



Humber North held a comic expo Thursday, featuring cosplay and special guests Ty Templeton and Sam Witwer. See page 8 for the full story.

Hawks men's rugby suspended for year

Women's team partially reinstated following Oct. 2 suspension

Nick Westoll & Mahnoor Yawar
SENIOR REPORTERS

Humber College has suspended the entire men's varsity rugby team for the rest of the 2015-2016 season for violations of the Varsity Code of Expectations.

The decision was made after an internal investigation determined that the team had been involved in behaviour "reflective of a culture that is problematic," said dean of students Jen McMillen in an interview Friday afternoon with Humber News.

"We have been made aware of certain behaviours and attitudes that we believe are inconsistent with the values of both the department of athletics and Humber as an institution," said McMillen.

The five-time OCAA championship men's team was initially suspended on Oct. 2, along with the women's varsity rugby team, pending internal investigation.

The women's team was partly reinstated on Wednesday after that investigation concluded that some players had been involved in hazing rookie players.



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Carey French
FOUNDING COACH, RUGBY TEAM

The college has not disclosed the focus of the investigation that led to today's stunning decision.

Meanwhile, Toronto Police Constable Victor Kwong

told Humber News Friday that an investigation into alleged sexual assault involving members of the rugby team remains open.

McMillen said the men's team suspension was not related to any one incident, but a larger issue of negative culture in the team.

"There is a code of student conduct which seeks to hold individuals accountable for behaviour that they may have engaged in which violates that code. But what this release speaks to is the Varsity Code of Expectations and in this particular circumstance, this relates to team consequences, not individual specifics," she said.

Humber will not be fielding a men's team for the rest of the 2015-2016 season. It is unclear how schedules, rankings and points from games previously played will be affected by the decision.

A spokesperson for the OCAA said they are "not in a position to make a comment



JACOB WILSON-HAJDU

Humber's men's varsity rugby team were OCAA champions last season.

right now."

Former men's rugby coach Carey French said, "I am clearly gutted by the decision. It's a huge disappointment. This was to have been a record-breaking year for the team."

"I have great respect for the current players and coaching staff. I know that they must

be feeling as disappointed as I am. There are many alumni of the team that are very concerned about this," he said. "I stand with them and the current coaching staff on this. There are clearly lessons to be learned. That may be the silver lining in all of this."

French, a faculty member

in the School of Media Studies and Information Technology, added he was not privy to any inside information on the situation.

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Conservatives duck youth leadership debate at Humber

Jeremy Appel

NEWS EDITOR

Youth leaders from all the major parties except the Conservatives gathered at Humber College Thursday to debate issues affecting the youth voter demographic directly.

Participants in the debate included Alexander Cohen, director of communications for the Ontario Young Liberals, Natalie Petra, director of communications for the Young New Democrats and Matthew Casselman, president of the Green Party of Ontario.

Despite weeks of pursuing the Conservative party at their federal and provincial offices, as well as contacting campaign leaders across the GTA, Humber News was not given access to a youth representative for the debate.

"We wanted to engage students in the democratic process and we thought that by bringing youth leaders to campus, this would give that

student voice to issues that matter to millennial," said Christina Romualdo, co-organizer of the event and election coverage at Humber News.

The event was organized by Humber News and livestreamed in collaboration with the Broadcast and Television program, as well as 96.9 Radio Humber. The event moderator was Katherine Green, co-producer of the newsroom's TV coverage of the federal elections.

"The reason why young people are disenfranchised by traditional parties is because they don't feel that members of parliament have the opportunity to represent them or speak for them," said Green representative Matt Casselman. "In fact, they're just puppets who are advocating whatever they're told."



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Humber News' Katherine Green moderated the youth engagement leader debate Thursday. The debate featured youth representatives of the Green, NDP and Liberal parties.

Etobicoke North

Etobicoke North riding includes City of Toronto's northwest and is home to over 111,000 residents, according to the 2011 census. It encompasses Humber College North campus.

The Liberals have won Etobicoke North since 1988. The old Progressive Conservative party held it briefly from 1984 to 1988.



Kristy Duncan,
Liberal incumbent

Duncan has been in parliament since 2008. She said she intends on building upon her accomplishments if re-elected Monday. In Ottawa, she has fought for better protection of the environment, women's rights and sponsored more than 19 bills directed towards health and family issues.



Toyin Dada, Conservative

Dada is former executive director of a non-profit and her platform who says she will follow Prime Minister Stephen Harper's political agenda. Dada's campaign website said that if elected she will lobby in Ottawa for lower taxes, improving national security and balancing the budget.



Faisal Hassan, NDP

On his website, Hassan said a Mulcair-led government would focus on creating affordable childcare and jobs with a strong focus on the manufacturing sector and small businesses. Hassan also said that alongside Mulcair, he would support the NDP's plan to improve CPP and amend Canada's workplace pension plan.



Akhtar Ayub, Green Party

A first-generation immigrant to Canada from Pakistan, Khan is a mechanical engineer by trade.

He ran unsuccessfully against Etobicoke North Councillor Vincent Crisanti in the 2014 municipal election.

Etobicoke Lakeshore

Etobicoke Lakeshore, home of Humber Lakeshore campus, saw Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff trounced by Conservative candidate Bernard Trotter in the 2011 federal election.

Etobicoke-Lakeshore was a Liberal stronghold from 1993 to 2011.



Bernard Trotter,
Conservative incumbent

He was selected as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works and Government Services in September 2013 and was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and for La Francophonie earlier this year.



James Maloney, Liberal

A Canadian lawyer, Maloney was appointed in 2014 to represent Ward 5 on Toronto City Council following the resignation of Peter Milczyn. He's worked as a lawyer with Hughes Amys LLP.



Phil Trotter, NDP

Trotter went to university as a mature student, studying history, sociology, economics, political science, and law at McGill University. After completing his law degree, he moved to Toronto, where he engaged in personal psychology studies and began working as a lawyer.



Angela Salewsky, Green Party

Originally from Kitchener, Salewsky ran for the Green Party of Ontario in Etobicoke-Lakeshore in the 2011 and 2014 provincial elections and a 2013 by-election. A business development manager in the security industry, Salewsky volunteered for World Wildlife Fund and several grassroots environmental groups.

Apathy is Boring fights to encourage young voters

Delia MacTaggart

NEWS REPORTER

Humber North campus' walls are empty of partisan messages during a highly charged and polarising federal election campaign.

The Humber Students' Federation is handing out Elections Canada pamphlets and promotional materials on school campuses. But Vice President of Student Affairs, Lakeshore Campus, Anna Bilan said it is "not our initiative."

If HSF did want to take initiatives

such as creating posters or events, it would have to be "approved by the [Elections Canada] communications department," Bilan says.

While Seneca College has a site for students to get quick access for the need-to-know of voting, HSF will refer students directly to electionscanada.ca

If students at Humber, on or off campus, are confused as to where to vote, Bilan says they can search the Elections Canada site with their postal code and find the nearest office.

Apathy is Boring plays a more active role in getting millennials out to the polls.

The Montreal based civic engagement group, Apathy is Boring, for the past 10 years has been trying to encourage participation among young voters. This year they are partnered with Elections Canada to ensure they provide accurate information to voters. Research and Elections Program Coordinator for

the group, Cavan Riordan, says political candidates consistently fail to reach out to younger voters.

"This is typical, this is not new. This has been going on for all the elections that I can remember. It basically works out to a vicious circle," Riordan observed.

"Political parties are focused on getting the vote but it's easier to change the mind of a voter rather than go and get a new voter... you have to convince them to vote and then vote for them. It's easier and less expensive to focus on voters [who have voted before]," he said.

Riordan said "the national dialogue tends to be about middleclass families and seniors. We conduct activities and research. We're active throughout the year. Our office is here in Montreal. We work across the country to our best ability. Right now we have groups of volunteers."

"We get access to concerts and then provide volunteers with re-

sources to go to the concerts and the festivals so they go out there armed with nonpartisan information about the election. During the show or prior to the show, in line for drinks or during coat check they strike up conversations with other peers," he said.

Riordan could not comment on whether Canada's first-past-the-post system needs to be reformed. Apathy is Boring strives to remain as non-partisan as possible. "We will never tell you who to vote for, only how," he said.

Ryerson, the University of Toronto and York University and 37 other universities across the country were chosen by Elections Canada to host offices accepting special ballots. Citizens can vote well in advance of Election Day with special ballots. Elections Canada offices were open until Oct. 13 and anyone could vote in them regardless of where they go to school or live. It was part of a pilot project, spokesperson Nathalie De Montigny said.

Elections Canada is looking into expanding the initiative after this year's surge of more than one million voting in advanced polls. It's investigating whether there were accessibility or technical issues at these offices, confirms De Montigny.

In a 2011 Elections Canada telephone survey of more than one thousand youths, 46 per cent of non-voters admitted that difficulty getting to the polling station influenced their decision.

According to a Nanos Reid telephone survey of more than one thousand randomly selected Canadians between Oct. 10 and Oct. 13 shows Mr. Trudeau is the preferred choice by more than 57 per cent.

