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Police investigating Humber rugby teams

Men's, women's rugby team banners, awards and online rosters taken down since both teams suspended last Friday for unspecified violations

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An uncomfortable silence has overtaken the hallowed halls of Humber's Athletic Centre.

The rugby team game schedule has been taken down, leaving a gap on the wall more starkly white than it has been in years. Team game calendars and rosters have been unpublished from the website. Some varsity trophies have been removed from the case.

A week after the shocking suspension of the Humber Hawks men's and women's varsity rugby teams due to alleged violations of the Varsity Code of Expectations, there are still no answers from Humber officials.

The silence is almost deafening.

Humber announced in a media release last Friday that the OCAA championship teams had been suspended owing to undisclosed violations of the code.

According to the vaguely-worded media release, "the alleged misconduct is not in keeping with our institutional values related to athletics and student life."

Toronto Police confirmed they had launched an investigation between Oct. 1 and 2 into sexual assault allegations involving members of Humber's men's and women's varsity rugby teams.

Const. Jenifferjit Sidhu said 23 Division officers were called to Humber's North campus last week to investigate an incident that reportedly took place on Sept. 25.

"Someone became aware of the situation and relayed it to school security, who in turn called police," Sidhu said Monday.

Timeline of events

leading up to and

of Humber Hawks

men's and women's

varsity rugby teams

including suspension



Varsity rugby teams' schedules have been removed from entrance to Humber Athletics at North campus.

Officers determined through an investigation that members of both teams were allegedly involved, said Sidhu.

However, she added a victim has not come forward and there is no word on suspects.

The stunning revelations follow years of top level success on the field. The men's team is a five-time OCAA champion and the women's team won three OCAA titles in four vears.

Andrew Leopold, director of communications for Humber College, said staff are conducting an internal investigation, headed by the department of Student Success and Engagement, but details have been limited.

"Ultimately, it's going to be looking at what happened [and] who is involved," Leopold said when asked

for details on the scope of the inquiry. "That's to happen and when we know more, we may or may not release a statement at that time."

Leopold added he needed to seek approval before saying who is leading the investigation.

When asked if this might be construed as showing preferential treatment for athletes, Leopold referenced points from the original press release. But he added athletes aren't treated differently.

"Athletes do not get any sort of preferential treatment," Leopold said. "I think varsity sports are a privilege. All students are students first and we want to ensure that we have a campus and a college environment to ensure student success at every level."

Leopold said it hasn't been determined by those involved with the internal investigation if a campus-wide call for information on this incident is warranted.

Humber Students' Federation President Ahmed Tahir said Tuesday that he was surprised when the suspensions were handed out and said he does not know what impact the investigation will have on the school's reputation.

"I don't know enough about what has happened, I don't think it makes sense to comment at this point," Tahir said

Tahir said that HSF continues to push several safety campaigns across campus in dealing with sexual assault allegations.

"We have the Student Life Line which runs 24-7 and tonnes of counsellors available," he said. "There's been a huge focus on sexual assault on campus this year," Tahir

said.

Humber College President and CEO Chris Whitaker told Humber News on Tuesday he was to be briefed on the investigation in the afternoon, a full four days after the suspension came into effect.

Humber News contacted more than a dozen varsity rugby players from both teams who declined to discuss the suspension as a cone of silence has fallen over players and officials.

According to Jim Bialek, OCAA Men's Rugby Convenor, both teams defaulted on their games scheduled for Oct. 6 (women's) and Oct. 7 (men's) against Conestoga College.

The Conestoga teams were awarded a win and bonus points in Humber's absence.

The suspension sparked reaction within the OCAA community.

"I was shocked," said Georgian College coach John Daggett, whose team is one of 11 on the OCAA rugby circuit. "It will throw the league in turmoil and it will open up opportunities for other teams."

Cara Coutts, a former Humber rugby player and current Humber cross-country athlete, said that she believes the Code of Expectations is in place for a reason.

"Athletes are role models. Guidelines are good for the school and for the athletics program," she said.

"All they've done is default these games to further investigate," Bialek said. "Both teams are scheduled to play their next games on Oct. 18. So they would have to make a decision (on the teams' future) prior to the 18th."

Leopold confirmed the college would not issue any statements on the matter before Thanksgiving weekend.

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suspended pending investiga-

Sept 24 - Women's rugby team plays away game at Conestoga, wins 59-0.

Sept 25 (afternoon) - Men's rugby team plays against Mohawk at home, wins 43-0. Sept 25 (evening) – Humber Hawks Varsity gala takes place

to honour past players and welcome freshmen. The gala is followed by a party at undisclosed location off-campus, with members of both teams reportedly in attendance. Alleged sexual assault is reported to campus security.

Sept 30 - Women's team plays away game at Seneca, wins 107-

Oct 1 - Men's rugby team plays

away game at Georgian, wins 43-12.

Oct 2 (morning) – Toronto Police receives report from campus security about alleged sexual assault involving members of the rugby teams on Sept 25. Oct 2 (afternoon) - Humber College announces both men's and women's rugby teams are

Etobicoke Centre candidates address unemployment

Laura DaSilva NEWS REPORTER

The struggle for students to find work after graduation became a hot topic at an Etobicoke Centre all candidates' debate in the Markland Wood neighborhood.

The debate, at St. Clement Catholic Church on Monday night, brought together candidates from the Conservative, Liberal, NDP and Green parties.

In the midst of lengthy discussions on pension reform and veterans affairs, Michael Chapeski stood up and asked what each party plans on doing to help overqualified and underemployed youth.

"You have more and more young people going into the job market

with the promise that higher education leads to more money," he said. "The jobs Their first real life experience other shark tank."

Chapeski has two college certificates and a university honours

degree. He said he's having trouble finding work in public relations.

"I work in a kitchen. I have \$60,000 in debt. I know I'm not the only one," he said.

Liberal candidate Boryz Wrzesnewskyj said too many young graduates are saddled with outrageous amounts of debt and forced to take on menial jobs that don't allow them to pay it off.

"Their first real life experience after graduation should not be personal bankruptcy," he said.

The Liberals are proposing a \$1.3 billion youth employment fund to create 40,000 new jobs in the first three years, if they win. They also plan on covering a quarter of co-op placement costs.

Conservative candidate Ted Opitz said students need to be strategic in

in attendance came with an arsenal of questions specifically for Opitz and Wrzesnewskyj.

Residents seemed to be losing the most sleep over noisy night flights coming in and out of Pearson airport. Opitz said he "hears the community, loud and clear" and will con-

tinue to advocate for freezing the amount of flights currently in place. Wrzesnewskyj condemned Optiz for voting in favour of preventing community input in cases of airport

expansions. He said he intends to ban night flights altogether, and suggested Hamilton International Airport, which is surrounded by farmland, take the current flights.

DeMello, meanwhile, pointed

out that Pearson has double the amount of night

stay the same. You after graduation should not just enter into an- be personal bankruptcy,"

Michael Chapeski the Conservative LOCAL RESIDENT and Liberal govdown

"You didn't listen to the voices of your people," she said. "You didn't result in stopping the increases in flights."

Discussion of the Trans Pacific Partnership highlighted the division between the Conservatives and Liberals.

Opitz said the TPP gives Canada access to trade with 11 other nations, and that the deal also revises and updates the North American Free Trade Agreement.

"The dairy farmers themselves are happy with this deal," Opitz said. His comment was met with a room full of laughter.

"Mr. Opitz, it's not just this crowd that didn't believe what you said," Wrzesnewskyj said. "Most Canadians don't believe what Stephen Harper is saying about this deal." Wrzesnewskyj said Canada should



(From left) Etobicoke Centre election candidates Liberal Borys Wrzesnewskyj, Green Party's Shawn Rizvi, Conservative Ted Opitz and the NDP's Tanya DeMello came together Monday, Oct. 5 for a debate at St. Clement Catholic Church Hall in Markland Wood. Issues of youth employment and Trans Pacific Partnership were discussed.

