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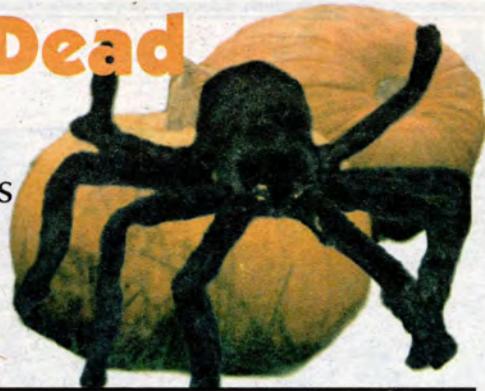
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A Towering Achievement:

Humber firefighting students take the soaring challenge to help raise money for the United Way. From left: Charles Madder, Josh Johnson, Matt Trigiani, Steve McCourt and Colin Worth. For full story, see page 4.

Dawn Farrell

Flu epidemic a possibility, expert warns

Fears of vaccine shortage due to North American demand
Campus flu shot clinic best defence

BRETT WALTHER
MANAGING EDITOR

With the scheduling of flu vaccine clinics at Humber College, experts warn an influenza pandemic may be just around the corner.

Health Canada estimates a flu pandemic could result in between 9,000 and 51,000 deaths across the country.

Sudden, widespread outbreaks of influenza are notoriously difficult to predict, but Mary Appleton, senior manager of the Canadian Coalition for Immunization Awareness and Promotion, says Canadians should prepare for the worst this flu season.

"The shortage of vaccine in the U.S. does increase the chances of an epidemic," she said. "Forty-six million Americans who should have been vaccinated will not be, and that's enormous."

"It's dreadfully unfortunate, because there are people who need it, people who already have medical conditions and if they get influenza they can die from the complications."

The flu vaccine is making its way to campus in the form of Toronto Public Health flu clinics. Clinics are scheduled for North Campus on Thursday, Nov. 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and at Lakeshore

Campus on Tuesday, Nov. 9, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Although Canada normally produces a surplus of vaccine each flu season, Appleton urges Canadians to act quickly.

She said demand for the vaccine among Canadians will be higher than ever in light of the current scarcity of vaccine in the United States.

"As soon as you tell people there is a shortage of something, a lot more people want it," Appleton said. "The U.S. demand is enormous."

"Certainly, the message to all Canadians is get your shot now," she added. "We could be facing a shortage. When the vaccine is gone, it's gone, so the earlier the better."

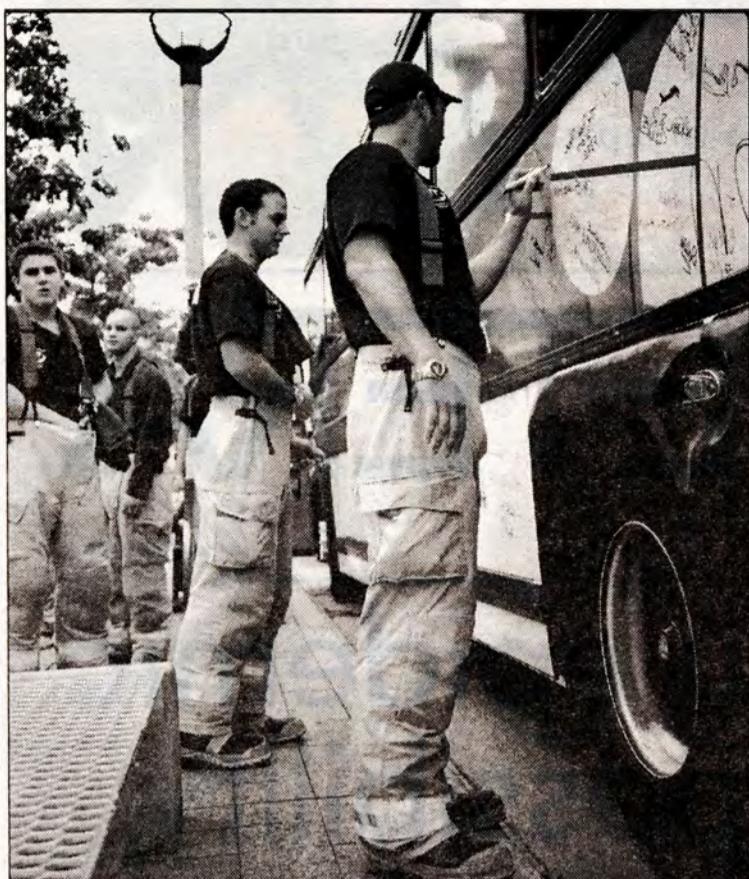
Karie Robinson, supervisor of the Vaccine Preventable Disease program at Toronto Public Health, says it's important students make use of the clinics for the sake of their own health, as well as the health of those around them.

"They can easily get the vaccine on their way to class," she said, adding that a number of Humber students are being trained in professional fields, like health sciences, that require staff to have the flu vaccine.

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News



Dawn Farrell
Students in Humber's firefighting program helped to raise more than \$8,000 for United Way by climbing in their bunker pants.

Counsellor transferred to North Campus full-time

LIZ WORTH
LAKESHORE REPORTER

What's good news for some can be bad news for others.

The good news for one Lakeshore counsellor is that he was offered and has accepted a full-time counselling position at Humber's North Campus.

The bad news for the students he counselled last year is that they must now either travel to another campus to continue seeing him or start seeing a different counsellor.

For Shawn Jordan, a second-year Social Services student, this change is hard to accept.

"When you've been dealing with someone for a year, and you have built a rapport with them, it's hard to start over with someone new," Jordan said.

Jordan, who lives downtown, now has to skip class to get to a session with his former counsellor, who wishes that his name be withheld.

"These services are important, especially for students,

because they're going through a pretty big transition," he said. "The student population isn't any different from the rest of the population with emotional issues."

But, this change does not mean there is a shortage of counsellors at the Lakeshore Campus compared to last year.

Currently at Lakeshore, counseling co-ordinator Andrew Poulos, is available three days a week, along with two full-time counsellors.

In total, nine counsellors provide services for the North and Lakeshore campuses as well as to Guelph-Humber students, which means the ratio is one counsellor for about every 1,700 students.

Judy Harvey, dean of student services, says one of her aims is to have counsellors stay in one place.

"We like to have staff at one campus to give them time to settle in, to get involved, get known to faculty and to become

Humber climbs to the top

Students raise thousands at CN Tower stair climb

DAWN FARRELL

SENIOR REPORTER

More than 100 Humber students climbed with thousands of Torontonians to the top of the world's tallest building last week to raise money for the United Way.

Humber won the 2003 Top Student Fundraising Team award from Enbridge Gas Distribution and, after raising an estimated \$8,000 this year, hopes to win again.

According to the United Way, more than 110,000 people have conquered the CN Tower and raised millions of dollars in pledges for the community since 1978.

Money raised at the 27th annual Enbridge CN Tower Stair Climb for the United Way will go towards the United Way's \$88.5 million fundraising goal.

Humber Students' Federation

Communications Director Sonia Tessaro arranged the Humber Rising to the Top for the United Way event by inviting the students and faculty to join Team Humber.

"It was such a great experience and I like the fact that there was so much student involvement," Tessaro, the team's captain, said.

"All the feedback I got from the students was great and it sounds like a lot of people are planning to do it again next year."

Colin Unsworth, a Humber firefighting student, organized the climb with 18 of his classmates.

Unsworth had the best time in the class at 17 minutes and 53 seconds.

"I thought it was important that our class is involved in the community and we want to do everything to help if an opportunity, like this one, comes up," Unsworth said. "I'm really happy with the turn out from the Humber Fire program."

Mat Trigiani, a Humber fire fighting student, found the climb a little awkward because he went up with other classmates wearing his bunker pants and boots.

"I'm happy that I can say I did it wearing the pants. It's just extra weight that's all," Trigiani said.

"I was impressed with the Toronto Fire Fighters because they did it wearing their full gear. It's all for a good cause."

Vaccine is best prevention

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"If you're going into chronic care or acute care facilities, you'll want to stop that mode of transmission, and being vaccinated is one of the best ways to do that," Robinson said.

She said the Humber clinics are usually well attended, with about 500 students participating in the North Campus clinic last fall.

"All they need to bring with them is their arms," she said.

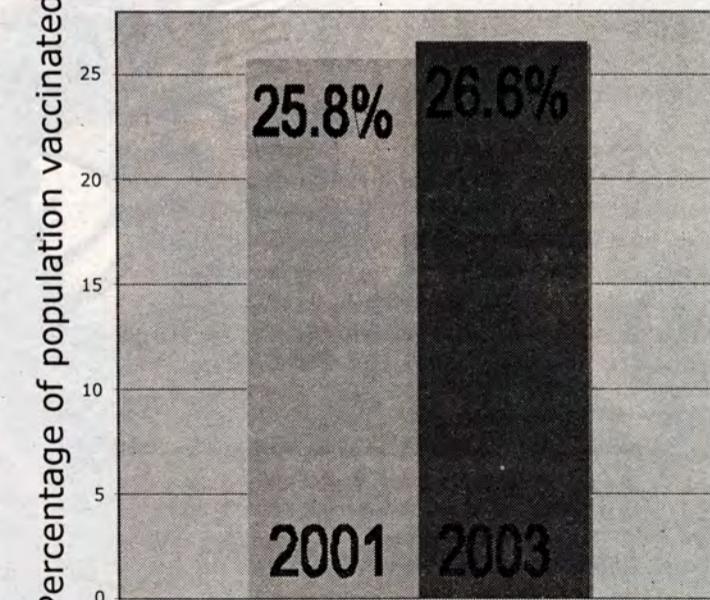
Ontario remains the only jurisdiction in North America to provide free flu shots to all residents, Appleton said. The decision was made to reduce pressure on emergency rooms and keep people out of hospitals.

According to the Ministry of Health, the vaccination is effective 70 to 90 per cent of the time in healthy adults.

The major difference between pandemics of the past and a future outbreak, Appleton says, is the development of the flu vaccine.

"The WHO has been good at predicting what the worst flu strain will be, and that's what they've put in the vaccine every year," she said.

Canadian Flu Vaccination Rates



Source: Statistics Canada. Compiled by Brett Walther

Israel

There were widespread protests outside the Israeli parliament Tuesday over Israel's proposal to pull Jewish settlers out of the Gaza Strip. Israel says the move would enable the country to strengthen security around settlements in the West Bank. It would be Israel's first removal of settlers since 1982.

World Digest

Iraq

More than 350 tonnes of explosives have disappeared from an Iraqi base since the U.S. led invasion. Experts say the explosives could be used in a nuclear det-

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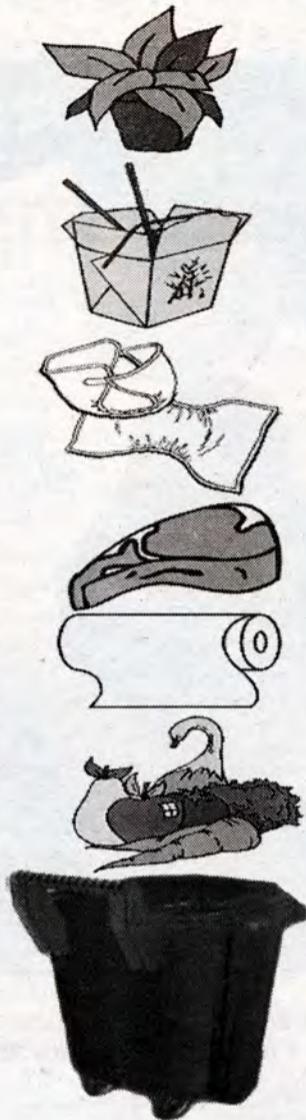
The U.S. military says an aide to Islamic militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has been killed in a Baghdad airstrike. The U.S. has placed a \$25 million price on al-Zarqawi's

Thailand

Seventy-eight people died in southern Thailand after a riot in front of a police station protesting the arrests of several Muslims, accused of providing weapons to Islamic separatists. Most of the victims suffocated to death after they were crammed into police trucks.

Humber opts not to compost

Etobicoke on board, college plans curbed



JASON BOWSER

CRIME AND SECURITY REPORTER

The Etobicoke community started using green bins for compost waste more than two years ago, but Humber has not followed suit.

"We do not have a composting program," said Carol Anderson, Humber's director of facilities.

The green bins are used for depositing any organic waste, ranging from vegetable scraps to dirty diapers. Things like Styrofoam, wood chips, cigarette butts and other dry garbage is still reserved for ordinary garbage bags, which are now picked up every other week for communities that have the green bins.

Anderson said they had thought about separating the organic waste at Humber, but there were problems involving where it would go and the fear of attracting animals. Citing recent radio reports of squirrels getting into some of these new bins, Anderson said that they didn't want this happening at Humber.

Sid Baller, the superintendent of the Humber Arboretum, said that Humber should have a program for diverting organic material to cut down on waste.

"Everybody has to do their part, everybody," Baller stressed. "There can be no exceptions."

He said that anyone interested in finding out more about composting could visit their compost

demonstration site in the arboretum's nature centre.

Anderson couldn't say how much it would cost to implement a compost program at Humber because they hadn't done a thorough study.

Toronto, York and East York became the latest communities to participate in the green bin program on Oct. 18. These new bins were distributed to homeowners throughout the city at a cost of \$20 per bin.

'Everybody has to do their part, everybody. There can be no exceptions.'

According to Richard Butts, the director of solid waste collections for Toronto, East York and Etobicoke, both Etobicoke and Scarborough have a 90 per cent participation rate with these new green bins. North York will also be participating by 2005.

"The success has been phenomenal," Butts said.

Etobicoke was the very first community to start using green bins during September of 2002. Scarborough joined the program last year.