In the last federal election, the Harper Government got a majority government with just over 39 per cent of the popular vote. For a majority Government a party must win 170 seats out of 338 seats.

Men's rugby team suspended, police still investigating

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French is the founding coach and took the team to three OCAA championships.

Team members are staying quiet about the circumstances surrounding the announcements despite multiple attempts by Humber News to reach them for comment.

Members of the men's team and coaching staff met with Humber officials leading the investigation Friday to learn of the findings and suspensions.

McMillen previously said the women's team will go ahead with its Sunday game against Sheridan College.

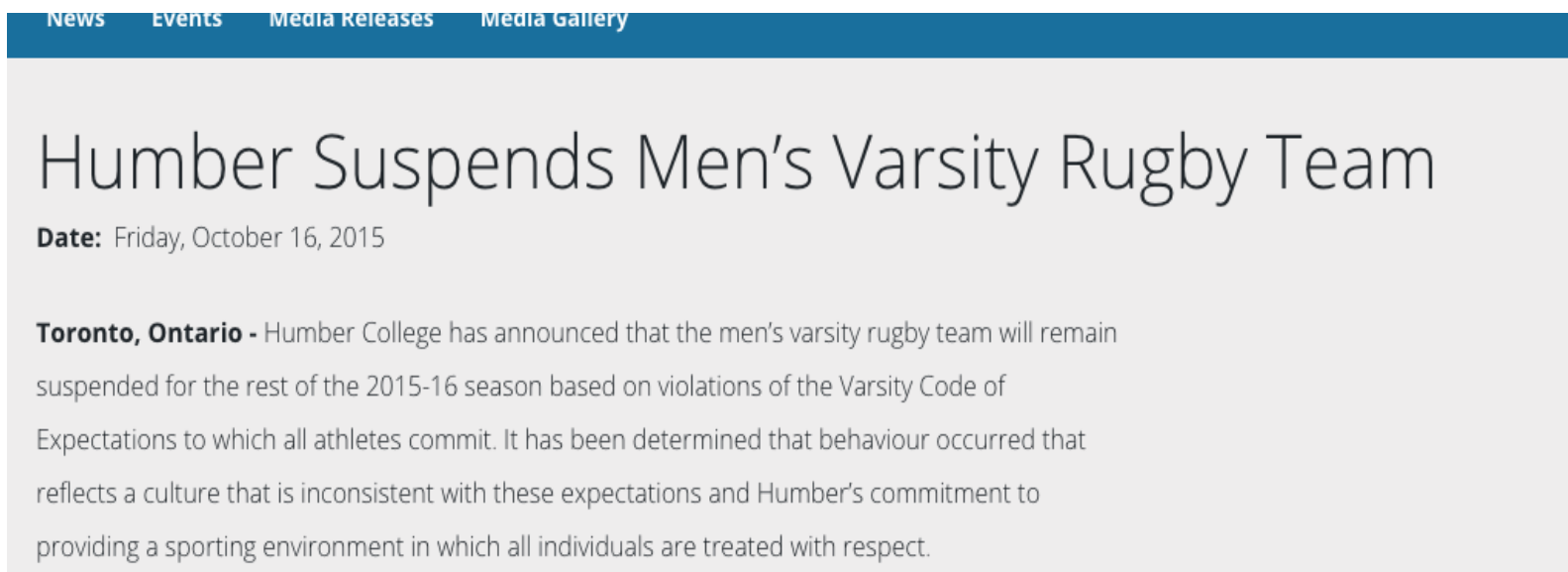
After the teams' suspensions were announced on Oct. 2, Toronto Police Const. Jenifferjit Sidhu told Humber News police were called to Humber's North campus the previous evening to investigate an alleged sexual assault incident that took place on Sept. 25.

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

Sidhu told Humber News that the complaint allegedly referred to members of Humber's rugby teams.

However, she added a complainant had not come forward and there is no word on any suspects.

McMillen denied that the investigation leading up to the suspension was related in any way to reports of a police investigation involving



A screenshot of the official press release from Humber Media Releases.

members of the rugby teams.

"I can't speak to another organization's processes or what the Toronto Police Service told you. I can tell you that any time that police are involved in incidents on campus, we cooperate to the fullest extent possible," she said.

For the women's team, penalties were handed out among individual players ranging from one-game retroactive suspensions to season-long suspensions.

McMillen offered a short answer when asked about Humber's definition of hazing.

"When we're talking about the term hazing, we are talking about activities that we've determined to be inappropriate, to potentially be demeaning or disrespectful to individual members of the team and typically that is focused on the new members, or the rookies of the team," McMillen said.

The Humber community remains in the dark about details on what led up to this decision.

When asked how he felt about the lack of details provided by the college, first-year film and television student Chris Sewitt said, "It doesn't make any sense. Why would they hide it unless it's something really bad?"

McMillen acknowledged the community's concern.

"This is a winning team. We don't take any decision lightly. There are individuals on this team. They are people. They're human beings. They're students. And we have undergone as comprehensive a process as we've been able given all the complex circumstances to ensure that we've come to a decision that we believe to be appropriate. And we've used a number of different processes and mechanisms in order to do that. But it is not a situation that we take lightly. It's not a decision we make easily. It is something that we have considered at great length and have come to this end," she said.

WITH FILES FROM TRAVIS KINGDON

Humber hazing policy still unclear

The women's varsity rugby team was suspended for behaviour that fell under the "institution's definition of hazing," yet an investigation found said definitions to be lacking.

A single line in the Humber Varsity Code of Expectations says, "Teams found to be involved in any forms of hazing may lead to immediate suspension from further play."

Meanwhile, the Humber Student Code of Conduct goes a little further into the subject, defining hazing as "activities endangering or seeming to endanger the mental or physical health and safety of individuals for the purpose of ini-

tiation, admission into or affiliation with any campus club, group, team or organization."

Other institutes in Ontario have a much more comprehensive set of definitions in place.

Queen's University publishes a more than 3600-word document outlining the definition of hazing, including subsections on the risk of alcohol use, the perceived benefits, and vulnerability, as well as examples of activities categorized as hazing.

University of Guelph provides a three-page anti-hazing policy document specifically lists examples of activities that can be categorized as hazing, including "threats or implied threats, drinking games, nudity or immodest dress, sleep deprivation, physical restraint." Also states that activities can be categorized as hazing "irrespective of the location of actions or activities or the person's willingness to participate."

Youth issues create lively election debate

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The three participants faced off on a number of issues that affect young voters directly, including youth unemployment, student debt, lack of affordable housing, environmental issues, minority issues and even marijuana laws.

"Not all drugs are going to be sold at Mac's Milk if they're legalized," Casselman said, who went further than the other participants in calling for the decriminalization of all drugs.

"It's no secret" the Liberal party supports the full legalization of weed, Cohen said, while Petra said her party supports "full decriminalization" as a step towards eventual legalization.

On the topic of affordable housing, the debate turned into a proxy war for the Liberals' Adam Vaughan and NDP's Olivia Chow, two star candidates in Spadina-Fort York with social housing credentials referenced by Cohen and Petra respectively.

Each candidate took turns swinging at Harper's proposed niab ban at citizenship ceremonies. Petra did not mince words when she referred to the prime minister's "racist rhetoric."

Most of the party representatives conceded that they were all progressive on the issues that appealed to the voter base, and often criticized the Harper government for draconian policies that alienated minority voters.

Petra lambasted Harper's Fair Elections Act, saying it discourages young people from voting.

She vowed an NDP government would repeal what she called the "Unfair Elections Act."

Cohen said young people are discouraged from getting politically engaged by the divisiveness of modern political discourse.

"They see a political world that is increasingly dominated by division, fear, meanness and attack ads. As a young person getting involved in politics, it's not very appealing."



Event organizer Manhoor Yawar, Green Party of Ontario leader Matthew Casselman, Young New Democrat Natalie Petra, Ontario Young Liberal Alexander Cohen and moderator Katherine Green.

HEDY KORBEE

Volkswagen owners in limbo

Krystal Mohan
LIFE REPORTER

Volkswagen has fooled millions of diesel owners worldwide, causing the company to lose 40 per cent in market value, and face a substantial decrease in reputation.

Martin Winterkorn, the CEO of Volkswagen stepped down after it was revealed that the company was running faulty emissions tests with the use of a "defeat device". According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, many VW diesel vehicles were giving off 40 times more fumes than is acceptable.

"The problem is that I want to sell my car and get a new one but being a VW enthusiast I can't see myself getting any car other than a VW," said 21-year-old Nathan Allen, a former Humber student from Toronto.

The 11 million cars affected in the scandal are now being recalled, as they came equipped with said "defeat devices". It was created to increase stamina in the vehicle as in a test condition, the vehicle would appear to be highly fuel-efficient.

"A company this massive with a following this large should have better measures in place to prevent



KRYSTAL MOHAN PHOTO

diesels, as well as the Audi A3. Volkswagen is no longer selling the 2015 diesels, and will not be revealing the 2016 diesel models.

