



LGBTQ+, Athletics launch #HERETOPLAY to fight hate in sport

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“Sad, angry, defeated, scared. These are all the things I remember feeling when I experienced my first hate crime. I wasn’t yet 23 years old, around the same age as many of these players here tonight,” said Dean of Students Jen McMillen to a crowd of athletes and spectators on Wednesday night.

Ahead of two highly anticipated men’s and women’s basketball games between Humber Hawks and the Mohawk Mountaineers, McMillen spoke about her experiences as an out lesbian working at an Ontario university.

“First, I received an email describing acts of violence against me. Next, our home was targeted by vandals. Finally, hateful and violent graffiti was scrawled at my work place. I share this only to answer the question that I imagine some people might be asking right now. ‘Why are we doing this tonight?’”

The short ceremony including McMillen’s remarks launched #HERETOPLAY, a new initiative between Humber Athletics and the LGBTQ+ Resource Centre. The #HERETOPLAY campaign addresses many kinds discrimination in sport, including sexuality and

gender, culture or race.

“The athletes here tonight, and ones like them all over this country, should be measured on their talent, their tenacity and their sportsmanship. They are here to play,” she said.

McMillen said her story is still relevant two decades later as acts of hatred and violence remain prevalent in Canada. Flyers that promote discrimination and hate speech were found in East York and more recently at McGill University in Montreal.

“This is a symbolic event to show students, staff and faculty that they’re not only welcomed but that they matter, we want to have them here,” she said.

Ajay Sharma, head coach of the Humber Hawks women’s basketball team, looks at inclusiveness for LGBTQ+ students as an important part of Humber’s core values.

“I know that we have athletes that support that lifestyle, we have a very non-judgemental environment on our team, and we’re going to open our doors to everybody,” Sharma said.

Ceejay Nofuente, Humber women’s basketball point guard, also gave her opinion on creating safe spaces, not only the LGBTQ+ community but for everyone.

“We are open, bringing everyone together just shows that we’re not a

judgemental basketball team, we are here for everyone,” Nofuente said.

While partnership with Humber Athletics is a milestone in Humber’s attempt to foster a safer, more inclusive campus for vulnerable students, McMillen still sees areas within Humber where opportunity exists for the institution to improve.

“There can be particular barriers for members of the LGBTQ+ community in terms of accessing athletic facilities and we really wanted to make a statement,” she said. “The department of Athletics of Humber is really committed to ensuring that their doors are wide open.”

Gender-based violence still a top issue 27 years after Polytechnique massacre

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Tuesday, Dec. 6 marked the 27th anniversary of the École Polytechnique massacre in Montreal where 14 female students were killed in a horrific act of violence.

Although it’s a dark day in Canada’s history, it’s one the country chooses to commemorate as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.

Humber College marked the day for the eighth year in a row with an event held in the Ignite Student Centre to remember all women who have fallen victim to violence, including Canada’s more than 1,200 missing and murdered indigenous women.

Melanie Marsden, a coordinator of the women with disabilities and deaf women’s program at Springtide Resources, was a keynote speaker at the event where several faculty members and students were in attendance. Marsden, a proud disabled indigenous woman herself, spoke of the issues regarding all women standing up against violence.

“What is the relevance to Dec. 6 now from where we are today? It can happen to anyone,” Marsden said. “Recently we heard about a horrific story where a doctor was murdered by her husband.

“Gender-based violence isn’t just women. It’s women, it’s men – it’s any gender. It can be a woman transitioning to a man. It’s not one or the other,” she said.

Humber’s event was also combined with the International Day for Persons with Disability where Marsden also spoke against abuse of disabled women.

“Many people say that one in four folks with disabilities experience abuse,” she said. “I would argue it’s one in three. Crimes aren’t always reported.”

Among the presenters during the IGNITE-held event were four Humber students who presented the role of voiceless women.

“I think it’s really important to bring awareness to this, and just actually bring statistics into it and show what really happens,” said Adriana Evanoff, one of the presenters. “People hear stories, but

they don’t hear the stories about it from the actual individuals.”

Simran Aumar, one of the students involved in the presentation, said she got involved through an assignment for her politics class, but quickly realized the importance of the event.

“It’s a really underreported issue, and this needs to be brought awareness,” she said.

The event in remembrance of the 14 women killed in Montreal in 1989 was brought full circle when women were invited to take one of several red roses to commemorate the loss of women against violence.

“Historically, when we look at violence against women or when we go to a funeral, we take a rose,” said Rita Kohli, advisor of Humber’s Centre for Human Rights, Equity and Diversity. “And historically, we have looked at these women as those who have never even bloomed into a rose. It’s a metaphor. Red is also the power of women.

“When the targeting of women happened in the Montreal university, we chose this movement with 14 red roses so that they weren’t powerless women. There’s a history to tell, and they’ve given us a lot of insight for where we need to go,” she said. “We use the roses as a metaphor because they had beauty, resilience and represent women’s power.”



Melaine Marsden, who works with disabled and deaf women, spoke to continued relevance of Ecole Polytechnique massacre even 27 years later.

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Business students hold Sick Kids fundraiser

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First-year Business Management students hosted a holiday themed bake sale to raise money for charity in the Student Centre at North campus Dec. 2. The event raised nearly \$200 for the Hospital for Sick Children's medical foundation.

Megan De Jong, one of the students hosting the sale, said her group chose Sick Kids because "it was a charity that we all knew a lot about, and it's a bigger charity. So I think it was a little easier to find out more information for our report and we all feel strongly about it."

The group made everything from cupcakes and brownies to cookies all decorated and wrapped in a Christmas theme.

The bake sale was part of an assignment for the Business Management class where students were allowed to choose what to focus on and what to sell. More than just grades, this bake sale hits home for many Humber students who were happy to help.

Nathan Duncan, a first year Film and Television student, donated money to the sale.

"My brother is at Sick Kids right now so that's great for him," said Duncan. "He's going to get some support."

Sheena Brown, a first year student in the Paralegal Education program, said her sister also was helped by the hospital.

"She spent a lot of time there for the first 11 months of her life, so I'm always into supporting a good cause," Brown said.

There will never be another Judy Charles



JIMMY KAKISH

Judy Charles, at left, will be leaving North campus newsroom this month after over 25 years teaching at Humber.

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Judy Charles will be stepping out of the North campus newsroom at the end of December following a career that spanned more than 25 years as a professor at Humber and many years working in journalism as a producer at CBC News.

A mentor for many of her students, Charles was a "bedrock to Humber" for people like post-graduate student Judy Pham.

"I think I owe a lot to her. She really helped me learn who I was in some ways as a journalist," Pham said. "Even though I've only had her for a semester, her impact on my life and my future path has been great."

"The great thing about Judy is I don't think she knows how she affects some people, and how many

people she affects," she said.

The touch Charles had on the program reaches beyond just current students.

Jeremy Cohn, a Humber graduate in 2011, now works for Global News in Toronto as a cameraman and editor. He said Charles is a "one-of-a-kind" type of professor.

"When you talk to people who have graduated from Humber, there isn't a single grad I've met who doesn't give Judy huge credit for something, whether it's getting a job or just being a friendly face," he said.

