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Faith patrols the streets of Jamestown

Program combines the efforts of religious group and police



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As Police Constable Bill Vollmar of 23 division and Youth Unlimited's Scott Veals wandered through the dark and deserted courtyards of the Jamestown housing project last Thursday evening their conversation was broken by the sound of gunfire.

Welcome to Doomstown. At 6:30 p.m. every Thursday, a new, pro-active anti-youth crime initiative takes its first step out the doors of Rexdale's 23 Division. It's called a Faith Walk, a partnership between the Christian-led Etobicoke Strategy and Toronto Police Services, and involves a once a week tour of Rexdale's more seedy neighbourhoods to make connections with youth.

"This is a faith led, police partnered initiative," said Christian youth worker Veals. "We really want to work to bring down the divides. Christian, Muslim, whatever."

"You can do a lot by just stopping and saying 'hi' and talking and trying to make that connection. It's just a matter of trying something different every time, in a different area," said Vollmar, the guide of last week's faith walk. "Police have been doing this type of walk for years.

"To have people come out and have a strategy and invite us to assist them is great."

The faith walk program started this past February as a partnership between the Toronto Police and Etobicoke Strategy. Pastor Walter McIntyre of Etobicoke's Kipling Avenue Baptist Church in Etobicoke is credited with initiating

the Etobicoke Strategy program, of which faith walks are a part of.

But the template for this youth work originated south of the border.

The program was born during the early 1990's on the violent streets of Boston's poor neighbourhoods. The creator, Reverend Eugene Rivers, developed a 10 point plan to address the concern of youth and gang crime using social programs and police.

Through the birth of new community, social and faith-based programs, youth crime rates in Boston dramatically decreased. According

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Police Constable

to findings from the U.S. Department of Justice, the number of homicide victims aged 24 and under in Boston went from 62 in 1990 to less than ten by 1996.

Faith walks were perceived as one of the more successful plans of the Boston Strategy, and they started in Toronto following Reverend Rivers' visit here in January.

Based on Boston's original 10-point plan, Etobicoke Strategy developed its own five-point plan.

Their goals included the creation of jobs for youth, developing safe play areas, providing assistance to victims of crime, organizing community events and establishing faith-based mentoring programs for at-risk youth.

The first stop on last Thursday's walk was Rexdale's notorious

Jamestown block. Nicknamed 'Doomstown', this housing complex has been the scene of recent violence.

Although it was only 7:00 p.m. when the faith walk reached Jamestown, the streets were deserted.

"In this area there are a lot of good people," Vollmaer said. "There are a few bad apples that make the whole community look bad. The youth look up to them (gang members) as mentors."

While both men feel that the reputation Rexdale has as a den of gang activity and murder is not totally warranted, they are realistic in their portrayals of this neighbourhood.

"It's a work in progress," Vollmar said. "The harder we (police) work at it, the more they (residents) will get out." Veals said the problems faced by many Rexdale citizens is complex and can't be attributed to just one phenomenon.

"It's not one thing or another. Mostly social-economic issues, low income, single mother problems."

After a tour through Jamestown, which ended prematurely from gunfire, and a quick stroll through the Albion Mall, the faith walk met Pastor Ken Davis at the back door of his Thistletown Baptist Church.

The basement of the church is home to a branch of Toronto's non-profit Christian Charity Urban Promise.

"There's a lot of good going on in Rexdale," said Davis said, whose church gives out about \$10,000 a year in food vouchers and whose child members were busy that night filling shoe boxes with presents as a part of Operation Christmas Child.

According to Pastor Davis, neighbourhood gangs have agreed that his church, on Kipling near Finch is neutral territory because of the youth program run in the basement.

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NEWS

Activists warned a Commons committee that the 2010 Vancouver Olympics will be a magnet for human trafficking – *The Toronto Star*.

Everyone can come for free flu vaccine

Michelle Buckley
NEWS REPORTER

Free flu shots are being offered on campus for anyone who lives or works in Ontario.

Toronto Public Health, which is offering the vaccine, said in a flu fact sheet that, "the vaccine is 70 to 90 per cent effective in preventing the flu in adults and 50 to 80 per cent effective in preventing the virus in young children."

The virus is contagious and often has symptoms such as fever or sore throat.

The vaccine, which Toronto Public Health says protects against the A Wisconsin and B Malaysia strains of the virus, is especially important for the elderly who may have weakened immune systems that can't protect them against the virus.

Senior citizen Mae Harvey, 86, said she gets the flu shot every year because, "I'm older and the body can't fight off these illnesses as well as it could in a younger person."

However, the vaccine has been linked to Guillain-Barré Syndrome, a rare disorder in which the immune system attacks

the body and causes muscle weakness and paralysis. It is considered a life threatening condition.

Katryna Partnoy, 18, a radio broadcast student, said, "I never get a flu shot because I am deathly terrified of needles. I also don't believe in it, my immune system should be strong enough to fight it (the flu) off itself."

A Tele-Health nurse from Toronto Public Health said contracting Guillain-Barré Syndrome is not as big of a threat as people believe. "It's more like the media has blown it out of proportion. The real chances of it happening to you are about one in one million."

To find out if a person is eligible to receive the flu shot, Toronto Public Health suggests calling its office at 416-392-1250.

Free flu shots are available at North Campus on Nov. 22, 23, and 24, and are offered at Lakeshore on Nov. 21 and 22.

For more information, call the Health Centre at 416-675-6622, extensions 4533 (North Campus) or 3234 (Lakeshore).



Erica Shupe

Dwight Martin's Humber College Blvd. home was struck by a Canada Post truck yesterday.

Truck crashes into house

Jen Cialini
SENIOR REPORTER

A Canada Post truck drove into a home at 66 Humber College Blvd. yesterday afternoon.

The truck was traveling eastbound on Humber College Boulevard when the driver apparently lost control of the vehicle, hopped the curb and struck the house. The side of the house, where a bedroom is located, was destroyed.

"The corner of the bed was

under the bumper of the truck," the owner of the home, Dwight Martin said.

Two people live in the residence, but no one was home during the accident. There were no injuries.

"I received several calls from friends indicating there was a truck in my house. I raced home to find a Canada Post truck inside my house," Martin said.

He said the driver told him he was not speeding and lost control.

Officers at the Toronto Police 23 Division said there was an alleged mechanical problem with the truck causing the accident but there wasn't a police report avail-

able at press time.

"Don't they check their vehicles before they get put on the road? If someone was on the sidewalk at the time, it could have been very dangerous," Martin said.

Canada Post was unavailable for comment.

Besides the damages, all power and gas is turned off inside the home, leaving Martin with nowhere to live.

"I am beyond upset. I can't even put it into words. This is a major inconvenience. I got to cover it up and find a place to sleep tonight. We will see how fast the government reacts to fixing my house," Martin said.

School gives blood for lifetime

Susana Silva
NEWS REPORTER

Humber has become the first educational institution to become a 'Partner for Life' with the Canadian Blood Services after 37 years of running donor clinics.

At a ceremony last Thursday, Humber agreed to hold four clinics a year. The college hopes to raise 400 units of blood annually. Speeches were made by Aaron Miller, the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) programming director; Michael Hatton, the vice president academic; Cynthia Malagerio, HSF president; and Renee Naiman, regional director of the Canadian Blood Services.

"The actual number itself isn't a big part. The agreement is basically that we're committed to each other," Miller said. "The actual number, we'll always keep it a bit higher than it was the year before to better ourselves. Once we get to that goal, then we'll start from the top."

During the signing of the partnership, Hatton upped the units of blood Humber hopes to raise up to 600 units.



Susana Silva

Humber firefighter Dan Lagerquist donates to Blood Services.

Naiman said the new partnership is great because it will give them a steady stream of inventory instead of just one lump amount every once in a while.

She also said Humber is one of the longest running supporters and that students everywhere need to be more involved. "I think one of the wonderful ways that we can do that is to hold the Humber College students as models to the other groups we're dealing with and go out and challenge them to be as good citizens as you guys (Humber students) are."

An award was also given to the Humber firefighters for the amount of time and blood they donate.

Adam Reid, a Humber firefighter said, "It's important because it's giving back to the community. It's part of our job to help the community, and this is just one more way to do it."

Some people have a much simpler reason for donating blood.

"I haven't done it before," said Wes Anderson, a first year film and television student. "It's something to do."

Students to raise money for underprivileged youths

Michelle Buckley
NEWS REPORTER

Hotel management students are holding a fundraiser on Tuesday to raise money for the Children's Aid Society (CAS).

CAS is a non-profit organization that assists

families in need and provides services like counseling to keep children safe from any form of abuse, in addition to providing foster care and adoption.

What began as the result of a class project has led to a "Winter Wonderland" event – themed in time for the holiday season – run by 15 hotel management students.

It is taking place in the Humber

Room on Tuesday Nov. 28.

"It started as an assignment for our special events class. We have to form an event, fundraise for the event and donate the profits," said hospitality student, Krystal Chola, 17. "We decided to donate the profits from this event to the CAS

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For the guests, the evening consists of a three-course meal cooked by students, followed by a wine tasting. It is expecting to accom-

modate around 60 people.

Tickets are on sale now for \$45. To find out more about the CAS fundraiser, contact Krystal Chola at cholakrys742@yahoo.ca.

"A banker is a fellow who lends you his umbrella when the sun is shining, but wants it back the minute it begins to rain" – Mark Twain, www.quotationspage.com.

Immigration needed for economic survival

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The province must make it easier for immigrants to practice their professions, according to the province's minister of citizenship and immigration.

Humber business and law students filled the Lakeshore Assembly Hall last Thursday to hear Ontario Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Michael Colle, speak on the newly introduced Bill 124, the Fair Access to Regulated Professions Act, which could make it easier for immigrants to find jobs in Ontario while encouraging education for new arrivals.

According to statistics released in Humber's Annual Report, over one-third of the college's student population was not born in Canada.

Marcos Persaud, a second-year paralegal studies student at Lakeshore said he felt the minister was on the right track.

"Colle's view point on helping immigrants to integrate into our society is beneficial not only to immigrants, but to the students as well since immigration in Canada provides a large business sector for students to tackle," Persaud said in an interview with Et Cetera staff.

Colle explained Canada's work-

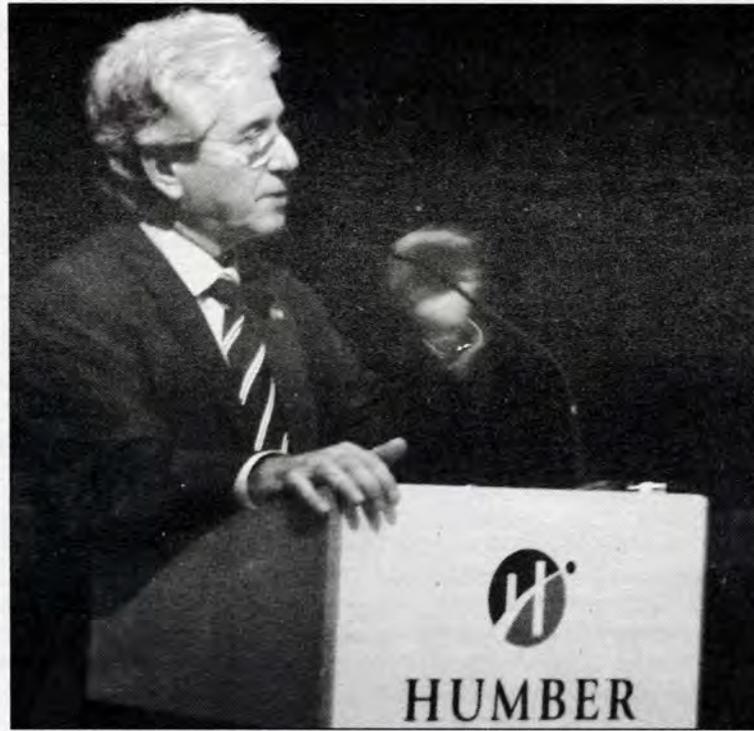
force is aging and the baby boomers are reaching the age of retirement. The number of Canadians born every year is declining. Its solution to this situation is to educate and integrate the over 140,000 immigrants arriving in Ontario each year.

"Immigration is a reality and there's been a paradigm shift happening," Colle said. "The paradigm shift is that for many years, countries, and Canada and Ontario, looked upon immigration as a burden. Now it's looked upon as an economic opportunity. If we don't have immigration our economy will atrophy."

Colle said for Canada to compete with countries that boast stronger mass production capabilities, such as China or India, immigrants will need to be integrated into Canadian society to broaden the country's appeal as a creative, diverse nation.

