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During Sunday's rally at Thistletown Regional Centre, supporters blew bubbles to symbolize promises easily made and easily broken.

Community rallies for Thistletown

Parents of children with mental health issues stand against decision to close Rexdale care centre

CLAIRE MCCORMACK
NEWS REPORTER

Parents in North Etobicoke are fighting the province in a struggle to protect mental health care for their children.

The McGuinty government has slated Thistletown Regional Centre in Rexdale for the chopping block.

The centre at Finch and Kipling avenues provides services such as school-based treatment, residential and respite care for 415 children living with developmental, behavioural and emotional challenges,

and their families.

In 1995, the Thistletown community saved the centre from closure, but its survival is now threatened again.

"They deserve better than this. It makes me sick to think about their [possible] fate," said Lucy Daousis on the 1,100-member Facebook group page, Save Thistletown Regional Centre.

Laura Kirby-McIntosh, said at a rally in front of the Centre on Sunday, "We simply can't allow this government to close Thistletown and break the hope of our children."

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services announced the shutdown in a March 19 news release as part of the province's Comprehensive Mental Health and Addictions Strategy.

The "transfer of programs and services to community-based agencies is in line with the government's commitment to build a more coordinated, responsive and efficient child and youth mental health system," the press release stated.

In the release, Dr. Eric Hoskins, Ontario's minister of children and youth services, said, "We will work

closely with families to ensure a smooth transition to comprehensive, local and effective services that fit their needs."

"This is a very specialized centre. We service the hardest to serve," said Hugo Landa, a therapist and teacher at Thistletown, as he referred to the many kids living with autism who rely on the centre's programs.

Filomena Ranieri's son has been living at Thistletown since 1983. "He was so aggressive, self-abusive," she explained.

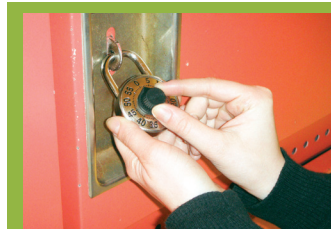
"Try to move somebody with a problem like that when they get

used to a certain way. A change for them [is] drastic," she said. "It can put him back the way he was, smashing his head thousands of times a day, then what happens to him? Are they going to be there to cry with us? I don't think so."

The strategy promises not to cut funding and to dedicate \$257-million and 400 more mental health workers to schools, youth courts and communities over the next three years.

The ministry said about 260 workers at Thistletown would be affected by the closure.

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THIS WEEK

BY KARI PRITCHARD

THURS
5
Comedy Brawl
@Toronto

Amateur comedians compete for laughs and a \$1,000 prize. Crown & Tiger, \$5, 8 p.m.

FRI
6
Photographers Without Borders
@ Toronto

Fundraising event with live music, painting, and raffles. El Mocambo, \$10-\$15, 9 p.m.

SAT
7
Funkyland @Toronto
The Blacklight Theatre

company puts a twist on Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Famous People Players, \$64 (with meal), noon and 6:45 p.m.

SUN
8
Rockabilly Brunch
@Toronto

Ease into the day with some food, music and pompadours. Dominion of Queen, free, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

MON
9
Beans and Weiners Comedy
@ Toronto

An evening of up-and-coming comedians. Melody Bar, free, 8 p.m.

TUES
10
Haunted
@Toronto

A play written by Daniel Karasik about family, desire and spiritual hunger. Miles Nadal JCC, \$10, 8 p.m.

WED
11
Dr. Sanjay Gupta
@ Toronto

Discussing his new novel *Monday Mornings*. Indigo Manulife Centre, free, 7 p.m.



COURTESY FLICKR
Dalton McGuinty's minority Liberal government presented the 2012 provincial budget on March 24.

Tuition rebate saved from Ontario's chopping block

LAURA BOOTH
Political Reporter

The provincial budget, released last week, preserves in its entirety a tuition rebate of 30 per cent for a significant portion of post-secondary students.

Don Drummond released a report to the Ontario government on Feb. 15 which, among other things, recommended the rebate be better targeted or scrapped entirely in an effort to reduce a deficit projected to reach over \$30 billion by 2017-2018.

The rebate is offered to students whose families earn below \$160,000 a year and who have not been out of high school more than four years. It lives on at the expense of the Textbook and Technology Grant, and the Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship grant, which

have been revoked.

In response to the budget, opposition leader Tim Hudak said the plan will not pull Ontario out of deficit and his caucus won't support it.

Whether the minority Liberal government will fall over its fiscal plan is now in the hands of the NDP, whose demand for ending corporate tax cuts was considered in the budget with a tax freeze.

"We've been pretty clear with the Liberals, we want to see a budget that makes life more affordable for everyday people," Andrea Horwath, leader of the provincial New Democrats, told news media days before the budget was released.

But Drummond's criticism of the rebate did have a basis, according to a Humber economics expert.

"I would say the tuition credit is not good policy for a number of reasons. One of them is it's very poorly targeted," said Pierre-Pascal Gendron, economics professor and co-ordinator of international business at Humber.

"The government has made no effort to reduce spending from a structural point of view like consolidating programs, eliminating programs," said Gendron, adding that, "The budget really gives the impression of a government that has no plan whatsoever."

Fourth-year Guelph-Humber student Jessica Piskun is still pleased that the rebate will live on.

"I did have the Queen Elizabeth fund and my average dropped...and I lost it after the first year," said Piskun. "I'd rather have something every year I can get that will help me out."



PHOTO BY KRISTIN ANDREWS
(From Left) Humber fundraising and volunteer management students Kristy Perkes, Katie Craig, Lauren North, Kyla Makela, Jane Leaver and director of development at ORBIS, Brian Klinzing.

Flying Eye Hospital gets fundraiser

Humber students host Dine in the Dark event and raise \$4,050 for visually impaired around world

KRISTIN ANDREWS
Lakeshore Reporter

Students in Humber's fundraising and volunteer management program shone a light on Canada's Flying Eye Hospital at a Dine in the Dark fundraiser.

The event took place last Thursday at O Noir in downtown Toronto, a restaurant with visually impaired staff where diners eat their meals in the dark.

The fundraiser was to raise money

for the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital, a clinic within a plane that travels the globe to train eye care professionals and treat patients in developing countries. It raised over \$4,000 for the organization.

"All the proceeds from our event go to ORBIS Canada and ORBIS's mission to save sight worldwide," said Lauren North, a post-grad fundraising student at Humber who was the chair of the fundraiser.

"One of the struggles we have is raising awareness and raising funds,"

said Lina Mohamed, a representative for ORBIS Canada. "So it's really important what the students at Humber are doing for us."

Ken Wyman, Humber's fundraising and volunteer management program co-ordinator, said the college's partnership with ORBIS sprang from student interest in the developing world.

"Students in the post-grad fundraising program are very interested in international development," he said. "That's a major theme every year."

Mohamed said the organization first took to the skies in 1982.

"How ORBIS started was literally a handful of ophthalmologists getting together with a handful of airline pilots deciding to bring vision to those that are blind and visually impaired in the developing world," said Mohamed.

"There are 39 million people that are visually impaired in the world," said Mohamed. "Ninety per cent of those people live in the developing world and 80 per cent of those cases can be treated or cured."

The five regions ORBIS originally serviced were Bangladesh, India, Ethiopia, China and Vietnam, but it has recently added South America and the Caribbean.

Wyman said one of the assignments students are to complete is a fundraising event for a real charity.

"These students are not just writing an essay about how they theoretically would run a special event," he said. "They're rolling up their sleeves and diving in."

Rash of locker break-ins at North

Humber security puts students on alert after six lockers on campus had property stolen last month



PHOTO BY TERRY ELKADY
Humber security said a YouTube video which shows the insufficiencies in baseline, dial operated locks may have aided the break-ins.

TERRY ELKADY
News Reporter

A wave of locker break-ins hit Humber's North campus last month, prompting security to issue a safety alert to students.

"During the month of March we had around six reports of individuals finding some property missing from their lockers," said Pervez Ditta, director of public safety and risk management at North campus.

"Because the locks were intact, we did research and found there was a YouTube video circulating showing individuals how they can actually open a lock," he added.

Ditta said his discovery of the video, coupled with the six break-ins which mostly took place in the F building on North campus' second floor, motivated the warning to students.

"Out of the six reports that we've had to date, in five of them, when people came back to look at their lockers, nothing had been broken into. They found the lock intact, just property missing from the inside," he said.

Ditta explained that mainly laptops and textbooks were taken, but other items were left behind.

Jeff Ling, product manager of Master Lock Canada, acknowledged the instructional potential of the video.

"With the Dudley standard combo lock, there is the ability to open [a lock] as per the video," he said. "We have come up with higher security – upgraded editions that have 'Block Guard'."

"These [upgraded models] don't allow a person to jimmy locks," he said.

However, the technology exists in locks of a higher price range.

The higher the security, the higher the price of the lock, said Ling.

Third-year Humber accounting student Jenny Truong, 21, said she is concerned with the recent security alert.

"I saw the notice and I'm really scared," she said. "These are cheap locks that are easy to open."

Truong said she's adapting by carrying around valuable possessions and hopes security will find the culprits soon.

Ditta said nobody has been held accountable for the current rash of break-ins to date and that Humber's department of security is considering alternative solutions.

"We're reviewing our stats and some of our operational procedures to see whether we can minimize the impact on our students."

Humber's department of security is considering increasing hallway patrols and looking into alternative methods of keeping an eye on student lockers.

Graduates experience the 'boomerang effect'

Students should be prepared to not work in the field they were trained for

RUSSELL PIFFER
Labour Reporter

A year after graduating from Humber's sustainable energy and building technology program, Gavin Sullivan has found himself in the same boat as many recent grads – working as a waiter, outside his area of expertise.

"I've actually only had two interviews," he said, despite applying for about 50 jobs in his field since returning from a post-graduation trip to Europe last fall.

"I realize that you can't just rely on the Internet," he said. "Those companies get thousands of emails a week, thousands of resumes a week."

Sullivan said he worked as a bartender while studying at Humber and is now a full-time server at a Danforth restaurant.

He attributes the lack of entry-level jobs to a poor economy.

A report issued last month by TD Economics said that half of the 430,000 net jobs lost during the 2008 recession belonged to young adults.

Since then, young people have regained only 1,300 net jobs.

Sullivan said he's postponed looking for work in his field to spend a financially lucrative summer tree planting in British Columbia.

"Because of my trip, and because of college, I'm deeply in debt – not completely unmanageable, but more debt

than I have ever been in," he said.

Failure to find a good job after completing postsecondary – even for a year or two – can have long term financial consequences, said University of Toronto economist Morley Gunderson.

"It's called a permanent scarring effect," Gunderson said.

If someone graduates during a recession, even "10 years down the road, their earnings are often not as high as the earnings of comparable people who came out in a better job market," he said.

"I'd like to tell you a great success story about how I've landed a job in the industry," said Mike Bartolo, a Humber radio broadcasting grad, "but it hasn't happened yet, I'm afraid. I'm

"I realize that you just can't rely on the Internet."

**-GAVIN SULLIVAN,
SUSTAINABLE ENERGY GRAD**

still working in the service industry."

Bartolo graduated last spring and said he won't stop looking for work in radio, even if that means moving across the country.

"I have no qualms about moving out West, that's where you get your start, you get your experience," he said.

"Don't turn down an opportunity, even if it's not something you exactly want to do."



PHOTO BY PATRICIA BROTZEL
Humber public relations student Shawn Fergusson took part in the western-themed festivities last Wednesday at LinX on the North campus.

Western hoedown to promote alcohol awareness at Lakeshore

PATRICIA BROTZEL
News Reporter

Humber's public relations certificate students are hosting Slow Down then Hoedown – a western-themed event for responsible drinking – at the Lakeshore campus cottages next Wednesday, following a similar occasion last week at North.

