

A tale of two presidents Pg. 9



Ticket giant faces suits Pg. 15

# HUMBER ET CETERA

Thursday, February 26, 2009

www.humberetc.com

Vol. 40 No. 16



Rosanna U

Winning wasn't a stretch for Raymond Wong as he captured the provincial title last weekend at Georgian College in Barrie. He won the tournament final in straight sets.

## Back-to-back titles for Wong

### Badminton champ and brother lead team to nationals on campus

Scott Rennie  
SPORTS REPORTER

BARRIE – It's up to the rest of Canada to find an answer for Raymond Wong and Humber's badminton juggernaut.

Raymond Wong retained his title as Ontario's top men's player, while Alang Luangrath and Charlie Lay won gold medals in doubles last Saturday at the OCAA badminton finals at Georgian College.

All three advance to represent Ontario at the CCAA national badminton championships, which Humber

will host March 5 to 7.

The question for much of the weekend was who, if anyone, could beat Dayvon Reid of George Brown College. Reid, the top player from the eastern Ontario division, beat Raymond and his teammate-brother, Mark, in the tournament's round robin.

"I have a strong belief I can beat him in playoffs," Raymond said after last Friday's loss, his first in nearly a year. "Definitely, I will."

But to get a rematch, Raymond had to outlast his brother, the player

of the year in Ontario, in an intense, three-set semi-final.

The two split the first sets, and Raymond trailed 10-5 in the third, before coming back to win 21-12.

"They beat the hell out of each other," said assistant coach Mike Kopinak. "They left it all on the court."

It set up a Wong-Reid final. And just as Wong said he could, the 21-year-old business management student prevailed in straight sets, 21-11 and 24-22.

Mark Wong, who won the bronze medal, will join his brother in the

nationals by taking advantage of an automatic berth for players from the host school.

On the men's doubles side, Lay and Luangrath steamrolled to their gold medal.

Lay and Luangrath have played together for five years, are roommates and are undefeated this year.

"We just know where each other is on the court," said Lay, a 21-year-old architecture student and team captain. "There's a lot of trust and teamwork going on."

It was a tough weekend for Hum-

ber's women. Jordanna Langill went winless in the opening round and did not advance to singles playoffs. Selina Kao and Rosanna U lost in the doubles bronze medal game, but still advance to the nationals.

The team's focus now turns to the country's best, including defending men's champion Dan Kai of the North Alberta Institute of Technology.

Last year, Raymond Wong failed to win a medal as Humber's only entrant in the national championships at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick.

# NEWS

Guantanamo prisoner Binyam Mohamed returned to Britain Monday after nearly seven years in U.S. captivity in a covert CIA site in Morocco. — *The Associated Press*

## THE SKINNY

News hits from Canada and around the world

### Listeria forces recall

Maple Leaf Foods ordered another recall Tuesday after more than 26,000 packages of hotdogs were shipped across Eastern Canada by mistake. The hot dogs tested positive for listeria bacteria, but Maple Leaf says the risk to the public is low. Maple leaf recalled tainted meat last summer after 20 people died. (*thestar.com*)

### Chemical drug bust

Toronto police and RCMP investigators stopped a van carrying tubs of chemicals they believe were destined for a drug lab early this morning. (*thestar.com*)

### Ticketmaster pays U.S.

Ticketmaster will have to pay back U.S. customers who bought tickets at inflated prices through TicketsNow, a subsidiary of Ticketmaster. No compensation is available to Canadians yet. (*CBC.ca*)

### Car crashes house

A car has crashed its way through the same house in Etobicoke for the second time this month. (*thestar.com*)

### Green act means jobs

Ontario's Green Energy Act will result in 50,000 new jobs in construction, engineering and trucking. (*thestar.com*)

### New school board boss

Chris Spence was named the newest director of the Toronto District School Board on Monday. He's the first black person to take on the role. (*parentcentral.ca*)

### Alberta knife ban

The Mayor of Edmonton, Stephen Mandel, has suggested the prohibition of buying knives and carrying them in public after two fatal stabbings occurred in that city. (*CBC.ca*)

### Search for explorer

Norway's navy will search for Roald Amundsen, a 20th century explorer whose plane went missing over 80 years ago. (*CNN.com*)

### Out of Iraq by 2010?

Whitehouse officials say the U.S. plans to remove almost all troops from Iraq by Aug. 2009. (*thestar.com*)

## Grit boss says stay in school

Graeme Steel  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff told students at Lakeshore Campus on Feb. 20 that he would champion support for schools like Humber if he becomes Canada's next prime minister.

"I've committed my party, when we get into government, to giving continuous and sustained investment in polytechnics like Humber," the former Harvard professor said in an interview.

"It's important when we invest in post-secondary education we don't favour the universities and neglect institutions like Humber, which are doing just as important work."

The MP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore recognized such work last Friday by attending a ceremony to honour the four Humber students - Gino Cunti, Paul Je, Kevin Luong and Patrick Neelon - who contacted the International Space Station earlier this month.

Ignatieff praised the students for their ingenuity and perseverance and said their Operation First Contact project was an example of the sophisticated science colleges could perform.

"It's a real commitment that I hope to lead that we invest heavily and continuously in a sustained way in places like Humber College in the post-secondary education sector and in space exploration and research,"

said Ignatieff during the brief ceremony at the campus library.

He then surprised the students with a call from the first Canadian in space, Marc Garneau, now a Quebec Liberal MP.

"As a Canadian, I am very proud of them and I think they've got great futures ahead of them," Garneau said through a muffled speaker phone, suggesting he would like to see the students working for the Canadian Space Agency, which he led from 2001 to 2005.

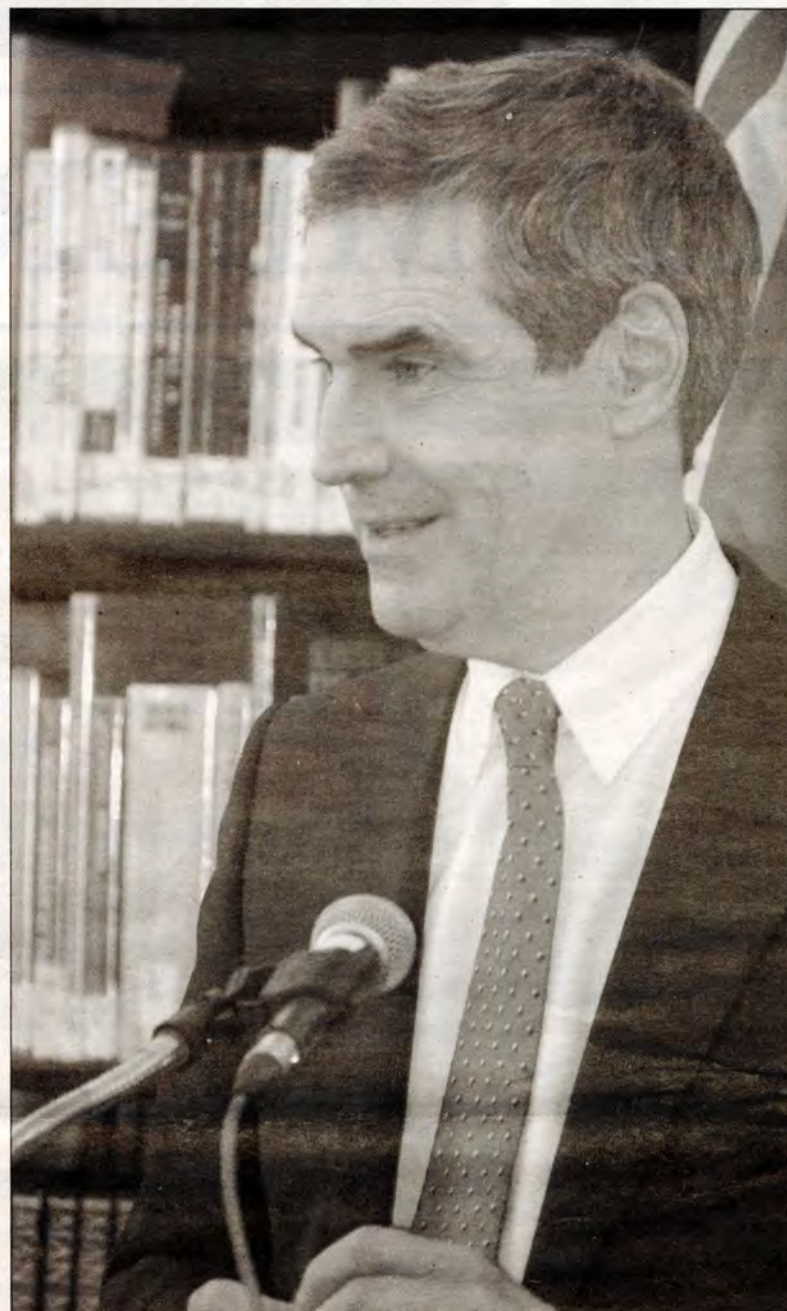
**"I've committed my party, when we get into government, to giving continuous and sustained investment in polytechnics like Humber."**

—Michael Ignatieff,  
Liberal leader

Ignatieff said he understands why Humber and other schools are seeing a spike in enrolment.

"People are finding it hard to get jobs, so they're going back into polytechnics and other colleges to ride out the recession," he said.

"The smartest thing you can do in this economy is go back to school and then the federal government and the provincial governments have to step up and make it easier for you to do so."



Graeme Steel

Michael Ignatieff spoke at Lakeshore Campus library Feb. 20

## Review shows energy use down from last year

Mark Rothen  
NEWS REPORTER

Efforts to make the college more energy efficient over the past two years are paying off, according to data from maintenance and operations.

Average electrical consumption has been about nine per cent lower so far this school year on North Campus, according to information from maintenance and operations manager Spencer Wood.

"Obviously, all of our lighting needs to be as efficient as possible," he said.

"We have a standard that we ask designers to design to — one watt per square foot. That's quite stringent, but we can do that in new constructions."

Two years ago when it was determined the 35-year-old cooling plant used for air conditioning — which used ozone-depleting CFCs — needed replacing, Humber not only met but surpassed the minimum energy efficiency standards, Wood said.

The new plant now saves Humber \$100,000 per year, he said.

"We went really state of the art with

the plant and the control systems, and we've been told that it's the most efficient chiller plant in Canada."

Humber has also been retrofitting lights and roofing, and implementing computer controlled ventilation systems, Wood said.

It is not yet known how these standards will be implemented in the wellness centre and the applied technology facility, both of which are under construction and set for completion by September, associate director of capital development Scott Valens said.

However, Wood said the renovated students' centre would make use of induction lighting.

"They use about half the amount of energy, and they also last a lot longer, about five times as long," said Wood.

B Building, added to North Campus in 2007, uses a thermo-deck system to save energy, which absorbs heat from people, lights, and computers through the floor to maintain the structure's temperature.

"It was a bit of an experiment really, but it's worked very well," Wood said.



Mark Rothen

Energy efficient bulbs in use in the Food Emporium on North Campus have contributed to a decline in energy consumption.

A female teacher and coach has been arrested after Durham Regional Police caught her allegedly having sex with a 14-year-old boy. - [thenationalpost.com](http://thenationalpost.com)

## Lockdown drill a work in progress

### Police and college administrators say first-time exercise had minor glitches

**Erin DeCoste**  
NEWS REPORTER

**Josh Long**  
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The lockdown drill at North Campus this month included what police described as “a few minor glitches” and illustrated what one student says are flaws in the system.

About 7,000 students, teachers and staff were on campus during the 20-minute lockdown on Feb. 12.

They were advised by an announcement on the public address system to find a safe area while police and security officers observed their performance.

Second-year hotel management student Lisabella Cruz said they had to open the door in her classroom in D-building to hear the instructions over the PA system.

“We didn’t hear anything,” said Cruz. “The speakers weren’t working. We had to open the door.”

Gary Jeynes, director of public safety, said he recognizes the problem with the PA system and it will be corrected soon.

President of the Humber Students Federation Mike Berg noted anyone in the glass-walled games room underneath the student centre would easily draw the attention of an assailant looking for targets.

“I noticed that a lot of the students were in our games room and it is proper protocol to go into a room and have the door locked behind you,” said Berg. “And obviously there are no curtains in there currently.”

Berg said he was looking into purchasing curtains for the games room to provide an extra level of security during a lockdown.

The drill was designed to spread awareness about security in the event of an emergency such as a shooter on campus.

“It’s a learning experience to learn of any flaws in the system,” said Toronto police Supt. Ron Taverner of 23 Division.

“In my observation it went very well, a few minor glitches, which we would expect and are only natural. But these are things that can be addressed by this administration and they will absolutely address those issues.”

Staff Sgt. Glenn Barenthin said some of these glitches included professors who had thought they had locked the doors to their classrooms but had not, and that volume in some areas of the school was not as great as it could be.

“In certain areas, the volume was a little low, that’s a big issue,” said Barenthin, who listed one of those areas as being the cafeteria.

“I don’t expect us to get it perfect right away,” said President John Davies, “although a lot of time has gone into training and preparing people for this.”

The test was part of the Humber’s Critical Incident and Preparedness Plan, mandated by the Ontario Ministry of Education and being adopted by colleges and universities across the province.



Erin DeCoste

Electrical engineering students Eric Merwat and Mark St. Bernard demonstrate proper lockdown procedure in classroom E332 at North Campus.

## OPSEU will not participate in Israeli boycott

### Many students feel protesting academic ties is discriminatory and unfair

**Laura Di Mascio**  
NEWS REPORTER

University workers in the Canadian Union of Public Employees in Ontario (CUPE) have passed a motion to boycott academic institutions in Israel.

OPSEU (Ontario Public Service Employees Union), the union representing teachers and other workers at Humber, said it will not get involved in this move.

“I don’t agree that that’s what they should be doing and I don’t really understand why they would do that,” said Orville Getz, OPSEU president local 562.

“There’s all kinds of people coming down on both sides of the argument, so why would you pick on one particular group, be it from Israel or be it from Palestine, and say we’re going to boycott those institutions?”

The boycott calls on Canadian uni-

versities to cut ties that exist with Israeli academic institutions, in terms of funding and research.

**“You have to always listen to two sides of the story, the good and bad side, and you’re going to make your own opinion.”**

-Maria Perez, nursing student

It is not a ban of individual Israeli academics, as was proposed by CUPE Ontario president Sid Ryan last month.

Fred Hahn, CUPE Ontario secretary treasurer, said a ban on individuals was the original plan, but that it changed.

“When we talked to people from the community and actually found

people from Gaza, from Palestinian academic institutions, they were clear with us that that’s not what’s being called for,” said Hahn.

In 2006, CUPE Ontario joined the global campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions against the state of Israel, said Hahn.

Since the Gaza conflict began, Hahn said university workers at CUPE wanted to get involved to respond to what has been happening in Gaza.

“Boycotts have been used over the years to some positive effect in terms of making a non-violent statement to try and effect change,” he said.

But Getz said the academic sector should not be getting involved politically with the offensive.

“It seems to me that’s a really extreme action,” he said.

“I think freedom of opinion is freedom of opinion.”

Some students at Humber disagree with CUPE’s boycott.

Maria Perez, 29, second-year nursing student, said she thinks choosing

**“Why would you pick on one particular group, be it from Israel or be it from Palestine, and say we’re going to boycott those institutions?”**

-Orville Getz, president, OPSEU local 562

sides is unfair.

