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SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
BY THE NUMBERS

PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV
24.7 MILLION

NEW HIV INFECTIONS
2.8 MILLION

DEATHS DUE TO AIDS
2.1 MILLION

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA ACCOUNTS FOR
72%
OF GLOBAL AIDS DEATHS

Michelle Singerman
NEWS REPORTER

Three third-year nursing students are working to make a difference for families in sub-Saharan Africa.

Christine Dahonick, Madeeha Siddiqi and Manjda Yaqoobi organized the charity drive at North Campus to contribute to the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

"We're so privileged here and people spend so much money in a day they don't even realize," Dahonick said.

Starting Jan. 23 donation boxes were set up at cash registers around campus, asking for 66 cents from each person.

"Half the price of a cup of coffee could feed a family" for a day, Dahonick said.

After hearing Lewis, the former UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, speak at Guelph-Humber in October, the students were inspired to do more.

"We thought we should do something," Siddiqi said. "Imagine if we could get a lot of people to give us 66 cents."

Lewis works to bring relief for millions of families affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Africa.

The foundation currently has 150 projects in 14

countries, and donates 90 per cent of its funds to non-governmental organizations after being carefully assessed by Lewis.

Humber will match the total amount of funds raised when the drive ends March 23.

Vice-president John Davies said the college matches funds raised by student-run charities as a way to encourage philanthropic initiatives.

"I just try and provide as supportive an environment as I can for students who really feel that they want to do this work," said Davies. "I like this charity personally, but it's not about liking charity, it's about encouraging charitable work."

Donation boxes are located at Ackee Tree, Java Jazz, the Food Emporium, health sciences offices, the bookstore and the staff cafeteria.

"If you don't have 66 cents, give us six cents," Siddiqi said.

Students have also organized a contest to highlight the charity drive.

"We're going to give away \$100 to the person who can feed the most families," Siddiqi said.

Pledge forms can be obtained by emailing holtichealthsociety@hotmail.com.

As of Feb. 9, \$200 was collected from the boxes around campus.

"We're going to give away \$100 to the person who can feed the most families."

-Madeeha Siddiqi, organizer



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A group of German women used so much spray deodorant in the bathroom of the youth hostel they were staying in that it set off the fire alarm. — Reuters.

Intervention needed to stop genocides

President's lecture series gets underway with U of T Holocaust expert and author

Anupa Mistry
NEWS REPORTER

Acknowledging human dignity was a prominent theme in a lecture by renowned scholar, Dr. Michael Marrus on Tuesday.

Marrus appeared at Humber's North Campus for the first lecture of the semester in the president's lecture series.

"What's missing is an awareness of a catastrophe for which people have a responsibility," Marrus, a professor emeritus of Holocaust studies at the University of Toronto said.

He referred to the lack of humanitarian intervention on behalf of the Jewish people before and during the Second World War. He paralleled that history with recent international issues such as the genocides in Rwanda and Darfur.

Marrus defined humanitarian intervention as "efforts on the part of the international community to act, interfere (and) involve itself in the activity of a state on behalf of those who are suffering extreme persecution or mass murder."

He said western liberal societies were reluctant to participate in international rescue missions at

the time of the Second World War. "The job of the international community was to defeat Hitler. Their job was to defeat Nazism."

Marrus said the increased level of mass communications since that time may have contributed to "genocide fatigue."

"We become immune to it," he said.

In the end, a broader awareness is absolutely crucial. I think popular awareness prompts governments to act.

— Dr. Michael Marrus

Although he said he worries about how long it will take to prompt a reaction from the international community, the world has begun to see how destructive humanitarian catastrophes are.

"In the end, a broader awareness is absolutely crucial," he said of the role of the general public, and cited the recent increase in environmental awareness as an example. "I think popular awareness prompts governments to act."

Melanie Chaparian, Humanities program co-ordinator and chair of

the president's lecture series committee, said there is no reason why college students should not have the same opportunities as university students to hear speakers.

"(Students) are going to do more than be workers," she said. "We're community members, we're consumers, we're citizens — and the way that we participate in those aspects of our lives can only be better informed if we hear these kinds of talks."

General Education co-ordinator, John Elias, said he hoped Marrus's lecture would help people understand why there is a sense of "inaction, silence and paralysis" related to the Holocaust and other international conflicts since that time.

Toward the end of his lecture, Marrus said that we must be sensitized to the "indifference of a modern, corporate culture" and related how the college acknowledges the dignity of students in its own way.

"You don't require people to sit on a hard bench, waiting for an appointment. You can actually take a number and come back," he said. "It acknowledges the dignity of (that) person; what matters is that somebody thinks that your time is valuable."

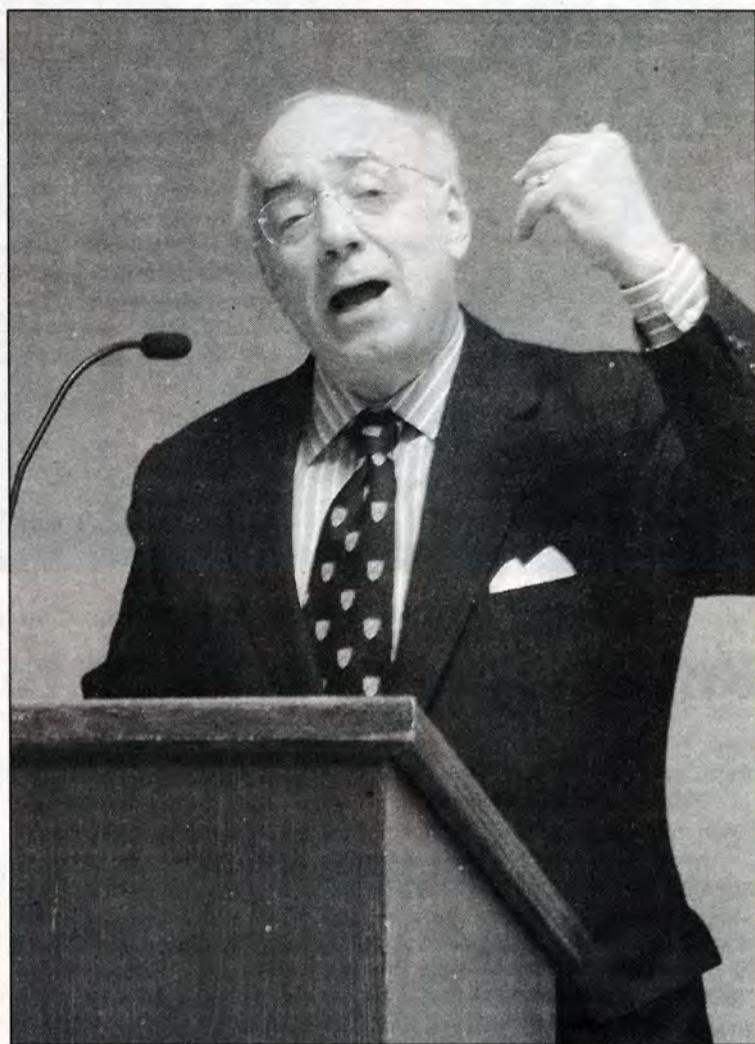


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Dr. Marrus said increased media coverage since the Second World War may have helped to create a genocide fatigue.

Portfolio! event a hit with program hopefuls



Laura Fumagalli shows off her portfolio to faculty and experts.

Erica Timmerman
NEWS REPORTER

Over 300 people came with portfolios in hand to the first ever Portfolio! event at both the Lakeshore and North campuses on Sunday Feb. 11.

Participants had the opportunity to get advice on their artwork from faculty and industry experts in their desired programs, such as creative advertising, industrial design and interior decorating.

"This event will let people see how their portfolio measures up to being accepted into their program," said learning support officer and high school liaison, Tina Antunes.

People with varying levels of education came out to receive

advice from the experts.

"High school students came to receive feedback on their portfolio because they already know this is what they want to do," Antunes said. "We also had many college students who were looking for another educational opportunity, and saw design as a possible career prospect."

Design foundation faculty member, Malcom Cullen said each program director has their own set of requirements when assessing someone's work but the portfolio event is to see what potential and interest students may have.

"We are not looking for instant graphic designers, but we are looking for traditional values, such as being able to draw and paint," he said.

Antunes admits the portfolio event is very close to the admissions interviews that are planned for the following week.

"Right now it is hectic for the students," she said.

Antunes is, however, making plans for Portfolio! to become an annual event.

She said next year's event will take place in November to give program hopefuls more time to rework their portfolios before the interviews.

Laura Fumagalli, design foundation student, had no complaints with the day.

"It was really exciting," she said. "I got a lot of my questions answered, and now I am looking forward to having my interview with Interior Design."

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A popular restaurant in London, England is offering free meals to size zero models in an effort to promote healthy body weight in the fashion industry. — Reuters



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Police Foundations students and members of 22 Division donate blood at a clinic last week.

Rover crew gives back to community

Patrick Soltysiak
NEWS REPORTER

Members of the Toronto Police 22 Division rover crew helped organize a blood drive held last Tuesday at Sherway Gardens Mall, in an effort to show leadership in the community.

Kimberly Ragbir, a second-year student and project co-ordinator of the rover crew, said the blood drive was organized "to raise public awareness of how important it is to donate blood. You never know when you might need it."

The rover crew is a collaboration between Humber College, Toronto Police and Scouts Canada.

It prepares youth for the future by promoting an active role in the community.

The group was started five years ago by Police Foundations students at Lakeshore Campus and includes men and women, ages 18 to 26.

Police Foundations students who are involved with the group organize and help with many events, such as Cops for Cancer, search and rescue training and CPR training.

This was the first year they organized a blood donor clinic.

Richard Di Biase, chairman of the rover crew, said he and Ragbir thought of the idea when they saw a Canadian Blood Services ad on their way to a RIDE spot check in a police cruiser.

"Kimberly has done this before, but for me this would be my first and I've always wanted to do this,"

he said. "Blood Services Canada was more than happy to run this event for us and members of the public."

Nearly 20 Police Foundations students helped organize the event and also donated blood.

Members of the Toronto Police were "there to support the rovers," said Staff Sgt. Ronald Khan, the community response unit manager, who has been working with the crew since September. "It's an opportunity for the rovers to come out and help the community."

More than 100 people had donated blood by 7 p.m. and many more were still waiting in line.

Canadian Blood Services, with the help of the Humber Students Federation will be hosting a clinic at Lakeshore Campus on March 1.

Part-time college workers look to form new union

Lauren Denhartog
NEWS REPORTER

A group representing 17,000 part-time college workers recently celebrated the opening of a new office in Toronto, part of a campaign to revoke a thirty-year-old act that denies them the right to form a union.

"I'm excited about it. I think the timing is perfect and I think we really need to ratchet it up now to make sure that it is an issue for them (the Ontario government) that they want to go away," said Leah Casselman, president of the Ontario Public Services Employee Union (OPSEU).

"They want you folks to go away. They don't want you on one of those front burners in the next provincial election," she said.

Part-time workers are currently represented by the Organization of Part-time and Sessional Employees of the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology (OPSECAAT), which is a division of OPSEU.

They are currently looking to form a completely different union.

The campaign to create a new union received a real push last November when the International Labour Organization, based in Geneva, condemned the Ontario

government for not allowing part-time college workers the right to unionize.

"It's a glaring injustice," said Maureen Wall, a teacher in the liberal arts and science program who was at the opening of the campaign office. "At Humber, there are more part-time and sessional teachers than full-time and so it becomes a really huge issue now where it used to not really matter."

David Cox, communications officer for OPSEU, said one of the main goals of the campaign is to sign up as many part-time college workers as possible.

"They've been seriously exploited by the colleges, their wages have been cut down, they have few, if any, benefits," he said. "They're not really on the track to anywhere and because of that, the quality of education suffers for the students."

According to the OPSEU website, Ontario is the only province in Canada where it is illegal for part-time college workers to form a union.

The group continues to pressure Premier Dalton McGuinty and said it now has over 11,000 signatures on a petition that asks for the right to unionize and bargain collectively.

"The quality of education suffers for the students."

— David Cox,
communications officer
for OPSEU

Reading week is perfect time to pick up good book

Many students only have time for textbooks and don't read for fun while taking courses

David Hamilton
NEWS REPORTER

While Humber students may spend lots of time with their noses in textbooks, for many, reading week will be a break from books.

"I don't really have time (to read)," said Lindsay Martins, a second-year business management student.

She said she reads one of her old favourites, *Tuesdays with Morrie*, when she gets the chance but other than that, textbooks and Cosmo occupy her time.

Yussuf Hassan, a fourth-year court and tribunal student, said books are often a big investment and he can read short articles to gain the same insight.

"I usually read articles online," he said.

Some students, like third-year family and community social services student Amy Drysdale find

time to read on the bus to school.

"I take the bus a lot and I really hate reading my textbooks there, so I'd rather read other books on the bus," she said.

During the break, Drysdale will be reading *The Dark Tower* by Stephen King, but she said most students will probably take the week off to spend time with friends or have a vacation, if they are lucky.

Students staying in Toronto can look forward to a February full of events designed to appeal to those with little time for leisure reading.

Keep Toronto Reading is a month-long festival put on by the Toronto Public Library and provides bibliophiles a chance to rub shoulders with notable authors all month long.

"There are lots of great things for students to attend," said Edward Karek, communications officer for the Toronto Public Library.



Andy Smith, a business student, finds some quiet time in Guelph-Humber to read *Passage to Dawn*, by R.A. Salvatore.

photo by dennis chung

es and two more to open soon.