According to Colle, education and technical training will be key in allowing Canada, beginning in Ontario, to compete with such nations.

"Our only way of matching that competition is by ensuring that our young people and our immigrants who come to Ontario have the greatest level of education and knowledge based expertise. The strengths that we have here in Ontario, which is an advantage over China or India, is that we are



Laurie Wilson

Michael Colle, minister of citizenship and immigration, speaks Lakeshore Campus to business and law students.

multi-faceted. We have people in Ontario from 200 different countries, who can speak over 130 languages. We have that connectivity with any country, any city in the world instantaneously."

Colle pointed to Bill 124 as a stepping stone to fully utilizing Canadian immigrants into the provincial workforce. If passed, the policy will make it easier for

professionally trained immigrants to come to Canada and work in their field of expertise. The plan is to eliminate scenarios where trained professionals, such as physicians or engineers, come to Canada and end up working as taxi drivers or pizza delivery guys.

For the most part Colle spoke of the importance of making immigrants comfortable in coming to Canada. Recent funding increases

on the federal and provincial level will make it easier for immigrants to adapt to their new surroundings.

"By investing in them (immigration) through education, skills training, we are investing in our future. If you don't make that investment, our future will be second-rate."

Colle said the provincial government is also working to create regional networks that will spread the immigrant population more evenly throughout the province.

"Frankly, we're saying there's more to coming to Ontario than just going to Toronto," Colle said.

Alicia Bradley, a court and tribunal student said she would have liked to hear more on the legal aspects of how Bill 124 will affect Canadian immigrants, but applauded Colle's honesty on what Ontario and Canada need to do about the more than 140,000 people coming here each year.

"I think in a way, he more addressed the issues facing immigration than about immigration and its policies itself. What he did today, for me and a lot of other people, is he actually educated us as to why we're having difficulties attracting the kind of immigrants that we want and what's wrong with the system. You don't often find politicians who are willing to admit that something's actually wrong, and then say, 'okay we need to fix it.'"

School educates Bhutan

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NEWS REPORTER

Bhutan, a mountainous country situated between India and China, will rely on Humber's expertise in the development of two education programs and various development projects.

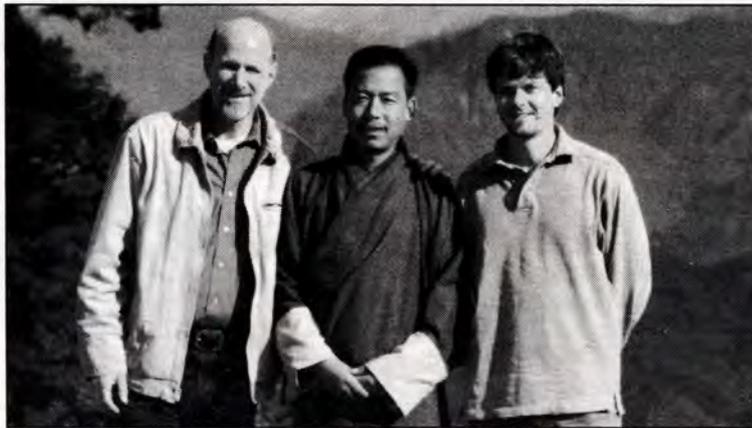
Humber College Vice President of Academics Michael Hatton and college officials have been communicating with key people in Bhutan for about 10 months, and a discussion took place three weeks ago.

The nature of the discussion included four possible elements, in where Humber might be able to help Bhutan.

"There are several areas that we specifically discussed, one of which is developing national qualifications frame work," Hatton said.

He said the discussion included identifying what kind of training would be needed, what it would entail and what credentials are required.

This project would "rely on the



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From left, VP Academic, Michael Hatton, Nepal government official and Kent Schroeder, international program co-ordinator.

expertise of one or two individuals working with senior government people in Bhutan," Hatton said.

The second element discussed is "modular training for the civil service in Bhutan. Essentially that's management training differentiated by level of appointment to the civil service," Hatton said.

At this point he said an outline has been set but "it's a matter of developing the curriculum in detail and we need some initial workshops in the area."

The modular training for the civil service will involve Humber's business school and some professors.

Talks also included using Humber's expertise in skill trades, participating in construction.

Hatton said Bhutan recognizes the college has a "highly qualified

apprentice and skilled trades faculty." He said, "the nature of the relationship is not defined, but it will be most certainly developed around the expertise of that faculty."

Another proposal involves working with the United Nations Development Programme representative in Bhutan. This project will potentially involve Humber's practical nursing program with a focus on maternal health in Bhutan.

"All that is certainly very much early stage, blue sky idea of what needs are like in Bhutan," Hatton said. "And where Humber has expertise we might be able to offer assistance."

He said these projects are still in the planning stages but hopes to see them through next year.

Wellness fair a success at school gymnasium

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NEWS REPORTER

Health was on the top of everybody's mind Tuesday, as students and staff visited the Wellness Fair hosted by third semester students from the fitness and health promotion program.

The fourth-annual Wellness Fair, held in Humber's gym, consisted of interactive displays and information booths run by students and outside groups. There were also prizes, goodies and entertainment.

Fitness and health promotion student, Derek Whelan, ran the proper posture booth. A lot of people came up saying they have problems with sleeping.

"Never sleep on your stomach," Whelan said. "It will create an improper curve in your lower back and can lead to lower back pain."

"Neck pain that people experience during sleeping is often due to their pillow," he said. A pillow under your shoulder will curve your body improperly all night he explained.

The skin folds measurement booth dealt with fat under the skin

and the fat around organs, which is the unhealthy fat, said Ronaldo Isla, fitness and health promotion student.

The biceps, triceps, subscapular, abs and the calves are measured to find out where the fat is, and this determines how healthy a person is.

"Go to the mall and park as far as you can so you can walk back. Take the stairs instead of the escalator or the elevator," Isla said.

Fitness and health promotion student, Lisa Tarnow, 23, said, "Healthy heart is important because our heart is what keeps us alive. Cardiovascular disease is a lifestyle disease, but it can be fixed with a few simple changes."

Other student run booths included muscle fitness and training at home.

Outside groups participated as well, such as, PowerBar, Premier Fitness and the Running Room.

Will Popp, the course instructor for special events planning, fitness and health promotion program, said this year brought a lot more participation than years past. "A lot of energy around it this year and I thought it was very positive."

NEWS

Jim Morrison (of the 60's rock group The Doors) was the first rock star to be arrested on stage – www.comedy-zone.net.

Author believes trust is key in good leadership

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Over 100 of Humber's program coordinators attended a luncheon last Friday to listen to author Stephen M. R. Covey speak about the importance of trust.

"Trust is the key critical leadership competency of the new global economy," Covey told the crowd, which also included representatives from both Seneca and Fanshawe Colleges.

The CEO of consultation firm CoveyLink, Covey drew most of his speech from his recent book *The Speed of Trust*.

In the book, Covey identifies 13 behavioural traits of what he calls

high trust leaders. He also argues for the economic benefits of trusting people and being trustworthy.

"It's not just the right thing to do, it's the economic thing to do" said Covey, citing Warren Buffet, the second richest man in the world next to Bill Gates, according to *Forbes* magazine.

Buffet's trustworthy reputation enabled a major deal to be completed in only 29 days, saving both sides millions of dollars.

The two-hour luncheon concluded with Covey taking questions from the crowd, a few of which focused on the relationship between teachers and students.

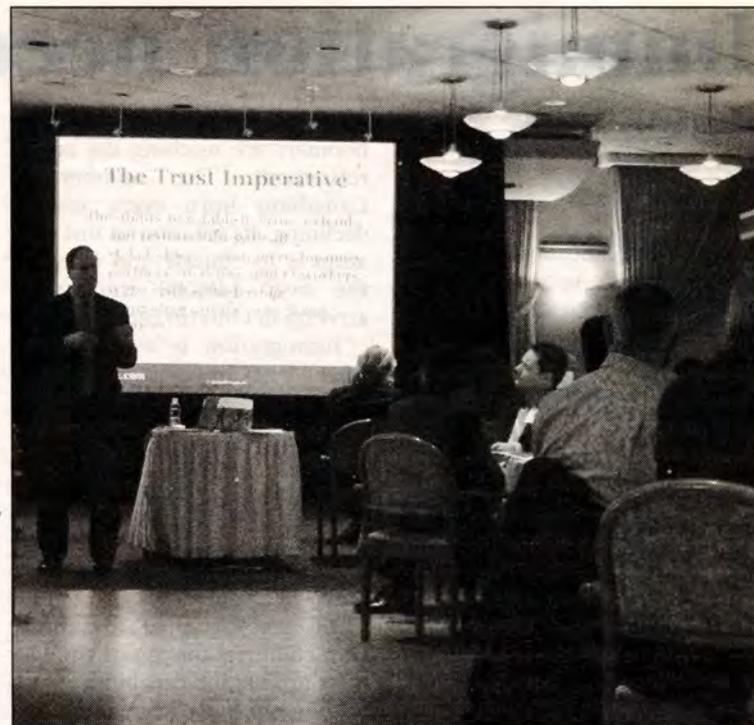
"Teachers are leaders, program co-ordinators are leaders.

Leadership is about getting results in a way that inspires trust," Covey said to the audience.

Humber's Vice President Academic, Michael Hatton, helped organize the event, which took place at the Board of Trade in Mississauga.

"We (Humber) want to demonstrate behaviour that shows trust in our students. That is the number one objective for enhancing the learning environment at Humber College," Hatton said while talking about the relevance of Covey's topic.

Last Friday's speech was part of a series of talks put on for Humber's program co-ordinators that have taken place throughout the year.



Stephen Covey speaks of the importance of a good leader.

More college students are in higher debt: Study

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NEWS REPORTER

New research by Statistics Canada shows almost half of college students are in debt.

Recent research by Stats Canada reports that this year, 44 per cent of community college students have borrowed more than \$10,000 for their education, which is up from 32 per cent in 2003.

Also the percentage of students

with debts of more than \$15,000 has risen from 17 per cent three years ago, to 29 per cent, according to a report on student debt by the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation (a non-profit body created by the federal government to encourage participation in post-secondary education.)

This report recognizes college students as equally high debt holders as university students, said Tyler Charlebois, director of advo-

cacy for Ontario's College Student Alliance.

"(We need to look at) prices of books, and demographics of college students," Charlebois said. "This research includes students out of high school, mature students supporting families and students previously in university coming into the college system bringing their university debt."

Charlebois said this is an opportunity to see how much debt col-

lege students are in, and to push the government to make sure a system of finances are available to provide proper assistance.

The new Statistics Canada report will not deter prospective college students, said Holsee Sahid, Humber College's manager of financial aid.

"Students don't read statistics. The first thing on their minds (when coming to college) is being accepted. Until Grade 12, students

don't think about finances."

Sahid said it is critical to have a financial plan in place, prepare a budget and try to make some sacrifices. Students should not be denied to have a cell phone for example, but it's important to "keep things to a basic."

He said it's important to remember that debt is something all of us have. Whether you're a worker or a student, you have to watch your spending.

Multiple Sclerosis is affecting more young women in Canada

David Miadovnik
NEWS REPORTER

A study of multiple sclerosis (MS) shows women are diagnosed three times more than men in Canada.

A team of researchers led by Dr. George Ebers of Oxford University, examined Canadian MS data and found the gender gap has increased for the past 60 years.

The study of 27,074 people with MS, born between 1931 and 1980, grouped them according to gender. There were 19,417 women compared to 7,657 men.

The research team concluded that an unknown factor accounts for the change. It is thought that genetics and geography are at the root of MS since Canada and many northern European countries have the highest rates in the world.

According to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, recent research suggests that a deficiency of vitamin D (essential for normal bone and tooth structure) may be the cause of MS.

Low sun exposure and limited time spent outdoors can cause a depletion of vitamin D.

The status of women in the workforce, dietary habits, a rise in

smoking among women, oral contraceptive use and the delaying of childbirth can also trigger MS.

The study showed that the gender gap of MS is found in equal proportions in both immigrant and Canadian-born populations. The finding indicates the increasing diagnosis of MS in women is becoming global.

Babies born in the summer when mothers have their highest level of vitamin D have less risk of developing MS.

"It's a progressive thing so they end up in a wheelchair."

– Darlene Curts, occupational therapist

MS is the result of an inflamed and patchily destroyed myelin covering of the central nervous system. Researchers think that it is an auto-immune disease, and, according to the MS Society of Canada, it typically develops in people between the ages of 20 and 40, though children have been diagnosed with it.

