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Virk stands his ground

BY CARLY SUPPA
Et Cetera Staff

President-elect Muhammad Virk is growing impatient with the lack of action regarding his eligibility for SAC president.

Virk, an international student, was informed last week that he can't become president without a work visa.

According to immigration laws, Virk must obtain a work visa before he can take on the presidency.

With only four courses needed to get his computer programming diploma, Virk said he will likely be exempt from two of them. This would allow Virk to be a part-time student. However, his status as an international student requires him to be enrolled on a full-time basis. He also cannot work more than 10 hours a week.

"I have applied for a work visa from the government, but it still has to be approved," he said.

The application could take up to a month to be approved, and there are no guarantees.

SAC met privately this week to try to come up with a course of action. However, no one would comment on the results of the meeting. The Council of Student Affairs (CSA) will decide Virk's fate April 9.

Outgoing SAC president Tracy Boyer said SAC does not have the time to procrastinate, and something needs to be done quickly.

"There is no way we'll come to a decision that everybody will be happy with," Boyer said. "But we have to be fair to Muhammad and fair to the other candidates who ran."

"Muhammad was elected by the students, but he needs to get a work visa. It's not fair to the students who voted for him if he is ineligible, but this is not just a Humber issue. There are other things affecting us and our decisions. The law."

Boyer is concerned that Virk may not be able to obtain a visa in time to take office May 1.

"What I see in terms of a president is someone who will be full-time, especially since this is a transition year," she said. "Also, the president needs to be able to start in the summer so that students will be well represented."

The transition Boyer referred to involves the restructuring of the CSA over the next year.

Although Boyer insisted Virk was aware that his running for president as an international student could cause



PHOTO BY CARLY SUPPA
A defiant Mohammad Virk isn't about to give up his hard won election victory without a fight.

problems, Virk denied ever being told.

Virk said Humber officials have not kept him up to date on any progress concerning his presidency.

"I have not heard anything from anybody," he said. "But I will not step down. Even if I have to get a lawyer and take this issue to Human Rights, I will not step down."

SAC executive council has met on two separate occasions this week to discuss Virk's dilemma and how to avoid a repetition of the problem.

Nowhere in SAC's constitution does it say that an international student cannot be elected president.

Although no concrete decisions have been made, SAC Lakeshore president-elect Toby Warnell said the council is exploring their options.

"We are not sure if we should wait to hear from immigration, or if we should just tell him, 'No' until we find out more," Warnell said.

Both Warnell and Boyer have mentioned the possibility of a contingency election if the matter is not dealt with soon. This would involve another election for a president who would be on stand-by in case Virk does not obtain the visa, or for any other reason cannot

assume the position. Another possibility is to give the presidency to Corbie Kent, who finished second behind Virk, or to ask vice-president elect Chuck Decker to assume the role.

Although there is much speculation on what final decisions will be made, Decker hopes he will not be asked to step in as president.

"I would take the position, though I wouldn't really want to," he said. "But, if they need me, I'll do it."

Decker also said that this is the worst time for this to be happening.

"This is a transition year with CSA being restructured. We will need a good council to make sure students are represented."

Much emphasis has been placed on the Humber constitution during recent SAC meetings.

Decker said the constitution needs to be revamped and clarified to ensure that this situation does not happen again.

Although a final decision was to be made April 7, SAC is keeping tight-lipped about the situation. All options are to go before the CSA on April 9 at the Lakeshore campus for final motions.

Until a decision is reached, Virk has no choice but to wait it out.

Say hello to Chuck-D: He's SAC vp

BY DAVID SMITH
SAC Reporter

Chuck-D is on the job. SAC vice-president-elect Chuck Decker assumes office on May 1, but is already at work on big plans for next year.

A key function of the SAC vp is programming events. He said his biggest job right now is to get the handbook ready for September.

However, Welcome Week is a high profile event and Decker wants to make it the most memorable Humber has ever seen.

"It would be wicked to have a good band and a solid week of events to kick things off," Decker said.

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Ouch: Debit card bandits can sting

BY KRISTI SMITH
Editorial Staff

It's the little problem that has caught the attention of the big banks. Debit card fraud.

No one is willing to talk figures, but many financial experts claim it's actually rather small.

It remains a cause for concern, however, as the banking system in Canada increasingly becomes more automated. More consumers are taking advantage of the convenience which debit cards provide those wishing to use 24-hour Automated Banking Machines (ABM) or to make direct payments to retailers.

The safety factor of traveling without cash is also appealing. But how careful are you in preventing the fraudulent use of your card?

According to Sharon Wilkes, spokesperson for the Canadian Bankers Association (CBA), "skimming" is the new wave of debit card fraud.

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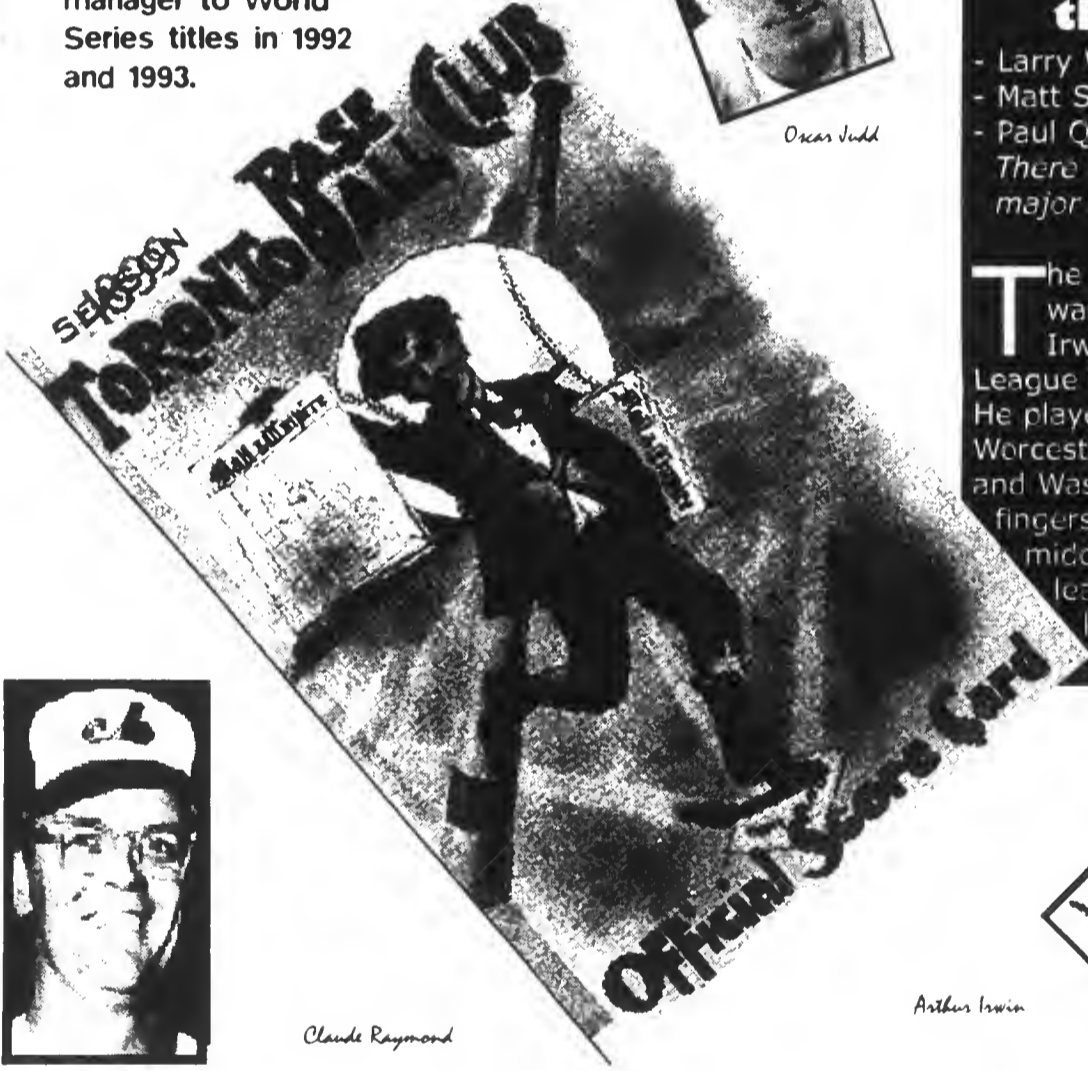


Dick Fowler

- Canada's Baseball Hall of Fame pays tribute to such luminaries as Ferguson Jenkins, Terry Puhl, Jackie Robinson and Pat Gillick. In all, over 40 ex-players, builders and executives have been inducted into the shrine in St. Mary's, Ontario.
- Jenkins, who was inducted in 1987, won 284 games for the Phillies, Cubs, Rangers and Red Sox. He won the National League Cy Young Award in 1971.
- Puhl made it to the majors as a 21 year-old in 1977, with Houston. He holds the major league record for fielding percentage (.993). His lifetime batting average was .280; he hit over .300 three times.
- Gillick never played in the majors, suffering a career-ending injury while still in the minors with Vancouver. But he is well known as the man who brought the Toronto Blue Jays to prominence, guiding them as general manager to World Series titles in 1992 and 1993.



Oscar Judd



Claude Raymond



Notable Canadians in the Major Leagues

- Larry Walker (Colorado)
- Matt Stairs (Oakland)
- Paul Quantrill (Blue Jays)

There are currently 15 Canadians on major league rosters.

The first Canadian to play in the majors was Arthur Irwin. A Toronto native, Irwin joined Worcester of the National League in 1880, hitting .259 in 85 games. He played 1001 major league games with Worcester, Providence, Boston, Philadelphia and Washington. Playing with two broken fingers once, he sewed together the middle fingers of a large "driving glove," leading to the style of glove major leaguers now use. He died in 1921.



Arthur Irwin



Terry Puhl

Canadian Baseball Trivia

- Which former Canadian major leaguer's dad scored 147 goals for the NHL's Montreal Maroons?
- Which canuck, who also played for the Cardinals, Mets, Astros and Phillies, threw 11 scoreless innings for Cleveland in his debut?
- Which Thunder Bay boy was the first American Leaguer to hit 20 doubles, 20 triples and 20 homers in a season?
- Which hall-of-famer also played Junior B hockey and barnstormed with the Harlem Globetrotters?
- Who was the first player selected in the Expos' expansion draft?
- Who recorded the first Expos' win?
- Which former Expo went on to be World Series MVP in 1969?
- Which outstanding basestealer sandwiched playing for Montréal with stints with the Dodgers?
- Which Puerto Rican outfielder led the Expos in RBIs in 1969?

