



Recognizing youth suicide

Andrew Russell
Special to Et Cetera

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for Canadians aged 10 to 24 and Humber's counseling services have been working overtime to prevent it.

"This fall, we've been dealing with more incidents of students thinking about suicide than in past years," said Liz Sokol, co-ordinator of counseling services.

"Humber's offering a new program this year called Safetalk. It's designed to help recognize signs of suicide and get people talking about the issue," said Sokol.

Safetalk prepares anyone over the age of 15 to identify people with suicidal tendencies and connect

them to suicide first aid resources, helping to create a more supportive atmosphere.

These increased counseling resources have allowed students that need help to vocalize their issues and help those who may not have previously been able to handle the pressure of attending college.

Encouraging those with suicidal tendencies to seek help can be difficult because of the taboo surrounding the topic.

"The biggest problem with suicide prevention is getting rid of the stigma surrounding it," said Karen Letofsky, executive director for Distress Centres Toronto. "It creates a vulnerability that prevents people from seeking help."

"Get people talking about it and

cases of suicide will go down."

Leftofsky said she believes an approach that combines education with counseling is the best strategy to reducing Canada's current suicide numbers of 10 people a day.

In the latest Statistics Canada data from 2008, 488 people aged 10-24 committed suicide that year.

According to the Distress Centres, before this year, Canada was the only developed country to not have a national suicide prevention strategy.

Interim Liberal leader Bob Rae is calling for an all-party panel to help develop one.

"The fact that all political parties are talking about the issue is a big change. Before it was always the NDP raising the issue," said Sima

Zerehi, Humber's program co-ordinator for advanced crisis intervention and counseling.

"The conversation is moving from a marginal to more central debate."

Recent incidents of suicide such as Ottawa teen Jamie Hubley have drawn increased attention to the problem.

The advanced crisis intervention program provides participants with the skills to help individuals or families deal with a variety of crises including loss, violence, challenges mental health and traumatic events like suicide or natural disasters.

Zerehi said the program is popular, but this year there has been more interest than ever.

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Planned TTC budget cuts feared to reduce service to campuses

Stephen J. Donkers
Transportation Reporter

Many Humber students who rely on the TTC will experience longer wait times in the new year and a possible fare hike as a result of Mayor Rob Ford's 2012 budget released last week.

Beginning Jan. 8, the budget cuts will go into effect, creating longer wait times for Humber's North and Lakeshore campus routes.

TTC spokesman Brad Ross said the changes shouldn't strongly hinder students' ability to get to and from school.

"It may take a little longer for students," he said. "Some wait times on some routes are only 30-second differences, but there are also increases to some routes, too."

Ross said with the likely fare hike of 10 cents, student Metropasses would increase proportionately.

Dapinder Dhillon, 20, a second-year business management student, takes Toronto public transit to Humber five days a week and said he is already displeased with long wait times and crowded buses.

"Waiting for buses is the worst part," he said, adding that he often waits up to 20 minutes for a bus.

If students "have to wait longer for a bus, then there

will be bigger crowds waiting and the buses will be fuller."

Rani Dhaliwal, Humber's vice-president of finance and administrative services, said she is concerned about the changes.

"We want timely services for all our students," she said. "Any reductions in services impacts Humber."

Dhaliwal said later this month she will hold a formal meeting with Humber and TTC officials to discuss how service changes will impact riders.

"We'll be talking with the TTC about the impacts of the service changes will be in terms of rider satisfaction," she said.



PHOTO BY STEPHEN J. DONKERS
Humber students who take the TTC will experience changes to transit routes next month.

THIS WEEK

THURS
8LinX presents
"4tunate"
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FRI
9Wonderful
Winter
Christmas
Fundraiser
Gala

@Mississauga Grand
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A charity event for the eradication of polio around the world.

SAT
10Human Rights
Day
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Human Rights Day is a day to recognize and respect human rights.

SUN
11Holiday Art
Market
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Features crafts, art and designs from different artists and craftspeople, along with a Christmas cafe. Located at Artscape Wychwood Barns.

MON
12Poinsettia Day
@North
America

Day to celebrate a Central American flower that has been historically associated with Christmas.

TUES
13Hurricanes vs.
Maple Leafs
@Toronto

The Hurricanes will be facing the Maple Leafs tonight at the Air Canada Centre.

WED
14A Victorian
Toronto
Christmas
@Toronto

Time: 12-4p.m.
A traditional Christmas in a row house from the 1800's. Runs until Sunday.

By Rebecca Byers

Drinking guidelines released

Saudia Mohamed
News Reporter

According to new national guidelines from National Alcohol Strategy Advisory Committee, women should consume no more than two drinks most days, and men no more than three.

Alcohol and Health in Canada: A Summary of Evidence and Guidelines for Low-risk Drinking, developed by the NASAC, suggests women should drink no more than a maximum of 10 alcoholic beverages per week. The guidelines suggests a limit of 15 drinks a week for men.

The guidelines took nearly two years to create and were finally approved on Nov. 25 by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse, the Canadian Public Health Association, the Canadian Medical Association, the liquor industry and more.

Christopher Shimoji, the operating manger at Humber North's Linx Lounge said the new guidelines are not likely to affect the drinking habits of students at the campus pub.

"Humber students are well aware of their drinking habits and if they choose to drink more than what they should be, then so be it."

Canadians' average intake of pure alcohol is 8.2 liters yearly, compared to less than 2.5 liters in Muslim countries and 12.5 liters or more in France, Germany, Eastern Europe and Russia, according to World Health Organization figures from 2005.



PHOTO BY JARRETT ARSENAULT
On Dec.1 Toronto Police took to an artificial snow slope to prove the boards weren't just for kids.

Sledding in the Arb

Kids and cops enjoy a makeshift boarding slope in the Arboretum while testing out three sleds to be donated to youth in Rexdale

Jarrett Arsenaault
News Reporter

Tech 4 Kids hosted a Snow Day at the Humber Arboretum on Dec. 1 and built a 50-foot artificial snow hill to showcase new sleds and boards, despite the mild weather.

The slope was constructed on the hill in front of the Centre for Urban Ecology out of mini putt turf and a water solution for a more slippery slope.

Brad Pedersen, president of the Mississauga based toy company, said the inspiration for the event came from an actual snow day this time last year.

"We almost got the luck break of Mother Nature, but we had to improvise here and come up with some artificial snow," said Pedersen.

The event featured three new Outer Edge (a line within Tech 4

Kids) products: the Snow MX, a BMX bike frame on a two-piece snowboard; the Snow Moto, a GT-like skeleton with front-end suspension and snowmobile design; and the Summit Surfer, a dual-purpose snowboard and sled.

Deborah Weenink, A parent who was at the event said, "I've ridden on them myself and they're a lot of fun. It's not just for kids – the adults can enjoy them too."

Dillon Weenink, her son, was one of the kids who tested out the new sleds, said he thought the event and the sleds were really cool.

Tech 4 Kids donated Snow Motos, Snow MXs, and Summit Surfers to Toronto Police 23 Division's Community Response Unit, to be given out to young people in Rexdale.

Constable Joshua Sarasua said one of the roles of the community

response unit is to come out to these kinds of events.

Humber president John Davies attended the Snow Day and said the most significant part of the Tech 4 Kids Snow Day is the donations that go to young people in Rexdale.

"It's sort of very much part of Humber's mission to be outreaching to the Rexdale community," said Davies.

