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Gavin Halford Thanks for sharing Mikki Decker, I remember running last year and you were the only one who showed genuine support to all the candidates. I was really deflated by the entire HSF election system and how it was more focused around popularity then it was about governance and student care. You were the only one who provided a positive attitude and a real desire to help people. HSF has proved once again how disingenuous it can be with forcing you to resign. I haven't voted yet, but I will definitely be voting for you regardless of your status. I encourage everyone to do the same. HSF needs a serious overhaul and a complete focus on student care rather than cheap giveaways and wasting our hard earned money.

Mikiki Therapeutic Services While most athletes do maintain the standard, there are some that don't and many that drop classes once the season is over...I saw it many times when I was a varsity athlete. Also, having a 65% average is hardly doing "poorly". I would rather have a 60% average student who has passion and a legitimate platform represent the student body than an honour role student who may not do the student body justice. I hear what you are saying, a rule is a rule, but perhaps the rule needs to be amended and more inclusive. Again, a 65% average is not poor performance.

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Questionable social media behaviour from HSF candidates

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A swell of social media response has followed Mikki Decker's sudden disqualification from the Humber Student's Federation's (HSF) presidential race, last Tuesday.

Decker was dismissed from her role as VP of student affairs in addition to being made ineligible to run for president on account of being unable to maintain a 70 per cent GPA, said Erecole Perrone, executive director of HSF.

In the days following her disqualification, Decker's personal inbox on Facebook was full with around 50 messages from concerned students.

"It's overwhelming in the sense that people are being so supportive and speaking out," said Decker. "It's not just through Facebook comments, students are stopping in the hall to talk to me about what's happened."

Students which include former presidential candidates like Gavin Halford, who wrote, "I was really deflated by the entire HSF election

system and how it was more focused around popularity than it was about governance and student care."

"You [Decker] were the only one who provided a positive attitude and a real desire to help people," Halford wrote in a comment posted on Facebook, in response to Decker's disqualification.

Decker also had the support of her former opponent, Joel Caldarola in the current HSF elections.

In an interview, Caldarola told Humber Et Cetera, "She was the best candidate to win. I think she would have won it."

Decker mentions that "previous people who have run in the elections, board members who have been taken out in the first semester because of their GPA" have come forward to speak with her. "So many of these people are coming forward with stories and opinions and very similar feelings about HSF," said Decker.

"A lot of people are concerned about the transparency, people believe that in

some way/shape or form this is a form of rigging the entire elections," she said.

Decker's platform was mainly centered on the issue of student mental health.

The disqualified candidate was determined to bring in a full-time rape counselor for students and establish a peer-to-peer counseling program if elected to office.

Shelby Travers' platform centres in on the issue of accessibility and advocacy.

The VP of student affairs candidate plans to have weekly education campaigns on issues pertaining to accessibility on issues ranging from parking limitations to educating students on service animals.

Travers' platform stems from her own personal experiences of being discriminated on campus on account of her physical disability.

Travers said she was told in a troubling encounter with another student on campus, "Your dog doesn't belong here, you don't belong here."

The unsavory incident only made her more determined to

fight for accessibility, she said.

Since Decker was taken out of the running, students have taken to social media in both support and criticism for the disqualified candidate—including her former opponent Ahmed Tahir and Travers.

Underneath Humber Et Cetera's online coverage of Decker's dismissal Travers posted a controversial comment.

"That statement (title) frustrates me so much. Having a disability is not an excuse. I hate when people make it out to be," wrote Travers.

One of the two remaining HSF presidential candidates, Ahmed Tahir 'liked' the comment.

Ahmed was contacted through Facebook by Humber Et Cetera but has not responded for comment on the matter.

"That's not ok," Decker told Humber Et Cetera. "She has now made comments, twice, about mental health or that I should leave," said Decker.

"It's also interesting that she comes from a platform of accessibility and she also has a disability."

When asked by Humber

Et Cetera, Travers confirmed that she made the comment and said that she "stands by it." "Just like any life-threatening condition, [for example] if someone were to have cancer and they are in a severe life-threatening condition they need to go get help," Travers said.

Travers also supports HSF's decision on the GPA average.

"I do think that HSF is right in showing that students doing all this stuff students are doing to be vice-president and all that type of stuff; that's an extra curricular activity," she said.

"Schooling comes first, that's what we're paying for."

Travers admitted she was not aware of Decker's accommodation situation when she made her comment on Facebook.

Decker is currently using accommodations under the Individual Education Plan (IEP) program offered by Humber for students with disabilities.

Decker told Humber Et Cetera due to her mental health concerns during first semester, she did not write her mid-terms until the be-

ginning of second semester.

"I do think that anyone with any disability is able to make a [70 per cent] GPA (with the correct accommodations)," said Travers.

Travers' comment regarding disabilities raises questions of accessibility, Decker said.

"She supports the idea that students with mental health, if it gets serious they should just take time off of school and to me that's not making school accessible to students with mental illness," said Decker.

"Would she say that to somebody with a physical disability?" said Decker.

Decker shared that she is planning to appeal HSF's decision to make her ineligible to run for president as well as their decision to strip her of her position as VP of student affairs, she said.

"HSF should have celebrated my success because I made it and I did everything I could to get there. And I deserved it," Decker said.

See results from the HSF elections on page 7.



RUTH ESCARLAN

Community Integration through Co-operative Education alumni at photo booth. Program for adults with developmental disabilities has run since 1984.

CICE reunion draws 32 years of alums

Ruth Escarlan

STAFF REPORTER

There wouldn't be many people at Humber College North campus on a Saturday, but on Mar. 5, hundreds of CICE graduates and current students attended the CICE reunion.

The gathering was the first for the Community Integration through Co-operative Education program, a program at Humber since 1984 and designed for adults with developmental disabilities to experience the college life and develop skills for further schooling, work, home and community.

Melanie Savoia, one of the three coordinators of the event and a facilitator for the program, was very pleased with the response.

"We're really, really happy with the turnout today. It took months, months of sleepless nights and no weekends, no lunches for the last few weeks. Silvia McMillan, Deana Marusic-Ljubicic, and myself have been working tirelessly to coordinate this event. But we couldn't have done it without the support of the team. Everybody has been helping out to put this event together. It seems to be a huge success," said Savoia.

