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Two weeks of hassles resulting from the double-cohort, like crowded classrooms, long parking line-ups and packed hallways prompted north campus students to take time out in the arboretum to enjoy some greenery . . . in more ways than one.

Dental plan opt out returns \$81

Students sink teeth into refund

BY DAWN FARRELL
AND BEN RYCROFT

While many students are happy with Humber's new dental plan, not many know they can get their \$81 back if they don't want the coverage.

All full-time students are automatically enrolled in the HSF Health and Dental Plan when they pay their tuition. However, students who already have dental insurance, or who don't want the coverage can receive a refund.

During last year's Humber Students' Federation election, the majority of voters chose to have the dental plan added to the Student Insurance Plan increasing the student activity fee by \$40.50

per semester.

First-year business marketing student, Alan Farrell, was unaware of the increased fee.

"As a first-year Humber student, not only is it intimidating to start studying at a college and all, but there seems to be a lot of things not in your face and everything's not really presented to you," Farrell said. "It should be keyed out and it should be understood the second you sign your tuition, the second you start school, that this is refundable."

Second-year law clerk student Ashley Protto is planning on getting her refund as soon as possible.

"Eighty bucks could go towards a textbook that I need for class. My parents don't pay for me to be in

school. It's my own money coming out of my pocket. And that \$80

is \$80 for me," she said.

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Staff, faculty work without contract

BY KIRK VILLAMARIN

Ontario community-college teachers and support staff may have to pull out the strike card in the New Year if management's handling of compensation and workload issues does not improve considerably.

"They [management] want us to go backwards. They want us to give things up . . . and we won't do that," said Humber faculty union president, Maureen Wall. "As well, on

the evening of Oct. 2, if Ernie Eves and the Tories are still in power, we are in for a tremendous fight."

Talks broke off on Aug. 31, when faculty and management did not reach an agreement on a new contract. According to the faculty union, management is asking teachers to teach more students, work four additional hours a week, accept reduced benefits and accept

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Only a quarter of students cast vote for their future

BY PETER ARMSTRONG

Ontario Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty urged students to take control of their own future and use their voices at the election polls at the Oct. 2 provincial election.

At a rally of Liberal supporters on Sunday, Sept. 14, McGuinty embraced the crowd and stressed the importance of student participation in politics.

"Only 25 per cent of students are voting," he said at the rally, held at the Woodbine Banquet Hall, just south of Humber.

"You have more at stake in the future than anybody else because you're our youngest voters," he said.

If elected, the Liberals have promised to put a freeze on tuition fees for colleges and universities, expand admission capacity by 50,000, improve student assistance programs and double the number of

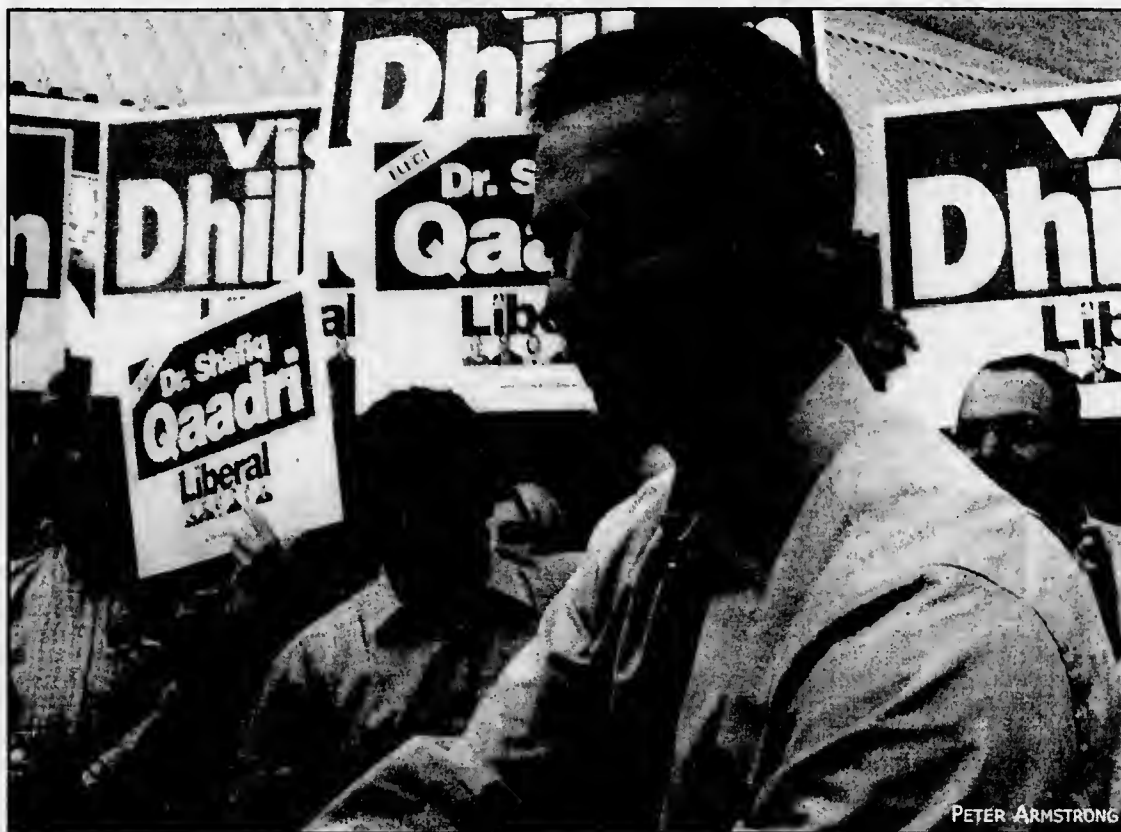
apprenticeships.

McGuinty said he also plans to increase funding to English as a Second Language programs in school to go along with the Liberal platform for a stronger, unified Ontario.

"I've got a problem with Tory math," he said, referring to financial promises made by Premier Ernie Eves. "Not only do I not like the way they add, but I can't stand the way they divide. I'm talking about how they divide Ontarians and pit one group against the other."

NDP candidate Howard Hampton spent Sunday at Queen's Park answering media calls, then met with the two Toronto Muslim leaders who were illegally detained in the U.S.

Premier Ernie Eves attended a grand opening BBQ for a PC candidate in the Toronto Danforth area.



Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty addressed weak student voter turnout at a Woodbine Banquet Hall rally last week. He's promising to freeze tuition.

Out-of-towners can vote here at school

BY PETER ARMSTRONG

Students aged 18 and older who live in Etobicoke North during the school year can vote in this district, even if they live in another riding during the summer.

"There is no reason to go that far to vote," Kuldip Singh Sodhi, NDP candidate for Etobicoke North said. "It's the same province."

A voter can use proxy voting to cast a ballot in their hometown riding, which allows the voter to appoint another person to vote on their behalf. A proxy form is available online and can be faxed or mailed to that person.

Students who live in Etobicoke North all year should have received a notice of registration card in the mail, telling them they're on the

voters list.

To vote in this district, voters will need a driver's license with their school year address on it.

If the license has an old address, two additional pieces of identification are required, one with the voter's name and signature (like a credit card or passport) and another with their name and new address, such as a utility bill.

"It's your right to vote," Baljit Gosal said. He's the current MPP representing the PC Party in Etobicoke North. "You have a student council as a voice to represent you in the school. Students should consider this government a provincial student council."

For further information on how to vote in this riding, contact Elections Ontario at 416-326-6300.

A who's who of the election

BY ANDREW HETRAM

Tories (Right of centre, lower taxes, limit size of government, pro-business)

- Banning teacher strikes and lock-outs during the school year
- Holding referendums on municipal tax hikes
- More tax cuts for individuals and home owners
- Overhauling social systems like health care to crack down on illegal use
- Revoking licenses for two-time drinking and driving offenders
- Investing \$2.6 billion in infrastructure and 10 million in equipment for colleges and universities

Liberals (slightly left of centre, support public programs like schools and health centres)

- Banning Conservative implemented corporate tax cuts
- Freezing income taxes
- Scrapping private schools, lowering tax credits and instead, funding public schools
- Freezing university and college tuitions
- Raising the minimum wage to \$8 over four years
- Removing private MRI and CAT scans clinics
- Funding public hospitals and public schools

NDP (left of centre, supports labour, social programs and public services)

- Increasing taxes for anyone making over \$100,000
- Tuition fees lowered by 10 per cent
- Implementing low-cost public auto insurance
- Raising minimum wage to \$8 immediately
- Funding for 120 new community health centres
- Freezing rent for a period of two years
- Building affordable housing units over four year

Students will have to cover cost of stolen projector

BY ASHLEY HICKEY

The north campus suffered its first loss of the new school year when a multimedia projector was stolen last week.

The \$8,000 Epson Powerlite 7800 Multimedia Projector was stolen from L209, just days after

being installed.

William Hanna, dean of media studies, said that despite insurance, Humber will have to cover the majority of the cost to replace the equipment.

Staff and students arrived in class on Monday, Sept. 8 to find wires dangling from the ceiling

where the multimedia projector had once hung.

"The good thing is, they knew what they were doing," Hanna said. "They didn't damage the mount or any wiring."

With no damage, it's easier to install a new projector and Hanna hopes to have the replacement up

and running by Sept. 19.

Investigation continues into the disappearance of the projector. Most computer labs are equipped with video surveillance cameras and require the use of swipe cards to gain entrance after regular class hours.

Three new media projectors

were bought this summer in an effort to equip all computer labs with projectors.

To prevent further theft, lab hours will be reviewed and could potentially change, making it difficult for students who need to have access to computers after scheduled lab hours.

Rocket riders are seeing only red

BY KATHLEEN YETTA

In spite of the TTC's efforts to increase service to Humber to accommodate the double cohort, riders say the Rocket is not living up to its name.

Paramedic student Rob Moore rides the TTC four times a week and has been commuting for over a year now. He was denied entrance on board the 3 p.m. bus to Kipling

because it was overcrowded.

"The bus is always packed. I like that it arrives earlier now, but now I have to wait another 10 minutes because the bus was full," he said. "If I had to work, another 10 minutes waiting for the bus would have made me late."

The TTC said it has increased services on major routes like the 191 Rocket with increased stops in the morning, afternoon and during

rush hour periods. Even with the earlier pick-up times however, students are having problems riding the buses.

"It's disappointing but we have to close the doors when we are full," Marilyn Bolton, TTC spokesperson said. "Our service planning people increased the time between stops for the double cohort this year. We give what we can without depriving other people."

The HSF department has also approved a VIP Green Program after a solid year of student lobbying. Students pay \$88.75, saving about 10 per cent off adult passes. The pilot project will be in place until the end of the summer and will be offered again next year depending on its success.

VIP metropasses are available at Humber's bookstore.



Lounging student looks on as commuters push to the front of the line of the 191 Rocket for a seat.



Parking attendant Ronnie Wood steers drivers in the right direction on the Humber parking lot.

Parkers frustrated

BY STEPHANIE HUGHES AND DARREN MIFSUD

The double cohort is driving frustrated students right off campus and into an off-site parking lot.

The demand for parking spaces at the north campus is so overwhelming that the school has had to ask students to park at Queen's Plate near Woodbine Centre and shuttle to campus.

Students, parking attendants and bus drivers alike are all frustrated by the lack of parking spaces and the problems that have arisen from shuttling students back and forth from campus.

Though parking attendants told students the shuttle would come every five minutes, students and the driver said the actual rotation is at least three times longer.

"It's always been 15 minutes. Four times an hour that is," shuttle driver Tom Arkley said.

Stephanie Crosby said she would have to leave an hour early to make time to get from the parking lot to school.

"They assured me there's enough parking for people," she

said. "[If not] it should be free."

Director of public safety Gary Jeynes said there is plenty of parking available to everyone, though it may not be on campus.

"If you have a parking permit we'll find you a spot on campus," Jeynes said.

But the \$6 on-campus parking spots fill up quickly and the on-campus permits have already sold out. Unlucky students who arrive to school late have to dole out \$4 a day or \$371 for a permit that's not even on-site.

Students have resorted to creating their own parking spaces. But these improvised parking spots narrow the driving space so much that the shuttles can't turn around and leave the lot.

A frustrated Arkley said he has talked multiple times with Humber parking attendants to make sure that students are not over-parking.

"I showed the head guy here the situation. A 38-foot bus needs a little more room to turn than a car," Arkley said. "It takes about six or eight spaces to make the turn."

BY JAIME TAYLOR

If the halls are noticeably more crowded this year, it's because first-year students from the double cohort account for half the student population.

Joyce Woodend, associate registrar of admissions, said approximately 7,400 first-year students are enrolled in the first semester for 2003 with a total of 14,000 students attending Humber.

"We did increase enrollment for first year [post-secondary students]. We've increased by approximately three per cent," Woodend said.

Last year, the school received 38,000 applicants. This year's application numbers jumped to 40,423. Woodend said the entire school saw a seven per cent increase in students this year—comparable to the provincial average.

"The overall increase for all the colleges in Ontario was a 6.6 per cent increase," Woodend said.

So far, the province has invested \$2.6 billion to account for the double cohort boom. A new Guelph-Humber building on the North campus came with a \$28.6 million price tag paid for by the province.

"That doesn't cover the whole cost, but it effectively covers the cost of the construction and the furniture. There's a lot of cost with the respect to the equipment for this building, which we are providing from our own resources, but there certainly wouldn't be a building here if we hadn't received the \$28.6 million," David Trick, the

chief executive officer of Guelph-Humber said.

Quality Assurance Funds were also created to give colleges and

universities \$135 million in funds to hire more faculty, purchase new library resources and laboratory equipment.

Some students favour HSF dental program

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But not everyone is looking for a refund. Some students say it's about time dental insurance was included with the school's medical coverage.

Elliott, a second-year film and television student, said she is prone to having problems with her teeth, and has been paying for dental work for years because she didn't have coverage anywhere else.

"I'm not on OSAP, nor supported by my parents, so I'd rather pay the \$80 than have a horrendous problem with my teeth," Elliott said. "I wouldn't know what to do."

On the first day of school, members of HSF organized an information campaign to help students have a better understanding of the Student Insurance Plan.

HSF President Valerie Rothlin explained they are putting in as much effort as possible to explain the new plan and regulations.

"We've been to orientations. We're trying our best to get the message out," Rothlin said.

At both the North and Lakeshore campuses, brokers from the Alliance Pacific Life Insurance Company handed out pamphlets outlining the benefits

of the plan. These benefits include pay direct prescription, accidental and dental care insurance.

The deadline to opt out of the dental plan is Oct. 3.

Opt-out forms can be picked up at the HSF office or printed off the website at (www.hsfweb.com/services/health.html)

Completed forms should be dropped off at HSF and students can expect their \$80 refund cheque within six to eight weeks.

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Cohort kids settle into Rez

BY ALLISON MOORHOUSE

First-year student Andrew Dertinger is adjusting to a new school and his first time living away from home—and at 17, the

Contract talks may begin in October

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a salary equal to the amount of a high school teacher.

Wall said Humber College is also cutting down on full-time staff and hiring part-time contract teachers.

"Humber has 14,000 students, but fewer full-time faculty than in 1995, when enrolment was about 10,000," a recent union newsletter stated.