Program change may be best move

Tashae Haughton
News Reporter

Liz Sokol a Humber College counsellor said there are many reasons why students tend to not return to school after the winter break.

"Personal issues, family member is ill or a financial crisis, but other than failure, the number one reason is 'I don't like my program. Not a good fit.'"

Sokol said the highest attrition rate in Ontario colleges is between first and second semester in any program.

Richard Wiggers, director of research on student services for the Higher Education Quality Council of Ontario says institutions should reach out to students early on in the school year.

"It's a combination of getting them emotionally and socially engaged and making them aware that there is support available to them."

Debbie Falconi Deputy Registrar, Admissions and service Initiatives doesn't think that students are necessarily dropping out but may also transfer programs.

"People who have been unsuccessful in one course, they will need to adjust their schedule. Perhaps they cannot continue their classes; it may have been a prerequisite."

Sokol said dropping out isn't a wrong choice. "Not a bad decision if it means their finding a program or institution that is a better fit."

She said dropping out of school might be best for many students.

"We aren't here to keep people in Humber College, we're here to help them make the best decision," added Sokol.

The drop out rate and program transfer rate go up after the winter break, according to Humber staff.

CORRECTIONS

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In "Kickboxing boosts women" published on Dec.1 in the Life section, PinkMafia is incorrectly identified as a gym but is actually is an event planning and entertainment marketing company.

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2 MINUTES FROM HUMBER COLLEGE

Street parking saves campus fee

Heather VanAndel
Special to the Et Cetera

Some residential homeowners near North and Lakeshore campus say they don't mind students parking on their street to beat the expensive fees on campus.

"I understand that it costs them a lot of money to get a parking pass through the school," said Nolan

Haynes, who lives near North campus. "And I have an available spot."

Hans Schmann, a homeowner near Lakeshore, said there are cars parked in front of his house every day.

"A lot of them are students that just walk to school from here," Schmann said. "It doesn't really matter to me if they park there."

Students from Humber pay any-

where from \$400 to \$600 a year for a parking pass, depending on their proximity of the parking space to the building.

If they apply too late, and all the limited parking available has filled, students can end up paying over \$1,000 a year to park in the day-pass parking.

"It's ridiculous, I pay over \$500 to park my car," said Joseph Perling-

ieri, a fourth-year music student at Lakeshore. "I don't find it reasonable at all."

To avoid this, many students will take advantage of the free parking in front of residential neighborhoods surrounding college campuses.

Joehan Aurzin, a second-year culinary management student, said he has been parking for free in front

of the houses near the Woodbine Center.

"I've been parking here for two years," said Aurzin.

These students are finding no inconveniences or hardships by parking in residential neighborhoods instead of on campus.

"It is not even that bad, just a quick walk," said Aurzin.

Draw raises money for United Way

Tashae Haughton
News Reporter

Elaine Popp, associate dean for the school of hospitality, recreation and tourism has won the grand prize in Humber's 2011 United Way Raffle— a seven-day vacation for two to France.

"I feel spectacular!" said Popp.

Staff at Humber College participated in the charitable fundraising raffle with the chance to win prizes such as free parking, two iPads, or 10 massage therapy certificates.

Popp said she was walking by a TV when they were announcing the winners.

"I had told the people watching, let me know when I win the



big prize," said Popp. She said she meant it as a joke, but to her surprise she got phone calls saying she had won.

Susan Krausz and John Elias are senior Humber staff members and also lead the United Way at Humber College program.

"United Way at Humber have [also] done pie sales for Thanksgiving and the recent Spinathon," said Susan Krausz, co-chair for the United Way.

Humber president John Davies

said United Way at Humber knows they will exceed the goal mark by a significant amount because their campaigning has been going well.

"Every year we set an annual fundraiser goal," said Davies, "This year the fund raising goal is \$50,000."

"The Spinathon was very successful because a lot of our staff participated in teams, had fun, and raised a lot of money," said Davies.

Popp said she will be bringing her husband with her on the trip.

Amnesty International asks students to Write for Rights

Sara Miller
Life Reporter

Human rights advocates across Canada and around the globe can put pen to paper for Human Rights Day on Dec. 10 with the Write For Rights event.

The event, directed by Amnesty International, has people write letters to influential political leaders, with the intention of bringing light to those who have had their rights violated.

"The event is taking place in over 40 countries, with each having their

own individual cases and issues," said Elizabeth Berton-Hunter, the media and external communication officer at Amnesty International's Toronto office.

"We encourage participants to hand-write their letters instead of type," she said. "It feels different when a person receives a personal handwritten letter rather than a computer-typed one."

Write For Rights is an annual event for Amnesty International, the global charity concerned with human rights violations that is marking its 50th anniversary since

its creation by British lawyer Peter Benenson in 1961.

"We had always written letters on Human Rights day since the organization's creation, but we had never done it on such a big scale," Berton-Hunter said.

"We'll have guest speakers every hour with some time in-between for participants to write letters. Towards the end, we'll have a giant flash mob, which we haven't done before but should prove to be fun."

Humber media studies professor, Nicola Winstanley, who teaches English and writing courses, said, "It's really important for people to be engaged and be more aware of people's injustices around the world."

"More people should be thankful that we live in a country that doesn't restrict its population and that we have freedom to exercise our rights," she said.

Write For Rights will take place Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Toronto Reference Library between noon and 7 p.m.

Wheels on bus don't go round

Alex Lambert
Transportation Reporter

A bill that would have declared York Region Transit an essential service and sent an aging labour dispute to arbitration was defeated in the Ontario Legislature last month.

Employees from York Region's transit contractors York Bus Rapid Transit Services (Viva), Miller Transit and First Student have been on strike for roughly six weeks, primarily because of wage issues, said Bill Reno, media liaison consultant for the union representing employees of Viva.

One reason the bill was voted down on Nov. 24 is Liberal MPPs said they wouldn't support the bill unless York Region calls for back-to-work legislation, said Frank Klees, Conservative MPP for Newmarket-Aurora.

Klees — one of the MPPs who created the bill — said he asked York Region Chairman Bill Fisch to get Liberal MPPs on board by requesting back-to-work legislation from the province.

"I told him — I said, 'Bill, you have a responsibility to call for back-to-work legislation. This is a public transit system — you can't wash your hands of it,'" Klees said.

"Why would he not want this strike to end immediately through a fair and reasonable process of a neutral, third-party arbitrator?" Reno asked.

On Dec. 2, Fisch said the region

wouldn't ask for back-to-work legislation, Reno said.

The bill also failed because although Klees offered to remove the bill's essential services references — something some MPPs said would win their support — he would only agree to amend it after it went to second reading, said Miller Transit and First Student union leader Ray Doyle.

With no guarantee of amendment, MPPs withdrew their support, said Doyle.

He said the unions don't support essential services legislation because it would take away their ability to negotiate any future collective agreements.

"If the bill had been amended before it was presented — and it could easily have been done that way — then it would have been approved to go to second reading," said Doyle.

Reno said although the two unions are willing to resume negotiations, they still feel arbitration is the best solution, because the employers' final offer was too far from what the unions wanted and contractors aren't willing to negotiate any further.

"The union has offered to end the strike immediately if the companies will agree to a neutral, third-party arbitration process. So, unless that happens, the strike will go on," Reno said.