Many entertainment systems and games were provided for the students and alumni. There were huge basketball hoops almost as tall as the ceiling in the Student Centre, a big Connect Four game, jumbo Jenga, costumes for pictures, game con-

soles and prizes for the attendees.

Nemila Persaud, who graduated from the CICE program in 1995, said the event was "very active [and] very colourful."

Anne Sophia Dorante, CICE graduate in 2012, renewed connections.

"The highlight of my night is reuniting with my former friends and to meet new people. The event is a great way to be reunited and to mingle with people who you'd never thought was a CICE student," said Dorante.

After she graduated from the program, Dorante went back to school to study in the early childhood education program. She is currently working at a francophone daycare.

"I learned how to be a role model, to believe in myself, my dreams and goals, [how to] achieve them and to succeed in life," said Dorante.

"Trying to go back 30 years and gathering people who have graduated and trying to find out if they're correct addresses and getting every little aspect right was hard, but it was fun," said Marusic-Ljubicic, one of the day's organizers.

The coordinators were able to contact former students using a binder that had the contact information of former and current students.

"There was a lot of invitations that got sent back... because people had moved and not let us know, which is unfortunate because I think a lot of people would have loved to be part



RUTH ESCARLAN

Organizers had a greater than expected turnout for CICE reunion at North.

of this event," said Savoia.

Even though not all former students were able to attend, McMillan, another CICE facilitator, said she was "absolutely thrilled about the turnout."

"It is so amazing to see so many students from many years ago. Everyone is excited, everyone is having so much fun. It's wonderful," said McMillan.

"I've been here for 10 years, so going back seeing all the students I've worked with 10 years ago and

hearing about what they're doing, to catch up with them and see what's going on with them is just amazing," said Marusic-Ljubicic.

The event began on the main floor of the Learning Resource Common for an hour for people to get settled, then the event was moved to the Student Centre for students to have fun with the games and for some snacks. At around 6 p.m. the event moved to LinX Lounge for food and drinks. The reunion finished at 11 p.m.

Violent incidents near Humber North raise fears

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Students should be aware of their surroundings after a series of criminal events near Humber's North campus this week, said Rob Kilfoyle, the college's director of Public Safety and Emergency Management.

A 20-year-old woman was shot in the face on Tuesday in the basement of a home on John Garland Boule-

vard and Jamestown Crescent.

In a separate incident that occurred a day later, there was a stabbing at 6 Humberline Dr. – an incident that also has people wary of their safety in the area, said Kilfoyle.

"Humber College was not directly affected," Kilfoyle told Humber News.

"There was a stabbing after an altercation in the building, but we have no idea whether or not there is a connection to Humber College,"

said Kilfoyle.

In the shooting incident, police have issued a warrant for 20 year-old Tyler Jacob Cameron of Toronto.

According to Toronto Police Superintendent Ron Taverner, the victim was a friend of the suspect's at the time of incident. Currently the victim is in serious but stable condition at Sunnybrook Hospital.

Taverner said Cameron wasn't known to police prior to this current

investigation and is now considered armed and dangerous.

Public safety is a huge concern for the community, and Taverner said people are worried.

"The community was very upset that this was originally reported as an event that happened on the street," added Taverner.

Toronto Police urge the public to call 911 if anyone sees the suspect in the area.

Off-hook phone alerts return to Humber

Reinstated program warns security officers of an emergency when receivers left off-hook

Lindsay Wadden

STAFF REPORTER

Information Technology Services at Humber College has announced the re-installation of an emergency off-hook service as a campus-wide safety device.

"Emergency off-hook is a unified communication service which allows students to contact security by taking a telephone off the hook," says Ryan Burton, director of I.T. Planning and Client Services. "By taking the phone off the hook for a few seconds, it will alert security in the designation you are at where urgent assistance is needed."

The telephones are located in classrooms, labs, and learning spaces. Humber is working towards putting telephones throughout the campus to make this service easier to access.

Burton said that if something is happening and you are unable to communicate with someone for help, getting even momentarily to a phone will let you summon security.

Rob Kilfoyle, director of Public Safety and Emergency Management, said that Humber security treats all alerts as emergencies.

"Safety is personal; it could feel unsafe to you but not to someone else," said Kilfoyle. He said that students should trust their instincts. If they don't feel safe or something doesn't feel right, it probably isn't.

First year industrial design student Luka Thurlbeck is happy to hear that the Emergency Off-hook Service is available in the classrooms at school.

"I live on residence so I often come to the school later at night to finish assignments, so knowing that Humber has a service that is as simple as taking a phone off a hook makes me feel very comfortable coming to the school late at night alone," said Thurlbeck.

The campus has over 800 surveillance cameras and security guards inside and outside the college 24/7 to further ensure the safety of staff and students.

A search on Humber's website, "security on campus," will turn up a number of other safety measures being used.

HSF voter turnout low but bumps up from 2015

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Tuesday marked International Women's Day. This week, events and celebrations were held in Toronto and around the world but at Humber, all hands were on deck for the HSF elections.

"Our complete resources are dedicated to this election period," said HSF Executive Director Ercole Perrone. "We think this is a pretty important activity for students to be aware of and engaged in, and to limit the ability for students to vote...we didn't feel that it was the right thing."

Humber utilizes a computerized voting system, a system that continues to work well, said Perrone. The school has always used this system, at least in the nine years Perrone has worked at the school.

"The speed in which a student can vote has dramatically improved," he said.

"The system is set up in such a way that we rely on the wireless networks, and over time more wireless access points are being installed in key areas which is where we generally set up."

As of the end of the day on Wednesday, 5,100 students had placed their votes. That number increased to 6,172 votes by the end of Thursday.

The leading year was 2013 with a total number of 6,609 votes, said Perrone.

Students have until Friday to cast their (electronic) ballots, so there is still time to exceed that number.

"Generally, what we've found is that Monday to Wednesday are the

highest voter turnout days, Thursday gets a little bit slower and Friday gets very slow, just in terms of the amount of students that are actually on campus," said Perrone.

As an explanation for why the turnout this year has been a success, Perrone points to the candidates themselves.

"The personalities of the candidates I think have lent themselves relatively well to encouraging students to get involved become aware and hopefully come vote," he said.

Perrone credits the candidates' interactions with their fellow students on a peer-to-peer level.

"Whether students come out to vote or not, in my opinion, has less to do with the activities of HSF and far more to do with the activities of the candidates," he said.