"It is not to say that we don't want people to drink – that is not it," said Maggie Hobbs, director of student affairs and orientation. "[The event aims to spread] awareness about alcohol, the effects of alcohol and the services available that students may need or not need over the [summer break] until they return to us in September."

Humber's student success and engagement office and the LinX pub on

North campus are working to organize the event.

Last Wednesday, LinX hosted a fundraiser where students tossed toonies and lassoed liquor bottles to raise money for the still-undecided grand prize in next week's raffle.

While the irony of hosting an alcohol awareness fundraiser at a pub wasn't lost on LinX manager Chris Shimoji, he said the choice of venue just further enforced the message they are trying to send.

"It's just [for] everyone [to have] a good time, but to know the rules and know the boundaries and just go from there," Shimoji said.

This is Humber's fifth year holding the event and of all post-secondary campuses, Humber College has the best turnout for alcohol awareness

events, said Julie Rosenberg, an LCBO spokesperson.

Samantha Johnston, 22, is one of nearly 40 Humber public relations students involved with the hoedown and she acknowledges the amount of work that goes into organizing the event.

"We've had a few 'oh my god' moments, but everyone is working to pull things together," Johnston said. "We now have a live band and a DJ...we also have lots of food, chili, cupcakes and nice, fresh lemonade, so it is going to be very summery-themed."

Raffle prizes include a \$225 gift certificate to Hippy Hair Concepts, Blue Jays tickets and a grand prize of a new iPad.

For more information about the Hoedown, visit the event's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/HumberAA2012>.



PHOTO BY ERIN EATON
Dr. Nitin Deckha, the final Winter Lecture Series speaker, highlighted the decline of men's role in an increasingly service-oriented economy.

Deckha shines spotlight on workplace 'he-cession'

ERIN EATON
HSF Reporter

Men are underachieving, uncertain and underemployed, said Dr. Nitin Deckha during the final lecture of Humber Academic Services' Winter Lecture Series.

Deckha, who teaches justice studies at University of Guelph-Humber, addressed a small, captivated crowd about his concerns for disengaged young men with a confused sense of modern masculinity.

He said his interest in male issues derived from observations made in the college classroom.

Research suggests that boys are increasingly disengaged from school and work, said Deckha, who pointed out systemic flaws that have been highly publicized in the media.

"There's this idea that the whole act of learning has become feminized, whether that be because there are fewer male teachers and role models in the classroom, or because the whole structure of education caters to female learning styles," he said.

Nicole Kovac, a fourth-year early childhood education student at Guelph-Humber, said she is conflicted about the promotion of gender identity in the classroom.

"In my field, we're told not to promote gender stereotypes. I've had experiences in the field where boys come to school with nail polish on and I say, 'Good for you! You got your nails done.' I'm trying to let them know that anyone can do anything," she said.

"But now, I'm being told to help the boys because they're falling behind. I'm told that we need more books about cars because that's how we appeal to them which, to me, is just promoting the stereotype again."

Male stereotypes have also been challenged in a labour market that prioritizes service and social intelligence over manual expertise, said Deckha.

"What's happening with the recent economic change – they're calling it a 'he-cession' or a 'man-cession,'" he said.

"Men have become more at risk precisely because the jobs and the sec-

tors they are in have become more at risk. It isn't something that's innately about their abilities, their intelligence, or their psychological levels, but because our global economy is changing – moving away from the manual economy."

Fourth-year justice student Kiryl Khatkevich attended the lecture to better understand the employment situation for young men.

"This topic is something that really concerns us—young men about to graduate from university. We're about to enter the work force and it's important to know the reality of the situation," he said.

"A lot of people think that if they get a degree they're entitled to a great job. I appreciate the opportunity to get a deeper understanding of why that is—what the reason is for high unemployment."

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-NITIN DECKHA, LECTURER

Feminist TV critic last speaker of President's Lecture season

HELEN SURGENOR
News Reporter

A talk entitled, "I'll Make a Man Out of You" wrapped up the Humber President's Lecture Series last Tuesday, leaving the overseeing committee to look back on a year of guest speakers.

"We really did have quite good attendance, compelling lectures, everything really seemed to work quite well," said Melanie Chaparian, chair of

the President's Lecture Series committee.

Lecture topics included: the politics of rape (Jane Doe), overcoming hatred after personal tragedy in Gaza (Izzeldin Abulaish), HIV-AIDS in Africa (Ilana Landsberg-Lewis), Canada's forgotten native children (James Bartleman) and guilt-free pop culture (Jian Ghomeshi).

Tuesday's guest lecturer was blogger and feminist media critic Anita Sarkeesian, who encouraged students to examine the "strong" female characters in their favourite TV shows.

Sarkeesian made the case that many female characters are only considered strong despite their sex because they take on male attributes.

"Part of being a fan is to really love something and simultaneously be really critical of it," she told attendees. "You don't have to stop watching it."

Sarkeesian explained that she uses public talks to speak on topics in greater depth than she would in her short video-blog format.

"People can ask questions about it and I can interact on a one-on-one basis as opposed to writing a comment and waiting however long it takes me to respond," she said.

Najamuddin Mohammed, a client services agent for Humber's IT services department, said he recommended Sarkeesian after he came across her blog, FeministFrequency.org, while searching for open source software, and found the videos so interesting that he continued to follow it.

Chaparian said series organizers are already planning for the next round of speakers, and welcome suggestions from students as they try to include new themes in the talks.

"We're hoping we may have some speakers that touch a little bit more on the economy – which is of course a big deal right now – and some of the social movements that have been occurring in both North America and elsewhere," she said.



PHOTO BY HELEN SURGENOR
Feminist media critic Anita Sarkeesian was the last of this season's guest lecturers.



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Nikki Bielas, a first-year health and fitness promotion student, said she has learned valuable communication skills through the planning process.

Students aiming to break participation record in charity run

KAT WARD
News Reporter

Students in Humber's fitness and health promotion class are looking to break a participation record at the seventh annual 5K Fun Run/Walk they are organizing for next Thursday at North campus.

"To date there are over 600 people registered for the event," said Debra Basch, instructor for the course administering the run. "We are really excited about our growing numbers and it shows just how hard the students are working."

More than 500 people took part in last year's run, a dramatic increase over previous runs. The event supports the Humber Students' Federation food bank program.

Basch said it is important for her students to understand how to put together events like this one from concept to completion.

"Our partners in the industry are looking for people who have this skill when hiring," said Basch. "Putting together a real event gives them the perspective they need before entering the job market."

This year there are three course sections of students involved in planning the event. The 90 students involved are

divided into teams at the beginning of the semester specializing in marketing, sponsorship, logistics and registration.

"There is a really steep learning curve," said Rob Spagnola, a third-year student in the program. "You recognize how important it is to communicate effectively to ensure things get done well."

The fitness and health promotion course structure is designed to mirror how large-scale corporations or gyms facilitate similar experiences. About three to four months of planning and build up culminate in an afternoon or day-long event, said Matt Koller, coordinator for the fitness and health program.

"This event isn't just a run," said Nikki Bielas, 19, a first-year student in the program. "It's a test case for what it is going to be like in the real world, working in this competitive industry."

Registrants need only donate a can of food to the HSF food bank.

The top three finishers get awards, and there are additional raffle prizes including gym passes, Boston Pizza gift certificates and personal training sessions.

Registration takes place on April 12, the day of the run, in parking Lot 4 at North campus.

Wilderness survival course Humber's 'best-kept secret'

STACEY THOMPSON
News Reporter

An outdoor survival program hosted by Humber College can help develop abilities in dealing with nature, said a participant of the program.

Only three Humber students are signed up for the Wilderness Survival Skills, which begins today. They will be educated on topics such as survival gear, communication options and search and rescue.

"It was a great way to gain confidence in the outdoors," said Luis Costa, a Humber outdoor education program graduate who took the program in 2008.

"I was always learning something new and seeing a different way in doing things from someone else's perspective."

The program remains one of the best-kept secrets of the college in spite

of a concerted effort to promote it, said Dean Wylie, facility manager of athletics.

The program runs to May 3, and the cost is \$233, tax included.

After Costa's time in the program, he said the most rewarding experience was when the students were left to themselves overnight and had to rely

David Arama, founder and director of Wilderness Survival Challenge Survival School, which is running the program in conjunction with Humber.

The weekend trip is conducted at the end of the program.

"There, we do survival simulation and rehearse what to do when you are lost."

Students will not be using usual camping supplies, though these supplies are available at the base camp in case of an emergency.

Arama said many people get lost in the wilderness in Canada in a given year. Being prepared can help people avoid 99 per cent of the risks encountered in nature.

"It's a common-sense course," said Arama. "Our motto is: you are biodegradable – don't become one with nature."

"You are biodegradable - don't become one with nature."

**-DAVID ARAMA,
DIRECTOR WSC SURVIVAL SCHOOL**

on their knowledge and peers.

Students this year will also have the opportunity to put their knowledge into practice.

"Our weekend trip takes place up north in the Georgian Bay area," said

Library, inside workers come to a new deal with city gov't

Unions losing public's support, OPSEU 562 president says

SARAH MACDONALD
News Reporter

Averting a major strike and streamlining a clear, collective agreement will benefit taxpayers in Toronto, said Humber's faculty union president in the wake of a four-year agreement with Toronto city workers.

"You're going to get a fair deal that is going to change some of the way the city is operated that has cost them extra money and has stopped them from doing certain things in a normal working fashion," said Orville Getz, President of OPSEU Local 562, which represents Humber faculty. "Every type of delay costs them money."

An agreement was also reached with Toronto Public Library staff – represented by CUPE Local 4948 – last week, and part-time recreational facilities workers – represented by Local 79

– voted on a new deal Tuesday. Details have not yet been released.

A problem that faced Toronto Mayor Rob Ford's negotiating team was that collective agreements among different unions haven't been standardized since the city amalgamated in 1998, said Getz.

"It's all about benefits, salary, job security," he said. "What you have to realize is that the city has got them in a real bind because they didn't make tough decisions at the time of amalgamation."

But support for labour unions is waning among the general public, he added. Union workers make up 30 per cent of the employment landscape in Canada and do not have the sympathy of the rest of the population, said Getz.

"You've got the other 70 per cent of the population who are looking at us as having gold-plated job security, salary and pension, which isn't really true,"

said Getz. "But that's the way government is spinning it, that's the way the media is spinning it and the general population has accepted that."

Public sector disputes are often played out in the media and this can be problematic, said Sara Slinn, a law professor at Osgoode Hall.

"To some extent, it is a contest between the union and the employer for which side public sympathy will support," she said.

Support from other unions has helped in the long run.

Prior to the ratification of the dispute with the Toronto Public Library, union president Maureen O'Reilly said inside workers were extremely sympathetic to striking librarians.

"Up until now, CUPE Local 79 has been very supportive of us and has joined us at our rallies and on our picket lines."



PHOTO BY DINO PASALIC
While the city was in talks with its inside workers last month, library workers rallied at City Hall.

Environmental group under fire

Industry lobbyist Ethical Oil is seeking legal revocation of Environmental Defence's charitable status

KAITIE FRASER
Environment Reporter

Advocacy group Environmental Defence may have its charitable status revoked if Ethical Oil gets its way.

In a letter to the Canada Revenue Agency, Ethical Oil, an energy-industry lobby group to promote Canadian resources, argued that Environmental Defence broke rules with a door-to-door petition against Peter Kent (MP-Thornhill), the government's Environment Minister. Ethical Oil accused Environmental Defence of partisan activity, but the petition was lawful and happened outside of an election period, said Dr. Rick Smith, executive director of Environmental Defence.

"We are an environmental organization and he [Kent] is the environmental minister. It is our job to comment on what he is doing," said Smith.