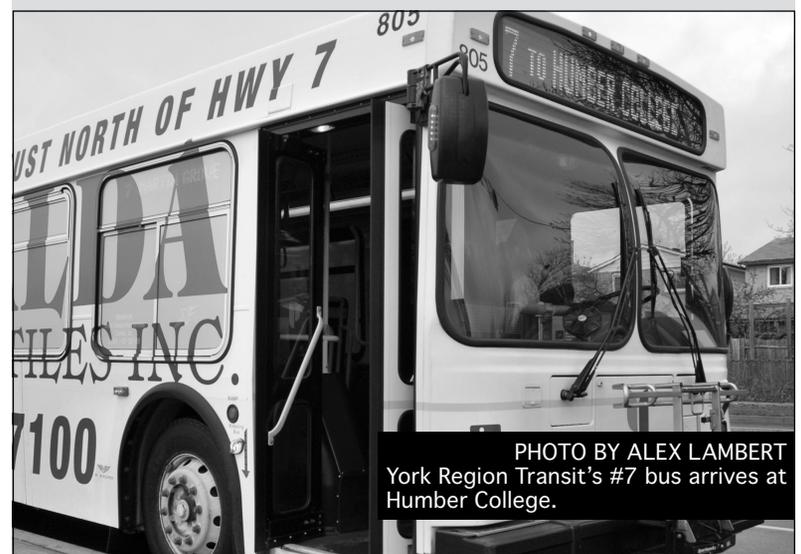


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York Region Transit's #7 bus arrives at Humber College.

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From left to right: Andra Popsecu, IHI program assistant, Nada Wagner, IHI program co-ordinator and Laura Keating, research facilitator.

William Kee
Biz + Tech Reporter

The Innovation Humber Incubator will give students and alumni the right tools to start their own businesses, with grants of up to \$8,000.

The Incubator, opening in January at Lakeshore campus, is funded through the Ontario Centres of Excellence.

Students are required to apply by today for the Incubator's New Venture Seed Fund holding the grant money.

Jim Skinner, marketing and entrepreneurship instructor at North campus, said up to 12 students could win the funding by submitting a short business plan.

"Any full-time Humber student or grad whose program has a completion date between May of this

year and April 30, 2012 is eligible for this year's competition," said Skinner.

Nada Wagner, program co-ordinator for the Innovation Humber Incubator, said her role is to facilitate "boot camps" that provide advice on the drawing up and implementation of the business plan.

"We're working with them intensely from January to the end of March," said Wagner.

Laura Keating, research facilitator at North campus, said the business plans are reviewed by a committee of business people, faculty from the School of Applied Technology, and other experts across the college.

Keating said the Incubator offers a focused environment for developing entrepreneurial ideas.

"The idea is that there are no distractions there," she said. "They go there to work, to access resources, talk to experts, and network with each other."

Keating said she hopes the students take away the right skills to start their own business.

"We hope that even if they don't go on to a start-up, they will take those skills and be able to contribute to their company much sooner than most people," said Keating. "It provides that hands-on knowledge that you can only get by doing it, whether you fail or succeed."

Colleges Ontario strikes deal with Ireland

Kate McCullough
Queen's Park Reporter

Colleges Ontario, the organization representing the 24 colleges in the province, has signed an agreement with Institutes of Technology Ireland, allowing Ontario students who have a diploma to complete a degree in Ireland in one or two years.

Dan Patterson, president of Niagara College, was one of the educators who helped to finalize the Nov. 28 agreement, which is to take effect next fall.

"More and more Ontario students are anxious to complete their degrees, and that includes studying abroad," he said.

Patterson spent a week in Ireland in November visiting five IOTI schools to see first-hand the similarities between Irish and Ontario colleges.

Hospitality, business, and electronics engineering are the first programs available to Ontario students, he said.

"They thought they were the

areas that had a lot of commonality right off the bat," said Patterson.

The international tuition fee for IOTI – 7,000 euros – will be reduced by 15 per cent for Ontario students.

Up to 20 hours of paid work per week will also be available, offsetting some costs, he said.

Ontario students will bring new sources of revenue to Ireland's struggling economy, Patterson said.

"We saw that as a win-win situation," he said.

Kevin Flynn, parliamentary assistant to the minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, said negotiations for the agreement started last year when his ministry met with representatives from Enterprise Ireland, an organization responsible for the growth of Irish businesses internationally.

"It's something that we've been pursuing over the years and something that I think really makes a lot of sense in the global economy," Flynn said.

Ontario currently has similar agreements with countries such as Brazil, China, India and France.

Diane Simpson, director of The International Centre, said an overseas experience could significantly increase a student's chance of getting a job.

"When employers are looking at resumes and they see that a student has gone abroad for a semester, it shows not only that they've studied at that institution, but that they've taken that initiative," she said.

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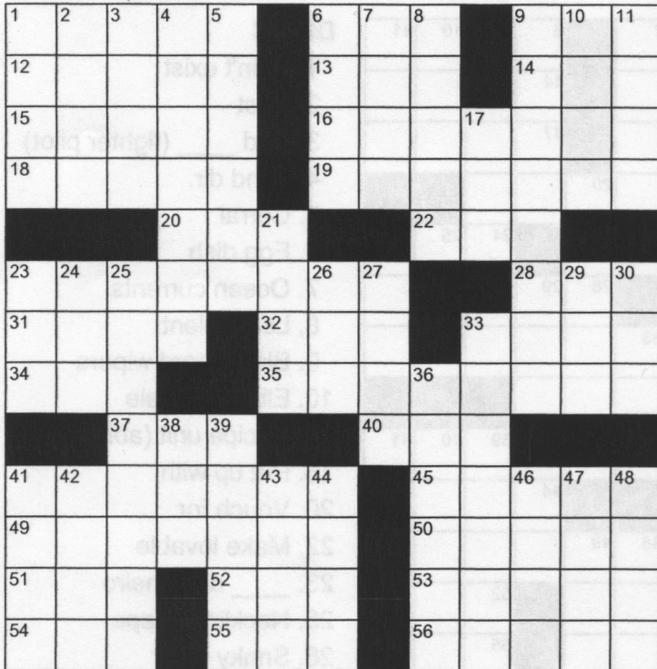
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11. Retained
17. NNW's opposite
21. Musician ____ Clapton
23. Beam
24. Needle feature
25. Pull apart
26. Be mistaken
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29. Pal (Fr.)
30. Python's kin
33. Mature
36. Salsa ingredient
38. "Murder, ____"
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48. Scottish loch

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AUG. 24 - SEPT. 22

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You might spend Christmas alone, but cheesecake and wine will never judge you.



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NOV. 23 - DEC. 21

For Christmas this year, if you could just stop phoning them - and stop going through their trash - that would be swell.



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You will face challenges this year.

Humber graduates advocate cheaper funeral services

Claire McCormack
Special to the Et Cetera

Two graduates of Humber's funeral services program are reducing the cost of funerals by offering simpler services in tough economic times.

The contrast is made to services which are "more about profits and about milking as much money as you can out of your families. That seems to be kind of standard practice at a lot of funeral homes," said Chris Silverthorne, a Humber graduate and president of Tranquility Burial and Cremation Services.

Silverthorne offers basic cremation services at roughly \$1,600.

In comparison, Silverthorne said a full grave service can be around \$9,300 and with a funeral, can add up to around \$20,000.

He said the popularity of crema-

tion is "on the rise."

"Money is definitely an issue. It's less expensive to be cremated than to buy a burial plot," Silverthorne said.