Lesley da Silva believes that other manufacturers would not risk their entire companies, and their future on tricks like that.

"I don't drive [my diesel] day to day, said Elliot Dawson, a 21-year-old diesel-owner from Etobicoke, "but I feel a bit shocked, and I would definitely feel like I'm being judged if I was to drive it while this scandal is going on."

Da Silva on another hand gets annoyed because he's driving around in a Toyota Camry, having to get his emissions test done, and getting charged.

"Meanwhile I hear that Volkswagens have black smoke coming out of them but nobody does anything. So, it doesn't surprise me very much," said da Silva.

Volkswagen has been putting its reputation at risk since 2009. Only time will tell what the car company's future will look like.

"I don't think Volkswagen is what it used to be and clearly 'Das Auto' is not for the Earth, and perhaps not even for the people, as it suggests," said Da Silva.

their products from being designed with illegal features," said Allen.



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Elliot Dawson
DIESEL CAR OWNER

Affected models are the 2009-2015 Golf, Jetta, Beetle, and Passat

Niqab issue sparks anger

Edward Hitchins
GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER

Born in Somalia at the height of the civil war that wracked Somalia, 18-year-old Fadima Hassan carries the scars of oppression.

The first year Humber student studying recreation and leisure came the long way to Canada. "Being a child, running from home to home was really hard," said Hassan. "My father lost a leg in that war. We came to Canada from Somalia [via Ethiopia] because of the better opportunities presented."

One opportunity is the ability to vote against a government making an election issue of the niqab.

Hassan received her voter card from Elections Canada last week for the federal election on Oct. 19, despite her lack of political views.

"I don't know much about politics, but what the government is trying to do is really bothering me," said Hassan.

The federal government tried to ban the niqab, a traditional Muslim headwear, at citizenship ceremonies. The Supreme Court of Canada struck the ban down as unconstitutional,

but the federal government has taken a hardline stance, including the possibility of introducing legislation.

That has many on the Humber North campus saying it is a violation of women's rights.

"If they are banning the niqab, they are banning a part of a religion," said second year student Soumeya Abdi. "It is contradicting what Canadian citizens' rights are. Banning a woman's attire is almost like banning the woman herself."

Women's studies professor Angela Aujla believes the ban goes far beyond women's rights.

"Harper's contrived focus on this non-issue is insulting to the intelligence of Canadians, and has the potential to incite violence against Muslim women in his country," said Aujla.


"His inflammatory statements on this issue and on "barbaric cultural practices" is not only irresponsible, but dangerous," she said. "It is ignoring more important election issues such as the economy and foreign policy."

Meanwhile, Hassan hopes the next government formed after Oct. 19 focuses on she says Canada is really about.


"Canada was a country that accepts everyone, whether it be their religion, colour or culture," she said. "I hope they can get back to what people around the world see Canada as."

HOW TO VOTE

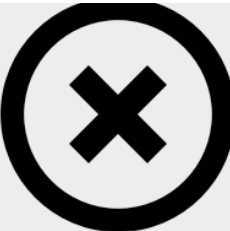
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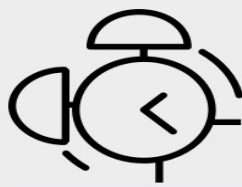
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Decide to have your voice heard and vote!




REGISTER
Go to elections.ca and register!




BRING THE CARD
Bring either your PHOTO ID and VOTER'S CARD or PROOF OF ADDRESS with you!




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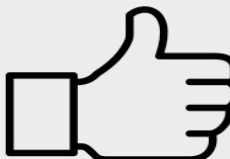
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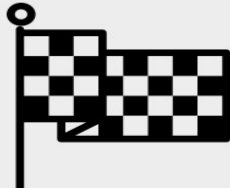
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FEB. 20 – MAR. 20
Feel the shopping bug nipping at your wallet? Don't get distracted by small expenditures - they add up! Keep saving for your future, you won't regret investing in yourself.



MAR. 21 – APR. 20
Having a hard time focusing? Your head has been in the clouds this week. Don't stress it too hard, you'll get back on track next week.



APR. 21 – MAY 20
This is the perfect weekend to unleash your artistic side. Draw something, write a poem, give yourself an intricate mani, whatever, just get creative!



MAY 21 – JUN. 20
You have to shake off the grumps that have been plaguing you this week! Forget what's stressing you this weekend and focus on fun.



JUN. 21 – JUL. 22
After a nonstop week, it's time to kick back and relax. Take a moment for yourself and do something completely selfish and indulgent.



JUL. 23 – AUG. 22
Love is in the stars this weekend! If you're taken, plan a romantic date for you and your love. Single and ready to mingle? You just might meet someone.



AUG. 23 – SEPT. 21
Raise your hand if you're basic and ain't afraid to admit it! Be #basic this weekend, PSL and all. Who doesn't love the sound of leaves crunching under their feet?



SEPT. 22 – OCT. 22
Get overcharged at the grocery store but find \$20 on the ground? You're Even Steven this week! Return the karma by doing something nice for someone.



OCT. 23 – NOV. 21
Bae not paying attention to you this week? Don't take it personally, they just need space. Spend time with besties this weekend and reconnect with your love on Monday - everything will be OK.



NOV. 22 – DEC. 20
Have you been strapped for cash lately? It can be frustrating but don't lose sight of what's important - work hard, pay your bills and don't take on debt for non-necessities.



DEC. 21 – JAN. 19
You're in the mood to let loose. Don't fight that feeling! Hit the town, let your hair down and don't hold back.

QUOTED: What do you think is the most important issue in the upcoming election?

I think the most important issue is taxes. The Conservatives don't want to do anything about the taxes and keep the taxes low. But Justin Trudeau, is more you have to spend money to make money.



Theleah Hayter, 19
2ND YEAR PARALEGAL

I think that it is important that each party sticks to their word on what they say. Because when they are campaigning they say a lot but don't actually get around to do it.



Sarah Ferreria, 21
2ND YEAR RADIO BROADCAST

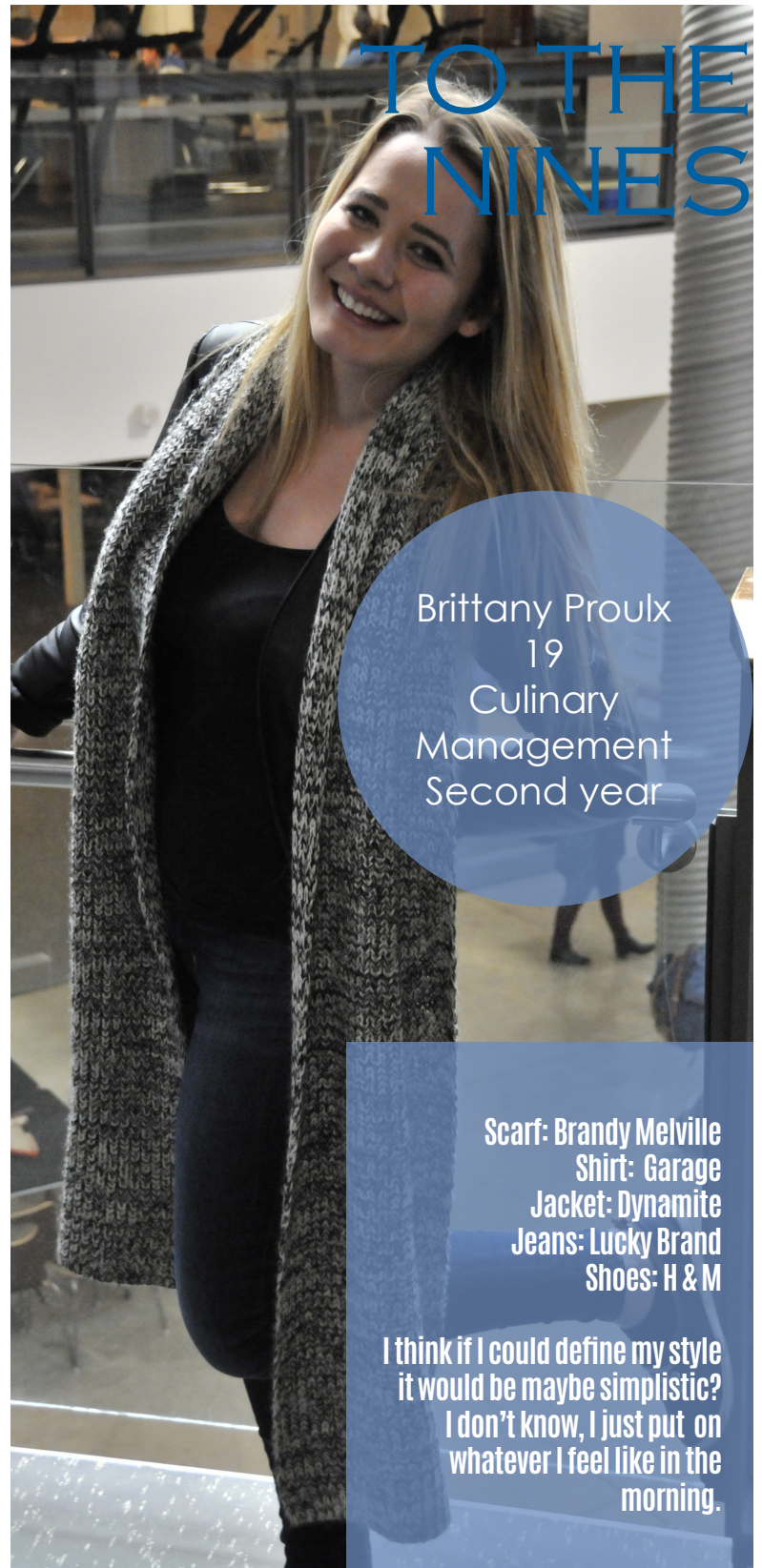
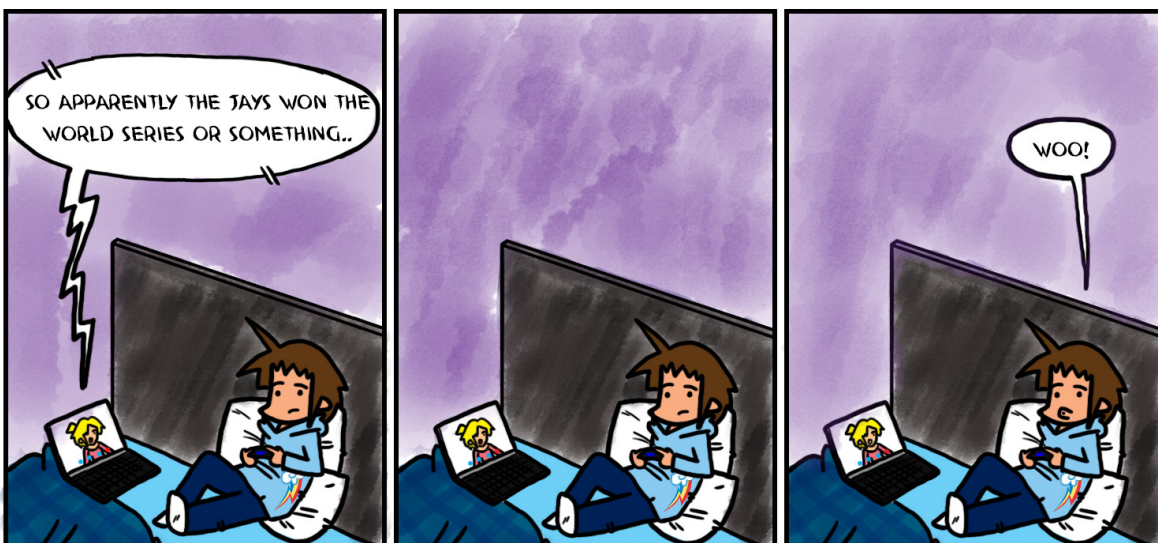
Well I don't really know. I think everyone should vote, but I have no idea what the most important issue is.



