



Attawapiskat suicide attempts sign of systemic issue



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A tattered Canadian flag flies over a teepee in Attawapiskat, Northern Ontario, in this file photo taken December 17, 2011. The Canadian Aboriginal community of 2,000 people declared a state of emergency last Saturday after 11 of its members tried taking their own lives this month and 28 tried to do so in March, according to a document provided by a local politician.

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Chief Bruce Shisheesh has declared a state of emergency for Attawapiskat First Nations in Northern Ontario, after 11 people attempted to take their own life last Saturday night alone.

Attawapiskat has seen over 100 suicide attempts over the past seven months, in a community of just 1900 people.

Georges E. Sioui, professor

of Aboriginal History at the University of Ottawa, is not surprised by the grim statistics, which are only rising.

Much of the problem, Sioui told Humber Et Cetera, is a gross lack of opportunity for First Nations youth.

"They have a desire to be a part of something bigger, to feel that there is a place for them in this country," said Sioui, who is of the Huron Nation.

In response to the isolated

northern reserve's dire state Health Canada has sent two mental health counsellors to assist the community.

"I think in this country we are in a state of emergency, across the country, with some of the deplorable living conditions for First Nations communities," said Shelley Charles, Aboriginal Elder and Humber advisor on Aboriginal Relations.

This is not the first time a state of emergency has been



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A girl places her hand on the shoulder of a speaker to lend support, as youths from three First Nations communities make a presentation after a march on April 7, 2016 in support of efforts to tackle a sharp rise in suicide rates in Attawapiskat, Northern Ontario, in this photograph provided by Jackie Hookimaw-Witt.

declared in Attawapiskat.

Theresa Spence, the former Chief of Attawapiskat, declared a state of emergency in 2011 over living conditions on the reserve.

"She declared an emergency because of the sewage, they didn't have drinkable water, mold in these houses that aren't made from the best materials either," said Charles.

"How many more people have to lose their lives be-

fore somebody wakes up and says we have to do something here," she said.

The news of Attawapiskat was called "heartbreaking" by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The prime minister assured a continued effort in improving living conditions for the people of Attawapiskat.

But First Nations people, including Charles, are beginning to lose faith in the Cana-

dian government.

"I think some of us are starting to feel really hopeless about it because this is nothing new in this country," Charles said.

"We've had communities saying 'we need help' for 25 years and very little has been done," she said.

"There's things that need to change and they need to change now," said Charles.

Thomas Mulcair ousted as NDP leader

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The removal of Tom Mulcair from the position of federal NDP leader reflects a fundamental internal division, said sources within the party.

Former party MP Dan Harris told Humber Et Cetera that while he felt Mulcair was used as a scapegoat for the NDP's underperforming in the 2015 federal election, he said the fact that the NDP national convention was held in Edmonton didn't help.

"For environmentalists, [Mulcair] was too right-wing because he wasn't anti-pipe-

line enough," said Harris, "but for the Albertans at the convention, he wasn't pro-pipeline enough."

According to Harris, Mulcair was not directly responsible for the party fumbling their election lead, as he said that Mulcair "inherited" a dilemma that has plagued the NDP for a while.

"In the drive to modernize the party that was led by Jack Layton, a divide was created between the headquarters and the membership," said Harris.

In a vote of non-confidence Sunday, 52 per cent of the NDP were in support of Mulcair stepping down.

Ali Chatur, co-chair of the federal Young New Democrats, was present at the convention and was shocked when Mulcair announced the results of the vote.

"It was a very strange feeling for a lot of folks. Some were happy that there would be a leadership review," Chatur told Humber reporter Christina Romualdo.

Chatur agrees with Harris' observation that the party was polarized in the Alberta conference.

While Mulcair is still acting as the party leader, a search for his successor will begin in 2017 or 2018.

Chatur said that the next two years would be focused on crystallizing the NDP's platform.

"It's about talking to one another, finding out what this party needs to be. Whoever wins leadership needs 100 per cent support. We need to go into the next election as a united party," said Chatur.

Mulcair took over as NDP leader after winning the 2012 leadership race that followed former leader Jack Layton's death in 2011.

In the 2011 federal election Mulcair won one of the 59 Quebec ridings that helped the NDP become the official opposition.



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New Democratic Party leader Thomas Mulcair speaks during Question Period in the House of Commons on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on March 21. Failure in last election led to ouster.

Police seek man in connection with sex assault

Handgun brandished in downtown attack

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Toronto Police are seeking public assistance in locating an “armed and dangerous” man wanted in connection with a sexual assault in downtown Toronto Saturday.

At a media conference on Monday, sex crimes detective Sgt. Joanne Rudnick said a woman was sexually assaulted at an apartment building in the Parliament Street and Howard Street area on April 9 at approximately 10:30 p.m.

“A 52-year-old woman observed the suspect loitering in the basement of her building,” said Rudnick.

It’s reported that the suspect followed the woman into the elevator, pulled out a handgun and forced her into the stairwell, where he sexually assaulted her.

“The suspect fled the scene through the front lobby, said Rudnick. “The victim received medical treatment and was later released from hospital.”

Police then received a tip the next day that a man of a similar description was also seen loitering in a building near Isabella and Jarvis Street. The man, however, left the building before police arrived.

Police describe the suspect as a black man, approximately 20 to 25-years-old, about 5’9 with a medium build and some facial hair.

He was wearing black jeans, a grey hoodie, a grey vest, a dark hat, tan shoes and was seen carrying a red backpack.

Police are urging anyone living in the downtown core to be aware of a man fitting the description who might be loitering in apartment buildings and stairwells.

“He is considered at this point armed and dangerous,” said Rudnick.

Rudnick also advised survivors of sexual assault to seek support through community agencies.

Humber breaking out in hives

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A swarm of new residents at Humber College is creating quite a buzz.

