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Humber celebrates LRC grand opening

Travis Kingdon
NEWS REPORTER

On Friday morning the drums boomed, the red carpet rolled out and the welcome banner was unveiled on Humber's newest building.

There were booths and events on all six floors of the newly built Learning Resource Commons (LRC). Students and staff were able to grab a smoothie from Humber Sustainability, while the culinary students offered up waffles, and a chocolate fountain for all attendees.

"This is very exciting," said Chris Whitaker, president and CEO of Humber College. The LRC will serve as the new front door to the school's North campus, he explained.

"Look at it!" exclaimed Ahmed Tahir, President of the Humber Students' Federation. "From outside, inside, it looks absolutely beautiful," he said.

Standing at six storeys tall and 264 thousand square feet, it is estimated that the new LRC will accommodate more than 2,200 students.

Windows on the front of the building and large amounts of free space inside gives an open feel to the space. Even with the large crowd present for the celebration the building still felt welcoming.

"It doesn't sacrifice any sub-



ARESELL JOSEPH

Humber North campus Learning Resource Commons opened Friday with speeches, demonstrations and free food to welcome students, staff and faculty.

stance for style," said Tahir, adding it's one of his favourite things about the new building.

Creation of a sense of place and an active, animated and welcoming environment are what the team envisioned for the space said Rani Dhaliwal, CFO and Vice President of

Corporate planning and services for Humber College.

"There's a sense of energy and vibrancy, which is in the design," said Whitaker.

Access to the building has been available since the spring. The college briefly opened the LRC's doors on April 18

to 4,000 prospective students and their families for an open house, explained Whitaker.

Today was the first day that faculty and students alike were able to get together and celebrate the opening of the new space, he added.

The LRC represents a se-

ries of firsts and not just for Humber, explained Dhaliwal.

"This is the largest building that the ministry has ever funded for any post secondary education institution."

The Ontario government funded \$74.5 million while Humber contributed \$4.5 mil-

lion to complete the project.

"It took us 677 days to complete, that may seem like a long time, but it wasn't really, it went really quickly," said Whitaker.

"It's a wonderful building that will stand here for generations to come," he said.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Summer assaults near campus trigger security alert

Jennifer Berry
SENIOR REPORTER

"One sex assault is too many."

These were the words of Rob Kilfoyle, Humber College Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management, when asked to discuss the two sexual assaults that occurred just off-campus on Aug. 2 and Sept. 2, 2015.

Both assaults involved a female victim walking on the pathway off Humber College Boulevard along Highway 27

that leads towards Queen's Plate frequented by Humber and local community members travelling to the Woodbine Mall and Queen's Plate parking lot. Kilfoyle says in both incidents a passerby noticed the victim in distress and in one instance used the emergency phones in the Humber parking lot to call 911 when it became clear that this was a criminal matter.

Kilfoyle was quick to point out that while the incidents occurred neither on Hum-

ber property nor to Humber students, the department felt a responsibility to alert the Humber community of the incidents. "Even though the survivors of the assaults weren't Humber-connected, we still felt that [since] it was in such close proximity to the campus and the perpetrators are unknown, there was risk to members of our community and people that travel along that route," he said.

Kilfoyle said that while both cases are now in the hands of the

Toronto police, his department receives daily updates and that at press time, the perpetrators in both assaults were not believed to be connected to the college. "The suspects are yet to be identified but we don't believe them to be Humber students, staff or faculty," he said.

He also said Toronto police believe they are dealing with two different and unrelated perpetrators.

Students have often noted that Humber's North campus has numerous poorly lit or secluded corners with sprawl-

ing grounds that border on the Arboretum, Humber river paths and an overflow of parking that forces many to park in the Queen's Plate lot a half kilometer to the south. While the pathway where the late-summer assaults occurred is owned by the City of Toronto, the college employs several security guards to patrol it during the academic year. "Even though it's not our property, we're concerned and try to make it as safe as possible," Kilfoyle said.

The assaults took place outside of the academic year when areas like the Highway 27 pathway are more vulnerable, according to Kilfoyle.

One other area bordering the campus that remains vulnerable year-round is a trail that cuts through the Arboretum, he added, noting it acts as a kind of shortcut connecting the main Humber buildings with off-campus housing.

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Toronto universities, Lifeline Syria pledge to assist Syrian refugees

By Alex Martino & Katherine Green
SENIOR REPORTERS

Four local universities are partnering with Lifeline Syria, a Toronto-based humanitarian organization which seeks to sponsor and resettle 1,000 refugees in the Greater Toronto Area.

York University, the University of Toronto and OCAD University have joined Ryerson University's initiative to bring Syrians hoping for permanent relocation to Canada.

The announcement made on Sept. 15 allows Ryerson's original goal of resettling 11 families to increase to up to 100 refugees total.

The four universities are working to focus their resources and recruits into sponsorship teams, one for each of the families they aim to relocate.

Each of the teams will be tasked with the goal of raising \$27,000 as part of a financial program to support families for approximately one year.

York and U of T are looking beyond the commitment of resettling families to develop multi-faceted bursary and scholarship programs for these future community members.

Lorne Sossin, dean of Osgoode Hall Law School, has worked closely with York University President and Vice-Chancellor Mamdouh Shoukri to initiate partnership with Ryerson,



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Syrian refugees with their children sit together in a makeshift shelter on island of Lesbos, Greece.

as well as pursue their own unique contribution.

York's "goals will include a target of sponsorships of Syrian refugee families on the one hand, and [support] for refugee students whether from Syria or the many other parts of the world in crisis where refugees are fleeing," said Sossin.

Humber College is currently assessing possible avenues it could take regarding the refugee crisis,

citing connections with established NGOs as a starting point.

Humber President and CEO Chris Whitaker said that there has been communication with Ryerson's Lifeline Syria efforts.

