



Et Cetera

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\$1.16-million budget approved

by Patricia Lima

The Humber Students' Federation and some 60 full-time students have approved a budget of more than \$1.16 million for the 2000/2001 school year.

The budget was approved at the Lakeshore campus last Tuesday at HSF's bi-annual general meeting, where full-time students are eligible to vote.

HSF's main revenue-generator is student activity fees, which will bring in more than \$1 million this year.

The fees were increased this year from \$27.10 to \$40 per student for each semester. However, the student government is now undertaking some responsibilities of the now abolished Council of Student Affairs, such as the League of Innovation Art Show.

HSF President Toby Warnell voted, when he was SAC Lakeshore president last year, to increase the fees, which had been frozen for three years.

Warnell said if the fees had not been increased, HSF would not have been able to keep up with increasing costs.

"Obviously, then, you're going to run into problems of trying to squeeze other areas of the budget out, which are [Necessary] to the organization to exist and to offer the mandate that we give to students."

However Sheri Milana, a first-year Early Childhood Education student, said it is unfair that the fee applies to students who do not take part in extracurricular activities.

The Board of Governors gave final approval to the fee hike in February.

HSF also brought in \$150,900 from HSF services, such as the games room and grad photos.

HSF's largest expense is salaries, set at more than \$300,000 for this year. Seven full-time employees and some 25 part-time student employees, including the five HSF executives, are on the payroll.

Warnell earns \$27,000 a year. Stephen Anastasi, vice president of the North campus, makes \$18,000 annually while Lakeshore VPs earn \$17,200. Lakeshore's vice president earns \$17,200 a year.

Cindy Dragic, HSF business manager, said the HSF executive salary is reviewed every two years by an executive salary review committee, which is made up of HSF directors and Dragic. Full-time salaries for non-students employed

to help run the HSF are decided in comparison with the school's support staff wages.

The Work Study Program provides HSF with a 70 per cent grant to subsidize the cost of student employees.

HSF has also budgeted more than \$15,000 for honoraria, which goes towards the 25 volunteers of the HSF Board of Directors in the form of gifts, such as HSF jackets.

HSF's second greatest expense is student health insurance. More than \$260,000 has been set aside for this service, which is an increase of almost \$90,000 from last year.

"One of the biggest priorities on our budget this year was the health insurance plan," Warnell said. "That's what happens when you have a service that is well-used and that's seen as very valuable to the student population."

HSF was unable to provide health insurance plan statistics before print time.

The student accident and sickness insurance plan is available to full-time Humber students. It can also cover spouses and dependent children for an additional \$25 per dependent, per semester.

HSF gave \$82,000 to the health centre, which is the same amount it gave it last year.

"It is an inadequate amount," said Marg Anne Jones, head nurse of the health centre. "That doesn't even cover the salaries of staff in here. Nurses here are paid very poorly compared to nurses virtually anywhere else."

Jones added that the college and HSF should work together to increase the health centre's funding.

The health centre, which is jointly funded by the college and HSF, offers birth control at a low cost, as well as many free services, such as allergy injections, first aid and treatment for minor illnesses.

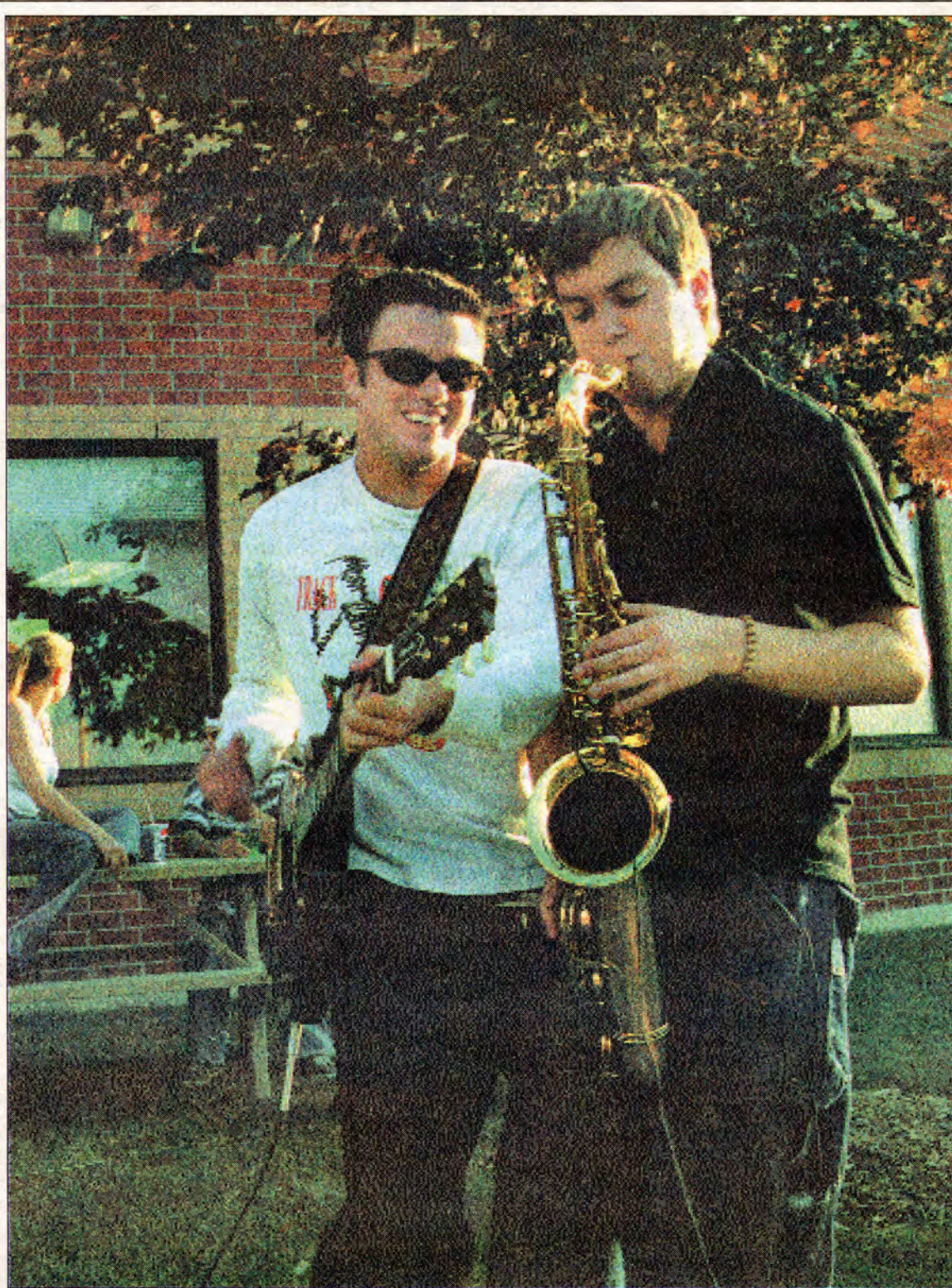
Last year, more than 17,000 Humber students accessed the North and Lakeshore health centres.

Along with "miscellaneous" expenses, academic awards were allocated the least amount of money at \$1,000, an increase from last year's \$400.

Warnell said, "If students feel that more should be put into awards, then without a doubt we would re-evaluate that system for next year's budget."

HSF bumped up advertising funds from last year's \$32,200 to \$57,800.

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MICHAEL STAMOU

SAXATIONAL – Ian Parliament (left) and Ryan Casselman set up their amps and instruments outside of North Campus Residence last Saturday for a free concert. They, along with Rob Kent on bass and Matt Ross on drums played for most of the afternoon.

Students to get refund for meals

by Tara Smith

Humber residents can expect to see some cash back on their meal cards by Oct. 23.

Humber Et Cetera spoke with key players on Oct. 10 regarding problems with the school's meal plans. During Orientation Week (Aug. 21 to Sept. 2), taxes (both GST and PST) were sometimes charged to students' tax-free meal plans. As

a result, students' accounts were overcharged. The problem was resolved on the evening of Sept. 2.

"We don't know at this point in time [how many people's accounts were affected]," said John Mason, director ancillary services. "However, a [computer] program has been written to identify each of the individuals' accounts that was affected, and what we'll do is prepare a statement showing any

incorrect charges, and provide that to each student by Oct. 23. Any discrepancies will be credited back to their account."

When Et Cetera spoke with Mason Oct. 10, he did not know what would be done to fix the problem. The next day, a resolution had been found, and on Oct. 12 a notice was posted in the Rez cafeteria explaining the problem to students. see 'Overcharged' page 2

Budget approval made public by HSF

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Their advertising costs include the new \$146.88 per month electronic board leased for each campus that informs students of upcoming HSF events.

The student council is also developing a web site, which it hopes will be ready by the end of the month.

Judy Harvey, dean of student services, said it is important for HSF to advertise because "there is a lack of awareness and participation" among students when it comes to the student government.

HSF events were granted \$56,200. The events planned for the year include awareness days, comedians, karaoke, battle of the bands, concerts, lecturers and movies. Ten thousand dollars has been budgeted for multicultural events alone.

"We have a set idea of what we want to do throughout the year," Warnell said, "but obviously things spring up according to demand or requests."

HSF was \$9,239 over their budget last year last year. Warnell said however, according to the old SAC constitution, the surplus from previous years would cover any losses.

"So (last year's loss) does not affect the operational budget of

HSF for this year," he said.

This year's budget was first approved under the former SAC organization in February. Warnell said it was brought forward again so the new HSF corporation could pass it themselves.

For the next budget, Warnell said the HSF is hoping to put more research into understanding its target market.

"Maybe there is the trend out there that a lot more students are in financial need, so then maybe our role could be to start putting money into financial aid specifically."

According to the new HSF constitution, the Board of Directors must pass the budget no later than Feb. 28 each year.

Overcharged students will get their money back

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Although the problem was identified and resolved during the first week of September, students were not notified until now. Mason admitted that students should have been informed earlier of the situation.

"It was actually the intention that students would be informed by way of a residence newsletter that the problem had occurred," Mason said. "Now unfortunately, that newsletter has not gotten out on time."

The problem came to the Et Cetera's attention during the first week of September.

Josh Hornung, a first-year civil engineering student, was one of the first people to notice something wrong with the balance of his meal plan. Hornung, who had kept every receipt since the day he moved into Rez, noticed after a couple of days that almost \$25 was missing from his meal plan. Hornung approached Terry Johnson, residence food service manager, about the problem, and Johnson gave him a transaction log. When Hornung compared his receipts to the transaction log, there were multiple discrepancies. Hornung pointed these out to Johnson who said he would look into the matter.

"How's he going to know what it was overcharging that day? He says he's going to go back and credit everyone's account, but I don't think he can."

-Josh Hornung

It's been about six weeks since Hornung brought this problem to the attention of the food services department, and only now are students being informed of the problem.

Hornung is skeptical about getting his money back.

"I don't understand how he's supposed to know what everyone's balance is, if his computer's been overcharging," Hornung said. "How's he going to know what it was overcharging that day? He says he's going to go back and credit everyone's account. But I don't think he can."

Jen Rogers, a first-year film and television student, is also convinced she was ripped off at least \$12, and

was upset that she couldn't get balances on a regular basis.

"When I get a receipt, I expect the balance to be printed up with it," Rogers said. "Half the time [the cafeteria staff] are like, 'Well it's not printing a balance, so do you really want the receipt?' It's almost as if we're expected not to keep track of what we're buying."

The meal plans run via a computer system which is connected to the college network. If there are any problems with the network, it affects the computer system that the meal plans run on. Also, when the computer system goes "off line," meal plan balances are unavailable. This is a major issue for students because it makes it extremely difficult to keep track of their money.

"We need to ensure that the system is on line and that these off line transactions do not occur," Mason said. "So that's certainly being looked at."

The notice posted in Rez said the meal plan system was upgraded in August, and although the software was tested, taxes were being charged to students' accounts when the system was off line during orientation week.

"The system had been tested, and was testing okay in regards to applying the tax laws appropriately," Mason said in an interview on Wednesday Oct. 11. "However, what happened was the part that wasn't tested when the system went off line - meaning that it couldn't communicate directly to the server - that then it was applying tax to all items...At that point then, Don Henriques [general manager of food services] contacted the software supplier and they corrected the program. That happened on Sept. 3."

Mason said the computer program that will be used to fix the accounts has taken time to write.

"Part of the delay in getting this corrected was, even though the company was able to correct the system so it no longer charged tax, writing the program to identify each of the students who had been affected took a bit of time," Mason said. "We have received that program now so we just need to handle the administrative paper work at this end."

Although the problem has been fixed, and corrective measure are in place, some students are still worried about the meal plans.

"When I get my money back, I won't be able to trust our school residence food plan," Hornung said. "I'm always going to keep track of my meals...so I don't get robbed anymore. Hopefully other people will start doing the same."

HSF Budget 2000/01

Humber Students' Federation
Proposed Budget for 2000/2001
Presented October 10,2000

	99/00 PRIOR YEAR	00/01 BUDGET
REVENUE		
Fees	\$837,571	\$1,001,960
Interest	\$5,262	\$5,000
Services	\$129,695	\$150,900
Misc.	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$973,628	\$1,158,860
EXPENSES		
Admin Expenses		
Salaries	\$373,080	\$346,491
Conferences & Leadership	\$21,000	\$23,370
Professional Fees	\$26,270	\$22,700
Property Insurance	\$2,320	\$2,300
Property Cleaning	\$8,900	\$14,576
Office Administration	\$54,300	\$64,587
Leasehold Improvements	\$2,715	\$42,500
Capital Purchases	\$0	\$21,850
Local Travel	\$3,200	\$3,000
Honoraria	\$11,400	\$15,750
Appreciation Banquet	\$3,900	\$5,000
Executive Expenses	\$5,500	\$4,500
Miscellaneous	\$1,000	\$1,000
Service Expenses		
Handbook	\$30,332	\$35,000
Health Centre	\$82,000	\$82,000
Health Insurance	\$180,000	\$267,917
Games/Quiet Lounge	\$1,150	\$1,270
Ombudsperson	\$6,000	\$21,400
Peer Tutoring	\$15,000	\$15,000
OCCSPA Membership	\$10,500	\$15,000
BBQ	\$2,000	\$0
Elections	\$5,700	\$4,000
Alumni Dinner	\$1,500	\$2,000
Programming Expenses		
Academic Awards	\$400	\$1,000
Advertising	\$32,000	\$57,800
Clubs	\$10,000	\$11,550
Events	\$48,350	\$56,200
Meetings	\$3,750	\$2,100
COCA Regional	\$0	\$4,000
Welcome Weeks	\$33,100	\$15,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$976,017	\$1,158,860
PROFIT/(LOSS)	-\$2,389	\$0

New area codes to provide relief

by Alexandra Cygal

Residents of the 416 and 905 areas will have to dial ten digits when making a phone call in the new year, even within the same calling area.

