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Good afternoon. Thanks for joining us today. I am Tarun Paul Singh,

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Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 00:45

and I'm Husam Khder. Four weeks before Toronto's municipal elections, voters planning to cast their ballots by mail are running out of time. The deadline to request a vote by mail package is Thursday, September 24th. The last day to submit your mail-in votes is Wednesday, October 17. Advance voting begins on October 6.

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Tarun Paul Singh 01:06

Members of Grassy Narrows First Nation and their supporters rallied at Grange Park on Wednesday, demanding compensation for decades of mercury contamination. Grassy Narrows are protesting to shut down the Dryden Paper Mill. Community members marched from Grange Park to Queens Park. The protest was part of Free Grassy campaign that has spread at more than 10 events attended by Premier Doug Ford.

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Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 01:36

TMU became the fifth Canadian university to join the Global Coalition of Ukrainian studies. The initiative was launched by Ukraine's first lady Olena Zelenska. The coalition will strengthen the study of Ukrainian history and culture around the world. TMU says its membership will create opportunities for courses with Ukrainian universities, academic exchanges, and a Ukrainian studies center on campus.

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Tarun Paul Singh 02:00

The Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) restructure is in effect, and students at Toronto Metropolitan University now receive a larger share of their financial assistance as loans rather than grants. Here's OTR reporter Julia Pen on the story.

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Julia Pen 02:18

As students return to campus, who can still afford education at Toronto Metropolitan University? This is the first semester OSAP's restructure is in effect. Following Doug Ford's government changes announced last February, with the new structure shifting financial assistance towards repayable loans, the maximum grant eligibility dropped from 85% to 25. That can mean students will have to take on more debt than originally planned to finance our education.

J Julia Pen 02:44

We went. I'm getting 19,000 in loans right now and 5,000 in grants. That's crazy. Before it was like it would be the other way around, right? I mean, they're basically stealing the money from us that they promised to help us with.

S Speaker 1 02:57

You know, you want something good and you want a future, so I guess you just gotta go with it.

H Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 03:03

For others, navigating these changes is making them rethink what their education could mean for the future.

S Speaker 2 03:10

Yeah, I think I've definitely had to do more planning in terms of my future and things like that, especially in journalism and like creative, like I'm going into a creative industry, it is already something that feels less secure. So now, like graduating, knowing that I'm going to be in more debt has caused me to rethink what I want to do with my future. I think it can be really hard to feel confident going into a creative industry knowing that you're going to graduate with a ton of student loan debt.

H Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 03:41

Hi, finance. is a financial services company that connects post-secondary students with grants and bursaries as well as financial planning tools. They recently hosted a booth on campus during orientation week, where they spoke with TMU students about their financial concerns.

S Speaker 3 03:58

At the booth, particularly, there were a lot of first years who didn't know that much and just had like a lot of the general questions about student loans and student grants. But for a lot of the returning students, like second, third years, the graduate students were very confused as to why they got a lot less funding and are trying to look for information on it.



Julia Pen 04:20

For students relying on OSAP, navigating these changes will play a bigger part in how they plan for their future. For on-the-record news, I'm Julia Penn, and on the camera is Mustafa Al-A'sar.



Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 04:33

With the recent moves and counter-moves in the Canada-U.S. trade war, Canadians are encouraged to support the economy by choosing Canadian-made products. But for students on tighter budgets, this can be easier said than done. OTR reporter Karina Leung takes a look at how these trade tensions are affecting students and their spending habits.



Karina Leung 04:55

As the Canada-U.S. trade war continues to escalate, students are facing a difficult choice. Between buying either Canadian or American products at the grocery store, the



Speaker 4 05:04

other day when I went to Costco, I saw like I think some sort of produce like fruit that was from America, and I was like, oh, I'm not buying this. Like I'd rather just buy from like you know somewhere else that's like either local or like from a different country.



Speaker 5 05:17

Some grocery stores have made a clear distinction on their shelves if the product is Canadian, but students are not the only ones who are impacted with the price rise of Canadian products, a bigger concern is whether Canadian jobs will remain secure.



Speaker 6 05:31

The tariffs that Donald Trump is imposing on Canada, which will make Canadian products more expensive in the United States, are likely to cause damage here, because if our products are too expensive for the United States, we won't sell them, and that will cause people to be laid off.

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Speaker 5 05:52

With a purchase as small as buying coffee, Canadians can support local businesses, but for some students, affordability is a more realistic and important factor than the country origin of a product.