"We're supportive to do whatever we can for the Syrian refugee crisis so the only outstanding piece for me is how we act to mobilize," said Whitaker.

Whitaker sits on the board for the World University Service of

Canada (WUSC), an organization promoting equity and sustainability through a network of post-secondary institutions. The group has a storied history of offering education to student refugees, and Whitaker says there is a longstanding WUSC program in Syria.

WUSC hosted a meeting Sept. 24 at Humber College outlining its own efforts in Syria, providing information to post-secondary institutions so they could make the choice to

partner with the organization or whether they would opt for other local efforts, such as Lifeline Syria.

Whitaker said he would support a Humber effort to partner with Lifeline Syria if there is a significant interest to do so.

Lifeline Syria's enhancement of Canada's resettlement plan in the face of international conflict has spurred local government to offer the organization support in its efforts.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne announced Sept. 20 that the provincial government will be contributing to Lifeline Syria in addition to the proposed \$10.5 million going to aid refugees.

The City of Toronto passed a motion in a Sept. 21 executive meeting to allocate \$600,000 to a refugee resettlement program. Meanwhile, Mayor John Tory announced earlier this month that he would be sponsoring a refugee family via Lifeline Syria.

Though limited in scope, efforts by post-secondary institutions are on par with the government's efforts.

"Post-secondary institutions are embedded in their communities and ought to be builders of those communities," said Sossin.

"This kind of initiative can break down the barriers between faculty, students, staff and alumni as post-secondary communities come together for shared goals."

When fantasy becomes graphic reality



KATIE PEDERSEN

Photojournalist Marc Ellison speaks to Humber students at Lakeshore campus about emergence of graphic novels as a medium for journalists.

By Katie Pedersen & Christina Romualdo
SENIOR REPORTERS

Students and community members gathered at the Humber Lakeshore campus Tuesday to hear photojournalist Marc Ellison talk about his latest project.

In an event held in partnership with the Aga Khan Foundation of Canada, Ellison gave attendees a sneak peek into his upcoming online graphic novel, which showcases the stories of women abducted by the Lord's Resistance Army in

Uganda.

Ellison used his background in IT and specialization in data journalism to enhance this project, incorporating video, sound and editorialized images to increase interactivity. The project has the air of a digital comic strip, with cartoons often superimposed over photographs.

"I wanted to try and initiate a virtual conversation with you, the reader," Ellison said.

His project is an example of comic journalism, a burgeoning field that uses graphic novels and car-

toons to tell journalistic stories.

Ellison said that using cartoons helps illustrate the stories that his subjects are recounting from their past. It can also be used to conceal an anonymous source's identity in a more engaging way.

"It's combining the other-worldly and the real world," he said. "It's showing people, 'I was there, I spoke to these people.' Unfortunately I wasn't there at the time of the war, but this is what it would have looked like."

Maclean's journalist Nick Taylor-Vaisey said this type of jour-

nalism is a great new way to engage untapped audiences. "I think it is incredibly valuable as a way to bring in new readers, audiences you wouldn't otherwise attract, to a given publication," he said.

Taylor-Vaisey is more familiar with the field than most, having seen its impact at his current publication. "Here at *Maclean's*, during the Mike Duffy trial, we enlisted a freelancer who wrote every day from the trial, but he also worked as a freelance cartoonist. And he created an ongoing comic titled, 'Trial of the

Century' and did nine or ten weeks of a graphic novelling of the Duffy trial."

"Personally, I think it's a great experiment to bring in younger viewers or readers who are more inclined to read graphic novels," said Taylor-Vaisey.

Ellison's next project is in Tanzania, where he will be featuring child brides as part of his Fellowship for International Development Reporting, which is funded by the Aga Khan Foundation.



CHRISTINA ROMUALDO

Graphic novelist Marc Ellison spoke at Humber Lakeshore on Tuesday.

Tragedy re-raises allergy safety concerns

By Christine Tippet
NEWS REPORTER

Andrea Mariano, 18, had just started her first year at Queen's University when she died of a severe allergic reaction.

The family of Mariano told Global News she went into anaphylactic shock after drinking a smoothie on campus.

"All her life she has been very particular about letting whoever it is that is preparing her food know," Mariano's cousin Hedellaine Valentin told Global News. "To say, I have an allergy to peanuts, I am deathly allergic to peanuts and I have an allergy to dairy products. She knows that. She tells them."

The day of the incident Mariano was not carrying one of her two EpiPens, which was something she never did, according to her family.

Mariano, who was from Thornhill Ont., was rushed to Kingston General Hospital and died a few days later on Sept. 18.

"The doctors have said, even if she had both EpiPens with her, it was that severe, whatever it was that she had ingested... this was inevitable," Valentin told Global News.

She was only two days into her university career in the Faculty of

Arts and Science.

Principal of Queen's University, Daniel Woolf, issued a statement on her death, explaining the school's policies for students living with allergies.

"The university does offer a num-



All her life she has been very particular about letting whoever it is that is preparing her food know.

Hedellaine Valentin
MARIANO'S COUSIN

ber of services and support designed to guide students who live with or experience allergies and other health challenges. Those services include signage in our dining halls, as well as personal meetings with our campus executive chef in order to provide students with guidance when it comes to eating on campus."

The story is a little different at Humber College in Toronto. Taking a walk around the Food Emporium at North campus, there are no signs

readily apparent in regard to food allergies. The information is not easily accessible online, either.

Beatrice Povolo, the Director of Marketing & Communications at [Food Allergy Canada](#) said it's a joint responsibility between individuals and the community to help manage allergies and to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again.

Povolo said it's very important for post-secondary schools to provide resources and information about where students can ask questions and who they can speak to about their allergies.

"The key is having access to information about what ingredients are used and how the food is prepared, as well as having people on site who are knowledgeable about food allergies that individuals can speak to. On-campus and off-campus, that is something we would like to see in all food service establishments," Povolo said.

