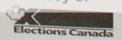


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Three federal election candidates met at the Daily Bread Food Bank on Oct. 16 to discuss their parties proposals on vital issues like healthcare, food security, taxes and housing.

## Conservatives, PPC no-show at Etobicoke-Lakeshore debate

**Josh Bergant** 

NEWS REPORTER

A lively debate hosted by the Daily Bread Food Bank and LAMP Community Health Centre invited some tough questions for the federal election candidates in Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

The debate mainly centred around the topics of housing and food security. Each candidate was allowed two minutes to speak on questions pertaining to these topics followed by panel discussion fielding questions from the audience.

The debate — which neither the Conservative or the People's Party of Canada candidates attended — was formatted in a town hall format.

James Maloney, the Liberal incum-

bent, highlighted several programs and policies enacted by the federal government in the past four years.

"Our government reduced the small business tax rates," he said. "It's clearly worked. You see all kinds of new businesses opening up along Lakeshore and elsewhere. It's really good to see."

Maloney said the Liberals currently support the implementation and continuation of programs such as universal Pharmacare, a national housing policy, a national food policy and the Canadian child benefit.

He also reaffirmed the Liberal's promise to end all boil water advisories on First Nations.

"It's disgraceful that we're still having boil water advisories," Maloney said. "We need to be working towards removing those completely in the future."

Branko Gasperlin promised many things if the NDP were chosen to form government. These promises mainly centred around new programs.

"We would bring back the basic income pilot project the Ford government scrapped," he said. "It was working and it should be brought back on a national scale so no one provincial government can up and scrap it all together."

Gasperlin said the NDP hopes to build 500,000 units of housing in five years.

"My mother and father have lived in the same house for over 30 years," he said. "It's tough seeing people have to leave their homes and not being able to reinvest/buy into the community again."

Gasperlin said the NDP wants to implement a universal Pharmacare program and that the Liberals have lagged behind on implementing it.

"It's a damn shame people struggle in this community," he said. "The NDP and myself want to change to change that."

Chris Caldwell of the Green Party focused his responses around climate change and sustainability.

"We need a different path," he said. "Our unity lies in the salvation of nature. We must take care of our democracy."

Caldwell said the Green Party wants to develop medium density housing that relies entirely on renewable energy, implementing a food sharing and recycling program, and naming a housing minister that would oversee all housing issues in Canada.

"Etobicoke-Lakeshore has the potential to become a new epicentre for green, renewable development in Canada," he said.

Reaction from the audience was mixed. Some voiced displeasure with how the Conservatives ran their campaign in Etobicoke-Lakeshore. Others like Rebecca Cartwright, a York University nursing student enjoyed the debate experience as a whole.

Cartwright said she attended the debate primarily to complete a report for one of her classes, but was disappointed at the lack of discussion about student issues.



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# Students among 4.8 million advance voters

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NEWS REPORTER

Jessica Chan found herself in the unfamiliar surroundings of Humber College's B building recently, but the trip to the Vote on Campus polls ahead of the Oct. 21 federal election to vote for her first time was worth it.

"It's strange going into that part of the building," Chan, a Personal Support student, said. "Most of my classes are in the L, E and H buildings, so I never really had a reason to be near the place. It took a bit of digging."

Chan said it was a memorable experience and she was glad she could vote on campus. However, she hopes in the future the on-campus polls — which were open Oct. 5 to 9 — could be held in a more populated part of the college such as the LRC building to make it more accessible.

Not everyone took the opportunity to cast an early ballot.

Nicole Aguiar, a Personal Support Worker student, told Et Cetera "the elections don't interest me."

"As long as the economy remains stable for me to be able to get a good job, I don't care who is elected or which party is elected," she said.

Kelly Jackson, Humber's associate vice-president for Government Relations, said the polling station was important to have as it gives an opportunity to think critically, make bold choices and become leaders of change.

"We want to make leaders," said Jackson. "That's what Humber is all about to create the future leaders of tomorrow."

She said the location of the advance polls was based on Elections Canada's needs.

"We work with Elections Canada over several months, including having them on both campuses for site-visits to get the right spaces that meet their needs," Jackson said.

She said it was an interesting experience for staff to see first-hand the considerations that go into selecting a room where voting will take place.

Humber's North and Lakeshore campuses were among the 119 university and college campuses that participated in Elections Canada's Vote on Campus program.

The advance polling on campus helped boost the estimated number of voters at the early polls to about 4.7 million, a 29 per cent surge from the about 3.7 million advance voters in the 2015 federal election, Elections Canada reported.

It also reported another 111,300 students cast early ballots during the Vote on Campus drive between Oct. 5 and 9, up from about 70,000 in 2015

"To get the ballot box on campus, we had to work with Elections Canada on a lease agreement that met all their technical and other needs for about 12 days so that they could set up the polling station, hold voting and then take down their set up," she said.

"It was important to participate in the Vote on Campus program because it's important to make your voice heard," she said. "The federal government is responsible for making decisions that affect our everyday lives and we are fortunate that we live in a place where we get to participate in the democratic process."

Since 2004, the Apathy is Boring project has encouraged voters, especially young people, to cast ballots.

"Whether you vote or not it will impact you. You can choose to take part in that decision — or step back and let the change impact you," said Samantha Reusch, a researcher with Apathy is Boring.



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Jessica Chan, first year student of the personal support program, said elections are a private matter and the staff and security took measures to make sure it was kept that way throughout the week of advanced polling.



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Green Party leader Elizabeth May responds to a question as Liberal leader Justin Trudeau, Conservative leader Andrew Scheer, PPC leader Maxime Bernier, Bloc Quebecois leader Yves-Francois Blanchet and NDP leader Jagmeet Singh look on during the French leaders debate on Oct.7.

#### Liberal incumbent Duncan poised to hold onto Etobicoke-North

Jarod Dodde

NEWS REPORTER

With the federal election fast approaching, Etobicoke North Liberal candidate Kirsty Duncan is deep into her re-election campaign.

The former Minister of Science and Sports and Persons with Disabilities appears in the lead to reclaim her seat with under a week to go.