Tasha Harmer, 19
2ND YEAR CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY

SCHOOL DAZE

COMIC BY JORDAN BIORDI



TO THE NINES

Brittany Proulx
19
Culinary Management
Second year

Scarf: Brandy Melville
Shirt: Garage
Jacket: Dynamite
Jeans: Lucky Brand
Shoes: H & M

I think if I could define my style it would be maybe simplistic? I don't know, I just put on whatever I feel like in the morning.



KATHERINE AYLESWORTH

“Liz Magor’s: Surrender” is a contemporary art piece on display in the Art Gallery of Ontario, where students can enjoy free admission Wednesday evenings. ROM opens doors on Tuesdays.

Students can enjoy ROM, AGO for free

Katherine Aylesworth
NEWS REPORTER

Humber College students can spend a day at the museum – for free. And they can view the grand masters of art for free as well.

The Royal Ontario Museum opens its doors to more than 30 galleries and exhibits for full time students with valid identification on Tuesdays. The Art Gallery of Ontario swings open its doors Wednesday evenings.

While the institutions have offered the free access to students for

years, many on campus are unaware of the opportunity.

“It shows you history from all over the world, from major events to the smallest piece of pottery,” said Brett Belcourt, 20, a second-year Humber College culinary management student, of the ROM. “You’ll always find something that will pique your interest.”

Belcourt has visited the ROM four times, but never managed to use free entry due to class time conflicts. The student rate ranges from \$15.50 to \$20.50, depending on the experience, as touring exhibits add

to the standard fee.



There is something about seeing works of art up close... that simply is not the same as looking at images of them.

Dr. Michael Curran
LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCE PROFESSOR

The AGO currently offers free

admission to its galleries between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, but starting Nov. 3, they are extending their hours to 9 p.m.

Sandra Dobroski, director, membership and visitor services at the Art Gallery of Ontario, said the popular initiative has been going on for 35 years.

“While the appeal is wide ranging, free Wednesday nights present a great opportunity for students to visit the gallery and enjoy the AGO collection free of charge at a time that’s convenient for them,” said

Dobroski.

Dr. Michael Curran, a Humber College liberal arts and science professor, said he thinks the AGO free night is a great opportunity since attendees get the qualitative experience that viewing it second hand in a book or on the Internet doesn’t offer.

“Experiencing the wonders of art in-person remains an experience that is not readily duplicated,” said Curran. “There is something about seeing works of art up close and personally in a gallery that simply is not the same as looking at images of them.”

Harper History site uses satire to educate

Brandon-Richard Austin
A&E REPORTER

Only 61.1 per cent of eligible voters in the country chose to exercise that right for the 2011 federal election, according to Elections Canada statistics. The numbers were even more dismal for youth under the age of 24, with a turnout of just 38.8 per cent. But does that indicate a lack of civic interest altogether in youth?

“It’s so disingenuous, the idea that voting is the only democratic thing that exists to participate in the system,” said Dan Speerin, YouTube personality and co-creator of popular video series Harper History.

The latter series came about after Speerin and his collaborator Vince Kesavamoorthy created the popular Twitter hashtag #HarperHistory, which even went on to be mentioned on the floor of the House of Commons.

The duo’s YouTube channel is

Truth Mashup, on which Harper History is presented as part of the Young Turks network and contains several videos satirically debunking the conservative party’s campaign points and advertising.

“In the (United) States, they’ve had a lot of success with media satire,” said Speerin. “That’s something we’re trying to do with our channel that I feel doesn’t exist here at all... There isn’t that John Oliver, Jon Stewart, even Bill Maher’s show with media and taking things more seriously.”

Speerin believes that Canadians are hesitant to ‘ruffle feathers’ with their media coverage, which was an obstacle faced by him and Kesavamoorthy when they attempted to launch a Daily Show-style segment on Rogers TV.

“Satire that can get a couple of things into peoples’ heads is something that’s worth doing but at the end of the day I think it’s just about people wanting a bit more choice



BRANDON-RICHARD AUSTIN

Harper History is a hub for political satire centered on the Conservatives.

in what they’re getting. Media criticism is something our country needs,” said Speerin.

Kesavamoorthy similarly believes the appetite for political satire will grow. “You can’t compare it with regular reporting. In many ways, we can’t do what we do without regular

journalism.

“Voting is something Dan and I go back and forth on a lot... I believe it is important but politicians need to cater to youth... They don’t understand youth issues. Our project is an attempt to get people interested and engaged in other avenues,”

Kesavamoorthy continued.

“I feel like us as young people, obviously we need to be able to exercise our right,” said Ankush Saini, a 20 year old University of Guelph-Humber student.

“I believe a lot of education is being brought up through the Internet, which is one of the main reasons I think the Conservatives are not going to win. My personal bias aside, I think the Conservatives are going to lose because young voters are getting educated on the topic.”

“Maybe we don’t think it affects us,” said Eileen Liu, 20, Guelph-Humber student who voted in the advance poll. “Some people are just not educated like people who don’t read the paper to see what’s going on so they’re not informed.”

Things are looking up with election statistics so far, with results up 16 per cent for advance voting from the last election in 2011 according to Elections Canada.

Comic Expo draws crowds, cosplay and celebrities

Allyssa Sousa-Kirpaul
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Red carpets and superheroes made out of balloons were peppered throughout the North campus Student Centre when students started lining up early Thursday for the third annual Humber Comic Expo.

The event was held on Oct. 15 at the North campus, and Oct. 14 at Lakeshore, with special guests that included sci-fi actor Sam Witwer and veteran comic book artist Ty Templeton.

Illustrators displayed and sold their work, while Brampton-based Stadium Comics hosted a table selling comic books and action figures. Vendor KillerToyz offered horror and sci-fi action figures as fans dressed up as their favourite characters for a cosplay contest where the winner won a RioRand Segway. (For the uninitiated, cosplay is the practice of dressing up as a character from a movie, book, or video game, especially one from the Japanese genres of manga and anime.)

Witwer, whose acting roles include Aidan Waite in *Being Human* and Davis Bloome in *Smallville*, took questions from Ammar Abdul-Raheem, Humber Students' Federation Vice President of Student Life, and from a small gathering of about 30 students.

