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# Scoring an education

Alison Brownlee

Former Belleville Bulls forward Andrew Maksym would be learning the ropes of business management south of the border if it weren't for the Ontario Hockey League's scholarship program.

Maksym, a second-year business management student, is one of 316 hockey players and the only Humber student receiving a scholarship from the OHL.

Had the league not offered him a scholarship, "I definitely would have gone the NCAA scholarship route because they offer the same benefits as the OHL," he said.

At 15, Maksym's dreams of making it to the NHL lured him to the OHL.

He played in the league from 2002 to 2006. "For every year you play in the OHL, you get a year of school paid for," he said.

After playing a season in Owen Sound, Maksym was traded to Belleville, which he describes as a turning point in his career. "I became a top forward in Belleville with just under 50 points in my first season."

Injuries levelled his play during his second season in Belleville and trumped Maksym's dream of playing in the NHL. "It was very disappointing at first, but knew I tried my best and that's all I could have asked from myself," he said. "My injuries also played a huge part in not being drafted because you become a liability to the team."

Maksym is taking a break from hockey due to the injury. Currently, he's working as distribution supervisor at Canada Bread.

The OHL scholarship gave Maksym a safety net off the ice.

All of the scholarship's funds come

from the players' respective teams, who cover every academic commitment their current and former players enter into, said Joe Birch, an OHL director.

"We wanted a program that would be consistent among all 20 OHL clubs, and what we're doing is identical to the western hockey teams." So, not only are we creating consistency in Ontario, but Canada-wide as well," Birch said.

The program, which was created in 1982 and revamped in 2008, is considered a safety net for aspiring NHL stars, explained Birch. He said the league gives players the best preparation for the NHL.

"What we like to say to them is that if plan B is at the very worst career scenario, you access our scholarship program and you take it to a school in North America, you know what, that's not a very bad plan B."

In the past, the amount each player received was based on the round the player was drafted.

As of the 2008/09 season, players are treated on a level playing field receiving a minimum scholarship for tuition, textbooks and compulsory fees.

Birch said each of the 162 graduate scholarships handed out this year is worth about \$7,000.

Maksym's Belleville coach, George Burnette, played for the league in 1983 and was one of the first to benefit from the scholarship.

"It's a wonderful commitment to the assistance of players," he said. "When you factor in what schools are providing, combined with the levels of assistance from the league, it covers most of the costs and gives the players the opportunity to get the education they need."



Former Belleville Bulls top forward Andrew Maksym is in his final year of business management.



Canadian icon gives kudos to telecommunications team Pg. 3

Ontario's recycling scraps - dirty peanut butter jars, plastic toys, and unsorted paper - are being shipped to Asia at a rate of thousands of tonnes a month- thestar.com

## THE SKINNY

News hits from Canada and around the world.

#### York pays students

York University students wanting to drop a course will be able to get a refund and start anew as a finanical credit will be awarded. (The Toronto

#### Blink-182 reunited

Blink-182 announced at the 51st annual Grammy awards that it will reunite this year. The group disbanded in 2005. (Dose.ca)

#### Cop caught racing

An OPP officer was charged with street racing by the Brant County OPP for driving 165 km/h in a 100 km/h zone on Highway 403. (The Toronto Sun)

#### 10,000 cuts at GM

In a bid to try and survive the current economic crisis, General Motors will cut 10,000 jobs and issuing pay cuts for remaining workers in May. (wheels.ca)

#### **Buy Canadian policy**

The Canadian Auto Workers and United Steel Workers unions are demanding a 'Buy Canadian' policy, saying Canadian workers should receive the tax dollars that are spent on infrastructure projects. (CBC)

#### Property tax increase

The \$8.7 billion budget proposal announced on Tuesday includes a 4% property tax increase for Toronto homeowners in 2009. (yourhome.ca)

#### Man shot by RCMP

A man in 100 Mile House, B.C. was shot to death Tuesday morning by an RCMP officer following a domestic dispute. (CBC)

#### Seeger gets apology

Almost 50 years after the San Diego School board told folk singer Pete Seeger to sign an oath against communism or cancel his concert planned at Hoover High School, he received an apology from the San Diego School District. (CBC)

#### Obama's package

President Barack Obama's giant economic stimulus package was passed Tuesday by the US Senate. (The Globe And Mail)

## Chef is cream of the crop

Laura Di Mascio News Reporter

**Alicea Knott** 

A Humber chef has set an example for students by winning an award for excellence in the industry.