For third-year biology and history student Navneet Sandhu, it all comes down to priorities when it comes to finding time for literature.

Graphic novelist Bryan Lee O'Malley will present his comic *Scott Pilgrim* on Feb. 20.

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On February 15, 1965, after 2,600 proposed designs and months of debate, Canada adopted the red and white maple leaf as its modern flag. — Canadian Heritage



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Humber Transportation Centre teaches all of its students to look for snow and ice on trailers during pre-trip inspections.

New rules help families pay for childcare

Application process now quicker and easier for parents

Priya Mann
NEWS REPORTER

Holly Lawrence, a first-year nursing student, is taking advantage of new Ontario regulations that now pay the full cost of daycare at Humber for her three-year-old son.

"Childcare subsidies allowed me to go to school, because previously, it was ridiculously expensive," she said. "The process to get a subsidy was really quick. I was in the downtown office for less than an hour. I received the full subsidy right away but I had my fingers crossed. I was told right there I don't need to pay anything."

At Humber's daycare centre, 56 out of 78 children are on subsidies.

Marcie Miranda, supervisor of the Child Development Centre at Humber, said it's easier to get subsidies now because the government doesn't require as much information.

"Previously, they asked about your assets and OSAP was even included as part of your net income," Miranda said. "But not anymore. Subsidy appointment times are quicker and in the end your fees will be lower."

Under the new system, 25,000 more Ontario families are now eligible for financial support.

Helen Kandiuk, senior policy analyst at the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, said the government has changed the way subsidies are determined.



Many parents who send their children to Humber's Childcare Centre depend on government subsidies to pay for daycare.

"Subsidies are not the issue. The issue is where (parents) are going to find childcare."

— Marcie Miranda,
Child Development Centre

Families with a net income of \$20,000 or less will pay nothing for childcare and those earning between \$20,000 and \$70,000 will pay a portion of their fees, said a press release from the ministry.

While the system is more straightforward, the source of the funding is not.

No law against ice missiles

Ryan Vella
NEWS REPORTER

As people across Toronto deal with the recent cold snap, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning motorists about a potentially deadly hazard: flying ice.

"It's a pretty common problem — especially this time of year," said Sgt. Cam Wooley of the OPP highway safety division. "We've had serious injuries, and over the years, even worse than that. It basically turns into ice missiles."

In Ontario, it is illegal to operate a vehicle that is overloaded or has the driver's visibility impaired by things such as mud, snow or ice.

But there's nothing in the law to address the issue of flying ice.

"There's no case law that particularly supports it or speaks to it," Wooley said.

The dangers of flying ice are of particular concern to the commercial transport industry since the large flat roofs of trucks make for ideal ice forming surfaces.

Michele Joslin, an instructor for

Humber's Commercial Transport program, said the industry has the will, but no surefire way, to deal with the problem.

"Everyone's trying to solve the problem, but nobody can say how," she said. "The problem is that there is no physical solution at this point."

"If you can safely remove ice and snow, do it."

— Sgt. Cam Wooley

It is currently unsafe and illegal for truckers to climb on top of their trailers to remove snow and ice.

"(A truck roof) is a light aluminum covering for the most part and they will not hold a 150 to 160 pound person," Joslin said. "It would violate many of the Ontario and Canada labour laws."

Wooley said people may be held civilly responsible for accidents involving flying ice.

"So we're saying it's the right

thing to do to clear your car off, or your SUV or van," he said. "And we're urging trucking companies to take steps to wash the trucks."

Wooley said all motorists contribute to the problem.

"Although people tend to blame commercial vehicles, we have problems from ice falling from any motor vehicle," he said.

Currently the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) winter driving advisory urges motorists to remove snow and ice from their cars for visibility reasons.

But Bob Nichols, a spokesman for the MTO, said in an e-mail that a new advisory about flying ice "would raise awareness to potential dangers and will be considered for future winter advisories."

In the meantime, Wooley continues to increase awareness of the issue in the hope of preventing further incidents.

"My message to drivers — if you can safely remove the ice and snow, do it," he said. "And keep in mind that you may be responsible for any damages."

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EDITORIAL

"Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing ever happened." – Sir Winston Churchill

CSA sits at the table but lacks backbone

Both national student groups, the College Student Alliance (CSA) and the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), announced their stances on tuition to Dalton McGuinty's provincial government last week, but the message and route each group chose to protest were different.

The CSA held its press conference on Feb. 6 at Queen's Park announcing its initiative The Education Generation – calling on the federal government to increase its funding to Ontario by \$4 billion and hold a three-day conference dedicated to post-secondary education. On Feb. 7, the CFS organized a rally at Queen's Park, where about 1,500 students protested against rising tuition costs and demanded the provincial government reinstate the tuition freeze it quashed last March.

A handful of Humber students showed up for the CFS protest at Queen's Park on buses provided by the "Humber-Guelph-Humber students against tuition fee hikes," a Facebook group headed by a Humber business student Chris McNeil. He said the rally's Humber turnout would have been much higher had HSF supported it. HSF president Cynthia Malagario said it didn't help with the rally because – firstly, McNeil didn't approach her and secondly, the rally was a CFS-run event and HSF is a member of CSA. The problem is the 17,000 students Humber students aren't engaged in the fight with the CSA to keep tuition costs from rising.

While CSA claims to sit at the provincial table, CFS organizes country-wide protests and continues to pledge support to NDP initiatives like the \$10 minimum wage and the tuition freeze – something the provincial gov-

ernment said it wasn't even going to consider last year before the freeze was lifted. The CFS has chosen to attack the government and the CSA has chosen to work with it, but what plan of action will get the government's attention?

Chris Bentley, minister of colleges and universities, supports the CSA's \$4 billion call to the federal government, but that should be expected – considering the CSA is calling on the federal government for funding, rather than expecting Bentley's Liberal provincial government to dish out more cash.

The CSA is in a privileged position because it's sitting at the table, while the CFS shouts for change on Queen's Park's doorstep.

McNeil said he doesn't see the CSA demanding change. Any student group lobbying the government must mobilize its members into following the cause, McNeil said, and he doesn't see the CSA doing it.

The CSA is in a privileged position because it's sitting at the table, while the CFS shouts for change on Queens Park's doorstep. CSA needs to grow some more backbone, because simply sitting beside the government in agreement is nothing more than appeasement. CSA should be advocating more for students, rather than simply agreeing that McGuinty's government has done all that it can. If the CSA can't advocate with enough authority for its students at the provincial level, it doesn't stand a chance at squeezing a drop out of Stephen Harper's Conservative government.

The deal with parenting

On Feb. 13, Homolka is reported by the Montreal news media to have given birth to a baby boy. Being a parent is probably the most demanding job a person can have and at the bare minimum, the individual should be responsible. Homolka, along with her former husband Paul Bernardo, raped and killed Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French.

How could a rapist and murderer be responsible let alone an adequate parent?

Many disagree with Homolka's so called deal with the devil, where she was handed a 12-year manslaughter sentence in 1995 in exchange for testifying against Bernardo and released in 2004.

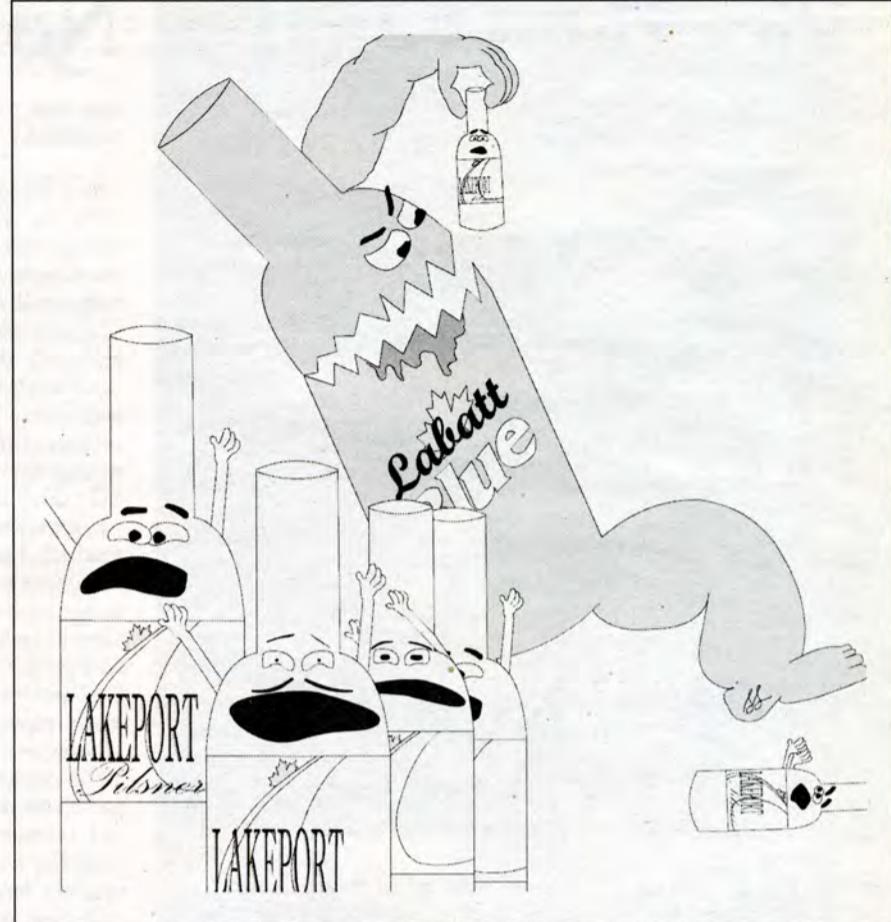
Regardless of whether she has paid her dues or not, she should not under any circumstance

have children under her supervision. Homolka participated in and facilitated the sexual assault of her own sister, what is to stop her from harming her own child?

Rehabilitation may prepare individuals for reintegration in society but it doesn't negate her previous actions.

What type of life could a child have in the shadow of his mother, the nation's most notorious female criminal?

Parents should be people who can manage their own lives and teach their offspring, not people who destroy and torture other lives. Someone who was so destructive to that many lives should not bear the responsibility of rearing a young member of society, under any circumstances.



Jamie Larner
24, Justice Studies at Guelph-Humber



Ann Castro
21, Fitness and Health

"Work for a few days and I have an interview for a job."

Word

on
the
Street



Mark Caldarelli
18, Emergency Communications

"Procrastinate, do a lot of work and get drunk."



Sumeet Sidhu
22, Hospitality and Restaurant Management

"I'm going to be working a lot and I have Platinum box seats at the Leafs game on Saturday and I can drink in it."

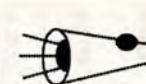
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OPINION

"I believe banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies." – Thomas Jefferson

Why the Leafs will make the playoffs this year



Terry Bridge
Business Editor

Last Saturday, the Toronto Maple Leafs clawed back from an early 3-0 deficit to salvage a point in a 6-5 overtime loss to the Pittsburgh Penguins. This capped off a streak of five wins in their last seven games, but the point held even more meaning.

Exactly a year ago the Leafs suffered their 11th loss in 14 games, a stretch that would ultimately cost them a playoff spot. Although they put up a valiant effort down the final stretch, including a 9-1-2 run with 12 games to go, it was all in

vain as they dug their grave during the losing streaks in January and February.

Although the team still finds itself in ninth, the exact position in the standings they finished in last season, this time they will make the playoffs for four reasons.

The first reason is the new players. Goaltender Andrew Raycroft seems to be rounding into form after struggling all season to find his consistency, and frankly couldn't have picked a better time. He was named the NHL's first star for the week ending Feb. 4, allowing just six goals over a five game win streak, and is on pace to eclipse his career best, 29 wins from his Calder Trophy winning rookie

season.

The new defensive acquisitions are finally paying off. Pavel Kubina, appearing to be an overpaid bust in the first half, has turned into a solid defender who chips in offensively, picking up five points in his last eight games.

The second reason they will make it this year is because the teams they are battling for the last two playoff spots. No team has managed to separate themselves from the pack, and of the teams seeded 7th through 14th vying for those coveted final two spots, the Leafs have the most wins in their last 10 games, and only appear to be picking up more steam.

The third reason why the Leafs

will make the playoffs this year is Paul Maurice. The new coach's style of play is both a high-tempo and physical game, but more importantly they fire a barrage of shots at the opposing team's net. They have outshot teams in 16 of their last 21 games, averaging just under 33 shots per game over that stretch.

As hockey icon Don Cherry always reminds viewers, just put the puck on net and you never know what can happen.

Finally, over the entire season last year the Leafs lost 13 more goals than they scored. This year they're on pace to allow just three more goals than they score.

While it's a marginal improve-

ment, it could mean the difference between gearing up for a first round playoff series and preparing for a round of golf, as seen with last year's final standings.

While it's no sure bet, the musical chairs act of nine teams vying for the remaining three playoff spots will prove to be a wild finish. Never has there been as much parody in the league, with Philadelphia being the only Eastern Conference team truly out of the hunt.

In the end, all the Leafs really need to do is keep putting up wins, and when the dust settles they will be back in the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

Please don't shoot me



Leigh Blenkhorn
News Editor

Just because you get a flu shot doesn't mean you won't get the flu.

The mild temperatures we've had this winter have delayed the start of flu season in Ontario, but it's now here and in full force.

There have been a number of influenza cases reported in Toronto in recent weeks, just take a look around your classroom and you're sure to see some empty chairs.

The Ontario government has provided free vaccines to its residents since 2000 in an effort to reduce the number of flu cases that clog the health care system.

