



# Ontario college faculty get 3-year deal

## Teachers, counsellors and librarians vote 61 per cent in favour of new contract

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Humber College's faculty, counsellors and librarians voted in favour of a new contract on Tuesday that will largely mean labour stability

for the next three years at Ontario college campuses.

Ontario Public Service Employees Union Local 562, representing those staffing roles at Humber, said in a statement Tuesday evening that 36 per cent of eligible Humber em-

ployees turned out to vote; of those, 58 per cent voted in favour of the new contract which will see a salary increase of 1.2 per cent in the next year and 1.5 per cent and 1.8 per cent increases in the following years.

Teachers, counsellors and librarians from Ontario's 24 colleges, including Humber, voted 61 per cent in favour of

the new contract, OPSEU said in a statement.

The bargaining teams from OPSEU and the College Employer Council, the body in charge of negotiating on behalf of all colleges in Ontario, unanimously recommended the new contract for approval.

Despite the vote, OPSEU President Warren "Smokey" Thomas warned the govern-

ment that more improvements are needed.

"College Faculty have ratified this agreement, however the government can expect to hear more from OPSEU on the subject of post-secondary education," Thomas said in the statement.

Robinson also touted job security improvements and a letter of understanding that

prevents the contracting out of full time positions.

Even though the provincial OPSEU bargaining team recommended the new contract, OPSEU Local 562 sent out a memo on Sept. 16 to its members expressing several concerns with the proposed contract.

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Jazz instructors show their skill — pg. 8

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The Rex Jazz & Blues Bar played host to the Nth annual Humber Jazz Jam featuring numerous Humber School of Music faculty including (L-R) Joey Goldstien, Nick Morgan, Luiz Deniz and Mark Kelso.

## Students not getting informed about city election

### Campaign lacking on-campus events

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Students often study for weeks before an exam but most do not give a few minutes out of their day to vote in an election, let alone get informed about who is running for office and what they are proposing.

Torontonians have the opportunity on Oct. 27 to voice their opinions by choosing a councilor for their ward and a mayor for their city. These are decisions that affect transportation options, city cleaning and employment opportunities in Toronto.

"We are the future, there's no way around it," said Steven Mcinnis, a recent graduate of Guelph-Humber's Business Administration program now working on John Tory's campaign team. "What happens today is going to impact us down the road — 10, 15, 20 years from now."

The problem many students face, which impacts their ability to be educated and informed about a variety of candidates, is a lack of accessible information.

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## Polls open in first-ever HSF by-election

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For the first time in Humber Students' Federation history, Humber College students will vote between Sept. 26 and 30.

The election is the union's second attempt to elect a president to lead the student

organization from mid-October to April.

Last year students voted at the Annual General Meeting in April not to accept the results of a presidential election that was marred with controversy.

HSF is currently relying on its other executives;

vice-presidents Ahmed Tahir, Odin Von Doom, Candace Pellow and Dylan Rudder; for much of the presidential responsibilities.

"Our VPs have been doing a fantastic job over the summer, really working hard, especially without having the president," Chair of the

HSF Board of Directors Eric Collings said.

"Our constitution is pretty specific on in a by-election situation what those parameters are...we have to have an election by the end of September, so we're right up against it on the final date," said HSF Executive Director Ercole Perrone.

The four candidates running in the presidential

by-election are Patrick Milleard, Thomas Walton, Shawn Manahan and Ali Zaidi.

Rob Gemmill and Saurabh Kanda are campaigning to fill the available Board of Directors posts for North campus.

Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. from Sept. 26 and close Sept. 30, and the winners will be announced by Sept. 30 at 4 p.m. on the HSF website.



# Muslim students hurt by strife overseas

Stereotypes inspired by Islamic State action smear community

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INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS REPORTER

The situation with the militant group ISIS in Iraq and Syria has clearly captured the world's attention.

After the gruesome beheadings of two U.S. journalists and a British aid worker, Western leaders have been telling their nations that they can't avoid the issue. What's going on in the Middle East, they say, also poses a threat to the democratic world.

France and the U.S. intend to lead a multi-national force, including some Arab states, to battle ISIS.

That crisis half a world away is having an impact on students here at Humber College.

The college hosts large Muslim communities for whom that fight in Iraq is important, as it is close to home.

They are worried about their relatives; they are supportive of their countries; they wait for the crisis to be resolved.

But no one is sure that the steps taken by the American and other governments will be enough to combat ISIS, also known as Islamic State, a militant group which seeks to reassert a Muslim Caliphate in the Middle East.

"In the Canadian Muslim community there might be some people who support ISIS," Humber College Chaplain Len Thomas said. "And there are also many who will not. Moderate Muslims would say that it doesn't represent them."

Thomas said he thinks some Muslims might be supportive, maybe not of terrorists' methods, but of their cause — to restore a traditional Muslim state across many present national boundaries.

However, a number of Humber Muslim students spoke out assertively against the actions of ISIS.



SERGE HALVATSKY

Taha Ali, 20, second year Justice student at Guelph-Humber, says news creates negative image for Muslims.

"A lot of issues in the Middle East are more to do with tribalism and politics, but it's all being simplified as a Muslim issue," Taha Ali, 20, a second year Justice student at Guelph-Humber said.

He says that creates a negative image for Muslims in Canada and obstructs the real picture of what is happening in the Middle East.

"Unfortunately a lot of people, and, I'm sure, many students in Humber... all they know about Muslims they get from the media, so I'm sure when they see us they think like, 'Oh, ISIS, Muslims, that's what they are,'" Zahra Farahmand, 24, a first year student in the Accelerated Developmental Service Worker program.

Ali Alavi, 23, a third-year Sustainable Energy and Construction student, thinks ISIS is scary.

"Some group comes out and does something, and

these people are claiming to represent the message of Islam and they are giving us a really bad image," Alavi said.

"How does it affect us? Pretty much most of it started from 9/11 and there was a lot of racism towards Muslims in an indirect way and sometimes direct, too," he said.

"I personally (have been a victim of) just name-calling," Alavi said.

"But I know for sure there are other places that are worse for people.

"So hopefully whatever is happening there people get more educated and learn the difference between what is a Muslim and who is misinterpreting Islam," Alavi said.

## Most OPSEU members go for new deal at colleges

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happening in the classroom," said North Campus-at-Large steward Paul Michaud.

Michaud said the important issue was the moratorium on staffing grievances as it relates to creating full-time positions in lieu of part-time contracts.

He noted the current year's 1.2 per cent increase is below the present rate of inflation.

Other issues raised included a lack of gains in faculty control over class decisions and marking.

In a statement, Humber's human resources head Kathy Cowan Sahadath said she encouraged all faculty to vote.

"The agreement continues to recognize the value we place in our faculty while respecting the financial challenges facing the postsecondary education sector," she said.

A statement from Zak Paget, a spokesman for Ontario's Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, said government made it clear spending would not increase.

"There is no new money for compensation increases and (the provincial government) fully expects employers and bargaining agents to reach responsible settlements that are respectful of fiscal realities and also maintain vital public services," Paget said.

The Ontario Labour Relations Board is expected to officially confirm the results on Oct. 3.



NICK BEARAWI

The new 260,000 square foot LRC building at Humber North campus is scheduled to be fully occupied by July 2015.

## Another year of congestion to go

Learning Resource Commons will greatly increase space at North but isn't ready yet

Nick Beare

NEWS REPORTER

Campus officials are warning students at Humber's North campus to expect another year of vehicular congestion.

Humber's newest building on North campus, the Learning Resource Commons, isn't scheduled for completion until summer 2015.

"The LRC will reach substantial completion on March

31," said senior director for strategic asset management at Humber Carol Anderson.