"If the government isn't modeling the behaviours we want small businesses to perform, there's no way we can have this trend turn around," she said.

But student issues weren't the only topics in this sometimes-heated debate.

Leftover tension was palpable from the 2011 election, where Wrzesnewskyj, the incumbent Liberal MP at the time, lost by just 26 votes to Opitz and took the ballot dispute to the Supreme Court of Canada.

Wrzesnewskyj failed to get the result changed.

On Monday night, after Wrzesnewskyj called Stephen Harper's political strategy "Machiavellian" during a discussion on strategic voting, Opitz accused him of holding a grudge.

"You were defeated. Get over it," Opitz said.

DeMello and Green Party's Shawn Rizvi cut through the animosity while confidently defending their respective platforms, but those the types of jobs they're looking for and that the federal government is doing its part.

"Where you really need to look is right here, in this province (is) with the Wynne government," he said. "They have shed hundreds of thousands of manufacturing jobs."

NDP candidate Tanya DeMello, who works at the University of Toronto, said Ontarians should be "gravely alarmed" by the 13.1 percent youth unemployment rate.

NDP leader Thomas Mulcair is promising a \$100 million dollar investment in youth training and the creation of youth opportunities over the next four years.

DeMello said the NDP plans to crack down on unpaid internships.

"I think it's outrageous having all of these young people being told they have to work for free in order to get a job," she said. "It's exploitative."

DeMello said Mulcair will mandate government agencies to have youth apprentices.

not be signing free trade agreements "willy nilly" around the globe with countries that have vastly different labour and environmental standards.

"We can't be trading with countries that pay \$1 per hour for labour," he said.

Opitz bore the brunt of most of the criticism in the debate, with people calling him out for spending more than \$70,000 since 2011 on promotional flyers for his work as an MP.

Opitz defended his spending, saying flyers help inform constituents.

"They tell you what's going on in your riding," he said. "They help me get answers from you."

Etobicoke Centre has gone back and forth between Conservative and Liberal representation over the years. Following the 2011 election, where Opitz won 41.21 per cent of the vote and Wrzesnewskyj 41.16, the race in this riding is expected to be a tight one.

Author Carolyn Abraham during her President's Lecture at Humber College North campus

Abraham raises genetic discrimination in new age Medical journalist tells Humber President's Lecture Series gathering that while

scientists are learning how to gather DNA data, they don't yet know how to use it

By Alex Martino and Shaun Fitl

SENIOR REPORTERS Very soon, corporations could be hedging their bets on your genetic makeup.

According to medical journalist and author Carolyn Abraham, what they might do with it is not yet regulated.

Genetic testing recognizes changes in your chromosomes and genes.

In the latest edition of Humber College's President's Lecture Series, the award-winning writer spoke about the increasing accessibility to genetic testing and information.

"Canada does not have a law on the books about this kind of discrimination, so we're behind, and it's the only G8 country that doesn't," said Abraham.She talked about the lower cost of genetic testing increasing acc-

essability to genetic information. Abraham said although technology is moving quickly, scientists are lagging on interpreting all the genetic information currently available.

Scientists don't necessarily know what to do with this information or where to put it.

There is a massive gap in the public mind around what genetics is, expectations and how far the public has gone in meeting those, said Abraham.

Abraham stresses that although connections between genes and behaviour are being made more often,

the public should not become too fast to judge the fate of any individual.

"There's a tendency to assume that everything that is written in your genetic code is destiny... but in fact the more we learn about DNA the more we learn that we don't know about DNA, and it's not precise," saiwd Abraham.

Abraham encouraged visitors to the gathering to ask more questions about their genetic identity and the ethics behind the issue.

For scientists and the public the future of genetic testing brings a lot to unpack. One thing is certain - all parties involved will be taking it one chromosome at a time.

flights that Heathrow airport in London, England has, and that both

ernments have let local residents



Humber College's Consent is Sexy campaign is postered all over the school, bringing awareness to the one-too-many sexual assaults happening on campus.

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'Most sexual violence is acquaintance related'

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A string of sexual assault incidents just off Humber College school grounds at both the North and Lakeshore campuses in recent months have caused a wave of alarm among both students and faculty.

While some of the most troubling incidents have involved attacks by strangers, many cases of sexual violence are not perpetrated by predators lying in wait but constitute "acquaintance assault."

"Most sexual violence is acquaintance-related, by someone that's close to the victim or (someone) that they know or that they've met," said Corinna Fitzgerald, director of Humber Student Life Programs.

Liz Sokol, a counsellor at Humber's Counselling Services, said this is a concern on any campus and added that school residences can be especially worrying.

"It's not about stranger rape. It's not that (Humber) residence itself is Sexy campaign spearheaded by

is particularly concerning, but that's where the concentration of students is after hours and when you're drinking and you're new and you're anxious and communication gets muddled, and maybe you don't have the savvy to know what to do," said Sokol.

With streams of freshmen pouring through the college doors each fall, anxieties and hormones rage, and alcohol often enters the mix -"a fact of life at the residence, part of the culture," according to Sokol.

"I think it creates the conditions that are often precursors for situations that lead to sexual assault," said Sokol.

Humber has ramped up its efforts to increase sexual violence awareness this academic year, with initiatives designed to educate and raise awareness on consent and sexual assault. September has even been declared Sexual Violence Awareness Month.

One such initiative is the Consent

the Humber Students' Federation. Mikki Decker, HSF Vice-President of Student Affairs and fourth-year Family and Community Social Services student at University of Guelph-Humber, is a lead organizer of the program, and a survivor of sexual abuse.

She said the focus of the program is to engage students in conversation and break down the stigma around talking about sex and consent through sex-positivity.

"The idea is to have conversations with students around (the question of) 'Do you know what consent is? Here's a scenario, do you think this is consent?' It's also about taking a step back, looking at our lives, and what we do in society day to day and how that plays into consent," Decker said.

Decker's mention of societal and individual behaviours that relate to consent and sexual violence are frequently referred to as "rape culture," a hot-button topic Sokol agrees needs to be addressed by looking at the behaviours that feed into it.

"The definition [of rape culture] changes over time but I think helping people understand that objectifying people, making comments in the hallway, even to your friends - 'I wouldn't say no to that!' Is it violent? No. Is it objectifying someone? Yes. That's a precursor to rape culture," said Sokol.

"Everybody knows rape is wrong. Everybody knows that you have to get consent. They know the facts of what that means practically speaking, but I don't think there's a bigger picture understanding. We still do the victim-blaming. We find ways to create distance between us and them so that we are not threatened," said Sokol.

Fitzgerald agrees that victim-blaming is a prevalent and ingrained problem.

"If the dialogue is around how women keep themselves safe, I don't believe we're going far enough. It's blaming the victim, I think. We have

to talk to all genders about how to have healthy, safe relationships, how not to hurt one another," said Fitzgerald.

"According to statistics, most perpetrators of sexual violence are men and that's either on women or on people in the trans community or other men, so I think there's also dialogue around how do we talk to men about not doing this to people. Sometimes we miss that. We haven't fully tackled that on campus yet so I think more of that will come as we roll out more education," said Fitzgerald.

What everyone Et Cetera spoke to agrees on is that the time for progress is now and students, staff, and faculty within the Humber are prepared to engage in the dialogue.

"I think people are ready and wanting and needing to talk about consent, to raise awareness and to be engaged in a way that I haven't seen before," said Sokol.

Elections Canada sets up polling stations for Humber residences

ing in residence Oct. 19 can vote Oct. 12, from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. at North and Lakeshore campuses, despite those locales not being listed tions Canada's website that Humber on the Election Canada website as residences are available for voting. polling stations.

On Election Day, voting will occur on the first floor of the R Building near the cafeteria from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m at North Campus, and in the lobby of the Lakeshore residence during the same time.