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■ Killer gets life

Russell Henderson, one of the two men accused in the murder of a gay college student, was sentenced to two life terms on April 5.

Russell Henderson pleaded guilty to the murder and kidnapping of Matthew Shepard, a 21 year-old University of Wyoming student, in 1997. Henderson, 21, pleaded guilty in exchange for avoiding a possible death sentence.

Shepard died after Henderson and another man posed as homosexuals to lure Shepard out of a Wyoming bar, prosecutors said. Shepard was kidnapped, pistol-whipped, and tied to a fence. He died in hospital five days later.

Aaron McKinney, 21, will stand trial this August.

-Globe and Mail

■ Rave off

Richmond, B.C. is considering a bylaw that would ban raves. Most area raves occur at one local banquet hall.

-Globe and Mail

Despite higher turnout, apathy hurts elections

BY ROBBIE KIRK
News Reporter

A total of 1,556 ballots were cast for this year's student academic council elections, marking a significant increase over last year's numbers. But election organizers have mixed feelings about the turnout.

"I'm disappointed," said outgoing SAC president Tracy Boyer. "I thought there would be more voters."

SAC used a budget of over \$6,000 provided by the Council of Student Affairs to encourage people to vote by publishing brochures and handing out free mugs, pens and popcorn during the elections.

Both Boyer and Lise Janssen, the Leadership and Programs coordinator, said they feel this money was utilized well.

"I'm pleased with the turnout," says Janssen. "We'll re-evaluate the situation and see

what can be done to get an even higher turnout for next year."

Boyer said enough information was made available to ensure students were aware of the candidates and the elections.

"What I'd like to see done in the future is to have convenience along with the information," added Boyer. She said many students commute to Humber only for classes, leaving and entering through the same door. She said they don't have time to find the ballot boxes.

In order to provide convenience, Boyer has recommended that the same electronic voting, used in federal elections, be brought in by Elections Canada and set up at multiple locations throughout the school. Along with making the voting process more convenient, Boyer said. "The voting process should be the same inside the school community as it is outside."



PHOTO BY ROBBIE KIRK

It seemed at times that there were more volunteers than voters at the recent SAC elections. While this year's turnout surpassed last year's numbers, the totals still fell short of what SAC had hoped for.

Decker set for vp slot

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But Welcome Week is only the beginning. Decker wants all students to feel like they are a part of the Humber community. He plans to hold events that reflect the cross section of the student population to help alleviate what he calls the "commuter feel of the school."

"When we book bands for example, we should look for more diversity. We need to get more than just Alternative bands. We need more R & B, more rap, and maybe even a country band," Decker said.

Decker also wants to make better use of campus facilities. Currently, the Student Centre only gets used once or twice a month. Bringing in people like Sue Johanson, as well as comedians and other entertainers will not only put the space to better use, but also increase a feeling of community.

"Yeah, Caps is great, but you have to be legal age to get in. If you want to do programming for the whole school, you have to use the Student Centre," Decker said.

The community extends beyond Humber's property line,

and Decker wants to scale up SAC's contribution to various charities. In addition to events like Wednesday's Gatehouse fundraiser, and ongoing work with the United Way, Decker says he is looking into other events like Shinerama.

Outside of boosting the social life at Humber, Decker will be very busy. In addition to helping to implement SAC's constitutional reforms, he plans to sit on several committees at both SAC and the provincial level.

Among his big plans for next year are improvements to the health coverage. The current plan is very basic. It only covers 80 per cent of the cost of students' prescriptions. Decker would like to see that extended to include coverage for dependants and spouses, and also include dental coverage.

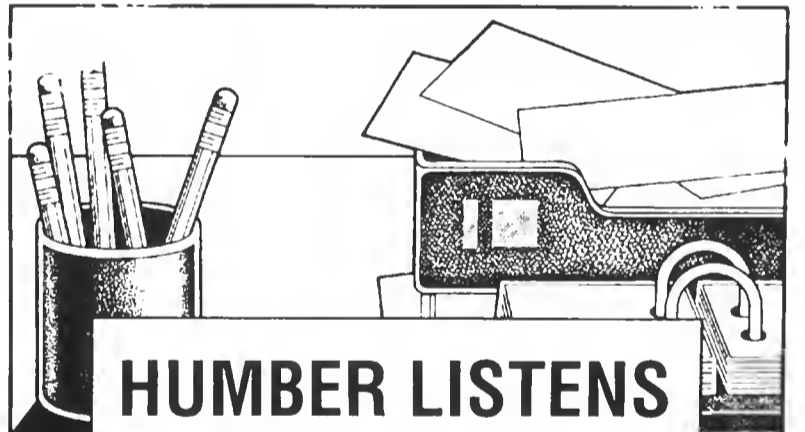


PHOTO BY RYAN SIMPER

Chuck Decker is ready to take over from Kenn Bell as the next SAC vp.

SAC has found itself in the midst of controversy surrounding the eligibility of president elect Muhammad Virk. But Decker just wants to get on with the job he was elected to do.

"It's not a good thing. But I'd rather not speak about it. I'll let them (the CSA) deal with it and worry about vp stuff for now."



HUMBER LISTENS

We may be surveying you to pieces, but that's because we care about what you have to say.

We always have.

Based on survey results, the College developed a set of classroom design principles and standards; renovated a couple of classrooms to test the standards; and identified classrooms requiring upgrading.

Also the Call Centre opened in August to provide improved levels of service to prospective and current students.



Keep telling us more... We're listening.

Humber shows off its culture

BY H. MEARA PATERSON
News Reporter

Many cultural events have hit Humber's North campus with a bang over the last few weeks. Chinese, Japanese, Korean and African sounds blared in the Student Centre, along with the funky beats of hip hop. And dance was one of the main attractions, reeling students in.

The sexy vibe of Latin dancers flowed, entertaining students during their lunch hour. And a few, new to the dance, but yearning to learn how to shake their stuff, made a successful first attempt. Whistles and applause erupted from the audience. Paul Calero, who was on campus selling silver jewelry and Latin hits '99, wanted to celebrate Humber's cultural festival with his Spanish-speaking peers.

"There is a group of about 30 of us Latinos that hang out here with each other. Every culture needs to be proud of where they're from and we're here to help anyone who needs it," Calero said.

Break dancers also made an energetic appearance reminding us all of the fabulous '80s craze that refuses to die. Male Tamil dancers recreated a "movie dance," representing a funky, fun way to pick up girls. One of the dancers, second-year Accounting student Thayadan Gobalakrishnan, said it's a cool dance, showing that they're cool guys.

"We've had a lot of fun and there's been a really positive response from my peers," he said.

Humber students were also entertained by a slower vibe, featuring the Hi-afu-mi senior citizens, as they exhibited a North Japanese folk dance, wearing pink and blue Yukatas, their traditional costume.

Director of the Japanese Cultural Center, Sumi Uno, said there's meaning to every Japanese dance.

"It is an art form, and there are various types of dance. Some is religious, others are for festivals, and of course some [dance] is just for fun."

In Japan, many traditions are passed down from senior to child through art. Sumi-a painter Marie Ikeda had bamboo paintings and floral cards on display. Sumi-a is a Japanese style of ink painting.

"Sumi is the material used, combined with black ink from the silver pine tree. I add a touch of color to the ink and create designs."

Origami, a precise folding of square tissue paper, creates an art piece called "cranes." This type of artwork is a good luck symbol, representing longevity. It is one of the oldest forms of Japanese art which elders hand down to their children.

And was there a message to Humber students from the Japanese representatives? Ikeda said the Cultural Centre's motto is friendship through cultures.

"I think a lot of problems are created because people are not familiar with everybody's different culture, and this [festival] is showing the different arts," she said. "This helps students to understand different cultures."

And since many of the events took place over lunch hour, a long line-up could be seen at the complimentary international food stand. Second-year apprentice Shawn Hastings was dishing up divine treats. "I'm here representing the Humber Room's Hospitality Department. Today we'll serve around 250 people."

Many sampled Thai spring rolls, Chinese rice, and a hearty yet mild beef stew. Students licked their lips devouring the world famous Louisiana gumbo, or American potato cakes.

Students also wandered the displays reading information, while enjoying the cultural scene.



PHOTO BY SHAUN HATTON

In recent weeks, a number of cultural vendors and exhibits have graced Humber's halls and the student centre.

The International Students Club had a display of arts and pamphlets representing many cultures. Representative Magdy Jurgensen was there to educate students and recruit members.

"We meet once every two weeks, at student residence on Fridays, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m.," she said.

"There is peer tutoring, and we plan trips, whatever the students want."

Student SAC representative Michelle Derosé said the week was interesting and informative.

"I feel very happy and very satisfied with the outcome." She said the numbers ranged from 2-400 students at one time, enjoying the events. She received a lot of positive feedback.

"Many students have come up to me saying it's great, two thumbs up."

Fair falls flat

BY PENNY LAUGHREN
Labour Reporter

The drive to attract youth to unions stalled at George Brown College's seventh annual Labour Fair on March 28.

CAW spokesperson Buddy Kitchen and Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) youth representative Debora De Angelis were unable to convince the handful of students in attendance that unions belong in their workplaces.

De Angelis said she was a little discouraged but not surprised by the poor turnout and lack of interest.

"Young people don't think they belong in unions," she said.

De Angelis hit the media spotlight in 1995 when she unionized a North York Suzy Shier store.

She was only 22 and working part-time when her fellow employees voted to have the United Needleworkers Industrial and Trade Employees union represent them at the bargaining table.

De Angelis said being a part of the union made a difference in her attitude.

"I started to feel like I had a voice," she said.

De Angelis said the key com-

ponent to joining a union is the difference in wages. She cited a 1997 StatsCan survey that showed unionized part-time workers' average hourly wage is, \$16.48, versus \$9.97, for non-unionized part-time employees.