"Families appreciate the savings

but no funeral home venue.

Customers can make all their arrangements on the web, with the option of renting a venue for a memorial service.

"If you have a location that suits you better, we can hold the funeral there," Vandermeersch said. "We've done golf courses, Woodbine Racetrack, outdoors, parks, the beach and an airplane hangar."

Vandermeersch said "a change needs to happen here because funeral homes have been overcharging people for

a long time and there's no secret about that."

"I think that we're the pebbles before the avalanche as far as people realizing that's not the way it needs to be," he added.

Jeff Caldwell, an instructor in the funeral services program, said that it's important to take time to remember the deceased.

"Go ahead and have that inexpensive funeral, but do something to acknowledge the death, and the life."

Caldwell suggested "even if its having a great party, at least you're allowing people of like mind, people who had a relationship with that individual a chance to come together."

"FUNERAL HOMES HAVE BEEN OVERCHARGING PEOPLE FOR A LONG TIME"

- ERIC VANDERMEERSCH, CO-FOUNDER OF BASICFUNERALS.CA

especially with these tough economic times that don't seem to be getting much better," he added.

Eric Vandermeersch, a Humber graduate and co-founder of basicfunerals.ca runs an online service that offers inexpensive funeral options from about \$1,700. Basic Funerals has facilities for preparation,

To THE 9s

Helena Lindala-Houmant, 24, second year radio broadcast student

How did you choose your outfit today?

I have a lot of friends into fashion, so they inspire me. Today, trying to be warm and still look good.

Who is your favourite fashion icon?

I have a few: Nancy Spungen, Debbie Harry and Brigitte Bardot.

Favourite place to shop?

I do like H&M because I work there, but I'm going to say Value Village.



By Emily Innes,
Elaine Anselmi

Christmas etiquette: holiday do's and don'ts

Nicholas Camilleri
Life Reporter

Visiting a significant other's parents during Christmas, gift budgets, gift giving and work Christmas party behavior are a few things students should be wary of when it comes to holiday etiquette, said Diane Craig, an image consultant and etiquette expert.

"Get information before you go. Don't go into details about your beliefs when it comes to the holidays, just enjoy the moment," said Craig.

Craig is a consultant with Corporate Class Inc., an organization that offers business and professional image branding and management through etiquette training and classes.

"It's appropriate for you to bring something for the parents [of your significant other] like wine or chocolate," she said.

"Or send flowers in advance, that can be more impressive than just showing up with them. You can send a card along saying thank you for the invite in advance. It's a nice thing to do."

When it comes to other ethnic

cultures, Craig said, the best way to go is to be respectful about their beliefs and traditions, adding that many celebrations happen around the holidays.

"Ask if it is okay if you bring something around the holidays, and sort things out before you end up in a situation that you don't want to be in."

Then there is the etiquette involving the most dangerous night of the holiday season; the work Christmas party.

"Be careful of how you dress," she said.

She said if you're a woman, try not to wear suggestive clothes, and leaving before the end is probably a good idea.

"Don't be the last to leave," she said. "That's when things derail."

"You don't want to have anything follow you back to the office," she said.

Craig said when it comes to exchanging gifts people must consider a few things.

"The price range is really important and so is the relevance of the gifts," said Craig. "It is important to stay within the budget, as overspending can be just as embarrassing as spending too little."

Students on a budget can be creative about gift-giving.

Meagan Brown, 20, a second-year visual and digital arts student, said her friends are doing an inexpensive alternative to the classic "secret Santa" gift exchange.

"We know we're all broke, that's why we've agreed we will make art works for each other," said Brown.



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Church changes service

Catholic Church reverts to older phrasing in new prayer book

Meagan Malloch
Life Reporter

A new and more formal translation to the Roman Catholic prayer book was introduced to Catholics on the first Sunday of Advent last month across the English-speaking world.

“Back in the late 60’s, bishops from across the world got together with the Pope to change the original Latin Mass to what they called, ‘The Language of the People,’” said Neil MacCarthy, director of public relation and communications for Archdiocese Toronto.

“They made a translation that was quick and informal that worked with everybody’s conversation all across the world.”

Clayton Mousley, a fourth-year industrial design student and the president of the Embassy Campus Church at Humber said, “We have many different religions that come to the Embassy and my church isn’t as traditional as some.”

“To me it sounds like a good change, but it might take some time to get used to.”

A recent *Toronto Star* article reported some of the most well-

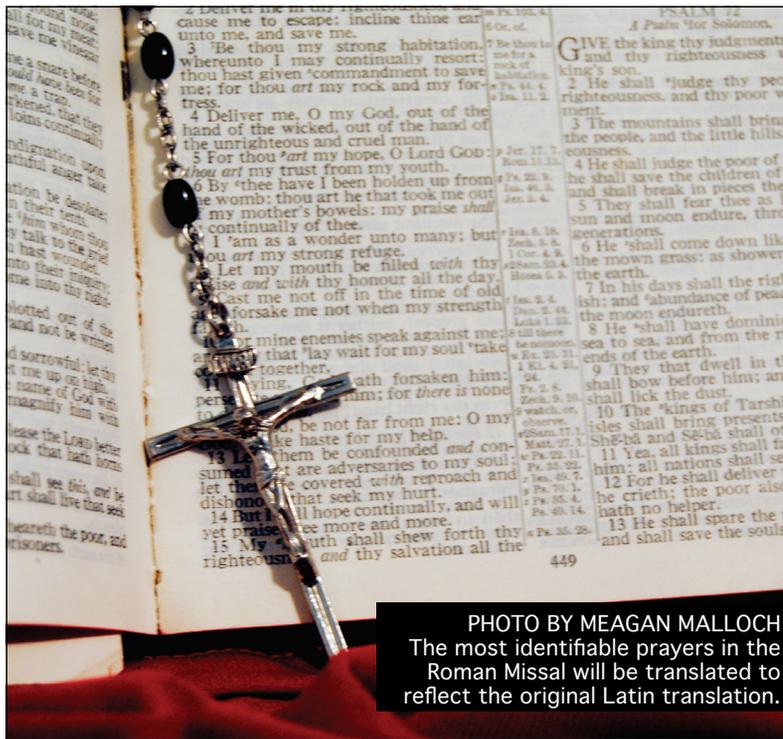


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The most identifiable prayers in the Roman Missal will be translated to reflect the original Latin translation.

known prayers in the English language will change.

“For example when the congregation usually responds ‘and also with you,’ (it) now is being changed to ‘and with your spirit,’” said MacCarthy.

As well, instead of saying Jesus is “one in being with the Father,” it’s become “Consubstantial with the Father,” a word that comes exactly from the Latin language.

At the time when the first translation of the Roman Missal took place, church officials developed

two principles called “dynamic and formal equivalence.”

Christian McConnell, an assistant professor in the theology department at the University of Toronto’s St. Michael’s College explained the difference between the principles.

“Essentially they are used in translation for lots of things like symbols, cultures and languages. Dynamic is to communicate the words as naturally as possible, and formal is to render everything very exact (literally).”

Web stunts are not legitimate slapstick

Andrew Schopp
Special to the Et Cetera

Real comedians don’t see the humor in popular Internet fare such as people getting their heads smashed in or a man taking a blow to the groin, said Andrew Clark, director of Humber’s comedy writing and performance program.