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Speaker 7 06:02

Like sometimes I'll take a look at it, and if it's the same price as another product, I'll probably like take it. But really, like it's what's cheaper at the end of the day.

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Karina Leung 06:13

The Trump administration has declared a ban on Canadian imports such as dairy and liquor products starting next week. Small businesses, Canadian consumers, including students, will eventually have to bear the consequences of our unpredictable economy. For on-the-record news, I'm Karina Leung.

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Tarun Paul Singh 06:29

Lake Ontario is part of everyday lives of thousands of people, with U.S. President Donald Trump signing an executive order last month to change it to Lake America. The lake has even become important to Canadians. OTR reporter Kayla Solway looks at what the lake means to people of Toronto.

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Kayla Solway 06:50

For the rowers at Toronto's Hanlan Boat Club, Lake Ontario is in just a view. It's where they train and spend hours each day. But as the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration begins updating its maps and resources to reflect the new name, rowers and Canadians alike aren't changing what they call it.

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Kayla Solway 07:11

As someone who goes on the lake, like it will always be Lake Ontario for us. I mean, and I think for many Americans, it will always be Lake Ontario. The

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Speaker 7 07:21

name change and even more recent map change continue to be a topic of conversation among Hanlon rowers. As

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Kayla Solway 07:31

with many other club members, it was a source of amusement, certainly a reminder of the ongoing political relations between Canada and the U.S.

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Speaker 7 07:46

but the name carries a history that goes beyond the rowing community. For Indigenous people, it reflects a long-standing relationship with the water.

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Speaker 1 07:56

Taking the name away by and naming it something else is erasing Indigenous history and understanding of what that what the relationship was with that body of water.

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Kayla Solway 08:11

Down at the Toronto waterfront, for the people who live, work, and play on these shores, the name will remain Lake Ontario. For on-the-record news, I'm Kayla Solway.

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Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 08:24

It's been an exciting week in entertainment. Let's hear a bit more about it from Sofie Gelder, who's got all the information you need.

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Sofie Gelder 08:34

Thanks, Husam. Taylor Swift has officially announced the release of her new deluxe album called *The Life of a Showgirl, the encore, which will include four new songs. The album will be released on Friday. In film news, Spanish queer drama La Bolanegra has won this year's People's Choice Award at the Toronto International Film Festival. The award has become a notable indicator during award season, with several past winners going on to receive Oscar nominations. La Bolanegra is already among the films being discussed as a potential Oscar contender for Best Picture. The film will have a limited theatrical release starting on October 16th before streaming on Netflix worldwide on December 2nd. And the seventh annual Toronto Tamil Film Festival kicks off this Friday at York Cinemas. The festival features over 50 short films, documentaries, and feature films from the global Tamil diaspora. Alongside the screenings, the festival will offer movie-making workshops, industry networking and meetings, as well as Q and A sessions with filmmakers. And that's all for entertainment this week. Back to the desk.

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Tarun Paul Singh 09:45

Last Sunday, around 260 communities in Ontario participated in Terry Fox Running on Toronto. 46 years ago, Terry Fox started his marathon of hope to raise money and awareness of cancer research. OTR reporter Evan Perry was among those runners.

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Evan Perry 10:11

It's that time of year with 1000s of Canadians lace up their running shoes. There you go. Roll run. Ken Manzarel is a skin cancer survivor. With this year marking his third time participating in Toronto's Terry Fox Run,

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Evan Perry 10:26

I think it's important just to bring the community out to share experiences for everyone to kind of raise money for fantastic causes and be active. It's a fantastic thing. Is weather's nice still, so a good chance to get out and kind of be a part of the community.

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speaker 10 10:45

Everyone here has their own story about why they are running for cancer, continuing not just Terry's legacy but theirs and their loved ones' legacies as well.

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I always admired him since I learned about Terry, and I also had a wife that passed away from leukemia.

E**Evan Perry 11:14**

Every dollar donated to the Terry Fox Foundation goes towards cancer research and the goal of ending cancer, the Wilket Creek site offered two, five, and 10-kilometer options. For on-the-record news, I'm Evan Perry.

H**Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 11:32**

Continuing with our sports segment, some brand new additions to the Leafs made their debut last weekend ahead of Wednesday's game. Daisy Gammon has this and more.