However, a study lead by a professor of Health Sciences at the University of Ottawa, released this past May, showed that the number of flu outbreaks has not dropped since the program was implemented.

The flu shot is a vaccine containing inactive influenza viruses that cause a person's immune system to produce antibodies to combat the specific strains of flu contained within the vaccine.

With new strains of the virus popping up all the time it's difficult to keep up and create new vaccines with each new strain.

If you come in contact with a strain that wasn't in the shot, you can get sick and even if you get a virus strain you were vaccinated against, you can still get sick.

Viruses can change and evolve over time, meaning though you were vaccinated against a certain strain, it might not work.

Washing your hands and keeping a healthy life style work just as

well when it comes to preventing the flu.

Symptoms of the flu are fatigue, headache, chills, cough, fever, runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes and sore throat, not vomiting.

So that cold you think you have, could actually be the flu.

I have never had a flu shot and I plan to keep it that way, at least for a while.

I'm not afraid of needles and I know full well there is no risk of actually getting the flu from the vaccine, but I don't think it works.

The flu shot is proven to be only 70 to 90 per cent effective in healthy adults with a much lower success rate among children and seniors.

Even some medical professionals have passed on getting the vaccine.

In January six paramedics in Kingston were suspended without pay for refusing to get a flu shot.

Though the shot is not mandatory by law, it was mandatory in a policy for paramedics in the region.

Why should they be suspended when the flu shot isn't 100 per cent proven and they could still get sick even with the vaccine?

Though the shot has a high rate of effectiveness, it only reflects the trend that healthy adults aren't sick as often as seniors or children no matter what the illness may be.

According to Health Canada, an estimated 10 to 25 per cent of Canadians get the flu each year.

Between 4,000 and 8,000 Canadians die from influenza in an average year, most who are over the age of 65.

When I get older, much older, I might take this flu shot thing into more consideration, but for now I'll pass.

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To North Korea for closing a nuclear reactor in exchange for \$400 million to help the people.

To Mats Sundin for still bleeding blue and white despite trade rumours.

To the federal government for offering tax incentives of \$2,000 for people using environmentally friendly cars such as hybrids.

To Labatt's for buying out Lakeport, furthering its monopolistic stranglehold on the industry.

To Valentine's Day for bringing another money grabbing Hallmark holiday.

To the man who punched a 55 year-old female Wal-Mart greeter in the face after he tried to steal with a cart filled with formula.

Letters to the Editor

It has come to my attention that in a recent edition of 'Props & Burns' (Feb 8, 2007) you made the following 'burn': "To former

Conservative and Independent MP Garth Turner for joining the Liberals after introducing a bill last year requiring politicians that cross the floor to quit and run again".

This is an erroneous burn, in the sense that you give the impression that Turner's actions are hypocritical. This is untrue.

First, it must be remembered that Turner was kicked off of the Conservative caucus, he did not abandon it to become an Independent MP.

That put him in a position in which he is on no side of the floor. In fact, to be more precise, he was moved to the Liberal side of the floor back when he was forced out of the Conservative caucus. He became an independent on the side he supposedly crossed over to earlier this week.

Secondly, Turner has become a Liberal and openly stated that he is not running a new byelection due

to the fact that there is an election coming within a year. To run in a byelection and then have another election in approximately eight months is a waste of taxpayers' time and money. Coming from his riding of Halton (ironically, I did not vote for him), I find this to be a very large consideration.

Thirdly, Turner stated on his infamous blog that he would be willing to run in a byelection if David Emerson, Wajid Khan, and Michael Fortier (of Vancouver-Kingsway, Mississauga-Streetsville and Quebec respectively) were also called into a byelection.

This shows that he is willing to resign and run again, but also wishes to force others to be held to the accountability Conservatives (such as Prime Minister Stephen Harper) campaigned upon.

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Yoga more than trendy clothing



Michelle DiPardo
Senior Reporter

When most North Americans think of yoga, I can guarantee three things come to mind: Lululemon pants, gorgeous people, and those awful Tim Horton's Fruit and Yogurt cup commercials.

It may come as a surprise to most that the term "Yoga" is an ancient Sanskrit word meaning "to yoke or unite."

Its ultimate goal is the fusion of the conscious with the subconscious, leading to an absolute harmony of body and mind.

All one needs to truly practice the art of yoga is a physical body, and an open mind.

Therefore there is a vast difference between packing your mat, donning some \$60 pants and going to a class one hour a week to what has been practiced in Tibet and most of India for 5,000 years. Yoga is purely a way for life for most easterners, and there are no "downward dogs" to be seen.

There are dozens of different kinds of yoga including Kundalini, Tantra and Siddha-Yoga. What is practiced by over 300 million westerners is called Hatha-Yoga, which focuses, above all on postures, or asanas. Standing on a gym floor doing the "Lotus" or the "Monkey Pose," and calling it yoga surely would make poor Buddha roll over in his grave.

Yoga in the west is an exercise regime like aerobics or kickboxing, ignoring some of yoga's most fundamental disciplines like purification, moral discipline and ultimately enlightenment.

Is it a bad thing that esterners have turned to eastern traditions as a means of stress relief, and keeping fit? Of course not, anything this obese, tuned-out society can do to better themselves is A ok in my book.

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IN FOCUS CHINESE NEW YEAR

"The future looks extremely bright indeed, with lots of possibilities ahead – big possibilities. Like the song says, "We've just begun." – Bruce Lee

Chinese astrology for dummies

Moya Dillon
IN FOCUS REPORTER

This Chinese New Year will ring in the year of the pig, sending followers of Chinese astrology scrambling for readings.

"This is the busiest season for astrologers," said Joseph Yu, founder and director of the Feng Shui Research Centre in Richmond Hill. "People seek advice. What will become of me this year, what should I go after?"

According to Yu, the Chinese zodiac was actually created to simplify the more complex system of Chinese astrology.

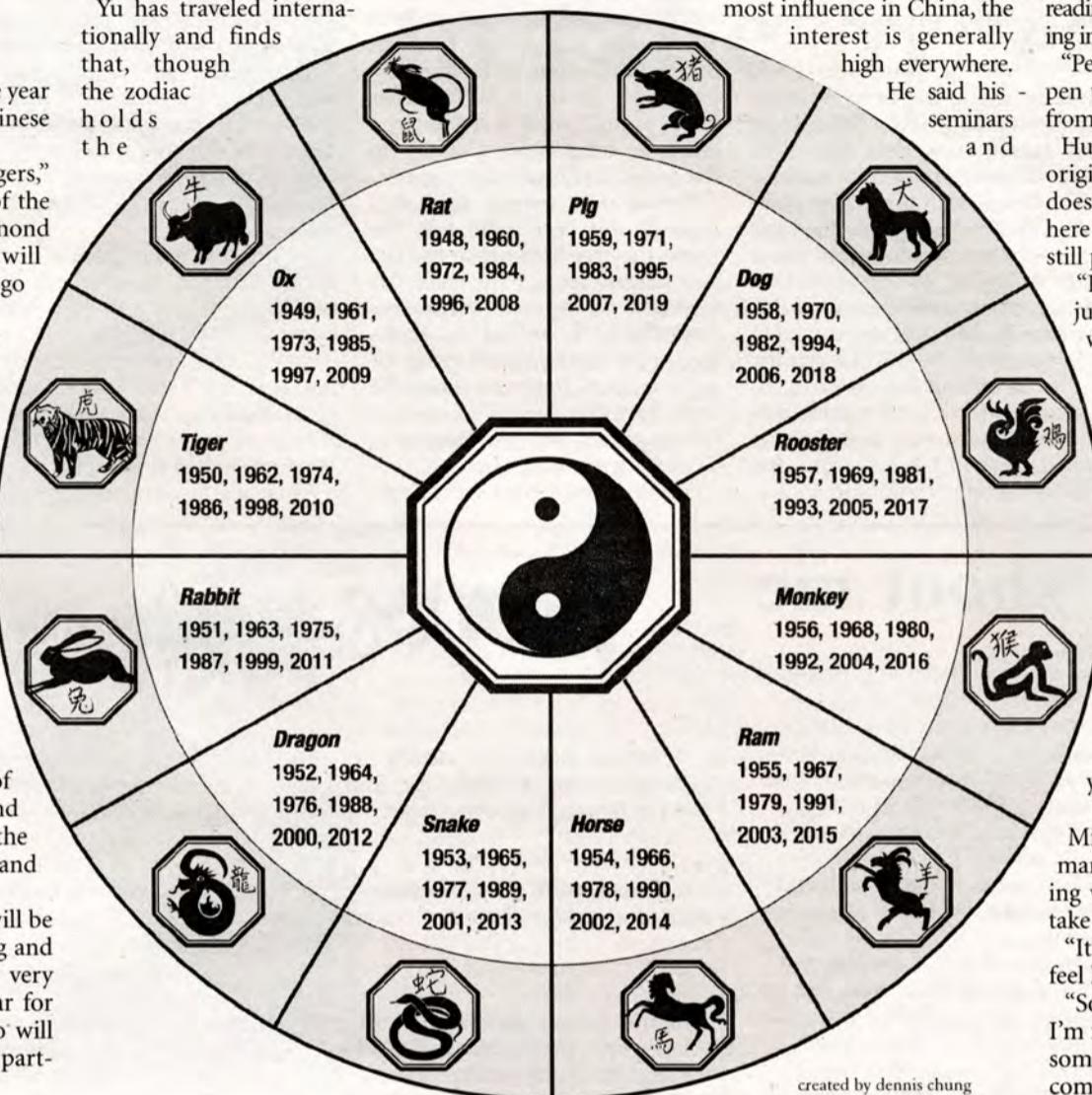
This system was based on a 60-day-calendar cycle that revolves around 10 heavenly energies and 12 earthly energies. The animals act as a marker for the different years in this cycle.

The animal sign that you are born under is supposed to determine personality. The birth animal then interacts differently with all of the other animals in the zodiac, which predicts the coming year.

For example, those born in the year of the rat are known as hardworking and social, while those born in the year of the rooster are known for being honest and proud perfectionists.

According to Yu, the year of the pig will be favourable to those born under the pig and tiger signs, since these animals are very compatible. It will also be a good year for those with rabbit and goat signs, who will have luck in friendships and business partnerships.

Yu has traveled internationally and finds that, though the zodiac holds the



most influence in China, the interest is generally high everywhere. He said his seminars and

readings are busiest in Russia, but interest is growing in Canada as well.

"People are just curious about what will happen to them," he said. "Even if they are not from the Chinese community."

Humber accounting student Bojap Cajn, originally from Cambodia, said that she doesn't celebrate the New Year here as much here as she did in Cambodia, but she does still pay attention to Chinese astrology.

"I was born under the tiger," Cajn said. "I just like to know more about myself and what will be happening."

Cajn goes to readings or checks the Chinese zodiac about twice a month. She said it is a good way to learn about your personality and Chinese history.

Kay Armatage, professor of popular culture at the University of Toronto, said that the appeal of the Chinese zodiac, and horoscopes in general, is based on human aspirations.

"It's a poor man's psychotherapy because it calls for a degree of introspection," Armatage said. "It's a way of focusing your goals, your dreams and your hopes."

Humber students Cheryl Barrow and Mila Debattista, both from the culinary management program said despite knowing what their animal signs are, they don't take the Chinese zodiac that seriously.

"It's interesting how you can read it and feel like, 'wow, that's exactly like me!'"

"Sometimes I read it and it's exactly how I'm feeling," Barrow said. "And when I meet someone I like to check and see if we're compatible."

Head tax recollections

Reflecting on an overlooked Chinese-Canadian past

Sean Fitzgerald
IN FOCUS REPORTER

On Sunday, Canada's Chinese community will celebrate its first New Year since the federal government's apology for the Chinese head tax.

"It's a more special Chinese New Year," said Victor Wong, the executive director of the Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC). "There's been significant change since the last celebration."

The government's actions in the past year have ushered in a new era for his community, he said.

In 1885, the federal government passed the Chinese Immigration Act, which enforced a \$50 fee on every Chinese immigrant entering Canada.

The fee was then increased to \$100 and then \$500 to further deter Chinese immigrants.

The government raised this amount to \$100 in 1901 and to \$500 three years later.

From 1923 to 1947, the Act – also known as the Exclusion Act – excluded Chinese immigration altogether amidst strong racism.

Subsequently, Chinese people who were the only ethnic group to be

barred from Canada

Stephen Harper's apology last June "helped us to turn the page on a very dark chapter in Canadian history," Wong added.

Susan Eng, an activist in Toronto's Chinese community, said that recent events have

"This (head tax) issue has been buried for years," he said, "and it is more important to deal with it than to forget it."

– Jim Jackson
Humber liberal arts instructor

allowed young people to feel more connected to the New Year celebration.

Instead of feeling detached at these festivities, young people can now bring recent history into the celebration, Eng said.

She wants her nieces and nephews to see the head tax redress as part of their environment.

"It's got to be talked about," she said. "They need to see that they belong in history."

Eng, a descendant of a head tax payer, is one of the organizers for Dragon Ball 2006, a Chinese New

Year celebration held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Last winter, she helped convince the government to make a promise for redress on Chinese New Year.

Representing the federal government, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty appeared at the Dragon Ball 2006 fundraiser. He made a direct promise that his government would apologize that summer.

Eng mentioned that the mainstream media normally treats Chinese New Year with the usual batch of stories about special foods, zodiac signs and the meaning of red envelopes.

"But this year," she said, "there's something else to talk about."

Eng's father paid \$500 to enter this country, an amount comparable to about two years salary in 2007.