Advanced polling centres are also available, but not directly on campus. Those who want to get their voting out of the way early must go to Humberwood Community Centre at 850 Humberwood Blvd.

Humber College students liv- between Friday, Oct. 9 and Monday,

There is no indication on Elec-

Searching the Humber North postal code on Elections Canada provides 200 Ronson Drive as the closest polling station. The venue is about 6 km away, more than an hour by foot.

Meanwhile, a search for Lakeshore voters directs them to 55 Judson Street, 3.5 km and 45 minutes away by foot, for both advance polls and Election Day.

Elections Canada responded to a request for clarification with a link

to the website.

Voters must be registered with Elections Canada to vote. If they've received a voter ID card in the mail, then there should be no issues voting in the election.

Those yet to receive this card can contact Elections Canada to make sure they are on the official list and eligible to vote.

There are approved pieces of ID that voters must bring on Election Day in order to cast their ballot. Without them, it won't be possible to participate.

A driver's license is the most commonly used form of identification, but in lieu of one there are other op-

tions. Remember, voters need at least one piece of ID with their photo and one with proof of address.

Acceptable forms of ID include: • Health card

- Canadian passport
- Birth certificate
- Certificate of Canadian citizenship
- Social insurance card
- Indian status card
- Band membership card
- Metis card
- Card issues by Inuit local authority
- Canadian Forces identity card
- Veterans Affairs health card • Old age security card
- Hospital card

• Medical clinic card

- Label on a prescription container • Identity bracelet issued by a
- hospital or long-term care facility
- Blood donor card Canadian National Institute for
- the Blind card • Credit or debit card
- Employee card
- Student ID • Public transportation card
- Library card
- The same rules apply for advanced polling.
- Happy voting, Humber!

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A future without fuel

Robert Williamson JUNIOR REPORTER

The future is going to be electric. The automotive industry, along with the sustainable energy community, is working towards the day when the average motorist will own a fully electric vehicle, contributing to a smart-grid where cheap electricity is readily available at all times.

"The idea of distributed generation is that virtually anybody can be a generator or anybody can contribute to the grid," said Kerry Johnston, head of the sustainable energy program at Humber College. "If we had a grid that was intelligent enough to allow many millions of points to put energy into the system, then the EV (electric vehicle) would be a component of that."

The notion that Tesla Motors and its electrical counterparts are working towards, an entire energy system based around renewable electricity

rather than traditional fossil fuels, is exciting not only for the environmentally conscious consumer, but one looking to save some money as well.

"The cost to drive a Tesla 100 kilometres is probably a quarter of what it costs to drive a gas powered vehicle the same distance, and thats at the most expensive, using the most expensive electricity to charge it," said Johnston.

The technologies involved in this automotive shift are now a talking point amongst students who are looking forward to the days of shopping for a brand new car.

"The way I look at it is, yeah I love my car now, but if I have to sacrifice a bit of power for cleaner air, then so be it," said Vincent Nguyen, 23, a student of Humber College's nursing program. "Anyone I've spoken about it with say the same thing, 'our kids have to live here, too.""

Questioning the timeline of these

technologies, students may find some rest in knowing these technologies could be available by the time school's out.

"I'd say it's happening now, in 2015," said Jeremy Cato, senior automotive writer for The Globe and Mail.

Though Tesla Motors is well known, they are not the only electric vehicles currently available and are equivalent to the high-end gas powered cars like Mercedes Benz or Porsche. Much cheaper options are already available through many major car manufacturers.

"Companies like Chevrolet and Toyota have begun to release lineups of either EV's or FCV's (fuel cell vehicles)," said Cato.

"The other EV's, the Nissan Leaf, Mitsubishi has the i-MiEV, Ford has a number of small EV's," said Kerry Johnston. "They're between the \$30[000]-to-\$40,000 range."



Five tips to first-year financial stability

Jelani Grant SENIOR REPORTER

From new social circles to new living situations, college and university can be overwhelming for most first-year students. Throughout the years, tuition fees have stood as one of the greatest challenges to post-secondary participation.

After their first year is complete, most students get the idea but for a majority of freshmen, handling scholarships and loans can be difficult during the first semester. For any students concerned about how to keep control of their newfound wealth, Mississauga District Vice President Chris Stager has presented Scotiabank's five tips to help students manage their finances.

1. Create a budget

Stager says if students can map out their regular expenses, tuition costs, and expected income as early as possible, they can be more prepared for the regular costs that are sure to come. "It doesn't have to be complicated," said Stager. "But independence does come with a price."

The cost of financial freedom is finding a way to live through your own income. Of course, maintaining the budget is the real test when determining financial success during the school year. So Stager encourages students create the budget, but also track spending throughout the year to guarantee they are on track money-wise.

2. Get a rewards card

With the costs of textbooks, transportation, and food, it may

not always feel like there is enough money in the bank to attend classes and still enjoy stress free activities. "Costs can add up," said Stager. In between classes and after the day is over, students need a chance to vent their frustrations from the day but the costs may cause hesitation with some. Among the rewards cards offerings from a wide variety of retailers, restaurants and service compa nies, Scotiabank's SCENE debit card offers customers the opportunity to watch movies for free, as well as discounts in grocery, retail stores and various local restaurants.

3. Seek professional financial advice

If students don't believe they or their parents can formulate a foolproof plan for staying on top of their funds, reach out to the school to meet with a financial advisor. Stager says they will most likely urge undergrads to open an account, meant specifically to hold loans, scholarships, grants and bursaries. This is a good starting point, but "every student's financial and living situation is different so speaking to a professional financial advisor," said Stager, can make the cost of living feel a

4. Take advantage of student discounts

Most cities with universities and colleges acknowledge their large student demographic and offer many student discounts. A little extra homework, researching student sales, can go a long way in saving a few dollars with every purchase. Both Sports Chek and Roots Canada offer discounts to students.

5. Go mobile

In order to track weekly income and costs during the school year, students can simply refer to their smartphones. Banks have adapted to fast-paced society by creating free apps where customers can view all of their bank information, make transactions as well as receive mobile alerts concerning their account.

Stager said the new responsibility of handling all your own income is not easy at first but following these five strategies can make the post-secondary experience smoother.

Of course these guidelines do not apply exclusively to students starting their post-secondary journey. Stager said these tips could be valuable to anyone who has recently become financially independent.

Biz/Tech in brief

Twitter launches new 'Moments' feature

On Tuesday, Twitter launched a curated discovery tool for people looking to catch up on big news quickly.

The new 'Moments' tab, being rolled out to users worldwide, picks out highlights from the social media stratosphere so users can engage with top stories in a reasonably comprehensive guide.

The new feature is available in a swipe-friendly format, with options that allow for autoplaying videos and expanding images. Early reviews suggest Twitter is trying to move in on the Snapchat and Storify markets with the new integration.

Microsoft announces first laptop

Less than three months after the widely lauded launch of Windows 10, Microsoft announced a wide array of hardware to match it.

The Surface convertible laptop marks the first time Microsoft is going into native laptops, after years of touting their Surface tablet as a replacement. Three new flagship Lumia phones will run the yet-to-be-released Windows 10 Mobile interface. The Microsoft Band stands as a crossover between a smartwatch and fitness device. Developers are also enthused about the futuristic HoloLens concept, which creates holograms.

Reddit to introduce standalone news site

Weeding the hostility and harassment out of user-submitted content, Reddit launched 'Upvoted,' its risky standalone news site.

Unlike the main site, Upvoted won't allow user comments, only showcasing the best of what the community has managed to dig up off the internet.

NASA planning Armageddon mission

American and European space agencies are teaming up to deflect asteroids and save the world...potentially.

NASA and ESA joined forces in 2012 for AIDA (Asteroid Impact & Deflection Assessment) to study potentially hazardous near-Earth asteroids, and they will launch the first mission to study the orbit and physical composition of an asteroid system in 2020.