“You have to always listen to two sides of the story, the good and bad side, and you’re going to make your own opinion,” she said.

Donovan Scully, 21, second-year hospitality management student, said he thinks the boycott is discrim-

inatory.

“I don’t think it’s really giving both sides a fair chance, it’s basically saying this side is wrong,” he said.

“I don’t think [CUPE] should be picking which side we should be supporting, I think it should be up to us.”

A Jewish organization said it strongly opposes the motion.

“It’s going to promote discrimination against Israeli Jewish academics,” said Meir Weinstein, National director of the Jewish Defense League in Canada.

“Universities are a place of debate and I’m all for debate, but this is not debate, this is hate.”

He said the organization will come up with a program to oppose the boycott.

“We’re going to be very active on the issue,” said Weinstein.

• See editorial: pg. 6

# NEWS

Scores of white-owned farms in Zimbabwe have been invaded since the country's national unity government took office, a union chief has told the BBC. – [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk)

## Jobs secure in funeral services

Though program coordinator says industry is recession-proof, enrolment in program has declined by 10 per cent

Jackie Martinz  
NEWS REPORTER

Students in the funeral services program may find themselves in a recession-proof industry, but enrolment in the program has declined this year said the program's associate registrar.

"In 2008, applications to funeral services went down by 10 per cent. That is compared to the 2007 numbers," said Patricia Van Horn.

The decline may be due to a number of factors, said Michelle

Clarke, funeral services program coordinator.

"In terms of job security, we are recession-proof. People will still die during a recession. But I don't think funeral directors make the profits they'd make when times are good," she said.

Older people looking for a second career are drawn to the job security, said Clarke.

"It's rarely the young people who enter the business because the industry will always provide them

***"In terms of job security, we are recession-proof. People will still die during a recession. But I don't think funeral directors make the profits they'd make when times are good."***

- Michelle Clarke,  
Funeral Services  
Program Coordinator

with a job. The younger students are drawn to the ability to care for people, to leave a positive impact," she said.

It was while X-raying dead bodies at the hospital for her high-school co-op placement that Erin Blacklock first considered in 2007 a career in funeral services.

During that same year her uncle and grandparents passed away. She learned more about the business through people she met at their funerals.

"Meeting and talking to those people really made me decide to get into it. I never thought of this as a career until I saw death first hand," she said.

Now in her first year in the program at North Campus, Blacklock said she knows her job prospects are good.

"Funeral homes all over Canada still send Humber requests for licensed directors. There are even many opportunities overseas, like in England. My teachers post all the jobs on a board for us," she said.

## Presenting iLife '09

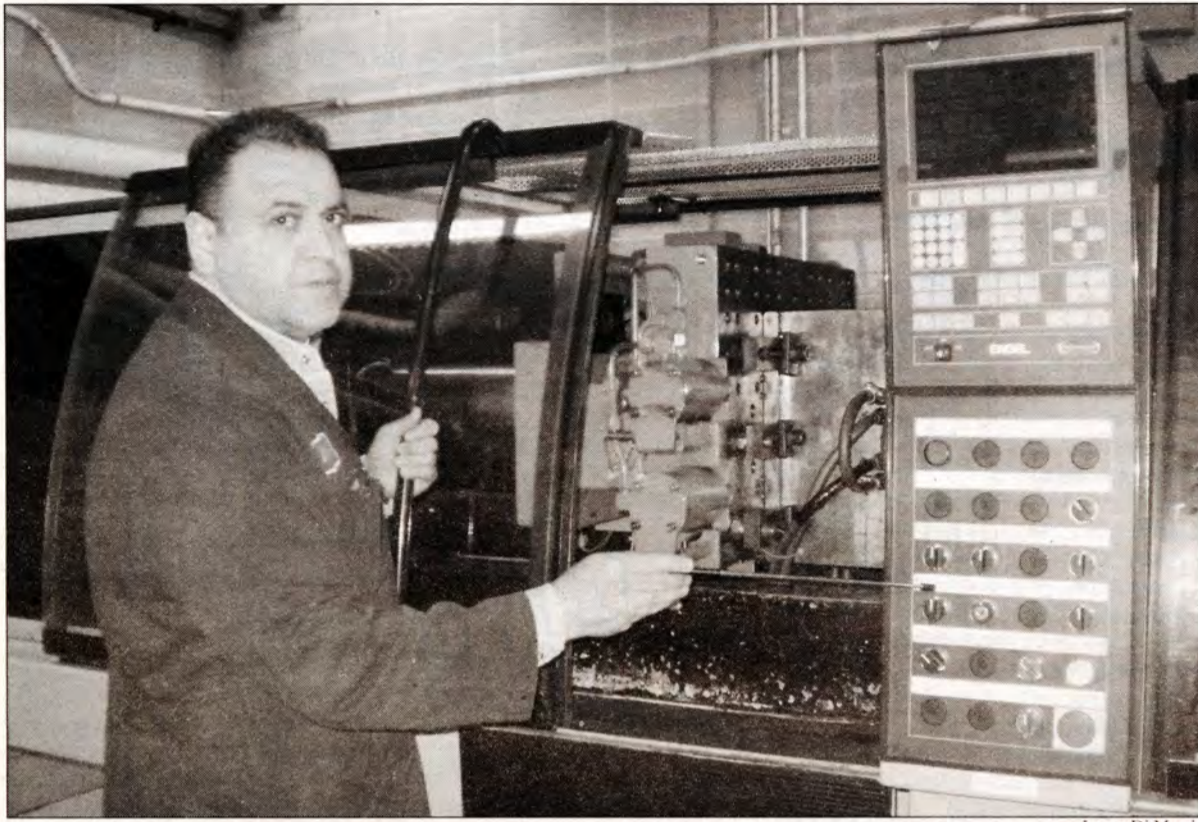
Check out demo's of iLife '09 presented by Apple Canada on Thursday, March 5, 2009, North Campus Concourse Area.

You could win one of the iPod draws.

For full details please visit the North Campus Bookstore Computer Shop.



Twenty-two foreign sailors are thanking the Canadian Coast Guard for their lives, after a quick and dramatic rescue off the coast of Newfoundland. – *Globaltv.com*



Laura Di Mascio

Former plastics training professor Hamid Mohammadi works on an injection moulding machine, one of the few pieces of equipment to be sold since Humber College closed its plastics training centre.

## Plastics centre shutdown

Laura Di Mascio  
NEWS REPORTER

A Humber program that trained students to manufacture plastics has folded because of a decline in the industry and a lack of applicants.

The program had been “responsive to industry demand,” said Michael Hatton, Humber’s vice-president academic. “Currently that demand is no longer there.”

About 9,000 workers were laid off in an industry that employs more than 100,000 people last year, said Serge Lavoie, president and CEO of Canadian Plastics Industry Association, the partner of Humber’s Canadian Plastics Training Centre.

“It’s kind of the end of an era,” said Lavoie. “It’s always sad to see something end.”

The centre was set up in 1993 in collaboration with the Canadian Plastics Industry to train people working in the plastics industry, as well as provide education for those interested in entering the business.

Students were trained to work

injection moulding and blow moulding machines. Injection moulding manufactures any plastic product while blow moulding makes plastic bottles specifically.

David Alcock, associate dean of the school of applied technology, said it isn’t surprising students don’t want to get into the industry. Over

**“It’s kind of the end of an era. It’s always sad to see something end.”**

— Serge Lavoie,  
CEO of Canadian Plastics Industry

the past six months, more than a dozen major plastics companies laid off numerous employees and went bankrupt, he said.

He cited Progressive Moulded Products, which laid off 2,000 employees, while DDM Plastics got rid of more than 400.

Hamid Mohammadi, professor in the plastics program since 1996, said he is disheartened by the closure. “This program has developed

from really nothing to something extremely special,” he said. “The problem is we are one of the few places that train people in plastics.”

Mohammadi said he is working on clearing out the plastics centre, which is located in the basement of NB building on North Campus, but added he is also planning to teach some other courses at Humber.

The closure follows a trend. The Northern Alberta Institute of Technology suspended its plastics engineering program in 2003, followed by the British Columbia Institute of Technology’s Plastics Engineering program in 2007. Although the last class has not yet graduated, Quebec’s College Ahuntsic CEGEP has closed its plastics program to all new students.

But Lavoie said a college like Humber equips students with a well-rounded education about plastics. “In a way it’s too bad that these programs are disappearing because the quality of what they do is very good,” he said.

## Public safety manager shocked over amount of valuables left in lockers

Shawna Markus  
LIFE REPORTER

There’s a large room on campus containing boxes and boxes of items left behind by students since the start of last summer.

More than 200 bags are filled with abandoned clothing, books, laptops, and iPods, among other things.

When a student puts a lock illegally on a locker they haven’t rented, or leave their items over the summer, the contents are removed and security repossesses them.

Sometimes the items can even in-

clude what Gary Jeynes, Humber’s director of public safety, likes to call, “non-prescription drugs.”

“It’s a rare occurrence, but if it does happen, it’s our responsibility to report it to the police,” said Jeynes. “They’ll take it from there.”

Nancy Deason, manager of public safety, said this isn’t a frequent thing and only once in a while will they find an “extra-curricular item.”

Deason said she’s shocked at the expensive items left by students.

Items like knives used in Humber’s hospitality program.

“Nursing books are very expensive, and it’s just shocking what students can afford and then just leave behind,” she said.

While clothing is donated to charity, textbooks are given to the Humber bookstore.

Their sales go to the Humber Student Federation for student financial aid, said Deason.

The boxes of items sit in storage for up to five months, and student employees inventory the items each year to clean up and donate, added Deason.

## Job loss forces alum to re-enrol in college

Philippa Croome  
NEWS REPORTER

Escalating job losses across Canada have sent thousands of laid-off workers back to school, including Humber graduate Bryce Bennett.

Bennett is a 27-year-old graduate from Humber’s public relations program who was laid off from his job after a five-year stint in community relations.

“I was let go because of restructuring,” he said. “The office just wasn’t bringing in enough revenue.”

This semester, he re-enrolled at Humber and is now in the television and radio post-graduate program. Bennett said he chose the program because he wanted to try a whole new career and to combine his previous skills with new ones to give him an extra edge in the job market.

“I think it’s really important right now with the way the economy is going right now, that people have those extra skills,” he said.

Bennett is not alone.

The 129,000 jobs lost in January is only the beginning, said Canadian Labour Congress senior economist Sylvain Schetagne.

“Overall, it’s going to be more difficult in the next year or so than it has been in the last five to ten years,” he said.

Schetagne also said Statistics Canada estimates of future unemployment do not include assessments of new graduates looking to enter the job market.

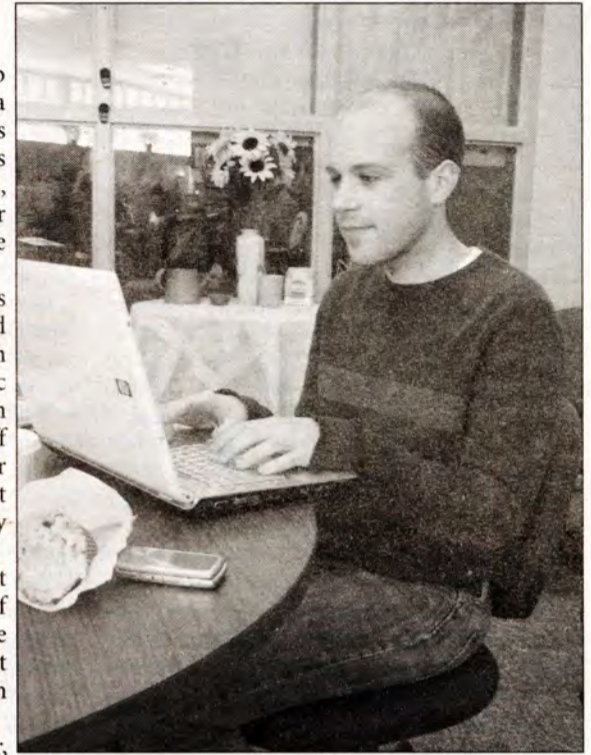
“Students won’t be measured as active on the labour market. It’s not a good representation of students,” he said.

But Humber career centre manager Karen Fast said she is hopeful for continued student employment despite the economic climate.

“I’m hoping that the demographics will change the look of this recession the way it has never done in the past. Last time we had a baby boomer generation that wanted to hold on to their jobs for dear life, and now those people are moving on,” she said.

Fast said the government-initiated Second Career program, put in place last June in Ontario colleges, addresses laid-off workers looking to retrain in a new field.

“The program that seems to be the biggest impetus right now is Second Career. People lose their job, they are



Philippa Croome

Humber grad Bryce Bennett is completing his second diploma after losing his job last October.

then offered money for training in order to move perhaps into a new sector that they hadn’t previously considered,” she said.

Ontario Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities John Milloy said Second Career is only one in a range of services available to those affected by current job losses.

“We’ve seen about 6,300 people come forward already for it,” he said. “But Second Career is not for everyone - not every laid-off worker wants to go back to college for two years.”

Humber grad Bennett was not aware of Second Career when he chose to re-enroll in college.

“The option could have been there, I just didn’t know what steps to take, so I just pursued a new field on my own,” he said. “Hopefully it will help, with the way the economy is and jobs, but I guess I’ll just have to see.”

Google Artworxx



Show Your Humber Card to Get 10% OFF Tattoos Or Piercings

416 249 2168

12 Dixon Rd East of Royal York Rd

# EDITORIAL

Toronto Mayor David Miller and TTC chair Adam Giambrone both say they are looking at ways of improving safety on the city's public transportation system. - CBC

## Green Energy Act is a worthy investment

Earlier this week the Minister of Infrastructure and Energy, George Smitherman, unveiled the Green Energy Act to the Ontario Legislature. If passed it will create, an estimated 50,000 direct green jobs over the next three years. Despite the effort to pave the way for a green future, traditional economists say this endeavour could yet be another environmental fad, leaving students qualified for a job that might not even exist in five years.

The bill, developed by an array of environmental experts, would help establish Ontario as a leader in North America in building renewable energy, encouraging energy conservation and green job creation. Apart from the massive number of jobs the bill is expected to create, it would also expand Ontario's use of clean and renewable sources of energy – such as wind, solar, bio-gas – and allow us, as residents, to operate solar powered turbines on our own property – initiatives already well under way worldwide.

The intention to unleash an explosion of a staggering half a million new green energy jobs has been touted as nothing more than shaky idea and a huge risk by the Industrial Wind Action Group and its members. A letter from an engineer outlined the frustration many Canadians have with the government's attitude toward

wind energy and the jobs it will create said six wind farms, would create 2222 jobs. This did not coincide with Enbridge Ontario Wind Project's prediction of 18 jobs.

"Where are the other 2204 jobs coming from for these wind farms? Where are the rest of the 49982 jobs from the Green Energy Act coming from in three years?"

But in today's depressed economic climate, investing in new green jobs will be seen as being part of the solution – not a one-time fad.

Our friends to the south seem all for investing into a green way of thinking. President Obama is on board with the green movement and plans on saving the U.S. economy by investing billions of dollars into green sustainability.

And you only need to look to The World Wildlife Fund, instituting 2000 active green projects in more than 100 countries around the globe, to realize that this is a serious step Canada should take forward.

Even with the dark clouds of the economy looming – which don't look like moving anytime soon – if the end result means more jobs for Canadians in the near future and a greener, more sustainable climate, then investing is what should be done.