"That program is a lot of work. I was already working at Global when I went to school. It was kind of a weird situation, so frankly, I couldn't dedicate as much time to Humber as I wanted to and Judy was okay with that," Cohn said.

Jane Burke, a post-graduate Journalism student, only had Charles as

a teacher for one semester, but saw her as the type of professor who invests a lot of time and effort into her students not only as professionals, but as individuals.

"I think some people were just born to do something. I'm sure Judy was a fantastic producer when she was at the CBC, but she just feels like she was kind of a born teacher in a lot of ways," Burke said.

"I think being a teacher it's so much more than just someone being able to show you how to do something," she said. "It's somebody who can really invest in you and have this extra amount of care to help you accomplish something special. To have that type of teacher is not always common, so we're very lucky."

For Charles, walking away from a long and successful career is going

to be tough.

She's leaving many cherished students and fellow teaching staff such as Judy Boston, technical director of Humber News' newscasts, who she's worked closely with for many years.

"I'll miss students. I'll miss working with you guys. You're stimulating. You all have new ideas, fresh approaches. You always teach me stuff," Charles said. "I love you guys, so I'll miss that easily the most."

"I'll also miss colleagues, for example, Ms. Judy Boston," she said. "We have had more fun putting on that TV newscast three days a week. Crazy fun. I'll miss working with good colleagues and good students."

Although she hasn't decided on a long-term retirement plan yet, Charles knows exactly what she'll be doing come January and February.

"I'm going to work out all January. I'm finally going to get to the gym," she laughed. "Instead of getting there one or two days a week, I'm going to be there five days a week. That's the plan."

"In February, for the past maybe 10 years or so I've gone away on reading week with my best friend from Journalism school to Barbados," Charles said. "Instead of doing that for one week, we're going to do that for two (weeks)."

"After that, I don't have a plan," she said.

While Humber's Journalism program will go on without her, Cohn believes there will be a void that needs to be filled once Charles makes her departure.

"I think somebody's going to have really big shoes to fill," he said. "She wasn't just a professor. She cared a lot about her students, and not just about how their marks were. She cared about everything else."

"It's hard to find profs who are so dedicated to their students that they care equally about their well-being," he said.

Aboriginal Resource Centre marks winter solstice custom

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Humber's North campus Aboriginal Resource Centre marked the holiday season on Wednesday with a festive dinner called a Winter Dash, meant to overlap the winter solstice which is rooted in indigenous cultures.

Students, faculty, guests and volunteers enjoyed a hot meal along with games, a secret Santa gift exchange, and some attendees even got to build a gingerbread house.

The gathering was a year-end celebration for the centre and acted as a break for indigenous students, and students who volunteered in past Aboriginal Resource Centre events.

"I think it's good opportunity to get people together," said Charles Petahtegoose, a 23-year-old second year civil engineering student. "You know it's hard when people are try-

ing to reach out. This is a good opportunity to get people to bond, to come closer together.

"It helps students socialize and bond with other students. I know for myself, I come to events, I've made friends. It really helped me adjust to Toronto life," he said.

Linh Tran, 19, a first year business accounting student, said the Winter Dash is a great way to meet like-minded students from both Lakeshore and North campuses.

"They bring people together and it gives you a chance to meet people with the same interests as you, and I really like to get involved in events like this," Tran said.

Regina Hartwick, manager at the Aboriginal Resource Centre, said the occasion is meant to help students relax before final exams start.

"It's an opportunity for students and staff to get together and to share



PATRICK SIMPSON

Volunteers for Winter Dash on Wednesday, honouring importance of winter solstice in Aboriginal cultures.

in the season and also have a real break because it's a really stressful time for students at this particular moment," Hartwick said.

Kelsie Johnston, an Aboriginal Liaison officer at the centre, said the event was about uniting the students that attend the centres at Lakeshore and North campuses.

"We do a lot to try and interact with one another, just because for us it's not just about the resources that we can give but the community that we can create here for our students and staff," Johnston said.

She said indigenous events like the Winter Dash allow students outside of the centre to know of the

influence aboriginal culture has on our Canadian history.

"We want students and staff at Humber to recognize that you're on indigenous territory especially. I work at the Lakeshore campus more so, but Toronto for example comes from an indigenous word, Tkaronto," Johnston said.



At left, manager of the Centre of Innovation in Health and Wellness and Project X organizer Matias Golob hosting at event.



BRETT MCGARRY

CRTC issues new rules on cable providers

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Canadian cable providers have been put on notice after the CRTC issued guidelines last month to ensure the companies' practice fairness.

In a news release on Nov. 21, the CRTC said that providers are being given some "best practices" to follow, to ensure all Canadians receive a "real choice regarding their services."

This announcement comes after numerous cable customers complained that the \$25 skinny basic packages being offered by companies weren't as skinny as they appeared to be.

The CRTC made it a requirement in March 2015 for cable companies to provide a slimmed down cable package for \$25 or less.

The CRTC has received many complaints about the lack of advertising for the new package, and hefty rental or purchase fees for cable boxes that are required for the service. Some are also upset with the fact that at some companies, getting a starter package meant losing out on discounts that were offered to customers with pricier plans.

Shenika Reid, a first-year Practical Nursing student at Humber, is happy with the changes being made by the CRTC, saying some of them helped her family switch to a more affordable cable bundle.

"You have to shop around with everything to get a better deal," Reid said. "But at least it's more regulated now because before you used to be locked in a long, long, contract where you'd have to pay a fee to get out. Even with the cell phone plans. So, I would say it's getting better but they can still do more."

CRTC Chairman and CEO Jean-Pierre Blais said Canadians deserve more flexibility in choosing how they subscribe to TV services since changes came into affect Dec. 1.

"We have set out best practices for television service providers and created online tools to help Canadians navigate this new world," Blais said. "We encourage Canadians to shop around, as some providers are offering consumer-friendly options that include a basic TV package at less than \$25 per month."

Humber College Web Design and Development coordinator Tomasz Borzecki says cable television is obsolete and that Internet streaming is the future that needs to be protected.

"I think stricter regulation of the telecoms is required, as they are completely out of control and have a dangerous grip on the content we all need to consume, much like their counterparts in the US," Borzecki said in an email response.

Borzecki also mentioned he hasn't had cable television for the past six to eight years and doesn't plan to look back.

Project X has students team up for community health

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Humber College's Centre of Innovation in Health and Wellness announced the Healthy Kids Change-makers Challenge Thursday.

The challenge is an initiative in partnership with the Rexdale Community Health Centre. Interdisciplinary teams of students, faculty and staff will work together with the surrounding community to develop ideas for promoting children's health through healthy eating starting next month.

"If you tell somebody to eat something healthy, but they can't afford it, they're not going to eat it. We need to come together to really create a difference in this community," Manager of the Centre of Innovation in Health and Wellness Matias Golob said.

The teams will pitch their ideas to a panel of community stakeholders in April and one idea will be imple-

mented in partnership with the Rexdale Community Health Centre.

The challenge gives Humber students a platform where they can adapt course work into hands-on applied projects.

"The challenge carries incredible promise for collaborative experiences where students, faculty, staff, and surrounding community come together and create opportunities for healthy child and youth development within our community, and that is one of the greatest things we could ever achieve collectively," Senior Vice President of Academics Laurie Rancourt said.