"About one-third of our

garbage is organic material — material that can be processed into compost for use on farms and parklands instead of being sent to a landfill," states Toronto's solid waste management website. "The purpose of the new green bin program is to divert these organic materials from [the] Michigan landfill and turn them into compost."

Toronto's goal is to divert 60 per cent of all its garbage from landfills by 2006.

According to Andy Campbell, the director of waste management in York region, the Region of Peel is also thinking about joining the green bin program and a select few areas of the Durham region have begun to use the green bins.

Right now, the program only involves residential homes, but Butts said that they are planning to have apartments participating by 2008.

"Recycling is real low (for apartments)," Butts said, pointing out how waste diversion for these residences is only about 12 per cent.

According to Anderson, Humber residences should also become involved in the Green Bin Program by 2008. Neither Seneca nor George Brown College has compost programs at the moment, but Ryerson University, however, does work to separate its organic garbage.

Beneath the Surface



Brett Walther
reports on the flu

Do the math.

If flu pandemics are known to strike three to four times each century, this roughly translates into a pandemic, on average, every 25 to 33 years.

Now, apply those figures to the fact that the last pandemic occurred during the 1968-1969 flu season, and it's clear that we've got something to worry about.

The Health Canada website goes to great pains to assuage fears of such a calamity, boasting the impressive-looking Canadian Influenza Pandemic Plan: a guide to how the government will respond to a global outbreak of the flu.

But if we learned anything from SARS last summer, it was that Canada is completely unprepared for the outbreak of a chronic respiratory virus.

It was feared at the time that SARS was the next pandemic, but in the end, Health Canada lists the global death count from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome at 774, with 44 of those deaths on Canadian soil. This doesn't even come close to the number of deaths incurred by the flu in Canada in a typical flu season, which is estimated to be between 500 and 1,500.

It seems increasingly likely that SARS was our dress rehearsal, a practice run for the flu pandemic that we all know is coming.

A lot has certainly changed since the winter of the 1968-1969 pandemic. We've made significant inroads in the development of flu vaccines and increased awareness of basic preventative measures, but a number of factors conspire to make a pandemic even more likely to occur in 2004 than ever before.

International travel is more accessible than ever, and with this comes a vastly decreased ability for health officials to control the spread of disease across borders. Furthermore, as we can already see with Americans coming across the border in droves to buy their immunity from Canadian clinics, in many parts of the world, it is only those who can afford vaccination who will be receiving any form of protection at all.

We can't escape the math. The clock is ticking.

Still no arrest since brutal home invasion

GINA JASHEWSKI

CRIME AND SECURITY REPORTER

Police still haven't made an arrest in last Halloween's violent home invasion near Humber's North Campus involving a student.

"No one has been arrested because we do not have enough evidence to lay charges," said Det. Sgt. Les Stasiak of 23 division police.

Stasiak said he could not disclose specific information because the case is still under investigation, but they do have suspects and are expecting results soon.

Last year, two women, one a Humber student, and a man were assaulted and robbed in their home in the Finch Avenue and Martin Grove Road area.

The brutal attack spurred safety information sessions and initiatives in and around the

college.

Ron Tavener, superintendent of 23 division, said the police are concerned about the crime and are taking things seriously.

"It's a horrific crime, any time people get their home invaded. Your home should be your sanctuary," he said.

Stasiak said he has not seen an increase in home invasions since last year.

"Let's just say the flood gates haven't opened. We've had a few, but no big figures that really jump out at you," he said.

Tavener and Stasiak both said crimes like this are difficult to prevent, but can help raise people's awareness level.

"If we knew how to totally prevent crime from happening, we [police] would all be out of a job," Stasiak said.

What to toss in your green bin:

All organic matter like fruits and vegetables, paper towels, meat, fish, dairy, poultry, diapers, fast food packaging, plants and soil.



Jenn Coward

Students at Humber's North Campus residents got 'smashed' for Halloween by smashing pumpkins, just one of the activities held as part of Alcohol Awareness Week.

News

Mice resurface in Humber halls

Live traps set out nightly - cleared early in the morning

COURTNEY MUIR
ART DIRECTOR

A recent spate of mouse sightings at Humber's North Campus has a number of students unnerved.

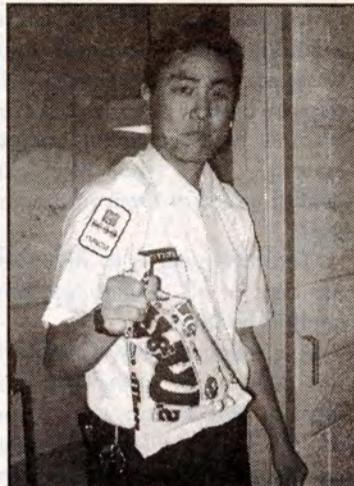
"I was in an editing suite, and out of the corner of my eye I saw something move," said Lorena Rosati, a second-year journalism student of her encounter with a mouse. "I started screaming and freaking out, and then said, 'forget this - I have to do my work.'"

Rosati appealed to Humber security after the mouse didn't leave the editing suite. Willie Chan, Humber security, came to Rosati's aid, capturing the mouse in a makeshift trap composed of a large plastic container and piece of paper. After containing the mouse in an old M&M's bag, Chan freed the mouse outside.

Of her distracting experience, Rosati said, "I feared for my life."

Rosati is not the only student to be concerned by mice in the college.

Shawn Loughlin, a third-year journalism student, also spotted a mouse scurrying in the halls of the L wing.



Live traps are banned in areas where food is served.

"I came into the newsroom early in the morning, and saw a mouse running down the hall," Loughlin said. "That's not something I really want to see when I first get in."

Abell Pest Control, the company contracted by Humber College to manage pest infestations, frequently uses deterrents such as steel wool to ward off mice.

Because of restrictions prohibiting the baiting of mice, live

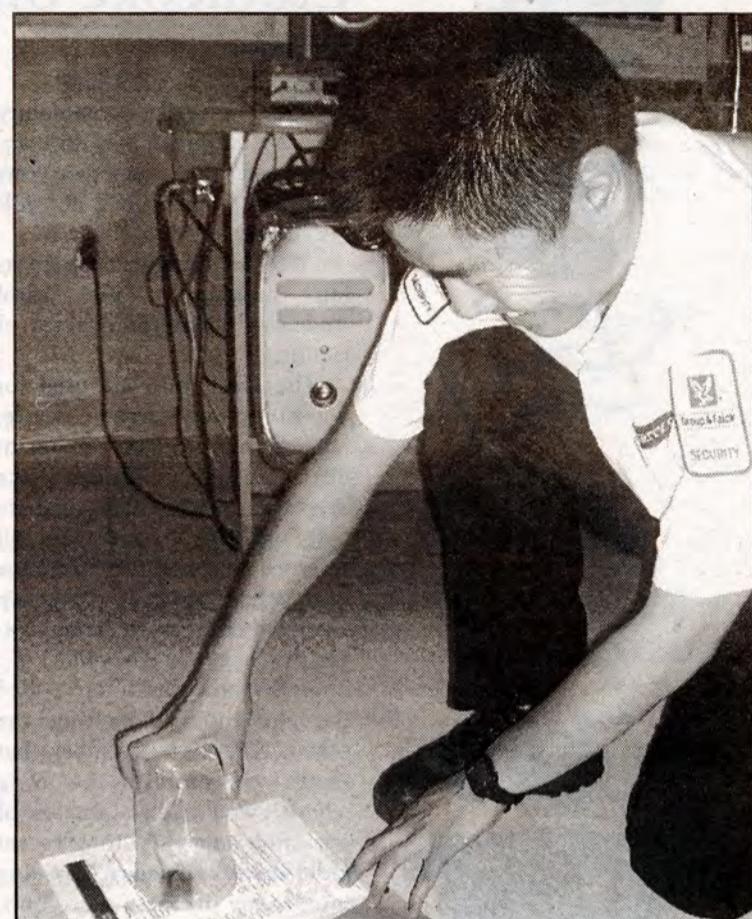
traps are also set throughout the college late at night and cleared early in the morning.

Director of Facilities Management, Carol Anderson, acknowledges the college's ongoing struggle with mice. "We are aware of the problem, and are dealing with it," Anderson said. "The student centre is particularly affected because there is no poured concrete below the floor."

In February 2003, Dinesafe, a division of Toronto Public Health, cautioned Humber's Food Emporium for "inadequate pest control."

However, in this year's report, dated Oct. 4, "proper maintenance/washing of rooms (including washrooms) and equipment" was cited as the eatery's only minor infraction.

Although extremely rare, dangerous health hazards are associated with exposure to rodents – and more specifically, deer mice. According to the Public Health Agency of Canada, Hantavirus (HPS) is caused after inhaling infectious aerosols from rodent saliva or excreta. Cases of the illness are extremely rare in eastern Canada. Symptoms of HPS include headache, fever and myalgia.



Both photos by Lorena Rosati

Deer mice can carry the Hantavirus. Smelling deer mice feces can transmit the hantavirus, which has a fatality rate of nearly 40%.

HSF monitoring clubs on how student money is spent

About \$13,500 handed out this year

SERGIO ELMIR
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Student clubs can receive Humber Students' Federation (HSF) funding with no firm guarantee they will ever put on an event.

HSF handed out \$13,500 to student clubs this year so each club could represent their segment of the student population.

The funding is distributed in advance of the events, leaving open the possibility that clubs may not follow through.

"Is it possible for a club to do that? Yeah it is, especially per semester," said Aaron Miller, HSF programming director.

"They can have a great plan that they give us in September and not do anything. Then in January we say, 'okay, look, we're going to have to take that [funding] away from you.'

Each year all service clubs are given \$400 for their probationary period, \$500 if they are a returning club.

Before HSF hands over the money, Miller said, a thorough screening process takes place.

"It's a pretty good process. It

says everything that they're doing, outlines their budget and what they plan to do," he said.

"We can follow up and say, 'you were going to hold a big event in January and we didn't see anything.'

HSF promises that each club is held responsible for every dollar spent, but the lack of events won't cause them to start imposing sanctions.

"It's not necessarily events," Miller said. "Obviously that's what we encourage and that's what we hope that people do. But something like a Catholic students' association may not put on big events, but be a resource for students. It can work that way as well."

A major problem seems to be arising from the high turnover rate within the clubs.

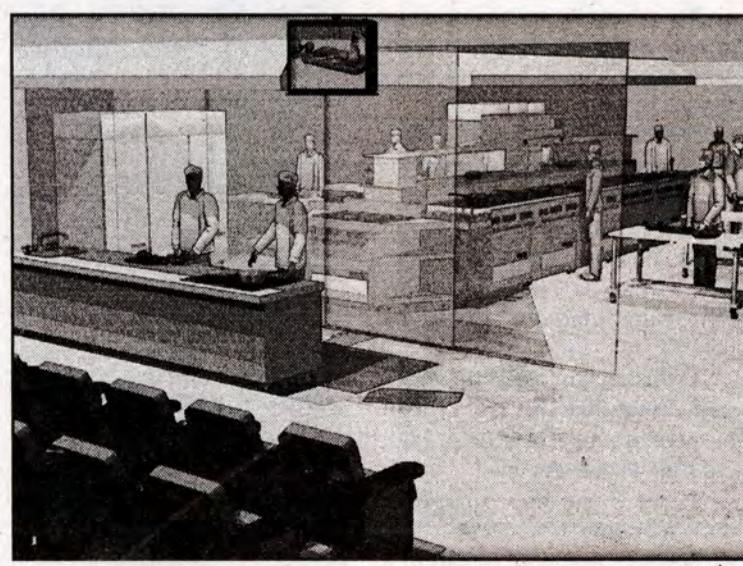
"What happens every year is four or five clubs will come on campus and they'll do a fantastic job, but because we're a college and it's a two-year or sometimes a one-year program, there's no one there to pick it up and the club sort of dies," Miller said.

\$1.6 million for culinary lab

Broadcast-ready lab to be completed early next year

JOANNE LEGIN
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORTER

Humber's culinary students can get ready to smile for the camera when the broadcast-ready demonstration lab opens for the start of the winter semester.



courtesy

The conceptual design for the state of the art lab to be opening at Humber in January 2005.

He says the need for the high-tech demonstration culinary lab arose as part of the continuing effort by the college to ensure enough lab space to accommodate the growth and be competitive.

"We wanted a leading-edge facility, not a repeat of what others were doing," Mathieson said.

The new facility will seat 54 observers in the theatre section and have 12 full workstations.

The culinary teachers will also be able to record any class on DVD or broadcast it over the Internet.

Mathieson says that within the next two years, a cooking show for television could even be broadcast.

The lab has been under construction outside the lecture hall since the beginning of summer and is almost finished.

"There have been structural issues that have slowed down the building process but students should have access to it by January," said John Davies, vice president of administration.

Woman truck driver breaks stereotypes

Says women can thrive in trucking

KIRK VILLAMARIN

SENIOR REPORTER

She is a five foot tall, 150 pound, single mother of three, who loves to drive a 61,000-pound vehicle for a living.

"It's something I have always loved. I love trucking. I love trucks," Catharine Ostopovich, 34, said. "I am a woman in the industry and I love the challenge."

Ostopovich graduated from Humber's truck driving school to pursue a career that hasn't traditionally been held by women.

"There's not too many females out there and it's not an easy industry," she said.

According to Karen Tavener, Humber's transportation training director female enrolment in the Class 'A' commercial driving training program has increased slightly over the past 10 years.

"When I started here 12 years ago, it would be rare to have one female student a year," Tavener said. The school now averages 12 female graduates per year.

"Women are now seeing it as a profession rather than a woman out there just driving a truck. You can make a good living as a driver," Tavener says.



Courtesy

According to a recent study conducted by the Canadian Trucking Human Resources Council, by 2008, Canada's demand for truck drivers will increase by 33 per cent. Forty per cent of truckers are over 45.