Duncan first claimed her position in Parliament in 2008 when former Liberal MP Roy Cullen announced he wouldn't be running for re-election.

She was a professor at the University of Windsor before she got the chance to give back to her community.

"I've served this constituency for the last 11 years," she said. "Our focus is on serving our community, and we go above and beyond, whatever the families need."

Duncan thinks it is crucial to make sure she is an active member of her constituency, so she does everything she can from working at clothing banks to just talking to the people

"We knock on doors every few weeks for the last 11 years," she said. "No one wants someone who shows up every 4 years."

Duncan is running on the Liberal party platform focused on climate change, stronger gun control and strengthening the middle class.

When asked about Liberal party leader Justin Trudeau, she had nothing but kind things to say about her former seatmate in the House of Commons.

"When he was running for leader people used to come ask me to tell them about him," Duncan said. "I said on those long votes, some up to 24 hours, what do you think we talked about? The answer was policy."

She said their focus on policy was about everything from seniors to climate change, but she has a special place in her heart when it comes to caring for students.

"Before I ever ran, I served on the Toronto Foundation for Student Success, which is a breakfast program," Duncan said. "I'm really excited, in the last budget we've [the



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The Minister for Science and Sport said serving her consitutents has been the greatest honour of her life.

Liberal Party] have committed to a nation breakfast program."

"Hungry children can't learn," she said.

Duncan said the Liberal party's goal of a strong middle class and affordability was especially important in Etobicoke North.

"For the last 11 years I've advo-

cated for affordability, for making life better for our families," she said. "We brought in the Canada Child Benefit, it's helping nine out of 10 families across the country, but here in Etobicoke North it has lifted over 25,000 children out of poverty. That is huge for our community."

Duncan is preaching a variety of honor of her life.

different programs to help establish the middle class, from the first time homebuyer incentive to increasing the Canada Student Grants.

When those final ballots are counted, she hopes she will continue to be able to serve her constituents in what she calls the greatest honor of her life.

## Tory Kaur goes up against Duncan to fight for the middle class

Jared Dodds

NEWS REPORTER

Sarabjit Kaur may be competing in her first federal election race, but she is in it to win it.

The Conservative candidate for Etobicoke North said she wants to go to Ottawa to fight for the things important to her constituents.

"Constituents they ask me so many things, telling me what are the issues, and basically I would like to focus on those," she said.

Kaur is a middle-class teacher looking to address issues including affordability, senior care and safety across the riding.

These are issues she said she is hearing matters most to the voters in her riding as she goes campaigning door to door.

"They are concerned for the next generation," Kaur said. "Kids playing in the park, they are not safe. You are walking on the street. You are not safe."

Kaur is aware while people in Ottawa must worry about all of Canada, it's the small day-to-day problems that affect voters most, such as a safe park

to play or a well-paying summer job for students may seem insignificant to some in the face of federal budgets and climate change plans.

But she wants to shrink the scope of what is important so every constituent feels like their voice is being heard.

She also wants to stick to some of federal Conservative leader Andrew Scheer's platform points, such as the scrapping of the federal carbon tax.

"We want a greener and cleaner environment," Kaur said. "The way we got the environment, we should leave it even cleaner for our next generation. By scrapping the carbon tax, we know we play a small next to other big polluters. We have to tackle this issue globally."

Alongside fighting against other large polluters across the world like China and India, Kaur's Conservative party would implement incentives for green home renovation.

They would also make public transit less expensive by providing a tax credit for greener travel.

She said Scheer will be what this country needs as he grew up in a middle-class family and knows



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Kaur said her main goals are to address the issue of affordability and ensuring constituents' voice are heard.

what those Canadians want.

Kaur said her fight for affordability wasn't just for students and seniors

"Everything is becoming so expensive," she said. "And for people who are the owners, maybe it's becoming difficult for them to live within their means."

Kaur wants to bring some of the awareness and education about Indigenous people out of her classroom and into her riding.

"They are overlooked by the government, it seems to me," she said. "We are giving billions in foreign aid, foreign aid is always important, but if you have people in your coun-

try without clean water to drink, that is worrisome for me."

Kaur said she wants voters to know she knows of their struggle and stands with them.

"I am living their life," she said.
"I have experience as a middle-class person, a front-line worker. I know affordability is hard."

## **Etobicoke-Lakeshore Liberal: James Maloney**



James Maloney's life in politics began in 2014 as interim Councillor of Ward 5 ahead of the municipal elections that year.

Maloney is running on continuing the government's programs on infrastructure economic stimulus.

"We need a GO transit solution for the Humber Bay-Shores area." he said. "It's sorely needed and that's what we're going to do.".

#### **Etobicoke-Lakeshore Liberal: Kirsty Duncan**



"I've served this constituency for the last 11 years," she said. "Our focus is on serving our community, and we go above and beyond, whatever the families need."

Duncan remains committed to the Liberal platform and is concerned with issues from seniors to climate change.

"For the last 11 years I've advocated for affordability, for making life better for our families," she said.

#### Conservative: Barry O'Brien



The Conservative candidate in Etobicoke-Lakeshore Barry O'Brien has committed himself to the issue of affordability.

O'Brien publically supports Conservative leader Andrew Scheer's pledges of repealing the carbon tax and for fining politicians that break ethics rules.

O'Brien is currently the Dean of Business at Centennial College.

#### **Conservative: Sarabjit Kaur**



The middle class teacher is focused on the Conservative platform of cutting the carbon tax and putting more money the pockets of Canadians.

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#### NDP: Branko Gasperlin



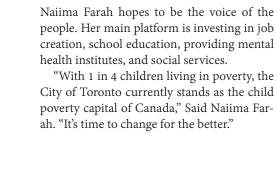
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#### NDP: Naiima Farah



"With 1 in 4 children living in poverty, the City of Toronto currently stands as the child poverty capital of Canada," Said Naiima Farah. "It's time to change for the better."

#### **Greens: Chris Caldwell**



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Chris Caldwell said the Green Party is focused on climate change and sustainability.