Povolo said it's a challenging situation when students move away for the first time, and the situation can be even more complicated when someone has food allergies.

"We always want to make sure that anyone with a severe allergy is



PRESS RELEASE

Queen's University student Andrea Mariano, 18, died on Sept. 18 after a severe allergic reaction.

vigilant and safe...But also understanding that mistakes and accidents can happen, and trying to be prepared in all situations," she said.

Food Allergy Canada, which provides [information](#) on managing food allergies, says there are approximately 2.5 million Canadians with food allergies.



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Christine Sinclair one of many female athletes making their FIFA video game debut.

Women kick off on screen in FIFA 16

By Domenic Loschiavo
NEWS REPORTER

Famed soccer video game FIFA 16 hits stores today with a bold new look as female athletes from 12 different national teams will be included in this year's edition.

Not only will it be the first time in the game's 23-year history that female athletes are featured, but it will also be the first time women will be included on the cover of the video game. Canada's edition will show off national team captain Christine Sinclair, while the United States' Alex Morgan will grace the cover of the American version.

Head Coach of McGill University's Women's Varsity soccer team, Jose-Luis Valdes, said on top of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup exposure, the game FIFA 16 will shine a larger spotlight on female athletes.

"The exposure and support from this year's World Cup was tremendous. Not only in Canada but across the world," said Valdes. "Now being recognized in the video game platform is just going to increase the popularity and hopefully break down some barriers."

Valdes, a former member of many Team Canada Under-17 CONCACAF teams, also said the hurdles facing women's sports have started to come down in North America, but hopes that the trend continues into other countries around the world as well.

This historic day for women athletes took an unexpected turn. EA Sports released a statement last week announcing that 13 NCAA players were removed from the game because of U.S. college eligibility requirements, including Canadian breakout star Kadeisha Buchanan.

Although thrilled by the inclusion of women athletes in this year's game, the Ontario Soccer Association said in an email to Humber News, "While we are disappointed by the NCAA ruling and its impact on the athletes, we are supportive of EA Sports resulting actions to not include them in this year's game."

Toronto taxis losing out to Uber on and off the road

By Clare Jenkins
NEWS REPORTER

Humber News took a test ride in both an Uber car and a traditional taxi on Tuesday to get two perspectives on ridesharing in Toronto.

Shah Alakoozi has been working for Uber for four days.

"I love it. The good thing about Uber is that you can sign in and sign out whenever you want. You have more time for yourself and for your family," he said.

Alakoozi's family lives in Cornwall, Ont. He is hoping to move them to Toronto and says Uber is a great way to make extra money.

"The pay is good. You get to meet new people. You get to drive to different places. It's a little bit of everything," he said.

The best part of being an Uber driver? The freedom, according to Alakoozi. "You're your own boss," he said.

However, taxi drivers don't necessarily have such a positive outlook on the service. One driver, who asked not to be named, said he finds it unfair that taxis are required to follow such strict rules to operate in Toronto while Uber drivers are not.

"In a country like Canada, if someone is taking responsibility for



CLARE JENKINS

Shah Alakoozi has been working for Uber for four days. "I love it. The good thing about Uber is that you can sign in and sign out." While new service is popular with public and its drivers, licensed cabbies have other responses.

driving a person without any qualifications, where's the government?" he said.

Drivers have to spend almost \$650 in order to apply for a taxicab license. Applicants are also required to provide fingerprints, a criminal background check, proof of work status and complete a CPR course.

To work for Uber, drivers are simply required to own a post-2005 model vehicle, have a clean driving record and pass a background check.

"They are driving without having to spend anything. If they aren't regulated then we should get it free. Why are we paying?" said the taxi

driver.

Alakoozi said he hopes Uber will not fully take over the rideshare market. "Competition is good. I don't want the taxis to go out of business," he said.

The California-based company launched a petition on Monday urging Toronto riders to contact their city councilor and ask that they "recognize the merits of innovations that are allowing this to happen and support smart ridesharing regulations."

By Tuesday afternoon the petition already had over 37,000 signatures.

Uber is calling on Toronto city

councilors to pass the reforms recommended by city staff at council's meeting on Sept. 30.

Uber Canada general manager Ian Black told the *Toronto Star* Tuesday, "the vote on Sept. 30 is really a 'Yes' or 'No' vote on whether this city wants to embrace Uber."

"I think [city council is] making a lot more money with taxis," Alakoozi said.

He also said he thinks Toronto needs to start looking at the future of transportation.

"They have to realize that this is technology and everyone loves it," Alakoozi said. "You can't be going backwards."



JENNIFER BERRY

The path adjacent to Highway 27 has raised concerns about student safety on campus.

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One other area bordering the campus that remains vulnerable year-round is a trail that cuts through the Arboretum, acting as a shortcut connecting the main Humber buildings with the student residences. While signs discourage students from using this trail, many frequent it to avoid a much-longer walk.

Kilfoyle says that because it is less-used and poorly lit, the trail isn't regularly patrolled but concedes it could be argued that for those reasons it should be patrolled. "True. Is it vulnerable? I would say absolutely that it's vulnerable."

Dean of Students Jen McMillen encourages campus-goers to be vocal and try to exercise change if they feel a particular area on campus demands attention. "There's opportunity with us to have conversations and take a look at problem areas," she said.

"There's often very practical, very reasonable steps that can be made to increase safety, and students are the ones travelling those areas so they're probably in the best position to give us some of that feedback."

She also says that while violence of any kind is always at the forefront of the institution's priorities, now is a historic moment for sexual violence awareness at the college.

"It's a bit of a watershed moment. We've been having these dialogues and discussions for many years but there always comes a moment in time where everyone else is ready to have an open, honest, genuine conversation about making social

change," said McMillen.