Humber students brought attention to health and wellness issues on campus through the school's first Brand-a-thon November 19.

The Brand-a-thon's theme was 'Hacking Wellbeing' and was organized by Project X, an initiative created by Humber's Centre of Innovation in Health and Wellness.

Over 40 students from different

programs were brought together to work on a brand identity that resonated with their vision for health and wellness.

Humber student Darnell Jones participated in the Brand-a-thon event to help create the brand identity.

"Being in a room with students from different programs and having to sit together for two hours to come up with ideas was a short period of time, but the amount of work we put in and the ideas we were able to come up with were very successful," he said.

Humber Students Natalie Buchanan and Megan Diercks designed the logo for the brand and created the tagline "Together. To Better."

"The logo represents the paths of success that intersect. It doesn't matter where you're going. It also sits very nicely with the Humber brand. We looked through all of the different Humber logos and we wanted to create something that really connected with Humber," Diercks said.

Virtual Reality advance 'gamers have been waiting for'

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Every year technology advances, and every year video games improve because of it.

Virtual reality was introduced last March, bringing with it a new mode of gaming, and Humber's gaming community is ready to give the system a chance.

Virtual Reality Society, a gamer website, describes VR as a three-dimensional headset providing a computer-generated environment that can be explored and interacted with by the player. That person adopts an avatar and becomes embedded in the virtual world's environment of the game.

PlayStation released the first ever

PlayStation VR in October and the price tag for the virtual headset cost \$459.99 CDN.

Jason Gool, IGNITE vice-president of student life at Lakeshore campus, is a gamer and believes bringing VR systems to the Humber game room is a difficult and expensive venture.

"If we brought VR to the game room, there would be more students in the game room than in class," Gool said. "Also it will be tough to bring them in with the prices of the systems being ridiculously almost \$500 a piece."

Kevin Lopez, 24, a University of Guelph-Humber student who is a frequent game room user, has yet to use the virtual reality system.

"I've never seen anybody use it, but I heard many gamers have start-

ing talking about it," Lopez said. "It's slowly grabbing people's attention because there hasn't been a big advancement in video games in the past five years."

Lopez believes the lack of growth in video games in the past five years allows people to be more open to VR devices.

"A lot of people bought Wii because it was the first gaming console to incorporate actual human activity rather than use a controller," Lopez said. "Virtual reality is an advancement in technology that gamers have been waiting for, for a long time, and it's finally here."

VR system arcades have been begun opening across Canada because of the hefty price tag for the system.

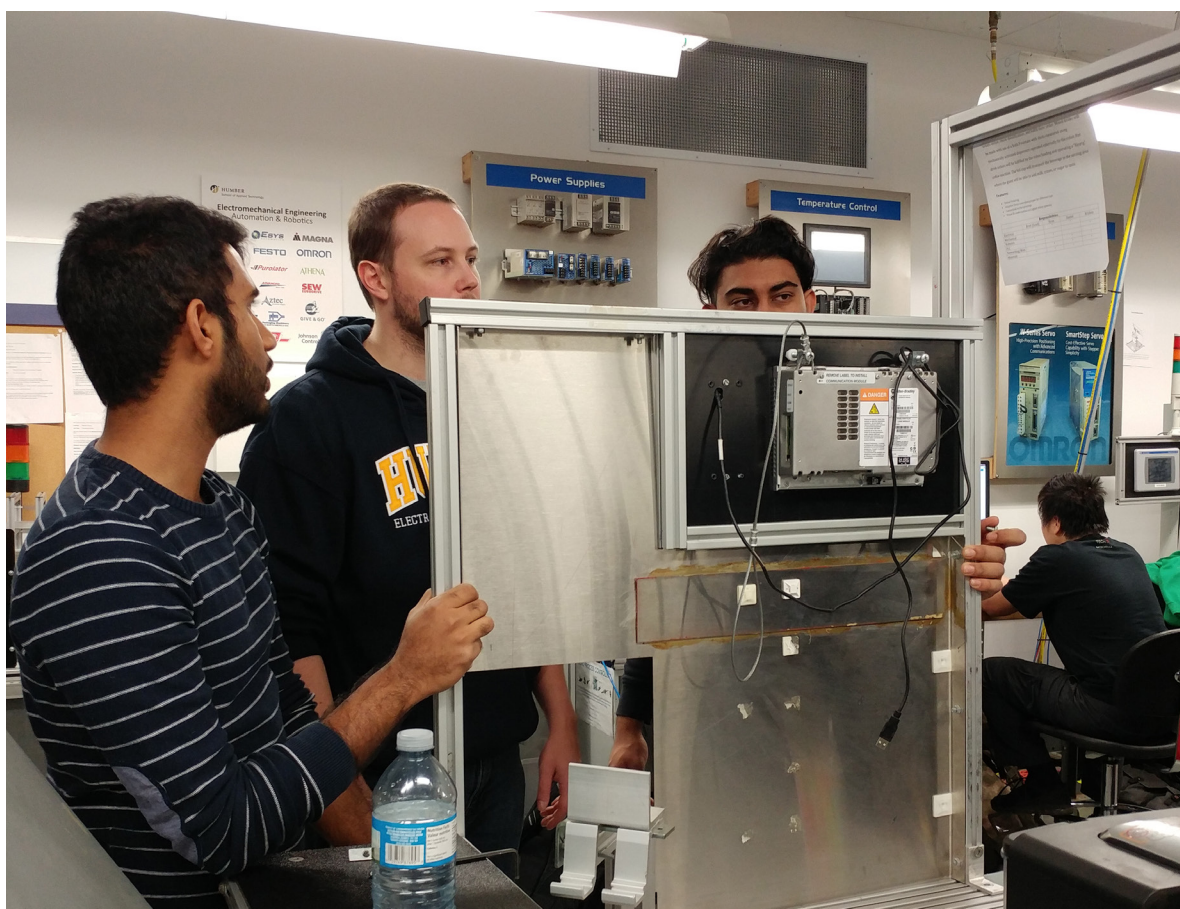
Ctrl V is a virtual reality arcade in

Waterloo, Ont. and recently opened a location in downtown Toronto. They plan to open more arcades across Canada, the U.S., and the United Kingdom.

Victoria Pena, a business administration student at Guelph-Humber, currently owns a virtual reality device and believes gamers aren't deterred by the price.

"I was skeptical at first... but after nearly a month of having it I love every second of it," Pena said. "I don't know how to explain it, but this honestly fully immerses you into the game, and (it's) an experience all gamers should try."

"I highly recommend the avid gamers of the world to purchase a VR system, because once you try it once you'll realize what you're missing out on."



ELVIN GEORGE

Humber College Electromechanical Engineering Automation and robotics students completing their major final assignment. At right, students Brett Griffin, Ryan Persaud, Daniel Sahadeo, and Krishen Goonish continue progress on projects they've worked on since first year in program.

Graduates warned future jobs at risk due to rise of automation

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As technology continues to shrink the job market, experts counsel that Canada's post-secondary students should be prepared for possible struggles in finding employment after graduation.