Caldwell has authored two books on corporate social responsibility and humanity's connection to nature.

The Green Party candidate has contributed to his community as a director of a ratepayer's board and as a volunteer with a food security not-for-profit.

#### **PPC: Renata Ford**



The widow of late Toronto mayor Rob Ford believes she is the best to carry on the work of her late husband.

Ford is running on the platform of the People's Party of Canada, reducing immigration, cutting taxes and regulations, to grow the economy. She also said that a PPC government will have respect for Canadian

Ford said she believes in the message of Maxine Bernier, and said he is the leader that Canada needs.

#### Women's soccer rookie uses on-field devices to monitor diabetes

#### Nathaniel Marksman

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Every time Emma Stushnoff steps on the soccer pitch, she has to prepare a little more diligently than her teammates.

Stushnoff, a Calgary native, is a first-year forward on the Hawks soccer team.

She was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes when she was nine. Stushnoff remembers feeling confused and sad, unable to understand what diabetes was. She said she's learned a lot since then, and has taken it upon herself to attend events to raise awareness for diabetics who cope with the illness. She even appeared in a documentary.

Stushnoff's view of the disease soon changed. She didn't consider it a liability.

"I kind of thought of it as a superpower," she said.

Her diabetes is monitored through two special devices. One is called the Omnipod, a small Bluetooth device which attaches to a person's skin and transfers insulin to the pancreas.

The second device is called the Dexcom G6 Continuous Glucose Monitoring (CGM) System. It comes with two pieces and combines into one once placed on the person's body. The machine calculates the blood sugar level and gives a reading or number on the subject's phone, which is also connected through Bluetooth.

The Dexcom G6 CGM System informs the diabetic on whether their blood sugar has gone too high or low. A steady blood sugar reading ranges from four to eight, or four to 10 varying with each person.

Low blood sugars are usually treated with sugar, however high sugars need time to come back down by themselves or can be leveled with an insulin correction during the next meal.

The issue with diabetic athletes is that blood sugars shoot right up or down depending on how much a person eats or drinks before physical activity. This can cause stress.

Stushnoff's struggle is usually on the field when she is playing soccer, mainly because of her Dexcom G6 CGM monitor.

Victoria Foster, the women's soccer team student athletic therapist, has access to Stushnoff's blood sugar readings through her own phone, thanks to the machine's share-and-

link ability.

When Stushnoff is on the field, Foster monitors her blood sugars on the sideline with her phone.

One challenge is distance. The farther Stushnoff moves from the monitor the more likely it is to cut out for 15 to 20 minutes before being recalibrated when she comes off the pitch.

Foster said it could be improved for those playing sports.

"It does the job for an average person who's not an athlete," she said.

For now, Stushnoff has to come off the field every 20 minutes to check her sugars and avoid the risk of passing out.

Jose Caro, Humber's women's soccer coach, hopes the machines can be upgraded to keep his star striker safe and healthy on the field.

"You're paying for a product that's supposed to be helping you understand your levels and what do you do if it fails?" Caro said.

It's a question Caro hopes will never needs answering.



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First-year 3D Animation student Emma Stushnoff holding her Omnipod device. Stushnoff hopes as the years progress, the device will be upgraded, which can allow her to play the entirety of a stress-free soccer game.



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Women's varsity soccer rookie Emma Stushnoff said she's lucky to have the support of the coaches and team in helping her monitor her diabetes.

## Humber Golf Lab gives students 'high-class' experience

Beatriz Balderrama Baleeiro

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The Humber community will soon have a new entertainment facility for students and faculty that will be the first of its kind in colleges across Canada.

The Humber Golf Lab, which launched last year at the North campus, is an experiential learning space for students of the Golf Management program and will be equipped with the most modern high-tech simulators and golf tools.

"The technology is really high class," said Cody Sobala, a first-year Golf Management student. "It's awesome to have this in our school. Not many places who offer this kind of technology."

The lab's bays can be booked for \$30 an hour to play in the Foresight GCQUAD Simulation Configurator room, a space used for golf lessons and practice. Students from the program will also offer services including golf lessons, golf club fitting and golf club repair.

"I think it just helps us bond as a group," Sobala said. "It helps everybody to stay together and get to know each other, and really improves our game and just be able to come here



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Third-year Golf Management student Jordan Tandan said that golf lessons will be offered to Humber students.

between classes and hit balls."

Other services the Golf Management program offers its students during its three-year program are a golf store, which they are taught to run like a real business, and a workshop room equipped to build a custom golf

club from scratch.

"A golf professional runs his own small business," said Bob Beauchemin, a professor from the Golf Management program. "He runs a pro shop, which sells the accessories to play golf and he'll give lessons run tournaments."

The TrackMan Golf Simulator room is one of three high-technology simulators in the Lab where students take golf lessons, learn about swing analysis and also play golf.

"TrackMan is probably the highest profile launch monitor, and it's based on radar," Beauchemin said. "And it's the same, same radar they use to track missiles like Scud missiles.

"And so golf balls (are) basically a missile, it's an object flying through the air," he said. "So, it will read, measure how fast it is traveling, what trajectory (it's) traveling, how much spin is on it, what orientation if it's spinning one way or the other."

Justin Eccleston, a student in the Golf Management program, said the lab offers him hands-on experience.

"It helps us improve in the school aspect, and our physical golf play as well," he said. "And I just think it's great. I'm in the first year of the program so it's nice to have something like this at school to improve my game."

An opening date has not yet been

#### Free LinkedIn resource is proving its worth outside classrooms

Nicholas Rahmon

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

LinkedIn Learning, an online resource for students, has been helpful for those at Humber since its integration in July.

"I've heard professors mentioning LinkedIn Learning and how it will help students learn more beyond the classroom... it's a decision which I'll never regret," said Luca Lombardo, a Humber photography student.

Once known as Lynda.com, the website teaches topics related to business, visual arts, and computer skills through the use of online instructors, meant for students and workplaces.

Deepak Mamtani, a LinkedIn Student Learning Ambassador, said he hasn't received direct feedback, but he's noticed an effect online.