Jim Jackson, an instructor in Humber's Liberal Arts department, said it is important for Canadians to be aware of the legislated racism that occurred earlier in our history.

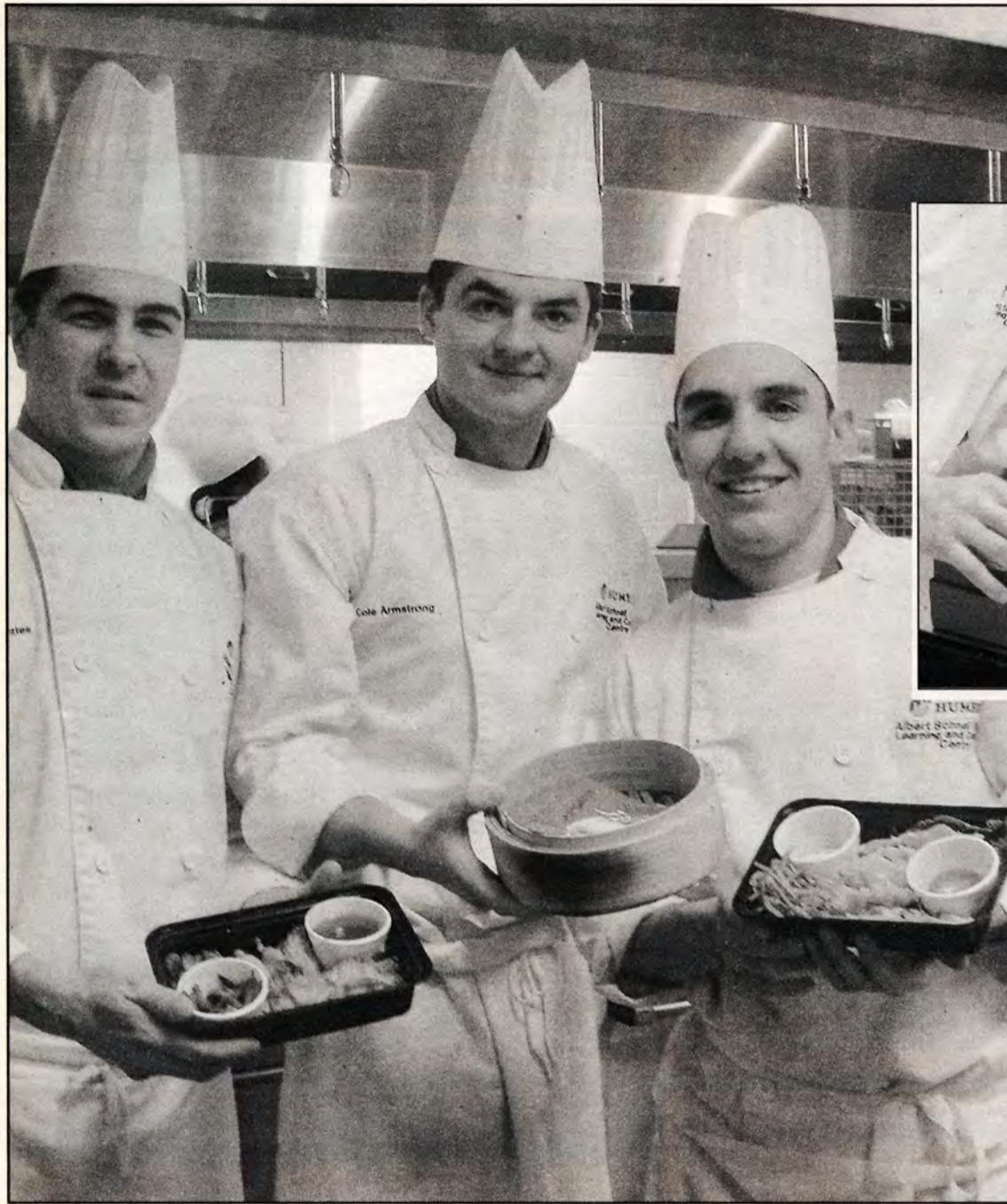
"This (head tax) issue has been buried for years," he said, "and it is more important to deal with it than to forget it."



A 1913 certificate indicating Yen Jung, age 30 from Canton, China, paid the \$100 head tax fee to immigrate to Canada.

CHINESE NEW YEAR IN FOCUS

When planning for a year, plant corn. When planning for a decade, plant trees. When planning for life, train and educate people. – Chinese proverb



Second-year culinary students (l. to r.) Brian Amaral, Cole Armstrong and Chris Prates show off their newest creations Chinese chow. Top right is a decorated traditional box of oolong tea.



Daria Locke
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber's culinary arts students in the new Asian cuisine class are cooking up some traditional meals this week for Chinese New Year.

"We'll be making a number of dishes – a salad, sticky rice cake, dumplings and also fish," said Leo Chan, a culinary arts instructor. "Students will have a chance to make things that are somewhat different than what they are used to."

Food plays a central role in Chinese New Year celebrations.

"It's very important, because whether you are rich or poor, you wait a whole year to eat your favourite dishes," he said. "You share with your whole family and all of your friends."

Chan said that the various names, shapes and colours of the food are significant.

The fish is whole, with the head and tail representing the beginning and the end.

Many foods, like rice, are made into a round shape because it stands for luck and being complete.

Red is important because it means luck and gold represents money.

"Hopefully some of the students will enjoy the culture behind the cooking," Chan said. "They are here not only to learn about things from the culinary point of view, but also about another culture."

He said the Asian cuisine class was added to the final year culinary arts curriculum to give students a more international perspective.

Samples of traditional Asian cuisines can be found at the Mandarin restaurant, just a block from the North Campus.

They are ringing in the New Year with a dumpling festival.

"We are having this event because traditionally dumplings are thought to bring wealth and prosperity," said Shirley Qiu, a manager at the restaurant.

"We celebrate in a Vietnamese way," says Jessica Nguyen, a first-year hospitality management student. "One day, before we go to temple for a blessing. Then we enjoy a big feast with all of our family."

Lunar Festival lands

Abby Blinch
IN FOCUS REPORTER

This Sunday marks the beginning of the year of the pig on the Chinese Lunar calendar and with over 10 per cent of Toronto's population being Chinese, New Year celebrations are taking place all over the GTA.

The Lunar New Year Festival is Toronto's biggest Chinese New Year event and happens at the Exhibition Place in the automotive building this Friday through Sunday.

Celebrating its 10th year, a new event is From Gold Mountain to the Mainstream, a "collection of 250 photographs chronicling struggles and triumphs of Chinese Canadians over the past 125 years," said Alex Yeung, executive producer of this year's event.

The event, which last year brought in 109,000 people, is jam packed with events including lion dances, magic shows and Kung Fu demonstrations as well as markets where you can purchase Asian cui-

sine, new year's gifts, crafts and flowers.

The event costs \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and youth.

The Fo Guang Shan Buddhist Temple, located at 6525 Millcreek Dr., in Mississauga, just a 20-minute drive from Humber, is also holding a market which started on Feb. 10 and will resume this weekend as part of their new year's celebrations.

"It's a brand new start for a brand new year. We pay our blessings and hope for a good year," explained Elaine Lo, a youth group co-ordinator for the temple.

Kelly Hua, who is in the pharmacy technician program at Humber, attends temple every year for the celebration. "Everybody tries to put the incense in first," she said. "The first one is good luck."

The market will have different vegetarian Asian foods as well as flowers and gifts for purchase.

There will be a wishing tree for children to place wishes for the new year on and a peace bell to help ring in the year of the pig.

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IN FOCUS CHINESE NEW YEAR

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance." – Confucius

Clean house, lucky money and a lot of food

Andrea Bennington

IN FOCUS REPORTER

Sunday marks the start of the Chinese New Year, and falls on the last day of the twelfth month of the Lunar year, which will be Feb. 18. Post-graduate production student Jason Cook said he ensures good luck in the New Year in a few ways. One is to clean and decorate your house.

"Sometimes we might put up little posters with Chinese characters written on it and these characters represent good luck, long life, things like that," Cook said.

In China, the celebrations last for days, with the mainland observing three days of statutory holiday and Hong Kong observing two days.

Some industries, particularly factory-related ones, close up to 10 days to allow migrant workers to return to their families who often live hundreds of kilometres away, said Dr. Hugh Thomas, a Canadian professor of finance at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

Thomas is originally from Hamilton and is married to a Chinese woman; they have two sons who were raised primarily in Hong Kong.

"For us, there is not much preparation," Thomas said. "Debts should be repaid. And you should give bonuses to employees – bigger is better." Houses should be

cleaned just prior to New Year's day. On the actual day, you can clean the house or bathe but you should not do both for fear of washing away the luck of the year. New clothes are often worn and women often have their hair done.

"New Year's day is supposed to be spent with the immediate family, the second day with the extended family and the third day with friends," Thomas said.

Younger generations receive red envelopes of leih sih, which is Cantonese for 'lucky money' and bow to their elders to wish them a Happy New Year.

"In my family, it has always been the parents passing (lucky money) on to their children and grandparents to their grandchildren," Cook said.

Other traditions like a trip to the flower market to purchase branches of cherry tree blossoms – which if you are lucky should bloom during the festival – are common, Thomas said. At this time in China, other flowers such as peach blossoms are beginning to bloom and mark the start of spring.

In Canada, winter is still in full force, so a trip to the flower shop for cherry tree blossoms, oriental orchids or lilies is necessary. In regards to food traditions that vary among different Chinese families, "some like to have leftover fish from the night before. 'Fish' is a homonym for 'plenty,' so

you say 'every year has plenty,'" Thomas said. Some people make a

trip to have their fortunes read at Taoist or Buddhist temples, where

they also pray for prosperity in the New Year.



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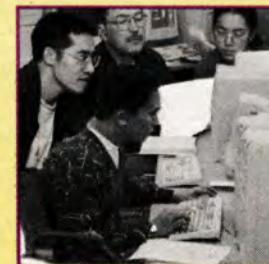
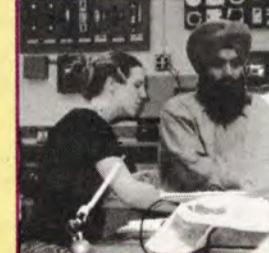
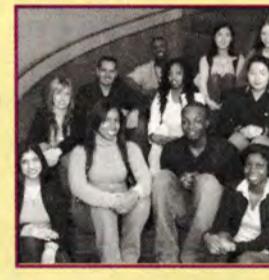
Visitors pray at shrines like this Buddhist one in Thailand as part of their new year traditions.

A Humber for All

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Ningbo exchanges

Elaine Mitropoulos

IN FOCUS REPORTER

Jennifer Wilson, manager of the Ningbo-Humber International Business Administration Program said that prior to coming to Humber the students studied together for two years at Ningbo University, where two Humber professors teach business courses in English to introduce the students to a Canadian-style of learning.

"During this time, friendships have formed and these relationships are a great support," she said.

After graduation, many students decide to continue their studies in Canada or the U.S. before returning to China to start careers, Wilson said.

"China's economy is growing rapidly, but the marketplace is highly competitive. Young professionals who have studied business abroad and who have English-language skills are highly valued in China."

Rock said one of the biggest differences between Ningbo and Humber is that there isn't a guarded gate and other security surrounding the college.

Another difference is the weather. Coming from a subtropical climate that rarely gets snow, the three students are experiencing their first Canadian winter.

"The winter, it's so cold. But I like the snow," Nichole said.

For the 70 Chinese students in the Ningbo-Humber International Business program, Chinese New Year will be welcomed far from home.

"The feeling is like when a Canadian misses Christmas Day," said Tao Xu, 21, one of the exchange students from Ningbo University referred to as Toy by classmates and teachers, who is studying foreign trade. "We will all miss our families and our relatives."

Yunfan Yan, 21, and Zhen Meng, 22, whose respective English names are Nichole and Rock, agreed.

This year, Lakeshore Campus' Ningbo students – from cities in southern China's Zhejiang province – have two choices for celebrations, Toy said.

"One is we'll buy some groceries from Chinatown, cook by ourselves and several friends can have a dinner together," Toy said. "The other choice is to go to a restaurant. It's more convenient."

Nichole said she would ring in the new year making traditional dumplings with friends. "After eating, we'll play games."

The students in the program, which started in 1996, are not strangers.



Joss Whedon, creator of the hit television show *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, recently directed an episode of *The Office*. – www.buzzsugar.com



Stepping up at Sundance

Dwain Murphy's breakthrough role in a \$3.4 million movie has the biz buzzing

Adrienne Huen
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Humber graduate Dwain Murphy credits his recent overnight success to his role in what the Sundance Film Festival called this year's "most-buzzed" movie.

"It was a blast," Murphy said. "It was the first time that I played a role that people were expecting me to do really well in."

Murphy, 20, who stars in the Canadian urban-dance film *How She Move*, is about a young woman who enters a step-dancing competition to win the top prize of \$50,000 to pay for private school tuition. Although this is his first leading role in a film, Murphy has received a tremendous amount of acclaim by critics for his role as the leader of the dance-crew, the Jane Street Junta.

"We're all very proud of Dwain and his recent achievements," said director of Humber's Acting for Film and Television (AFTV) program, John Bourgeois. "To have his obvious talents recognized by our industry so soon after his time at Humber gives new meaning to the phrase overnight success."

The film set in Toronto's underground dance communities, which also features Canadian performing artists Kardinal Offishall, Shawn Desman and American artist Mya, had its distribution rights bought by Paramount Vantage for an estimated \$3.4 million, shortly after

its premiere at the festival in Utah. Murphy, who attended the School of Creative and Performing Arts at Humber, said that being a part of the AFTV program was not only a great learning experience, but a wonderful opportunity because of the teachers.