No word yet on whether Aerosmith will provide a soundtrack.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BEN KERCKX A Tesla Motors Model S gets its battery charged at a standard electrical charging station in Europe.

Winter workshop prepares green thumbs



American Hoverly Syphidae in Humber Arboretum on North campus. Centre for Urban Ecology is holding talks for novice and experienced gardeners.

Sveta Soloveva

LIFE REPORTER

Garden experts offered their tips on preparing gardens for the winter at a workshop hosted by the Humber Arboretum's Centre for Urban Ecology.

The free Oct. 3 talk, Putting Your Garden to Bed, was aimed at both experienced and beginner gardeners. It was held at the Arboretum's Centre for Urban Ecology with around 40 people in attendance.

The Etobicoke Master Gardeners, a non-profit volunteer group devoted to increasing horticultural knowledge, advised attendees to keep cutting and cleaning up lawns until the frost arrives, wrap the trunks of young trees with burlap until spring, and plant cool-season vegetables, such as carrots, lettuce, spinach and radish.

Many novice gardeners also shared ideas with the group.

A few offered advice on how to protect tulip bulbs from squirrels. Tulip bulbs are considered a delicacy by rodents and one gardener sug-

gested planting bulbs at night.

Master Gardener Tania Kroman recalled a time when squirrels watched her planting tulips one afternoon and ate almost all of them when she left.

Kroman said it is important to pay attention to depth when planting bulbs. The ideal depth should be 2.5 times deep as the bulb is tall.

Some visitors had problems with keeping their harvest fresh and tasty. "I'm panicking because I don't know what to do with my tomatoes," a woman said. She needed advice on preserving tomatoes for winter.

Jim Graham from Master Gardeners suggested wrapping each tomato in paper and putting them in a cool room.

"Nobody ever said gardening is easy," Master Gardener Mary Ellen Mathison said.

Another workshop, Planning Your Garden, is being offered on Nov. 7, with the location to be announced closer to the date.

Students encouraged to get into clubs, sports activities

Natalie Dixon

Humber College accounting student Teresa Eich plays the piano, guitar, ukulele and flute.

But the first-year student at the Lakeshore campus says it was her passion to play video games that got the Texan to Toronto and engaging in these extra-curricular activities helps her connect with people.

She says these are what helped her in her transition to Toronto for school.

"It sounds weird," says Eich, whocame to Toronto because she has a huge group of friends here that she met through playing video games.

Eich says there is a lot at Humber in terms of clubs and sports teams and that there are many options for students to get involved.

How successful a student in school might be is directly related to how involved that student is, according to the National Survey of Student Engagement website.

Sierra Deangelis, 18, a first-year Humber student in the interior decorating program, used to take part in a soccer team and an art club. She says there is a lot of value to being involved in extra-curricular activities.

"You make a lot of new friendships with people that I guess you

wouldn't have, like I did," she said. She says being involved in something outside of the classroom gives a person a sense of belonging.

Kristine Galvan, Clubs and Volunteer coordinator for Humber Students' Federation, says there are many ways to get involved.

Some ways include joining a club such as the chess club, anime club or dance academy, playing in extramural or intermural teams such as indoor cricket or soccer or even running for a position on the student government, she said.

There are many representatives willing and able to direct students to an extra-curricular activity that will be well suited for them. A variety of opportunities are available at Humberlife.com or humber.ca/ student-life. Students can also visit Athletics or talk to some of the student executives in the HSF offices.



Students play board games in the games room located at Humber College.

"Anyone who does not even take a look down this road is missing out on some things that could potentially be special," Jim Bialek, manager of athletics/sports information, says of how important it is to get involved in extra-curricular activities such as athletics.

Bialek says there are a lot of opportunities for students to get involved, not just in athletics. Though athletics allow students to be involved intimately as part of a team and also as a supporter of a team, Bialek mentions a variety of ways to get involved such as residence happenings, events and tutoring.

NATALIE DIXON

Still, Bialek's view is that, "Athletics is, perhaps, the greatest easel an artist can have," Bialek says.

Healthy food on campus pricey, not easy to find

Lia Richardson

Some students say that Humber's food enables them to gain weight while others say they cannot afford the healthy alternatives.

Munira Kairawan, 20, a second-year fitness and health promotion student, said she is concerned with the food options at school. Her program is demanding in terms of eating healthy and working out, but she said buying food at Humber makes this difficult.

"The food selection sucks and there's so much junk. Plus, the healthy stuff is so expensive," Kairawan said.

The fruit salad sold in the cafeteria is about \$6, which is the same price as what is considered to be lunch for some people. A slice of pizza and a six-inch sub sandwich at Subway costs about the same.

Kairawan said personal health and nutrition are important to her.

"I want a more healthy variety so that it's not so hard to keep weight off," she said.

Kairawan's classmate Merhawit Tekle, 18, said her course requires her to look presentable and work out often. She added she would rather eat something from Teriyaki Experience to fill her stomach than a bean salad that costs almost \$10.

I'm a skinny girl but that doesn't mean that I eat healthy," said Tekle. "It's still hard to keep up with nutrition especially when there are so many unhealthy choices at school."

Tekle said she would like to see Humber lower the prices on the healthy snacks and lunches. This way, it will be easier for her to follow her diet.

Melissa Sherwood, 28, is a former nutrition advisor at the Islington Rec Centre and is at Humber for academic upgrading.

Sherwood used to inform youth on healthy eating and the importance of taking care of one's body. Now that she is back in school, she said she's realizing it is a little harder to eat healthy with so many fast food options available.

"In a way, it does enable me to eat junk. So I sometimes bring my lunch," said Sherwood.

Sherwood said her background in nutrition keeps her on track. She's got a full figure she keeps toned with a light workout regimen by eating fruits and vegetables regularly.

Staff member for Chartwell's, which supplies most Humber food, Shivani Birla said she prefers Subway, adding there aren't many healthy choices but she's fine with what Humber has.

Birla said she strives for the healthiest choice and noticed that many athlete students go for that choice as well.

"First of all, it's fat free. I gain energy when I eat from there. My body feels worse when I choose to eat junk for lunch. A lot of athlete students say the same thing."

Nuit Blanche sinking into a drunken street brawl

Serge Halytsky SENIOR REPORTER

Toronto's Nuit Blanche, the annual all night visual arts festival started in 2006, has had a violence problem for the last few years.

In recent years, extremely rowdy street partying, drunkenness and violence have become part of the event, which is held in a number of international cities, including Montreal and Ottawa, with apparently less problems than Toronto, which draws about one million participants, including some 200,000 people from out of town.

Multiple arrests at last weekend's event, which included bottle throwing at police during a mob surge in Yonge-Dundas Square, followed incidents in several previous years. In 2013, Ramees Khalid, 19, was stabbed to death right by Nuit Blanche exhibits on University Avenue. A second man was also stabbed that year.

A man was stabbed the previous year and another man was shot twice at Trinity-Bellwoods Park during the 2011 incarnation.

The Toronto Eaton Centre refused to host any Nuit Blanche events the same year because of damage caused by the vandalism of event goers.

The Torontoist posted the Nuit Blanche 2015 survival guide, advising festival goers to avoid the late evening and the night before the 4 a.m. conclusion if one is looking for art exhibits and not a potentially belligerent crowd.

"Sometimes your friend won't be able to make their way through the



Lava Field No 2 by Robert Wysocki was a blast furnace creating lava outside George Brown College near Sugar Beach as part of last week's Nuit Blanche.

drunken masses to find you," the guide states.

The scene of the crowd clash with outnumbered police officers last Saturday at Yonge-Dundas Square was disturbing to many Torontonians in the wake of the weekend.

Torontoist's survival guide had stated, "Yonge-Dundas Square is the Hellmouth of Nuit Blanche. You will

find nothing there but a wasteland of vomiting teenagers, overflowing garbage, and your own existential crisis."