There are regulations on charitable groups to limit expenditures and prohibit interference for someone running for office, said Ken Wyman, co-ordinator of the fundraising and volunteer management program at Humber.

"Losing charitable status does happen, but it is unusual," said Wyman. "Many charities in the environmental



GRAPHIC BY KAITIE FRASER

sector are afraid to speak too loudly because the government can limit their funding."

"When an organization becomes a charity, they give up certain rights and freedoms to gain other rights like tax breaks," said Jordan Graham, national spokesperson for Ethical Oil. "Partisan activity is not a clear Canadian good."

Graham said Ethical Oil filed a

complaint against Environmental Defence and the Canada Revenue Agency has received it.

The complaint was publicized when Sun Media caught wind of the letter and immediately contacted Environmental Defence.

"The letter last week was not serious and was clearly a set-up by Sun Media," said Smith. "I had received a call from

Sun Media before I could even finish reading the fax about the complaint."

Environmental groups are allowed to tell people what their position is on an issue, and education – according to the government – is having both sides of a story, Wyman said.

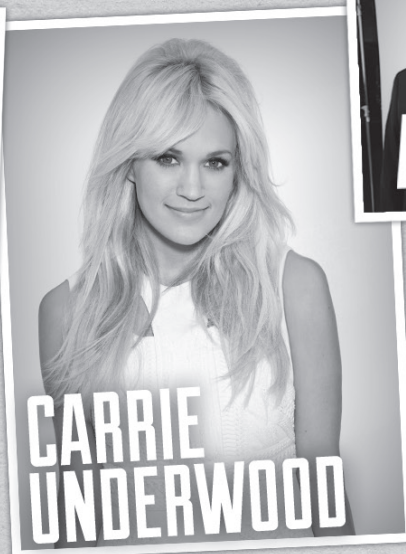
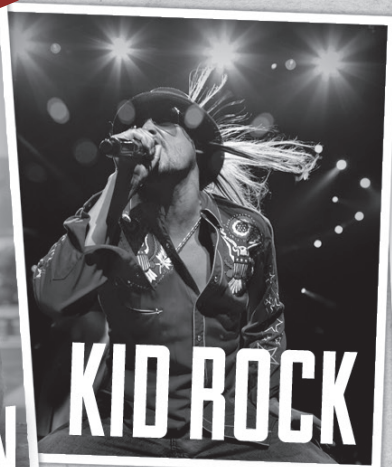
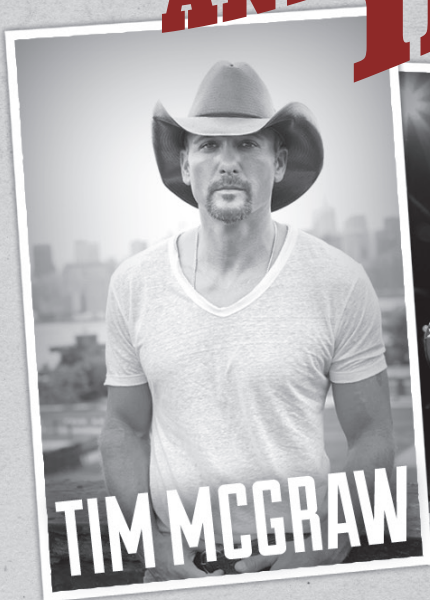
"The primary con to losing charitable status rights is that there will be no tax credit for donors," Wyman said.

Wyman added that a political party may support anything it wants and can give donors a more generous tax credit than a charitable organization, which he believes is an unfair way for the system to operate.

"There is a bit of a double standard," said Wyman. "It clearly gives an advantage for some people to voice their opinions and silences others."

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Refining costs and increased demand are taking effect as summer driving season approaches



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Gas prices continue to soar, which may result in transit fares and consumer goods eventually increasing as well.

JESSY BAINS
Biz/Tech Reporter

Despite lower crude oil prices in recent months, gas prices are soaring, and drivers are feeling it in their pockets.

“The prices are not likely to go below a dollar any time soon,” said Spencer Knipping, oil adviser at the Ontario Ministry of Energy.

“For the price to go down from \$1.30 to \$1, the price of oil would really have to fall,” he said. Knipping said it would require a \$50 per barrel decline in crude, assuming the exchange rate remains at par with the U.S. dollar. “It would require a major slowdown in the world economy or a major increase in supply from several sources of oil.”

On April 3, the average price for gas in Toronto was \$1.35 per litre, according to GasBuddy.com, a North American gas price comparison website.

“Gas prices tend to be higher in the spring and summer,” said GasBuddy.com co-founder Jason Toews. “I think we’re going to see gas prices come down a bit, but it’s still going to be quite high. Higher than it was a year ago.”

Toews said the Northwest Territories has the highest average price nationwide, followed by British Columbia. Toews said prices can vary in Ontario cities, from “as high as \$1.45 in Orleans, Sault Ste. Marie, and as low as \$1.15 in Muncey.”

Knipping said lower levels of oil production, and an increased demand from countries such as China, Brazil, and India have contributed to the higher prices. “The price of gas has not been below a dollar since Aug. 16, 2010,” he said.

Knipping said it’s not the price of crude that is driving prices up, “but also refining margins have increased in the spread between the wholesale price of gasoline and the cost of crude.”

The refining margin is the cost of operating the refineries and then making a return on their investment, he said.

Knipping said higher gas prices can lead to higher transit fares and higher prices for consumer goods.

Cassie Horan, 25, a general arts and science student at Humber said the price of gas played a role in choosing where to live this year.

“I’m close enough to walk to school and I’m lucky for that,” said Horan. “To drive to school every day with the price of having to pay for parking and gas, and then your insurance on top of that, especially with tuition, is just killing us as students.”

Horan however said she has still been hit hard by the high prices.

“My parents live up north and for me to get up there it’s probably going to cost me about \$35 in gas,” she said.

Horan said her social life has also suffered due to high fuel costs. “With the social life you have to pay for gas to pick up your friends,” she said.

“You can’t have very much of one because of the price of gas.”

Not-for-profit sector provides solid pay for fundraising grads

Students find starting salaries, terms better than expected

DIPA HAQUE
Biz/Tech Reporter

Humber’s unique fundraising and volunteer management program is helping pair socially conscious students with financially rewarding careers.

“People, including some business students, have a general concept that the not-for-profit industry doesn’t pay well,” said Rocio Illera, a current student in the program. “Most people think we are all volunteers.”

The intensive one-year, three-semester fundraising program – the only one of its kind in the Toronto area – provides students with both lectures and hands-on training. During their mandatory internships, students work side-by-side with professionals in an organization of their choice.

Program co-ordinator Ken Wyman said students have interned at places such as Amnesty International, Princess Margaret Hospital, and YWCA Canada.

Wyman says graduates often tell him they can’t believe how much they’re getting paid. “We have students whose first jobs are paying them \$45-, \$55- and in some cases \$65,000 a year.”

Georgia Clarke said she lacked a career direction after she completed a masters in English in 2007, with no intention of pursuing a PhD or going to Teacher’s College.

After few years of working unfulfilling retail jobs she enrolled at Humber for fundraising, graduating in 2011. Clarke is now a development officer at World Wildlife Fund.

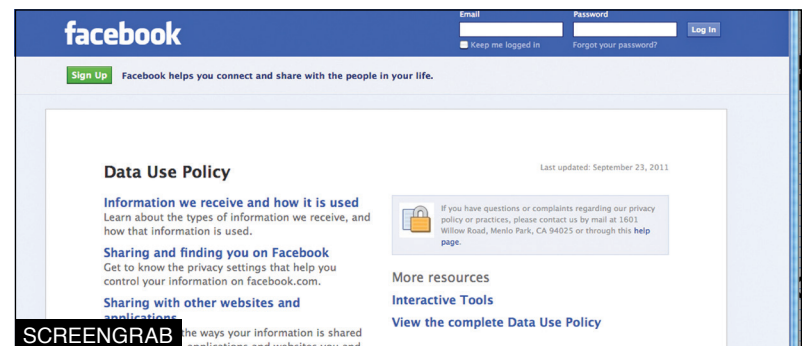


PHOTO COURTESY ROCIO ILLERA
Rocio Illera is a currently enrolled in Humber’s fundraising and volunteer management program.

“People just entering the program or thinking about applying might not realize that you can make a very decent living working in the not-for-profit sector,” said Georgia Clarke, a recent graduate.

Statistics from 2010 show the average salary of those who found jobs six months after graduating from the fundraising program was \$37,750.

The lowest of the salary range was \$28,000 and the highest was \$129,000.



Facebook privacy still debated

ANDREW RUSSELL
Biz/Tech Reporter

During a job interview, employers requesting passwords from candidates could be unwittingly forcing that person to breach an existing Facebook agreement that prohibits password sharing.

Whether or not a potential employer can ask for direct access to social media accounts is a question yet to be answered by Canadian lawmakers.

“There is a whole area of contract law which states that inducing someone to break a contract can be illegal. When an employer asks you for your password, they are asking you to break a contract with Facebook,” said Jerry Kreindler, the principal at Kreindler Law and 25-year veteran in practicing business law.

The Ontario Human Rights Commission addressed the issue last week via its own Facebook page, reminding employers that an applicant’s Facebook page could include information relating to sex, race, age, ethnicity, or religion.

The commission states collecting

this kind of information during the interview process is against the province’s Human Rights Code.

“The commission is letting employers know they take an unfavourable position on the issue,” said Kreindler. “The problem is that it’s not entirely clear whether it’s a violation of the law. Until the government makes legislation prohibiting employers from asking for access to social media, there will be no definitive ruling.”

Karen Fast, manager of Humber’s Career Centre, said employers would be overstepping the boundaries of what’s acceptable during the hiring process if they were to demand passwords.

“I think the whole thing is ridiculous,” she said. “It’s an invasion of privacy, as far as I’m concerned.”

Privacy settings, which are set forth by the user, control the amount of content a Facebook account makes publicly available. Fast, however, said whatever gets posted is deemed as fair game with employers.

“It’s a social network that should be used for personal activities, but that’s starting to change,” she said.

Grant Robinson, a vice-president with Toronto recruiting company David Aplin Group, said companies are using social media in their hunt for character flaws of potential employees.

Robinson said one of the reasons is that personal questions are tough to answer in an interview setting. “Employers want to know if someone enjoys partying more than working.”

Condom use by teenagers, young adults at 68 per cent

ERIKA PANACCI
Life Reporter

Statistics Canada reports that condom use among sexually active teens and young adults between the ages of 15-24 rose to 68 per cent in 2009-2010, up from 62 per cent in 2003.

"[The youth] probably are younger, but it seems like they've been sexually active at a younger age than they used to [be] for a long time," said Dr. Joel Krivy from the Health Centre of Maple. "But in most cases they are being responsible."

The Condom Shack in downtown Toronto sells a variety of condoms to people of all ages.

"Our customers really range," said Pam Goldsworthy, sales representative at the Condom Shack. "You don't have to be 18 to shop here, so we get a lot of teenagers. I would say the majority would be ages 16 to 25. We give teenagers a much more comfortable place to buy condoms or even just come in and ask questions to get information."

According to Krivy, patients on birth control or those in long-term relationships may be less likely to use condoms, so he makes a point to alert them to possible sexually-transmitted infections they may be unaware of.

"We talk to them about HPV-related infections and things like that," said Krivy. "That you have to sometimes



PHOTO BY ERIKA PANACCI
Condom use has risen six per cent among sexually active youth since '03.

protect yourself even if there's no evidence of any problems."

Some students say they use condoms to protect against disease, and the possibility of pregnancy.

"I use condoms to protect against STDs, and the possibility of becoming a parent at a very young age," said Erica Tomasone, 20, a second-year early childhood education student. "Watching shows like *16 and Pregnant*,

it makes me more cautious towards sexual activity because I do not want to be a teen mother."