However, many students felt unions were too intrusive and expensive to be useful to them.

Franca Loschiavo, a dental hygienist student, said she does not think you should have to belong to a union to get good wages.

Loschiavo earns \$7.50 per hour as a supermarket cashier.

Lynn Pizzacalla earns an hourly wage and commission in her retail sales job. It works out to about \$7.50 an hour, she said. Pizzacalla added students shouldn't be forced to join unions.

"You shouldn't have to belong to a union, or have to pay union dues, if you don't want to."

Both Loschiavo and Pizzacalla said they find it difficult to see a need for a union because they don't see themselves working in their current jobs for a long period of time.

"If you are going to be there for the rest of your life, then maybe (there should be a union)," Lochiavo said.

Editorial

System flaw betrayed the student electorate

Two weeks after the SAC elections, it's still not known who will become the president of Humber North. Muhammad Virk was elected president, but his status as an international student is holding him back from accepting the post.

Though Virk still has hopes of being president, SAC is currently debating other alternatives available to them. These include appointing a member of the new or existing executive or holding a contingency election.

This dilemma should never have occurred in the first place.

Virk's status should have been clear before students were allowed to vote for him. It was not.

If international students are not eligible to run for SAC president, then what was Muhammad Virk's name doing on the ballots?

The rules are simple. International students must be enrolled as full-time students in order to work on campus. But to be president, you have to be enrolled

Albanian refugees are welcome to stay

Foreign Affairs Minister Lloyd Axworthy announced last weekend that Canada was prepared to accept 5000 Albanian refugees who have been displaced from their homes in Kosovo.

Reluctant to use the word "temporary," the government then announced on Wednesday that the Albanians will be granted refugee status and be allowed to stay in Canada - if they want to - once the conflict is resolved.

Canada is known for opening its doors and giving refuge to displaced peoples from around the globe. Just look at Canada's multicultural society and you'll see evidence of our generosity.

Therefore, we applaud Canada's decision to help 5000 Kosovar refugees at the same time the United States offered to take 20,000 and other European countries promised to absorb another 100,000.

However, while we commend our government's decision, we urge that a solid plan be put in place to deal with the refugees when they arrive.

Although some of the refugees may want to go back home after the crisis, there is a good chance the majority will want to stay in Canada (especially after the terrors they have endured) once they get a taste

part-time because of the amount of work involved. What happened was the system failed us.

According to the director of Student Affairs, Virk had a grade point average above 65 per cent, and was a full-time, full fee paying student. Nowhere does the constitution require administrators to check for international student status.

And so the 800 people who actually voted out the whole election may have been a big waste of their time. Further, they could be asked to do it all over again. That is unacceptable.

The proper safeguards have to be built into the system to prevent something so ridiculous from happening again. The Council of Student Affairs runs these elections, they know how expensive they are, and this is the students' money we're talking about here.

Spend it wisely, please.

The system especially failed the 800 students who took the election seriously enough to come out and vote.



Spare me! Pick-up lines are for losers

BY HIMANI EDIRIWEERA

"If beauty were a second, you'd last for ever."

Spare me the stupidity, I thought, as I rolled my eyes and wandered off to the safe haven of my then-boyfriend.

These thought provoking lines of mental ignorance are thrown at me like I'm some kind of object.

It angers me that so many men believe that a woman's primary objective is to stimulate them - physically or visually.

I enjoy being out with my friends without having to be confronted by some sex-deprived moron who just emerged from the pits of hell.

I was recently told that I should be on display somewhere for all to enjoy, because a "pretty face shouldn't be hidden behind a brain." I've never witnessed such a disgusting display of verbal regurgitation from any one person before.

I can't believe a woman could be attracted to some slobbering-at-the-mouth idiot who insists you're too attractive to have a decent future.

How could I possibly respect someone who had such little respect for himself?

I'm in no way a man-hater, but

I just fail to see the logic in this whole sexual degradation thing.

This Neanderthal logic that a man and a woman can't be friends is completely absurd, too. Naturally, there will be sexual tension in a relationship like this, however, it's all a matter of respect. How important is this friend of mine? Is jeopardizing this unique mental experience worth losing a friend because of an over-active sex drive? No.

A lot of men unfortunately fail to see the importance of this.

POINT OF VIEW

I can appreciate that the responsibilities on men, both sexually and emotionally, are enough to drive anyone insane, but why does not being able to "perform" take away from their sense of manhood? I'll never understand.

I've never been much of a feminist, and I never will be. However, I believe in equality, and refuse to accept myself as an object.

So, I'll tell you what. Don't waste my time with these degrading pick-up lines. Take a minute to appreciate a woman for more than her body, and if that doesn't help, just keep your dick in your pants.

Himani Ediriweera actually likes some people

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KOSOVO

NATO bombing won't end Balkan wars

David
SMITH

It's awfully difficult to look my Yugoslavian friends in the eye these days. Especially because the military action against their homeland is not something I entirely disagree with.

The crisis in Kosovo is a civil matter. Many argue that this alone is grounds for us – us being the West – to stay out. This is rubbish.

Just because my neighbours' domestic violence extends no further than their front yard, that hardly prevents me from acting. Even if these neighbours live a few doors, or even blocks away, am I to sit still? Yet, my action cannot include torching the principle aggressor's car, and flattening his family's home in the process.

As the NATO air strikes against Serbia move into their second week, many pundits are calling this the largest military blunder of the century.

It's no small wonder that outsiders could

not solve a century's old conflict with a few days of bombing. The hostility between the different Balkan nations is very old and complicated. It is pretty arrogant of NATO to suppose it can solve such a complex puzzle unilaterally.

And it is more presumptuous still to attempt to fix the problem with such a simplistic solution.

Therein lies a huge chunk of the problem. We – again the royal we – are focusing upon the superficial, refusing to delve into the real essence of the issue.

On the surface, it looks as if Serbia wanted to rid the world of Albanians, and when the West intervened they got upset. Anyone with a modicum of cynicism has realized the issue goes a little deeper.

Serbians maintain that they are victims of a massive propaganda campaign. The news coverage of the massive protests by Serbian expatriates in Toronto and throughout the world also fails to scratch the surface.

There has been a lot of spilled ink over the violent outbursts of the idiot fringe bombarding the American consulate and burning NATO members' flags. But the condemnation

of this behaviour by Canadian-Serb organizers translates into very little copy. And their side of the story doesn't get too much air time either.

Not that Serbians are entirely blameless. It's been documented that ethnic Albanians have been killed and forcibly displaced at the hands of the Serbian military.

Many Serbs try to distance themselves from this action by blaming it on president Milosevic and his regime.

But this, too, is very simplistic. You cannot wash your hands of guilt by blaming a tyrannical dictator.

But does this situation warrant bombs? No. Even NATO forces assert their gripe is not with the Serbian people, but the government. But it is the people who are dying, and it is the Albanians, who we are ostensibly trying to help, that are suffering even more.

The bombing hasn't worked. The situation is worse now than before. Let's put a stop to the bombing and figure out what's really going on before it's too late.

David Smith is a first-year post-graduate journalism student.

Campus Wire

■ Brock

(www.brocku.ca/press)

Kaye Buchholz, a first-year Communications student, will represent Brock at a conference in Zimbabwe. She will be one of 20 students from across Canada to attend the 52nd World University Services of Canada (WUSC) seminar. The non-profit organization has a government-sponsored mandate to "foster sustainable human development and human rights" through education and research. Buchholz was selected out of 75 applicants. During the six-week period in Zimbabwe, she will conduct research on a topic of her own choice.

■ York

(www.excal.on.ca)

Some students were charged more than three times the normal rate for their long-distance telephone calls due to an oversight in Telecom York's billing system. Only students who made calls to the Caribbean were affected. Prices of 21 cents per minute suddenly rose as high as \$1.25 per minute. One student was shocked to receive his bill total more than \$1,000 in charges for calls made to his family in Barbados. Telecom York said fees were raised without giving the proper notice, and that students will receive credit for the calls.

■ Ryerson

(www.scsi.org/theopeners)

Above average marks in two classes have prompted a formal investigation by one of the school's directors. The two classes to be scrutinized are Information Systems Planning and Development and Local Area Network Technology. Reports indicate last semester's mid-term multiple choice test was identical to the one just given. One student, who asked to remain anonymous, said he got a copy of the test and used it as a "study aid." He attained a mark above 90 per cent. Last semester, a professor allowed students to look at their tests on the condition they were given back. Some students complied, others did not.

■ Victoria

(www.kafka.uvic.ca)

City council approved an anti-panhaling by-law on March 25 that will restrict people who are asking for spare change into specific areas of the downtown. The by-law will make current rules which are voluntary (no begging in front of banks and ATM machines) punishable by law. The penalties are not yet known.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Getting high off reality

John
CHICK

Being broke sucks. Next week I'm going to be broke, at which time I'll be screwed if I don't find a job.

In the last three years here I've spent close to \$30,000. This money was left in trust for me after my Godfather died when I was 12. (It was an act of kindness from a great man, and I genuinely appreciate it to this day.) I received this money when I turned 21, the same year I came to Humber.

Most of my friends think my parents are loaded, mainly because I've been dipping into this seemingly endless bank account for the last three years. However, the only thing my parents are loaded with is crap (just a joke). All but \$27.50 of this money I spent on beer (not a joke). Essentially, I've lived like a spoiled brat for three years, and I don't want it to end.

Basically, I need a plan to make some mad cash really fast. When I was about 13, I actually thought I'd be a baseball player and get paid well to hit .250 for the Blue Jays or the Yankees. Oddly enough, this was before I tried drugs.

Today, my talents are limited to writing (sometimes), cutting grass and pissing off hot dog vendors. My ultimate goal in life lately has been to play NFL Extreme with 'Ol Dirty Bastard. I'm such a typical North American jackass that last week, while in the shower, I had Dennis Leary's "Asshole" cranked while watching Yugoslavia being bombed on TV.

My recent something-for-nothing mentality has given me a few ideas, but nothing too realistic. I'd really like to direct porn films, but you have to spend money to make money in that business.

A few years ago, I saw a news report about some red necks in rural Tennessee who cross-bred a cat and a rabbit. Such a project was no doubt the result of cross-breeding with a cousin, but it probably made them a few bucks. Not unlike the wacko character on South Park who bred a five-assed monkey, I could breed something that would really freak the hell out of everybody.