“People laugh because on video the real life pain is removed,” said Clark, “There’s an old saying, ‘If I prick my finger it’s a tragedy, if you fall off a cliff it’s a comedy.’”

“I think a guy with a camera filming another guy riding a bike into a wall is stupid,” he said. “It is not an acceptable medium of comedy and I do not know any professionals who do that type of thing.”

Websites that host these kinds of videos like YouTube or failblog.org are usually owned by major media corporations such as Viacom, which runs the popular video website ebaumsworld.com.

“People laugh at videos of people getting hurt because it’s real and they are happy that it’s not them,” said Paul Lewelt, a second-year student in the comedy program.

Lewelt’s also a member of Laugh Draft, a comedy troupe based in Toronto.

Lewelt said there is a difference between a scripted comedy act and the stunts on the web.

“We have relied on dialogue to get a joke across,” he said.

Despite professional views, the business of failed bike stunts and backflips gone wrong is lucrative.

Ebaumsworld’s original creator, Eric (Ebaum) Bauman, sold the site to Zvue Corp for \$15 million in cash and \$2.5 million in stock in 2008.

“Let’s face it, a guy getting hit in the groin with a football is funny,” conceded Toronto comedian Mickey Geller.

But some comedians make clear that there is a line between Internet

“THERE’S AN OLD SAYING, ‘IF I PRICK MY FINGER IT’S A TRAGEDY, IF YOU FALL OFF A CLIFF IT’S A COMEDY.’”

-ANDREW CLARK, DIRECTOR OF COMEDY WRITING AND PERFORMANCE

slapstick humor and the kind used by the likes of classic comedians like Chevy Chase or in Looney Tunes cartoons.

“That stuff on YouTube is not slapstick, slapstick comes from commedia dell’arte,” said Clark. “They used a stick which when struck, produces a loud smacking noise, creating the effect that the person being struck is being hurt, but the stick is not really harming the person.”

The true version of slapstick comedy, he said, “is ageless.”

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by Bianca Bykhovskiy

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★★★★★

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The second album by the Maynard James Keenan project. Keenan’s melodic voice is much more prevalent on this album than the previous.

★★★★

Injury inevitable in hockey

Brain damage in hockey is clearly a hot button issue for Canadians.

It has permeated news coverage with a rabid intensity, especially since golden boy Sidney Crosby was sidelined for 10 months after a series of especially hard hits left him concussed.

Now it's back with renewed enthusiasm, as a study performed on NHL enforcer Derek Boogaard's brain has shown evidence of early stages of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE) – a degenerative brain disease.

Crosby's hardline stance against blows to the head caused the league to empower former player Brendan Shanahan as law enforcer for headshots, and crack down on the practice.

Now the Boogaard findings seem to push for further enforcement – the removal of fighting from the game.

This push does seem logical, considering the stance the league has taken on checks that target the head.

It does stand to reason that it

would be hypocritical to remove body checks that involve the head, but continue to allow hockey players to drop the gloves and pound each other into oblivion.

However, that's a surface assumption. Fighting in hockey has been part of the game essentially since its inception.

Yes, the game has evolved since then – clearly players are no longer running around without helmets.

But it's a part of the game that both players and fans expect.

There is an element of assumed responsibility present when a player wants to play professional hockey, as there is a danger of injury.

There's always a risk of damage to organs and extremities, as players break bones, pull muscles and tear tendons on a regular basis.

It's expected during a career that spans many years.

Head injuries are just another in that list. While they can be more dan-

gerous, they are also expected as part of the game.

Consider this study by the Boston University Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy.

Aside from examining Boogaard's brain, they also analyzed the brains of more than 70 former athletes, and they told the CBC that more than 50 of those have shown evidence of CTE, including 14 of 15 former NFL players, as well as college and high school football players, other hockey players, pro wrestlers and boxers.

Look at that list – hockey players, football players, pro wrestlers and boxers.

They all share the same occupational hazard: a chance of concussion. No one is calling to end hits to the head in any of those sports, because the expectation is there that they could happen.

The same can be said for hockey.

Should we ban violence in boxing or football because of the danger?

Obviously not. Players understand that when they play physical sports, risk exists.

Hypocrisy also undermines the arguments made by Sydney Crosby about headshots. On Nov. 24, his Penguins played the Ottawa Senators. During the game, Crosby saw fit to elbow Sens forward Nick Foligno in the head.

The obvious irony here is a man who is preaching about headshots is smacking someone else in the face with a heavily armored elbow.

It undermines any argument he might make about safety – violence and attacking the head is ingrained in his game, as well.

Clearly, no one sees concussions and head injuries as desirable. But league officials are adamant that physicality and fighting are part of the game.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman told the Associated Press these injuries are unavoidable, as even a legal hit can lead to a concussion.

Ergo, all physicality would really need to be removed to push the injuries out of the game.

"We play a very fast-paced, physical game in a close environment," Bettman said. "I think people need to take a deep breath and not overreact."

New Jersey Devils general manager Lou Lamoriello went a step farther, and said fighting is just part of the game.

"It impedes more injuries to happen because of what potentially can happen with people taking liberties they shouldn't take," he said, and it is true that a fistfight is probably preferable to a Marty McSorley-style stick to the face.

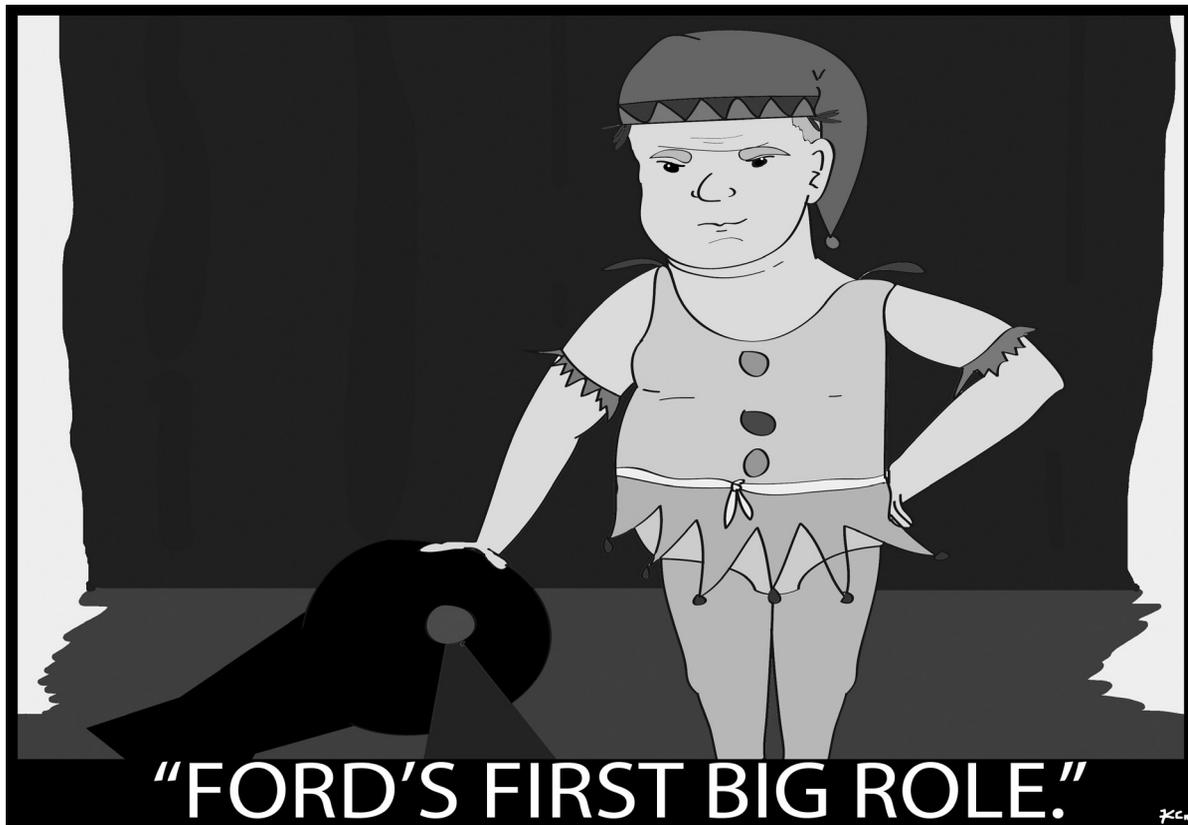
It is true that fighting and hitting are not the foundation of hockey.