As well, the newsletter points out colleges received 45 per cent less in funding per student in 2000 than they did in 1990 although enrolment increased by 34 per cent.

However, college president Robert Gordon said he believes faculty has not even considered striking.

"I haven't heard a single faculty around here say they're going to go on strike," he said. Despite the decrease of government funding he said he believes management and faculty can forge a collective agreement.

"Management is quite prepared to negotiate. The problem... it's not easy to find a lot of money," he said.

The community college labour unrest is building just weeks before the upcoming Oct. 2 provincial election. Wall said she encourages students to go out and vote. A union newsletter states only 22 per cent of people aged 18 to 20 voted in the last provincial election.

Chair for the faculty negotiating team, Ted Montgomery said: "While the college presidents steer their bargaining agenda, ultimately it is the government that calls the shots on the big picture."

Talks, cut off at the end of August, are expected to resume after the provincial election.

experience can be overwhelming.

"I had to adapt to some new responsibilities," the multimedia design student said. He said his newfound responsibilities while living in residence include budgeting money, doing laundry and eating well. But Dertinger added it's been an easier transition knowing he's not alone.

Laura Combden, a first-year film and television production student, has also made a fairly smooth transition from living at home to living in residence.

"I've met a lot more people," Combden said.

Combden added, however, that the residence cafeteria and front-desk staff serve as reminders that she's not completely left on her own.

"It's not similar to living on your own," she said. "You still get babied by everyone. Living in residence is fake life."

Allison Alexander, manager of Humber College residence, said a significant number of residents are younger this year because of the double cohort. About 725 students currently live on campus and 460 of them are first-years, she said.

Dertinger said measures are being taken to ensure that the under-age students have an awesome year.

Residence life coordinator, Colleen Parton said residence Frosh Week activities were specifically designed to include teens caught in the double cohort so that no one feels left out. They include an all-ages Caps karaoke night on Sept. 26 and bowling at the Rexdale Bowlerama - that has a special rate of \$10 per person on Thursdays and Sundays.



After a long day of classes, rez students enjoy a pizza dinner in their lounge.

Rez net users angry

BY CAIT BELANGER

Students in residence having Internet problems because of the Microsoft Blaster virus shouldn't have to wait much longer for their Internet to be up and running.

When students moved into residence at the end of August, 90 computers containing the virus disrupted the server in residence, causing delays and interruptions in service.

Mark Naylor, chief information officer at Humber, said that technicians were scheduled to work on the problem yesterday and are expecting to have service back to normal within the next week.

"We will not only clean the Blaster virus off, but we will also patch the operating system,"

Naylor said.

They are also installing a new power source to act as back-up in the event of power outages and brownouts, he said.

Third-year Electrical Engineering student Steve King said all of his notes, computer lab projects, as well as many other aspects of his program are on the net in a program called Web CT, which he couldn't access.

"I like being on the net. I paid for it and I should be able to use it, but that isn't the case," said King who is at residence for the second year. "This is not a new problem. This year I got fed up and decided to get the Internet from Rogers."

The problem with using the computer labs in the school is that they're too full. The wait can be up

to two and a half hours just to sit down at the monitor, not to mention the wait at the printer.

Tammy Freisen, a first-year Computer and Network Support student living in residence, said she was given the brush-off when she contacted the IT Department about the problem.

"They think that our Internet is just a convenience and not a necessity," she said.

Freisen has decided to wait out the problem and stay with the provided Internet despite sometimes waiting half an hour to see if she can even get a page up on the net.

King is enjoying his faster, more expensive Internet but is not impressed with having to pay another bill.

Scholarships offered online

BY SARAH NEWELL

Scholarships and bursaries are a great and easy way to get financial help for your schooling.

Angelique Persaud, a Public Relations student at Humber College, is being awarded with the Canadian Millennium Bursary for the second year in a row.

"Having a bursary that you don't have to pay off is absolutely amazing," Persaud said.

The Canadian Millennium Bursary is presented to students who have completed high school, have good academic standing and who are enrolled in a full-time program.

Humber College offers a tuition



Margaret Antonides said students need to research options that may be available for them.

bursary that is available for new and returning fall students. The bursary offers students up to

\$1,000 a year towards tuition.

The Gil Purcell Memorial Journalism Scholarship is a schol-

arship available for aboriginal students. It is meant to encourage aboriginal students to study journalism. The scholarship awards successful applicants \$4,000 and a job at the Canadian Press for the summer. The deadline to apply is Nov 15.

"There is a lot out there that students may not be aware of and if they do a little research it could help them financially," Margaret Antonides, Humber's financial aid manager, said.

The Humber College Web site lists over 300 scholarships and bursaries available to students. Applications for entrance scholarships are also posted on the Web site.

More applicants than jobs

BY KIRK VILLAMARIN

The number of students applying for work study programs has overwhelmed employers at Humber College.

"We've received stacks and stacks of job applications from students," Lydia Greenman, the Career Centre's administration assistant said. The centre hired 12 students out of approximately 200

applicants.

Deborah Cooper, work study coordinator and assistant to the dean of student services, said a work study application form must be filled out by students who wish to work on campus before applying for any job.

The college received 1,800 work study application forms over the course of last year. This month alone, Humber has already

received 1,140 applications.

Fred Chan, production supervisor for Humber's photocopying company, Greenville Communications, said he's received twice as many job applications as last year. He hired two students out of the 40 who applied.

The library's circulation clerk, Brian Crowle, said he had to pick 16 students out of about 175 applications. Caps, the on-campus pub, also hired its staff from the more than 200 students who applied.

Most on campus employers believe the increase of applications is due to the double cohort.

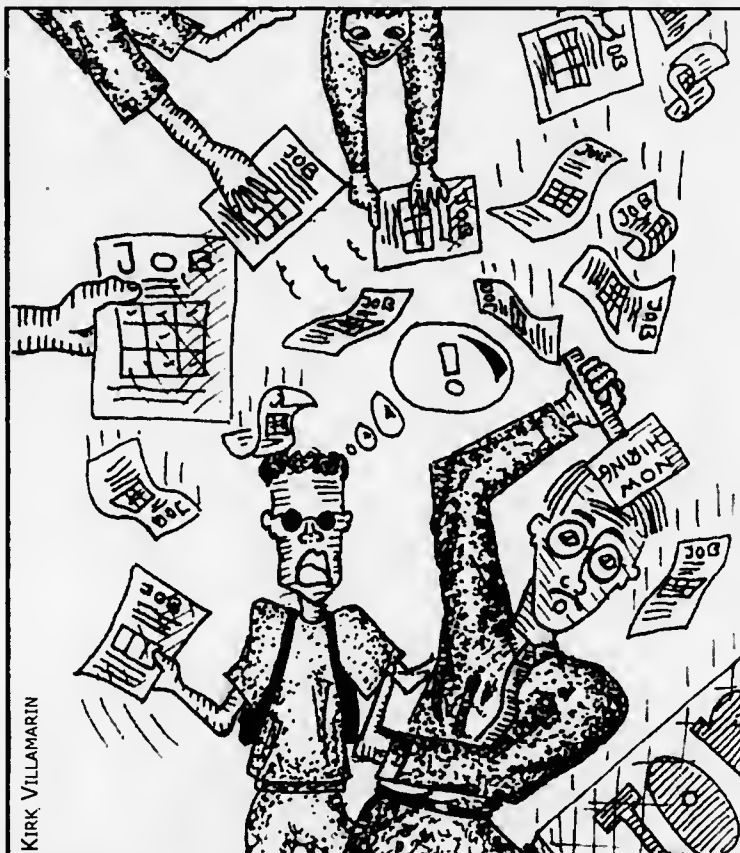
President of Humber Students' Federation, Valerie Rothlin, believes students who apply for jobs early have a greater chance of getting hired.

"Student population is over 14,000. You only have so many positions to fill. In a perfect world everyone will have a job at campus," she said.

According to Cooper, 284 positions are waiting to be filled at both campuses.



Computer programmer analyst student Jennifer Cadieux discusses employment opportunities with Career Services counsellor Vicki Reay.



Students angry at move to Lakeshore

BY LIZA WOOD

Renovations at the Lakeshore campus have forced students to relocate part way through their program, leaving some stranded halfway across town.

The English for Academic Purposes and Teaching English as a Second Language programs were moved from north campus to Lakeshore in September, forcing students who had already found a place in Etobicoke to either commute or move again.

English for academic purposes student Annie Zhangmeng, 21, moved from the north campus residence to 19th Street, just a short walk from the Lakeshore campus.

"A lot of people say [Lakeshore] has a good looking view, but I paid for the north campus. They have the Woodbine Centre and Chinese restaurants, like the Mandarin," Zhangmeng said.

Zhangmeng, who finishes her program in one year, is planning to apply for the marketing program next year at the north campus and will be moving back to the Etobicoke North area.

With Lakeshore's population growing from 3,200 to approximately 3,800, the school is building to accommodate all of its students.

With construction in the works, the school will have a new 200-seat cafeteria, a new student centre, more classrooms and a much wel-

comed residence building.

Also added were two degree programs, Paralegal Studies and E-Business, the first four-year programs the school has offered.

The new residence building is expected to be completed in time for the 2004 school year.

Security beefed up

BY OLGA KIRGIDIS

Four new parking and security officers, and six more security cameras have been added to Humber's security team this year.

Gary Jaynes, director of public safety for Humber, said the increased security was due to the larger number of cars in school lots, not the larger number of students because of the double cohort. Through the camera network, security can monitor a large section of campus or focus in on an individual if necessary.

"We don't have many security issues on campus," Jaynes said. "Certainly we have a very good rapport with Toronto Police. If we have problems, we issue security alerts to inform the community of any issues that are either on the campus or in the vicinity."

Many students say they're not overly concerned about safety issues on campus.

"This is college," J.P. Richea, a second-year electromechanical engineering student, said. "Things don't happen at college, they happen downtown at 3:30 in the morning."

However, Richea did admit some places on campus could pose a threat.

"Down in the arboretum, it is dark at night. There are dark places where someone could get



Campus security guard Mohammad Khan is part of Humber's expanded security team.

robbed, but the rest of the campus is fine," Richea said.

Deborah Costa, a first-year hospitality, recreation and tourism student, also feels secure while on campus.

"I feel safe just because I know I'm not alone and there are always a lot of people around."

However, Jaynes warned students to remain vigilant about safety, since there were a few robberies last year.

"There were a couple very unfortunate incidents of two students who were held up, off the property," he said. "I think people have to be aware of their surround-

ings. If you are walking alone, you have to take personal precautions."

While safety on campus doesn't seem a major concern for most students, some, like Costa do worry about parking their cars in crammed school lots.

"Everyday, after a 9:30 a.m. class, there is no parking and you'll get idiots parking on the sides," Costa said.

Some students fear having their car scratched or damaged in the lots, as well as the risk of theft.

Mary Grabowski, a first-year business marketing student, has been warned by friends not to park her car at school because of car break-ins.

"There are so many thieves, and I have the kind of car people go for," Grabowski said. "I have a Honda Civic and I have certain [accessories] they go for."

Jaynes said that campus security tries to be proactive when it comes to preventing crime, but they rely on students to do their part. He encourages students to call campus security if they see anything suspicious on campus or to report a crime.

For more information students can check out campus safety alerts and more safety tips, by logging on to Humber's department of public safety web site at: www.publicsafety.humberc.on.ca

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These are some of the slogans Elections Ontario is using to encourage people to vote on election day.

But many students continue to ask, why bother?

Studies show that voter turnout has been declining for the past 10 years, especially among young voters (18-25 year olds, college goers, you). Experts compare today's young adults to teenagers of the last generation, and say that once real life (car payments, mortgages, taxes and poor healthcare services) hits us, we'll take an interest in politics.

But there are many reasons to get involved now. The provincial government affects everything in a college student's life including tuition, OSAP, car insurance, minimum wage and rent increases.

All of these examples come down to one thing: money.

Apathy is often used as a reason why young people don't vote, but not many people don't care about money. Most young adults are not apathetic by nature. They have strong opinions about music, career choices, current affairs, even politics.

So why don't those opinions translate into votes?

Politicians and their platforms don't target young voters. Listening to the leaders debate, or watching attack ads on television doesn't inspire passion for politics.

That's why it's important to strip away the hype and buzz lines, and look at the impact each party will have on students. Party leaders and local candidates should have to answer questions on why tuition goes up each year, while the maximum allowable OSAP funds have not gone up for almost 10 years and minimum wage has been frozen for five years. Car insurance is skyrocketing and the cost of living rises yearly, but our income is stagnated.

If we want these things to change, it's time to take action.

It will only take 20 minutes of your day, so this Oct. 2, get out and vote. And remember, you can't bitch if you don't vote.

No movie manners



BY JAMES ROSE

So I went and checked out a movie this weekend.

Not just any movie, a horror. I watched *Jeepers Creepers 2* Saturday night at Woodbine Mall with my girlfriend, and a mutual friend. It wasn't long before I realized I was living my own real-life horror. I was shocked to see a theatre full of pre-pubescent hooligans acting atrociously.

The movie was rated 14AA, which in the province of Ontario means anyone under said age must be accompanied by an adult.

There were no adults present, or at least no one acted like it. At times I couldn't hear a thing over the commotion.

Since when does yelling and banging walls in excitement constitute a good time?

Unfortunately, I could barely hear myself think, never mind concentrate on an already sub-par movie. People were laughing at times when there was nothing funny. Also, noises like shifting in chairs, and talking on cell

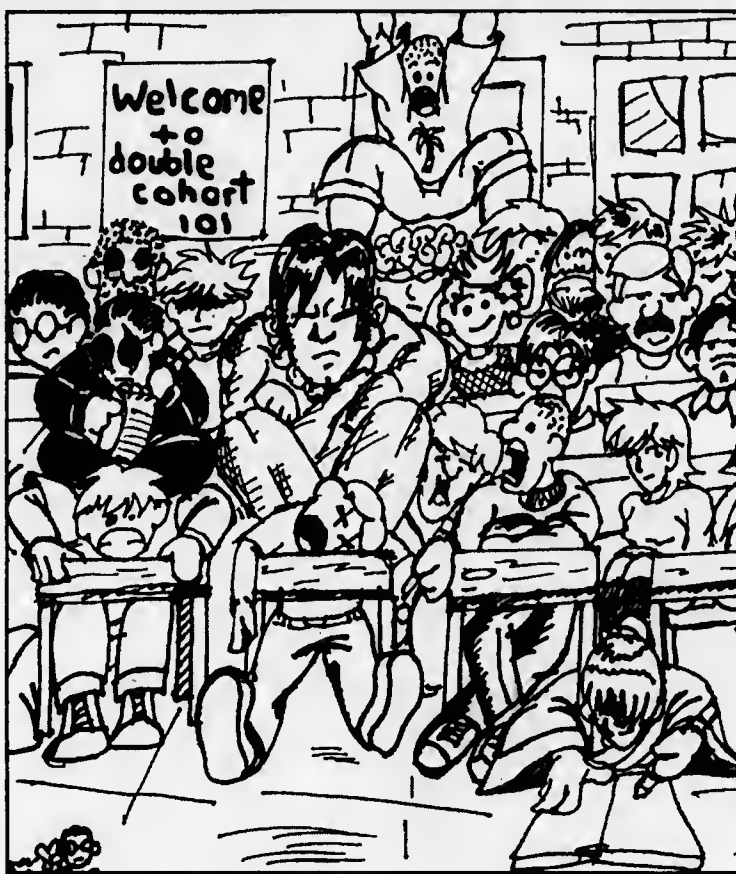
phones didn't help with the movie's quieter moments. Has anyone ever heard the saying 'leave a tender moment alone'?