"I don't want to be a father at age 21," said Anthony Castello, a first-year business management student. "I also want to protect myself from getting any STDs. Since sex has become such a natural thing in our society today, it makes me feel comfortable when buying them."

TO THE NINES

How did you put this outfit together?

Black on black is always fashionable. Actually, my wife picked out the tie. She loves this tie! But I always pick the suit.

How important is it to dress for your employers?

It's very important. Your image is everything, especially first impressions. You are how you dress.

Who are you influenced by?

My parents both wear uniforms for work, so I learned you always put nice clothes on before you leave the house.



Jason Thompson, 23, Funeral Services

By SHAZIA ISLAM



PHOTO BY HENJI MILIUS
Students can study silently on the 5th floor of the North campus library.

Students seek silence in libraries at exam time

SHAZIA ISLAM
Life Reporter

There is an increased demand for silent or quiet study space, especially during peak study periods such as midterms and final exams, according to Lynne Bentley, director of Humber Libraries.

North campus library "was built in '89 when we had 7,500 students," said Bentley. "Over 20 years later, we have more than doubled [that number]."

The 24-hour study hall and the fifth

floor are set aside for silent study and the fourth floor for quiet study. Students are not allowed to talk or use their cellphones in the silent study space.

Bentley said students are also complaining about the use of the library by non-Humber community members.

"I can't cut that space off from the community," said Bentley. "It's a reciprocal arrangement between libraries that they serve the needs of the local community." Humber is responding to

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the increase in its student population by building a learning resource centre at the North campus, scheduled to open in 2015.

"The learning resource centre will have a variety of student services," said

Frederick Embree, associate vice-president of planning and development. "It will have the library in it and will include some quiet study space."

Pervez Ditta, director of public safety, said the security guards are responsible for granting access to the 24-hour study space on the weekends.

"The guards have been instructed to accommodate students as much as they can," said Ditta, "but we don't differentiate between students, non-students, staff and non-staff."

Beena Varughese, a mature student in her third year of the bachelor of nursing program, said she prefers the silent

study space.

*Varughese said she comes to the 24-hour study space at 6:30 a.m. on weekends to get a seat in the busy library.

"It helps me concentrate," she said. "Within a shorter period of time, I digest more information because it's completely quiet."

Washroom cleanup at Humber a 24/7 task

HEATHER VANANDEL
Life Reporter

Heavy and often slovenly washroom use at North campus requires a large team of custodians to remain continuously active.

Busiest of all is the women's bathroom across from the Career Centre, said Spencer Wood, Humber's associate director of maintenance and operations, facility management.

"I think [custodians] are probably in there every hour," he said.

On average, the staff cleans each washroom five times a day, while that particular bathroom requires around 12 visits, said Wood.

"I think the dirtiness relates directly to the use," said Wood.

With 50 bathrooms on Humber's North campus, 50 custodians work around the clock to keep them presentable.

"We have put a quite a bit of effort into the amount of labour we put into those washrooms, because we know they are a critical piece," said Wood. "It is something that really bothers you if it is not clean."

Wood said the washrooms receive a through cleaning during the night. From 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. they get pressure washed, all the positions get scrubbed down and all the heavy duty cleaning gets done.

During the day, because there is more traffic to work around, the custodians sweep the washrooms and ensure there is enough soap and toilet paper available.

"That's the other problem with the busy washrooms – when can you get in there to clean it?" said Wood. "That's the challenge. They are always busy."

Wood said the worst bathrooms on campus have been recently renovated, including the washrooms located in C building, N building and at Guelph-Humber.

Where possible, he has removed the doors to the entrance of existing bathrooms, and renovated washrooms so they do not require a main door.

"They are designed that way so you do not have to touch the door," he said. "It would be nice if they all could be that way, but we are stuck with the existing footprint, and you have to be unable to see in."

Ramanjit Dugg, a first year business management student at Humber, said he usually uses the bathroom in the F wing because he finds it the cleanest.

Farwah Ayyub, a second year business administrative student, said that she does not have a bathroom she prefers over the rest.

"I always just use the one that is closest," she said. "Sometimes they are not really that clean, but most of the time they are okay."



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Kony 2012: Armchair advocacy and slacktivism or a viable way to effect change in the world?



HELEN SURGENOR
News Reporter

If Invisible Children's YouTube video hits are anything to go by, there are 86 million new activists gearing up to plaster the streets with Joseph Kony's mug. Of course, how many of the video's viewers will show up to "cover the night" in Kony 2012 posters on April 20 remains to be seen.

In the meantime, the Kony 2012 campaign is facing a backlash of criticism about everything from its financial statements to its push for military intervention by the American government.

Critics are also calling the campaign classic 'slacktivism.'

Slacktivism use only the most convenient tools to push their agenda: they 'like' Facebook pages to end deforestation, they buy TOMS Shoes because the company matches each purchase with a donated pair to children in need and now they watch YouTube videos to capture African warlords.

Mike Hudema, Greenpeace climate and energy campaigner, said Facebook is "not the best vehicle for social change." Hudema wrote the book *An Action a Day Keeps Global Capitalism Away* and is known for his activist exploits, including a 2009 ascent onto the roof of the Parliament Building in Ottawa to post a banner that read "Harper/ Ignatieff: Climate Inaction Costs Lives." He said he sees online petitions and social media platforms as tools to support more directly engaged actions.

Hudema said the term "slacktivism" doesn't really resonate with him. "There's a lot of things within our society that teach us not to participate and actually discourage us from participating," he said, pointing to political systems that only seek engagement during election periods, and school systems that teach how bills are made law without teaching how to change laws people disagree with.

"When you couple all that together, I think it's fairly understandable why people don't get involved or why people just get involved through online actions, or just through more passive forms of participation, and it's going to take a lot to overcome that."

Hudema said he has concerns about the Kony 2012 campaign's lack of input from Ugandans. That's something slacktivists and activists alike should be aware of, he said, because local involvement makes a campaign stronger.

Hudema said one of his best actions — a 217-person march on Parliament Hill — was strong because it included people from the tar sands region. "The first line that actually risked arrest was directly-impacted community members walking hand-in-hand with union leaders, walking hand-in-hand with social justice and environmental leaders."

Kent Schroeder, Humber's international project director, has over 15 years experience working in the international development field. He said the jury's still out on the impact of social media-based slacktivism — but in the case of Kony 2012, it has achieved some success.

"On the one hand, [it] seems that it's not a particularly effective way to go about engaging in advocacy," he said. "(But) the (U.S.) Senate just introduced a resolution condemning Kony and ... the African Union now has sort of beefed up its hunt for Kony and they've increased the military force that's going after him..."

"I think that's all a direct result of that video that was on YouTube," Schroeder said.

"We're continuously given easy ways to get engaged rather than engaging in a way that's actually going to make change," said Alex Fox, a fourth-year student at Ryerson University who was president of the university's chapter of Engineers Without Borders and worked in Ghana last summer with the NGO.

In Ghana, Fox partnered with small-scale tailors and local fashion designers as they tried to get better access to the international market. During that time, she saw how slacktivist actions like donating old clothing end up hurting the people they're trying to help.

"Basically, if you look at this scenario where there's a tailor who works in the market and works all day to make clothing and sell it or sell fabric, and there's a table next to him where clothing is being given away for free or being sold for 50 cents ... people in that community are going to buy what's cheaper," she said.

The same situation applies to TOMS Shoes and donated food, Fox said: free goods put local people out of business and harm the local economy.

Fox said misguided action — which she said includes Kony 2012's request for American troops to seize Joseph Kony — is not always better than taking no action, and encourages people to learn more before getting involved.

"I think the best thing that someone who's inspired by Kony [the viral video] can do is go read about Uganda, go read about [his] Lord's Resistance Army," she said.

Fox said she is trying to encourage people to think in-depth about social justice issues with a documentary and a new website, thecomplexity-project.com, but she doesn't want her video to go viral in the same way Kony 2012 swept across the Internet.



"I want everyone to be embracing this complexity, but not because it's cool," Fox said. "I want it to go wide, but that needs to happen slowly."

Hudema sees the role of social justice organizers as encouraging people to become actively involved in their causes beyond the online realm.

"If you look at some organizations like 350.org, that really started as an online presence but then encouraged people in their local communities," he said. "It started with just local awareness events and then grew to massive civil disobedience events last year against the Keystone XL pipeline where you had a record number of people getting arrested and willing to risk arrest to push for the future that they want."

For those unwilling to risk arrest, Hudema said sites like Facebook and Twitter are another route to show solidarity.

"Even somebody clicking a like button is a step in the right direction. Hopefully we'll take more steps as we go along, but I don't think we should ever condemn people's lack of participation."



Where angst meets fire: The chemistry of a riot



ERIN EATON
News Reporter

London, Ont., joined the rioting ranks of Vancouver and Athens last month when St. Patrick's Day celebrations turned into a night of destructive revelry by over 1,000 participants. The group pelted police and firefighters with bricks and bottles, set a CTV news truck ablaze, and destroyed many fences and private property in the area, said police. Although no one was seriously injured, the large mob caused over \$100,000 damage—largely

blamed on excessive alcohol consumption and youthful idiocy. But what provokes such violent conduct?

Peter Ochs, an observer at last year's Stanley Cup riot, said emotion and contagious violence contributed to the Vancouver uprising which caught local police unprepared and sent shock waves across Canada.

"People were so invested in this huge playoff run that all comes down to one final game. When their team lost, they felt that," he said. "But what really brings you to that extent—to lash out like that?"

Sociologist John McLevey at McMaster University in Hamilton said emotion has become a common explanation for why people become involved in group movements such as riots. The key point, he said, is how emotion in groups affects individual decisions. "The emotional energy that comes along with protest (or other types of collective action) is also used to explain why people make seemingly irrational sacrifices." Such decisions, McLevey said, "are not made in the style of cost-benefit analysis." The irresistible pull of the crowd has been known

to lure bystanders. Psychological research frequently suggests that individual behaviour is heavily influenced by the actions of others.

Ochs said he observed a striking example of this at last summer's Stanley Cup riot.

"Wandering around you would occasionally come across this group of people sprinting down the street. People would instinctively join in, assuming they were running from something, but soon you'd see that there was nothing to run from, so people would drop back from that group as they realized this."

Ochs said curiosity got the better of him at the beginning of the riot—a rookie mistake that further encouraged the ring-leaders. "If you don't have so many people providing an audience for those who were doing an illicit act, then you wouldn't be fuelling them so much. Any time you take a picture of someone flipping a car, breaking windows or looting—you're just adding fuel to the fire. The bigger the crowd, the more anonymous people feel—the more they get into it," he said.

Dr. Frederic Boy of Cardiff University's Brain Imaging Research Imaging Centre has conducted neurological research that has been widely connected in the media with rioting. His most recent study observes the concentration of a neurotransmitter called GABA. People who have lower levels of GABA are reported to act more impulsively in response to strong urges or emotions. The study's media release coincided with riots in the U.K, thus widespread connections between neurology and riots were born.

Although impulsivity, violence and alcoholism are common traits of rioting and largely align with the university's research findings, Boy said there is much more to rioting than science can explain. "Maybe it's true that impulsivity is related somewhat, but rioting has multi-

factorial causes," Boy said.

Evidence suggests that a lack of GABA is linked to alcoholism and drug use—which is also strongly linked to rioting. However, one does not directly cause the other, said Boy. "It's known that impulsive people drink more. But impulsivity is about everything we consume. You can be impulsively violent, an impulsive buyer, or an impulsive drinker—anything. Of course, impulsivity and alcoholism are intrinsically linked—but everything in the system is linked."