"The teachers are amazing," Murphy said. "They helped me develop my acting professionally, emotionally and taught me that it's not just something you learn once. I'm still taking courses and learning what I can do to make myself better."

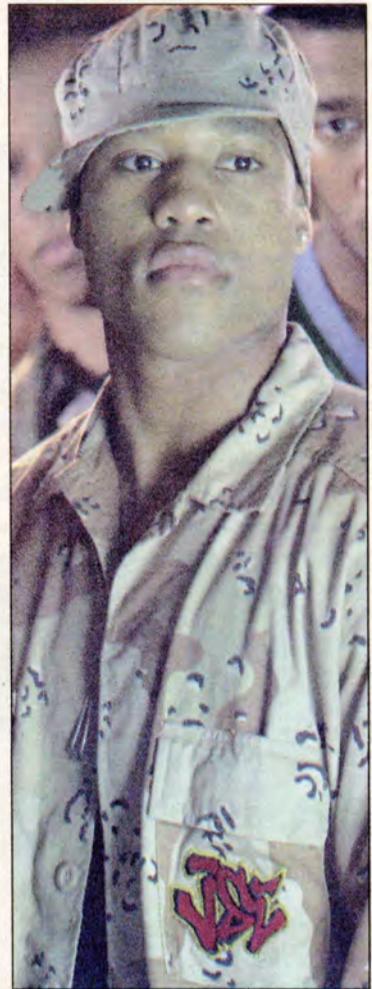
The AFTV program, which runs out of the Lakeshore Campus, is one out of a handful of Canadian college programs, and the only one in Toronto, that offers a diploma program for acting in film and television, Bourgeois said.

"The program at Humber is unique because everyone that teaches here is themselves an actor and a leading practitioner in film and television," Bourgeois said. "We profess what we teach and as actors we do what we teach, so we know what works and what doesn't."

Murphy, who can next be seen in the soon-to-be-released feature *Poor Boy* with Danny Glover, said that he has a couple of projects set up for the summer but for right now is just riding the wave of *How She Move*.

"If anyone were to look up to me and think I've made it, I would tell them, 'I'm just in the same boat as

everyone else trying to make it.' You know nothing is for certain in this industry, so you just have to keep trying your hardest."



Dwain Murphy's résumé includes film and TV roles.



Murphy (top right and bottom centre) shows off his skills.

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Working nine to five and beyond

Humber profs divide time between classes and their literary masterpieces

Jeremy Dickson
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Sally Cooper and Antanas Sileika are full-time Humber teachers who write novels and say it's like having two full-time jobs.

"It can be extremely challenging because both jobs take a tremendous amount of energy," Cooper said, who is finishing a new novel she started five years ago between teaching English to journalism students at Humber.

After a day of work at the Humber School for Writers, Sileika said finding the right environment at home to work on his latest novel can be very hard.

"It's always a lifetime struggle for people. The easiest thing to do is turn off the television and never turn it on," Sileika said. "It's like having two jobs, but you have to squirrel yourself away and say no to things all the time."

Antanas Sileika
Humber Teacher

Sileika said it is very easy for writers to distract themselves. "I'll go around with a Windex bottle and take fingerprints off walls or wash dishes instead of sitting

down at the computer," Sileika said.

Despite fighting procrastination, Sileika's hard work as a writer has brought him critical acclaim. His novel *Buying on Time* was short-listed for the Stephen Leacock Medal for humour and his most recent novel, *Woman in Bronze*, was named a Globe and Mail best book in 2004.

"It's like having two jobs, but you have to squirrel yourself away and say 'no' to things all the time."

Antanas Sileika
Humber Teacher

His new one, set after the Second World War, is about underground fighters in Eastern Europe.

Cooper, who knew she would be a writer after completing university, said switching gears from a regular job to a writing job in the same day is tough because work from both stays in a person's head.

"I need a separation when I shift into the writing world," Cooper said. "Sometimes, I read some work by my favourite authors, like Deborah Eisenberg or Alice Munro to help me focus, or I'll do some writing that has nothing to do with my project."

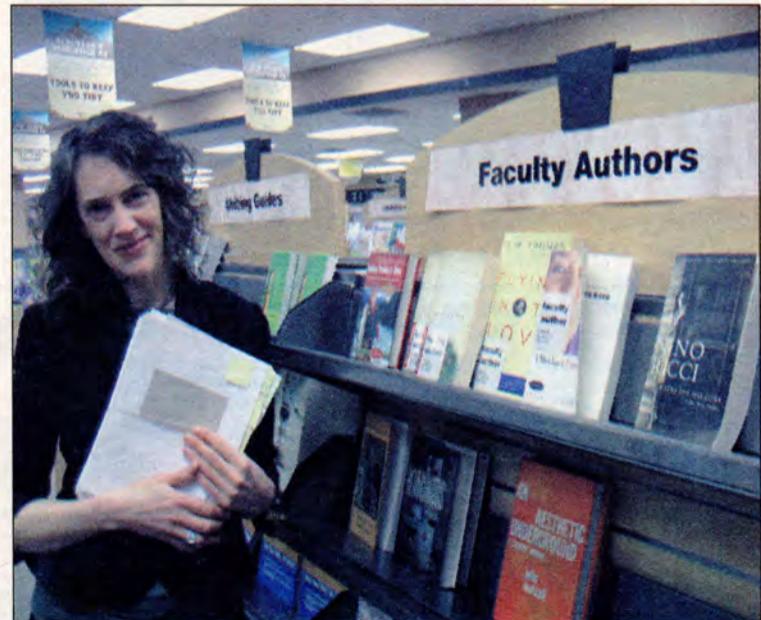
Cooper does not want to reveal the subject matter of her new novel, her second after *Love Object*. "It's that superstition, you know," she said.

Sileika and Cooper's writing experiences often cross over into their teaching worlds when students approach them for advice.

"I tell them to read, write and research as much as they can. Then edit, polish and get the work out to the appropriate publishers. Tenacity is the best quality," Cooper said.

Sileika said the initial composition is the hardest thing to do. "Anything is easier including shingling a roof, writing a report and responding to a student complaint. You have to do the hardest thing first, which is write."

Mar Fenech, a former student of



Sally Cooper with the manuscript for her newest novel.

Sileika and graduated from both journalism and the Humber School for Writers, said Sileika was instrumental in her development as an aspiring writer. "He gave me a lot of valuable advice about writing, the business and dealing with agents. He also said to never use a semi-colon because it makes a writer look stupid," Fenech said.

Fenech recently completed a his-

torical fiction novel set in the Mediterranean during the 16th century. "It seems to have captured the interest of a few publishers, so things are starting to roll," Fenech said, "but I agree that finding time to write is difficult when you have other responsibilities. You need to be self-disciplined and motivated and, fortunately, those are two of my biggest strengths."



Iceland's Sigur Rós will take a break from recording to perform a show in Reykjavik to protest the deforestation of Álafoss, Iceland. – www.pitchforkmedia.com

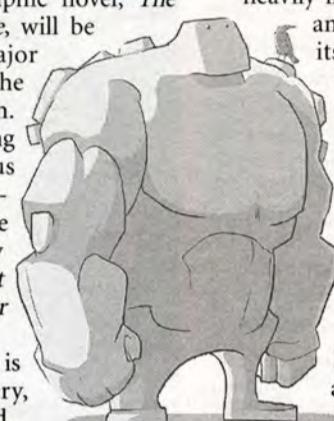
The bizarre world of Jim Zubkavich

Jef Catapang
LIFE REPORTER

It's going to be a busy year for former Humber student Jim Zubkavich, who will be juggling promotion, art and business duties for several different projects.

Zubkavich's graphic novel, *The Makeshift Miracle*, will be released to major book retailers at the end of the month. He is also working on numerous aspects of a marketing blitz for the 20th anniversary of the *Street Fighter* videogame.

"This summer is going to be very, very busy," he said.



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Zubkavich, 30, is an illustrator and project manager at Udon Entertainment, a Canadian-based company that publishes comic books, designs videogames and toys and produces storyboards for film and animation companies.

Udon Entertainment's art style is heavily influenced by Japanese animation (anime) and its industry clout is expanding as the fan base for anime continues to grow, said Zubkavich.

Aly Kassam, 19, an arts and science student and vice-president of the Humber Anime Club said, "Now that YTV and local TV broadcasters are slowly accepting more anime

into their normal television (broadcasts), it is becoming more mainstream."

Growing up in Oshawa and moving to Toronto, Zubkavich was a comics and video game fanatic who is now living his dream.

"My brother and I were huge, huge Marvel comic books freaks and we would read tons and tons of comic books every month," he said.

Udon is currently producing the monthly *Street Fighter* comic in partnership with Capcom, the videogame company behind the *Street Fighter* brand.

"Everyone who works on the books was a huge *Street Fighter* fan when they were growing up," Zubkavich said. "We were vulturing around the arcades because we loved that game."

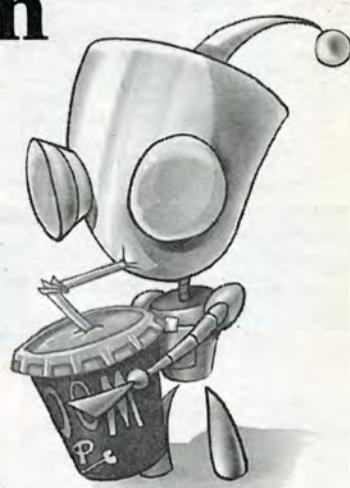
Studying film and multimedia at

Humber, Zubkavich then moved on to classical animation studies at Sheridan College. As if his duties at Udon weren't enough, he is also the animation arts program coordinator at Seneca College.

As Udon Entertainment's project manager, Zubkavich has to ensure that its books come out on schedule, which he said is especially important in today's comic marketplace. Even big selling books, such as Marvel's *Civil War* and DC's *All-Star Superman*, often fail to ship on time.

Zubkavich said what he learned at Humber helped him balance his and Udon's numerous projects.

"Probably one of the biggest things I learned (at Humber) was time management...working under all sorts of different deadlines, all sorts of different projects and keeping it all organized at the

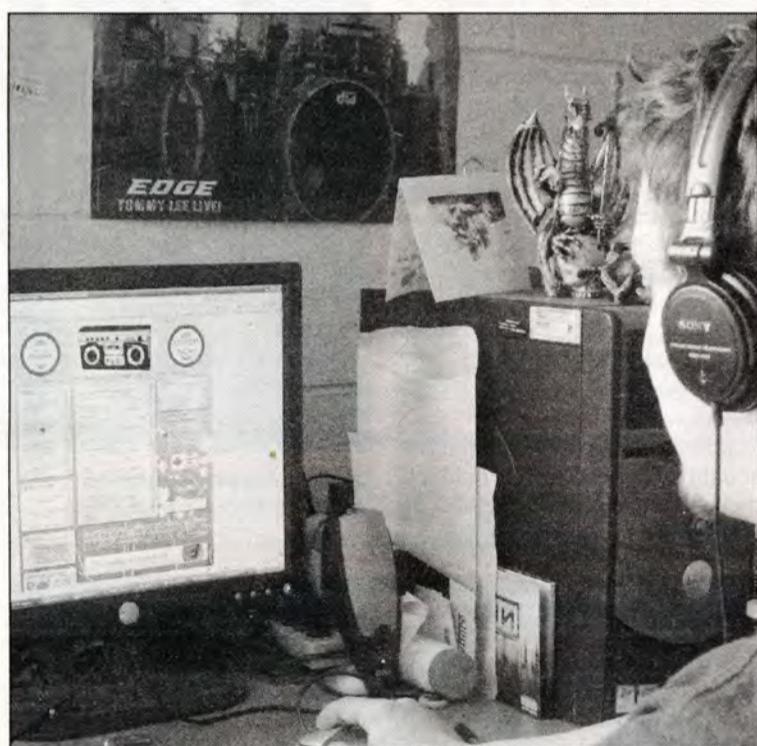


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same time."

For aspiring comic creators at Humber, Zubkavich stresses the art of networking and "getting your face out there."

"No one walks out of art school and starts drawing Wolverine," he said.



Mike Greene, 20, Oradio listener and second-year radio student checks out the indie music web station for updates.

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Theatre students perform scenes from the play by the Norwegian "father of modern drama."

Searching for Henrik Ibsen's Peer Gynt

Tyler Kekewich
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Humber Theatre is presenting *Peer Gynt* – a play about one man's journey through life and across the world in the studio theatre at the Lakeshore Campus.

The play is co-produced by students in the Theatre Performance and Production programs.

There are many themes explored in the play, something done on purpose to present a balanced production.

"If you simplify it down to just a single message then what you're doing is propaganda – not theatre," said Diana Belshaw, director of the Theatre Performance program.

Gynt is a very confident young man who believes the world owes him something. He selfishly wanders through life using people for his own benefit.

"If you simplify it down to just a single message then what you're doing is propaganda – not theatre."

– Diana Belshaw
Theatre Program Director

The story of Gynt's struggle is familiar to college students in search of their own identity, the questions of 'who am I' and 'what do I hope to be' are recurring themes in the play.

The play is presented in a way that makes it feel modern with the input of all the students involved.

"We got up there and just threw ideas around during rehearsal and we weren't just sitting there saying things, we got up and we just did things," said Marc Senior, 21, who plays Peer #2 and Mads Moen.

The role of Gynt was split up between the program's male actors to better depict the different stages of his life and his development.