Instead the climactic moments were nullified by someone chattering nonsensically behind me. Whatever happened to going to the movies, paying attention and listening to what the actors are saying? Apparently, in Rexdale, that's considered a horrible idea.

Let's chew our popcorn like we are sucking back slop from a trough, or how about we put our feet on the backs of peoples' chairs so they can't relax? I know I would be impressed if my date acted like a barnyard animal with no regard for anyone else.

Sadly this asinine behaviour will continue. Why? Because it seems no one who was at Rainbow Cinemas could comprehend appropriate behaviour. I was thinking of writing something completely witty, but I realized it would take a Mack truck to knock any sense into the audience members' heads.

Though I shouldn't be surprised with what I saw. I mean, \$4.25 movie tickets have to come with a price. Unfortunately, it came at the cost of a decent atmosphere.



Parking or sanity?



BY STEPHANIE CROSBY

You'll be happy to know that there is ample parking at Humber.

Forget for a moment the 20-minute line up outside the pay lots (6 & 7) each morning.

Forget the fact that those lots are full each day and that the ONLY other option available for those without parking passes is to truck down Highway 27 to park at Woodbine Centre. For FOUR dollars to wait for a shuttle bus that only comes once every fifteen minutes.

The icing on the cake? The shuttle back to Woodbine stops running at 6:30 p.m. and campus security will NOT run their escort service to the mall.

I must say I feel safe knowing that I'm on my sweet-ass lonesome at 10 p.m. to walk 20 minutes back to an empty mall-parking lot.

As a final year student, who is only on campus two days a week, the \$400 parking pass hardly seems like the smart buy it was last year. I also don't have a lot of patience for a parking system that makes me late for class (my shuttle bus ordeal took 45 minutes), costs me money (the damn thing should be FREE) and jeopardizes my safety. At the risk of whining, there aren't too many things in life to ask for. Safety is one. I'm a female.

Walking to a vacant lot in the dark - off campus - is not something high on my to-do list.

There are about 14,000 full-time students at Humber with about 28,000 students studying here part-time. There are approximately 4,000 parking spaces available to both full-time and part-time students and faculty, 60 of which were lost due to the new residence building.

What does that mean? There ain't enough damn parking.

Campus Security states that parking has to be oversold, because the lots won't be full at all times (I beg to differ). Schedules permit students to come and go throughout the day, allowing for more spaces to open up for others as the day progresses (clearly the registrar scheduled us all for a 9 a.m. start).

As a student here only two days a week, the \$400 parking pass would work out to \$6.75/day. Seems a bit steep for a gal like me working on my days off at an unpaid internship.

But, the pay lots (which cost \$6/day) would have me shelling out about \$360/year if that's the route I chose.

Yet the ever popular shuttle bus (at \$4 a day) would cost me almost \$250 for the year if I were forced to park there every Tuesday and Wednesday that I'm on campus.

The moral of this math lesson kids? I'd just rather have convenience. And safety. And sanity.

Is that too much to ask?

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Brands R' Us

The battle to control consumption



BY AARON SAWYER

"Land of the free and home of the brave." A historically inspired representation of a nation or a seductive slogan to sell America not as a country, but as a brand? The latter seems more plausible.

After taking a trip to California, or more specifically Los Angeles, this past summer, it became more than evident to me that corporate America was no longer an evolving part of the country, but an overwhelming force that has taken control of an entire nation.

Having previously never been further south than the northern bordering states, I half expected, thanks in part to my own naïveté, that L.A. would be full of prosperity and riches, not the poverty ridden city that I encountered.

The streets were filled with litter and police officers armed every corner.

Glorious Hollywood was nothing more than a decrepit sanctuary for the homeless and heroin addicts. The streets were littered with those who had ventured in search of fame and fortune and the American Dream. What they found was the American reality.

Before experiencing it with my own eyes, I had bought into the image that is being sold. I had bought into America the brand.

It's no secret that the corporate takeover is not just exclusive to the United States, although it may be their most famous export.

Corporate branding has also been infiltrating Canada for decades, taking over our public streets. Subway stations, bus stops and even sidewalks have all been corporately vandalized with the Nike swoosh, the golden arches of McDonald's, the Budweiser girls and countless other brands, forcing us to ingest their marketing

schemes. Most of us are oblivious to the

fact that anything is even going on. Not only has the corporate world played a significant part in deteriorating our physical environment, but now our mental environment as well.

Take a look down at your feet. You're probably wearing Nike, Reebok, or maybe Converse.

You've been branded. And there's a good chance you're wearing a shirt with some kind of slogan on it.

You've been branded. Growing up, did you ever demand Nike instead of the exact same pair of shoes without the swoosh? Or beg and plead with your parents to take you to McDonald's?

You can thank corporate branding for that. We are a generation partially raised by corporations. They have taught us that if we are

lonely, we should find comfort in television, where we will absorb commercials, in order to feel good about ourselves, to run out and buy the latest in

designer fashion.

French sociologist Henri Lebrun refers to us as a "bureaucratic society of controlled consumption." A bureaucratic society of consumption no doubt, but I see very little control taking place.

If we continue to allow corporate branding to control the way we live our lives, we will no longer be human beings, but robots, instinctively obeying their every command. Although there is seemingly no way to escape corporate branding, being aware of your surroundings and exactly what it is you're ingesting on a daily basis is possible.

It is possible to turn off your TV. It is possible to keep your wallet in your pocket. It is possible to take back our public streets from corporate vandalism with our own messages on bus stops and subway ads.

It is possible to control our own consumption. We can be brand free.

We are a generation partially raised by corporations.

Provincial elections

What alternatives?



BY SHERRI WOOD

Election madness is officially upon us. Political signs litter our streets. Negative advertising fills the airwaves. And the relentless (albeit necessary) news coverage has slid into our daily routine as easily as we slide ourselves into a Monday morning class 15 minutes late.

That said, it doesn't take long to notice the unevenly weighted media coverage at the centre of all this madness. On any given day leading up to the polls, you can read about the "Big Three" in the papers. That is, of course, the NDP, the Conservatives and the Liberals.

But what you don't see is any mention of the slew of other political parties in Ontario—the so-called alternatives. Regardless of their unwelcome status in Queen's Park, they at least deserve a mere

acknowledgement in the press. In fact, the Big Three could even learn a few things from the small-time alternatives.

Despite popular belief, the lesser-known parties aren't all wackos and flying yogis. Some present several valid and noteworthy platforms. Take the Green Party, for instance. Anyone with common sense would agree that its stance on protecting the environment is laudable. But also of value (and of particular importance to students) is that they propose a minimum wage increase so that full-time minimum wage earnings would be above the poverty line. Add stronger animal cruelty laws and tax breaks for family-friendly employers and you've got even more reason to consider an alternative. Or at the very least — bring these issues up with the Big Three the next time they're at your door.

We've also got the Humanist Party pushing for the right to free and universal post-secondary education as well as the right to free

public transit. Or take a peek at the Freedom Party's platform which includes a push to improve the elections system by issuing every eligible person a voter card to prevent fraud in the current honour voting system. Issues like these get overlooked when the media fails to provide coverage to the other political players.

Now, in all fairness, not every lesser-known party has an admirable platform. There will always be the token lunatics, fear-mongers and fanatics. But even they deserve a simple media acknowledgement in the least. We deserve to have all the candidates and their platforms presented to us. Only then can we make an informed decision. And don't be afraid to look at the alternatives (it doesn't necessarily make you a freak, I assure you), and even if you're not ready to switch your vote, it might inspire you to bring less-hyped issues to the big players. It would do them some good to get a taste of the alternative.

Better watch your back



BY JASON BAIN

I live in the ghetto, I thought to myself.

This suddenly became so clear to me that I nearly blurted it out loud, because of a conflict unfolding before me in the quick lane at the local Food Basics.

The irate lady at the root of the disturbance in front of me glanced in my direction as though she heard what I was thinking, then resumed her rampage.

I stood, waiting, now with Elvis crooning not over the crackling store speakers, but in my head.

Price check in aisle 8.

It didn't take drive-by shootings or stores being robbed at gunpoint for me to realize the reality of my

neighbourhood. It took a woman in front of me in line at the grocery store who would not pay a 48 cent difference on her cranberry juice to make me realize the desperation that exists in the people here, and the daily risks of living life in the hood.

A stock boy assured the cashier the price on the juice was correct.

I'm not ordinarily one to let a price check fiasco affect how safe I feel, but with two litres of ice cream melting in my hand, this was no ordinary situation.

Beyond the warm confines of Humber College lies Rexdale in all of its impoverished glory. In fact, according to 2001 Census data released in May, Ward 1 and 2 of Etobicoke North boast the two lowest average income levels of all 44 Toronto wards, from \$45,000 to \$27 thousand, and the lowest bracket from \$27 to \$13 thousand. Comparatively, the majority of wards 27 and 28, Toronto Centre —

Rosedale, have an average income of \$250 thousand.

It is clear the people in this area have little money to spare. Perhaps this is the reason they do the things they do.

In August, Jamestown Crescent was the site of a gunfight which injured four men.

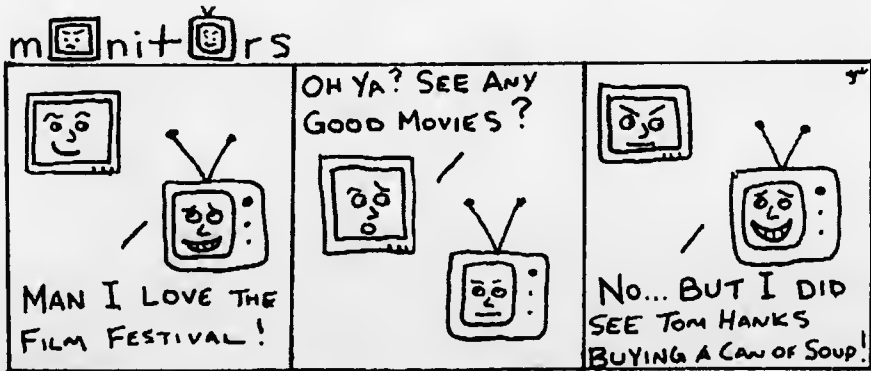
This happened just across the street from Martin Grove Estates, where I call home, beyond the Food Basics and the cranberry juice catastrophe.

Weeks later, Kipling and Finch Avenue West was the scene of an execution style killing, where a man was found dead with his hands tied behind his back in an apartment building stairwell.

Working in the area this past summer opened my eyes to Rexdale's impoverished reality. It also made me learn how to watch my back.

I suggest for those living in this area to watch theirs.

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Humber battles the beast

Staff and students find patience the only weapon against double cohort

BY ROBYN THOMAS

The lines of people around Humber may seem long but the uncertainty surrounding the impact of the double cohort is lifting, and both staff and students agree things are not as bad as expected.

Getting to class may be a tiresome task for students who have to drive around searching for a parking spot or dodge the oversized backpacks that threaten their attempt to make it on time.

A record 14,154 full-time students are attending Humber this year, an increase of 4,400 from two years ago.

Humber College president, Dr. Robert Gordon, says the double cohort is more of a university issue. But Humber did prepare for the double cohort by expanding its facilities. According to Gordon, if Humber didn't have the space, the college couldn't grow.

To accommodate the increase, many programs once offered at the north campus have been moved to Lakeshore.

He said the campus is often crowded but explained that students tend to congregate in central areas, such as the concourse or in front of Java Jazz and this contributes to the congestion.

Diane Cardile, a 10-year employee at Java Jazz, said that line-ups are no different than in previous years.

Gordon said he's amazed there haven't been more problems.

"It wasn't the zoo one might have expected. Either we're getting better or the students are getting more patient," he said.

According to Gordon, lines at registration were running one and a half to two hours long on the first day of school, a decrease from four years ago when they ran over three to four hours long. Gordon attributes the shorter lines to on-line registration where students are able to register and change classes.

In order to deal with an additional 2000 full-time students this year, Gordon said Humber has hired 60 to 80 new teachers and expects to add more as the college grows and teachers retire.

First-year Guelph/Humber student Merle D'Souza said she hasn't had any problems. She graduated from high school with her OACs and feels she had an advantage



From traffic jams on the stairs or the all-too familiar left turn at the corner of Hwy. 27 and Humber College Blvd., the double cohort has put pressure on all facilities.

"I can't find parking after 9 a.m. I paid \$400 for a pass and drive around in circles. Last year I could get one, this year I'm searching all the time," he said.

Parking is an issue on campus, but not a problem said Gary Jaynes, director of public safety.

"[The double cohort] has not really impacted our department at all. We have the first week or two to tweak the system a bit," he added.

Nancy Deason, manager of public safety, agreed with Jaynes.

"It might feel that way to a student because it's busy here, but we're always busy the first couple of weeks," she said.

Jaynes explained that between the two campuses there are approximately 10,000 cars that park each day, and parking enforcement tries to accommodate them.

"The goal is to get you a spot. It

may not be the one you want, but we are working at correcting it," Jaynes said.

They advise students who have permits and can't find a spot to see a parking employee. If that lot is indeed full, then alternative parking is available at Woodbine Centre, where students can take a shuttle bus to campus. Buses will be running from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. until Sept. 26. After that,

Jaynes says its need will be re-evaluated.

"It wasn't the zoo one might have expected,"
Dr. Robert Gordon

Parking permits are sold out so Jaynes recommends that students find other ways of getting to

campus. He suggests taking the bus or carpooling.

If students really must drive, they should give themselves extra time to avoid being late. Jaynes also said it takes approximately three weeks for everything to level out.

over other students when she applied last spring. D'Souza was more worried for her brother, who was in grade 12 and graduating the same year. Although she was nervous about what Humber would be like, she said things have gone smoothly. She added there are approximately 45 students in her classes, and there are empty seats.

Gordon said the beginning of the year was "very problem free," with the exception of room assignments and a lack of chairs, as well

as the new Guelph/Humber building not being entirely complete.

"Some of these things, because of the power outage a couple of weeks before, we couldn't do anything about," he said.

"It was an Act of God."

But feelings of frustration arose in some students, as they found themselves driving around looking for a parking space. Rebecca Palladina, a first-year graphics student, described trying to find a parking spot as "disgusting."

Area businesses enjoying double cohort

BY JASON BAIN

With the Humber College north campus neighbourhood receiving a larger injection of students this year, business at the nearby Woodbine Centre has risen.

Sunrise Records manager Glen Cameron said the store has seen a definite increase in the number of students buying music and movies.

"It's better this year, and I think it will be busy for a little while,"

Cameron said. "We've been on a roll for a little while, and I hope it keeps going."

Jim Evans, general manager at JJ Muggs Bar and Grille, said Thursday nights have definitely been busier, but he hasn't seen a dramatic increase in sales at the restaurant overall.