Resistance to authority may be another link in the complex rioting chain. At Montreal's ongoing tuition fee protests, students greeted with a stern police presence reacted more negatively than when left alone, said David Lacalamita, a student at McGill University.

"When protestors had taken over a stretch on Sherbrooke (Street), they were about to face a platoon of riot police. I watched them move pieces of a large metal fence to separate themselves from the police. It was quite the showdown, but the protestors didn't seem violent until the police decided they wanted to move them," said Lacalamita.

A press release from the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal said the force respects the right to demonstrate but noted that the right "may only be exercised as long as it does not infringe on the security of the public or police officers... If infractions of acts of violence are committed, the demonstration is considered illegal and the SPVM will intervene to end it." The Vancouver riot was havoc from the beginning, and Ochs said he suspected some rioters thrived off the opportunity to challenge the police. "When the police started throwing tear gas, that pushed away a lot of the crowd but also brought in a more militant crowd—those who were sort of looking for that stand-off, or a chance to defy authority."



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Rioters in Vancouver flip and burn vehicles after the Vancouver Canucks lost game seven of the Stanley Cup finals.

Canada needs protest passion

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In the 1960s, the United States was in the throes of the greatest social unrest in its modern history, with campus turmoil across the country to demand civil rights for blacks, protest war and call established power to account. In France, students and workers were in a state of mass revolt against their government. One academic of our acquaintance who had visited scenes of protest in both countries recalled arriving at Queen's University in Kingston and being immediately struck by how the campus was a state of "student rest."

English Canada does not have a fire in its belly to affect social and political change. There is nothing eruptive there,

At best, there may be some mild indigestion resulting from unpopular decisions by our government. We are more likely to let it roll off our collective backs than take to the streets in outrage. For better or worse, we really are 'nice.'

It could be said it is hard to find any indication that Canada cares that much about its own interests – at least in comparison to other nations.

This is not to say that public demonstrations wreaking havoc, and shutting down big cities is mandatory behaviour. Violence is not an answer. There are times when cooler heads should lead and that is an area where we (more or less) succeed – notwithstanding such incidents as the presence of some outside agitators that turned Toronto's G20 gathering into a scene of mayhem. No, this is more about searching for a pulse within English Canada.

Every once in a while, something

comes along to highlight this fact, and the recent announcement of the federal budget is one of those moments.

In last Thursday's budget speech, minister of finance Jim Flaherty decreed that pension reform is coming, with the government moving the point at which one can obtain Old Age Security from 65 to 67. In 2010, the French people, facing the exact same proposal, staged protests nationwide for two months in opposition to this very notion. Some of the organized rallies reached upwards of 25,000 people, based on news reports. People of all ages built barriers, both physical and human, around schools, museums, and other public institutions and tourist destinations to show their disapproval and disrupt French society.

Over two years of pension reform they made more of a stand than Canadians have in decades.

Here in Canada, the response to the budget in our public discourse is pining over the demise of the penny. The loss of the penny will be a big change – no pun intended – but we are not even the first nation to make this decision. Also, it's just not as important as something being introduced to ensure our pension will still be there by the time we are ready to use it. Just the fact it might not be there is worth some discussion.

Where have we shown dedication to hold our government accountable? Yes, people in Canadian cities piggybacked on the Occupy movement last year – it became an international movement, an uprising from the lesser classes, so

even if Canada was not as badly off as its neighbours to the south it still served a purpose here as well. But there are enough decisions and controversies to react to here on Canadian soil.

We haven't lacked for examples from elsewhere. People worldwide have been floored by the Arab Spring, with one North African nation after the next standing up against oppressive regimes. The Iranian and more recently the Russian people rose up in a show of force against electoral fraud perpetrated by their respective governments. The British people reacted intensely last year over the racially charged killing of a black youth by a police officer.

In contrast, the world beyond Canada was taken aback by the rioting that took place after the Vancouver Canucks lost the seventh game of the Stanley Cup Finals last year. What was at issue?

Canada has had incidents worthy of a mass public outcry yet for the most part the scandals are media driven, the average person quick to lose interest.

Whoever stands behind the current robocall scandal, for example, may have subverted to some unknown extent the Canadian electoral system. It was recently announced that a Vancouver police officer will not be charged for shooting a mentally challenged man five years ago to death.

In the Bev Oda affair, Oda or someone close to the situation, was facing claims of doctoring official documents and possibly lying to Parliament about it. Vic Toews recently came out and said Canadians can either stand with an in-

trusive Internet anti-piracy bill or with child pornographers. And on Tuesday the government was scolded by the auditor general over misleading the F-35 fighter jets tendering process.

Protests formed in Canada of a couple hundred people here and there, but were not widespread.

The current Canadian uprising is found in Quebec. The news of Quebec students protesting a potential tuition hike has been widely broadcast for months. Students flocked out of schools, shutting down institutions in Montreal, blocking the downtown cores of cities.

But even then the reaction from their English brethren appears to be one of 'count your blessings.' The reason for this is that even after the increase, Quebec students will still have the cheapest tuition: \$3,793 per year for full-time students. Even though any tuition increase is a bad thing, the rest of Canada is not showing much support at all.

Canada just isn't a hotbed of unrest. We have it good here and it seems we all know it. There is a deep brewing passion, however, and there are bound to be times when that can be brought forth. With our apathetic tendencies, any action that takes place would be resounding and dramatic.

Who knows, maybe that's been the plan all along, to lull the government to sleep until something comes along that really grinds our gears. But who knows how large that provocation will have to be to generate that reaction. It's quite possible that nobody knows.

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Do you think English-Canadians, especially in Ontario, should be more politically active and demonstrative?



You don't necessarily have to take it to the street and demonstrate even though it might be a peaceful demonstration. There are other ways.

Matt Clark, 26
First-year tourism management

I guess protests are, in a way, good because they create more of a media stir so it brings more awareness to the subject and people can then gain more knowledge.

Alysha Tobias, 19
Second-year interior design



I think the only people that participate are the ones who are connected – when it affects them personally. I think we should participate.

Anab Barre, 20
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CARTOON BY RYAN BRISTLON
How much money is too much when it comes to a losing Leafs team?

Beyond the screen's counterfeit solace



RUTH VAN DYKEN
Art Director

It's 12:58 a.m. Tonight's party was good fun, lots of laughs, but I'm feeling a little lonely now and Facebook's blue

glow is calming. *Amy is sick to death of studying, fighting continues in Syria and Jimmy is having lasagna.*

There's a knock at my door – it's my older brother Matt. He wants to talk. Again. Can't he tell I'm busy? He leaves; I clue into that lost look in his eyes.

Julia is out of skittles and that's sad. Plane crash in Siberia killed 31 people and Heather likes kittens.

If I'm honest, that's how some of my nights drag into the wee hours. That dull loneliness, that need for more solid interaction – but I've turned away the living, caring Matt for the dope of Facebook.

Not that Facebook is our only recourse: society is loaded with counterfeit pleasures. We want adventure and turn to *Survivor*. "Hockey" means not a rousing match at the community rink but an evening spent slouching on the couch. We need understanding and

post our deepest, most personal feelings on our wall.

It's not just with technology, although technology plays a huge role in it. We need love, we long for that meaningful companionship and utter delight in our beloved. But we need it now and shucks, that late-night pickup at the bar is just too easy. We need worth and take a trip to the spa. When the bottom falls out of life, we look for meaning. So we toss a 20 dollar bill at the nearest charity and click "like" on Kony2012. Meaning in life, check. Joy? I've got an app for that.

I used to clock into work each Monday to find the same old conversation happening as regularly as that dreaded day itself: "What did you do over the weekend?" says one guy. Other guy thinks a moment. "Man, I was so drunk I can't remember!" Laughter. "Those are the best kinds of weekends, aren't

they!" Really? Life's best moments happen while the mind is so blown that it has lost connection with life itself?

C.S. Lewis says it poignantly in *The Weight of Glory*: "We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased."

It's something to think about, especially as we break for the summer or graduate. Mass culture hammers its young people into the mold of the Canadian dream. We're expected to raise a little hell before settling into a career. We're told we can't do better than to become that business tycoon who has a gorgeous house, spouse and vacation. As for having kids, they're optional (but take it from those "who know," you

get all the love and none of the drama with a dog!). They live for their jobs or party-it-up weekends, but like Lester in *American Beauty*, the bankruptcy of the dream is discovered after life's best years are spent.

Don't we want more? Like the young engineer I know who left his lucrative job to serve the impoverished in a drug-embattled Mexican city, the parents who sacrifice career goals to be there for their kids, or like Bill who lives the "Canadian dream" during the day and spends many evenings with mentally-disabled people, can we reach beyond ourselves for more?

Perhaps then we'll discover lasting significance beyond these counterfeit pleasures.

Found love, meaning and joy today with Grandma. How's that for a status update?

War on used video games costs us



ALEXANDER LEACH
Online Editor

Remember video game rentals? I don't know if people still do it, but as

a kid, I would go down to rental stores and pick out a game for the weekend for around \$3-5; far cheaper than the \$50 it took to buy a game to own.

Think about how much of that money goes to the developers and publishers of the game. Probably none, actually, since stores own the games in question. They're loaning them out for a bit of cash. There's nothing saying they have to do anything but buy the game from the company.

Used games definitely work like this. According to profit and sales figures for retail chain GameStop in 2011, linked by *Penny Arcade Report*, GameStop makes much of its revenue (42 per cent) from selling used games. This is interesting because actual used game sales don't amount to as many sales as new games – not quite twice as many new sales to used sales, but close. Retailers

like GameStop get a percentage, but the real money is in used games sold to them by customers for a fraction of the initial cost, then repackaged and sold at a lower price than the new game.

GameStop and other companies know this. They attempt to sell used games whenever they can, for this very reason. Best Buy even exalts the virtues of buying used games on a company-linked website: "When people come in to trade their games, a high percentage of them use that credit towards a new release or towards a reservation for an upcoming title. The ads in Best Buy's flyers even promote using trade-in credit towards upcoming releases." But I'm skeptical about the premise that used-game trade-ins generate more new-game sales; used games can come in very quickly after release date.

Publishers don't think used game

sales benefit them. With the rising trends of downloadable content (DLC), they're finding ways to limit used games – news site Kotaku's rumours of Xbox 720's that would block the use of used games, for instance, and game publisher Electronic Arts using its online passes to lock out DLC and features for used games.

Developers hate used games, too. Last May, Lionhead designer Mike West went as far as to tell games media that "second-hand sales cost us more in the long-run than piracy these days". It's less money for developers, and they're already beholden to publishers for all the financing to make their games.

In the end, it's all for the gamer's money, which leaves gamers in a bit of a fix since added DLC will only raise the cost of games even higher than it is.

A new game, at launch, retails at

roughly \$70. Sometimes you can get a bonus for preordering, but it's not likely. DLC typically adds \$10 in cost on top of that, usually in multiples, and MMOs (massive multiplayer online games) have subscription fees. What's worse, used games still have to buy these add-ons, or subscriptions, if they'll even work at all. Costs pile up, which is precisely why used games and rentals have been so popular. Soon enough, if online passes have the publishers' desired effect, that'll be wiped out, too.

The solution seems to be waiting six months or more for the game to drop in price and just avoid spoilers until then. Prices drop a lot after half a year, if you don't mind being late to the party. This may have issues for the game economy, but when you've got two sides fighting a war for who gets your money, you're best to just wait it out and shop around.

Leafs fans: the answer resides in Ottawa



RYAN BRISTLON
OpEd Editor

49-33-3-5 – this is the all-time regular season record for the Ottawa Senators when facing the Toronto Maple Leafs. That's a .598 winning percentage.