Spinning to a new smell

SHEENA FACCIOLO
STAFF REPORTER

The latest technology in air freshening has arrived, and as exciting as that sounds, Humber students feel that Febreze's newest addition is not a necessity in their everyday lives.

Febreze Scentstories is an air freshener that plays CDs, but rather than playing music, it "plays" scents. Scent pockets inside the CD are heated and circulated throughout the room by a fan inside the device. A new scent will automatically appear in the air every 30 minutes over a time span of two and a half hours.

Consumers thought they had it easy with plug-in air fresheners, but now it's as simple as

Innovative CD plays scents

pressing a button.
"What a wild idea," Shannon Haller, a second-year nursing student, said.

"But why do I need it? Febreze spray was fine."

Like Haller, many others students agree that Febreze's quick thinking associates have hit on a good idea, but say that marketing to students may not be successful.

"We have such little time on our hands to just sit back, relax and wait for scents to fill our room," said Gustave Hoareau, a third-year computer and networking student. "It sounds like it would be a perfect idea otherwise."

Joyce Law, a spokesperson for Procter and Gamble, said Scentstories should not be completely ignored by students and that if students have time to play music, they have time to play scents.

"We market this product as a new way to experience scent in your home," Law said. "For students who currently use scented candles or other air freshening products, this unit will be able to replace it because it's a more convenient way to experience scent."

The main unit retails at around \$45 and the replacement CDs are \$14.

@tech update

SHANNON CRANDON
STAFF REPORTER

If you're one of those people who has trouble staying organized, a Palm Pilot may be a smart investment for you.

Instead of carrying around a bulky address book or planner, you can keep all your vital information right at your fingertips in a tiny little box.

They aren't cheap, but you can usually find one for a decent price if you're willing to sacrifice the extra features.

Priced: \$199-\$599

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What Pilot will you take off with?

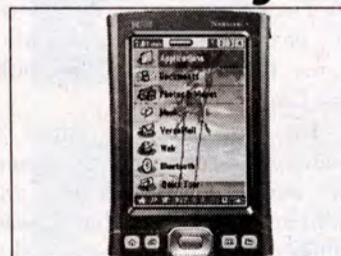


PalmOne Tungsten T5

Released just weeks ago, this is the most advanced Palm Pilot yet. It has 256 megabytes of space.

It runs on flash memory, which means that your information is protected. The 320 x 480 resolution display lets you view the screen in both landscape and portrait. It can also be used as a flash drive with your desktop computer and is MP3 compatible.

Price: \$599.99



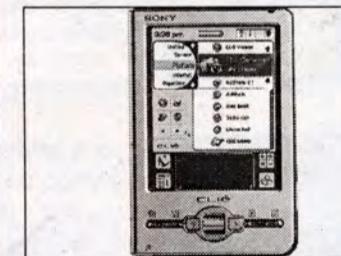
PalmOne Zire 31

The PalmOne Zire 31 features a resolution of 160 x 160 pixels. It contains a contact list, calendar, memos and a note pad. It also has 16 megabytes of memory.

It is very customizable and you can even use a photo as a background.

It is MP3 capable, but only with a card that is sold separately.

Price: \$199.99



Sony CLIE PEG-TJ37C

The Sony Clie has a built-in wireless local area network (LAN), so the Internet can be accessed from anywhere. It also has a built-in camera. It is run on a memory stick as opposed to flash memory and has an expansion slot if you would like more memory than the 32 megabytes provided.

The Clie is MP3 capable and has an internal, rechargeable battery.

Price: \$449.95



Hewlett Packard iPaq H2210

The HP iPaq has 64 megabytes of memory and a resolution of 240 x 320 pixels. It uses BlueTooth and USB to connect to your desktop.

Useful features of this handheld include a clear display for easy viewing indoors and out, SD memory slot, easy access buttons and a removable/rechargeable battery.

Price: \$499.99

Courtesy

Editorial

Sometimes the truth can be stranger than fiction

Three examples of government spending that'll leave you shaking your head

Ever wonder where your tax-dollars go? Read on, but grab a Kleenex. You'll either be laughing or crying.

- An unlikely trio of the federal government, auctioneers and drug dealers have sent police on a wild goose chase in seizing marijuana hydroponics paraphernalia.

After being confiscated by police and handed over to the government, equipment used in marijuana grow operations is then being sold in auctions where drug dealers eagerly buy it all back.

York Regional police Chief Armand LaBarge discovered this was happening when his officers recently seized equipment from a Whitchurch-Stouffville operation and recognized the property.

LaBarge brought this information to the attention of Scott Brison, minister of public works and government services, hoping to have the Seized Property Management Act changed.

Brison immediately froze all transactions of this nature on Oct. 22.

Why was this stuff sold or auctioned in the first place?

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to know how to line up at auction houses to buy it back ... we just don't get it.

- In another nonsensical manoeuvre, the Canada Border and Security Agency has announced it will return all mail sent from overseas if the sender's full name, including middle initial, is not prominently placed on the letter.

This measure, the agency said, will enhance security in an increasingly dangerous post-9/11 world. Now, we're all for increased security if it helps protect the public at large.

The problem with this security measure is, not everybody has a middle name. How are those without middle names supposed to send mail to their loved ones in Canada?

Even the United States, drenched with power from the Patriot Act, does not send back mail if the sender fails to put in his middle initial.

So why does Canada?

- In yet another waste of taxpayers' money, the provincial government has decided to spend \$450,000 to install a security film over the first and second floor windows of two government buildings at Queen's Park.

This film will protect the windows from everything from baseball bats to bombs and bullets.

Queen's Park has always been a political target and has played host to many protests and will no doubt continue to play host in the future. However, at none of these protests have bombs exploded or gunshots been fired at the provincial legislature, or any provincial government building for that matter.

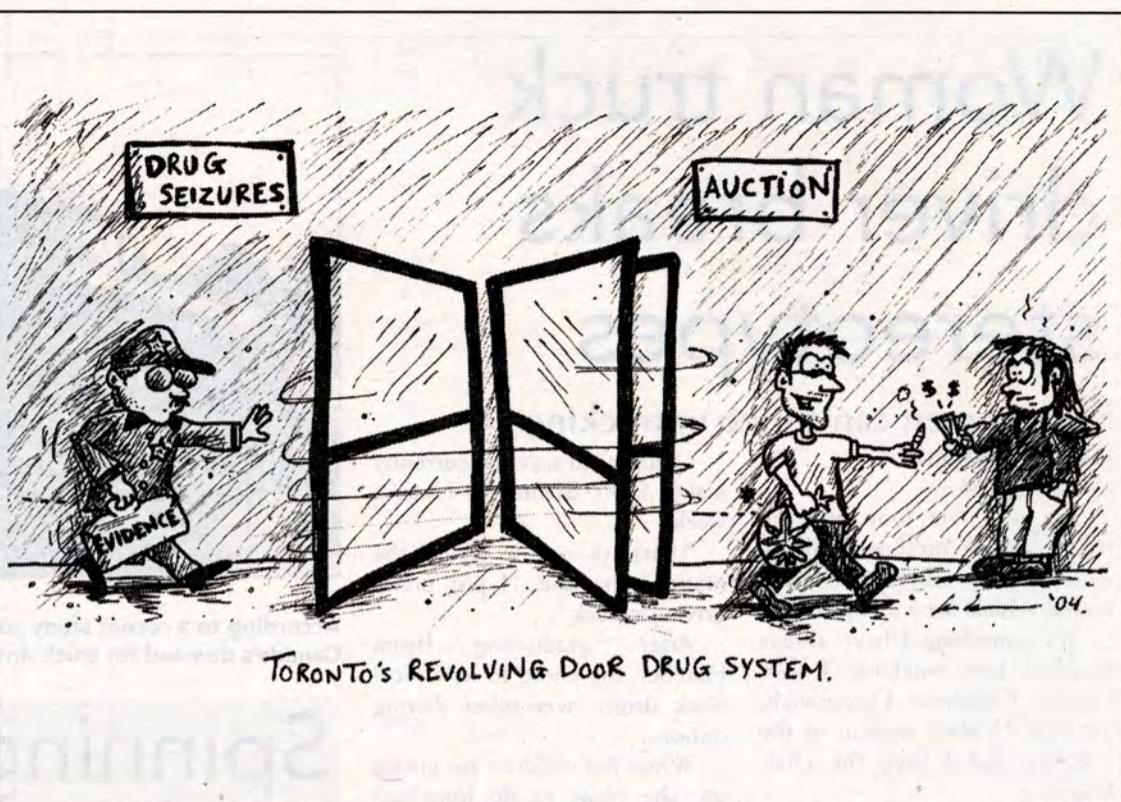
And most protests have targeted the provincial legislature building, which, as of right now, does not have the security film installed.

Even though \$450,000 is peanuts in terms of government resources, it could still be better spent on healthcare or public infrastructure development.

It's nice to see the government hard at work wasting your hard-earned money, isn't it?

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Weekends at home aren't only about you



KELLY PECKITT

IN FOCUS EDITOR

I was talking to my mother on the phone a month ago, when she told me there's a ghost at our house. I was confused, since my mother is normally a very sane person, so I asked her what she meant.

She explained how this ghost shows up once a month or so, eats her food, comes in late at night, sleeps during the day, brings laundry, receives tons of calls and leaves clothing strewn all over the house.

She never sees this ghost though and she seemed sad about it.

That's because I'm the ghost, the phantom college student who comes home but fails to visit with the family.

I'm embarrassed to admit it hadn't occurred to me to change my ways after the talk with my mother. I assumed that I was allowed to do this because she should be lucky I come home at all. Yes, I do know this is incred-

ibly selfish and self-absorbed.

When you go away to school, things are overwhelming. You miss your friends, your old school, your house and your family. When I come home I want to do all the things I have had weeks to plan. The problem is, all these plans have to fit into one measly weekend.

'My mom has expectations of my weekends home too.'

I come home to what seems like millions of phone calls, millions of friends to see and parties to attend. I have only two nights to catch up on all my friends' lives. Also, much of this re-bonding with friends takes place late at night and involves crawling home at 3 a.m. This means even if I am at home, I'm sleeping all afternoon.

It's not that family is not as important as friends; it's just that I take family for granted and

frankly, they're not as exciting.

So after my phone call with my mother I was pretty sure that I was going to stick to how weekends home had normally played out ... Until it hit me.

My mom has expectations of my weekends home too.

That's when I got it. I'm not the only one who looks forward to my coming home and I'm not the only one who plans for weeks about all the things I want to do. My mom and my family look forward to those weekends too and it was selfish of me to only think of it as my weekend home.

So when I went home a couple of weeks ago, I decided to change my ways. It definitely wasn't easy. The phone kept ringing, the parties were still happening and there was gossip to catch up on. But when I got home late on Friday I had dinner with my family before I went out and I made myself get up with them on Saturday and have breakfast and quality conversations even though I was tired. The rest of the weekend was mine. It really was my best weekend home too.

Now the only thing I ignore when I go home is homework.

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Opinions

Screw sex-ed, where the hell is my death-ed?



LAUREN GILCHRIST
SENIOR REPORTER

I wonder what it would have been like if Salt 'N' Pepa's hit song of the '90s *Let's Talk About Sex* had instead been called *Lets Talk About Death*.

Would it have climbed the charts as fast? Would it have been played in clubs around the world? Hell no.

Sex sells. It's talked about constantly. We are a society inundated by movies, television shows and songs about sex. We like sexy

things, we like talking about sexy things and we like doing sexy things.

In elementary and high school, we had sex education classes. We were taught the basics. The teachers tried their best to give us a heads-up. They were trying to make us aware of the good, the bad and the ugly of sex.

I don't ever remember a course called Death Education 101. I don't remember discussing my fears, my questions or my concerns about death outside of my home or with my family. I think there is something wrong with that.

The thing is, death also sells.

We see it frequently in movies, television, books, music and in the news.

Why is it that sex is discussed in the classroom, but death is hardly ever mentioned?

Philosophers have discussed what is the good life and what is the good death for thousands of years. Why can't elementary and high school students get in on the discussion?

Some may argue death is a topic too broad and complicated for a classroom. And sex isn't? I remember kids asking the weirdest questions during sex-ed, but the teacher did the best she could in answering them.

Why isn't there a course in

public high school on death and dying? It could include discussion on the emotional side of death as well as the practical side. It could look at what certain philosophers, singers, actors and writers think of death. The course could ask questions such as, what are people most afraid of when it comes to death? Where would you want to be buried? Or do you want to be cremated? Why do you want to be cremated? What kind of funeral do you want to have? Why do people have a will and when should they get one done?

Instead of watching a poorly made cartoon video trying to illustrate sex, why can't they

show a well done documentary on dying?

Some people may argue that elementary and even high school students aren't mature enough to discuss death. If kids are old enough to watch violent movies, play violent video games and listen to violent lyrics, then aren't they old enough to seriously discuss what they are watching and hearing?

If life and sex are so openly talked about, why isn't death and dying? The idea of a death-ed course probably sounds pretty weird, morbid and flat out gross to most people.

And that's exactly the problem.

Asian actors forced to play stereotypical roles in most Hollywood movies



JOSEPH PHUNG
ONLINE EDITOR

Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle. Remember this summer flick?

It's the stoner comedy with the Asian and Indian male duo. Even though the movie was a big free plug for White Castle hamburgers, I enjoyed it. It was funny and different from what you usually

see coming from Hollywood.

What lured me to watch this movie was that it had Asian (John Cho) and Indian (Kal Penn) males as lead actors in non-stereotypical roles. No martial arts, no taxi drivers, and no broken English here. Just two guys having fun like any other guys would.

Usually Hollywood shafts Asian guys. As an Asian male, I'm sick and tired of being portrayed as a geeky, sexless, or controlling individual. Millions of North

Americans are constantly being brainwashed by what they see on television and in movies. Because they see media portrayals as accurate representations of gender and race, so the current treatment of Asian males has to stop.