Edge 102 provides the music and swag on Thursday nights, with a shuttle service providing transportation between the bar and Humber College's campus, making it a good night out for many of

the approximately 720 students who call residence home.

"I think [business] will quickly diminish, but I hope that I'm wrong," Evans said.

He looks forward to the added business in the year ahead, although he said he thinks "there are a lot of things going against the students", particularly in terms of class size.

According to Cynthia Whitney, a supervisor at Rainbow Cinemas, there hasn't been a dramatic increase in student patrons at the

independent movie theatre, which prides itself on discounted movie rates.

She said the theatre hasn't seen more students on Tuesday nights either, when tickets are \$4.25.

"On the weekends yes [there are more] people, but not during the day," she said.

Whitney said she thinks sales have actually dropped from last year, when the theatre re-opened in November after a brief closure while new owners revamped the former Cineplex.

Brock students check into hotels

Worker shortage means students start school year with bags still packed

BY RYAN MCLANDRESS

Brock University continues to scramble to finish the new Lowenberger residence, which was originally scheduled to be completed at the end of August.

Like many other colleges and universities, Brock has been delayed in expanding its campus, which has left about 300 students living out of suitcases in hotels as they wait to move into the new residence.

"The biggest single factor we've identified is there has never been so much construction in Niagara, so the competition for skilled trained workers is intense," Grant Dobson, executive director of the Office of External Relations at Brock said.

Dobson said some days when they are expecting 20 workers to

arrive, only four show up.

Other factors that have slowed construction include the longer winter and the blackout, which forced the plant in charge of building the furniture to shut down for nearly a week.

The university is footing the bill for the students to stay at three hotels, which includes food vouchers for when they are off campus and a shuttle service that runs from 7 a.m. until midnight, seven days a week.

According to Dobson, the

amount this is costing the university is unknown at this time.

Students, however, are not thrilled about the temporary living situation.

Some students have found mold in their bathrooms, and some of the rooms permit smoking, which irritated non-smoking students.

Bus schedules and internet accessibility are also causing headaches.

"It's just really inconvenient because we have to plan our schedule around the buses and with the only access to the internet being at school, it makes it hard," first-year child and youth

studies student Carla Callaghan said.

A construction update is handed out to all of the students daily to keep them informed of progress made, but students

aren't counting on moving in any time soon.

"A student here asked one of the head guys in charge of the new residence what he should tell his parents [about when they were going to be able to move in] and the guy said he had no idea. It just seems that nobody really

has any answers for us," Callaghan said.

Dobson said the university just recently extended the hotel bookings

"We've booked these hotel rooms for another three weeks hoping that we don't need them for that length of time," he said.

"It just seems that nobody really has any answers for us,"
Carla Callaghan

Humber residence renos complete

Construction continues on the new Humber north campus student residence, which is scheduled to open in January 2004. Returning students living in residence this year have also faced some inconveniences.

Second-year resident, Robin Jun, said students who moved into residence in September were welcomed with a new lobby and a new cafeteria that was not yet complete.

"We had to eat over at the emporium [in the school], which was a pain for the first week," Jun said.

The new residence cafeteria has now been completed.

Anticipated lineups at loan office fail to materialize

BY JEREMY HILL

Despite anticipation of long waits and funding constraints due to the double cohort, student aid officials say the effect has been minimal at Humber.

Margaret Antonides, manager of financial aid at Humber's north campus, said the lineups for OSAP (Ontario Student Assistance Program) loans have been no worse than previous years.

"Things have been running quite smoothly," Antonides said, noting that half the loan applications were already processed by late in the first week of school.

Three provincial officials have been at the college each day to

help make the loan process easier for students. Otherwise, students would have to get their loans processed at any Canada Post outlet.

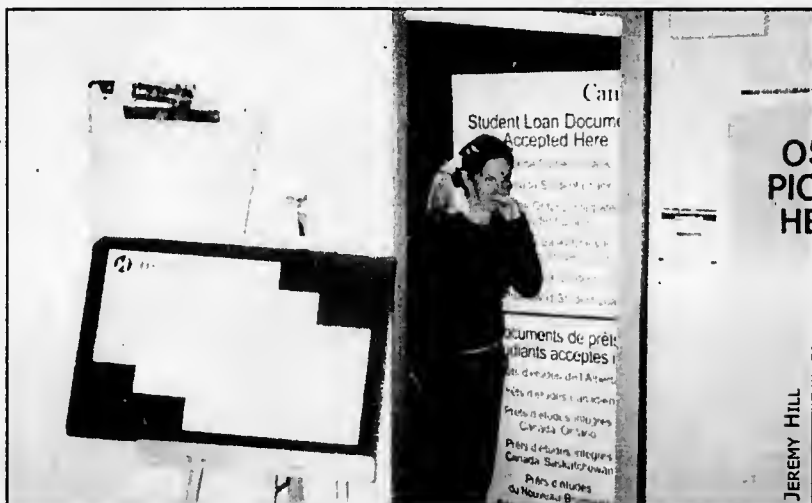
As of Sept. 1, the financial aid office had only received 4,529

assistance, but she has not seen any strain or long waits due to the double cohort.

Melissa Ware, a second-year Humber general arts and science student, saw little difference this year from last in the lineups and processing of her student loan.

"There were a couple people in front of me. It did seem less busy at the same time I went last year, but the lines were nothing big."

In order to accommodate an increased student population this year, Humber also increased the funds available to new students through bursaries and scholarships.

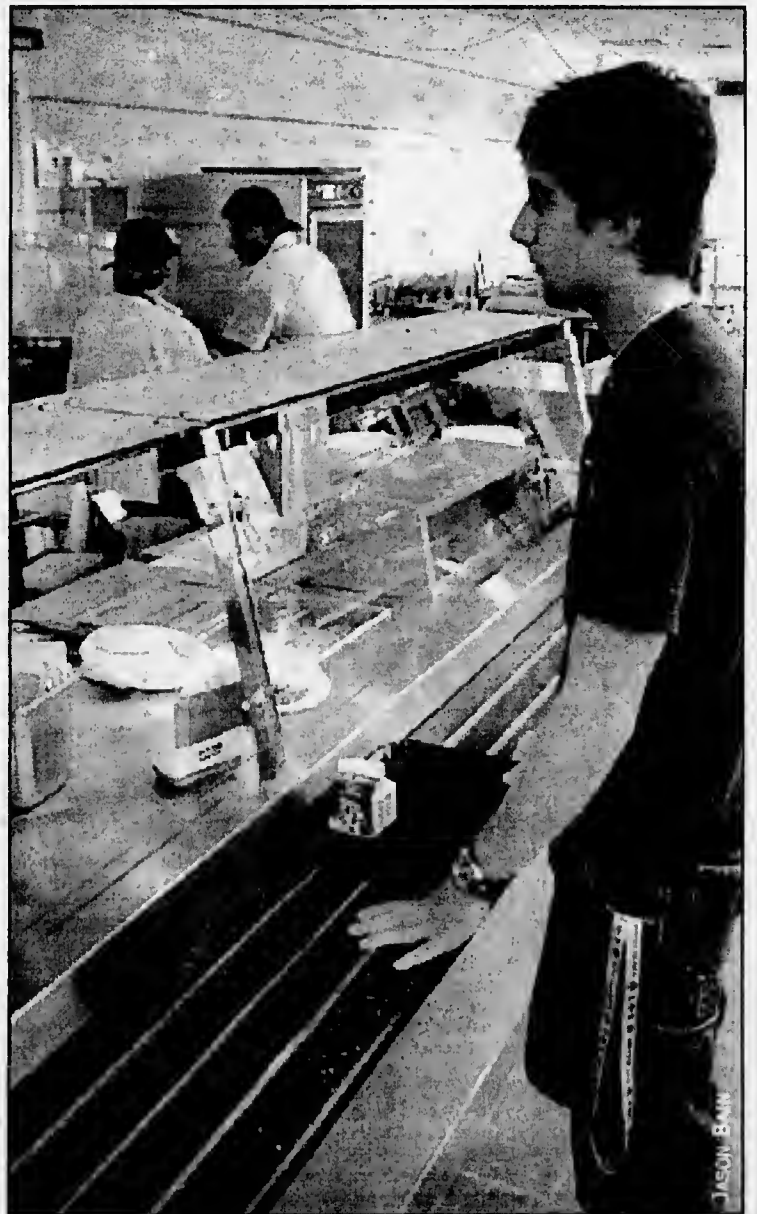


Students for the most part have been able to get OSAP without having to wait in lines any longer than normal.

applications for OSAP loans, which is about 1,000 less than last year, for a decrease of roughly 22 per cent.

Antonides expects more students to apply throughout the year as they realize they need financial

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Jonathan Rioux waits for a snack in the newly renovated Humber residence cafeteria. A new roomy design is set to accommodate more students when the new residence opens in January.

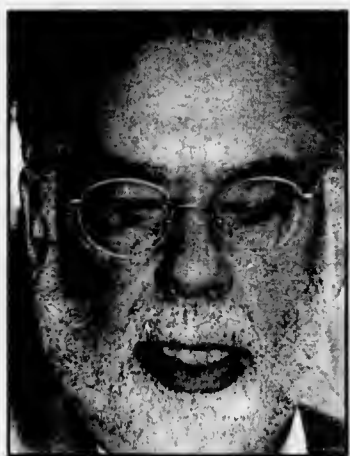
Celebrities storm Toronto's streets

Stargazing at the film festival

PHOTOS BY AMY WARD



Sir Ian McKellen



Francis Ford Coppola



Denzel Washington

BY AMY WARD

Every year at the Toronto International Film Festival, groups of strangers meet to accomplish two distinct tasks: watch a film and participate in a little stargazing.

To catch one of those films, Heather Michaud, a 22-year-old student of film and television at Humber College, tried her luck in a number of rush ticket lines.

Between the two days that Michaud attempted to see a film, she waited in the rush line approximately 12 hours. Her patience paid off when she was able to see the second viewing of the film of her choice, with a few added surprises.

"Cast and crew members from the film also showed up to the Tuesday screening and did a short Q&A after the film, which was great for me as a film student because I got to listen to all the geeky technical stuff about what format they used while shooting the film, cameras, lenses and lighting techniques. It was wonderful!"

Those who were more interested in stargazing than film watching came prepared for the best.

Mike Rifle, a 23-year-old animation graduate of Seneca College, said that he actually stole a DVD copy of *Adaptation* from his workplace, in hopes of getting it autographed by Nicolas Cage.

"If I don't get it signed, I'll throw it back up on the shelf," he announced to the giggling crowd.

After five hours of sitting on pavement behind barricades, Rifle scrambled to his feet as he spotted a black Lincoln Continental stop in front of the Piper-Heidsieck Champagne sponsored red carpet. "This is it," he shouted.

The crowd rushed to its feet, and clustered together. Before security guards could open the door, the fans started screaming.

Sure enough, their wait was over. Nicolas Cage stepped out of the car and began greeting his fans with autographs and smiles.

"I got it," Rifle gloated as he showed off his autograph to those who weren't so lucky. This was his seventh autograph from the festival this year. It joins his Nicole Kidman autographed magazine and Denzel Washington autograph on *The Hurricane* DVD.

"I wouldn't be here without you guys" -Denzel Washington

The 10-day Viacom Gala premiere at Roy Thomson Hall included appearances by Francis Ford Coppola and nephew Nicolas Cage, Denzel Washington and his *Antwone Fisher* co-star Derek Luke, Nicole Kidman, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Sir Ridley Scott, Sam Rockwell, Jack Black, Joan Cusack



Dean Cain

and Meg Ryan.

Many celebrities were gracious with fans and happy to sign autographs.

"I've been waiting my whole life to sign this," joked Jack Black, as a fan handed a picture to him. "Jack to the mother fucking Black."

Denzel Washington was in Toronto for the premiere of his film *Out of Time*, when he stood outside signing autographs for 15 minutes after the movie began.

"I wouldn't be here without you guys," he said to the hundreds of cheering fans lined up along Simcoe Street.

Greg Russell, a 33-year-old hospital worker, stands at 6'5", a height that came in very handy.

"I would imagine everyone who is behind me, unless they are taller, is upset," he joked. "It's first come basis for spots. I let a couple of people in front of me, since they were shorter than I was. If they had been taller or equal height, no way. Got to be able to get clear shots some how some way."

Even the media had advice for stargazers.

"Don't plan on ever sleeping," Cheryl Hickey, Global News reporter said, to those who were hoping to see celebrities and catch a movie through the rush ticket line this week.

After taking hits this past summer with SARS and the blackout, the Film Festival brought much needed attention back to Toronto.

"This year's Festival was extremely successful in terms of buzz and for the business of Toronto," Andréa Grau, the festival's media and public relations manager said, "in terms of celebrity attendance, I believe this is our most successful year to date."



Jack Black



Nicolas Cage



Joan Cusack

Small budget movies make big impact

BY MELISSA GREEN

The Toronto International Film Festival wrapped up its 10-day run this past Saturday with a near sold out screening of *Undead* at the Uptown 1 theatre.

The film was part of the Midnight Madness program, one of 16 programs that made up the festival as a whole.

For those who attended the program's screenings, the message was clear: hold on to your stomach and plan on sleeping with the lights

on for a while.

It was sound advice for those theatre-goers with a taste for the darker side.

Midnight Madness, now in its 16th year, screened nine bizarre and blood-chilling films to mostly sold out audiences over the course of the festival.

Amy Ramanen has been going to the festival for the past 13 years and enjoys the unique experience that the Midnight Madness program offers.

"I appreciate that they have a

window there for quirky, off-beat B-movie horror, zombie [films]. The programmer does a really good job," she said.

One film that had audience members talking was the Japanese film, *Gozu*.

The film was described in the festival's online news release as climaxing "in one of the most shocking finales in this year's Festival." Although the film was screened in Japanese with English subtitles, it crossed the language barrier and riveted its audience,

leaving them laughing one minute and squirming the next.

For many who attended Festival screenings this year, it wasn't so much about a night out at the movies as it was an experience.

This proved to be true for those who bought tickets for the midnight screening of *Undead*.

The Australian horror/comedy featured brain-gnashing zombies and *Matrix*-like gun play.

Undead's twin directors, Michael and Peter Spierig, made the low budget film for just under

\$1 million Australian.

"*Undead* was a totally independent production," Michael Spierig said. "Peter and I financed it out of our own pocket. I guess we put our own blood on the screen to make this film. We sold our car. We moved back home. We did everything we could to get the financing together to make this movie," he said prior to the midnight screening.

The film has now sold been to 21 countries, proving a great film can be made on a meager budget.



Bif Naked rocked Caps with her punk-rock style.

Got Bif?

BY MAT LANGFORD AND JENNIFER PANCINO

Caps kicked off the year last week with a performance by one of Canada's finest female rockers, Bif Naked.

Touring the Canadian college and university scene in support of her latest release, *Essentially Naked*, Bif rocked Humber with classics, including *Moment of Weakness*, *Spaceman*, and *I Love Myself Today*.

Fans were treated to a special guest appearance by fellow Canadian rocker, Robin Black, who joined Bif for an encore performance of the Twisted Sister classic, *We're Not Gonna Take It*.

Bif's performance was the first of many special events taking place at Caps this year.