Add to this one conference championship and one President's Trophy win post 2000-'01 compared to Toronto's zero and zero. Post 2000-01, the Senators have also tallied 3 division championships and appeared in the playoffs eight times (and clinched their eighth post-season trip earlier this week) – making the Stanley Cup finals once. The Leafs, during the same period of time, landed no division championships and have made the playoffs only four times – never appearing in the finals.

So, statistically, Ottawa has a better team. Yet, the majority of Ontario hockey fans are still bleeding blue and white. The Ottawa Senators have seen far more success in recent years than their Ontario rivals yet these successes fail to resonate with the province's population. Anyone who has spoken to a Leafs' fan knows changing loyalties has never been an option.

But could this season prove to be

the final straw for, at least, a handful of Maple Leafs' fans? The "Fire Wilson," demanding the ouster of the team's coach, and "Let's go, Blue Jays" chants within the Air Canada Centre over the last month sure make it seem that way.

Post-expansion (and I'm talking about the original-six expansion), the Toronto Maple Leafs are the only original-six team to not make the Cup finals. In the post-lockout era (2004-'05), the Leafs and the Florida Panthers are the only teams not to make the playoffs (Florida currently sits in third in the Eastern conference).

The Leafs started this season in first place and now sit in the second-last spot in the Eastern conference. They fired their head coach and kept losing. On Feb. 6, the Leafs were in sixth place in the East. Since Feb. 7, the Leafs' record is 5-16-3. They are twenty-eighth in the league in goals against and twenty-ninth in penalty killing.

To boot, the average cost of a ticket to a Maple Leafs' home game at the ACC is the highest, not only in Canada, but within the entire league with an average of US\$114 per ticket according to the most recent franchise valuations by *Forbes*. The organization also played with the idea of increasing ticket prices for next season – raising the average ticket cost to \$123. The Ottawa Senators have the lowest ticket prices of all Canadian teams – a \$56 average per ticket.

So, Ontario Leafs' fans – what the H-E-double hockey sticks?

I understand the loyalties involved in professional sport. I've taken heat for years cheering for non-Leafs teams. But, isn't Phaneuf enough (pun intended)? How can fans continuously pay ridiculous prices to watch ridiculous hockey? I'm a fan of good hockey, and missing the playoffs seven years in a row is not good hockey.

The Leafs' nation is in need of a rev-

olution. They are so blatantly taken advantage of by owner Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment, who happily take fans' money while giving them nothing in return. I can't blame them, though. If the Toronto population is willing to pay an arm and a leg for tickets, then why not charge accordingly?

Ontario hockey fans need to start looking at the other NHL option in their province. They need to realize that nothing is going to change if they just sit back and allow themselves to be abused in this fashion by the powers that be at MLSE. They're disrespected by their own organization. They've been going down with the ship long enough and it's time to grab a hold of a life raft. After this, I can't even sympathize anymore. I jumped ship to Ottawa when Darcy Tucker rolled into town a dozen years ago, and I haven't looked back since.

You have options. It's still Ontario. It's still Canada. It's still hockey.

Prisoner of Tehran comes to stage



COURTESY CHRISTINA de JONG
Play director Maja Ardal.

SHARON TINDYEBWA
A&E Reporter

Prisoner of Tehran, published in 2007, tells the story of Marina Nemat who, at 16, was imprisoned in Iran's infamous Evin prison.

Five years later, Nemat's harrowing tale has been adapted for the stage by Maja Ardal who teaches in Humber's theatre performance program.

"I thought it was brave – such a risky thing to do, to adapt a living memoir of a living person," said Ardal about her desire to turn *Prisoner of Tehran* into a play.

Ardal said she read the book while she was interim artistic director of Toronto's Nightwood Theatre and was interested in bringing it to the stage.

Ardal approached Nemat who gave her permission to adapt the book as long as "no one was turned into a villain."

Ardal wrote the script with input from Nemat and then began to workshop the play with a cast.

There are three actors in the play – two women and one man – with one of the women playing seven different characters.

Both of the actresses graduated from Humber's theatre program in 2010.

Iranian-born Bahareh Yaraghi, who plays Marina, said she identified with her character right away.

"I probably read [the book] in two or three days, I was so in love with it," she said. "Simply because I knew where

she was coming from. The streets that she spoke of – I know them. It is my history. All I could think was this could have been me, this could have been my mother."

Nemat has continued to be involved with the play, attending rehearsals and offering advice.

"It has been phenomenal," said Yaraghi about having Nemat around during rehearsals. "She is an incredibly giving person. Right from the start she said, 'This is no longer my story, this is your story,' to all the actors."

Mirian Katrib, who plays the seven other women, said she had not read the book when Ardal approached her, but fell in love with it as soon as she did.

"I thought it was a completely compelling story. I couldn't put it down,"

she said. "I could see the characters and I just knew exactly how someone could adapt this for the stage."

All male characters are played by Palestinian-born Razi Shawahdeh, who moved to Toronto in 2007.

"Ravi is wonderful; he's versatile," Ardal said.

Ardal said that she wants people who attend the play to remember it is a memoir.

"I would like them to feel the politics of the play, but I would also like them to feel the inspiration of Marina herself – her poetic imagination and her wonderful passion of life itself."

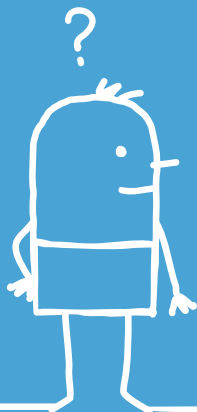
Prisoner of Tehran will run from April 10 to April 18 at Theatre Passe Muraille in Toronto.

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COURTESY OF ALEX BROWNE
The Toronto band is ready to rock the Tranzac Club tonight with their sports themed heavy-metal rock-opera.

Rocking out with Vince Lombardi

NEETU THIND
A&E Reporter

The Vince Lombardi band is ready to blow away the crowd at their CD release party for *Gameface* tonight.

The band will bring their rock-opera show to the downtown Tranzac Club.

"It's going to be the first time you can see us in a venue that can accommodate what we're trying to do. It's the closest we will get to giving the crowd the full Vince Lombardi experience," said band member and narrator of the show, Lucas Gadke, 24.

The group is comprised of Humber grads Ryan Spratt, Mike Simpson, Lucas Gadke, Josh Patrick and Darryl Poulsen.

Gameface, their debut CD will feature the band's signature style of high-energy rock music with a comedic twist, said lead singer Spratt.

The band ties all these elements together in a lively rock-opera performance centered on football, he said.

A \$10 ticket will transport the audience back to high school to experience Jimmy Banks'

struggle to be part of a football team led by a maniacal coach.

With props, a narrator, sports and comedy, Vince Lombardi creates a memorable performance, fans said.

"They put on a hilarious show," said professional vocalist Leah Canali, 28.

She describes the style of music as a mix between Tenacious D, Metallica and Jay-Z with a touch of '80s rock.

"Describing it doesn't do it justice. You really have to see it to believe it," she said.

"It's rare to find musicians who are this funny. It's even rarer to find comedians that are this good at music," said fan and Humber grad Matt Giffin, 24.

Creating high-quality music is a big priority for the band Spratt said.

"We want to maintain a good level of musicianship while having funny songs so we don't compromise one over the other."

Tickets for the show will be available at the doors.

More information and free downloads of Vince Lombardi can be found on their Facebook page and website vincelombardi.bandcamp.com.

THIS WEEK

BY: SARAH HORWATH

THURS 5	Back to the 90's @LinX Lounge TIME: 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ Sandro plays all the hits from the 90's for you to rock out to with your Doc Martens.	FRI 6	Good Friday @All across the world Humber College is closed for the day, a respite for students before exams hit.	SAT 7	Ten Second Epic w/ the Dangerous Summer & Brighter Brightest @Annex Wreckroom TIME: 6 p.m. Check out this rock/pop band perform for their Canadian tour.	SUN 8	Easter Sunday @All across the world Celebrants may collect yummy chocolate eggs, Easter bunnies and fluff those adorable little tails.	MON 9	Dev w/ Outasight and Wynter Gordon @Virgin Mobile Mod Club TIME: 8 p.m. This rap and hip-hop artist performs for all ages with special guests.	TUES 10	TOMS 5th annual One Day Without Shoes @Yonge-Dundas Square TIME: 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. TOMS raises awareness about how a pair of shoes can impact a child's life.	WED 11	Slowdown then Hoedown @Lakeshore, K building TIME: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wear cowboy boots for a wild western good time with chili, snacks, cool refreshments and prizes.
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Opens tomorrow in Toronto

Bully documentary raises rating battle

SARAH RIX
A&E Reporter

A storm has been brewing in Hollywood between the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) and The Weinstein Company (TWC) over a recent movie rating.

Bully, a documentary film chronicling the experience of some bullied students in American schools and parents that lost children to bullying-related suicide, opened in New York and Los Angeles last Friday, but not without controversy.

The movie received an R rating from the MPAA - the organization responsible for evaluating films in the United States - because it reportedly contains six instances of the F-word. Harvey Weinstein, co-founder of TWC, was quick to point out that *The Hunger Games*, a film that shows teenagers competing in a fight to the death, received a rating of PG-13.

"It's criminal that they're not allowing (*Bully*) to be a more active part of the conversation," said Michael Glassbourg, Humber's film and television program co-ordinator and a documentary filmmaker. "I'm sure these people on the MPAA swear. It's a really weird, antiquated system."

The R rating means those under the age of 17 would need to be accompa-

nied by a parent or guardian.

"Kids probably hear that stuff more times in a day than they would in that movie," said Alyssa Wilhite, an early childhood education student at Texas A&M University in San Antonio, Texas who went through the United States public school system. "I think they're able to understand, especially with the context as well."

Four days before the film's limited release, TWC announced it would go against the MPAA and release *Bully* without a rating. Individual U.S. cinemas will decide whether to show *Bully* because even though submission to the MPAA is voluntary, some theatres refuse to play those without a rating.

In a written statement, *Bully* director Lee Hirsch said: "The small amount of language in the film that's responsible for the R rating is there because it's real. It's what the children who are victims of bullying face on most days... I know the kids will come, so it's up to the theatres to let them in."

But the dispute between the MPAA and *Bully's* distributor has also helped the film with publicity. With media attention and buzz surrounding the rating disagreement, it's the type of press many documentary films crave.

"So many great documentaries are made that don't get seen," said Glassbourg. "If this rating creates the contro-



COURTESY OF THE WEINSTEIN COMPANY
Alex Libby is one of the students whose year at school is documented in *Bully*, subject of a ratings controversy in the U.S.

versy that will allow the film to be seen and heard, then that's a good thing."

André Schutten, Ontario director and legal counsel for the Association for Reformed Political Action Canada, said he thinks it is not necessarily the government's responsibility to draw attention to and deal with bullying, but society as a whole.

"Bullying, no matter how many laws you pass, is going to be a reality

in schools," he said. "The proper way to deal with it is not from the top down and issuing laws, but rather it has to come through society."

"I would rather see parental groups, school boards and teachers given the authority to deal with bullying on a case-by-case basis," said Schutten.

Some critics say bullying has been a long-standing problem for schools without proper structures in place to

deal with the situation.

"I think more needs to be done," said Wilhite. "I think the schools really need to work on conflict management, teaching tolerance and implementing it in classrooms, even at the younger ages, because I think that's where it really starts."

In Ontario, where the film received a PG rating from the Ontario Film Review Board, *Bully* opens tomorrow.

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Student photos in Ubiquity exhibit hit coveted Queen St. West display

LISA GILLAN
A&E Reporter

Final year students in Humber's creative photography program are unveiling their work at Ubiquity, a Queen Street West show that will give them a coveted opportunity for profile.

"This is a bit of a downtown presence for them that's hard to get otherwise," said David Scott, Humber photography instructor running the show.

"Downtown people interested in art can just nip along to Twist Gallery on Queen Street West and see what this next generation of photographers is thinking about," he said.