The building will be fully occupied by the end of July 2015, she said.

The LRC will be home to a new library and student centre as well as administrative offices, an independent study space and a student gallery and showcase. The massive structure will act as a centrepiece for visitors to Humber as the

striking facade dominates the Humber skyline.

The 260,000 square foot, six storey building has claimed over 100 parking spots since the project commenced in May of 2013, Anderson said.

This was in order to "provide a laydown area for construction and ultimately to provide the space for a bus loop," she said.

The creation of a new TTC bus loop is a major part of the LRC project going forward, and construction is already underway, said director of public safety and emergency

management at North campus Rob Kilfoyle.

The new bus loop should be in operation by next September, Kilfoyle said.

"All buses, with the exception of a few, will be coming on to campus, directly dropping folks off right at that building," he said.

The hope is that the new TTC bus loop some of the congestion will alleviate some of the local traffic congestion, particularly on Humber College Boulevard and at its intersection with Highway 27, Kilfoyle said.

"It's kind of a catch-22... We're bringing the buses onto campus so that means a little more traffic. But the benefit is that it will be eliminating the buses from stopping all along Humber College Boulevard, which creates traffic impediments along the way," he said.

Many Humber students will receive the idea of less traffic as good news. Long lines of cars are a daily sight while travelling to and from campus during the school year. Kilfoyle said security staffing has increased all around site to help direct student and construction traffic alike.

"There are only certain areas where trucks and construction traffic are allowed to proceed," he said.

"So we have barriers and security folks out there monitoring to make sure it's only that designated traffic gets in there," Kilfoyle said.

Travelling to and from campus can be frustrating at times, said second-year Business Administration student Robert Poots.

It's definitely taken me longer to get a parking spot. The lots and roads are usually full with people trying to get in and out, but when you add the construction and trucks, it bogs everything down," Poots said.

The Humber website provides updates on the progress of the LRC and other projects going on around campus, including a new addition to Building F.

"We are in the midst of adding two floors to Building F which will be home to new BioScience labs as well as new collaborative-active classrooms," said Carol Anderson.

The latter project is scheduled to be complete by May 2015.



## HUMBER STUDENTS' FEDERATION AT POLLS

# HSF prez by-election unprecedented

Natalia Vega

HSF REPORTER

Last year's elections and board of directors meeting leave unpleasant memories for former Humber Students' Federation President Tim Brillhante.

He alleges HSF removed him from office last year to prevent him from running in this year's by-election.

"Upper management influenced enough board support claiming that I wasn't performing my duties as president and hadn't been for quite some time. But if that were true, why wait until the end of our final board meeting? It just doesn't add up," Brillhante said.

At the April board of directors meeting, Board Chairperson Eric Collings listed a number of grievances as grounds for Brillhante's termination including using his position on the board to bring up his disqualification from the election at the last board meeting, contacting Humber staff about the disqualification, calling into question Rosa Figueroa's position as Chairperson at the last board meeting, which Collings called a personal

attack, and a Facebook post Brillhante wrote, in which he told students to skip class if they had to, in order to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Brilhante then said he would consider legal action if he was removed from office. Asked about it Sept. 23, he said "no comment."

This by-election is what students wanted and voted for at last year's Annual General Meeting, Brillhante said.

"At the end of the day it's the Humber Students' Federation for a reason," he said.

Brilhante's ejection prevented him running in the by-election, with voting for HSF president and two board members commencing today. But while that ban is lifted for next year's elections, he has set a different goal.

"A lot of my friends would tell me to run but I'm here as a student first," he said. "I've enjoyed my summer, it was fantastic. Now I'm here at Guelph-Humber and I'm just really looking to complete my studies, earning a degree in the Bachelor of Business Administration program. I think my experience here has been phenomenal. I love the respect and support from all the students," said Brillhante.

### Four presidential candidates on HSF ballot today



**Patrick Millerd**

- Comedy writing and performance program, second year, 26, Lakeshore

- Proposes online threaded forum where everyone has equal say and can post their ideas and student transit discounts.

- "Giving a voice to students and everyone in general is important to being free in a society. I think that if enough of the student body wants something to be done, it should be something that we should actually try our best to accomplish. Let's go Hawks! And all of that rah-rah jazz."

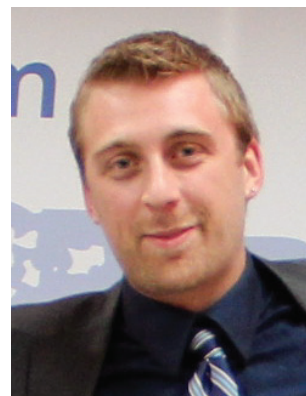


**Thomas Walton**

- International Business program, second year, 18, Lakeshore

- Proposes lowering student fees, structured cultural student events, renewable energy products such as solar cells and wind turbines.

- "I want to be able to make a difference, make an impact on the student body and lead the office... I see it as coming to a potluck, instead of showing up empty handed. I want to bring food to the table and I want everyone to enjoy."



**Shawn Manahan**

- Business Administration program, third year, 25, North

- Third time campaigning, founded Enactus Humber, a volunteering mentoring program, and Hawk House, a Humber fraternity

- Participated in the Ontario Colleges Marketing Team, a competition for the Humber Business school

- "I'm always really interested in college is more than just classes, it's networking and family."



**Ali Zaidi**

- Paralegal Education program, second year, 22, North

- Fourth year working with HSF as customer service representative to students

- Advocacy of students: parking and healthier food options

- "I've been working with the student body for HSF and I want to have a bigger say in how HSF runs and make a bigger impact on student life."

## Election turmoil from last spring unresolved

### HSF considering new election policies to prevent repeat of last year's controversies

Natalia Vega

HSF REPORTER

Humber College students are heading to the polls over the next several days to select a Humber Students' Federation president and two HSF board members. A student union by-election is itself highly unusual. The events that necessitated it are even more so.

During last year's election, former HSF president Tim Brillhante was disqualified from the race for unspecified campaign irregularities and denied the opportunity to appeal. He held a large lead at the time of his disqualification.

The elections continued and Shawn Manahan was elected president with less than 20 per

cent of the popular vote.

At the subsequent Annual General Meeting, however, students voted 90-89 to reject the results of the presidential election.

As a result a by-election was called and with voting commencing today, Humber College has polls open until Sept. 30, with Manahan again contesting for the top executive role.

The Governance Review Committee met during the summer to discuss the student government's policies board of directors chairperson Eric Collings said.

"We're always going to be working on it to make it the best we can make it and currently right now I'm very happy with how it is. It's better



NATALIA VEGA

Former HSF president Tim Brillhante talks with Shawn Manahan at election forum on Sept. 23.

than prior years so that's all that you can really do," he said.

Collings said he has moved on from what happened last year with the elections but not having a president is regrettable.

"Having a by-election for the president is really unfortunate because now not only the president but the direc-

tors, they've lost out on a lot of training that they could have experienced during the summer," he said.

Manahan is running for office for the third time. What happened last year was unfortunate for him but he has also moved on, he said.

"This year I'm running with three brand new competitors

so hopefully I'll win twice to get the job once and everything will be okay... We'll see how it goes," Manahan said.

Manahan noted he's running with the same platform as last year, making raising HSF's profile with students his main platform.

"What's the point of federation if the majority of

the students don't know it's there?" Manahan said.

Manahan is the only presidential candidate from last year running in the by-election.

"This whole by-election is like a second chance for new contestants to run who would have otherwise run in March. So it's a waste of student money and time that could have been spent advocating for the students," he said.