In typical Caps fashion, the

weekly pub night will take place on Thursdays, including plenty of theme nights.

"For the Nut and Bolt pub, we give the men bolts and the women nuts, and they go around trying to piece them together, and as couples come up, we're going to give them prizes," operations manager at Caps, Kenny Dimech, said.

For students who aren't legal drinking age, the Humber Student Federation will be hosting many all-ages events throughout the coming year.

Special regulations will be put in place, including drawing Xs on students' hands and glassware that will differentiate between alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Students who are caught drinking under-age will be banned from Caps for six months after their nineteenth birthdays.

Hip hop community embraces its roots

Graffiti expo draws large crowd

BY LOUIS CAMPOS AND STEPHANIE HUGHES

All the elements of hip hop including Emcees, DJs, b-boys and graffiti artists, gathered together last weekend in Toronto to celebrate the culture at The 416 Graffiti Expo.

Over the two-day festival, 5,000 people from diverse backgrounds gathered together, sporting everything from oversized wooden beads to facial piercings and dreadlocks. They rallied together to listen to hip hop music and watch breakdancers move to the blasting beats in the small parking lot at Queen Street and Portland.

The highlight of the event was the colourful displays of art being spray-painted by graffiti artists over the course of the weekend.

Whether their work was being painted on brick walls, old-school baseball caps or crisp white T-shirts, each piece of art was carefully completed with close attention to detail.

"The 416 has always been a grassroots event that brings the world of underground artwork into the mainstream for one weekend," Jonathan Ramos, promoter of the weekend events, said.

This annual event helps to promote the underrated art form of graffiti and to give recognition to the "taggers" who take pride in their work.

"We throw our name up anywhere it can be seen. Everyone just thinks it's shit on a wall, but it's art," Matt



Matt Marley's presence is known with his tagging.

Marley said, while in the process of painting a woman's car at the event.

For others, the event was about experiencing new cultures and gaining some understanding about this art form. Isabelle Bouchard, a lover of graffiti art, had her car tagged by Marley at the event.

"I love the art, it's all art. These guys inspired it," Bouchard said. The non-profit event was organized eight years ago by Mark Robinson

of the Toronto clothing store Delphic and Ramos.

"The event was set up to provide a showcase for Toronto's graffiti artists, to demonstrate the artistic merit of graf and to combat the public perception that graffiti is vandalism," Robinson said.

In past years, the event has attracted upwards of 10,000 people from all over Ontario, Montreal and the U.S. Past artists include Guru of Gang Starr.



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Toronto gets punked

BY ANTONELLA LOMBARDI

As punk rock continues to become mainstream, more punk bands are being signed to major labels as record companies strive for a quick buck. However, life isn't as simple for Ontario punkers, The Getaway.

Not since the days long before punk broke MTV and MuchMusic has a punk act had to work this hard. Playing shows for almost two years straight, The Getaway knows that medium rotation is not enough to make it in the business.

"We just want to play in front of as many people as possible," singer Matt Wesley said.

Despite modest stints of air play and numerous shows, the members of The Getaway have a long road ahead of them. Wesley would love to

make a career out of playing music. He claims he will gladly work in a record store as a means to avoid starving during tour, which sometimes doesn't generate enough income for anything besides gas to the next show.

"We're still just in this to have a lot of fun," he said.

The Getaway played to a predictably enraptured crowd Sunday night at Club Rockit, where the band dished out songs from their LP *What can you do*, in a far more



Matt Wesley of The Getaway rocks Club Rockit in Toronto.

intimate setting than their recent opening slots for New Found Glory, Good Charlotte and Blink 182 at Bayfest this summer.

"Blink's management contacted our manager," Wesley said. "They wanted us to play."

Not bad for a bunch of kids who are happy to play any show they can. While on tour,

The Getaway has dealt with its share of misfortunes. For example, the band's van was broken into and they once travelled all the way to Gainesville, Florida for a show, only to discover that the promoter was absent, and the crowd nonexistent.

The Getaway is going to continue to tour, although the band does plan on recording five or six songs, most likely to be released on a label other than Re-Define Records, their current home.

**"We're still just in this to have a lot of fun."
-Matt Wesley**

Mississauga's modern-day Beach Boys

Meligrove makes waves tonight

BY SHERRI WOOD

What does an indie rock band do when they can't think of a name that hasn't already been taken? Make up a word and use that.

This advice comes from Darcy Rego, drummer for Mississauga's Meligrove Band. The downfall? Frequent misspellings and mispronunciations, according to Rego, who says the band gets called anything from 'melongroove' to 'mellowgrove.'

"It sucks when you see your name misspelled in print for the first time, but there's also something fitting about it," Rego said. "It's almost as if the misspelling suits us because we're a rock band, but we're nerds who tour around in a station wagon who deserve to get the shaft somehow."

Shafted or not, The Meligrove Band continues to create positive pop tunes with infectious harmonies. The band's second and most recent album, *Let it grow*, is a tossed salad of sunshine-pop sounds, keyboards and brass and wind instruments. They sound like The Beach Boys.

"People are always comparing us with The Beach Boys and The Beatles and I love that," Rego said. "That's the kind of music that will change my life and it's amazing for

people to even put us remotely in the same category as our idols. Maybe we can have the same connection with somebody else that Brian Wilson had with us."

Considering the trends in popular music right now, it's hard to imagine anyone would want to be compared to The Beach Boys. But the California pop sounds of The Meligrove Band are exactly what sets them apart from all the rest.

"I know there's a harder edge to

everything right now, and I can see where the appeal is," Rego said. "But we're more of a love-pop, man, but not the sentimental kind of love. When I think of love I think of life in general. Life is pretty grandiose for me. I don't know how

people just walk around every day and are cool with the fact that there are birds flying around and pregnant women...everything blows my mind every day."

Perhaps it's this love and passion behind The Meligrove Band's music that makes their live shows excruciatingly energetic.

"Our albums always seem a little more subdued, but our live show is a different story," Rego said. "We're energetic because no one

wants to pay \$5 to see four guys just play instruments half decently, you know? They wanna see blood or screaming or fire."

Although there's usually no blood or fire, the band's shows are full of life and are a welcome surge of sunshine in Toronto's darker indie rock scene. And the band, Rego said, feels good about their spot in the music scene right now, which has included gigs with Sloan, Billy Talent, Not By Choice and a slew of other popular Canadian bands.

"We're so excited," Rego said. "If you asked me five years ago if I ever thought we'd be on MuchMusic, I would have said 'you're fucking shitting me.' But seriously, I think we're finally settling into something. And it all comes out of a place of love."



The Meligrove Band: self-proclaimed nerds who drive around in a station wagon.

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Q: What are you listening to?

A: The Flaming Lips. They've completely changed my life. I got a chance to be a dancing animal on stage with them in Montreal, and it was the best moment of my life.

Q: If you had to choose a band motto or slogan, what would it be?

A: Take your vitamins.

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Station's all about Toronto

BY ASHLEY MÖLNAR

Toronto 1, the GTA's newest multicultural TV station, will debut tomorrow on channel 15.

The station will offer local, original shows aimed at Torontonians ages 18 to 49.

"Unlike most other stations, it's people in Toronto who we're trying to reach," said Barbara Williams, vice-president and general manager of Toronto 1.

In the upcoming season, Toronto 1 will introduce four original shows, each emphasizing multiculturalism in the GTA.

Silvia Cunha, a culinary management student at Humber, agrees that multiculturalism is an important part of Toronto and should be reflected in the station's programming.

"I moved here when I was young," she said. "So it's important for me to see people from other countries on Canadian TV."

Mary Luz Mejia is a producer for *Toronto Life*, a magazine based program to debut Sunday. The program will run every Sunday at 7 p.m., and will reflect the content of *Toronto Life* magazine.

Mejia, a Humber grad, says her time at the school gave her the hands-on approach she needed and has helped her find success at Toronto 1.

"It was exactly what I needed after graduating from my four-



Toronto 1 will feature several news, sports and entertainment programs.

year university program," Mejia said.

When talking about Toronto 1, Mejia said the multicultural aspect of the station will be a refreshing change for audiences.

"It's a real mixed bag of talent and it should be interesting to see how it turns out," Mejia said. *Toronto Life* will feature similar settings used for articles in the magazine including lively discussions in bars and other Toronto locations.

Another new program airing on the station is *Toronto Today*, hosted by Wei Chen, Rob Malcom, Natasha Ramsahai and Dina Pugliese (a former Humber

grad). *Toronto Today* is an on-air personality-driven show that covers a variety of news and entertainment and will run weekday mornings from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Other programs include the news and current affairs show, *Toronto Tonight* which will discuss current events in Toronto while avoiding the traditional 6 p.m. hard headline news stories.

"It will be less about the facts and more about the explanation," Williams said.

Last Call and *The Toronto Show* are two late night programs featuring a variety of Toronto comedians, musicians and other entertainers as well as discussions

of current events in the city.

"It's all about Toronto, all the time," Williams said.

Sports telecasts including *Monday Night Football* and Major League Baseball are also in the line-up for the upcoming season.

Lindsay Standing, a first year early childhood education student, said she's looking forward to watching.

"Not football," Standing said. "Everything else sounds cool!"

Toronto 1 will base most of its programs around the GTA, but will also launch purchased programming from the U.S., including *The Ellen DeGeneres Show* and *The Sharon Osbourne Show*.

Buy Now

BY BRIAN E. WILKINSON

Laptop Computers

It's a good thing that many computer laptops are coming down in price since they have become required course material at many colleges and universities. Two years ago a very respectable laptop would have run in the \$2200 - \$2500 range, but these days at stores like Future Shop you can get the same quality for between \$1500 - \$2000. Still not dirt cheap, but a great buy for today's market.

Digital Cameras

These cameras are replacing their celluloid companions as quickly as DVDs are wiping out VHS. Easy to use features include taking a look at the pictures you've just snapped, saving them onto memory cards and even uploading them onto your home computer or the Internet. While still not cheap, digital cameras now sell for between \$100 and \$250. Less than a year ago, many models cost more than \$300. Perhaps now consumers with tight budgets can finally start considering the purchase.

Pass on Buy

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (Theatrical Version)

While easily one of the best movies of 2002, the theatrical version of the blockbuster film released on Aug. 26 to home video should be avoided if at all possible. Though not overly pricey at around \$26.99, true fans of J.R.R. Tolkien's masterpiece should wait until Nov. 18 to get the extended version of the film. The four-disc set will have 43 minutes of deleted scenes reinserted into the film, two bonus discs and gorgeous cover box art. It's easy to fork out the \$40 - \$45 that stores will be asking for this set.

Select Nintendo Gamecube titles currently on sale

Effective Sept. 25, Nintendo has tagged several of its top selling titles of 2002 for re-release under its 'Player's Choice' banner. Titles like *Metroid Prime*, *Animal Crossing* and *Super Mario Sunshine* will go down from about \$74.99 to \$49.99 each. Pre-existing 'Player's Choice' titles like *Luigi's Mansion*, *Pikmin* and *Star Fox Adventures* will drop from \$49.99 to about \$34.99.



Narissa Rahim, a third year package and graphic design student, uses her cell phone regularly.

Online cell phone deals for students

BY DAVID ROS

Although many students have turned to cellular phones to keep in touch with those around them, it has come a price.

In order to make things easier for the average student to own a cellular phone, www.studentphonestore.com has come up with great deals to help tight wallets.

In partnership with the Canadian Federation of Students, the site has successfully negotiated student discounts with Bell Mobility, Fido and Rogers AT&T. A deal with Telus is expected by January.

"The phones can be purchased online, or at 76 Travel Cuts locations from coast to coast," said Cam Carver, director of opera-

tions for Student Phone Store.

Students can expect to receive up to a 25 per cent discount from Bell Mobility, \$25 off all Fido phones, and new Rogers AT&T customers will have the \$35 connection fee waived if a phone is purchased through the site.

All cell phone purchases must be made with a credit card, with the exception of the \$0 phone packages.

"We're moving towards a cash system, but as of right now it's credit card only," Carver said.

Proper student ID is needed to get the discounts offered by Fido and Rogers AT&T. However, in order to receive the discount on the Bell mobility plan, you have to have an International Student Card.

Untapped natural resource at Humber

BY JORDAN NEAL

College is supposed to be a time of education and growth, when students are encouraged to get involved and take interest in their community.

At a time when concerns are rising about clean water and forest fires run rampant on the West coast, a club dedicated to environmental well-being seems essential.

With last year's environmental club president having graduated and no one taking over this year, it appears Humber's environmental club is about to disappear.

Jennifer Green, vice-president of Campus Life at north campus, said the Humber Student Federation will meet at the end of the month to decide on which clubs

will be sanctioned at the college this year.

"Anyone interested in joining or organizing an environment club should contact the HSF office," Green said.

Environmental clubs are running in schools all over the GTA.

The University of Toronto has had the Environmental Resource Network since 2001, an umbrella organization of environment-oriented groups at the U of T.

It also has the Environmental Student Union, an environmental organization run by the student government.

Humber has access to the arboretum and Humber River and it is the only school in the GTA with a large piece of natural land surrounding its campus.



SHERRI WOOD

Students can relax with nature at the arboretum.

Shaping women for typically male jobs

A growing number of women are entering into Applied Technology programs

BY MARJORIE LAMPEREIN

Female students are finally making inroads into some of the more traditionally male dominated programs at Humber College.

Enrollment records show that the number of women in the Applied Technology program has increased by two per cent in the past four years and now represents slightly more than a quarter of the total students in the program.

Carole Burnett, who first studied cabinet making at Humber and now teaches it, said it's great to see women taking an initiative for equality.

"It's a traditionally male occupation, but now women are becoming accepted into the field," Burnett said. There are currently seven women in her class of 29 students.

"There's no physical aspect of it and everybody is playing on the same level," Burnett said. "I don't see a problem with women getting a job involving these kinds of fields."

Candace Doolan, a 19-year-old Humber student, said she first became interested in cabinet mak-

ing in her third year of high school when a teacher praised her ability with woodwork and suggested looking further into it.

"When I finish the program I'll probably be taking a job in a workshop so I can save some money and later start my own business," Doolan said.

Doolan never thought of this as an atypical career for women. It's just something she likes to do and is good at.

From 1998 to 2002, women enrolled in applied technology had a higher rate of academic success in their first semester with an average of 81 per cent, 6.75 per cent higher than the men. The number of men on academic probation was almost double that of women.

Robert Hellier said that nearly a quarter of students in his industrial design classes are female.

"It's a creative profession. [Women] are just as capable, if not more," Hellier said.

First-year student Gillian Lawrence admits she has no problem being one of two females in most of her civil engineering classes.

Web Wanderings

BY JASON PUSHEE

If you have ever wondered how something works, www.howstuffworks.com is a dream come true.

The site describes everything from simple everyday wonders like the light in your alarm clock, e-mail, to satellites thousands of kilometres above Earth and even covers the process of buying a house.

Each article provides a brief history and an overview describing the process of how things work in an easy to understand way, making the site an educational tool for anyone of any age. Articles are often accompanied by helpful links to related sites and useful tools throughout the Internet.

Andrew Norman, who runs a gaming Web site, finds the offerings of the site quite interesting.

"[It] seems like it would make a good homepage. It's family oriented, fun and easy to use," Norman said.