Witwer told the audience how he loved to work on an old school animated show.

He said he and Glenn Howerton — the star, executive producer and co-writer of the cable television comedy *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia* — co-wrote an animated pilot.

"We own it and we really want to make something cool and special about it. The reason why we want to act in it is it has a very old school feel, a very 1930s (look)," said Witwer.



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Nine contestants participated in North campus cosplay contest Thursday as part of third annual Humber Comic Expo. Dianna Rebuli (far left) as Princess Leia took second place. Andrew Bushel (third from left) as Dare Devil came third and Shannon Martin (centre with green shawl) dressed as Levi from *Attack on Titan* took first place.

Witwer told a fan it was hard for him to pick his favourite character.

"Any character that's difficult to play I really enjoy," said Witwer. He said roles in *Being Human* and in TV's *Star Wars Rebels* were both difficult.

"If it's hard, then I wanna do it," said Witwer.

He said it's important for an actor to focus on a good state of mind if they want to have a career in the field.

"Make yourself as happy as you could possibly be and surround yourself with people who make you

happy," said Witwer. "Make yourself happy with what you have at any given point and you will do a lot better in this business."

After the interview, students lined up in the Student Centre to interact face-to-face with Witwer, who posed for pictures and signed autographs.

Cam Sharpe, second-year film and television student, 19, said he most enjoyed the interview with Witwer.

"I'm in film and I got some insight on a real voice actor in the industry,"

said Sharpe.

Templeton, a Canadian comic book artist who was inducted into the Canadian Comic Book Hall of Fame last year, was among the illustrators showing off his work. His portfolio includes a bevy of characters, including Batman, Spider-Man, the Avengers and *The Simpsons*.

Templeton said he loves his job and is hard-pressed to pick one of his works as his favourite. A veteran of Marvel and DC, he is currently working on *The Evil Dead*.

"It's fun to see more and more

people getting into the idea of (comic) culture and it's not just being for young children," said Templeton.

Templeton said to become a comic book artist, one needs determination and an eagerness to invest time in learning the skills.

"There's a famous expression that says it takes 5,000 hours to become good at something and it takes 10,000 hours to become a genius but you can become a genius," said Templeton. "Don't assume that you have to have a talent to do this."

"You simply have to have a willingness to learn and an ability to spend the time to develop the skill," he said.

There were nine contestants in the cosplay contest. Shannon Martin, a second-year visual and digital arts student, 20, won first place, dressed as Levi from *Attack on Titan*.

Professional makeup artist Samira Abedi did Martin's makeup. It was Martin's second time attending Comic Expo dressed up as Levi.

"I wasn't going to do the contest because I had work but I decided to do it right when I woke up today," said Martin. "Levi is the best costume I have."

Diana Rebuli, a first-year photography student, 18, was dressed as Princess Leia and took second place.

Kori Ploughman, Programming Coordinator at the North campus, said she wanted Comic Expo to give students with the same interests an opportunity to come together as a community and interact with people in the industry.

"We really want to try and have events provided for every student here at Humber so just giving them the opportunity to come out and enjoy events like this is what we're really hoping to do," said Ploughman.



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ABOVE: Sam Witwer, a sci-fi actor, was one of the special guests at Humber's third annual Comic Expo on Oct. 15. **LEFT:** Ty Templeton, a Canadian comic book artist was among the illustrators showing off his work at Humber's North campus event. Templeton has worked with both Marvel and DC and is now working on *The Evil Dead*.



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(Left) Mobeen Sheikh starts testing popcorn out at Oct. 13 Brainiac Carnival event at Humber North campus. (Right) Davi Lall, who is part of the First Year Experience (FYE) team, stands in front of the popular “Brainiac” game. FYE helps new students on campus a number of welcome-oriented events and helps connect freshmen to peer mentors.

Brainiac Carnival helps welcome frosh to campus

First Year Experience hosts free event marking Brain Tumour Awareness Month with games, fun

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It was elbow room only at the Brainiac Carnival as Humber students mixed fun with a good cause on October 13 at North campus.

Students were offered popcorn, cupcakes, and cotton candy as they learned about Brain Tumour Awareness

Month.

The Brainiac Carnival was a free event held in B106 by Humber’s First Year Experience Program (FYE), which support new students.

The event included games that tied into Brain Tumour Awareness Month such as “match patch,” a game fit for using your memory.

Jennifer Palser, a first year Humber student, attended the event with some of her classmates.

“I was really interested in this because I wanted the full ‘Humber experience,’” Palser said.

She said it’s important to socialize and make friends during the first

year of post-secondary school.

“Events like this definitely help you survive here,” Palser said, “FYE gives you good tips on everything.”

Nivedita Lane, the coordinator of FYE, was instrumental in setting up the Brainiac Carnival.

“This is our first Brainiac Carnival, but our third big event for FYE,” Lane explains. “We’ve also hosted the Candy Land Mix, and Arboretum Adventure – which included hiking and building beaver dams.”

The Brainiac Carnival was put together by volunteer students. Events like this target first year students to

help them transition into college smoothly.

First year students are also given peer mentors. These mentors are usually students that are in second or third year, within the same program as the first year student.

“Having a peer mentor helps the kids because we find it’s easier to go to someone your age rather than a prof or a parent about advice,” Lane said. “They can relate to each other better.”

Students are encouraged to attend events such as the Brainiac Carnival with their peer mentors.

“It is empowering. It builds a

sense of community for not only those who live on campus, but also for students who commute here. They meet kids just like them,” Lane said.

First year Humber student, Nina Cabrera, agrees.

“Being here makes people feel more comfortable in the Humber community,” Cabrera said.

“It offers (first-year students) a safe place to meet other students,” said Mobeen Sheikh, a volunteer for FYE. “It’s also good to get everyone aware of the real reason this event is happening – Brain Tumour Awareness Month.”

Jobs attained on campus from Work Study Program include wide diversity of tasks, a range of salary

About 800 students seek paid work at Humber’s North, Lakeshore and Orangeville campuses

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Humber College offers jobs that gives students in financial need the opportunity to work on campus during their study at school.

“To be considered (for the Work Study Program), the cost of a student’s needs to be more than their income,” said Caroline Colosimo, a career advisor for Humber College.

There are several different job options on all campuses that include working at any of the centres on the campus including the athletic, writing, business and career centres on the student’s specific campus. Other options include working at LinX Pub, media equipment rooms, residence, Gourmet Express and the Food Emporium.

Jobs on campus for students are approved under the work study program. Jobs are organized within the student’s timetable so as not to dis-

rupt attendance at classes.

Food services jobs on campus are with a contract so most of the workers there are full-time. International students do not qualify for work study because they are unable to apply for financial aid under the rules for international students.

Humber Students’ Federation also provides jobs for students on campus but these are completely separate from the jobs the Career Centre can provide.

Colosimo estimates about 800 students apply for jobs at the North, Lakeshore and Orangeville campuses. Depending on the skill level required, the hourly pay for jobs on campus ranges between \$11 and \$15.

Syeda Hassan, a third year accounting student, works as a tutor for disabled students on campus.

“I love the job, I love the timing of it,” she said. “It works around your schedule and I’m assigned with cer-

tain students so the session is strictly only an hour.”

Hassan finds that being a work study student is an advantage because one can work and study at the same time. She gained experiences

in a different field and developed leadership skills.

“Not only do I teach, but I learn with them too,” said Hassan.

Jasmine Sekhon, a first year nursing student, does not work on campus but likes the idea.

“It’s a smart idea because

some of us need the money but we don’t have the time to go work a regular eight-hour shift,” said Sekhon.

Sekhon said, however, she would not take on a work study job because her course is stressful enough and is demanding.

If they feel they can handle school work as well as a job, students are able to browse jobs on the Humber website.

“All our jobs available are posted



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TUTOR FOR DISABLED STUDENTS



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The Academic and Career Success Centre is one of several places a student could do a work study and get more information on jobs available.

on our job portal on our website and they will find hundreds of job postings there,” said Colosimo.

To be eligible to participate in the Work-Study program at both the Humber North and Lakeshore Campus as well as the Guelph-Humber

Campus, students must have lived in Ontario for the past year as a Canadian Citizen, be a full-time student with a minimum course load of 60 per cent, be in good academic standing and be in the need of financial need.

After 62 years, Playboy magazine halting nude pix

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Playboy's decision to cover up their famous centerfolds has prompted different responses on Tuesday in terms of sex, feminism and publishing.

Founded in 1953 with an initial nude gatefold of screen star Marilyn Monroe, the legendary magazine, known for its undressed women, announced last Monday that, beginning in 2016, it will no longer be publishing photos of nude women.

The surprise move comes after chief content officer Cory Jones suggested the idea to founder Hugh Hefner and he agreed, the New York Times reported.

The strategy is part of a redesign of the magazine that will be launched in March of next year. The publication will still feature women in provocative poses, but editors say that the internet offers more than

enough alternatives for people who want to see nude photos.

For some experts, Playboy's move seems confusing.

