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Student robbed at gunpoint

*Three robberies
and a stolen car
in one night*

by Sam Toman

Humber students were easy prey for criminals last Thursday Feb. 13. As many as three people were robbed at gunpoint and one had his car stolen,

all near Humber's North Campus and all within hours of each other.

First-year journalism student Patrick Kane was walking down Humberline Rd. toward Humber College Blvd. around 9:30 p.m. when two young men wearing dark-green hooded parkas and black bandannas covering their faces approached him.

"They came up to me and asked me for the time. Then one guy grabbed my arm, put a gun to my

back, and dragged me into an area with a lot of trees," Kane said. "They took \$20 then forced me to the ground and stole my shoes, then took off."

"The worst part is, there were two people at the bus stop who saw the whole thing but didn't do anything."

After calling the police to report the crime, Kane was told the police had received reports of two or three other incidents that night involving

suspects that fit the description of those who robbed him.

Humber's Director of Public Safety Gary Jaynes said he isn't personally investigating the mugging, since it happened off campus.

"Armed robbery is very rare and I know the police are investigating," Jaynes said.

Around 11:30 p.m., the police received another call from a Humber student whose car had been stolen

just meters away from where Kane had been attacked.

Multimedia and design student and goalie for the Humber men's hockey team Dave Couch said he was returning from a game in Lindsay late Thursday night.

Couch was dropped off at the Humber parking lot and realized that his Z-24 Chevy Cavalier had been stolen.

"I was pretty freaked out," Couch said. "We walked through the parking lot with some friends and couldn't find it."

Jaynes said North Etobicoke has been plagued with car thefts for the past few years.

"We haven't had many stolen cars this year [at Humber]," Jaynes said. "It's unfortunate when it happens."

By the time police arrived to file a report, Couch, coincidentally a friend of Kane's, had already heard about his friend's robbery and was furious.

"I'm sick of it!" Couch said. "I live in a pretty shady neighborhood and I've seen this stuff go on before. It's just senseless random acts."

Thursdays are the busiest social night for students living near campus with Pub Night at Caps and similar student-gear promotions at other local bars.

With this kind of danger lurking near the campus, Kane believes that students need to look out for each other - something he said did not happen that night.



An estimated 80,000 demonstrators in Toronto joined more than 10 million people worldwide in a day of protest against the war in Iraq on Feb. 15. The HSF is now making it easier for Humber students to join in the fight. See *Anti-war road show* page 16.

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Humber grad found dead

Edwardo Daley remembered by family and friends as "good little kid who always wanted to be a cop"

by Christopher MacKinnon and Stephanie Crosby

Friends and family of Humber College graduate Edwardo Daley are still in shock after Daley was stabbed to death the night of Feb. 15.

Daley's mother Merlyn, had just stepped out of the family's sixth-floor Willowridge Dr. apartment at Martingrove and Eglinton to go to the basement laundry room. When she returned, she saw her son lying in her bedroom with numerous stab wounds in his chest.

Daley, 24, was rushed to Sunnybrook hospital suffering from obvious trauma to the body. He was pronounced dead shortly before 7 p.m., despite efforts to save him.

Police have the results of the autopsy, but have not released them "to protect the integrity of the investigation," said Wendy Cowie, of the Toronto Police's corporate communications.

The funeral service for Daley will be held on March 1 at the West-end God of Prophecy Church at 1344 Martingrove Rd.

Daley graduated from the Police Foundations program in the fall of 2001, and was planning to become an OPP officer.

"Whenever he had problems, he would come and speak to me to find out what the expectations were and how he could improve. He impressed me as a very serious-minded, committed student," said Ron Stansfield, one of Daley's former teachers. "He was a student of modest ability, but he was a hard worker."

Daley was waiting to get his G1 license before applying to become an OPP officer.

"He even had corrective eye surgery done to help his eyesight so he could join the police," said Mishele

Bryan, a relative of Daley's.

Stansfield said it's very sad to hear the life of one of his students was tragically cut short.

"When you hear someone has been killed, it's a tragedy. Especially when it's one of our own," Stansfield said.

Because of the investigation in the apartment complex, the Daley family is staying with other family members on a different floor. At the apartment, relatives, friends and members of Daley's congregation have been arriving to offer their condolences since the day after the



Edwardo Daley, 24, was found stabbed numerous times in the chest in his own apartment.

deadly attack.

Daley attended both Silverthorn Collegiate Institute and Kipling

Collegiate.

"His middle school teacher was at the apartment Sunday and remembered him fondly," Bryan said. She remembers him as a "good little kid who always wanted to be a cop."

Known to his friends and family as Eddie, Daley moved to Canada from Jamaica with his family 16 years ago. The family was planning to move into a new house next week. Daley had been packing up belongings in the apartment at the time of the stabbing.

Toronto police said they are still investigating possible motives for the attack. Those who knew Daley say he didn't hang out with a bad crowd.

"All of his friends were from church," a family member said.

But the complex where Daley lived was "known to police," said

Sgt. Burns of 23 Division.

Brian Shin, the owner of a convenience store beside the building, said police patrol the property every hour most nights.

Daley did volunteer work at the Salvation Army while waiting to become an officer. "He got a job last year because he was bored sitting at home and wanted to do something productive," another relative said.

He was an active member of his church and rarely missed Sunday and Friday night services.

"He was a good kid," Bryan said, "a role model. He came from a two-parent family with good values. He was a go getter."

This is the fifth homicide of the year in Toronto. Anyone with information is asked to call Toronto homicide at 416-808-7400 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

National Post denies charges of anti-Islam bias in news coverage

Canadian Islamic group issues fifth annual report, Post responds

by Patrick Kane

The *National Post* and CBC are atop the list of media giants who use anti-Islamic terminology, a study by the Canadian Islamic Congress (CIC) has charged.

The CIC's fifth annual report on anti-Islam in the media is a study of eight major Canadian newspapers, which include the *Toronto Star*, *Globe and Mail*, *National Post*, *Toronto Sun*, *Ottawa Citizen*, *Montreal Gazette*, *La Presse* and the *Winnipeg Free Press*. Three Canadian TV evening news broadcasts, *CTV*, *Global* and *CBC* were also part of the study.

The *National Post* was ranked the top print outlet using anti-Islamic language, such as "Islamic extremist group", "Muslim dictator", and "Puritanical Islamic militia" according to the study, while the *CBC* ranked "worst" among broadcast news outlets.

"The *National Post* is a benchmark for what a newspaper should not do," said Prof. Mohamed Elmasry, CIC president. "[Anti-Islamic reporting] is a culture of the newsroom that must change."

The *National Post* responded to the survey in an editorial last Friday. The national newspaper said Al-Qaeda, is engaged, by its own proud admission, in a Muslim jihad, which is valid grounds to balance political events with religious practice. The *National Post* added in its editorial, "what really creates negative associations with Islam is ... the sight of thousands of Muslims blas-



Canadian Islamic Congress (CIC) President Mohamed Elmasry (right) and CIC Vice President Wahida Valiante flip through the pages of the report that studied 11 major news outlets.

pheming Allah by waging terrorist attacks in his name."

The CIC's study examined printed articles and broadcast news items from the previous year and operated on a point system. Published items were evaluated numerically - a maximum of 100 points given to stories using terms like "Islamic-inspired terrorist attacks" and "Muslim militant." These figures were then weighed by other factors, such as story type and newspaper circulation.

Since 1998, the CIC study had seen a reduction in anti-Islamic language by 17 per cent in the media until September 2001. The study claimed that percentages have skyrocketed to 380 per cent after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"This kind of negative language is fueling hatred for all Muslims," Elmasry said. "The media creates distortions of one cultural group."

The CIC has a list of recommendations to help

eliminate the use of anti-Islamic terminology in the media. One recommendation was to have news outlets become a part of accredited press councils, and to manage newsroom culture, discouraging the use of stereotypical images in reporting.

"Young journalists are pressured to report using these terms in order to sell newspapers," Elmasry said. "Journalism schools across Canada should implement courses that deal with these kinds of matters."

Wahida Valiante, CIC vice president, said media rhetoric leads to racism and other social crises, especially among children and teenagers.

"I have seen eight-year-old children at school who have been called 'a terrorist' and they have no self-esteem - some are suicidal. They suffer from an image distortion disorder fuelled by the media," she said.

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Games room brings major revenue

Arcade makes \$60,000 a year, HSF gets half

by Christopher MacKinnon

For activities that only cost students quarters and loonies, the Humber games room pulls in some serious coin each year.

Quarter-pumping students help the arcade take in about \$60,000 a year, \$30,000 of which goes to the Humber Students' Federation (HSF).

"The last five years, the money was going down, now it's going back up again - way up," said Craig Wilson, HSF president. "It's tremendous."

HSF splits the games room profit down the middle with a North York company that owns the games called Chonar Video Games.

But Wilson doesn't take credit

for the current turnaround in the fortunes of the games room. He said key decisions by the HSF account for the boom.

"I don't think it's me. It's the quality of the games we've had put down there," Wilson said. "Also, we put Bubbletease in the mix, and that's helping everything go back up again."

Bubbletease is a laid-back lounge next to the games room on the North Campus, where students can get drinks after a grueling game of *Point Blank* or *Star Wars*. It set up shop last semester next to the games room, which occupies rooms A106/A107 down the hall from Caps.

All profits go straight into the HSF bank account.

Wilson couldn't be happier with the revenue.

"It means better events, bigger concerts, a dental plan, and less fees for students," he said.

The room now houses almost 40

games, plus a foosball table, and five pool tables, at \$1.25 a game.

Humber Services coordinator Diane Viveiros said the room generates about \$1,400 per week. That's a whopping 5,600 quarters a week, or 500 pounds of quarters in a year.

Viveiros said she couldn't talk about how the money is transported from the machines to the HSF and Chonar for "security reasons."

Representatives from both parties are present when the money is taken out of the machines.

Wilson said he wants to use some of the money from the games room to pay for a pending project to put TVs around campus to broadcast news about the college.

The plan is currently before the college administration and Wilson and the HSF are waiting for the green light.

"We have the plan, everything is ready to go, but they need to approve it. I can't wait to see those TVs here," Wilson said.



Students paying to play foosball and arcade games help bring in about \$60,000 to the games room in a year.

Corrected total on meal cards catches students by surprise

by Patrick Kane

Some Humber students who use residence meal cards were surprised to find lump sums of money had disappeared from their accounts two weeks ago without explanation.

"I had a lot of money on my meal card and I noticed that it wasn't being deducted when I used it to buy food," said Jason Sinisac, first-year comedy writer. "But then, one day I had half the money I started with."

Food Services said that a common computer problem was the cause for the mix up.

"When [our systems] go offline, the account balance is not updated and doesn't stay current," said Don Henriques, Food Services manager. "Sometimes we will go offline for a few hours, sometimes a few days. But we have all the transaction

information recorded and the accounts are updated when we go back online."

Most of the glitches happened at the Lakeshore campus at LakeCafe and Williams Coffee Pub, Henriques said. But no problems were reported from the student's residence cafeteria.

"Everything is fine at the Rez café," said Adrian Calvin, Food Services manager at the residence. "I think the Lakeshore problem happened because the system is piggy-backed with the school's system and when that goes down, food services has no control as to when it goes back online."

Students were upset that there was no warning that the system was down.

"Nobody told us anything until after the money was taken off," Sinisac said. "A lot of students did-

n't have any money coming off their cards for a while and it's hard to budget when you don't know what's going on."

The latest meal card problem happened a few weeks ago when the system at Food Services was offline for five days.

Humber College's Food Services are working on offering new programs at Lakeshore and North campuses, which include Rez food card availability at Harvey's and Java Jazz - scheduled for use in September. This kind of revamp has caused some minor problems in the past but is part and parcel of the changes, Henriques said.

"We're just working through some of the growing pains," he said.

Students with concerns about their residence meal cards are asked to contact Food Services at ext. 4120.



Rez students using meal cards to purchase food noticed money wasn't being deducted from their account. Their accounts were updated when the system was back up after being offline for five days.

Toronto police investigate \$7,000 theft of cameras

Incident may be linked to recent computer heist

by Stephanie Crosby

Campus security at the North Campus discovered another break and enter on Feb. 9, on the second floor of D building.

About \$7,000 worth of cameras was stolen from a room that houses audiovisual equipment for the college. A door to the second floor of the building was "chiseled at" from the outside, campus security said.

Director of Public Safety Gary Jeynes said he believes this incident is related to the theft on Jan. 20, when \$12,000 worth of computers was taken from lab E305.

"The way in which [those responsible] gained entry is similar in both situations," Jeynes said. He added that police at 23 Division have been involved and will continue to be involved throughout the investigation.

No arrests have been made in either counts.

Jeynes and campus security are looking for help from students who may have information about the incident.

"Someone must know something," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Jeynes through campus security at ext. 4417 or to call Crimestoppers at 416-222-TIPS.

Humber's Department of Public Safety has launched a new Web site that may help to solve or prevent crimes at Humber.

The site includes "Alerts," which are details of any crime in the area that may affect personal or public safety.

The site is designed with student safety in mind with news regarding the campus watch program, emergency services information, phone and contact numbers, and parking and visitor information. Links to Crimestoppers, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, Toronto Fire Safety and Toronto Police Services are also on the site at www.public-safety.humberc.on.ca.

Chefs praised by judges

Culinary team falls short, but memories will last a life-time

by Jen O'Brien

A team from Humber was out to cook up a name for themselves and become Canada's next culinary Olympians in a competition at the International Centre on Feb. 18.

But though the team from Humber didn't place in the top three, Humber coach Anthony Bevan said they did an incredible job.

"They worked very well together and one or two things went wrong, but they usually do in things like this. Regardless, we are very proud of them and they got an awful lot of praise from the judges about the flavours of the dishes."

Bevan said the winning team from P.E.I. was working with a different level of resource than what is available at Humber.

"They had been practicing twice a day for six months and include competitions like this in their budget," he said.