Subjects are divided into nine sections including science, entertainment and computers. Anything not listed in the vast database can be suggested as a future topic.

The travel section investigates topics like frequent flyer programs, global positioning systems and articles about travel safety.



The money section covers everything from personal banking to big business. Most people already know how to lose money quickly but the site does its best to teach them how to make it and hopefully hold onto it.

For the second year in a row, the site has appeared in *Time Magazine* as being on the '50 best Web sites' list.

According to the magazine review, "an encyclopedia never tasted so good."

The 2003 list also includes Google and Amazon.com

The site offers an extensive database which is a wonderful tool to find out how stuff works.



Slowly but surely women are making inroads into programs typically associated with men and are proving more than up to the task.

"Women can do anything," she said.

The electrical engineering control system instructor, Tarsem Sharma, said math plays a big role in most of the applied technology programs at Humber, such as civil

engineering, computer numerical control and gas technician.

Sharma said a potential reason for the diverse ratio between males and females could be that women seem to shy away more from math.

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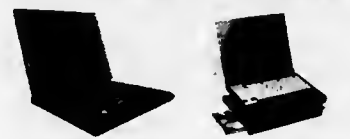
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Hidden fees result in higher textbook cost

The high price of textbooks adds to college students' stress and substantially diminishes their budgets

BY CHRISTINA ARICO

As first-year accounting student Christy Campos reaches for her wallet to pay for her Humber textbooks, she is shocked by the price.

She owes \$380 for only four books.

"I wanted to cry when I saw the prices. And I still have two more books to buy," Campos said.

According to textbook manager at the Humber bookstore, Andrew Booth, the reason textbook prices are so high is because of the cut-backs made to school funding by the Harris government.

"Ten per cent of what is made on these textbooks goes towards administration, so it's kind of like a hidden registration fee," Booth said.

Many first-year students are shocked at how high textbook prices are.

"The prices for textbooks are ridiculous. I've already spent over \$300 on my books," said Kevin McGillivray, business administra-

tion student.

According to Booth, without this 10 per cent revenue charge, Humber could not afford to keep the bookstore staffed.

"Revenue works as a cost recovery. Colleges use this to pay for their labour maintenance and computers," Booth said.

"The prices are usually a little high to generate revenue back where the college lost money."

-Andrew Booth

Humber isn't the only bookstore with expensive textbook prices. Other colleges sell their books for around the same price too.

When asked if Booth thought

these prices were reasonable, he said, "They're reasonable for its convenience."

"The school works with the publishers to decide textbook prices. The prices are usually a little higher to generate revenue back where the colleges lost money," Booth said.

"You take the cost from the publisher, multiply it by 1.25 then add \$1.50 and that's how the price of the textbooks is determined," Booth said, describing the formula the store uses to set book prices.

According to Booth, another way the college generates revenue is through students selling back their used books.

He said that students get up to 50 per cent back on their used books depending on the condition. The bookstore re-sells the books at 75 per cent of the original price. A lot of books become overstocked, which means books may not be accepted.

While Humber may be bringing in more revenue with these added



CHRISTINA ARICO

With a new semester underway Humber's bookstore is experiencing steady textbook sales.

charges, they are also burning a hole in many students' pockets.

"It really does put a dent in my account. It took me all summer to save up money for school and it seems like I spent all my money on the books alone," Campos said.

An alternative source for textbooks is Scorpio Bookstore, which sells used books on consignment with 80 per cent of the sale to the seller.

Manager Eva Suntay said timing is everything when selling a book since supply often dictates

whether it will be sold quickly. When buying books, used copies often go first leaving late buyers with higher priced new books.

Suntay said Scorpio Bookstore promotes students selling used books for a cheaper price to students who need them.

The store marks up the price of its books by 20 per cent from the publisher list price, she said.

Programs with the most expensive books are nursing, costing first-year students around \$700 and business, which cost about \$400.

Journalism Society gets quick start

BY ROBYN WILKINSON

Humber's first club designed for future journalists has arrived.

The Humber Journalism Society kicked off its inaugural event Sept. 2

acquiring its first 84 members during a meet and greet BBQ.

The club's second event took place last week in the Seventh Semester Room providing a chance for staff and students to mingle and

share ideas while enjoying fresh fruit, vegetables and beverages.

Some Humber Journalism alumni also showed up for the event. William Hanna, the dean of media studies made it out to show

his support.

"I think it's a great idea, and I'm surprised it hasn't been done before," Hanna said, adding that with 117 members already on the list, the number is sure to grow.

The meeting attracted over 50 people, more than Kate Schwass, a second-year accelerated journalism student and founder of the club, expected for the event.

The club has been in the works since last April with the planning for last week's event taking place over the summer, Schwass said.

Schwass obtained 25 signatures in support of starting the club last year, with backing of the project growing ever since.

The club encourages members to get involved in volunteer work to help out with future events and meetings.

According to Schwass, plenty of networking events have been slated in the months ahead for members to meet new people and get to know those working in different areas of media.

There will also be a resume workshop as well as a hiring discussion panel for both print and broadcast.

Members will also be invited

to events like all ages pub nights and some Humber Hawks sporting events.

For a fee of \$20, members receive a life time membership, a press pass for covering events, and a Humber Journalism T-shirt. The membership price will be raised to \$25 in October.

For those interested in becoming members of the Humber Journalism Society, contact Kate Schwass at (416) 675-3112 ext 7990, or by email at reporterkate@hotmail.com.



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Second-year journalism student, Kathleen Yetta is one of the new members of Humber's new Journalism Society, the first club of its kind in Humber history.

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STAMP soothes fretful switch from secondary school to college life

BY CHEYENNE MORIN

With the double cohort in effect this year, students are coming into college not only at a younger age, but also a more vulnerable age. Fortunately, for those students starting at the University of Guelph-Humber, there is a place to turn for guidance.

The development of the Student Transition and Mentoring Program (STAMP) is an attempt to make the jump for high school students a little smoother. Although this program is only offered to Guelph-Humber students, the University is hoping that Humber will create a similar program.

STAMP is an adaptation of a similar program offered at the University of British Columbia, called My Undergraduate Program (MUG) which offers students a chance to get to know their fellow students and have someone to turn to when they need some friendly advice.

More than 30 students answered the call last spring to become mentors.

STAMP is a paid position for second-year Guelph-Humber students and will operate for the

entire school year.

"The reason why they are paid positions is that Judy Harvey, dean of student services, believes that if it is a volunteer position then we disadvantage students who can't afford not to make money. Students who need to make money will never get a chance because they don't have the time," Catherine Salole Pierre-Louis, manager of Recruitment and Student Life, said.

"We hired leaders who were all at different levels in terms of leadership and in some situations we have actually paired leaders up so that they can learn from each other," she added.

During the summer, leaders enrolled in training courses on leadership skills, diversity and team building.

There are about 650 new students this year. They're divided into groups of 26 to

28, and are assigned STAMP leaders.

They get together as a group once a week for the first six weeks of school to chat and support each other, keeping in contact through e-mail with their STAMP leader and their fellow group members.

The program is not mandatory

"What makes it so great is that the leaders themselves are so excited and so happy to be a part of it."



Student mentors Terence Yip, Zach Cosby and Andrew Hunt after taking part in activities designed to help new students ease into life at college.

for first-year students.

"What makes it so great is that the leaders themselves are excited and happy to be a part of it," Pierre-Louis said. "They really did make a difference at orientation and I think that they will make a big difference in a lot of first-year students lives, not only in their transition to university but their transition to the

next big step in their lives."

During Humber's orientation week, Guelph-Humber students got the opportunity to get to know each other through participation in various group activities, games and programs with a focus on teamwork.

During the school year, STAMP leaders will guide students

and answer any questions they have or direct them to someone who can.

"We have three goals for this program. The first goal is to have a transitioning and mentoring program for first-year students and the second is to build leadership skills in our senior students. Our third goal is to make sure that our students are part of the entire campus. We are in our own building, and it's going to be really important that students get out and access all of the resources available," Pierre-Louis said.

When asked about the mentoring program, many of the first-year students had nothing but good things to say.

"The STAMP leaders are just really nice. If you see them walking down the hallway they always say hi and ask how you are doing," Jenn Rideout, a first-year media student at Guelph-Humber, said.

This program also allows senior students to make a difference.

"I wanted the opportunity to be able to guide and influence first-year students," Cynthia Innes, a second-year media student and a STAMP leader, said.

"When I was a first-year Guelph-Humber student, I didn't have anyone older to look up to. I really wanted to take my experiences and share them with these incoming students."

SARS mars HRT internships

Placements fall in Toronto hotels due to the drop in business

BY MARCO RECOUSO

Humber's School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism (HRT)

students may have trouble finding internships after a difficult summer for the tourism industry.

"Yes, that's a given, not just

because of SARS, but because the whole economy is in a downturn," Humber traineeship coordinator Paul Iskander said. "SARS was a big hit, the war was a big hit, and so were mad cow and West Nile."

According to the Greater Toronto Hotel Association, the city's hotels lost an estimated \$125 million in revenues because of SARS. This resulted in thousands of layoffs at both the staff and management levels.

The losses have trickled down to Humber students looking to secure internships in the field.

"It does affect our students and the intake of students," Iskander said. "Where are our students going to get jobs?"

Students remain optimistic that

the industry will recover.

"If you look in the past we've always had something that's affected tourism and we've always rebounded," first year HRT student Nevenka Freeborn said.

"The tourism industry is so broad, if you can't get into one sector, you can focus on another sector."

The recent Toronto International Film Festival resulted in a much needed business boost for hotels. Last year's festival made \$67 million for the economy.

"It's a great movement. Events such as the festival, the Rolling Stones concert, Caribana, it pumps in energy and money," Iskander said.



HRT students Carina Olivera, Rosemary Aversa and Marisa Santilmi. Some students may have trouble finding internships in Toronto's hotels due to SARS.

Nurse program moving ahead

Despite expectations that SARS might lower enrollment, Humber College is still full of eager nurses.

BY MICHELLE MILLIGAN

Although SARS has made the nursing profession more dangerous, Humber College's nursing students haven't changed their minds about their enrollment in the programs.

Student enrollment numbers in the nursing programs, Bachelor of Nursing and Practical Nursing, have risen despite last spring's outbreaks.

Students said they are aware of the risks involved but it doesn't deter them from taking the program.

Nadeleine Reynolds, a first-year Practical Nursing student, said SARS and the risks involved have not stopped her from pursuing nursing because nurses need a greater say in the health care system.

"For nursing you have to know that it is going to be dangerous because it is health care. Everyone's human, anything can occur, anyone can catch anything, so you have to know that it is dangerous," Reynolds said.

Both nursing programs are full so new applications are no longer being accepted. This year the Practical Nursing program received more applications than ever before, mainly because of the double cohort.

Mary Elliot, program co-ordinator for Bachelor of Nursing first year, interviewed many applicants applying under mature student status who were not concerned.

"I can say confidently not one asked about SARS. Not one student asked about the impact of SARS on the program, or how it would affect them as a student," Elliot said.



Nursing student, Kathy Lalik, is not discouraged from entering the program or taking part in class.

Although Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome may not have affected the enrollment numbers, students hope it has impact on the programs curriculum. Students would like to see new measures taken so they can be educated on the disease.

"I think that the professors should know as much as the health-care providers in the hospitals on what is going on so they can educate students who are going in to the profession. We're not going to know as much," Reynolds said.

Some would like to see classes specifically designed to teach students about SARS and other relatively new diseases like West Nile. Since they will be the future workers in the health care system, they believe they should be educated on what could be in store for them.

"The curriculum is constantly under review and revision, and with all new events we include relevant teaching in the curriculum to meet those new events. SARS is no different," Rosemary Watkins, practical nursing co-ordinator said. "We have already looked at isolation procedures, prevention control procedures, and they will be and are being implemented into the program."

During the SARS outbreaks, nurses gave strong warnings to the Ontario government about problems with containing the disease.

Nurses complained about inadequate hospital supplies, such as gowns and masks, the handling of safety procedures, and the lack of information passed down to them from doctors and the government.

Comfort not lost on animal friendly shoe

BY STEFFANI MOWAT

Chew on this. Vegetarian Shoes, a U.K. based company, is setting the latest trends for animal-conscious individuals who still want comfortable and durable footwear.

Since Vegetarian Shoes first appeared back in 1990, the company's creator Robin Webb has been making 'veggie' shoes by hand.

Companies such as Dr. Martens and Birkenstock have followed suit with a line of non-leather shoes, also bearing the look, feel, and durability of leather.

With styles varying from a selection of men's and women's boots, dress shoes and runners, to pants, jackets, belts and gloves, Vegetarian Shoes is alternate to almost any leather accessory.

Alain Boudreau, a 21-year-old vegan, owns a pair of the red runners featured on their web site.

"I like the shoes a lot. I bought them over a year ago and I still wear them everyday," he said.

Despite minor mentions from big stars such as Avril Lavigne and web sites such as PETA, Vegetarian Shoes is still a relatively small company. The company did however receive the award for the 2002 Vegetarian Societies Best Non-Food Product.

The shoes are made from a synthetic micro fibre material also used for yachting upholstery. Keeping their animal loving clients in mind, they provide the ultimate guilt-free accessory to any pair of feet.

However, at the moment, the shoes can only be purchased in the U.K. or ordered and shipped all around the world.

"The shoes were 40 lbs

(U.K.), and after the exchange rate, taxes, shipping and handling, the shoes ended up costing me about \$180," Boudreau said.

"It was worth it though, pleather looks like leather, and normally, you can't find anything other than canvas shoes that [looks decent]," he said.

Boudreau ordered the shoes from the U.K. after a grueling search for something like them in Toronto.

"In Europe you can be more aware of what you buy," Boudreau said. "They specify whether or not the shoes are leather and whether or not the soles are vegan friendly."

Despite living in a diverse multi-cultural city with several vegetarian and vegan restaurants, it is still difficult to know what you are buying in regards to clothing accessories.

Jimmy Lai, a second year electro-mechanical Humber student, would consider ordering a pair.

"I'd check them out. They might be worth the look to find something different."

In North America, consumers can expect only a simple yes or no answer to the common question asked by many animal lovers, "is this made of real leather?"

Vegetarian Shoes offer not only an animal-friendly product but peace of mind to consumers that they were not manufactured in a sweat shop.

Aside from being people and animal friendly, the shoes were originally made out of old tire scraps making them to be environmentally friendly as well.