Corinna Fitzgerald, Director of Student Life Programs and lead author of Humber's Sexual Assault and Sexual Conduct Policy and Procedures, agrees and notes the importance of "raising awareness around these things and to continue the dialogue around having a safe campus" but says that Humber is constantly trying to improve.

"We try to take a multi-pronged approach but there's never enough that we can do to promote safety on our campus so we do look at what we're doing and reevaluate it all the time," she said.

Fitzgerald also contends that a key step in minimizing sexual violence is addressing issues like victim-blaming and the often-prevalent rhetoric that revolves around women's responsibility to keep themselves safe. "Part of the challenge in this dialogue is that if we only target women and tell them to be safe, we're not really addressing the problem that they are being harmed by other people," she said.

"I think any student on campus needs to be proactive in their own safety but I think if this dialogue becomes around 'how do women keep themselves safe,' I don't think we're going far enough,"

September is Sexual Violence Awareness Month at Humber College. Students can participate in a wide range of programs and initiatives designed to promote awareness.

Humber to retrofit space left open in move to LRC

By Corey Brehaut
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber College unveiled the new Learning Resource Commons today in a spectacular grand opening, leaving several buildings and spaces at the college empty and looking for purpose.

"We've identified 47, probably more now, different projects to retrofit the space," said Dr. Chris Whitaker, president and CEO of Humber College.

The new, open-concept building will serve as a hub for all student services in the school as well as an open space for students to study in. The library, student financial services, student health services, the office of the registrar, the international centre, the school of liberal arts and sciences and the college's executive team have all been relocated to the LRC.

It also marks the inclusion of Humber College's first Starbucks.

There are already plans to use the old spaces effectively. The first step will be moving offices for the

school of applied technology into the old library space said Rani Dhaliwal, senior vice president for planning and corporate services at Humber.

Each step in the process will lead directly to the next, "the plans are well underway. It will be sort of like a domino effect," she said.

Additional classrooms and open learning spaces are also in the cards said Dhaliwal. Computer labs and faculty spaces are also being planned, said Whitaker.

"If there's things we can do on a temporary basis just to use the space, whether to give students a place to sit or faculty offices, we will be doing that," he said.

The plans have already finalized for the empty spaces and construction is set to begin later this year.

The changes are expected to take about a year and a half to finish, said Dhaliwal.

"You can't turn everything into a construction zone to get it done," Whitaker said on the length of the project.

Interview preparation program aims for success

The Career Centre has revamped the way they prepare students for entering the working world.

By Serge Halytsky
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber College Academic Career and Success Centre introduced a new job interview preparation program this fall.

Unlike the previous text-heavy manuals, it is now based on infographics. It also includes short job interview videos, posted on the Centre's YouTube Channel.

"It is very important for students to know what to expect when they are going to a job interview," says Angella Nunes, a career adviser at the Career Centre.

So for that purpose the Centre prepared handouts with nicely laid out infographics that students can print from the Career Centre website and a few videos that take them through the interview process.

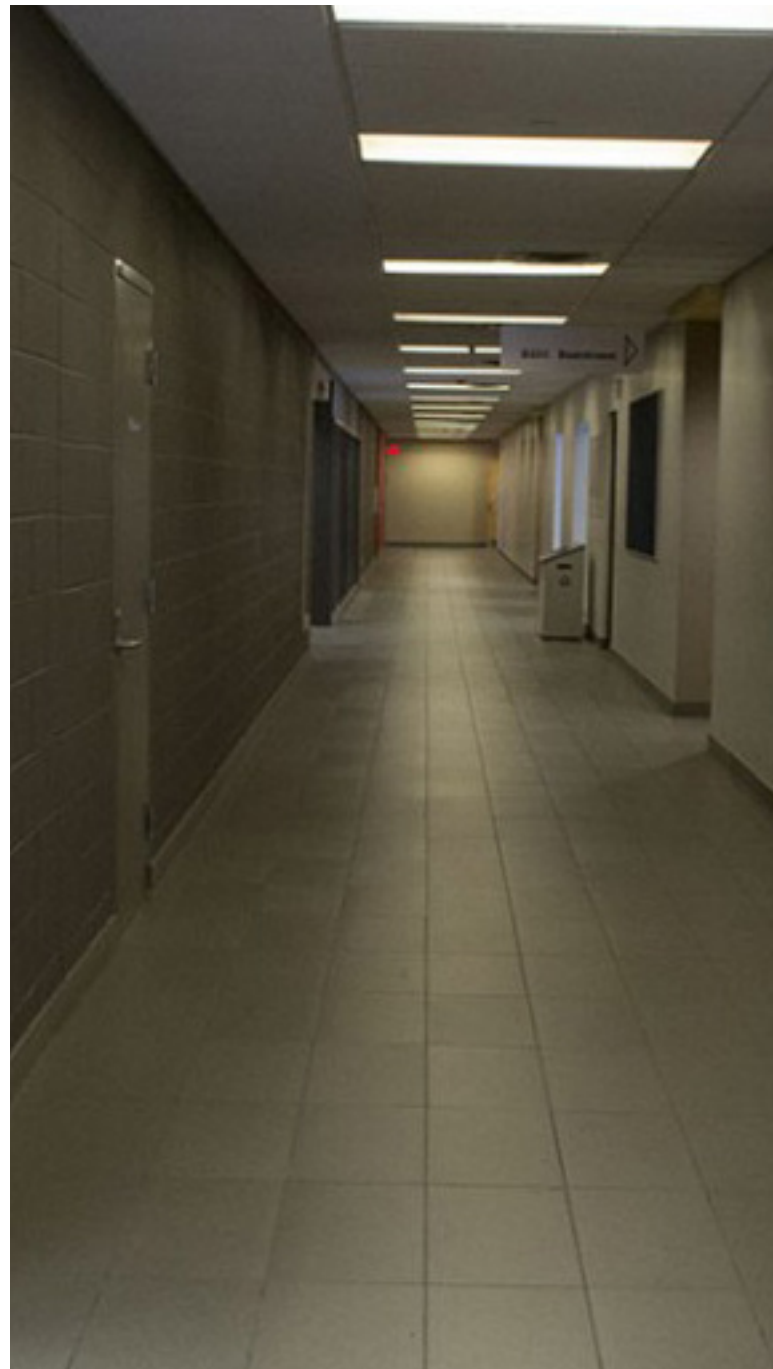
To access all that information Career Centre encourages students to go to the careers.humber.ca. Students can also access it from the main Humber website.