A 2014 study by Brookfield Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship showed 42 per cent of the Canadian labour force would be affected by automation in the next decade or two.

The report outlines jobs that Canadians are now paid to do could be done by technology, including robotic technology, in the future.

But the study also states that au-

tomation will have little to no affect in low risk fields and is expected to create almost 712,000 jobs between 2014 and 2024.

Matthew Dumalagan, a second-year Business student at the University of Guelph-Humber, knows students are aware of the current job crisis but believes they avoid the issue.

"It's getting worse and worse, but students don't really talk about it," Dumalagan said. "I have older friends who finished their business degrees and are having trouble finding a job."

"I hope that the current students of the world learn to open their eyes on the matter, and start to narrow their career path to a career with openings," he said.

The Brookfield study states that "technology can be a substitute for human labour in routine tasks" and can "increase productivity in non-routine, cognitive and interactive tasks."

Automation in the form of self-driving vehicles could put taxi and truck drivers out on the curb in five years. This form of automation is also expected to affect transport, heavy equipment operation, and related maintenance occupations as outlined in a graph done in the study.

According to the same graph, sales representatives and salespersons, in wholesale and retail trade, are at an extremely high probability of being impacted by automa-

tion. This will make it even harder for young people to gain working experience, as retail and customer service is usually the first job experience many people have before breaking out into other fields.

Another sector that could be affected by technology is the banking sector through the growth of online banking.

Shaneeza Germain, in her final year of business administration at Guelph-Humber, is fearful for the future.

"I'm aware the field is becoming narrow, and that should encourage students to gain experience," Germain said. "The future for jobs will get a lot harder than before, so it's important for students to get a foot

in the door, and be prepared for the future."

Jason Gool, vice-president of Student Life at Lakeshore, suggests students volunteer more to help themselves prepare for the harsh job market.

"As I manage all the events, I love to include volunteering opportunities because it boosts an individual resume," Gool said. "After you're done your program, it's your job to find a job, but if you have no experience, a company would be very reluctant to hire you."

"I advise every Humber student to look at the bulletins across campus, and start thinking about their future now and go volunteer," he said.

While Black Friday sees web shopping explosion, stores still packed

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Shilpi Sharma finished all of her holiday and Black Friday shopping without ever setting foot inside of a store.

Sharma, a fourth-year Humber Bachelor of Nursing student, said she completed her shopping with nothing more than her smartphone.

"For the Black Friday sales, I bought a pair of shoes, my gym clothes, my yoga pants and all that stuff from the Adidas outlet," Sharma said. "So for that I got like 60 per cent off."

"I personally feel that for these certain dates, I prefer to go online," she said. "I would never want to go in the mall struggling to get in a line and then wait for hours and hours."

Sharma says she buys almost everything she needs online. Her busy life-

style as a nursing student doesn't allow her to waste time shopping in stores.

Her story is similar to many others who opted to shop from the comfort of their homes on Black Friday. According to Adobe Digital Insights, Black Friday set a new record for being the biggest mobile sales day, with over \$1.2 billion in revenue.

Black Friday falls on the Friday of the American Thanksgiving weekend, and Cyber Monday is the Monday following the weekend. A release from Adobe Digital Insights expects Cyber Monday to be the biggest online shopping day in retail history, just edging online sales on Black Friday.

Mobile sales reached a new high, making up for over a third of online purchases during Black Friday.

Isabella Coluccio, a first-year Interior Decorating student, also spent her Black Friday weekend at

home making purchases online.

"It was just so much faster. The things that I ordered came to my house two days later," Coluccio said.

To try and draw young shoppers such as Humber students, companies are using modern ways of advertising sales. Coluccio says advertisements included in her social media feeds were hard to ignore because she saw them every day.

"My Instagram feed was just full of [advertisements] and all over my social media pages with ads about Black Friday sales," Coluccio said.

Marketing professor and program manager at Humber Christine McCaw says this method is what she's noticed most companies are using to drive mobile sales.

"I think they're trying to get people to act on the immediacy of it. I think that's something that's done quite well on social (media)," McCaw said.

"There's also the other incentives. If you spend, \$65 or whatever it is you get free shipping," she said. "So, they're also trying to get the 'I was only going to purchase one item but I'm going to get free shipping if I purchase two' and use all of these incentives to try and get more dollars per transaction."

McCaw says online shopping among Canadians is especially popular and will continue to grow because people lead busier lives. Despite the one per cent drop in visitors at brick-and-mortar shops for Black Friday, she also predicts that these shops will still hold a place in the industry providing an experience rather than being a go-to for all shopping needs.

"There were some retailers who started out completely online and have now moved to open some pop-up shops," McCaw said. "But I think we're starting to see a trend in per-

sonalized service and customer service that people are wanting more, they're desiring more."

"I think that the social aspect of the shopping experience as a leisure activity will continue to keep the malls and some of those places going," she said.

For some, the social aspect of shopping made enduring Black Friday worthwhile. Early Childhood professor Patricia Hall is someone who says she skipped the online sales to make it an outing for her children.

"I have young children, 10, six and seven and they wanted to be a part of it. It was like the hype of going to Black Friday," said Hall. "I think the sales were the same as online but I just took them for the experience. If I didn't have them I probably would have just done it online."



COURTESY TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH

The four winning designs from CondomTO: winner student division by Andrea Por (top); winner open division by Diane Adams (left); runner-up student division by Janine Thomas (centre); runner-up open division by Serge Leshchuk (right).

Condom design contest with Toronto theme goes to Humber design student

Daniela Gitto

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

It's probably not something many notice in the heat of the moment, but a condom wrapper art contest won by a Humber student was designed to make people think about the importance of protected sex.

Advertising and graphic design student Andrea Por took top spot in the student division with a clever wrapper design that infused a safe sex message into one of Toronto's most iconic images, the TTC bus transfer.

Toronto Public Health partnered with ONE Condoms, The&Partnership and Miami Ad School in July 2015 to give Torontonians a chance to design a featured wrapper for CondomTO.

The contest was split into two categories: the student division and open division. Submissions came from all over the GTA, but only one design could be grand prize winner and one runner up in each category.

"The creative process was a fun

challenge to try and come up with a concept that was Toronto themed but still relevant to promoting safe sex," Por said. "Since I'm commuting to school every day, the TTC was a predominant theme for me."

Public Health spokesperson Barbara Macpherson said the goal for the contest was to promote the use of condoms while informing the public on the risk of sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies.

"I think the design is great, especially for Toronto, and I actually had a good laugh reading it," Humber media communications student Alessandra Garro said.

The criteria were simple, designs had to be inspired by Toronto and represent the city in some identifiable way.

"The designs had to align with [Toronto Public Health's sexual health philosophy](#), by being sex positive and inclusive, and not communicate judgement, shame, or coercion," Macpherson said.

A panel of eight judges consisting

of art directors, graphic designers, and members of the City of Toronto analyzed and chose the top 10 finalists, whose designs were posted online for the public to vote on.

Por won for the student division and Seneca College graduate Diane Adams for the open division.

"It's exciting to have won the contest and to have my design publicized," Por said. "It's also a bit nerve-wracking as I'm a shy person and prefer not to stand in the spotlight."