"If you see the profile of students on LinkedIn, you will see that lots of students have been mentioning



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Humber College has access to the LinkedIn learning resource at no cost. Formerly known as Lynda.com, the website gives students and faculty access to online courses in business, visual arts, as well as technology.

lots of LinkedIn Learning certificates on their profile," he said.

To incorporate learning online,

LinkedIn purchased Lynda.com in 2015 and renamed it to LinkedIn Learning in 2017. The change

wasn't made to LinkedIn's partner-ship with Humber's until last July.

Humber partnered with the ser-

vice in October 2016. Students and faculty are granted access towards thousands of courses at no cost.

Humber students and faculty can create video playlists to stay organized, insert videos directly to Blackboard for a more advanced experience, and add credentials of completed courses to their LinkedIn profile for employers to see.

"One thing I like about LinkedIn Learning is that it gives you helpful tips to improve on your skills like time management, public speaking, and advice from industry experts in your field," said Christopher Frazer, a LinkedIn Learning Ambassador who believes the implementation of case studies graded and reviewed during courses can be an improvement.

Although the site allows users to learn from their device in minutes, Mamtani said there are many topics that are missing.

Mamtani said there are also a lot of adjustments needed for the current topics.

### British schools recruit Canadian students to study overseas

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Studying in Ireland has so far been a great experience for Joshua Akoto.

"Good people, lots of extracurriculars (clubs, societies, etc.) traveled a bit within Ireland and learned more about the Irish culture and sport," said Akoto, a sports management student at Humber

Traveling to a different country will always be an eye-opening experience. Being able to study something with passion in a different setting then normal is amazing.

From relaxing on a sandy beach in Dingle Peninsula, Ireland to drinking at the local pub, there's something for every student to do.

"The thing that motivates me to do this is the added value that it gives the students so I'm all about the student experience and what they get out of it," said Donal McAlister, the International Affairs Manager at the Institute of Technology in Carlow in Ireland.

"We've been working in Canada for about 10 years now. It's all about the outcome for the student for me," he said.

To better prepare before tempo-



Donal McAlister, the International Affairs Manager at the Institute of Technology in Carlow, has been recruiting in Canada for 10 years.

rarily living in a different country, students should ensure everything is mapped out, by researching the campus and see what is around locally.

It never hurts to be aware of the surroundings, if anything it will help enhance the time abroad even

Studying abroad can be more costly than studying at home but the experience of studying in a foreign land is worth it all. The average cost per student for their tuition is between \$10,000 to \$15,000 and living costs can range from \$7,000



Patrick Lynch, the International Manager at Institute of Technology Sligo in Ireland, says Sligo recruits students from Alberta and B.C as well.

"I've been coming to Ontario since around 2011. We would have partnerships with up to 11 institutions throughout Ontario," said Patrick Lynch, the international manager at Institute of Technology Sligo in Ireland.

"We also have partnerships with

institutions in Alberta, and also British Columbia as well," he said.

Several schools from Europe, such as the Institute of Technology in Carlow or Robert Gordon University in Aberdeen, have partnered with Humber College and other schools in Canada.

## International students need more financial support say advocates

**Emily Wilson** 

NEWS REPORTER

International students at Humber College said their tuition fees are unfair and come on top of other costs of pursuing an education in Canada.

Srishti Bhardwaj, a first year Systems Navigation and Health Care student from India, said the fees can be overwhelming. There are also health checks back home for visas, application fees, and for those who come from warmer parts of the world, the need to buy winter clothes.

"Everything adds up," she said. "Everything has a fee."

Bhardwaj, 24, said she and her family took out two loans in India, one with a 14.5 per cent interest rate, to pay for school abroad.

"Everyone has different financial backgrounds," she said.

Felipe Nagata, chair of the Canadian Federation of Students in Ontario, said international tuition increases were deregulated by the government and institutions set the fees each year.

"The province can only raise do-

mestic tuition three to five per cent while international tuition doesn't have a cap," he said.

There are many more fees included in international tuition to make them shockingly high, ones set by the government for the school to collect.

Andrew Ness, Dean of International, said the Ontario government provides grants to post-secondary schools for each domestic student, but does not provide grants for international students.

An \$875 tax is also charged to colleges and universities for every international student attending,

Despite the high costs there is no official financial aid for international students, especially in diploma programs. He said there are plans for students in emergency situations, but the International Centre's job is mostly to ensure students never get into one.

"We have trained immigration consultants for counselling and advice," Ness said.

Banking institutions across Canada use Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs) to help provide supplemental income for some students throughout the year, according to Canada's government website.

Bhardwaj said she put more than \$10,000 she had saved into a GIC account and receives a portion of it monthly. She said the GIC program is designed as an allowance to ensure international students do not run out of money.

She sees it as compensation for the limit on the number of hours international students are permitted to work. A maximum of 20 hours is allowed, which Bhardwaj said is too little.

"We need more, a lot more," she said. "Twenty hours at minimum wage isn't enough."

Nagata, a former international student from Brazil, said international students cannot rely on a source of income due to the red tape of the limit, especially in this economy.

International students also pay into a private health insurance program that is supposed to be an equivalency to OHIP, but it does



International students can only work 20 hours a week, which can limit their ability to cover the high costs of tuition, housing and food.

have its limits.

Lana Yegay, a third-year Graphic Design student, said she wished health coverage was better.

The 19-year-old Kazakhstan native needed a root canal last year but the school wouldn't cover it. "They sent me to a doctor downtown," she said, and had to pay the cost out of

her pocket.

Bhardwaj said there is a lot of unfairness in the fees international students pay.

"I get it, everyone needs money, but then students are getting affected. They're the ones actually paying out of their pockets. Education should be a priority," she said.

#### Gospel choir director wants non-music students to get credit

Natasha Maskell

ARTS REPOTER

The director of Humber's Gospel Choir tried to get his non-music students recognized after he found out they wanted to get an academic credit.

"Humber College offers the only post-secondary education choir course in gospel music in all of Canada," said Brad Klump, professor of Humber's music program.