## Boycott stymies process

The growing movement of disinvestment and disengagement with the state of Israel by organizations across the globe hit home earlier this week when members of CUPE Ontario passed Resolution 50.

The resolution calls for members to, "support the international campaign of boycott, divestment and sanctions until Israel meets its obligation to recognize the Palestinian people's inalienable right to self-determination and fully complies with the precepts of international law including the right of Palestinian refugees to return to their homes and properties as stipulated in UN resolution 194."

CUPE Ontario members have been urged to examine the research and educational ties of their own universities and those in Israel, and if the Israeli universities are engaging in weapons research members are encouraged to join the boycott.

At times such non-violent forms of protest have crossed moral and ethical boundaries, turning pro-Arab arguments into anti-Semitic rhetoric.

But there are other moments when legitimate forms of protest are misconstrued and wrongly characterized as anti-Semitic instead of heralded as critical evaluations of policy and politics within a pluralist society.

Pro-Israeli organizations, such as the Canadian Jewish Congress, are adamant that even with specific qualifiers spelled out in the resolution – boycotts of universities being contingent on established connections to the IDF – the ideas contained within the document are discriminatory and anti-Semitic.

But the actions called for in CUPE Ontario's resolution should be viewed as analogous to consumers boycotting Wal-Mart to demonstrate one's solidarity behind workers rights to unionize.

Disinvestment and disengagement are legitimate forms of non-violent protest and should not be put in the same category as actions that incite hate towards any group.

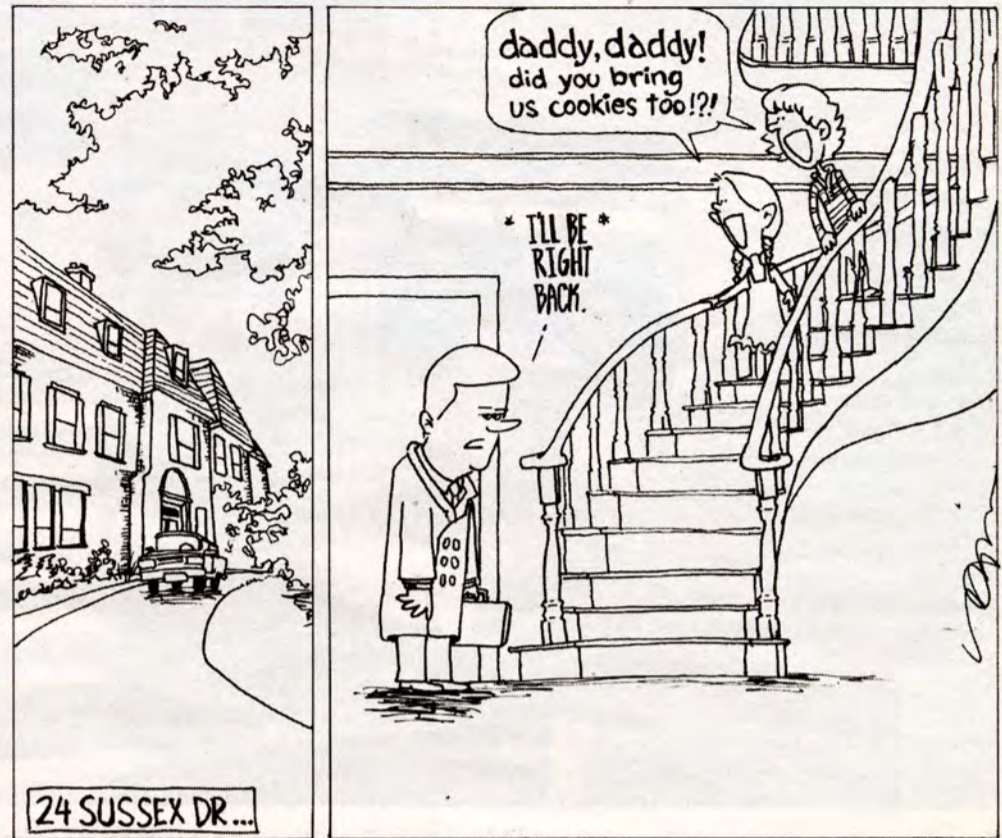
We must be wary though. The condemnation or boycotting of an academic institution is a dangerous thing and the measures proposed by CUPE should not be taken lightly.

Universities should be able to operate with autonomy and freedom and any call to boycott jeopardizes that autonomy.

However, the same can be said for organizations that try to silence dissidence by way of attaching the label of anti-Semitism to any action or argument critical of Israel or Israeli foreign policy.

In an interview with *Star* columnist Haroon Siddiqui, *No Logo* and *The Shock Doctrine* author Naomi Klein said pro-Israeli organizations have bullied North Americans into silence by raising the spectre of being labelled an anti-Semite should you hold a pro-Palestinian view.

The current debate about the merit and true intentions of CUPE Ontario's resolution demonstrates that when the label of anti-Semitism is attached to any argument critical of Israel, dialogues are stifled and we move further away from a chance for a peaceful resolution in a violent prone region.



## WORD ON THE STREET

What is your opinion on Ticketmaster?



Joseph Simpson, University transfer student

"If people are willing to pay for it, then they'll say 'let's try to set the price as high as people can afford them.'"



Ashley Stewart, 1st year fashion student

"It's BS 'cos I'm poor already. One of the tickets was 40 bucks and it went for \$100 on Ticketmaster."

Caitlynn Baird, 1st year fashion student



"You can't trust them. They stab you in the back."

Dan Lefebvre, 1st year business marketing student



"It's the same as buying things online. If people don't want to get the tickets from the box office, they could buy it online. It's convenient but it has a price."

## The Et Cetera wants to know what you think.

We greatly appreciate letters or emails expressing your opinion on issues covered in the paper. Reporting the news is not a one-way street. Hearing from our readers is important to us and debate will bring more depth to the news we report. Think we're missing out on the real issues at Humber? Have we not told the whole story? Let us know!

Send us an email at [humberetc2008@gmail.com](mailto:humberetc2008@gmail.com).

## HUMBER ET CETERA

The Et Cetera will engage, challenge, and inform the Humber College community with progressive and contemporary content reflecting the diversity of its readership.

**Editor-in-Chief** Jason Sahlani  
**Senior Editor** John Bkila  
**Photo Editor** Cecily Van Horn  
**News Editor** Kassina Ryder  
**A&E Editor** Christopher Fry  
**In Focus Editor** Kenneth Brown

**Sports Editor** Evangelos Tzaras  
**Life Editor** Andrea Iseman  
**Op-Ed Editor** Justin Robertson  
**Biz/Tech Editor** Brad Lemaire  
**Copy Editors** Eric Lo Maglio  
 Rock de Vera

**Online Editor** Michael Melanson  
**Web Engineer** Cameron Todd  
**Editorial Adviser** Siobhan Moore  
**Creative Adviser** Casey Lessard  
**Editorial Cartoonists** Miguel Agawin  
**Distribution** Cecily Van Horn

U.S. authorities recovered 48 minors from child prostitution rings in a series of raids across the country over a three-day period, the FBI said Monday. - *Globaltv.com*

## Nothing free about Canada's access to information act



**Kassina Ryder**  
NEWS EDITOR

The plan for this column was to find shocking statistics about the few people who make use of Canada's access to information laws and call on you, my audience, to exercise your rights as Canadians. The Access to Information Act allows individuals to request information from provincial institutions while the Freedom of Information laws allow information to be obtained from the federal level. That means if you have ever wanted to know how much your local mayor spent on business trips last year, you can find out – in theory.

The numbers I planned to find would reveal how few Canadians actually use the Access to Information Act and I was going to implore you to cast off the chains of apathy and take what is rightfully yours – information, your "right to know."

But I was wrong. The problem isn't that people don't care about what's going on behind closed doors, it's that the doors are guarded by a request process that can take years and costs thousands of dollars.

It took six years of delays before *Toronto Star* reporter Jim Rankin finally had to bring his case before the Ontario Court of Appeal.

He began requesting information documenting interactions between citizens and police in

October 2002. The police denied

the request, saying a special computer program would be needed to replace personal information such as names with numbers. This January, the court ordered the police to give Rankin the information and set a new precedent, municipal institutions now have to hand over public information stored on computers, even if it means they have to develop new software to do it. But the police can appeal the decision, and Rankin still doesn't have the information he began requesting six years ago.

Every year, the Canadian Newspaper Association hires researchers to analyze the efficiency of the Freedom of Information process in Canada. They check municipal, territorial, provincial and federal levels of governments to determine how quickly information is provided and, if you can believe it, if information is provided at all.

The subsequent report is called The National Freedom of Information Audit. The results released for 2008 are mind-blowing. The report literally begins with: "Want to know how much CBC pays its top employees? Hurry up and wait. Want to obtain a spreadsheet file of purchases by the City of Windsor, Ontario? Get ready to write a BIG check."

Researchers used a student decoy for last year's audit in an effort to show how requests by ordinary citizens are processed. Requests were sent by the student, hired by the audit team, to 219 institutions across Canada. One third of them either

responded late, or failed to respond at all.

Which brings us to another report. Fallen Behind: Canada's Access to Information Act in the World Context – written by freedom of information specialist Stanley Tromp and funded by the Canadian Newspaper Association and the Canadian Association of Journalists, among others. It is a report that shows how Canada compares to other countries when it comes to accessing information.

Forty two out of 68 countries with FOI laws allow at least some government information to be made available to the public as a constitutional right, including France, Mexico, and South Africa. Canada doesn't.

The average time to process a request among countries with FOI laws is two weeks. In Canada, it is 30 days - but it can take years.

The stance seems to be if time delays don't discourage people, astronomical fees will. The municipal government in Windsor estimated it would cost more than \$100,000 to process information requested by the student in the audit report. The Winnipeg police said it would cost more than \$7,000 to process information about taser use. Seeing as it was a student being used to issue the requests the message is clear. Ordinary citizens simply cannot afford to get information.

Freedom of information is a great concept, but wouldn't it be nice if it were actually free?

## Maple Leaf products are on notice again



**Christopher Fry**  
A&E EDITOR

Maple Leaf Foods reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$14.6 million earlier this week, but that was nothing compared to the news of yet another Maple Leaf product being recalled due to listeria.

On Tuesday, the company ordered more than 26,000 packages of wieners to be pulled from store shelves in Eastern Canada after the listeria-tainted hot dogs were shipped from its Hamilton plant.

The company says it is confident the threat to Canadians' health is low. The company has entered full-on damage control mode and claims the recall is a good thing, because it means the company's safety scanning process is working since it detected the listeria, when in years past it may have been missed.

Now maybe I'm missing something here, but calling this a good news story is like saying the health warning on cigarette packs has deterred people from smoking.

Maple Leaf Foods president and CEO, Michael McCain is also says all the 'right' things like it's "clearly not acceptable" the hot dogs made it out of quarantine, and "in this particular case we had human error," adding "we've taken corrective action against both the individuals responsible and the situation."

But saying the right things to quell this public relations nightmare just isn't going to cut it.

This latest outbreak is not as serious as this past summer's listeria

outbreak linked to one of Maple Leaf's plants causing the largest food recalls in Canadian history and critics charged the company with being slow to recognize the crisis. The outbreak killed at least 20 people around the country and hundreds, if not thousands, became sick.

Because of that deadly outbreak, the company had made strides in restoring its name by tightening the in-house safety scanning process. However, this latest incident derails that progress. The \$14.6 million quarter loss will probably pale in comparison for what lies ahead for Maple Leaf Foods.

People are wondering how is it possible listeria-tainted wieners made it out of quarantine in a processing plant and on to supermarket store shelves.

Bob Kingston, president of the agriculture union that represents federal meat inspectors, thinks he has the answer. He said the accidental shipping is exactly what happens when the industry regulates itself. He argues an independent agency such as the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) should have more control over the food processing process.

"In the old days, if a CFIA inspector had placed a hold tag on the product, it wouldn't have moved until they were told it could move. Now, 1,100 cases go out the door. The more control industry has, the more we see this crap happen. It's inevitable," he told the *Toronto Star's* Robert Cribb.

In light of Kingston's comments, Maple Leaf might be wise to tighten things up on the processing plant floor with the help the outside agency so mistakes like this don't happen again, ever.

## There is no celebrity status in domestic violence cases



**Septembre Anderson**  
A&E REPORTER

Battered. Bruised. Broken. Apt words to describe the leaked police photograph of pop princess Rihanna. What was supposed to be a Grammy weekend of excitement and celebration turned into tragedy when Rihanna became the young victim of a vicious domestic assault allegedly at the hands of her boyfriend Chris Brown.

With gold eyeshadow still visible on her eyelids – a remnant of the night that was - the songstress' face is marked with bumps, cuts and swollen features. That picture made the events more than just another piece of salacious celebrity gossip. It made it real.

What was most disturbing about the incident and the media circus that followed was what people would

not say.

Ever the fountain of knowledge and good sense, Lindsay Lohan said, "I have no comment on that. That's not my relationship. I have no reason to speak about it."

American Idol winner Carrie Underwood said, "I have no advice because, thank goodness, I've never been in any kind of abusive situation."

Where one expected to hear compassion, support and condemnation we instead heard indifference and avoidance. The victim had been further victimized and rendered invisible by the apathy of her peers.

Domestic abuse is everyone's business. It is an issue affecting all women regardless of their socioeconomic background.

According to "Family Violence in Canada: A Statistical Profile 2006" In 2006, one in four Canadian women had been the victim of violence at the hands of their current or past partner. Of the 36,000 incidences of domestic violence reported to

the police 83 per cent of the victims were women. Domestic violence accounted for 17 per cent of all murders solved with rates the highest for young adults between the ages of 15 and 24. Only 28 per cent of domestic violence victims reported the incident to police.

Rihanna didn't call the police. A resident of the area heard her screams and contacted the authorities. Many women suffer alone for many complicated reasons. Some remain silent because they still love their partner while others fear the stigma placed on victims of domestic violence.

Chris Brown is a pop star with a clean-cut, all-American celebrity persona, but he has been charged with making a criminal threat and accused of hitting Rihanna.

Celebrities are human beings too and should be subject to the same scrutiny and legal system as the rest of us. This is not a popularity contest where we choose which artists' music we like the best but a choice between right or wrong. Period.

## Kisses & Disses

To the Major League Baseball for catching out superstar Alex Rodriguez for using steroids.

To NASA for delaying it's first shuttle launch for the fourth time this year – the latest false start was due to a mechanical safety review.

To a helicopter pilot in India who mistook a cricket pitch for a helipad and landed on the field, all the while managing to avoid causing injury to any of the 22 players who were in the middle of a match.

To the New York Yankees for coughing up a massive \$27-million pay cheque.

To NASA for unveiling plans to explore space searching for signs of other stars like the sun, and planets similar to Earth.

To the Greek conservative government that has been dealt another confidence blow, thanks to miraculous jailbreak by one of Greece's most notorious criminals. He fled the prison using a helicopter – the second time in three years.

# IN FOCUS POLITICS

Personal information for nearly 600 Ryerson University students was exposed for more than a month due to a glitch in course registration software. — *thestar.com*



This week the In Focus section looks at the politics affecting the student population at Humber.

## HSF Campaigns will be friendly, says prez

Lucas Meyer  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Negative election campaigns have become commonplace in politics, but HSF president Mike Berg said those running for HSF office this year are expected to run clean and positive campaigns.