"Students really appreciate new manuals," Nunes said. "It's infographics, it's step by step, so it's easy for them to have visual memorization. As well on the YouTube Channel, those videos are very brief, less than a minute each, so in very short time they can absorb and extract necessary information."

Going from text-heavy manual to infographics based brief manual came from understanding that at the age of information people would appreciate more brevity and they like to see pictures. Plus in the Career Centre they are trying to keep pulse on the trends, on the new tools and resources. They are getting ideas from students, especially from work-study students, because they rest on social media and know the newest.

"I believe we changed the methodology of delivering this message," Byung Oh, the student adviser at the Career Centre said. "Now we make them visually attractive and easy to digest."

Oh also points that there are many useful resources available, like resume samples, but not too many students aware of it.



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B Building has been largely unused since the opening of the LRC

HOROSCOPES



JAN. 20 - FEB. 19
Are you ready for this week? 'Cause son, you be gettin' lucky.



FEB. 20 - MAR. 20
Money money money. This week you will be presented with an opportunity where you could get lucrative results.



MAR. 21 - APR. 20
Change your side-girl's name to Mark in your phone. It's getting hot out there, homie.



APR. 21 - MAY 20
Keep an eye out for conniving Capricorn this week. Their demeanour may seem caring, but something suspicious is brewing right under the surface



MAY 21 - JUN. 20
Try to be more healthy. This campus food has you feeling weak and tired. Hit a local grocery store and get some nice salmon filets.



JUN. 21 - JUL. 22
Watch your schedule. Work and school is going to take some serious life balancing skills. Also keep a lookout for Aries, who seems to be a bit sneaky this week .



JUL. 23 - AUG. 22
Don't be shy! Ask that hot athlete you've been eyeing out. All they want is your soul.



AUG. 23 - SEPT. 21
Good googly moogly, life is looking up for you this week. Whatever you do, it will all work out in the end. Try something new. You are indestrucable.



SEPT. 22 - OCT. 22
The upcoming weekend holds promise, especially in the realm of probiotic dietary choices. Look forward to a great start to the week, but beware of carbs as it goes on.



OCT. 23 - NOV. 21
Beware of consuming any alcoholic beverages. Seems like a couple of Saturday night silly pops could leave you in some trouble.



NOV. 22 - DEC. 20
If you see a couple of cutie pies in the hallway, make sure to introduce yourself. Maybe offer a walk to class. But, don't be a dummy and get all creepy.



DEC. 21 - JAN. 19
Be gentle with the paranoid Taurus in your life. The skittish behavior is just a cover-up - press harder to find out what's going on.

QUOTED: How do you manage your OSAP loan?

Once it comes in, I obviously pay off my school first, like tuition for the year, and I'll budget it.



Kenan Habibovic, 27
Radio Broadcasting

I already went to college before, so I know not to blow it the second time



Maureen "MoMo" Wangari, 21
Travel and Tourism Mangement

First year I was kind of crazy and didn't really manage it at all. This year I'm being really careful.



Joelle Ramey, 19
Paralegal Education

HEALTH TIPS BY HALEY FALCO

No-Bake Chocolate Energy Bites

Want to try a quick-and-easy snack that's made of wholesome, nutritional ingredients? Pinterest offers No-Bake Chocolate Energy Balls that are bite-size so they are great for snacking between meals. Mini-treats are filled with protein, healthy fats, iron, magnesium and dietary fiber.

Ingredients include: honey, almond butter, oats, unsweetened cocoa powder, flaxseed meal, semi-sweet vegan chocolate chips, vanilla extract, raw coconut and water.

Prep time: 10 minutes
Makes about 20 bites

Ingredients
½ cup no stir almond butter (or creamy peanut butter)