On the ABC series, *Lost*, where survivors of an airline crash find themselves stranded on a mysterious island, viewers are introduced to a married Korean couple, Jin (Daniel Dae Kim) and Sun (Yunjin Kim). Of course the producers decided that it's best

not to have these two characters speak broken English, but have them not speak any English at all. What's worse is that Jin is a domineering and controlling husband. Come on, is this really necessary?

It keeps getting tougher for Asian males in Hollywood. Earlier this month, the Screen Actors Guild (SAG), released its new employment statistics for actors. Surprise, surprise, Asian guys got the short end of the stick once again. According to SAG's report, male Asian leads in

television shows were hit harder by job cuts than any other gender or race group. There were 104 lead roles for Asian males in 2002, and just 61 roles in 2003. That's a 35 per cent drop. Not good.

One step forward, two steps back. That accurately describes Hollywood's work on reducing Asian male stereotypes and creating acting opportunities.

Eventually things will get better, but a lot of work needs to be done in order to achieve this.

I'm sorry, but I'm not going to skip work for reality TV



GINA JASHEWSKI
STAFF REPORTER

Women in G-string bikinis eating bull testicles in a tub full of rats—is this new form of entertainment what we have to look forward to?

With the recent demise of popular shows such as *Friends*, *Frasier* and *Sex and the City*, our television programming today has flown south.

Gone are the days when I would eagerly run home from school, or call in sick to work just to see whether or not Ross and Rachel would get back together, or if Mr. Big was really the guy for Carrie.

Instead of wholesome family sitcoms, men, women and children are turning to what I believe to be one of the lowest forms of entertainment - reality TV.

OK, I have to admit, I'm being a bit hypocritical, as I myself have been sucked into a few of these shows from time to time. The idea of watching an heiress being a complete heel-head while living *The Simple Life* was too hilarious for

me to pass up. Still, I draw the line at spending my Thursday evenings listening to a bunch of half naked people on an island, each vying for a million bucks.

There, they bitch about not having anything to eat when that very issue is an actual reality for millions of people around the world. When do they get their million?

Apprentices, bachelors, idols and weddings, there seems to be a show out there for everyone and everything. What will they think of next?

Shock value seems to be of great importance to reality show producers. People having sex, eating bugs, catfights, these are all tactics used to boost the ratings and feed the public's need for scandal. We're slowly desensitizing ourselves and pretty soon, the only shocking thing left will be to murder someone on live television. Wouldn't that be exciting?

We shouldn't be selling ourselves so short. I'm sure many of us are capable of sitting through an intelligent TV show with real actors and real stories.

Reality TV has had its 15 minutes of fame and I welcome the resurrection of the sitcom.

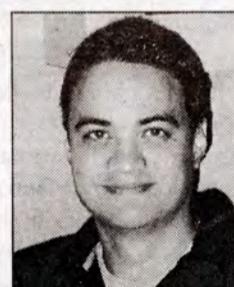
Public Opinion

What are you doing for Halloween?



"I'm dressing up in a cow costume and getting drunk."

Adrian Sutherland,
1st year Creative Photography



"I'm going to a Halloween party at a banquet hall and downtown with my sister."

Jackie Decker,
1st year Business Marketing



"I'm going to a costume party with some of my close friends. Have some drinks, get some candy."

Kristi Hall,
1st year Business Marketing



"Going to Screemers Saturday night. I don't know about Sunday; maybe take out my little sisters."

Samantha Beniprashad,
1st year Business Management

"I'm hosting a Halloween party at my house."

Todd Kerwin,
2nd year Business Administration

In Focus

Celebrating the dead

Halloween in other countries is more than candy and costumes

ZANDRA MILJAN AND
AMANDA MULLIN
STAFF REPORTERS

Halloween is right around the corner. It's the one night of the year that North Americans can pretend to be something they are not and get away with it.

But in other places in the world, dressing up and hitting the streets for candy is not as common as it is in North America.

In fact, in many other countries, residents celebrate this night in a more serious manner or they don't celebrate it at all.

Candy, costumes and trick-or-treating are almost unheard of in Mexico. Instead, they celebrate a two-day holiday called 'Dia de los Muertos,' or 'Day of the Dead,' a tradition held Nov. 1-2 in which the dead are honoured during a ritual ceremony and festive celebration.

The holiday honours and welcomes back children and adults who have passed away.

Such activities may seem morbid to some, but Mexicans believe that honouring the dead is one more opportunity to feel the spirit from beyond and reunite.

Former Mexico resident Claudia Leon-Verde said that being part of the Day of the Dead festival is something that brings peace and love back into people's lives.

"It is such a tradition in Mexico. It's a time for friends and

family to come together," she said.

Tombstones are decorated with bright flowers, and food and chocolate are left behind for other family and friends to enjoy. A shrine is also made in the home to honour the dead containing flowers, food, candy, candles and a picture on a three-tier altar.

Diana Fiorini, a first-year business student, said she wasn't aware of the different Halloween customs of other countries.

'I always just assumed that everyone went trick or treating and dressed up.'

"I've never even thought about countries who don't celebrate Halloween the same way as we do," Fiorini said. "I always just assumed everyone went trick-or-treating and dressed up. I never even thought about people spending Halloween any other way."

Mexico isn't the only country that celebrates Halloween differently.

In Japan special foods are made and red lanterns are hung inside and outside the home.

This day is devoted to the

spirits of their ancestors. The Japanese show their appreciation to their old relatives by lighting candles inside of lanterns and then floating them into rivers and seas.

Cheryl Pinto, a third-year business student, is intrigued with how other countries celebrate Halloween.

"It would be so interesting to go into another country and see the way someone else celebrates Halloween," Pinto said. "I'm really into seeing things from a different point of view, so it would be nice to see Halloween within a different culture or setting."

Simpler routines are practiced in such countries as the Czech Republic, Belgium and Germany.

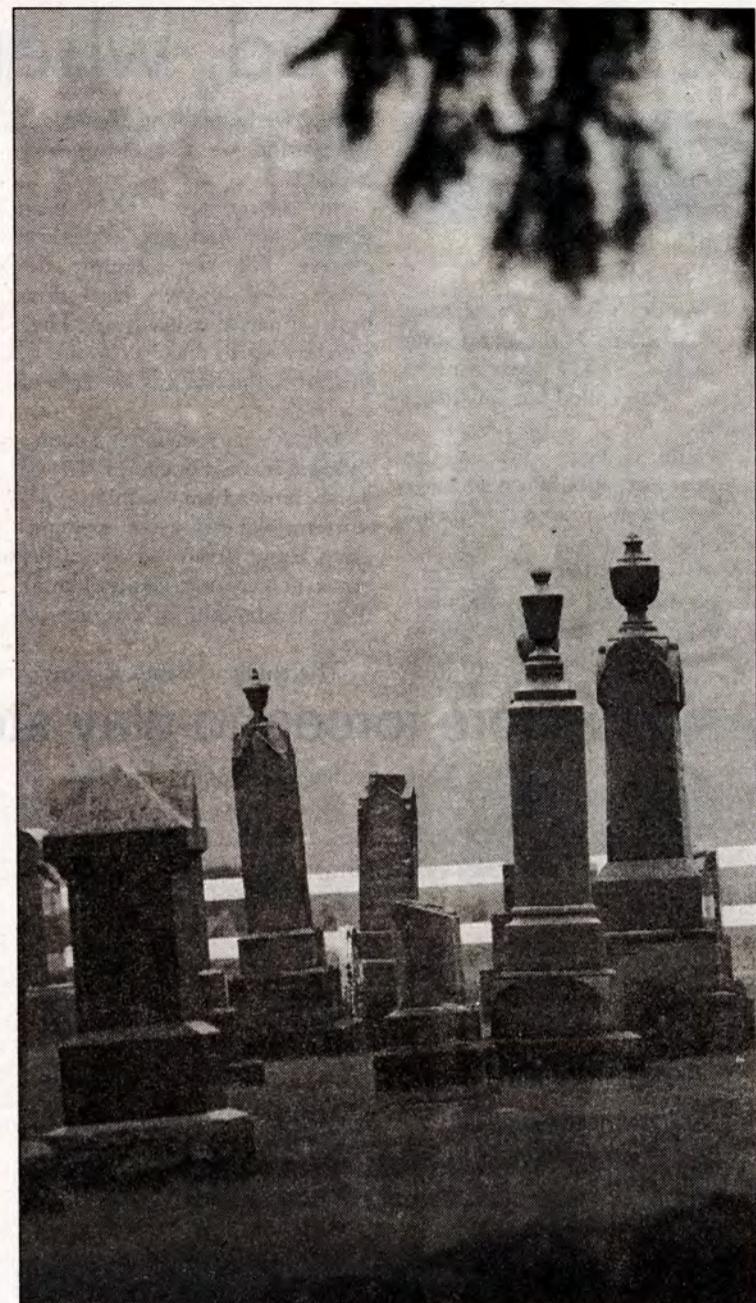
In the Czech Republic, families place chairs in front of fireplaces. One chair represents each living family member, as well as an additional chair for each family member's spirit.

Belgians light candles for the night to remember relatives of the past. They also believe that on this day it is unlucky to see a black cat.

Austrians leave bread and water and a lighted lamp on their kitchen table before they go to sleep on Halloween night. They once believed this ritual would make the dead welcome again on earth.

Second-year culinary student, Christian Poupart, wants Canadians to develop some traditions as well.

"I think other countries have wonderful ways of celebrating Halloween," Poupart said. "I think Canada should adopt some



Amanda Mullin

Cemeteries are considered sacred burial grounds in many cultures.

of these customs."

In some countries residents are slowly adopting the act of trick-or-treating and dressing up.

"France just recently started to pick up on this American tradition," said 'Discover France' tour sales employee Maggie Radio. "It has not been announced as an

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List compiled by: Natasha Addae



Julie Broadbent
Don't forget about UNICEF when you're handing out candy to trick-or-treaters this Sunday.

Can you spare some change?

Don't forget about the needy when trick-or-treating this year

NATASHA ADDAE
STAFF REPORTER

It will take a lot of pennies to fill up the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) piggy bank on Oct. 31.

The UNICEF trick-or-treat program hopes to make over \$1 million in Toronto this year. The program was started in 1954 and has raised about \$85 million in Ontario over the years.

The money raised this year will go towards education, particularly for girls.

Robyn Chomshyn, acting manager of youth programs for UNICEF's Ontario office, says numerous elementary and secondary schools will participate in this year's event.

"During Halloween UNICEF has over 40 volunteers and committees set up across Ontario, helping out with the distribution of orange boxes," Chomshyn said.

Last year about 2,000 schools in Ontario participated in the program.

UNICEF is known for being the world's leader in

children's aid issues. They work in 158 different countries and territories to help save, protect and enhance the lives of children and their families.

The Canadian government has officially proclaimed Oct. 31 as National UNICEF Day.

UNICEF Canada's Trick-or-Treat campaign will celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2005.

For more information on UNICEF's Trick-or-Treat campaign or any other inquiries visit www.UNICEF.ca.

In Focus

The ghosts of Lakeshore's past

Stories abound of ghost sightings on campus

LIZ WORTH
STAFF REPORTER

It's the time of year when everyone can enjoy a ghost story. And some of those ghosts might be closer than you think, in fact, as close as Humber's Lakeshore Campus, where the mere mention of a haunting is an invitation for storytelling.

Second-year student Patrese Leentjes had a creepy encounter just the other night.

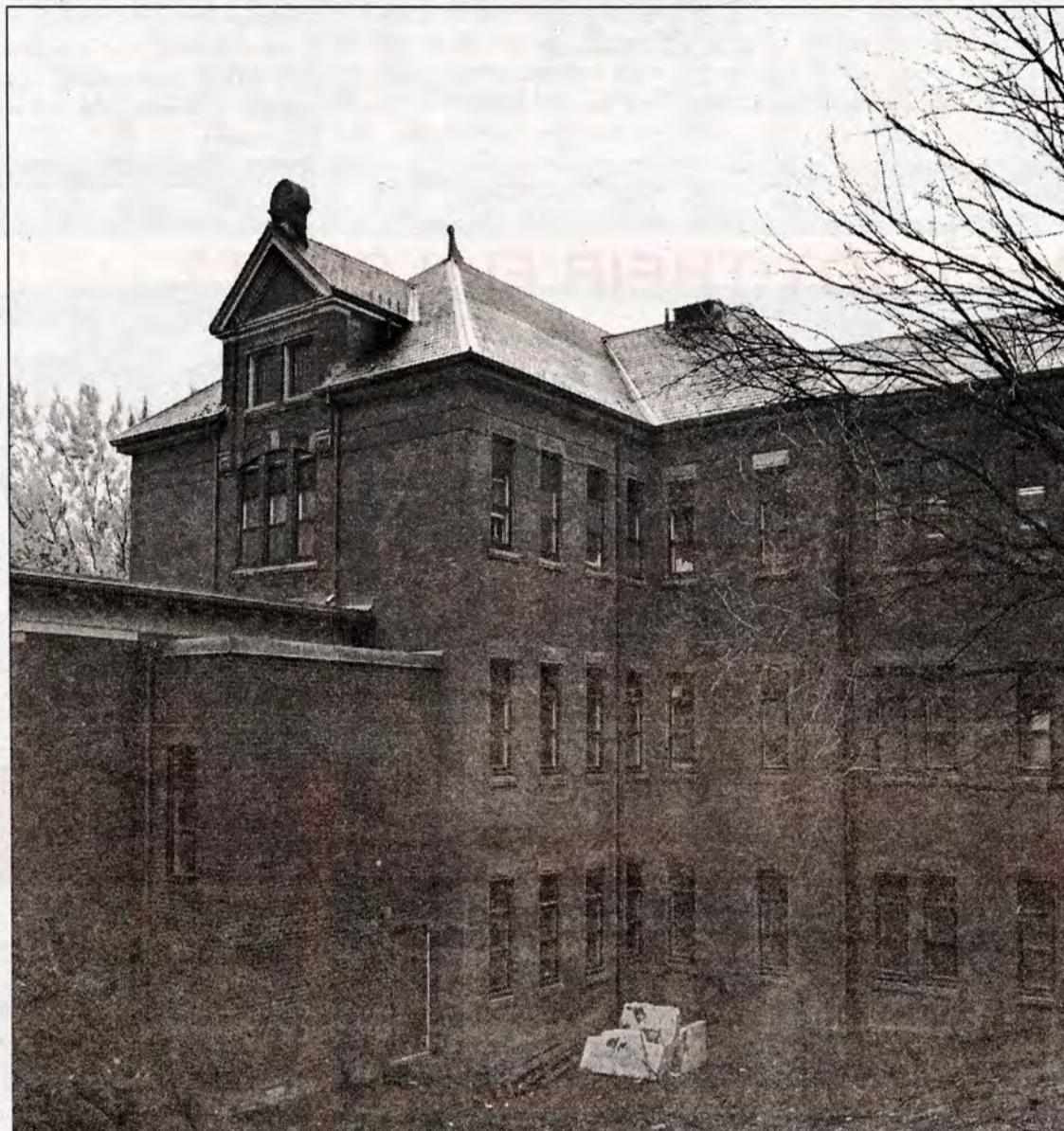
"I was walking to G building with one of my friends, and he was saying that we probably wouldn't see anything, but I was still feeling nervous," she said. "Then I looked up and I saw this white face in the window."