There are 30 students in the choir enrolled in various Humber programs. Humber's Gospel Choir allows students enrolled in music programs to receive a credit for their participation. But the choir is not limited to music students at Humber, and students enrolled in other programs do not receive a credit.

"I have been really trying to gain recognition for is our non-music students, they deserve to get credit for this," Klump said. "I am fighting the administration just to try and recognize the efforts that they are putting in."

The gospel choir allows students the opportunity to learn and enjoy music they may not have explored outside of the choir.

Jonathan Nvita, a music studies student at the Lakeshore campus,



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Humber's Gospel Choir, which is open to all students not just music performed their very first concert at the Lakeshore Auditorium in November 2015.

said the choir helps him feel more connected to his heritage.

"It is a good opportunity for [students] to learn different music and different genres," he said.

For many students like Esther Saibai, the choir is either an elective or an extra curicular activity because it wasn't part of their program.

"It helps you get out your stress of school assignments, so we get to have some fun, have something that is a fun part of school," Saibai said.

Students who do take part in the choir learn new sets of skills that enhance their performance skills, co-ordination, and musical abilities.

For students looking to join the choir, the audition process is simple.

Auditions can be stressful, however Klump assured the auditions are not difficult.

"Just make sure you are kind of enthusiastic, you can sing in tune, and you want to be here, and make the commitment to the rehearsals and the performances," he said.

The choir will be performing at the Gospel Intervarsity Explosion

(GIVE) at York University on Oct. 26. Choirs from McMaster University, York University, and University of Toronto will be attending, and Humber is the only college invited to the event.

Tickets for the show are available online, and Humber staff and students are encouraged to attend and show their support.

#### Willows nature program honoured with Edward Burtynsky award

Liliia Smichenko

ARTS REPORTER

A Humber Arboretum program that encourages kids to enjoy the outdoors rather than playing video games inside their homes won an award.

Humber's Forest Nature Program, launched three years ago, placed first among many Early Childhood Development programs and received a Edward Burtynsky award this year.

"The Forest Nature Program is a part of our daily programs that allows children a unique opportunity to explore the Humber Arboretum and build a relationship with the land," said Kaitlyn Beard, one of the creators of the program.

The program allows children to play outside and explore their boundaries as well as nature through "risky play," a term that's been used a lot at the Humber Child Development Centre, but it doesn't mean that children are risking their health.

"Taking risks, which maybe just walking on a different kind of sur-



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ECE staff who created the Forest Nature Program were surprised to learn they had won an award in September.

face, doesn't mean climbing on top of the tree," Beard said.

The Forest Nature program started off with eight preschool children going outdoors once a week, and it soon grew to include 48 kids. The program also started including parents at least two mornings a week.

Beard said every day is rich in experiences, whether it is getting

on top of a hill with the children or feeding chickadees.

"One of the best parts to is seeing the children comfort level grow," said Alessandra Silvestro, another creator of the program.

Children were hesitant at first, but with time they start getting comfortable with doing things without asking for help and they are not scared.

The kids aren't the only ones who had to get used to going outside though. Walter Garcia, another creator of the program, said it was challenging at first.

"When I first started going to the arboretum with children, I would be so scared just letting them run freely and I would feel so nervous," he said. "You have to build that con-

fidence and slowly lose the fear of engaging with outdoors."

Beard said that when parents join them for the walks, they would express how they didn't realize their children were so capable of climbing and balancing. they would share how astonished and proud they were.

"It is very rewarding to see parents learn more about their kids," Garcia said.

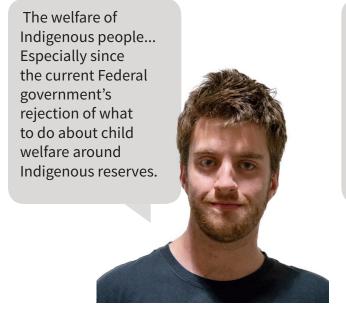
The effort these coordinators put in when Louise Zimanyi, a professor in Humber's Early Childhood Education program sent the form for the Edward Burtynsky award.

However, the other creators of the program didn't expect to win it. They were all very shocked but grateful for the nomination and subsequent winning the award.

"We fortunate enough that we've won this award for the program, getting recognition from an organization outside of Humber community is actually really nice as well," said Michael Carlucci, one of the Forest Nature Program creators.

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#### PHOTO OF THE WEEK

#### STUDENTS HELP RELOCATE CACTI FOR WINTER

Second-year nursing student Maya Ram Sammy volunteered to help transplant the cacti from the Arboretum inside to the Centre for Urban Ecology.

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#### **EDITORIAL**

#### Climate change denial is a hoax to protect corporate interests

Por more than four decades, many of the world's largest fossil fuel companies have worked to shape attitudes and deceive the public about the cartographic consequences and risks of climate breakdown.

Over this time, these companies have poured billions of dollars into an international disinformation campaign, including forging letters to Congress, secret funding of think tanks and sympathetic scientists and the creation of fake grassroots organizations to deliberately manufacture uncertainty about the implications of climate change, according to the study "The Climate Deception Dossiers" conducted by The Union of Concerned Scientists.

Yes, the consensus has shifted significantly in Canada and most of Europe concerning emissions and the importance of moving towards renewable forms of energy. And to be fair, there has been a noticeable

moderation of views from those previously involved in questioning the science of climate change. But the stark contrast is still all too visible in countries such as the U.S. and more recently, Brazil, where leading politicians openly deny climate science and treat economic growth as paramount importance compared to preserving our natural world.

The scientific evidence shows the next decade will be crucial for efforts to restrict the rise in global temperature if we wish to prevent global temperatures rising by more than 1.5 C. And politicians should be judged on what they do to achieve this goal.

The ideological separation in Western democracies behind the issue of climate emergency is clear. The voting records of most conservative politicians are abysmal, whether the topic is fracking, renewable energy subsidies, or devis-

ing a coherent strategy to retool the economy towards green energy.

Meanwhile, 20 companies – including ExxonMobil, Chevron, BP and Shell – are responsible for more than 35 per cent of all energy-related carbon dioxide and methane globally, totaling 480 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (Gt-CO2e) since 1965, according to the Climate Accountability Institute, despite knowing about the destructive impact of their activities.