Of course I'll never do any of this. All I am is a weak, spineless fool who wants to father Elizabeth Shue's child. Yet, in all seriousness, the truth is that 30G's paid for school and a lot of fun times. But now the party's over. To make money in this world, you have to work for it, and if Courtney Love can be rich, anyone can. But I've still got a few dollars left from that inheritance, and if you need me, I'll be at Caps for the next couple of weeks.

John Chick writes for the hell of it.

Weird Newz

BILLBOARD VANDALIZED

A billboard in Montreal featuring a rising Quebec pop star was vandalized on April Fool's Day, according to the Globe and Mail.

The massive billboard, which measured 8-metres-by-14-metres, showed the voluptuous Marie-Chantal Toupin in a sexy pose wearing a revealing tank top.

There were several reports of traffic accidents on the Jacques Cartier Bridge because the sign distracted motorists.

Toupin's image was sawed off and taken away by jokers on April 1. That day, the billboard company received a threatening phone call.

The record company says a new ad will replace the old one.

BLOWN AWAY

A man carrying a bomb was killed when it detonated in southeastern Turkey on April 4, the Globe and Mail reports.

No one else was injured. Turkish authorities suspect the victim was part of a Kurdish rebel group. Reports indicate the bomb went off a little too early.

NO TIME FOR COURTESY

Transit officials in New York city have ended a plan to make trains run on schedule. Conductors were instructed to drop the word "please" when asking passengers to "stand clear of the doors" because every second counts. After a public outcry, the idea was scrapped.

It Is Written

"Drama is life with the dull bits left out."



– Alfred Hitchcock, Director

- Alfred Joseph Hitchcock was born on Aug. 13, 1899 in Leytonstone, England.
- He began working in film illustrating title cards for silent films in 1919. By 1922, he was an assistant director.
- Hitchcock is widely known as the "master of suspense," yet considered his most famous film, *Psycho* (1960), to be a comedy.
- For dinner he often ate steak and ice-cream, and then more steak.
- He once said that actors should be treated like cattle, and that even his worst films became classics within a year.
- The only Oscar he won was a lifetime achievement award, given to him shortly before he died in April, 1980.

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Don't forget about the End of the Year Splash '99 on May 14. Ticket holders will board the Stella Borealis at 8 p.m. at pier 27 and will return to dock at 2 a.m.

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Tickets are \$35 for one person and \$60 for two. Limited tickets available.

For more information contact Nick at 416-346-1569 or Mike at 416-240-9067.

Stabbing

Quick medical help can be credited for saving a 19-year-old man who was stabbed in the abdomen during a gang attack in a North York plaza Monday night.

A gang of 10 youths attacked the victim and his friend as they left a pool hall. Police said the victims knew the attackers.

-Toronto Star

Student Award

Humber's Council of Student Affairs is holding the 16th Annual Student's Appreciation Awards banquet on April 13 in the Seventh Semester. The event, which takes place between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., will be a semi-formal dress and will have a cash bar. R.S.V.P. Laura Whalen by April 5. To reach her, dial 675-6622, dial 8 then 251272#.

Warnell wins SAC race

SAC vp ekes out 68-vote win to take president's seat

By KEVIN MASTERMAN
Lakeshore Reporter

Toby Warnell is looking ahead to May 1 when he'll take over as SAC president of Lakeshore campus. In a decisive election victory last Thursday, he defeated challenger Samson Igbu, 182 votes to 114 votes.

"I'll finish my term as vp and then be primed and ready to go. The mission is to set a one-year plan along with (office manager) Lance Lougheed, and (new SAC vice-president) Margaret Ozel."

Warnell hopes to plan events for orientation weeks, holidays - such as Christmas - and Black History month. This year, he said people didn't have a plan when situations occurred. "We will have structure and goals."

His other priority is to involve as many people in SAC as possible, providing a greater role for its unpaid staff, the program representatives.

"I'll be very visible and approachable on campus - I'll guarantee you that."

Lakeshore SAC's presence among the students is another facet Warnell said the representatives have to improve.

"I want them to actually go to people in their programs and get feedback and council can work on it from there," he said.

"I want to make (the directors and students) involved in all aspects of SAC."

Warnell, a second-year Business student, has been a major player in SAC programming as vice-president this year.

Ozel, the new vp said Warnell is a team player and an asset to SAC.

"Toby's got a lot of students involved in activities because he helped publicize events well."

Ozel said Warnell is outgoing, fun to be around, and ready to take SAC into a future where all members are involved.

"He's experienced. He's knows the transition SAC is going to make next year."

Warnell said he would like to see directors sit on many college committees with him. He said SAC does not take advantage of the voice it has in funding and other on committees which govern the bookstore and other parts

of the college

"If we have the seats, why don't we use them? I think it will give (a chance) to give some input I'm going to be involved from beginning to end"

With the future expansion of Lakeshore campus, Warnell sees a role for SAC as a watchdog in the development of buildings to ensure students are comfortable.

"Especially with the cottages not being air-conditioned yet," he said

"If I was involved, I would know about the problems right away and be able to give students the answer (to their questions)."

His participation in the main body above SAC - the Council of Student Affairs - led him to think about trying to bridge the gap between SAC and administration.

"At times we do (hit roadblocks). The bottom line is the partnership has to be better for the best interests of everyone involved, especially the students."

"I want to make (the directors and students) involved in all aspects of SAC."

-SAC president-elect, Toby Warnell

As far as programming goes, Warnell wants to use Lakeshore's wide talent pool.

"We have a lot of talent in the music department, and the theatre department. They're amazingly talented. We don't always have to look externally (for entertainers), we can use internal talent."

Lakeshore is unique he said.

"Lakeshore needs an identity, it's a little distinct from North campus."

Lakeshore SAC plans to work together with the North campus but feels it has to also tap the power of the Lakeshore campus student body to gain its distinctiveness.

Warnell used this and more in his campaign platform. He said it mimicked last year's effort, but credited a campaign team of more than 25 people as a major boost to the campaign.

"I got them believing in me. Some of them I knew. A lot of it was going table to table(s) (in the cafeteria) talking to people."

Warnell would like to get more people to believe in the power and opportunity of SAC.



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Margaret Ozel, vp-elect (above), and president-elect Toby Warnell joking around. Both begin their new roles on May 1.



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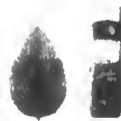
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Opinion

A millennium bug without life

By KARYN WILSON
Biz/Tech Reporter

At the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, some people will be celebrating the new millennium by passing around champagne. Others will be hiding out in self-made bunkers sipping Tang.

Are those who feel it is necessary to stock up on food and hide justified in their thinking that chaos will reign at the start of the millennium?

Unfortunately, a majority of the angst surrounding the Y2K bug may be a product of the media, which has produced stories that predict doom and gloom.

Also, daily talk shows are brimming with people who are more than happy to talk about the necessity cities, saying computer malfunctions are sure to happen.

The fear is that the inability of computers to register the year

2000 will cause a computer crash, resulting in the population losing their sense of security.

Nonsense. Well, that's what some people are saying including Peter de Jager, a self-appointed spokesperson for the Y2K problem.

"People are getting far out of hand," said de Jager. "Many are not computer people, they are doomsayers. Why should these people be listened to? They have no connection to the computer problem."

He is referring to those who are not separating the commuter problem from the various 'end of the world' theories.

The media has focused too much attention on people who fear the millennium, rather than profiling those within the computer industry who are actively dealing with the Bug.

Harold Tausch, a data processing consultant with 30 years experience

said the media has lessened its grip on stories of doom and gloom of late.

"Newspapers have been full of scary stories, but in the last little while they haven't been so scary," Tausch said.

Both de Jager and Tausch recognize that North American companies have been preparing for the Y2K bug for years.

Despite the rumors circulating that banks will 'collapse' and major companies will be at the mercy of malfunctioning computer systems, they aren't overly concerned.

"Most companies started early preparing for the problem," Tausch said. "Canada, the United States and Europe have been on top of it."

The Government of Canada has produced pamphlets that can be ordered over the phone by calling the Task force Year 2000 project.

The 'Millennium Bug Home

Check' booklet was distributed to Canadian households in February according to Gord, a spokesperson of the Taskforce.

The Taskforce's phone lines have been inundated with calls.

"In general, they're (callers) not panicking, they just are concerned and interesting in receiving Y2K information," said Gord.

Gord's responsibility to the public is to distribute government produced Y2K material and to inform the public of the various Y2K help websites available.

"Become informed, particularly if people have appliances that have date/time chips in them.

The best thing to do is to contact retailers if you have any questions and if they can't help you, contact the manufacturer," he said.

To receive the Millennium Bug booklet, which looks at various home appliances, computers and security systems that might be



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A closer look at the millennium bug reveals it isn't so scary after all.

affected by the date change call 1-800-270-8220 or log on to the Taskforce website at <http://strategis.ic.gc.ca>.

No easy solutions for debit card fraud

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"With skimming, usually what happens is that the cashier will double swipe your card (with a second machine), which copies the information from the magnetic stripe," she said. "Your Personal Identification Number (PIN) is then recorded by a hidden camera. A duplicate card is then made."

What used to be common practice was a combination of one person shoulder surfing - watching a customer enter their PIN - and another stealing their purse or wallet, Wilkes added.

But then thieves got smarter. The high tech method of skimming brings a bigger reward, as you don't know you've been ripped off until the money is missing from your account.

Don't have much money? That's where false deposits come in. Thieves can get cash back from empty envelopes they've deposited into an account, possibly leaving the victim responsible.

Marie Dyck, manager of fraud prevention and control at the Royal Bank of Canada Ltd, said 99 per cent of such fraud occurs at stores, not ABM machines. She said it's important to shield the key pad when punching in your PIN and pay attention to those around you. If you feel uncomfortable, don't be afraid to ask someone to step back.

However, Dyck added skimming doesn't happen that often because it's a sophisticated and expensive venture.

"Despite some misinformation that is out there, debit card fraud is not even close to credit card fraud," Dyck added. "With credit cards, all someone needs is your account number, but with debit cards, you have the added security of a PIN. Someone can't get into your account without it."