Humber’s sustainability team set up honeybee hives at both North and Lakeshore campuses last spring.

“There were beehives in the Arboretum and they approached us and said, ‘Hey, what do you think about putting them on the roofs at Humber?’ and we thought that was a great idea,” said Lindsay Walker, Humber’s sustainability manager.

“Bees are really important and we thought why not showcase that in the project on campus,” she said.

As temperatures begin to rise, the honeybees are getting ready to commence their second year on campus.

There are three hives at Humber North and during the summer when activity is at a peak, each hive is home to about 55,000 bees.

“About a third of our grocery store produce would disappear if it weren’t for bees, so it’s a huge connection to the environment and our food systems,” Walker said.

“Also, having them on campus allows students to wonder what they’re for and why they’re here which adds to that message of why they’re important, otherwise it’s an issue that we don’t really think about,” she said.

Professional beekeepers Fran Freeman and John Coffman come around to check on the bees and make the necessary adjustments to the hives.



CHRISTINA MULHERIN

Decals and other decorations on North campus help to create awareness for bee preservation.

“We check in on them a few times a month and we look for any sign of disease of pest, we make sure that the queen has enough room for egg laying, so we’ll put extra boxes on if she needs more space and we’ll also put extra boxes on when there’s a lot of nectar out there for them to bring back to turn into honey,” Freeman said.

“We expand hives and when the season winds down, we decrease the size of the hives, depending on the bees’ needs,” she said.

Walker said rural bees are not surviving well right now because of the pesticides used on farmlands that are impacting their ability to work.

“Urban bees have become a bigger, popular thing because there are no pesticides

in urban areas and that keeps them going,” she said.

The hives at Humber’s North campus are located on a rooftop location where they can be seen by the windows next to the staff lounge in L Building. Having them there allows minimal interference with students and the public while still being accessible to those who care for them.

“I think having them specifically at Humber College, the two places we have them are right outside cafeterias and so people can immediately make a link between bees and pollination and the (food) security,” Freeman said.

“When people are up there eating their lunches, they’re always looking and asking questions. It’s amazing how

much information they gather just watching the bees,” Coffman said.

Having the hives in a visible place for students allows them to notice the bees and discover their importance and purpose on campus.

“At Humber, sustainability has become a huge and proud factor of what they provide for the community,” said first year Fashion student Ashley Gardner. “I believe the honeybees serve their purpose but could become more than what they are for the community and Humber.” Although Humber’s hives may be covered with tarps over the winter, the bees are still inside. Staying close together, they shiver to stay warm and on milder days, when temperatures can be as

low as -12 degrees C, they go on cleansing flights.

“The inside of the hive is where their food is, where the babies are so they don’t want to make a mess in there,” Freeman said.

“In the winter time they’re feeding off the honey that we leave inside the hives, so they’re not just sitting around, they’re using that honey to produce energy so when they shiver they can keep warm,” Coffman said.

During colder months, the number of bees in the hives decreases to about 10,000 as not as many workers are needed since there is no pollen to retrieve. Many of the bees also work themselves to death, flying hundreds of kilometres a day and going from dusk to dawn, Coffman said.

“In the winter it’s all about keeping enough of them alive so they can start all over again in the spring,” Freeman said.

“They kick out all the extra bees, a lot of the bees that were out collecting nectar and pollen have all totally worn themselves out too and they die while there are bees that are born in the late summer. They’re the ones that can last maybe six months because they’re not running themselves ragged trying to bring stuff back for the hive,” she said.

As for the honey, generally the bees need just about a year to produce enough to be cultivated. By this fall, Humber sustainability hopes to gather the honey and if enough is produced, they plan to give it away to students as prizes.

Man arrested in connection with TTC bomb threats



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Aaron Finkler, a 54-year-old Toronto man, was arrested and charged after allegedly calling in two separate bomb threats over the weekend.

A media release Tuesday from Toronto police stated the man had been charged with five counts of public mischief and five counts of endangering life.

A man called the TTC last Friday, making a bomb threat

at either York Mills or Eglinton subway stations. On Sunday, someone made another threat directed specifically at York Mills.

Police located the suspect at Eglinton station that day, said Const. Jennifferjit Sidhu of the Toronto police.

Though the police believed the public was not in danger, Finkler was charged with endangering life. In a phone interview with Humber Et Cetera on Tuesday, Sidhu was able to clarify the charge.

“He did put out a threat, so he’s charged with the threat. But could he possibly carry out the threat? He does not have the capacity to do so,” she said.

Finkler appeared in court

on Monday.

Brad Ross, executive director of corporate communications for the TTC, said although transit officials take threats seriously they do not make a statement about the threats at least in part to avoid encouraging copycats.

“Really, what they were are threats. There’s no credibility to them. However, whenever threats of this measure are made, we do need to hold service, we do need to check, we do need to take some measures to investigate,” said Ross.

“We do take them very seriously – we have to.”

Ross said there’s a protocol in place for when these types of issues arise. If need

be, TTC officials suspend service for police to check areas in question and broadcast the commonly used announcement that begins with the phrase, “Due to a police investigation...”

“There are many police investigations that do occur for a variety of reasons; whether it’s a suspicious package, or an unattended package for example – which are almost always benign,” said Ross.

“We don’t publicize them because we don’t want to cause a copycat and we don’t want to cause undue alarm or panic.”

Ross said the TTC encourages customers and staff to be vigilant.

People feel the Bern but media doesn't

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A recent report on media coverage of the U.S. primaries revealed a disparity in the attention given to the presidential candidates in both mainstream print and broadcast outlets.

This gap in coverage has some media analysts questioning whether mainstream media is feeling 'the Bern.'

Despite landslide victories in Hawaii, Washington and Alaska for Bernie Sanders, the numbers show the dominant narrative has settled on media frontrunners Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump.

According to the Tyndall Report, the 2016 U.S. elections have garnered 857 minutes of combined airtime.