The Sept. 23 presidential debate importantly allowed students to hear the differing views from all the candidates, former board of directors member Steven McInnis said.

"I really like that they were stressing that it's a student organization and that they wanted to make sure that student concerns were heard," McInnis said.

This was the first time McInnis had returned to school since last year as he is now an alumnus. He said what happened last year is behind him and he holds no regrets.



## TORONTO MUNICIPAL ELECTION

# Age no matter for 19-year-old mayoral hopeful

Morgan Gallagher

NEWS REPORTER

After graduating from high school, teenagers often move on either to university or college. Morgan Baskin, 19, graduated from high school she decided to run for Mayor of Toronto.

"I would rather lose running for mayor being incredibly passionate about it, giving it my all and know I would do a good job if I was elected," Baskin said.

Baskin, who lives in Corktown with her family, loves Toronto and wants voters to know that she is taking this race seriously.

"There's a reason you can run at 18," she said. "You're now an adult, and if people want to disrespect that or debate that that's fine and they can do that."



Young people are important and we matter. We have good ideas.

Morgan Baskin

CANDIDATE FOR THE MAYORALTY IN THE 2014 TORONTO MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Diversity to Baskin doesn't only mean race, gender and sexual orientation - it includes age as well. Baskin wants to encourage the youth of Toronto and show them that they do have a voice.

"Young people are important, and we matter. We have good ideas."

Baskin knows there are skeptics out there who believe she doesn't have the right or

experience to run a city like Toronto. For those people she has some choice words.

"If you like the status quo of experienced politicians then don't vote for me. But if you're not happy with that why wouldn't you try someone else?"

An issue on Baskin's mind is the spending cap to which all registered mayoral candidates' campaigns must abide. This year's spending cap is a whopping \$1,305,066.65, a number Baskin thinks is not representative of the people who live and vote here.

"Our city is not full of people who can raise a million dollars in 8 months. That's not who our city is. That's not who lives here. And that's not who represents here," she said.

Pauline E. Beange, a sessional lecturer at the University of Toronto specializing in Canadian government and politics, said a popular party that appeals to more supporters or activists will more than likely have more funds to spend on a campaign.

"A party that attracts a large number of individual members or activists can be expected to raise and spend more money than a party that does not. Spending often follows the policy or platform a candidate has chosen—spending does not necessarily 'cause' a candidate to adopt a certain policy," Beange said.

Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto, said the candidates who aren't taking the campaign seriously shouldn't have a say in the spending cap.

"There are only three competitive candidates out of 60 or so others. Most will be



MORGAN GALLAGHER

Morgan Baskin, 19, is defying the odds by going from her high school graduation to the hustings in her bid for to become the youngest mayor in Toronto's history.

spending next to nothing and relatively few people are contributing time or money to their campaigns," Wiseman said. "Should the leading candidates be restricted in their spending because of that?"

Baskin understands that the race she is in is incredibly competitive. She is up against some high profile, experienced opponents. John Tory once lead the Progressive Conservative

Party of Ontario. Olivia Chow was a Toronto city councillor and a member of parliament. Doug Ford is currently the Toronto city councillor for Ward 2 in Etobicoke North.

But Baskin isn't letting that stop her.

"For me, I think it's important to recognize I was never going to raise a million dollars. Instead I (am running) a campaign based on,

in many ways, the things Rob Ford based his campaign on, not policy wise, but authenticity and showing up for people. I think it's incredibly important to run an authentic campaign."

If she doesn't win she is considering rejoining her peers for a degree in urban studies. When and where she'll do her studies is still "up in the air."

## Mayor polls in front in Fords' Ward

Javon Walker

NEWS REPORTER

With Toronto's Oct. 27 municipal election date quickly approaching, and an opinion poll showing Rob Ford as the leading candidate in Ward 2, ward rival Andray Domise remains adamant nothing in his campaign has changed.

"It's been the same from the get-go. We're running against the Ford record here. They've been representing the community for the last 14 years," said Domise, who is currently in second place in the North Etobicoke ward, according to the poll published by the Toronto Star.

The Star poll randomly sampled 474 eligible Ward 2 voters the day after the mayor entered the race. Fifty-nine per cent of those surveyed said they intend to vote for Ford. The poll has a 5 per cent margin of error.

Humber College professor of political science Chris Irwin agrees the Ford brand in the ward is a significant impediment to challengers.

"There was already a Ford name on the ballot and I'm sure that carries a lot of weight in the riding," Irwin said, referring to Rob Ford's nephew Michael Ford who dropped out of the Ward 2 race in to run for a Toronto District School Board trustee position.

Domise, in a strange twist of fate, now has experience running against three members of the Ford clan - Rob, Doug and Michael.

"It's not so much that Ford is popular ... as no one is aware of any alternatives. The work that we have to do is to show that there's a viable alternative," he said.

"I'm not running on a platform of not being Rob Ford. I'm running a platform of the community being able to do better than what we're doing right now."



COURTESY ANDRAY DOMISE CAMPAIGN

Ward 2 candidate Andray Domise has now run against three different Fords.

## All up to students to learn about candidates, platforms

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Phil Legate, Residence Life Manager at Humber North campus said Election Services hasn't made an offer to provide students a neutral, unbiased session for students to learn about the different candidates and their platforms.

"We would offer the ability to promote information for students: posters, information, displays. In the past that's what has been done," Legate said.

York Memorial Collegiate Institute student Shalima Khan, 16, said many of her friends attended a debate Tuesday night at their school.

"It's for us - what they're debating for is going to effect us in the long-term, so we want to see what's going on," Khan said.

Even though Khan and her friends are not old enough to vote they found the debate exciting and interesting to keep up with. If the information is there and it's in the

face of the students they will find it and learn about it. That is what Legate has found to work in the past.

"It's part of being an informed citizen. It would be good [to have informative sessions in residence]. It's good to have the newspapers in here and to have the access to world issues. Raising

the awareness, building the awareness, educating our students - that's something we support," he said.

Although the election is only one month away, there are many opportunities for Humber students to travel off campus and find events to educate themselves before voting on October 27.



## STUDENT LIFE



KELSEY COLES

Humber Residence tells first-year students to take advantage of their Residence Assistants and the First Year Experience and We Got You initiatives to help them handle the stress of leaving the nest.

# Residence staff helping students handle first time away from home

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NEWS REPORTER

Almost 1,000 students have moved into Humber residence on North campus since mid August. Another 400 took to the Lakeshore campus residences. All of them are experiencing a milestone which can be stressful as well as exciting, according to college staff who work with resident students.

“I think the best way to help ease first-year students into the big transition is letting them know they are not alone,” said Rebeca Mahadeo, the student life co-ordinator of Humber’s First-Year Experience program.

The program, better known as FYE, is designed specifically to help first-year students through their transition into college life. This year it has

matched up more than 670 new students with upper year students who are in similar academic programs. These mentors provide support and guidance to help make newcomers feel more comfortable.

“It can be an overwhelming experience for first-year students because they might not know where to go for help or where to even start,” said Mahadaeo. “There is so much support at Humber and the FYE team genuinely wants to help with their transition.”

“We focus on letting students know that they can come to RAs (Residence Assistants) for help,” Humber RA Amy Nyp said.

RAs are mandated to be at the front line as the social convenors of their floor, the counsellors, and facilitators.

And this year Humber res-

idence is taking a more personal approach by introducing a new Transition Support Model that includes regular one-on-one meetings between residents and RAs.



We want to make you feel at home here in residence.

**Amy Nyp**  
RESIDENCE ASSISTANT

“It’s more about getting to know students on a personal level and to get to know everyone as a family,” Nyp said. “We want to make you feel at home here in residence.”