Rudi Fischbacher, professor and program coordinator of Humber's culinary program, was named the 2008 Champion of Education and Training by the Canadian Association of Foodservice Professionals (CAFP) on Feb. 2

"The recognition that Rudi has received is a reflection of his leadership, dedication and experience that he has contributed to the culinary program at Humber," said Alister Mathieson, dean of the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tour-

"As a result of his leadership, Humber's program has grown significantly and is now recognized as being the number one program in the country.'

Fischbacher, 43, studied in his home country of Austria for three years before working in Switzerland, Sweden, Spain and Germany.

He moved to Canada in 1987, where he became the youngest sous chef at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel in Toronto.

He later worked as executive chef at West All Suite Hotel and Dinner Theatre, where he cooked over 2,000 meals a day.

But it is his work as teacher that is being honoured by CAFP.

Fischbacher started working parttime at Humber in 1994 and became a full-time professor and co-ordinator in 2003

I think it's important to be a part of a learning institution like Humber and give back to students," Fischbacher said. "It's great to have the Canadian Association of Food Professionals recognize that."



Professor Rudi Fischbacher was named the champion of education and training for his leadership and dedication to teaching.

CAFP president Mark Cator said choosing Fischbacher was an easy decision.

'We are very proud to have Rudi be the one to be selected," he said.

Dan Reeves, chair of CAFP and a member of the group that selected Fischbacher said in choosing a recipient, CAFP was looking at the faculty member's contributions to students and to the reputation of the school.

"There's faculty that just come in and do their work, so we were looking for somebody that goes above and beyond that," he said.

"Rudi is so involved in everything for his students.'

Second-year culinary student Alex Stephenson, 21, said he has "only positive things" to say about his professor, Fischbacher.

Classmate Andrew Macdonald, 23,

"He finds a way to easily communicate what I need to learn," he said.

Jacquie Peter, 28, a culinary student in the advanced apprenticeship program, praised Fischbacher's vast experience.

"I haven't had a chef with as much knowledge as he's had," she said.

"A lot of chefs hold in a lot of knowledge, they don't want you to learn so you can't ever get better than them, and he seems like the type of person to give as much knowledge as he has.'

Fischbacher said he sees his job as a social medium where people can

"It really is an international language," he said. "Food always brings people together and always has."

## Chance of bike lanes in 2010

**Erin DeCoste** 

Bicycle lanes around North Campus could be ready as soon as 2010, according to city councilor Suzan Hall.

"Ideally, contingent on government funding, the shovel will be in the ground by 2010," she said.

Hall, who governs Humber's ward, said since the portion of Finch they are looking at is "a broad, wide street which we could utilize" - it works for possible bike lanes.

A lack of bike lanes around Humber College is the main obstacle for students who want to cycle to school, said Yvonne Bambrick of the Toronto Cyclists Union.

Safety "seems to be the biggest issue," said Bambrick, the assistant coordinator in the union. "It's a real barrier. We did a survey last summer and a majority, around 90 per cent, said that safety is the biggest issue for them.

First-year hospitality management students Cole Van Doan and Gianni Lotfi said they would ride their bikes to school if it were safer and more convenient.

"Riding a bike is a lot more environmentally friendly," said Van Doan, 20. "It saves money, you don't spend on gas and traffic congestion is a problem.'

Lotfi, agrees. "I have a car now and pay \$600 a year on campus for parking

The City of Toronto's Bike Plan proposes to have bike lanes along Finch Avenue and Martin Grove Road, right near Humber College.

The proposed Finch LRT has the potential to bring cycling lanes along with the designated rail lines and vehicular traffic lanes.

#### Mississauga transit increased to \$3

Joana Draghici

Students in Mississauga commuting to and from North Campus on bus route 22 now have to pay \$3, a twenty-five cent increase implemented on Jan. 26.

Tickets increased by 10 cents and weekly passes increased by two dol-

"We try to keep our increases as low as possible, but there are cost pressures," director of Mississauga transit Geoff Marinoff said.

We are running a business here." Mississauga does not provide a bus to the Lakeshore Campus.

"If demand shows there is a need, then we'll look into it," said Marinoff.

Students commuting from the suburb take bus route 7 North from

the Square One terminal to Westwood Mall, and then transfer to bus route 22 to North Campus.

Bus route 22 runs every 13 minutes during the morning rush between 7 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., every 18 minutes during mid-day between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., and every 30 minutes after 3 p.m.

Marinoff said that in 2008, the daily ridership on route 22 had dropped to 1,950 from 2,684 in 2007, and

He said there had been a fare increase every year since 2006, but he did not say that the drop in ridership was related to the increase.

Students said bus route 22 is not always reliable and a price increase should be used to improve service.

"During normal weather it's still late, there is no excuse," said secondyear law clerk student Lilian DaSil-

"The increase is bad, I never see any changes, what bothers me is the waiting," she said.