To meet Toronto's growing demand for telecommunication services, a new 647 area code will share the 416 area code, and a new 289 area code will co-exist in the 905 area.

"What these new area codes will do is allow telephone and telecommunications systems to continue growing smoothly through the next decade."

- Ian Argus

Without these new area codes, Toronto and the 905 areas will run out of new phone numbers before the end of 2001.

"What these new area codes will do is allow telephone and telecommunication systems to continue growing smoothly through the next decade," says Ian Argus, telecommunications analyst.

Angus says that the biggest advantage to "overlying" these two

Overburdened 416 and 905 area codes out of numbers by Dec. 2001

codes means that there will be no changes to the existing numbers. Customers will simply have to dial an area code with every number. Therefore, when dialing from a 416 number to another 416 number, all ten digits must be used. Only new requests for phone numbers will get the 647 area code.

The demand for phone, fax, wireless, Internet and data services, which all require phone numbers meant new codes were needed.

Starting on January 8, customers dialing a local 416 number using only seven digits, will hear an announcement reminding them to "Add the Code" the next time they make a phone call. The call will then go through. Angus says this is just a practice run to educate the public in case they haven't already heard about the change.

Beginning on March 5, the new 647 area code will be officially added and local 416 calls dialed with seven-digits will not go through.

The same will happen in the neighbouring 905 area.

"Growth in the 905 area has been bigger than anticipated," Angus says, adding that the new 289 area code will be added on June 9. The announcement

reminding callers to dial all ten digits will be introduced in April.

The best way to prepare for this change is to think of your number as ten-digits. You will need to re-program your telecommunications equipment to dial and accept ten-digit local calls before January 8.

Start providing your full number when giving it out, either to family and friends or on stationary, advertising and promotional material if you own a local business. Don't forget to re-program your speed dial if you own a cell phone number within the 416 area code.

There will be no changes to number such as 9-1-1 for emergency, 4-1-1 for Directory Assistance, 6-1-1 for Repair Services or 7-1-1 for the Bell Canada Relay Service.

Toronto is the first city in Canada to introduce local ten-digit dialing, but many cities in the United States, such as Atlanta, Dallas and Philadelphia already use that system.

Over the next five years more Canadian regions will use the same solution, when their numbers run out. The 519 and 613 areas are forecast to run out of numbers by 2006.

For more information, visit www.bell.ca/dialten.

Here we grow again

by Stacey Roy

Move over parking lot number three-A, Humber is getting bigger.

In the spring construction will begin on the new Humber/Guelph building at North Campus. The three level, 120,000 square foot building will be attached to the NX building by Sept. 2003, and stretch over lot three-A toward residence. Its purpose is to provide space for Humber's new "blended" programs that will allow students to get a degree and a diploma in four years.

Humber is looking at 18 degrees that must go before the government run Quality Insurance Board for program quality. Some areas that are being looked at include media studies, business, childcare, and health care.

A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company is the architect that is overseeing the construction.

"[That's when we'll see] some evidence of shovels in the ground," Dr. Ian Smith, principal of the Humber/Guelph building said.

The cost of construction is approximately \$28 million and is covered by the Ontario government under the SuperBuild fund. The tuition for one of these 'Third option' programs will mirror the university cost, which is approximately \$3,600 and increases two per cent each year.

Joint programs with Guelph to begin in 2003

By 2006 Humber is planning to accommodate an additional 2,000 full time students.

"Growth can't cause quality to decline," Rick Embree, Dean of planning and developing said.

November is the deadline for a finalized list of degrees to be offered. The purpose for this new endeavor is to ease the bubble of students coming out of four and five year programs at the same time and flooding the work force. Academic vice-president Richard Hook said it would help Humber grads get the credit they deserve.

"We believe this will [ensure] students at Humber get proper recognition for their studies," Hook said.

The Humber/Guelph building comes after a government ruling, set to take effect in April, that allows Colleges to run their own degree programs. The pilot programs may begin as early as Sept. 2002 and will move into the new building once it is completed. It is hoped that the new blended programs will save money for both the government and students, as it shaves one year off of the usual post-secondary studies.

Theft hits North campus as laptops go missing

by Sarah Lashbrook

While the students were home at their dinner tables giving thanks, one turkey was busy in the 'D' administrative offices.

Crime Stoppers along with Campus Security are looking to find the person responsible for the theft of two Dell Laptop computers and a ghetto blaster stolen at approximately 8 a.m. on Sat., Oct. 7.

Nancy Pinson, manager of public safety and ancillary services said that the laptops were taken from two separate offices. One computer was in its case while the other was taken right from the top of the desk.

"There was no sign of forced entry, and no proof that the doors were secured," said Pinson. "The assumption by staff is that the doors were locked."

Both Crime Stoppers and the security at Humber College are hoping that someone will come forward with any information about the theft.

"There has been no information yet, no tips, and nothing has been recovered," Pinson said.

This isn't the first theft of the kind this year. During the sum-

mer, an estimated \$35,000 worth of electronic equipment was reported missing from various areas of the College. The police are still investigating the incident, yet still have no substantial leads.

Pinson added that one way departments could protect themselves against further happenings like this is to secure their laptops and equipment to their desk. Some offices have already done so by use of a protective cable. The stolen laptops had not been secured.

Crime Stoppers is hoping that anyone with information on either thefts, no matter how small it may seem, would call the 222-TIPS line, or the department of public safety at 4077. All callers can remain anonymous and may receive a cash reward of up to \$1000.

"It is difficult to say if the two thefts are related," said Pinson. "It is possible, but I don't want to make a judgement on that."

On Tuesday, an Apple Powerbook 530C belonging to CG Instructor David Barkworth was stolen. It contained vital files on students taking CG courses.

If found call ext.4338 or return it to K107 reception.

Safety grant hits \$40,000

By Maxim Ivanov

Forty thousand dollars is being spent on security at Humber through government grants.

Given to every post secondary institution by Ministry of Training, government grants vary in amounts from \$15,000 to \$50,000 depending on the number of students.

"The grant was originally established in 1991 in what was supposed to be just a two-year program that was implemented to assist institutions in meeting their obligations under the sexual harassment policy, but due to need it has continued every year since its inception," said Tanya Cholakov, media advisor for Ministries of Training and Education.

Each year in February and March Humber does a safety audit required for the government grants. Several representatives from most departments in college look at Humber's safety, and make appropriate recommendations on ways Humber could improve the security and safety features.

Several recommendations made last year have already been implemented at Humber.

"We've done a few more (emergency) phones, more lighting, some exterior lighting and some interior

lighting, posters and pamphlets and things of that nature," said Gary Jaynes, manager of public safety.

While these recommendations have been implemented, some have not yet been approved. One recommendation not approved was the installation of exterior cameras to watch the parking lots and the college grounds.

"Well we are looking at the possibility," said Jaynes. "I mean that's only one recommendation and we are not sure if we want to be on that path or not. I mean the money could be directed towards (better things), but no cameras yet."

The money could be directed towards better things, and so far it has improved safety equipment around campus dramatically. Gary Jaynes reflected on what he thought were some of the most valuable safety equipment acquired through the government grants.

"I would say emergency phones and lighting. You know, I mean people who are on the tours, lighting has substantially improved outside. Exterior lighting has substantially improved over the years, thanks to the grant."

Most of the Humber students are very positive about safety improvements in Humber over the last nine years, and say that they should be carried on.

At York University, from the month of July to the end of September, seven women had been molested, robbed or raped. The fact that York University also has an extensive security program, and receives \$50,000 dollars each year in government grant, didn't prevent the crimes from happening. It is why it's important to stay cautious, even at Humber.

"Women's safety is always an issue," said Ana Williams, 2nd year interior design student. "See it's there, like even at York University with stuff that's going on there, it was in broad day light. I think safety is a big issue no matter where you are, even in school."

"We really want to encourage students and staff to keep their eyes open and if they see something unusual to report to security," said Jaynes. "If they see something happening they can come and call crime stoppers 222-TIPS."

Jaynes also welcomes participation of students in suggestions of security setup and features.

"If there's something that is making someone uncomfortable, we want to know about it. They can go right to the front desk near the library and we'll get someone to speak to them."

CAMPUS LIFE *et cetera*

"Any drug deal that's that important can be figured out in the hallway."
 -Antanas Sileika
 see 'Cell hell'

The order is in at Lakeshore

by Mark Nonkes

With small dance steps, the feel-good play *The Mail Order Bride*, brings country romance to the Lakeshore stage.

Theatre Humber's first production of the year is a play that examines three generations of relationships within the Teeter family.

The likeable Harold narrates the story of two generations of the Teeter family while speaking to the third generation. This third generation, Russell and his wife Eva, have travelled across the country to

auction off his grandparents' home- stead after his grandmother dies.

Harold explains how the family patriarch, Charles, sent away for a mail order bride, Charlotte.

Many laughs come when Harold speaks out of context, making it known that he is in a play. One particularly funny moment was when Harold calls a stage hand to refill his thermos with moonshine.

This production showcases Humber's talented third-year actors with strong performances across the board. The presence of Charlotte played by Yvonne

Wallace, on stage captures every scene she appears in and is a delight to watch.

The gray set with half a wind-beaten house is the most effective thing on stage, other than the cast. The lighting is wonderful, transforming a white backdrop into an endless sky.

Director Diana Belshaw put together a show that flows very well. This could be a difficult play to understand as it constantly travels through different times. However, she makes it easy to follow.

Whether it is Belshaw's directing or Robert Clinton's writing, the play, about romance and relationships, stays away from corny clichés.

The Mail Order Bride is a fine show that entertains from beginning to end.

The play runs about an hour and 45 minutes and runs until Saturday Oct. 22. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors/students, and \$5 for children under 5. For more information call ext. 3421.



MARK NONKES

GOT MAIL - Theatre Humber's first production starts.

CAST	
Eva	Erin Beckenhauer
Art.....	Karrenga Edwards
Harold.....	Stephen Gallant
Charles.....	Stephen Livingstone
Russell.....	Jefferson Guzman
Charlotte.....	Yvonne Wallace
Rachel.....	Tracie Young

International students need Humber friends

by Genevieve V. Andrada

You know the happening places of Toronto like the back of your hand. Riding the rocket is no sweat for you. You enjoy meeting people from different lands and exposing them to the best Canadian culture can offer. So, take the next step and be a Humber friend.

"As a Humber Friend you will help international students practice English, answer questions, take the bus routes, and get them motivated to take part in the programs and services we offer here at Humber. Basically, you will be there for the students," said Michael Kopinak, manager of International Student Services.

He said a Humber friend must be a people person, have good communication and listening skills, know the surrounding area of Humber College, and enjoy learning about other cultures.

Marketing student, Heidi Christensen is a Humber Friend. She said most International students seem to be alienated from other students due to their inability to communicate effectively in English. Being a Humber friend

enables her to make International students feel welcome and at ease.

"I enjoy being a Humber friend. I get to learn about other cultures. It's very gratifying," Christensen said. "It makes me feel good because I'm helping out a person."

She applauds Humber for having this service.

"We should make international students more comfortable. We must be proud they chose Canada and our school to come to," Christensen said.

This promotes good experiences and lasting ties for a Humber friend and the person who needs help.

Craig Marsh, an International student from South Africa, was aided by a Humber friend last year.

"I have learned a lot from this," he said. "I'm still friends with my Humber friend even though she doesn't study here anymore." This year, he too, is a Humber friend.

While International students have this service for free, Humber friends will get paid per hour.

Interested in being a Humber Friend? Submit your resume with cover letter to International Student Services, room C115 of North, or call ext. 4047.

Cell hell

by Lindsay Robertson

Humber's classrooms are alive with the sound of cell phones, and many students are not pleased.

Cell phones, or any device that disrupts the learning environment, are prohibited at Humber College said Vice-President of Academics Richard Hook.

Yet the disruptions still occur. First-year Multimedia Production student Paul Probert said when a cell phone rings in his class, the rule is that person has to buy the whole class a beer.

"I pay good money to come here, and I don't expect to hear the ringing of these nonsense appliances constantly in my ears," said Probert.

First-year Radio Broadcasting student Becky Coles also thinks the use of cell phones in the classroom is annoying.

"Can they [the calls] not wait?" asked Coles.

Communications professor Antanas Sileika said he puts a sign on his classroom door to advise students his of cell phone etiquette in his class. He said if students need to use their phones, then they can leave.

"Any drug deal that's that important can be figured out in the hallway," joked Sileika.

Humberwear invades the school and evokes spirit

by Lindsay Robertson

Whether students are hangin' in the hall, in class, or in the Pipe, Humberwear can be spotted just about everywhere this season.

Students are sporting school spirit with Humber sweatshirts, hats, tank tops, and jackets.

The bookstore has molded its clothing section into more of a retail environment this year, said manager Mitch Walker, and many students are purchasing new Humber duds.

Clothing labels on Humber's preferred vendors list include Levelwear, Bruzer, Dubwear Clothing Co., and Hot Campus Collection Line.

"Quality is very important to the bookstore," said Walker.

He also said prices are very competitive compared to other school's clothing.

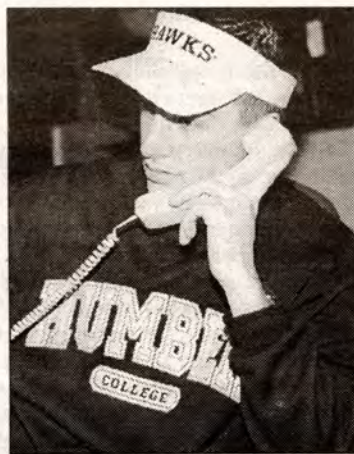
First-year Business Marketing student James Simpson really likes the new Humber clothes.

"I think they're dead sexy," said Simpson.

He said he'd expect to pay just as much at Campus Crew or Eddie Bauer.

The bookstore also has more of a focus on women's clothing this year.

First-year Film and Television



LINDSAY ROBERTSON

STYLIN-Humber clothing makes the grade.

Production student Lauren Stanton likes her new sweater. "It was a bit expensive, but it's good quality," she said.

Second-year Architectural Technology student David Baranowski said he really likes the clothes this year and thinks the prices are, "quite reasonable."

"There's a lot more selection this year," said Baranowski.

Humber clothing can be purchased at the bookstore and ranges from about \$30 to \$60.

Hole-in-one for United Way at Humber College

by Andrew D. Pelletier

Humber putted its way into raising \$265 for United Way.

As part of Humber's two-week United Way campaign, the second annual Mini-Putt Challenge took place Oct. 12, with 14 holes set up around the school in different departments.

Joanne Gourley of the Corporate and Continuing Education Department planned the event as a way to raise money for the school's United Way campaign and to let people mingle in different parts of the school.

"I like it because it lets you into different departments," Gourley said, adding that you "don't have to be a golfer" to enjoy the challenge.

Departments were given free license as to how they set up their holes and some of them were very creative.