The prize for her intricate design was a three-month internship with The&Partnership, a creative agency at King Street and Spadina Avenue.

"I would say the prize is a huge opportunity in itself and I can't wait to work and learn with The&Partnership during my time there," Por said.

She is in her final year at Humber and hopes to remain in the creative advertising industry as an art director working for an exciting and innovative agency.



BRETT MCGARRY

Despite prime location in LRC, North Space gallery sees few daily visitors, especially relative to very busy Starbucks directly beside it.

North Space gallery struggles for visitors

Brett McGarry

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

A dozen people often line up at the Starbucks at the Humber Learning Resource Commons at a time, checking phones or staring blankly into a caffeine deprived morning.

But next door the Humber North Space Gallery is empty and quiet.

The gallery has had little success since its opening in early 2016. Anyone who walks through the front of the LRC regularly knows it is no mystery that North Space does not see a lot of foot traffic.

"On average we'll see maybe 10 people in a day come in and actually interact with the exhibit," gallery assistant at North Space Boris Shapovalov said.

Since the opening there have been exhibits at North Space from a variety of programs including Nursing, Multimedia Communications, Multimedia Design and some special exhibits set up by various student centres.

A few of Humber North's most recognizable creative programs have been visibly absent: Creative Photography and Film and Television studies, among others.

Final year Photography students Keegan Southall and Sebastian Fornari say their program's work is shown elsewhere.

"Our program's work is all displayed in the basement of the L building and I don't think most students even know this basement exists," said Southall. "We only really get to see each other's work, it's isolated. We don't get to see the joy our work could bring to (other) students or anyone else," said Fornari. "At the end of the year, though, we get our final work displayed at Twist Gallery downtown Toronto, which is still pretty great," Southall said.

This process is also similar for film students, whose final-year work is showcased in a theatre rented in the heart of the city.

For these reasons, some feel the exhibition needs of their program have already been met.

Ashley Watson, head curator and only full time staff member working for Humber Galleries, develops and introduces exhibits while dealing with the administrative work.

"We're a creative space for the whole campus and not a 'student run' gallery," Watson said. "The gallery is run through an application process and is filled out by depart-



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NORTH SPACE GALLERY ASSISTANT

ment heads and program coordinators.

"If a program does not fill out a form, we're not going to track them down and suss them out because we want everyone to have a fair chance to be in the space," she said.

Watson and other members of Humber Gallery staff have their eyes set on the future and moving forward with improving the space and the number of people who visit.

"This is really phase one, we're going into next year working on research and development and engaging with stakeholders to improve for next year," Watson said. "Sometimes it is a slow moving process because we are a really small staff. We've been thinking about it on a daily basis.

"At the end of the day we are here for the students and student learning and we want to make sure all the pieces are in place so we do this properly," she said.



Humber First Year Experience volunteers, Hawks mascot march in south Etobicoke event on Sat., Dec. 3. It went along Lakeshore Boulevard between Dwight Avenue and 36th Street.

Etobicoke parade spreads holiday cheer

Chihiro Miya

LIFE REPORTER

A snowman and snowflakes adorned Humber College's contribution to this year's annual Christmas parade in Etobicoke.

Costumed Humber volunteers marched in the Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade last Saturday morning, an event attended by about 60,000 people, and running along Lake Shore Boulevard between Dwight Avenue and 36th Street.

Kavelle Deonanan, Event Coordinator and Community Liaison at Humber's Lakeshore campus, said this was the third time Humber's joined Santa's spectacle in Etobicoke. The objective is to be part of the community of south Etobicoke and involved with the Lakeshore Business Improvement Areas (BIA), she said.

Humber Lakeshore students in the

First Year Experience program (FYE) volunteered to make the snowflake costumes and a snowman life-sized mascot. Humber's parade contribution involved 15 costumed snowflake volunteers, the snowman puppet and the iconic Humber Hawk.

"We think it's a nice tradition because we can get involved as a department to partner with," Deonanan said. "It is pretty much a partnership between a variety of departments and Humber Lakeshore."

Olivia Banton, an accounting student at Humber and one of the school's 50 volunteers, said she participated in the parade for children.

"I'm excited to see their smiles," Banton said before the parade.

According to their official website, the Etobicoke Lakeshore Santa Claus Parade started in 1991 when the Lakeshore Village (New Toronto) BIA approached the Long Branch BIA with the idea of starting

a Christmas parade on the Lakeshore again after a 25-year hiatus. They thought it would be a good way to bring more people to the community, and let them know the area was alive and well.

Several surrounding local communities and sponsors supported and joined the parade, such as the Campbell Company of Canada, TD-Canada Trust, McDonald's, Lakeshore West Dental, Kearns Financial Inc. and Marino's Auto Group.

Sean Campbell was at the parade dressed up in costume as a mascot for Crock A Doodle, a Canadian pottery painting franchise. Campbell's wife works in Crock A Doodle's studio on Lakeshore.

"We are a part of community, so we want to participate," Campbell said.

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At left, Humber students, from left to right, Olivia Banton, Gllie Knight and Antonivia Samsonibover, dressed as snowflakes for Etobicoke's Santa Claus Parade. Upper right, volunteers hand out candy to children at public Christmas event last Saturday; below right, Humber Hawks varsity mascot leads group of participants from Humber College.



SANZANA SYED

Info Tech Services (ITS) manager, Jane Worth, showing students and staff how to knit and pearl a “cup cosy”

Knit cafe pulls wool as seasonal stress reliever

Sanzana Syed

NEWS REPORTER

Tucked quietly into a small boardroom inside Humber Lakeshore's Fashion Institute was a group of seven women who had a cozy time making cozies.

Featuring wool, needles, cookies and hot chocolate, Francesca D'Angelo's Knit Café had a better turnout than she expected.

What was originally an inspiration from her textile class evolved into a one-day knitting event on Dec. 1.

D'Angelo teaches a practical course for fashion students at Humber Lakeshore on textiles and knitting, but this Knit Café was more hands-on.

“[Knitting] is something to do over the holidays,” she said.

Elanna Urschel, a third year student in Fashion Management, said there were six RSVPs, a good number of expert knitters to teach the beginners.

Jane Worth, a manager of Info Tech Services at Humber College, has been knitting for decades and came to the event wearing one of her own knitted sweaters.

“I started knitting when I was six,” Worth said. “Knitting is not cost effective.”

Worth also said she knits about 12 to 15 socks for Christmas gifts. One sock takes about three to four days to knit.

“Thin yarn is good for small things, like socks,” she said.

“Knitting is a good stress reliever,” Urschel said. “I’m coming up with ideas for the upcoming years to make knitting a weekly thing.”

Sheila Moore, a marketing professor at Humber, said she wonders if knitting will make a resurgence because she believes Millennials are multitaskers.

D'Angelo wants to hold another session of the Knit Café for Valentine's Day in 2017.

Silent auction raises \$6000 for scholarship charity

Olivia Morris

LIFE REPORTER

There was no snow outside, but it was a winter wonderland at Humber North's E building concourse on Nov. 29.

It was also a silent night because of the wintery silent auction being held for charity by the college's Tourism and Hospitality students.