Part-time business administration student Clarisse Anou agrees.

"The bus is rarely on time. For a place like Humber College we should have more buses, but we don't," she said.

Despite pamphlets on some buses announcing the increase, students commuting from Mississauga continue to be surprised by the \$3.00 sign above the cash box.

'I usually tell them 'next time' if they don't have the exact change," said Albert Estabrooks, a Mississauga Transit bus driver.

#### Corrections

sweet" on the front page of last week's Et Cetera, the telecommunications team contacted the space station on Monday Feb. 2.

In the story "Part-time vote dispute will delay results" on page 4, Martha Josephian's name was spelled incorrectly.

In the story "Students hail ad week" on page 4 the cutline should have read from left.

In the story "Son's YouTube video of dad a hit" on page 13 the cutline should have read as follows: William Hooshmandi (left) and his father (right) Firooz Hooshmandi.

Israeli aircraft struck two targets in the Gaza Strip and a Palestinian fighter died in a clash with troops on the border Monday -BBC.co.uk



Josh Kerr

Wireless telecommunications students meet astronaut Roberta Bondar at St. Thomas' Anglican Church on Tuesday. From left Gino Cunti, Paul Je, Dr. Roberta Bondar, Mark Rector, Patrick Neelan.

# Students' space talk praised by astronaut

Erin DeCoste

The Humber students who were the first college-level team in the world to contact an International Space Station met another first Tues-

day night.

Canada's first female astronaut Roberta Bondar met the four students who conducted Operation First Contact after she delivered a lecture at St. Thomas' Anglican Church in Toronto.

"She was very impressed with our project. To have compliments from a woman of her stature is obviously huge. I couldn't ask for any better."

Wireless telecommunications student

The team was thrilled for the opportunity to meet her.

"She is one of Canada's national heroes, for taking the challenge, for going up there" said Gino Cunti. "I felt really privileged."

Bondar spoke about the pride she feels toward the Humber team.

"They're great role models," she

said about the students.

"They're role models to me as well as for people at Humber and other institutions."

Bondar addressed how people can help repair the world and fight climate change in her lecture.

"Have the courage to take that step forward, to try to be different," said Bondar to the packed pews.

Cunti expressed how much of an honour it was to meet her.

"I was fascinated by her whole lecture," he said. "I was struck by her

Cunti, 34, along with Patrick Neelin, 26, Paul Je, 34, and their Professor Mark Rector were given frontrow seats as well as a chance to speak

with Bondar.

"She was very impressed with our project," Neelin said. "To have compliments from a woman of her stature is obviously huge. I couldn't ask for any better."

Bondar became the world's first astronaut-neurologist in 1992 aboard the space shuttle Discovery.

She headed an international research team on space medicine at NASA, is an acclaimed photographer and is an Order of Canada recipient.

Bondar recommended creativity and innovation, along with a strong focus on change in her lecture.

"Show yourself you're capable of action," she said. "Learn more and

## Hilarity and love

#### Comedian gives out flirting lessons

Steph Davidson

Students looking for a free pass to flirt are getting it this week from a comedian who calls himself a "social acupuncturist."

Daniel Packard is appearing today at noon in the Student Centre on North Campus after performing Tuesday at Lakeshore.

The mostly female crowd of about 40 gathered in the H Cafeteria at Lakeshore Campus and laughed as Packard combined humour with advice on men, sex and love.

Public administration student Erin

"I think he's really funny.

A lot of his comments are bang on, no pun intended."

-Erin Estok, public administration student

Estok, 22, asked Packard how to tell when a guy is flirting.
"As a girl, if you like a guy, you

"As a girl, if you like a guy, you can't get it wrong. How do you flirt? Just move your lips," he replied.

Estok appreciated his humorous advice.

"I think he's really funny," Estok said. "A lot of his comments are bang on, no pun intended."

Packard said females hold the cards when it comes to sex.

"Sex is power, and girls have the power," Packard said.

He discussed the difference between "reality versus unicorn land. Girls are pissed at men because we don't fulfill your fantasy. I'm here to burst your bubble from a loving place. Don't try this at home, guys."

Financial services student Abdul Abbas, 20, was one of the few men in the audience and enjoyed show.

"I think it's quite deep. It's good

information in a funny form."

Aynur Duzgeren, HSF Vice President Campus Life North, said Packard was booked for the two shows for his energy and his ability to connect with students.

"I think it's quite deep. It's good information in a funny form."

-Abdul Abbas, financial services student

"He's young, he's really funny, and he involves the audience. He's a fresh face, a fresh kind of event," said Duzgeren.