Standing outside the Lakeshore residence beside Leentjes is Mike Le Claire, a first-year comedy student.

'Where there was trauma, like in a hospital, people think it's haunted.'

"Do you know the story about the babies they found?" Le Claire asked.

Apparently, while construction workers were rebuilding around the college's grounds, a small hill they were working near



Amy Ward

Formerly the Mimico Hospital for the Insane, some Lakeshore buildings are now abandoned. At this time of year, the derelict building above contributes to ghostly stories being spread on campus.

collapsed. Underneath was a room where babies had been buried.

It's not surprising that so many spooky stories surround Lakeshore Campus considering the history of this area. The grounds of the campus were once

home to the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital, built in the late 1880s and used as such until 1979. The campus also housed the Mimico Hospital for the Insane.

Some of the buildings are still boarded up, like the one Leentjes

was referring to.

Kelly Jackson, a second-year paralegal student, has heard that one of the buildings still has the old hospital equipment in it.

A couple of years ago, the campus was regarded as the "busiest" haunted spot in Toronto,

according to the Toronto Ghosts website.

Toronto Ghosts, a non-profit international group that investigates ghost sightings is maintained by volunteers like Robin Bellamy. All hauntings reported on the site are submitted by e-mail, and there was a time when a lot of the stories were from Humber.

'They're afraid of getting a reputation for being haunted.'

"They were doing a lot of rebuilding at the time so it was getting more attention," Bellamy said. "That happens a lot with older places."

Bellamy said certain types of buildings can also spark some people's imaginations.

"Where there was trauma, like a hospital, people think it's haunted, that it's got bad vibes," he said.

A message on the Toronto Ghosts website states the organization was unable to investigate Humber because the school would not grant access.

"I don't know exactly why Humber said no," Bellamy said. "A lot of people don't like us to go traipsing around because they're afraid of getting a reputation for being haunted, and they don't want people hanging out looking for ghosts."

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In Focus

Lakeshore's haunted sights and sounds

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Still, it doesn't seem to be a secret around campus. There are a couple of stories floating around that everyone seems to have heard.

Like the one about the con-

struction worker who was working in one of the tunnels below the school. The story goes that he saw a woman in a nurse's uniform walking ahead of him, which was odd because it was late and no one else was there at the time.

She went around a corner and he followed, but she moved faster than he could have thought possible because when he turned the bend she was already at the end of the hallway, facing a wall.

When she turned around, the construction worker saw that

where her face should have been was nothing but a flat, blank space. He refused to go back to work in the tunnels after that.

Though Toronto Ghosts has received some stories about the campus that they regard as fictional, Bellamy does not discount all of them as something that students just made up to amuse themselves.

"That plays into it, but schools tend to have more people, so there's a better chance of ghosts being seen," she said.

If you're looking to be scared this Halloween or want to share your Lakeshore ghost story, go to the Toronto Ghosts website at www.torontoghosts.org.

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Craving horror in film

MARLENE BENEDICTO
STAFF REPORTER

Many enjoy watching scary movies, especially during Halloween, despite bloody and violent scenes in such films.

University of Toronto professor Garry Leonard says it's a case of mind over matter. People convince themselves "it's just a movie," he says.

"The idea is that everything we fear is embodied in the monster, so the hunting and the killing of the monster fascinates us because we can imagine all our fears being destroyed," he said.

Kasia Skowina, a hospitality student, said she watches scary movies, "...because of the suspense and the thrill of what's going to happen next."

Second-year hospitality student Maly Rattan said, "My favourite movie would probably be the last movie that I just watched, *The Exorcist*. It was really scary but also it kept you at the edge of your seat," Rattan said.

Top five horror movies of all time

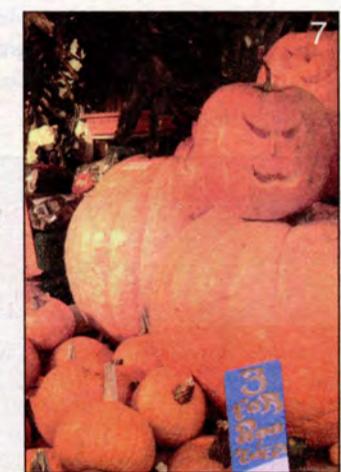
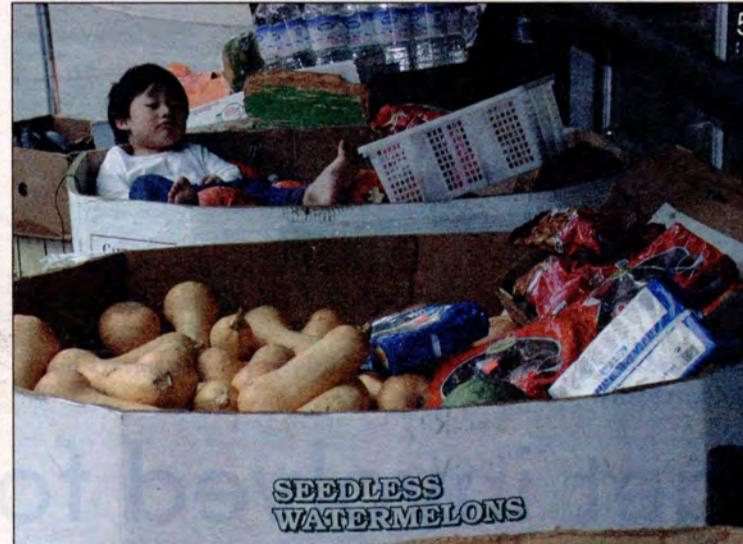
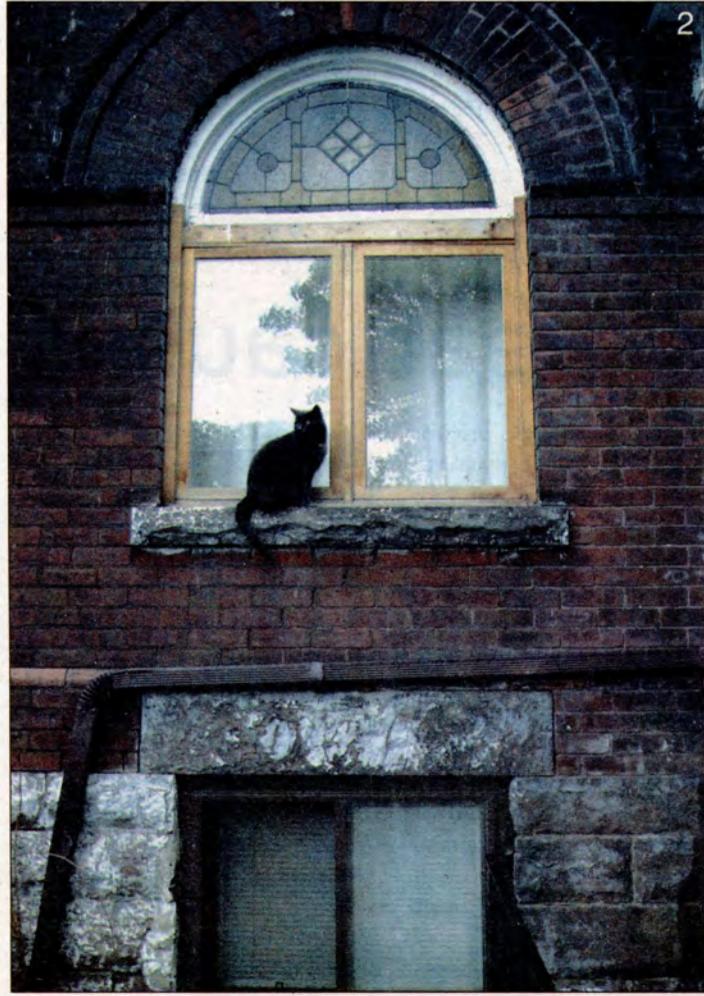
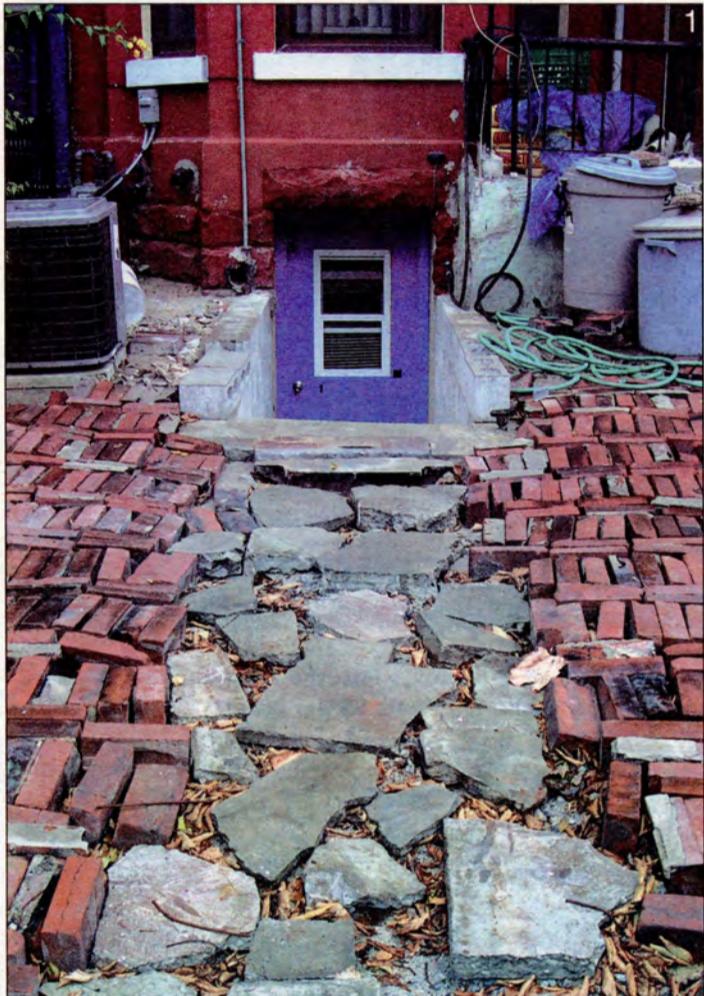
1. *Psycho* (1960)
2. *Silence of the Lambs* (1994)
3. *Alien* (1979)
4. *Faust* (1928)
5. *Jaws* (1975)

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The Humber View

Kensington Market through the  of Humber journalists
 A snapshot collection of a diverse, delicious, dynamic pocket of the city.



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Life

Halloween fundraiser catapults pumpkins to fund cancer research Pumpkins get smashed for cash

ANTHONY PAGLIAROLI
STAFF REPORTER

Raising money for a good cause this Halloween can't get any better than tossing a few pumpkins around.

Dixie Louise Rutherford, a second-year Early Childhood Education student, volunteers every weekend in October at a pumpkin-tossing event to raise money for cancer research in Canada.

Rutherford, who has lived in the community for 15 years, said the charity is here for a great cause and Humber students should be getting involved.

"I had to experience my grandfather's death because of cancer and I know a lot of us out there have grandparents who are dying too,"

she said.

The charity event started in early October and has raised close to \$1,000 for the Canadian Cancer Research Society.

'We're hoping to raise \$2,000, but you never know.'

"At first, I thought that launching pumpkins 50 feet in the air was a ridiculous idea but so many people are coming out and having a great time. I'm definitely going to do this next year," Rutherford said.

Volunteers who set up the large

catapult in the field across from Highway 2 in Ajax will be there every weekend until Halloween. For five dollars, you can buy a pumpkin, place it in a catapult and launch it across an open field.

An impressive number of pumpkins have already been sold and launched by passers-by who pull over to catch a glimpse of the large catapult.

"We're hoping to raise \$2,000 but you never know, we could surpass it," Rutherford said.

"It's truly remarkable what's going on here. Who would've thought throwing pumpkins could help support cancer research. I hope some of my friends from Humber will get involved in time for next Halloween."



Since early October over \$1,000 has been raised for the Canadian Cancer Society. The organizers hope that they can raise a grand total of \$2,000 for charity.

Students get involved for great causes

JILLIAN TREMBLAY
STAFF REPORTER

Many students may talk about doing charity work, but few actually take the initiative to get involved.

For Whitney Shanfield and Nick Farnell, volunteering is a big part of their lives.

Farnell jumps at every opportunity to run races or do other physical activities for a good cause, while Shanfield gives her time in a field that may help her gain work experience or choose a profession.