Senior said an actor's personal success is dependant on strong performances from the supporting cast.

The play runs until Saturday and students can buy tickets for \$8 by calling the box office at 416-675-6622 ext. 3080.

in review:

Let's get naked... kind of

Tyler Kekewich
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Paintings and drawings of naked people and fruit, by students of the Academy of Realistic Art, are on display in Guelph-Humber's art gallery beside the entrance and bio wall.

The artwork is a collection of lifelike images of statues, people and objects, like fruit, with detailed use of light and shadow that give the subjects a realistic three-dimensional effect.

Techniques and styles on display include: charcoal-cast drawing, oil-cast drawing, still life painting, figure drawing and painting, portrait painting and red chalk drawing.

Some interesting pieces are a colour painting of a bowl of fruit on a dresser that looks like you could grab an apple from it and a

sculpture of an eye that casts realistic shadows.

Included in the exhibit is a step-by-step illustrated demonstration on how artist and academy instructor Juan Martinez goes from a sketch to a final oil painting worthy of academic scrutiny.

A finished oil painting goes through several different steps or layers, beginning with a pencil drawing of the subject which is covered with three separate coats of oil paint and is finished with a transparent glaze applied to protect the piece.

The Academy of Realistic Art is located at 2968 Dundas St. W. in Toronto and teaches classic techniques and styles based on traditional 19th-century European methods. The program consists of three six-week terms and can be completed on nights and weekends.

photo by Tyler Kekewich

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL HUMBER STUDENTS

Notice of Election for the Student Representative to the

Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

An Election will be held during **March/April 2007** for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. All Humber students are eligible for nomination. The term of office for this position is **September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008**. The basic requirements of this position are to:

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6. Maintain communications with his/her electorate.
7. Be prepared to act as spokesperson for his/her electorate on issues and concerns as they arise.

More information about this election will be provided in the weeks ahead.

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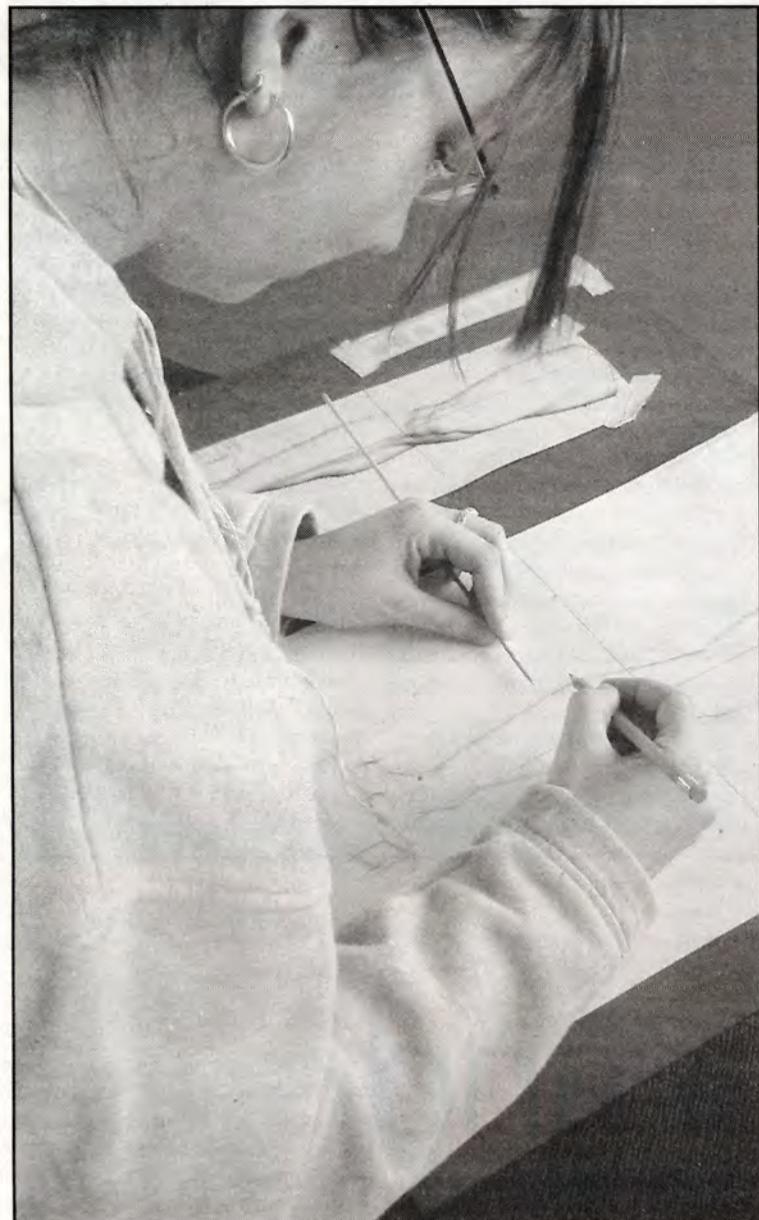
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LIFE

Being noticed can be a burden. Jesus got himself crucified because he got himself noticed. So I disappear a lot. – Bob Dylan



Humber offers art courses that help build right brain skills.

Right-brainers set to take over future

New book suggests creativity is the key to success

Justine Lewkowicz
LIFE REPORTER

The manager of Humber's Career Centre agrees with the suggestion in a new book that "right-brainers" will rule the future.

Karen Fast said no matter what career students have chosen, they need to improve their creative skills in order to gain an advantage when searching for a job.

"Eighty per cent of what the employers are asking for is the employability skills, the soft skills," Fast said. "They're looking for leadership skills, creativity, organization skills, self-motivation and the ability to problem solve. All of those come from the right side of the brain. So it's the employers who are driving this because they're looking for attitude. And they're willing to hire the attitude and teach the skills."

Daniel Pink, author of *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future*, writes career success is dependent on creativity and empathy.

Fast said analytical skills will always be essential, but they will not be adequate.

"We still need the left-hand logic and technical knowledge, no doubt about it," Fast said. "But

what we need to do is be able to apply the right-hand side of the brain. Energy, enthusiasm and creativity have to be applied to those technical skills."

Gary Richmond, visual and digital arts program co-ordinator, said that creative skills have always been important.

"Eighty per cent of what employers want is the employability skills."

– Karen Fast
Career Centre

"If you look at the outstanding inventors and discoverers throughout history, it's not that genius was necessarily being smarter, it was not necessarily higher intelligence," Richmond said. "It was looking at things in a different way, with a unique perspective."

Rebecca Milburn, chemical engineering program co-ordinator, said well-rounded students who will get ahead after they graduate.

"My best students in the classroom academically aren't necessarily the ones who are going to succeed out there in the real world," Milburn said. "The ones

who are going to succeed in the real world are those who have everything. They have personality. They have creativity. They can communicate."

To build right-brain skills, Pink's book says students should take an art, design or writing class. Humber offers many courses and workshops for which students of any program can register.

The Humber Business School #1 Toastmasters club, run by and available to faculty and students, teaches leadership and communication skills.

"You learn how to speak in public," said Michael Lee, past president of the club and co-ordinator of the accounting program. "If you have that skill it supplements the knowledge base that you have by being able to tell customers and explain to them why they should make a particular decision. I think that's important."

First-year visual and digital arts student, Blair Broda, 20, said the idea of the right side of the brain ruling the future might remove the stigma surrounding art students.

"Some people think that because you're not good at math you're not going to get anywhere," she said. "Which is crap. It just means that they're stronger at other subjects."

New Humber spa opening soon

Students will be able to get the full treatment for just a little less

Carrie Trownson
LIFE REPORTER

Students in the aesthetician program at Humber don't have to worry about leaving school to fulfill their co-op requirements, thanks to the opening of a brand new on-campus spa this month.

"Students who are working in the spa are all in their second semester," said Antonietta Perretta, spa manager. "They're going to do all the services but there will always be a supervisor here."

The list of services will expand as the students become more experienced. Students will start with manicures and pedicures and branch out to include make-up application, waxing, facials and body treatments such as body wraps.

The spa is open to the public as well as students and faculty, and will be priced according to the products used. For example, a manicure will cost only as much as the cost of the lotions and polishes that were used.

"The prices that we charge for the service are discounted," Perretta said. "Because essentially,

the cost of the service is the cost of the materials that are used."

Maria Dunn, a staff supervisor at the spa was an evening instructor at Humber, also taught an aesthetics class using regular desks and chairs. Dunn also said this type of training will make for an easy transition from school to work.

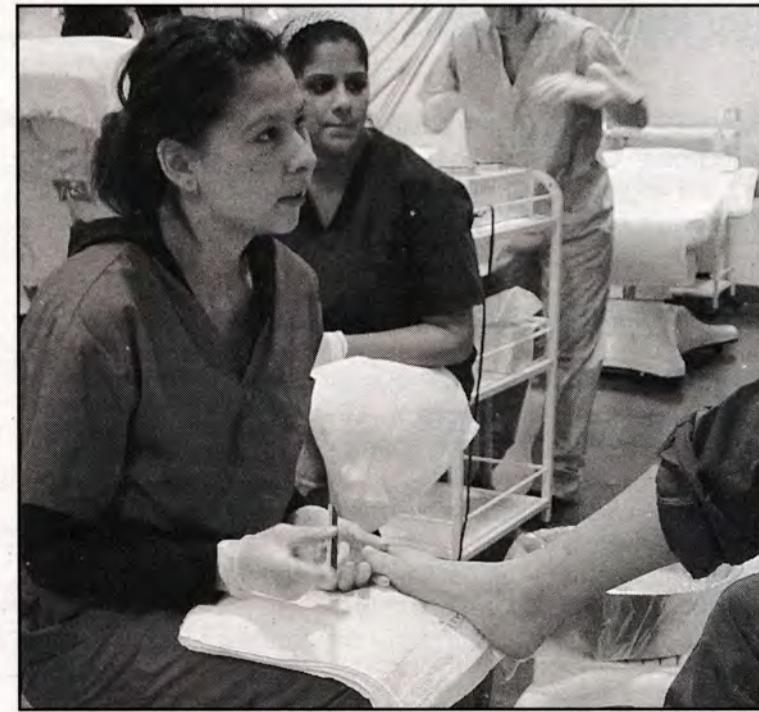
Ashae Annett, a student working at the spa, said what she learns in the program is so broad she can get into any aspect of the industry.

"Every instructor knows their area really well, so it's beneficial to us," Annett said. "This is where we are getting our co-op, daily practice. That's what it's going to be in a spa."

Perretta said along with the spa techniques, students are also taught management skills needed to run their own business.

"One of the biggest things that happen in our industry is that people either know how to be a hairstylist or an aesthetician," she said. "But, nobody teaches you how to run a successful, profitable business."

The Humber Spa is located on North Campus in H305 and will



Humber's new spa, opening Feb. 28, will save students the time of searching for an off campus co-op placement.

open Feb. 28. The hours are Monday and Tuesday 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday 12:30 –

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Keeping your skin sexy and smooth

Avril Sequeira
LIFE REPORTER

The Humber Spa opens at a time of year when students could use professional help for skin dried out by plummeting outdoor temperatures and icy February winds.

Antoinette Perretta, manager of the spa, said that there will be lots of services available for students with severe dry skin.

"There's always one step in the process where we use an exfoliating scrub, which is great for sloughing off dead skin. It makes your hands feel so soft," said Stefania Prisco, a second-year student in the spa management program.

"We'll also be offering paraffin treatments," Perretta added. "The wax helps lock in moisture, and when you add the gloves - love it - it's like butter. For hands and feet, that's going to be really popular."

Skin will retain the most moisture right after bathing, so try to apply creams to the body within three minutes of stepping out of the shower.

The only way to get rid of a temptation is to yield to it. Resist it, and your soul grows sick with longing for the things it has forbidden to itself. — Oscar Wilde

Student Bodies

Working the grind

Suzan Park

LIFE REPORTER

The throbbing pain, which inevitably follows a first workout, is enough to deter anybody from even stepping onto a StairMaster. However, our two student bodies toughed-out the first week of the program with a daunting physical assessment done by the experts at Humber Athletics. They finished the week with a solid training session with Monique Haan.

Michael Mitchell

Assessment Results:

"I am going to have to strive and push myself to the max. Overall though the assessment said I was fairly fit, therefore I'm not worried about achieving my goals. I know I can do it."

The Workout:

"After my first workout with Monique, I was happy that she was very knowledgeable in regards to getting fit. I felt better and more energetic."

Although days following the workout, I had some lower back pain, and came to the conclusion that I just need to work harder. I learned ultimately that there's more to working out than just working out. You have to be disciplined and work hard. Thus, I'm going to stick to the program and give 110% to every session.

With a trainer like Monique I know I can do well. She pushes me hard."

Priscilla Daviau

Assessment Results:

"I did a little better in the assessment than I thought I would, but for the most part I did do quite poorly. It does give me something to aim for."

The Workout:

"After the workout I felt good. I knew that I was going to be sore the next day (and I was) but felt good knowing that I had earned the soreness. I learned how to use some of the machines and that this is something that I can do. Monique is a great trainer. She is very encouraging and she never makes me feel bad about my abilities or lack of them."

Overall I feel great about this experience. Even though I know that my work in improving myself will be far from over when the semester is done I know that I will have the tools to continue on my own and reach my goals."



Michael Mitchell is in good shape to reach his goals.



Priscilla Daviau is turning her life around.

Churches may install ATMs for donations

Katarina Illic

LIFE REPORTER

It was only a matter of time before Jesus caught up to the techno age in this modern society.

Jesus, at least in the United States, takes debit cards.