"We have strict regulations protecting the integrity of the candidates and the elections process," Berg said. "If a candidate were to do or say something that was extremely inappropriate, that candidate could become disqualified. But so far there seems to be no indication that we won't see a clean campaign."

Guidelines for elections are outlined in Policy 5 of the HSF Policy and Procedures Manual, which states candidates may not attack opponents and are required to run positive campaigns for their own platforms.

"Pardon the expression, but Policy 5 is like our bible," said HSF executive director Ercole Perrone. "It was written by students for candidates to discuss their platforms and not harm other candidates."

Liberal MP Borys Wrzesnewskyj of Etobicoke Centre said he would like to see the same guidelines in national elections.

"Let's put some of those rules and regulations into Elections Canada," he said.

Wrzesnewskyj was the target of negative campaigning during the last federal election. An individual made false accusations about him the night before the election.

"It was brutal," said the Liberal MP, who won the seat despite the attack. "It was actually brought to court and upon review, the judge placed an injunction on what was published and it was proven in court that these accusations were completely false."

Former HSF president Nick Farnell encouraged candidates to continue the tradition of clean campaigns.

"The most important thing is to be respectful," said Farnell, Humber's new media communications specialist. "The recent campaigns have been very clean and it's just best to promote yourself instead of tearing down others."

## Ontario to keep funding promises to colleges, says ministry rep

Teri Pecoskie  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber president John Davies said he's not confident the province will live up to its promise to invest \$6.2 billion in post-secondary education by 2010.

"We're hoping that the McGuinty government will hold fast to that funding," he said. "Will they? It's anyone's guess. We get mixed messages."

The government's "reaching higher" plan was announced in the 2005 budget. The plan pledged to increase student enrolment and raise teaching standards — all through a multi-billion dollar endowment, which the post-secondary system would receive over five years.

Humber's budget for the upcoming fiscal year doesn't require any additional operating money from the government, said Davies.

"We have built a balanced budget going forward next year," he said. "It does not include any additions that might be in the final year of the reaching higher plan. We're assuming that we're not going to get that money because it's prudent to make that assumption."

Despite the ailing economy, the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities said it will honour its commitment.

"The reaching higher plan is still in effect until 2010, so that funding is still being allocated," said Greg Flood, a ministry spokesperson.

**"We're in a bad situation and it can only get worse. If the government doesn't keep its promise to the level of funding it agreed to, it would be even more deplorable."**

—Rosario Marchese  
MPP Trinity-Spadina

"The government will move forward with that funding."

Pierre-Pascal Gendron, an economist and Humber business professor, said he doesn't expect post-secondary funding to be cut significantly, but noted the province has no binding obligation.



Teri Pecoskie

Humber president John Davies says the college's budget is balanced for next year, but the administration is planning ahead in case Ontario's government doesn't keep financial commitments.

"There's no guarantee they'll do it," he said. "Governments will often turn around and say that conditions have changed," Gendron added. "That's the political reality."

Trinity-Spadina MPP Rosario Marchese, NDP critic for Training, Colleges and Universities, said even if the government sees the plan through, post-secondary schools — colleges in particular — remain vastly underfunded by national standards.

"Even with that so-called reaching higher money, we're last in the country in per capita funding. That's

nothing to be proud of," Marchese said. "They should be embarrassed."

Although enrolment is peaking, colleges are receiving less government support in recent years than ever, he said.

"We're in a bad situation and it can only get worse," Marchese said. "If the government doesn't keep its promise to the level of funding it agreed to, it would be even more deplorable."

"It would be a situation that no student should have to tolerate," he added.

## Exec says HSF non-profit status helps keep fees low

Student federation can invest more money in student body because budget not subject to tax levy

Graeme Steel  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Financial flexibility provided by operating as a not-for-profit corporation separate from college jurisdiction allows the Humber Student Federation to serve students better, said the HSF executive director.

"We don't pay taxes," said Ercole Perrone, who has served as HSF executive director for almost three years. "All taxes go back to the students."

The significant tax benefits provided to non-profit organizations allow the HSF to recommit a 35 per cent levy on its nearly \$6-million budget.

**"Humber management is as in touch as we are."**

—Ercole Perrone  
HSF executive director

HSF has been able to curb the rise of students fees — expected to increase by 1.4 per cent from September 2008 to September 2010 — by taking advantage of what incorporation allows, such as tapping into government grants and generating funds

from outside the college.

Incorporation is a process where corporate groups can become their own organizations.

Jim Skinner, an instructor in Humber's Business School, said charity status makes a difference.

"As a registered charity, they can give a tax deductible receipt to the donor," he said. "But if they're not a registered charity, then they can't."

Skinner, a small business management expert, said HSF must continue to focus on serving students first and foremost.

"If they got more involved in fundraising than anything else, then they would be seen as a commercial enterprise," he said. "In which case, all the bets would be off."

Protection of personal liability and the power to act independently from the college were also given as benefits of incorporating the HSF.

"People are under the perception that we are a department of Humber," said Perrone, but HSF and Humber College act "as two separate entities with the students' interests in mind."

While almost 80 per cent of stu-



Graeme Steel

HSF executive director Ercole Perrone, shown here with communications director Natalie Bobyk, says HSF controls its operations.

dent federations in Ontario colleges have made the move towards incorporating, Tyler Charlebois, director of advocacy for the College Student Alliance of Ontario, said incorporating doesn't prevent a student federation from effectively representing its student body.

"One thing we mention to all our colleges — regardless of whether they're incorporated or not — is to

maintain a positive relationship with the institution," Charlebois said.

Perrone assured *Et Cetera* the communication between Humber and HSF is working well.

"Humber management is as in touch as we are," Perrone said, reinforcing that the college and the HSF's system of finding common ground and moving forward has been successful so far.



# POLITICS IN FOCUS

A community college in Penygraig, Rhondda Valley UK with 1,200 students was closed for a period of time after a late-night blaze broke out in the gym. — [bbc.co.uk](http://bbc.co.uk)

## Fashion expert says candidates should dress for success

Cathleen Yoo  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The 2008 U.S. presidential election brought politics and fashion into the forefront.

"I just think when you look at the U.S. elections, fashion played a large role because there were some very central females," said Ellen Sparling, Humber marketing and fashion program co-ordinator.

Sparling said fashion and politics is not a new phenomenon.

"It's always been important for somebody to look good," she said, referring to the Nixon-Kennedy debate. "Kennedy won the debate not so much on how he presented the facts, but the fact he was young and good looking, dressed properly and was able to get that across on TV certainly helped him."

Fashion is important in politics because, according to Sparling, people make a judgment about a person within seven seconds of meeting them.

"You want to show that you are serious about the responsibility that you are hoping to take on, and you can do that through appropriate dress," Sparling said.

Former HSF president Nick Farnell said, "You have to be conscious of your image and understand what you are projecting on to people who may not necessarily have the time to hear what you have to say, but just get that glimpse of you or see a photograph of you."

Farnell said he ran a successful campaign to win the HSF presidency without changing his appearance much and he wanted to share this important message.

"Don't change what you have to say or what you look like," he said, "but use it as an opportunity to say this is who I am and this is what I have to say and project that with what you are wearing."

First-year fashion arts student Samantha Nadalin agrees that clothing choice is vital.

"You don't trust someone if they don't look the part," she said, suggesting blacks, greys, blues and neutral colours work best for politicians.

"They shouldn't wear any pinks or bright colours that sort of deter from what they are saying," she added.

Farnell offered some additional advice that HSF candidates may find beneficial.

He said think about what you might wear "if you are going to do a presentation in class. That's what I would wear while campaigning."



Joana Draghici

HSF president Mike Berg, right, stands on Parliament Hill with Natasha Mablick, second from right, and her Nunavut Sivuniksavut classmates. They were joined by nearly 2,500 people hoping to catch a glimpse of Barack Obama during his first foreign presidential visit.

## Canada welcomes Obama

Joana Draghici  
NEWS REPORTER

OTTAWA — Humber's Mike Berg and Barack Obama made their first presidential visits to Parliament Hill last week.

The president of the United States arrived aboard Air Force One with the airspace cleared for landing and roads along his motorcade's route closed to traffic.

The president of the Humber Students' Federation travelled from Toronto in a 2002 Honda Civic to join the estimated crowd of 2,500 standing in frigid temperatures hoping to greet Obama.

Berg attempted to make a connection with his fellow president by wearing a baseball cap of the Chicago's hometown team.

"I brought my White Sox hat be-

cause I know he's a big fan," said Berg, 22, a fourth-year public relations student at the University of Guelph-Humber. "If he supports my team, then I support him."

Approaching police helicopters seemed to signal heavily armed security forces just before noon, including the rooftops of the Parliament Buildings.

"This is crazy, there's a sniper in the bell tower," Berg said, pointing to the Peace Tower.

"I can't believe I'm here," he added, while preparing to capture digital memories of the motorcade as it arrived. "This is going to be a part of history."

The crowd chanted "O-ba-ma" when the president emerged from his armoured Cadillac limousine, known as the Beast, and stepped be-

hind a bulletproof glass barrier.

"I got to see him wave," said Nunavut's Natasha Mablick, 19, who came to the Hill with Inuit classmates. "Having Obama here in our nation is very meaningful to us because he proves we all can do it."

But Berg, who's not running in next month's HSF election for a second term in the \$34,000-a-year job, said he's curious to see how Obama puts his policies into action.

"Right now, yeah, he's awesome, but it all depends on whether he does what he says he's going to do," he said.

While the U.S. president ate lunch in the Senate speaker's dining room — the menu included Pacific tuna, Arctic char and bison — the HSF president dined on a ham sandwich and fries at a nearby pub while watching Obama's news conference with

Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

After lunch, Berg joined the barricaded crowd to wave goodbye to the president.

"It made me wonder," he said later. "Are the people here because of a cultural iconic thing or are they really here because they think he can bring about change?"

Before ending his first foreign trip as president, Obama had a 15-minute chat with Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff, MP for Etobicoke-Lakeshore.

Berg met with Ignatieff at Lakeshore Campus the next day during a congratulatory presentation for the four Humber students who contacted the International Space Station earlier this month.

Ignatieff asked Berg if he got to see Obama. "Not as close as you did," he replied.

## Voter turnout is product of environment, prof says

Pattie Phillips  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Low voter turnout for college student government elections is due to the small scale, said a Humber liberal arts and sciences professor.

"It doesn't seem as important as a federal or a provincial election," said humanities teacher Gary Begg. "But give HSF credit, they did increase their turnout over the last few years."

"They've taken a lot of steps to make it easier for people to vote," he said. "Now it's just getting people to take those steps to the polling stations."

Voter apathy is often cited for low turnout, but Begg said it's a funny term to use for explaining why people don't vote.

"It's really that people feel engaged in all sorts of other things and they don't bother voting," he said, adding elections today are commonplace and overlooked by a distracted public.



Pattie Phillips

Signs posted around the college remind students when to vote.

"It's fairly hard to keep people totally engaged for a long time," said Begg. "But whenever the issues are big, more people turn out."

"I think often of the Quebec referendums — they got 90 per cent turnout," he said. "It was a very important question, so it was a big thing."

HSF president Mike Berg said low voter turnout is the result of a unique set of factors.

"What's particularly challenging for our campus is that we have so many unique programs, all the way from apprenticeships up to post-graduate degrees," Berg said. "Some students may not feel they need to vote for something when they're leaving the school right away."

"Our campuses are also commuter campuses, a lot of students drive here, take their classes and then they

subsequently leave," he said, noting it's always challenging to find ways for these students to get involved in school politics.

HSF plans several initiatives leading up to the elections to get students to the polls and remind them of the importance of voting, said Berg.

"Voting only takes less than a minute and you really have an opportunity to shape the future of this organization and the school," he said.

Former HSF president Nick Farnell, who now works as a new media communications specialist at Humber, said his administration wanted to encourage participation in the electoral process.

"Every student has a voice and every student is paying to be here," he said. "So we want to make sure they come out and know who's representing them and make an informed decision about that."

## LIFE

Swiss pharmaceutical company Novartis is launching a new cherry-flavoured malaria drug that it says children will be less likely to spit out. — Associated Press



Shawna Markus

Funerals are changing as personal touches, such as mementos and poetry, are being incorporated.

## Personal touch important, says funeral home director

Shawna Markus  
LIFE REPORTER

Students in the funeral services program are finding some interesting changes to the business.

"The biggest trends right now are personalized funerals for people who don't want the traditional funeral," said Michelle Clarke, funeral services education program co-ordinator.

Michelle said the new trends fit with those people who don't want clergy present and don't go to church. "They are not interested in any of that," she said.

She also noted the individual touches help the funeral become more personal and meaningful.

"If you're putting a poem into it, it has to relate somehow to the deceased's life," she said.

Clarke's husband, Humber grad

Paul Clarke, said he tries to make each funeral different.

"If we had a hockey player, we'd have hockey equipment around, just something different than your cookie-cutter funeral," said Clarke, a funeral director for R.S. Kane funeral home in Toronto.

Humber is the only school in Ontario offering a funeral services program in English. For that reason, funeral homes come to Humber to keep them updated with the needs of clients.

The first year of the program is extremely intensive and students have a higher than average amount of class time, said Michelle.

"Humber teaches us everything. All our instructors are funeral directors, licensed and are in the field. We get practical experience in the

classroom," said Gwenn Pilkey, a first-year funeral services education student.

Another personal touch being added to funerals includes webcasting of services. While funeral homes in the United States have picked up on this trend, it is not common in Canada, as our laws are more protective of personal privacy.

"If you look at our privacy and confidentiality laws, they don't have the same type of laws in the United States," said Michelle. "It's not a surprise we're not there and I don't know if we ever will be. I think the reason is because too many people can see it, it's not a secured link. Funerals are considered very private, even though they are public events and anyone who knows the deceased can come."

## Career centre finds recession not affecting clinical research jobs

Lee Flohr  
LIFE REPORTER

Despite an ailing economy, students in the college's clinical research program will continue to get paid internships and will likely get jobs too, said the co-ordinator for the clinical research program.

"Companies see value in our students and agree to pay them," said co-ordinator Urszula Kosecka, noting interns earn as much as \$20 per hour. "We select students from the beginning we know will do well in the industry."

The one year post-graduate program at North Campus, which prepares students for employment in the pharmaceutical industry, accepts about 50 applicants each year.

"Only one graduate was unemployed after their internship last year," career centre manager Karen Fast said. "We hear a lot about how

well our students do after they graduate."

Cristina Attard, 29, graduated in 2007 and is a now clinical research co-ordinator at Bayer.

**"Only one graduate was unemployed after their internship last year. We hear a lot about how well our students do after they graduate."**

— Karen Fast,  
career centre manager

"I started my internship at Bayer, and after I graduated they offered me a contract position," Attard said. "I am now at Bayer in a permanent position."

She said graduates who get permanent positions receive benefits and

have an average starting salary of \$42,000.

She also said Humber's specialized courses in regulations and monitoring clinical trials prepare students for employment better than just a bachelor of science degree.

"This is a highly regulated industry," Attard said. "If you want to be a clinical research associate you are going to be looking at protocols and monitoring clinical trials daily."

Kosecka said Apotex, AstraZeneca, and Roche are three of seven major pharmaceutical companies that take Humber students and hire them once their internships are completed.

She also said the recession has yet to affect those working in the industry.