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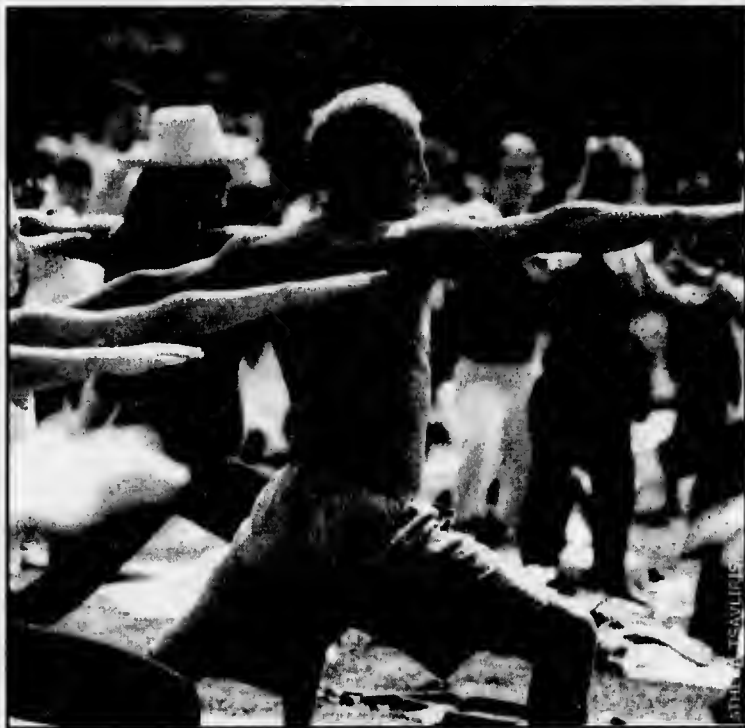
What's Up

AIDS Walk: Sept. 21 at Nathan Phillips Square, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Clothing Show: Sept. 20 (11 a.m. - 7 p.m.) & 21 (11 a.m.-6 p.m.), in the Automotive Building at the CNE

Sport In The City: Sept. 21 (10 a.m.-6 p.m.) at Ashbridges Bay Park

Karaoke: Sept. 18 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) at Humber North Student Centre



Woody Harrelson made an appearance at King's College Circle on Sept. 7, leading a mass yoga session. This was his attempt to make the Guinness Book of World Records for the world's largest outdoor yoga session. He was in Toronto for the Toronto International Film Festival last week.

Caps is keeping tabs on minors

BY TRISHA RICHARDS

The only buzz under-age Humber students will get this year is from caffeine at the Java Jazz cafe due to strict rules at Caps.

"As always, we'll be asking everyone for ID and properly maintaining the room to make sure people aren't sneaking in," Gordon Hagan, assistant operations manager at Caps said.

"At all-ages functions, under-age students will have to leave their ID at the door [to ensure they don't attempt alcohol purchase], and must collect it at the end of the night. If they don't pick up their ID or are caught drinking, they'll be banned from Caps until six months after their 19th birthday."

During special events open to minors, students of legal drinking age who plan to consume alcohol must wear wristbands and will be served liquor in clear glasses, according to Hagan. Minors will drink their non-alcoholic beverages from plastic cups.

Upon entry into Caps, minors will also be required to sign a "no-alcohol waiver."

"Basically, it's our way of making them aware of the consequences," Hagan said.

"It doesn't really bother me because I know that the legal drinking age is 19, and Caps didn't make that rule," Lori-Ann Young, 17, a first year funeral services student at Humber, said. "I think that's quite strict, but if I was 19 and went to Caps, I don't think I'd even want to

see under-age people there."

According to Humber's records department, there are almost 300 more freshmen this year than last, but the double cohort hasn't yet caused any problems for Caps.

"There's a [huge] increase in the under-aged population, but there haven't really been more trying to get in. They know it's the same as anywhere else," Caps staff member Carlos Dee said.

Caps is open to minors Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday and Tuesday evening from 8 p.m. to close and on Wednesday evenings when there are special HSF events.

No more than 50 under-aged students will be allowed in at night because "it is very difficult to control all-aged functions. You have to have so much more staff to monitor the room," Hagan said.

According to Dee, some functions, like the dance party on Oct. 22, will not be open to minors.

"It's good they've designated more nights for under-age people to get in. They're accommodating because of the double cohort. Even though the rules are stricter, at least we're allowed into Caps," said Young. Last year, the only night open to minors was Monday.

Safety is key, Molson says

BY CHRIS RIDDELL

Molson Canadian is giving post-secondary students a chance to win a year of free cab rides in their "Get the Picture: Don't Drink and Drive" contest.

"Frosh week is an exciting time for college and university students, and Molson wants to remind them not to drink and drive when attending parties or visiting bars and pubs," Nathalie Masse, manager of Corporate Affairs for Molson Inc., said.

Students from 66 colleges and universities across Canada will be eligible to enter the contest. For each participating campus, one grand prize of a year's worth of free cab rides, and one second prize of a semester's

worth of free rides from 1-888-TAXIGUY will be awarded.

Promotions for the contest have not yet begun at Humber.

"We've got the magnetic picture frame, we've got the posters, but we're still waiting on the final details," Gord Hagan, Assistant Manager of Operations for Caps said.

"We're trying to push it so that the contest will be more in regards to Caps. Anybody that comes to Caps will be able to get cabs home. That's our plan," Hagan said.

Taxiguy Inc. is a company that

networks 425 different taxi services nationwide. It uses a phone number that works in over 700 cities across Canada. In the first three months of 2003, the company coordinated a total of 450,000 taxi rides nationwide.

Having sponsored the company in 1998, and then again in 1999, Molson decided to make Taxiguy the pillar of their campaign.

"The Taxiguy number, for Molson, has been a long time tool. [Our partnership] makes for a good dual method to get our message across," Masse said.

This isn't the first contest of this type that Molson has sponsored.

"We had the same contest at University of Calgary to see how students would receive it, and it went really well. We

got a lot of response out of it," Masse said.

This is, however, the first contest of its kind that Molson has executed on a national level.

Nathalie Masse is certain there will be similar offers in the future.

Students can enter their ballots online at www.iam.ca/dontdrinkanddrive.

Winners will be drawn electronically through the website on Sept. 26.

The winners will be notified via telephone.

The Taxiguy number, for Molson, has been a long time tool.
Nathalie Masse

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*Teams look to recapture glory***Soccer squads back on track**

Women face first season in five without Joanna Vitale. Star scorer re-wrote OCAA record books with 56 goals.

BY PHIL MESSINA JR.

With nine returning players, the Humber Hawks women's soccer team has one goal in mind: to be provincial champions.

But without leading scorer Joanna Vitale, the Hawks have a huge hole to fill.

"It's very difficult to replace the number of goals [Vitale scored] and her experience," coach Mauro Ongaro said.

Vitale is the all-time leading scorer in Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) history with 56 goals in four seasons and was a threat every time she touched the ball.

"It's difficult to replace her presence on the field, not only for our team but for the other teams because they know who she is," Ongaro said.

After three consecutive provincial championships, the Hawks failed to reach the gold medal game last season, settling instead for the bronze.

"In terms of the results, we were disappointed but in terms of our play we were not disappointed at all," Ongaro said.

Ongaro believes the Hawks can reach the national championships for the fourth time in their last five seasons, even with the loss of Vitale.

"I'm confident that we have the players [to succeed] such as Sandra Coelho, who is playing in her

second year," he said. "I think she gained a lot of valuable experience last year and she is going to be able to step it up."

Coelho fulfilled her coach's expectations by scoring the Hawks' first goal during a convincing 3-0 exhibition win over the Centennial Colts on Sept. 9.

"I think the team worked really well together for our first time out this season," Coelho said.

Ongaro also feels that key returning players like Natalie Achim, Anna Tripodo, Sonia Fortado and Joanna Kontonikolas will have a major impact on the Hawks' fortunes this season.

"We have some very experienced players, and they definitely bring some stability to the team," he said.

The Hawks participated in a four team invitational tournament on the weekend at Durham

College.

The Hawks won silver, beating the Seneca Sting in the semi-finals before losing to the Durham Lords in the finals.

"We played very well in the final game, but Durham is a strong team," Coelho said.

The Hawks also fell to the Lords in last season's provincial semi-final game.

The Hawks first regular season game is Sept. 18 when they host Fanshawe at 4:30 p.m.

"We have some very experienced players and they definitely bring some stability to the team."

**-Women's soccer coach
Mauro Ongaro**



Natalie Achim practices her footwork during the women's soccer tryouts this week. The lady Hawks won silver at a tournament last weekend.

Opening win starts run for OCAA gold

BY GEOFF ROHOMAN

The Humber College men's soccer team is striving to become national champions once again.

After failing for the first time in

three years to win a gold medal at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championships, the team is confident that provincial and national titles are very reachable goals this time around.

"Our goal is to win everything again," head coach Germain Sanchez said. "That is our objective every year and it's quite realistic."

The return of key players, such

as forwards Vito Del Duca, Matt Palleschi and midfielder Paul Lombardo have the team feeling that they will avenge their early exit at the hands of Seneca College from last year's provincial championships.

"We felt terrible about losing last year," Sanchez said.

Another familiar face back with the team is former defender Arturo Alava. Although he is no longer eligible to play for the team, Alava has been brought back as a coach; helping Sanchez, as well as assistant coach Cesare Tripodo.

Former All-Canadian goaltender Mike Silva is also back with the Hawks, after a one-year absence.

"Mike was a very important player. [He was] the best goalie in Canada," said Sanchez. "There's a very good chance he could help us get there again."

Sanchez also added that some of the returning players are going to be challenged for roster spots.

"Some players who played last

year may get bumped for the new comers," Sanchez said. "We have 20 very good players. Our depth is our biggest strength."

The Hawks played an exhibition game on September 10 at home against Centennial College, beating them 3-1. Rookie Kwame Osei was named player of the game.

The Hawks season opener against George Brown College was originally slated for Monday, but was rained out.

The team opened its season yesterday beating the Fanshawe Falcons 2-0 at Valley Field.



Men's soccer goaltender Mike Silva makes an acrobatic save during a team try-out this week. The All-Canadian goalie will backstop the Hawks for a run to the provincial and national title.

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Hockey Hawks vow to beat em' in the alley

If you can't beat em' on the ice...

BY ERIC COLLINS

A mix of returning players and hopefuls met at Westwood Arena Monday afternoon, vying for a chance to make this year's Humber Hawks men's hockey team.

The majority of the team will remain intact, according to Hawks head coach, Joe Washkurak, with some ominous holes left by veteran players such as Jason Fortier, who retired after last season.

"We lost a lot of good hockey players with [Chris Pugliese] and Scott Barnes graduating and Mike Olivera going to play Germany," Washkurak said.

"I think we can make some of that upfront but we have to play tougher and a little bit different. There were a lot of guys [last year that] when the time came, they weren't ready to play."

With an official announcement expected next week on the team's captaincy situation, Washkurak said the prime candidates for cap-

taincy are Chris Mei and James Rodak.

The goaltending situation is proving to be a welcome challenge for the coaching staff with four experienced goaltenders all gunning for top spot, including last season's starting goalie, Nick Grainger, who went 12-2 last season.

Luc Lamonthé, who was a first team all-star with the Cambrian Golden-Shield last season and played several games in the Ontario Hockey League with the Owen Sound Attack, is one of the goaltending hopefuls.

"We have four goalies that could all play in this league on various teams," Washkurak said. "Grainger had a great year and Chuck Lea did great as a backup. Nick [Grainger] is the number one guy right now until someone beats him out."

He knows that some of the kids that are coming in are going to push him."



Humber hockey tryouts kicked off this Monday. The Hawks first regular season home game is Oct. 29.

According to Washkurak, the strongest part of the team this year will be the explosive offence that lead the league in goals in 2002-2003, averaging eight per game. Last season's OCAA scoring leader, Seth Gray, is returning to the Hawks.

"I think we have a great bunch of forwards this year," Washkurak said, "but we are not going to be maybe as explosive as last season.."

The Hawks are hoping to address the physical aspect of their game by adding bigger players to this year's line-up.

"We didn't play [physically], because we really didn't have to play that way," Washkurak said.

The Hawks continue training camp with the final cuts slated for next week.

The team opens its pre-season Sept. 27 against Conestoga.

A league of their own

Women's OCAA rugby league closer to reality

BY KRISTINE HUGHES

At Humber, a group of women are ready to be the third collegiate team in an intramural women's rugby league.

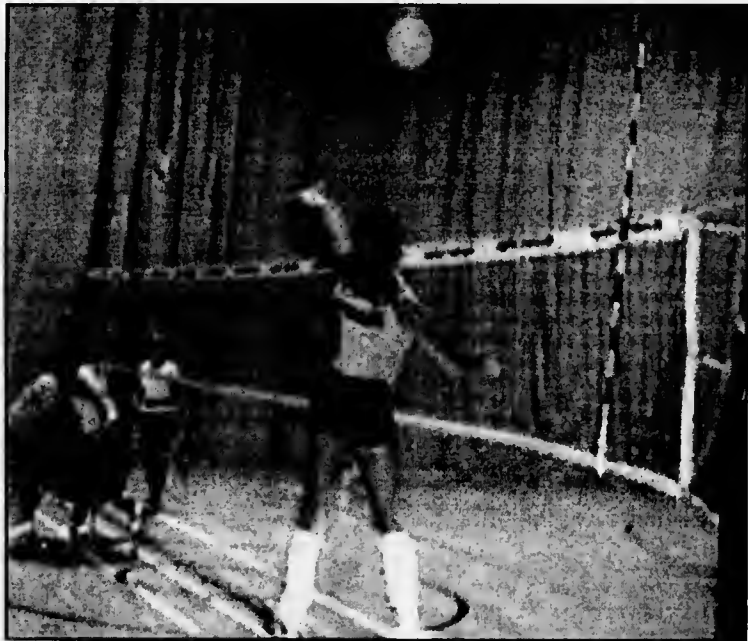
There has to be six teams to start an OCAA sanctioned league.

Mohawk, Seneca and Humber, as well as Guelph University, are involved in the league. The team is being run by Sara Mezzone, a certified rugby coach and coordinator of a rugby club in Toronto.

"Most [of the players] have experience, some don't, and that's fine, we encourage anyone to come out since this is a non-traditional sport for women."

The women will play six to eight exhibition games.

Mezzone held an information meeting for potential players last Thursday with Doug Fox, Humber's athletic director. Fox explained to the girls that the OCAA is always looking to expand, and the process of sanctioning, supporting and promoting sports to the OCAA "will be a growth thing, as we go through it."



The women's volleyball team hopes to win gold at this year's National Championships, held at Humber.

Volleyball women setting bar high

BY JOSH GRUNBERG

A season of optimism and high expectations is set to begin for the Humber Hawks women's volleyball team as over half of last year's roster has returned.

The Hawks had a regular season record of 12-2 last year and claimed the bronze medal in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Championships.

All-star veterans Alex Romano, Elizabeth Salas, and Kristy Goodearle, as well as highly touted recruits Jenna

Henderson and Amanda Arlette, will be counted on to help lead the Hawks to a gold medal.

"I think we're right up there with the top teams in the league," Hawks coach Chris Wilkins said.

The Hawks will have home court advantage with the school hosting the 2004 National Championships in early March.

"We have very high expectations hosting the Nationals, we'd like to have a good finish," said Wilkins.

The Hawks first regular season home game is Nov. 6.

Rugby men aiming for playoffs

BY KRISTINE HUGHES

Humber's men's rugby team is hoping for a playoff spot this year, after finishing in fifth place last season.

More than 45 hopefuls tried out for 30 spots on the team during tryouts.

"There's some awesome skill. I'm excited," said inside centre Marc Freel. "We'll be better than last year, that's for sure."

Leaving a huge void to fill is the loss of last year's OCAA All-Star Captain Robbin Lindsay.

"We are going to miss his leadership and intensity on and off the field. He's leaving us with some hard shoes to fill," said fellow All-Star Steve Burkholder.