The goal was to raise a total of \$5,000 for the Reach for the Top Foundation, which has a programme of scholarships and bursaries available to students in post-secondary studies. The group exceeded expectations by about \$1000 that will benefit the foundation, said Tourism and Hospitality event management professor, Peter Jones.

Students in their third term were divided into groups of committee teams in charge of tasks ranging from logistics, promotion, donations and sponsorships.

Jones was pleased with how the second-year students handled the unique setting.

“It's different than a silent auction at a Gala dinner,” he said.

“We were doing an auction in an open area to a school of thousands of people,” Jones said. “To attract them to stop, take a look and then potentially come down to bid and



OLIVIA MORRIS

Humber Hawk mascot helped raise awareness and proceeds for Reach for the Top Foundation event Dec. 3 at Humber North campus.

find out what was going on was the goal and I think the students succeeded at that.”

Students and faculty were able

to enter a draw to win a Pandora bracelet and bid on other items, from Starbucks holiday giftsets to a hockey stick signed by Toronto Ma-

ple Leaf players.

Executive chair of the silent auction Joanne Salamat said the goal was to raise funds for their client, but she also wanted people to enjoy themselves.

“We have a client, we want to meet our goal,” she said. “But we also wanted to make it a memorable event and how do you do that without getting people involved and having a good time? We're students, we love music, we love to dance.”

The auction ran from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and included a live DJ, photo booth, and the Humber Hawk mascot who helped liven up the crowd with their entertaining dance moves.

Reach for the Top Foundation executive director Paul Russell praised the skill and imagination of the students who organized the silent auction.

“It was the second time that I've been to an event like that at Humber College,” Russell said.

“This one was spectacularly done. The imagination and the skill that went in to organize it by the students was really and truly impressive,” he said.

This year's Winter Wonderland themed auction marked the second auction hosted by second-year Tourism and Hospitality Event Management students, following last year's 60's theme.

Pie Society's sweet day to 'forget school'

Christina Mulherin

NEWS REPORTER

Humber College and the University of Guelph-Humber are home to numerous clubs students can join to meet others with common interests, like animé, dance and...pie?

New this year is the Pie Appreciation and Development Society. Humber's pie enthusiasts get together monthly to discuss pies of all kinds - apple pies, pumpkin pies, lemon meringue pies, tourtiere.

The club is run by two Guelph-Humber students, fourth year Media Foundations student Drew Yorke-Slader, and fourth year Justice Studies student Alex Lastewka. After taking a walk through an on-campus club fair, they noticed that every one of them revolved around something very specific. Wanting to make a club that was as inclusive as possible, they started to brainstorm ideas.

The idea to start a pie club started as a joke, but they decided to move forward with it once they found there was interest behind it. They held their first meeting in November and much to their surprise, over 50 people showed up, some even bringing their own pies to share.

“Obviously you can't have a club that is for everyone because the point of a club is to find people with

common interests, but this was just a simple way to reach out to as many people as possible, from all different programs,” Yorke-Slader says.

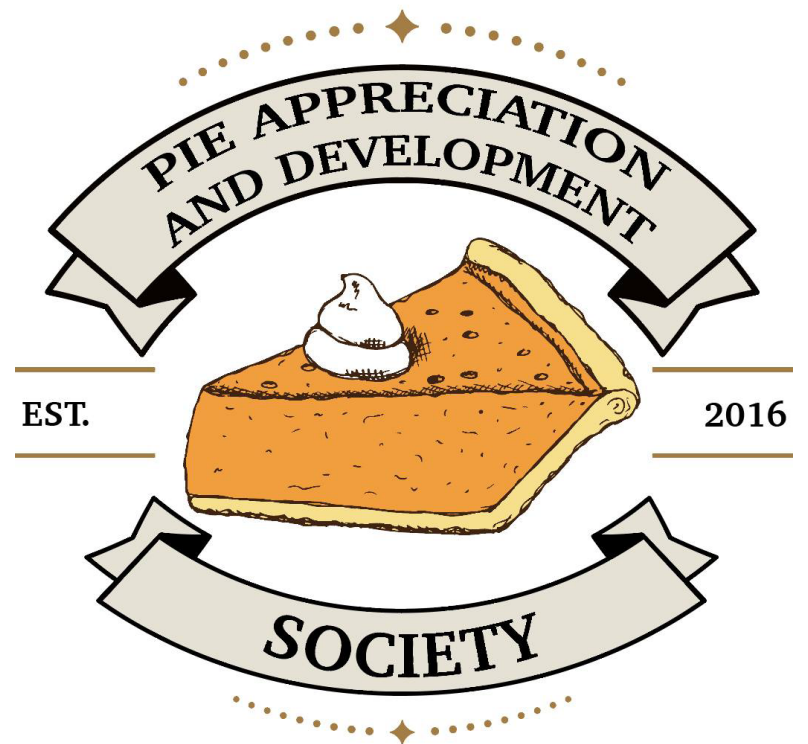
Kristine Galvan, IGNITE's clubs and volunteer coordinator says clubs receive up to \$1000 each semester to help their initiatives.

“For example, the Pie Appreciation and Development Society could request reimbursement for pies for their pie eating contest, logo stickers and other items. Things like club t-shirts, club banners and the clubs fairs are covered by a different line so clubs can focus their allotted funding for meetings and events,” Galvan says.

Lastewka says they have a lot more freedom with their budget since they do only meet once a month, and therefore are able to host bigger events. Yorke-Slader and Lastewka had one of their roommates create a logo for the club and hope to use it to create t-shirts, stickers and a banner as a way to advertise the group and get more people to join.

As for the 'development' part of the club's title, members also spend time discussing pie-related issues like what requirements must be met in order for a pastry to be recognized as a pie and whether it's right for grocery stores to sell half-pies.

“I brought up the fact that I'm a twin. I wouldn't want to be separat-



COURTESY OF THE PIE APPRECIATION AND DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

ed from my twin, that's sort of what they've done to the pie,” Lastewka says. “So we spent about a half hour talking about that.”

Aside from critiquing confections, members may also play board games, video games, watch a movie.

Unlike most clubs, the Pie Appreciation and Development Society doesn't have a strict attendance policy. The club's executives created a Facebook group where they keep in touch with members. That's also how they determine the day on

which the monthly meeting will be held. A poll is posted to find out which days work best for most of the members.

“The vibe is really good. There's nobody that's not laughing or smiling,” said Yorke-Slader, “Once a month, you just completely forget about school.”

Although details aren't being revealed yet, Lastewka says they have big plans for the club in January and on March 14, National Pie Day.

Women's basketball undefeated at half



ELLIOTT WILLIAMS

Hawks' centre Jill Semple drives through defence for a layup against Mohawk Mountaineers on Wednesday.

Elliott Williams

SPORTS REPORTER

The Hawks women's basketball team capped off the first half of the season with another big win.

The Hawks defeated the Mohawk Mountaineers 89-64 Wednesday, improving upon their undefeated record to 9-0.

"We knew going in that it was gonna be a playoff-type atmosphere, a playoff-type physicality, it's always that way when we play Mohawk," said head coach Ajay Sharma, "We've played them the last two years in a row in the OCAA Championship, so we knew what to expect and I was happy with the way the girls responded."