Yet, in a school with a student body of nearly 30,000 full-time students, the number does appear to be small.

In the 2015 election, the voter turnout was 13 per cent (3,483 students), down by approximately 6 per cent from the previous year.

In an interview with Et Cetera last week, HSF presidential candidate Joel Caldarola highlighted students' lack of interest in the voting process.

"It's an issue of lack of information on the part of the students. There is a good chunk of the population that just does not care," Caldarola said.

Caz Matute, a first-year funeral services student, shares these sentiments.

"I have apathy toward the student council because I don't feel like anything they do is really going to affect me or that I really care, Matute said.



AMY WALLACE

Last year's turnout of 13 per cent for HSF election is seeing an improvement in this year's voting, ending today.

"The only reason that I got in line to vote was the free popcorn."

Matute suggests candidates take the time to speak to students prior to the elections, either at the beginning or end of their classes. This might help to raise awareness, and allow students to familiarize themselves with the candidates.

"When these elections come up, it comes as a surprise to a lot of us, like 'oh, they really do that here, like in high school?'" he said.

First-year esthetician and spa management student Kathy Keonavongsa said that she has not been informed about the elections as much as she had expected to be.

Her classes are at the opposite end of the school, where, as far as she has seen, no polls are located.

"I honestly think it's because most people are coming here for classes and they just want to do their thing and then leave," she said. "It all depends on peoples' programs and where they're commuting from."



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Finch West bus 36 had highest total number of offences in a survey of 2010-15 criminal incidents on TTC buses.

Report cites TTC buses with most crimes

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SENIOR REPORTER

The 36 Finch West bus line has topped a list of TTC buses for criminal incidents, according to a report by the *Toronto Star*.

The report, which covers data collected from January 2010 to August 2015, shows that fraud and assault – particularly on drivers – are the most common incidents reported on transit lines, with threats and

misdemeanours not far behind.

According to the report, the 36 Finch West had 322 total offences during that timeframe while the 354 Lawrence East night bus had the highest offence rate, with 92 crimes per 10,000 passengers.

The *Star* also shared examples of specific incidents from the report, which include lurid details like a passenger threatening to smear their own blood on a driver and another rider waving a knife in front of

a pregnant woman's stomach before punching her.

The TTC currently employs special constables to protect its passengers and employees but their effectiveness is questioned by Amalgamated Transit Union president Bob Kinnear, who told the *Star* that the public "doesn't take them seriously."

In general, however, the crime rate on buses has decreased between the end of 2012 and the beginning of 2016.

Bedbugs riding TTC upset riders but not cause for concern: official

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Public health officials said on Tuesday that reports of bed bugs on TTC vehicles is nothing to be very worried about.

A recent photo taken of a bedbug crawling on a TTC streetcar patron's glove quickly went viral after a rider posted it online.

A report Monday said there have been 12 confirmed cases of bedbug infestations over the past two years.

"We would not deem it to be a health concern. They can possibly bite people but so do a number of insects," Tracy Leach, manager of healthy environments at the Toronto Public Health.

"We don't deem that situation to be a health hazard," she said.

"Any public place could have bed bugs, and so people need to take the necessary precautions to be aware of what bed bugs look like and to check themselves," said Leach.

The TTC also said that passengers should not worry.

"What we've been told by public health officials is that our vehicles are an inhospitable environment for bed bugs," said Kadeem Griffiths, a representative of the Toronto Transit Commission.

TTC riders are being reminded to report any sort of pest sightings on any vehicle so that they can be cleaned as soon as possible.

"If any customer sees a bedbug on a train, streetcar or bus, they are encouraged to take down the vehicle number and report it, and then that vehicle will be taken off the line to be cleaned," Griffiths said.

Bed bugs can be easily transferred by people in any public space, so finding bed bugs on TTC vehicles is not a big surprise to health officials.

Nonetheless, many people still took their frustration about the transit service out on Twitter in light of the new viral image.

O'Toole brings out moral dilemmas of Afghanistan war

Guelph-Humber prof in peacekeeper role feels sexual assault conflicts left painfully unresolved

Ali Amad and Samantha Singh

SENIOR REPORTERS

Canada's military and peacekeeping involvement in Afghanistan may have ended in 2014, but the moral debate around our actions in the war-torn country rages on to this day.

Kim O'Toole, a justice studies professor at the University of Guelph-Humber, spoke to students and staff yesterday about the moral dilemma she experienced during her deployment to Afghanistan in 2013.

Her presentation, *Peacekeeping in Afghanistan: My Moral Dilemma*, was the second event of the Winter 2016 Lecture Series hosted by Academic Services at Guelph-Humber.

The aim of the series is to expose faculty and the student body to new ideas and research from university instructors.

O'Toole has taught at Guelph-Humber for nine years and is a Toronto Police staff sergeant with 21 years of experience in human rights and gender-based violence investigations.

She was deployed in 2013 in Mazar-i-Sharif, the fourth-largest city in Afghanistan, to participate in a European Union peacekeeping mission.

Tasked as a human rights adviser and rule of law expert, she worked closely with the Afghan National Police and members of the attorney general's office.

"We wanted to ensure that women and young girls received full access to the law and full and fair access to human rights," O'Toole said in the lecture.

This entailed mentoring Afghan women and educating them on their legal rights, but O'Toole faced major challenges, especially while



SAMANTHA SINGH

Guelph-Humber professor Kim O'Toole spoke to students and staff yesterday about harrowing sexual assault cases she was involved with while deployed in Afghanistan as part of European Union peacekeeping mission.

handling cases of sexual assault and adultery.

"The translation from what's actually in the [law] books to what actually happens... there's a considerable gap," she said.

"My moral dilemma comes through this gap," she continued.

O'Toole highlighted the case of two young girls she encountered during her deployment as an example.

The girls had run away from home before getting abducted and held captive for more than six months by a group of men. During that time, they were chained to a wall and brutally sexually assaulted on a daily basis.

One of the girls disappeared, never to be seen again, within the bowels of the sex trafficking industry.

The other girl, who was 16, escaped and returned home six months pregnant. There, she recounted her harrowing experience to her family.

"Her father was embarrassed and felt that she had shamed her family and he called the police," said

O'Toole.

The police promptly arrested her for adultery and jailed her in an adult facility.