The Liberal Arts and Science school set up their hole with all of the different programs represented by a trap on the course.

The School of Media Studies lived up to its name and ran a golf simulator on the computer.

Camelia Caceras, who scored the lowest in this year's Mini-Putt Challenge, won a golf shirt donated by Humber's Business school.

Last year, according to Sanjay Gandhi of Financial Services, the school raised a total donation of \$34,

884 for the United Way. The majority of this money came from staff donations to the pledge program.

United Way, an international charity, raises money to help with charitable programs in Toronto and other areas.

People pledging money can specify what charity they want their money to go to.

In total, 11 prizes were given away, including golf shirts and balls.



ANDREW D. PELLETIER

FORE! - Humber raises money for United Way.

Of the 398 million telephones in the world, more than 1/3 are in the U.S.
-www.uslessknowledge.com

It takes a week to make a jelly bean.
-www.useless-facts.com

Every time you lick a stamp you're consuming 1/10 of a calorie.
-sbt.bhmedia.com

Talking about my generation

by Ashley Kulp

Let's talk about sex baby! Humber College students talked about that and much more last Thursday when CFRB's radio show, *Generation Next*, was broadcasting live from North's student centre.

The show, which has been on the airwaves for almost a year, gave students a chance to voice their opinions on several issues like sex, lifestyles and relationships.

According to CFRB news anchor and host of *Generation Next*, Jackie Mahon, Humber College was just the place to broadcast the show.

Generation Next is a weekly show that's based on issues that deal specifically with people in their 20s.

Issues like sex, drugs, and rock and roll, and sometimes we delve into political issues as well.

"This is the perfect venue for it because we get to talk to people our own age," Mahon said.

Beginning at 1 p.m., the show attracted a crowd of Humber students who stepped up to a microphone to speak their minds.

Students tackled topics such as whether *Napster* is infringing the copy-

right of musicians, and if *Napster* users should have to pay surcharges to download songs from the popular site.

Second-year Computer Engineering student Sean Pommells participated in the show and said the show was good, but the topics weren't very important to him.

The pair are also graduates of Humber's Radio Broadcasting program.

Doyle praised the approach Humber gives its students.

"I think the fact that the school's hands-on as opposed to university style, you're right in there and working with equipment, and it provides you with a great opportunity for an internship, which is how I started," he said.

Bendixen appreciated that his teachers were in the industry while teaching him.

"A lot of the time you'd get one-on-one consultation with the teachers and they had a lot of connections to the outside," he said. "It's also got a good name

attached to it, so when you go to apply for a job, they don't look at you like you're an idiot."

The live broadcast was a hit with all students who attended, watching the hosts playfully bantering back and forth with each other over certain issues.

The show's team said they would definitely welcome the chance to come back to Humber.

Generation Next airs live as a phone-in format talk show on Saturdays from 8 to 10 p.m. on CFRB 1010.



CFRB - Generation Next broadcasts live from Humber.

"The points that they are arguing aren't all that great of importance," he said. "It's kind of like Jerry Springer in a way. It doesn't really educate you, but it's fun to watch."

The show has four broadcasters. Mahon is the host with broadcasters Hannah Sung, Mike Bendixen, and Ryan Doyle as panelists.

Sung hosted the show when she was a writer for *Eye Weekly*, and liked it so much she stayed.

Bendixen and Doyle were producers at CFRB before becoming panelists for the show.

Lot seven parking problems solved

by Brianne Binelli

Frustrated students can relax now that the parking problems in lot seven of Humber College's North campus are fixed.

Since the beginning of September the gates at lot seven, opposite the main entrance, would work one day and be broken the next, said Nancy Pinson, manager of public safety.

Pinson said although there were problems with the unit, which was not accepting coins, the problem was quickly fixed.

A week ago, problems surfaced again when, according to Pinson, "the transformer blew."

Students were greeted with two security guards who were collecting money and handing out temporary receipts for the day.

The Public Safety department was able to avert many problems with the parking technicians were on hand to watch out for any problems students might have faced at the beginning of a new year, said Pinson.

Students may still face

some difficulty with the unit if it rains or snows and the paper inside the machine gets wet said Pinson.

If the paper does get wet during one of the three times money is removed in a day, there may be a paper jam, which means the students will not receive the receipt needed to display on their dash as proof of payment.

"There are different things that would cause a paper jam," said Pinson, who quickly explained that if problems do persist with the parking unit, service technicians or security are usually available to remedy the problem.

First-year Nursing student Jacqueline Smith agreed that whenever there is a problem with the unit, security people are always there to help the students get through the gate to find a space.

Pinson cautions students that if they do not receive a parking receipt they should notify parking employees at ext. 4416 or security at ext. 4077.

"The sooner [the public safety department is] told, the quicker we fix it," said Pinson.

Danke Shon, Oktoberfest

by Melanie Justason

Put your lederhosen back in the closet, Oktoberfest has come to an end.

For the Humber Students' Federation that meant loading up two bus loads of beer loving, sauerkraut eating students and toting them off to Bingeman's in Kitchener-Waterloo.

"Even though we got gypped in the sauerkraut competition."

-Steven Anastasi

Steve Anastasi, HSF vice-president of campus life North, said he thought the event was excellent.

"It was lots of fun," he said. "Even though we got gypped in the sauerkraut competition."

The Bavarian festival has been held in Kitchener-Waterloo for over 30 years. Kitchener is a natural host for the event since the city itself was settled largely by Germans back in the 19th century.

The town was called Berlin until 1916 when mounting anti-German sentiment brought on by First World War led to the name change to Kitchener.



PASSIN THE STEIN - Humber Student's raise their glasses to celebrate Oktoberfest at Bingeman's in Kitchener-Waterloo.

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Clogging up the roads again

At one time or another we've all been driving behind a big 18-wheel truck in frustration; we can't see around them, they take too long to get up to speed and we're always afraid of one of those big tires flying off and maiming us.

We often think of truckers in a negative way, and now with the threat of a 401 shutdown looming, our negative attitude will only continue to grow.

Is our hostility really justified? Stop for a minute and think of what truckers do for us.

They fill our grocery stores with food so we can eat, they move our furniture for us when we want to relocate.

And how do you think all those computers, the clothing and the newspapers get to the stores?

The cost of fuel has risen 75 per cent since last July, costing truckers \$0.70 per litre to travel one kilometre. During this same period, truckers have not been able to raise their prices to ship merchandise, essentially making the job unprofitable.

The government has done little to help their situation as it regulates the trucking industry and allows them to charge no more than \$1 per kilometre.

The escalating fuel costs have crippled the trucking industry and have left truckers with little choice

but to demand change.

They are currently asking for a 24 per cent surcharge to be made by shippers to trucking companies, which will compensate for the high fuel costs. Economic Development Minister Al Palladini and the trucking industry have yet to come to an agreement and truckers need to be commended for being so patient, as they have waited well over a year for help.

Where should the money come from to make up for their lost revenue?

If Florida has bad weather for a growing season and farmers have a poor orange crop, they compensate for their loss of revenue by raising

their prices, which is eventually passed down to the consumer. This is how a free market works, but not in the case of the trucking industry.

No one should be surprised that truckers are fed up and have started rolling convoys on the highways. This is the only bargaining power they have.

The only way they can get the attention of the government is to piss-off the public and powerful corporations.

The rationale for doing this is that they hope the public will get fed up and pressure the government to end the dispute.

It is however one thing to take the side of the truckers reading this

editorial from the comforts of your home, but it's another thing to be sitting helplessly behind 30 trucks on the 401 for two hours as you reluctantly take part in their protest.

Is it right for them to involve the public in their dispute? It isn't our fault gas prices are high. It isn't our fault Al Palladini won't succumb to their demands.

We as the public have to understand the trucking industry has been backed into a corner over the past year.

Their livelihood has been threatened and it's time for them to let everyone know that this problem won't go away.

Food service flub finally found out

Always be sure to hang on to your receipt.

That's what many of us hear when we purchase something. It's familiar advice, drilled into us by those who would look out for our interests.

Though we don't always obey it, we understand the reasoning behind it: in case of any problems that might arise, the receipt serves as proof that the merchandise was purchased in good faith.

It protects us against that \$3,000, shabbily assembled, big screen TV that falls apart after one week, or the CD that comes out of its case in three pieces instead of one.

But what happens if you're buying a bag of chips and Coke? Should there be any need for proof of purchase for something that costs so little?

If you live in residence at Humber, it might have been a good idea to keep all those little receipts from the moment you buy that first bag of Doritos.

During the first week of school, countless meal card transactions included GST and PST charges that should have been excluded, which resulted in rapidly declining meal-plan balances.

It seems the extra taxes were applied while the computer that runs the plan was 'offline', between Aug. 21 and Sept. 2. When the system is offline, meal plan balances are unavailable, making it virtually impossible for students to keep

track of their spending.

Many students probably thought that if their balance was unavailable, why bother keeping the receipt?

As it turns out, keeping the receipts may be the only way students can be sure Humber puts the correct amount of money back onto their cards.

Director of Ancillary Services, John Mason, said all students affected by overcharging would receive a statement itemizing any incorrect charges by Oct. 23, and the cards would be credited.

The solution was announced just last week, and many students are probably learning of the problem through this copy of the Et Cetera.

Humber should have informed students of the solution to the computer problem long ago.

Even if a solution hadn't been reached, it should not have been too difficult to inform students there may have been some overcharging on meal plans and that steps are being taken to fix it.

It would have looked a lot better than saying nothing until more than a month had passed, which did nothing but make the incident look more suspicious than necessary.

Fifteen per cent tax on lunch or the occasional snack may not seem like much, but it adds up over time. Students buy into the college systems on good faith that their needs will be taken care of. The college should respect that faith instead of leaving students in the dark.



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Good times bring crappy rhymes

When I was in Grade 9 it was 1993, and a bunch of grubs called Nirvana were the biggest thing since Guns N' effin' Roses. With his scorched, tortured voice, Kurt Cobain blew onto the scene like a rebel without a clue, igniting the seething frustrations of a youth-culture gone wrong. Yes, those were the days.

Cobain's ragged songs threw fire in the face of over a decade of Republican rule, challenged phony family values, and torched the inflated myths of a bankrupt culture sick to death of the notion of art as a money-making commodity. Most of all, Nirvana killed the vapid music industry, and sent sorry acts like Extreme, Mr. Big, and Nelson teetering into the where-are-they-now file.

Somehow, an entire generation of disenchanted youth fell under Cobain's spell. They dyed their hair pink, pierced their faces, and cleaned the local Zellers out of flannel.

But seven years later, the very teen spirit Nirvana heralded has withered and died. In 2000, instead of teen angst we have teen exploitation, with tarts like Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera showing the world that an ounce of flesh goes a hell of a lot further than a pound of talent. Not that either one has a speck of the latter.

Then there's Kid Rock and Eminem, both of whom could be described as this culture's low point. Armed with their ignorance and trailer-park wisdom, the two of them give white-trash rednecks

across the globe something to strive for, other than a career in professional wrestling. Because who knows, maybe the little kid rocks will someday be able to translate their own self-obsessed bigotry into platinum sales.

What I'm trying to get at is that we've arrived at a point in time in which it can be said that our culture is utterly blah. The reason? I speculate it's because we've strayed so far into this so-called economic boom that we've all become too comfortable with things as they are in this dot-com-slash-org world. If it's true that all great art is derived of pain, then it's obvious to see why there's such a scarcity of it these days. Things are looking up, more people have jobs, and there's the notion that technology will propel us all towards the pot of gold. People are happy, but the sad part is, when people are happy, you end up with complacency.

But soon things will fall apart. The Internet will crash, money will dry up, and your optimism will be crushed like a beetle under a stomping boot. Hopefully by then we will all be able to laugh at Eminem just like we laughed at Vanilla Ice years earlier.

Brett Clarkson



Literary reviews from the throne

Thanksgiving usually means eating great portions of food that you would otherwise never eat.

There I was, several hours after making my own contribution to the depletion of the world's turkey population, when nature came calling.

In my frenzy to reach the marble throne I had forgotten to pick up something to read. Damn.

Once again I found myself in the most terrible of situations for a male. Was I just supposed to sit there?

So I resorted to the most desperate of measures and read the labels, instructions and ingredients of any bottle I could find.

The Life brand hairspray bottle was terribly boring, with only a label and a very strange precaution containing words like flammable and dangerous.

Defeated, I cut short my visit and returned to the outside world.

In the interest of all men, I pres-

ent a list of reading materials that every washroom should contain.

First there must be a general interest magazine such as *McLean's* or *Time* that is no more than two weeks old.

There should also be an entertainment magazine such as *People* or *Vanity Fair*.

A must have is a magazine with plenty of pictures. I must stress that skin magazines are not appropriate. *National Geographic* is an excellent choice.

For the more esoteric household I suggest a copy of the current *Farmer's Almanac* - a quaint journal that offers a sampling of weather patterns for the year, horoscopes, gardening tips, and short, interesting articles.

The rules for books are murkier. No fiction or poetry books. They are too long and difficult to comprehend for the situation at hand.

There should be a book of

Carlo Corbo



facts/information or a book of quotes. A personal favorite is Wordsworth's *Book of Days*: a delightful book that informs the reader of all the important people born and events that occurred on a particular day. Though at times I find it quite discouraging to read that someone was inventing the telephone on the same day as I am....well never mind.

This is not a comprehensive list, but nonetheless it is a good start to make those visits with Mother Nature a tad more interesting.

Who let the Transport Ministry out?

If the Transportation Ministry is trying to find out if we can handle Ontario roads, they should treat us like real drivers. Instead of testing our blind-spot-checking in the G2 exit test, they should test our weaving.

Instead of checking our parallel parking, they should check how quickly we can find spots in a packed parking lot.

The ideal test of our driving would be on snowy roads. We should be asked to find the closest Tim Horton's drive-thru. If we can pull in, order coffee and a snack-pack of TimBits, and drive away, we should automatically pass.

Our fee should be half refunded if we can drive on the highway while changing radio stations and drinking coffee. That's how we really are behind the wheel.

Unfortunately, the road test is artificial. My examiners are always people I would never allow in my car if they weren't directly responsible for getting my licence. The rules they test me on are so archaic that I only found out about some of them when they showed up as errors on my last road test attempt.

The process should have taken two years and \$100. It took me four years and a little over \$300, but close enough, right?

I may not like the system but I'm not stupid. If I wanted my licence, I had to bite the bullet and pretend I'm competent.

After all this, how did I do?

The examiner found a few missed blind-spot checks, a left turn without immediately moving to the right lane, and a right turn without looking. So I don't watch

for people and I drive on the left.

Here's what the examiner missed. I ran four yellow lights that turned into reds before I cleared the intersection. I drove 60 in a school zone. Two minutes into my test, I nearly hit a pedestrian.

At the end of the test, I pulled in to a parking spot, turned off my engine and awaited the bad news.