Ubiquity runs until April 27.

It features one to three original pieces from each final year photographer in the program.

"If they have more than one piece, there

should be something that holds their series together," Scott said.

Eric Campbell, 20, is one of the students who was chosen to show a group of pictures.

His contribution, three images of roses, has undergone a complicated development process involving bleaching with baking soda and staining with French vanilla coffee.

"If someone were to buy the image and smell it, you would smell French vanilla," he said.

Denver Rodrigues, 24, is also showing three pieces.

"It's photojournalistic and these are from India because I'm an international student. So I brought these pictures here and it's street photography," he said.

Scott said the students helped put the month long show together in different ways.

"They're responsible for framing their own work," he said. "So they do the matting, the framing, then a few of them volunteered to do publicity."

"I think we sold about 30 [pieces] last year, which was quite a good volume for a gallery sale," he said.

Adrian Boxall, 23, another participating final year photography student, said he's happy to have the opportunity to see the work of his peers.

"It's also a good closure to the year," he said.

Boxall said the skills he's picked up through Humber's program involve more than just taking pictures.

"I've learned how to protect myself in the business world. That's probably one of the best things I got out of here."



COURTESY OF BODI BOLD
Beaverton editor Noonan shares a laugh with readers.

Canadian satirical newspaper launches

KATLYN FLEDDERUS
Senior Reporter

Former Humber students have brought satirical news to Canada with the print launch of their publication *The Beaverton*.

Editors-in-chief and graduates from the stand-up comedy program at Humber, Laurent Noonan and Niv Sidhu decided their humour should be shared in a parody publication modeled after the well-known U.S. satirical newspaper *The Onion*.

"[*The Onion*] is an American publication and the idea was that Canada should have one," said Noonan. "We model our style after *The Onion* but we focus on Canadian humour."

The duo started a free online edition nearly two years ago, but only last September did Noonan and his team begin circulating print issues at coffee shops, pizza places, The Comedy Bar and throughout the streets of Toronto. They've printed only two issues since 2010, so the bulk of their content can be found online.

"At first it was just me walking around handing it out, but people were a bit scared of me," Noonan said. "But now, in the beaver outfit, people come up to me so that's pretty fun."

Noonan's team consists of comedians and writers that he has met over the years through Humber's stand-up course, improv course, or job postings he has put up on college websites. The content for the paper is entirely fabricated, angled for the best possible comedic outcome.

According to Noonan, coming up with stories is the best part of the publication process.

"Every week we'll meet with all the different writers and we'll pitch headlines to each other," said Noonan. "Everyone pitches 10 headlines and then we choose the best from the set." Out of a list of 100 stories, Noonan said they end up publishing five or six.

Humber business student Abhinandan Arora is an intern for *The Beaverton* and said he thoroughly enjoys working for both the publication and Laurent, as it keeps him busy.

"[Laurent] is good, he knows a lot of stuff. He's flexible too – let's us do our own comedy writing, so that's fun," said Arora.

Noonan said future plans include publishing a book collection of satirical articles they've logged on relationships and friendships. There's also been discussion about circulating the paper farther across Canada, and creating a style manual for contributors.

"A lot of people are contacting us and asking us about writing, but it's just not the same as a regular newspaper," said Noonan. "We try to mimic what a comedian [does] by being in front of an audience."

"What happens when you do a live comedy is you know what's funny by people laughing and how hard they laugh. So as writers, you don't get that by putting it on the website," said Noonan.

Larry Horowitz, former professor of *The Beaverton* editors, said he remembers both Laurent and Niv as adept humourists.

The Beaverton hopes to begin circulating at Humber, but with campus placement rights belonging to Street Box Media (Canada's largest distributor of free publications), Noonan said he's been having trouble getting *Beaverton* on school racks.

"We plan to make an outing to Humber before the end of the school term, though," said Noonan.

Although the publication has only printed twice, Noonan hopes to move towards a monthly publication once they have more resources.

The Beaverton can be read at www.thebeaverton.com.

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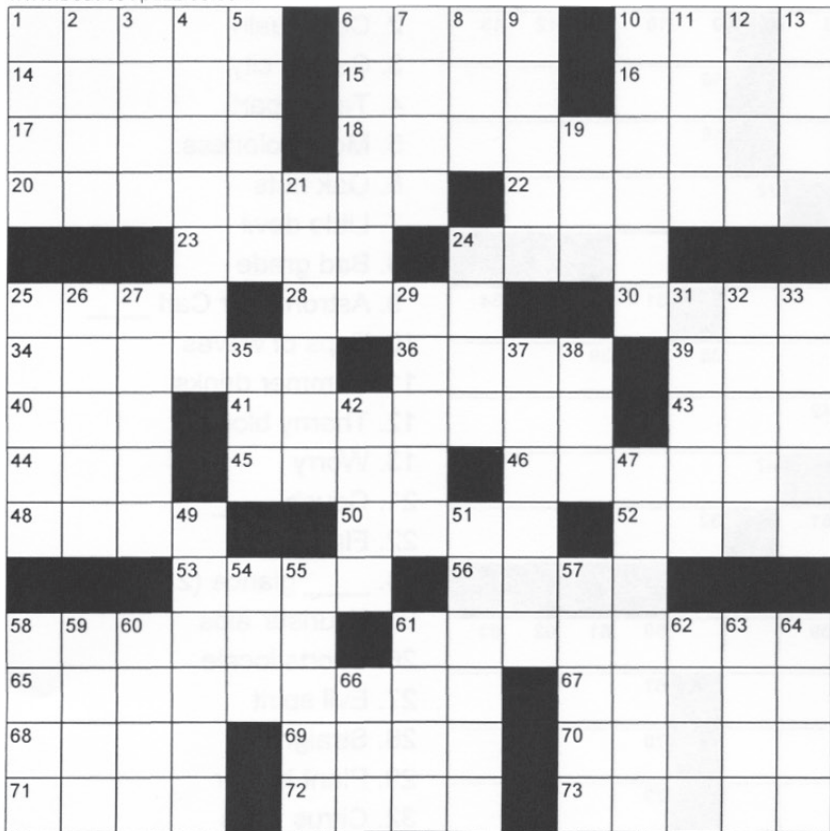


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- 20. Ragged
- 22. Diner patrons
- 23. Not closed
- 24. Detective's find
- 25. Norse god
- 28. "A ____ Is Born"
- 30. Chums
- 34. Move back
- 36. Greater
- 39. Director ____ Brooks
- 40. Dollar bill
- 41. Tempts

- 43. " ____ Got Sixpence"
- 44. ____ roll (2 wds.)
- 45. Astonish
- 46. Poked fun at
- 48. Window glass
- 50. Heavy twine
- 52. Employs
- 53. Borrowed money
- 56. Afflictions
- 58. Ate away
- 61. Kinship
- 65. Electricity source
- 67. Inclined
- 68. Obtains
- 69. Juicy fruit
- 70. From that time
- 71. Vegas machine
- 72. Not wild
- 73. Comforted

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- 7. Fine
- 8. Coffee server
- 9. Heavenly being
- 10. Foot part
- 11. Love excessively
- 12. Concluded
- 13. Boys
- 19. Water, to Jacques
- 21. Take offense at
- 24. Gator's kin
- 25. Scout unit
- 26. Hair dye
- 27. Atlantic or Pacific
- 29. ____ acid (protein component)
- 31. Wrong
- 32. River embankment
- 33. Winter toys
- 35. ____ Plains, Illinois
- 37. Relate again
- 38. Wind dir.
- 42. Rotate
- 47. Germany's neighbor
- 49. Most senior
- 51. Fashion's ____ Cardin
- 54. Above, poetically
- 55. Modify
- 57. Slight error
- 58. Omelet ingredients
- 59. Rod and ____
- 60. Upon
- 61. Ramble
- 62. Charged particles
- 63. " ____ upon a time..."
- 64. Destitution
- 66. ____ bag

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FEB.19- MAR.20

Laugh it off...no, seriously, just laugh it all off!



ARIES
MAR.21-APR.20

Sometimes smaller gestures are better to get the point across.



TAURUS
APR. 21- MAY 21

Your private life is YOUR private life, don't be afraid to lay down the law!



GEMINI
MAY 22- JUNE 21

Your new project is moving in the right direction. Keep it going forward this week.



CANCER
JUNE 22- JULY 23

Crabs don't weigh options, they pinch options in half! It is possible to overthink things this week.



LEO
JUL. 24- AUG.23

Winter is coming... metaphorically, spring is actually coming. But don't be surprised when something hits the fan this week!



VIRGO
AUG.24 -SEPT. 22

Forget about history, there's no future in it. New opportunities await - HUZZAH!



LIBRA
SEPT. 23- OCT.23

An avalanche starts with a single snowflake - don't let that jerk snowflake push you around anymore!



SCORPIO
OCT. 24-NOV.22

There's drama - EVERYWHERE! Don't get sucked in.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV. 23-DEC.21

You will learn something significant this week, but not without some prying.



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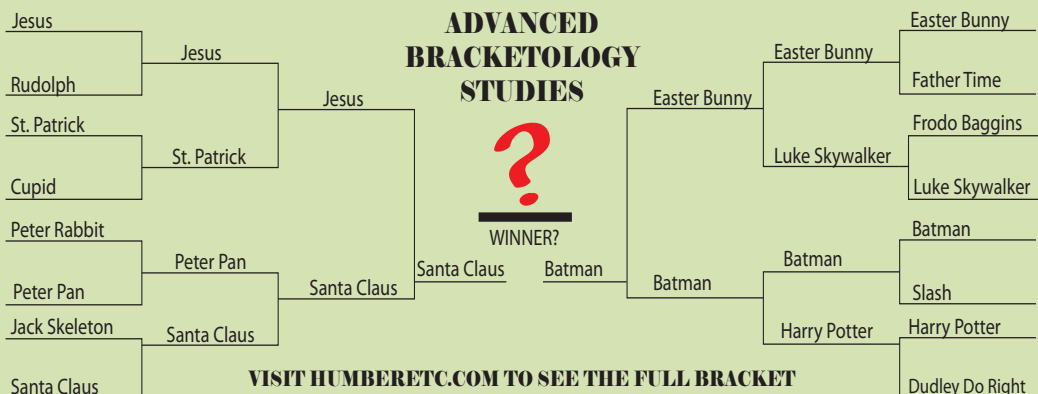
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Hawks Honour Roll

Male Athletes of the Year:
Adrian Cord – Men's Golf
Terrel Bramwell – Men's Volleyball

Female Athletes of the Year:
Vicky Siemon – Cross Country
Keyla Moreno – Women's Outdoor & Indoor Soccer

Hawk Heart:
Jessica O'Quinn
Roberto Galle
Aycha Hamaoui
Nate Le

Hawk Spirit:
Maria Christina De Rose
Jesse Bruce

Golf:
MVP: Mark Hoffman, Adrian Cord
Rookie: Ben Bell

Curling:
MVP: Laura Hickey
Rookie: Maria Christina De Rose

Cross Country:
MVP: Vicky Siemon,
Nathanial Green

Badminton:
MVP: Tracy Wong

Women's Fastball:
MVP: Jessica Quinn
Rookie: Shauna Niskanen

Men's Baseball:
MVP: Dylan Waterman,
Kris Muccilli

Women's Rugby:
MVP: Lindsey Bradbury
Rookie: Kelsey Bardy

Men's Rugby:
MVP: Phil Boone, Jason Chuck
Rookie: Curtis Lauzon

Women's Basketball:
MVP: Atissa Cronk
Rookie: Mary Asare

Men's Basketball:
MVP: Mark Perrin, Akeem Sween

Women's Soccer:
MVP: Keyla Moreno, Sonia Rocha
Rookie: Stefany Santos

Men's Soccer:
MVP: Peter Koumoulas,
Mario Orestano
Rookie: Augustin de Medina

Women's Volleyball:
MVP: Nina Carino
Rookie: Debrah Mitchell

Men's Volleyball:
MVP: Terrel Bramwell
Rookie: Cam Fletcher

Cheerleading:
MVP: Steven Dougherty
Rookie: Maddison Dombroski

Dance:
Rookie: Erika Sunstrum
Triple Threat: Tawnee Vandenbroek



PHOTO BY MATTHEW SMITH
The cross-country crew celebrate their awards at Humber College's 2012 Sports Banquet on March 31.