The Tyndall Report analyzes and extracts data on the amount of airtime various news programs on NBC, CBS and ABC dedicate to certain stories.

The latest data suggest that within this combined airtime Donald Trump received 234 minutes, Hilary Clinton had a total of 113 minutes and Bernie Sanders trailed them both with only ten minutes of airtime through to Nov. 30.



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U.S. Democratic presidential candidate and Vermont senator Bernie Sanders greets audience members as he takes the stage at a campaign rally in Syracuse, New York, April 12. Media coverage of him stays far behind his degree of popular support.

"The media has basically provided a forum for Trump to speak unopposed on any issue he wants to," said Amy Goodman, founder of alternative media outlet, Democracy Now!

"The media has had an

obvious role in creating what Donald Trump is now," said John Iadarola, a host of alternative media outlet The Young Turks (TYT).

He added that the media's comparison between Trump

and Sanders is at times "malicious."

Goodman and Iadarola agree that although the realm of broadcast news has largely been negligent in reporting on Sanders' campaign, print media

has taken it a step further.

From Newsweek which published the headline, "He won't win, so why is Bernie Sanders running?" to the LA Times which printed, "Bernie Sanders: Why the guy who

won't win matters," delegitimizing rhetoric has pervaded the pages of newspapers and magazines across the U.S.

The emergence of new and alternative media is important now, more than ever before, Iadarola said.

The mainstream media's coverage has not been responsible, Goodman told Humber Et Cetera.

"The media are using the public airways and they have the responsibility to bring out the voices of people across the political spectrum," she said.

Part of the issue with the skewed primary coverage is the U.S. media's reliance on polls -- but the polls are often wrong, Goodman said.

"As we see with Bernie Sanders when he shocks the corporate media every time he wins a caucus. And yet they continue to rely on these faulty polls," said Goodman.

"We have a system where money is drowning politics and that all has to change," said Goodman.

"The reason the corporate media doesn't challenge this is because they are making money off of this. Most of the money candidates raise is for ad time."

Protests open way to Brazilian president's impeachment

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The ongoing political unrest in Brazil is among many factors that may jeopardize the 2016 Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

A commission by Brazil's federal government voted 38-27 on Tuesday in favour of Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff's impeachment.

The results are the latest chapter in a corruption scandal that has persisted for more than a year and has forced Brazilians to draw lines in the sand over whether they support the popular president.

"This behaviour is not like us," said Paulo Sotero, director of the Brazil Institute at the Wilson Institute in Washington, D.C.

"People know Brazilians as very easygoing and friendly. We have become a divided country, and I feel that reflects badly on our public image."

However, the public unrest that has resulted in thousands-strong anti-Rousseff protests across the country has been almost entirely peaceful.

According to Sotero, much

of what happens to the Games depends on whether those demonstrations stay that way.

"There are two outcomes: either Rousseff is impeached on Sunday and hopefully the new government comes together in time for the Olympics," said Sotero. "Or she stays, which will cause the

economic crisis to deepen even more, which will make people more frustrated."

Brazil's suffering economy with inflation up to 10.6 per cent, remains at the root of many of the other problems plaguing the country and could hamper the Games themselves.

Brazil's stock market saw prices rise in some sectors Tuesday morning upon the news of Rousseff moving closer to impeachment, Bloomberg reported.

"This economic situation is affecting the capacity of Rio de Janeiro to close marketing contracts for the Olympics,"

said Augusto Mathias, a Toronto city planner and Brazilian expatriate.

Even if wasn't for the politics, Brazil has had much bad press to deal with in 2016.

"I believe that the negative news from Brazil such as the Zika virus and the problems surrounding the final stretch

towards the Games are already causing severe impacts," said Mathias, referring to the violent police raids in the "favelas" or slums of Rio meant to clear out unwanted criminal activity.

The 2016 Summer Olympics will be held from Aug. 5-21.



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People protest against Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff in Brasilia on April 13. An unprecedented corruption scandal has engulfed nation in recent weeks.

Maintaining active, multi-platform social media presence vital

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Three social media experts and bloggers told would-be entrepreneurs at Humber that a dynamic, multi-platform online presence today is non-negotiable.

Adam Sanders, Andrew Bartucci and Brock McLaughlin were the visiting experts for the #Launchx-Social event on Wednesday at Lakeshore campus, anchoring a panel of wide spread knowledge of the social media industry and how to make it work for a brand or company.

Bartucci, who studied Public Relations at Humber and now does social media for the Insurance Bureau of Canada, summed up success on social media in three words: consistency, presence and actively network.

“A personal brand or effective presence doesn’t just happen overnight. You need to really invest the energy and time to connect with people and develop your personal online persona,” Bartucci told *Humber Et Cetera*.

The event had the panelists answering scripted questions, followed by the audience asking their own. McLaughlin, an avid blogger and online media expert for many companies, gave key advice in stressing it’s all about visuals, especially video.

“Everyone should be incorporating videos into their online world,” he said. “We all have smartphones, which makes it so easy to shoot some footage anywhere we are.”

The experts all agreed video is the current trend, but understanding media, how it changes every day and how to use that to advance online is what will keep brands ahead of the curve.

“Being on the platforms and in the world allows you to experience and con-

tribute to the changes,” Bartucci said.

“Online media is our media. We dictate as much as the developers who create and update the platforms.”

McLaughlin said this isn’t always the easiest world to dive into and if you let up too much, someone else will be there to take the spotlight.

“There are plenty of hurdles, but that’s what makes the online world so interesting,” he said. “If you can’t jump high enough you’re going to be left behind, and that’s where I’ll come in and sneak that brand out from under you.” All three panelists agreed on one factor of being online: communication. There was constant discussion of this, returning to the idea of getting out there and talking to people, other brands and companies.

Whether interacting with followers or studying similar companies and brands, being vocal and maintaining a presence online is a necessity.