"Well," the examiner said, "That's a pass."

Don't you feel safer on the roads already?

Nicole Montreuil



Word on the Street

How are you going spend your \$200 tax refund check?



Nicholas Siever
 Television
 First year

- "I won't get one, but if I did, I'd get a couple of DVDs



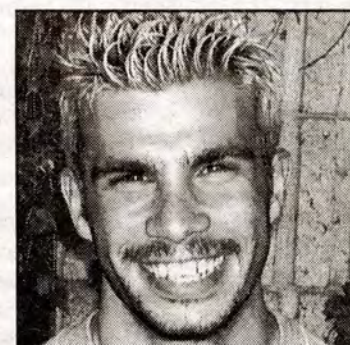
Anna Tripodo
 Law Clerk
 First year

- "Music, CDs, and oh yeah, lingerie"



Lyroy Brown
 General Arts and Science
 First year

- BILLS!"



Jesse Calabro
 Business Administration
 Third year

- "Hookers, lotsa hookers"

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"Traditional student markets don't exist."

-see virtual

A company in Taiwan makes dinnerware out of wheat, so you can eat the plate.

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Cars online not making a big splash with consumers

by Brad Horn

In an effort to attract the Internet savvy consumer, Ford and General Motors vehicles can now be purchased online with the click of a mouse.

Linked from their existing Web sites, GM's Buy Centre and Ford's Buyer Connection allow consumers to research, select, and even set up financing for their next new vehicle.

"A lot of people are saying they don't like the hassle of going back and forth or they don't like the unknown," said Jim Brickell, sales consultant for Ed Learn Ford. "So this is a way of getting a fair price right up front and not going through any of the hassles that are traditionally associated with buying a car."

Visiting either one of these sites, the Buy Centre linked from www.gmcanada.com or Buyer Connection linked from www.ford.ca, consumers can select a car, browse the inventories of dealerships, and even place an order for a vehicle.

The request is sent to a dealership, which then contacts the buyer over the phone and invites them down to the showroom.

Ford's Buyer Connection is considered a pilot project. Only three vehicles are currently offered online, the Focus, Taurus and Windstar. Brickell says Ford has seen growth in the number of online users, and is planning to

add more vehicles to the site this month, such as the new Sport Utility, the Escape.

GM's Buy Centre follows the same lines, offering all of the company's cars and trucks for purchase online, Ralph Goralczyk, sales consultant for Woodbine Pontiac Buick GMC, says the idea will probably never catch on.



BRAD HORN

NO SALE-online sales slow

"I don't see any benefits except you will find the vehicle and find out about the options", Goralczyk said. "I don't believe cars as a product will sell at great liberty on the Internet. You can buy a CD [online] because you know the content or a book because it is a product you know what to expect from. The car, it's a little more intimate."

Brickell says Buyer Connection is a valuable resource when doing research on a new car, but the only way to really tell if a vehicle is right is to go for a testdrive.

"We try to invite test drives," Brickell said. "Although online is

good for collecting information, practical aspects, such as do you feel comfortable in the seat, do you properly fit in it, can you see, are not things you can determine online."

According to Goralczyk, the General Motors Web site "is not a tool that leads to an immediate sale, it is more awareness about the vehicle."

"Nothing will replace the knowledge of the salesperson or the touching and driving of the vehicle. Until you stretch your arms and touch the pedals you don't know if this car is for you," he said.

There is no sale or price break offered as incentive to online buyers. According to Goralczyk, a consumer may have a better chance at a discount if they come down to the lot in person.

"The pricing is the same because the prices you see on the Web site are usually the mainstream advertising," Goralczyk said. "Sometimes dealers are offering promos like on clearance cars and those might sell for less."

In the end the showroom cannot be avoided. Financing and paper work cannot be done over the phone so a buyer must meet with a salesperson at some point.

Despite this, Brickell says, if the consumer uses the Web site for nothing more than gathering information on the car they want to buy, it might help to make the salesperson a little less intimidating.

Universities going virtual

by Carlo Corbo

Imagine completing a Masters degree from the comfort of your own home. In this age of the virtual world, it is now possible.

The Canadian Virtual University, a partnership of seven Canadian universities that have pooled their resources to offer online and distance education degrees, opened its doors on September 29.

"We provide learning with as many options as possible," said Executive Director Vicky Bush.

The virtual university offers the students the opportunity to receive diplomas, certificates and degrees including a Masters degree all online or through correspondence.

Athabasca University, BC Open University, Brandon University, Laurentian University, Royal Roads University, the University of Manitoba, and the University of Victoria have formed a partnership in offering these services.

The CVU does not grant degrees as the universities themselves will grant the degrees, but will act as an organizing and administrating body as well as being a portal to the universities.

"We [will] provide links to complete programs," said Bush.

All seven universities will offer students the choice of 1,500 university courses, including 200 online that can be combined to complete 100 recognized university credentials.

Last year these universities received over 100,000 distance education course registrations.

The courses will be adminis-

tered online, via e-mail, teleconferencing, video, audio tapes, and regular mail. According to Bush, this is the direction education is heading.

"Traditional student markets don't exist," said Bush.

Bush said the Canadian Virtual University will assist those who cannot attend on-campus classes, such as full-time workers, stay-at-home parents, or people with several jobs.

"There are many adult learners who are working full time and realize they need to complete a degree to enhance their career opportunities," said Bush. "This is something they can work on part time."

Bush said the business world is supporting their endeavor.

"Business leaders were one of the first to accept this," said Bush. "It is more feasible for business."

She also said the Canadian Virtual University plans to include more universities with new programs in the future.

Anyone wishing to register can log on to www.cvu-uvic.ca, and can obtain information and arrange transfer credits from other institutions. There is no fee involved.

Students will pay the normal fees to the university for the courses in which they register. A BA comprised of 20 courses will cost roughly \$750 for each course amounting to \$15,000 in total tuition fees. The amounts differ slightly for each university involved.

Governments crack down on cell phone laws in effort to protect users from the risk of cancer

by Marlon Colthrust

Cellular phones may cause cancer. This is the warning that some governments such as Israel and South Africa are petitioning to have put on the packaging of cellular phones.

Cell phone handsets and base antenna towers in recent years have been blamed for causing cancer.

Most of the suspicion is based on the fear of electromagnetic radiation from cell phones and its potential link to cancer.

The fact that radiation is invisible, intangible, and enters and leaves our bodies without our knowledge makes it even more intimidating.

The only trouble with this fear is

that there is no conclusive evidence to back it up.

"There is no way to easily demonstrate the effects of electromagnetic radiation in the lab," said Dr Andrew Rauth, a cancer radiation professor at the University of Toronto.

"Everyone knows there is some sort of connection between electromagnetic radiation and our health, but there is no proof," Rauth said.

So why the continuing paranoia?

The problem, according to James Walsh, author of *True Odds: How Risk Affects your Everyday Life*, is that information about risk is often presented in a misleading way.

Consumers jump to conclusions that the available data doesn't support.

In his book, Walsh examines the gap between the data about the risks created by cell phone radiation and the public's perception of that risk.

"You can establish the exposure of human tissue to certain types of radiation causes abnormal tissue growth," says Walsh. "It's also true that a cell phone causes some level of radiation."

Walsh says both statements are true, but that doesn't mean cell phone radiation causes abnormal tissue growth.

The debate over the risks of cell phone radiation is unlikely to subside any time soon.

In September of 1998, Britain's House of Commons' Science and Technology Committee recommended that more money be devoted

to research into the health risks of cell phones.

The committee did not claim that any health risk had been proven, but rather further research was justified.

Israel, South Africa, and several European countries are passing bills forcing cell phone companies to list the potential health risk of cell phones on cell phone packaging.

"Anything in moderation can't hurt," said Andrea Fernades, a second-year Nursing student.

Fernades said she only uses her phone in cases of emergency, or when she's expecting an important call.

"I don't leave my phone on all day and all night like some people do," Fernades said.



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NO FEAR-Despite the risks, students still enjoy using their cell phones, and don't plan to stop.

The electric chair was invented by a dentist.
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"The people that frighten me are the people I want to work with."
-see Internet guru

Recycling one glass jar saves enough energy to watch tv for three hours.
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Internet guru brings unique style to Humber

by Martin Currums

With his wide pants, wild hair, and unique style, Internet guru Simon Waterfall, captivated an audience of web design and e-business hopefuls.

Simon Waterfall, co-founder of Deepgroup, a multimedia solutions company presented his vision to Humber students earlier this month. What was assumed to be a traditional "better business seminar" turned into a colourful and entertaining presentation about being creative and having fun.

"Technology is transportation, design is communication. Why are we here? It's not about selling. It's about being creative, having fun, attitude, aptitude, and passion," Waterfall said.

Using colourful linguistic and professional knowledge of e-business and communication, Waterfall told Humber students they were born at the right time to take advantage of emerging opportunities in the multimedia world. He used several short music videos containing flash animations and various web page samplings to illustrate what his company has produced, and projects for the future.

"The people that frighten me are the people I want to work with," Waterfall said.

Waterfall, together with David Streek and Gary Lockton, founded Deepend in 1994.

Today, Deepend has grown from a staff of five to 87. With six offices world wide including New York, Australia, and recently Toronto, Deepend has become just one facet of many multimedia com-

panies which all come together under Deepgroup.

Humber students were excited to hear that Waterfall was to appear at Humber.

"When we heard that Simon would be speaking at several Toronto Universities and colleges, 10 minutes later we were on the phone arranging for him to speak to Humber

students," said Tom Green, Interactive Multimedia program co-ordinator at Humber.

Simon conveyed the importance of fun in an individual's profession and that his accomplishments were not about the money but rather money was a bonus. With projects such as interactive television, multimedia

game-developments, and support for up-and-coming technologies such as broadband, handheld and wireless technologies, Deepgroup is at the cutting edge. Waterfall is at the forefront.

"Do it with your heart and have confidence the key to creativity is failure," Waterfall said.




MARTIN CURRUMS


HERE KITTY-Simon Waterfall speaks of his vision to eager students.




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ON THE AIR – Pauts hard at work

DJ living life on The Edge

by Ann-Marie Colacino

The Edge, 102.1 disc jockey Maie Pauts encourages radio broadcast work for anyone who has the drive for it.

However, getting experience and low pay are difficulties a beginning radio broadcaster may face, said Pauts.

"Financially it was really hard," Pauts said. "It does get good and that's the thing; it gets much better, but it takes a while to get to that point."

The host of The Edge midday show advises that getting experience is vital.

"It's important to get experience ... sometimes you have to go to a small market first, but I was able to do that while still living in Toronto," Pauts said. "But why it's important to go to a smaller station first is that it really allows you to have a lot of different positions."

Pauts began her career in Toronto working for Canada News

Wire Service then for CKMW, a station that shared a building with CFNY. After being invited to do some commercial voice work, Pauts was hired by CFNY, now known as 102.1 The Edge.

"The station has been through a lot of ownership changes so I always joke about it and say, you know, I didn't have to leave because the owners kept changing," Pauts said.

The Toronto-born radio announcer graduated from the radio and television arts program at Ryerson and, after flirting with the idea of a television career, Pauts discovered her true passion – radio.

"Sometimes as you go through school, you sort of find out what you have a natural affinity for," she said. "And being a good yacker, I was pretty confident with being on the microphone."

Pauts has worked for The Edge for 12 years now, moving through a variety of positions such as assistant music director, morning shows DJ, and Live in Toronto host.

But middays remain the slot she loves most.

"I like the shift because of the hours, it does leave me free for other freelance work as well. It's a good shift for that ... I love it," she said.

Currently Pauts is involved in a variety of broadcast work such as voice work for CTV, radio commercials, and freelance.

Pauts has been working middays for about eight years now and said she does eventually want to move on. She isn't sure what she's going to do next except that it will still be on air.

Middays with Maie Pauts run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., which also includes the All Request Nooner between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. For more information visit the Edge Web site at www.edge102.com.

Good price, good games, good time

by Carcia Campbell

If you have 10 bucks, you can sky dive, water ski, or bungee jump.

In reality it seems impossible, but in the virtual reality of Mississauga's Playdium anything is possible for a decent price.

Since 1996, Mississauga has hosted one of the most high tech, interactive entertainment sites in the country, with over 200 games and activities at the \$17 million amusement park.

Playdium Consultant, Roisin McGlynn, said the Playdium is a growing venture with 45 locations across Canada.

"Mississauga and Toronto are the most popular locations. We offer new games every week due to the amount of games we get, so you'll never come and see the same games all the time," McGlynn said.

For the kids, Playdium offers a playroom and a section of three-foot high video games built to suit the height of a four-year old.

For the daredevils, Playdium offers Speed Zone, an interactive game where players can challenge Indy drivers on the Virtua Indy Indianapolis racetrack. Thrill seekers enjoy the Simulation Zone where gamers can strap on skis and race down a choice of Olympic race courses.

In a partnership with the Toronto Blue Jays, Playdium features the Blue Jays Club House where you can practise your baseball skills in interactive batting cages.

The Playdium also has a dance simulator that simulates your own dance moves, alongside regular shoot 'em-up video games.

Professionals would enjoy the two corporate meeting lounges complete with food, licensed beverage service, and the latest audiovisual equipment.

Grehim Thompson, visiting from England, said not only is Playdium affordable, but it proves video games are no longer just for kids.

"It doesn't matter how old you are. If you're 60 it doesn't really matter. There's all kinds of people here. Businessmen coming for lunch and all that ... you could probably get some pensioners in here," Thompson said.

Playdium also offers the companionship of the playmasters, who master every game in the building and offer strategy advice.

In the summer months the Playdium opens their outdoor playground with mountain climbing and visiting musical acts.



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COURTESY

THEM BOYS IS ROCK STARS – Byrne (above) and the whole I Mother Earth gang (below, l-r) Christian Tanna, Bruce Gordon, Byrne, and Jag Tanna



COURTESY

by Valeria Sladojevic-Sola

From medicine to music, Brian Byrne is now filling the void behind the microphone of Toronto's alternative-rock band I Mother Earth (IME).

With all the vigor and energy of a "wild chicken", the shaggy-blond Byrne has shocked and wowed audiences on his first official tour with the band.

"I have a weird shaped body ... I look like a chicken ... and dance like a chicken," said Byrne in a matter-of-fact tone.

At the age of 18, Byrne and two of his best friends left high school and drove west, a sabbatical he called his "find myself trip." Find himself he did. After his return, Byrne attended Sir Wilfred Memorial University, Newfoundland's "greatest and only university," only to give up medical studies to try his luck in the music biz in Toronto.

And did he luck out.

With the release of I Mother Earth's album, *Blue Green Orange*, featuring Byrne, he validates his worth as a vocalist and performer.

From the raw and gritty vocals on the first single 'Summertime in the Void' to the sexy strains on 'My Beautiful Deep End,' he has proved to be a perfect match for the notorious range of sounds I Mother Earth is known to explore.