Cook Apprentice students Miranda Thompson, 20, and John Cerovac, 21, along with Bevan, took on some of the country's most prom-



Humber's culinary team took part in the National Youth Team Selection Competition in Toronto on Feb. 18. Despite finishing out of the top three, judges praised Humber's chefs for their tasty dishes.

ising young chefs in the National Youth Team Selection Competition to determine which group of three would represent Canada at the 2004 World Culinary Olympics in Erfurt, Germany.

Each team, comprised of two junior competitors and one coach, was given a list of ingredients and expected to put together a four-course meal for each of the five judges.

"This year we had two really good students representing Humber," Bevan said.

He says Thompson and Cerovac were chosen by the culinary faculty based on experience and professionalism.

The pair had been training for the event since the beginning of January to perfect different dishes. "We would work by trial and error until

something stuck," Thompson said.

Bevan said the outcome of each competition is often dependent on the judges' personal preferences, styles and culinary fashions.

"Everyone wants to be the winner, but judging can't be a scientific endeavor," Bevan said. The most important thing is they walk away feeling they've done a good job."

Bright ideas bring college to the forefront

Annual awards give staff and students a chance to shine

by Vivian Song

Humber's reputation is only as good as the staff and students who propel the school's programs, and the annual Innovation of the Year Awards gives those college people a chance to be recognized.

Faculty, administrators and support staff, who have designed and implemented a significantly innovative idea that furthers student learning, are eligible to be nominated for this year's award. Nomination packages are out now and are to be submitted by Feb. 28.

"We put a call out to the college community to put in nominations," said Valerie Hewson, executive assistant to the President. "We select a nomination committee based on past recipients and then they review all of the nominations and make a

recommendation to the President."

Past recipients include students from both the Computer Engineering Department for their annual Micromouse Competition and students from the radio broadcasting program.

Pat Hedley, director for Learners Support Services and facilitator of the selection committee, said a recipient of the award is someone who "takes risks and challenges the traditional paradigm" of teaching.

Award recipients are honoured at the college's annual showcase, a one-day event which highlights successful teaching practices, through faculty and support staff lead seminars in innovative teaching initiatives.

Winners also receive individual commemorative plaques and have their names inscribed on the college's main awards plaque on display outside the library.

Susan McNulty, Wayne Deby and Janis Miller received the award in 2000/2001 for their on-line technical writing certificate course.



Susan McNulty, Wayne Deby and Janis Miller acquired an Innovation of the year award in 2001 for their on-line technical writing course.

"We were one of the first [programs] in the college to put a whole course on-line," Deby said. The idea of putting an actual certificate program on-line was relatively new at the time."

Students from as far away as China, France, Costa Rica, England and the United States have logged online to join the technical writing class.

"We were happy and proud [to receive the award]. It's nice to be recognized by colleagues," McNulty said.

Humber president Robert Gordon makes the decision based on recommendations of the awards committee. The panel evaluates the innovation using seven key criteria as guidelines: creativity, effectiveness, replication, timeliness, value addition, currency and collaboration.

Humber is also a member of the League for Innovation Award—an exclusive American institution where membership is by invitation only. Humber is the only Canadian representative.

World Digest

by Joel Hoidas

Largest protest yet

WORLD
Tens of thousands of Canadians from coast to coast joined an estimated 10 million people worldwide in a day of protest against the war in Iraq on Feb. 15.

An estimated 80,000 participated in the Toronto protest, marching past the U.S. consulate.

Close to 150,000 braved the frigid cold in Montreal and 30,000 more took to the streets in Vancouver.

Around the world, anti-war support was even more outstanding, with 100,000 strong in Sydney, Australia, 400,000 nationwide, and 750,000 in London, England. Half a million demonstrators protested in Berlin, Germany, and hundreds of thousands across France.

U.S. pleased with Canadian support

CANADA
Senior American security advisor Richard Perle says the U.S. government believes it is getting appropriate support from Canada in the Iraq crisis.

Perle, chairman of the U.S. defence policy board, said Prime Minister Jean Chretien would not merely echo the anti-war sentiments expressed by France and China.

Last week in Chicago, Chretien praised the U.S. government for their leadership in disarming Iraq of weapons of mass destruction.

Chicago nightclub stampede kills 21

UNITED STATES
At least 21 people were killed and 57 injured in a stampede of people leaving a crowded Chicago nightclub on Feb. 17.

Reports estimate there were about 500 people in the second-floor E2 nightclub when someone used Mace or pepper spray to break up a fight around 2 a.m.

People were crushed, trampled and pinned against the walls as they fled down the stairs and out the only exit.

Officials said a judge had ordered the owners to close their club last July because of safety violations, including failing to provide enough exits.

Subway arsonist kills 20 in Seoul

SOUTH KOREA
A man lit a milk carton filled with flammable material in a subway car in Seoul on Feb. 18, killing at least 20 people and injuring 134.

Police said they were interrogating 46-year-old Kim Dachean, who witnesses said carried a carton filled with flammable material on to a subway car.

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Humber students talk sex with Sue

Popular host of sex talk show speaks to more than 500 students

by Melissa Lim

Canada's foremost sexual educator took Humber students down memory lane back to grade nine health class last week in a packed student centre.

Sue Johanson, host of the popular *Sunday Night Sex Show*, told the crowd that learning about sex is probably the hardest thing to do because what is taught in grade nine sex classes aren't the things that young people at that age want to know.

"Remember when they taught you all about ovaries and fallopian tubes and luteinizing hormones? And did you give a damn?"

Foreign students not affected by double cohort

College wants more students from abroad

by Kermin Bhot

International students need not worry that the large increase in first-year applicants to Humber College will reduce their chances of getting accepted.

Nor, said Vice President of Academics Richard Hook, do they need to worry that they will not find a place to live.

Hook said the college has been planning for the double cohort for several years and is well equipped to handle both it and international students.

"We've thought it through. We believe we have the right balance," Hook said. "We don't see any reason why there should be an upset. We've seen no evidence of that at all."

Hook said that around 1990, Humber committed to grow its international student population to five per cent of the total student population. That goal has not yet been reached.

In fact, there are only 575 international students currently attend-

Johanson asked. "You wanted to know things like if it hurt the first time, but did anybody answer those questions?"

Her stop at Humber was just one of the 56 live shows and 35 lectures she does each year.

Johanson talked enthusiastically about sex during her hour-long presentation. She emphasized her speech with sound effects, facial expressions and a number of gadgets and encouraged the audience to participate.

Johanson brought a bag full of toys and gadgets, which included a portable showerhead, a mini-massager or "pocket-rocket" and the "pink dolphin" dildo. She also gave advice on where to shop and what to look for in sex shops.

Rishi Gupta, vice president of Campus Life, said that Johanson's visit to the college is something that the Humber Students' Federation doesn't even think about anymore.

"She's been coming for the past three or four years and it always

does really well," Gupta said, estimating that more than 500 students attended. "People were sitting in places I didn't think you could sit."

As a registered nurse and a mother of three, Johanson has seen and heard it all when it comes to sex. She also hosts *Talk Sex With Sue*, a live phone-in show on *Oxygen TV* in the United States and has also written several books.

In 1970, she opened the first birth control clinic for kids in the health room of a high school. "When kids need birth control, they need it now," Johanson said. "If kids think they have a disease, or think they're pregnant, they need to be treated and tested now - not two weeks from now when they get a doctor's appointment."

Johanson's ability to relate with and communicate to young people was what brought out so many students.

"She speaks openly in ways that we all can relate to," said Karmen Vegas, a second year marketing student. "She doesn't talk down to us."

One thing that Johanson stressed was that talking openly about sex is something everyone should be comfortable doing to fully enjoy the sexual experience.

"That means everything from taking a look at your body and identifying the parts, without feeling guilty, without feeling ashamed,



Sue Johanson talks candidly about sex at Humber's North Campus dealing with issues like menstruation and birth control.

without being embarrassed," she said.

Johanson spent an hour answering questions previously submitted to HSF, which ranged from various topics like bent penises to menstruation.

Students approached Johanson, after the two-hour lecture and ques-

tion period was over, wanting her autograph and their pictures taken with her.

Jessica Stoppard, a second year business management student, was one of many excited to see her.

"She's my idol! I want to show my mom that I met her," Stoppard said.

NDP lobbying for minimum wage hike

Minimum wage for Ontario workers frozen at \$6.85 since 1995

by Catherine Gerow

The provincial government is under pressure from opposition parties to raise the minimum wage, which has been frozen at \$6.85 an hour since 1995.

The NDP has waged a long-term campaign to increase this rate to \$7.50 and to raise minimum wage rates for wait staff by 65 cents from \$5.95 to \$6.60.

Marilyn Bellamy, NDP spokesman, said her party believes a

minimum wage increase is especially important to students.

"Youth comprise a large percentage of minimum wage workers," she said. "As tuition escalates and their pay doesn't, they are less likely to be able to attend post secondary education or subsidize meagre student loans."

The press secretary for the Ministry of Labour was unavailable for comment.

Many Humber students agree that the minimum wage should be raised in Ontario.

"I know from my own experience that I work so hard and I'm not getting paid enough," said Maria Bonfiglio, first year Travel and Tourism student.

Bonfiglio said she thinks a jump to \$7.50 an hour would be an appropriate increase.

Megan Cofield, final year Travel and Tourism student, said an increase for wait staff is long overdue.

"I think that a waitress' minimum wage should definitely be raised because nobody tips anymore," she said.

The highest minimum wage is in Yukon, where workers earn \$7.20 an hour.



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Design teams represent college

by Fernanda Caranfa

Industrial Design students at Humber College were shut out of the winner's circle at the third annual World Automotive Design Competition in Toronto last week.

However, the two teams who represented the college at the international contest said they were honoured to have been a part of the event.

"It would have been nice to be in the winner's circle, but I'm proud of what we developed and being part of an incredible pool of talent," said Isobel Daniel, who with partner Alexis Eizinas created one of the En-vie designs.

The En-vie (pictured center) is a two-seat commuter with a single door that swings up. It is designed to run on a hydrogen fuel cell and the exhaust exits through the roof as steam.

"As I went down the escalator (at the Metro Convention Centre), the first thing I saw was our entry on display at the auto show - that in itself was exciting!" she said.

Ken Cummings, a teacher in the industrial design program, said, for a three-year college program, the students did exceptionally well.

"We have talent here. We need the degree program, which will start soon," he said.

En-vie co-creator Alexis Eizinas said competition was much stiffer this year.

"The [students] were all in four and five-year automotive design programs. We are in a three-year industrial design program," she said.

The second entry, created by Todd McDowell and Zenith Chance, was called Ni'so, the Cree word for two. A "housed bicycle" that runs on an electric engine, it has textured

exterior panels that can be removed for easier parking capabilities.

"The competition



was filled with some excellent designs from all over. I was very impressed," Todd McDowell said.

Both the En-vie and Ni'so are designed to reach a maximum speed of 100 kilometers per hour, but are intended for short trips, not long drives.

"Humber college designs were consistent in research and follow through in the intent of the design. The En-vie, created by Daniel and Eizinas, was well developed in concept and packaging," Cummings said. "It compared favourably with the other entries. It was only lacking in the automotive look."

"The Ni'so details were underdeveloped. There were things left unexplained, like how it would stand up and other inside details. But this was a problem of other entries as well," Cummings added.

Sung Joong Kim from the Hong-IK University in Seoul, South Korea took the first prize of \$10,000 US and an Inuit sculpture. Kim -flown in from Korea - was the only winner present to accept the award.

His design, called Advance Driving, is a two-seat vehicle that can bend in the middle allowing for

difficult terrain conditions.

"The winner's vehicle was shaped like a normal car," Chance said. "I expected [the judges] to go for something a bit more creative and crazy, which they did last year."

The second prize of \$5,000 was awarded to students from Coventry University in Great Britain. The \$2,500 third prize went to Umea Institute of Design in Sweden.

For the competition, students were challenged to design an innovative "essential transportation vehicle" that reflects the country where they live or study.

Five judges came from across the globe to participate in the early morning presentation. Winners were announced during a breakfast meeting at the Metro Convention Centre, Feb. 13, the day before the auto show officially opened to the public.

Last year, a Humber design team finished third place in the competition.

The automotive designs will remain on display in the south building of MTCC for the duration of the auto show, ending Feb. 23.

Caps prepared for wave of underaged students

Students of the double cohort will revel booze-free at college pub

by Leslie Fleischer

The high number of underage frosh coming to Humber next year as a

part of the double cohort will be able to party at Caps with their older, of age, cohorts, but they won't be able to drink.

The number of applicants to the

college is up 2,500 students for the fall semester, many of which are not going to be legal age when they start college in September.

The exact number of underage applicants will not be available for months.

Caps assistant pub manager Gord Hagan said, the pub hosts an all-ages night on Mondays to accommodate the high number of underage students already at Humber.

"Our tentative plan for next year is to have three all-ages nights a week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night, from 8:00 p.m. to close," Hagan said.

If these fresh-out-of-high school under-agers think they're going to be able to drink like older Humber students, they won't be able to at Caps.

"We wristband everyone who's underage and stamp their hand," Hagan said. "We also collect their student cards on the way in so that they have to come back to get them on the way out. If the wristband is gone, or if it's obvious they've been drinking, then they are put on a banned list and they can not come back until six months after their 19th birthday."

Monitoring underage partygoers at Caps is a difficult task but Hagan said their policy is try to keep them from even attempting to break the rules.

"We try to make the penalty severe enough that they won't abuse the privilege," Hagan said.

Province names Humber institute of technology

by Lori Paris

Humber will now be able to offer up to 25-bachelor degree programs, after being designated an Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning by the province earlier this month.

"This is a natural extension of education in the 21st century," Humber College president Robert Gordon said. "The world out there now requires more and more people with bachelors degrees, and we should provide pathways for all our students to be able to continue on (with education)."

Three new degree programs will be offered at Humber for the fall 2003 school year. The new programs include e-Business, Industrial Design and Paralegal Studies. Also, more than 20 other degrees are in active development.

The designation will not however, prompt Humber into pursuing university status, as Ryerson did in 1993.

"We hope to be as good as any other university, maybe better in terms of the bachelor degrees we will be offering, but that's the extent of it," Gordon said. "If we'd played that game (pursuing university status) we wouldn't have gotten approval and we would be a crummy university. Why would we want to be a crummy university when we can be the best college?"