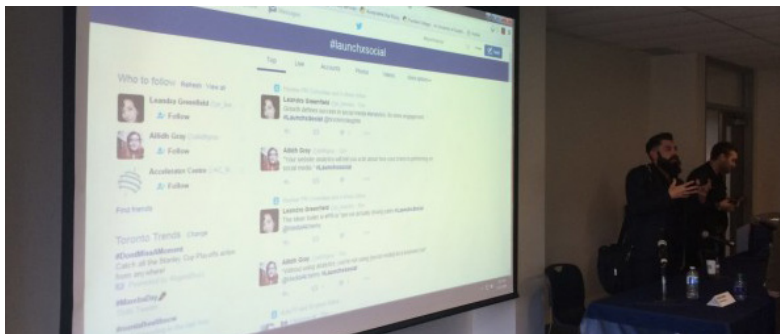
“Immerse yourself into the online world and study how your favourite brands and organizations communicate online,” Bartucci said. “And by communicate online I don’t just mean look at their Twitter feed. Instead, study the way they engage with their consumers and how they craft their web experience for users.”

Most topics at #LaunchxSocial revolved around entrepreneurs’ use of social media, but many tips were also shared for personal users.

For students looking to advance their personal brand on social media, McLaughlin shared two suggestions for beginners.

“Don’t be afraid to take chances, make mistakes and, like all college kids should, experiment,” he said.

“Oh, and never use click bait. I hate click bait.”



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REBECCA PILOZO-MELARA

Influential Humber students and faculty were awarded in a Marvel-themed celebration of everyday heroes

Awards ceremony recognizes ‘Heroes of Humber’ for contributions to community

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Humber’s annual student appreciation award ceremony, Heroes of Humber, once again celebrated students and faculty who make a remarkable impact within the college.

The gala-styled party took place on Monday evening at the North campus Student Centre where students and faculty who impacted someone’s life at Humber were able to receive not only an award but a heartfelt thank you in front of many.

The Marvel-themed night included musical and poetic entertainment, a chance to take a photo with one’s favourite superhero, as well as various treats.

“Superheroes wear masks and therefore cannot be identified. That was precisely why this theme was chosen. Unmasking these

good people was the goal,” said Maggie Hobbs, director of student events at Humber.

“The annual event applauds outstanding people within the Humber

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Vanessa Silaphet
PROJECT COORDINATOR, HSF

community. This year’s theme, *Heroes of Humber* unmask these remarkable people who show leadership and commitment to improving campus life.”

Awards distributed included Humber Students’ Federation Club of the Year, Student Appreciation, Volunteer of the Year and more.

Members of the Humber community were able to nominate each other based on having an exceptional presence and positive influence. Full-time and part-time students along with staff and faculty were all eligible to take home an award along with partaking in a very special night designed by second year Public Relation students to honor their good deeds.

Nominations took place back in March where students named a peer or Humber staff member. Some wrote a short essay or created a video showing why their nominee deserved to be recognized.

“Just because they aren’t saving the world or catching bad guys doesn’t mean they aren’t appreciated. We appreciate them and we might not be able to show that on a daily basis,” said Vanessa Silaphet, project coordinator for HSF.

Ontario’s first Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner program comes to Humber

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Humber College School of Health Sciences is launching the first publicly funded traditional Chinese medicine practitioner (TCMP) program in Ontario.

The province’s move to regulate the TCMP industry in 2006 opened an opportunity for Humber to provide a program giving students the skillset needed to pass the certification assessment from the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner and Acupuncturist of Ontario (CTCMPAO).

The CTCMPAO is the provin-

cial governing body created to set and maintain a quality standard of healthcare in the traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) field.

The overseeing body is responsible for registering and qualifying TCMPs, who must pass the certification assessment before legally calling themselves TCM practitioners.

The CTCMPAO reports that of its 3,054 registered members, more than 70 per cent are 40 years of age or over.

The generation gap in practitioners offers an opportunity for younger graduates of the TCMP program as the older generation phases out into retirement.

Employment options in the field could include TCM clinics, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, and rehabilitation clinics and acute care hospitals.

“I am delighted that Humber College has recognized the importance of TCM as an element of Ontario’s health care system, and look forward to meeting the alumni who will soon provide safe, effective and ethical care,” said Allen Mak, CEO and interim registrar at CTCMPAO.

The advanced diploma program teaches students about herbology, moxibustion — burning the herb mugwort near the skin to facilitate

healing — and acupuncture. The program consists of six semesters with six mandatory clinical placements, one clinical observation and one clinical practicum.

The TCMP program appeals to a wide range of people, said Dr. Michael O’Leary, associate dean at Humber College School of Health Sciences. “Everyone from massage therapists who are interested in diversifying their skillset to students straight out of high school who want to select traditional Chinese medicine as their next step in education,” he said.

O’Leary said traditional Chinese medicine benefits individuals who

are looking for an alternative approach for treatment.

“The diversity of treatment options when we seek our healthcare will be the future,” O’Leary said.

Cai Rui, a first year Humber media studies student, supports the use of Chinese medical practices.

Rui said people react differently to prescription drug medication and traditional Chinese medicine provides an alternative.

She said her friend’s grandfather was suffering from Facioplegia, a condition that paralyzes facial muscles, and acupuncture treatments cured him.

Humber Food On Wheels a rolling success

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The smell of success in the form of fish and chips wafted across Humber College's parking lots.

Culinary professor Adam Lucko opened the door of Humber's Food On Wheels street food truck, exposing the inner workings of a mobile kitchen parked outside the North campus' D Building.

He said the food truck offers a great way for the students who work it to learn how to deal with pressure and behave in a certain manner.

"If students are in a kitchen, they only have to pay attention to how the food tastes," he said. "When students are out in the open and they can see the queue of the customers increasing, it teaches them to cope with the pressure without losing their composure."