Research shows conservatives are more likely to have accepted donations from oil companies and there is a revolving door culture with lucrative jobs on offer for amenable public servants.

It's no accident climate denial is integral to right-wing ideology. The Republican Party in the U.S. has been mobilizing to drown out propositions like the Green New Deal. Indeed, the development of fossil fuel projects

and their connection to economic growth seem to form a cornerstone of right-wing political strategy.

Over the years, environmental campaigners in the U.S., Canada and elsewhere have worked to highlight the enormous power wielded by multinational oil companies — and to highlight how this concentration of power has been used to advance their economic interests, particularly with the injection of enormous sums of money pumped into elections. Last year, the fossil fuel industry spent an astonishing \$125 million on lobbying politicians in America.

It's critical to recognize the tentacles of Big Fossil are indispensable in shaping public consciousness, manipulate democracy while constraining the choices that are available in our toolbox to reverse this dangerous trend.

The debate on the issue of the climate emergency is often focused

on individual responsibility (e.g., living a carbon-neutral lifestyle and changing eating habits) or on policies (like setting carbon taxes and targets) centred on transnational efforts governed by the UN's framework. All these approaches to this increasingly existential threat to our planet are valid and essential.

While some moderate politicians promote renewable projects, they continue to expand pipeline operations in the face of overwhelming evidence that these decisions will only speed up the breakdown of our ecosystem and render the planet uninhabitable.

We cannot confront the power behind such irresponsible behaviour until we know what it is. Our first priority in this struggle is to understand the multifaceted nature of the threat we face. Only then we can overcome the implications at such a monumental scale.

## **OPINION**

# CPC uses threats of coalition gov't as scare tactic



GALVIN ZALDIVAR

s this election comes to its end this Monday, the pollsters have taken in all the data and have come to the same conclusion, the next government will not have a majority.

This country hasn't had a minority government since 2011, when Stephen Harper's second government was brought down by a vote of no confidence.

Andrew Scheer, in response, has increased his efforts in getting his vote out over the past week, stressing that if the Conservatives don't win an outright majority, they will get a "NDP government wearing a Justin Trudeau face."

This isn't the first time a Conservative leader has used the prospect of a coalition as a sort of electoral bogeyman. In the December 2008, the Liberals and NDP agreed to form a coalition with the support of the Bloc Quebecois, in anticipation of a vote of no confidence in the Conservative's upcoming budget.

In response, then Prime Minister Harper advised then Governor-General Michaëlle Jean to prorogue parliament until Jan. 26 the following year. By the time parliament met again the coalition agreement had collapsed, and a new legislative agenda was able to appease the Liberals enough to support the government.

In the interim, Harper attacked the prospective coalition as "unconstitutional and undemocratic," as well as "divisive," for needing the support of the Bloc to hold a working majority in the House. Some Conservatives characterized the possibility of the coalition as a coup against the government.

The Conservatives are attacking any notion of a coalition government for the reason that since the merger of the Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservative parties in 2003, they have no natural coalition partners. The Liberals on the other

hand have partners aplenty.

Coalitions are not the disaster or the subversion of the democratic will Conservatives have characterized in the past. Coalitions, being formed from the widest number of voices in the House, are probably more democratic and more accountable than majority governments.

They are not, as Scheer asserts, a government beholden to the whims and platforms of a different party.

Coalitions are the result of careful negotiation between parties and always result in careful compromise. Supporters of action on climate change, for example, would have to negotiate the pragmatism of the Liberals, the idealism of the NDP and the ambition of the Greens.

In the event of a coalition, these forces would have to be balanced between the needs of the different parties and the practicality of any proposals or legislative programs of passing parliament.

Take for instance the Liberal minority government which held power between 1963 and 1968 with the support of the NDP. While it was not a formal coalition, the 26th and 27th parliaments saw the introduction of Canada's healthcare system, flag and pension plan.



REUTERS/CARLOS OSORI

Conservative leader Andrew Scheer warns Canadians that a coalition government will raise the cost of living, increase GST and boost the debt.

Coalitions were formed on the provincial level a number of times since 1919 when in Ontario the United Farmers of Ontario and the Labour Party formed one. Today, the closest formal coalition in Canada is the confidence and supply agreement between the NDP and Green Party in British Columbia, giving John Horgan a working majority of two.

Even a minority government, without the formal support of a

coalition partner, has to consider what can be supported by a majority of the house.

As the 2008-09 prorogation dispute proved, a minority government that does not consider the other parties is vulnerable to votes of no confidence. Without the power of an outright majority, a minority government can be held closer to account and have less room to act with impunity.

#### Badminton rookies learn the ropes in Humber Cup tournament

**Kyle Drinnan** 

SPORTS REPORTER

Humber badminton player Susanna Quach said she had a goal in her rookie year. That was to reach the semifinals in her first tournament if she didn't take first place.

The first-year Baking and Pastry Arts Management student checked that off her list last Friday at the first tournament of the badminton season for the OCAA.

Colleges from around Ontario came to Humber College Oct. 11 and 12 as a close-knit community was played to see who was the best.

The first round at the Humber Cup was the mixed doubles.

Quach and Benjamin Houle, a first-year Police Foundations student, said were excited to start their first season on a high note in their stomping grounds.

"I feel pretty good," Houle said. "We have two practices weekly and I've set a goal to get into the semi-finals."

Houle's partner is Harsh Mistry, a first-year Computer and Network Support Technician student, who wanted to start the tournament on a high note.

Quach had a veteran partner in Ayubu Touray, a fifth-year Early Childhood Educator student, who won bronze at the CCAA men's double tournament last year.

But Quach was ready for the challenges ahead.

"My competition looks good," she said. "I am aiming for [the] quarterfinals or even semifinals, maybe even first place."

Quach was no stranger to badminton either. She trained for 10 years but, dropped the sport when she came to Canada.

She returned to the sport that she loved once she joined the Hawks badminton team. While both rookies won their first respective matches, Houle's team lost their next two matches which eliminated him from the tournament.