The Hawks controlled the game

from the start, outscoring Mohawk in every quarter and not allowing Mohawk to score more than 18 points in each quarter.

Point guard Ceejay Nofuente led the way for the Hawks, recording 25 points, 16 assists and one rebound short of a triple double.

"I was just happy we got the win and happy to get my team involved," said Nofuente.

"Ceejay, her stat line was ridiculous," said Sharma. "She just fills it up across the board and she makes all of us better."

The Hawks got key contributions from other players as well. Forward Aleena Domingo had 14 points and 10 rebounds, centre Jill Semple scored 18 points and three blocks and guard Amber Bechard had 13 points, and

went .500 from beyond the arc.

"Amber defends the other teams' best player, and can shoot the three for us and run the floor for us," said Sharma. "We got a lot of things that we can throw at people and when they're playing together and playing well, we're tough."

"It was a tough fought, physical game that was pretty well coached by both sides," said assistant coach Kern Lewis. "Both teams gave great effort, and we just happened to pull away and seal the win."

"They're competing, they're bringing their best game, they're physical, and we just had to match it," said Nofuente on the Mountaineers.

Luckily for both teams, the winter break allows for a few rest weeks, as the energy expenditure was high in



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HAWKS HEAD COACH

this mid-season thriller.

The Hawks now go on a five week break, with their next game being Jan. 11 against the Redeemer Royals.

"I want to get more consistent with my shot," said Nofuente on what her expectations were for the second half of the season. "My team, just getting better every day on the court and off, just getting stronger."

"Just continue to get better day by day, in practice just continue to grind, to work on our weaknesses," said Lewis. "And continue to have the same effort we had in the first semester and hopefully we end the season undefeated."

Coach Sharma is humble about the team's spotless record.

"We don't really talk about what our record is, we're more concerned about that possession in front of us and the one after that. And that goes for the ones in practice it's not just about game possessions, it's the ones in practice that are important," said Sharma. "We don't worry about wins and losses. It takes care of itself if you focus on the little details."

Women's team refuses to lose on way to 10th OCAA title

Without a loss in eight years, and only one set this season, Hawks women's volleyball seem destined for title

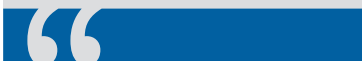
Ryann Kahler
SPORTS REPORTER

Although it was a nail biter, the Hawks maintained their eight year OCAA win streak in their efforts to win a 10th straight provincial championship.

Humber Hawks women's volleyball team beat the Redeemer Royals on Dec. 7.

But Redeemer did not make it an easy win. They kept it close in every set, but just fell short in the match at Ancaster College. The Hawks won all sets by 25-23, 25-14 and 25-23.

The Royals started off the game strong by taking the first few points of the night, which had their coach impressed early on.



That match was a huge one for us, competing with one of the best teams in the country.

Brad Douwes
ROYALS HEAD COACH

"That match was a huge one for us, competing with one of the best teams in the country," Royal's head coach Brad Douwes said.

Hawks won by staying strong and constantly communicating as a team on the court, which Hawks' outside hitter Breanna Golding said is the most important thing in volleyball.

The women now get a break with their next regular season game scheduled for Jan. 14 at Sheridan against the Bruins in Oakville.

Head coach Chris Wilkins said the long layoff should not affect their game and actually be beneficial for the rest of the season starting in January.

"We need a break, we've been going pretty hard right now," Hawks' head coach Chris Wilkins said.

The Hawks' women plan to get together during the break to practice, Golding said. The women will miss the gym.

"We are ready for a break. Excited for a break," Douwes said.

Their next matchup is at Sheridan against the Bruins on Saturday Jan. 14.

Hawks men's basketball inches out dramatic home win

Elliott Williams

SPORTS REPORTERS

A big fourth quarter run led the Humber Hawks men's basketball team to victory over the Redeemer Royals.

The Hawks defeated the Royals 75-71 at their home court in Hamilton on Saturday, improving their record to 6-2.

The fourth quarter saw much drama, as the Hawks were down 60-59 halfway through the final quarter, before launching a 15-2 run to take a commanding lead.

"We just started moving the ball really well, started getting into the paint and competing, basically just not letting them get what they wanted," said head coach Patrick Au. "We talk about imposing our will, grinding out games, and that's part of what we do, is we make teams work for four quarters and then at some point we can exploit their fa-

tigue.

"We use our bench to do that and so what happened today is we just finally got to that point where we could start getting the ball inside and making them pay for that," he said.

The Hawks held the Royals to 71 points in the game, their second lowest point total of the season.

"Defensively, we just did a great job keeping them to one and done, they're averaging like 30 threes a game and they took 15 today, so we did a good job taking away what they do," Au said. "Rayvon (Higdon) is the leading score in the OCAA, we kept him to (23) points, 22 shots, so we really made him work."

"That was our game plan and that's what we were able to do," he said.

For the Hawks, Ancil Martin led the way with 24 points.

However, the game drew a lot closer in the final minute as the Roy-

als pulled to within three points of the Hawks.

"That's been our problem," said



ELLIOTT WILLIAMS

Hawks Tyrone Dickson attempts a layup.

EDITORIAL

Christmas or holidays? Intention counts

So your coffee cup doesn't say 'Merry Christmas' on it, so your cashier says 'Happy Holidays' instead. Is there really a war on Christmas, or has Christmas and the season of giving been overpowered by our current consumer culture?

Malls feature oversized Christmas trees, the store fronts are done up with festive decorations, renditions of old carols carry on in the background, but inside the stores it isn't so magical. Money is being spent, stress takes form in attitude,

and amid the madness, everyone is just trying to stay politically correct.

But does it really matter what we say? Shouldn't it be appreciated that we're all at least trying to be nice to one another? If someone doesn't wish you well in terms specific to your beliefs or celebrations, can you not still credit their good intention? Are you really going to celebrate any differently? No, things carry on exactly how they were going to.

These days the fight lies predominantly outside our homes, holiday plans unaffected, yet some people

are treating the new seasonal holiday conventions like a personal attack. What's the problem in saying 'Happy Holidays' at work in an effort to avoid making assumptions, especially as once you go home, you can say whatever you want?

Yet there is uproar year after year over these first world problems. The look of the Starbucks cup? The slogans on greeting cards? How companies wish us 'Happy Holidays'? If there is a war on Christmas, it's clearly not going to be solved through marketing.

Inclusion is a good thing, and treating everyone and their beliefs with respect, but, on the other side of people feeling their culture is under attack when the word 'Christmas' isn't used, being politically correct about inclusion can go too far. Are we so weak as to crumble if someone doesn't speak to us in the most generic and clichéd terms they can, especially if their well wishes are clear?

Maybe this season we should try to focus our efforts and compassion on more pressing issues.



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We have to re-examine the way we consume information in our digital age. We can no longer rely on every, or even any, news headline or story to contain the absolute truth. We can hope that reputable sites like CNN, CBC and the BBC aspire to the truth that we expect of them, but every one of us should be dissecting and discussing all of the news we read, verifying it for ourselves in order to root out any falsehoods.