Photo by Gino Di

Melissa McKenna is careful to shield the key pad while punching in her PIN at the book store.

That's where the issue of liability comes in. Traditionally, banks consider the customer responsible for their debit card, due to the added security feature of a PIN. Getting hold of both a debit card and the PIN is hard to get without some level of carelessness.

So, such claims of fraud are usually viewed more skeptically.

"We get calls from customers about this type of thing all the time," said Karen McKenzie, CBA deputy ombudsman.

"Internal investigations usually find that

the criminal has tampered with the PIN out and that that's gone further than intended. Also, the customer has a responsibility to consider. I got a call from a man last week who had lost his card. Her card in the ABM and someone came in after her and made a transaction."

So, more often than not, the customer will be on the hook for any losses.

While the banks are devising ways to curb debit card fraud, the best thing you can do is safeguard your PIN, which is your electronic signature.

If you share it, your cardholder agreement becomes void. You're probably out of luck if you write down your PIN down or tell someone else about it. Some banks have a policy of action and liability that is away.

Most institutions offer 1-800 numbers and 24-hour service for lost or stolen cards. Dyck said customers have to treat their debit cards even more securely than cash.

"If you lose cash, then you've lost a lump sum, but if someone has your debit card, they have access to all the funds in your bank," she said.

Due to the notion of personal liability, recovering funds is not an easy task. If an internal investigation uncovers debit card

Liability for debit card losses

The bank is liable when:

- Your card is reported lost or stolen, expired or cancelled, customer reported PIN may be known to someone else, or skimming.
- A technical error was made by card issuer.
- Bank was notified in writing that customer didn't want to use the card for specific type of transaction which resulted in loss incurred.

The customer is liable when:

- You disclosed your PIN, contributed to unauthorized use of the card, or failed to notify bank as soon as possible of lost or stolen card.
- Fraudulent or worthless deposits, errors made by cardholder at ABM or customer-approved amount on keypad in store.

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■ Congratulations

Here are the nominees for the 16th annual Student's Appreciation Awards:

North

Chuck Decker, Sheryn Beattie, Kelly Tran, Helene Weber, Joe Vasvari, Rick Simone, Dalcyce Newby, Amy Faas, Sue Olijnyk, Albi Thompson, Kati Bailetti, Bill Magill, Anna McDowell, Jiri Havelka, Ferne Bretsen, Bernie Jackson, Muhammad Virk, Bev Atkinson.

Lakeshore

Adrian Tait, Bert Wheeler, Cindy Ross, Tanya Sadler, Mike Koyanagi, Lisa Foster, Shannon Gunn.

See Lakeshore etc. on page 7 for details of the nominees' dinner.

Et Cetera Remembers

SAC president moves to OCCSPA

BY STEPHANIE AITKEN
Et Cetera Staff

SAC president Tracy Boyer will continue to lobby for college students in her new position as executive director of the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA).

Boyer begins her one-year contract at OCCSPA this week.

"I've really enjoyed my experience here," she said. "This is a logical progression because it's something that I really like and something I also think I'm good at."

OCCSPA is an organization that unites student leaders in an attempt to deal with concerns facing college and university students.

Boyer has been an active member with OCCSPA throughout her year as Humber's president. "The way OCCSPA works is that it's an association and each college student executive decides to either become a member or not," she said.

Although she was supposed to finish her term as SAC president on May 1, Boyer will return periodically throughout April for various meetings.

Upon her return from March break she submitted a resume along with 23 other applicants. In a three-hour interview, Boyer said she had to demonstrate her knowledge of the association.

"I did two and a half hours where they just asked me very open ended questions where I had to show my knowledge of the association. I also had to show that I had the appropriate skills for the position. And then I had a half an hour to write a press release."

"Three years is sort of healthy for that position because it is a high burn out job. Also after awhile, you can lose touch with what some of the changing student issues are."

As executive director, Boyer's job will involve keeping up to date with various provincial committee's dealing with second-

ary education. Opening lines of communication to students will also be one of Boyer's major roles. "I have to try and make sure students have all the information that they need to make decisions on what they think is in the best interests for the students," she said.

Boyer feels her year as SAC president gave her the experience to do a good job at OCCSPA. "I feel I had a successful year and I'm really happy with some of the projects that we've initiated and some of the things we've tried to change."

She added that having three years at OCCSPA - as compared to one year as SAC president - will allow more time to begin new projects and make changes.

Boyer said she will continue lobbying for Ontario college students because she enjoys association work. "I like advocacy, and I like people, and relying information. I also like making sure peoples' views are heard and expressed."



FILE PHOTO

Outgoing president Tracy Boyer (left), shown here with outgoing Lakeshore president Shirley Forde.

Boyer gets on the Hot seat

BY TIM FORAN
Et Cetera Staff

In the final SAC Hot Seat of the year, outgoing president Tracy Boyer took the podium to face the wrath of angry students.

During the non-publicized event, a frustrated student body demanded explanations for Humber's decrepit infrastructure.

The few who showed up presented many concerns, ranging from crashing computers to dirty cafeterias and bathrooms.

Boyer said she expected such complaints. Recent KPI results revealed Humber's students rated their facilities as poor.

She said SAC's limited budget is not the place to look for answers, though.

"[SAC's] budget is nowhere near the administration's budget," Boyer said.

"Our money goes to program-

ming and athletics."

However, Boyer blamed Humber's poor facilities on decreased government funding and increased enrollment.

"The college does not have the funding to hire the support staff necessary to keep our washrooms clean," Boyer said to one disgusted student.

Boyer assured students their concerns would be raised with administration.

In the past, administration took advantage of SAC, Boyer said.

As a result, SAC had to pay for programs which Boyer felt were the administration's responsibility, including an open computer lab.

"It's not SAC's responsibility to pay for everything the student wants," Boyer said.

"It's definitely our responsibility to communicate everything they want."

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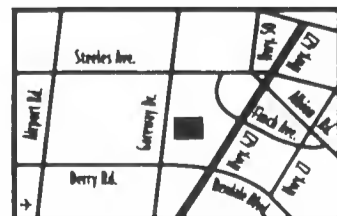
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■ Fatty enemy

Researchers at the University of Hawaii have concluded a high-fat diet is probably linked to prostate cancer.

Laurence Kolonel and his colleagues assessed countless studies on diet, prostate cancer and cancer in general. They said more information is needed to determine what kind of fat is involved.

In a report in the *Journal of The National Cancer Institute*, they wrote: "We conclude that dietary fat may indeed be related to prostate cancer, although the specific fat components involved are not yet clear."

-The Toronto Star

■ Sick society

An economics professor from the University of Manitoba said late 20th-century diseases have largely been caused by an acute case of advanced capitalism.

In his paper, *The Social And Economic Cause Of Disease*, Robert Chernomas wrote curing diseases depends not so much on medical research, as it does on improving unhealthy diets. He suggested companies are making money selling products - often chemically treated - that send people to early graves.

"People died in the 19th century of being underfed and overworked," Chernomas said. "People die in the 20th century because of high-fat, high-cholesterol food processed by corporations, high stress, and toxic air and water."

-Canadian Press

■ Coming up at Number...

On April 8, the Health Centre will be hosting a presentation on sun sense in the concourse from 10 am to 2 pm.

There will be product samples available and a contest to win sunglasses to enter.

Typing can be a real pain

■ Wrist strain can lead to Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

BY ORIETTA CALCINA
Health Reporter

If you've pounded on keyboards and taken notes since the start of the school year, you may be suffering the effects of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

According to occupational therapist Tammy Hibbert, Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is "an injury that happens when the (median) nerve in your wrist gets compressed."

Hibbert added the condition falls under the umbrella of repetitive strain injuries (RSI). Typing, writing and knitting are just a few examples of repetitive motions that may cause Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

"It's the type of pain that can wake you up in your sleep."

-Tammy Hibbert, occupational therapist, on Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

"It includes any injury that's caused by a frequent repetitive movement," Hibbert said.

According to Hibbert, symptoms may include numbness, pain, a burning sensation, a clumsiness in the hands or a tingling in the fingers and hands that can spread to the forearms and shoulders.

"It's the type of pain that can wake you up right out of your sleep," she said.

Hibbert added that Carpal Tunnel Syndrome isn't something

that occurs overnight. If you notice any symptoms, it's important to seek medical attention to prevent the condition from getting worse.

According to Susan Chmelnitsky, an occupational therapist at Mount Sinai Hospital, stress can also be a major cause. When a person is stressed, muscles contract, which can compress the nerves.

In order to diagnose Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, Chmelnitsky said a doctor will initially perform some simple manual tests.

If these tests are positive, the patient is then sent for a nerve conduction test.

Chmelnitsky said this test involves using electricity to shock the nerves.

"The test measures the speed at which impulses travel," Chmelnitsky said.

If the impulses are slower than normal, it signifies a compression in the nerve, Chmelnitsky added.

Depending on the nerve conduction results, a patient may be sent for an electro-miographic test (EMG).

"An EMG involves sticking a needle into the muscle belly," Chmelnitsky said.

The contraction or muscle activity is then measured. The weaker the muscle, the worse the injury.

The nature of treatment for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome will depend on the severity of the condition.

According to Chmelnitsky, treatments may include anti-inflammatory medication, physiotherapy or occupational therapy, splints and advice regarding the efficiency of your work space. Surgery is reserved for the worst cases.

"Education is a huge component because a lot of people come in and say they have Carpal Tunnel Syndrome," she said.

"But when we ask, 'do you know what it is?' they have absolutely no idea," she added.

"They think it's a muscle or tendonitis. So there's a lot of education regarding what the problem is, how you can develop it and how can we improve it."

Chmelnitsky said there are no statistics on the number of people who suffer from Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, but more people are now becoming aware of it.

She cited the introduction of the computer as a factor.

Chmelnitsky said in the past, people had to take breaks after typing because of the force required to operate a manual



PHOTO BY ORIETTA CALCINA

Typing, writing and knitting are example of repetitive motions that may cause Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. Injuries occur when the median nerve in the wrist gets compressed.

typewriter. Computers have made this unnecessary.

"There's a trend of people not actually moving from their workstation because they've built it around themselves," Chmelnitsky said.

Hibbert and Chmelnitsky rec-

ommended the same preventative measures for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome.