"Eighty per cent of the women incarcerated in the [Mazar-i-Sharif] prison were arrested for adultery-related offenses, like running away," she said.

She worked for six months to have the girl, whom O'Toole refers to by the pseudonym of "Khadija", exonerated. Eventually, Khadija was released from jail and allowed to return home with her illegitimate child.

"When she returned home, she was shunned by her father and her family and told she was no longer welcome," said O'Toole.

She now believes she failed to "consider the cultural and societal effects of Khadija of being accused and charged of adultery."

O'Toole identified two male suspects in the affair, but the case was never pursued or investigated.

Nonetheless, the mere implication of the suspects added yet another victim to further complicate

matters. The family of one suspect offered a younger 14-year-old sister to restore honour to Khadija's family, "in a sense, to replace Khadija."

This is prohibited in Afghan law but occurs frequently and is culturally accepted, said O'Toole.

"I'm constantly torn between what is written in law...and what the Afghan culture was at that time and the implications of Sharia law," she said.

"Nothing is clear-cut, nothing is black and white. Everything is grey," she said.

Two years later, O'Toole still wonders if she really helped Khadija in getting her exonerated and returned home to her family.

The last she heard, Khadija was living in a shelter with her child and forced to panhandle on the streets to survive.

"I never thought I'd come home and struggle with whether I actually truly helped this girl or not," said O'Toole.

Child care quality will decrease with new Ontario proposal, experts say

Cheyenne Lynch

SENIOR REPORTER

Proposed changes from Ontario's education ministry to Toronto's childcare centers should not go ahead, childcare experts said on Tuesday.

The province is proposing to change the child-to-staff ratio for toddler care from three staff per 10 children from one staff per three children. They also plan on reducing the age infants move into the toddler room to twelve months from 18.

The new proposed number won't meet children's needs, said Ashley Zambrano, Early Childhood Education (ECE) field supervisor at Humber College. "As we currently

have a ratio of one to three (staff in) infant rooms and one to five in toddler rooms, this number is ideal," she said.

If funds are not provided to help assist the proposed number of children, Zambrano does not believe that keeping the current staff-to-child ratio will be realistic financially, she said.

According to Zambrano, placing infants and toddlers together will cause some frustration to the children themselves.

Twelve-month-olds need a safe environment to roll, crawl and explore whereas toddlers need space to engage, learn and communicate with their peers, she said.

"They have different activity/explorational needs, different feeding

needs. They need different space to learn their abilities," said Zambrano.

This proposed ratio means that the staff's time, affection, love and support will be stretched, impacting the children's development said Elena Merenda, ECE Instructor at Humber College. "This doesn't mean that the educator can't have positive interactions with the children but it does mean those interactions for each individual child are few and far between," she said.

There is a lot of turnover in the childcare field because the workers are already underpaid, overworked and burned out, she added.

"We have to wonder, how will this proposed ratio affect educator mental health and what impacts could this have on the children?"

said Merenda.

Education Minister Liz Sandals defended the proposed changes, saying they will dramatically increase the number of daycare spots in licensed providers for one-year-olds, the *Globe and Mail* reported.



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Ontario is seeking to bring infants and toddlers together earlier.

Ontario moves e-cigarettes, pot out of enclosed public spaces

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SENIOR REPORTER

New legislation in Ontario will force users of e-cigarettes and medical marijuana to take their devices out from enclosed public spaces, and restaurants in particular are thankful.

"We're very happy the Ministry (of Health) went down this road," said James Rilett, Vice President of Restaurants Canada. Rilett's organization is a not-for-profit association representing Canada's diverse and dynamic restaurant and food service industry.

Rilett said that the existing laws surrounding medical cigarettes and vaporizers put Restaurants Canada members in a tough spot.

"It puts employees in a position where they have to choose between their health and doing their job," Rilett said.

A motion to ban vaping and smoking of medically-sanctioned marijuana in public spaces was approved by Premier Kathleen Wynne's cabinet Wednesday afternoon, with the hope of curbing illness and deaths from second-hand smoke.

A spokesperson for Wynne told the *Toronto Star* they hoped the bill would "strengthen... smoking laws to better protect people from second-smoke, whether from a tobacco product or medical marijuana."

Ontario's Associate Health Minister Dipika Damerla addressed the issue in a conference Thursday, saying the new laws would be applied in "enclosed spaces" like restaurants, the majority of outdoor areas and workplaces.

Damerla said in a press release on the ministry's website that it's a matter of public safety.

"It is important to ensure that Ontarians are protected from second-hand smoke and from the potential dangers of e-cigarettes. That is why we are proposing these changes and we look forward to the upcoming consultations with our stakeholders."

Antonio Folino, the catering manager at the Humber Room said that personal preferences shouldn't be allowed to affect his business – or health.

"Why is it in the hospitality industry, your personal problem becomes my issue?" Folino said. "If you feel you need to smoke some medicinal cigarette or marijuana, why do I have to endure that smell because you have that problem?"

Folino said that it raises concerns about the health of fellow employees as well.

"It's going to cause health issues for me now, having to smell that and breathe that."

It's unclear how and when the legislation will be enforced.

2015 banner year for T.O. film production

Experts say movie industry is key factor for city's economic growth; Humber TV, film graduates to benefit

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SENIOR REPORTER

The provincial government said 2015 was a record year for the Ontario Film Industry, CBC reported. And a lot of that lucrative business came to Toronto.

"The 2015 numbers confirm that Ontario continues to be the number one choice in Canada for film and TV production, reinforcing our reputation as a world-class hub for screen-based industries," said Michael Coteau, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, CBC reported.

It's been reported that the province's Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports supported almost 32,000 direct and associated jobs last year, which is an increase in 4,500 jobs.

Domestic productions accounted for half of total spending on film and TV, and foreign spending rose 52 per cent from the previous year to \$763 million, according to the report.

TV production brought in the lion's share, with \$1,049 billion. The biggest growth came through foreign TV movies and miniseries such as *Reign* and *Suits*, the *Toronto Star* reported.

There was over a \$1 billion investment in Toronto 2015, which brought 25,000 highly skilled jobs.



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Gary Crawford, Ward 36 city councillor, said that there was a huge economic impact for the city.

In the future, the city expects to increase those investments. During his visit to Hollywood last month, Mayor John Tory visited 11 studios with more than \$800 million reserved for development and investing.