Humber has spent the last

three years developing its government application for the ITAL status.

Humber's vice president of academics Richard Hook said one of the reasons the college was designated as an ITAL was the trust the college has developed with the provincial government.

"You get trust by substance. Humber, for a long time, has tried to offer a very solid education," Hook said. "Humber has established some very interesting relationships with industry that have benefited students."

Conestoga College and Sheridan College were also named as ITALs, while Georgian College is establishing an Institute of University Partnerships and Advanced Studies.



Caps' assistant pub manager Gord Hagan says underage drinking won't be a problem with the arrival of the double cohort next year.

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Editorial

Security needs a boost from Humberites

Despite two recent heists of almost \$20,000 in computer and digital camera equipment, we should all congratulate and applaud the security staff here at Humber North.

The staff consists of three Humber personnel and close to 35 contract security men and women. The team is responsible for all Humber security as well as parking (8,000 cars a day) under the watchful eye of Gary Jeynes, director of Public Safety.

That's not much staff to police such a large area – and that's where staff and students can make a difference.

It may sound like something off of *Sesame Street*, but cooperation is important and we need to look out for one another.

In parking lots, Jeynes suggests students should lock car doors and hide or secure all valuable possessions.

Jeynes said that students should also always report mysterious looking people, especially if they are peering into car windows or randomly jiggling car handles. Once reported, Jeynes will watch the suspect via one of his 14 cameras and contact the police if need be.

At different times of the day, there are different numbers of security personnel on patrol. On weekdays around noon time, about eight staff members are on site. Sometimes Jeynes and his team have to handle eight security situations at once.

Right now Jeynes is also working with police, investigating the recent \$12,000 and \$7,000 robberies of computer and digital camera equipment. There has yet to be an arrest and it is uncertain whether the two incidents are connected or if the incidents were an inside job.

If anyone on campus witnesses suspicious actions or questionable behaviour, do not hesitate to contact Jeynes at the Humber North campus at extension 4417. Those wanting to remain anonymous can always call 222-TIPS and will be eligible for up to \$1,000 in reward money. Jeynes says Humber has in the past benefited from such coop-



Believe it or not, Environment Canada says our winter is normal True North weather. But south of the border, storms dumped snow on New York and Washington, leaving them with more snow than they are used to handling.

eration encourages students not to worry, but to be alert.

"The community has to work with us a little bit. We have to take responsibility of our neighbourhood."

If only Chrétien had to pump gas



by Tamara Holmes

Jean Chrétien should have to buy his own gas.

Let him keep his tax breaks, his driver and slick, black car.

But the next time Canada's prime minister needs to go somewhere, he should have to get out of the car, unscrew the gas tank cap and pull the lever in the frigid cold.

I'm out for frozen blood and blue lips. I want his hands to grow slowly chapped and itchy dry while he watches the numbers climb on the gas meter. I want his stomach to lurch along with his people at what little time it takes to spend a small daily fortune on gasoline.

And then I want him to make a decision on this bloody board game of *Risk* we're dubbing a war, as he fumbles for money in his wallet, eyeing the "Take A Penny, Leave A

Penny" dish on the brink of desperation.

America's "little brother" has got to take a stand.

The rising cost of gasoline prices in Canada is not a result of inflation, my nation. They are a result of George W. Bush's gun-toting angst of going down in history books as the man that destroyed his nation.

To give credit where due, Bush was only recently in his comfy Prez chair when terror swept his land, self-imposed or not.

But the U.S. government is not new to crisis surrounding the Middle East. This looming war isn't about chemical warheads or human rights. It is about oil, and we're all paying for it.

Almost a dollar a litre for it. The U.S. Department of Energy announced at the beginning of this year that, by 2025, American oil imports will account for 70 per cent of total domestic demand. It was only 55 per cent two and a half years ago. A staggering 70 per cent of the world's proven oil reserves lie in middle eastern regions, namely Iraq.

If you're in to numbers, these speak for themselves. These ratios, compiled by Jeremy Rifkin of Hydrogen Economy, illustrate the number of years that oil reserves

will last by current production rates. Here in Canada, it is 8:1. Iran has 53:1. Saudi Arabia has 55:1. United Arab Emirates has 75:1 and Kuwait has 116:1.

The United States has already used more than 60 per cent of its recoverable oil so the ratio is just 10:1.

Iraq has 526:1.

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The United States has known since the early '80s about Saddam's ways and his most prominent act against humans, the genocide of 6,800 Kurdish Iraqis at Halabja.

Following that attack, which left more than twice as many dead as the events of Sept. 11, they instructed diplomats and officials to back Saddam and blame Iran. In a recently declassified document, instructions read to "push the line of Iran's culpability" to the world and "offer no further details."

Saddam should not be in power. His government should be overthrown. But a war right now would be misunderstood, pre-emptive and disastrous in the larger global picture.

This is about Iraq. This is about oil. This is about Jean Chretien's sit-on-the-fence attitude. This is about Kyoto. This is about the economy. This is about George Bush trying to stave off the war so it falls during election time.

I'm not anti-American. I'm anti-inflation and I'm against hypocritical governments.

There is so much information that is all interlinked to bring us to this potential crisis looming overhead.

The state of the world is not a copasetic one. We need a common sense and heartfelt revolution.

But for now, I'd settle just watching Chrétien chase his gas cap through a windy gas station parking lot.

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Opinion

American Idol: Big voice loved, big size wasn't



by Julet Allen

For those of you who are thinking about auditioning for *Canadian Idol* this spring make sure you have your extracurricular activities limited to stripping and not working on an adult site. And more importantly, make sure you have the right look.

I'm sure by now you all know that Fox gave the boot to Frenchie Davis, the voluptuous big-voice singer whose voice rivals Whitney Houston.

The Washington, D.C. native was shown the door because she appeared on a porn site four years ago that catered to male fantasies about young girls.

Now if this isn't a double standard I don't know what it is.

Remember, Nikki McKibbin, from last year's competition? She worked as a stripper and was not pulled from the competition. Apparently it's all right to take your clothes off for perverted old men, but it's a no-no to cater to young boy's fantasies. Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera cater to young boy's fantasies all the time in their videos.

And get this - Sarah Kozer on the reality show *Joe Millionaire* dressed up as a high-school cheerleader in bondage and fetish flicks.

My God, talk about bias. None of these behaviours are acceptable, so let's not rate one act better than the other.

Davis disclosed her past job experience when she filled out paper work required for the competition. So why did Fox and *19 Entertainment*, the company that produces the show and signs top finalists to recording contracts, take so long to give Davis the boot?

No doubt the advertisers had something to do with this - somebody had blown a gasket.

I think the real reason Davis was given the boot was not because she appeared on an adult site but because of her large size. She has a great voice and could become the next *Idol*.

As soon as Fox and *19 Entertainment* were faced with the possibility that the next *American Idol* could possibly not be lightweight and blond, they had to put a stop to this happening.

Everyone's money was on Frenchie Davis. She is talented and by far the best competitor on the show but she does not have the image of an *Idol*.

She left Simon Cowell speechless and no other competitor has been able to accomplish this feat.

Well, Frenchie, I guess it is a crime to be too curvaceous and talented. Discrimination against oversized people is alive and well.

I salute you and your career as a singer, actress or entertainment lawyer. Just think, when you make it to the big time it will be all right to pose for Hugh Hefner in *Playboy*.

American-bashing just as bad as other prejudices



by Kyle Marnoch

Americans think we all live in igloos. Americans think we all take dog sleds to work. Americans don't know anything about us.

Sound familiar? Not many Canadians haven't uttered those phrases, or at least heard them from the mouths of their countrymen.

It has been my experience that if you point out to a Canadian that such viewpoints are prejudiced, bigoted and wrong, they get pretty insulted.

I was in London, Ont. a few years back talking with some friends, all students at Fanshawe College. For some reason the conversation turned to the United States. Statements were made about the ignorance of the American people, especially involving knowledge of Canada.

"Americans don't know anything about Canada, I mean, we know who their president is, but they don't know who our prime minister is," said one of the girls.

I couldn't contain myself. I eventually piped up and said, "Well listen, they are the biggest, most powerful country in the world. Of course we know about them, we have to. We're bombarded by their media. Why should they know all about us? Do you guys know who the heads-of-state are in Mexico or Zaire or

Kampuchea?"

Silence.

"Yeah, well, we are their neighbour, we trade a lot with them, they should still know," was the response.

Big deal. California's economy alone is as powerful as Canada's. Do we know who the governor of California is? I didn't think so.

My intention was to get these people thinking about what they were saying; to realize that their statements weren't based on fact, but on perception. All I did was make them mad.

The same thing happened at my old job at an insurance company. A co-worker was slamming Americans at the lunch table. He went so far as to say he didn't like Americans at all. I said that his opinions were based on unjustified prejudices;

that many Americans didn't conform to his stereotypes. He too greeted my arguments with anger.

"Americans think they run the world, and I can hate their foreign policy if I want," he retorted.

The problem I pointed out is that he wasn't attacking American foreign policy or government. He was attacking the people and their character as individuals. Just because a foreign government has questionable policies doesn't mean the people are questionable too. Just look at the outpouring of anti-war sentiment in the U.S. these past few weeks in

the face of the Bush administration's decidedly hawkish leanings.

Americans don't always agree with their president.

Now, I'm not trying to come off as a pro-American flag waver here. It's just that I don't believe that people are really objective about where their prejudices lie and we get defensive when our beliefs are challenged, even if those beliefs are built on false information.

Too many of us believe that hatred, bigotry and prejudice are the domain of white skinheads with swastikas tattooed across their chest.

It isn't.

We are all capable of prejudice. If you think you are not a racist, ask yourself if you've ever stereotyped homosexuals, a particular religious group, the opposite sex, people who are handicapped, a different nationality, or

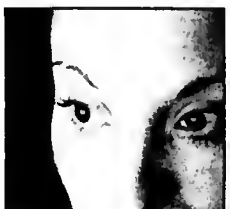
even a group of people who may like to dress a certain way or listen to a particular type of music.

I don't believe that the problem lies in the existence of prejudice, I believe it lies in our inability to realize we are doing it. If we want to stamp out things like racism, sexism, or homophobia we constantly have to be aware of this human weakness of ours.

American-bashing may seem innocuous because they clearly aren't a minority group, but in the end, it's as malicious and ill-informed as any other prejudice.

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Smokers don't need insults, they need help



by Sherri Wood

Recently, while I was standing outside smoking a cigarette, a complete stranger approached me with this random piece of information: "Smoking went out in the 80s."

It took me a few seconds to realize what this person's intent was. What he really should have said was this: "It's not cool to smoke any-

more, so you might as well quit," because that's really what many non-smokers say anyway.

Problem is, contrary to popular belief, I don't smoke because I think it's cool. And actually, I believe it is a gross habit. No, I don't want to pollute my lungs and those of the people around me. No, I definitely do not want to give my money to corporate cigarette whores. And no, I don't enjoy smelling like an ashtray. I also do not believe any of these things to be what one would call "cool."

So, telling me that smoking hasn't been trendy since the days of Duran Duran and leg warmers isn't going to help me quit.

If not to be part of the "in-crowd," why, then, do I smoke?

Well, here's one possible answer: nicotine is addictive. According to Health Canada, nicotine is one of the most addictive substances, and can be a harder habit to break than heroin. Withdrawal symptoms can kick in within a few hours of being nicotine-free. In other words, if I haven't had a cigarette in a while, I start to feel lethargic, depressed and have difficulty concentrating. Such is the life of an addict.

I know where the "smoking-isn't-trendy" argument comes from. According to Health Canada, 85 per cent of adult smokers started smoking during their teenage years. Canadian teens spend \$330 million dollars annually on cigarettes. I know peer-pressure and the desire to be popular are strong themes in the

life of a teenager. But, I'm not a teenager. And, perhaps even for teens, this approach is antiquated.

Give young people some credit. The latest Canadian stats show that fewer teens aged 15-19 are smoking. Health Canada says teen smokers are also better than everyone else when it comes to quitting. In 2001, the most common reason teenagers gave for starting to smoke again after quitting was the need to relax or calm down - not because they didn't think they were cool enough without a deadly habit.

I am in no way suggesting that smoking isn't bad. We all (yes, even we evil smokers) know the horrible effects of cigarette smoke. Tobacco smoke kills over 45,000 people in Canada each year. But we're getting

better. The latest stats say that last year we had the lowest overall smoking prevalence rate since smoking studies began in 1965. Smoking rates continue to drop in Canada - even amongst young adults.

And for the rest of us who still smoke - we'll keep battling the addiction (until either we quit for good or die from it). If you want to help encourage a smoker to quit, don't insult her with a weak and outdated approach like "smoking went out in the '80s."

Try offering up some solid advice such as smoking cessation therapy or counselling or nicotine replacement options. Or just offer your moral support. That would be the cool thing to do.

Cash & Gizmos

Toronto Autoshow exhibits the future of cars in North America



Show attendees look over the futuristic design of a flashy Suzuki GSX-R/4 concept car.

Designs emphasize horsepower and wild styling, but is the industry ignoring the need for eco-cars?

by Fernanda Caranfa

"Leading by design" is the theme for this year's auto show (running until Feb. 23), which aims to introduce new directions in design. But some critics believe that eco-friendly technology has been ignored.

"I left the show with mixed feelings - optimistic and disenchanted at the same time," said Dr. Quentin Chiotti, air program director and senior scientist at Pollution Probe, a Canadian environmental watchdog.

"Taking the cynical view - Hummers were on display. On the flip side, compared to five years ago, we have environmental cars there," Chiotti said.

Presenters talked about improved sales, high power cars, customer satisfaction, performance and competitiveness, but little mention was made of the environment.

"Even in the short term at 82 cents per litre in gas prices, it raises the flag that

things do not look promising. We should be doing a lot more for alternative energy," Dr. Chiotti said.

However, Marketing and Public Affairs Manager of Ford Motors, Chris Banks said all of their cars were "ULEV or ultra low emissions vehicles," and are much cleaner than the required standards.