Residence Life manager Phil Legate says that this less formal, more personal rela-

tionship between RAs and residents will allow them to understand each student’s needs.

Legate also recommends that students talk with their RA if they’re experiencing any difficulty.

“RAs are trained to ask the right questions so the student can get a sense of what it is that is hanging them up or bogging them down.”

Humber has also launched a new website initiative called We Got You, which provides links to resources and services such as counselling, residence and financial aid on campus.

Full details of We Got You and FYE can be found at [www.humber.ca/student-life](http://www.humber.ca/student-life) and [www.humber.ca/first-year-experience](http://www.humber.ca/first-year-experience).

## Local theatre program more than just another ‘glee club’

**Cheyenne Lynch**  
NEWS REPORTER

Heather Dick took her passion for the theater and founded the Etobicoke-based Sirius Theatrical Company in 1989 to offer after school classes teaching youth the fundamentals of acting and storytelling.

Many theatrical classes focus primarily on the glee club aspects of singing, dancing and acting, Dick said. Her company differs, in that the focus is solely on acting and the requisite skills.

Sirius has been a member of the Toronto Association of Acting Studios since 1977. Its instructors use learning techniques to help bring even the shyest of children to a place where they feel comfortable to express emotion and creativity in front of others.

“We are trying to provide a bridge between acting skills and what they’re expected to be able to do at school,” Dick said.

Melanie Fernandez teaches children between eight and 10 in a junior acting ensemble group at Sirius.

“First and foremost, before the acting is giving them an opportunity to self express in a safe environment,” Fernandez said.

She uses games and fun techniques to help the children feel comfortable enough to interact with each other. She pushes them to learn how to speak up, expressing their thoughts and emotions through physical movement together as a group.

Anne Frost, a teacher in Humber College’s Arts Administration & Cultural Management program said

early exposure to the arts helps prepare young people to express themselves.

“Theatre artists work in groups. You can’t succeed unless you can get along - or at least not for long. Divas only have a limited shelf life before no-one will work with them any more,” Frost said.

Dick said working with others and in groups from a young age helps the children build communication skills as well as the skill of compromise. They come to learn that everyone moves, works and learns at different paces.

## Rez cafeteria quality, convenience improved

Pizza Pizza, soda machine new adds in food emporium

**Haley Falco**  
RESIDENCE REPORTER

Humber’s residence cafeteria offers a variety of food intended to cater to a range of dietary needs, said food service employee Harman Brar.

“We also take into consideration that some of the students are vegetarian and we have options accordingly, and then we also have the nutrition chart because some people tend to watch figure or calories,” Brar said.

The cafeteria offers a wide range of snacks along with main meals.



You just come down; you don’t have to walk out the building. It’s just about a few steps away.

**Harman Brar**  
FOOD SERVICES EMPLOYEE

A residence cafeteria employee said residents fill out an annual survey to help staff decide which foods should stay and which should go for the following year.

New to the cafeteria this year is a high-tech soft drink machine with many choices of different flavoured sodas.

“It’s basically this touch screen vending machine

where you just select your brand and then select your flavour and it’ll dispense some pop,” said third year media studies student and R building Residence Assistant Devan Godfrey.

Pizza Pizza is another new addition for which students are lining up, a mixed blessing, said Godfrey.

“Before, I had to walk all the way over to Humber to get Pizza Pizza. Whereas now everyone on rez can just grab their own pizza and just head down to the cafe to pay for it. Unfortunately, it’s a little inconvenient if I’m trying to be a little more conscious of what I eat. It’s definitely not the best option for a person like me,” Godfrey said.

Though students may complain about food prices, the quality of food and the convenience of the cafeteria have improved, said Brar.

“It’s in the same place. You just come down; you don’t have to walk out the building. It’s just about a few steps away,” Brar said.

Godfrey said his floor’s residents “really enjoy the food options.”

His floor enjoys buying the portable Kraft Dinner, which is a quick and easy meal, he said.

A greater berry selection would help students balance their fruit and veggie intake second year spa management student Sam Karounos said.

Karounos’ food patterns have not changed since she moved in, she said.

The cafeteria is spotless and “the cafe ladies are fun,” said Karounos.



HALEY FALCO

The residence cafeteria at North campus offers a wide variety of food options, both healthy and otherwise.



# Vote: Today's HSF election does matter

The controversies of last year's Humber Students' Federation election are gone but hopefully not forgotten. Candidates for various positions were ejected from the campaign with no real explanation from HSF or Natalia Toussaint, the chief returning officer (CRO) they hired to oversee the whole process.

These events sullied the image of our union in the eyes of many. HSF election policies pertaining to the powers of the CRO have since been changed pending their approval at the next general meeting. Whether or not to accept these changes is up to you, the student body.

Before then you have another decision that needs to be made. The stain of April's controversies led to the rejection of Shawn Manahan as the eventual winner for the presidency following the unexplained disqualification of then-HSF President Tim Brillhante. The fact that Manahan's win came with less than 20 per cent of the popular vote surely played no small role.

Now Manahan is trying again, his third attempt in fact, joining three others – Ali Zaidi, Patrick Millerd and Thomas Walton – in an effort to register a good, clean win for the opportunity to lead HSF for the next seven months.

Unfortunately, there is a disturbing lack of interest in any form of politics from today's youth. Elections Canada reported that voter turnout of those between 18 and 24 years of age did not break 45 per cent in the past four federal general elections.

By-elections are historically even worse. In the four federal by-elections held June 30 of this year,



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an average of 24.1 per cent of all eligible voters turned out. The 2011 federal general election turnout was more than double that.

This does not bode well for a high level of interest in the current HSF by-election, with voting opening today.

It is up to you and your classmates to prove history wrong.

It is a common belief that student government is a pointless exercise; that it does not warrant any time or attention. This belief is a fallacy.

HSF doesn't exist solely to put on puerile events like casino nights and speed dating.

The man elected to the presidency

on Tuesday — there are unfortunately no women candidates for the role this time — will take the reins and signing authority of an organization with a budget just shy of \$11 million.

Almost entirely derived from student tuition payments, that money goes towards bursaries to help the less fortunate among us. It funds the health and dental plans of which not enough students avail themselves. It provides for the clubs and organizations in which we seek our like-minded peers.

Whoever is elected Tuesday will also be the representative to the college administration and the community at large for you and the

27,000 full-time Humber students who are your peers.

This by-election matters. It matters a lot.

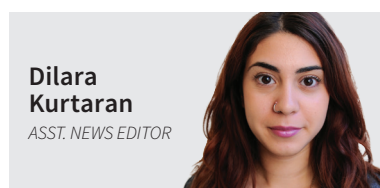
Each one of us has a right to have our say in who represents us. And that right should not be taken lightly.

This is not merely a popularity contest.

Don't allow your vote to be bought with vague platitudes about school spirit and hollow promises of fantastical events and services.

Take a few minutes to learn something about each of these candidates. Find out who they are and what they stand for. Then take a minute more and vote.

## Our smart phones are making us socially stupid



**Dilara Kurtaran**  
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I was sipping my green tea latte at Second Cup while the friend I came here to catch up with was texting on her phone. We hadn't hung out in so long and she had lots to tell me. As I patiently waited for her to finish telling me her story I looked around the café; at least one person from each table either had their phone out or was on their phone while the other person was talking to them, just like we were.

In this case, she was the one who was trying to tell me something but she kept getting distracted by her phone, having to stop constantly to reply to a text or check her Instagram notifications.

Since when are we all addicted to our smart phones? Is it social media that is causing this addiction, or is it the availability and limitless possibility of what we can now do



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on our phones?