Fatima Mechtab, the director of marketing for Oasis Aqualounge, a clothing-optional sex club in downtown Toronto, saw the magazine as a staple of sex-positive culture.

"I love Playboy magazine," Mechtab told Humber News on Tuesday. "The photos are always tasteful and for its time, it was pushing boundaries."

She notes that certain photos of women can celebrate "their bodies and beauty," and moving away from nudity could result in power being taken away from women.

"In comparison to what's happening now, it's not the most sex-positive magazine," said Mechtab. "I don't think it necessarily helps feminism."

Some observers say the move by Playboy has nothing to do with pro-

gressive thought.

"It's a business move," said Angela Aulja, a Humber College professor who teaches a course on women and popular culture.

When it comes to selling nude photography in a magazine format the times have changed too much, she said.

"It's become an obsolete medium," said Aulja. "Anyone interested in accessing pornography will do so online, so [Playboy is] moving to a different format to get a different audience."

And with the rebrand, Playboy acknowledges its offerings have gone stale in the Internet age.

"That battle has been fought and won. You're now one click away from every sex act imaginable for free. And so it's just passé at this juncture," said Playboy's chief executive Scott Flanders.

According to the Alliance for Audited Media, which gathers figures

on magazines across North America, circulation for Playboy has dropped from 5.6 million in 1975 to about 800,000 today.

Moving forward Aulja suspects Playboy will follow a new format similar to Esquire or GQ and will likely be successful.

"They want their branding to be read on the subway without getting looks. They'll still get the Playboy brand, which is still strong, but in a way that's more publicly acceptable," said Aulja.

But for others, Playboy without the nudes just won't be the same.

"Without its nudes, it's just another magazine for men. They're not going to stand out," said Mechtab.

Playboy is also well known for its in-depth long form journalism and has featured many high-profile writers such as Joyce Carol Oates and Margaret Atwood, and interviews with Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

Endless tacos, hockey game transform centre

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The Toronto Maple Leafs didn't deliver on their opening night, losing to the Montreal Canadiens, but for 150 Lakeshore campus students their student government did.

This was the second All You Can Eat event held by Humber Students' Federation (HSF) at the Lakeshore campus, with last year's event featuring wings.

Kori Ploughman, HSF programming coordinator, said the purpose of the event was to change the ambience of the building.

"We transformed the Student Centre to look and feel like a pub," said Ploughman.

Ploughman said although the food could have been served quicker to students, the majority of feedback from students was positive.

"We think the All You Can Eat events are a success," said Ploughman. "There will be Massage on Wheels, and some distress events for the remainder of the year here at Lakeshore's campus."

Many of the attendees were excited about the aspect of being able to enjoy free tacos while watching the Leaf game on a projector.

Ben Enright, a first year student in Humber's professional golf management course, says he's a huge fan of the Maple Leafs and tacos.

"I'm definitely down to eat a lot of tacos tonight," said Enright.

Greg Simpson, first year student at Humber, says HSF events are a great way to meet new people who share similar interests.

"It's always good for the federation (HSF) to have events where people are going out and meeting new people," said Simpson, "it brings people together."

Oti Donkor, posting clerk for HSF, says the working goal for HSF is to get everyone together and have some fun while moving away from the stress school may bring to students.

"Have some fun and eat some great food," said Donkor, "just to not be in the motion of school all the time."

Daisy Zamarripa, second year student studying Public Relations, says she noticed a huge improvement in HSF events from last year with an increase in events.

"I love HSF events, I think the members are doing a really good job," said Zamarripa. "Last year there weren't a lot of events, and I wasn't getting involved. This year they're holding more events for us to have a chance to be involved."

With more HSF events being held throughout the year almost on a weekly basis, students are being encouraged by HSF members to step out of their comfort zone and contribute to Humber's campus community.

Gender-neutral washrooms open in new LRC building at North campus

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LIFE REPORTER

Humber College recently installed several gender-neutral washrooms this year at the North campus.

Humber has built inclusive, washrooms on each floor of the new Learning Resource Commons (LRC) building, each intended for a single user.

The objective is to make transgender and gender-fluid students

feel more comfortable in their school, following last spring's initiative to become the first college in Ontario with an anti-discrimination policy directed to that population.

"I think that it's cool that Humber has washrooms for transgenders, they deserve to have a washroom like anybody else. It's great to be in an institute where everyone is treated as one [equal]," said first-year media communications student Shemar King.

It is important that all students feel welcomed at Humber, said Linda Hill, coordinator in the School of Social Work. She also stated that Humber has made a conscious decision to develop a new building that represents a positive outlook to all students.

"The movement (to recognize

transgenderism) is a very neat," said Humber Students' Federation vice-president, Mikki Decker. "It is very easy to go through school when you are not faced with such barriers but for someone who is trans, non-binary, gender fluid...the list continues...going through college or university is a different journey."

Students in those categories can feel better about their surrounding environment.

"I also think this campaign is brilliant. This puts ownership on everyone else and takes the attention away from the individual being centered out," said Decker.

"If it is something that makes the transgender community feel more comfortable, then I'm okay with it," said second year film and television student Raysean Blair.

Humber has an LGBTQ club at North campus for anyone who is interested.

There are also gender-neutral washrooms located in University of Guelph-Humber, and Lakeshore campus.

You can visit the Gender and Sexual Diversity Committee page on Humber.ca or check out their Twitter page @HumberLGBTQ for more information about the Humber LGBTQ club.



DANIELLE FURTADO

Posters located in washrooms across campus are intended to encourage respect for Humber's LGBTQ community.



Sign designating the new gender-neutral washrooms available in the new Learning Resource Centre at Humber North campus.

Voters: strategic choice time

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With the election fast approaching, tensions are in the air and Canadian citizens are hotly debating where their political allegiances will fly.

There is a real democracy at work and the citizens are eager to participate and help shape the future of the country that provides them the safety and security they need to live their lives in peace.

But which direction is the most relevant? And with so much surrounding the current government, including political scandal and obstacles in terms of democratic progression, the culture of Canada is sure to change drastically as we enter 2016.

We would like to present a new idea. Given a grassroots opposition to the current Harper government, and people agreeing generally that a new direction must be taken, we are faced with a choice.

Some would say that the opposition to the Harper government, especially amongst youth, makes this decision a split between the left and the further left. We could argue that in many people's eyes this is an "anyone but Harper" game.

So where does that leave us? We are faced with two options that are very similar in ideology but differ in terms of practice and historical experience in government.

According to the most recent Nanos poll, the Liberal party is in the lead with just over 35 per cent of decided support, followed by the Conservatives at 29 per cent and the NDP at 25 per cent.

There is a phenomenon in politics called the split vote. This is where people who appropriate their convictions to a party they really enjoy rather than the party that has greater potential to win the election end up taking away from the party that might win. This can make it so that the unfavorable party wins because its opposition has lost strength to another group.

There is a possibility that this



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The 2015 Canadian national election will require Canadians to think hard about their goals and voting strategy.

will happen in 2015. If many people are aware that the Liberals may win but decide to vote NDP, for example, this may result in the Liberals losing their momentum and the Conservatives gaining strength as the left wing voters are split between two favorable options.

For this reason, we believe left leaning voters should unify under one party to give it the most possible strength in the election to replace the current government, which has failed in many ways. This is called a strategic vote.

While we should also consider the other side, however, the phenomenon of strategic voting applies differently to the Conservatives. A Conservative making a strategic vote must take into consideration the party that they would not want in power.

In terms of obvious politics, a Conservative may want the Liberals to lose. In this case, a Conservative may strategically vote NDP in order to take away from the Liberal momentum and create the split vote mentioned above.

However, if this happens the Conservative government loses momentum as voters haphazardly

vote in other directions for the purposes of strategy.

We would argue that there may not be a strategic voting option for the Conservatives because the other two parties are unified against them.

The only way for Conservatives to take advantage of the election and increase their prospects for government is to vote Conservative and maintain the momentum that has been gathered.

Left-wingers have a different game to play. Unify under the party with the most prospects or vote for the party that represents a more drastic change for Canada.

This assumes that there are lots of progressives who would desire an NDP government. If this is the case, then the above applies and left-wingers who oppose Harper should vote for the leading progressive party to strengthen that potential government.

It is important to remember that the Conservative party is fighting in this election on two fronts. They are essentially surrounded by opposition. There is no real strategic voting option for a Conservative because all other options are coun-

terproductive to their goals of establishing a Conservative government.

Progressives need a strategy. The Canadian left-wing has options and momentum.

We want Canadians to vote strategically and unfortunately this option does not apply to Conservatives who, when attempting to use a voting strategy, would weaken their party's prospects.

Think about what Canadian government would establish your goals. If you are a die-hard left-winger, maybe moderate your views for the purposes of preventing an undesirable outcome.

Ultimately, the purpose of this election is to establish the direction Canada will take as it enters 2016. We have been on the same road for a while and if you believe a change is necessary, maybe take a slight left rather than a u-turn.

For many people, politics is a game. If Canadians want to establish a direction, sometimes we may have to play the game a little bit. Games often require a strategy.