At first, the symptoms of MS are numbness, loss of vision in one eye and a tingling sensation in the

limbs. But over time they worsen into fatigue, muscle stiffness and weakness, speech and cognitive problems and difficulties with coordination and balance.

Darlene Curts, an occupational therapist from Richmond Hill said, "Well it can vary. Usually they have some muscle and coordination, so they start to have some difficulties walking. It's a progressive thing so they end up in a wheelchair."

"You can go along on a level and then all of a sudden something happens and then you know you get sort of an episode where you get weaker, and then you go on a little ways and kind of a progression of the disease varies with what kind of MS you have."

She said MS is not usually a fatal disease, but it does severely debilitate its sufferers. Those who die from MS often fall victim to respiratory diseases caused by the weakening of the lung muscles.

Julia Liska, program adviser of personal support training programs at Humber, believes that the changes in MS diagnosis should be taken seriously by Humber students. She worries that since MS targets the young there are possibilities that some Humber students will develop the disease in

their lifetime.

"I think that we do need to have a better infrastructure in place to serve the needs because this is a younger population's disease," she said.

Liska criticized the health care system's grouping of MS sufferers in nursing homes with hundreds of degenerative seniors.

She feels though this treatment acknowledges the physical and hygienic needs of MS patients, it ineffectively recognizes the social and recreational requirements that

come from being a young person surrounded by the elderly.

"I wonder if that (young MS patients living in nursing homes) contributes sometimes to their demise with the disease, because depression comes in; it's just not fun," Liska said.

"It would be as if the (Humber) students are sitting in a classroom full of 60 and 70-year olds, and picture yourself there in a classroom of 30 or 40 or 50 people and that's the only peers you have to interact with."

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After much outcry, News Corp. has pulled the plug on the forthcoming O.J. Simpson book, *If I Did It, Here's How It Happened*, and two-part Fox interview – CBS.

spotlight on HUMBER:

Il Attire

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ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

There's something about a band with a foreign name that attracts a curious crowd.

Toronto based fivesome Il Attire is no exception. From French to English, the name literally translates as "it attracts."

The band formed six years ago in singer Matt O'Halleram's bedroom – though he prefers to go by the name OE – with some written material and the help of a sequencer.

With OE on vocals, he recruited high school pals Mark Anderson and second-year Humber journalism student Laurie Wilson to play guitar and bass, respectively. Jamie Gollege on keyboards and Sasha Zanin on drums completed the quintet.

Two years passed before the band was fully developed and they began to play shows.

"The project was a while in the making because it started with just beats," OE said. "It was just a sequencer, a bass player and a keyboard player. We eventually added

live drums and live guitar."

Though Il Attire's sound has been described as indie synth-rock and is influenced by a wide range of acts (including Radiohead, Massive Attack, Nine Inch Nails and Jeff Buckley), some of the band members prefer not to categorize their sound.

"I don't really try to label it," Wilson said. "We just try to write songs we like and enjoy playing. We don't try to limit ourselves."

The band has been hitting the streets of Toronto to showcase its music, most recently on Nov. 11 at the Drake Hotel where the band headlined the launch party for *Soundproof Magazine*. A small American tour is also in the works for around February of next year.

With an EP released this past spring called *Don't You Look Pretty*, support for the band has been gracious – to an extent.

"We've had a really cool response to what we're doing in terms of people coming out and saying 'you guys are doing something different, it's great,'" OE said.

Wilson agreed. "It doesn't really matter how many people come

out as long as the crowd there is into it. That's what's most important."

Audience support is one thing, having labels interested in your band is quite another. Il Attire is finding the music industry quite stale since there doesn't seem to be a market right now for the type of music they're producing.

"We're finding Toronto's attitude a bit drab in terms of how our CD is being received as a whole," OE said. "We pretty much have to take everything into our own hands."

And that they will. The band is instead going to try their luck in an entirely different market.

"We're going to try to break into the U.K. and try and get some radio play there," OE said. "I find them more open minded to the type of music we're doing."

With the recording and production of a full length album looming in the future, these guys are well on their way to gaining some recognition.

Pick up the EP at any one of the band's shows or by checking out www.ilattire.com.



Il Attire. Left to right: Jamie Gollege, Sasha Zanin, Laurie Wilson, Matt O'Halleram and Mark Anderson

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EDITORIAL

"It is obvious that Michael Richards engaged in a racist rant ... it's not enough that he should apologize and get treatment." – Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.

Christmas and Kwanza and Hanukkah, oh my

The holiday season is a time for everyone to enjoy family and friends and revel in the excitement of the season. The season brings with it a chance for people to get together, share gifts and dine with family.

While everyone will observe the holidays in their own way, cultural and religious differences should be embraced and tolerated.

Christians will go to church to celebrate the birth of Christ while those of Jewish decent will celebrate Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of rededication, also known as the festival of lights. It's an eight day festival beginning on the 25th day of the Jewish month of Kislev, which would be Nov. 20 this year.

People of African decent may choose to celebrate Kwanza, a week-long secular holiday honoring African-American heritage, observed from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1.

In trying to be tolerant of different religions and practices, Christmas has become the "holidays." Those who celebrate Christmas cringe when others fail to recognize the sanctity of the occasion. Exchanging gifts and singing carols have become a staple of the holiday season with religion left out of the equation.

Businesses also err on the side of caution by promoting the holidays instead of Christmas, hoping not to alienate those who do not observe the Christian tradition. Stores switching back and forth between 'Merry Christmas' and 'happy holidays' can send a confusing message to shoppers and alienate different religions.

After several years of downplaying the words 'Merry Christmas', Wal-Mart says it has realized 'Merry Christmas' is part of the vocabulary for Wal-Mart shoppers. Wal-Mart's sudden change of heart came after religious groups staged boycotts of Wal-Mart stores protesting the company's refusal to use the words Christmas in any of its advertising. Wal-Mart has given in to the pressure by bringing back the 'Merry Christmas' slogan and including the word Christmas in 60 per cent of its TV advertising.

Toronto is a multicultural city and people should be able to celebrate in any way they choose. Forcing stores and business to change the way they promote the holiday season is contradictory if people want stores to remain impartial between religions.

The holiday season shouldn't be about which religion is being promoted or which is receiving the most attention. It should be about how the time is spent and who it's shared with.



Exposing celebrity's racist remarks

Michael Richards, best known for his role as Kramer on the hit comedy *Seinfeld*, was caught on tape last Sunday by TMZ.com spewing racial remarks after being heckled during a stand-up comedy routine.

Richard's tirade, which is making its rounds on the Internet, included several uses of the n-word, causing most of the audience to get up and leave.

The comic appeared on the Letterman Show Monday night via satellite to apologize for the incident, after his friend and former co-star Jerry Seinfeld convinced him to go public.

During the summer, Hollywood star Mel Gibson was caught in the midst of an anti-Semitic rant after he was pulled over for suspicion of drunk driving.

Like Gibson, Richards apologized. Like Gibson, Richards said he was disgusted with himself. Like Gibson, Richards denied he was racist but promised to seek help.

Evidently there is an established public relations routine in Hollywood when it comes to dealing with racist rants that are caught on camera.

But what is just as concerning as Richard's and Gibson's hateful words is the type of media attention both incidents have garnered.

There is a lot of finger pointing in the media, chastising the two stars for being insensitive. There is also, as has been broadcast, a lot of apologizing.

What there has not been is a lot of open dialogue about racism.

Richards and Gibson's act were extremely offensive, but they were also telltale signs that racism is still alive in the world.

Whether it's the ethnic tensions between the Western world and Islam, the racial undertones of Hurricane Katrina or the dilapidated state of some of North America's native reserves, race issues continue to play a significant role in society.

That role has to be matched by the media who has a responsibility to talk about racism, not apologize for it.

Write to us!

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Rob Aroca,
 20, fitness & health
"I think everyone makes a mistake. Everyone deserves a second chance."



Kim Pollock,
 20, court & tribunal
"He didn't seem sincere, but then again I don't know him."



Laura Blanco,
 19, electrical engineering
"I don't think that people with money should get away with more than other people do."



Whitney Turner,
 20, industrial woodwork
"You can't apologize for doing something you know is wrong. I respected the guy but now not so much."

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What do you think of Michael Richards' (Kramer) apology?

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The mayor of a small Brazilian town has begun handing out free Viagra, spicing up the sex lives of dozens of elderly men and their partners – Reuters.

Europeans know how to relax



Jen Cialini
SENIOR REPORTER

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy...

Okay, so 40-hour work weeks won't make you chop through a door with an axe in hopes of killing your wife, like Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*, but it can stress you out.

You go to school to get a good job. Then you buy a house that you will continue to work to pay for for 25 years. But where, in all that work, did you find time to play? Life shouldn't start at 65.

Europe has a relaxed, easy-going lifestyle. There seems to be a greater focus on creativity, personal happiness and freedom. They are surrounded by beauty that they stop to appreciate and have a different perspective on life.

If Canada, or at least Toronto took a few European concepts and put them into play, it could make our lives a little easier.

There are so many rules and restrictions on the amount you can play in Canada, but no limit on how hard you can work. Italy remains a top tourist attraction due to its beauty, culture and architecture.

It's weird how I've been fired for taking an extra ten minutes on my lunch break while Italians shut down their cities for two hours to enjoy the day. These siestas don't

seem to be having a disastrous effect on their country yet my ten minute cigarette seemed to really offend HMV.

It's illegal to buy a drink past 2 a.m. or bring your drink outside in Toronto. Why can we only buy liquor at specific hours at only two different stores, LCBO and Beer Store. Would all hell suddenly break loose if I bought a case of Heineken at a corner store?

What is the rush? Where is everyone going? Surely not everyone could be in this much of a panic. Are they really late at all? I wonder if it's worth it.

The majority of Europe has no specified legal drinking age. Europeans are generally more relaxed about alcohol legislation. In fact, you can walk into a bar already drinking a beer. Yet, American teenagers have a higher rate of intoxication than their European counterparts, according to a study done by the U.S. Department of Justice.

We consider this death grip on our playtime so normal that no one even bothers fighting their way out. Having a BMW seems more important than personal happiness. People would rather live a stressful life just so they can

own a Louis Vuitton purse. Some would rather have that hourly wage than enjoy life for two hours during the day.

I was in Belgium during rush hour traffic and not one car honked. It was bizarre. The cars weren't moving but no one was upset. Drivers were waving, smiling at pedestrians as they took their time crossing the street. At a stop sign people were insisting on the other car to go first. I live in Vaughan. I've had a car pull up beside me at a stop sign, trying to go ahead of me.

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While in Amsterdam, I noticed everyone riding bikes. There were scooters everywhere.

With Europe's amazing transit system, you'd think they'd be taking advantage of it. But no. Why be underground when life is up here? It was astonishing to see how beautiful simplicity could be. The strollers only had three wheels. Why complicate things I guess. The children were in milk crates on the handlebars of their parent's bikes. They were laughing. I think that would be illegal here.

There is a limit to how much fun we can have in a city that requires us to work so hard. When did life get put in fast-forward? Why can't it just play?



Northwestern Ontario ignored in the hustle and bustle

Thunder Bay loses to big cities with population dwindling, job losses, and high gas costs



Sheri Bolton
COPY EDITOR

When I was 19, I left my hometown, Thunder Bay, and moved to Toronto in search of more and better opportunities than my northern city provided.

After 11 years here I miss my hometown, but it's the province that is forgetting it completely.

When Toronto complains that the government isn't giving it what it deserves, especially more money, I can only think that it's cities like Thunder Bay that aren't getting what they deserve.

From 1996 to 2001, the population of Thunder Bay dropped by 4.1 per cent.

This is a startling figure because Ontario's population grew by 6.1 per cent.

The city of Thunder Bay is a centre for all surrounding cities in northwestern Ontario.

Its state of the art regional hospital serves citizens to the Manitoban border (though there's still a doctor shortage).

Its government office issues, among other things, birth and

death certificates for the whole province.

It has the biggest shopping mall in the north, a Future Shop, Best Buy and Staples.

It's not unusual for people in Dryden to drive four hours to take advantage of the shopping. But a drive around the city shows the boarded up buildings of small businesses as these larger ones move in.

The problem is employers are leaving and potential employers are not enticed to set up shop.

The major industries of the city and most of northwestern Ontario are forestry and mining.

The softwood lumber dispute had irreversible effects on the forestry industry.

Pulp and paper mills have been shutting down all over the area for the past 20 years.

Mines have been closing as environmental assessments release their unfavourable findings.

Results indicate that in October, Thunder Bay had a high unemployment rate of 7.3 per cent compared to Ontario at 6.4 per cent.