"It's difficult to juggle work, school and volunteer work, but

it's all about time management," said Shanfield, a second-year Guelph-Humber media studies student.

"Things you learn doing volunteer work, you can't learn in the classroom, so overall it benefits you to maintain somewhat of a balance so that you can get good grades in school, but broaden your horizons as well."

Shanfield recently joined a public relations committee for the Toronto chapter of the Osteoporosis Society.

"I want to gain public relations experience because that is what I hope to do as a profession," said

Shanfield, the only student on the committee. "I would also like to find out which area of PR

'Things you learn doing volunteer work you can't learn in the classroom.'

interests me most."

She's helping with the planning of an upcoming event called the Bone China Tea, where guests pay a minimum of \$60 for tea and



Anthony Pagliaroli
Organizers load a pumpkin into the catapult. The event is open to the public, and costs \$5 per launch.

Toronto gets sexy

MONIQUE WILMOTT
STAFF REPORTER

The fifth annual 'Everything to do with Sex Show' is on its way back to Toronto. The show has attracted more than 50,000 visitors in past years and runs from Oct. 28 to Oct. 31.

This year, the event will take place in the automotive building at the National Trade Centre on the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) grounds. Events include the Sexiest Halloween Party, The B-Girlz Drag Show and seminars including Sex Toys 101.

Admission is \$15 for adults. For more information log on at www.everythingtodowithsex.com.

to do it, but I had something else to do," he said. "So, I decided to do it this year."

He is part of the Humber team that competes against other colleges and universities for the best time, while trying to raise the most money.

He also took part in the 5 km run for breast-cancer research participants donate \$35 or get pledges - and other charity races.

Farnell fared well, completing the race in just over 17 minutes. Also raising \$50 for the charity

"I like the physical aspect of it and that there is a good cause behind it," he said.

snacks such as scones, biscuits and cakes. The event is taking place at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel on Nov. 24. Proceeds go to osteoporosis research.

As a committee member, Shanfield is trying to develop media awareness and promote corporate sponsorship.

"I do what I can because I know at least I'm helping," Shanfield said.

Farnell, a second-year student in the industrial design program, volunteers regularly at such events as the CN Tower stair climb for the United Way.

"I saw it last year and I wanted

News you can use



Lauren Gilchrist gets answers

Q: I want to get the flu shot but I'm worried it will give me the flu. Is this true? And why do I have to get it done every year?

A: Research done on the Internet yields the following information:

- The flu shot does not give you the flu because it does not contain live flu virus.

- With any medication there may be some side effects. Some people experience runny, watery eyes, wheezing, tightness in the chest and mild throat swelling. These symptoms are called oculo-respiratory syndrome (ORS). People with these symptoms usually recover in 48 hours.

- If you experienced these symptoms the last time you got a flu shot, tell either your doctor or the nurse at the clinic before getting the flu shot again.

- Most people who get the shot have either no side effects or mild side effects such as redness, soreness or swelling where the shot was administered and possibly muscle aches.

- You need to get the flu shot every year. The virus that causes the flu constantly changes.

- The best time to get the shot is between October and December.

For more information call Toronto Public Health at 1-866-FLU-N-YOU (1-866-358-6968) or visit www.health.gov.on.ca

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When Humber graduate Miriam Osborne told her friends last summer she was going to Israel, they thought she was crazy. "Who goes to Israel for fun?" they asked.

Osborne knew Israel was constantly in the news because of the many suicide bombings and continuing conflict with Palestinians, but she decided this was still the opportunity of a lifetime.

Nonetheless, Osborne says she didn't really know what to expect when she arrived in Israel.

"If you asked me what I thought of Israel before I left I would have said it was a country with a massive military that is using it to their advantage and going after a small minority who live in the most horrible conditions. I didn't do any original research, but I read the papers, and I guess I gathered my information from very one-sided sources."

Although born to Jewish orthodox parents Osborne never looked into her Jewish roots until roughly a year ago.

Osborne's biological parents

gave her up for adoption at a young age. She lived in Jewish foster homes for three years until she was adopted.

Osborne says although her adopted parents are not Jewish, they always encouraged her as a child to look into her roots.

"I never really did. I was a kid and quite frankly my parents weren't Jewish, my brothers and sisters weren't Jewish and I had no interest in being different."

Roughly a year ago, Osborne's mother told her about Birth Right Israel, a group that takes Jewish youths to Israel.

Osborne didn't think the program was right for her. "I didn't even consider myself Jewish," she said.

But after doing more research she decided the trip was something she really wanted to do.

"I guess you grow up and want to look into your history a little bit," she said.

On July 2, 2004 she arrived in Israel.

The first thing she remembers about the country was the searing heat as she walked down the stairs of the plane.

The next nine days were a

whirlwind.

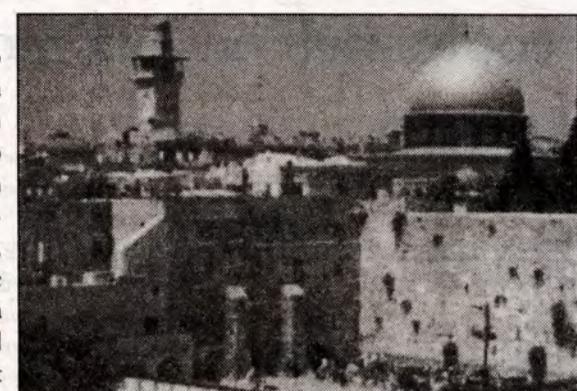
The group was taken to a market in Jerusalem, to the Western Wall, the holocaust museum, through the old city, to a disco in Tel Aviv and spent a night in the desert with Bedouin Muslims.

A highlight of the trip for Osborne was climbing Massada, a fortress lived in by Jews who were trying to escape enslavement by the Romans in 66 AD. Osborne explains her group compared climbing Massada to conquering Israel.

"It was amazing because I didn't think I was going to climb it. Physically I thought I would have some trouble," she said.

"But climbing the Massada was one of the highlights for me. And I did it just in time for the sunrise over the Dead Sea and over the mountains of Jordan."

While at Massada and looking



Miriam Osborne
One of the most visited sites is the Western Wall.

out at the rising sun, Osborne remembers thinking: "This is not what we see all the time. This is not the country that is struggling to survive and a country that some people say has no right to survive. But it is this beautiful amazing little place that has more beauty than anything I have ever seen."

Osborne says, "A lot of people say this is what the media should report and be focussing on, but of course you're not. Who's going to report there was a beautiful day in Jerusalem and the kids are playing in the old city? That's not a story, which is unfortunate."

Continuing series on unique areas to explore in Toronto **Walking on the Westside**

REBECCA PAYNE
STAFF REPORTER

Queen Street West is a flurry of activity any time of the week, so strap on those walking shoes and fill up your pocketbook - Osgoode station is closer than you think.

If your funds are limited, there is still lots for you in this bustling Toronto neighbourhood. The street is lined with shops and restaurants, some much cheaper than others.

Student-friendly lunches can be found for just \$5 to \$10. Hosu Bistro, at 254 Queen St. W. sounds fancy, but you can get sushi and sashimi from \$4.95 at lunch.

Another choice eatery is Chicago's Diner. It features an all-day breakfast and live blues at night at The Bird's Nest.

Steps away is Black Market, a student favourite, selling both vintage and new clothes. On Tuesday there's 50 per cent off on everything in the store. They also have a warehouse store across the street.

At 359 Queen Street West, you'll find Jet Rag, a boutique packed full of unique pieces.

"We consider ourselves more of a novelty store. We have things you won't find anywhere else," owner Aziz Alam said. He stocks his store with merchandise from up and coming independent Canadian designers. Sneakers and vintage pumps line the back of the store, across from the change rooms which close-with doors from old refrigerators.

If you're looking for a killer party dress (which could double as a Halloween costume) there are two stores on Queen Street West you must visit. One is Fashion Crimes. It's been in business for 20 years, with most of the merchandise designed by owner Pam Chorley. The store is filled with dresses which range from about \$100 to more than \$1,500.

The other option is F/X, at Queen Street West and Spadina Avenue. On the ground floor you'll find plenty of girly acces-

sories and clothes. If you climb the sparkly, pink staircase you'll find the dress salon. Along with cases of jewellery, gloves and purses are dresses from designers like Betsey Johnson and Patricia Field (costume designer for *Sex and the City*).

Marvel cosmetology student Victoria Kennedy compari shopped both stores. "I liked F/X better. The clothes are so unique. I could play dress-up in there all day!"

If your shopping trip stretches into the night, you can stop into one of the street's many bars. The Rivoli, The 360 and The



Rebecca Payne
Wishing for and anticipating the perfect dress.

Horseshoe Tavern are all on the same block with live music and sidewalk patios to enjoy.

If you're dying to get downtown, try to go down on a Sunday with a friend - you can get a day pass for unlimited travel on the TTC at just \$7.75.

Life

Cars have grills and so can teeth

People shell out big money for a smile worth more than their wardrobe

EVA FRAGISKATOS

STAFF REPORTER

Hip-hop artists like Silk the Shocker and Juvenile have inspired a new trend - teeth plates.

'Some people get grills because they have crooked teeth, missing teeth or gaps.'

Teeth plates, also known as fronts or grills, are gold and diamond encrusted for those who like to have a sparkling smile.

They are also available in platinum and silver, and can cost up to \$1,000.

Bevon Waterman says he does not have grills yet but is waiting until he has the cash to get them.

"There is a reason behind getting them for me," he said.

"Some people though, just get them because they have the

money."

When asked what his reason was, Waterman said, "because I want them."

Christy Velez, who started Gangstagold.com five years ago, has been selling grills over the Internet to people all over North America.

"Some people get grills because they have crooked teeth, missing teeth or gaps. Some people just get it for fashion reasons," Velez said.

Teeth plates are just beginning to emerge in Canada, but have been around for about 15 years in the United States.

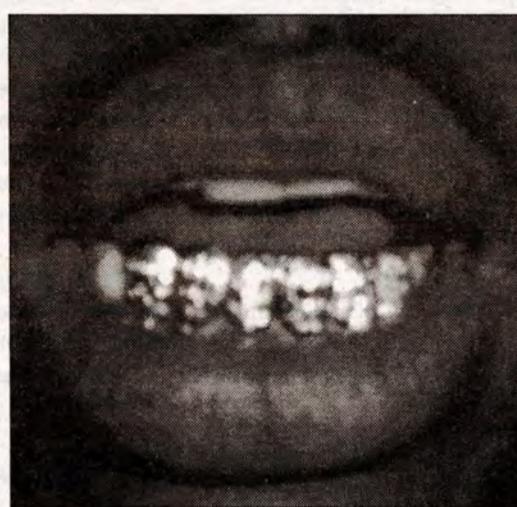
Yet not everyone finds these grills attractive.

Poyan Pourshian, a former Humber student, says he does not like teeth plates.

Pourshian is part of a hip-hop

band called Fessional, and has travelled to the U.S. for many hip-hop events.

"I've been to a lot of hip-hop



Eva Fragiskatos

Iced-out custom gold, silver and platinum teeth are the rage with hip hop aficionados.

Shearim, a second-year fashion student, says the teeth plates take away from a natural smile.

"I don't think they are attractive. I don't like them because they look creepy and unnatural," Shearim said.

The prices for teeth plates vary. At Gangstagold.com, Velez charges \$155 for 10 karat-gold, for six teeth.

"If someone comes to me and wants it done for six or more teeth, I can play around with the price for them."

Velez receives from seven to 15 orders per week and 95 percent of her customers are men.

A place to check out grills in

Toronto is Nellie's Custom Design at 361 Yonge St.

Owner Neville Brown, 50, has been in business for over ten years and charges \$75 per 18 karat-gold tooth and \$100 if you want to add diamonds.

Celebs with golden smiles

- R&B artist Mary J Blige
- Hip-Hop artist Kelis
- Rapper Nelly
- Rapper Young Buck
- Rapper Snoop Dogg
- Actor Johnny Depp

LGBT pushes for new room

LEIGH BEADON

STAFF REPORTER

Humber's Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual-Transgendered club (LGBT) is picking up its efforts to get a designated room on campus this year.

The LGBT is asking for a "Positive Space" room, an area where students of all sexual orientations can be comfortable.

Positive Space is a Toronto campaign to identify and label gay and lesbian-friendly areas on college and university campuses. Most colleges and universities in Toronto now have a Positive Space room. LGBT president Cameron McKenzie said Humber doesn't seem to care.

"The administration didn't seem too frazzled that we are one of the last major colleges in Toronto and across Canada to not have a positive space room," McKenzie said.

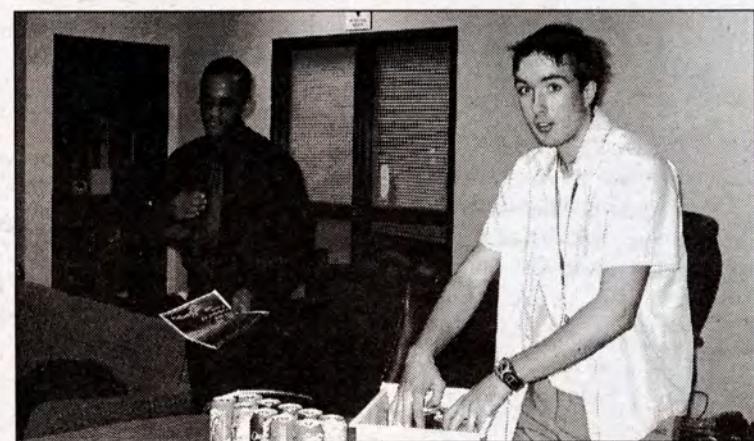
McKenzie and Brown co-wrote a petition to the school in February, but the school told them they had no room to spare. McKenzie says he understands that space is an issue, but he also has not given up.