In this election, left-wingers have this option of strategy. And it is time to use it.

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Just-in time for change, Liberals lead



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Justin Trudeau is about to become our next Prime Minister of Canada and here is why you should care.

After nearly 10 years of the current Conservative government, Canada's social paradigm is finally starting to shift in a more progressive direction. As a country, we are eager for leadership that has a plan to make changes in our country now. The Liberal party is the only party that isn't scared to invest in our country now to fix systemic problems that misguide Canada today.

Those are my own views but I don't deny that my family back-

ground has been part of what's influenced me. My mother is the Liberal MP candidate for the Superior North riding.

My mother's long-time decision to join the Liberal Party came because it was the only party that was progressive on the issues that she thought important, such as affordable housing, a sensible drug policy, good jobs and education. Since my mother is the Director of the Thunder Bay Shelter House, she has constantly been submersed in humanitarian issues, which are only adequately addressed by the Liberals.

The Liberal Party specifically treats current drug policies as a civil rights problem and sees drug use as a social rather than a criminal issue. Instead of locking up people for minor drug offences, the Liberal stance is opposed to most mandatory minimum sentencing and focuses on crime prevention and rehabilitation services. This is also the only party that takes a progressive stance towards legalization of marijuana.

What will the Liberal party do for post-secondary students? The

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More Harper or no Harper: that is the question



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Sometime last week, one of my Facebook friends posted a humorous photo with a text saying that if you vote Conservative you are either a rich bastard or brainwashed.

That was insulting to me who had the misfortune of growing up in the “developed socialism” of the Soviet Union and bound to help build a communist society. We all know how that venture ended.

Having experienced the misery of socialism directly on my own skin, I lean to the center-right side of the political spectrum. Also, having a university education, I know of the great leaders who also thought this way.

“Socialism is the philosophy of failure, the creed of ignorance and the gospel of envy,” Winston Churchill said.

Margaret Thatcher’s pithy observation was, “the problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people’s money.”

So, why did I vote for Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party

of Canada in an advance poll last week? First of all, I voted for the idea of conservatism, for its way of governing my country, and I didn’t pay too much attention to the names.

The conservative idea was always about having minimal taxes and letting people make more money through the growth of business. So, consequently, the government gets more tax revenue from these large businesses and keeps the budget balanced as opposed to the tax-and-spend or deficit financing on the other political side.

My view goes for the issue of the economy as a whole. The world economy is struggling. According to World Bank statistics, Unemployment rates are high amongst NATO countries at 11 per cent and interest rates are generally low. I’d say that Canada’s Conservative government getting a surplus this year is certainly an accomplishment!

Ottawa’s latest trade deal, the Trans Pacific Partnership, opens doors to about 800 million customers with low or no tariffs or fees. With this, Canadian businesses have a huge opportunity to grow, expand, make a difference, create jobs, wealth and export Canadian-made goods.

I also voted Conservative because I see this Conservative government as having a responsible foreign and defense policy for a more secure Canada, even though with pressure from the opposition, the Armed Forces budget numbers are lower than they should be considering a very dangerous situation in the world.

As for those of you still struggling with which side of the political spectrum you’ll support in Monday’s election, an observation from columnist Mike Rosen might help you decide: “Conservatives believe in equal opportunity. Liberals believe in equal outcome.”

Letter from managing editor:

This week we have focused a lot of our energy on covering opinions relating to the election. We hope to provide different perspectives that will help people make their decisions.

The election is on October 19 2015 and it will be a big moment for Canada as we potentially make our way down a new path.

Regardless of whether or not we see a new government, the decisions of Canadians will be recorded and this will be a testament to our democracy.

This election represents, once again, an opportunity for Canadians to gather and express their political views in peace.

The convictions that Canadians have are always legitimate because we live in a country that appreciates diversity and respects different political ideas.

The election is a time for moderation and for expression. These views are all natural products of Canada’s and the world’s political society and they must be expressed to allow room for progress.

We above all urge our readers to vote, not to feel pressured to vote one way or another because of our coverage. Et Cetera’s opinion pages simply seek to present diverse views fairly to make important decisions more informed and effective.

Shaun Fitl



Shaun Fitl
MANAGING EDITOR

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The Conservative party wants you to believe that the country is in rough shape and they are the only ones who know how to fix it.

The Liberal party is advocating a strong middle-class and this represents one way of creating a strong economy.

The point to be made is that there are many different ways to develop a country and the Conservative party is making the argument that the only way to do this is with a Conservative ideology.

What exactly is the Conservative ideology?

Based on Harper’s discussions of Canada’s prospects for the future, it seems to be about the strengthening of the forces of the market and the increased security of Canadian culture.

But who is to say that the market will always guide us? There are many pieces of evidence that the market does not always behave as we want it to.

And who is to say that Canadian

culture is one that should be defined by a particular ideology or specific type of behavior?

Canadian culture has been a strong suit in the world for a long time. Canada enjoys a reputation for representing diversity and multicultural beliefs.

And what of the market? Is Canada just one big market for the forces of the world to manipulate or do we have our own deterministic attitudes to be respected and moderated by our own government?

Harper’s opposition believes in government influence in the economy. This has proven in the past to be a legitimate option. Many countries flourish with high taxes and government regulations.

Surrounding our future as a country, there is a question in the air of what Canada should become. Canada has in the past decided that we needed to be leader on the world stage; we have achieved that before and perhaps seek it again.

But does strength only come in the form of a blue banner of Conservatism?

The answer is no.

Canadians can be strong regardless of how powerful the market is upon us.

This is the root of the question of Conservatism. For an ideology that professes faith in freedom of the market it leaves little room for freedom of government.

And in a democratic society the freedom of our government has a direct correlation to the freedom of the people.

The Conservative government has set Canada on a path to strength. However, this path has become difficult to follow without abandoning some core beliefs that we share as a people. I believe Canada should become a stronger country but we should be careful to not lose sight of the things we believe in.

Canadians are showing signs of being ready for a social paradigm shift after nearly 10 years of the present Conservative government. While they and the NDP have been focused on attacking Justin Trudeau, the Liberal party leader has charisma, experience and a powerful voice.

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party is proposing that we increase student grants to \$3000 per year for low-income students and \$1800 per year for part time students.

In addition, the Liberals will also increase the income thresholds for loan eligibility, which will give Canadian students more access to larger grants. They also want a more flexible student loan system by making sure there is no required repayment until the individual is earning an income of \$25,000 a year.

Bill C-51, which was passed under the Harper administration, is

scrutinized in the media for being intrusive. Since the passing of the bill, the Liberal party has presented over 200 amendments to improve the bill, and some key ones were accepted, such as limiting the power of the Minister to intervene with airlines, protecting our rights to civil disobedience and ensuring CSIS has no police powers.

Canadians need a government that will truly focus on our country. As we take a look elsewhere in this campaign, we see the NDP and Conservatives focusing on attack ads and smearing Mr. Trudeau’s name. But while other leaders focus

Justin Trudeau wants Canada to find strength in diversity and to maintain its values.

on Trudeau, he focuses on Canadians and the issues on which Canada needs to take action.

It is clear that this country has

become tired of a Conservative government that is full of deceptions and empty promises. On Monday, Canadians will have a chance to cre-

ate real change. It is time for a transparent and honest government that will invest in a realistic approach to bettering the lives of all Canadians.



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Distracted driving passes drunk driving in road fatalities



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Around a quarter of fatal vehicular crashes in Ontario for 2015, as of March, have been caused by distracted driving.

According to Ontario Provincial Police numbers from 2013, distracted driving now causes more deaths than impaired driving.

And yet drivers still aren't getting the message.

I refuse to get into a car with someone who's been drinking, a stance I'm sure most people would agree with, and yet we continue to drive with friends who are texting.

I always ask the person to put down their phone or offer to text for them if it's really urgent. We've allowed distracted driving to be more socially acceptable than impaired driving when studies now show they're both fatal.

Distracted driving involves anything that takes your attention off the road and the other cars around you.

Research done by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation shows that drivers who use their cell phones are four times more likely to

be in a collision.

According to Ontario's driving law, it's against the law to operate any hand-held communication and electronic device while driving; this includes looking at display screens, using a GPS, a music player, laptops and DVD players.

Driving while using a laptop might not be part of your commute but the use of smart phones while driving is becoming increasingly, and alarmingly, popular, especially among teens.

A 2014 survey done by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health found more than one-third of licensed Ontario students between grades 10 and 12 admitted to texting while driving in the previous year at least once.

Anyone texting and driving

concerns me but these are the new drivers on the road who should be well aware of the laws and dangers involved.

What confuses me even more is the latest technology 'advancement' from Chevrolet. You can respond to texts with voice and with the use of a display screen. While the hands-free option is legal, you still have to focus on what the message is saying and how to respond.

Texting isn't the only thing that people are doing with their phones now either; there are apps and videos that people think are more important than keeping their eyes on the road.