I am also vulnerable to this. I try hard to keep up with my emails, keep in touch with friends and be active on social media. Multitasking is infused in our society thanks to endless app downloads pulling our attention in so many different directions.

But I personally find it disrespectful when I'm trying to talk to someone and they are just busy

staring at their screens. I know it's not meant to be disrespectful to me, and it's not that they are not interested in what I am saying. It's just a habit – a bad one.

The truth is painfully obvious. Our generation is addicted to technology.

Phone addiction is so real that there is even a Kickstarter campaign funding the creation of the NoPhone, which has raised

just over \$7,000 since it started on Sept. 11. The NoPhone is an iPhone-shaped phone made out of plastic and which does...nothing.

The product has gone viral.

NoPhone pokes fun at our generation's smartphone addiction. The campaign website highlights features of the phone including it being battery free, no upgrades necessary, shatterproof and waterproof. You can even customize your NoPhone to take selfies by buying the upgrade, which is literally just a mirror glued to the front of the phone.

The NoPhone campaign website boasts, you can "share selfies with your friends if they're standing behind you. Add a verbal hashtag by syncing your brain and vocal cords."

It has come to the point where we are making fun of our own smartphone addiction. As technology progresses, and companies come out with new devices, perhaps our phone addiction will be replaced with the next best thing. What will remain of human interaction at that point is anyone's guess.

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# Public affection with our lovers sets right tone for social acceptance

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For most people, public displays of affection (PDA) are a personal choice meant for the enjoyment of the couple partaking in the act exclusively. However, when I hold my girlfriend's hand it's not just for warm fuzzy feelings.

I feel as an "out" woman who is comfortable with her sexuality that I owe the visibility to society — a responsibility almost.

True, the presence of LGBT characters has increased in popular culture, but although more lesbian and bisexual characters are being cast in television and movies, they're still just made-up.

They're still just Hollywood.

Orange is the New Black, for example, is an extremely progressive television show, and undoubtedly makes us all want to end up in prison just so we can meet Alex Vause in the shower — but it's not a realistic situation.

Pretty Little Liars, a prime-time show popular with young adults, has lesbian character Emily Fields, who we see struggle with the woes of homosexuality and dating women (an endeavor in itself). But again, this isn't real life. It takes place in a town that literally does not exist.

While the increasing visibility

of lesbian lives in modern media does mean a lot for our movement, reality paints a different picture for the lives of actual LGBT women. A less plastic, and more awkward reality. The most commonplace reaction I've gotten whilst displaying my affection publicly is less of a comment and more of a request.

"Are you guys lesbians? You should make out!"

Clearly, a totally acceptable thing to say to someone. I'm thankful though, because without these comments, coming exclusively



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from males, I would never know the appropriate time to kiss the girl I'm with.

There are some places however, where even I will refrain from PDA, not because I'm scared, but simply because it's just not worth it. You know what happens when lesbians start grinding at non-gay night-club? It's pretty much a free show.

Despite the ignorance that exists and the hollering it produces, it is important to me to express and embrace my identity, even in public settings. It's up to everyday people

in everyday situations to make a more direct difference.

Some people can handle a steamy lesbian kiss on television, but gawk at two girls holding hands in their own city. The only way to combat ignorance is to change the way people think, and the best remedy is exposure. Lesbian relationships need to be normalized in the public realm. The idea needs to be brought closer to home, and not just end with the click of a remote.

This is why I make a point to act completely natural with my girlfriend in public. To do things that I see many straight couples do every day.

I know these small actions have made, and will continue to make a difference. Whether it's someone who isn't out of the closet yet, or a couple that doesn't feel comfortable expressing their affection publically (in a respectable way of course) the small flicker of visibility could ignite something much bigger.

That being said, I have been with women who are not as comfortable partaking in PDA as myself. My girlfriend happily holds my hand but still says she feels people staring, which I can't really blame them for. It's a natural curiosity that I embrace and welcome.

Because that's the point, right?

It is to bring people out of their comfort zones and into a more accepting world. One peck, one hand embrace, and flirtatious gesture at a time.



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# Video game designers still turning women into girly girls

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With the release of Smash Bros for Nintendo 3DS right around the corner, I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to talk about something that really bothered me about the game, namely Zero Suit Samus' dumb high heels. A design choice that makes the strongest female character in the industry into "just a girl."

Now for readers unfamiliar with Smash Bros or the Metroid game franchise allow me to fill you in. Samus Aran is the main character of Metroid and she is essentially Nintendo's Batman. After her parents were killed, she took to fighting injustice on an intergalactic level because she just hates to see people suffer. She's strong, skilled, a quick thinker; essentially everything that makes up an excellent hero despite being bound to a powered battle suit to fight some of

the larger than life baddies.

Considering she was Nintendo's first heroine and probably the best heroine in gaming history, it raises the question as to why Nintendo suddenly decided to "girl-ify" her. I noticed it while playing the most recent Metroid game Other M: upon dying, Samus' suit breaks off revealing her in a blue skin-suit also referred to as her "Zero Suit."

In almost every other iteration of the Zero Suit, Samus has flat-soled, practical boots, but in Other M her suit has 8-inch heels attached to them. In the upcoming Smash Bros. release these heels are more defined than ever, appearing like techno-punk stilettos.

The unfortunate reality is that Samus has always been a sexualized character based on the nature of her design; a slender, curved body and blonde hair. The problem lies in introducing a superficial product to make her appear more sexualized for no practical reason other than that "she's a girl and



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girls wear heels." Oddly enough, in the previous version of Smash Bros, the Zero Suit Samus suit had practical flat-soled boots. The Zero Suit itself is only used in stealth segments, so how is she sneaking around while clomping around in heels? The addition of heels came only after Other M, which fans criticized harshly for diminishing Samus' character to a helpless girl who needed to be rescued by big, strong men.

The climate of gaming is changing and gamers both male and female alike are demanding stronger, more active female characters. It's bizarre that rather than try to move with the times publishers still cling to outdated ideals not just about gender roles, but gender appearances; even Nintendo went so far as to take their strongest female character and reduce her to a stereotype. It's very telling, and exactly what female game journalists like Jenn Frank and Anita Sarkeesian are getting crucified for trying to expose, receiving rape and death



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threats online for daring to suggest there's a problem of misogyny in the community.

Rather than hear the outrage of their fans, Nintendo chose to ignore these problems, continuing to tack on outdated idealism to their only real heroine. Why this problem continues to exist in the triple-A gaming industry is a mystery. Fortunately it primarily seems to exist in the mass distribution games, as more and more indie developers are cashing in on the dollars big publishers lose by alienating their female fanbase. Hopefully, they'll feel the sting bad enough to usher in some serious change in the mainstream gaming market or risk fading away into obscurity.



## FACULTY EVENT

# Jazz teachers show off musical chops at yearly Rex Hotel jam

Sarah Wickett

A&E REPORTER

The Rex Hotel Jazz and Blues Bar was filled last Tuesday with Humber students, faculty members and musicians, including locals, for their annual Classic Rex Jazz Jam.

The jazz jam was created by the Humber music program as a way for teachers to introduce promising students to a public performance context.

Performer and Humber faculty member Vaughan Misener grew up loving music. His father was a musician.

"I grew up around recording studios and played a lot of commercial music," said Misener.

After high school and exploring his passion as a jazz musician he moved back to Toronto and started working at Humber College. He has now been involved with the music program for nine years and began participating in the faculty jams in his second year. He performed at this year's show playing the electric bass.

"It's a great thing to come out and play for the students so that they can actually see that their teachers can actually play," said Misener.

Humber music student Jessica Rempel, 21, has been coming to the Rex Theatre since she was 17.