There is no easy answer to the issues raised by the prevalence of fake news, to say nothing of the way social media enhances and enforces our "us versus them" mentality. The steps Facebook is taking to minimize fake news won't stop the isolation that we experience by clicking away people who don't agree with us. We'll always have differing opinions, some miniscule, others monumental, but the way to begin addressing these issues lies in the way we deal with those uncomfortable differences in opinions.

Uncomfortable fake news game



Ken Kellar
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Let's try this one last time.

1. "WikiLeaks confirms Hillary sold weapons to ISIS... then drops another bombshell"

2. "Top Marine General now risking his career to take down Obama"

3. "FBI Insider: Clinton emails linked to political pedophile sex ring"

I have to be honest with you now. All three of those final headlines were from fake news stories. The last of those three was one of the headlines that contributed to an incident in Washington, D.C. just this week. An armed man entered a restaurant because he read a fake news story that the owners operated a Clinton-endorsed international

algorithm apparently favouring pro-Democratic news stories. It was further criticized when media outlets linked Facebook board member Peter Thiel to a \$1.25 million donation to the Trump campaign.

In the aftermath of the upset win, Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg raised eyebrows when he suggested the idea Facebook could wield enough power to influence the outcome of the election was "pretty crazy." Still, he has since announced measures to remove fake news sites from Facebook's advertising network and build a system to help detect and minimize the impact of those sites.

Zuckerberg might think that Facebook on its own can't sway election results, but in that comment he appears to overlook the reality that Facebook can easily sway people, including people who vote.

Facebook and social media sites like it have an incredible tendency to show users the things they want to see. As users click around the site and the internet, our likes and dislikes are compiled. We start to see more of sites similar to what we like, and less of ones we dislike. We have the power to unfollow, unfriend and generally make invisible the people and ideas that are contrary, threatening or even repulsive to what we think and feel.

Every Facebook feed has that one source that pushes a school of thinking that is completely opposed to every other item around it. They may be well-meaning, they may be malicious, but they inevitably bring us to the point where we decide, one way or another, they have to go.

It becomes a matter of us versus them.

The posts pop up daily until eventually we click them away.

As easy as it is for a liberal to click away any and all rhetoric supporting Trump, it is just as easy for a Trump supporter to click away all of the criticism of their president-elect.

People expressed shock at Trump's supporters in the days following the election. They seemed unable to grasp how so many people

could elect someone who spouted xenophobic, sexist and transphobic rhetoric. They wondered how they, or anyone, could support Donald Trump.

The simple answer is that his supporters did not see him the way the anti-Trump camp did. Their Facebook feeds were full of the same pro-Trump pieces so many others clicked away from.

A glimpse of the Facebook feed of a pro and anti-Trump supporter would show two very different men, all based on the news and fake news out there. Those stories were shared by their friends and the people they respect. They were commented on by like-minded individuals, and rarely, if ever, did a word of an opposing position pop up on their notifications. Uncomfortable positions were either hidden, unfollowed or, perhaps, unfriended. Arguments that did pop up would be overwhelmingly one-sided.

Us versus them.

It's all about isolating ourselves in a social media bubble made from people and ideas just like ours. We close ourselves off to the uncomfortable thought there might be other ideas out there that are closer to truth than our own.



Real life occasionally emulates cartoons, and the resulting headlines read like they should be jokes, making it harder to differentiate fact and fiction.

child sex ring. He decided it was up to him to investigate the allegations. Thankfully, no one was injured in the incident.

But under the framework of having to choose just one fake headline from the list I provided, I'm willing to bet there was one or two you accepted with relatively little difficulty, depending on your political leanings. You start to see how easy it is to disseminate these fake news stories, especially when we see them posted and shared by people we know on a platform we've been conditioned to trust, like Facebook.

Trump's win in the U.S. presidential election has driven the discussion about fake news into overdrive. Facebook has been a key player in this discussion, as reports began to emerge of the role the social media giant played in the campaign leading up to Trump's surprise victory. The website was criticized early on in the election for its news feed

Let's play a game. I'm going to give you three headlines. Two of these will be headlines to real, factual stories. One of them will be from a fake news story.

Ready? Here we go.

1. "Slain Toronto doctor called a 'shining star' by hospital director"

2. "Trump, who once called global warming a hoax, meets with climate change activist Al Gore"

3. "Twinkies: the new superfood"

If you guessed number three, you're right. Twinkies might be delicious, but they're no superfood, and Weekly World News probably shouldn't be the one telling us what is.

That one was pretty easy, so let's go another round.

1. "PCs want Wynne to reject Toronto road tolls"

2. "Pope Francis shocks world, endorses Donald Trump for President, releases statement"

3. "Mr. Chicken with artificial legs dies a hero"

That one was a bit of a red herring. The fake story was number two. If you look for that papal statement, you won't find it. Mr. Chicken lived in Michigan and really did have artificial legs, although hero status is subjective. Real life occasionally emulates cartoons, and the resulting headlines read like they should be jokes, making it harder to differentiate fact and fiction.

QUOTED What do you think of saying 'Happy Holidays' instead of 'Merry Christmas'?

We're all from different places, we all have different beliefs so saying 'Happy Holidays' is your own way of saying 'Merry Christmas'.



Winston Cordero,
BUSINESS MARKETING,
1ST YEAR

I think 'Happy Holidays' is very neutral, I don't know why people would get very upset about it.



Rocio Correa
EVENT MANAGEMENT,
1ST YEAR

I'm all for saying whatever you want during these holidays, as long as it's nice.



Kyle Drinnan
RADIO BROADCASTING,
1ST YEAR

TO THE NINES



Shirt : Topshop
Shoes: Champs
Leggings: Lululemon
Flannel: American Eagle
"I'm really big on Pinterest and Instagram, going through the explorer feeds."

Jordyn Dias-McGowan,
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Psychology Guelph-
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JAN. 20 - FEB. 19

Everything's magical when it snows. Embrace the cold and invite someone for a walk through High Park - who knows what will happen?



FEB. 20 - MAR. 20

As studying piles up, find comfort in a favourite song to drown out the noise, and push through the last week of the semester.



MAR. 21 - APR. 20

Just because you're strong enough to do something, doesn't mean it's right. Sometimes letting go is better.



APR. 21 - MAY 20

Indulge your creative side. Not only is it a great way to de-stress, everyone appreciates a homemade holiday gift



MAY 21 - JUN. 20

An object at rest stays at rest. Get up and do something to prevent the slump the cold weather brings with it.



JUN. 21 - JUL. 22

With the fresh snow comes fresh ice. Use caution to avoid breaking a bone this season.



JUL. 23 - AUG. 22

Take the time to sit and clear the mess from your head and leave the stress from this semester in the past.



AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22

Enjoy the few weeks school free and reach out to that person you've lost touch with.



SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22

If nothing else motivates you to study and finish the semester, the new *Star Wars* movie hits theatres on the last day of classes.



OCT. 23 - NOV. 21

Don't be afraid to embrace the qualities you see as flaws. You may discover a new talent.



NOV. 22 - DEC. 20

Prepare for the upcoming torment that only seeing your family for the first time in months can bring. Stock up on the wine beforehand.



DEC. 21 - JAN. 19

Sometimes you just need to hide under a blanket and watch the worst movies on Netflix. Do what you gotta.