Called Giving Kiosks, these ATM machines were designed specifically to be placed in churches.

Now, the real question is could this capitalistic marvel come to Canada?

Opinions of this idea with Humber's population were mixed.

Humber's Interfaith Chaplin, Len Thomas was of a more liberal mind.

"Neither money nor ATMs are inherently evil in and of themselves. It's how they're used. Each church is going to have to decide for themselves."

Several churches have considered implementing this new form of donation, however, in some cases the old collection plate or voided check method has won out.

Rev. Paul Cusack, of St. Gabriel's Parish in Toronto, a Roman

Humber grad shines on nightly newscast

Michelle Dipardo

SENIOR REPORTER

Humber grads looking for some inspiration can tune into CTV every weeknight at 11:30 p.m.

Sitting in the anchor chair is Pauline Chan, class of 1989.

The newsroom at Toronto's CTV station has many Humber connections.

"The producer of our noon newscast... was the co-ordinator of the program when I was at Humber so it's great to be able to work with the people who taught you," Chan said.

After receiving a B.A. in English at the University of Toronto, it was a stint at the school's radio station that sparked her interest in journalism.

"The first thing they had us do was a newscast and I really liked it," Chan said. "I thought that was a direction I could go in and make use of my English degree."

Chan chose the Humber post-graduate journalism program because of its sensible, real world approach.

In her final year Chan landed a position as an editorial assistant at Global.

She began her career at CTV in 1991 and became interested in anchoring.

"When I started out I loved reporting and I always had it in the back of my mind that I'd like to

anchor."

Chan said she used to get nervous on air, but she's adjusted to the pace, though there are still times when live broadcasting has its challenges.

"If there's a story that's breaking and you're not sure if you will have a live hit from your reporter, you don't know if the information will be changing as you're going to air or if a story's going to make it and you have to go to other page instead, those all get your adrenaline going."

Born and raised in Toronto, Chan comes from a Filipino background, and believes seeing diversity on Canadian television news is important to viewers.

"It does mean something in the hearts of the audience to see people from their own ethnic group or from their own background. It gives us something extra to identify with when they see that the newscasters come from their neighborhood or their corner of the world."

Though it might be nice to someday anchor the 6 p.m. newscast, regarded as the most prestigious timeslot in the news business, Chan's happy with her current position.

"I love Canadian journalism. I love the product we put out. I think we put out a very quality newscast."

know the mechanics of it and then maybe present it again at another time. But we're not certainly getting into it now," Cusack said.

Others, like Rev. Howard Olver of the Kingsview Free Methodist church of Toronto, are opposed.

"We have a lot of people in our church who donate... through online banking, but I certainly wouldn't be interested in putting a banking machine in our church," he said. "I think that would be inappropriate. A church is not a branch bank office."

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Humber's Culinary Arts students share their recipes

Peppered Shrimp

Chef Mila DiBattista

Ingredients:

One cup of frozen shrimp (whatever type you want)
One half of a bell pepper (any color you prefer)
Half an onion
Three cloves of garlic
Three tablespoons of red chili pepper flakes

Directions:

1. Mince the garlic and sweat it off.
2. Add the onion and sweat it off.
3. Add the pepper until it crisps in the pan.
4. Add the pepper flakes.
5. Add the shrimp.
6. Saute all ingredients together until browned.
7. Add salt and pepper as desired.

Approximate cost: \$10

WORK & PLAY

The NBA will show its All-Star game in 3-D to viewers on a 45-foot screen at a hotel in Las Vegas, the first-ever live sports event in 3D HD. – www.time.com

Cellular sex for sale

Is that a phone in your pocket or are you just happy about Telus Mobility's new service?

Stephanie Sherr
BUSINESS REPORTER

Telus' recent introduction of downloadable cell phone pornography could increase the number of sexual harassment complaints at Humber.

"The viewing of pornography... if visible to someone else, is harassment," said Judy Harvey, dean of student services.

"Could a student be sitting somewhere other than in athletics, a classroom or the library and be viewing pornography and we wouldn't know? Could that happen? Yes."

"And at the moment," Harvey said, "do we have any way of knowing it? No. So other than trying to communicate to students what's allowed and what isn't, that's about all we can do."

Introduced in early January, Telus' new adult content service began providing cell phone users of legal age access to downloadable pornographic pictures and videos for \$3 to \$4 an item.

But according to Harvey, accessing this service is not permitted on campus. Humber's Charter of Student Responsibilities and Rights states that students are required to maintain a respectful learning environment which is free from harassment – including the public display of offensive material.

Harvey said if a student is caught or reported to have been viewing

pornography, penalties could range anywhere from computer restrictions to being put on administrative probation.

"This means that any other violation could lead to suspension or expulsion," Harvey said.

He also said punishments for the viewing of child pornography on cell phones would be far more severe.

"Child pornography is illegal," she said, "so it's a more serious complaint process if the pornography viewed is child pornography. Humber would call the police with a complaint like that."

Mark Naylor, Humber's chief information officer, also said viewing adult content on campus is not allowed because Humber's staff and students are required to abide by the Acceptable Use policy when using electronic media.

"One of the things it says in there... is that you can't do anything that might offend others. So if you're in e-Link for example, and somebody is displaying pornographic material on the screen, go to one of the lab monitors," Naylor said.

"They will come over and they'll ask the person to cease and desist," he said. "If they do not, our lab monitor calls security and the person is escorted out. If they persist in that activity, we take them down to student services and they have to justify why they're going to stay in the college."

But this reporting procedure may not be possible for students

unwillingly exposed to cell phone pornography outside of school media facilities. This is due to the fact that most IT staff are restricted to their stations within Humber's computer labs, and cannot wander the halls to monitor cell phone activity.

Roger Lewis, Humber's diversity and human rights adviser, said enforcing school regulations against harassment will also prove difficult when it comes to Telus' new service because written policy cannot always keep up with new technology.

"All institutions have policies," Lewis said, "and they try to keep up with the times and shape policies accordingly. But they don't regularly review these things more often than one in five years."

"I would imagine... that content on cell phones, cameras, taking pictures... all this is way ahead of policy because nobody wrote it into the policy ten years ago."

Despite this, Lewis said students do have the right to report those who display graphic images in class.

"If you're in the classroom and you're flashing these phones about... the moment you offend someone in that classroom you have created what we refer to as a poisoned environment."

"Now people might say 'that was not my intent,' but the law is very clear that what you intended to do has no bearing on the impact that it has."

"So as long as someone in that



photo by stephanie sherr

Telus began offering adult content after noticing many clients downloading pornography through mobile web browsers.

classroom is offended by those things going around," Lewis said, "any person or authority in that classroom has the right to say 'take that out,' or that student has the right to make a formal complaint."

Executive director of Humber Students Federation Ercole Perrone said if cell phone

pornography becomes a bigger problem on campus, students should come to HSF for help.

"It's an open communication atmosphere that we hope to have here on all issues," Perrone said.

"Students know that they can come to HSF with concerns, and we'll take them to the college, and vice versa."

The negatives of net speak

Angela Scappatura
BUSINESS REPORTER

The manager of Humber's Career Centre said she is concerned that the regular use of text messaging language may hinder student's future employment potential.

"What I am finding is that we are losing the structured English language. I will receive messages in emails that I cannot even read because the students are using numbers and text short forms," said Karen Fast, manager of Humber's Career Centre. "I wonder if they are sending this to me, are they sending it to employers?"

Fast is referring to the abbreviated language prevalent in MSN chat rooms and text messages that uses the fast version of words, such as "ur" in place of "you are" or "lol" for "laugh out loud."

These forms are making their way into everyday language and Fast is also concerned about the implications for international stu-

dents trying to learn English.

"I worry about the ESL students who are here. What kind of language are they learning when nothing is written in full sentences," Fast said. "I had a teacher come in here the other day and ask us to change one of our signs because it wasn't a full sentence."

In a legal and educational environment it isn't tolerated but if you are working on a construction site it is almost expected.

– Karen Fast,
Humber's Career Centre manager

Another issue for students, is the use of sexually suggestive e-mail addresses that are inappropriate for the businessworld, Fast said.

The e-mail addresses must be appropriate for employers. Anything with sexual overtones is not appropriate. Even now, some employers are not accepting e-

mail from Hotmail."

Although a handful of other colleges offer workshops on proper e-mail etiquette, Fast said they have yet to put a program in place.

"You've got me thinking," Fast said. "It may be a good idea to create programs that instruct students on how to properly compose e-mail and avoid this text language."

In addition to the text language moving into daily communication, the use of profanity has made its way into many workplaces.

Fast said that when students meet with her they leave their bad language in the hallways out of respect but that some workplaces accept it and that's where the problem starts.

"It definitely isn't something we accept here but there are certain cultures in the workplace that do," she said.

"In a legal and educational environment it isn't tolerated but if you are working on a construction site it is almost expected."



The scorn of porn

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Vancouver said he might cancel contracts with Telus because it is offering pornographic images for download. Canada's second largest phone company is the first major wireless carrier in North America to offer the service, and has taken criticism for caring more about the bottom line than their image. – www.globeandmail.com

Oil for \$30 a barrel

A research report released Monday said oil could soon fall below \$40 a barrel, eventually reaching \$30 because investors are selling their positions and spare capacity is increasing. In 2004, prices rose as China's demand surged along with a decrease in spare capacity. In addition, billions of dollars of speculative investors came in, pushing the commodity to almost \$80 a barrel in 2006. – www.cbc.ca/money

Manulife hits \$1 billion quarter

Canada's largest insurer Manulife Financial Corp. reported Tuesday they had its largest quarterly profit in history. In the three months ending Dec. 31, 2006 Manulife earned \$1.1 billion, or 71 cents a share. Over the year it took in \$3.99 billion, or \$2.53 a share. – www.globeandmail.com

WORK & PLAY

MySpace launched a project that will help the social networking site identify uploaded content infringing on someone's copyright. - www.technewsworld.com

The dirtiest jobs

Students must be patient job hunters

Stephanie Sherr
BUSINESS REPORTER

Despite a new report from CIBC World Markets indicating the quality of jobs in Canada has reached its lowest level since the early 1990s, staff at Humber's Career Centre said students shouldn't worry about finding good jobs after graduation.

"We're still seeing a lot of excellent positions coming through," said centre manager Karen Fast.

The report was derived from the Canadian employment quality index, which combines information on jobs in over 100 industry groups and measures the quality of jobs across the country. Analysts use statistics based on part-time versus full-time jobs, self-employment versus paid and monetary compensation.

According to the findings Ontario faced the second largest decline in employment quality during the second half of 2006, only behind British Columbia.

Despite this, it's not necessary for Humber students to look for jobs out of province upon graduation.

"I think there are certainly great opportunities in Ontario," Fast said. "Because 38 per cent of all

jobs are already in Ontario, I think our chances of getting employment are equally as good. Most of the major companies and small businesses are here anyways."

Business administration student Kwabena Amanquah said she will be job-hunting elsewhere.

"I wouldn't mind going to the United States to get a job," Amanquah said. "There's more of a respect and more opportunity to get a job there. Here it's like you almost have to fight to make your way, so I believe I will go out of Ontario."

Fast said Humber graduates shouldn't take lower quality jobs to get work after finishing school.

"I think as new graduates students need to select their first job fairly carefully," she said. "But don't expect that first job to be the dream job. I would rather students risk a couple more months of job search than take a job that is totally inappropriate."

Film and television production student Adrian Sutherland said he isn't concerned about job quality when he graduates.

"There's still plenty of jobs out there," he said. "There's always going to be a need for more people, so I'm not worried."



Some students get anxious after school and take bad jobs.

Buck-a-beer buyout

Will Cottingham
BUSINESS REPORTER

Labatt's recent proposed takeover of buck-a-beer brewer Lakeport is not good news for beer drinkers, said Humber Business School faculty member Paul Pieper.

"What typically happens when companies are allowed to merge is that they have more market control, and more market power, and are therefore able to charge higher prices," Pieper said.

Market power allows Labatt to potentially make demands of its distributors.

"(They) may give pubs a special price, but in turn won't allow any other beers on tap," Pieper said. "They can't legally do this, but they could end up doing it."

The two largest players in the beer market are Labatt and Molson, and many pubs pledge allegiance to one side or the other.

"We've had a good working rela-

tionship with both Labatt and Molson," said Kenny Dimech, Caps operation manager. "It's illegal to be forced to carry only one brand."

Caps carries Molson because it helps the pub with events.

"Molson helps us with some of the bigger prizes we give away," he said. "Labatt just stopped showing up."

Dimech said Caps tries to keep beer prices consistent, so the merger of Labatt and Lakeport will not affect customers.

First-year business management student Warren Itwar said Lakeport's future is uncertain.

"Labatt could raise the price for a bottle of Lakeport, or the brand could disappear entirely," Itwar said. "They may lose my loyalty."

First-year media foundations student Katie Benedict said the merger does not make a huge difference to real beer drinkers.

"If I spend my money on beer, I want it to be a good beer," she said.



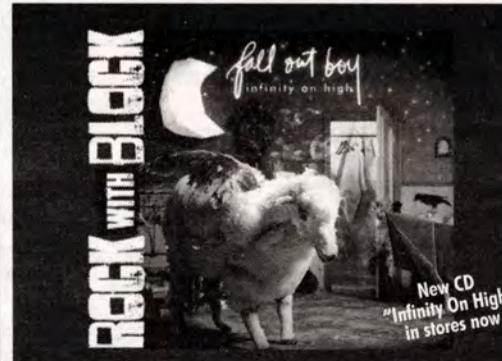
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SPORTS



"If you're going to come into our barn you better be ready for a square dance." – Ducks GM Brian Burke, whose team leads the NHL with 54 fighting majors

Hawks housebreak Huskies

James Sturgeon
SPORTS REPORTER

With under a week remaining in the regular season, the coaches and players of Humber men's basketball team have become a little reflective on how the team fared through the current campaign and what it hopes to achieve in the playoffs.

