, they also celebrate it too, it does not depend on the region you belong to we all celebrate together. That's why we put on the event at Humber to celebrate the diversity," said organizer Paras Arora.

A selection of diverse food was prepared for the Diwali celebration.

"We have a wide variety of food here today, including: samosas made out of potatoes with peas, we have

rumali roti which is a thin flatbread made out of flour dough. It's really good to see other nationalities enjoy a taste of back home," Arora said.

Attendees were also encouraged to join the dancers in performing traditional dances on the student centre floor to accompanying music.

One of the dances performed is called the Bhangra, and it's a dance style to celebrate when good things are happening at any festival. It is a form of expression that displays happiness and enthusiasm for culture, said Rohan Sharma, project management

student. "It's a very cultural dance, back in the day it started off when farmers they would plant their crops, and they would wait all season long for their crops to grow. The season when the crops come out, this is the type of dance they do to show their gratitude, and how thankful they are for it," Sharma said.

The celebration was an overall success, and the turnout of students that enjoyed the various festivities was a surprise, said Chyantie Deeno, senior peer mentor from First Year Experience.



Rohan Sharma teaching attendees how to do the Bhangra dance.



Praneet Kaur Ahuja creates Rangoli patterns on the floor at the event.

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Keep your belongings safe, even in your classrooms

Michelle Neha Bastian

CONTRIBUTOR

The Humber North campus has nearly 20,000 students come through its doors throughout the year and with them reports of robberies and students missing items.

The Department of Public Safety receives approximately zero to 20 complaints in a week. Missing cellphones, wallets, USB drives and keys are some of the things that are often reported.

"Most of the time it's usually students misplacing their belongings," Humber security's Maxine Uah said.

Though in the case that students believe an item has been stolen, Uah said the first course of action is to write a report. They then look at the security footage and try to find the culprit. Security will then speak to the suspect in the interview room and return the item. Other methods are usually involve warnings and reports.

One Humber student found leaving their bag unattended in a washroom was safer than leaving it in a classroom where he claims his wallet was stolen.

"Last Wednesday, I left my wallet inside my bag and went to the washroom. After class, I went to Tim Hortons to buy some coffee and realized that my wallet wasn't inside the bag anymore," said Rafael Paschoa, an international business student. "The security asked me to come the next day because if someone found the wallet we'll give it back to them. I went after two days but no money inside. I lost \$400."

Lost belongings are harder to trace in classrooms because of a lack of security cameras, according to Uah. She said it's easier to track a person in the hallways or corridors.

While the cases can seem high in some instances, many students aren't aware that this many robberies happen on campus. Many students are careful with their lockers and in athletic centres, but classrooms seem to escape the list.

"You have to be more cautious of all your things because at the end of the day, it's your fault because as a student, [you need to] make sure that your things are safe," said Amber, who didn't want to disclose her last name, as she dropped off a misplaced wallet at the security office.



EDITORIAL

Ongoing faculty strike puts student journalists in complicated situation

As journalists, we have been taught to follow the news and put our noses to the grindstone to produce timely stories. What has fallen on our plate as journalism students in the past week presents a moral issue larger and more complex than any we could have initially imagined.

When word of the strike came down to us, we decided to take the initiative to keep running our media outlets during the strike. This was a student's idea and with the support of various members of administration (not any striking faculty members) we were able to put our skills to the test, everything we've been

taught over the past two and a half years.

But this means crossing the picket line, on a nearly daily basis. We truly support our teachers. It was their expertise, care and drive to produce good journalists that instilled us with the knowledge we have today, the confidence to get out into the world and cover large stories.

How can we stand in support of those teachers when answering our calls to duty as reporters brings us in direct contradiction with our support for them?

Continuing this newspaper is the result of our passions. Our actions solidify our path toward this voca-

tion, but they also put us at odds with those teachers who are the very pillars of support that this publication rests on.

It has caused a bit of splintering among those who produce for this publication, some would rather stand directly with the teachers, and honestly some would rather not stand at all and just take time off.

Our small handful of journalism students believe that news does not stop and stories must be covered. There is no way to be objective here and we are doing what we think is best, which is for us to cover the strike as fully as we can.

New backyard chicken bylaw ruffles some feathers



Daniel Caudle
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Feathers are ruffled due to the new Toronto bylaws allowing residences in certain wards to now keep chickens in their backyards.

Cracking up the opposition, the vote was tallied at 23-14 approving this pilot project in four wards, but it's too early to put all your eggs in one basket. Residences in wards 5, 13, 21 and 32 will be able to hatch a plan on how they are going to keep their chickens on their property.

Although they may be winging it, I think this could provide to be a sustainable option for those who love livestock and eggs.

It seems like a good deal for Toronto residents, being allowed to grow and maintain their own poultry allows them freedom from the chicken retailers.

Hatching this plan came with

a lot of opposition as many view chickens as loud and dirty animals, but they do provide a stable source of protein.

Ward 7 Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, who abstained on voting due to personal reasons, laid an egg about issue.

"What the flock is going on at City Hall?" Mammoliti said before votes were tallied. "My parks are a mess, my roads are a mess. I can't get staff out to do anything. But here we like to squawk like the chickens we're talking about. I'm going to fly the coop on this vote."