They include taking rest breaks, maintaining good posture, typing and writing techniques and making sure you're comfortable.

'Tis the season to be allergic

BY IRWIN DICK
Et Cetera Staff

With spring underway and summer right around the corner, seasonal allergies are ready to strike.

Grass, ragweed and goldenrod are some of the common things that cause hayfever.

Melissa Schumacher, a first-year Hospitality Recreation and Tourism student at Humber College, said allergies make it difficult for her to breathe.

"During the spring and summer months, it's bad because my allergies start to act up," she said.

"My eyes start to run, I swell up really bad in the face and I can't stop sneezing."

Dr. Gordon Donsky, an allergist, said many things can be done to alleviate allergy symptoms.

"Getting shots a couple months before the seasonal allergy begins can help reduce the discomfort," he said.

"Taking yourself out of situations where your allergies flare up can really help reduce bad symptoms."

Donsky said air conditioning

can also help alleviate symptoms.

"Staying cool and being in a clean environment really reduces suffering," he said.

"But the most important thing is to get checked out by an allergy doctor and they will give you some tips on what to do to help deal with allergies and discomfort."

There isn't any cure for allergy sufferers, but Stanley Fishman, pharmacist and owner of The Medicine Shoppe, recommended some over-the-counter remedies to help reduce pain.

Prescription medication is another possibility.

"Allegra, Dimetapp and Claritin all help people avoid some discomfort when it comes to allergies," he said.

"However, there is some information that people should know about before swallowing a bunch of pills."

Fishman said some pills cause side effects such as drowsiness, headaches and nausea.

Interactions with other medications one may be taking could also be dangerous, so it's important to consult a doctor.

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■ Number fashion show

The 1999 Fashion Arts graduating class is holding its annual fashion show - Odyssey - on April 15. Merchandise from Mod Robes, Le Chateau, K.M.R. Designs, Peach Beserk, and Tuxedo Royale will be featured. The show will be held twice at North campus, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be free parking for guests at the 7 p.m. show. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Call 675-6622 ext. 4808 to contact the Fashion Arts program.

■ Magician buried alive

On April 5, magician David Blain began his week-long stunt. Blain is to remain 1.8 meters underground in a plexiglass coffin, without food and with just enough water to survive. Blain said his mission is to fulfill the dream that his idol - Harry Houdini - could not complete. A network television special is scheduled for April 12, when he will be dug up from his grave.

- The Toronto Star

Bowling gets super freaky

BY MIKA AMITOVSKI
Et Cetera Staff

If you haven't already heard about it, disco bowling may be just what you need to spice up your nightlife. It's exactly the same as regular bowling - but with a lot more pizzazz.

The atmosphere is the same as a night club, except people are bowling instead of dancing. Lights flash everywhere, dance and disco music blares and, just like a night club, people can drink, hang out and play pool.

"It's exactly like a club scene except for the dancing part. We don't have a dance floor for people to dance on; instead we have lanes to bowl in and areas to play pool and video games," said Sean McCulloch, Assistant Manager of the East York Bowlerama.

Disco bowling has made bowling a lot more fashionable and more entertaining, compared to the regular bowling which many people consider quite dull and uneventful.

"I used to hate bowling and thought it was uncool, but since my friend introduced me to disco bowling, my whole attitude towards bowling has changed. Disco bowling definitely rocks," said Jennifer Cortese, an avid disco bowler.

McCulloch said even though disco bowling is a lot more expensive at his bowling

alley, it still draws in a bigger crowd compared to regular bowling.

"A disco bowling lane costs \$22.47 per hour for six players, while the regular lanes are \$21 per hour and less popular," McCulloch said.

Given disco bowling's popularity, people have to reserve their lanes on weekends to be

able to bowl, according to McCulloch.

"If people come in and don't have a lane reserved, then they have to wait awhile before a lane is free for them to play on," McCulloch said.

"There are times when it is so busy that people have to wait an hour before they get a lane."

The East York Bowlerama bowling alley has a liquor licence and on weekends, the club is patrolled by security guards to make sure people don't get out of hand and cause trouble for the other patrons.

"Because of the amount of people here on the weekends and the serving of alcohol, we have bouncers who keep everything in line," said McCulloch.

"Rarely do you have any problems and if we do, they aren't big and are solved in no time."

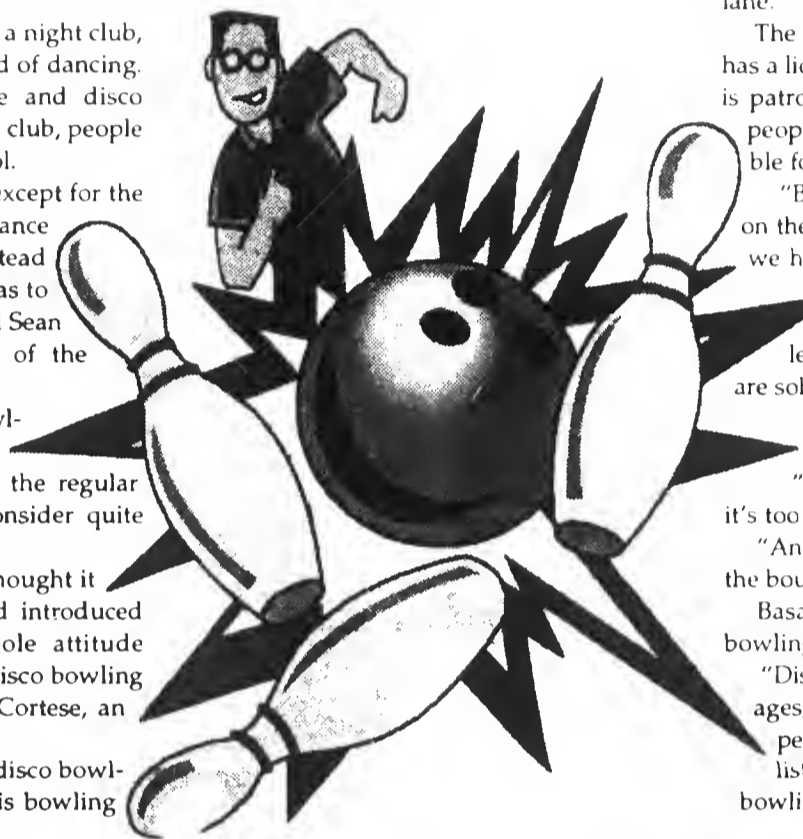
Hema Basant, a frequent bowler, hasn't encountered any problems yet.

"I haven't seen any fighting here so far, it's too fun here to want to fight," Basant said.

"And even if there ever is a fight, we have the bouncers here to protect us."

Basant and Cortese recommend disco bowling to everyone.

"Disco bowling is fun for people of all ages," Cortese said. "It's a great place for people who don't like to dance but love listening to dance music, hanging out and bowling at the same time," Basant said.



Support key for abused kids

■ *Abused children may find it hard to open up to adults, but communication is an important part of the healing process*

BY CYNTHIA MCLEOD
Et Cetera Staff

Initiating an open relationship with sexually abused children can be the first step towards helping them recover.

Every child reacts to sexual abuse differently, said Sue Hunter, Executive Director at the Toronto Child Abuse Centre.

But adults can help the healing process by being supportive from the first moment they learn of the abuse.

"One of the absolute keys to a child's recovery is how disclosure is handled," Hunter said.

The reaction of the first adult who learns of the abuse can set the tone for the victim's recovery.

The child needs to be told right away they are believed, the abuse was not okay, and it wasn't their fault.

Some children are more traumatized by the abuse than others.

Children who experience violence during sexual abuse

recover more readily, according to Hunter, because it is easier for them to see what happened to them was wrong.

Children manipulated into performing sexual acts - being told "this is our little secret" or "we're special friends" - are more likely to perceive themselves as having a role in what happened. This sort of conflict makes it harder for them to recover from the abuse.

Abusers look for kids who have low self-esteems or who feel they are lacking a strong support system. These children are the most vulnerable to abuse.

According to Hunter, most abusers do not look very far. In 90 per cent of the cases at the centre, the children were abused by someone they knew.

A Statistics Canada report released last month showed that almost 20,000 cases of child sexual assault were reported in 1997. The actual number of victims, however, is much larger.

Based on data from victimization surveys, Statistics Canada estimates 90 per cent of sexual offenses are not reported. The Toronto Child Abuse Centre offers support to victims of sexual abuse and their families.

Hunter said the centre's Crisis Support Group Program deals with approximately 350 children a year.

Indicators of sexual abuse

According to Sue Hunter, executive director of the Toronto Child Abuse Centre, one indicator doesn't mean a child is being sexually abused. It's best to look for patterns of indicators if abuse is suspected.

Physical Indicators

- Itching or pain in the throat, anus, or genital area
- Pain in walking or going to the bathroom
- Bruises, swelling or redness, particularly to the pubic area, breasts or buttocks

Behavioural Indicators

- Details of sex in writing or drawing
- Inappropriate sexual acts with children or adults
- Refuses to visit someone without any clear reason
- Doesn't trust other people
- Drastic changes in behaviour
- Problems sleeping, experiences nightmares
- Very demanding of affection and attention (clingy)
- Regressive behaviour (bedwetting, thumb sucking)
- Refuses to get undressed
- Self-mutilation

- Cynthia McLeod

horoscopes

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You should spend a little less time doing useless things like reading your horoscope, and a little more time doing everything that you need to get done. The clock is ticking...get to work.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)
You know when you're leaning on a chair and you almost fall and you pull yourself back up too quickly and get a head rush? You're going to feel like that all week.

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)
You dance like farm animals make love: kind of uncoordinated and very sloppy. Also, it's cute for a while, but then, you just want it to end without anybody getting hurt. Avoid big clubs where more people will mock you.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Eat lots of cheese. Unless you're lactose intolerant, in which case, cheese makes you sick. Come to think of it, you'd be better off not eating any cheese just to be safe.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Just when you thought it couldn't be any worse, Donny Osmond wasn't there when you went to see Joseph. Could life suck any more? You're about to find out.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You hate people. All people. You want everyone to crawl into a pit, get shot, and die a slow painful death. Fortunately, the feeling is mutual.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
It's time to let your hair down, crank up your old Abba LP and let the good times roll. Put on your funkier flares and a paisley shirt and go disco bowling.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)
There's a light at the end of the tunnel. Unfortunately, the light is attached to an 18-wheeler that is flying out of control, with a drunk clown driving right at you. Good luck.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
It's exam time: study, study, study. Fortunately, life is a lot easier when your evil twin Zippy does all the dirty work for you. If you're thinking about eating cheese, see Cancer.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Swearing is unbecoming. But who gives a rat's ass? Sometimes you've just got to get your point across. Your lucky number this week is 74283593898 3.