"We were able to put together a very good season," head coach Darrell Glenn said after Monday's practice.

"The regular season went pretty good," added second-year guard Kerlon Cadougan. "Everybody stepped up."

The Hawks (11-2) enter tonight's home game against the Georgian Grizzlies (2-10) carrying a six-game winning streak and a firm grip on first place in the OCAA Central division.

In their previous game, they defeated the George Brown Huskies 74-36 in Toronto last Wednesday.

Despite the rout, it wasn't one of the Hawks more exemplary outings according to the coaching staff.

"I was a little disappointed with our performance," said assistant coach Chris Cheng. "We didn't have that competitiveness."

The Hawks began that contest with a giant 21-0 run. However, the team lost some concentration, said Cheng, allowing George Brown (1-11) to crawl back within



photo by James Sturgeon

Chris Thompson defends against Huskies guard Emmanuel Kabongo. The Hawks defensive effort held George Brown to an uninspired 23 per cent shooting through the first 20 minutes.

nine points, 29-20, to finish the first half.

"It was sloppy," said second-year forward Chris Thompson, who contributed seven points and seven rebounds. "We're trying to

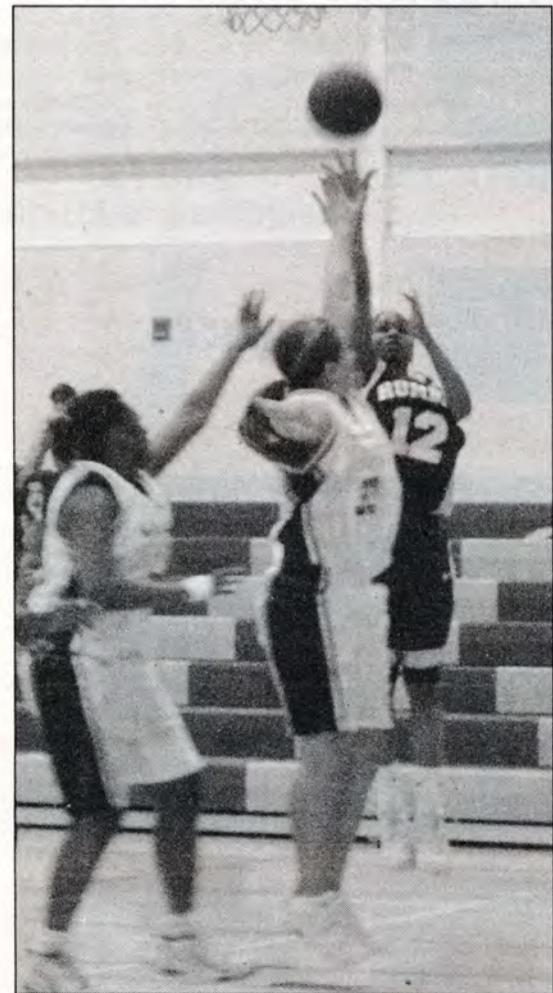
get to nationals and games aren't going to come as easy as they are right now."

Cheng said there should be no excuses for a team preparing to vie for its third consecutive provincial

championship next month.

"From now until (the playoffs), we have to focus on getting mentally prepared," he said.

"It's going to be tough competition every single game," Cheng



Roxanne Plummer was three of six from the field. Overall, the Hawks shot 46.4 per cent.

photo by Josh Gold-Smith

Humber's strong offence makes for silent Knights

Josh Gold-Smith
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's basketball team cruised to a 77-17 victory over the winless Fleming Knights in Peterborough last Friday, using the lop-sided contest to prepare for a playoff push.

"I don't care who we're playing," said head coach Denise Perrier. "We still want the intensity, we still want to come out strong."

The Hawks (8-6) also took advantage of the easy spot on their schedule giving a breather to key players.

Guard Felon Harris saw only 22 minutes of action after playing the previous five games from start to finish. Still, she managed to record eight points, 11 rebounds and five assists.

"It shouldn't matter who we're playing," Harris said. "If a team is good, bad, mediocre, we still have to keep it up. It's very important to always remain intense."

Forward Kristina Harse led all scorers with 20 points and seven rebounds in 15 minutes. Centre Monique Faulknor added 13 points and three rebounds in only 12 minutes.

Hawks assistant coach Jason Sealy said the game taught the club valuable lessons.

"We talked to the girls about playing every point as though it's 0-0," he said. "We called a

lot of timeouts in that game, just to get them refocused."

With the starters getting some rest, all 10 players were given a chance to play, as Humber's bench outscored Fleming's reserves 26-4.

"We're looking down the road," Sealy said. "We used this game as an opportunity to see some players that can do some things, so we can get them into key situations later on."

The Hawks sit in fourth-place in the East Division and must finish among the top six to qualify for the post-season.

Guard Sarah Miller injured her back in practice last week and sat out against the Knights. However, team athletic therapist Kim Borges said the injury isn't serious and she should be available for tonight's game against Georgian.

Despite the Grizzlies' 3-11 record, Perrier is not taking them lightly.

"Georgian will be a game for us," she said. "We have to be ready to go. They're the type of team that will keep playing, no matter the score."

Humber finishes the regular season schedule at home against the division-leading Seneca Sting on Wednesday and looks to advance to the OCAA Championships beginning March 1 at Algonquin College in Ottawa.

said of the teams Humber will be up against in March.

Still the coaching staff is pleased with the team's success this year and optimistic about the playoffs.

"I'm really pleased with the progression of a lot these guys," Glenn said. "For this group to be where they are, at this stage of the season, I'm pretty happy with that. We're still a very young team."

Forward Jadwey Hemmings and guard Jonathan Tyndale, both in their second year at Humber, are the only returning starters for the Hawks, which has translated into a bigger share of the responsibility for several other players this season.

"From Kerlon (Cadougan), to Chris Thompson, to Sebastian (Hunziker), to Mackenzie (Milmine) – they were all role players who didn't play very much last year," Glenn said.

"So for those guys to come back after just a year of being in the league and make the improvements that they've made individually and as a collective, I'm very pleased with that."

As for the team's aspirations in March, "Obviously we'd like to win the provincials and to go on to nationals and win a national championship," Glenn said. "We want to win it all," added Cheng.

Tip-off versus the Grizzlies is at 8 p.m. tonight at North Campus, with the Hawks closing out the regular season next Wednesday at home against the Seneca Sting.

CRUNCH TIME

Georgian College will look to win its fifth consecutive OCAA skiing title at the Georgian Peaks Ski Club today.

Confederation, Fleming, George Brown, St. Lawrence and Seneca will be Georgian's competition. The tournament will see men and women in both slalom and giant slalom.

- OCAA

The countdown to the 2010 Winter Olympics began last Monday in Vancouver with the unveiling of a clock.

The event was disrupted by anti-poverty protesters, who estimated there will be as many as 6,000 homeless in Vancouver when the Games begin.

- CP/Reuters

The West will be without two of the NBA's premier guards at this Sunday's All-Star Game – Allen Iverson (sprained ankle) and Canadian Steve Nash (shoulder inflammation). Centre Yao Ming, voted in by the fans, is also out with a fractured leg.

Jason Kidd (lower back) is questionable for the East.

- TSN



"I feel like a prophet. People were looking at me crazy." — Cleveland's LeBron James on the emergence — anticipated by James — of teammate Sasha Pavlovic



photo by simon yau

Bobby Anderson is attended by a trainer and coach Wayne Wilkins. The rookie fell on his back but was able to play.

Men aim to make up for road woes in crossover

Simon Yau
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's volleyball team has wrapped up its season with a pair of road battles with last night's game in Sheridan.

On the road and in front of a rowdy Mohawk College crowd the week before, the men played perhaps their best game of the season but the top-ranked Mountaineers managed to extend their 22-game winning streak with a straight-sets victory over Humber 25-17, 28-26,

25-20.

Coming off a disappointing homestand that saw the Hawks drop three of four matches — including a key divisional bout against Nipissing — the Hawks were focused on simply giving their best effort against a Mohawk team ranked first in Ontario.

"Mohawk's been undefeated this year and last year," Humber power Jardao Casimiro said before the match. "We just want to end their streak and finish the season on a positive note with this game and Sheridan. We're just going to play really tough."

With divisional standings now set after a road meeting to mark the last game of the season, the team is now focused on using its remaining two games as preparation for the upcoming Ontario Championships.

"As long as we get into OCs, record doesn't matter," Casimiro added.

The straight sets loss at Mohawk was not an indicator of how tight

the match actually was, as the Hawks were competitive throughout the entire game, including a thrilling second set that included multiple lead changes and several missed opportunities.

Up 24-21 in the second set, Humber middle Brendan Wong put a serve into the net, allowing Mohawk to fight back in the tightly contested set. Several points later, power Bobby Anderson also produced an unforced error at 27-26 that could have evened the match at one set apiece.

Somewhat anti-climactically, the closely contested second set — as well as the match — both ended on points due to ball-passing infractions.

"You hate to lose a set like that," said head coach Wayne Wilkins after the match. "You'd hate to end a championship like that."

Despite the loss, Wilkins was pleased with the effort his team put forth, saying it was probably the best game the Hawks have played all season.

Proposed new OCAA sports look to attract different audiences

Jesse Kinos-Goodin
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber athletics would like to see seven new sports introduced into the OCAA.

Doug Fox and Jim Bialek, director and assistant athletic director, are putting together a proposal for men's and women's hockey, men's and women's slow-pitch, bowling, table tennis and cricket to be recognized.

"Everybody's kind of gone to the mainstream sports," Fox said, mentioning basketball, soccer and volleyball. "We're thinking it's time to increase our participation base."

The sports for next fall have already been decided at an OCAA meeting to be held in December, but a new sport committee meeting in May gives Fox and Bialek a chance to introduce their proposal. If passed, the recommendations wouldn't be in effect until fall 2008. However, the sports could be introduced as demonstration sports and played on a tournament basis as early as next term.

That's as long as there is enough interest at four other Ontario colleges.

"Cricket is huge," Bialek said. "There are a lot of people interested in cricket in the GTA just because of the diversity of all the students here. There is potential for a lot of sports, but outside the GTA it's tough to get any interest."

If last Thursday's table tennis tournament in the student centre was any indication, in which more than 40 people signed up, then the support exists on campus for that too.

Even coaches wouldn't be difficult to find. David Lui, a graphic technologist at Humber, coached a Humber table tennis team 20 years ago. "I can certainly lend a helping hand if OCAA decided to run tournaments," he said.

Bialek has mentioned he would coach a slow-pitch team, as did Rick Bot, assistant facility and program co-ordinator.

"I would definitely be on board if they were to get baseball going," Bot said. "Now there is the obvious difficulty of space. I mean, we don't have a diamond here, but there are some close by."

Space and interest aren't the only obstacles to overcome — it's really all about the bottom line.

"Hockey cost Humber \$150,000 last time it was OCAA," Fox said. "We're busing the team all over Ontario. To run a league is very expensive. But to make it more cost effective we could have a couple of tournaments with a final four at the end of the year."

To run on a tournament basis is far more cost effective than to run a league, and seems to provide a bit of life into the existence of non-mainstream OCAA sports on campus.

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SPORTS



"The pitcher has got only a ball. I've got a bat. So the percentage of weapons is in my favour and I let the fellow with the ball do the fretting." — Hank Aaron



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Veteran middle Heather Longland (16, in white) is kept off the scorecard in a win over Mohawk that saw five Humber players score seven kills or more and four reach double digits in points.

Ladies set to shake up playoffs

Radmila Malobabic
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber Hawks women's volleyball team earned a win to end the regular season and this weekend will determine if the team goes to the playoffs on Feb. 22-24 in Barrie.

The Hawks were scheduled to go take on Sheridan last night to compliment a victory last Wednesday against the Mohawk Mountaineers in Hamilton.

"We needed to play smart volleyball this time," said head coach Chris Wilkins. "We needed to beat (Mohawk) the right way."

Coming off a loss to Nipissing Lakers in their prior game, Hawks were all about kicking some butt.

"We really need to win this," said Rachel Dubbeldam, who had eight kills and two aces in the game. "We kept our focus and we knew we had to play better to win and we did."

The Hawks came out strong against Mohawk, tipping and playing firm defence, winning the first set 25-22.

"This time around we were more disciplined," Wilkins said.

The Hawks seemed to have winning and discipline on their minds as they emerged with another win in the second set 25-20.

The Hawks would go on to drop the third 27-25. "We needed to work hard and step up," said middle Kris Dowling of the next set.

Humber went on to crush the Mountaineers 25-17, with help from Robyn Stafford's five blocks and Landis Doyle, who had the most points of the night (15), along with her six blocks.

"We played a solid and full game," Wilkins said. "By the fourth we were playing smart volleyball."

Dowling, who had the most kills of the game with nine, knew that next week was going to be a solid week of practice. "We have to practise super hard. That means practise everyday."

Dubbeldam was optimistic, saying that fixing details in their game will help them come out with a win.

Winning this game maintained Humber's second place rank in the Central West division.

Humber's crossover match will take place this Saturday at home against Fleming College.

"We need to be at our best for the win," Wilkins said. "We should be in first."

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