The truck's delectable offerings are a stark contrast to the Tim Hortons menu just steps away.

Humber mixology professor and Humber Room manager Antonio Folino says the food truck is probably his best classroom, offering his culinary students practice in a real world environment.

It's all part of the project launched last year by Humber's Hospitality, Recreational, and Tourism (HRT) department with the help of the Culinary department.

The food truck serves variety of dishes, designed to be affordable and also prepared by students in front of the customers.

The truck is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. during the winter term, and every school day during the fall.

Folino played a vital role in making the idea of the food truck be-



MOHAMMAD UMAIR FAROOQ

Working at the Humber food truck is described as a great experience for students in culinary program

come a reality.

He is actively involved with HRT and plays a key role in organizing events that involve the food truck and the culinary department.

Folino said the food truck was made possible because of the grant provided by the Government of Canada.

"The Government of Canada was willing to give us the grant if we used the food truck as a classroom," said Folino.

Humber professor Lucko, who is also head chef technician of the Humber Room restaurant and the food truck, graduated from Humber College in 2002 and has been a professor at the school since September.

Lucko said the food truck also offers students a healthy serving of business ethics.

"At the end of the day, the food truck is a small business," he said.

"The students not only learn about cooking but they also learn how to start a business from scratch and then maintain it," Lucko said.

Humber Room chef and professor George Tiluri, who works alongside Lucko, said while the food truck offers a strong learning experience for students, it is also an affordable spot to eat a good meal.

"All our food is cooked by our students in front of the customers and

nothing at the food truck costs more than \$8," Tiluri said. "Even I prefer to eat at the food truck when I don't feel like spending too much money."

Folino said the money earned by the food truck goes back into the street food truck.

"The money we earn is used to offset the cost," he said. "We don't make profit off the food truck nor do we make profit in the Humber Room restaurant."

"If you ever dine at the food truck or the Humber Room you will notice the prices are fairly low and the quality of food is the same as any other restaurant," Folino said.

International Day of Pink fights bullies

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On Wednesday, Toronto and its surrounding areas showed their contribution in raising awareness to combat bullying, homophobia, transphobia and transmisogyny by wearing the color pink.

The history of the International Day of Pink began in 2007, when two Grade 12 students in a Nova Scotia high school saw a younger student being bullied for wearing a pink shirt.

Jennifer Amaya, a Humber Early Childhood Education student, said she couldn't help but take part on this day. On top of wearing a pink shirt around campus, Amaya paired it with a pink lip to match.

"I feel like a lot of people don't know how important this day is. This day shows people that incidents like the one that marked this day one to remember, that disgusting acts such as these don't go unnoticed," said Amaya.

Emily Richardson, a Resource and Events Assistant for Humber's LGBTQ Resource Centre, is a firm advocate for this day.

"Being a member of the LGBTQ community when I was coming out, I did have to go through different kinds of reactions. Some good, some bad. The bad ones caused me to feel bad about (and) question myself, who I was and whether not I was right for coming out," said Richardson.

"To see people's reactions and get their thoughts, the Resource Centre played Jenny's Wedding, a film where the protagonist decides to marry a woman and her conventional family must accept who she is or risk losing her forever.

Richardson said attendees were encouraged to wear pink.

"Being someone who had to go through bullying and stuff in school, knowing that there's a day to celebrate people like me for just being themselves and to take a step away from bullying, its really important to me that stuff like this happens."

Jeremy Dias, the Director for the Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity, said it should be taken very seriously.

Dias, originally from Alberta, was bullied so badly that he sued his high school and used the money to create the centre and celebrate the International Day of Pink.

To Dias it's about engaging, supporting and creating cultures of diversity and respect.

Dias said that this year's theme is about dialogue, about having conversations and creating safe spaces that make our schools and communities better.

"International Day of Pink reminds us that we all have a voice and can affect change," said Christopher Karas, a first year Paralegal Education student at Humber's North campus.

Tuition freeze needed in Ontario, students say

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Ontario students are demanding a tuition freeze for the 2016-17 school year.

The Time Out initiative from the Ontario Undergraduate Student Association (OUSA) is urging the provincial government to stop yearly average tuition increases, which have recently been between three and five per cent.

Humber Students' Federation President Ahmed Tahir, 24, said he supports the initiative and is trying to figure out ways for Humber students to advocate for a tuition freeze.

"When I first started at Guelph-Humber, I would try to figure out how I could make 20 bucks last for a week," Tahir said.

The campaign ran in January at the seven Ontario campuses where OUSA represents students.

OUSA President Spencer Nestico-Semianiw, 21, said OUSA members handed out gloves and laptop

stickers, and went on social media using the hashtag #TimeOutON to drive the campaign.

In February, he wrote in a blog that OUSA is encouraged by the attention garnered by the campaign, and looks forward to how it will affect their discussions with the province as the new framework arrives.

Campaign aims include building support for reducing student debt and restoring public funding in education, OUSA said.

Nestico-Semianiw said businesses, parents and universities should also support the campaign and its cause.

"More voices is better for advocacy," he said.

Tahir said students paid for 19 per cent of university operating budgets in 1992. Today, that number has increased to 51 per cent.

"Older generations don't realize the government funded universities a lot more in the past," he said.

Average tuition has risen by \$2,658.70 over the past decade in

Ontario. If average tuition had risen by inflation, this increase would have only been \$766.80, OUSA said.

"Tuition should be free here because you need an education to actually do well in life. There are no good paying jobs that you can get with just a Grade 12 education if you're being realistic," said first-year culinary management student Nick Van Amstel.

European countries such as Germany and France offer free to low tuition fees for domestic and international students, Laura Tucker wrote for TopUniversities.com in March 2015.

Germany offers free undergraduate tuition at their public universities. France offers low university fees of \$250 U.S. per year to cover course administration for most programs, Tucker said.