"It was great," Houle said. "I instantly connected with my partner [and] I think what I need to do now is learn more strategy and understand the game better."

Quach's goal of getting to first place inched closer and closer as she was climbed the ladder. While winning, she was at a loss for words as she was tired and focused on her next game.

"I feel great," Quach said.



KYLE DRINNAN

Rookie Susanna Quach and partner Ayubu Touray (left) made it to the semi-finals of the Humber Cup in their first tournament on Oct. 11 and 12.

Hawks assistant coach David Trinh was no stranger to rookie success at Humber.

Last year, Ramnish Kumar, who is now a second-year Fitness and Health Promotion student, won gold for men's singles.

"For rookies, in their first tournament they will need work. Our veterans are on the courts with them so I believe that they will get early lessons for the rookies to learn leadership and other skills," Trinh said.

Quach and Touray went all the way to the semi-finals when they faced a tough opponent.

The power duo from George Brown, Ace Zeng and Huyen Le, were strong and known opponents in the OCAA, so well-known that Quach pointed them out before her first game as one of the toughest team that she wanted to face.

After a tough match, Zeng and Le powered to the finals as Quach and Touray were defeated.



KYLE DRINNA

Harsh Mistry, a first-year Computer and Network Support Technician student (left), and Benjamin Houle, a first-year Police Foundations student (right), partnered up in the Humber Cup. The duo reached the second round.



REMI DROUIN

Humber Hawk first-year pitcher Corey Vandegraaf throws to a Husky hitter in a 5-3 win over George Brown on Oct. 13. Head coach Jeff Gibbs said his pitchers could be more consistent.

## Men's baseball team clinches OCAA playoff spot

Remi Drouin

SPORTS REPORTER

Humber men's baseball team began its defence of their provincial championship in Oshawa today with a 7-4 win against Seneca.

They set the tone for their quest with a 5-3 win on Oct. 13 at Christie Pits Park over the George Brown Huskies in the final game of the season. The Hawks needed the victory to secure first place in the regular season.

The Huskies got off to a quick

start by scoring three runs in the first inning off Hawks' right-hander Corey Vandegraaf.

Humber's offense was silent until the sixth inning when outfielder Liam Sutherland hit a sacrifice fly allowing a run to score.

With a runner on second, outfielder Dennis Dei Baning hit a two-run homer to tie the game.

Two more Humber runs came in later thanks to a single from third-baseman Ty Martin and double from infielder Aidan Murphy to give the Hawks a 5-3 win.

Humber finishes the year in first place with a record of 13-5, winning its second consecutive regular season title.

Rookie Hawks head coach Jeff Gibbs was pleased with the team's offensive output this year but feels they could have been more consistent on the mound.

"I think overall we've done really well," Gibbs said. "With the group that we have, we expect to be perfect, we expect to win every game that we play, so I think we've done well, but we could have done better."

At the OCAA Championship on Oct.18, the Humber Hawks, St. Clair Saints, Durham Lords, and Seneca Sting all secured spots to battle for the provincial pennant.

Humber will face the fourth seed Sting in the first round of the OCAA playoffs.

In the season series, Humber won the first two games against the Sting but lost the final game.

The players are looking forward to the possibility of playing their long-time rivals St. Clair.

"They're our rivals, it's always

a good game when it's Humber vs St. Clair... We're both super solid teams," Martin said.

Gibbs feels his team is more prepared since they won last season.

He also praised his player's ability to slow the game down in high-pressure situations.

Outfielder Stephen Narhabeki knows the team has high standards to live up to come in the provincial finals

"We need to remember who we are as a team and find a way to win," Narhabeki said.

## OCAA hockey too costly to bring back

Remi Drouin

SPORTS REPORTER

Millions of Canadians relish the return of the hockey season every October.

While for some kids this means picking up the newest gear no matter the cost, for others, it simply means to look on from the sidelines because the game is simply too expensive to play.

This prohibitive cost doesn't only affect young people around Canada, it affects students athletes at Humber.

Humber College does not have varsity hockey teams because there isn't a league to support them.

Two of the most challenging obstacles in supporting a varsity team is the unmanageable stick budget and increasing cost for arena ice time.

"The cost of hockey escalated," Ray Chateau, director of Athletics said.

"For those of us without arenas on campus, ice time became very expensive."

It costs roughly \$300 for one hour of ice time in the GTA and mid-level priced hockey sticks range between \$100 and \$200 each.

"A college's stick budget alone is about \$60,000 to \$70,000 a year," Chateau said.

Humber hockey built a dynasty in the 1980s, but it absorbed about \$90,000 of the then \$140,000 athletics budget. The college however kept the team going until 2004, a year the team won gold.

The rising costs for varsity hockey also saw the college league drop to three teams from six teams in the early 2000s.

At that point, there were simply not enough colleges who could support a varsity team and the league disbanded. Considering hockey is one of Canada's most beloved sports, it's a sad and eye-opening reality to live in.

Hockey, compared to other popular sports at Humber like soccer and rugby, has costs that are much more prohibitive for the school.

Basketball, another mainstay at Humber, is much easier on the budget, with the only necessities being a ball and a hoop.

It's no surprise to see how much the sport is thriving in Canada, especially with the Toronto Raptors NBA Championship this past spring.

It makes sense why basketball is a varsity sport at Humber, rather than just the extramural or intermural teams like hockey.

"With extramural, it's still really good hockey, but it doesn't have all the perks of varsity," said Brian Lepp, coordinator for Sports Information and Marketing.



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Humber Et Cetera front page announcing the end of varsity hockey in 2004.

"Players have to bring their own equipment. They have to pay to play and they have to practice late at night when ice time is cheaper."

Chateau said the system they have in place at the moment is "pretty robust," but he hopes it can evolve to a level where teams are playing for a meaningful championship.

"Where we're at right now as an

association is trying to find a middle ground between varsity and extramural," Chateau said.

If the game of hockey wants to grow and continue to thrive, something needs to be done or else, we'll have more rinks falling to the wayside, more leagues having to fold, and Canada's pastime fading into the background.