Snapchat, an app that allows you to send videos and pictures to your friends as well as post them as a story, has drivers taking videos as they

drive and broadcasting them. I have several people on Snapchat who do this daily, and it's with their phones in one hand and using their other hand to talk or dance instead of having both hands on the wheel.

I can't understand why anyone would want to broadcast how irresponsible a driver they are and at the same time put themselves and others in danger.

Awareness isn't the issue.

A poll done by the CAA found that 90 per cent of Canadians say that texting and driving isn't acceptable. But in that same poll, 22 per cent of them admitted to reading or sending a text while driving.

We can agree that that it's dangerous, but people still continue to allow themselves to participate in this behavior while behind the wheel.

True, as of September 1, 2015 the fines and penalties for distracted driving increased once again.

A fully licensed driver receives a fine for \$490 for distracted driving if settled outside of court, and up to \$1000 if they unsuccessfully fight their ticket, as well as the loss of three demerit points.

Yet we don't yet know if even these greatly increased fines will do the job. I don't know what the government can do further to stop this practice and that troubles me.

It doesn't matter if you're at a stop sign or if you're driving down a street you travel daily and know well.

When you're not focusing fully on the road you are not being safe. Texting and driving or any form of distraction puts yourself and others on the road in danger.



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Distracted driving is increasing at an alarming rate and fatalities are a real factor to consider before engaging in this dangerous behaviour. There is no real reason to text and drive. Wait until you get home or use a hands-free device. It may save your life.



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The Ontario Ministry of Transportation website describes what devices can be used and what devices cannot be used while operating a motorized vehicle.

www.mto.gov.on.ca

Devices that can and can't be used while driving

Type of device	Can I use it?	Example
A cell phone with an earpiece, headset or Bluetooth device using voice-activated dialing.	Yes - only to activate or deactivate a "hands-free" function, and only if the device is mounted or secured. Actions like dialing or scrolling through contacts are not allowed.	A mobile phone that sits in a mount attached to the dashboard by Velcro or in a cup holder.
A GPS screen	Yes - provided the GPS is mounted on the dashboard or windshield. You must input the required information <i>before</i> you start driving.	A GPS mounted in a dashboard or on a windshield, as long as it does not block the driver's view.
A portable media player plugged into the vehicle's sound system.	Yes - but you must activate the playlist before driving	iPod
Display screens that are built into the vehicle and used for safety reasons.	Yes	Systems for collision avoidance, information about the vehicle's status, road or weather information.
Audio devices with screens that display still images.	Yes	An MP3 player displaying a still image of the artist or the name of the song playing
Ignition interlock devices.	Yes	

Mental health awareness run at Lakeshore

For a second year, Humber hosts five kilometre event to encourage understanding of mental health issues

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Finishing first was not the purpose of Humber's five-kilometre run at Lakeshore campus Thursday afternoon.

Humber Lakeshore campus hosted its second annual Run for Mental Health Awareness.

Nathan Bron and Kavelle Deonanan are the creators of the event along with Humber Students' Federation and the Mental Health and Wellness students volunteering for the day.

"The purpose is to experience the community we have and that Humber can help students, faculty and staff with mental health awareness," said Bron, the recreation and fitness coordinator at Lakeshore campus.

The event was open to everyone, not just Humber students. Once registered, runners received a free t-shirt and number id to pin on.

"We're using athletics and physical fitness in dealing with stress, anxiety and such things," Bron said.

On a countdown from five, the whistle blew marking the start of the five-kilometre course at noon, with runners active up to 3:30 p.m.

The course took runners through a lap around the Lakeshore cottages, followed by an uphill run alongside the waterfront and then to the peak overseeing the city and CN Tower.

"[Participants] don't all have to run, you can just walk and enjoy the scenery," said Kavelle Deonanan, event coordinator at Lakeshore campus.

Deonanan said the event is not focused on finishing first but to get people to comfortably talk about



Students gathered at Humber's Lakeshore campus starting line to support mental health awareness

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mental health awareness.

"I think it's a really good idea to bring awareness to mental health. It's something everybody should be talking about," said Nathan Lacroyx, a Lakeshore student and second-time runner.

Lacroyx ran along side his close friend Sarah Thibeau, first time participant.

"I suffer from anxiety so I'm supporting the cause and I think it's something everyone should too," said Thibeau.

The five-kilometre event had a strong turnout with 115 pre-registered participants, plus those that registered on the spot. Students, faculty, coaches, alumni and even dogs united as one, in matching white t-shirts to promote the run.

"This is absolutely a cause I would love to be a part of, and I thought what better way than to run for it," said Omer Imran, a Humber graduate and cross-country alumnus.

Imran is an international student from Dubai and says through his

years of Humber, events like this always bring the community closer.

The event took months of planning and organizing among many different sponsors and staff members. Bron and Deonanan both say that although the event took a lot of work, it was worth it in the end.

"I feel like really getting a sense of community will benefit our students and grow awareness with each other and around mental illnesses," said Bron.

Blue Jays winning streak captivates Humber students

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Hopes were high among Toronto baseball fans. The Blue Jays were fresh-off their first World Series win, and poised for another. Their roster was star studded with names like Alomar, Olerud, Hentgen, and Carter. The city was in an absolute buzz.

But that was long ago. The baseball market in Toronto has hit a major downfall since the 1993 World Series. The 22 year playoff drought has seen an entire generation grow up without witnessing a competitive club.

The Blue Jays' recent success has changed the narrative entirely.

The Blue Jays have captivated an audience of college students who have never witnessed competitive professional baseball in their city by putting a winning team on the field.

"I've been getting into it recently. After all, the Blue Jays have been doing well," says Alec Buenaventura, first year student of the architectural technology program at Humber

College North campus.

Interest in baseball at Humber goes beyond the Blue Jays, as the number of players trying out for the men's varsity team has been increasing each year.

"There's been an increase the last three years," says Denny Berni, head coach of the Humber Men's Varsity baseball team.

"The last three years we've probably had about 60 to 70 kids, which is a lot different from the first few years we've done it."

Along with the quantity of tryout participants, the quality of play has increased as well.

"A lot of kids probably would have tried out, but I think people now know that all the players that make the team actually played some serious baseball in the summer," Berni explains.

"In the past we used to (get) 10 to 15 kids that never really played before. We don't see that anymore."

The Blue Jays have not only attracted fans to their organization, but the game itself. Several Humber students say they are interested in attending a

men's varsity game this season.

"I actually would (go)," says Buenaventura. "I actually like baseball now. It's one of my top sports to watch."

One devoted baseball fan says he is very interested in watching the varsity team play, but transportation is his primary obstacle.

"I wanted to (go), but it's just way too far," says Adam Guadagnoli, first year student of the architectural technology program at Humber College North campus.

The growing interest in baseball extends outside of Humber's campus walls.

Children and young adults across the

Greater Toronto Area are enrolling in baseball programs in increased numbers.

"I run a baseball school, Pro Teach, and our summer camps are at an all-time high this year. There is no question it is because of the Blue Jays," said Berni.

A hockey-focused city is starting to see signs of balance. With youth participation rates already trending upward, a deep playoff run could see rates sky-rocket next year. Berni is optimistic that youth baseball hasn't peaked.

"Without a doubt I think the Jays will have a positive effect on the membership of baseball next summer," he said.



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Whey proteins easy supplement, add amino acids

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Chris Tran gets help from whey proteins in staying fit for his physically demanding program.

Whey protein is an animal based protein containing amino acids the body needs, according to nutritionists. Whey's portable and convenient as protein nutrients are hard to incorporate in a daily diet.

Averaging at about \$50 for a tub containing about 19 doses of 40-grams, whey has become the go-to supplement for body builders and for those launching their fitness process.

Crystal Pole-Langdon, the varsity academic coordinator of Humber College, said whey products are good for what they are designed to do.

Supplying the body with a convenient and easy source of protein allows for most to complete their daily nutritional goal.

"Because it is liquefied our bodies can absorb it much more quickly—if you can consume something and digest it within the first 30 minutes of your workout, it is more optimal," said Pole-Langdon.

Chris Tran, a paramedic student at Humber, said taking whey proteins fits into his busy schedule.

"I don't think I eat enough so I get more protein by having a shake — sometimes I don't have time in the morning so I just have the shake," Tran said.

Pole-Langdon said whey is an excellent source of protein, but because it is animal based, some may find it difficult to digest.

"The real question is whether or not you really need it. If you are already receiving enough protein in your diet, you won't need the protein supplement. Essentially it becomes expensive urine," said Pole-Langdon.

She said a rule of thumb to calculate the essential amount of protein required takes a person's weight in kilos to equal the amount of protein needed in grams. A 70 kilogram individual, for example, would need about 70 grams of protein a day.

John Tran, a student at Humber (not related to Chris Tran), said he uses whey to recover after a workout. However, he does find its convenience questionable.

"Sometimes it's a hassle to mix it and bring it with you," he said.

Pole-Langdon said although protein and various other supplements do work, she wanted to remind everyone of the importance of real food in their diet.

"I don't think people should live off of pills and supplements as opposed to real food but as far as supplements go, they do work. But once again it is just a supplement," she said.