Tahir said free tuition would be nice but it's a step-by-step process to get there.

The 2016 Ontario budget delivered in February by Finance Min-

Commentary

Colonialism, strong and free in Attawapiskat

The grim spectre of colonialism continues to cling onto first nation reserves like Attawapiskat, across Canada.

It continues to thrive in the contaminated drinking water and in the rotting, overcrowded and mold-infested homes, and the single shrinking schoolhouse meant to educate hundreds of children in Attawapiskat.

Most recently, the gruesome effects of the colonial narrative have been personified in the attempted suicides of 11 people at the northern Ontario reserve, this past Saturday alone.

There are reports that over 100 people have attempted to take their own lives in the last seven months in Attawapiskat, a community of 1,900 persons.

It is no wonder that the combination of isolation and substandard living conditions could cause the kind of misery able to push large numbers of people to the edge.

This was not the first time a state of emergency was declared by a chief of Attawapiskat and it sadly will not be the last.

The pathetic living conditions on the James Bay reserve pushed Theresa Spence, the former chief of Attawapiskat to go on a hunger strike where she subsisted only on liquids in 2012.

Spence said she was prepared

to die if the former prime minister, Stephen Harper did not agree to meet with chiefs and discuss the deplorable living conditions on First Nations reserves.

Spence's hunger strike was met with a deafening silence by the Canadian government.

Harper's muted response to the plight of Attawapiskat was not unique but rather perpetuated the Canadian government's long held tradition of negligence towards First Nations.

And it only persists.

In the midst of the crisis in Attawapiskat, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau was too bogged down by book launches of former party members and making arms deals with one of the world's most notorious human rights violators to make an appearance at the emergency House of Commons debate on the issues plaguing Attawapiskat.

The negligence continues, Mr. Trudeau and so does the violence of colonialism as it has worked through the years to erase First Nations lives and their culture, leaving disfigured cultural identities, abused minds and bodies in its wake.

Colonialism is far from dead. The continued existence of the Indian Act is evidence of this.

The perpetual mistreatment of First Nations has effectively carved out a silent caste in Canadian soci-

ety, which most Canadians will outright deny exists.

As Canadians we should look into the dark and uncomfortable elements that make up our national identity.

One of these things is our dependency on the oppression of First Nations to legitimize the Canadian government's claim to Aboriginal land.

If not, why do we continue to leave Aboriginals in largely isolated locations with minimal resources? Why hasn't there been sufficient funding committed to the growth of First Nations communities? Is it too much to ask that aboriginal children have proper access to education and counseling? Why is the most recent photo taken of Attawapiskat dated from 2012?

How else can you explain that Attawapiskat, a community in Ontario was forced to campaign and crowd fund to be able to afford to build a school to educate its children?

There are times when doing nothing can have far more nefarious implications on the lives of human beings.

Many Canadians will feign ignorance on the subject of Aboriginal rights in Canada and the extent to which First Nations peoples are abused and mistreated by the state.

History shows us that First Nations have never held social citizen-

ship in Canada.

If you don't have that, what do you have? What rights, what value can you have in the country that you live in?

And then there is the case of Canadians that are vaguely versed on the politics of Aboriginal affairs who maintain that the situation is complex and cannot be fixed so easily.

They cite various issues of state interference but disregard the blatant cries for help by First Nations leaders and members of their communities.

The truth is, there is a relatively easy fix to alleviating the disturbing living conditions of First Nations and in particular, Attawapiskat, which would also defuse the alarming numbers of attempted suicides.

Step one: Strike down the Indian Act.

Step two: Build homes that do not rot with mold that might well pose more of a health threat than living outside, in absence of shelter.

Step three: Build schools (yes, plural) to educate the hundreds of children living in Attawapiskat.

Step four: Build up to date, modern health facilities where both the health of bodies and minds can be addressed.

These are not revolutionary ideals. They are just plain common sense.

Saudi arms deal sacrifices human rights for sake of principles?



Corey Brehaut
NEWS EDITOR

Well, of course the Liberals lied when they said their arms were tied in regards to the Saudi arms deal.

Regardless of what you may believe about Trudeau's hair and topless photos, he is still the leader of one of the two parties referred to as "the old guard." Did we expect them to magically become accountable for their actions after over a hundred years?

Documents released by the Justice department from Global Affairs Canada show Foreign Affairs Minister Stéphane Dion signed off on export permits to ship \$11 billion worth of the \$15-billion vehicle sale to the country.

The Conservatives have been critical of the Liberals' decision to go forward with this arms deal, which would be perfectly reasonable if it weren't their idea in the first place.

The Harper government first struck the deal with the promise that it would create thousands of jobs. Notice how Conservatives never mention when a deal will cost thousands of lives?

Former cabinet ministers Rona Ambrose and Tony Clement suddenly finding their moral cores and going after this abhorrent deal doesn't absolve Conservatives of their responsibility in setting up the arrangement in the first place, not to mention their hypocrisy in going after the Liberals, for it outclasses the Liberals wrongdoing by an order of magnitude.

And then there's the NDP. That's the progressive party that ran from the centre in the last election, now in the process of ousting leader Thomas Mulcair for bungling what should have been a slam dunk election.

Mulcair has joined the witchhunt by saying that, "The government lied to Canadians about who signed what when in the Saudi arms deal, and that is a very serious matter."

During the campaign, the NDP reminded Canadians that they op-

posed the deal but would nevertheless sell out their ideals and support it because Unifor said so.

Clement's concern is that Saudi Arabia will use the equipment to continue a war in Yemen, though Dion believes the Saudis will keep their word and not do so -- despite their long and storied history of bald-faced lying to any country that asks.

Fighting in Yemen has killed almost 6,300 people, half of them civilians, since Saudi Arabia launched its controversial intervention against Iranian-backed Huthi rebels in March last year, according to the World Health Organization. This deal would lead to the deaths of more people without a doubt.