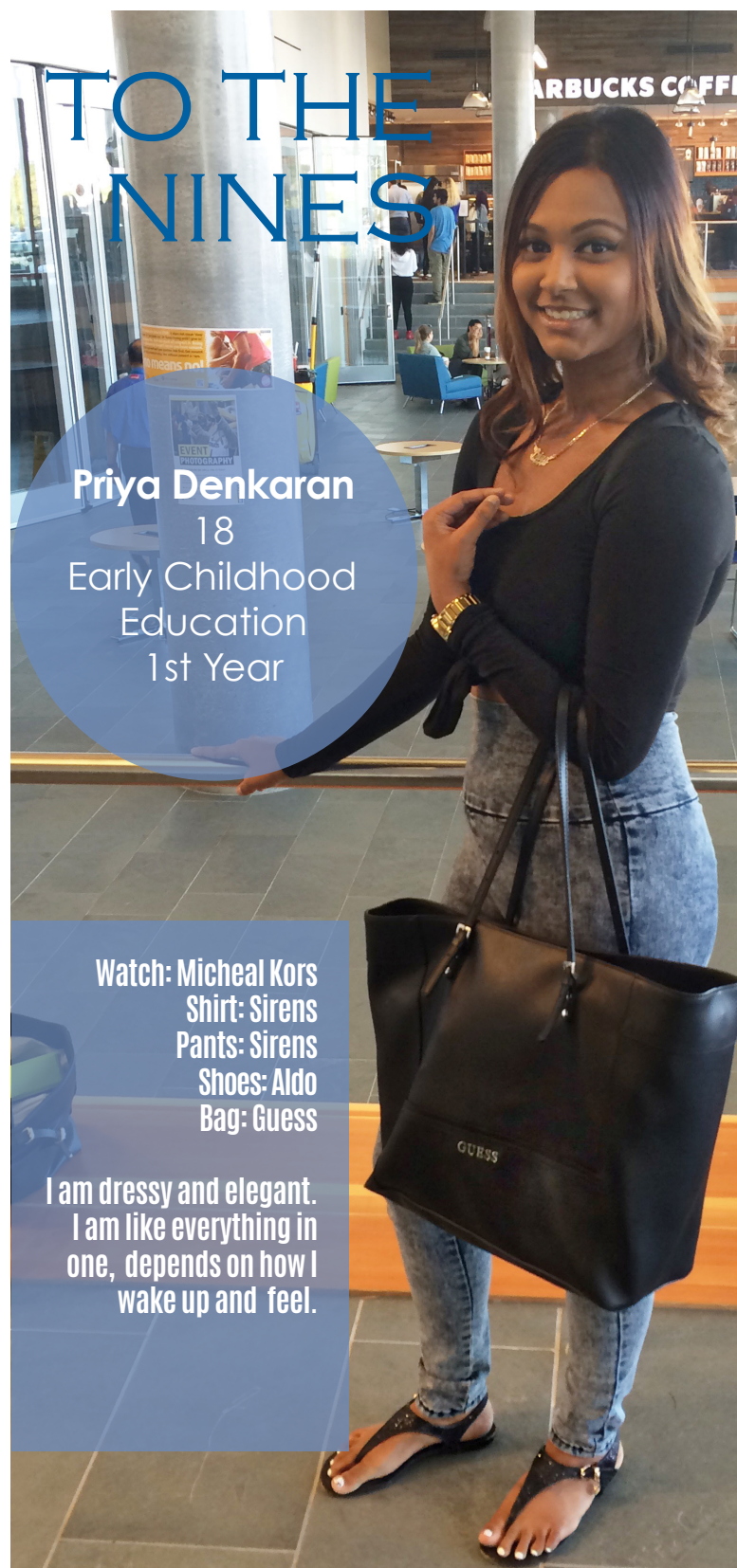
¼ cup + 2 Tbsp. honey
1 tsp. vanilla extract
3 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder
Up to 4 tsp. warm water, (only add water if needed)
1 cup old-fashioned oats
¾ cup raw coconut
½ cup flaxseed meal
6 tbsp. semi-sweet chocolate chips

Directions:
Stir together almond butter, vanilla, honey and cocoa powder in a large-size bowl. Begin adding

the oats, coconut, flaxseed meal and chocolate chips to that mix. Stir for a couple of minutes until everything looks evenly mixed. If the mix isn't sticking well, this is where you can slowly add up to 4 tsp. of warm water, until mix begins to stick.

Roll mix into bite-size balls and place in a large container. After all balls are rolled, place the container in the fridge for two hours to set.

Take out and enjoy whenever you are craving a delicious snack!



TO THE NINES

Priya Denkaran
18
Early Childhood Education
1st Year

Watch: Micheal Kors
Shirt: Sirens
Pants: Sirens
Shoes: Aldo
Bag: Guess

I am dressy and elegant. I am like everything in one, depends on how I wake up and feel.

EDITORIAL

Youth voters need to be engaged this year

The Canadian national election is set for October 19, and we believe that everyone, especially youth voters, should engage themselves in the political process.

The percentage of youth voter turnout in Canada has decreased steeply since 1993, according to a Library of Parliament research publications document, from about 75 per cent and dropping.

Voter turnout has been generally depressed, with an historic low of under 59 per cent of voters casting ballots in 2008, according to the document.

Youth voters may have the perception that the issues in this election do not concern them, if social media traffic and anecdotal evidence are any sign. Questions about Bill C-51, Canada's stance on ISIS and taxation do not seem to resonate with Canada's young people.

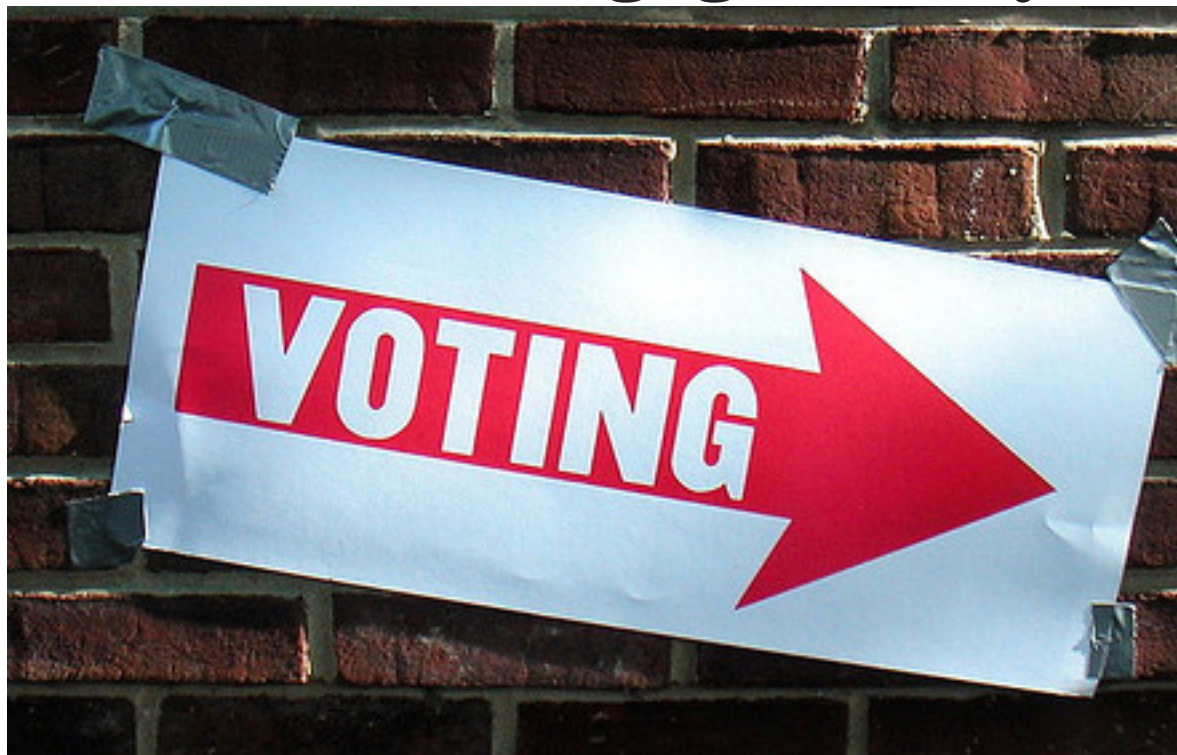
This is a problem. The present generation just doesn't pay enough attention to politics or realize how serious these issues are.