As more plants and businesses shut down, and people lose their jobs, it's a wonder why the city of

Toronto, with little knowledge of the conditions in Thunder Bay, would complain that the sole-sourcing and lack of tending process of the TTC subway track went to the Bombardier plant in Thunder Bay.

The province needs to do something to keep these cities from dying lest the culture and values they promote be lost.

It stands to create 300 jobs, something the city needs.

Winter comes sooner in the north and it's no joke.

The price of fuel, though often competitive in southern Ontario is always high in the northwest.

As of Nov. 13 it costs 95.3 cents per litre to fill up in Thunder Bay, 10 cents more than Toronto.

There is no way to avoid driving in Thunder Bay as the city's amenities are spread out.

There are only 17 city transit routes that run at intervals of 20

minutes to every hour with some routes not offering services on weekends.

Heating bills are high, though the province does offer some subsidies for people who live in the north.

But, the furnaces are on longer.

The cost of living is not as high in Thunder Bay as it is in Toronto.

Where a decent one-bedroom apartment can run about \$500/month compared to about \$850/month in Toronto, the added costs of transportation, heating and food bring the cost up.

Most grocery stores have a separate flyer for the city, competing directly for the best prices. When tomatoes are on sale at one place, they're on sale at another.

Though it helps with the pocket book, it also means people drive all over town using up gas to save three cents a pound.

In 2001, 14 per cent of people over the age of 15 relied on government transfers.

On average, only 9.8 per cent do in Toronto.

It's understandable that Toronto gets the bulk of attention and financial contribution; it has 20 times the population of Thunder

Bay.

But the facts show that this small community is suffering and needs more help than it is getting to survive.

Thunder Bay and other communities in northwestern Ontario deserve more attention.

There's little to keep the young population from leaving for the booming cities of Calgary and Fort McMurray, and there's next to no incentive for industries to set up shop with fuel prices being so high.

The province needs to do something to keep these cities from dying lest the culture and values, such as community involvement, traditional hunting, fishing and wilderness participation they promote be lost.

I've often thought that southern Ontario is in no way a reflection of true Canadian life because there are hardly any real forests, lakes or lack of amenities.

But, the opposite is true. Thunder Bay is a reflection of true Canadian life – a community where people are forced to live by whatever means necessary because their government can't see them beyond the whines of Toronto.

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Rexdale's unemployment rate is three times the city average at 18 per cent – *rapdict.org*.

This week...



Community fights to improve image

Jackson Hayes
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Despite the rough exterior and tough image cast by the streets of Rexdale, within the community lays a warmth that no gang member or drug dealer can dampen, the warmth of hope. Such is the message portrayed by police and community organizations determined to take back Rexdale.

"There is a mood and desire in Rexdale to change and improve," said Rose-Ann Bailey, youth program co-ordinator for the Rexdale Community Health Centre (RCHC). "We are only limited by our resources; there is plenty of desire for change."

Rexdale, with its estimated population of over 100,000, has received a notorious reputation over the last decade as a rise in unemployment and poverty led to increased gang and drug activity. Did other communities with unemployment and poverty also go criminal, or is this specific to Rexdale?

Often portrayed in an unfavourable light by the media, a claim reiterated by Bailey and Sgt. Blanchard of 23 Division, this north-west corner of the city has attracted unwanted attention recently. This past May alone, a joint police investigation led to the arrest of more than 100 members of the street gang the Jamestown Crew. The arrests, which according to police records included over 1,000 charges, have "taken out all levels of this organization," said Inspector Greg Getty in a statement earlier this year.

Amid the guns and the shootings and the unwanted attention, there is a community that, as Sgt. Blanchard said, is full of good

people.

"Toronto Police Services are doing everything in its realm to get out in the community," Blanchard said. "We have community mobilization partnerships with schools and faith based organizations."

There are numerous organizations and programs popping up all over the area such as Rexdale Youth Unite, Neighbourhood Connections and the Rexdale Community Health Centre, all in an effort to address concerns within the community.

The Circles Program, for example, is a youth-led RCHC program that allows its young members to plan retreats, the last one

being a trip to Muskoka for 30 kids to learn training and team building.

"It offers them a chance to get out of the neighbourhood and see things they wouldn't normally see," Bailey said. She went on to say that as someone who works in the area, she feels the attention Rexdale receives has a negative impact on its residents.

Bailey said the portrayal of Rexdale in the media has a serious impact on those who live here. She said the media only broadcasts sensational crime stories, not the heart warming and inspirational ones. "It's so bad (the image), some of the youth we work with don't put their addresses on their

resumes," she said.

Bailey sees Rexdale's reflection as a violent haven of gangs and dangerous criminals as unwarranted and totally inaccurate; a claim that some statistics seem to support.

According to a Toronto Police Services' 2005 report, 1,946 violent crimes were reported to Rexdale's 23 Division last year. On the surface it is a high number, but not when considering that the total number of criminal code offences reported last year to 23 Division was the seventh lowest of all Toronto police divisions.

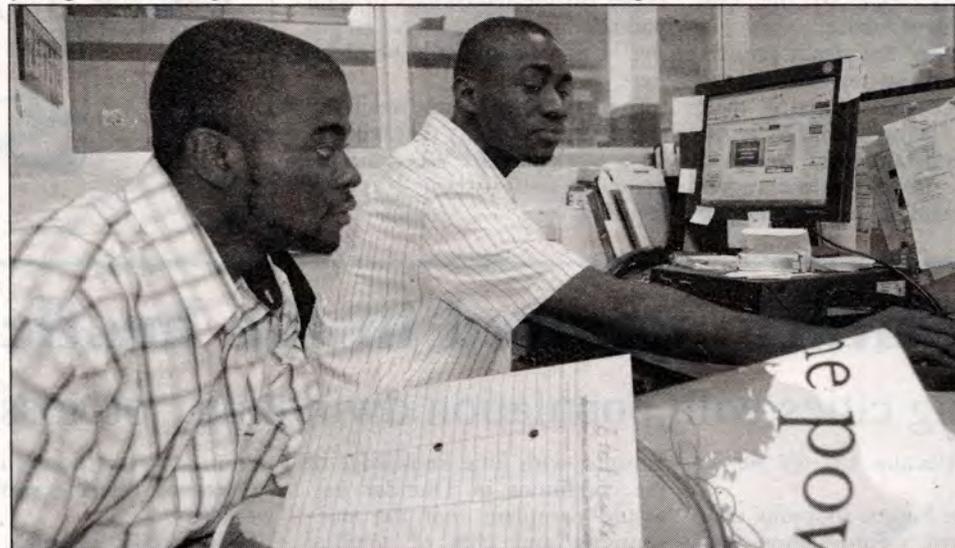
"The same things are happening all over the city," Blanchard said of the violence.

The report revealed that 23 Division also had the sixth fewest dispatched calls last year and ranked seventh in the number of violent offences reported.

Statistics Canada and the Social Policy Analysis and Research Unit of Toronto indicate that only 17 per cent of youths in the Rexdale-Kipling neighbourhoods live in low-income situations compared to 26 per cent for all of Toronto. And of those same youths, nearly 70 per cent aged 15 to 19 attend school.

How does this compare with other parts of the city?

Though the debate on why Rexdale still has its tarnished image is a matter for those who work and live within its boundaries, one thing Bailey is assured of is that whatever happens here in this tiny village, snaked through by the Humber River and bordered by Hwy. 427, Steeles Avenue and the 401, there are plenty of people here who are willing to fight for it.



Chris Ata (left) and Humber student Prince Ofori hold positions at the YMCA Rexdale Youth Resource Centre where they help local youths find employment.

Nick Kyonka

Reporter joins police for faith walk in Rexdale's notorious neighbourhood

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The last stop was a walk around the Mount Olive housing complex. Like Jamestown earlier, the dark shadows and dim corridors were empty, but there were plenty of signs spray painted on the walls to denote who rules.

Vollmaer pointed out the graffiti with the beam of his flashlight, "MOC stands for Mount Olive Crips," he said of the numerous markings. "The tags have to be chemically treated several times to be removed," but it is obviously easier to write it than erase it.

"It's what the community makes of it. If they don't want violence in their buildings they can talk to us."

And sometimes it can be the little things. According to Vollmaer,

the recent addition of a crude basketball court in the Mount Olive complex helps give youth something more constructive to do.

"There are four big schools right in this area. There is a huge children and youth population just in this area," Veals said. He talked of the importance of getting these kids on the right path, especially given the "vacuum of positive male role models" in the neighbourhood. And, that something as simple as a basketball court can work wonders.

By the end of the two-hour tour through the neighbourhoods of Rexdale and Etobicoke, Vollmaer had received four calls over the radio fastened to his lapel.

Two of the calls concerned gunshots, one involved an unknown

person shooting arrows from a nearby apartment to the city below and the final call, which ended the ride, was to report the rape of a 14-year-old girl.

Right now, partly because of safety, the faith walk program is restricted to Christian youth workers and/or pastors, but Veals said he would like full church groups go out sooner than later.

In the parking lot of 23 Division, Veals insisted that the evening end how it began, on a prayer, "Dear Lord, it was not a good night in Rexdale. Please be with those who were hurt tonight, and please give us the strength to continue our good work Lord ... and please let us help these bad apples to help change their lives."

Amen.



The Etobicoke Strategy helps organize the faith walks.

Jackson Hayes

Rexdale is home to the Canadian Standards Association, a world leader in safety standards testing – wikipedia.com.

Rexdale youth facility teams up with school career centre

Ashley Redmond
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber students looking for jobs can get free services at the YMCA Rexdale Youth Resource Centre located at the Albion Mall. The centre, in partnership with the Humber Career Centre, offers computer, Internet, fax and job finding services for free.

"We work together for referrals; it's always back and forth," said Karen Fast, manager of the Humber Career Centre.

Luca Sirianni, who's title is spe-

cialist employment team lead of resource & student services said, "We offer a variety of services such as counseling for the development of 15 to 23 year-olds and summer jobs for students."

The centre offers pre-employment services, including writing a cover letter, writing a resume and one-on-one coaching. Everyone is welcome at the centre. Age or residence doesn't matter.

There's also a child minding service at the facility for parents using the centre's resources.

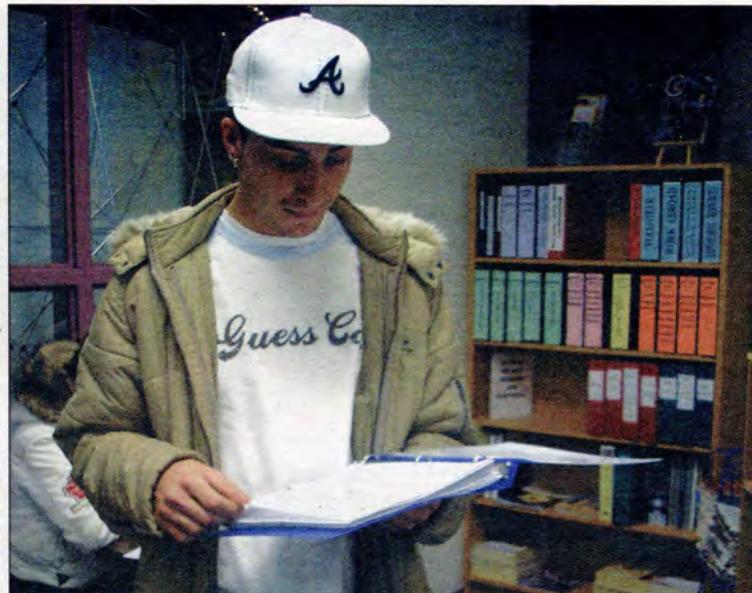
Humber runs two programs with

the YMCA Etobicoke. The nine day Etobicoke Career Exploration lets unemployed people decide on three to five future career options.

It also offers one-on-one coaching.

The other is the Job Finding Club, where the unemployed are put in a three-week program to help them prepare for a competitive job market.

Olivia Purchase, 20, a second-year business said, "Career centre's are a great resource and the one here at Humber helped me land a job for this semester."



Ashley Redmond

Jonathan Dourados takes advantage of the resource centre.

Using LOVE to help troubled youth

Sabine Bowerman
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Leave out violence (LOVE), is a not for profit youth-led movement against violence, where members educate troubled youth about violence and its alternatives in their community.

Humber is getting involved with LOVE for a summer program in photojournalism. Area youth will be able to familiarize themselves with Macintosh computers, Photoshop and current printing techniques.

Basil Guinane, associate dean for the School of Media Studies, is one of the supporters of Humber's association with LOVE.

"This program gets the students into the school and exposes them to careers in media. It also makes the school less intimidating," Guinane said.