Crawford said the city of Toronto hopes that a big chunk of money will land here.

He also said the film industry and the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) bring tourists to Toronto and put the city on the map as Hollywood North.

Several major films were made in Toronto over the years, such as *Police Academy*, *True Lies*, *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*, *Total Recall*, *Room* and *Spotlight*. Some are currently being filmed in town.

"It's been the sixth consecutive year that the film industry makes over a billion dollars a year, and 2015 is the best ever," said Karen Young, the program coordinator for Broadcast Television and Videography.

Humber graduates have high employment rates, as lots of entry level jobs are now available and internships are also easier to come by.

Young said 13 students are cur-

rently working on internships with Big Brother, a Canadian reality TV Show, and six of the graduates are already employed there.

With the Canadian dollar dropping in value, a lot of productions that would otherwise be shot in the States are coming north of the border, one industry official said, adding that 2016 is shaping up to be much better than 2015.

But not all players in the industry are seeing an improvement.

"It didn't really," Liam Romalis of Riddle Film said.

"We're a small documentary company and are not affected by the big industry trends."

Set in the 6ix

Toronto often "plays" American cities but sometimes it's allowed to shine on its own terms. Here are a few newer films that show off their T-Dot roots and some that completely transform the city.

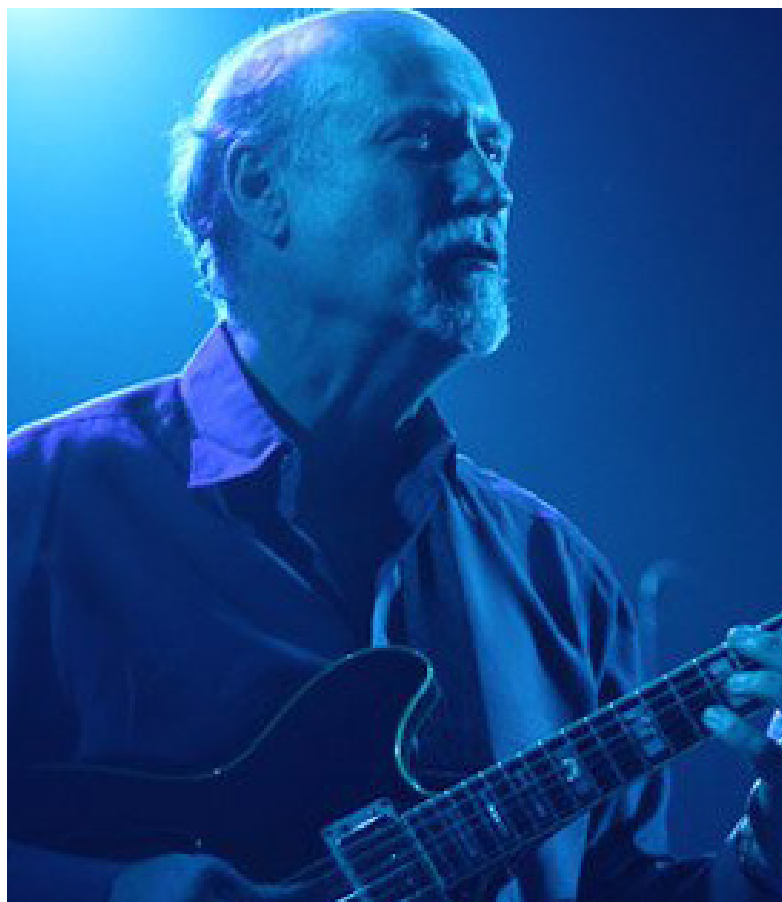
Scott Pilgrim vs. The World (2010) - Brian Lee O'Malley's graphic novel series took place almost entirely in Toronto, and director Edgar Wright honoured this in his adaptation by including key scenes filmed at Casa Loma, Lee's Palace, and other landmarks.

Pacific Rim (2013) - Though much of Guillermo del Toro's anime/monster-movie homage is made through CGI wizardry, Bluffer's Park shows up as an Alaskan shoreline while Elizabeth Street is disguised as a ravaged Tokyo.

Room (2015) - The acclaimed survival drama could take place in any North American city, but locales like the Bloor Viaduct, Nathan Philips Square, and Apache Burger(!) certainly influence the local viewer.

Spotlight (2015) - More Oscar gold: the importance of the film's Boston setting is somewhat humourously undermined by sneaky interior sets at University of Toronto and other spots.

Grammy winner is new Humber artist-in-residence



COURTESY JOHN SCOFIELD'S OFFICIAL FACEBOOK

Krysten McCumber

SENIOR REPORTER

John Scofield will be joined by Humber jazz musicians at the Lakeshore Campus on Friday night when he makes his debut performance as the school's Artist in Residence.

Performing with both the large 21-piece jazz band as well as the Advanced Jazz Workshop, the 2016 Grammy winner is excited about the talent he's witnessing at Humber.

Scofield, who lives in New York, won in the category of Best Jazz Instrumental Album. His visit to the college this week will wrap up on the weekend.

"I go to a bunch of these schools and have done these kind of workshops and the level is really high with the kids that I've met at Humber," Scofield told Humber News.

"Of course they're all cool, wonderful kids, but some of these guys can really play so that's exciting," said Scofield who's been teaching Humber College's jazz program this past week.

For Kirk MacDonald, who leads the Advanced Jazz Workshop,

the performance is a chance for his student ensemble to work on great music and learn more about performing before graduation.

"Our job is to really learn the music and then, you know, accommodate what happens in the gig as it happens," MacDonald told Humber News.

"It's a great opportunity for them. I mean the whole Artist in Residence thing is so great."

The show will include a collection of Scofield's songs arranged for the large and small ensembles. The performers have been rehearsing since January and Scofield has been sharing his experiences since he arrived. "I just tell people my experiences and they can learn from that because they want to be professional jazz musicians, and I've been working over the last 40 years doing that," he said.

Denny Christianson, leader of the Humber Student Jazz Ensemble, said in a Humber news release that this opportunity is a great chance for all of their students.

"Our students get to see, and perform with one of the all-time great

jazz guitarists," said Christianson. "It's an amazing opportunity."

MacDonald is also looking forward to the performance, getting to see Scofield perform and for his students to have the chance to perform with a well-known musician.