But Chiotti said manufacturers still promote and sell SUVs with high emissions.

"Climate change is a problem in southern Ontario and cars are major contributors to that problem," he said.

"The big three [manufacturers] were blatantly on the 'big is better' theme, regardless of fuel consumption," said Todd McDowell, a third-year Humber design student.

"There should have been more eco-friendly vehicles at the show," McDowell said.

This trend may

continue for some time because research into new forms of energy like hydrogen is lagging and costly, he added.

The Pembina Institute, another environmental watchdog, wrote in a 177-page report that hydrogen is one of the safest fuels for the environment, but for now it is too expensive and the technology needed is immature.

In 1997, a Daimler executive told reporters they would have 100,000 hydrogen-powered cars on the road by 2004.

Banks said vehicles that use "the Ballard fuel cell to convert hydrogen into energy will probably not be available to the general public for 15 years."

"Hydrogen creates zero emissions but the drawback right now is that it is very expensive," he said. "The public wants cleaner vehicles but the prob-

lem is they don't want to pay for it. They don't want to do anything different."

In 1996 and '97 General Motors introduced the Easy-one the first, full-scale electric car, marketed in California and Arizona. "There was a big push by GM and the U.S. government," said Richard James, Manager of Corporate Communications for GM. "They felt it was environmentally friendly and that consumers would buy them. GM invested over \$1 billion," James said.

"GM made it a lease that was affordable but it was not successful in the market place. We cancelled the program."

This year, GM is offering hybrids (gas or diesel and electricity) in their trucks, SUVs and mid-sized sedans.

"We decided to target our hybrid technology on SUVs and trucks because a 25 per cent improvement on a large vehicle is a better strategy," James said. "Competitors are putting hybrids on small vehicles that are already fuel efficient. We don't think you get the same bang for your

Daniel said trucks and SUVs still exist, but there was a slow down this year in the category.

"Given gasoline prices these days, many people will not be able to afford the costs of running a large tank vehicle," Daniel said.

Director of Sierra Club Eastern Chapter, Dan McDermott said hybrid cars like the Toyota Prius and the Honda hybrids, introduced a few years ago, were a step in the right direction.

"A larger step is hydrogen. Hydrogen is the economy of the future. It is the fuel of the future," McDermott said. "We look forward to days when burning fossil fuels becomes rare rather than omnipresent. The development of fuel cells needs to happen at a quicker pace."

Pembina lists hybrid electric vehicles (HEV) as a practical energy system.

"HEV technology is a relatively simple method of improving overall system performance and could be applied to most vehicles."

Toyota, a leader in ecological cars, unveiled a proto-type of the



The Chrysler Crossfire looks fast and will be in production later this year.

buck." Third year Humber design student Isobel

Echo a gasoline compact worth about \$14,000 at its economical base price.

The Echo was created specifically for Canada and is said to be available this summer.





Hallie Chambers, a deaf mother of three, uses her TTY phone to communicate with others.

Now the deaf can use the phone with sign language

by Andrea Chambers

Communicating by phone for a deaf person has always been a major hang-up, until now.

AT&T recently introduced the Video Relay Service (VRS) to allow those who are deaf or hard-of-hearing to telecommunicate with a hearing party in their own native language—American Sign Language (ASL).

Pairing together a high-speed Internet connection and a low-cost Webcam, the deaf will be able to use sign language to communicate to a nationally-certified interpreter. The interpreter will then relay the information to the person on the other end in English.

"Since the invention of the telephone, AT&T has been dedicated to providing communication services for the deaf community," said Sue Decker, general manager of AT&T Telecommunication Relay Services. "Now the Internet takes communication into the video dimension."

The traditional way for a deaf person to talk on the phone is through the TTY (TeleTypewriter).

TTY enables a deaf person to type messages through a special keypad where the phone rests on and the messages get relayed to an operator who translates it.

This method has been the only viable method of telecommunication

for the deaf since its invention in 1964.

"There are always problems with misunderstandings," said Terri Watts, a deaf user of the Bell Relay Service (BRS). "Sometimes operators won't relay my comments, like if I'm using bad language or something that they don't understand. I ask the person I talk to later, and they will tell me that the operator didn't

"The grammar and syntax of ASL is as different as any other spoken language [compared] to English."

say that."

Hallie Chambers, a deaf mother of three, reiterates the negative side of using the TTY. "I get tired always trying to type exact English," she says. "It's such a slow service."

Just as Chambers mentions, the real barrier to communication is not the TTY itself, but attempting to communicate through a language not her own. Contrary to the popular belief that ASL is the signing form of the way we speak English, it is not.

"There is no printed form of ASL. [It] is a visual language expressed

with facial expressions," said Linda Sheppard, information officer at the Canadian Hearing Society. "The grammar and syntax of ASL is as different as any other spoken languages [compared] to English."

With the new VRS, deaf people will not need to waste time trying to type broken sentences, but instead, use their own visual language through a visual method. According to AT&T, this will speed up the telecommunication process by up to 50 per cent.

With advantages such as faster service and the ability to use ASL instead of English, VRS is a service that is offered free to users. By downloading the free software, a deaf person can access an interpreter through AT&T at no extra cost (except for long-distance fees).

The only problem—Canada doesn't have it yet.

"Although we are looking at it right now, it's not in our plan," said Marie-Josée Valliere, a manager of Bell Canada's special needs services. "It's not a priority right now, we still need to evaluate it."

And evaluating has a lot to do with numbers.

Valliere said Bell Relay has more than 6 million calls a year coming in to their calling centres in Quebec and Ontario alone. She says last month alone, 122,158 calls came from the deaf and hearing customers.

PCs can be used in the fight against diseases

Researchers enlist the help of computer users to sort through 35 million chemical compounds

by Sarah Ternoway

The fight against bioterrorism has a new ally—your home computer.

Led by the U.S. Department of Defense, an international team of research scientists is enlisting the help of computer users around the world to search for drugs to combat the deadly smallpox virus.

They have compiled a list of 35 million different chemical compounds that could potentially stop the virus from copying itself and spreading.

Now they need to test each of those molecules in a computer simulation, to narrow down the field of good drug candidates.

If a single computer were to tackle this problem, it could take up to 100,000 years. So the research group has decided to use a distributed computing approach, which could provide results within a few months.

In distributed computing, a large problem is broken down into small, manageable chunks of data. Home computer users can sign up for the program and download a screensaver which works on crunching the numbers during time when the computer is idle.

The results are then returned to the main research centre, where all the small results can be combined to find meaningful answers.

For the smallpox project, PC users running Windows can download the screensaver from www.grid.org.

This kind of distributed approach has been used by many organizations, most famously the SETI@home project, which searches for signs of intelligent life in radio signals received from outer space. The research group behind the www.grid.org site has also tackled problems such as finding new cancer therapies and drugs to fight anthrax.

The lead biologist on the smallpox project is virologist Grant McFadden from the University of Western Ontario's Robarts Research Institute. The U.S. Department of Defense contacted

McFadden, who works on other members of the poxvirus family, for help deciding which part of the virus to attack with a drug.

"In the literature was published the structure of a protein called topoisomerase from [the related virus] Vaccinia, and I helped them model it to the closely related smallpox structure," McFadden said in an interview. They picked a part of the protein they thought would be good for a molecule to bind with. The area decided upon was picked as the target for the project.

McFadden said once the possible drug molecules have been narrowed down from 35 million to a few thousand, "it gets to be harder grunt work. You have to get the molecules from the different sources, and actually test them against topoisomerase and the virus. And that's a longer-term project. But it's a lot easier to screen a couple of thousand than to screen 35 million."

Although smallpox was eliminated from the general population by the end of the 1970s, small stocks of the virus still exist in labs in the United States and Russia. There is concern that samples from the Russian lab could have fallen into the hands of groups who want to develop the virus for bioterrorist attacks.

While a preventative vaccine for smallpox currently exists, there are no drugs available which can fight the disease once a person has been infected. The disease spreads quickly and kills almost one third of its victims.

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Not in Canada just yet? Rats...

by Brian E. Wilkinson

Tired of tapes being eaten by your VCR? Fed up with DVDs? The latest video sensation is called TiVo, and the American company TiVo Inc. is hoping to show you a better way to enjoy television.

Think of it as a very smart, tape-less VCR.

TiVo is able to tape any program at any time, store up to 80 hours of video, and includes the option to pause live television. A click of the button can let viewers watch from where they left off, or it can allow them to resume watching live television.

Recently featured on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, Winfrey commented on how people "won't believe how unbelievably easy this is to use. I'm technologically illiterate, and I was okay in five minutes."

TiVo's "brain" allows it to scan for any show or actor and can tape

each and every time that show or actor appears, regardless of schedule changes by the network.

"Okay, now that's just too funky," said 25-year-old pilot, Brody

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Campbell. "You're telling me this thing can tape every episode of *Transformers* when it comes on? Sweet lord, I'm in heaven."

TiVo is also capable of making recommendations. As it gets used to your viewing habits, it makes sug-

gestions for shows or movies that you might enjoy. If you know what you like and don't want the help, the feature can be easily turned off.

If this all sounds too good to be true, that's because it is. At least for Canadian residents. Right now, TiVo is only available to United States customers, and at a price tag of about \$399 US.

In addition to the price of the machine, viewers must also pay a monthly fee of \$12.95 US to access the service.

"I think it sounds really great and I'd probably get it if it were available here," said 24-year-old artist Jill Johansen who attended Humber last semester.

To find out more about TiVo, visit their Web site at www.tivo.com.



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Movie lovers should screen this popular site

Dark Horizons offers film buffs quick news bits

There is a Web site that exists purely to satisfy even the smallest curiosities of movie lovers the world over, and fans can't get enough.

Dark Horizons (www.darkhorizons.com) began as nothing more than a hobby for 30-year-old Australian Garth Franklin.

"On the first day it was about 30 visitors," Franklin says of the site's modest beginnings. "That's since grown to 300,000 a day purely through word of mouth."

The site can attribute its massive popularity to daily news updates from every corner of the silver screen. New production stills, interviews with film stars, links to movie Web sites, rumours, gossip, and a massive gallery featuring all the latest trailers. It all ensures that even casual visitors can find plenty of unique content.

"It looks like it has a lot to enjoy - although I'll try not to hold it against them that they have a Jungle Book 2 section," says Internet game designer, James Lemoine. "On the other hand, it's not exactly the most impressive site in the world graphi-

cally, and it takes too long to load on a dial-up."

But Lemoine says "it's quick informative reading," which he likes.

Current articles include a full breakdown of the 2003 Academy Awards nominees, a preview of the sequel to the Canadian cult classic, *Cube*, and a section of news briefs discussing everything from Ben Affleck and Jennifer Lopez, to the latest hints dropped by the crew of *Star Wars Episode III*.

Franklin believes that the appeal for fans of his site lies in his professional approach to his subject. "Most other sites in this genre are all about the editorial - long winded paragraphs and use-

less PR," he says.

"I cut straight to the heart of the matter and present a lot of news in a relatively short amount of time."

Each week, Franklin finds that news or information that first appeared on his site gets linked to dozens of Web sites and print-based magazines around the world. Franklin says that he's starting to feel like a big fish in a fairly small pond.

Franklin's love of the cinema extends beyond his Web site: in the future he'd like to write scripts for Hollywood and publish a print version of Dark Horizons.

Web

Wanderings

by Brian E. Wilkinson

LifeStyle

Medical facts or myths?

Practitioners find it tricky to separate fact from fiction on curing the common cold

by Marisa Zucaro

After four consecutive, heavy hitting sneezes echo through the kitchen, Pat Felice drops the bottle of vitamin C tablets from her hand and reaches for a tissue.

"Who sneezes four times?" she asks, blowing her nose.

Her voice is thick, her chest congested. She grabs three more tissues and blows again. When she's done, her nose is as red as a tomato.

Felice, a 26-year-old legal assistant, picks up the vitamins and stares at them.

"I've been taking one of these every day since I was 12," she says and sneezes again. "You'd think I'd be less susceptible to getting sick, but this is the second time this year and it's only February."

The process of trying to separate medical facts from medical fiction is so tricky even health experts have trouble telling them apart.

Dr. Lorenzo Diana, clinic director and main doctor at Markham Natural Health Centre, says the standard daily intake of a 250 mg vita-

min C tablet – sold in most drug stores and recommended for combating colds – is virtually useless.

He says certain vitamins need higher doses in order to be effective.

"You need between 4,000 to 5,000 mg of vitamin C in order to stimulate the immune (system)," he said. "If taken properly it does work as an anti-viral. But most people take one 250 mg tablet and expect that to work. It doesn't."

Felicia Pizzonia is a registered holistic nutritionist in North York. She said an anti-viral works to boost the immune system and attack viruses in the body.

"Well that explains a lot," Felice said, after learning this. "Why doesn't it say that on the bottle?"

Felice says labels need to be more specific.

"Most vitamins and minerals work best in pairs, like iron and vitamin C," she said. "Certain combinations help the body absorb them better because they work synergistically. That's something else a lot of people don't know."

Pizzonia said labels should include detailed dosage information along with combination suggestions

but adds that nothing beats a balanced diet.

"Depending on a vitamin or herb to keep colds away is going to leave a lot of people disappointed," she said. "The key is to include a variety of fruits and vegetables in your diet and exercise regularly."

Echinacea is a popular herbal remedy many believe stops colds before they start. Myth? Maybe.

"Echinacea is known for raising T4 cells," Diana said. "These cells attack viruses in the body and make you more resistant to colds."

The catch is this: echinacea needs to be taken as soon as cold-like symptoms occur – otherwise it won't work, he said.

"Since it's herbal, you should only take it for a few weeks at a time. You don't want to overdo it," he said.

Diana and Pizzonia both agree that echinacea does have its disadvantages.

"The echinacea itself is not a myth in terms of it strengthening the immune system and stopping colds and flu's before they hit," Pizzonia said. "But the active ingredients need to be there for it to work and



Most vitamins and minerals work best in pairs, like iron and vitamin C, which most people think help to prevent a cold.

that's difficult to determine."