LOVE currently runs a centre in Toronto, which has worked successfully in the areas of St. Jamestown, Jane and Finch and Malvern since 1996.

"With the Rexdale program, we will use the same method," said LOVE program director Suzanne Shulman. "It is about localizing the problems and finding out what the youths can give back to the community they live in."

LOVE first began in Montreal in 1993 after a 14-year-old boy murdered founder Twinkle Rudberg's husband. Rudberg felt the boy was a perpetrator and a victim of the crime. Rudberg set out to create LOVE in order to break the cycle of violence many youth fall victim to.

Youth involved in the program range from 13-19 years-old and most have been referred to the program by guidance counsellors and social workers.

For Andrew, an 18-year-old from Scarborough, whose last name could not be released, his entrance to LOVE at age 15 was not by choice.

"I was forced to. I was arrested and it was my last strike. My probation officer saw LOVE online and said I had to enter. It was tough the first couple months, but I had to go."

Shulman said the program gives youth another chance. "Kids who have experience with violence or been victims are able to find an alternative with LOVE," she said. "The youth go back out into the community and it is great for the people who the youth present to because they can relate to them."

"This program gets the students into the school and exposes them to careers in media."

-Basil Guinane
Associate Dean
School of Media Studies

Upon intake to the program, youth take part in a photojournalism program, which allows them to document the violence around them.

LOVE publishes a newspaper once or twice a year, where youth involved in the programs are able to have their photos, poems and personal stories published.

After completing the photojournalism program, students can par-

ticipate in leadership training and their community outreach program. The youths educate their peers about violence and violence prevention.

"I've done the outreaches," Andrew said. "We go into the schools and talk to kids. I've been to three schools in Malvern, a couple in Rexdale and one in the north Kipling area."

The programs offered by LOVE not only help youth in the community, but they allow the youth involved to gain confidence and direction in their lives.

"The leadership program has helped me go out and see what I want to do with my life, which is to become a child and youth worker," said Andrew.

"LOVE has impacted my life. I've been involved for two-and-a-half years and I can see a difference in my attitude, so can the people around me," said Andrew. "Before LOVE, stealing cars was better than sitting in class."

Anyone wishing to apply to the summer program or for more information about the regular program and donations contact www.leaveoutviolence.com.



Courtesy

The movement involves youth ranging from 13 to 19 years old.

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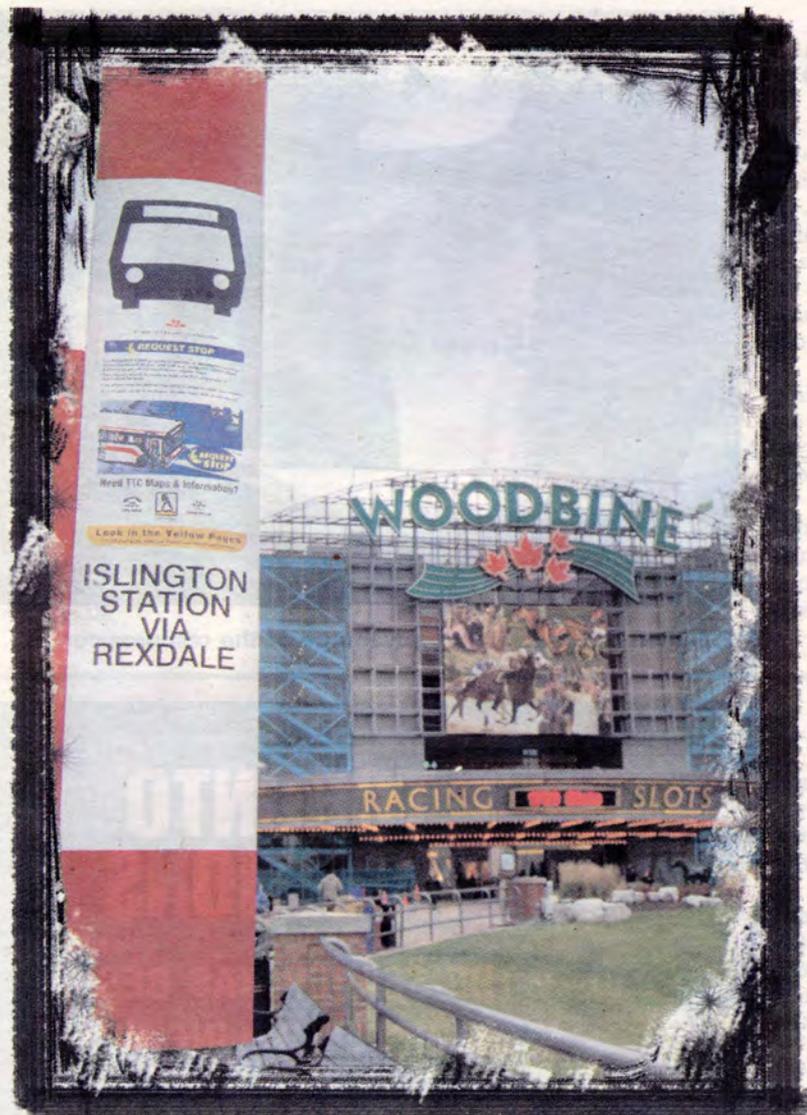
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In 1659, it was illegal to celebrate Christmas in Massachusetts – www.hookedonfacts.com.



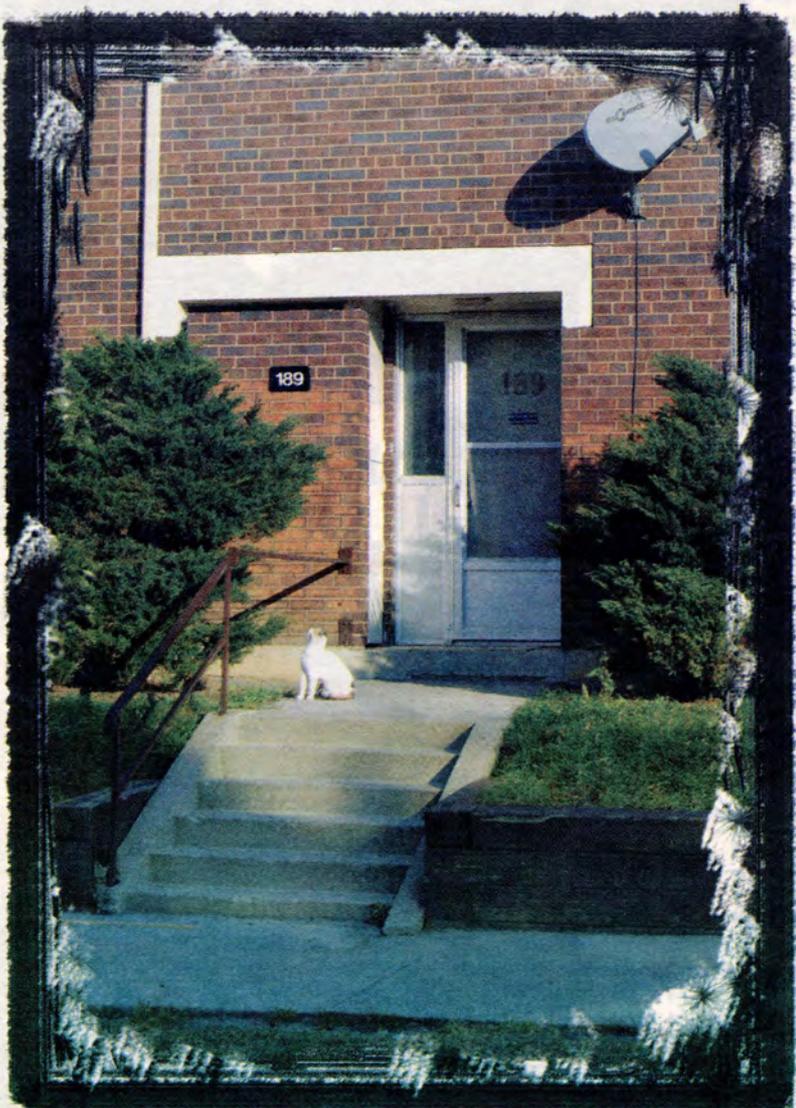
The Woodbine race tracks are one of the most popular draws in Rexdale bringing people from other areas of the city.



Const. Mark Zettler stands outside of division headquarters on Kipling Avenue in Rexdale.



Kipling station is one of the boundaries of Rexdale and is one of the most used links for students taking transit to get to Humber College.

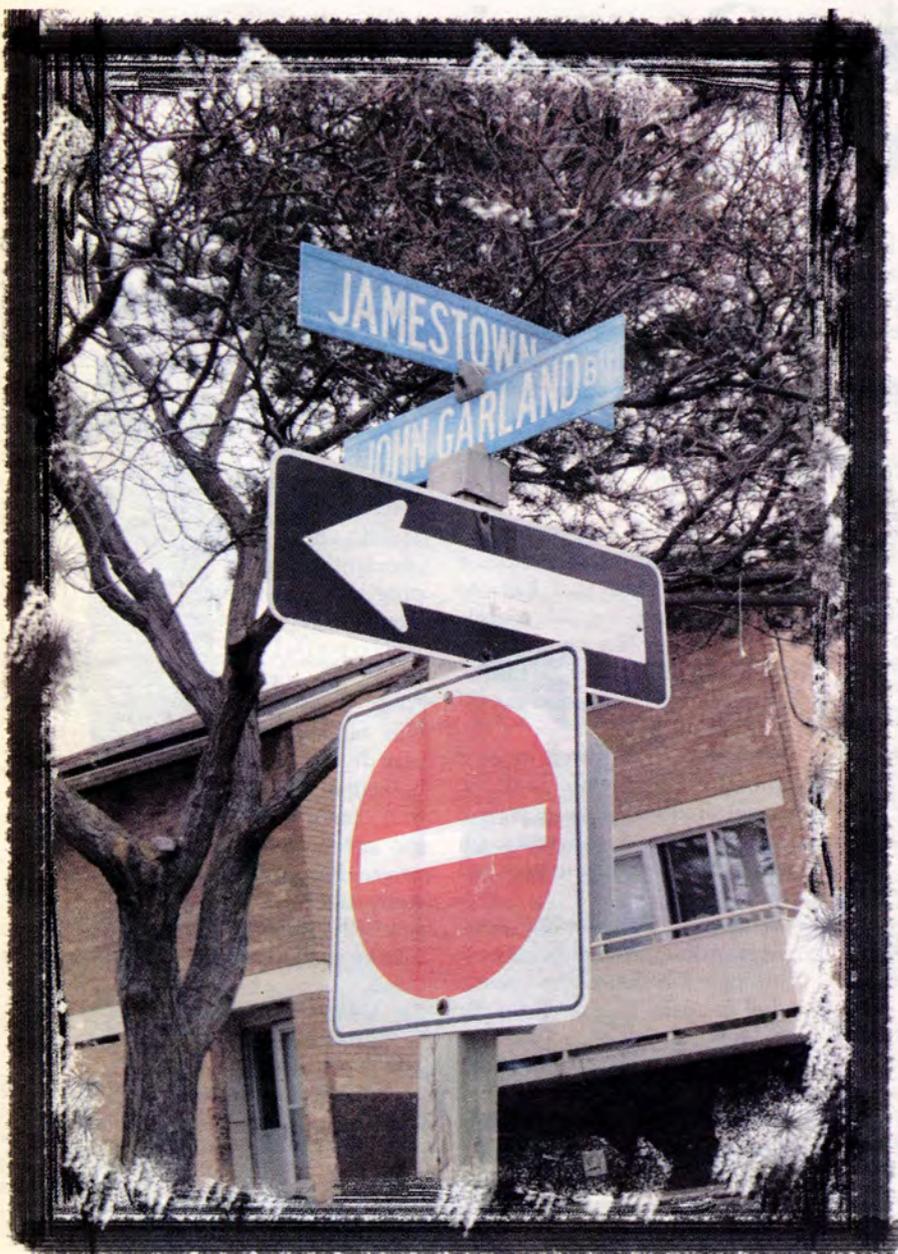


A quiet afternoon in one of Rexdale's neighborhoods near John Garland Boulevard.