"Now that construction for both campuses is done ... maybe there is a space they forgot about and would be willing to let us have," he said.

"If there is no space, then we would like to be included in the next expansion of either campus, and make sure we have a room included in those plans."

In the meantime, the LGBT club will do what it can to raise awareness and support.

McKenzie said he is arranging guest speakers and hopes to show the school they're serious about the club, helping the Humber community, and being around for years to come.



Leigh Beadon
LGBT President Cameron McKenzie hopes that developments at Lakeshore will free up a room for his club.

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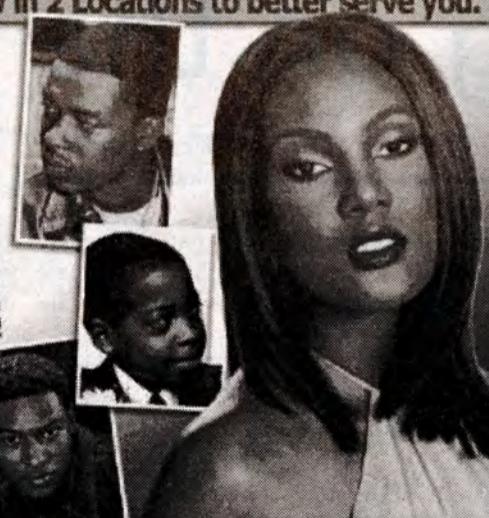


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Searching for spirits in the Hamilton area

MARK HERBERT
STAFF REPORTER

Do you believe in ghosts? A group of Film and Television students are determined to find out if spirits roam among us.

Jean-Francois Atkins, a second-year film student, is producing a documentary on haunted houses, and, in his work, was led to a home on Trinity Church Road in Hamilton.

"We were referred to this house by a psychic," Atkins said.

After the initial encounter with the spiritual adviser, Atkins came to find out a few interesting things about the home and its owners, both past and present.

The house was built in 1908, and has been inhabited by four different families over the years who said they all have witnessed "paranormal" activities at one time or another.

While this story may only be appreciated this time of year, Atkins says the timing is simply a coincidence.

"We actually started our research in the spring," he said.

The house, located on a gloomy back road, is easily recognizable at this time of year, partly for the decorations, but also because of the ominous appeal it holds. It wouldn't come as a surprise to Atkins if this house were haunted.

"I've got a good feeling that things are happening," Atkins said.

Not all members of the film crew share Atkins' Ghostbusters enthusiasm or the belief that ghosts, ghouls and beings from the netherworld exist.

The film's director of photography, Khalil Charles, thinks it's, "a bunch of garbage."

Regardless, the group will also spend a night in the barn adjacent to the house because it may be haunted as well.

Initially, the crewmembers are going to walk through the barn alone and record the sights and sounds, hoping to witness some paranormal activity.

Director Mazi Khalighi said he wants to show people that ghosts don't exist. "We'll report whatever happens, but I'm hoping to prove that they don't exist," he said.

The tour through the barn and eventual sleepover will serve as some finality to any questions that Atkins, Charles and Khalighi have on the subject of things that go bump in the night.

Regardless of the outcome, let's hope they all survive to tell the story.



All photos by Mark Herbert

Halloween Happenings around T.O.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Mod Club

722 College St.
White Cowbell Oklahoma, a 10-man, four-guitar rock onslaught featuring nudity, fire and chainsaws.
www.whitecowbell.com

The Church at Berkeley

315 Queen St. E.
Sinners & Saints: A Party in the Garden of Good and Evil, presented by the Hearing Foundation. Tickets are \$50, call 416-364-4060 ext. 27

Friday, Oct. 30

The Docks

11 Polson St.
Destiny 666, a night of drum and bass, trance, jungle, house, techno and breaks. Tickets \$30 - \$35 and costume judging. Doors open at 10 p.m. Call 416-631-8821.

Alleycatz Live Jazz Bar

2409 Yonge St.
Halloween costume disco inferno beginning at 9:30 p.m. Call 416-481-6865 for cover info.

Opera House

735 Queen St. E.
All Hallow's Erotic Masquerade featuring a surprise porn star guest and over \$10,000 in prizes. Call 416-406-6998 for info.

The Burlesque House

101 Eglinton Ave. E.
Featuring a live burlesque show, complimentary drinks throughout the night and music of D.J.X. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door. devilsnight@eatdrinkplay.ca

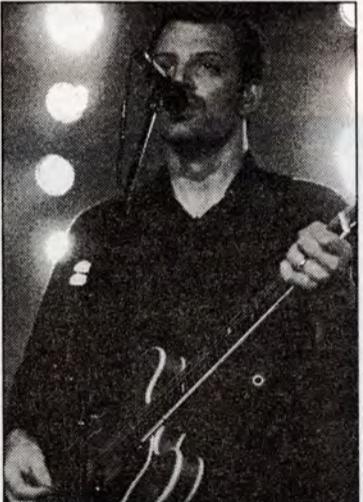
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Laura Smith
Matthew Good at Kool Haus

Moshers ruin Good's mood

LAURA SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Matthew Good rocked last Saturday night with a 90-minute set of old favourites and new songs from his latest album *White Light Rock and Roll Review*.

But, during the five-song encore, Good became perturbed by crowd surfers in the audience.

"You guys from a pinhead convention or something? I can understand if I was Korn but it's just me up here with my acoustic guitar."

Good stopped playing in the middle of his closing song to address the surfers now moshing to the ballad he was playing. "Seriously guys, grow up," he said.

Having a bloody good time at Canada's premier scream park

AGATHA SACHS
STAFF REPORTER

Scary movies like *Puppet Masters* and *Halloween* aren't as scary when you've seen them a thousand times, so what do you do for a new Halloween fright?

What if you could be chased by a saw-wielding "Leatherface" from *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* or walk through an insane asylum, with butchered bloody human pieces laying on operating tables while a psychiatric doctor goes mad?

If that sounds like haunting good fun, than *Screemers*, in its 12th season at Exhibition Place, is where you want to go.

"It's scarier this year than it was 10 years ago," Dahlia Babic, a first-year general arts student said.

This year, the *Screemers* website promises, "six, fear-filled features," including the haunted house, the castle of doom, the black hole, the maniac maze, the 3-D carnival of bad dreams and, new for 2004, the asylum.

Babic was not 'Screaming' in the dark alone. Accompanied by her boyfriend, Vince Canzoneri, a first-year graphic design student, Babic said her favorite feature was the black hole. She



Agatha Sachs
Students Vince Canzoneri and Dahlia Babic found themselves a bloody new friend at *Screemers*, open until Oct. 31.

describes it as a pitch black maze, with little red lights that flicker far off into the maze that you have to follow with night crawlers jumping at you from around each corner.

"Never let your boyfriend push you ahead of him, and let go of your hand, and have you be scared," Dahlia warned.

Venturing through the haunted house, Canzoneri almost knocked his head on a narrow passageway.

"It was so dark in there, and I didn't see that there was a lowered hallway you had to go

through. You've really got to watch where you're going. If you're not careful, you might make a new ghoul friend that won't leave you alone."

And beware of unwanted guests tagging along. "It started to get really freaky when a dead, bloody bride walking outside the haunted mazes just started to follow me closely and silently," Babic said.

Among the six features, there's also a midway of madness, and a food court with a licensed bar area. Tickets to *Screemers* cost \$27.95 before taxes.

Arts and Entertainment

Billy Corgan reads his smashing poems at church

SHAUNNA BEDNAREK
STAFF REPORTER

The stained-glass windows and pious atmosphere of an Anglican church are just about as un-rock and roll as you can get.

But the pews at the Church of the Redeemer last Tuesday were filled in the name of rock.

Billy Corgan, singer of '90s alternative radio darling Smashing Pumpkins, and the well-intentioned, but ultimately disastrous Zwan, treated a sold-out crowd of 300 to a rare, intimate experience at the downtown church. Toronto was one of only six cities to get a live performance.

Corgan is spending the last half of October touring bookstores across North America and signing copies of his first poetry book, *Blinking With Fists*.

Though the evening was promoted as a poetry reading, it was equal parts spoken word and music.

He humbled the very quiet and respectful audience with newer songs such as *Say Goodbye* and *Prairie Song* (which are rumoured to be included in an impending, all-acoustic DVD

release of songs about Corgan's home town of Chicago) and selected poetry readings.

Midway through, he invited audience members onstage to read aloud their favourite poems from the book, although some

night was Tibetan a capella singer Yungchen Lhamo. Lhamo conveyed the sorrow and endurance of fleeing Tibet by foot across the Himalayan mountains through her unconventional and soaring vocal arrangements. She provided

chant, with Corgan ad libbing *Amazing Grace*.

Speaking to the crowd, Corgan revealed that he is unfazed by the criticism he is facing regarding his latest career move. He said that when it comes



Shaunna Bednarek

Billy Corgan trades in his guitar for something a little more quiet, and this time in a church, no less.

stumbled through their readings endearingly. Others over-enunciated and tried too hard while sitting next to their hero.

With Corgan throughout the

a powerful complement to Corgan's heartfelt acoustic folk songs.

To end the night, Lhamo led the crowd into a meditative

to art, "the greater the resistance, the closer you are to getting what you want." He has received similar criticisms for *Blinking With Fists* as he did when the Pumpkins

Edmonton band cracks the Social Code in Toronto; opens for The Used

ASHLEY THRING
STAFF REPORTER

Their name is Social Code. They're from Edmonton and they are passionately rocking out like real performers should.

It's something that would catch anyone's attention walking down Yonge St. on a Friday night, noise like that coming from a bar.

Unlike anything you've ever heard, Social Code's music is almost indescribable. They beautifully combine bits and pieces of every genre, from emo to hardcore to alternative rock.

They showcased their abilities at Reilly's Third Floor last weekend when they headlined a concert with other local acts, and completely stole the show. They played material from their new album, *A Year At The Movies*, which they recorded with Universal Records after signing late last year.

The quartet, which consists of lead singer Travis Nesbitt, bassist Logan Jacobs, drummer Ben Shillabeer and temporary guitarist Chris Ruddy, takes pride in their unique sound. "I wouldn't categorize us as anything," Nesbitt said. "I hope nobody else really does."

'I wouldn't categorize us as anything. I hope nobody else really does.'

Their talents are evident after listening to the album a few times and seeing their live performance. The show featured their two singles, *Beautiful* and a cover of the 80s hit *Birds Fly (Whisper to a Scream)*.

"It was actually something I didn't want to do at first," Nesbitt said in reference to the cover song. "We think the song is really lame, it sucks, it stinks, but we just started playing with it. It totally changed the face of our entire CD."

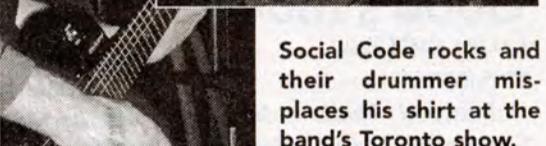
The band, formerly known as Fifth Season, is currently on a North American tour, and will

open up for The Used at the end of this month in Detroit.

"I'd love to do a whole tour with The Used," Nesbitt said. "That would be awesome."

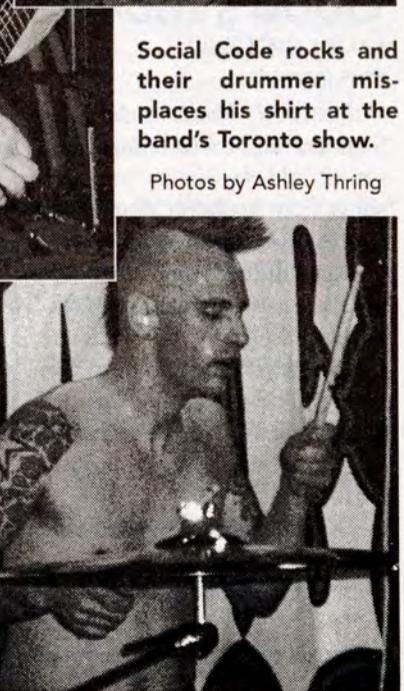
If you ever have the chance to see these guys live, take full advantage of it.

Social Code's onstage performance is enthusiastic and proves just how much talent can come out of Canada.



Social Code rocks and their drummer misplaces his shirt at the band's Toronto show.

Photos by Ashley Thring



were starting out.

Rock and literary critics can debate all they want about the artistic merit of Corgan's poetry, but there is little doubt as to the man's sincerity. *Blinking With Fists* is just the latest personal accomplishment from an artist who has always done things on his own terms.

The small audience was no indication that Corgan's popularity is dwindling. *Blinking With Fists* is already on the New York Times' bestseller list, a rare feat for a poetry book of any kind. Many of the autograph seekers at the signing session did not have tickets for the church event.

If audience members did not enjoy every aspect of the performance, they certainly didn't vocalize it until they went home to their computers.

The heavy focus on reading rather than music was disappointing for some, and others didn't appreciate Yungchen Lhamo's accompaniment.

But even the most jaded fan couldn't deny the uniqueness of the show. Billy Corgan delivered a truly intimate and interactive performance.

Arts and Entertainment



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Rue Morgue's new project is aimed at the nightmares of children.

Rue Morgue scares your pants off just in time for Halloween

CHRISTINE FLYNN
STAFF REPORTER

Rue Morgue makes its record label debut with the release of *Nightmare Picture Theatre*, an album filled with pure musical horror.

The concept album details the story of a man who torments a child into having nightmares about his future.

The music will be accompanied by a stage show opening some time next year, featuring the album's composer, James Fisher.

Rue Morgue Records stems from the successful Canadian horror magazine, *Rue Morgue*, which celebrates its seventh anniversary this Halloween.

Not just a celebration of the horror movie genre, *Rue Morgue* prides itself on being a mosaic of the horror culture, featuring everything horror.