Although this is a new trend for Toronto, many other municipalities in Ontario already allow chickens on residences. These include Brampton, Caledon, Kingston and Niagara Falls.

I believe this is not only a great way for residents to grow their own food, but it could also teach us a practical aspect of how to live slightly off the grid. Growing up, I had many neighbours that had chicken coops, and there was never an issue with noise or smell.

In the end, one has to wonder if farming conglomerates would be concerned with the average urban residences wetting their beaks in livestock with their own chickens, they could essentially undercut from supercenters. But chickens always come home to roost, so only time will tell.

Stop pestering Jagmeet Singh about Air India bombings



Sunny Bains
NEWS REPORTER

New NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh has been on the job for less than a month and is already facing questions about old controversies.

Singh was only a child in June 1985 when more than 300 people - including 280 Canadians - were killed in the bombing of an Air India plane.

It was suspected the bombing was perpetrated in retaliation for anti-Sikh incidents that occurred in and around 1984 in India.

In June 1984, then Indian prime minister, Indira Gandhi ordered the Indian military to attack the holiest Sikh shrine, The Golden Temple in

Amritsar, to flush out Sikh militants.

As a result of that, two of her Sikh body guards killed Gandhi on her way to the office from home in New Delhi.

Thousands of Sikhs were slaughtered across India in revenge.

Rajiv Gandhi, Indira's son and successor as prime minister, shrugged at the anti-Sikh savagery.

"When a big tree falls, the earth trembles."

Then came the Air India bombing.

Police suspected Talwinder Singh Parmar of Burnaby, B.C., - later killed by security forces in India - was the mastermind behind the bombings, although no charges were proven against him in any court of law in any jurisdiction.

The only person convicted in the bombing was Inderjit Singh Reyat, also from Vancouver, who made the bombs that were used in blowing up Air India flight 182 and also the one that killed two baggage handlers at the Narita Airport in Japan.

Reyat spent almost eight years in jail before being released to a halfway house.

Jagmeet Singh is a practicing Sikh and was born in Canada. He was elected MPP from Ontario and was the first Sikh politician to raise the issue of the 1984 Sikh genocide in the Ontario legislature.

It was the first time in history that the events of 1984 were being termed as the genocide of the Sikhs in India. Singh also publicly raised the issue of Sikh political prisoners languishing in the Indian jails for decades.

This Singh, a young Sikh politician, is a sore spot for the Indian authorities because he raises the issues that internationally embarrass them. Singh was denied visa by the Indian government.

Now, after winning the NDP leadership race in the first ballot and creating another history, Singh has been quizzed regularly about all those tragedies that took place when he was barely five-years-old.

When Singh is asked whether he denounces terrorism or not, his reply is that he is against all forms of terrorism and violence - state-sponsored or otherwise.

His critics demand that Singh should condemn the Sikhs who eulogize Parmar during annual Sikh parades in Canada.

It all started again when, after Singh's leadership victory, CBC correspondent, Terry Milewski, started pestering him with questions about Sikh terrorism of the '80s and '90s, insisting that he condemn the display of Parmar's posters and Sikhs who consider him a martyr.

Singh's answer was that he condemns violence and terrorism in all its forms regardless of who perpetrates them and anyone held responsible needs to be denounced.

He later added, "There's still a lot of questions that are unanswered."

Based on his interview with Singh, Milewski tweeted that the new NDP leader Jagmeet Singh declined to condemn people who call the slain Sikh terrorist, Parmar, a martyr.

Many pro-India political commentators pressed Singh to clarify his stance on the matter and blamed him of not being straightforward. They claimed Singh was deliberately trying to create a "grey-area" when it came to denouncing Parmar.

It doesn't end there for Singh, the supporters of the right-wing Bharatiya Janta Party (the ruling party in India) around the world are trolling him on social media.

It's unfair to keep dragging Singh into the Air India story. The controversy over Parmar and other Sikhs who were killed by the Indian government but are considered martyrs by the Sikhs is an attempt by the Indian government to stop him from talking about the Sikh genocide.

Those who seek condemnation from Singh on Parmar's posters must also not forget that no justice

has been delivered to the families of the Sikhs who were killed in the state-sponsored violence.

The Sikhs are still awaiting justice for the 1984 genocide. We are neither comparing tragedies nor trying to justify one with the other.

The mainstream Canadian media are, in effect, asking Singh to prove his Canadianness, to prove that he's a better politician than others. It's not enough for politicians of colour to be as good as their white counterparts, they have to go the extra mile.

How many white politicians are asked, after all, to denounce white supremacists? How many white politicians of Irish background had been asked to denounce Provisional Irish Republican Army? How many white skinned politicians of Italian descent had been asked to denounce the Red Brigade?

One can only hope that the Canadian media treat Sikhs as part of the mainstream where they don't always have to show their character certificates.

At the end of the day, he doesn't only represent the Sikhs or the South Asian community but all Canadians. Rather than dragging him into unnecessary controversies, let's give Singh a fair and honest chance to focus on his agenda for all Canadians.