Athletic banquet honours top athletes after a stellar year for Humber teams

MATTHEW SMITH
Sports Reporter

With the OCAA season completed, the Westwood Arena banquet hall was glittered with glossy, shiny awards last weekend as Humber College's varsity athletes arrived in style for the school's 2012 athletic banquet on March 31.

Humber's varsity athletes had a golden year in 2011-12 as they won 17 OCAA provincial titles and four CCAA national titles, bringing their total to an impressive 21 gold wins.

Over 70 awards in total were given to individuals from each team, recognizing rookies of the year, MVP's and

coaches' picks.

After an extremely successful season winning almost every race she participated in, cross-country runner Vicky Siemon had her hands full, winning a total of five awards including a Female Athlete of the Year award. She was humbled with the honour.

"I wasn't expecting to get the Athlete of the Year award so I was really happy with that," said Siemon, 23, a final year post-graduate journalism student. "There were so many other great athletes at Humber, I didn't think that I deserved to win this award."

Siemon is looking forward to participating in summer track and field

with the University of Toronto track team.

Men's soccer goalkeeper Peter Koumoulas walked away with four awards himself, including the Athletic and Academic Achievement Award, OCAA top goalkeeper, MVP for men's soccer and the Academic and Athletic Excellence Award.

"I'm just glad we had a night like this," said Koumoulas, 25, a first-year civil engineering student. "It's a good accomplishment but it can't be about me since it's a team sport," he said. "But it's nice to be recognized."

Koumoulas plans to play with his club team in the summer so he can

keep in shape for a possible return to Humber in the fall.

His teammate, midfielder Roberto Galle, was one of the four recipients of the Hawk Heart Award, which is awarded to the athletes who overcome adversity or injury and who show the most dedication to their respective sport(s).

The 21-year old, second-year recreational and leisure student is also on the cross-country men's team. Galle will be keeping busy this summer by playing club soccer.

The next OCAA season begins in the fall, with a half-dozen teams set to kick off their seasons.



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The Ontario Volleyball Association welcomes summers by kicking off its beach competitions in May.

Trading gym for beach after volleyball gold

SASHA LINDSAY
Sports Reporter

Fresh off a gold medal win at Nationals, Humber Hawks' middle/right-side hitter Andre Brown is staying competitive by training daily in order to play volleyball for Team Canada.

This drive to perfect his already solid game enables Brown to transition smoothly to the grueling sport of beach volleyball in the Ontario Volleyball Association.

"There is a high level of performance since players from Canada's national beach volleyball team also play on OVA's beach tour, if they don't have other events," said Shawn McPhee, OVA manager of beach programs.

The OVA Beach tour is the only tour in Ontario and the largest of its kind in Canada. It starts at the end of May with events held in various cities including Toronto and Ottawa, with the championships scheduled to be played in Ashbridge's Bay on Toronto's lakeshore in August.

Beach volleyball offers things to players that indoor volleyball cannot according to Josh Nicol, the OVA's

beach program coordinator.

"Beach volleyball offers benefits to indoor players since it is more athlete-driven," said Nicol, also the head coach of the George Brown Huskies volleyball team. "Athletes can be more specific with what they want to accomplish. Players have more independence – they can choose when to be in competition mode, when to train and who to train with."

Brown echoed the sentiments, adding that playing outside is more physically taxing than playing indoors.

"I'm playing competitively and beach volleyball helps with passing and my vertical, since jumping and maneuvering on sand is harder than on a court," said Brown. "It's more tiring but I get a great cardio workout."

According to McPhee, the beach volleyball league provides a fun atmosphere along with seeing some of the most skilled volleyball players Ontario has to offer.

"There's music played during events," said McPhee. "You'll see some of the most talented athletes competing in one of the most challenging sports in the world."

Lacrosse club does not stick

JESSE THOMAS
Sports Reporter

Humber's campus recreation department purchased lacrosse nets and sticks with plans to develop a new lacrosse club last year, but a lack of interest cancelled the program before it could get started.

That experience left fitness and health promotion students James Buwalda, 22, and Justin Ramroop, 25, wanting more.

"I have always been looking for something to do with lacrosse on campus," said Buwalda. "I was excited when the idea was brought up, but it wasn't embraced by the students."

Buwalda said the main problem was a lack of promotion for the sport from campus recreation to the student body.

"There wasn't enough notice, except for a few posters in front of the gymnasium," he said.

Both students were hoping to combine their studies with athletics and said they feel they are missing out on that experience.

"I like the camaraderie of a team game like lacrosse," said Ramroop. "I like the physicality of the sport and I think it would be great to have a club on campus that people could belong to."

Club teams and recreation sports

are sometimes promoted to varsity sports if there's enough support behind them.

"Women's rugby began as an extramural sport and became a varsity team as well. Unless there is a strong population of people playing it, it is not likely to catch on as a college varsity sport," said Jim Bialek, manager of athletics and sports information director.

In order for lacrosse to become a varsity sport, Bialek said that interest would have to expand beyond the Greater Toronto Area.

"It might just be one of those sleepers like baseball where I didn't know there were any baseball players on campus until we ran it and then there were a million good players," said Athletics director Doug Fox.

Fox said the cost associated with running a varsity lacrosse team has a starting base level of \$20,000.

The Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association (CUFLA) is growing and there was a team at Fleming College which hoped to break into the league before it fell through due to a lack of support from the school.

"The team had some interest in playing some games but it didn't work out and they folded," said Ryan McGrath, commissioner of CUFLA.

McGrath said that colleges are accepted into the league through a representative vote, but no colleges have applied so far.

For Humber, Fox said the most likely way to introduce lacrosse to the school is via intramural teams, but he has no immediate plans to add the sport.

- With files from Jacob Gallo

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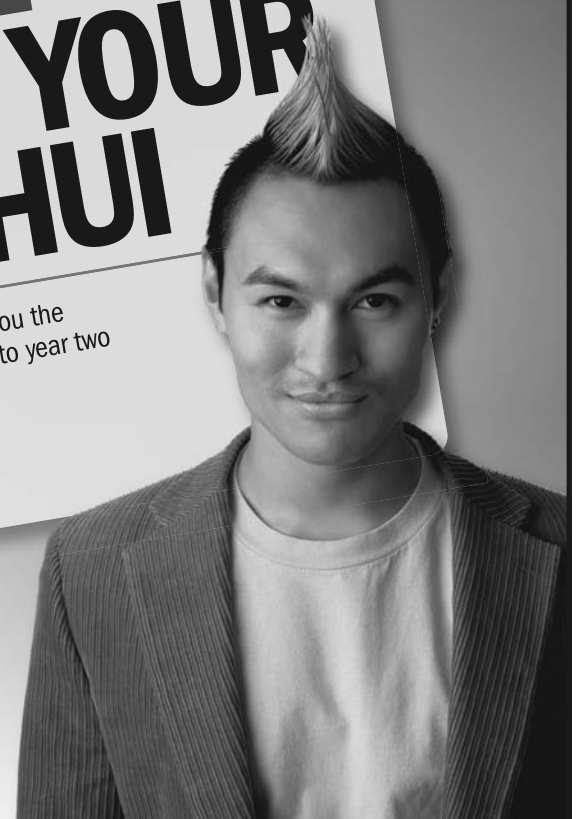
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Former athletes come back to school as Hawks coaches

SHANNON O'REILLY
Sports Reporter

Much of Humber's success in athletics rests in the hands of the coaches for each of the teams.

"The ability to bring back players who are great leaders and great players, and great citizens, can only bolster your program," said athletics manager and sports information director Jim Bialek.

"People have asked why Humber is so successful and the bottom line is we have great coaches and we have great coaching teams."

Every current Humber team has at least one former player on its coaching staff.

Current women's volleyball assistant coach Dean Wylie captained the men's volleyball team for two seasons beginning in 1993. He graduated from the recreation leadership program. After a brief time at Seneca, he returned to Humber as an assistant coach for the men's volleyball team a couple years

later in 1997 for nine seasons, before switching over to the women's team in 2005.

"There's no comparison to Humber College versus other colleges or universities around Ontario," said Wylie. "Anyone (who) comes in and is lucky enough to be part of it totally understands where we're at and what we're trying to accomplish as coaching staff

"The bottom line is we have great coaches."

-JIM BIALEK, SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

and as a team."

Bialek said many graduates, especially some of the five-year players, ask to come back in some kind of a coaching position.

"When their career is over, they

want to be part of it," said Bialek. "If they're going to be local, they're going to ask if there's an opportunity for them to be involved in the team"

Humber Varsity Hall of Famer Filomena Aprile was a triple athlete, playing indoor and outdoor soccer and basketball. She said she returned as an assistant coach to the women's soccer team after graduating in 2001 because she wanted to give back to the school.

"Humber had given me so much during my time there," said Aprile. "Athletics was just a family environment where, if you needed something, you had people around you to help."

While Aprile enjoys the new challenge of being bench boss, she said at first it was tough hanging up the cleats.

"When you first make that transition it's kind of

hard because you still want to play but eventually its gratifying and rewarding to be that mentor for the students and for the athletes," said Aprile. "To give back and help the future is worthwhile."



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Women's soccer assistant coach Filomena Aprile played for four years as a triple-sport athlete playing outdoor and indoor soccer and basketball.

Baseball holds open workouts to recruit potential athletes

ELTON HOBSON
Sports Reporter

With their second season behind them, the Humber Hawks men's baseball and women's fastball teams are both holding open workouts in the month of April.

The goal is to find baseball talent already walking the halls of the college.

"Humber baseball is still a very young program," said Jim Bialek, manager of athletics and sports and information manager. Bialek said in the first season, interest in the team was "more or less word of mouth, or if people checked our website out."

That is something the athletics department is hoping to change.

The team held an open workout last April, after their first OCAA season ended. The idea was to connect with Humber students interested in playing baseball or fastball, keeping an eye out for promising prospects, and show those interested where "the bar" was set for playing Hawks baseball.

"At last year's open workout, we found three guys who were on the team this year that didn't even know we had a baseball team," Bialek said.

Aside from panning for talent among current Humber students, the open workouts also serve to attract new players to Humber.

"We're looking for three things at the open workouts," said Denny Berni, head coach of the Hawks baseball team. "We're looking to bring our current players back, to ensure that they will play next year. We're trying to find any

Humber students that had no idea we even had a team and we're looking to recruit new players to come to Humber."

Part of that recruiting drive is reaching out to local baseball clubs. Approximately 40 clubs have been contacted this year with players of college-age who might be interested in coming to Humber.

"It's important to distinguish between an open workout and actual team tryouts. No decisions about the actual makeup of the team will be made at these open workouts," Berni said. "We're looking to see where the

general skill level is, to see where players are strong and where they might need work."

Interested Hawks can get a feel for where they're strong and where they need work, then polish those skills over the summer before actual team tryouts in the fall.

The men's baseball open workout is being held Thursday, April 12; the women's fastball workouts were held yesterday.

Interested Humber students should contact Jim Bialek at 416-675-6622x4539



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The Hawks women's fastball team played its inaugural season last year.



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The Humber Baseball and Fastball Open Workouts are designed to connect interested Humber students with a school varsity team.