"Most cuts were at the base of operations in drug discovery," she said. "We won't feel the effect until after they do."

## Executive chef says @#!%\* cooks don't cut it in the kitchen

Holly West  
LIFE REPORTER

The belligerent attitude held by some celebrity chefs is not a recipe for success, said culinary management students, who believe a passion for the craft is the best formula.

From the various televised cooking shows, it's easy to surmise being loud-mouthed and aggressive is the rule of thumb. However, the executive chef at Vertical, Tawfik Shehata, runs his kitchen very differently.

"I've worked at various restaurants where the chef is the chef. It's his or her way but I don't tolerate that," said Shehata. "We're all there for one reason — to get the best possible product out to the customers."

Shehata said chefs need to have a thick skin since tempers in the kitchen can flare, but making sure

everyone is on equal footing helps. He believes quality and consistency are the keys to success.

*Hell's Kitchen* chef Gordon Ramsay was in Toronto on a book signing tour Feb. 9, where culinary management students Francesco Loberto, 20, and Damien Wilmot, 25, got to see and hear their idol speak.

"Chef Ramsay certainly can, with his experience, get away with more in the kitchen than a novice," said Loberto. "But it's his determination and discipline that led to his success."

As for how effective Ramsay's methods are and how good he is at being a chef, Wilmot, who has all of Ramsay's cook books, sees through his tough exterior to his passion.

"Without passion you have a kitchen of complacency," he said.



Francesco Loberto and Damien Wilmot photo

Francesco Loretoa knows a good laugh can really unite a kitchen.

The founders of mediclim.com are hoping millions of subscribers throughout the world will sign up to receive new weather-based health alerts. — [thestar.com](http://thestar.com)

# Winter very harsh on Arb animals

John Nicholson  
NEWS REPORTER

Even in the depths of winter, the Humber trail still provides a habitat for countless critters, like beautiful white-tailed deer.

"It provides a lot of corridor space for animals," said Jimmy Vincent, a naturalist for the Humber Arboretum and Centre for Urban Ecology.

"We have foxes and coyotes out there. White-tailed deer go into the meadow fairly regularly. Down at the river we also have muskrat and beaver," he said.

**Kind hearts that think feeding deer is a good idea, despite the hardships the animals face in winter, should think again.**

— Allison Cooper, rescue and release co-ordinator at Toronto Wildlife Centre

But winter can prove a difficult time for animals, with snow affecting their mobility and food becoming scarce.

"A lot of mammals are hibernating," said Mark Engstrom, curator of mammals at the Royal Ontario Museum.

However, many are active all year, and have learned to deal with the cold.

"White tailed deer, do more browsing in the winter than they in the summer," said Engstrom. "Browsing is when you're eating twigs and bark and that sort of stuff."

Kind hearts that think feeding deer is a good idea, despite hardships animals face in winter, should think again, said Alison Cooper, a rescue and release co-ordinator at Toronto Wildlife Centre.

"Food is a challenge for them anywhere," said Vincent. "From what I've seen, our deer actually stay pretty healthy here."

His biggest concern, he said, is dogs without leashes. They can chase the deer and put incredible stress on their bodies during the winter. "That's a Toronto-wide issue."

Smaller mammals and birds also face changes when there's snow on the ground.

"Most of the small mammals are under the snow," said Engstrom. "It's a great adaptation. They're foraging at the level of the ground. It's so much warmer."

The arboretum has programs to help birds in winter months.

"We do bird feeding here in the winter time," said Vincent. "The birds are supplement fed throughout the entire year."

The Humber Arboretum is a joint venture with Humber College, the city of Toronto, and Toronto region conservation.



John Nicholson

Dogs without leashes pose a big threat to animals, like deer and coyotes, in the Humber Arboretum.

## Adviser says campus love can be tough and lead to more problems

Adrienne Coling  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Convenience doesn't make finding romance at school a good idea, even if small classes and dorms make it easy to get to know people, said the residence life co-ordinator.

"It's already difficult to break up with someone," said the co-ordinator Jen Skinner. "But then having to deal with the steps of a break up while the person sits or lives or works right next to you is that much more difficult."

Relationships between peers can work, she said, if students maintain healthy lives separate from each other.

"If students are mature enough to take a step back and realize that they still need an element of independence, a close relationship can develop and be successful," Skinner said.

But there are other risks to coupling off in classes, said Skinner.

"If a relationship doesn't work out in the sphere of the classroom or rez, a community doesn't work out," she said. "Friends and colleagues are forced to choose sides and don't know who they are going to be friends with or how to work

with them."

Natasha Fearing agrees. The first-year social work student said she's wary of getting involved with anyone in her program.

"Spending lots of time together is great when you're happy," said Fearing. "But you don't really have any alone time with your friends in the program," she said. "And when you break up, it gets really messy — causing some long and awkward classes. I wouldn't recommend it," she said.

Dating coach and self-proclaimed social acupuncturist Daniel Packard, said people should not worry about the unknown future.

Going for what you want is what's most important, he said, although there may be the threat of backlash.

"Finding someone you like who likes you back and thinks you are sexy, charming, smart and fun is really rare," said Packard. It takes time to build relationships, he said, and people shouldn't pass up opportunities.

"If people want to learn and grow, they need to let go of the fear that rules them," Packard said. "In order to have that adventure in love, wherever they are lucky enough to find it."

**HUMBER**  
School of Media Studies  
& Information Technology

## Write Shoot Edit



A new four-year degree in film and media production

Screen Writing

Picture Editing

Directing

Cinematography

Post Production

Find out more at [www.humber.ca](http://www.humber.ca)

# GAMES

For the answers to this week's puzzles go to [www.humberetc.com](http://www.humberetc.com)

A Chinese boy has stunned medics with his ability to see in pitch black with eyes that glow in the dark. - [thesun.co.uk](http://thesun.co.uk)

## Sudoku

4	9		5	6				7
		8		4		9	6	
	1				2			3
		7			3	1		5
1				7				6
6		4	8	1		7		
3			7					1
	7	9		5		2		
5				3	8		7	9

[www.sudoku.name](http://www.sudoku.name)

Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

### HOW GOOD ARE YOU?

Under 13 min .....	Genius	13-17 min.....	Scholar
17-21 min .....	Smart	21-25 min.....	Not bad
25+ min.....	Keep practising		

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13		
14				15				16						
17				18				19						
20						21		22			23			
			24			25		26			27			
28	29	30				31		32			33	34	35	
36				37				38						
39			40			41		42			43			
44				45	46			47		48	49		50	
51								52			53			
			54			55		56						
57	58	59		60				61		62		63	64	65
66				67				68		69				
70								71				72		
73								74						75

### ACROSS

- 1. Close loudly
- 5. Go-getter
- 9. Highway exits
- 14. Marco \_\_\_\_\_
- 15. Jealousy
- 16. Make jubilant
- 17. Spoken of earlier
- 19. Family car
- 20. Emits vapor
- 21. Fasting season
- 23. Boston time zone (abbr.)
- 24. Debtor's burden
- 26. Chamber

### DOWN

- 28. Coniferous evergreen (2 wds.)
- 32. Serious plays
- 36. Keats' "before"
- 37. Wild attempt
- 38. Madrid matron
- 39. Chore
- 41. Batter's stat
- 43. Placard
- 44. Storage spots
- 47. Actor \_\_\_\_\_ Idle
- 50. Bring to court
- 51. School assignment
- 52. Calamity
- 54. Coin opening

- 56. Narrow opening
- 57. Curvy letter
- 60. Follow orders
- 62. Coliseums
- 66. Astounding
- 68. Pacifist Christian branch
- 70. Hawk's weapon
- 71. Begged
- 72. Thicken
- 73. Range
- 74. Spanish cheers
- 75. Skirt bottoms

- 2. Hay place
- 3. Sunburn soother
- 4. Group's mood
- 5. Sweet course
- 6. "\_\_\_\_\_ Clear Day..." (2 wds.)
- 7. Satan's specialty
- 8. Actress Winona \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Renovate
- 10. Pub drink
- 11. Concocted
- 12. Sch. groups
- 13. Dispatched
- 18. Gives forth
- 22. Head gestures
- 25. At hand
- 27. Supplies workers
- 28. Flower part
- 29. Wrathful
- 30. Robins' homes
- 31. Receded
- 33. Slightly wet
- 34. Debate
- 35. More rational
- 40. Smooch
- 42. Purple flower
- 45. Fragrant liquid
- 46. Uppity person
- 48. Oahu and Maui
- 49. Nile city
- 53. Foul smell
- 55. Musical pace
- 57. Devours
- 58. Hit
- 59. Grain tower
- 61. Holler
- 63. African river
- 64. Energy source
- 65. Becomes firm
- 67. Election mo.
- 69. Born

copyright © 2006 Boatload Puzzles, LLC  
[www.boatloadpuzzles.com](http://www.boatloadpuzzles.com)

**more** for you at  
**Humber**

## Web Development at Humber

Do you have a diploma or a degree? Unsure how to turn your knowledge and skills into a satisfying career in a growing field? Take a look at Humber's new one-year **Web Development Graduate Certificate Program**. Starting September 2009, Humber will offer a one-year Web Development Graduate Certificate Program that will start you on a career path that will build on your current knowledge and skills. For additional information, contact us at 416 675 6622 x4587 or by email [bernie.monette@humber.ca](mailto:bernie.monette@humber.ca).

**If you're good-there's work**



## Are all your planets aligned?

<p><b>Aquarius</b> Jan. 21 - Feb. 18</p> <p>Turn off your cell, unplug your computer and spend a day to yourself.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> Feb. 19 - March 20</p> <p>You should pursue more school. Never underestimate your education.</p>
<p><b>Aries</b> March 21 - April 20</p> <p>A former friend will get in contact with you to make amends.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> April 21 - May 21</p> <p>You've been reflecting a lot, so acknowledge what makes you so happy.</p>
<p><b>Gemini</b> May 22 - June 21</p> <p>You wish you could turn back time, but the reality is - you can't.</p>	<p><b>Cancer</b> June 22 - July 22</p> <p>Being negative will get you nowhere and no one likes a pessimist.</p>
<p><b>Leo</b> July 23 - Aug. 23</p> <p>Today's the perfect day to make that follow-up call for a job.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> Aug. 24 - Sept. 22</p> <p>Despite the economy, your hard work and efforts will soon pay off.</p>
<p><b>Libra</b> Sept. 23 - Oct. 23</p> <p>Try to reconcile and make peace with your loved ones, as time is too short.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> Oct. 24 - Nov. 22</p> <p>Keep in touch with your family and be sure to arrange a get together.</p>
<p><b>Sagittarius</b> Nov. 23 - Dec. 21</p> <p>Ask "what have you done for me lately" if you're in a relationship.</p>	<p><b>Capricorn</b> Dec. 22 - Jan. 20</p> <p>Your goal was put into action a while ago, so keep making progress.</p>



**HUMBER**

The Business School

# e-Business Marketing

Bachelor of Business

A 4-year business degree that will launch your career in the high-tech world of e-Business Marketing.

*Become:*

- Internet Marketer
- Logistics Specialist
- Web Content Manager
- Business/Financial Analyst
- Marketing Information Specialist
- Product Manager

Apply now!



Business Management and Business Administration diploma graduates may qualify for admission to second year. Visit [transferguide.humber.ca](http://transferguide.humber.ca)

**[business.humber.ca](http://business.humber.ca)**

Americans watched more television than ever in the fourth quarter of last year, The Nielsen Co. reported Monday - *The Associated Press*



Humber School of Creative and Performing Arts faculty member Barry Romberg (drums) and his band, Random Access Large Ensemble are nominated for contemporary jazz album of year.

Courtesy

## Music faculty strikes right notes with Juno nods

School of Performing and Creative Arts staff members up for contemporary jazz album and traditional jazz album of the year

Jessica Brooks  
A&E REPORTER

Five School of Performing and Creative Arts faculty members and the first student to graduate from Humber's Community Music School have been nominated for this year's Juno Awards.

Roberto Occhipinti, who teaches in the recording self-directed program, is nominated for contemporary jazz album for his album, *A Bend in the River*.

Occhipinti is already a three-time Juno winner for work he's done on other artists' albums, but this is the first time he's been nominated for his own work.

"Anytime someone puts your name forward in the newspaper and spells it right is always a good thing," Occhipinti said. "And attending the awards is a lot more fun than watching it on TV."

His brother Michael, a former faculty member of the continuing education program who now fills

in for the ensemble classes, has been nominated for his album *A Sicilian Jazz Project*.

David Occhipinti, cousin of Robert and Michael, is nominated for his work on colleague Barry Romberg's album *Existential Detective*.

Romberg, who teaches percussion at Humber, said it's a good feeling to have his work noticed.

**"... attending the awards is a lot more fun than watching ..."**

Robert Occhipinti  
Juno nominee and Humber faculty

"I recorded it at my studio at home. There were 16 guys in the band," he said. "I could only fit eight guys into my studio at one time."

Don Thompson, currently on teaching leave, is nominated for traditional jazz album with his album,

*For Kenny Wheeler.*

In the same category, Chris Donnelly, an alumni and past faculty member of the Humber Community Music School, is nominated for his debut *Solo*.

Donnelly started in Humber's youth music program when he was barely three-years-old and was the first student to graduate from the program at 17.

He said it is an honour to be nominated alongside his fellow musicians. "As I read the nominations I realized I own at least one of their albums and have spent time studying their work."

The 2009 Juno Awards take place on March 29 in Vancouver, B.C. with Brampton native Russel Peters hosting the ceremony for the second straight year.

Albert rockers Nickelback lead all nominees with five nominations, while the Sam Roberts Band are up for four Juno Awards.

## Slumdog Millionaire wins Oscar gold

The rags-to-riches lovestory *Slumdog Millionaire* came away the big winner, racking up eight Oscars, including best picture, cinematography, music — song and score — and directing.

For his role as the Joker in *The Dark Knight*, Heath Ledger was awarded the Oscar for supporting actor. Ledger became the second actor ever to win posthumously. The first posthumous Oscar winner was Peter Finch, who won best actor for 1976's *Network* two months after his death.

After six previous Oscar nominations, Kate Winslett finally won the actress in a leading role for *The Reader*.

The most impassioned acceptance speech at Sunday night's awards came from *Milk* writer, Lance Black who gave tribute to Harvey Milk, the pioneering gay-rights politician whose life the movie portrayed.

For a full rundown of all the big winners from this year's Academy Awards, visit the Humber Et Cetera website at [www.humberetc.com](http://www.humberetc.com)

## Chinese exhibition at ROM offers up impressive works

Lauren Brunetti  
A&E REPORTER

From now until September, students have the opportunity to take in a unique Chinese culture exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum.

Brilliant Strokes: Chinese Paintings from the Mactaggart Art Collection consists of 17 different works and is considered to be one of the most important and private collections of Chinese paintings and textiles, said ROM publicist, Anne Marie Todaro.

"The collection offers awareness to the East Asian culture and can influence students and scholars worldwide," she said.

Dr. Ka Bo Tsang, ROM assistant curator, said the exhibition is a tribute to the ROM's long-standing commitment to the East Asian art and architecture.

"In any other museum or exhibition, people will not have a chance to see this, but here at the ROM we are giving them that chance," Tsang said.

Barbara Anderson-Huget, visual

arts faculty member at Humber, encourages students to attend this exhibition since it will immerse students into a unfamiliar culture.