Diana said people need to be tested to determine what their bodies are capable of absorbing.

"It's hard to say this is a myth or that herb doesn't work because just like conventional medicine, not all drugs work on all patients," he said.

Pizzonia tests her clients thoroughly with an in-depth nutritional

assessment. The test can determine vitamin and mineral deficiencies and address health challenges such as diabetes.

"Discovering a deficiency is only the first step," Pizzonia said. "The next step is figuring out why the body is deficient and how to fix that."

Pill not an oral contraceptive

Warning from Health Canada: Diane-35 should be used only as acne medication

by Vanessa Mariga

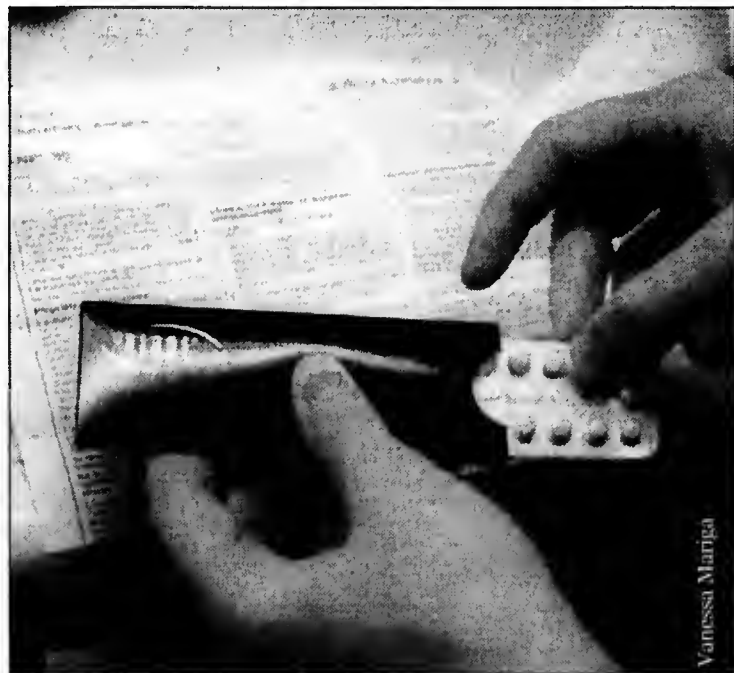
Many young women may be rethinking their prescriptions after a popular pill recently came under fire for allegedly causing an increased risk of blood clots.

A British study found that the pill Diane-35 could increase a woman's risk up to four times. The study came after the deaths of two British girls were potentially linked to Diane-35 prescriptions.

Diane-35, an acne medication, also supposedly can serve as an oral contraceptive.

"It is approved as a last resort acne medication. It is not approved as an oral contraceptive," said Ryan Baker, a Health Canada representative for prescription and non-prescription drugs. "Whether or not doctors prescribe it as an acne medication or as an oral contraceptive, that decision falls on the doctor prescribing the drug."

The CBC show *Disclosure* aired an episode in January about the pill and claimed that many of the young women taking Diane-35 are only taking the pill for its birth control properties, despite the fact that



Users of Diane-35 should know that it is approved as a last resort acne medication and not as an oral contraceptive.

Health Canada has only approved the pill as an acne medication.

The report found that Diane-35's sales shot up 45 per cent after the

First year of a TV and Internet ad campaign which some feel marketed

the drug as both an acne medication and as an oral contraceptive.

Shortly after the report aired, Health Canada issued a statement to all physicians reminding them that Diane-35 is only to be prescribed as

an acne medication. "We are conducting an inquiry for issues related to the promotion of Diane-35," Baker said.

But not everyone is so sure that *Disclosure* covered all sides of the story.

"Regrettably, the *Disclosure* feature chose to sensationalize an incomplete scientific report," said Dr. Robert Reid, chairperson of the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, in a press release.

Humber student Jen Bryan has been taking Diane-35 for three years now. When she heard about the potential risks and about the two young women's deaths, she wanted more information before switching pills.

"I don't know enough about them [the girls that die] and I don't know enough about their lifestyle. I don't know what was going on with them surrounding their deaths," Bryan said.

"If a person smokes, does not exercise, is overweight and does not eat right, in other words if they have poor lifestyle habits, her chances of suffering from blood clots are

increased compared to someone who has a healthy lifestyle," said Andree Poirier, director of communications for the (SOGC). "One must also look at their family history for any form of cardiovascular diseases."

A new comprehensive study from Denmark found that risks associated with Diane-35 are no higher than any other type of oral contraceptive.

"All oral contraceptives raise the risk of blood clots very slightly," said Dr. Donna Fedorkow, president of the SOGC, in a press release. "The risk is no greater than the one of developing blood clots from smoking cigarettes or being overweight."

Marg-Anne Jones, R.N. manager at Humber College Health Services, North Campus says there are risks and benefits associated with taking any type of medication.

"A balance between the benefits and risks must be reached before you decide to take any type of medication," said Jones.

Berlex, the manufacturer of Diane-35, declined to comment on the controversy.



Tim Hortons is one of North America's largest coffee and fresh baked goods chains. With more than 2,200 stores across Canada, the number is steadily growing. Their Web site boasts, Horton's is "a meeting place - a home away from home."

One more proud Canadian icon drifting further south of the border

Tim Hortons, the coffee giant, already has 160 stores dotting the northeastern U.S. and has recently announced plans to expand

by Andrea Chambers

Coffee is to student as Tim Hortons is to Canada, but this analogy is already waning.

Canada's coffee king has announced major expansion plans that could see our friendly neighbour to the south with a dense dotting of Tim Hortons throughout the next decade.

Since 1995, a plethora of Tim Hortons have opened up in the United States, mainly in the northeastern region. According to the Tim Hortons official Web site, 160 stores grace the states of Michigan, New York, Ohio, Kentucky, Maine, and West Virginia. Plans for mass expansion elsewhere in the United States are now in the works.

Last year's sales at Hortons totaled \$2.1 billion, which puts Tim's hot on McDonald's trail with \$2.2 billion in sales.

But coffee-trotting Humber students seem to think this move could burn Tim Hortons as a major Canadian icon, a coffee powerhouse that has become a part of Canada's heritage and pride. And many worry the founder of the Timbit phenomenon has already succumbed to American influence.

Canadian ties to Tim Hortons are already hanging by a thread with the potential selling of the

last remaining shares owned by the last remaining Canadian founder. Ron Joyce sold all of his shares in Tim Hortons to Wendy's in 1995, but acquired shares in Wendy's during the merge.

Now Wendy's may buy their shares back from him.

"Tim Hortons has already changed," explained Morgan Bagg, first-year Architectural Technology student. "It's already Americanized in Canada. I find myself associating Tim's with Wendy's all the time. Except when they're promoting

their camps, but are they even in Canada anymore?"

Dusan Jano, first-year law clerk student, agrees "We could lose it as part of our Canadian identity."

But he also viewed it as a golden opportunity to share Canada's largest coffee and fresh baked goods chain that we have enjoyed since 1964 with the Americans.

"Tim's should expand everywhere, not just the United States," he said. "Hopefully it will remain Canadian. Americans must not forget that.

Tim Hortons is ours as McDonald's is theirs."

"This will give Canada a lot of recognition where coffee is concerned. Tim's will always be grounded as a Canadian thing," said Charles Lawrence, a first year student in the bachelor of nursing program.

According to the American owners, the goal of Tim Hortons in the United States is to duplicate the same commitment to product, quality, value, cleanliness, customer service and community leadership that has been established in Canada.



Tim Hortons' sales totalled \$2.2 billion last year. Their goal is to continue to duplicate the same commitment to quality, customer service, value and community leadership in the U.S.

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Psychics and mystics and seers, oh my!

by Vanessa Mariga

As I desperately try to resist the stress and anxiety that comes with mid-term, I can't help but think that this is the toughest semester of school that I've ever endured. And apparently it shows in my fiery orange aura.

Last week I forked over \$20 at the Psychic, Mystics and Seers Fair, held at the National Trade Centre, to have my "aura image" taken and then discuss the results with a psychic.

"You're definitely in journalism in some form or another. Probably a student?" Julie-Anne, a psychic with Aura-Vision, asked.

I nodded enthusiastically, scribbled down her quote in my steno pad, swung my camera over my shoulder and held my tape recorder closer to her mouth.

"What can I say, I'm psychic!" she exclaimed.

Rows of tables with crystal balls, tarot cards, Visa and Interac signs filled the aisles as fair-goers lined up waiting to pay anywhere from \$35 to \$100 for a half-hour psychic reading session.

"I want a general reading, but this guy is also a medium, so I want to hear from some spirits," said Franca Auciello, a homemaker, as she waited for her appointment with Dave Lefort.

"I was reading his pamphlet and it says that he's been on some television shows like *Breakfast Television* and the *Dini Petty Show*. I think that his face looks familiar. That's what made me decide on him."

Like Auciello hundreds of people milled about the fair, trying to gauge which person they think would offer the clearest answers.

"When it comes to psychics, I think the main reason people believe these things comes from the psychics' supposed successes," said Rodney Watkins, professor of science and psuedo-science at the University of Toronto.

He explained that it is possible to make correct predictions by chance alone, but to be considered a psychic you would have to constantly make correct predictions and not by chance.

Rene Gaudette said he relies on more than just his own intuition to

offer his clients insights and predictions.

"I am a deep trance channeller. I set my consciousness completely aside and I let the collective conscience known as the Wonders come through me. You have the chance to have a conversation with them directly," Gaudette said.

Allan Shpeley has had two readings with the Wonders through Gaudette. He said that his first reading enlightened him on the path that he was on in life and that his second reading clarified things even further for him.

"The Wonders actually gave me an exact percentage of the probability of the company I work for collapsing. It was 68.9 per cent," he said. "So that's pointing me towards an awareness of the fact that I enjoy what I want to do, but that's not what I want to do forever."

Watkins said a psychic's alleged ability to make correct insights into

our lives has to do with the way we choose to filter information.

"We look for certain things [from a psychic reading]. We have our attention focused on what we're looking for and we screen out and ignore all sorts of other things. A psychologist calls this selective attention," he said.

Fair-goer Shaqila Johnson had her tarot cards read for the first time. She said she was a little surprised about what the cards said would be her future career, but after thinking about it, the prediction was clear.

"The psychic said I was going into law or enforcement. I think I understand that. Justice and fairness, people speaking to me and asking advice, that makes sense," Johnson said. "I want to be a singer, but I understand that you have to look beyond the surface of what the psychic tells you."

"When someone is offered a vague personality description, they

tend to find a way to make the description fit them, whether it does or not," Watkins said.

Watkins said he withholds belief that a person can possess psychic capabilities, but that doesn't make all psychics fraudulent or dishonest.

"This doesn't have to be a matter of deception. You don't have to be a person who is out to defraud someone. Many psychics use different types of tactics without even realizing that they are doing it," he explained. "They get really good at it and they can literally convince themselves that they have psychic abilities."



Vanessa Mariga's aura glows with stress.

25 years of smiles

by Ron A. Melihien

Domenic Panacci, of Humber's media centre and winner of the support staff of the year award in 1992, celebrates 25 years of school service this year.

He jokingly warns students, "If you don't return the camera you borrowed, I know where to find you."

This is the type of good-natured fun mixed with great service you'll find when you head to his post at the Media centre.

"If there's anybody who will break a policy to help someone it's Domenic," said Mike Thomas, Panacci's boss and manager of Media Services.

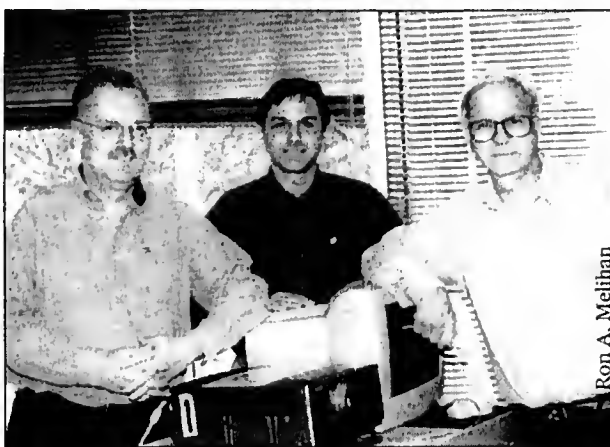
Panacci is the son of Italian immigrants who came to Canada in the mid '50s. Growing up in Little Italy, he learned the value of working hard at a young age from his father.

"My dad taught me a good work ethic and I have carried it on," Panacci said.

The interview with Panacci start-

ed as many of his days do - on the run. He was on his way to fix a computer problem. Problem solved,

Panacci's character exudes friendliness towards anyone who has contact with him.



Domenic Panacci, centre, celebrates 25 years at Humber.

smiles abound and we're off to the interview.

Walking by the business office, Panacci is greeted by business professor Franca Giacomelli. Even though he is pressed for time, he stops to chat.

This is the part of him everyone loves - his unwavering good nature.

began in 1976 when he enrolled in the audio-visual program.

"When I came to class I parked where the new Guelph Humber building is. Back then it was a mud/grass mixture," he said with a laugh.

After graduating, he was hired by the school, working alongside his

mentor, Jim Brady. "He is absolutely the best there is," Giacomelli said. "If there is a definition for customer service Domenic's picture would be next to it. There is a whole folder devoted to compliments concerning Domenic."

Panacci's relationship with Humber

mentor, Jim Brady.

"He is the most helpful and cooperative individual I ever worked with," Brady said.

Panacci has always had a soft spot for Brady, remembering how he helped him when he was fresh out of school.

"Jim is my Yoda," he said.

In this day and age finding someone with the commitment to work and the respect of co-workers that he has is rare.

"I've known Domenic for 15 years and worked with him for the last five and can honestly say he is one of a few genuinely helpful and happy people I have the good fortune to know and work alongside," co-worker Maria Soares said.

With all these years of faithful service and close friendships, how much longer will he work before retiring?

"I enjoy working and meeting new students, but when it becomes a job and not fun anymore then I will retire," he said with a grin.

He smiled the first time I met him and true to form he beamed that big smile again when the interview ended.