"I moved here after high school

and so I just decided, 'oh, what should I check out?' Since I'm going to jazz school, I thought I should probably go and check out some jazz, so I checked it out," said Rempel.

She said the event is a great way students can get a feel of what their teachers are teaching them but in a much more relaxed and fun way.

Ara Arakelyan, a first year jazz performance student at Humber College, is from Armenia and has only been living in Canada for a year



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Vaughan Misener

PERFORMER/HUMBER FACULTY

and a half. He's just a month into the program but after his positive experience at the Rex he is already glad to be in the program.

"Sometimes being in the intro program," said Arakelyan. "It's hard to realize what kind of performer you want to be, but today, I realized I made the right choice."



SARAH WICKETT

Music professor Lisa Martinelli took part in the Classic Rex Jazz Jam at the Rex Hotel Jazz and Blues Bar.

## Culture Days brings art market, Beatles tribute band to Lakeshore

Phil Witmer

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The fifth annual Culture Days is coming to Humber Lakeshore campus this weekend. The free community event aims to create a sense of cultural pride and inspire participation in the local arts happenings of Etobicoke and its surrounding area.

The organization behind the initiative has been growing "exponentially" for five years, reaching to over 7,000 activities across all of Canada, said Aubrey Reeves, co-ordinator of Culture Days Ontario.

"Even though [Culture Days] is a national event, it's really about driving people to see what's happening in their own backyards, celebrating the culture of their own neighbourhood," Reeves said.

This year's programming, which kicks off at 4 p.m. today and runs through to Sunday, is all hands-on and wildly varied. A pow-wow, a Ukrainian perogy-making class, open mic nights, and Bollywood-style dance workshops are among the more



COURTESY OF SCOTT DURNO

Dance performances, an Aboriginal pow wow and art activities for all ages were the main attractions at last year's Culture Days for Etobicoke locals and surrounding neighbourhoods to take part.

than 50 activities scheduled to take place over the weekend.

Reeves said that the wide scope is part of Culture Days' mission to be "more than just getting people to an event. It's about getting more people deeply engaged in their local arts and cultural community and

to have a positive understanding of what the arts do for our lives."

She said attendees of past Culture Days events were more motivated to further pursue similar activities.

"We've had participants become fans of groups they work with and some of them start volunteering in



COURTESY OF JEREMY SALE

day," said Berlet. A marketplace for artists and artisans to display their work and the Beatles tribute band Day Tripper will be part of this inaugural Culture Days opening block.

Berlet is directly involved with many of the activities this year, including an effort to build what the Culture Days website describes as "the largest food tin wave Toronto has ever seen" using thousands of donated canned goods.

"We've been really lucky this year to have the Lakeshore Arts (program) as a major partner in organizing this," Berlet said. "It's a great spot in Etobicoke for holding an event of this nature."

Reeves in turn called Lakeshore campus a "natural hub" for community events of this scale. Berlet feels Culture Days is "good for involvement" and inspires participation in Etobicoke's thriving cultural life.

"We hope to be an inspiration on those who decide to check us out," said Berlet.

For more information, visit [www.culturedays.ca](http://www.culturedays.ca).

their local arts community, which is interesting and exciting for us," said Reeves.

Humber Culture Days co-ordinator Joelle Berlet is also excited about the 2014 edition of the festivities.

"This is the very first year we're having a special kickoff on the first



# The politics of fashion: image matters

Design Exchange exhibit highlights sartorial style of leaders and spouses

Tonia Venneri

A&E REPORTER

The worlds of fashion and politics are colliding at the Toronto Design Exchange, Canada's non-profit design museum.

On Sept. 18, the Fashion of Politics | Politics of Fashion exhibit opened at the historic Toronto Stock Exchange building. Set to run until Jan. 25, the exhibit offers pieces from world-renowned designers like Stella McCartney, Alexander McQueen, Vivienne Westwood and others. It explores how fashion and politics have influenced each other, with displays dedicated to Pierre and Margaret Trudeau, the Kennedys and the Obamas.

"I think one thing that inspires politics to really take more of a closer eye at fashion is just how people decide to self-individualize using the medium of fashion," said Courtney Hendricks, Design Exchange creative consultant.

She said women like Margaret Trudeau and Jackie Kennedy have revolutionized fashion in politics.

"I feel with her (Jackie Kennedy) being able to show her femininity, precision when it comes to fashion and just class through dress, she was able to sort of start a movement among future wives of politicians," said Hendricks.

With school elections starting today, some Humber Students' Federation representatives gave their take on what fashion is to politics.



TONIA VENNERI

Pierre and Margaret Trudeau made an imprint in fashion and politics that portrays their daring styles during Trudeau's time as Prime Minister.

"It is crucial that you dress appropriately for the position you apply to. If you want people to take you seriously then dress seriously," said HSF presidential candidate Thomas Walton, 18.

For Walton's first time running at Humber, he attributes his dapper look to Barack Obama.

"He dresses well and clean," Walton said.

Former HSF president Tim Brillhante gave insight on how fashion in politics may influence voters.

"Image matters, the way you present yourself matters," he said.

Brilhante, who is known for his suave and polished image, said it

helped showcase him as a politician.

"I think the way I presented myself was very professional. I think that's why students respected me and they voted for me...being dressed up and presenting yourself in a way that students can identify you easily definitely helps," said Brillhante.

But Daniel Guddemi, 18, a sec-

ond year Culinary Management student at Humber said fashion for him has nothing to do with politics, while policy does.

"Just the way you dress to me means nothing. It's how you actually prove what you're going to do for the students and make their experience at Humber better," Guddemi said.

## Nuit Blanche lightens night in Toronto for ninth year

Amanda Tuzi

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From sunset Oct. 4 to sunrise the next day, the ninth annual overnight contemporary visual arts festival Scotiabank Nuit Blanche will exhibit over 120 art installations.

"We thought we would do the project (Nuit Blanche) just the one year, back in 2006, and we're still here nine years later and growing in scale and duration and participation," said Nuit Blanche spokesperson Julian Sleath.

The curator-directed exhibitions, produced by the City of Toronto, will feature 48 official projects put together by local, national and international artists. Humber students are typically among the legion of volunteers for the event, one of many Nuit Blanche occasions mounted in cities around the world. Exhibitions this year include The

Possibility of Everything, The Night Circus, Before Day Break and Performance Anxiety.

"We're hoping to pull off the first appearance in North America of one of the largest rainbows across the skyline of Toronto, so we're working with a New York-based artist, Yvette Mattern, and her technical team," said Sleath.

The Global Rainbow, which will appear at sunset, can be seen along the skyline of Spadina Ave. from Dundas St. W. to the CN Tower. The light installation is one of ten projects that will have an extended viewing from Oct. 5 to 13.

Another installation is The Screaming Booth, by Chelanie Beaudin-Quintin. It allows attendees to loudly express themselves without anyone hearing a sound.

The three screaming booths in the installation can be found at 180 and 280 Spadina St. and 290 Queen



COURTESY OF SCOTIABANK NUIT BLANCHE

Screaming Booth by Chelanie Beaudin-Quintin will be among Nuit Blanche installations on Oct. 4 in an exhibit titled The Possibility of Everything.

St. W. An extended viewing will be located at Nathan Phillips Square from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day following Nuit Blanche.

"It's sort of different from going to a museum or an art gallery because it's interactive. It's a nice way to experience all different types of mediums of art," said Emma Zaiachkowski, 21, third year film and television production student at Humber.

Along with the exhibitions, spectators will see independent projects from Toronto artists and visit cul-

tural and educational institutions, museums and galleries.