"Particularly with how small the world is getting, this exposure and experimentation into another style of art is very important," she said. "You get a chance to see so much more at an exhibition like this and you won't get this opportunity from opening a book."

A frequent visitor to the ROM, Sean Gangadeen, was particularly impressed with the exhibition on opening night.

"These are more than pieces of artwork, they are pieces of history. You don't get a chance to see pieces of history every day. I really enjoy Chinese art and I find they can be contemporary while still paying homage to art of the past."

The Brilliant Strokes exhibition at the ROM runs until Sept. 7 and is located in the Herman Herzog Levy Gallery on the first level of the museum.



Lauren Brunetti

The Brilliant Strokes exhibition takes place at The Royal Ontario Museum from Feb. 21 to Sept. 7.

A federal appeals court on Friday struck down a California law that sought to ban the sale or rental of violent video games to minors. - [theglobeandmail.com](http://theglobeandmail.com)

# Ticketmaster hit with two lawsuits

Stephanie Skenderis  
A&E REPORTER

A School of Business faculty member is suggesting students join the recently launched class-action lawsuits against Ticketmaster.

"They are abusing their monopoly" on ticket sales, business instructor Wayland Chau said.

Ticketmaster was recently hit with two multi-million dollar suits.

The first lawsuit claims that Ticketmaster buys its own tickets in a matter of seconds only to divert customers to its TicketsNow, where the same tickets are sold at marked-up rates.

The second lawsuit contends the service charges levied by Ticketmaster on all ticket sales, saying this practice violates anti-scalping laws that prohibit tickets from being sold above face value.

"Their goal, like any big business, is to make as much profit as possible," said Chau, urging students to join the suit.

Alan Shanoff, a Humber media law professor and Toronto lawyer, said it is advantageous for students to join the suits to show strength in numbers. But he explained that anyone who fits the criteria is already a part of a class-action suit, and may be able to reap the benefits of a settle-

ment.

He suggested it might be hard to prove the case against Ticketmaster because Ontario's anti-scalping laws are haphazardly enforced.

"People seem to get around them so quickly. Ticket scalpers on the street get away with it," Shanoff said. Shanoff suggested another way to protest Ticketmaster's practices.

"The first word that comes to mind is a boycott," he said, noting that Ticketmaster "wouldn't be able to do what they do if everyone got the word out on the Internet that nobody is going to see, say, the next U2 concert. It might hurt a few other people, but it'll get their attention."

One Humber student said she would be interested in taking a stand against Ticketmaster.

"If there's a band that I'm willing to shell out a hundred bucks for, it's not OK to make it five times the price on their other site," said radio broadcast student Raina Hersh, 23. "It means I'm working three paycheques instead of one to see my band. I have rent to pay, I have books to buy, I have other things I need to do."

To join the suits or learn more about it, visit [www.ticketmasterclassaction.com](http://www.ticketmasterclassaction.com).



Kati Mason

So You Think You Can Dance performers Lisa Auguste and Miles Faber, left, perform their Mirror contemporary piece while, Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, right, shows off her skills leaping through the air.

# Rexdale dancer comes home

Kati Mason  
A&E REPORTER

It was a bittersweet homecoming for Rexdale resident Lisa Auguste, who failed in her bid to be a *So You Think You Can Dance Canada* finalist but earned a spot in a cross-country tour to promote the TV series.

"It's nice to be at home," said Auguste, 27. "I feel more at ease. I know some people feel the pressure of performing at home, but I feel pretty good."

She was among the top 10 dancers from the CTV show who participated in the 15-city tour that made its Toronto stop at the Air Canada Centre on Feb. 12.

Auguste made it all to the top six before she was voted off the show last fall, which she said frustrated more than upset her.

"I was angry. My goal was top four,"

said Auguste. "It didn't matter about the winning. It was about learning and getting to the end."

At the Air Canada Centre, she reunited with her partner on the show, Vincent Noiseux, 22, to perform an Afro-jazz piece which combined traditional African movement with jazz and a House piece, a quick stepping form of hip hop.

Auguste also got together with Miles Faber, 21, to perform a slow moving, emotional contemporary piece that used a mirror as a prop.

One member of the audience, a fan of the show that wrapped up last December, said Auguste was among her favourites, along with Allie Bertram, from Calgary, and the eventual winner, Nico Archambault, of Montreal.

"I think they are the most well-rounded and the most influenced

by their emotions when they dance," said Ashley Preston, 25, a French teacher from Mississauga.

Stacey Morris, 20, a Brock University student, said she loved everything about the Feb. 12 show.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it; I thought it was very entertaining from start to finish."

Dancers thinking about auditioning this year, for the second season of the show, need to make sure they keep training and stay true to themselves, said Auguste.

"Be aware and pay attention," she said. "Know when to push yourself and know your limits."

As for Auguste, she said she isn't sure where she will take her dance career.

"I have to do what's best for me and see what's out there."

# U.S.-only content no longer an issue

Get around geo-blocking with free download

Michael Sutherland-Shaw  
A&E REPORTER

Students can download a new program on campus computers, which allows them to access Internet content forbidden to web surfers outside of the United States.

"We have a zero content filter," said Kevin Adams, associate director of IT at Humber. He explained that with the current IT mandate at Humber, it's not their place or responsibility to interfere with students and professors on what they want to download on school computers.

The program, Hotspot Shield, allows you to hide your IP while online and access all content without censorship.

As content moves online, everyone wants to have the ability to access it, though for Canadians it has been a difficult task as they are denied access to a number of U.S. TV sites.

"It's a total piss off. I hate how American websites like NBC.com block content and make me wait until CTV gets it," said fourth year business student, Chris Macdonald.

TV critic Bill Brioux said Canadians are upset about being geo-

blocked.

"Canadian consumers who want to see stuff on Hulu or NBC.com are frustrated because the majority are geo-blocked," he said.

Geo-blocking is a technology that is used to prevent access to web sites from visitors outside of the country.

Brioux said Canadians are geo-blocked because domestic broadcasters buy the rights to the U.S. content, and have to negotiate separate digital rights to put it on their sites.

Putting limits on accessibility is another example of how, "they're looking for money as an extension of their content," said Brioux.

Brioux said the negative side of this is when stations like CTV or Global buy the rights to these programs, they have already aired in the States and are old by the time they are accessible to Canadian users.

However, "you can now go to sites like anchorfree.com and you can cloak your Internet provider service so that the site you're trying to read can't tell whether you live in the States or Canada," said Brioux.

Hotspot Shield is available for free at [www.freeanchor.com](http://www.freeanchor.com)

## Support Humber Endowed Student Scholarships

**2008/2009 CAMPAIGN**  
Your gift will be doubled through an Ontario gov't matching program

**For info contact:**  
The Development Office  
North Campus, H217  
416.675.6622 ext. 5480  
[humber.developmentoffice@humber.ca](mailto:humber.developmentoffice@humber.ca)



# HUMBER

The Business School

## Tourism Management

Bachelor of Business

A 4-year business degree  
that will launch your career  
in the fascinating world of  
Tourism Management.

*Become:*

Hospitality Marketing Executive  
Tourism Product Development Officer  
Hospitality Operations Manager  
Hotel Sales and Event Co-ordinator  
Tourism Business Owner  
Foodservice Director

Apply now!



Tourism & Hospitality diploma  
graduates may qualify for  
admission to second year.  
Visit [transferguide.humber.ca](http://transferguide.humber.ca)

[business.humber.ca](http://business.humber.ca)



Google Inc. is joining forces with European regulators in an attack on Microsoft Corp.'s dominance of the web browser market — [theglobeandmail.com](http://theglobeandmail.com)

## Grad's tea business a greening concern



**Kimberley Molina**  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

A woman who once served tea to the Queen Mother in Toronto is brewing a successful and environmentally friendly business in a Victorian home in Texas.

Patti Snell, a graduate of the hotel and restaurant management program, owns a tea room and bakery in a refurbished 1893 farmhouse.

"It's a perfect business for this house," Snell said from her tea room, Patti's Place, which she officially opened in February 2008.

Snell said she went to Humber in the 1980s to learn how to run a successful business while operating a bakery in Waterdown, near Hamilton. She graduated in 1987.

Two years later, she served tea to the Queen Mother — who died in 2002 at the age of 101 — at the Royal Botanical Gardens.

"I'll never forget, because I was not a tea drinker, so I had to really learn the etiquette, almost every part of it," Snell recalled.

"It was one of those things that you don't have a picture to remember it, but I will always remember just how remarkable a woman she was."

Snell and her husband moved to Texas in 1994.

"I never thought I'd own a bakery

again," she said.

The menu at Patti's Place includes over 150 varieties of tea, fresh-roasted coffee, homemade pies and Patti Cakes, which are similar to cupcakes.

Snell also uses inventive ways to ensure that the business is environmentally friendly.

***"It was one of those things that you don't have a picture to remember it, but I will always remember just how remarkable a woman she was."***

Patti Snell

"It's just something that we have to be responsible about. It's been really tough because a lot of the food packaging that you have, it's not available in earth-friendly materials yet," Snell said.

"We use corn cups and the lid and even our cold cups are made of corn. The straws are made of corn, so they can be composted, not even simply recycled. Our theory is if it can't be composted, it needs to be at least recyclable."

Patti Snell stands in one of two dining rooms on the lower floor of her tea room Patti's Place in Texas

## Record keeping with new tools

Technology creates demand for archivists to update systems to easily access material

**David Perri**  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Digital archives are changing the way information is stored and shared, said Humber Library's Thea Miller, who is in the process of digitizing Humber's historical materials.

Before the digital archiving initiative commenced at Humber Libraries last summer, historical material had been stored in boxes scattered throughout the school for decades, Miller said.

"We had a couple of boxes in which mice had made their nest. They had to be discarded," she said.

At Humber, Miller is digitizing historical material on obsolete and decaying formats like slides, microfilm, negatives and newspapers, which chronicle the college's development over the years, she said.

These materials are scanned and copied digitally, so that they can be accessed via the Internet and on current technology, Miller said.

The San Francisco-based Internet Archive's collections include over 115 billion "snapshots" of web sites at various points in time since 1996, said Robert Miller, director of books for the Internet Archive.

"The average life of a web page

is less than 100 days," he said. "We believe that if these records are lost, a slice of history is not preserved for generations to study in the future."

The database holds over 1 million books, seven years worth of broadcasting by 20 major TV channels, and loads of other audio, video, text and computer based media which can be accessed at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org), Robert Miller said.

***"Before the digital archiving initiative commenced at Humber libraries last summer, historical material had been stored in boxes scattered throughout the school for decades."***

Thea Miller  
Repository database analyst

The Internet Archive is a non-profit organization committed to keeping its collections accessible to counteract private ownership of online materials, he said.

"Our mission is to have universal access to all knowledge. We believe



David Perri

Humber's history is recorded on obsolete formats like these slides which are now being scanned digitally.

that public knowledge should be kept public," Robert Miller said.

There are special concerns for archivists working with digital material, said Robert Richardson, who created a course on the subject at Humber and stores student photography.

Migration strategy is when

archivists have to ensure that files are converted to the correct format so they can be viewed. If not, files using an obsolete format will be unreadable.

"Technology changes so rapidly that some digital images you made only a few years ago will no longer be read by current technology," he said.

### Teach English Overseas



**TESOL/TEFL Teacher Training Certification Courses**

- Intensive 60-Hour Program
- Classroom Management Techniques
- Detailed Lesson Planning
- ESL Skills Development
- Comprehensive Teaching Materials
- Interactive Teaching Practicum
- Internationally Recognized Certificate
- Teacher Placement Service
- Money Back Guarantee Included
- Thousands of Satisfied Students

**OXFORD SEMINARS**

1-800-269-6719/416-924-3240

[www.oxfordseminars.ca](http://www.oxfordseminars.ca)

# BIZ/TECH

Seventeen of the world's largest cellphone companies struck a deal to create a universal standard charging system for cellphones by 2012 — [theglobeandmail.com](http://theglobeandmail.com)

## Analogue resources get a digital upgrade

Debby Walker  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Humber is modernizing its record storage system to meet the growing demands of online users.

"We've seen an increased usage of our data bases and I think that's the preferred format," said Lynne Bentley, director of library services. "Every type of library you can name is increasing the number of electronic resources they acquire to meet the

needs of their students and their faculty. So we're just part of that trend."

Students can access Humber's online databases remotely and can be used by multiple students simultaneously; said Bentley.

The program co-ordinators decide which resources are ideal for their students, whether it be books or online data bases. Some programs such as business require both. It is pro-

gram specific said Lisa DiaBarbora, Humber's virtual service and copyright librarian at Humber.

"We still do buy a lot of books. It depends on the program. Because there certainly are programs that need print resources and they do not translate into online resource," said DiaBarbora.

Mark Bryant, reference and information literacy librarian said, Humber will probably move toward

more electronic based resources.

"Space is a huge issue that we have. We can't keep up with it as far as facilities. That's a huge issue," said Bryant.

"Physical books have a shelf life. A lot of man power is required to stack and weed out books, which is eliminated with electronic resources," said Bryant.



Debby Walker

Humber books go digital.

### Sheridan Graduate Certificate Programs

are intensive, applied and will make you irresistible to potential employers, even in a tough job market.

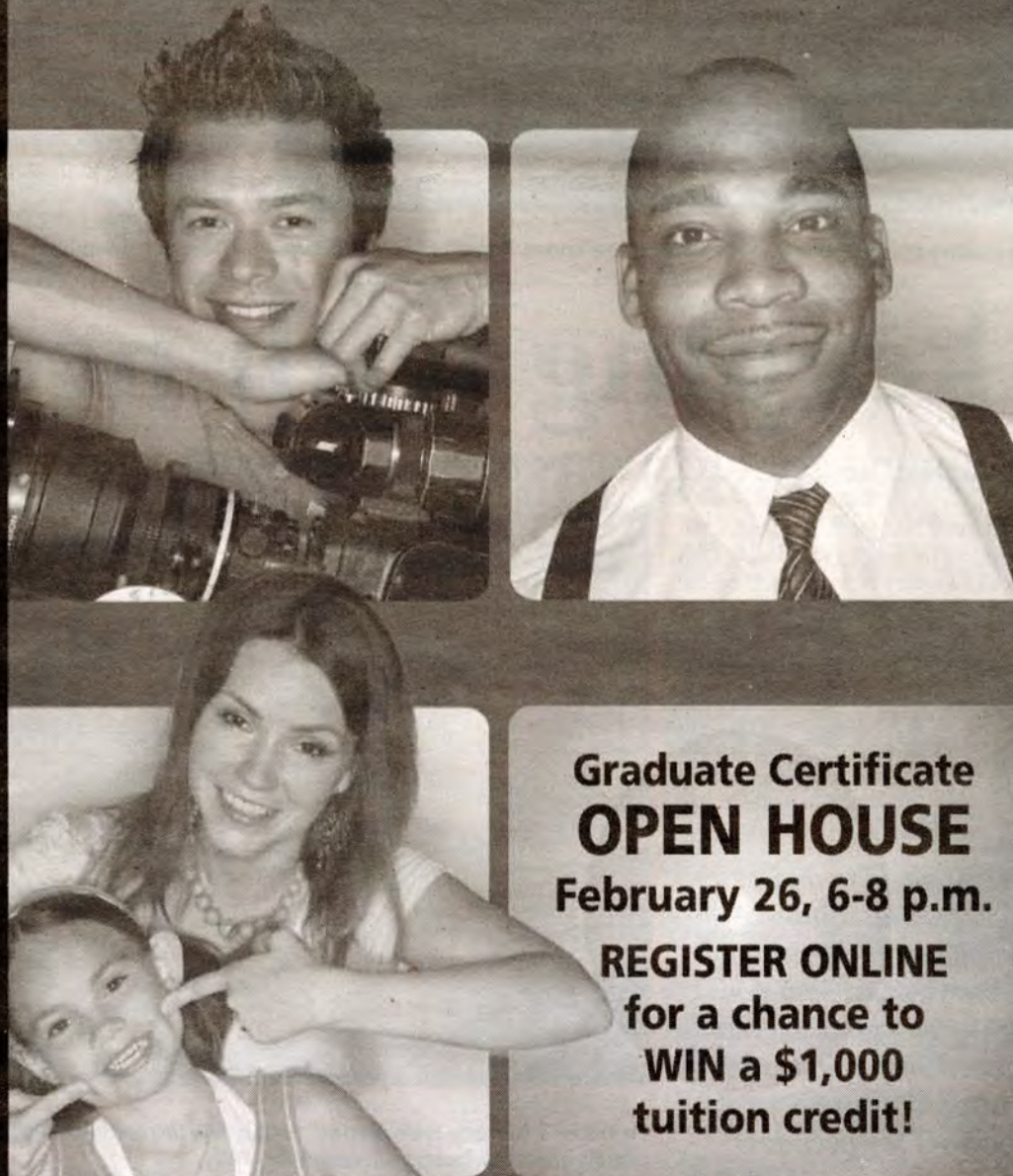
Get your competitive edge in just one year!