# Wheelchair basketball event brings tears of joy and big smiles

**Kvle Drinnan** 

SPORTS REPORTER

After hours of trying, Fatimah Almadameghe's determination helped her reach her goal.

And her ambition was to score a bucket on a basketball net.

The Humber Lakeshore Recreational team hosted its wheelchair basketball event on Oct. 16 and while people played the game with custom-wheelchairs with angled wheels, Almadameghe stayed along the side of the gym throwing the ball up at the hoop by herself.

The Advertising and Graphic Design student, who uses a wheel-chair due to complications at birth, was alone while other students were playing pickup hoops, repeatedly shooting the ball, hoping one of her shots will go in the hoop.

"I came here last year and spent an hour and a half trying to get a basket. I didn't get it but I am ready this year," Almadameghe said. A good amount of time had gone by with Almadameghe shooting the ball from the same spot, trying to achieve her goal.

Her determination to make a basket drove her as minutes became 10 minutes of shooting, then 20, then 30.

And then it happened.

The sound of a basketball hitting the rim of the hoop reverberated in the gym, followed by the familiar swoop of the ball slipping through the threads of a net.

Cheers came from those surrounding her but she was quiet as words had left her when she heard the swoop.

Tears flowed down her face despite her hands on her eyes trying to clean up the evidence of her emotions.

Her giant smile stood out rather than her lack of words.

When she got the basketball back, she hugged it as if it was her own NBA Championship Trophy.



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Fatimah Almadameghe hugs the ball after making her first ever basket at Lakeshore's wheelchair basketball event.

After that shot, she tried again. And in the next 15 minutes she made three more shots.

"I did it," Almadameghe said.

She kept repeating that phrase as emotions were breaking the tone of

her voice.

"I have been going to the gym more," Almadameghe said. "It's great having a community that I am able to access and easy to accommodate. Its events like these that make it more fun." As the event finished, she rolled out of the gym still with a smile on her face. It obvious she was going to work on something new to achieve, because nothing was stopping her.

## Men's soccer's chances to repeat in doubt due to game results

John Grant

SPORTS REPORTER

The Hawks men's soccer team left the field in despair as they dropped a 2-0 lead and settle for a tie after being unable to stem a second-half resurgence of the Mohawk Mountaineers.

The team started strong in the Wednesday game as they clicked on all levels in the first half, from their passing to their dribbling, to their shooting. The Hawks were in sync.

Rookie forward Uday Arora started the game off with a sublime dribble down the wing to find Leaford Allen to open up the scoreline. Allen scored two goals in the first half that ended his two-game goal drought.

However, this was a game of two halves because the lead was blown in dramatic fashion.

Allan missed a penalty early into the second half, which could've added on to their lead. Moreover, second half substitutions for Allen and Hawks captain Michael Fayehun seemed not to give the team the spark it needed.

Mohawk players found their confidence soon after they scored their first goal.

For Mohawk this was a come-

back of dreams. They never kept their heads down as they weathered the storm of Humber to come out with a point.

Arora was stunned with how things changed and thinks this team needs to improve.

"Just a lack of effort in the final 20 minutes, we switched off at the wrong time," he said.

He still believes in this squad but the challenge is to remain completely focused.

"If we stay on for 90 minutes, and we take our chances, we'll be fine because I believe in the talent in this room," Arora said.

The creative vision of midfielder Federico Leal was missing against Mohawk due to a suspension.

Fayehun's is optimistic the Hawks will turn things around and get to playing how they were in their first six games.

"This is what builds the character of every championship team," Fayehun said. "You have to go through difficult moments, which we are going through right now."

The team's character needs to be built by Oct. 19 when the Hawks play the George Brown Huskies. If they lose that game, they are out, meaning they won't have a chance to be back-to-back champs.



JOHN GRANT

Midfielder Aziah Reid running with the ball to avoid Mohawk's midfield Abdullahi Alayaki's defense challenge.

#### Draw against Mohawks ends women's six-game winning streak

Pablo Balza

SPORTS REPORTER

What a difference a week makes for the Hawks women's soccer team.

The team battled to a scoreless draw in its final game Oct. 16 against Mohawk Mountaineers. That game followed the Hawks peppering the beleaguered University of Toronto Mississauga Eagles 7-0 on Oct. 9.

The team ends the regular season ranked fourth overall by the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association. They now strive to fight for gold in the playoffs, set start Oct. 23. Humber has won silver in the past three seasons

Humber had a good start against the Eagles as they scored early and often — in the first half. In the six minute mark, midfielder Catarina Medeiros made a great pass by going through UTM's defense and passing to fellow midfielder Krystina Carvalho, who finished the play by scoring her second goal of the regular season.

Later in the game, Medeiros sent a deep pass to Hawks and forward Emma Stushnoff, who dribbled the ball through two Eagle defender as she moved towards the goal and scored at the eight-minute mark.

Before finishing the first half, Carvalho stole the ball from the Eagles and made a pass towards midfielder Breanna Senfner. She had amazing ball control to get by the defender and took the shot to the top right corner.

Carvalho scored again in the 42 minute mark, making the score 5-0 at halftime.

The Hawks first half domination continued in the second half.

Not only was its offensive game on point, the defence was good as well. They didn't allow the Eagles to pass the halfway line during most of the match.

Medeiros created another great play while standing outside the box and striking another goal to the back of the net.

Five minutes later, midfielder Claudia Piazza made a good pass to Senfner which got her the opportunity to cross it to the middle of the box and she hit to the post and it went in. Head coach Mauro Ongaro couldn't be happier.

"Great game to watch and ready for the next game," Ongaro said.

The Hawks have scored a total of 22 goals over the past four games and seven players from the team have two or more goals this season.

The team's record is now 6-1-2 as they finished in second in the Western Conference standings. As of this writing, provincials will start on Oct. 23 but playoff match ups hasn't been set.



PABLO BAL ZA

Alyah Spence is defending the ball from UTM player Devon Nagle on Oct.9.



JOHN GRAN