But to remove concussions and head injuries completely, most physicality and violence must go as well, and this is something that will fundamentally change the game.

It is understood when playing a physical sport that dangers exist, and this is part of a contract entered into when playing the sport.

It exists in football, mixed martial arts and boxing – just as it exists in hockey.

Editorial Cartoon



"QUOTED"

IS CHRISTMAS BEING DE-EMPHASIZED BECAUSE OF MULTICULTURALISM?



"No, I think it is still very important to everyone. My family and I celebrate by going on vacation."

Eiron Perianes, 18
First-year media foundations



"I celebrate with my family and friends. Since we are a multicultural country, with people migrating in, they may not celebrate Christmas back home. I think most people who come to Canada celebrate to take on the new culture."

Natisha Maisuria, 21
First-year liberal arts and science



"For me, my family back home do not celebrate, but we do here. We celebrate by all eating together as a family."

Sundeep Dwarka, 21
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Tradition of Christmas



Rebecca Sadler

In my 21 years of life, I have seen Canadians make efforts to accommodate the many different ways of life in our multicultural society. I agree that buildings should be accessible to people with disabilities, that people of different religions should have a place to worship, and that gay people rightly have access to the institution of marriage.

But there are a few things that I have seen that I disagree with, mostly when Christian customs are taken removed so as to not offend other cultures.

I am not a religious person. But I have been uncomfortable seeing The Lord's Prayer taken out of schools because not everyone was represented by that religion.

This year, a school in New Brunswick removed the daily singing of our national anthem because of unspecified complaints from a couple of parents, possibly because of the reference to God in O Canada.

But neither issue has raised as much discussion, fighting and controversy as the topic of substituting "Happy Holidays" for "Merry Christmas".

Which one should be said?

This is a topic about which I have had many conversations, and with the holidays right around the corner, it seems to be everywhere. I stand fully on the side of "Merry Christmas". I sat back and watched many things be taken away from me, from toys to boys, and never once did I stand up to fight for what is right.

But now I am. It should be Merry Christmas – *not* Happy Holidays.

It is called a Christmas tree. They are called Christmas Lights and Christmas presents. It's just the way it has been, and for good reason.

In Canada, there are many different religions, all with their own traditions and sacred occasions. Those adherents have the right to use their own greetings during their own seasonal observances. Why can't Christians?

The religious foundation of Christmas is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. In Canada, we honor every other religion. We do not change the name of holidays in other religions – so why is it okay to change those of Christianity? Christmas was named after Christ himself. When we name things after Christ, we are showing devotion and respect for Him. Why remove it?

The greeting "Merry Christmas" in the media and public places wasn't an issue when I was younger. But within the last few years the controversy has grown to epidemic proportions, and honestly I do not see why. We respect everyone else's holiday greetings, so why are we completely changing ours?

I can understand the views from other cultures which do not neces-

sarily celebrate the same holiday or celebrate it to the same extent that other Canadians do. When people come to Canada they could easily be overwhelmed with the amount of advertising and sheer promotion of our culture, especially around Christmas time.

But everyone needs to understand that Christmas is among the long-held customs that many Canadians do hold dear. And in the end, as we respect other customs, ours in return should be respected as well.

In the long run, if we change Merry Christmas into just Happy Holidays, it takes away from the event. Could we even go as far as saying it wouldn't really matter anymore? We are changing everything that we associate with Christmas out of a misguided sense of political correctness.

Because of Christmas, we have Toy Mountain and Toys for Tots, where everyone comes together to help raise and donate gifts, money and clothing for children of families who are less fortunate. And this is just one example of how Christmas can bring people together to do good.

In the end, Merry Christmas should still be allowed to be said. If the person who you are saying it to responds with Happy Hanukah or Happy something else, that is up to them, and I for one shall not be offended. I would, however, be offended if we change Merry Christmas to Happy Holidays.

Everyone has a choice of course, but in the end, it is only fair for those of us who observe Christmas to be able to name it.

And with that I say – Merry Christmas!

Giving respect to the delicious birds



Elaine Anselmi

As the season of Christmas feasts approaches – when nearly half of the 10.2 million turkeys purchased annually in this country are eaten (according to the Turkey Farmers of Canada) – I'm reminded of my first experience with wildfowl that wasn't lying on a festively decorated table.

It was my first summer spent living outdoors in Northern Ontario, in the area surrounding Kapuskasing.

With long hours working alone in the bush, the threat of wildlife was always present.

However, concerns of a violent attack by a sharp-toothed and sharp-clawed bear weighing up to 350 kg was rapidly overthrown by another.

The bush chicken.

Commonly known as a grouse, these 6 kg winged and beaked monsters imposed a fear like I'd never felt before.

The tiny titans camouflage so effectively with their surroundings that you can get within a metre of one, unaware of its presence until it's violently flapping, squawking, taking a wild dive at you, and going straight

for your throat.

Veterans' tales of the grouse's propensity to attack were illustrated when one man carried a winged carcass back to our camp after beating it to death in self-defense.

That was one wild bird I did not want to piss off.

And now, as we approach the time of year when galliformes, or gamebirds, take the spotlight on our dinner table, this is a chance to pay some respect to the birds that are a lot tougher than we think, at least in their wild forms.

Galliformes are a heavy-bodied order that includes commonly known birds like partridge, chicken, quail, ptarmigan and the aforementioned grouse and turkey.

There are upwards of 250 species of galliformes that can be found in virtually every continent around the world, with the exception of areas made up solely of icy tundra.

The turkey is the heaviest of birds in this category and they have recently been spotted away from their rural habitat in urban parks, in some cases being accused of attacks on bikers and pedestrians.

It may seem comedic.

Perhaps the fear of being run down by a large bird in Trinity-Bellwoods never got your boots shaking.

But, if you hear the glottal call of a tom (male turkey) around mating season, you better hope he isn't looking at you.

They may seem innocent in that compromising position surrounded by garlands, but don't be fooled.

That is one bad-ass bird.

Canada's government no friend of First Nations

Disgraceful conditions in Attawapiskat brought forth an audit rather than adequate emergency response



Alex Consiglio

Your walls are made of plywood. No bricks, no insulation. Or, you're living in a tent.

Either way, you're definitely not protected from the – 40 C weather outside and don't have any running water inside.

You urinate and evacuate in a bucket.

You suffer all this in front of and with your family. Parents, grandparents, and children – all crammed into housing better suited for dogs.