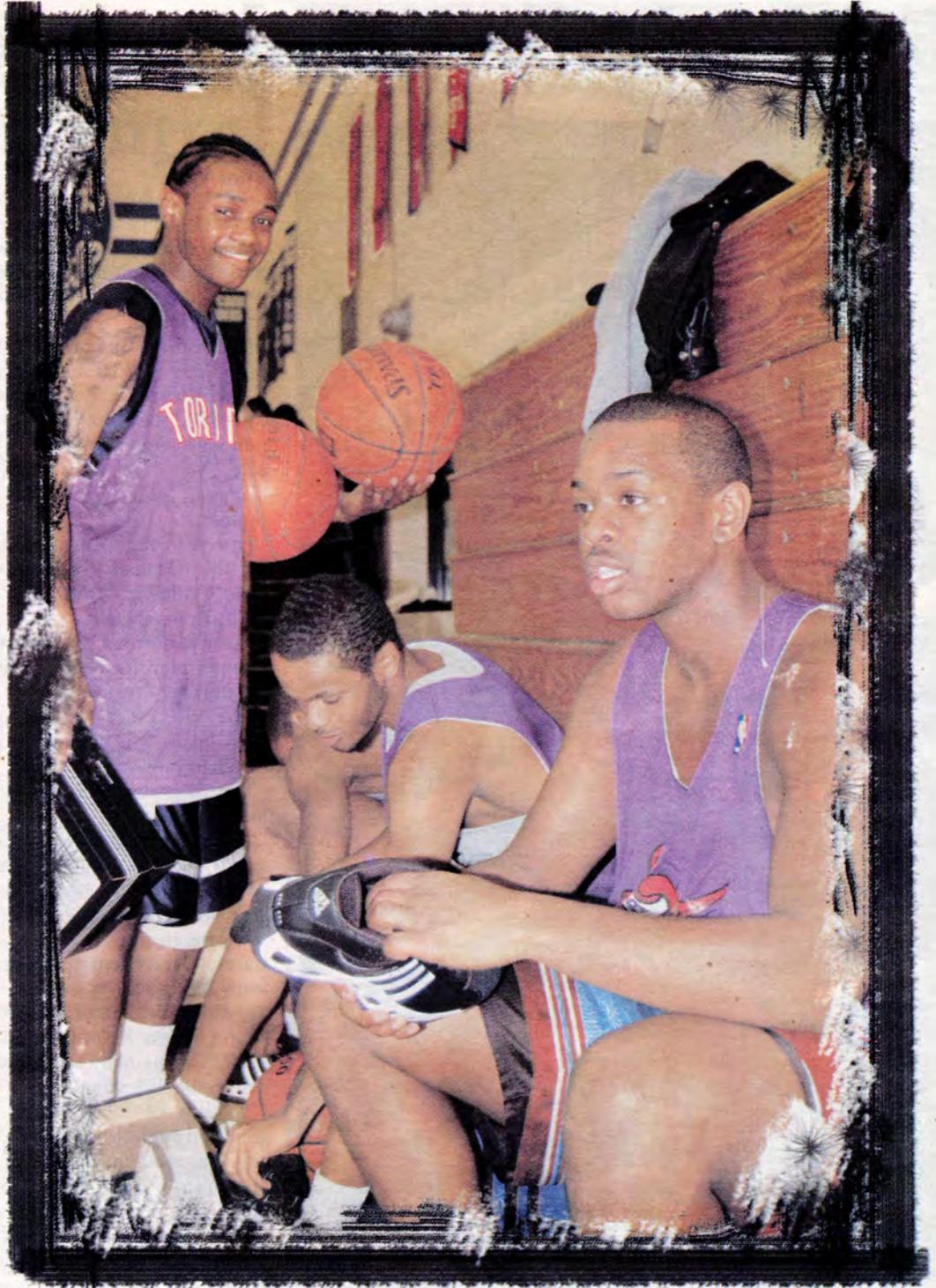
Welcome to the real Rexdale

IN FOCUS

Most tropical marine fish could survive in a tank filled with human blood – www.hookedonfacts.com.



Rexdale's Jamestown is a notorious area where police and citizens fight to lower crime rates in the neighbourhood.



Father Henry Carr's basketball players suit up in their new running shoes. The legendary team is corporately sponsored by Adidas to help them meet expenses.

The neighbourhood around Humber College has been plagued by crime and social stigmas for years, gaining an undeserved, poor reputation at times. But the Rexdale community has many other sides students don't necessarily see from inside their college confines, or when commuting from areas outside of Rexdale.

This area is home to a variety of cultures, organizations and opportunities.

In this issue, In Focus takes a look at this dynamic community, its problems, people and growth with articles about community services and initiatives, crime, history and an overview of everything that makes Rexdale home to over 100,000 people.

All photos by Nick Kyonka



Some areas of Rexdale are undergoing a bit of a facelift, including Father Henry Carr Secondary School at Finch Avenue and Martin Grove.

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Antwi Atuahene, basketball guard for the Arizona State Sun Devils, is an alumnus from Father Henry Carr Secondary School – www.sundevils.com.

Basketball squad tops in Ontario



Photos by Nick Kyonka

Drills, drills and more drills for Father Henry Carr b-ball team.

Kenzie Broddy
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Father Henry Carr Catholic high school of Rexdale can boast its basketball team, the Crusaders, as one of the top high school teams in Ontario.

The team is undefeated in exhibition and tournament games.

"We're competitive at the very top of the pile. And if you are competitive in Ontario at the top of the pile, you are competitive in Canada," said team coach Paul Melnic.

Last year, the team came fourth in the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations Triple A championships.

"Last year when we went to the Ontario playoffs we were seated as the number one team.

"We lost a heartbreaker in the semi-finals, which took us out of the championship game."

The Crusaders practice three to four times a week.

"[Practices] are really tiring," said Grade 11 student, Antoine Allwood, who is playing his first year for the Crusaders. "They are really tough and hard work... But I feel we are getting better as a team and as players too."

Melnic said Father Henry Carr wasn't always known for its basketball. It originally was known for being a hockey school.

"Dozens of NHL players have gone through this high school, either as student athletes or with our junior B team," Melnic said. "I guess with demographics and the way the area has changed, the sports have changed, because we've had championship football teams, championship soccer

teams, and now it's becoming a basketball school."

Melnic said right now there are students playing post-secondary basketball that once played for the Crusaders.

"This school has had a good tradition of student athletes who are successful and we want to keep that up and build on it."

Adidas sponsors the Crusaders, providing shoes and equipment for the players.

"It's an absolute joy to put on nice, sharp uniforms, nice shoes, a nice shooting shirt that has the Crusader's name on it," Melnic said. "If you look like a good team, you'll play a little better... I think it's important to look good as well as play good."

Considered a lower income neighbourhood, Melnic said the financial situation of some players does not make a difference on whether they are going to play ball or not.

"We are very lucky we are sponsored by Adidas, so that helps out.

Although we do ask for some kind of financial support from the kids, we also give them ways to fundraise that money. So it doesn't have to come out of their pocket," Melnic said. "So if you are dedicated and you are willing to work, we work with you."

Melnic said he gives the players lots of opportunities.

"We play in a lot of tournaments that other schools don't get to go to. For example, over Christmas we go to the beach ball classic in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. We went there two years ago, and we will be going again this year,"

Melnic said.

"Last year we went to the Arby's classic in Bristol, Tennessee. That's huge. That's huge for a kid who makes this team."

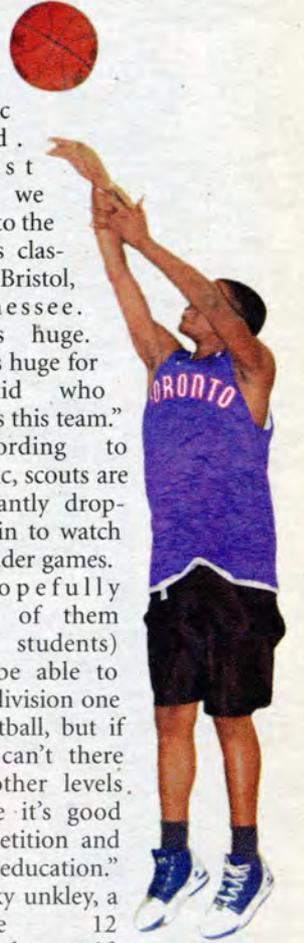
According to Melnic, scouts are constantly dropping in to watch Crusader games.

"Hopefully some of them (the students) will be able to play division one basketball, but if they can't there are other levels where it's good competition and good education."

Ricky Dunkley, a Grade 12 Crusader, said he would like to play for Michigan.

"They (Michigan) talked to me when I was in Grade 11... I'll take it to the college level," Dunkley said.

"This is one of the best teams I've ever coached. They are just going to have to prove that in the end... You have to be dedicated to be on this team, because if you're not, you won't survive," Melnic said.



Safety and messy students

Issues on the agenda for councillor Hall

Sylvia Prout
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Ward One incumbent, Suzan Hall said Humber College students need to clean up their mess.

After canvassing her community, that includes Humber College and parts of Rexdale, Hall said, "The two largest issues the community is concerned with are cleanliness and safety."

Humber North students, especially those living in the rented houses near the campus, are part of the concern for cleanliness. "The Humber students renting houses sometimes aren't very good citizens with all that partying and drinking."

Hall would love to see students take responsibility for the mess they create and clean up their property.

As well as focusing on general

community cleanliness, Hall is continuing her work with the North Etobicoke Revitalization Project (NERP). She sits on all six sub-committees – arts, culture and recreation, economic development and employment, environmental awareness, housing, and safety.

Hall claims responsibility for the \$9 million that was brought in to improve the 31 parks in Ward One. "There are so many places that have benefited from this. We have new basketball courts – some parks will be getting a splash works. We have new benches as per the request of seniors," she said.

Getting back into the swing of things, Hall is looking at her top issues. "I would really love to tackle the whole issue of transportation. So, I'm trying hard to get back on the TTC committee."

One of Hall's challengers, Andre Lucas, shares the same concern for the transportation issue,

"Commuters to and from Humber College know the number of buses and hours it takes to get from point A to point B." Hall agrees this problem needs to be addressed, sooner rather than later.

The long-term goal Ward One is looking at is "a safe attractive community," Hall said. "There have already been big improvements in our parks, which drives out the bad elements. Parks are being used, parents come with their children in the early evening," she said.

"Ward One is seen as one of the top communities in need, and therefore outside resources (like the \$9 million) have been provided. No one person can do everything," Hall said. "It is with the help of the police, the residents, the volunteers and other people who have worked alongside me that Ward One has seen the success it has."



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Black widows stowing away in grapes

Sera Ozel
LIFE REPORTER

Black widow spiders are being found in grocery store grapes. A few weeks ago, a Stratford, P.E.I. woman was bitten by a black widow spider she found in California-imported grapes she purchased at Sobeys. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) and Sobeys say finding black widow spiders in grapes has become a problem. "We have no sampling plan to monitor. Even if we monitor there's still one (spider) that will make it through the plan," said Rene Cardinal of the CFIA. Sobeys has inspected grapes in stores and in their warehouses and haven't found any more black widow spiders. Sobeys has no

plans to stop selling the grapes. "We don't actively warn customers about it. If we have inquiries we do," said Justin Sherwood of the Canadian Council of Grocery Distributors.

"Don't play with it. Kill it. It's not an animal, it will attack."

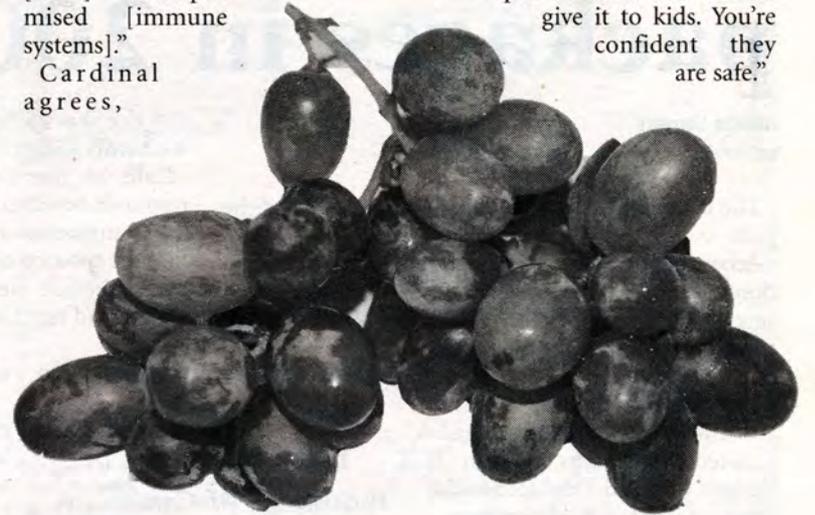
- Rene Cardinal

The CFIA warns people to avoid touching spiders and their webs. It also asks that if people find a black widow spider, to kill it and report it to the CFIA. "Wash [the grapes] with warm

water over a sink, the sink is a confined area so you can kill it. Don't play with it. Kill it. It's not an animal, it will attack," Cardinal said. "We've had 10 to 15 spiders reported to us," he said. The black widow spider often camouflages with the grape vine and can be hard to see. It can be identified by its shiny black or brown body and red hourglass shape on its stomach. They live in warm climates and are most commonly found in eastern Canada and the eastern United States. "[The bite] is painful. It won't generally kill you," Cardinal said. Though black widow bites are not usually fatal, any run-in with an insect on food is enough to scare customers away. Sherwood said care must be

taken. "With any spiders you got to be careful with kids, elderly and people [with] compromised [immune systems]." Cardinal agrees,

saying, "Obviously children are more vulnerable. Take the individual [grapes] from the bunch and put them in a bowl and give it to kids. You're confident they are safe."