"I think (Scofield's) going to like what he hears as well because the group is sounding very strong. They've worked very hard," MacDonald said. "They learned the music and they know it as if it's their own. It's going to be a lot of fun."

As for Scofield, this performance is a chance to continue working with artists, something he loves about his career and hopes to continue doing it for as long as possible.

"I just keep doing what I'm doing. I really enjoy playing with good musicians, young and old," Scofield said.

Artists in Residence with Scofield will start at 8 p.m. at Humber's Lakeshore campus auditorium this evening. Tickets are available at the door for \$25 for general public and \$15 for seniors, Humber students and faculty.

Commentary

Let's stop confusing BDS movement with anti-Semitism, please

It is time we stop conflating anti-Israel sentiment with anti-Semitism.

Both the *National Post* and the *Toronto Sun* are engaged in a vicious war of attrition with York University for its stance on the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement (BDS) against Israel. They have accused the university and its staff of anti-Semitism.

The Sun has published no fewer than three stories on the subject while the *National Post* has posted several commentaries lambasting the school for its stance on the occupation of Palestine by Israeli jackboots.

A news article by Sue-Ann Levy in the *Toronto Sun* from Mar. 6 described BDS as "an international Palestinian-led movement that seeks to demonize the Jewish state." This is a news article and not an opinion piece.

The thrust of the article is that the York Federation of Students (YFS) has formed an official alliance with the Students against Israeli Apartheid group. Apparently the Sun believes that being critical of a country's illegal occupation and continued oppression of an entire nation is anti-Semitic.

The article also goes into hundreds of words of detail concerning

the hanging of a mural depicting a Palestinian holding rocks behind his back near an illegal Israeli expansion settlement called "Palestinian Roots" by former student Ahmad Al Abid. Abid said on the YFS website that his inspiration for the piece comes from the fact that in Palestine "illegal settlement expansions have become common."

Conveniently at the bottom of the article are several sentences concerning comments from Lorne Sosin, who is Jewish and the dean of the faculty of law at York where he says that many Jewish students "feel at home at York" and believe there are "supportive environments."

This is after hundreds of words about how York fosters anti-Semitism and makes Jewish students feel alienated and unsafe. This is not even remotely a fair representation of the situation.

Another Sun article, ostensibly news, from Mar. 7 editorializes by calling BDS "the so-called boycott." This flat dismissal comes as a surprise given that the article is not commentary and because the actual content concerns York's affirmation to divest from military spending in Israel and not a complete boycott.

Most people would agree that universities should not fund foreign wars.

The *National Post* did a better job of distinguishing opinion from fact but stated their opinion with much less nuance or justifiability than *The Sun*.

Avi Benlolo, chief executive officer of the Friends of Simon Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies said in a Mar. 10 op-ed that BDS is anti-Semitic libel and propaganda. He then continues to make the nonsense claim that the word "boycott" has undertones of a Final Solution.

What? Seriously, what? The man is a high ranking official of a Holocaust study organization and he doesn't understand that you can't just go around accusing people of Final Solutions without cheapening the impact of the actual Holocaust?

Yes Avi, Israel is the only democracy in the Middle East that has minority rights, gay rights and women's rights. Too bad that's not the issue at hand at all.

The issue is Palestinian rights.

The problem at hand is the continued crusade of Israel to continue to deny statehood to their neighbouring people. And no Avi, referring to Israel's displacement, disavowance and continued infringement of the rights of Palestinians as Apartheid is not slander. It is fact.

The *National Post* and *The Sun's*

editorials are both unabashedly and openly Conservative. Everyone knows that capital-C Conservatives just love themselves some non-reflective, pro-Israel, anti-Arab rhetoric but this is a new low.

In a previous commentary, our Humber newsroom colleague Jeremy Appel opined that Conservatives (and Liberals) oppose violent resistance in Israel as well as the non-violent variety in the form of BDS.

He agrees that being opposed to violent resistance is reasonable, but to condemn BDS or even statements counter to the Israeli party line is to remove all recourse from the Palestinian people.

It seems that Postmedia believes that any action other than rolling over and taking it from the Israelis is unacceptable for Palestinians.

It's true that Palestine engages in disreputable tactics and violence to end Israeli Apartheid but Israel's violence against Palestine is state-sanctioned whereas Palestine's is not.

Postmedia's characterization of York University is a breeding ground of anti-Semitism is in incredibly bad taste and borders on libel.

It's time to stop monopolizing feminism

Alex Martino

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In a technological age, everyone and their sister has the ability to get on their own soapbox and advocate for or against issues that appeal to them.

And in said technological age, everyone wants to be not just someone, but the one: the one voice a community can rely on for input, criticisms and platforms for pressing social issues.

It's inevitable that people will get a little self-interested and self-preservationist once the floor is theirs and they begin gaining a following, but there's a risk in taking it too far.

To be a feminist voice is to inherently be inclusionary -- ideally. You're shining a light on those who don't benefit from the current system.

It's when that system decides to approve your voice that things get a little tricky.

Let me tell you a story about one prominent feminist. Let's call her Sheila (name changed so I don't get in trouble).

Sheila has risen the ranks of the male-dominated field of sports and combat sports commentators on Twitter by calling out injustices, the usual problems with the patriarchy and shutting down trolls on the Internet. In doing so she's gained attention from more established

writers in her field, and has become a presence on Twitter for feminism.

Sheila of course commemorated International Women's Day by reminding all of us to support other women and applaud the achievements of other women, because we need to build ourselves up.

That would be fine and dandy, if it wasn't for Sheila somehow avoiding other women who aspire to add their voices to the discussions in her field.

There are people like Sheila in so many different kinds of communities. The ones who strategically get ahead with a message of inclusion and social justice but tend to hover around people who are particularly beneficial to their own careers. It's all a part of climbing the ladder of prominence. But it's hard to ignore when there's a huge conflict between what you say and how you act.

Of course, being a woman on the Internet requires being highly selective of who you surround yourself with, as there is many a weirdo ready to make your life miserable around every corner.

But it's incredibly suspect when selectivity becomes borderline Machiavellian. Instead of, "How can this voice bring a new perspective on undermined groups to the forefront," it's "What can this person do for my brand?"

It's also suspect when one minute you're interested in collaborating

with other feminists and the next you've decided they can't improve your image in the same way that people buttering you up or prominent men approving of you can, thus letting you pretend you never intended to work together in the first place.