Freer, one of 10 returning players, has been chosen as this season's captain.

On Sept. 9, the squad headed to McMaster University for its first exhibition game of the season.

The Hawks were soundly beaten by the more experienced university squad.

"Mac is an organized team," said Burkholder. "We're not an experienced team, and you can see that these guys are a team."

Twenty-six players have been chosen for this year's team, with three spots still open; Only 22 players can dress per game.

Gross Misconduct

BY CORY SMITH



"The King is gone, but he's not forgotten..."

-Neil Young, 'My, My, Hey, Hey'

Thanks, Dougie.

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Your heart, courage and passion displayed over 20 years in the NHL will not be forgotten, especially by Leaf fans.

When Cliff Fletcher traded for Gilmour on Jan. 2, 1991, the Toronto Maple Leafs officially did a U-turn off the Harold Ballard road to hell.

But it was Gilmour's first playoff run in Toronto that solidified his legend status in Hogtown.

Playing 21 games in 42 nights, Gilmour was The Man, scoring, passing, hitting and digging his way into fans' hearts, ending the playoffs with 35 points.

Who could forget Gilmour's wraparound goal against then St. Louis Blue Cujo in double overtime?

Who could forget when Don Cherry planted a kiss on Gilmour's cheek and declared him "the best hockey player in the world today."?

Who could forget the indelible picture of Gilmour at the end of the playoffs—with his front teeth missing, a black eye and cuts to his face?

Unfortunately, Gilmour played less than five minutes in his second stint with the Buds last season.

The image of Gilmour crawling to the bench was a sad but symbolic image of his time in a Leaf uniform.

Gilmour took every ounce of his strength and left the ice on sheer strength and determination.

Doug Gilmour played the game the way it was meant to be played—with intensity and passion.

Twenty years, 450 goals, 964 assists, a Selke Trophy and a Stanley Cup later, he will be missed.

His toothless mug will someday be engraved on a plaque to be hung at the Hockey Hall of Fame, fittingly in Toronto, where Gilmour calls home and his fans call him a hero.

Thanks, Dougie.

Thanks for the memories.

Champs tee off on another season

BY ANDREW HOPKINS

Coming off another stellar season the Humber Hawks men's golf team is looking forward to repeating as national champions.

With Brad Kerfoot, Ryan Lamb and Jason McGrath returning from last year's team, co-coach Doug Fox, feels confident about their chances, adding that with their experience, expectations of repeating are high.

The two-time defending nation-

al champions selected Lee French, Ryan McNerney and Steve Smith at the two-day tryout to complete the 2003/2004 team.

"It was pretty straight forward," co-coach Ray Chateau said. "We had three guys who stood out on both days."

For McNerney, third time was a charm as he made the team in his third attempt.

"I'm pretty pumped and ready to play," the third-year student said, when asked how excited he was

about making the team.

With the OCAA championships slated for Sept. 29 - Oct. 1, hosted by St. Lawrence College in Cornwall, it doesn't leave a lot of time for practice.

"The difficulty with tournament sometimes, it's just that none of the students are back to school yet because the golf program doesn't start until the end of the month," Fox said.

The team will be competing in a tournament hosted by Durham

College on Sept. 22.

With the three returning players and three newcomers in the fold, Fox is optimistic about their chances.

"We're trying to set our goals as being a dynasty...and I'd certainly like to see our men threeppeat."

This year's Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) national championship will be held Oct. 6-10 at Georgian College in Barrie.

Women golfers prepared

Team hopes pieces are in place to improve on last year's results

BY ANDREW HOPKINS

The Humber Hawks women's golf team is ready to take the next step after falling just short to Georgian College the last three years.

"We've been second the last few years," co-coach Doug Fox said.

"I'd like to see them get over the hump and win the Ontario's this year."

Jamie Trowbridge, an individual bronze medalist from last year's team, is back along with two newcomers, Leslie Painter and Hillary Salvian.

"I think the women's team might be the reason to get excited this year; we've got a couple of good golfers coming in that are pretty good," Fox said.

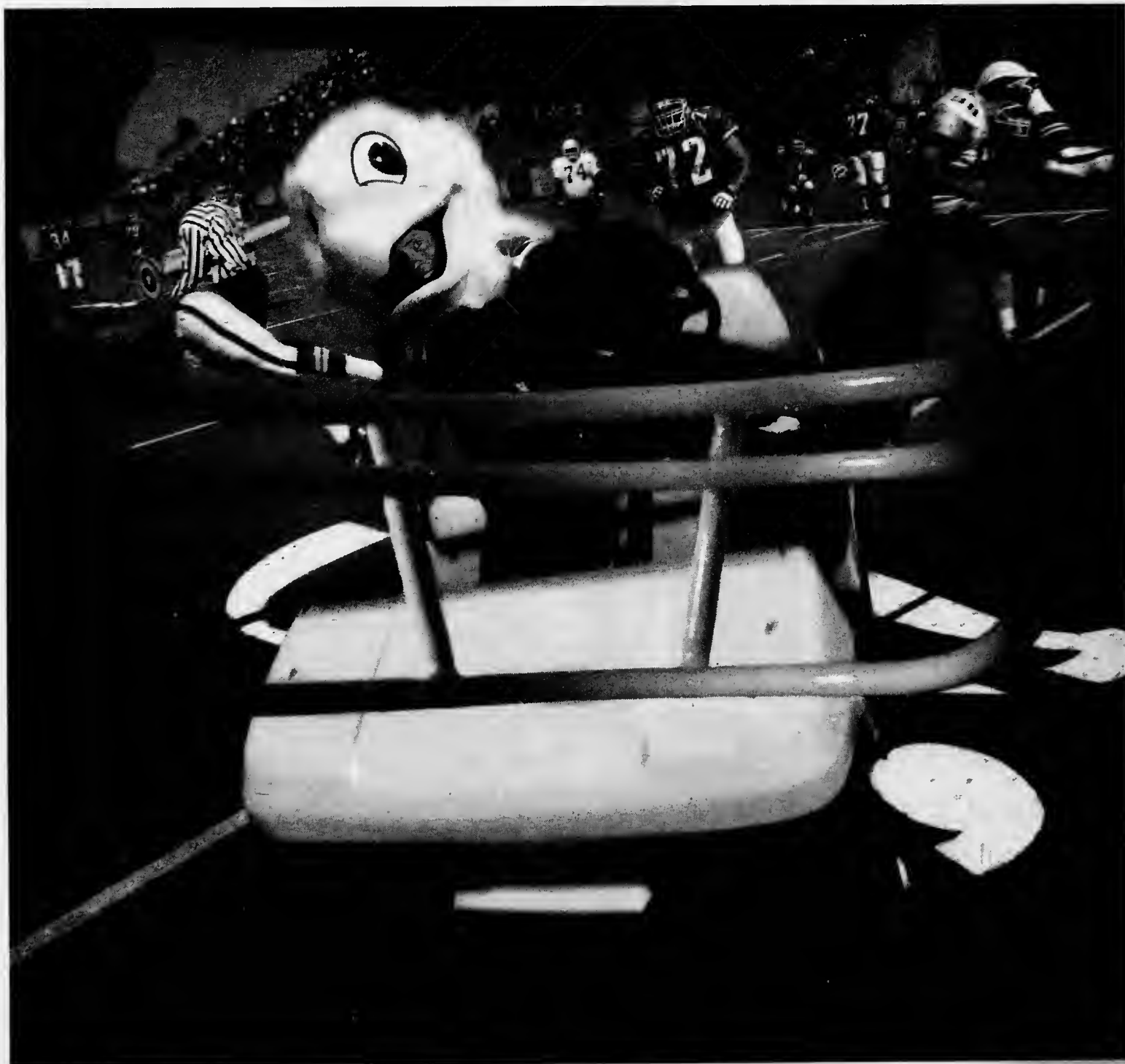
Painter doesn't come in as a rookie to competitive golf, as she played for Guelph University last season, where she finished fifth overall in the individual competition at the OUA championships.

With other teams losing key players and the Hawks making improvements they will start the 2003/2004 season competing at a warm-up tournament hosted by Durham College on Sept. 22.

The OCAA championships will be played in Cornwall, hosted by St. Lawrence College, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1.

"If we can consistently shoot mid 80s on average for the three, then we'll win OCAA and we'll be in contention for the CCAA," co-coach Ray Chateau said.

Georgian College in Barrie will host the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA) national championship, which will run from Oct. 6-10.



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Team unity key to victory

BY CHRISTINA BERNARDO

After going undefeated in the regular season and winning last year's regional championship, this year's men's volleyball team has a tough act to follow.

"We had a strong team [last season], we were competitive," assistant coach Dean Wylie said. "One of our key strengths that brought us as far as we did was our team compatibility."

Agrees returning player Matt Singh.

"Last year, our team really worked together well. We had very good team chemistry," he said.

Last year's success was especially satisfying because most of the players were rookies.

The experience gained last year should make this year's squad even stronger, according to head coach Wayne Wilkins.

"We're definitely more experi-

enced and I think that it's a big key for us to keep our composure," he said. "I think that what ended up happening a few times last year was we got caught up in the emotion game, where they cheer and we tried to out-cheer, instead of just playing on the court. I think we're really going to focus on being professional."

Although there are nine returning players from last season, and only 14 players can dress for the game, the coaches were surprised that only 17 men turned out for the

first tryout on Sept 8. In the past, tryouts attracted around 60 hopefuls.

With the low turnout, Wylie stressed it's possible that one of the newcomers could replace a returning player.

"If we got a new player who can take the spot of a returning player, we will have a coaches meeting to decide where our best interest lies, if they are at the same skill levels," he said.

Humber's division has been realigned this year, due to the

increased number of teams in the OCAA. There are now four divisions instead of three, with the Hawks in the Central West division.

The Hawks hope to build their fan base early, since there are more home games this semester than next. And even though home games start at 8 p.m., the coaches and players are hoping to draw enough students to turn each game into an exciting event.

The Hawks' first exhibition game is against Ryerson on Wednesday, Sept. 24.

Humber dancers aim for hat trick

BY SHANNON HENRY

The Humber Hype have built a strong reputation as an innovative dance team and are looking to exceed their accomplishments of the past two years.

The Hype have brought home consecutive national titles and are looking to complete the hat trick.

"I've got a feeling we're going to have a strong team again this year," returning team member Katie Hagan said.

Many of last year's dancers are returning, including Shelley-Anne Richardson, who will be the team's choreographer this year.

Richardson is currently dancing for DLM dance studio and is touring with Canadian pop/hip hop artist Shawn Desman. DLM also works with artists such as Christina Aguilera and Britney Spears.

"We're really happy to have her back," Hagan said.

Tryouts for this year's team were held last week, and Hagan is impressed with what she has seen.

"I'm really excited," she said. "I've had some good girls come up and talk to me about their dance backgrounds."

The team will be entertaining Humber fans again this year with their routines at the men's basketball, volleyball and hockey games.

In February, the Hype competes in the Canadian Collegiate Dance Team Association's national championship.

Dance team members will also be performing at this year's women's volleyball national championships here at Humber from March 11-13, 2004.

The Humber Hype team is also hoping to travel to Guelph this year to compete in the Rhythm 2004 dance competition.

Kick back and enjoy

BY CHASE KELL

Students coping with the summer's end were enjoying the start of another school year by attending the campus carnival last Wednesday.

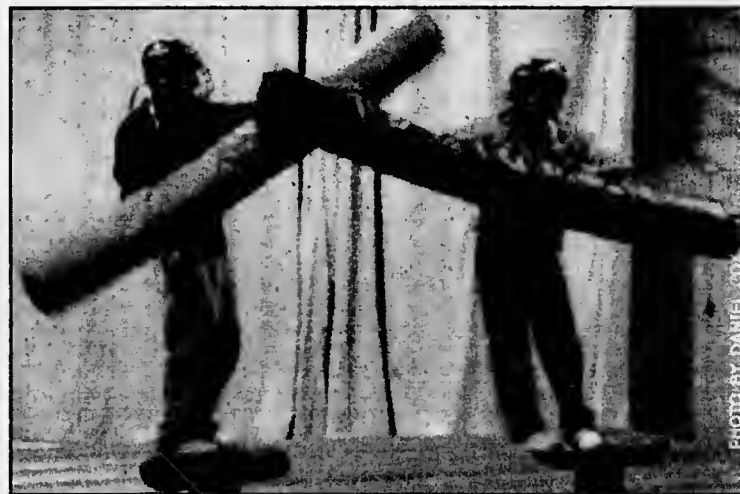
The carnival, which was held in the gym, was the first of two that have been organized for this year.

With the event funded by the Student Athletic Association (SAA), Katie Hagan, president of the SAA, explains why the carnival was put together.

"It gives students a chance to relax, meet some people, take a break from class and have some fun," Hagan said, who estimated about 300 people took part throughout the day.

Among them was student Darryl Vlasak, who enjoyed some mini-basketball with his friend between classes.

"We were headed toward the gym, and we saw this and thought we'd check it out," Vlasak said.



Jousting was one of the many events offered at the campus carnival held in the gym last Wednesday.

First year student Jared Schwartz, still familiarizing himself with the school, stumbled upon the carnival and enjoyed a few games.

"I'd just finished class, and I was checking out the rest of the school when I saw this," Schwartz said. "So I thought I'd waste some time before going home."

Featuring attractions like mini-putt, mini-basketball and table tennis, the free event was a chance for the students to play some games and enjoy some cotton candy.

There were over 300 prizes that were handed out, including official Humber College T-shirts, mugs, sunglasses and key chains.

Hawks ready to go

BY LUIS HENRIQUES

After a tough rebuilding season, the Humber women's basketball team is ready to compete for the number one spot in Ontario. The Hawks lost to Fanshawe College, the eventual provincial champs, in the semi-finals last year but everyone is optimistic about the upcoming season.

"Our biggest expectation as a team is to get back into the final four," Hawks coach Denise Perrier said. "We haven't been there [since 2001]."

With only five returning players, many younger players will have a serious shot to make this year's team.

"We have six new recruits, one

from Vancouver, two from Sarnia and a few others from outside the city," team captain Karine Nicolas said.

"We like the girls coming in this year," added Perrier. "They're all hard working, keen and excited to be here. They have been coached very well."

Nicolas, an Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) All-Star last year, expects to be out about six months while recovering from torn ligaments in her knee.

Being one of the new players going into the season brings many emotions.

"I'm nervous and excited," said Erin Chamberlain, a new recruit from Sarnia, who was recruited by Perrier.

"I like it here. Everyone is nice and it looks like there are some good girls out here."

Chamberlain is optimistic about the Hawks' season.

"I don't know how the competition will be but our team is strong and we are all on the same page," she said.

Despite finishing 7-5 last year, the Hawks have some positions that need to be filled.

"We are looking for a backup point guard and someone else at the post," Perrier said. "We just want to add some more depth."

"I think we will be strong in the two shooting positions," she continued.

"I believe our inside game will be strong also."

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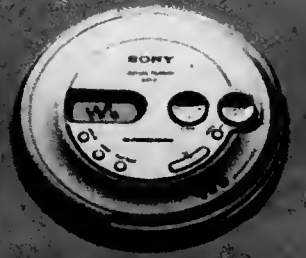
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