Artists have to be considered among the losers in the deterioration of the festival, including a number of Humber College visual arts faculty and students that have participated over the years.

"I'm having fun doing something I

love, while making others happy too,"

Toma said. "I've had people I don't

even know message me telling me my

music got them through hard times in

It's those kinds of messages that

make all the time Toma invests in his

life."

blame," says Marcin Kedzior, Humber Interior design professor, who took part in a festival art exhibit this year and last.

Kedzior thinks Nuit Blanche creates that kind of atmosphere where rules are easily broken. And the huge crowds that come there are really hard to control.

a.m. it's very difficult to be out," he said. "At that time, it becomes too intense and (people are) not actually in that state of mind to contemplate the work of art."

Nuit Blanche had its decade of success, Kedzior feels, and it might be time to finish now, with the city instead spending the money on a

Luka Toma an electronic music star at just age 19

Jimmy Kakish A&F REPORTER

Luka Toma seems to blend in while roaming the halls of Humber College, but on music streaming website SoundCloud, his work stands out.

The 19-year old Humber College broadcast television-videography student is a budding music producer operating under the alias of LUKAV. In the realm of electronic music, the name is highly revered by loyal fans and heavily endorsed by big-name producers around the world.

"I have support from Party Thieves (New York), Skellism (Los Angeles), Andres Fresko (Miami), Damn Kids (Toronto), and tons of others that are killing the game," Toma said.

"It's cool too because these guys are people I look up to, but they also become your friends. Being able to share music with them and receive feedback is an awesome feeling," he said.

As the end of the month nears, all 6,300 of his SoundCloud followers are eagerly awaiting the release of his new song called Reaper, described as both eerie and aggressive. It's set to release through his SoundCloud page on Halloween and is rumored to be worth the wait.

"People are going to go wild when this track is released," said his friend A.J. Struthmann, who is also a Humber broadcast-television videography student. "[Toma] has been working on this track for some time now and the release will be a very memorable one."

However, as enjoyable as the song was to make, Toma admits the basis on which this piece was created

"Recently I've been going through pits [at live performances] and I'm ex-

Toma's music is a vessel for his troubles and frustrations. It harbors his demons that seem to find rest only through creation and the refuge that his devoted fans have found within his music. He relishes every bit of it.

proved itself to be the very opposite.

some stuff personally and I put the energy I was feeling into this track," he said. "It's got a creepy orchestral feel break with an extremely hard-hitting drop. This track's one to start mosh cited to see the response [it] gets once it's released," Toma said. "It's my favorite one yet."

craft worthwhile.

Music producer Luka Toma works on his new song, Reaper, set to be released on Halloween.

"Receiving messages like that makes me feel like I'm doing something right," Toma said.

By all indications, Toma is on the right track, being consistently venerated for his originality and laser-beam focus on his goals.

"I like that he's doing what he likes," said his roommate Dave Weir. "He doesn't focus on musical trends, he does his own thing."

Reaper is the first of many in a string of singles and remixes set to release via Toma's SoundCloud page over the course of the next few months.



Lakeshore hospital exhibit sad, hopeful

Jimmy Kakish

Alarming tales of the mistreatment of the mentally ill from decades past often elude the occupied minds of the general public.

Anne Zbitnew, a Humber College media foundation professor and artist, reminds people of these types of stories with the second installment of her exhibit, Visualizing Absence: Memorializing The Histories of The Former Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital. The latter is now the site of Hum-

ber College's Lakeshore campus.

The exhibit first began as Zbitnew's Masters research project for her performance arts class at York University. It was spawned in contrast to a Halloween event at Humber's Lakeshore campus called "Asylum by the Lake," the poster for which included an archival photograph of a psychiatric patient.

"They were serving alcoholic drinks in test tubes with red liquid. They would tie people to chairs, they would jump out at them and scare (them)," Zbitnew said.

"Basically it was making fun of the institution as an asylum and I remember thinking when I saw that poster that I (needed) to undo (what the poster conveyed)," she said.

With Visualizing Absence, she successfully transformed patient records from the former Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital into an intricate art exhibit that combines elements of humanity with inanimate objects to yield something interesting and thought provoking.

"I like that it's grounded in people and human stories and not just the idea that, 'Oh, this was bad, it was a bad thing (to have happened) and a lot of bad things were done (there)," said Cara Eastcott, program director of Tangled Art + Disability, the exhibit's host.

For some, analyzing and experiencing the bad things memorialized through this exhibit prove themselves to be too overwhelming and draining, but for good reason.

"(It's) overwhelmingly sad, but (it) also (makes me feel) hopeful that these stories will cause others to treat those dealing with mental illness with less fear and contempt," said Anne Frost, program co-ordinator of Humber Lakeshore's arts adminstration and cultural management program.

"(It) could be (anyone), buddy,"



"Grace," by Lucy Pauker, 2014. The three shirts memorializing a patient by the name of Grace. She was admitted to the hospital at age 19 and remained there until she died of pneumonia at age 79. All the while, she sent mail to her mother from inside the hospital. The doctors never sent any of her letters out to her mother. One letter reads: "Dear Mother, I would like to come home on Monday, Mother. Will you come for me Monday morning and leave the washing and I will help you when I come.... The doctors said that as soon as you come, I can go." Below: Words Not Labels by Susan Mentis, 2015.

she said.

It is because of instances like this that a supportive listener (somebody that is there to listen to people in need of consolation) has been present since the exhibit's Oct. 3 opening.

"For a lot of people when you start reading the descriptions or looking at the art work, it may evoke a feeling or bring up things that may be challenging you at the time," said Zbitnew. "So I think it's really important to have a supportive listener there, someone who's neutral."

"They're not there to tell you about the art, but if you want to talk, they're there to help you talk," Zbitnew continued.

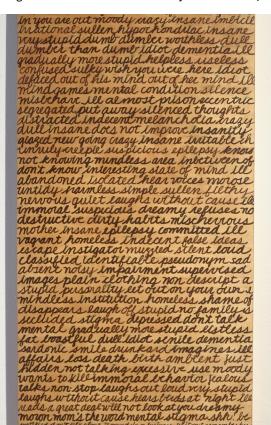
The exhibit is completely accessible by all walks of life and was designed specifically to be accessible to the disabled. Any art that adorns the walls is lowered for shorter people or people in mobility devices.

In the gallery, a typewriter sits still in the middle of the room. Inside it is a speaker playing a calm, stuttering drum loop made by Zbitnew's husband, Dave. People are invited to place their hands on the typewriter to feel the vibrations coming from the speaker.

"It's a lot more accessible (for disabled people) and inclusive, so it engages so many more senses. When you feel a vibration, it goes into your body and there's something about that that shakes you all over," said Zbitnew.

Tangled Art + Disability is North America's first disability arts gallery and is the host of the exhibit. Captions for the works of art are typed in large font and often include a line drawing of the art next to the caption for the illiterate to recognize. Audio descriptions of each work of art are offered for the visually impaired, and for the hearing impaired, there was an ESL sign interpreter.

The exhibit opened Oct. 3 and is being shown at the future home of Tangled Art + Disability located at 401 Richmond St. W. in Gallery 122 until Dec. 3.



Scotiabank terminates Nuit Blanche sponsorship

Katie Pedersen

Scotiabank has pulled its sponsorship for Toronto's annual Nuit

sorship for Toronto's annual Nuit Blanche, an all-night contemporary art event that was held in the city just last weekend.

In a statement sent to Humber News on Tuesday, Scotiabank spokesperson Andrew Chornenky said the bank informed event organizers in February that they would not be renewing their sponsorship for 2016.

"We completed a review of our sponsorship priorities and decided that Nuit Blanche no longer aligns with our sponsorship strategy," said Chornenky. The bank has sponsored Nuit Blanche since its inception in 2006. Chornenky said that Scotiabank

is assisting the organizers to identify new sponsors.