Rod Gudino, the magazine's president and editor-in-chief, says *Rue Morgue* was the first Canadian magazine to explore horror. He said the feedback has been positive, especially from hardcore fans and horror culture enthusiasts.

"The horror industry has really embraced *Rue Morgue*," Gudino said.

The magazine has branched into other areas, including the *Rue Morgue Festival of Fear*, Canada's first national horror expo, and *Rue Morgue Radio*, an online music station featuring

horror "rot 'n' roll".

The company also shows movies monthly at Toronto's Bloor Cinema for those interested in rare cult and band films, as well as international horror films from the early masters of horror.

"A lot of the movies are intense and are for people who are looking for an intense experience," Gudino said.

Later this week, on Saturday, Rue Morgue presents Funeral

Fiesta, the magazine's seventh anniversary Halloween party, at The Church at Berkeley at 315 Queen St. E.

For more information, or to purchase one of the many products from the Rue Morgue Shoppe of Horrors, visit the web site at www.rue-morgue.com.

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The sixth in a series of weekly profiles on Humber musicians

Get WREKKED with the Langford twins

DAWN FARRELL

SENIOR STAFF REPORTER

Formed in 1998, Wrekked started after twin brothers Mat and Jon Langford were reunited with their old middle school buddy, Lenny Daniel. The three got together on a regular basis to jam and later decided to become a band.

Third-year Humber journalism student Mat Langford plays drums, second-year radio and broadcast student Jon Langford contributes lead vocals, Lenny Daniel plays bass and Matt Dominici rocks out on the guitar.

In 2003, they decided to compete against the GTAs best up and coming bands in Toronto's Premier band competition, PARAGON 4. Wrekked left that night with the grand prize of

\$10,000 in cash and prizes.

Influenced by a variety of music, Mat Langford believes Wrekked is original.

"I know it's cliché to say 'oh we don't sound like anything around,' but I genuinely think that we're pretty original," Langford said. "We've been classed as 311 meets AC/DC, and Incubus meets Staind, so it's really just up to the people listening to decide."

The band is working on its debut album, which includes songs like *Unwanted Me* and *Easier to Breathe*, and is due out in December.

Come out and meet the band tomorrow at Club 279, they go on stage at 10:30 p.m.

For more information on Wrekked visit www.myspace.com/wrekked.

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Sports

Thrilling duel ends with O.T. penalty kicks

Hawks move on to the semi's

KRIS HALINEN
STAFF REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's soccer team won a 1-0 thriller in an overtime shootout last Friday against their arch rival the Seneca Sting, eliminating their opponents from the Ontario Collegiate Athletic Association (OCAA) playoffs.

The Hawks played a focused game and peppered the Sting goalkeeper, Roy Blanche, constantly throughout the game. Despite a number of Hawks' scoring chances, Blanche got in front of every ball. Neither team managed to score throughout regulation or in extra time leading to a shootout that saw Humber out-kick Seneca 5-4. Michael Marchese scored the winning goal.

The Hawks were finally able to get revenge on the Sting after being embarrassed 6-0 two years ago in the OCAA semifinal.

"We stuck to our guns and we came through," Hawks player Vito Del Duca said. "We wanted it more."

Both teams had plenty of chances to put the game away, but neither seemed to get any lucky bounces.

"We missed a lot of chances again today and it looked like it was going to come back to haunt us," Hawks captain Cameron Medwin said.



Kris Halinen

Vito Del Duca starts Humber's offence during their thrilling 1-0 win.

A few heartstopping plays kept Humber fans on the edge of their seats. Domenic Politano fumbled the ball as it rolled across the goal-line and Chris Turner saved the day in extra time when he cleared a Seneca kick headed for the back of the net.

Strong play from defenders Dene Houdou, Marcelo Capozzolo, Diego Galeano and Marchese kept Humber alive in the extended game, and scoring phenom Kadian Lecky was held off the scoresheet in his first game against his former team.

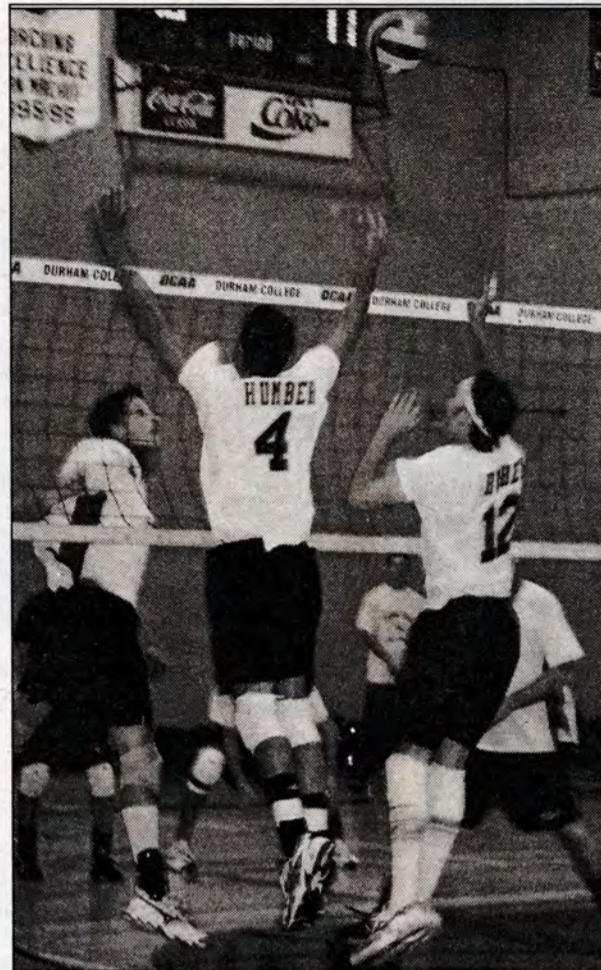
"It was hard playing against my old team," Lecky said, "but I'm with Humber now. We're going to go all the way."

The coaching staff is confident about the squad and very happy with how they have been playing this year.

"Seneca was a very good team," Hawks head coach Germain Sanchez said. "To come up on top is great."

With the win, Humber advances to the OCAA final four in Hamilton this weekend. They take on the Fanshawe Falcons tomorrow at 2 p.m. The Hawks shut out the Falcons in their first game of the season.

The winner of the final four will secure a spot in the CCAA national championship in London, Ontario, Nov. 10-13.



Sarah Horbaczyk
Milad Massoudi and Mike Smith attempt a block.

Volleyball clubs get ready for upcoming season after tourneys

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The Hawks men's volleyball team had more competition than they anticipated over the weekend at the Durham College tournament. The men from Humber finished a disappointing seventh despite expecting a much better showing. They get their regular season started Nov. 10 against Fanshawe College at Humber's Varsity Gym.

The women's team were also in action over the weekend at the Sheridan College Invitational tournament. The girls played well and finished the tournament with a silver medal. The women also open up their regular season on Nov. 10 against Fanshawe College at home.

The women's team hopes to repeat as Ontario Champions while the men look to improve on a season that saw them finish second in the province.

Cheap drinks at the Podium

Olympic simulation experience offers students unique entertainment for an affordable price

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Toronto's newest simulation experience, Olympic Spirit Toronto (OST), announced it will trim prices in order to give students the ultimate thrill ride.

The \$42-million OST building opened in late September and allows the public to learn about the Olympics through history and artifacts located in the building.

OST is just behind Dundas Square on Victoria Street, in the heart of the city.

"We are right in the middle of Toronto," said Kelly Holmes, marketing services co-ordinator. "So it's easy for everyone and anyone to come down here."

OST originally decided not to give college and university students a discounted rate, but now says that was a mistake.

"We felt that there were so many college and university students who wanted to come and check out OST, but felt it was too expensive," Chief Operating Officer Peter Doyle said. "So we decided to include them in the student pricing."

All students with valid post secondary identification can now enter OST for \$15.

OST also announced that,

starting Nov. 11 and every Thursday thereafter, 'Spirit Night at the Podium' will take place at the Podium Restaurant and Bar, located inside the state of the art complex.

Spirit Night, OST's weekly pub night, will offer students something unique every Thursday night.

"It will give students a whole new bar experience without having to spend a lot of money," Doyle said.

'We know the financial burdens placed on students.'

"It's a great place to just go and hang out," McBean said. "It's five storeys high, so you have a great view of the city while you sit back and relax."

Other athletes who visit the bar include recent double Olympic medalist Adam van Koeverden and silver medalist Alexander Despatie.

Spirit Night will also help students save a little.

The pub night will offer discounts on drinks. Drinks will tentatively be sold for \$2 and a number of free appetizers and snacks will also be available.

"We know the financial burdens placed on students so it was important to make Spirit Night affordable," Holmes said.

It also allows people to experience the Olympics from a whole new perspective. Numerous simulation games allow customers to experience how it feels to be an Olympian. Bobsleigh, figure skating, sprinting, skiing and long jump are just some of the simulation games the public can try out.

Although privately owned, the OST donates a percentage of its earnings directly to the Canadian Olympic Committee to support Olympic hopefuls and competitive athletes by providing financial assistance.

Sports

Sports Shorts



Brett Stander on the Terrell Owens and Jeff Garcia Feud

In last week's National Football League (NFL) matchup between the Cleveland Browns and Philadelphia Eagles, Terrell Owens and Jeff Garcia played on the same field for the first time since they both left the San Francisco 49ers in the off-season.

The two never got along in San Francisco and I have never been able to figure out why.

Owens has gone public on several occasions, claiming Garcia is gay and that when they were teammates he was unable to get him the ball.

big numbers

Owens has also repeatedly said that if he had a 'strong-armed' quarterback like Donovan McNabb throwing him the ball, his numbers would have been much better.

Pretty inaccurate statements if you ask me, considering Owens wasn't even among the premier wide receivers in the game until Garcia took over as quarterback.

Over the four seasons Owens and Garcia played together, the 49ers never had a losing record and ranked third among all quarterback-wide receiver duos.

And what is the definition of a 'strong-armed' quarterback?

Don't all quarterbacks have 'strong-arms'?

Need I go any further?

happy for now

While on the topic of dumb comments, when Owens was asked why he thought Garcia was gay, he said, "If it looks like a rat and smells like a rat, by golly it's a rat."

For the time being Owens is happy, he has a big masculine man in Donovan McNabb tossing him the ball. But who knows, maybe if McNabb starts overthrowing passes, he'll want back his former 'rat' quarterback. Owens sounds like a little baby who cries if he doesn't get enough attention.

Grow up Terrell, you're an adult now.



Kate Schoeman

The Humber Hawks men's rugby team ended its season with a 10-0 loss to Fleming last week. The loss came as a disappointment, due to the fact the team made the playoffs a year ago. The men hoped to build off last year's success but managed only one win all season. Students still hungry for rugby action can catch a women's club tournament at home on Sat. Oct. 30 at 9 a.m.

Women's soccer squad steams through playoffs

MATT CIVAK

STAFF REPORTER

Despite a six-hour bus trip to Ottawa, the Humber Hawks came ready to play with a decisive 3-0 victory over Algonquin on Saturday.

Midfielder Dorothy Aniuk led the way for Humber, opening the scoring in the first half and knocking the wind out of Algonquin with another at the beginning of the second half.

"We played very well and it seems like we're peaking at the right time," head coach Mauro Ongaro said. "The girls had their best game to date."

Ongaro also explained how pleased he was to see all his players getting involved, even if they weren't on the field.

"All 11 players contributed to the win, even the girls on the bench," he said. "I was very pleased with how they handled themselves in such a crucial game."

Algonquin was visibly frustrated with Humber's solid play and loud cheering section, which led to a more physical game of which the referees almost lost control. But the officials did a good job to maintain order and prevent any injuries.

Humber's shutout was the second in three games by keeper Evelyn Davidson, who has proven to be a superstar between the pipes this year. She made several key saves early in the game, giving Humber a chance to take the lead.

With this win, the women gained a spot in the semifinals where they will play Sheridan.

"It will be another difficult game," Mauro stressed. "If we can continue to play like we have we expect to see good results."

The provincial finals start Oct. 29.

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Guard strives for best

JOANNA GRUENBERG

STAFF REPORTER

Basketball is more than just a game for Humber Hawk guard Shane Dennie.

Dennie has strived for the top since a basketball was placed in his hands at the age of five. Now 23, he looks to improve his game no matter how well he plays.

"There's always room for improvement," Dennie said. "I'm never satisfied. Even if I think I had a good game, I'm very hard on myself."

That's just how he gets his head in the game. Or rather, the game in his head.

"When I practice, I imagine my opponent in front of me like a piece of meat," Dennie said. "Then in the games I approach them like an all-you-can-eat buffet. That's what basketball's about!"

The Hawks guard stands at a humbling six-foot-one and his addition to the team in 2003 helped add a bronze medal to Humber's trophy cabinet last year. He has also been an All Canadian and league MVP.

Growing up in a family of seven in Thornhill, Dennie made an early connection with basketball and the pride that came with it. His older sister (who played provincials in high school) tossed him a ball as a toddler and he has

n't dropped it since.

"She's the one that really triggered my whole [love] for basketball," Dennie said, "I always wanted to play ball, and followed her wherever she went."

Hawks head coach Darrell Glenn has been coaching Dennie since he was 16 on various teams including at the provincial level and is pleased to see how far he's come.

"Shane has been an outstanding leader for us," Glenn commented. "His scoring is incredible and I think if he gets more aggressive on the defense, he will become a more complete player."

In his second and final year of Recreation & Leisure, Dennie has hopes of continuing his education and extending his basketball career for as long as he can.

"I think that will be Shane's real legacy to himself, to excel both academically and athletically," Glenn said. "And he's more than capable of doing that."

The Hawks are seeking gold this year and Dennie believes that previous experience will prepare the team to achieve that goal.

"We know how it feels to lose at nationals and (Ontario Championships)," Dennie said. "You need to know how it feels to lose in those close situations before you're able to win."

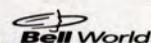
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