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Students take to the streets of Toronto to protest the impending Iraq war. College students today are not showing the same enthusiasm as students in the past.

Anti-war road show to encourage student involvement

by Jelani Lowe

Humber College student Megan Cotnam is well aware of the looming war in Iraq.

But while she firmly disagrees with U.S. plans for an invasion, it is a matter she said is entirely out of her hands.

Taking to the streets to join anti-war rallies like last month's International Day of Action would definitely be out of the question, she said.

"It's not something I want to dwell on," said Cotnam, a first-year student in the broadcast program. "I tend to focus on more personal concerns that are close to home."

The fact is that many college students seem to be sitting out the anti-war movement these days.

The Pan-Canadian Student Anti-War Conference, held in Toronto at the beginning of the month, boasted a broad representation of university

student unions, cultural and faith groups and clubs. But among Ontario's college community, only George Brown was officially linked to the event.

Still, none of this necessarily means that college students are any less interested in activism than their university counterparts, said conference organizer, Chris McNeil.

"I see students as having less opportunities to get involved," said McNeil, who also serves as vice-president of Education for the Student Association of George Brown. "Many have to work part-time or even full-time jobs while they take full-time classes. Others have parenting responsibilities."

Of the about 550 in attendance at the conference, McNeil estimated 20 were college students. In hopes of adding to those numbers, he said he tries to put the possibility of war into terms that hit close to home for the average student.

One way has been to pointing out a connection between the high cost of war and a drain in funding for the education, healthcare and housing sectors.

Better yet, McNeil said, plans are in the works for a college road show that will visit campuses and present videos and guest speakers to get the word out.

Humber Student Federation President, Craig Wilson, foresees a greater degree of activism among Humber students in the near future.

"In the past, the problem was that Humber students were generally here for one or two years and then on their way out," Wilson said. "This made it difficult to get anything off the ground but with more (Guelph-Humber) degree students coming on campus that will change".

Add to that a greater degree of student access to funds and resources necessary to stage rallies and guest lectures — all of which



HSF is working out a funding and access plan for student protesters

Wilson says the HSF is currently putting into place — and Humber could well become a hotbed of activism.

No doubt, Chris McNeil looks forward to that day.

"Every single student who wants

to get involved should be able to do something and be a part of the movement," he said. "This could be signing a petition or writing a letter, posting, handing out fliers or going to a protest."

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Speed date to find your mate

25 dates in one night? Sign me up!

by Andrew Hetram

Can't find a single person to spend Saturday nights with? How does having 25 dates in one night sound?

Speed dating has entered the frosty Canadian frontier. Web sites such as *25dates.com* match you up with 25 member of the opposite sex over the course of an evening. The best part is that everyone is there with the intention of meeting his or her match so you won't end up being slapped in the face 25 times.

"Everyone is out to meet someone which is half the battle," said Web site co-founder Ragna Stamm'ler. "We're more of an introduction service than a dating service."

You can sign up online for a session that represents your age group and sexual preference.

"There are 25 tables with women at each table," Stamm'ler said. "Talk for three minutes then write on a card 'yes' or 'no' indicating if you want to see that person again. Should you check 'yes!' and the person sitting across from you also has hearts in their eyes then, a match is made. Our staff then swaps the emails for both parties and the next move is up to you."

If you can't make up your mind whether your date is a keeper, the good news is you don't have to decide. In theory, you can have up to 25 matches, so you can be checking 'yes!' all night. You won't be

told if someone selected you and you didn't reciprocate.

"Some people wouldn't care and for others it would be an ego-shatterer," Stamm'ler said.

Spots fill up quickly so ride your bicycle built for two straight to the computer with an Internet connection to make sure you're not alone this Saturday.

The earliest available booking for straight daters between the ages of 20 - 27 is March 3, with a two for one ladies night, location to be announced. Date costs vary on the event and can be found on the site.

"There is a 70 to 80 per cent match rate," Stamm'ler said.

For further information call *25dates.com* at (905) 842-2822.

Arts

Genies lack glamour

by Tamara Holmes

The red carpet for the 23rd annual Genie Awards was desolate and frost-encrusted as Canada's on-screen populace turned out at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre recently to receive their industry nods.

Glamour

Lacking the American glam of designer gowns, squirming fans and pushy paparazzi, the familiar and not so familiar faces of the nation's film industry quietly filed inside out of the cold. Starlets and directors checked their coats alongside everyone else in attendance and shared a washroom with Auto Show attendees and tourists alike.

Backstage, the on-camera broadcasters reapplied their lip-gloss while others picked at the waning sushi platter. No one seemed to notice the awards ceremony had commenced.

The awards themselves, determined and distributed by a jury with the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television, were modest and paced perfectly for the live-to-tape broadcast. Acceptance speeches never rambled and the applause was polite.

Fashion Sense

The fashion was clearly Canadian as well — a mix of casual glam and unpretentious afterthought.

Sarah Polley, winner of best live action short drama with Meredith Caplan and Jennifer Weis for *I Shout Love*, was head-to-toe in brown wearing a mocha sequined dress with thick brown tights and clunky brown suede boots. Claude Jutra Award recipient Keith Behrman looked like a pair of new Ikea curtains in his thick brown corduroy suit.

Shabby chic was epitomized by best supporting actress winner Pascale Montpetit of *Savage Messiah*, who donned a full-length black strapless ball gown.

"I didn't have anything to wear and was in Montreal shooting a sitcom for CBC today," laughed Montpetit. "At the end of shooting I said that [CBC] had to lend me a dress and I went and found one in the wardrobe department. I'll have to take it back when I go back to shooting."

The night's knockout was Beth Pasternak who won for her achievements in costume design for *Ararat*.

She wore a black strapless gown that fit like a silk glove with a rhinestone encrusted brooch.

The Winners

The big winner of the night was *Ararat*, winning five Genies including best motion picture, lead actor and lead actress.

"Anyone who denies that it feels great to win is a liar," said Robert Lantos, producer of *Ararat*.

Though winning won't have much effect on



Melanie Doane performed a song from her new CD and Gary Sinise was a presenter. The two say they're good friends.



Sarah Polley enjoys her Genie win for live action short drama.



Pascale Montpetit won best supporting actress for *Savage Messiah*.



Deepa Mehta won a Genie for her best original screenplay, *Bollywood/Hollywood*.

the film's life now, Lantos said he feels that winning is a great honour.

"Having a Genie award is a great vindication of the quality of your work by your peers. It never stops feeling good," he said.

Once the night was over, there was a strange collection of winners. Though *Savage Messiah* won three Genie nods for best actor, best supporting actress and best adapted screenplay, it wasn't nominated in the best motion picture category along with *Ararat*, *Bollywood/Hollywood*, *Quebec-Montreal*, *Rare Birds* and *Suddenly Naked*.

David Cronenberg won for best director for his recent movie, *Spider*, but didn't get the overall motion picture nomination either.

Possibly two of the most recognizable movies this past year, *Bollywood/Hollywood* and *Men With Brooms*, garnered little attention with *Bollywood/Hollywood's* Deepa Mehta winning only one Genie for her original screenplay and *Men With Brooms* got nothing.

Importance

"It's the oddest f***ing country to work in," exclaimed Sharon Riis after winning her award for best adapted screenplay for *Savage Messiah*. "Winning [a Genie] basically means that I probably won't get any more work for a long time."

Riis noted that, after winning a Gemini (Canada's television award) several years ago, she found it difficult to work in that industry for about seven years.

"It's really nice to win and all, but it takes forever to get more work. It is just a strange climate to work in these days."

A Celebration

But host and winner of best actress for *Ararat*, Arsinee Khanjian, said that the industry should celebrate nonetheless.

"This is our country and our industry and we have to celebrate it," Khanjian said. "It's like our birthday party."

Khanjian said that the media unfairly refers to the Genie Awards in comparison to American awards ceremonies in their stature and significance.

"It's like comparing apples to oranges. Sure, little things can be compared but the significance of the awards should not be. It is an unfair burden to be compared to America all the time," said Khanjian.

She added that the Canadian film industry has really come into its own.

"Our films are a true reflection of society. Unfortunately, Canadians do not have a chance to see as many of Canadian films as maybe is needed due to infrastructure problems but the Genie Awards need to be embraced for what they are. A celebration," she said.

Coming up...

Video & DVD (Feb. 25)

Road to Perdition
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Movies (Feb. 21)

The Life of David Gale
Old School
Past Perfect
Gods and Generals
Dark Blue
Fat Girl
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Thicke: Cherry Blue Skies
Ed Harcourt: From Every Sphere
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Things to Do

- **Finding Regina** is a play that promises "humour, drug-use, foul language, and very low-temperatures." Playing until Mar. 9 at the *Theatre Passe Muraille*. Tickets are \$16-\$32. Call 416-504-7529 for more information.

- Even though Valentine's Day is over, that doesn't mean **Swan Lake** is. The ballet will run until Mar. 2 so if you goofed last week and have some romantic kissing up to do call 416-345-9595 for tickets. \$30-\$114 at the *Hummingbird Centre*.

- Get out your **Backstreet Boys** paraphernalia (I know you've got it) **Nick Carter** is bringing his solo act to the *Kool Haus* on Feb. 26. Tickets are \$25, call Ticketmaster at 416-870-8000.

- If you're looking for a night of funk and soul, head out to *Unanias Nightclub* on Feb. 21 for **The Art of Soul Episode 5**. Three DJs spin rare groove, soulful house, old school and funky disco. Also, artist Julie McGregor will feature her latest exhibition, **Expression's Song**, paintings and prints of the Italian countryside, flowers, Canadian landscapes, nudes and portraits. \$8 with a flyer, \$10 at the door. For more info call 416-703-4862.

- **Rik Emmett**, Triumph's front man, is known best for his rock music talent but he is performing contemporary jazz at the *Living Arts Centre in Mississauga*. Tickets are \$22-\$32. Call 905-306-6000.

Fun theme nights make Caps pub a hot spot in your own backyard

Hot or Not?

by Nicole Gibbs

The jumbo screen steamed as beautiful topless women gracefully expressed their artistic side by finger painting each other with fuchsia pink paint. A sexual fetish or a soft-core porno flick?

Well...both. It was part of the third annual Sex and Fetish night at Humber College's Caps pub night.

But it wasn't what you think. It was still only a college pub night.

Even though very few students participated by dressing up in sexual

fetish costumes, the crowd still managed to get off by watching women tease each other with finger paint on the big screen.

"Two girls made a dramatic entrance to show-off the age-old fetish of a teacher and student."

"It's only a soft-core movie," said Gordon Hagan, the assistant manager of Caps when asked what was playing in the background.

Unfortunately the soft-core porno flick seemed to attract more attention than any costumes that students wore.

"We have to try something different, especially with the competition in the neighbourhood," Hagan said.

He added that Caps has to compete for business with bars like JJ Muggs, which also host theme nights.

Caps has held a wide variety of theme nights like trailer park pubs, Bob Marley's birthday and Halloween pub.

"I made my costume," said Mike Young, a first-year photography student of his Do Me t-shirt and his filled-out boxer shorts. "I was bored. I am not looking to win."

With no formal judges and no real big prizes, students received t-shirts and other small swag for their (not-so) outrageous costumes.

"My friend forced me to dress up," said



Liz Pereira (left) and Nikki Caracciolo had fun dressing up as a teacher and student at Caps' Sex and Fetish pub night.

Kathy Park, a 23-year-old Advertising and Graphic Design student wearing a dominatrix costume.

While some students saw it as just another pub night, two girls

made a dramatic entrance to show off the age-old fetish of a teacher and a student.

"I am the student and my friend Liz Pereira (a second-year comedy student) is my teacher," said Nikki Caracciolo, a first-year Media Foundations student.

"Our costumes kick ass!" Caracciolo and Pereira both shouted as they playfully hugged one another.

Paul Crowe, a second-year business administration student, agreed.

"They look pretty good tonight," Crowe said. "[Their costumes] are sexy but not too revealing."

Aside from the soft-core movie on the jumbo screen, the sex and fetish theme was not always apparent. Many students just enjoyed the chance to come out to dance and socialize and forget about their studies until the morning.

For more information on Caps theme nights visit www.capspub.com.

Humber students pay no cover and guests pay \$2.



Mike Young and friend wearing their home-made costumes - are they happy to see us?

Celebrity Corner

by Anna Rozbicka

Joe Millionaire finally aired the season finale after pissing off their viewers last week with a sorry excuse of an episode.

Evan picked Zora, the goody-goody substitute teacher that works with the elderly, over sneaky, skanky Sarah. In general the show was a big yawn with the exception of reject Melissa, who upon hearing that Evan was actually poor, wondered if her necklaces were real. Zora decided she was okay with the fact that Evan has lied to her, and Sarah looked like a deer in headlights, maintaining a smile that made Saddam Hussein seem genuine. The big "twist" was that Evan and Zora were presented with a million dollar cheque in the end. So now they're rich, and I feel ripped off. I hope Trista's final choice has more drama. What's with this happily ever after business? That's not why I watch reality TV.

Hold on to your platform sneakers, looks like the Spice Girls might be attempting a comeback. The five girls met up for dinner on Monday for the first time since their split five years ago. According to *CNN.com*, rumours are circulating about a possible tour and greatest hits album. Strange isn't it? After all, their solo careers have gone so incredibly well...

Charlotte Church is sick of classical music and says she wants to be the next Kylie Minogue. *Sky.com* reports that the singer told reporters that she likes her bum and would like to do a photo shoot when she turns 18. What is it with these young role models wanting to get naked? First Mariah Carey, then Christina Aguilera. What's next? The Olsen twins in *Playboy*?

Angelina Jolie says she knew that adopting a Cambodian child would destroy her marriage to Billy Bob Thornton but decided to do it anyway. In a book to be published this summer by Pocket Books, Angelina reveals that she questioned his fitness as a father and suspected him of cheating on her. *The National Enquirer* reports that Billy Bob opposed the adoption, saying he wanted to have a biological child with his wife. Angelina chose the baby over her marriage. What a shocker, they always seemed so stable with their blood around their necks. Hopefully her oh-so-loving brother will make a better father figure.