It may prove difficult to find companies who will sponsor the event after recent reports of violence, drugs and vandalism around Dundas Square. Toronto Mayor John Tory took to Twitter Monday to express his discontent.

Nadia Rashwan, 26, attended the event, but told Humber News she was disappointed.

"The concept is a great concept but it seems like it has become something for minors to do. It's more like a party scene," she said. "There were lots of people running around and being debaucherous."

Local Toronto artist Jen Mann, 28, said she avoided the event altogether. "I don't usually go," she said. "It's

not really about art anymore." This year's event started over the weekend, and some exhibits will continue until Thanksgiving Monday.

JIMMY KAKISH

EDITORIAL Let us get information out! Student media deserves access

There have always been two different perspectives on journalists: they report the news and keep the public informed on topics they otherwise wouldn't be aware of; or they benefit their publications by tricking people into believing a certain aspect of a story. Regardless of which of these is true (although we will argue the former) a community, especially within a college, should stand behind their news outlets and support them in their efforts to keep everyone informed.

Community support isn't always felt from within Humber's student newsrooms. It is too often difficult to set up interviews with staff and officials within Humber - even Humber Students' Federation often makes itself elusive -- and even more difficult to share all the news that needs attention because of multiple boundaries. Our goal is never to portray any person, group or aspect of the community poorly, but if there is news to report, it is our job to do it. That is exactly why we are here: to learn, to research and to offer reporting on matters of concern to the whole Humber community.

The reality of our relations with many in the school is that, when

there are events to be given attention, groups to be profiled and anything positive to report, interviews fall into place readily and we can have the story out in hours. If there is a difficult, awkward or controversial matter to be reported, we are shut out almost immediately.

This isn't new to the student newsroom and, quite frankly, we approach some situations more aggressively than we normally would because we anticipate the resistance. There will be endless unanswered phone calls, emails and cancelled interviews. It's time to share a secret though: cancelling on a journalist will only make them dig more.

Again, there is no one on our team that wants to bring down the community we're trying to inform. We just want to do our jobs and be respected as the professionals we are becoming, just like any other program on our campuses.

When there is a news story, like someone being disqualified from an HSF election, or a varsity team being suspended, it is not only our instinct as journalists but also our jobs to find out what happened and how it's going to impact the people around us. We work to find every possible detail and keep people aware. It is especially important when dealing with young adults who may not be in tune with every aspect of the school to help them make informed opinions and decisions, not least when it comes to something like their own student government that handles more than \$10-million of their tuition money. But when something like this situation happens and journalists are shut out, or any media professionals are ignored, it shows a fundamental lack of understanding of the role of journalism, which is not simply a public relations service to promote good news but a vehicle of inquiry into things that matter to the community as a whole.

If journalists we were to disrespect any part of Humber, which is certainly never our goal, we would be reprimanded immediately, already by our own faculty supervisors, let alone everyone else.

Yet Humber journalists are often disrespected in our pursuit to cover stories of significant community concern, like elections, sports and violence. We are expected to be thankful even for the opportunity to try to provide coverage. Trying is not what we're here to do. We are here to make an impact, to open minds and to make this community a stronger one.

We understand some issues carry legal concerns. We know that at certain times, departments like Health Services can be overwhelmed by the sheer number of student reporters seeking interviews with medical professionals, and that these encounters are not always convenient or comfortable. But being kept in the loop, or at least given the respect of an interview with a person of interest shows a lot of trust that we don't see as often as we should.

The mentality of "what happens in the locker room stays in the locker room" is unacceptable, with the whole Humber community kept in the dark by the decision of a few people.

Our journalism program not only trains a next generation of communication professionals but was built and is meant to help Humber stay connected since We Are Humber, We Are a Community and We Are Supportive.

Let us do what we are being trained to do and there will be an open, educated and respectful community that will have more people eager to join our home.



Humber Et Cetera serves to inform the Humber community and give its readers well rounded coverage on the things that matter to them.

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Humber will face speculation on rugby conduct



Jacob Wilson-Hadju SPORTS EDITOR

Last Friday, two of Humber College's top varsity teams were suspended and we still don't know why.

There remains an acute lack of concrete facts. Yet at this point damaging rumours fill the halls of an incident of yet another sexual assault with the name Humber intertwined -- although in this case without a cooperating complainant or victim. Allegedly last weekend our Humber men's and women's rugby teams held an off-campus house party. And days later a complaint was placed against the rugby teams, followed by Humber Athletics suspending both teams. The Toronto Police have now opened a sexual assault investigation involving the incident.

Humber News has had an incredibly tough road to cover this ongoing story. Humber College has been very closed-mouthed about the situation and less than completely cooperative with any student media; it has yet to address even the reasoning behind the suspension itself. And without Humber's side of the story we have only speculation on where we stand as a school.

We have also have to think of our student body. If as a school we decide to keep situations like this behind closed doors, how can we feel safe? We have already had multiple sexual assault cases this semester and in late summer in the immediate vicinity of both the North and Lakeshore campuses. Humber has pushed security and support services, but isn't transparency with what is happening at our college also a good security measure?

Yes, if there is a police investigation into the events, and particularly in the absence of a cooperating victim, there is reason to proceed with care in making public pronouncements. Until the facts of the incident are known, it would be unjust -- and legally insupportable -- to make specific accusations.

But this doesn't mean the school needn't share its administrative decision-making process up to this point. The suspension of the teams was announced without giving reason, casting a shadow on the school's provincial champions without an explanation.

"Rugby programs have been suspended for alleged violations of the Varsity Code of Expectations,



CREATIVE COMMONS: CAMERA CHARLIE

Humber College's rugby team faces some serious conduct allegations.

pending the outcome of an internal investigation," the announcement ran. Further, "In light of privacy laws and the ongoing investigation, no further details will be released at this time."

While the police have yet to reach conclusions about what occurred, Humber Athletics has clearly taken a position that the code was violated.

How was that conclusion reached? Why has the violation not been made public notwithstanding any possible criminal dimension to the case? Humber News has reached out to players for comments but has been left with no response.

Compounding the unease surrounding the official silence, the Varsity Code of Expectations openly urges players to keep varsity ordeals within the athletic environment.

"Do not share any information that could compromise your team," the code states. "Make sure to keep quiet about all team strategies, injuries to your teammates, events that occur at practice or in the locker room. What happens in the locker room should stay in the locker room."

Without breaking its silence, Humber is now subjected to all manner of speculation. With growing rumours, this story -- whatever the eventual determination of facts -- could be permanently damaging to our varsity teams and school. Before our name is tarnished, Humber should address the problem and hopefully provide clarity. Without this clarity from either administration, players or coaches, we will not be able to move on with this story and in the end may be failing to protect our students, our institution, our 'brand'.

Humber communications director Andrew Leopold has indicated that more information will be forthcoming by the middle of next week. Let's hope his office follows through -- and that this time, weeks after the original incident, there is some substance to Humber's public response. © 2015 All rights reserved Humber Et Cetera is a publication of the School of Media Studies & Information Technology at Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning 205 Humber College Blvd., Etobicoke, ON, M9W 5L7

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Harper should quit harping on Muslims

Cloaking Islamophobia in a veiled war against 'barbarism' is hypocritical and does not reflect Canadian attitudes towards diversity of all kinds. The niqab is not a weapon and should not be treated as such. Respect for religious diversity and tolerance are core Canadian values



Jeremy Appel NEWS EDITOR

The barbarians are coming, says an increasingly desperate-sounding Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Harper began his marathon election campaign down in the polls, so he hired Lynton Crosbie, an Australian right-wing political strategist who helped orchestrate victories for Harper's pals John Howard in Australia and David Cameron in the U.K. The BBC has described Crosbie as

a "master of the political dark arts," the reasons for which will hopefully

be clear by this column's conclusion. First, the prime minister resurrects his government's legal feud with Zunera Ishaq, a Muslim woman from Mississauga who does not want to take off her niqab in front of the court where she's receiving Canadian citizenship.