Byrne was born in 1975 in Labrador City. At the age of three, Brian and his parents moved to Steadybrook, where he lived, as he describes "at the foothills of Marble Mountain."

Eldest of three children, Brian is the only of his siblings with a career in music.

"They can carry a tune, but they're not looking for a career in singing or anything like that," Byrne said of his

21-year-old sister and 19-year-old brother.

From a young age, Byrne began vocal training, "always in choirs" he explains. "As I got more and more involved in music I got more training."

Due to his dare-devil fearlessness when it came to sports, Byrne earned the nickname "Mad Dog" at the age of 14.

"I would try anything first," he said, referring to a difficult off-ramp bike jump.

But Mad Dog is only one of Byrne's many nicknames. To close friends he is known as Beege, Byrnsy, Mad Dog, and most recently Chicken Boy, given to him by the guys of IME (Jag Tanna, Bruce Gordon, and Christian Tanna) for his spazziness on stage, and referring to his high-energy psychedelic dance moves.

After a year and a half of living in the big city, the move proved to be a gamble worth taking because IME selected his demo tape from the hundreds sent in during the search for a new vocalist in 1997.

"It was like starting a relationship. You know they're not seeing anyone else and you're not seeing anyone else, only you just haven't committed yet," Byrne said, describing the nerve-racking trial period before the guys made him an official member of IME.

But it was a fluke that Byrne was chosen. Like the vast majority of applicants, his demo tape was rejected, tossed aside due to the poor recording quality and an odd looking Sears passport photo. It was not until a trusted mutual friend of Byrne's and the Tanna's passed the recording along that the tape was given a listen. Byrne auditioned with songs by Van Morrison, Jeff Buckley, and Bjork. He chose songs with off-

kilter vocals and weird timing, and nailed it.

Byrne's high-intensity raspy vocals were only a part of the package that earned him a spot in the band. The mild mannered and charismatic character behind the voice is what sold him.

Only it was not all fun and games for the then 22-year-old 'new guy.'

"It was exciting because it was a relatively big deal...but there was a lot of pressure," said Byrne. It was "kind of difficult" having to fill the shoes of Edwin, I Mother Earth's former lead singer.

During the recording of *Blue Green Orange*, Byrne remembers moments of tears when the pressure was on.

"I would go home crying [and think] Oh my god, this is the demise of I Mother Earth," he said in retrospect. "If you're really, really passionate about something those emotions will come ... [but] I don't think you can ever be disappointed in hard work."

Having a "Rock Star asshole" complex, Byrne believes will "come back and bite you in the ass." Byrne turned down his first invitation to the Juno Music Awards because of the "politics of it all...I didn't feel like going. I thought it was silly," he said.

Byrne's sense of humour preceded his reputation when asked, "So what really excites you ...?"

He chuckled.

"What excites me, huh?"

Unfortunately there was no reply. Maybe next time.

I Mother Earth has cancelled the last two shows of their tour due to illness. After consulting with specialists, Byrne has been diagnosed with hemorrhaged vocal cords. No rescheduled dates have been released. For more information check www.imotherearth.com.

Better actor than chanteuse

by Steven Cox

When I first heard that Bjork was making a movie, and it was a musical, I never thought I would even get in line, let alone think it would be one of the best movies I have seen all year.

I have to start by saying that I think Bjork's voice sounds like a cat in a blender in the middle of a room where people are scratching their nails on chalkboards.

I have a friend who is her biggest fan and I have been stuck in his car many times listening to her so-called music. For the last year and a half, I had to hear my friend go on and on and on about Bjork's movie. He talked about it so much that I began to get curious about it. Then it took home two prizes at Cannes and I my curiosity grew stronger.

Dancer in the Dark, directed by Lars Von Trier (*Breaking the*

Waves), is filmed with hand held cameras on digital film. When the film first starts it seems very amateurish, but soon after you adjust and it becomes beautiful to look at. Von Trier is a very stylish filmmaker.

Bjork's character, Selma, is a single mother, Czechoslovakian immigrant living in Washington state in the mid '60s. She suffers from a hereditary disease that is causing her to go blind and is trying to make enough money to save her son from the same fate.

Selma works in a factory as a printing press operator alongside Katherine Deneuve, who plays her best friend. Selma is a big fan of movie musicals, and it is her ability to hear music in everything that leads to the film's musical numbers.

I have to admit I really liked the music in this movie and Bjork's voice really works here.

This movie takes you on an emotional ride, with the melodrama of murder and trauma, bringing a few people in the theatre to tears.

The film is so well acted and directed that you get past the melodrama quickly. Musicals are not made very often any more, but if they can all be like this, I say make more.

The musical numbers are perfectly staged and elaborate. A natural born actor, Bjork gives one of the strongest performances on film in a long time.

This film has some great performances from great actors including Joel Gray and David Morse, but Bjork stands out. She has said she will never act again, but I think she is one person who should quit her day job.

Dancer in the Dark is not the best film I have seen all year but it does come close.



COURTESY

AN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIR – Deneuve, Bjork, Lars

HEALTH *et cetera*

"I'm a superwoman and anyone can do what I'm doing with motivation and focus."

— Nature Blackman
See "Humber student"

"Food is not just a biological need, it is a cultural need."

— Wayne Roberts
See "Food"

Food more than just nourishment

by Erin Lippens

Community leaders from across the country came to Toronto during World Food Day last week. The discussions main focus was the economies neglect of a spiritual connection to the earth and distorting views on ecological issues.

About 300 people packed the St. Lawrence Centre forum on Oct. 12 for the discussion moderated by Wayne Roberts of the Toronto Food Policy Council.

World Food Day is held in several different cities across the country. Different cultures hold forums on the importance of food.

They also discuss nutritional elements and information on distinct foods from their area and culture.

Even though it was the 19th annual World Food Day, Roberts said most people still concentrate on eating fast and frozen foods rather than fresh foods, and think of food as only a physical nourishment.

"Food is not just a biological need, it is a cultural need, and that is why we come together for World Food Day. It is a gift and a blessing, not just a commodity, and it is about learning our relationship to nature," he said.

The City of Toronto's Food and Hunger Action Committee created a report in May titled *Planting the Seeds*. The report states many people in Toronto who can afford fresh

foods don't eat properly because of their jobs or because they don't live close to one of the few fresh food stores within the city.

"People no longer know how to cook for themselves as our grandparents once did," Roberts said. "It is now a specialized skill, not something that is a matter course. Students no longer learn how to cook in home economics because that subject is gone."

There is also concern for the health of those who rely on pre-packaged foods. The Toronto Food Policy Council said 60 to 70 per cent of chronic diseases are linked to poor diet.

"We're not talking about starvation here, we're talking about using fresh ingredients to make more nutritious food," Roberts told the panel.

Anemia, cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and hypertension are all related to diet.

Toronto sits in a very fertile agricultural area, with many farms lying on its borders. Yet the city report cites a major lack of farmer's markets. For the whole population of Toronto, there are only 12. The locations include the St. Lawrence Market, Yorkdale, some on Queen Street in the Kensington Market area, Nathan Phillips Square, and Mel Lastman Square. People not living near these areas rely on other means of food.

There are people in the city who would like to have a garden to grow their own fresh vegetables, but say Toronto lacks the ground space.

"I just don't trust eating anything that comes out of my little backyard garden. What if it's contaminated or something?" a York University student asked the panel.

She said whatever space there is to grow fresh foods there is the risk of ground contamination because

of the city's toxins, and she points out that healthy food habits are not properly exhibited to young people.

"Look around the schools. With lots of little contests and draws, the prize is always free pizza from Pizza Pizza or coupons for Whoppers at Burger King. Why is that?"

Millions of dollars are spent on promoting big companies that provide snacks and fast foods.

Commercials and billboards are the main culprit, according to Roberts.

"It's all about money. These people have to get their message out the loudest to make more money, regardless of health risks," he said.

The Food and Hunger Action Committee will release a second report next spring, and organizers hope their efforts will pay off in healthier eating habits.



MELANIE JUSTASON

FRESH IS BEST — The Food and Hunger Action Committee says fruits and vegetables from fresh markets, such as this one in Kensington Market, are better for you.

Humber student shares pregnancy with Life

by Alexis Zgud

Imagine being filmed at the most life-changing and private time of your life.

One of Humber's own took the challenge and is featured as just one of the 11 women on Life Network's

new television show, *Life's Birth Stories*.

The premier episode, which aired Sept. 25, focuses on the lives of three unique women: Cheryl, former drug addict and exotic dancer, Tracey, who teaches aerobics five times a week and is married to a

lawyer, and Humber student, Nature Blackman. She is a first-year post grad Law Clerk student and a single mother of two children.

Blackman, a former Accelerated Journalism student who left the program when she found out she was pregnant, became involved with *Birth Stories* to help her get into the entertainment industry.

Camera crews began documenting Blackman's pregnancy in January and are still filming her and her now 7-month old daughter. Though many people would find cameras on them intrusive, Blackman said they were anything but.

"It was nothing to be nervous about. I was just sharing myself, talking to a friend," Blackman said.

Fifty to 60 people were initially interviewed for the show, and from those, the most interesting 11 women were chosen. Each come from different backgrounds and each has a different story to tell.

Producers went to great lengths to find the right women for the show, said *Life's Birth Stories* series producer Leslie Fruman.

"We talked with health care professionals, midwives, anywhere you'd find pregnant women. We wanted people who could tell different kinds of stories," Fruman said.

Blackman notes that the diversity among the group of women allows the show to appeal to a more

general audience. While she didn't have many things in common with some of other women on the show, they all shared the bond of motherhood.

"They are all so different, but all so the same. We all have a lot to talk about," she said.

The show, according to Fruman, is intended to be about "a bunch of interesting women having babies" and not a medical show. It tries to focus on the struggles and triumphs of pregnant women.

"It was nothing to be nervous about. I was just sharing myself, talking to a friend."

— Nature Blackman

"We are trying to get a peek at the human condition through these women's eyes," Fruman said.

Cindy Witten, executive producer of *Life's Birth Stories*, said the show fits nicely into Life Network's nightly schedule.

"On Life, we have a block of programs called Real Life Stories about real people with real life issues. Pregnancy is a life-altering moment for people so it was an obvious program for us to produce," Witten said.

The show is done in Cinema Verité style, in which subjects speak

openly and candidly to the camera, with narration as the only external commentary.

Witten said this style allows viewers to become connected to the subjects.

"It's more personal, more immediate. It doesn't have the filter of a mediator," she said.

This style also allows viewers to make their own judgments.

"People can decide what they think about these women, their situations, and how their lives are progressing," Fruman said.

Blackman isn't interested in how people react to her situation; all she wants to do is provide a good life for her children.

Blackman is determined not to allow her children to go through the struggles she went through as a child.

Besides going to school, Blackman works full-time and is starting a business.

"Each thing I do in my life is a life within itself," she said.

But she stresses that although her schedule is hectic, anyone can do what she can if they have the will.

"I'm a superwoman and anyone can do what I'm doing with motivation and focus," she said.

The 12-part series airs on Life Network on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday nights at 8 p.m.

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"New vehicles can go several years between rust proofing applications, but vehicles 10 years and older should be oiled every two years."

- See Preventative Maintenance

LIFESTYLES et cetera

Preventative maintenance for your car to make driving a breeze

by David Franzese

Preparing yourself for a long, winter drive is more important than preparing your car or truck.

Every driver is encouraged to carry an emergency kit in their vehicle that consists of safety and first aid items. A perfectly maintained car won't help the driver much after a collision or during a snowstorm when roads are blocked. Vlado Demianenko says students are rarely prepared for long, winter drives.

"You can't go - in January or February, when there is a big storm - north of Toronto three or four hundred kilometres with a Visa card. At least have a cell phone and some cash. Protecting the people is much more important," he said.

Demianenko is the owner of Oakdale Auto Repair, and a mechanic in North York. He stresses the importance of being ready for the unexpected.

"Don't protect the car. Protect the people in the car," he said.

While he agrees that it is especially important to drive a sound vehicle in the winter months, he believes maintenance should be done at regular intervals, not just during season changes.

"Headlights and lights should be working [all the] time. In the winter, fog is going to be coming," he said.

Something to be cautious of when driving in fog on dark streets north of the city is using the high beams. Fog reflects bright light and further reduces the driver's visibility. Fog lights are the most effective lights to use, along with the headlights of course, when driving through fog.

When the driver is prepared to hit the road, they are ready to prepare their vehicle for safe driving.

Rust proofing is the most popular winter maintenance task, but the body is only one part of the vehicle that needs



DAVID FRANZESE

HOW MUCH THIS TIME?— Mario Garcia, a mechanic at Sacko, has 16 years of experience fixing cars.

attention. The tires, suspension, brakes and engine are some of the many things that need to be working properly in order for the car to provide safe and reliable transportation. With everything working

as a system, if any item is not in good condition, the entire system is at risk of failure.

Lin Chan of Sacko Auto & Tire Services in North York explained the dripless, oil-spraying method of rust proofing:

"First we check the car over. If it is dirty, we clean it and then we let it air dry. Next we lift the car up on a hoist. We spray underneath first," she said.

"We'll check all the doors and see if the manufacturer put [in] a hole for spraying. If there is no hole, then we have to drill one. We ask the customer for their permission when we're going to drill so we can spray inside the door. We put a plug in the hole after spraying," Chan said.

"Dripless oil means there's a chemical - some are oil based, some are not, some are strictly oil, some are just a chemical.

"We use clear-coloured spray for anything that's not underneath [the car]. Underneath it's black. After everything's been sprayed, wean the car again to remove the overspray," Chan said.

New vehicles can go several years between rust proofing applications, but vehicles 10 years and older should be oil-sprayed every two years to ensure adequate protection from the elements.

The road salt used on city streets can damage car bodies and suspensions much more than sand alone (typically used on country roads and highways in northern communities).

Demianenko is an advocate of preventative maintenance.

According to him, paying to maintain a car on a regular basis is not only cheaper but also safer.

"If you're stuck in the north, it may cost you your life," he said.

Car Maintenance Checklist

Be sure to check the following:

- coolant/anti-freeze, thermostat
- tires - winter tires on all four wheels, not just the drive-wheels
- spark plugs and wires
- suspension - car should not bounce over bumps
- brakes - all should work evenly and smoothly
- headlights and lights - all should be working properly
- windshield washer fluid - 4L can be used during 100 km of driving
- heater - be sure it works!
- exhaust - check for leaks, loose, rusted parts
- door seals - spray them with silicone to prevent them from sticking to the door frame in cold weather

Battery:

- use more battery power when heater is on
- on cold days (-30 Celsius), a new battery will only have 40 per cent of its advertised performance

Oil:

- thinner oil (lower 'W' number) ex. 5W30 is better than 10W30 in the winter
- check for leaks, oil being burned by engine

Keyholes:

- keep them free of ice and snow
- use a keyhole defroster when key will not go in hole

Gasoline Antifreeze:

- one small bottle protects a tank of gas
- use it only during extremely cold conditions

Useful Extras:

- blanket, candy, candles, food, drinks, gloves, flashlight, tire chains (for cottage country driving only), booster cables, spare tire and necessary tools.