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Come on all you hep cats: Swing!

by Jennifer Foster

Our grandparent's generation used to go to Saturday night dances and do the jitterbug and the lindy hop.

Today, it is not considered cool for young people to know how to dance. We laugh at sto-

ries about the hand jive and the twist.

But knowing how to dance is a gift most people would love to have. Al Kurtz, a "swing man" who has been dancing for over 22 years, will bring his expertise to Humber College when he starts teaching swing dancing March 11 at the Arboretum.

Kurtz also teaches swing dancing at a studio downtown called *Dancing on King*. He said he's a social dancer and he teaches people to enjoy themselves.

"It's more fun if you keep it light and not take it too seriously," Kurtz said.

He has been dancing with the same partner for 20 years. They have perfected their style as a dancing couple.

"It is the most difficult form of communication. A guy has to be a strong leader, especially with swing," he said. "You have to move your partner and let her know exactly what she should be doing."

He said it is especially difficult for men

because they are very self-conscious about learning to dance. Men lead, and to do so, they must know what they are doing. He also said women have a hard time following because they have a tendency to lead. They must remain focused on their partner and not anticipate the next step.

Kurtz said almost anyone can learn how to dance.

"I've learned that people who have a hard time starting up can become great dancers," he said.

Many men take swing lessons because their wives want them to. Kurtz said they have to be careful how they teach at the studio. The most important element is fun. People are not going to give up their spare time and pay for something that is not enjoyable.

Usually women catch on faster than men, but not always. Kurtz said everyone learns at a different rate.

What he like about dancing, he said, is it makes him feel young.

"When I'm out on the dance floor, I'm 18 years old. I've had colds and felt terrible, but when I'm on the dance floor, I forget about everything."

Another advantage to dancing is the great aerobic workout you get. An average swing dance song is about 120 to 140 beats a minute. "Why sit on a bicycle and go no where when



Ann Parry and Milad Massoudi show off some of the swing dance moves you can learn.



Humber will offer a five week swing dancing course Mar. 11.

Shakespeare rolls over in grave

Timeless love story meets rave culture

by Hayley Stephens

It is very likely that Shakespeare rolled over in his grave last Wednesday night, when his timeless love story collided head on with rave counter culture.

Actors and audience members, decked in running shoes, glow necklaces, and colourful outfits, came together to make opening night of *Romeo/Juliet Remixed* one wild party. Through an explosive mix of drama, dance and house music, the interactive play was hailed as a rave success.

"I loved it," Tracy Thibaudeau, 24, said. "The way they



The costumes at *Romeo and Juliet Remixed* look quite different from the typical tights and empire-waist dresses.

incorporated the play with a rave was really cool."

Laura Mullin, co-writer and director of the show with Chris Tolley, said that the idea for the modern day retelling of *Romeo and Juliet* set in a rave scene came out of a shared desire to create an unconventional production.

"We wanted to take the stiffness, the formality and the seriousness out of theatre," she said.

While the tragic love story and several lines are recognizable, *Romeo/Juliet Remixed* varies widely from Shakespeare's version. The language is coarse, the dancing provocative, the ending unexpected.

"Romeo and Juliet seems to work well in a rave or nightclub because it is about forbidden love, rebellion and danger," Mullin said.

Theater-goers encounter these themes as soon as they enter the Great Hall on Queen Street West. Two go-go dancers, dressed in character, dance in a window, beckoning people inside.

Once inside, people are ushered into the "chill out room." The actors enter in a sea of costumes, colours and confusion. They interact with audience members and hand out glow necklaces - yellow to Capulets, pink to Montagues. Alliances are made fast and then quickly broken.

The audience is then ushered into "Club Verona."

With house music pounding and strobe lights filtering the air, the actors and several audience members rush onto stage.

The play unfolds through dialogue, dance, video and text messaging. Some scenes take place on stage, some on the balcony or floor, while others, like the love scene, heat up in a bathroom stall covered in graffiti. The audience voyeuristically watches this scene on a giant video screen.

"It's basically a show that's in 3D," Mullin

said. "It happens all over the room, and different things happen in different areas of the room."

Jack Grinhaus, who embodies ugliness in his portrayal of Paris, said he hopes this interactive element will one day break down all barriers between actors and audience.

"I'm just hoping someone hits me in the face one day" he said. "To get someone from the audience to step into a role would be really cool."

Romeo/Juliet Remixed is on until Mar. 8. Call Ticketmaster at (416) 870-8000.

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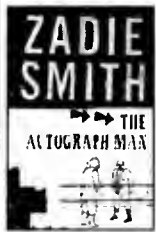
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Critic's Comments

What we read

The Autograph Man
By Zadie Smith
Penguin Books



Zadie Smith barged onto the literary scene with her brilliant novel *White Teeth* over two years ago. Since then, readers have been eagerly awaiting her follow-up. Maybe it's the sophomore curse, but *The Autograph Man* is a big disappointment.

We meet Alex-Li Tandem, a man who sells and collects autographs, at the end of a bad acid trip. He can't remember how he spent the last three days, but knows he has in his hands a Kitty Alexander autograph, one he has been trying to get for years. The only problem is, he suspects he forged it himself.

Smith's characters are annoying and bland, and one can't help growing impatient with Alex and his friends as they remain shallow caricatures of the intricate and fascinating characters they could have been.

The novel seems contrived and lacks the emotional intensity required to suck in a reader.

Smith's talent emerges in tidbits, but is overshadowed by the rest of the unsatisfactory novel. You're better off reading some of Smith's short stories or *White Teeth*; this book is a letdown.

The Rhinestone Button
By Gail Anderson-Dargatz
Knopf Canada



In *A Recipe for Bees* and *The Cure For Death By Lightning*, Gail Anderson-Dargatz proved she knows how to spin a magical story with fascinating characters. Her newest novel, *A Rhinestone Button*, is no different.

Job Sunstrum is a farmer in the tiny community of Godsfinger, Alberta. A man with blond curls, and the face of an angel, he never feels like he fits in as "men were not pretty in Godsfinger." Job enjoys spending time in the kitchen, where cooking and baking give him great satisfaction.

Job is also set apart by a condition called synaesthesia, an ability to see and feel sound in dazzling colours and shapes.

When his brother, a preacher, moves onto the farm with his bossy wife and arsonist son, Job's peaceful life is uprooted. He goes on the quest for spiritual fulfillment and love, encountering obstacles along each path.

This is a heartfelt book that transports its reader into Job's world, and somehow weaves a bit of magic into the mix. Pick this one up, you won't be disappointed.

by Anna Rozbicka

What we saw

Old School
Dreamworks Pictures

The new film *Old School* is just another formulaic comedy with scenes of wild sex antics and mind-numbing stupidity to get cheap laughs. But for one reason or another, I found myself laughing throughout the entire film.

There's nothing really funny about the premise of the movie: three guys in their early 30s, each down on their luck, decide to start a fraternity.

Luke Wilson plays Mitch who comes home early from a business conference one day and finds his girlfriend participating in a blindfolded ménage à trois.

Will Ferrell's character, Frank, is a newlywed only to become "Frank the Tank" not long after the wedding, reverting back to his beer-guzzling days in college.

And Beanie, played by Vince Vaughn, is a happily married man with two kids and owns a successful electronics store.

The comedic hi-jinx begin when guys are "actively"

recruited to join the fraternity where most of the traditional rules don't apply. There are no age restrictions and members don't have to attend college.

Ferrell provides the physical humour, which tends to get tiresome. But then again, I burst out laughing when he shot himself in the neck with a high-powered tranquilizer gun and crashed a kid's birthday party.

Vaughn is always hilarious when he has a lot of dialogue like he did in *Swingers* and *Made*. He raves and rants about his cool ideas for the fraternity, but he never uses foul language until he says "earmuffs" and his kid covers his ears with his hands.

Wilson, brother of Owen Wilson (*Shanghai Nights*, *Zoolander*), adds a nice balance to the otherwise slapstick comedy. Forget the wrestling match in a tub full of jelly or Ferrell streaking in the buff. The interaction between the three main characters is what makes this movie fun to watch.

Old School is a welcome alternative to the more serious films and Oscar contenders out in theatres now.

by Clark Kim



"Yeah! I'm getting married! Bring on the wedding keg!"

Courtesy/D

What we heard

The All-American Rejects
The All-American Rejects
Dreamworks/Doghouse



Mark my words, this band is going to be big. Their first single getting airplay is "Swing, Swing" the type of song that gets stuck in your head in a good way.

One listen to this CD and I was hooked. Their brand of pop/punk/alternative leaves you humming the songs all day. They have some of the catchiest music out there.

Most songs are upbeat, fun to sing along to tunes, along with a couple of ballads. I suspect there has been a recent heartbreak in the band since all the songs are about a girl that has gone away, or is thinking about going away or had to go away. Despite the not-so-happy lyrics, the melodies are surprisingly cheerful.

If you like bands like The Strokes and Jimmy Eat World, give The All-American Rejects a try.

Massive Attack
100th Window
Virgin Music



After waiting over four years, Massive Attack's new release, *100th Window*, takes their trip-hop genre to a new level of perfection.

The music is dreamy and inspirational. The band brought in Sinead O'Connor for some vocals and the match is made in heaven, as evident on tracks like "What Your Soul Sings" and "Special Cases."

There isn't a lot of lyrics, and the ones that exist are simple, but ring true. "Special Cases" reminds us "the deadliest of sin is pride/makes you think you're always right."

Not every song is slow and mellow. "Butterfly Caught" and "A Prayer for England" have an upbeat vibe and tempo.

This is a great CD that perfectly showcases Massive Attack's talent.

by Anna Rozbicka

What we rented

The Thin Blue Lie
Paramount Pictures



In 1976, police brutality in Philadelphia hit an all-time high. Homicide detectives were beating witnesses and suspects into submission. No one outside the department knew this was going on. All they knew was that the crime rate was the lowest in years.

The Thin Blue Lie is the story of a reporter that found out about these

beatings and tried to write an

article. Based on a true story, the movie follows his attempts to expose the police department. He was threatened, followed and beaten.

The story is a great one and the movie doesn't do it justice. Rob Morrow and Randy Quaid give mediocre performances and at times the film lacks continuity.

But even though the movie is a low-budget production with iffy acting, incredibly low-tech shots and cheesy music, the gripping story makes this movie worth watching.

The Four Feathers
Paramount Pictures



Heath Ledger seems to enjoy period pieces. After *A Knight's Tale*, and *The Patriot*, comes this film with Kate Hudson, *The Four Feathers*.

In it, he plays Harry, a British soldier who chickens out when his army is finally called to fight in the Sudan. He receives four white feathers, the symbol of cowardice. Three from his friends and one from his

fiancée (Hudson.)

Ashamed, Harry disappears from London and follows the troops to Sudan on his own, where he goes on many adventures. Too many.

This film is very slow and could stand to be about 45 minutes shorter. Harry just can't seem to catch a break, and neither can the British army.

There are some good scenes and it may be worth a rental if you're a Heath Ledger fan, but don't expect any greatness from *The Four Feathers*.

by Anna Rozbicka

Sports

Playing through a nagging injury

Despite minor knee surgery last year, women's volleyball player Alex Romano keeps on spiking

by Liz Byers

A serious knee injury that could hinder any volleyball player's game didn't stop Alex Romano from reaching for the stars.

During regular season play in December 2001, Romano tore her ACL, the knee's major ligament. The injury wasn't identified for several months, allowing her continued success with the Hawks, but also causing severe damage.

After a six-month recovery, that included major reconstructive surgery, Romano was back at it and proving herself once again as co-captain of the women's volleyball team.

"With my rehab after surgery, I had to learn how to walk, jump, run, everything. It was a rather interesting experience to go through," Romano said. "It will bother me for the rest of my life. What is important right now, though, is volleyball."

Romano, born and raised in Carlisle, Ont., has been playing volleyball for 10 years. She fell in love with the sport immediately and began playing on competitive teams in high school.

Since becoming a Humber Hawk, Romano has grown fond of the athletic department at the college.

"The whole athletic area at Humber is so phenomenal. I think that anybody would bend over backwards for you," she said.

Romano also said being a part of women's volleyball means a lot to her. And she'd be lost without the team because she just loves being a part of it.

Even though the volleyball team takes up a large chunk of her spare time, Romano still finds time to work for the SAA (Student Athletic Association) on campus.

Still, Romano balances her life as best she can with her hectic schedule.

"My volleyball, rehab and homework give me structures and I just find a way to fit everything in."

"When I get a break, that's when I don't balance well," she said. "Sure, there are times when I'm stressed, but it's something I've learned to deal with ever since a young age. When I don't have volleyball, I'm bored and I don't know what to do."

As a final-year fashion arts student, Romano isn't sure what the future holds for her. Of the possibilities, she says one thing is for sure. Volleyball will be a part of it.

"I might go to the States (more for the business aspect), but volleyball will be my ticket there," she said.

Romano still has two years left of eligibility and she wants to make sure to use them to her advantage. Currently, a player has five years of eligibility and there is talk of reducing it to four. However, there is no age limit or requirement to meet.

"Someone can be 41 and still have some eligibility left. It all just depends," she said.

And if Romano had to describe herself in three little words, what exactly would they be: outgoing, hard working and fun.

"I'm a joker at heart and I have a personality that most people have never seen."



Humber came away with a 1-1 record this past weekend, defeating Boreal but losing to Cambrian.

Women's volleyball suffers a tough loss

by Liz Byers

The women's volleyball team came away with a win and a loss last weekend.

On Saturday afternoon, the heat was on as the women faced the Golden Shield from Cambrian College, the first ranked team in the central division.

"There are three teams in the league that are all even and on any given day can beat each other," said athletic director, Doug Fox. "They are Durham, Cambrian and us, and I think that the game went exactly like that."

The game was intense and the crowd loved every minute of it. The battle was relentless as neither side wanted to give in to defeat. The final score was 29-27, 27-25, 25-14,

with Humber losing three straight against Cambrian.