Choose from over 20 programs in:

- Business
- Film, Journalism & Communications
- Education
- Engineering & Manufacturing Sciences
- Information & Communication Technology
- Public Safety
- Visual Arts & Design

I CHOOSE  
Sheridan

## ONE YEAR TO A GREAT CAREER!



Graduate Certificate  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
February 26, 6-8 p.m.

REGISTER ONLINE  
for a chance to  
WIN a \$1,000  
tuition credit!

For more information and to apply:  
<http://oneyear.sheridaninstitute.ca>

## Internships with a price

Kristen Smith  
LIFE REPORTER

Internships are no longer free and could cost students thousands of dollars.

University of Dreams offers eight-week internships for 12 programs in 11 cities including New York, Los Angeles, London and Barcelona. The cost of the program ranges from \$6,000 to \$9,000 for international internships, and students from community colleges like Humber can apply.

The program is "similar to a study abroad program," and includes room and board and preparation and support for the internship, said Chief Marketing Officer Eric Normington.

There are Humber students who intern abroad but they are responsible for setting everything up themselves, said Public Relations program adviser Elizabeth Duncan.

"Finding your internship more closely resembles the real world," said Duncan, comparing the current process to being handed an envelope with the name of your internship when she attended Humber.

Fifteen-hundred students join their summer program and Normington estimates 100 are Canadian. While University of Dreams encourages students to utilize the resources available at their school, Normington said its program may have access to companies Humber doesn't.

"There does not appear to be any shortages in internship opportunities at Humber for those who want them. In fact, there are more opportunities than there are students," said Blair McMurchy, media studies placement co-ordinator.

McMurchy said it is best to leave money out of the decision for internships and concentrate on networking.

"It's not how much you have it's who you know," he said.

Working at a smaller company could be beneficial since you might get more opportunities to apply your skills, said McMurchy.

He suggests working hard and smart to get where you want to be.

"Research the company and impress them. Don't say it can't be done," he said. "Say 'I'm here' and push your way in."

PGA star Tiger Woods will return and defend his WGC Accenture match-play championship this week. Woods missed eight months, due to a torn ACL. — *Espn.com*

## Men's hoop dreams hinge on weekend provincial play

**Sandy McLachlin**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Hoping to turn its frustration in last year's tournament into a championship run, men's basketball enters the provincial playoffs this weekend on a 15-game winning streak.

"We were all very disappointed with the way things ended last year," head coach Darrell Glen said of the loss last March to St. Lawrence-Kingston College in the first round of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championships.

"We came back wanting to get back to the playoffs and redeem ourselves and I think our team is ready to make that jump," he said.

The Hawks last won the Ontario title in the 2005-2006 season.

Both coaches and players said they understand hard work is required to be successful at this time of year.

"Every day we're just going to practice and keeping up the intensity," said Hawks forward Michael Acheampong. "The coaches know what the playoff environment is like, so they're getting us prepared as best as possible."

Leading scorer Akeem Sween, averaging 15.5 points a game, said he is optimistic they'll achieve their goal

if the team continues to play like they've done all season.

"We just got to play hard, keep doing what we're doing and hopefully we'll get what we want," said the second year general arts student.

***"We came back wanting to get back to the playoffs and redeem ourselves. I think our team is ready to make that jump."***

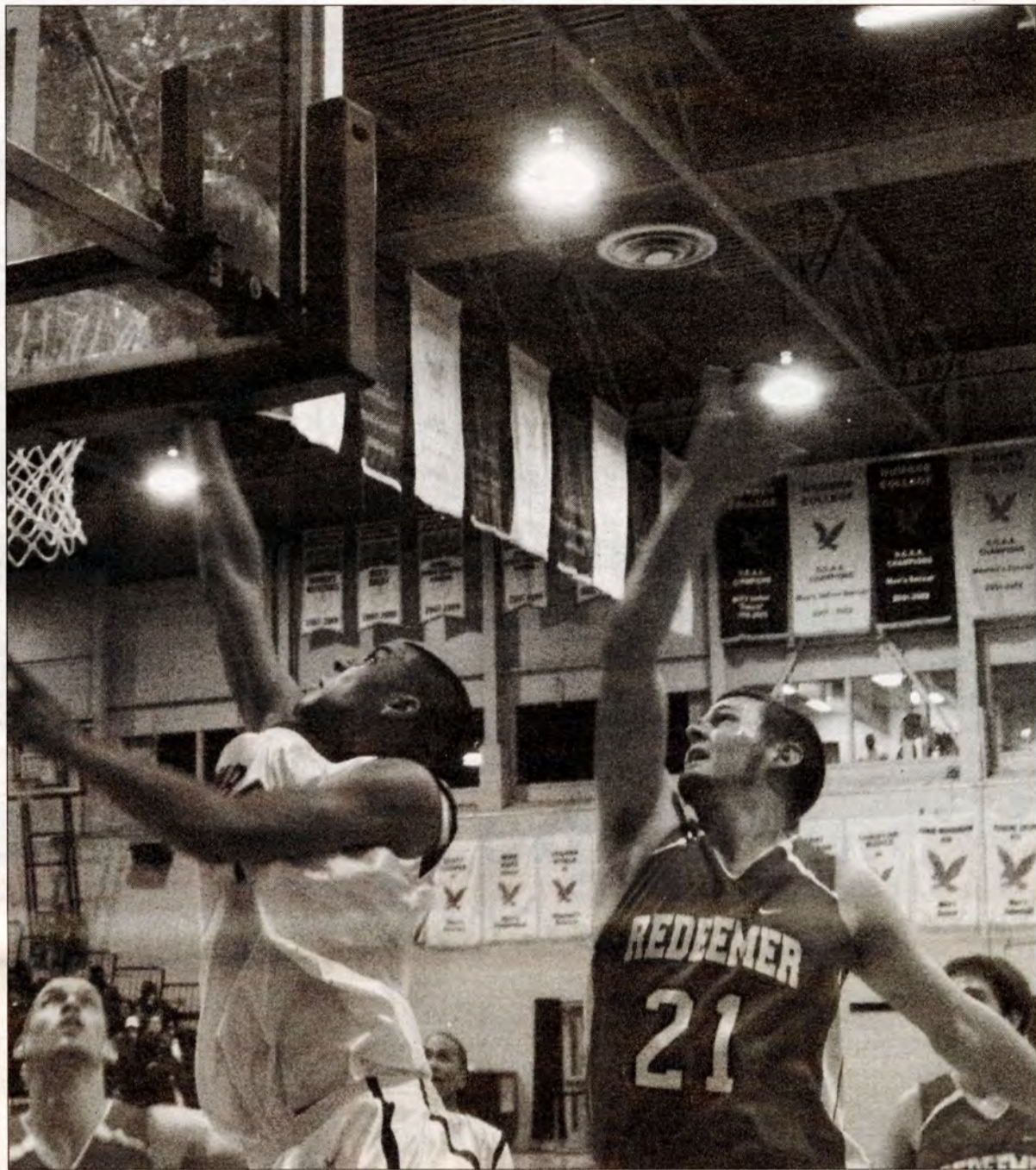
Darrell Glenn, head coach

Humber (16-2) ended the regular season with a 78-32 win at home against Redeemer College last week.

The Hawks have a bye to the quarter-finals of the playoffs and will host Fleming College (15-5) this Saturday. A victory would send them to the championship round at Algonquin College in Ottawa on March 6 and 7.

Coach Glenn said he is not assuming his team will win easily because they finished first in their division.

"Regardless of what you have done in the regular season," he said the games are always tight."



Sandy McLachlin

Forward Raymond Munier battles his way to the Royal's basket for two of his game high 18 points.



Alison Brownlee

Rookie mid-fielder Brittany Szczerbakow, right, is turning heads.

## Szczerbakow standing strong

### First year mid-fielder impresses her elders

**Alison Brownlee**  
SPORTS REPORTER

With the indoor soccer squads looking ahead to regional playoffs on March 9, one player the women's team is counting on is mid-fielder Brittany Szczerbakow.

"Mentally, she's a smart player," said assistant coach Stephanie Wardell. "Her level of understanding about the game was well above the other players who tried out in the fall. She has a lot of skill and speed, too," said Wardell.

Szczerbakow, a 19-year old first year fitness and health promotion student, said she was a very shy person when she started playing soccer at six.

"My mom literally dragged me kicking and screaming into the registration office," she said.

Szczerbakow stayed with soccer while attending Iona Catholic Secondary School in Mississauga, but does not regret turning down a

scholarship and chance to play for Oakland University in the U.S.

She said she made the right decision.

***"My mom literally dragged me kicking and screaming into the registration office."***

Brittany Szczerbakow

"I have friends in the States with scholarships and they say they're very unhappy."

Humber gave Szczerbakow a scholarship last fall and she has paid off for the Hawks, winning a provincial all-star award and being named MVP in the team's bronze medal finish at the outdoor nationals last semester.

"Other players on the team have won awards because they also deserve it, so we don't really think about it,"

said Hawks captain Joanna Alexopoulos. "On the field, though, you just know Brittany is a really good player and she works really hard. No one gets by her. She never gives up."

Wardell said she has a lot to learn, "But that will come with experience at the different levels of play," she said. "Right now, she moves the ball well, and defensively she's a strong player."

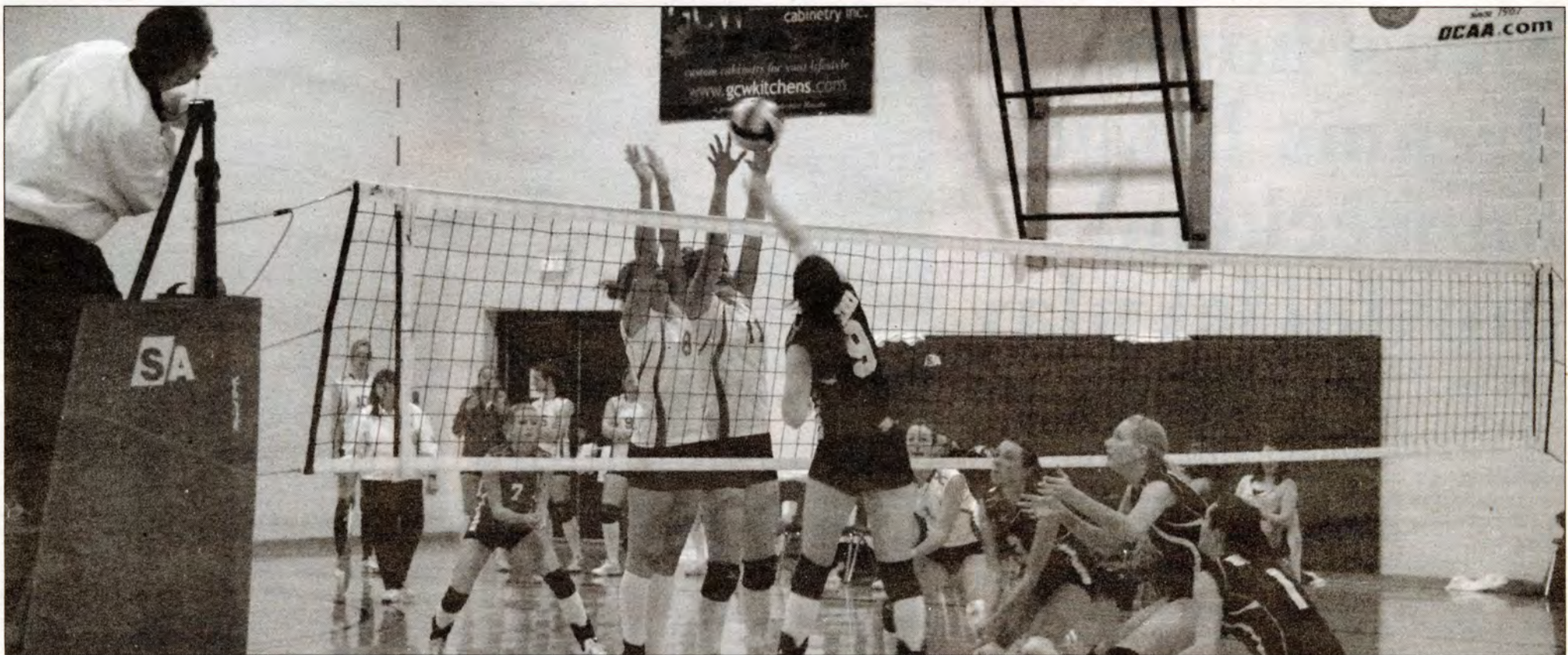
The women's team heads to the playoffs after a strong showing at the Feb. 14 Sheridan tournament, earning four shut-out victories and taking down Fanshawe 2-0 in the final to finish first overall.

The men finished second, tying two and winning two before losing the final 1-0 to Sheridan.

At regional's, both teams will have to get past Confederation, Georgian, and Sheridan to earn a place in the provincial championship on March 26th.

# SPORTS

Despite a weak economy and a team in the midst of a rebuilding process, the Toronto Maple Leafs will increase ticket prices next year by 3 per cent. — *theStar.com*



Mike Marshall

The women's volleyball team ended the regular season undefeated with a straight set victory against an overmatched Redeemer squad. Provincials begin this weekend.

## Women know the best is yet to come

Mike Marshall  
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's volleyball team will take its perfect record into the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association championships this weekend at Durham College.

The Hawks play Loyalist this weekend in the semifinals of the provincial championships held in Oshawa.

"They're scrappy, they work hard for every ball," high-scoring Hawk, Landis Doyle said of the team from

Belleville. "But we have played them and they haven't been a problem for us."

Humber beat the Loyalist Lancers twice in tournament play en route to its unbeaten (20-0) regular season.

The Hawks earned a trip to Oshawa after a straight-set - 25-13, 25-9, 25-19 - home victory over Georgian College in the quarterfinals last Saturday.