Is it just your imagination or is there a hidden message?

by Brianne Thom

By opening up a magazine or turning on a TV, consumers unleash the possibility of being bombarded with subliminal sex messages. However, it's all in the eye of the beholder.

In 1957, James Vicary piqued human interest after claiming to increase popcorn sales by 58 per cent and Coke sales by 18 per cent by flashing the words Drink Coca-Cola and Hungry-Eat Popcorn during a movie.

Professor Tom Aikens, teaches a Foundations of Advertising course at Georgian College, and believes in the concept of subliminal messaging to a certain extent.

"The concept is possible, but there is so much more that goes into the decision of buying a product," Aikens said.

Subliminal messaging is done at such a minimal level and so disguised by other sounds and pictures that it usually can't be detected.

The Little Mermaid, *Aladdin* and *The Lion King* are just some Walt Disney films that have had many claims of sexual pictures and phrases spotted.

The original cover for *The Little Mermaid* featured a golden palace where one of the towers looked to be the shape of a penis. Also, during the first wedding in the film, the priest was apparently sporting an erection during the ceremony.

In the October 24, 1995 issue of *The Wall Street Journal*, Anna Runge, a mother of eight and former die-hard Disney fan, was just one of the people that started the subliminal sex messaging Disney allegations, saying that the line in the *Aladdin* movie was "all good teenagers take off your clothes."

The Wall Street Journal also stated that Disney spokesman Rick Rhoades, said the line in *Aladdin* is "scat, good tiger, take off and go."

And in *The Lion King* the word sex is spelled out in a cloud of dust.

In the mid 1970s, author Wilson Key became well known for his works on subliminal messaging. He said the messages are done so skillfully the average person does not notice them unless they're pointed out.

Some messages in the media are not on the subliminal level, however, they do have hidden meanings.

According to the textbook, *Exploring The Dimensions Of Human Sexuality*, cigarette ads starting in the 1930s used words such as "longer, firmer, rounder and more pleasing." Sales executives felt that these ads led to good sales because it associated cigarettes to penises.

Before cars started being made smaller, ads stated that "real men wanted long cars," now attractive women are usually associated with these car ads.

Messages are done so skillfully the average person does not notice them unless they're pointed out.

-Wilson Key

Aikens said he has heard numbers as high as 90 per cent of all liquor ads produce sexual messages.

He uses an ad for Gilbey's Gin as an example in his advertising class where the word sex appeared illuminated in three ice cubes.

Aikens doesn't buy into the idea that subliminal messaging can make a person buy a product, but said he does believe that subliminal stimuli can cause a like or dislike reaction.

"The concept of subliminal messaging is possible, but the technical advances are so good now that advertisers can't get away with it," he said.

Alison Birnie, a first-year Advertising student at Georgian College, said she believes subliminal messaging is out there but that it doesn't do anything.

"I think that the [people] making the ads [that have subliminal messages in it] have a little too much time on their hands," Birnie said.

Subliminal messages may be on their way out with all of the technical advances in the media today.

Designers may not feel that it's worth the risk to throw in the odd sexual picture anymore, and may just rely on their artistic ability to keep the audience interested.

SPECIAL

et cetera

"A car collided into our cruiser, pinning the other officer between the car and the rail, smashing his leg."

-Constable, Phil Harris

We are among everyday heroes

by Chad Currier

Imagine going to work everyday with the risk of personal danger and possible risk to life.

"Day-to-day police work compromises an officer's personal safety," said Constable Bill Steed, a 25-year veteran who has never pulled his firearm. Officers respond to a variety of calls. Domestic disputes rank among the most dangerous due to flared tempers and uncontrollable stress levels, he added.

Traffic duty, though perceived to be fairly safe, has proven to be dangerous, said 27-year veteran Constable Phil Harris.

This past Monday, two Metro police officers were injured when their police cruiser collided head-on with a Honda Civic during a high-speed pursuit along Weston Road at 1 a.m. One of the six passengers in the Civic was killed. Details of the police injuries are under investigation by Ontario's Special Investigations Unit.

Harris worked traffic on the Don Valley and Gardiner Expressways for more than five years. He remembers one close call.

"I saw an enormous garbage

truck come barreling down the expressway," said Harris. "A [truck towing] rope hung from the back, flapping in the wind. The dangling rope came whizzing past my head."

He recalled later that if the rope had wrapped around him, or even struck him, he would have been seriously, if not fatally, injured.

On another occasion during traffic duty, Harris witnessed two accidents involving other police officers.

"One night [on the Don Valley] I was working with an officer who was hit by an oncoming vehicle at a great speed. I knew right there he was dead," said Harris. "Another time [myself and another officer] were setting up flares at an accident [on the Gardiner]. A car collided into our cruiser, pinning the other officer between the car and the rail, smashing his leg."

Harris believed the officer had seen the car coming, but the only other option was to make the 90-foot leap down onto Cherry Street.

Justin Cooper is a first-year Humber College Police Foundations student. When he finishes college he wants to be a Metro police officer. He said he is not really concerned about his own person-

al safety on the job, but is willing to concede that "there are some crazy people out there."

Hundreds of Canadian police officers were killed on-duty in Canada's history, and the Slain Peace Officer's monument in Ottawa honours their commitment. During the Peace Tower ceremonies in the second half of September they are remembered, said Alberta Royal Canadian Mounted Police superintendent Dennis Massey.

"Firefighters combat blazes, construction work is done at great heights...it's all part of the job," said Steed.

Toronto Fire Services unveiled a monument this year on Oct 1 to honour 141 Metro Toronto firefighters who have died heroically defending lives and property. The monument, at Fire Station #9 located at 339 Queen's Quay West, is a bronzed firefighter holding a baby in a blanket. At the base are bronzed flames nipping the firefighter's heels. William Thornton, in 1848, was the first Toronto firefighter to be killed. Thornton, a volunteer, perished after being trapped underneath a collapsed wall.

Humber College Fire and

Emergency program students don't fully understand the dangers that go along with the job at first, said program coordinator Ian Sim. But both theory and practical instruction enforce this. Students leave qualified and sure of their abilities.

"A call expected to be simple can turn out to be the worst," said Sim, who was a firefighter for 30 years in Etobicoke before becoming the program coordinator four years ago. "You must anticipate changes...moments that could have gone the other way make you more cautious."

Fire Services North Division Commander Andrew Kostiuik said his early years operating hoses from trucks were the most dangerous.

"Once, my partner and I had to

bring the hoses into a burning commercial building's front door," said Kostiuik. "We heard an immense bang, but thought nothing of it [during the commotion]."

After the firefighters had extinguished the blaze, they found that the sound came from a 600 pound air conditioner unit that had fallen just a few feet away from the building's entrance.

"We didn't think anything of it at the time," said Kostiuik. "We just said, 'Wow, were we lucky,' and joked about it with colleagues."

Occupational dangers are a reality for community service work and helping people. However, both police officers and firefighters said that their sense of accomplishment far outweigh the personal risks.



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Mike Katz and his b-ball squad open up their exhibition season with an impressive win over Queen's University Golden Gaels.

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The Humber Hawks men's hockey team will be taking part in the Peter Maybury Cup tournament at Westwood Arena, Oct. 20 to Oct. 22.

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Despite loss, Hawks still capture division

by John Edwards

The Humber Hawks men's soccer team was unable to climb Undefeated Mountain losing to their archrivals, Mohawk Mountaineers, 2-1 in their final regular season game on Tuesday.

Despite the loss the Hawks still clinched the Central West division.

"We came out of it with what we wanted, we didn't want to lose the game, but we wanted to qualify first and even losing by one goal we did that," Sanchez said. "We also did not want any yellow cards, red cards or any injuries and nothing of that happened. We are in very good shape for the quarter-finals."

The Hawks opened the scoring early in the first half when striker Jesse Calabro scored his 13th goal of the season to give him the OCAA scoring title for the second straight year.

In his final regular season game with the Hawks Calabro reached some personal milestones at Mohawk Park in Hamilton.

"I finally scored on this field and for the past four years I finally didn't get a red card," Calabro said.

The Hawks had a golden opportunity to pad the lead when Mark White's header went wide to the left.

Eddie McMillian scored on a penalty kick at the 15-minute mark of the first half to tie the score at one. Jason McNeese broke the tie and clinched victory for Mohawk early in the second half.

Mohawk played physical defence, but Hawks forward Peter Curic and Calabro were still able to



JOHN EDWARDS

TACKLED - Jesse Calabro (right) is denied by the Royals defender on this picture perfect slide challenge.

generate several glorious chances.

The Hawks will have revenge on their minds on Monday when they open the playoffs with a quarter-final match against the Algonquin Thunder.

Algonquin defeated the Hawks

in the finals of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Championship last season.

Calabro said the Hawks will have to continue to play tough and with more intensity.

"We have to be more physical on

the ball a little more touches," said the OCAA scoring leader. "Algonquin was the team that beat us last year and we want to beat them this year."

Sanchez feels confident of his team's chances against the reigning OCAA champions.

"Against Algonquin its going to be a brand new situation. A one game sudden death. If we lose that game we're out, so we'll be playing under a different pressure, but we should win that one too," Sanchez said.

With only 12 players dressed, the Hawks kept their unbeaten record intact with a 1-0 victory in a hard fought match last Friday at Redeemer.

Last time the Hawks and Royals clashed, the Hawks crushed Redeemer 10-1 at Valley field.

With Germain Sanchez away, Cesare Tripodo took over the reigns as head coach and said the Royals tried hard to ruffle the Hawks feathers.

"Redeemer was waiting for us and expecting to be throttled 12 or 13 nothing," Tripodo said. "Redeemer came out with a lot of school pride, played hard for their ability and tried awfully hard to get us off our game."

Humber forward Peter Curic, who netted his eighth of the season on a long lead pass from Mark White, scored the only goal of the game.

Humber forward Jesse Calabro said the Hawks were very over-confident before the match, "like we were playing a house league team."

Many of the Hawks were playing

in different positions including midfielder Jeff Silva, who was playing defence.

Silva felt the Hawks played well but came up short when it counted.

"I thought we knocked the ball around well, we controlled the game," Silva said. "It's just a matter of putting the ball in the back of the net. Today it wasn't there. Most days it is. We just fell asleep for a bit."

Humber goalkeeper Vito Capone, who was playing forward during the match, had a glorious chance to pad the lead when he hit his ball off the crossbar much to the dismay of his fellow Hawks.

The Redeemer fans were loud and helped motivate their team against the number one ranked Hawks.

"Their home fans cheered them on every little play that was made. When we made a mistake they cheered even louder," Tripodo said. "Our boys lost their composure to a certain degree, started playing for the crowd, and lost focus of what they were there to do."

The Hawks had several opportunities to score, but were met by a tough Royals defence.

"We were getting frustrated because we couldn't put the ball in the net," said Calabro.

The Hawks received two yellow cards late in the second half.

Calabro said this was a result of the Hawks failure to score.

"Everyone was playing selfish," said Calabro. "The frustration just kept building and building then we just let it out."

Lady Hawks end season undefeated

by Lindsay Higgs

The Hawks women's soccer team clinched first after a nail biting game to end the 2000-01 outdoor season tying 2-2 against their rivals, the Mohawk Mountaineers.

The Hawks travelled to Hamilton on Tuesday to face the Mountaineers in what was the most physical and toughest game of the season for Humber.

Hawk striker Lucia Sinisi scored in the third minute of the first half to give Humber the early lead.

Mohawk came back hard when their striker blew a goal past Hawk goalkeeper Tia Trombetta to even the score at 1-1.

When Mohawk was awarded a corner kick on the following play, the referee called Sinisi for pushing in the crease and booked her with a yellow card. At the same time a Mohawk player touched the ball with her hand.

"The referee totally threw us off our game," said Allison Read. "He knew that he messed up when he called Lucia for pushing."

The Mountaineers scored on a penalty kick shortly thereafter,

which put them ahead of the Hawks at the end of the first half.

In the second half, Sinisi scored for Humber with 20 minutes left in the game to give the Hawks a very relieved tie.

"The first half we weren't in the game," said Sinisi. "After that call from the referee, we all got frustrated, but at half time we talked and calmed ourselves down."

Although Humber has clinched first place in the Central West division, they still have to play a quarter-final match, before the team can qualify for the OCAA (Ontario Colleges Athletic Association) finals at Fanshawe College in London.

"We can't be cocky," said defender Sandra Troiani. "Every game is going to get harder and harder. We might be playing this team again, so we have to keep our composure."

Co-captain Adriana Cataldo said the team was really nervous at the beginning of the game, which could have effected their style of play.

"Everyone was getting over excited about the referee," said Cataldo. "I told them to relax and regain the composure that we

always have. We have our quarter finals next. Now we know what it takes to win and come together as a team."

The Hawks ran into a brick wall last Saturday in Redeemer, which resulted in a frustrating 0-0 tie.

The Royals' goalkeeper was solid between the pipes, shutting out the explosive Hawks' attack.

"Their goalie played really well," said Cataldo. "We had a lot of shots, but Redeemer played us man on man and they didn't give us any room to move around."

Humber controlled the ball for the majority of the game, but Cataldo said the Hawks just couldn't capitalize on their chances around the net.

"We absolutely have to want the ball and be strong at every single game," said Cataldo.

Defenders Sandra Troiani and Carla Butera both said the game against Redeemer wasn't disappointing, but more of a wake up call.

"This was a good game. We are at the point in our season where every game counts," said Troiani. "Redeemer is a good team and they



LINDSAY HIGGS

WHO'S GONNA GET IT FIRST? - Joanna Vitale (right) charges at this 50-50 ball with the Royals defender.

came out at us hard. It was something to wake us up and realize what we have to do to win."

"No one is going to give us the two points just because we're

Humber and we have six wins with 46 goals," said Coach Vince Pileggi. "All of that stuff means absolutely nothing to us and to every team who plays us."

Basketball team beats Gaels

by Luc Hebert

Humber College's men's basketball team beat Queen's University for the first time in three years as they routed the Golden Gaels 81-53, in their first game of the season.

"Payback" was the word used by Head Coach Mike Katz to describe the game.

"That's a pretty weak team for their [Queen's] standards, but we'll take the win," he said.

Despite the absence of OCAA all-star guard Dexter Miller, Humber had no problems defeating a Queen's team that has beaten Humber convincingly the past two years.

"Listen, we won by nearly 30. We did something right," said Katz.

The Hawks can credit this exhibition win to their defence. From the tip-off to the final buzzer, Humber put great pressure on the ball and cut off passing lanes, which forced Queen's into committing far too many turnovers over the course of the game.