Or god forbid working with other women jeopardizes your prized position as the high ranking feminist in the community.

As previously mentioned, self-preservation and selectivity are part and parcel of having a voice on the Internet. But if you're not practicing what you preach, what can you really fix?

Having disdain for, or avoiding those who speak out on similar issues quite frankly helps the patriarchy.

It makes sure that the status quo stays alive by creating a ladder, limiting feminist voices and allowing men to stay in the majority.

Being self-interested and resenting those who speak out on the same issues also perpetuates the age old stereotype of women being "caty" and "out to get each other."

Do we honestly need to give men more of an opportunity to put women down? By buying into their system?

I was once one of those people who said, "Feminism can't be Marxist, Marxism had a specific place for women in society that was not (on)

par to men."

After seeing feminism in action, however, and realizing the damaging effects of a hierarchy on how feminism is consumed, there is no way that an inclusionary, intersectional feminism can adhere to the capitalist system.

Women don't have to tear down other women or act more like men to prove they're "one of the boys."

What's more, feminism isn't "marketable" enough. That is to say, it's not enough of a commodity or an accepted piece of social thinking that one could even begin to get competitive about specific territory in feminist commentary.

At this stage, we need as many voices as possible to pitch in so women's voices can break even and promote a discussion that includes the maximum subsection of women.

For many, it's not easy: not everyone has it 100 per cent right all of the time; they may not express their opinions as articulately as you do; or they may do a better job than you at articulating their thoughts; or you may just plain hate them.

At the end of the day, feminism is worse off if those voices are discouraged from speaking out, and you shouldn't be able to get your own soapbox just to forfeit a win to the patriarchy.

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Gender wage gap persists in Canada, statistics show



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erence to his half-female cabinet?

So the million-dollar question remains: why does the gender wage gap persist?

On the eve of International Women's Day (last Monday), Oxfam Canada and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives released a report that highlights the current state of the wage gap between men and women in Canada.

Simply put, it is only widening.

On average, women working full-time and year around in Canada earn 72 per cent of what their male counterparts earn. This wage gap has increased, as it stood at 74.4 per cent in 2009.

According to a new report from Statistics Canada, women working full-time in Canada make 73.5 cents for every dollar made by men.

The statistics do not paint an encouraging picture. The gender wage gap in Canada is alive and well, and little progress has been made in regards to this age-old issue.

Celebrities such as Jennifer Lawrence and Emma Watson have voiced their opinions on the gender pay gap in Hollywood. Both agreed that speaking out about money

would label them as 'difficult', or a 'diva.'

Is that the problem, that women are not bold enough? Do women possess less of a desire to compete and ultimately accept less?

Part of the problem, the Oxfam report points out, is that women are still working in occupations that tend to earn lower wages. Much of the career paths that women hold mirror those duties that women have traditionally performed in the household.

The report cites the example of truck drivers (97 per cent of whom are male), who earn a median annual wage of \$45,417 working full time. Meanwhile, early childhood educators (the same percentage of whom are female) make a median annual wage of \$25,334.

These numbers are most troubling to me.

I find it difficult to wrap my head around. No college degree is required to become a truck driver but an appropriate driver's license is required. For early childhood educators a bachelor's degree or college diploma is required. One can only ask why the latter profession is seemingly undervalued when it re-

quires more training and education?

Truck driving is a big responsibility, it involves lots of time spent away from home and less than ideal living conditions. Yet so is early childhood education, as early child care is vital to development and those working in this field set the foundation for future learning. So why should one hold more "value" than the other?

Harvard University economics professor Claudia Goldin presents an interesting hypothesis to the wage gap issue. She says that the gap is largest in professions such as business and law, which typically involve longer work hours, and consequently a greater increase in earnings. As children enter the picture women may start to prioritize "temporal flexibility" over pay. For those who want fewer hours and more flexible schedules in certain occupations, penalties arise.

"Quite simply the gap exists because hours of work in many occupations are worth more when given at particular moments and when the hours are more continuous. That is, in many occupations earnings have a nonlinear relationship with respect to hours. A flexible schedule

often comes at a high price, particularly in the corporate, financial, and legal worlds," she writes.

According to a new report from The Criminal Lawyers' Association (CLA), women are quitting their jobs as criminal lawyers at a rate that is significantly higher than men. Unpredictability of the workday and lack of financial support for maternity leave are among the common reasons provided.

There are theories as to how we got here, yet there is no rationale for why we should stay here. Goldin's theory is a sensible one, yet suggests that women have brought it upon themselves by wanting the best of both worlds. On the one hand they want to stay home to raise a family, but they also want to succeed in their careers and receive equal pay.

There are no legitimate reasons for pay inequality.

According to the World Economic Forum, the global economic pay gap will not be closed until 2133.

Surely we have to do something before then, as I would like to see some progress in my lifetime. I'm sure others would agree.

After all, it's 2016.

Women are embracing higher education, earning medical and law degrees and often outnumbering men in postsecondary education. Visible minority women are among the most educated individuals in Canada, Statistics Canada has recently reported. This year marks the 100th anniversary of women's first right to vote in Canada.

Who can forget Justin Trudeau's "because it's 2015" comment in ref-

HSF Election results see incumbent victories, new positions

The Humber Students' Federation Executives were elected Friday.

Incumbent candidate Ahmed Tahir will be serving another term as HSF president.

Winning the position of vice-president of student life for North and Guelph-Humber campus is incumbent Ammar Abdul-Raheem

In the position of vice-president student life for Lakeshore is Jason Gool.

Serving as HSF's first ever vice-president of student affairs for Guelph-Humber is Maja Jocson.

The vice-president of student affairs at North campus will be Lance Constantine.

Finally, serving as vice-president of student affairs for Lakeshore campus is Anna Bilan.

According to HSF, 7004 votes were cast making it the largest voter turnout in Humber history at 24 per cent.



QUOTED: How much career entry support do you get at Humber?

"I feel like my teachers and program coordinator, have been pretty supportive of helping us find a job. They assign the placements for us, we don't really know what order it's in or how they chose us."



Kellie Nelles
Law office profile, final year

"I think it would be helpful if we got help in finding summertime positions during first and second year, just to get our foot in the door. Even if it's a part time position somewhere."