It is unfair to those who care when a prevailing theme amongst youth is that politics aren't cool anymore. Apathy has become a fashion statement and people are wearing it like it's never going out of style.

We want the young generation to care about the future of the world and more specifically the future of Canada. A *Globe and Mail* headline from a couple of years ago, "Generation Nixed: Why Canada's youth are losing hope for the future", pointed to the lack of engagement that has to be overcome. It is a sad reflection of Canada's political, social and cultural environment that many younger people should feel powerless.

Where did this apathy come from?

The youth have grown up in a world that in many ways wants to shoot down innovation and progressivism. We can point to the



This year for the Canadian national election, do not forget to cast your ballots and support others who do the same for the sake of Canada's future. Photo from Flickr Commons.

post 9/11 era where security has become more important than freedom. We can also see Prime Minister Stephen Harper's attempts to push Canada down a road of economic liberalism rather than social liberalism, namely freedom of the market over freedom of society. We live in a digital world where satisfaction is often instantaneous and maybe because of this we have become numb to the effort required to reap long term rewards.

If we are just self-obsessed, why don't we love ourselves enough to fight for our future on the political stage?

The youth voter demographic is often ignored and manipulated. This manipulation is evident in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's attempts to sway youth voters with a keen blend of economic liberalism and Netflix. Should we blame ourselves for this because of our apathetic minds? Or should we blame a political culture that

has realized the youth are impressionable, spontaneous and emotional voters?

We would love to see youth assemble around people who have the knowledge to educate others about politics, whoever they may be. Young Canadians are maybe not used to giving this kind of value to political passion.

We have learned that politics is often corrupt and full of deception, as the ongoing senate scandal has again made evident. This has maybe made young people reluctant to commit to a leader. Do the promises hang stale in the air and fall upon deaf ears?

Maybe what young people want is political introduction that comes in an easily digestible form, such as viral advertising. However, in the past things like this have been misguided and we did not see enough productive action in result. The American Kony 2012 campaign where young people were misguid-

ed into following a cause that did not produce results comes to mind.

Politicians for the most part don't yet know how to use platforms like Facebook and Twitter in a way that organizes conviction and motivates impression. Looking at the profiles of some of the top political figures the youth may feel disconnected or think these people are behaving robotically. Look at one of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's most recent tweets "Proud to be in Windsor today to announce our Conservative Party's plan to protect Canadian manufacturing jobs."

Politics is not just a game. It is an important societal practice that guides a country, or province, or city to success or to failure. Canada's young adults need to abandon their fears of being misled and trust their own abilities to understand political realities that will most definitely affect their future lives personally.

Fahmy freedom opens questions of blame

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Welcome home, Mr. Fahmy.

After rotting in Egypt's notorious Tora Prison for more than a year, Canadian *Al Jazeera* journalist Mohamed Fahmy is now able to return home to Vancouver. Egyptian General-President Abdel Fattah Sissi officially pardoned Fahmy on Wednesday.

And for what crime did he earn the ire of Egypt's military junta? It's a bit complicated.

Fahmy, along with *Al Jazeera* colleagues Baher Mohamed and Peter Grete, was arrested in December 2013 while covering the aftermath of a military coup that overthrew the Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's

first democratically elected government.

They were charged with terrorism and fabricating news, which are, at least ostensibly, ridiculous charges.

According to Fahmy's own account in the *Globe and Mail*, published as an op-ed in March, his employer is at least partially to blame.

Al Jazeera's operations in Egypt can be thought of as the "Good, the Bad and the Ugly." Fahmy worked directly for *Al Jazeera* English (good), but the Qatar-based broadcaster also operates *Al Jazeera* Arabic (bad) and *Mubasher Misr* (ugly), both of which support the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood. The latter is an outright mouthpiece for

the Brotherhood.

Qatar supports the Brotherhood, not only in Egypt but also in Syria, Libya, Turkey through the ruling AKP and Palestine through Hamas, so it's not particularly surprising they would support outlets that uncritically air its views.

At some point in 2013, Fahmy discovered footage he had recorded for broadcast on *Al Jazeera* English was being used for *Mubasher Misr* without any discretion. His employers had not consulted him.

Fahmy's concern that his footage appearing on the Muslim Brotherhood's propaganda network could land him in a lot of trouble with Egyptian authorities was dismissed by his superiors.

"I have been clear in my rhetoric that this case is about freedom of speech in the sense that three journalists have been silenced," Fahmy wrote. "Yet, what can't be ignored is the political score-settling between Qatar and Egypt that has left us pawns behind bars."

Alleging negligence, Fahmy sued *Al Jazeera* for \$100-million in Canada this past May. The outcome of the suit is still pending.

For what it's worth, *Al Jazeera* denies any wrongdoing.