You'd do better for them if you

could, but you're living in a remote, fly-in only community where it's tough to get much of anything – a job, materials or food.

It's a tough life you've chosen to live because this has been the setting of your ancestors for centuries.

Because you were assured that when it was too tough, a friend would be there to make it better – to ensure your safety and livelihood.

Only thing is, you're living in Attawapiskat, Ont., where that friend of yours – the Canadian government – has only helped put your community in a state of emergency and only showed up to help four weeks after it was declared – not to mention after the Red Cross responded.

You're an aboriginal Canadian, and you're wondering why, following all this humiliation, your friend and guardian – the Canadian government responsible for your well being – is now sending a third-party manager to investigate how funding for you and your community was used.

Seems sort of backwards, and in-

sulting.

Shouldn't the government already know how its funds are being used, especially since it already had its own manager handling it?

Instead of worrying about accounting, shouldn't the government be sending help first and asking these types of questions later?

Thankfully, that's probably what your chief was thinking on Monday when she kicked the third-party manager off the reserve on arrival.

"We should focus on the crisis, not on other things," Attawapiskat Chief Theresa Spence told CBC soon after she asked Jacques Marion, of the accounting and consulting firm BDO Canada, to leave.

Spence called the move "very shameful."

The government said it gave around \$90 million to Attawapiskat, including \$4.3 million for on-reserve housing.

So it wants an audit of the reserve's finances and you're left wondering why, since all of your community's fi-

nances have been published annually online since 2005.

You're left wondering why because those statements show how the housing shortage came to be – how that \$90 million is deceiving and asking where it went is a slap in the face.

The cited \$90 million refers to federal funding since 2006, the average being roughly \$18 million per year.

That \$18 million can't all be devoted to building new homes.

It takes care of education, health care and infrastructure costs, social programs and governance.

It takes care of each of the 1,800 residents in Attawapiskat.

Meaning, once done doling it out, only \$2 million went towards housing in 2010-2011 and when that \$18 million is broken down per person, it's only \$10,000 per year.

You're left wondering why, as you shiver in your doghouse, the government can't just accept that the \$90 million put you in this situation because it was never going to be enough to build the hundreds of homes

needed to properly shelter your community.

"It is not always evident whether the federal government is committed to providing services on reserves of the same range and quality as those provided to other communities across Canada."

That's a quote from Sheila Fraser, former Auditor General of Canada, in her June report on how Canada is failing its First Nation communities across Canada, which followed and unfortunately echoed her similar 2006 report.

Attawapiskat is not alone in its suffering.

A federal evaluation in February revealed a severe housing shortage on reserves across Canada, concluding 20,000 to 35,000 units needed (and still need) to be built.

What kind of friend knows of, is even publically warned of the imminent danger faced by its First Nation communities by its auditor general, and does nothing?

Not any friend of native peoples.

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Hawks burn Mohawk

Geoff Buncombe
Sports Reporter

The Hawks women's volleyball team remains undefeated through eight games after a home court sweep of the Mohawk Mountaineers on Dec. 3.

"We took charge," said Hawk Teresa George, 23, a paralegal student. "We played on another level that we haven't been playing at this season."

The Hawks entered the match ranked first in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association and fifth in the country, losing only four sets all season.

Humber dominated the first set, executing offensively and defensively en route to a 25-11 win. The second set was much of the same, with the Hawks taking an early lead and then holding off a late push from the Mountaineers to take the

set 25-19.

The Hawks second unit was out to start the third set and trailed early before settling down and taking a slim lead over the Mountaineers. Mohawk fought back hard, but Humber maintained a six-point lead for the majority of the game and took the deciding set 25-19.

"Practice has been the key to success," said Hawk Nina Carino, 21, a fourth-year early childhood education student. "How we practise determines how we play."

Hawk Kelly Nyhof, the team's top offensive performer this season, was named player of the match.

Nyhof has been averaging 3.9 points per set, enough for fifth in the OCAA.

Hawks head coach Chris Wilkins said his entire line-up has the skill to produce points, giving him the advantage of resting key players

without sacrificing the team's ability to attack.

"Our depth is what continues to make our program strong," said Wilkins. "As long as we have the type of players that keep coming into Humber I think we'll be alright."

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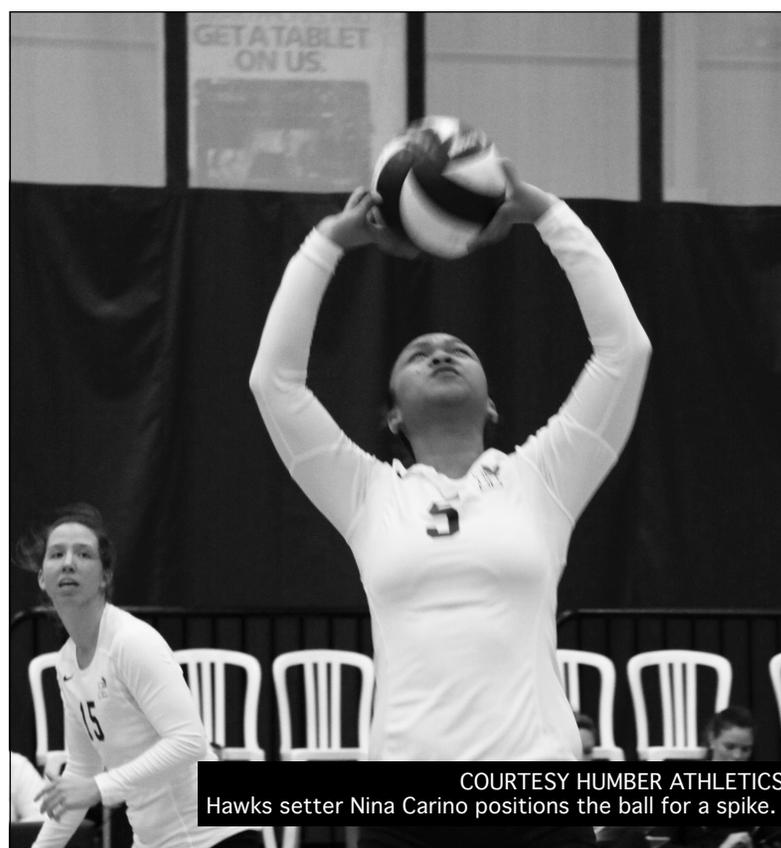


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Hawks setter Nina Carino positions the ball for a spike.

Toronto Police bond with Etobicoke students

Chanelle Seguin
Sports Reporter

Toronto Police officers are helping young Etobicoke students learn some useful life lessons, but on the soccer pitch.

Students at Second Street Junior Middle School are getting the chance to see officers do more than just arrest people, said Det. Const.

Chris Watson of 22 division.

"The other officers and I decided that soccer would be the best idea for both boys and girls to enjoy," said Watson, who applied for a grant from the ProAction Cops and Kids charity to cover the cost of team jerseys and a soccer ball for each student.

ProAction is a foundation designed to give officers the oppor-

tunity to develop relationships and respect with kids outside the workforce.

The foundation was created by John Bitove Sr., and is the largest private funder of Toronto Police programs for at-risk youth.

Second Street student Grether Reyes, 13, said the program helped her settle into her school experience.

"I'm new here, so it gave me the chance to meet the students," said Reyes. "It helped me form relationships with people."

Elijah Thompson, 13, another Second Street student, said it's given students the opportunity to have fun with police officers.