Danielle Gray
Law Clerk, 1st year

"To be quite honest with you I'm not 100 per cent satisfied, I wish they could be a little bit more helpful because it is difficult to get out there."



Amanda Garcia
Law Clerk, 1st year

Hawks OCAA champions despite lineup injuries

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STAFF REPORTERS

The Humber Hawks were able to grasp three more victories last weekend to win themselves the 2015-16 OCAA varsity provincial championship in mens' basketball following a rough, injury-laden season.

The Hawks opened the playoffs at Humber College North campus with a win in their first game after a shaky start against St. Lawrence, constantly losing their lead over the Vikings for the entire first half of the game.

Coaches started calling their time outs during a frustrating second and start-of-the-third quarter after the Hawks failed to keep a strong lead, leading to refs calling offensive fouls for the rest of the period.

An abundance of foul calls is nothing new this season to the Hawks, who have had a staggering number of injuries that almost directly affected the team's end to the season.

"It's hard to play perfect games when your whole starting lineup is injured," said Richard Fernandes, the Hawks' physical therapist. Among the injuries, Humber shooting guard Michael Kayeye was taken out earlier in the season after a practice resulted in a knee injury.

"We've had a lot of injuries this year," said the Hawks head coach Shawn Collins before their quarter-final game against the Vikings on Thursday.

"St. Lawrence is a pretty good team, and in my 11 years here we've been upset by St. Lawrence in the past."

Vikings Guard Jaz Bains challenged the Hawks' defective line with the speed and sharp reflexes that earned him the title of 2015-16 men's basketball Player of the Year at the OCAA awards banquet a season after being



MICHAEL DIPERSIO

Hawk's Forward Ancil Martin takes a shot during OCAA championship game against the St. Lawrence Vikings.

named the OCAA Rookie of the year.

"Guys have stepped up, guys that haven't had a lot of playing time this year, (who) play 25 minutes and sit back down. We've had guys score more than 10, 20 points a game this year. We've been a team effort this whole year," added Collins.

Bains was able to help keep his team in the lead until Humber's own star point guard Gibson Eduful stepped up and combined with guard C.J. Bennet for 26 points later in the game.

Eduful was named 2016 OCAA West Division First Team All Star at a Championship banquet back in February. Gibson led the Hawks to the CCAA national championship last season and did his team proud again with a whopping 267 points this season; an average of 14.8 points per game.

The Hawks walked away from two rivalries unscathed and finished the OCAA tournament as the provincial champions with an 86-79 win over

the Mohawk Mountaineers.

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team, defending CCAA National Champions and current OCAA Champions, are set to return to the CCAA Nationals hosted by Keyano College in Fort McMurray, Alberta. The Hawks enter the event as the number two seed; just behind the team they beat to win gold last year, the Victoria Island University Mariners.

Despite losing key players throughout the season, the Hawks

have proved to be a force to be reckoned with as they are now current back-to-back OCAA champions, and are working on the process of having their players return injury-free and start performing at an even higher level.

The Hawks will open the Nationals on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. They'll face the seventh seeded and wild-card Camosun Chargers, the 'Cinderella' team of the CCAA Men's Basketball National Championship.

HSF affordable student housing effort seeks to buy or build

Long-standing plan to purchase houses near campuses was delayed due to inability to find suitable properties

Daniel Caudle

STAFF REPORTER

An ambitious but stalled housing project by the Humber Students' Federation is expected to pick up steam following this month's elections.

The project stalled because HSF was focused on implementing two fall study days next Thanksgiving, which was a success, said HSF President Ahmed Tahir.

Students needing the housing the most, such as international students or out-of-province students, may be left to fend for themselves once they arrive in the GTA but they will get an equal opportunity to qualify, HSF leaders say.

"No students will be given preference to live in these houses, but we believe students' rights and housing go hand in hand," said current vice-president of student life Ammar Abdul-Raheem. "Any student who pays his fees deserves to be represented equally."

The housing proposal to purchase real estate as a means to provide Humber students with safe and affordable places to live was initiated by HSF under Tahir.

"It would be nice if Humber could have a safe and affordable place for students to live. Think something similar to what the villages of York University are," said Tahir.

The Toronto Real Estate Board reported the average February housing price for the area around Humber's North campus is \$367,921 while homes near the Lakeshore campus average \$527,684.

The project began to take shape in 2015 when HSF members approached their Executive Director Ercole Perrone with the idea. The

plan is now working its way through the Board of Directors.

"In the last 12 months the project has been conceptualized, researched, proposed, and board approved, we are now just looking for the right property," said Perrone.

"There is no start date or end date, we will only do it if the right property comes available and the board approves it," he said.

The Board of Directors has been a major delay in this process since approval for potential property purchases and allocation of funding is still needed.

"The housing project has been put on hold due to more urgent demands," said Board of Directors Chairperson James Pashutinski.

Any full-time student at Humber or the University of Guelph-Humber would have the chance to apply to live in the student housing.

"I think this is a long term project with maybe only a few students living in the houses at the start," Tahir said. "But hopefully after possibly five years it will grow and grow to

accommodate more."

He said how much money HSF allocates to purchases will be determined by the board.

"The money for this project can come from multiple ways," Tahir said. "We could have a company buy it then pay HSF to manage it. Student development fund fees could be used, or we can use the HSF surplus of money that has been accumulating over the last few years."

Board members are behind this project since it was brought forward to them, but it has caused a significant number of debates and discussions regarding how to move forward.

"There were a number of different options on the table with varying degrees and complexity, but there was never any consensus, that I can recall, over which idea we should pursue," said Pashutinski. "The last time this item was on the agenda we were still firmly in the research and development phase and considering how to move forward."

The project is intended to ensure

that students renting rights would be secure, as well as ensure that the houses students live in are up to code.

"Some students rent places with holes in the wall or beer caps stuck in the ceiling," said Abdul-Raheem. "We want students to have a clean and proper place to live."

Not all students would be among those applying for such housing.

"Living in Brampton I would not use these student houses because I already live close enough," said business administration student Hamilton Soosaimuth.

Tahir said HSF's options include buying an existing property to renovate it, or purchasing a plot of land and building a complex from the ground up.

"Both options are there, but one will be easier, we just have to figure out which one and pitch it to the board," he said.

HSF members are hopeful the board will approve the properties, which are expected to be voted upon in the upcoming months.