Hart House at University of Toronto will feature the independent All Together Now, displaying in video projections the sound works and performances from multiple venues created by various artists.

Sara Angelucci, a Toronto-based visual artist and educator who has exhibited her photography and videos across Canada and abroad will be showcasing her piece, The Anonymous Chorus at All Together Now.

This video installation is based on a photograph of people with no attribution (the image's photographer or where the image was taken could not be identified.) When a person and those close to them are no longer living their identities become lost and all that remains is a photograph. This led Angelucci to the concept of giving "voice to the voiceless." She compiled a soundtrack of a choir to represent the group of people.

"For me what was very important was that the audience enter the space of the image and the people in the image enter the space of the audience and we come somewhere in between. So for a moment we're alive together in the same time and place," Angelucci said.

Nuit Blanche is also showcasing special projects created by their event sponsors and partners. The Wild Air Vision Electro: Vehicle Art Installation will have artists Gene Pendon and Marisa Gallemit paint and sculpt on the exterior of a Subaru Outback SUV and Legacy sedan during the duration of the festival. The project can be viewed at Bobbie Rosenfeld Park, 280 Bremner Blvd.



## Word on Street affirms reading hardly dead for 200,000 visitors

Brianne Cail

LIFE REPORTER

Queen's Park was bustling with book lovers of all ages on Sunday, Sept. 21, who made their way to the 25th annual The Word On The Street Festival.

The event was entirely free, hosting many authors who did readings, answered questions and signed books. There were many book deals offered with proceeds going to support literary organizations around the country.

Joseph Kertes, a Canadian author and Dean of Creative and Performing Arts at Humber College, has attended the festival since it started.

"It's very, very popular which is a good thing. I love the fact that 100,000 people are interested in books, ... that it's still a reading society. I don't believe in the death of the book," Kertes said.

Kertes drew a large crowd this year at a workshop called Lightbulb Idea to Full-Length Novel: How to Get from Page One to the End.

The festival announced it attracted over 200,000 people this year despite the rain earlier in the day. Among the attendees are a large number of students who take advantage of the deals.

Leena Jates, 18, a first year student studying English at the University of Toronto said with a laugh that her favourite part was "cheap books."

Ryerson University English student Sophie Toll, 19, attended The Word on The Street Festival for her second time this year.

"I love the atmosphere here and all the people," Toll said.

The festival will make have a change of venue next year as they move from Queen's Park to the Harbourfront Centre.



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Students were encouraged to move quickly at Sept. 24 swap, though choosing was tricky for many. Items donated by faculty included dishes, clothing.

## White Elephant Swap freebies

### International students benefit from donations

Britnei Bilhete

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It was the ultimate treasure hunt at the sixth annual White Elephant Swap at Humber College's North campus on Wednesday.

The Green Committee from the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism collected faculty-donated supplies and goods over the course of

September. The items were displayed in the concourse for students to grab.

Dozens of students lined up to get their hands on anything from binders to curtains to laptops. All the items were completely free.

Students were given a ticket in line that allowed them two items at a time, and were welcome to return to the end of the line after each turn. Second year Tourism Management student Sherene Germain, 19, hoped to see school items because "they're kind of expensive at the bookstore," she said.

"What better way than just to

give away stuff somebody else just doesn't really want," said Savio Colaco, chair of the Green Committee. "(It's) just to provide students with the opportunity to save a few dollars and reduce, reuse, recycle."

Co-organizer and instructor Antonio Folino understands the difficulty of being international students, who are among the important recipients of White Elephant largesse.

"We just do it to help the students out and a lot of them do need help... they come here from other countries. They don't have much," said Folino.

International student June Ji, 38, a first year occupational therapist assistant and physiotherapist assistant student, and was lucky enough to get her hands on a laptop.

"It's so kind of the faculty members because they donated for the students... I wanted to buy (these) items before but I got it for free. I'm so fortunate," said Ji.

Bucks for Books is the next planned Green Committee campaign. All proceeds from the sale of donated books will go to charity, and will take place in November.

## Ferguson tensions contrasted to Humber racial harmony

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LIFE REPORTER

In the wake of the high-profile police shooting death of Michael Brown, an unarmed black youth, in Ferguson, Missouri, a number of students who view themselves as visible minorities assessed the atmosphere at Humber College.

"This college is very comfortable," said Jung Bahadur-Singh, 20, a second year electrical engineering student. "It's friendly here. I never have any problems here. People help me."

"I don't think there are any tensions at Humber. It's a big, diverse school," said third year Culinary Arts student Kayton Sankey. "I think everyone gets along very well. Everyone is here for school."

Brown, 18, was shot and killed August 9 after an altercation with officer Darren Wilson, who was reportedly trying to move Brown and another man off the street and onto the sidewalk. Shots were fired and the two men fled the scene. Brown allegedly was struck by several of six shots fired by Wilson.

The killing of Brown sparked protests in the city of Ferguson that often sparked clashes between residents and police. The nightly protests and clashes carried on for weeks after the killing, garnering heavy media attention. Residents believed the killing was racially provoked and took to media outlets to voice their protestations.

"I think due to the situation they [the protestors] had to rebel like

that," Sankey said.

"Violence on violence doesn't really solve anything though," she said. "It was messed up, because you



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Jung Bahadur-Singh  
HUMBER COLLEGE STUDENT

know, he was a young boy... Life down there (in the southern United States), it's hard," said Clinton Ubad, 24, a Computer Programming student.

In comparison, students believe the community here is safe and secure.

"There's no difference, everyone treats people the same," said Bahadur-Singh, who is from India.

Campus security at Humber says it recognizes the large number of diverse cultures and is prepared to handle any racially charged situations at any time.

"We appreciate and celebrate the diversity of Humber College," said Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management Rob Kilfoyle. "We will engage the assistance of our Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Diversity for cases or incidents that appear to involve Human Rights violations or concerns."

Kilfoyle said the security guards employed at Humber are well

trained to professionally handle the most sensitive situations.

"They receive human rights training and extensive customer service and 'Humberization' training, which covers such items as dealing with individuals that have limited English skills," Kilfoyle said.

"We try hard to hire and attract security guards and administrators from a variety of races and cultures, so that we are representative of the community we serve," he said.

Kilfoyle encouraged students who feel they are being bullied or are victims of racial abuse are encouraged to reach out to campus security, Kilfoyle noted.

"I would recommend that they contact Public Safety (security) who can ensure their immediate safety is addressed, and then assist them in connecting with various resources on campus."



# HOROSCOPES by JANIE GINSBERG



**JAN. 20 – FEB. 19**  
Boo! Just like the evil ghost, you've been feeling a bit selfish lately. Remember though, you won't stay invisible forever.



**FEB. 20 – MAR. 20**  
Take some advice from Princess Peach today and let yourself be rescued. It's okay to receive some help



**MAR. 21 – APR. 20**  
Today you embody Mario. Take control, you run the show that is your life.



**APR. 21 – MAY 20**  
Luigi is your counterpart. You're underappreciated, but you have the heart of a true hero. You don't need the spotlight.



**MAY 21 – JUN. 20**  
You are the most lovable of the crew, Toad. You're speedy, agile, and cute – but behind your adorable demeanor is a fierce competitor. Watch out world.



**JUN. 21 – JUL. 22**  
You can learn a lot from Yoshi, the green dinosaur. Be a loyal friend today, take one for the team.



**JUL. 23 – AUG. 22**  
You're the powerhouse of the clan – Bowser. Your way of doing things may be rough but it works for you.



**AUG. 23 – SEPT. 21**  
It's time to embrace the animal inside of you. Be like Donkey Kong and follow your instincts today. Just don't forget a dapper tie.