Ishaq has no problem unveiling herself privately for identification purposes, but this is not enough for the Harper Cons.

"That's not the way we do things here in Canada," said Harper with characteristic smugness.

Shockingly, a vast majority of Canadians agree with the forced unveiling of women in public, something more common to the Shah's Iran than Canada's purported cultural mosaic.

According to a government-commissioned poll, 82 per cent of Cana-

dians support forcing devout Muslim women to unveil for their citizenship ceremony. This percentage increases to 93 per cent in Quebec, where most of the NDP's seats are based after 2011's Orange Wave under the late Jack Layton.

The NDP is staunchly opposed to any niqab ban and their poll numbers in Quebec have plummeted since Harper made it an election issue.

One wonders whether the poll's respondents were informed that a niqabi can privately unveil themselves to a female court official if they choose not to do so in public. The omission of this fact could skew the poll's results.

The courts have twice ruled in Ishaq's favour, but to the Harper Cons that just means the courts are doubly wrong.

"I don't much like the niqab and I wish that people wouldn't wear it. But what I like even less is telling people what to do," said Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi, himself a Muslim.

How is forcing a woman to take off her niqab any better than forcing her to wear it?

Good question, Mayor Nenshi.

The source of Harper's animosity towards the niqab appears to stem from his crusade against ill-defined "barbaric cultural practices."

This began when the government announced its plan to make forced marriages, female genital mutilation and honour killings illegal. As you can imagine, these are already criminal acts in Canada.

Yet the Tories took their fear mongering a step further, pledging a hotline for Canadians to snitch on those nebulous barbarians.

The RCMP already has a hotline to report suspected extremism, but it's not particularly useful. The National Post, a paper generally sympathetic to the Harper Cons' worldview, reports that 92 per cent of tips were completely bogus.

Although none of the aforemen-

tioned barbaric acts is exclusive to Muslim communities, it's clear who Harper is targeting with this pledge.

Remember, Harper says, we need to be worried about what's going on in mosques specifically.

This explains the prime minister's previous outright refusal, as revealed by the Globe and Mail Thursday, to allow Sunni Muslim refugees from Syria settling in Canada, hiding behind the rhetoric of helping Syrian minorities.

This is all coming from a government that's in the process of selling \$15 billion worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia, a medieval theocracy guilty of "barbaric cultural practices" if there is such a thing.

Former Ontario premier Bob Rae came out swinging against Harper's divisive rhetoric.

"Somebody says it's a dog whistle it's not a dog-whistle, it's a foghorn," Rae told the CBC Monday.

The foghorn is only getting louder as the Oct. 19 election approaches.

Drunk driving is still a serious issue for Canadians



Jennifer Berry ONLINE EDITOR

What do you get when you combine twice the legal limit of alcohol, a Sunday drive on country roads, and a systemic social acceptance of casual drinking and driving?

The question, tragically, isn't so much what you get but what you lose.

For the Neville-Lake family, the loss has been astronomic and while the death toll stands at four, the true impact of last Sunday's Vaughan crash isn't quantifiable.

Four lives gone but countless others irreversibly transformed. The accused is a fiancée whose October 17 wedding day is a distant memory. There's a mother whose three babies are gone, along with her father. Eight of the 15 first responders on the scene so shaken by the accident that they're taking leave for PTSD.

"I've never seen a case where

we've had this number of paramedics affected," Iain Park, deputy chief for York Region EMS, said.

We don't know exactly what Marco Muzzo, 29, was thinking before he careened through a stop sign and slammed his jeep into the side of a full minivan, killing a grandfather and his three grandchildren, ages 2, 5 and 9.

We can't be certain that he was distracted or that his prior driving infractions, from cell phone use to speeding, were a precursor to this tragedy.

We don't know if the alcohol in his blood was left over from an all-nighter at his Las Vegas bachelor party the night before or if he imbibed at brunch prior to takeoff or even if he's a nervous flyer who has a drink (or two, or four) to calm his nerves.

But we know this: Muzzo had more than twice the legal limit of alcohol in his bloodstream. That's more than enough to impair judgment, diminish reflexes, miss a stop sign and kill four people around 4 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon. The grandson of a billionaire property developer may walk because the affluent family will buy the best lawyers. Maybe Muzzo is an entitled millennial whose privileged upbringing caused selfish behaviour.

But we should be asking why this happened. Surely from the time Muzzo left Vegas with his buddies to the time he got in his car at the airport, someone had the



CREATIVE COMMONS: JOY

Many organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving fight a social behaviour that for too long was winked at. While distracted driving with mobile devices has also become important, drunk driving remains a scourge.

drive.

Right? In my adult years, I've witnessed the acceptance of "casual" drinking and driving play out in numerous social settings. The jolly uncle who likes to tie one on. The sensible best friend who enjoys her chardonnay. If someone isn't belligerent, obliterated, blind drunk, they must be fine, right? Wrong.

I've stood by idle, despite my

better judgment, and not said

a friend or family member might have had too much to drink.

Miraculously, these situations never resulted in tragic loss of life. Muzzo, the Neville-Lakes, their communities, and the first responders traumatized by the events were not as lucky.

Has a declining rate of drunk driving incidents made us complacent? After all, numbers from StatsCan's 2012 The Uniform Crime Reporting Survey, the most

sense to wonder if he was fine to anything when my internal alarm recent stats available, show the system was chiming, warning that incident rate in Canada declining from 2008 to 2012.

Did we hang up our hats on drunk driving and switch the rhetoric to texting and driving, the dangerous driving problem du jour? Or have people always shied away from spoiling the party and asking the uncomfortable question: are you OK to drive?

Let this be a wake-up call that casual drinking and driving of any degree will always be unacceptable.

HOROSCOPES



JAN. 20 - FEB. 19 This is the perfect weekend for a relaxing break. Avoid burnout and unplug for at least a day. Focus on friends, family, and fun - in real life, not on your phone screen.



MAY 21 - JUN. 20

You may be feeling restless this week so harness that feeling and plan an adventure. Travel is in your near future.

This is not the weekend for

a love connection. Plan a

one on one date instead -

with yourself! Dinner for

SEPT. 22 - OCT. 22

one, perhaps?

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JUN. 21 - JUL. 22 Feelin' yourself this week? Don't let that confidence go to waste! Grab your besties and have a night on the town.



FEB. 20 - MAR. 20

with friends

You've been feeling grumpy

out why. Try not to let it get

this week and you can't figure

you down -- surround yourself

Now is the perfect time to put a plan into action. That dream you've been thinking about for months? Map it out and make it happen.





COMIC BY JORDAN BIORDI

NOV. 22 - DEC. 20 The stars are aligned for romance this weekend! Single? Time to get swiping. Attached? Plan a date to remember.

MAR. 21 - APR. 20

get your hands dirty.

Your artistic juices are flowing

so use this weekend to create

something. Don't be afraid to

Shake off the blues that have

week with an indulgence. Love

restaurant. Avid reader? Treat

been getting you down this



APR. 21 - MAY 20

Stubborn bulls are feeling extra feisty this week. Don't let your temper get the best of you. When in doubt, take a deep breath.

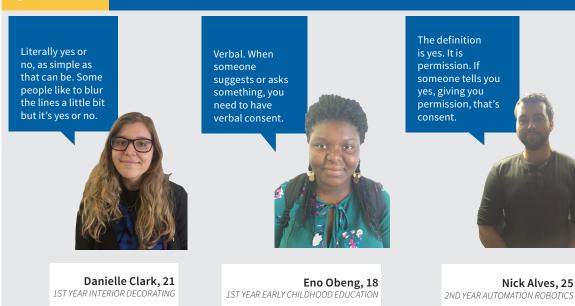


AUG. 23 - SEPT. 21 This is the weekend for "Netflix and chill". Throw on your sweats, stock up on snacks, and binge a new series. Save the partying for another time.