There are two takeaways from this partisan train wreck.

1. All three of the major parties are a bunch of double-dealers who will do and say anything to curry favour, then turn around and say and do the opposite.

2. Why do we care about our country's relationship with Saudi Arabia in the first place?

This is a country that is well known for its massive and constant human rights violations including executions, suppression of political opposition, suppression of free-

dom of expression, mistreatment of women; and those are just the tip of the iceberg. It is also a country that until very recently had very close ties to the Taliban.

Obviously, it's about the money. Saudi Arabia has some of the cheapest oil in the world, and with Canada's recent oil crash, our country's economy is in absolute shambles thanks to the previous Harper government due to an over-reliance on a boom and bust industry. This arms deal would also be the largest arms deal in Canadian history.

"Fundamentally, this issue is a matter of principle," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on keeping Canada's word to supply a theocratic warmongering country with weapons. More so, apparently than observing the rights and freedoms of the people they will be used against.

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Dear Punk Rock: It's time to grow up



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Becca Ilic saw the kick coming. The young Toronto woman at the centre of an online firestorm surrounding California pop-punk band The Story So Far's Mod Club performance defended frontman Parker Cannon (sic) for violently booting her from the stage while he was performing.

It becomes less polite upon seeing the video a fan took of the show, depicting a likely intoxicated Ilic

pulling out her phone while Cannon eyes her, takes a step back and launches himself into a full-body kick to Ilic's back that sends her face-down into the crowd.

Ilic maintains that she understood what she was getting into by attending a punk show and that she harbored no ill will toward Cannon and his band.

But what does one expect when they go to a punk show? Violence, for one thing, but with limits. Moshing and crowd-surfing are de rigeur for the punk and metal subcultures.

Yet while they outwardly seem to be scary and bestial in nature, there are strict codes in place. If someone falls, everyone stops, helps the person up, and checks if they're okay. Moshing is a flirtation with danger without the actual will to cause serious harm.

It is consensual and above all, in the interest of fun.

Defenders of Cannon's actions seem to cite this understanding as reason to not vilify the singer.

What's more is that not only has Cannon done this before but it's a challenge of sorts for TSSF's fans to see who can stay on stage the longest before Cannon drop kicks them (Ilic was trying to take a video of herself while up on stage).

Is Cannon himself aware of this? If he isn't, then this is not the same thing as the unspoken social contract signed by punk concertgoers who participate in mosh pits.

This is just straight-up bullying that has been interpreted by a group of kids as part of the appeal.

Even if Cannon is in on the "game", what does that say about the punk subculture? Has it become so concerned with preserving authenticity that it's confusing unsafe, unchecked aggression with legitimate traditions in its expression?

Punk in its current form came about after emo's mid-00s push into the mainstream ended and radio rock aligned itself with the "indie" aesthetic. Punk went back

to being an alternative instead of a mass commodity, although it's now absorbed the pop influences that allowed it to flourish a decade prior.

Compound that with inherited nostalgia for the days of Blink-182 and you have a formula to keep punk alive for a new generation of disenfranchised teens, namely teenage girls.

Interestingly enough, it's young women who have historically formed the vast majority of pop-punk fandom.

The genre's entire industry is based on their devotion. Despite that, punk remains fixated on a masculine idea of rebellion, equating physical force and violence with having agency over one's self.

The obvious problem is that violence against women by men is...not a great thing to endorse or to show as acceptable to young kids.

Worse is excusing incidents like what happened at the Mod Club as "part of the scene". A community cannot claim to propagate inclusive-

ness and speak for outsiders when it both excludes groups and props up those who continue to oppress them.

The larger issue is that there is too narrow a definition of authenticity in the main punk subculture. Being in thrall to decades-old practices has resulted in a calcification of values that have ignored a fundamental change in audience.

Not everyone thinks that being punk is about doing the live performance version of manspreading.

Even totally throwing out the idea that punk should adapt to new cultural standards, it is never a good idea for a band to attack their fans. Especially in punk, the fans – loyally buying merchandise, tickets, and sharing their favourite lyrics online – are the entire reason for the artists' livelihoods.

Continually abusing the fans and potentially making them feel unsafe at shows could poison the culture, leaving it to die a slow death.

Assuming of course, that it's not dying already.

Mulcair: A man for Ottawa, not for Canada

Tom Mulcair got a better reception from his colleagues and opponents in the House of Commons than among members of his own party this week.

Four days in the life of the deposed-but-not-quite-yet-deposed NDP leader in a way explains most of what needs to be said about how it all went wrong in the first place.

On the benches, Mulcair has been a memorable voice fighting against legislation, his opposition to Bill C-51, the Keystone Pipeline and other efforts by the previous Harper-led Conservative government helped the leader stand a fighting chance when the time came for an election.

Outside of Ottawa, the leader would eventually struggle for many reasons, but in general because he couldn't translate his strong parliamentary abilities to a national campaign.

In the 2011 election, the NDP's "Orange Surge" in Quebec was thanks to the late Jack Layton's suc-

cess in connecting with voters.

Layton's replacement by Mulcair was not an obvious detraction from the progress the NDP had made until years later.

When the time came for another election, that would soon change, and Canadians found out that Layton and Mulcair were completely different political animals.

It's not that Mulcair had to be as much of a darling as his predecessor had been; he didn't have to take on someone else's personality. It's just that the wry delivery of Mulcair and his strength in arguments weren't going to work as well on a national stage as they did for those who follow the House of Commons with fervor.

And Mulcair certainly has those political analysts to thank for an early advantage in the long campaign. The reputation to be a fighter in the face of controversial legislation was attractive for many who could see that the Liberals were taking a soft

approach and holding their cards close to their chests.

Unfortunately, it was the niqab debate that spelled the beginning of the end for Mulcair.