Laura Finney

Recreation and leisure program students are eager about the event.

Ushering in winter Event management students host fundraiser

Laura Finney
LIFE REPORTER

Winter is blowing in, but it is not time to hibernate yet. A group of second year recreation and leisure students in the special event management class, along with the Humber Arboretum, are hosting a winter celebration Dec. 2. Humber students and the public are welcome to enjoy a barbeque, face painting, horse drawn sled rides and other activities at the North Campus Arboretum. The winter celebration is part of a term project. Recreation and leisure student Pablo Mitri said, "It not only gives us a chance to show the faculty what we've learned, it also shows that by putting our minds together we can create a community event." Teacher of the special management class Leah Desbarres encourages people to

attend. "If you haven't seen it (the Arboretum) it's a good time to come out... and it is also a fundraiser."

The event has no cover charge, but there are charges for some events, and all money goes back to the arboretum. Along with the celebration, the arboretum offers many free attractions.

There are a number of trails, bird watching, wildlife, winter landscapes and gardens.

Unfortunately, not everyone can have fun that weekend.

"I would go, but I work on Saturdays," said first-year architect Rick Lewis.

Accounting student Tracy Chen said she would go if it wasn't too cold outside.

For those not brave enough to face the December weather, there will be some indoor activities in T 127 on residence.

The celebrations start at 10 a.m. and continue to 4 p.m.

"By putting our minds together we can create a community event."

- Pablo Mitri

THREADS personal style on campus



Celeste Dasilva, 20, media studies

"I just like to do my own thing. I really wear anything that is comfortable but that I feel looks nice."

Devin Davis, 20, hospitality

"I just really like things that are comfortable. I like shopping in Kensington Market a lot."



Heated slippers use the USB outlet to warm up footwear and rank seventh on the Fosfor's top 10 weirdest USB devices ever – Fosfor.se.

Gamers spend hours in line-ups for consoles

Ryan Glassman
BUSINESS REPORTER

PlayStation 3

Fans awaiting the arrival of Sony's latest console offering, the PlayStation 3, were finally able to purchase the long awaited system early Friday morning.

At the Wal-Mart located at 101 Edgeley Blvd. in Vaughan, 20 PS3 consoles were available when the store opened at 7 a.m. Available were the 20-gigabyte version, retailing for \$549 and the 60-gigabyte version, which costs \$659. By 7:30 a.m. all the consoles were sold and the once gigantic line up was reduced to a final few hoping there was one last PS3 available.

Carmine Calomino, who works at the McDonald's in the Wal-Mart, was the first in line in front of the store and had been there since Wednesday at 8 p.m. Calomino was both thrilled and relieved when he finally had the 60-gigabyte version of PS3 in his hands.

"I don't want to sound like too much of a geek, but there's really no words to describe it," Calomino said. "After going through everything outside with the stormy weather and ice cold temperatures, it's an indescribable feeling."

Calomino also purchased *Marvel: Ultimate Alliance*. He said that during his time spent waiting, he wasn't sure if he would keep the console for himself or sell it.

"There was temptation in the line, but it's mine and it's staying mine," Calomino said. "No questions about it."

Of the 400,000 PS3s that were available for sale in North America, somewhere between 32,000 to 40,000 were distributed

in Canada.

Rezz Singh, a second-year biotech student at York University, purchased a PS3 and was actually disappointed with the outcome. Singh had shared a tent with four of his friends, but was the only one to receive a PS3. Singh and his friends had been outside the Wal-Mart since Wednesday at midnight.

"People that were there after me were first in line before us because of the way they (security at Wal-Mart) took it. They said line up in front of me and write your names down randomly," Singh said. "They didn't ask who was in this tent or that tent. That's why we all got knocked out besides me. I got my name in. The rest of them weren't able to. They were camping with me so obviously they should be next in line."

Singh, who on the eve of the launch said he wasn't sure if he would ever camp out again to purchase a console, gave a definitive answer on Friday.

"I'm not doing this again," Singh said. "I'd rather pre-order."

The PS3 has many new features including a wireless controller called sixaxis, a built-in web browser and ability to play games from the first PlayStation and PS2.

However, the reason for why the PS3 is on many shoppers' holiday list is the Blu-ray disc player which allows high-definition movies to be played on the system. Games and movies on the player can be viewed in 1080p resolution, which is the highest type of resolution available. This also allows the graphics on the

PS3 games to be as clear as possible.

There will be 21 games available for the PS3 by the end of the year.

"I don't want to sound like too much of a geek, but there's really no words to describe it,"

– Carmine Calomino



The early bird, Carmine Calomino, gets the \$659 worm.

Ryan Glassman



Ryan Glassman

A line-up of Wii-seekers outside of a Vaughan Wal-Mart 30 minutes before the store opened.

Nintendo Wii

The Nintendo Wii made its long-awaited North American debut on Sunday, signaling the end of the first battle in the console war with its rival, the PS3.

Farjad Iravani, the marketing manager for Nintendo of Canada, said the objective for Nintendo's latest console offering was to go beyond core gamers.

"There will be titles like *Madden (NFL 2007)* that will be available, which can be played in a whole new way using the Wii controller," Iravani said. "We'll also have titles that appeal to non-gamers."

Nintendo Wii costs \$279.95 Canadian, costing considerably less than the PS3.

"We didn't want the price to be a barrier for our customers," Iravani said.

The system comes with Wii's revolutionary controller, called Wiimote, in the design of a remote control. Iravani explained how the new controller will change the game play for Wii.

"It allows the games to be played in a more intimate way," Iravani said. "For example, in *(The Legend of Zelda)*, you swing the controller and the on-screen character swings his sword."

Gamers also received Wii Sports, a package of 20 mini sports games when they purchased Wii, along with a nunchuck controller. The games on Wii sports include baseball, bowling, tennis and boxing.

Some other features of the new system include channels with readable news and weather forecasts, viewable digital photos, web browsing and messages to Wii users from around the globe.

The Wii has a feature which allows the console, even when turned off, to gain access to the Internet.

There is also a downloadable feature called Virtual Console, which allows gamers to purchase classic games from Nintendo systems of the past, Nintendo Entertainment System (NES), Super Nintendo Entertainment System (SNES) and Nintendo 64. Those who have purchased GameCube also need not worry as any games from that system will work on Wii. In all, 62 games will be available for the Wii system before the end of the year.

With all the new features, Wii didn't have the same attention at Wal-Mart as PS3 did, at least on the eve of the launch. A line did gather before the doors opened at 8 a.m. With a much greater inventory about 70 Nintendo Wiis went on sale.

Anthony Figliuzzi, a construction worker, waited in line for five hours to receive a Wii.

Though there was a greater supply for the Wii, there were many who came looking for the console, only to leave empty-handed.

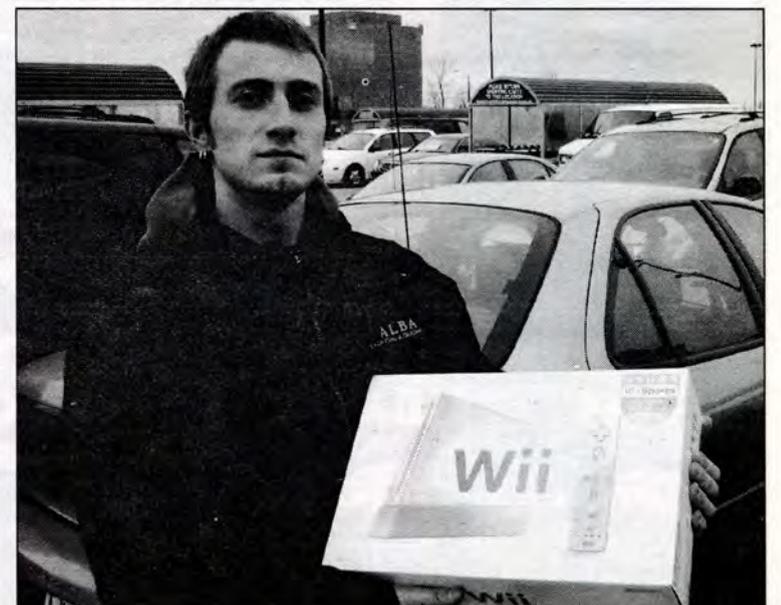
Tan Duong, a third-year French student at York University, got a PS3 on Friday's opening at Wal-Mart and was looking for a Wii as well on Sunday. However, he came too late and was surprised that Wii had already sold out.

"I thought I was going to get one," Duong said. "I didn't think there would be such a high demand for the Wii."

Duong said that though he received a PS3, he said not receiving the Wii was a bit disappointing.

With the launches of both new consoles now over, those who received the system have various options. They can enjoy their system or attempt to make a profit by selling it. Either way, PS3 and Nintendo Wii have left a lasting impression on many gamers around the world.

"It was fun while it lasted," Duong said, referring to the hype around the arrival of both consoles.



Ryan Glassman

Proud Wii owner Anthony Figliuzzi waited five hours in line.

WORK & PLAY

Atmospheric methane can be controlled as researchers at the University of California found levels have stayed the same over the past seven years – BBC.

Outlining the changing world

Stu Hood
BUSINESS REPORTER

Contributing writers of *WorldChanging: A User's Guide for the 21st Century*, were in Toronto last week for the launch of the new book.

WorldChanging, a Seattle-based blog contributed to by writers, futurists, environmentalists and activists around the world, published the book with the help of over 60 contributors writing on over 100 topics from hybrid cars to human rights.

Around 300 people showed up to the event at The Berkeley near Queen Street East and Parliament Street last Tuesday to hear from some of the book's contributors. Editor and WorldChanging co-founder, Alex Steffen, was there to highlight some of the book's ideas.

"Our job is to imagine and design new models on one-planet prosperity that can work for every person on the earth," Steffen said, explaining some of the innovations the book presents to help make the world more sustainable. "We have a global team of folks

who look for solutions, and when we find worthwhile solutions we try to spread the word."

One such idea featured in the book includes an unconventional way of detecting old land mines by planting genetically modified flowers that change colour when

"We have come even more and more to realize that building a future that works is not an issue – it is the issue. The only issue."

—Alex Steffen
WorldChanging co-founder

their roots come into contact with chemicals used in the mines.

"The idea of defeating a really bad idea – land mines – with a really good idea – flowers – really speaks to me," Steffen said. The idea is still being developed and

tested by scientists in Denmark and may become implemented within the next couple years.

"The reason we do these things is because the time has really come to talk about solutions and not problems," Steffen said. "We have come even more and more to realize that building a future that works is not an issue – it is the issue. The only issue."

Others at the event focused on environmental issues such as the state of the world's forests.

Ron Dembo is a financial engineer and CEO of Toronto-based organization Zerofootprint, whose goal is to make individuals aware of their own 'ecological footprint' or impact on the environment.

"We all have big footprints . . . and even the smallest thing we do in the aggregate has an enormous effect," Dembo said. "The real tragedy is that we are losing biodiversity at an incredible rate and it's absolutely irreplaceable."

WorldChanging is expected to finish the book tour by mid-December with stops in New York, Texas and California.