Humber also benefited from balanced scoring.

Hawks open new season with a win over Queen's, winning by 28.

Four Hawks scored in double figures including Cornell "Junior" Brown who poured in four 3-point field goals on his way to a game-high 22 points.

"But in the second half we ran through the plays properly, and that enabled us to get more open shots."

—Hawks captain, Marcel (Skinny) Lawrence

"I'm pleased with that. I thought we ran our offense well, defended well, and rebounded well," said Katz. "We have to be happy with that."

Humber carried a 10-point lead into the locker room at half time despite being outscored 11 to 1 at one point late in the first half.

The second half was dominated by the Hawks, who continued to dictate the tempo of the game. Queen's players could not deal with the high energy of the Humber squad and ran a sloppy offense, which led to easy baskets in transition for Humber.

Team captain Marcel Lawrence said Humber played a smarter second half as well.

"In the first half we ran plays and took some quick shots. We never went to the second or third options," said Lawrence. "But in the second half we ran through the plays properly, and that enabled us to get more open shots."

The Hawks suffered a minor scare mid-way through the first half when Lawrence turned-over his ankle on his way back to play defense.

Lawrence said the extent of his injury was minimal and that he will be ready to play in the Dawson Tournament, which begins tomorrow in Montreal, QC.



MICHAEL STAMC

SWISH— Hawks guard Rupert Thomas hits the jumper from five feet out for two points against Queen's.

Humber Varsity teams raise cash for United Way Hoop-A-Thon



DARREN LUM

I ACTUALLY MADE ONE— A member of one of the varsity teams tries his luck in the Hoop-A-Thon for United Way, last Tuesday. The varsity athletes raised \$3136 for themselves and the United Way.

by Jeff Neal

Players from Humber College's Varsity teams raised \$3,136 in the United Way Hoop-a-Thon, but the Humber community failed to show their support.

Held in the gymnasium from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., for the general public, only four students, all *Humber Et Cetera* editors, showed up to shoot free throws.

"The reason only four people came, the editors, is because I went straight to them to get an article in the paper," said Brenda Chambers, Social Events co-ordinator. "I know it wasn't well advertised because we didn't have a lot of time to set it up and it was just me doing it and that is a big job to do by myself. I had posters in rez, but once again, they weren't posted."

The varsity event started at 9 p.m. and leading the way was the men's volleyball team, raising \$815.

"We went back home, asked every one we could for help. We explained it's a good cause — for the United Way — and they were enthusiastic," said men's volleyball player, Jon Chapman. "Actually we were pretty competitive with the other teams. We wanted to raise the most money and we're pretty happy with the results."

Each Varsity team participated. Women's Volleyball raised \$177, Men's Hockey \$575, Men's Basketball \$336, Women's Basketball \$650, and Women's Soccer raised \$364. The Men's Soccer team's totals were not in as of press time.

Each team had a week to gather

funds for the Hoop-a-thon, with a certain amount going to the teams to help finance trips for future tournaments.

Out of the \$3,136, \$2, 625 will go to the United Way while \$501 will go to the varsity athletes.

"We gave them a minimum of \$20 we wanted them to fundraise for United Way, and then after that half the profits go the United Way and half to the teams for extra trips and things like that," said Athletic Director Doug Fox. "Every team wants to travel, for example the soccer team wants to go to an indoor soccer tournament in Montreal second semester, and I just don't have the money."

"It's for a good cause and I like shooting basketballs. We only have one more tournament. Hopefully the money that we raised will help us get to Montreal," said Adriana Cataldo, 1999/2000 Hawk Heart Award winner and Athlete of the year for women's soccer.

The two top fundraisers were Men's Volleyball Coach Steve Corbin raising \$245, and Chambers with \$182 for Women's Basketball.

Men's Volleyball player Bart Babich shot a high score of 19 out of 20, but scores ranged.

"Coming from the rink to the court, we didn't fare overly fantastic, although we had one guy, Derek Kearns shoot 17," said Hawks Hockey Head Coach Joe Washkurak. "I think we ranged from 17 all the way down to one. Hockey and basketball don't seem to go hand in hand, but it's all in fun. We had a good time, that's the main thing."

Hawks lose two in New York

by Jason Thom

If there is one thing that you can be sure of during the men's hockey season this year, it's that the Hawks won't go down without a fight.

Humber travelled to Brockport New York with only three lines and five defenseman and dropped a shootout, 9-7.

Considering that Humber was down 6-1 midway through the second, losing by two showed their Head Coach Joe Washkurak that this team has character.

"The effort, I thought, was outstanding," Washkurak said. "We gave up some goals, we fought back and we got down again and we fought back right to the bitter end."

Humber had the lead for two minutes early in the first when Colin Gillespie scored on the power play for his second of the year.

But for the rest of the first and the early part of the second it was all Golden Eagles.

Nick Smyth scored a natural hat-trick with three short-handed goals over 15 minutes of play to make it 3-1 Brockport.

That wasn't all. The Golden Eagles quickly added three more goals in four minutes to build a huge five-goal lead.

The sixth goal also spelled the end for Humber goalie Duane Crocker who made his first start since coming off the injury list last week.

Washkurak is worried about the Hawks shakiness on their last line of defense.

"Those three guys [the goalies] have to figure out who's going to be the starter," Washkurak said. "It's been good but it hasn't been what I'm looking for."

Another returnee from the infirmary, Rob Cordeiro, scored his first of the year to make it 6-2.

Less than a minute later, Chris McFayden finally netted his first of the season.

Jamie Visser added another less than two minutes later to make it 6-4.

Then the Hawks Shane Mitchell made his presence felt with two huge hits on the same shift on Brockport's Scott Winkler that left the Golden Eagle dreaming of happier days.

"I think everyone here has that in them," Mitchell said. "But that's what I like to do."

The momentum switched back to Brockport after that display and by the midway point of the third, it was 9-5 Golden Eagles.

Morris Marshall and Eric Hobor each picked up a goal in the last five minutes to make it a more respectable 9-7 score.

In the last minute of the game things turned a little ugly.

After a scrum around the American net, Marshall ended up with no gloves or helmet and looking for a dance partner.

A reluctant Brandon Marineau accepted the invite and regretted it for the next two minutes as he didn't even have time to make a fist before Marshall pummelled him.

This coming weekend should be a perfect test for the squad.

The entire team, minus Marc Hobor, is expected to be in the line-up to defend its Peter Maybury Cup championship.

The road-weary team is excited about the coming weekend and a chance to turn everything around.

"We'll be at home which is good. We will als be well-rested," Mitchell said.

Oy mate! Coach Mike Katz returns from Sydney with a new job, team, and outlook

by Luc Hebert

The Head Coach of Humber's men's basketball team returns to the college after serving as an assistant coach for the Canadian Olympic team in Sydney, Australia.

Mike Katz tried to convey the message that he was under much less pressure than Head Coach Jay Triano.

"The stakes are higher and everybody's watching," Katz said. "The Olympics is the highest level of basketball outside of the NBA championships in terms of what seems to generate interest, but I think the pressure is never the same as an assistant coach than as a head coach."

Although Katz played an important role in the national basketball program, he had to make some sacrifices that were not easy. For five weeks, Katz coached the team in pre-Olympic tournaments in Hawaii and Hong Kong before taking on the world in Sydney, which meant being away from his family.

"It wasn't easy. My wife had to deal with certain issues in which I would usually be involved," he said. "It was something that my wife and family understood. The Olympics was a unique experience."

That's not to say that all of the work and sacrifices did not come without rewards. Katz said he enjoyed getting to know the players

off the court, and meeting other people from the basketball world.

"I really enjoyed the off-court experience because we were a really tight group," said Katz.

Katz added he wasn't fatigued after the Games. He said he isn't burned out because he always finds a place in his life for coaching basketball. "I seem to thrive in that area of my life," Katz said.

He is actually excited about coming back because he made some positive changes to Humber's system based on what he used with the National team, Katz said.

"As a coach, you're always trying to get better, and what better way than to see the best teams in the world execute their stuff," said Katz.

Katz has worked with Basketball Canada in the past when he served as a head coach for a Canadian team participating in the World University Games and as an assistant coach in the World Championships.

When Jay Triano was chosen as the National team's head coach, Katz's name came up as a good candidate for someone who would work well with Triano.

"He gave me an awful lot of responsibility which I was quite thankful for," said Katz. "We saw the game with a similar vision, which made for a pretty good team."

Katz worked with the National team, which included NBA players Steve Nash and Todd McCullough. Despite the talent and experience the team had, he didn't change his approach in practices or in games.

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—Hawks Head Coach,
Mike Katz

He said that even though the players were more accomplished, many of the things he taught players on the Olympic squad he also teaches to his team at Humber and to both of his children who play competitive basketball.

"Basketball skills have to be refined and repeated constantly, so you find yourself doing a lot of the same individual work and drills that you would with lower calibre players," Katz said.

Whichever approach he and Triano may have taken, it certainly contributed to the success of the team, which fell just short of qualifying for the medal round. The guys upset teams like Australia and

Yugoslavia on their way towards finishing first in their pool during round robin play and posting a 5-2 record for the tournament.

"It was disappointing, not playing well against France," said Katz. "But two and a half weeks later, putting it into perspective, I think we did very well."

Katz believes the team he worked with was about as good as Canada will ever be able to produce. He did say if the core of the team would stay together, there might be a future in Canadian basketball.

"I think this year's performance indicates that we do have a future, but you're only an injury away," Katz said. "You can't really predict."

The Canadians have set a standard that Katz hopes the team will improve upon, but he is conscious of the fact that qualifying again is not a guarantee.

"We have to understand how difficult it was just to qualify. Only two teams got to go from our zone," said Katz. "Just getting there is not a guarantee."

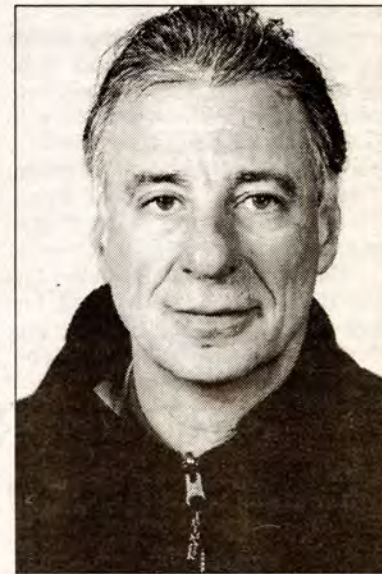
Katz is unsure of his future with Basketball Canada. Next year the National team will be qualifying for the World Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"I have a feeling the team will be committed to staying together at least for that," said Katz.

If the team does stay together, it

would almost assure that Katz retain his position.

"I'm just enjoying right now, reflecting on the past summer and working with the team here," said Katz.



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ASSISTANT COACH— Katz was Jay Triano's sidekick during the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia.

Mets and Yanks=Death

This week's sign that the apocalypse is upon us: The Subway Series.

For the first time since 1956, when the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers 9-0 in game seven of the World Series, the Fall Classic will be comprised of teams from New York alone. Mets versus Yankees. Queens versus the Bronx. It's a rivalry that stretches way beyond the boundaries of any baseball stadium and into the blood of every single person riding the infamous Number seven train.

This Fall Classic will cause more pandemonium on that train than any comment John Rocker could ever utter. Be aware, New Yorkers will not be singing a happy tune just because both of their teams were triumphant in their respective leagues.



Luc Hebert
Sports Columnist

That's not exactly what Major League Baseball had in mind when they said they wanted to promote the World Series as great family fun — But it's great New York fun!

New York's finest will have to get in shape if they want to alleviate the damage that will undoubtedly be caused by the rudest, most ignorant jack-asses in the world — Yankees fans.

Bud Selig has probably ordered the World Series rings to be engraved with the Yankees logo.

Nobody, Mets included, can afford to buy as much talent as the Yanks have. If we want to see a real World Series, we can only hope that George Steinbrenner gets a big New York knuckle sandwich in the stands over the next two weeks.

At least, baseball fans will be able to say that something constructive did come out of the World Series.

Parsons partakes in Olympics

by Luc Hebert

Humber's head therapist spent this summer travelling around the world, but it was anything but relaxing.

Glen Parsons was the therapist for the Canadian men's National basketball team that competed in the Summer Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia. During a five-week period, Parsons travelled with the team from Canada to Hawaii, to Hong Kong, to Australia, and finally back to Canada.

In his fourth year with Basketball Canada, Parsons got the chance to take in the Olympic experience for the first time. Participating in the Games was an experience that Parsons said was a thrill.

Although he mentioned some points felt like any other basketball tournament, he recalled that it just took one look around to discover he was involved in something much bigger.

"That's when you get caught up in everything and say 'Wow I'm really at the Olympics,'" Parsons said.

Parsons did admit, though, the aura of the Olympic Games did not strike him like a lightning bolt the moment he arrived in Australia.

"It took a while to settle in at first because we were there for about eight days training before the Olympics started," he said. "All

the awe and excitement started to settle in when we played our first game against Australia."

Working for Humber College and working for Basketball Canada are two very different things, Parsons said. With the National team, Parsons dedicated his time to 12 players, instead of about 90 athletes that he would deal with at the college, and was able to form bonds and relationships with the players.

"You're together all day long, and all night," said Parsons. "You hang out together, and do everything together."

Parsons said he also enjoyed the position, since he had the opportunity to work with athletes of the highest calibre. Working with Olympic level players differs from treating players at the collegiate level, he remarked.

"They know how to take care of their bodies a little better, and they know how they need to recover in order to get the job done every other day," said Parsons.

Parsons' home was sold last May, so he packed everything up and left everything in storage for the summer while he was away with the team.

"I headed out and lived out of a bag for the summer," said Parsons.

Parsons moved into his new home last week.

Parsons is no stranger to being away from home for long periods of time though. He has worked

summers for Basketball Canada with the women's national team, a Jones Cup team that participated in Taiwan, and the men's national team for the past four years. He has an ongoing contract with Basketball Canada and expects to continue working with them in the future.



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THERAPIST— Parsons had the opportunity to work with Canada's NBA players and see Vince Carter's spectacular dunks first hand.

Take me out to the ball game

Take me out to the park
Buy me a rifle and hand grenade

I don't care how the game has been played

For it's shoot, shoot, shoot at that guy's face

If he don't die it's a shame
Cus' it's one, two, three dead bodies

At the old ball game.

—Luc Hebert

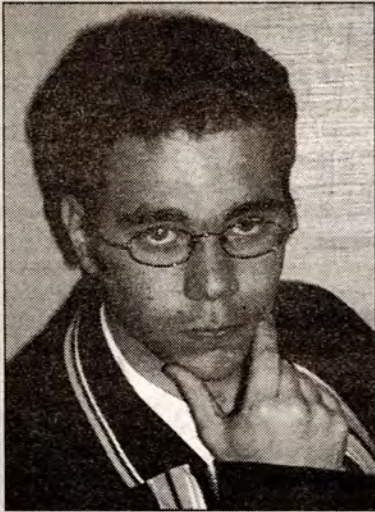
Koivu and Houle holding back the Habs

The NHL's most storied franchise has become a laughing stock. The Montreal Canadiens have fallen from the top of the mountain faster than an NBA draft pick requests a trade from the Vancouver Grizzlies.