D**Daisy Gammon 11:43**

Taking a look at the ice, the Maple Leafs continue their preseason games as they're set to play against the Ottawa Senators tonight at Scotiabank Arena. This comes after a disappointing back-to-back loss for the Leafs against the Canadiens in last Saturday's split squad preseason games, losing four to one and four to three in overtime. After an equally disappointing end to last season, the Leafs went through some big changes over the summer, including some major additions to the team. Most notably, number one overall pick Gavin McKenna made his professional debut alongside NHL veteran Darren Radish, who's coming off a massive 70-point breakout season with Tampa Bay. The Leafs repair for their regular season opener against the Montreal Canadiens on September 29th, where hopefully they pull ahead. Across the lake, we take a look at the Buffalo Bills home opener last Thursday. More specifically, their opening performers, the Bills invited Toronto's very own Bare Naked Ladies to perform O Canada ahead of the game. The move was to celebrate Canadian Bills fans, 10,000 of whom are season ticket holders. Buffalo Bill chief strategy officer Kate Husman said the team was happy to celebrate the connection shared with fans across Southern Ontario. And lastly, the Raptors legend Kyle Lowry received the key to the city on Saturday during a free block party at Maple Leaf Square. Lowry spent nine seasons in Toronto after joining the Raptors in 2012, earning six NBA All-Star selections and helping the team lead to its first NBA championship in 2019. He also holds franchise records for assists, steals, and three-point field goals. Off the court, Lowry also supports Toronto youth and families in need through the Lowry Love Foundation, a charity started by him and his wife in 2013. He officially retired as a Raptor earlier this summer, and a signature number seven will be raised to the Scotiabank Arena's Raptors on January 10, 2027. That's all for sports. Now back to the desk.

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Tarun Paul Singh 13:31

Now let's hear from the newsroom with our live news flash host, Garrett Raakman, standing by live in the ODA newsroom. Garrett, what do you have for us this week.

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Garrett Raakman 13:41

Expanding on the OSAP story that we have just run in today's broadcast, OTR reporters Mustafa Al-Assar and Julia Pen further examine the impact of these on students from marginalized backgrounds. The full story is available on our website. Canada's job market is growing, but are TMU students seeing the changes? OTR reporter Hassam Kadar investigated that and asked TMU students how they're feeling while looking for work. Also in business news, Karina Lung is chasing a story about how Canada's counter tariffs against the U.S. are impacting students, which will be on our website on the 25 th. Both stories are available on our website ontherecordnews.ca. Also coming soon to our website, some entertainment news with an update on Southeast Asian creators at the Toronto International Film Festival, who had access to the TIF market. OTR reporter Taran Paul Singh has more on this story on our website. Finally, OTR reporter Noah Curiti has a story about the Open Ice Initiative, a nonprofit organization which gives kids who can't afford to play hockey free coaching and equipment. You can learn more about them and what they're doing later. This week, make sure to watch more of our episodes for more news and information, as well as check out our website ontherecordnews.ca. Back to you in the studio.

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Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 15:12

Thanks, Garrett. Before we come to an end of today's segment, has more on this week's weather.

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Shaaranki Kulenthirarasa 15:21

Thanks, Husam. With the beginning of fall this week, you might be thinking about bringing out the sweaters and light jackets, but you won't need them all day. For the most part, it looks like the majority of the GTA is peaking at about 17 to 18 degrees today, so it's a good idea to keep those sweaters handy anyway. On to Toronto's five-day forecast. Wednesday calls for a bright and sunny day with temperatures reaching a high of 18 degrees with a low of 8 degrees. Thursday temperatures are expected to climb to a high of 20 degrees. The skies will be clear, but it's expected to get a bit chilly during the night with temperatures dropping down to 6 degrees. Those who are sad to see the summer come to an end are in luck on Friday with temperatures reaching a high of 22 degrees before coming down to a low of 8 degrees that night. Temperatures will return to a high of 22 degrees on Saturday with a mix of clouds. It will come back down to a low of 8 degrees that night. We'll see a similar forecast on Sunday where temperatures will also reach a high of 22 degrees with a mix of clouds before coming back down to 10 degrees that night. So even though it may be frustrating to pack those sweaters, it looks like summer isn't ready to leave the city just yet. That's all for weather. Back to the desk.

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Husam Khder-Chikhalhadadin 16:35

Thanks, Shaaranki, and that's all for today. I'm Husam Khder,

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Tarun Paul Singh 16:39

and I'm Tarun Paul Singh. Thank you to everyone for tuning in for our first broadcast this semester.