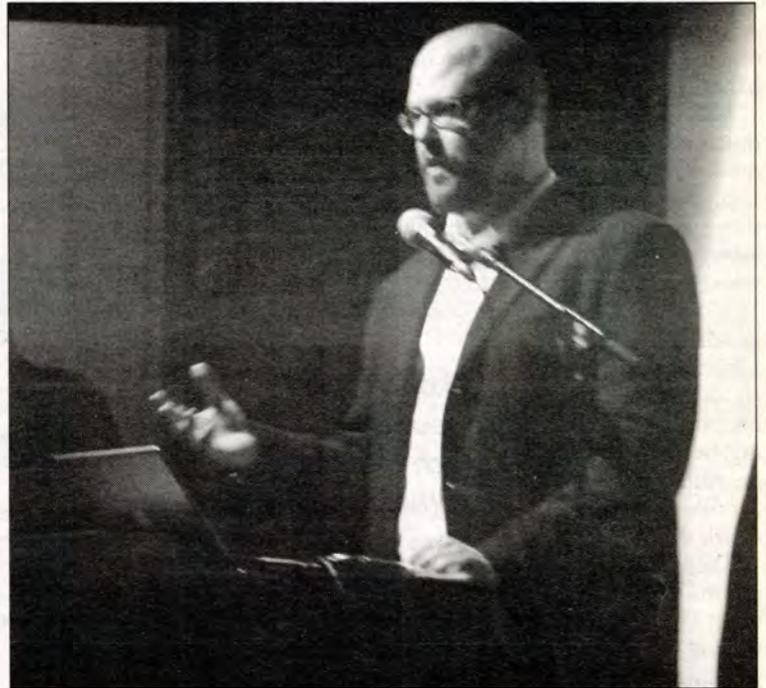
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Ron Dembo, financial engineer and CEO of Zerofootprint.



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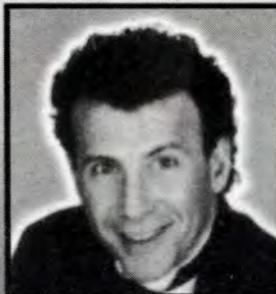
There isn't a size of shoe big enough to fit the ecological footprint of Canadians.



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New website lets online shoppers dress like the stars

Clicking on Like.com photos gets consumers prices and varieties on celebrity clothing

Stephanie Kelsey
BUSINESS REPORTER

Dressing and accessorizing like celebrities is now easier than ever, thanks to a new interactive shopping website.

Like.com is a newly launched website that specializes in searching for items by pictures. A person who saw Paris Hilton walking down the red carpet and loved her shoes could probably find them on Like.com.

Beth Kirsch, marketing director for Like.com, said the website offers items that are "a series of aesthetic products that are hard to describe with words . . . We can look inside a picture and match

item to item."

Jewellery, handbags, shoes and watches are searchable, as is browsing certain celebrities. Searching for clothes will be coming in the future.

Like.com is targeting 20 to 30-year-old women, but items for men are available too.

"The response we've gotten from consumers is overwhelming," Kirsch said.

Likeness Technology creates a digital signature that is used to describe a photograph's content and search for items that are similar to it. By changing size, colour, style, brand, shape and pattern, among others, it's easy to find something a celebrity wears.

"I think celebrities are trendsetters, and people want to be fashionable," Kirsch said.

"I think it's a good idea. . . I like shopping online for accessories."

—Stephanie Vitrih

In the example of Paris Hilton, a click on her picture in the celebrity section and another click on an item she is wearing will return results of what it is. Change the importance of the colour, shape or pattern and any style can be

changed to suit the wants and needs of the seeker.

Another way to do a search is by putting a box around a specific part of the item. Using this option makes the search come back with items that have the same feature, like a certain pocket on a purse or stone colour on a ring.

"For certain products, I think it's better [than text searching]," Kirsch said. She added it is harder to search for aesthetic products because specific details, like a certain clasp, are harder to find.

Like.com even keeps the user's browsing history at the top of the page in case they aren't too sure about something, are deciding between items or just for user rec-

ollection.

Another feature Kirsch said will be coming soon is the ability for users to upload their own photos and search for an item within it.

"I think it's a good idea," said Stephanie Vitrih, a 20-year-old hospitality and restaurant management student. "I like shopping online for accessories."

She added that she likes to shop on places like eBay, and this site might be an option for her.

Vitrih said that since the Internet is really popular, this idea of image searching will catch on.

Although Like.com was launched Nov. 8, there have already been almost ten million photo searches.

Game Review

Chris Dore
SPORTS REPORTER

Controversial game creators Rockstar Games are constantly pushing the boundaries of what is acceptable in a video game and their newest offering, *Bully*, is no exception.

Referred to as a "Columbine Simulator" by the U.S. Congress before it was even released, the controversy surrounding *Bully* follows the footsteps of Rockstar's previous efforts such as *Grand Theft Auto* and *Manhunt*.

But this is not a "Columbine Simulator" or the next *GTA*.

Bully follows the story of Jimmy, a street-wise 15-year-old who has been dumped off to Bulworth Academy for a year by his mother and stepfather.

As Jimmy progresses through the story he will interact with the many personalities inhabiting Bulworth. All the typical stereotypes of a student body are here – nerds, jocks, preppies, greasers and teachers – each with their own personalities and cliques. The nerds hang out at the library, the greasers at the auto shop, etc.

The story is broken up into five chapters and will take roughly 20 to 25 hours to complete the first

time through.

The game play is similar to the PS2 versions of *GTA*. The player will control Jimmy and talk to people within the game world who will assign missions. These missions cover a wide array of tasks. A memorable one is when the perverted gym teacher sends Jimmy into the girls' dorm on an *Animal House* inspired panty raid. Missions like these keep the game fresh and entertaining throughout.

Unlike *Grand Theft Auto*, Jimmy doesn't wield any firepower in *Bully*. He does, on the other hand, have a collection of mischief-mak-

ing tools that fit perfectly into the world that *Bully* is trying to create. From itching powder to a skateboard to firecrackers, they all have a unique and entertaining affect.

Gamers can play *Bully* for hours and still not see everything the game has to offer.

The graphics are top notch and some of the best looking ever to grace the PS2. Characters animate well, while backgrounds, although not spectacular, do a good job of setting the scene of a boarding school.

Bully manages to live up to the hype for its expansive content and enthralling game play.



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"People say I'm dumb, but a lot of guys don't make this kind of money talking to cats" – *Yogi Berra on receiving a cheque from his cat food commercial.*



The Humber Hawks men's and women's cross-country teams cleaned up at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championships this year.

Rosanna Araujo

Second-year team now a force in cross-country

Heather Cairns
SPORTS REPORTER

After a cross-country season where the team placed fourth overall, Humber's runners are looking forward to next season.

"I've already got some of the athletes asking me, 'what are we going to do until next season?'" said Monique Haan, second-year co-coach of Humber's cross country team.

After a great performance in Quebec at the 2006 Canadian Championships two weeks ago,

with fourth place overall finishes for the men and women, the team is ready to train for next year.

"We want to set up a training program for the returning athletes," Haan said. "Last year they were raw and hadn't trained, they just jumped right in. We want to get them ready (for next year)."

Leading up to the OCAA Championships, the Hawks competed in three cross country meets held by the Ontario Colleges. Both teams brought home gold medals from their first two meets at Redeemer and St. Clair College.

The men also achieved gold at the George Brown Invitational, while the women placed third.

The team traveled to the OCAA Championships held at George Brown, one week after a stellar performance at the invitational. The team had experienced the course at a previous meet and knew what to expect.

"George Brown was probably one of the more challenging runs for the athletes," Haan said. "They were trained to persevere and conquer hills. They were ready for it."

The top seven runners for both men and women represented Team Ontario at the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association Championships in Quebec. Humber's Mike Scipio, Bruno Moreiva and Geoff Wheatley all ran well, placing in the top 30.

Humber's Lisa Lee and Amie Leitch also represented Team Ontario in Quebec. Lee placed seventh, dedicating her as one of the top seven 'all-stars' at the championships, while Leitch finished eleventh.

Other special recognition goes

out to competitors Nicole Paulichenko, Leanne Guy, Danny Connelly and Rob Aroca. All four runners had outstanding performances.

"They all ran well," Haan said. "They all had strong races and finishes. I'm proud of the athletes."

After an exciting year for cross country, Haan hopes to see all the runners return next season.

"The nucleus of the team is looking to return," she said. "I'm going to miss the athletes. They are an exciting group of people who bonded really well."



The Hawks' squeaked by the Lancers for a 52-51 win.

Justin Dmitruk

Women beat the clock to net a win

Justin Dmitruk
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks women's basketball team defeated the Loyalist Lancers on Tuesday 52-51 in what Hawk's coach Denise Perrier described as a "nail biter."

The Hawks traveled to Belleville, Ont. for their fifth game of the season. Going into the game the women's record was two wins and two losses.

The game started out tough for the Hawks, with many fouls charged to the team in both halves and the Lancers taking an early, large lead. But the Hawks started to fight back, tying the game.

The Hawks led in the second half but the Lancers weren't far behind. In the last minute of the game both teams took several timeouts to strategize. And just as it looked that the Hawks would be

victorious, the Lancers tied up the game with less than 10 seconds on the clock.

With the score tied, both teams fought to get one last point before time elapsed. With one second left the Lancers fouled allowing the Hawks two shots. The Hawks scored one basket to take the lead just in time as play resumed and the game ended with the Hawks winning 52-51.

Felon Harris (who scored the winning basket) finished with twelve points and though the Hawks had many fouls in the game, there were still a lot of point earners. Monique Faulkner and Lisa Soodeen scored nine points each.

Coach Perrier said she was pleased but not completely satisfied with the team's performance that night. "There are things we need to work on."

Many players on the team

thought the refereeing was questionable. Even Perrier thought the refereeing was "not the greatest."

Humber's win puts them in third place behind Algonquin and Seneca in the eastern division in OCAA.

In the tournament, the Hawks first played against the Fanshawe Falcons, losing 37-32.

Perrier said on the game, "we shot well from the free throw line – 82% but we did not shoot well from the floor – 19% for the game – so that was the difference for us right there. I did not think we came ready to play – we lacked intensity throughout the game."

For the second game the Hawks faced the Jamestown Jayhawks from New York. Coach Perrier said, "We were down four at half and played much better – more intense – but down the stretch we made some key turnovers and could not keep up – lost 61-45."

"To get more out of yourself, you have to expect more out of yourself. Before your body can achieve it, your mind has to perceive it"– Ricky Williams.

94th Grey Cup; Canad Inns Stadium, Winnipeg, Manitoba
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Montreal	0	3	9	2	14
B.C.	9	10	0	6	25

Relevance of CFL fading



Chris Dore
SPORTS REPORTER
OPINION

CFL football just can't measure up to its big brother - the NFL.

This past weekend in Winnipeg, the 94th Grey Cup took place before a sold out crowd, but tickets were still available on Saturday.

Tickets to the SuperBowl, the king of all sporting events, are sold out months in advance.

Obtaining SuperBowl tickets on EBay often requires paying more than the cost of those shiny new PS3s.

Football just isn't as popular in Canada as it is south of the border.

Viewers of Sunday night's Grey Cup witnessed a number of records broken, including Lion's kicker Paul McCallum converting all six field goal attempts and Alouette's quarterback Anthony Calvillo passing CFL legend Doug Flutie's all time Grey Cup passing yards with 1,421 yards.

Still, not even singer Nelly Furtado's provocative halftime show could save this one.

Most football fans, including this writer, were more interested in watching the NFL on Sunday.

The CFL has eight teams and a ridiculous schedule, including back-to-back games against the same team and just isn't that entertaining anymore.

One of this season's highlights was Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams serving his one-year NFL suspension in an Argonaut uniform.

But even this odd development didn't live up to the nationwide hype.

The oft-injured Williams struggled to adjust to a new team and league.

The CFL is not taken seriously by fans or the media.

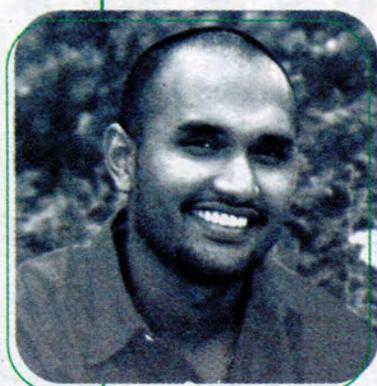
Toronto quarterback Damon Allen broke professional football's all time record for total passing yards earlier this year, yet was informed that this accomplishment would not aide his possible inclusion into Canton, Ohio's football hall of fame.

The CFL needs to figure out a way to make itself more relevant.

Until this happens, the league will continue to struggle.

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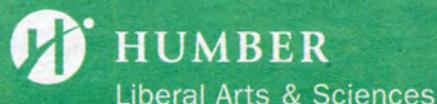
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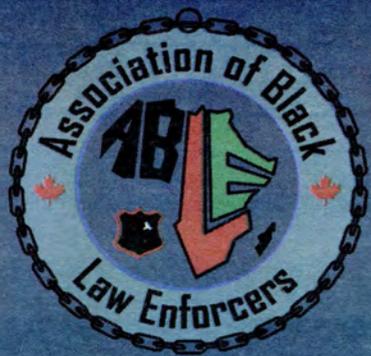
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