The organization has failed to make the post season the last two years and it looks like they're heading for a three-peat.

A lot of people just go with the notion that the Habs suck. This is not true. The Canadiens lost an average of seven players per game to injury last season, and only missed the playoffs by a measly two points. And these were not just any Gerald Diduck type garbage hockey players. Montreal was missing Trevor Linden, Saku Koivu, Brian Savage, and Shayne Corson at one point or another last year.

Things are not looking better for the Habs either. Corson left for free agency and signed with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Koivu will be



John Edwards
Sports columnist

out of action for six to eight weeks because of a knee injury, and the team has started off slowly. There is however a solution to their problems. These several steps will cer-

tainly guide Montreal to success and hopefully to the promised land. Step one. Get rid of Koivu. Whose brainchild was it, giving this guy the captaincy? Maybe the Montreal brass were watching the movie Rudy when this decision was made and thought it would be best to give it to the smallest guy on the team.

Koivu has proved nothing during his tenure as a Hab and even during his NHL career.

The speedy centre has many tools to make it in the NHL and definitely has the ability to be one of the best scorers in the league. But the only hockey game he has mastered over the past few years has been on his Sony Playstation. Koivu is still young and his value is still considerably high. There are a handful of teams that would want to add a player of his status to their line-up. If Montreal can find a team who is interested in Koivu, then they should take that opportu-

nity and trade him. Perhaps they can acquire talented youngsters like Simon Gagne or Daymond Langkow from the Flyers, who would fit in nicely into the Habs system.

Which brings me to step two. General manager Rejean Houle has to go. Houle has tried to make several acquisitions to improve the club, but they have not panned out. Most of his activity has hurt the club more than benefitting from it. Remember the Patrick Roy trade? Or even the Turgeon trade? These two moves setback the Habs, not improved them.

Critics have said that head coach Alain Vigneault be fired. But Vigneault has done a marvelous job, considering the line-up he was dealt. Houle has not made a major move to improve the club over the past two seasons, despite missing the playoffs in those seasons.

It's time for a change in Montreal. If the reason why Houle

has not been fired yet is tradition, then tradition sucks.

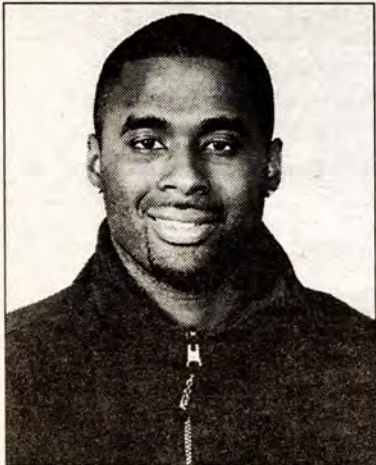
I think Neil Smith would be a nice fit in Montreal. The former Rangers' general manager is looking for work and is a proven winner. He just might give the franchise the shot in the arm it needs.

Even Cliff Fletcher would be a nice fit. He has a good track record, and has worked in the Canadiens organization before.

Finally, on to step three. Give the captaincy to Trevor Linden. Linden was once known as the best leader in the game. The former Islander and Canuck star has not got off to the start he wanted to this season and may not put up the points like he used to. But he is still a talented and gritty player who has a lot of heart.

Whatever the Montreal organization choose to do, they had better choose soon. Things are not getting or looking better in hockey's most historic city.

HUMBER HAWKS ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Cornell Brown

Brown poured in a game high 22 points and sank four three-pointers in the Hawks 81-53 exhibition win over the Queen's University Golden Gaels last Friday. Brown and the Hawks will be participating in this weekend's Dawson Tournament in Montreal.



Lucia Sinisi

The rookie midfielder saved her best for last, as she potted both Hawk goals against Mohawk in their final regular season game. Her goal with 20 minutes left to play assured the tie and the Hawks a second consecutive division crown

Hawks spiked at recent Michigan tournament

by Jeff Neal

The Humber Hawks women's volleyball team left Michigan with a 1-3 record at last weekend's Kalamazoo tournament, but have their sights set on the upcoming regular season.

"Niio is making the transfer from being one of the best middle hitters on the team last year, to playing centre."

-Dave Hood

Coming off an OCAA gold medal 1999/2000 seasons the Hawks are more interested in rebuilding success than their performance in exhibition games.

"We use this tournament as a learning tool. We need to make this team into a cohesive unit and the Michigan tournament had no

effect on our Ontario standings. So we don't use this as a measure against how well we fare with the opposition in Ontario," said head coach Dave Hood.

The American teams in the tournament have been playing since July and were in mid-season form. Something that might of been a disadvantage to the rusty Hawks.

"They're at the apex of their season. It gives us the opportunity to play some good ball. It's substantially different from practising in our own gym, in our own facilities," Hood said.

Setter/Power Krista Schaff said that the tournament is a chance to prepare for the upcoming season.

"We're inexperienced right now and we have a few rookies coming up, and a new centre who we are not used to playing with. It's good to get on the court and see how everyone works together," Schaff said.



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NIIO PERKINS - Perkins will be counted on to step up and fill in the role at centre.

The new centre is last season's co-rookie of the year Niio Perkins, who will be replacing All-Canadian Caroline Fletcher. Fletcher is now apart of the Hawks coaching staff.

"We've lost players before, but we always have great athletes who could always fill the hole. Niio is making the transfer from being one of the best middle hitters on the team last year, to playing centre. It's like going from wide receiver to quarterback, but it's a lot different. With experience she will do fine," Hood said.

And what do the Hawks need to improve on for the upcoming season?

"Communication, getting used to playing with one another. We still second-guess each other, not knowing each other's playing technique. Once we get that down we'll be ready to go," Schaff said.

The Hawks coaching staff will now get together and discuss the team needs and what to work on for the future. They will experiment with players and positions.



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BLOCK THIS! - A taste of what Humber volleyball is about

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Johnny Bullshit Lives!

This Sid Vicious reject was taking part in the Humber Theatre Department's 'Punk Day' back in good ol' 1981. Derek, AKA, "Johnny Bullshit," (no, were not kidding) must have pissed off his mother when he raided her sewing kit to poke holes in his face. But give a guy a break, Punk was dying and new wave was causing people's hair to explode, so we can't blame him for wanting to hurt himself.

Environmental Affairs

- Today there are 110,000 pieces of space debris floating around the earth, including satellites, rocket boosters, nuts & bolts and frozen blocks of urine from the Mir space station.

- According to the World Wide Fund for Nature, the space needed for the average world citizen to live is 2.3 hectares (1 soccer field). This provides you with what you need for one year and a place to dump what's left over.

- A UK report said an estimated (US)\$522 million worth of supermarket food ends up in landfills or incinerators every year, enough to feed 270,000 people.

- Seven tons of grain and 23 million litres of water are needed to produce a ton of meat. It takes 230,000 litres of water to produce one ton of wheat.

- Yay vegetarians! Producing beef does 15 times more environmental damage per serving than poultry. One person following a meat free diet saves more than 4,000 square metres of trees a year.

- Three to four million computer disks are discarded each day in the US. They take 450 years to decompose and if incinerated they release acid rain causing gasses.

Source: COLOURS magazine, October-November 2000 issue

Say What? "1992"

"Pink? Why do I have to be Pink?"

-Steve Buscemi
Reservoir Dogs

"Buddy, my whole life I listened to ya bellyache about your luck. Well, you are where you are because of who you are."

-Joe Pesci
My Cousin Vinny

"If you blow chunks and she comes back, she's yours. If you spew, and she bolts, it was never meant to be."

-Mike Myers
Wayne's World

"Deaf and blind and dumb and born to follow. What you need is someone strong to guide you...like me."

-Opiate
Tool

"I'd like to drive away to a place no one has known, to a state of mind I could call mine, that only I could own. Where I can hum a tune anytime I choose, and there's no such thing as time. Where I feel no pain just calm and sane. What a place for one to find."

-I Wonder
Blind Melon

What's your sign?

LIBRA
23 September - 22 October
Things are looking dim. You're confused. Your imagination has vanished. You are constantly blinking and humming a lot. Your problem comes from that bottle of liquid paper you sniffed way back in grade school. Too bad jack, there is no cure.

SCORPIO
23 October - 21 November!
Feeling bored? Then read a book for crying out loud! Don't always depend on us to give you answers all of the time. Loser.

SAGITTARIUS
22 November - 21 December
Alright, the jig is up. You need to stop passing off your blow-up doll as a significant other. Sad, sad, sad child.

CAPRICORN
22 December - 20 January
You will experience huge financial obstacles this week. Stay away from casino's and race tracks. Don't bet on football games and don't go out drinking. Here's a tip. Stay in and play Monopoly, at least the money is fake.

AQUARIUS
21 January - 18 February
Life's problems getting you down? Keep in mind that the pen is mightier than the sword. So stab yourself in the eye and all your troubles will just be a memory.

PISCES
19 February - 20 March
There are many unanswered questions in life. Answers are everywhere. But if you're wondering what that smell is, just take a shower and it will go away.

ARIES
21 March - 19 April
Lately your horoscopes have been bad. But don't fret little one, the fairy godmother will visit you in your sleep and sprinkle pixie dust on your nose. When you wake up, things will be better. But don't brush the dust off your nose, or the luck will end.

TAURUS
20 April - 20 May
Get a grip. If you think your life is bad now, just wait. It's only going to get worse. Eventually you will die.

GEMINI
21 May - 20 June
Time ticks away...money is spent. The call-girl runs off with your wallet and identification. Your girlfriend catches you leaving the brothel. Life can't get better than this!

CANCER
21 June - 22 July
Be thankful of the little things in life. The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and it's a beautiful life. Go give someone a big hug.

LEO
23 July - 22 August
You will be an emotional mess if you watch too much Ally McBeal. That girl has some serious issues, and it doesn't help that you support her. Smarten up Leo!

VIRGO
23 August - 22 September
Last week sucked. This week doesn't look any better. You had better see a shrink man.

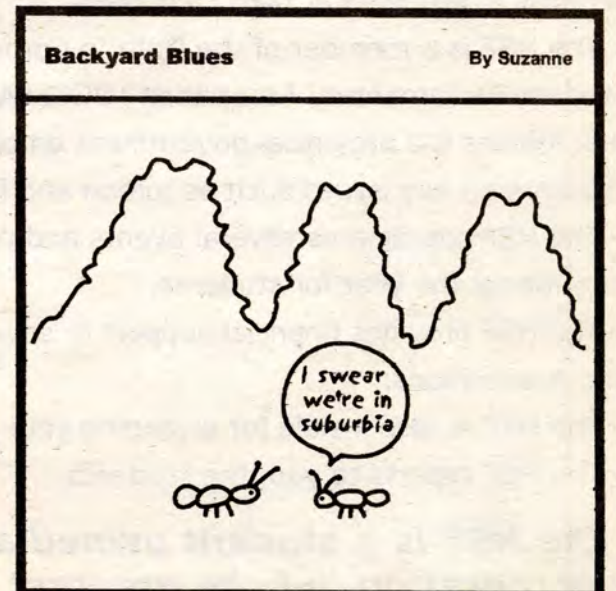
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DAMIAN'S
CORNER
BY THE PLUMMET



Backyard Blues

By Suzanne



HSF

Humber Students' Federation

In order to provide specific background information about the Humber Students' Federation, we have compiled a list of some commonly asked questions along with the answers. The Humber Students' Federation's executive, board and staff are positive you will find this to be a useful tool. If you have any further questions or would like clarification on a specific subject, please stop by and visit us at either the North Campus, Room KX 105 or at the Lakeshore Campus, Room AX 101.

What happened to the Students' Association Council (SAC)?

As of August 15, 2000 the Humber Students' Federation herein, referred to as the HSF, incorporated and dropped the name SAC.

Why did the HSF incorporate in the first place?

The answer to this question is quite simple, to better serve the students of Humber. After reviewing ever-changing demographics, it was evident that the needs of students had also changed. In order to provide the highest level of service and the strongest political representation, there was a need to transform. So as Humber College grew in stature we would be there alongside, each step of the way.

Who makes up the Board of Directors?

Presently, the Board of Directors is made up of twenty-two members. The Board of Directors is comprised of a President, a Vice President of Campus Life for each campus, a Vice President of Administration for each campus and one director for every 750 students in a given program.

What services are provided by HSF?

The HSF is committed to providing the best possible services to Humber students. A range of services are available to students including the following:

- Health Insurance
- HSF Health Centre
- Legal Advice
- Graduation Photos
- Gamesroom
- Buy and Sell Boards
- Vendors
- Information Boards
- Stage and Sound Rentals
- Employment Opportunities
- SAAC Net labs I & II
- Peer Tutoring
- Art Competition
- Used Bookstore
- Meeting Space/Quiet Lounge
- ISIC Card Sales
- If you have any suggestions as to other services that you would like to see, please drop by the HSF offices at either campus.

Who is in charge of the HSF?

The affairs of the HSF are managed by a Board of Directors and seven full-time staff.

Who is the HSF accountable to?

Ultimately, the HSF is accountable to you the students.

What is the initial cost to join the HSF?

If you are a full-time student you are already a member. There is a wide range of services available to you. We encourage students to drop by the offices and inquire.

Why do we need a students' federation?

The HSF not only provides many great services, but it also raises funds and allocates them in a meaningful manner. The HSF works to promote the interests of Humber students in various political arenas, acting as a voice to ensure effective representation. The HSF works to lobby the provincial government on issues such as tuition rates and financial aid.

Did You Know...

- ✓ The HSF serves 12,000 full-time students.
- ✓ The HSF produces the yearly school student planner.
- ✓ The HSF offers a Health Insurance Plan for all full-time students.
- ✓ The HSF is actively seeking an ombudsperson to unbiasedly resolve disputes impacting students within the College.
- ✓ The HSF continually recruits vendors to sell items and services to students at both campuses.
- ✓ The HSF is a member of the Ontario Community College Student Parliamentary Association (OCCSPA), an organization that lobbies the provincial government on behalf of Humber students on key issues such as tuition and financial aid.
- ✓ The HSF coordinates several events and programs throughout the year for students.
- ✓ The HSF provides financial support to several College Clubs and Associations.
- ✓ The HSF is responsible for arranging your graduation photos.
- ✓ The HSF reports to you, the students.

The HSF is a student owned and operated corporation, whose greatest asset is the students themselves.



Humber Students' Federation Mission Statement

To advocate on behalf of the membership of the Humber Students' Federation, to protect the quality of education and student life at Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology, to improve and increase the services provided to students of such College, and to promote student participation and awareness.