But before the fun starts, officers lecture the students on various safety topics from Internet safety to

bullying, and then all the students partake in a mini soccer tournament.

Principal Cheryl Howe said the program has received such positive response from her students that they become quite upset when it doesn't run.

"We had a PA day last Friday and the students were so disappointed that it meant no soccer," Howe said.

Study room no longer mandatory for athletes

Samantha Martin
Sports Reporter

Humber athletes no longer have to log a certain number of hours in the Varsity Academic Centre to keep themselves in good standing and game lineups.

Doug Fox, director of athletics, said when the centre was first built, it was mandatory for athletes to attend a certain amount of hours each week and failure to do so resulted in players being benched.

But Fox said the VAC became more of a punishment to athletes, which is why he stopped it from being mandatory and now leaves it up to each coach.

The centre started out as an ordinary classroom in the athletic centre eight years ago, where athletes studied and completed assignments, making it easier for them to juggle athletics and academics.

Two years ago, it moved to a large

study room that overlooks the gymnasium after the area was renovated.

Monique Haan has been in charge of the VAC for almost four years and is a former part-time instructor in Humber's fitness and health program.

"It's not mandatory for the first half of the semester," said Haan. "After looking at midterm grades, I recommend study hall for the athletes and then it's up to the coaches and I to determine whether or not that it be followed through on."

Haan said some coaches are more open to the idea of study hall than others.

Wayne Wilkins, head coach of the Humber men's volleyball team, said he makes it mandatory for rookies on the team to log two hours a week.

"It's a great help," said Wilkins. "It allows athletes somewhere to go to get tutored and to get help with their homework."

Wilkins said it is important that he knows how his players are doing in school.

The VAC is equipped with several computers and WiFi, which Haan said can cause students to sometimes get sidetracked by social media sites.

"We thought about taking away access to Facebook and Twitter, but it was an extra step that would have been more of a hassle than done good," said Haan. "And the students do need a break between work."



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

1. Fanshawe 16 Pts.
2. Algoma 14 Pts.
3. Sheridan 14 Pts.
4. Humber 12 Pts.
5. Mohawk 10 Pts.

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

1. Nipissing 18 Pts.
2. Humber 14 Pts.
3. Fanshawe 10 Pts.
4. Mohawk 10 Pts.
5. Sheridan 10 Pts.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

1. Humber 16 Pts.
2. Nipissing 16 Pts.
3. Fanshawe 12 Pts.
4. Niagara 8 Pts.
5. Sheridan 8 Pts.

Hawks pull into three-way tie for first place

Keaton Robbins
Sports Reporter

The Humber men's basketball team demolished the nation's 13th ranked Niagara Knights 80-50 on Dec. 2.

Although the first quarter was close, a strong Hawks defence shut down the Knights. By half time, the Hawks held a commanding lead of 37-15.

Going into the game, the Knights were 7-1 and sitting atop the OCAA west standings, but now the Hawks

find themselves in a three-way tie with Fanshawe and Niagara for first in the division.

Hawks head coach Shawn Collins said it's just another regular season game.

"Niagara has had a really good start to their season," he said. "They've beat Fanshawe at home by 30, and came back from 20 to beat Algoma in overtime."

Collins said home court advantage played a huge part in the Hawk's dismantling of one of the best teams in the west division.

"I think this season will be determined by who wins the most games on the road," Collins said. "Hopefully our road record gets a little bit better because we've already dropped two on the road."

On top of playing strong defence, Humber's offence was electric. Mike Dvorak led Humber with 21 points and Akeem Sween had 11 points.

Dvorak, point guard, 23, a fifth-year sports management student, said the Hawks were well prepared to play the top team.

"We were mentally focused and our defence really overwhelmed them early on," said Dvorak. "Niagara couldn't do anything on offence tonight, and we jumped out with an early lead."

Sween, guard, 24, said Humber was hungry to take back the top spot in OCAA and was more prepared than the Knights.

"Our defense was really clicking tonight," said Sween, a fourth-year food and beverage student. "Usually we don't play to our potential, but it all started with our hard work without the ball."

The Hawks now have a couple weeks off for exams and Christmas and Sween said winning their last game before the break is crucial.

"We now have a break to rest our bodies, recover from injuries and continue after the break."

Men's volleyball roars to 7-1 record

Dion Caputi
Sports Reporter

The Hawks men's varsity volleyball team beat the Mohawk Mountaineers last weekend, pushing their season record to 7-1.

"This was our most disciplined game," said head coach Wayne Wilkins, remarking he was happy to win in three straight sets with an overall strong effort.

The Hawks began to drop a few points in the second set, prior to a timeout by Wilkins, which seemed to set the team straight.

"We knew they had trouble finishing and we wanted to take advantage of that," he said.

Wilkins said the coaching staff was impressed, as the Hawks blocked well and notably improved their passing.

"I was impressed by [starter Andre Smith], and our middles played well," said assistant coach Paul Kemboi. "This was the effort we were looking for."

The Hawks were led by yet another dominant effort by right-side hitter Terrel Bramwell, whose game-high 26-point effort earned him a player of the game nod.

Hawks left-side hitter Markus Poldma was out with a back injury, forcing Chris Ling into action.

"Ling really stepped up," said Wilkins, noting Poldma will be out for a few weeks. "Playing for Markus, who's more of a boomer, I thought Ling came in and played awesome."

"Nobody is perfect, but I thought I played well," said Ling, 25, a fitness and health student. "Just stuck to the game plan."

The Hawks open the second half

of their season after the holidays on the road in London, Ont., against the Fanshawe Falcons, who they beat three sets to one last time they met.



PHOTO BY KEATON ROBBINS
Hawks guard Mark Perrin dunks the ball against Niagara.



COURTESY HUMBER ATHLETICS
Hawk Terrel Bramwell, star right-side hitter, was named player of the game.

No varsity hockey team despite strong Humber student interest

Marco Di Meo
Sports Reporter

Though Ontario may be hockey-obsessed, Humber students aren't having much luck recreating the now defunct college provincial hockey circuit.

More than 80 students took to the ice to compete for a spot on the men's hockey team in October, but the extra-mural team can only play tournaments outside the Ontario

Colleges Athletic Association.

"We had more players than we expected at tryouts which made our job as coaches a little difficult," said first-year coach Mark Wright. "Cutting down our roster took a lot of thought but the group of guys we have are very competitive."

Wright said this team could be a finalist in each tournament and it's disappointing Humber has to wait for other colleges to get back into the OCAA.

"We already earned a birth in the final tournament of the year," he said. "If we can continue to build on what we have accomplished, there is no reason we shouldn't make the semi-finals or finals of every tournament."

In light of high tryout numbers, Humber has enough interest from students to put a varsity team on the ice. However, Doug Fox, director of athletics, said the entire OCAA hockey league disbanded

years ago.

"After we won the championships in 2004 two teams folded and said they couldn't afford it anymore so that ended the league," he said. "It's a very expensive sport."

Fox said two years ago, four other schools were willing to reform the league with Humber as fifth – the minimum number of teams needed to have a league.

"I wasn't willing to join a league when five are committed," he said.

"It takes just one dropping out and you're cancelling hockey again."

Fox said he would like at least six or seven teams to commit before Humber joins.

Michael Chemello, 19, is a second-year fitness and health promotion student and a forward on the tournament team.

"Going varsity would be a great experience but for now we have to focus on our tournament team and try to win as many as we can."