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The chances of you winning the lottery are one in a zillion. You'd be better off saving your cash. Of course, with your luck, you'll probably win twice. The casino calls.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
Stop crying over spilled milk. Stop crying over the mere prospect of your glass of milk getting tipped over and spilling. Actually, just stop crying.

Making music After Dark



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Rosemarie Stewart and Tony Anthony (aka Humber student Mark Bennett) form After Dark, a Juno-nominated duo with a unique style they call dance/UK soul.

■ *Humber student moonlights as a Juno nominated soul singer*

By JOHN CHICK
Editorial Staff

Mark Bennett has two major goals right now: graduate from the Journalism program at Humber, and to take his music career as far as he can.

In addition to wrapping up his first year as a Humber student, he also happens to make up half of the Juno-nominated R&B duo, After Dark.

Known onstage as Tony Anthony, he and Rosemarie Stewart present a unique style they bill as North American dance mixed with British soul.

"It's a style that comes from both of our musical backgrounds," said Bennett.

The two formed After Dark three years ago when they met after playing The Cameron House on Queen St. W

Prior to that, Bennett was a rhythm guitar player and Stewart had honed her smooth voice from performing mainly as a wedding singer.

They went professional immediately, and enjoyed rapid success. "It's a lot of work trying to get your stuff out there and played," Bennett said.

He began making music where he was born, in Jamaica, as a gospel singer in his neighborhood church.

Bennett graduated to playing the tourist hot spots of Jamaica's north coast. It was there that he was noticed by a touring band, which signed him as a singer and songwriter.

With his first band, *Crucial Vibes*, he toured throughout Asia and Europe before moving to Canada in 1992.

Bennett's influences include *Van Morrison*, *Bob Marley*, and *Bob Dylan*. (Dylan as "a songwriter, not a singer," he joked.)

Working with *Maxi Priest*, *Shaggy*, *Shabba*, and *Ultra Nate*, Bennett's songwriting talent was verified with a Juno nomination for the CD *Time Bomb*.

In 1997, a year after their Juno nomination, he and Stewart formed their own label, Marcrose records.

After Dark has released two videos, *Took Me For Granted*, and *Once U Go*.

A third is coming out this month, which like the previous two, should get moderate rotation on MuchMusic.

In addition, their self-titled CD is in stores, featuring the three tracks.

But despite it all, both say that being professional musicians in Canada – especially black ones – can be infuriating.

"I think the current situation with the Rascalz is a clear indication of what is happening, or not happening with radio and with the Junos," said Stewart, referring to the west coast rap group's recent complaint and subsequent challenge to the Canadian industry.

Bennett said he can't even get CKHC, Humber's radio station (which broadcasts as far as the parking lot), to play his CD. "It's crap," he said.

"Canadian radio gives you some lame excuse about having enough Canadian content already, or they say, 'Go out and get yourselves a buzz first.'"

Although this can be blamed

on Canada's pathetic sense of apathy, Bennett and Stewart point out there's a great wealth of black music in Toronto and Canada that's not heard. "They'll always play American black music, but that's because it's in," Bennett said.

That's why After Dark is currently shopping for international exposure.

They plan to travel to Miami for the Medium Festival in June, an event which acts in the same way the Cannes Film festival does for independent filmmakers – giving them a chance to rub elbows with industry bigshots.

However, playing with the big boys isn't new to After Dark.

They've played with *Des'ree*, *Ultra Nate*, and even with the late *Notorious B.I.G.*

As with any artist, cracking the U.S. market is the most difficult yet coveted thing facing the duo.

"You have to make the right connections, that's all," Bennett said.

Stewart, who is British by birth, added that their reception in the U.S. has been positive, thanks to their unique style.

With their mix of an inherent soul groove and dance with a hip-hop flair, she likes their chances.

"I think (Americans) are intrigued by a Brit and a Jamaican who come from Canada," she said.

And like any well-planned goal, they've both got their own fallback positions in case their first love doesn't work out. Stewart is a clerk at the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund, a non-profit organization which deals with sexism and harassment claims.

And of course, Bennett has journalism.

But don't bet on them sticking to day jobs for the rest of their lives.

These two have their sights set on the bigger picture, which is conquering the North American music scene.

Their next step is the release of the video *How Long*, and on April 24 they play at the Reverb as part of *Bump n Hustle*, a soul music showcase.

After Dark's self-titled CD is also available in stores now.

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A day in the life of middle class Giants

■ *New movie from the writer of "The Full Monty" again showcases Britain's working class*

BY HIMANI EDIRIWEERA
Editorial Staff

Sex, drugs and rock and roll? No. *Among Giants* brings us shagging, brew, and some bad musical renditions of old classics.

Simon Beaufoy, writer of *The Full Monty*, embarks on another adventure with England's working class.

This time it's about a bunch of friends in dire need of an adrenaline rush — both at work, and at play. With a cast of recognizable actors, such as Pete Postlethwaite (*In the Name of the Father*), and Rachel Griffiths (Oscar Nominee for *Hilary and Jackie*), the movie should lack little.

Griffiths plays Gerry, a moun-

tain climbing drifter from Australia, who becomes the love interest of Ray (Postlethwaite).

Ray and his mates take on a summer job of painting miles of massive electrical pylons. Although they are not strangers to danger, their particular assignment is a race against the clock.

The crew needs to finish the daunting task of painting the pylons before the deadly voltage is turned back on.

Ray and his buddy pick up hitch-hiker Gerry one day, and so it begins.

The movie attempts to focus on the relationship between Ray and Gerry, however, you're also drawn into the relationships Ray has with his ex-wife and friends.

It's a mystery why his ex-wife was even introduced into the film.

Her four minutes of fame was four minutes too long.

Their relationship is totally irrelevant to the plot. It was a poor attempt at adding conflict to a less-than-interesting relationship.

Predictably, the relationship between Gerry and Ray comes to an end.

Gerry then runs back to Ray, hoping he will take her back. Though he is unaware of her infidelity. Perhaps we were supposed

to feel sorry for her? Then, she decides to go rock climbing.

No gear. What could possibly come of this? The tension is non-existent. Could it be that Gerry falls to her death?

No, and what a disappointment. Hospitalization was her only fate. So the couple says good bye to one another. Ray off to seek more thrills, and Gerry back to the highway.

The humour in *Among Giants* is very similar to that of *The Full Monty*, but to a lesser degree.

Although the cast is made up of a lot of heavy talent, they are aesthetically unpleasing.

It becomes very obvious that European moviegoers don't look for the same things as their North Americans counterparts.

The cast is very un-Hollywood, which could give a

foreign movie a shot at success in the U.S. market. Instead of focusing on the beauty of the characters, you tend to concentrate on the plot. Unfortunately, in the case of *Among Giants*, the plot really isn't that interesting anyway, and the special effects gave me a headache.

All in all, it wasn't the worst movie, but it wasn't one of Beaufoy's best.



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Pete Postlethwaite, Rachel Griffiths, and James Thornton star in *Among Giants*, a new British movie from the writer of *The Full Monty*.

Not an average Joe

BY GREG DI CRESCA
Editorial Staff

Joe Kavanagh has a dilemma. His young friend Liam can't pay off a debt to a drug dealer.

If Liam doesn't pay up, either his legs will be broken or his junkie wife will have to work off the debt as a prostitute.

But neither of these things will happen if Kavanagh agrees to undertake two drug runs for the dealer, McGowan.

From Kavanagh's perspective, he has only one choice — to do McGowan's dirty work.

In making that decision, Kavanagh, a recovering alcoholic, ultimately risks what he calls his "soul" — his girlfriend Sarah.

Ken Loach's film, *My Name is Joe*, which is set in an impoverished neighbourhood of Glasgow, stares at a slice of Joe Kavanagh's hard, weary, and remarkably resilient life.

Faced with living in a bleak inner-city world, Kavanagh somehow survives, and even shines at times.

Finding brief moments of happiness in coaching his soccer team — the worst team in the city — and in music.

However, in meeting Sarah, a health worker from a wealthier neighbourhood, Kavanagh is given a chance to find happiness

outside the slums of Glasgow.

For 38 years Kavanagh has lived in a world of booze, drugs, and whores; and the rules of that world aren't the same as the one Sarah lives in.

Here is where Kavanagh's dilemma begins.

By deciding to pick up McGowan's smack, he reveals an inability to get beyond the logic of the slums.

The limits of forgiveness, sacrifice, and understanding are all painfully tested by Loach in what follows between Kavanagh, Sarah, and Liam.

The film is not an easy one to watch.

It was shot in sequence on location in one of the poorest neighbourhoods in Glasgow.

The actors all talk with a thick Scottish brogue.


Loach never wavers in his hard and unsentimental treatment of poverty, making it unlikely he would ever shoot a film for Disney.

Moreover, it's a guarantee this film will never be found among the week's top 10 money makers.

But the director's genuine concern for people in the story, along with the brilliant acting by Peter Mullan, as Kavanagh, makes *My Name is Joe*, well worth viewing.

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No complaints from the Pollyannas

■ *Toronto band finds success in Buffalo as well as at home*

By NICOLE MANN
Et Cetera Staff

Rising out of the muck and mire, Toronto's Pollyannas have forged quite a following for themselves at home and south of the border.

In a town with thousands of bands, the Pollyannas have proven their particular brand of music is diverse enough to keep themselves and an audience captivated.

Although their music has been categorized as Country Rock Pop, the Pollyannas are reluctant to be associated with any musical genre.

Instead, the bandmembers prefer to think of themselves as having a unique sound.

"One of the worst things about the club scene is that you go see a band, and from the first song, you probably know what they are going to sound like from then on," said drummer Marty 'Shovel' Menard.