**SEPT. 22 – OCT. 22**  
You're a lot like Wario, it's time to let your greedy side shine through. Collect those gold coins and don't let anybody get in your way.



**OCT. 23 – NOV. 21**  
You feel like you're zooming down Rainbow Road with no point of focus. But be careful! No barriers means you could fall off. Try to stay on track!



**NOV. 22 – DEC. 20**  
You need a vacation. Head to the pristine waters of Koopa Troopa Beach, but watch out for those crabs. All it takes is one pinch to ruin your trip.



**DEC. 21 – JAN. 19**  
You are the thunderbolt. You have a lot of power over others right now, but remember not to belittle those around you. It could come back and zap you.

## PROMINENT VISITORS



JORDAN BIORDI



ADRIANA ZHANG

**Left:** Mike Holmes filming at Humber's Carrier Drive Campus to support skilled trades as well as the homeless foundation. Shaw and CAPP are sponsoring 40 scholarships at \$5,000 each for students in skilled trades.

**Right:** Jason Kenny announces Canada Job Grant at Humber's Carrier campus. Applications open today.

## QUOTED: Will you be voting in the HSF By-Election?

No, because I haven't really been following it...life got in the way



**Courtney Shannon, 18**  
Tourism Management, 1st YEAR

Yes, because if you don't vote you don't have the right to complain about anything that goes on in this school



**Devin Lacroix, 20**  
Film & TV Production, 3rd YEAR

Yes, so we can elect the right student to represent the student body



**Sadiyya Ajmal, 24**  
Practical Nursing, 1st YEAR

# TO THE NINES

**Julie Sayewich**  
22  
Fashion Management  
2nd Year  
Post Grad



Julie's outfit is a design of her own creation. Inspired by the current Fast Fashion trends featured in Zara and Top Shop. Julie says plaid is huge this fall, as are mustards and Bordeaux.

Photo by Jordan Biordi



## TEAM SPIRIT

# 2014 Hawk Fest marks start of varsity season

Nearly 400 students gathered for Student Athletic Association Spirit Week event

Ashleigh Darrach

SPORTS REPORTER

Students gathered around to support Humber's varsity programs this week for this year's edition of Hawk Fest.

The festival, which took place on Sept. 24, is mounted during the Student Athletic Association (SAA's) Spirit Week each fall.

During this time, SAA puts on events such as Hawk Fest, a Humber baseball game, soccer game, Varsity Gala and Alumni Game on Saturday.

This year Hawk Fest hosted between 300 and 400 students, said James DePoe, Humber Athletics events and programming coordinator.

Third year Humber Sports Management student and SAA employee Jonny Moore said, "I think the best part (of Hawk Fest) was running my Hawk Pong game.

It was fun watching all of the college students who pride themselves on usually being good at the game, struggle because it was a different version."

Students played games, entered draws, and ate free pizza. Ballots were drawn every hour for Humber swag bags, a bookstore gift certificate

and the top prize, an iPad.

Hawk Fest also helps unite students and varsity athletes by promoting the Hawks Nation program, which is the official fan club of the Humber Hawks.

In order to get free pizza students had to show their Hawk's Nation member card, or prove that they had installed the Hawk Nation app on their mobile device.

"We now have an app in the Google Play store and in the Apple store, which I'm really hoping catches on this year. It lists all of Humber's events — meaning all of our varsity home games, but we are trying to tie in a lot of other things, like Hawk Fest for example," said DePoe.

Hawk Nation members can accumulate points and the more games they attend, the more free swag they can get.

"I joined Hawk Nation last year, and I got so much free Humber Swag just from going to the games. It's an easy way to get out and meet new people while supporting your school. I told all of my friends to come to Hawk fest and sign up too, because it's so easy," said Taylor Hutchinson, third year Sport Management student.



ASHLIEGH DARRACH

Students engaged in activities at Humber College North campus Athletic Centre and got a chance to win tickets and enter a draw for some major prizes, including an iPad.

## 'Ton of pressure' to perform athletically in United States

Canadian varsity athletes at U.S. schools face much more pressure than in Canada

Joe Catania

SPORTS REPORTER

The pressure to perform both academically and athletically at American post-secondary schools has caused many Canadian athletes abroad to rethink their futures.

After spending a year at Jefferson Community College in Waterdown, N.Y., playing collegiate baseball, Ryan Mcdougall, 20, decided to make his way back home. He is now studying Broadcast Television at Humber College and playing for the varsity baseball team.

"I felt a ton of pressure

when I was down there to perform athletically. Coaches had us in the weight room all the time, practicing every day and they watched your every move," Mcdougall said.

"It was overwhelming trying to balance baseball and academics. Some guys couldn't even make it out of the fall semester. I was definitely overwhelmed by the end of the year," he said.

Canadian schools stress the importance of making academics a priority over short-term collegiate sports careers, and coaches seem to do a good job of making this message clear, Mcdougall said.

"Coaches (in Canada) are definitely more lenient and more understanding if we need to miss a practice or a game to catch-up on our homework or to study for a test. Compared to the ones in the States, where it was always tough to ask for some time off," Mcdougall said.

"The coaches here are more easy going and it makes the game a little more fun without all the added pressure," he said.

Mcdougall's story is similar to the experience of first-year Brock University student Luke Melymick.

Melymick, 22, spent two years attending and pitching for two different American universities. He went to Al-



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Ryan Mcdougall

FORMER JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE ATHLETE NOW AT HUMBER

abama State and Minnesota State, playing baseball for both teams, before heading back to Canada to complete his education.

"The heavy baseball load made it hard for me to keep up and balance with my studying," he said.

He said collegiate coaches in the United States are

tougher on students.

"Coaches in the States get paid to coach and it's usually their full-time job," he said. "That's why they are tougher on you and try to stay on top of you."

Melymick agreed that Canadian schools value education more heavily than U.S. schools.

"Academics (in Canada) are way harder and better, but Americans take sports a lot more seriously," he said.

To any student athlete looking to take the U.S. college route, Mcdougall offers some advice.

"Make sure it's worth it, you have to be getting the education you want," he said.

## MoveU in lead to bring fitness plan to students

Jessica Dempsey

SPORTS REPORTER

Two prominent Ontario post-secondary institutions are leading the way in student physical activity and Humber is running to catch up.

MoveU is a program run by the University of Toronto, Sheridan College and ParticipACTION to help promote physical activity.

It is bringing physical activities to students and makes it easier for them to access, especially to those who are intimidated by going to athletic centres.

Karla Windatt, a peer mentor for MoveU at Sheridan College, said that physical activity helps increase retention, memory and improves academics.

"I feel when I have a test coming up and when I'm on my butt all night studying, it is good to get up and go for a walk or do some squats and get moving. I've seen a difference," Windatt said.

Humber College does not participate in the MoveU program but is starting to acknowledge the importance of bringing physical activities to students.

Vice President of Student Life at Humber North Campus Ahmet Tahir said that HSF doesn't focus on physical activity but it does focus on health.

"We are doing a yoga class in conjunction with athletics. At Lakeshore we are doing a glow-in-the-dark one," said Tahir.

While only University of Toronto and Sheridan College participate in this program, there are opportunities for other schools to try it as well. Schools can develop their own programs based on MoveU.

"It is worth exploring because (of) the kind of impact and uptake we have had on students accessing our facilities," said Ayana Webb, former coordinator of MoveU at the University of Toronto.

MoveU aims to get usually sedentary students active. Improving the students' confidence in staying active helps to promote membership in organized sports and going to the Athletic Centre.

"It looks interesting, it is something I can see HSF getting on board with depending on what it actually entails," Tahir said.