Conceding some of Fahmy's footage may have wound up on *Mubasher Misr*, the network said he was not

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Terrorism: Our word for violence on us

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The three separate murders that took place around the small town of Wilno, Ontario on Tuesday morning gave results any terror group would be proud of.

Three women were gunned down in their homes by a jilted and, by most accounts, aggressive ex-partner.

Basil Borutski made three tragic stops on Tuesday before being apprehended in a wooded area 100 km west of Ottawa.

Many words have been used to describe him, but noticeably absent from the list is 'terrorist'. When two soldiers were killed in separate attacks, two days apart last October, the two men responsible were immediately branded terrorists. This despite the fact that their targets both were military personnel and not civilians.

Glenn Greenwald, writing for *The Intercept*, pointed out that Martin Couture-Rouleau, the "lone-wolf terrorist" who ran down Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, had deliberately avoided attacking civilians while waiting two hours for his chance to attack.

So why is Basil Borutski a common criminal when Rouleau and Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, the man who shot Cpl. Nathan Cirillo on Parliament Hill, both terrorists?

Some would argue that their actions were directed against the state and for political purposes, making them terrorists, but there is a recent example of how hypocritical that response is.

Justin Bourque shot five RCMP officers, killing three and severely injuring the other two in Moncton in June 2014. Like the city of Boston during the manhunt for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the city of Moncton went into a lockdown while the RCMP searched for Bourque. The two-day manhunt caused understandable panic in the town, similar to how Boston was affected during and after the marathon bombings.

Bourque was not referred to as a terrorist even though his actions were against the state and caused great panic among the population. This is because the word 'terrorist' is only used to describe Muslim attacks on the West, or in Vladimir

Putin's case, Chechen attacks on Russia.

The word 'terrorist' used to be applied to people or groups that used violence against civilians for political purposes. If the two white men who committed six murders against civilians aren't terrorists because there was no underlying political message, how can the two men that killed two soldiers be terrorists? This is not a justification for killing soldiers on civilian duties, it is a reinforcement that the word 'terrorist' has taken on a politically slanted meaning.

As Greenwald points out, "The term 'terrorism' has become nothing

more than a rhetorical weapon for legitimizing all violence by Western countries, and delegitimizing all violence against them, even when the violence called 'terrorism' is clearly intended as retaliation for Western violence."

In the West we have the luxury of fighting our wars in other countries' backyards. It saves our homes, roads and citizens from having to live through the devastation of war. It also allows us to detach ourselves completely from the actions of our governments, so when an attack occurs, it's shocking, barbaric, and exactly what we are doing throughout the world.



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With increasing anti-terrorism sentiment in many countries in recent years there has been a blurring of the term and confusion on its meaning.

Al Jazeera, Ottawa let Fahmy down

alone in that regard. Mubasher Misr uses footage from international wire services all the time.

The problem with this reasoning is that Al Jazeera doesn't have a legal responsibility for employees of Associated Press or Reuters. They do, however, have an obligation to protect their own journalists on the ground.

"The advice of Fahmy and many others in *Al Jazeera* was taken into consideration," the network said in an online response to Fahmy's suit. How reassuring.

The Harper government must also take its share of the blame for Fahmy's plight.

A request made by Canadian Journalists for Free Expression for the prime minister to secure Fahmy's freedom was rebuffed as recently as Tuesday, the day before his pardon.

The government said it's too busy trying to get re-elected to bother with such trivialities, as if they had done anything to get Fahmy released when they weren't in campaign mode.

This led to Fahmy's main lawyer Amal Clooney lambasting the Harper government's handling of the whole ordeal.

"If I were a Canadian citizen, I would want to see my prime minister now showing leadership on the global stage," Clooney told the CBC only a few weeks ago.

Sissi apparently agreed, decrying the court's guilty verdict a few weeks ago and then issuing the pardon.

You know things are screwed up when Egypt's military dictator is the voice of reason.



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On boats similar to those pictured above, Syrian refugees have made a dangerous trip across Mediterranean and into Europe. This voyage has claimed the lives of many innocent victims of a raging civil war.

Aylan Kurdi, hero of the summer

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This summer, the image of a Syrian child washed up on the Turkish shores galvanized the world into sitting up and taking notice of a global crisis. Young Aylan Kurdi became a symbol for our compassion in his tragedy, shaking many out of their desensitization to the news.

To a certain extent, these pictures get the kind of airtime they do for a particular reason. They prick the conscience of an audience that sees the subjects as "other", the kind that would feel grateful not to be in their place.

Be it Kim Phuc fleeing a napalm attack during the Vietnam war, the Sudanese child starving as a vulture stalks nearby, or NatGeo's famed Afghan Girl playing poster girl for the refugee crisis, these images are remembered long past their relevance to the news cycle.

These children, however, amount to not much more than their value as symbols. Their misery is captured to explain a situation, but their lives matter little in the larger scheme of news. After all, theirs is not the narrative that sells.

The one that sells panders to the 81 per cent of all Canadians who consider a niqab ban necessary to the fabric of their country.

It appeals to the people who hear news of a construction crane accident in Mecca on the 14th anniversary of 9/11 and call it divine retribution.

It appeals to those who can't understand why 'Black Lives Matter'.

We can deny it all we want, but in the very celebration of minority representation on television and the historical recognition they are eventually rewarded lies the truth that this media diet caters to a very specific demographic.

Consider for a second the rate of mass shootings in the United States. Consider now whether anyone even thought of using the awful images of, say, the victims of Sandy Hook to illustrate the importance of gun control. Of course not. That would be terrible.

Why not extend the same courtesy and dignity to the children of other cultures?

Which is not to say that the very existence of images like that of Kurdi is problematic. On the contrary, these iconic images have historically proven to create social change like no other.

But perhaps it would be prudent to be critical, to question ourselves in what the Western media cycle considers mainstream and what is thus out of the ordinary.