Fox acknowledged the other team played an excellent game. "They certainly attacked our middle a lot, and we will have to block and play better

"I expected the games to go down to the wire like they did. It shows just how close these two teams are."

defence on their middle hits."

Although the Hawks struggled through the three matches, they managed to handle the loss well. It was

excellent preparation for the coming weeks when the competition will be stronger and fiercer.

Fox is optimistic about the future and realizes the time for the team to work hard is now.

"I think that we'll be okay and we're fighting through. They focused a lot on Carrie Moffat who has a knee injury right now. They served to her almost every time. She is going to get stronger in the next two weeks though, and for the playoffs."

The team is guaranteed at least a second place finish in the standings and their current record stands at 11 wins and two losses.

On Friday night Humber defeated the Boreal College Vipers 25-10, 25-16, 25-13.

The team's last home game is Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. against the Sheridan College Bruins.

Hockey Hawks prepare for the playoffs

A three-game series between the Hawks and the Sheridan Bruins kicks off at home this weekend

by Ron A. Melihen

Humber's run for the OCAA hockey championship starts Saturday night against the team they beat in all three regular season meetings.

The Hawks go into the game having outscored Seneca 22-8 in three regular season wins. Seneca had a tough time getting goals by the Hawks defence and their stellar goalie.

Backstop Nick Grainger's goals against average of 2.82 helped Humber get to where they are.

"Grainger is a stand up goalie that

loves to play and when he's on his game he's tough to score against," rugged defenceman Jeremy Bloomfield said.

The Hawks have the second lowest goals against total behind first place St. Clair. This is due in large part to their strong defensive play by guys like Shawn Kane and Eric Thomson.

"The defence has made my job a lot easier by clearing many of the rebounds out in front," Grainger said.

The defence will have to keep their eyes on Seneca's top scorers. Jonathon Harper and Chris Thaler

are two players that can find the back of the net.

The Hawks should have little trouble scoring, judging by their regular season total of 108, the highest in the league.

"We can score, all we have to do is keep our cool and not get any bad penalties," forward Jaime Chikoski said.

The first game starts at Westwood arena at 7:30 p.m. Game 2 will be at Seneca's home rink on Feb. 26 at 3:30 p.m. And if necessary game 3 Mar. 1 back at Westwood at 7:30 p.m.



Alex Romano underwent knee surgery during the 2002 season.

Varsity Standings

Men's Volleyball

Central Division	MW	ML	Points
Humber	11	0	22
Seneca	10	1	20
Georgian	7	4	14
Cambrian	6	6	12
George Brown	4	7	8
Sheridan	1	11	2
Boreal	1	11	2

Eastern Division			
Loyalist	9	0	18
Fleming	5	5	10
Durham	5	4	10
Royal Military	5	5	10
La Cite	4	6	8
Algonquin	1	9	2

Western Division			
Niagara	11	1	22
Fanshawe	8	4	16
Redeemer	7	4	14
St. Clair	7	5	14
Nippling	6	6	12
Mohawk	2	9	4
Canadore	0	12	0

Women's Volleyball

Central Division	MW	ML	Points
Cambrian	14	0	28
Humber	11	2	22
Seneca	9	4	18
Georgian	8	5	16
Sheridan	5	9	10
Boreal	4	10	8
Centennial	3	10	6
Confederation	0	14	0

Eastern Division			
Durham	10	1	20
Algonquin	8	4	18
Loyalist	8	3	16
Trent	7	5	14
Royal Military	4	7	8
Fleming	3	8	8
La Cite	0	12	0

Western Division			
Niagara	14	1	28
Fanshawe	12	4	24
Mohawk	10	5	20
Canadore	10	6	20
Sault	8	7	16
Nippling	7	8	14
Redeemer	4	11	8
St. Clair	3	13	6
Lambton	1	14	2

Women's Basketball

Eastern Division	W	L	Points
Seneca	10	0	20
Loyalist	8	4	16
Humber	6	4	12
Durham	5	5	10
Algonquin	5	5	10
Durham	2	8	10
George Brown	0	10	4

Western Division			
Fanshawe	8	1	16
St. Clair	7	1	14
Niagara	4	4	8
Mohawk	4	4	8
Redeemer	3	6	6
Algoma	0	10	0

Men's Hockey

	W	L	T	Pts
St. Clair	13	1	1	27
Humber	12	2	0	24
Seneca	6	6	3	15
Conestoga	5	9	1	11
Cambrian	4	9	1	9
Fleming	1	14	0	2

Men's Basketball

Central Division	W	L	Points
Humber	13	1	26
Sheridan	11	2	22
Seneca	5	8	10
Mohawk	4	9	8
Centennial	4	10	8
George Brown	3	10	6

Eastern Division			
Algonquin	13	0	26
St. Lawrence	9	4	18
Georgian	7	6	14
Durham	6	7	12
Loyalist	4	9	8
Fleming	0	13	0

Western Division			
Niagara	8	2	16
Lambton	7	3	14
Fanshawe	7	4	14
Sault	7	4	14
St. Clair	5	5	10
Redeemer	2	9	4
Algoma	1	10	2



Todd Clark

Humber won three in a row defeating the Huskies, Viperes and Golden Shield last week.

Winning streak continues for men's volleyball team

by Todd Clark

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team played three games last week and walked away with three wins and an 11-0 record.

On Feb. 12 the Hawks travelled to George Brown College and swept the Huskies 25-18, 25-15 and 25-20.

On Valentine's Day Humber showed no love for the Boreal Viperes as the Hawks swept them at Lakeshore campus 25-9, 25-16 and 25-20.

And to wrap up the perfect week, the Hawks played a hard fought match against the Cambrian Golden Shield on Saturday Feb. 16, winning

25-22, 16-25, 25-13 and 25-20.

The Cambrian match was a see-saw battle first set, but Humber persevered in front of a loud home crowd at Lakeshore campus.

But that didn't faze Cambrian.

The Hawks didn't start well in the second set, falling behind early, which got the Cambrian crowd up and off their seats. The Hawks looked confused the majority of the time and the Golden Shield capitalized on every Humber mistake and cruised to an easy win.

But momentum was against Cambrian. The Hawks, flying with confidence, won the third set. They were led by some nice serving by

Sucha (Bobby) Randhawa—who is sixth in the OCAA with 16 service aces—and some big blocks by Dave Hartshorn and Mike Smith put the Hawks up 2-1.

"[I] couldn't have asked for anything better. Anything we can pull from [this victory] is we'll be emotionally ready [for Seneca College]," said head coach Wayne Wilkins.

It was a strong week for the Hawks besides the second set against Cambrian.

"[We] lost our focus. The guys forgot what their jobs were. The setter forgot where the zones were, and [the] guys just couldn't finish off plays," Wilkins said.

Athletes of the Week



Sucha (Bobby) Randhawa

Randhawa is a team leader for the men's varsity volleyball team and sixth in the OCAA with 16 service aces.



Alex Romano

After undergoing knee surgery, women's varsity volleyball player Romano was right back on the court.

Women's basketball can't find the net

by Keneisha Walter

Humber's women's basketball team could not find the net in their crucial game against Durham on Saturday, Feb. 16, losing 77-67.

They were soundly beaten by the Lords, who threw for 90 per cent from the free throw line.

"In the first half we didn't drop shots, and we shot 62 per cent at the foul line. So that hurt us as well. We were still in the game, but we hurt ourselves," said head coach Denise Perrier.

The Lords jumped out to an early lead, ending the first half with a 33-21 lead. The Hawks found themselves down by as many as 20

points, but rallied back in the second half, bringing the game to within nine points. Though the Hawks came in close range, it was too late, and they failed to stay alive in the end.

The ladies need at least one win in their next two games to hold on to their third place position. They host the Sting on Thursday, Feb. 20, and Algonquin on Saturday, Feb. 22.

A double win this weekend would secure second place for the Hawks.

Perrier is positive her team can do just that.

"We can do it, we can beat these two teams," she said. "It's just what team shows up, and it's how bad do

you want it. That's what it's going to come down to, end of season or not."

Perrier said the ladies met with Seneca in early January, and the Hawks played excellent defence, despite a loss, so it should be an interesting, close game.

Team captain and guard Karine Nicolas, who netted 26 points to lead the Hawks against Durham, also said they have what it takes to defeat these teams.

"We're anxious to play them finally and hopefully play better," she said.

So, instead of focusing on their loss, the ladies are looking forward to their next game against the Seneca Sting.

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Provincials next...

Men clinch b-ball title

by Steve Autio

Most would think Humber Hawks men's basketball coach Mike Katz was sick and tired of winning by now.

Katz, who has racked up wins and accolades over the years, seemed proud of his team after yet another win.

"Our guys have done great going 13-1 on the year," Katz said Tuesday

night after the Hawks climbed past the Mohawk Mountaineers 77-68.

With the win, the Hawks clinched the central division title.

It seems like Katz can't get enough of winning, as he looks ahead to the Hawks final game against Seneca.

"If we win our next game we will be 14-1 and nobody's ever done that in the central league, so that's an accomplishment," he said.

Mohawk, on their home floor, came out hard against Humber and held the lead early on in the game.

"Mohawk is fighting for their [playoff] lives so you knew they were going to come out and play. We knew we had to play our top notch game to compete with them," said Hawks guard Aron Bariagiabre, who scored 12 points on the night.

The Hawks struggled out of the gate, but quickly found their game and were up by seven at half-time.

"I thought we came out slow at first, a little sluggish. We played through that and came back and continued to play well in the second half," said Hawks guard Samson Downey.

The comeback was orchestrated by Hawks forward, Dejvis Begaj, who led the team in scoring with 18 points.

"We had a hard time making shots in the first three minutes of the game, but after that we got into a rhythm and that showed in the score at the end," Begaj said.

Humber's great rebounding was one of the main reasons they were victorious.

"The rebounding was aggressive. It was very strong and everybody was on the boards," Rathwell said.

Ball handling is one aspect Humber will look to improve on before the playoffs.

"I didn't know what was going on. We had seven turnovers in the first eight and a half minutes," Rathwell said of the team's execution early on.

The Hawks will play their final regular season game at home Thursday Feb. 20, at 8 p.m. against Seneca. "We just got to keep playing hard going into the playoffs," said Hawks forward Roger Scott.



The men's basketball team is now 13-1 with the win over Mohawk College. They have a chance to be 14-1 for the first time in league history with a win over Seneca this Thursday Feb. 20 at 8 p.m.

Hockey nets two big wins

by Ron A. Melihen

Humber's men's hockey team won two games on the road this past week, first beating Fleming and then ending with a big win Saturday night against Seneca.

The Hawks pummeled Fleming 16-4 and continued their winning against Seneca 5-3.

"It's a big win for us and showed us that we're in for a battle against Seneca in the playoffs," head coach Joe Washkurak said.

First-string goalie Nick Grainger was back between the pipes after a one game layoff against Fleming.

In that game Chuck Lea and Dave Couch got their first chance to start in net for the team.

"I'm happy to contribute," Couch said.

They both got a point in the lopsided victory.



Humber's James Rodak goes for the puck.

two goals down early on and carrying the play in the third period.

"The guys never gave up and showed the determination that will be needed come the playoffs," Washkurak said.

"We came out flat. By the third period our defense shut them down and we came away with a big win," said Humber Hawk James Rodak.

Defenseman Darryl Baker will be back in the lineup for the Conestoga game.

"Bakes will be in the game and it should be a good tune up for the playoffs," Washkurak said.

The victory against Seneca showed the character of the team, coming back from



Patrick Kane

Cousins Jamie and Terry Chikoski are close on and off the ice. Hailing from Sault Ste Marie, the two cousins play for Humber.

Keeping it all in the family

by Patrick Kane

They've known each other since birth. They've grown up in the west end of Sault Ste. Marie together. They've played on rival teams, and they've been teammates for the last five years.

Their names are Jamie and Terry Chikoski - "the cousins," and they combine to form a close nucleus for the Humber Hawks varsity hockey team. They are close on and off the ice, often feeling each other's pain.

"One time, when we were playing road hockey, Jamie was in net and got hit in the groin. Terry fell down," said Humber winger, Jason Fortier.

But they weren't always found in the local house-leagues together. While Terry started playing at age five, Jamie didn't take up the sport until he was 12.

"Terry got me playing [competitive] hockey, I always loved playing road hockey and going to the outdoor rinks, but I wanted to play in a league and Terry encouraged me," Jamie said.

And Jamie thrived in organized hockey.

In his first bantam year, he made the AA league and was quickly noticed by the AAA scouts, who recruited him for the following year and into midget.

Terry, on the other hand, was a born hockey player and played for the top AAA clubs before he could tie his laces.

"Terry has a really good hockey sense and is a great skater," Jamie said. "But his shot stinks," he added, looking to see if Terry heard the joke.

From midget, Jamie and Terry moved on to play for the Kitchener Dutchmen and later, the Parry Sound Shamrocks. Finally they made their

way back home and decided to play for the Sault College Cougars.

The tandem was discovered by Humber head coach, Joe Washkurak.

Jamie and Terry's Sault College squad upset the Hawks to win the championship that year.

The following season, the hockey program at Sault College folded, leaving them without a place to play hockey and study.

"I knew their hockey program was going to end, so I talked to Fortier who suggested that I meet with them too," Washkurak said. "I knew they played with good teams in the past and I thought Terry's natural skill and Jamie's honest, hard-work would do our team well."

The entire Chikoski family are proud of these two. The cousins have been teammates on three different teams, and housemates for nearly as long.

They've also been very supportive of each other.

Last season Jamie went down after receiving a puck to his orbital bone, permanently damaging the vision in his left eye. Terry admits he's always the first to help his cousin, and vice-versa.

To meet these two young men is a very welcoming experience, they treat everyone like family. Their cheerful personalities keep everyone laughing.

"One time we put baby powder in [Chris Pugliese's] and [Scott Barnes'] blow-dryer," Terry said. "Those guys love doing their hair."

But despite the pranks, the cousins know what it takes to build a team atmosphere within the organization. Whatever the occasion, the Chikoski's have a good time and encourage everyone around to be part of the Humber Hawks' family.

"He's physical and he can pop in some goals. He reminds me of [Brenden] Shanahan."

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