"One single can define a bands' sound - that's it, that's all they have to offer," he said.

"We don't care if every radio station and record company



The Pollyannas consist of, left to right, Alan Beardsall, Mary Harmer, Marty Menard, and John Arnott. All are veterans of the Toronto music scene.

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wants that, that's not what we do. That's not what we want to do," he added.

Each member of the band has a unique musical history.

Lead vocalist and guitar player

Alan Beardsall has played with *Lost and Profound* and *Crash Vegas*.

Keyboardist Mary Harmer has played with *Weeping Tile*; bassist John Arnott performed

with *Lowest of the Low*; and Marty 'Shovel' Menard has teamed up with *Geno McManus*, and *Gooseflesh*.

Arnott said it is these experiences that have caused the band to adopt their current philosophy.

"A bunch of us have been through the major (record) deals, we've seen what they are actually like.

"They can't and won't fulfill

all of your wishes and dreams. You have to find that within the music if it's not (there) the rest of it's just brutal," said Arnott.

They are fully aware of the benefits of having a record contract, but they are also happy playing and having fun.

"If we're not Pollyannas, then we really just shouldn't be doing this anymore.

We're all too old to be worrying about our image at this point," Menard said.

Last year, the Pollyannas became a favorite of college radio stations when their Indie CD *Deluxe Reverb* was released.

"We (also) charted on a few other stations around Ontario and that was really good," Menard said.

They recently finished recording their second CD with their friend John Switzer (*Jane Siberry, The Waltons*) producing.

The album is due out in early May, and after the CD release party, the band plans to tour New York State.

It should be an interesting tour as Harmer is seven months pregnant and due in May.

During her year off, she will be replaced by James Grey (*Blue Rodeo*).

"He's a friend of Mary's. When Mary was in *Weeping Tile*, they toured with *Blue Rodeo*. We're pretty excited about it," Arnott said.

During May, the Pollyannas will be the featured band at *Online Express Music*.

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Changes in store for volleyball

■ *V-ball team faces tough rebuilding task for next season*

BY JACK TYNAN
Volleyball Reporter

Next year Humber volleyball will be quite different. The players and the game are likely to change by the start of the 1999-2000 season.

Next year, the Canadian Volleyball Association is changing the format of volleyball matches across the country. The new plan will require teams to play four rally games up to 25 points and then a fifth game up to 15. Currently, only the serving team gets points up to a total of 15 for all five games. The proposed format would increase the pace of the games and intensify the matches.

Another change will be the addition of a "libero player." This team member will be a specialized defensive player limited to playing in the backcourt. Once the change is implemented, the person in this position can be substituted into the game to replace any other player. The libero player cannot serve or set the ball from in front of the attack line.

This position will create opportunity for smaller players.

"Traditionally smaller players will be quicker and more agile," said women's coach Dave Hood.

Wayne Wilkins, coach of the men's volleyball team, has already considered who might be his libero player position next year.

"John Chapman played that position when we went to Mexico," said Wilkins.

Volleyball teams already use this new form internationally and Humber's teams have experienced it first hand when they participated in tournaments in Mexico and in the United States.

Both Wilkins and Hood are



DAVE HOOD, WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH.

happy with the changes.

"To me it's more advantageous to play the way everybody plays," said Hood.

"Building for the national level, they're playing at a consistent basis."

Hood said that every league and every country will play with its own modifications, but at least



WAYNE WILKINS, MEN'S VOLLEYBALL COACH.

Canadian colleges will be playing by match rules similar to those used by Canada's National team.

Regardless of these changes,

next year's season will be a different one for both Humber teams.

The women's team will be without at least three familiar faces in the starting lineup: Christine Rudies is ineligible to continue playing at the college level, and Lindsay Anderson and Jen de Miranda are also moving on.

The men's team will be without Matt Cunliffe, who is ineligible to play. Tim Pennefather and Tim Ryan haven't decided whether they will be back or not.

There will definitely be some new faces.

"We've got our eyes on some people at the Chatham Region area and Ottawa," said Wilkins.

Both teams expect to remain competitive next year.

"It will definitely be a rebuilding year but we'll still be in the thick of things."

What's in a name?



Erika FORD

What's a Toronto sports fan to do?

The Jays are back. The Leafs have clinched a spot in the playoffs. The Rock is in first place and is guaranteed a play-off game next weekend at Maple Leaf Gardens. The Raptors are above .500 and may also make it to the playoffs.

And my bank account is empty. Luckily, I scored some free tickets to the Raptors/Heat game.

I had to see Vince Carter. Not Air Carter, not Air Canada, not St. Vincent, not the Air Apparent. Just Vince Carter.

I don't understand the big deal with finding Carter a nick-

name. What is it with sports and the need to give players a catchy name? His Airness, Big Hurt, Big Mac, Great One, Mailman, Rainman, Worm, Russian Rocket.

My suggestion for Carter's nickname is "The Relatively Unproven Rookie." Kinda catchy, huh?

I admit, I have been impressed by his aerial assaults, his rebounding in the dying seconds of games, and his defence on some of the NBA's best. But in the game against Miami, besides the one beautiful facial he gave Alonzo Mourning, he looked like any regular rookie. He was unsure of his job and his shot, and unwilling to take the weight of his team upon his shoulders.

And this is perfectly understandable.

He is not Michael Jordan. Let me repeat this for everyone out there - Vince Carter is not Michael Jordan.

It is generally agreed that Jordan was the best ever. The best ever can't be replaced so easily or so quickly - especially by a player who has only been in the league for three months.

Let us compare.

Jordan went to North

Carolina, Carter: Yes. Jordan shaves his head. Carter: Yes. Jordan dazzled the crowd with amazing, seemingly impossible moves. Carter: Yes.

Jordan has six championships, 10 scoring titles, five MVPs and numerous other offensive and defensive records and awards. Carter: Hmm...no.

I'm not really trying to knock the kid. I enjoy watching him. I think he has great potential, and he along with Kevin Willis, Charles Oakley, Doug Christie and Tracy McGrady, is bringing respect to the team. I hope he stays and doesn't sell out like a past Toronto rookie phenom. What was his name? Mickey Mouse? Mighty Mouse? Oh yeah, The Rat.

If the papers, the sports commentators and the fans need a nickname for Carter, maybe they should let him fall into it and not try to make him fit the name.

Carter is not Canadian, or an airplane, so there goes Air Canada. If Mother Teresa hasn't yet been named a saint, then neither should Carter. And as for Air Apparent, you just can't ask anyone to follow in the footsteps of Michael "God" Jordan.



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Logos are a no go Hockey Sherpa speaks Puck Off

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how is a fan ever going to keep an eye on all the action?

The answer: Find a hockey sherpa who can guide fans through mountains of scheduled hockey telecasts.

After a five-hour chat on the 900 hockey Sherpa number, I was provided with tips to avoid bad playoff games, and a money back guarantee.

At \$1.50 a minute the advice cost me a small fortune. But here are some of the play-off secrets revealed by the old coot:

- The golden rule: always watch the Leafs.
- When in doubt, always heed that rule.
- For playoff action, the west will be the best in the first round.
- Don't waste too much time watching Boston or Buffalo.
- Never miss Cherry.
- Philly will be out in the first round.

•A Canadian team will win the eastern division.

•Detroit will be in the Stanley Cup finals.

•A goalie will win the Conn Smythe.

•Buy new batteries for your remote control.

•And always say a special prayer of thanks before every CBC broadcast, thanking the network's technical staff for ending their strike in time for the play-offs.

The Sherpa on the other end of the line said the prayer is needed to ensure a clear picture.

If you let these basic tips act as a Stanley Cup guide, your viewing pleasure of the final playoffs the millennium will be ensured.

Greg is too busy to spend time with friends this weekend - he claims he has a date.

For those out there who don't like hockey or revere Don Cherry as a god, here's some advice:

- Erase the channels showing hockey.
- Hide the remote. Note: Hide yourself after hiding the remote.
- Adjust the contrast, brightness and colour on the TV.
- Loosen the cable on the TV.
- Take the beer out of the fridge, warm it slightly.
- Dissolve a sleeping pill or two into the drink of the person who won't leave the TV.
- Spring clean the living room. Don't forget a thorough shampooing of the carpet and furniture.
- Offer your home as a daycare for children under five. Cholicy babies would be best.
- Watch the game, and ask endless questions about the rules and players.
- Drink.

Imagine going to a baseball game a couple of years from now, and seeing Bud's Auto and McDonald's advertisements splattered on the uniform sleeve of Mark McGwire.

Imagine scanning the grounds original Fenway Park or Yankee Stadium and seeing KFC and Wendy's slogans smeared on the parks' foul poles.

This could become the sad reality for baseball, as Bud Selig, MLB's commissioner, is thinking about selling out this great sport by allowing advertisers to sew their logos on the teams' uniforms.

The average baseball fan yearns for tradition. Time at a ballpark, should be spent letting our imaginations run wild with thoughts of baseball history. It's a time to get away from work, eat a hotdog, drink a Coke and watch old clips of baseball legends, such as Ted Williams or Joe DiMaggio on the big screen.

Unfortunately, Selig and his committee at the commissioner's office in New York, are once again tarnishing this great pastime.

We fans are tired of commercialism and greed coming into the game. This is a time for the baseball commissioner to stand up and defend the purity and history of the sport, - not sell out to advertisers.

Baseball sparks images of families bonding over hotdogs. It provides a father in Fenway Park, the chance to share memories with his child. For example, the exact spot where Carlton Fisk's 1975 World Series homer bounced off the right field foul pole.

Such a memory would be tarnished if that spot were plastered with advertisements for Home Hardware.

A baseball stadium and uniform are too sacred to be tampered with.

Advertising and baseball do not mix. The game is all about tradition and heroes.



For a sport that is still hurting from a strike which forced the cancellation of the latter part of the 1994 season, now is not the time to be screwing with tradition.

Neil, the sports encyclopedia, knows what brand of underwear Babe Ruth wore.

Hockey, hockey, hockey - and more hockey. I'm talking hockey all the time: NHL playoff hockey every night for two months. So clear that social calendar, stock-up on your favorite beverage, and look into buying a new La-Z-Boy. You're going to be spending hours of quality time in front of the set.

But with all those teams skating from one channel to the next,

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