DEC. 21 - JAN. 19 Feeling overwhelmed by a long to-do list? Keep focused on the task at hand, give yourself a break, and make sure to make time for a little fun this weekend.

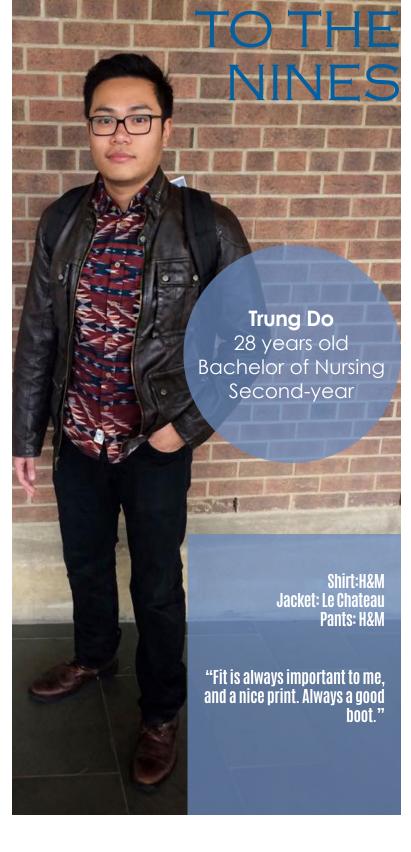
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Hawks' suspension opens doors to rugby rivals

Complete dominance of Humber men's, women's rugby squads has blocked championship from others

Jacob Wilson-Hajdu

Last Friday, Humber's male and female rugby teams were suspended pending an investigation into a potential violation of Humber's code of conduct. As the Ontario men's championship team five years in a row, this leaves the rest of the OCAA division eyeing the opening.

"It seems like a fair game now. If you look at the top three teams now, they are standing at about three and two We will definitely have a different crowning of a gold medal team this year," said Ken Fitzgerald, Loyalist College's rugby coach.Humber College has a reputation of being one of the top forces in all varsity sports, but the Hawks really shine in the rugby sector.

"Humber is just a dominant force, they have a really good-structured, long-term running program. They get the right players and stuff like that. For me, we are in a rebuild year again. We are kind of at the mercy of the school being small, " said Fitzgerald.

Even with news of the suspen-

sion, some teams still fear the Humber Hawks.

"Right now all we have been told and what seems to be coming from the OCAA is that they will only be missing one game. That is all we have been told," said John Daggett, Georgian College men's rugby coach.

"We are playing Mohawk tomorrow and again next week and as far as we know we are playing Humber at the end of the month," said Daggett. "

All colleges adhere to an OCAA code of ethics and each college in addition has their own code that usually overlaps that of the OCAA. Humber's Code of Expectations highlights things such as refraining from excessive alcohol use, suspensions for hazing and locking down social media accounts and pages.

"First of all, OCAA has for athletes, a comprehensive policy and each school follows the similar policy for student athletes. (In addition), there is a policy for each institution's code of conduct of how they should behave on and off campus," said Geoff Tomlinson, Algonquin men's rugby coach.



JACOB WILSON-HAJDU

Hawks men's and women's rugby teams were suspended last Friday following reports of misconduct, with police investigating sex assault allegations. Schedules, team photos have been removed from Athletics.

Humber's cross country coach is expecting something new this year

Monique Hann is in late stages of pregnancy, cutting her coaching year short with start of maternity leave

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The life of Humber's cross-country coach and academic coordinator Monique Hann is heading in a new direction.

The 11-year coordinator, coach and professor at Humber College's North campus is expecting her first child. And the finish line is approaching fast.

In her third trimester, Haan is almost ready for her first child and is taking a temporary step back from her position as the Varsity Academic Coordinator and cross-country coach at Humber College as she prepares for her year-long maternity leave.

But Haan's life hasn't slowed down despite the big day quickly approaching.

Haan still leads practices and goes for her own runs.

"I'll be trucking along, doing my workouts and realize, 'Oh, I've got a belly in the way and a baby coming.' It's a whole new life change," she said.

Haan, who lives close to campus, said she hopes to be around the gym working out after her child arrives. Expected to deliver in less than two weeks, Haan is fighting through her short time left in the current academic year at Humber.

"It's a daunting but exciting change. I'm really going to miss all the student athletes and the environment I'm surrounded by," said Haan.

Darren Mancini, a recent graduate of Humber College and fouryear cross-country athlete said Haan deserves the break and will make a great mother. Mancini said Haan is the reason he stayed for a second program at Humber.

"She was my coach and basically my mentor. She took the time to understand each athlete," said Manchini.

Haan spends most of her days in her office located in the Varsity Academic Centre, a space reserved for athletes to do homework.

She said the first two months of the school year is always a struggle, especially for first-year students trying to juggle sports and their schoolwork at the same time.

With the help of Crystal Pole-Langdon, Haan's replacement for the year, Haan introduced a new workshop for first year athletes. focusing on long-term academic success for these students, tracking marks and setting goals.

Pole-Langdon, a former student of Haan's, is excited to broaden her career at Humber.

Working as the Program Support Officer at the school of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism, Pole-Langdon said she usually mentors larger crowds, which is different from Haan's work.

"I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to work with a smaller group, especially student athletes," said Pole-Langdon.



Monique Hann is currently the Humber Hawk's cross country team. In 2012 she was named OCAA cross country coach of the year.

Aside from being in the office all day, Haan spends whatever free time she has coaching the varsity cross-country team with Teresa Arnini, who is also the High Performance Coordinator at Humber College.

"Monique is a very focused, determined female. Being an athlete herself, she knows the commitment and focus has to be there, even though there's outside things that affect you as an athlete," said Arnini.

Arnini and Haan have coached side by side for nine years, claiming six gold medal championships during that time.

"The season will still go, but her (presence) will be missed. She's one of our biggest supporters," Arnini said.

Women's b-ball commanding in exhibition play

Tyler Hehn

The way the Humber women's basketball team annihilated George Brown in an exhibition game Oct. 7, it looks like the Hawks will have complete control of their game this season.

The Hawks were fourth best in Canada last year, number one among Ontario colleges. They want to shoot for a better result this season.

Cassandra Nofuente, starting point guard, initiated an eight quick points from tipoff, followed by a seven point run. The eventful first quarter ended with Humber on top 30-11.

The second and third quarters were similar as Hawks scored 58 while only allowing 19.

The Hawks smothered the Huskies the entire game, forcing them to take either low-percentage shots quickly, or to drive to the hoop only to get blocked. On offense Humber was never predictable, with a healthy mix of points in the paint and behind the arc.

Despite the 98-39 win over the Hapless Huskies, head coach Ajay Sharma was humble.

"It's still early. We are still trying to figure out what people can do for us, we're still trying to figure out some of our systems," said Sharma.

The team had a stint on the road with three exhibition games in North Bay before Oct. 7. In each game up north, Humber's defence got better and better. Friday allowing 56 points against Algoma, Saturday only 55 against Bishop and a mere 39 against the University of Nipissing.

"If we are 100 per cent healthy, then yes we are better than last year's team," Said Sharma. Hawks suffered a heartbreaking loss in a bronze medal game, a memory the returning players are surely using for motivation.

"There's a lot of pieces on the bench that we can plug in, and they know how to play.

"We're back on the court (Oct. 8) and we are going to clean up some stuff, work on us, executing our stuff, and learning it better," said Sharma

After practice on Thursday, Hawks have games during the weekend in Montreal against what Sharma hails as "some of the best competition in the country."

Humber travels to Quebec where the team will play the Vanier Cheetahs, the Champlain Cavaliers, and the defending national champion Montmorency Nomads.

These next three games are the last exhibition games these Hawks will have before the season starts, and will be the measuring stick to see what potentially lies ahead for them.