Mulcair's insistence on allowing religious freedom, in this case supporting the choice of a niqab during a citizenship ceremony, worked against him, and from then on the NDP faced an uphill battle in the campaign.

After losing the opposition and becoming the third party once again, the NDP was faced with a re-assessment of its identity.

Before the 2011 election the NDP platform took a more centrist turn, hid some of their hard left intentions in order to expand and become a more accessible party.

It was a move to play on the then-weak Liberal offering that plagued the now-governing party for most of the 2000s.

Then came the federal campaign of 2015, the Liberals were better at

promising Canadians they had a chance at defeating the Conservative government, and that is how we got to where we are today.

Now with a provincial victory in Alberta under Premier Rachel Notley, the NDP has become a party divided. Some think the party returning to more leftist ways will work nationally, showing Canadians that they truly are the alternative to the status quo in Ottawa.

Mulcair's 52 per cent rejection in the confidence vote at the party convention in Edmonton was a sign that playing up a more centrist platform is not the future direction of the NDP, in all branches of government.

Since Mulcair was the figurehead of the previous Layton-led approach, the one who attempted to maintain it but failed to connect with voters at a national level, he paid the price.

Despite the rejection of his lead-

ership by his own party, there is no doubt that Mulcair will remain a presence in the House.

On Tuesday, Mulcair returned to Question Period and received a standing ovation from the entire House of Commons, a sign of respect for the work he has done in the place he knows how to do it best.

Within seconds, Mulcair was back in his element, aiming for the jugular.

"Mister Speaker, after years of ethically challenged Conservative rule, the Liberals promised to do things differently..."

He laughed to himself as those who had just stood to applaud him grew raucous, to the point that the Speaker of the House had to intervene to bring decorum back to the chamber.

Parliamentarians may not be what Canada wants, but for those who stay up to date with the happenings on the Hill, the soon to be former leader will remain a favourite.

QUOTED: How do you feel about Canada's role in the crisis in Attawapiskat??

"I think Canada should do more and invest more resources to help because (Natives) were the people who were here first."



Ashante Ford
Media Communications, 1st year

"I didn't even know about this. I don't think Canada is doing enough with the issue just because they kind of ignore and try to avoid issues like this"



Peter Greco
Business Administration, 1st

"It's 2016. I feel that the government isn't treating First Nations the same way as they treat regular people"



Tiago Alves,
Computer Eng. Tech, 3rd year

Walk It Out fashion show highlights theme of Euphoria for spring

Rebecca Piloza Melara and Haley Falco
SENIOR REPORTERS

The Humber student fashion show Walk It Out this week showcased the creative talents of designers on the Toronto scene.

The annual fashion show, with a theme of Euphoria this year, is held every April by fourth-semester Fashion Arts students at the college who show strong potential in the fashion industry.

This year's show was held at the Palais Royale on Toronto's waterfront.

Designers included Stephan Caras, Tristan F. Licud, Amanda Maria, Andrea Montle and Narces.

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Hannah Bolognone (left) and Sarah Karda model designer Stephan Cara's bold and floral collection, showcasing their MAC makeup and nails, courtesy of students in Humber's Spa Management program.



Tara Iazic modelled Stephan Cara's collection to start off the show, with a striking black, lace top and floral skirt.



Vibrant shades of orange, pink and red were popular colours in show held at Palais Royale on Toronto waterfront.



Humber Fashion Arts students serving as models walked the runway to showcase Toronto designers' collections.



Models for this year's Walk It Out event did a final walk-through after final collection was displayed.

Motorcycle safety awareness event kicks off with police as Humber program hits 34 years

Sukh Toor
REPORTER

Humber North held its first Motorcycle Awareness and Safety Day on Thursday.

Officers and school instructors gathered in the Learning Resource Commons at Humber's North campus to host a Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Media Day on Thursday, an event they hope will show motorcyclists, young and old, that caution never goes out of style.

The event was sparsely attended save for a few members of the media who had gathered to cover it.

Andy Hertel, program manager of Humber's motorcycle rider training, joined with Toronto Police offering rider training program for students.

They were given verbal instructions, demonstrations and then a chance to ride. The program sets out to create better motorcycle riders for safer roads, said Hertel.

The program first came to Humber College in 1982 when it started with about 128 students

The school wanted to make a positive impact on the roads for everyone on the road, said Hertel. At its peak the program had more 4,000 students.

Safety and awareness applies to everyone on the road.

"Many of our students come back and say this [rider training program] has made me a better automobile driver because of awareness," Hertel said.

Superintendent Gordon Jones of Toronto Police was one of many to speak on rider safety during the spring and

summer season.

"With the start of the riding season, comes an increase of the number of sirens you hear and collisions you see," said Jones.

Since 1995, there has been an increase in motorcycle related fatalities, and these incidents affect automobile drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians. Over the last 20 years, Toronto has seen over 50 motorcycle related deaths.

"The big myth is that it's the 18-19 year olds that are dying, (but) it's just not. It's the 29 to 39, 40 age groups that are seeing the most number of fatalities," said Constable Clint Stibbe, Toronto Police Traffic Services media officer.

Riders should always assess their riding ability before getting onto the motorcycle,



SUKH TOOR

Motorcycles were displayed outside Learning Resource Commons at Humber North campus.

said Superintendent Jones.

Myron Kuepfer, general manager of Riders Plus Insurance, said safety is beyond insurance and more about awareness of the road.

Thinking practically and receiving the proper training to operate a motorcycle is the best way to bring down insur-

ance costs, he said.

Jenelle Higo, a Toronto Police traffic officer, said events on road safety are important to her and other fellow riders.

Wearing proper gear and driving a vehicle that is in good working condition are great ways to be safe, she said. A rider should always give

themselves lots of room and time when on the road.

Hertel said assessing his personal limitations before getting on the road has kept him safe during 30 years of riding.

"Don't get sucked into trying to mimic someone else," he said.