"This is our time of year and this is when our best players shine," head

coach Chris Wilkins said.

He singled out the play of Michelle Overzet, who scored 13 points, including a game high 11 kills, earning her player of the game honours.

"She really started to take over at the net," Wilkins said.

Humber came into the playoffs having lost only five sets all year, capped by a 25-16, 25-13, 25-13 victory in a hostile Redeemer gym in Ancaster just before reading week.

"I was upset that we didn't beat

every team three straight, but after that, I figured 20-0 is not bad," Doyle said.

A win over Loyalist would put the Hawks in the final against either Nipissing or Algonquin this Saturday.

"That's been our goal all year, keeping focused on what we have been working on and staying together as a team, playing as hard as we can in every game and hopefully coming out with that gold medal," said Humber

captain Rachel Dubbeldam.

While the Hawks appear confident, Wilkins knows the path to gold won't be easy.

"All four teams that are going to the (semifinals) have a legitimate chance to win," Wilkins said. "We're going to have to bring our A game." But I'm confident that our A game against any other teams A game, we come out ahead."

**LSAT MCAT  
GMAT GRE  
Preparation Seminars**

- Complete 30-Hour Seminars
- Convenient Weekend Schedule
- Proven Test-Taking Strategies
- Experienced Course Instructors
- Comprehensive Study Materials
- Simulated Practice Exams
- Limited Class Size
- Free Repeat Policy
- Personal Tutoring Available
- Thousands of Satisfied Students

**OXFORD SEMINARS**  
1-800-269-6719  
416-924-3240  
www.oxfordseminars.ca

## Surprise win keeps playoff drive alive

Alex Brien  
SPORTS REPORTER

With its season on the line, the Hawk women's basketball team pulled off a 64-54 playoff qualifying win at home over Loyalist College last Saturday.

"I thought we competed well and did a good job of containing them considering we started five rookies and our rookies played most of the game," said head coach Denise Perrier. "We got the W (win), but to be expected, our girls were very nervous since it was our first playoff game."

The Hawks next play the undefeated Seneca Sting in Saturday's quarter-finals of the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association championships at Seneca.

Against Loyalist, Humber took an early lead and held off Belleville for the rest of the game.

"I think we did what we had to do, in practice we worked on defending the zone and I think we executed

well," said Hawks guard Maria Suriani, as she iced her left knee after the game.

"They were really physical - the whole game - one girl was slapping me around from start to finish, but we pushed through it and obviously we did well," she said.

Suriani who had a team-leading 13 points, including going three of seven from the three-point line.

Perrier said it won't get any easier in the semifinals, said coach Perrier.

"Seneca is a very good team," she said. "They full-court press and play great man-to-man coverage."

Veteran guard Meghan McPeak, troubled with a lingering ankle injury and one loss away from playing her last game in a Hawks uniform, said matching Seneca's defensive intensity could be the key.

"It will be interesting to see how we match up against them," said McPeak. "I think playing strong man-to-man coverage will be the decider."



Alex Brien

Forward Trisha Taylor makes a shot versus Loyalist last Saturday.

NBA Hall of famer Charles Barkley has been sentenced to five days in jail after pleading guilty in a Scottsdale, Arizona court to a drunk driving charge. – Yahoo.com

## King James reigns at Humber

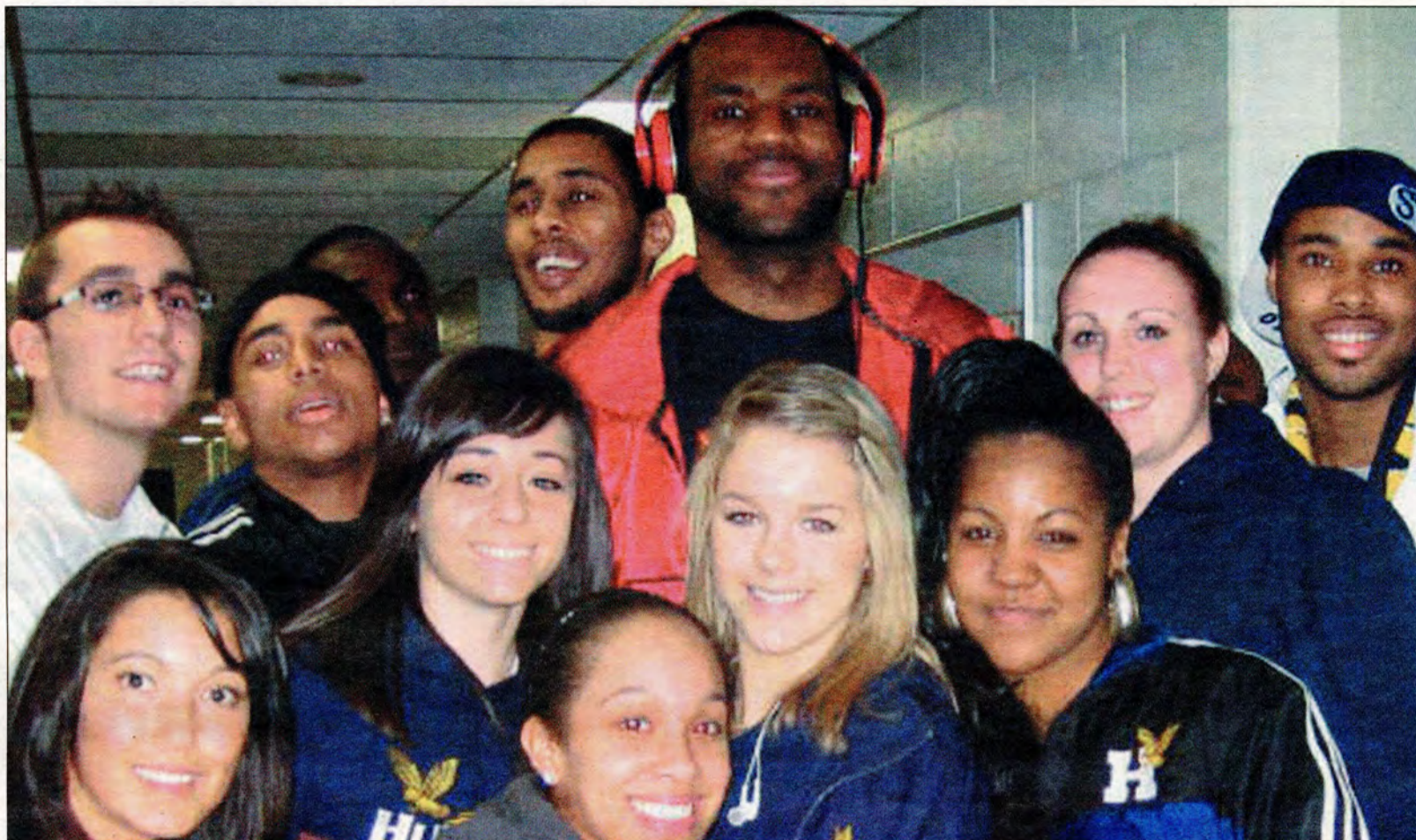
It was a great experience for those who were on campus when NBA superstar LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers came to practice at Humber College last week.

Because of scheduling issues, opposing teams who are not able to practice at the Raptors practice facility use the Humber gym as their back up option.

Assistant athletic director Jim Bi-alek says that over the past 10 years 15 NBA teams have taken advantage of their athletic facilities including: the Detroit Pistons, Portland Trail Blazers, and Orlando Magic.

James (featured center in red) and his Cav teammates engaged with the students working at the athletic department, while Cavalier head coach Mike Brown spent 45 minutes talking to the Humber men's basketball coaching staff.

Filed by Sandy McLachlin



Alyssa Ferreira



Enter the "CGA Ontario One-Hour Accounting Contest" for college and university students on March 18, 2009.

# Start your engines!

## LINE UP ONLINE TO WIN UP TO \$5,000 IN CASH.

The Certified General Accountants of Ontario (CGA Ontario) invites you to enter its online accounting contest. First, sign up at [www.cga-ontario.org/contest](http://www.cga-ontario.org/contest) and obtain a user name and password for the contest. To qualify for the competition, you must complete this task by Tuesday, March 17, 2009. When you login to complete the contest you must choose between two levels of difficulty to test your accounting and financial skills. This step must be done before 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2009 (the day of the contest). The competition begins promptly at 4 p.m. (on that same day) and lasts for one hour. Eligibility is restricted to students currently enrolled at an Ontario university or college.

### CHOOSE YOUR TIER OF CHALLENGE.

Eligible and registered students choose between two levels of difficulty; both tiers offer cash and scholarship prizes (see below). Remember to choose your level of difficulty carefully, because this decision could earn or cost you the win.

### A REWARDING EXPERIENCE.

#### Tier 1: Basic- and Intermediate-Level Financial Accounting Questions

1st place = \$4,000 cash and a scholarship worth \$5,000 towards the CGA program of professional studies.

2nd place = \$2,000 cash and a scholarship worth \$5,000 towards the CGA program of professional studies.

3rd place = \$1,000 cash and a scholarship worth \$5,000 towards the CGA program of professional studies.

#### Tier 2: Intermediate- and Advanced-Level Financial Accounting Questions

1st place = \$5,000 cash and a scholarship worth \$5,000 towards the CGA program of professional studies.

2nd place = \$3,000 cash and a scholarship worth \$5,000 towards the CGA program of professional studies.

3rd place = \$1,500 cash and a scholarship worth \$5,000 towards the CGA program of professional studies.

### EVEN MORE INCENTIVE TO WIN.

The university or college that boasts first-place in either tier receives a donation of \$5,000 from CGA Ontario awarded to its accounting department.

Additional information about the format of the contest and the rules and regulations is available at [www.cga-ontario.org/contest](http://www.cga-ontario.org/contest).



CERTIFIED GENERAL ACCOUNTANTS OF ONTARIO

CGA Ontario  
416-322-6520  
or 1-800-668-1454

E-mail  
[info@cga-ontario.org](mailto:info@cga-ontario.org)

Websites  
[www.nameyouneed.org](http://www.nameyouneed.org)  
or [www.cga-ontario.org](http://www.cga-ontario.org)

Certified General Accountants  
Name Your Need



## SPORTS

The CFL announced that the Grey Cup will be hosted by Edmonton in 2010. Alberta will stage the event two years in a row with Calgary hosting next for 2009 – [Tsn.ca](http://Tsn.ca)

money back  
**fast**

student  
tax prep  
**\$29<sup>95</sup>**  
get a FREE  
SPC card

walk in with your taxes, walk out with your money  
and you could win \$5,000 towards a road trip. visit [refundroadtrip.ca](http://refundroadtrip.ca)

come in today or call  
1-800-HRBLOCK (472-5625)



**H&R BLOCK®**

To qualify for student pricing, student must present either (i) a T2202a documenting 4 or more months of full-time attendance at a college or university during 2008 or (ii) a valid high school identification card. Expires July 31, 2009. Must also qualify for Instant Cash Back and Cash Back products. See office for details. Valid only at participating H&R Block locations in Canada. SPC Card offers valid from 08/01/08 to 07/31/09 at participating locations in Canada only. For Cardholder only. Offers may vary, restrictions may apply. Usage may be restricted when used in conjunction with any other offer or retailer loyalty card discounts. Cannot be used towards the purchase of gift cards or certificates.



J.R. Rydell

Soaring power Paul Kemboi looks to get his team back on track.

## V-ball captain slams home-court official at OCAA

**J.R. Rydell**  
SPORTS REPORTER

OTTAWA – The men's volleyball team got knocked out of the playoffs last weekend and with a new post-season format, failed to advance to the OCAA championships.

The Hawks straight-set loss – 25-20, 25-14, 25-19 – to the hometown Algonquin Thunder left players and coaches disappointed about their performance.

Coach Wayne Wilkins said the pivotal moment in the match was when his team surrendered a 20-19 lead in the opening set.

"Losing the first set changed the momentum, and we went into the second set and didn't show up," he said. "Our performance was inconsistent, which really summarizes our season."

Co-captain Paul Kemboi was disgusted about a member of the home-court crowd being used as a line judge after an official failed to show up for the match.

"This is the playoffs," he said. "You

can't have someone like that officiating."

Wilkins criticized the OCAA for only allowing the top four teams in the province to travel to Durham College for this weekend's finals.

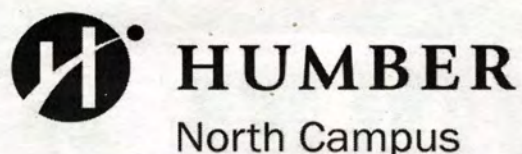
"This is the first year they changed the format," he said. "It used to be the final eight teams and even if you lost your first match, you still had a chance at a bronze medal."

**"This is the playoffs. You can't have someone like that officiating."**

Paul Kemboi, Co-captain

Last year, a veteran team finished third in the province. This year, seven rookies took the court each night, and four were starters.

"This is a great group of guys," said Kemboi, "and if we did this well this year with four rookies starting, then next year when they are vets we should annihilate."



## FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL HUMBER STUDENTS

### Notice of Election

for the

## Student Representative

to the

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

An Election will be held during the months of **March and April 2009** for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. All Humber students are eligible for nomination. The term of office for this position is **September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010**. The basic requirements of this position are to:

1. Attend scheduled Board meetings (once per month, September through June).
2. Attend other Board-related events and activities as required.
3. Provide continual, responsible representation. Governors may not delegate their representation to any other person, and substitute representatives are not permitted.
4. Respect the confidences of the Board unless the information has been made public at an open session of the Board.
5. Receive no compensation, other than out-of-pocket and travel expenses.
6. Maintain communications with his/her electorate.
7. Be prepared to act as spokesperson for his/her electorate on issues and concerns as they arise.

**Nominations Packages** can be picked up during the period **Monday, March 2 through Friday, March 13, 2009**  
from

<p><b>The President's Office, North Campus</b> Room D 167 (Val Hewson) Ext. 4102</p>	<p><b>The Principal's Office</b> Lakeshore Campus Room A 116 B (Ian Smith)</p>
--	--

### **Completed Nomination packages**

must be submitted to either of the above offices during the period  
**Monday, March 16, through 3.00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2009**

**Voting** will take place on **Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

*For more information, please contact Val Hewson, President's Office, Room D 167, North Campus.  
Phone ext. 4102, or email: [val.hewson@humber.ca](mailto:val.hewson@humber.ca)*



MAR 5-6 AT THE STUDENT FEDERATION BUILDING

HUMBER COLLEGE  
OPEN 8AM-5PM EVERY DAY  
FREE ADMISSION



\$100K ROCK BAND TOURNAMENT  
THE HOTTEST GAMES  
GET FREE STUFF

FACEBOOK.COM/AMPENERGYCANADA



Microsoft, Xbox, Xbox 360 and the Xbox logos are either registered trademarks or trademarks of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries. Playstation™ © 2009 Sony Computer Entertainment Canada Inc. © 2009 Harmonix Music Systems, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Harmonix, Rock Band and all related titles and logos are trademarks of Harmonix Music Systems, Inc., a division of MTV Networks. Rock Band™ developed by Harmonix Music Systems, Inc. All rights reserved. † No purchase necessary. Some conditions/restrictions apply. For details on how to enter and how you could win, go to facebook.com/ampenergycanada. †† Limited quantities available on giveaways. © Pepsi-QTG Canada, 2009.