Packard, who was born in California and now lives in Vancouver, said in an interview that his show tries to "take an audience that starts off scared and fearful, and within an hour the crowd is turned on and flirting in this big, huge sexy space."

"If you want to be less frustrated or confused by the opposite sex, come see this show," he boasted.



Daniel Packard will perform at North Campus on Feb. 12.

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read more, so you can understand

Meanwhile, the four Humber firsts

Along with finding employment,

they stress the importance of setting

"I'm not going to limit myself," Neelin said. "There's a whole world

have high hopes for the future.

goals and achieving dreams.

of good out there."

more.

## **NEWS**

Madagascar security forces opened fire on anti-government protesters in the country's capital city on Saturday, leaving close to 30 people dead. - theglobeandmail.com

#### Metal plates safe, says campus safety director

Jackie Martinz

Despite the recent increase of pedestrians and animals being shocked by metal sidewalk plates in Toronto, Humber's director of public safety said both campuses are safe.

"There have been no incidents of students being shocked," Gary Jeynes said.

The metal sidewalk plates – also called handwells – are planted at both campuses, but precautions have been taken to ensure public safety said manager of maintenance and operations David Griffin.

"The only ones that aren't underground are the ones used for parking lot lighting," Griffin said. "There are two or three handwells near L Building on North Campus that are actually in the sidewalk. The joints on those cables are well-wrapped and well-secured."

Handwells are also located at the South-east corner of Humber College Boulevard and Humberline Street on North Campus, said Griffin.

"The ones there have services to the college, like cable television, but those are out of harm's way," he said. Griffin said the part of a handwell where the wires touch would have to be exposed for a shock to occur.

"The shockings in the city may be occurring for a variety of reasons. It could be because of sloppy work, or the cables may be deteriorating because of age, or someone may be tampering with them," Griffin said. "It's very suspicious that this is happening now."

## Students urged to shake off their apathy

Erin DeCoste

A prominent Canadian peace advocate told students at North Campus how they can become more involved in helping resolve conflicts around the world.

Dr. Samantha Nutt, who founded War Child Canada in 1999 to help children affected by war, suggested ways to get involved.

"If you care about these issues at all, it's really important to give and help invest in initiatives," she said last Thursday in Seventh Semester on North Campus. "Even on a student budget you can afford to give."

She recommended students focus on one struggle – whether it's a wellpublicized war, such as those in Iraq and Afghanistan – or a humanitarian crisis, like the one is Sudan's Darfur region.

"Take the time to read what's happening beyond our borders, even if it's just one world issue," Nutt said during an hour-long address to about 100 students, part of the Robert Gordon Lecture Series.

Nutt, a doctor at Sunnybrook and Women's Health Science Centre in Toronto, also recalled her time spent in war-ravaged countries, such as the Democratic Republic of Congo, Iraq, and Somalia.

"War threatens everything we hold most dear," she said. "It's not about who wins or loses, war is fundamentally always about who lives and who dies."

War Child Canada's Humber chapter has grown to five executive members and about 20 volunteers since its formation last September.

"War Child is a very youth-oriented program. I really think that it's going to be this generation and the next one that will change things," said 23-year-old founder and fundraising and volunteer management student, Emma Cosgrove. "This year we have

"Take the time to read what's happening beyond our borders, even if it's just one world issue."

- Dr. Samantha Nutt, Founder of War Child Canada

two goals. We're participating in an inter-campus battle of the bands and establishing the club to make sure it keeps running."

Melanie Chaparian, chair of the Robert Gordon Lecture committee, said it chose Nutt because of her reputation as a riveting speaker and for her impressive amount of humanitarian work around the world.

"Our hope is that students will get a sense that what we teach at the college has a direct relevance to the issues, topics, and controversies that are being discussed outside of the classroom," said Chaparian.



Erin DeCost

Dr. Samantha Nutt inspires students to give to war aid initiatives.

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## New HR policy tackles harassment on campus

Bullying and cyber-bullying to be significant issues embedded in policy after growing concerns

David White

News Reports

A new human rights policy will be ready next month and now includes a provision designed to address the issue of harassment on campus.

"Our previous policy did not include what, in simplistic terms, is bullying," said Humber president John Davies.

"There has been a growth in concern around bullying in the workplace, including cyber-bullying, so this policy writes in the whole issue of personal and psychological harassment."

The policy defines psychological harassmentasanybehaviour affecting an person's dignity or psychological integrity, resulting in a harmful work or study environment.

"People have the right not to be harassed and not to be bullied, so that is one of the significant issues that have been built into this," said

Although no specific incidents



Humber president John Davies says new policy is due next month.

at Humber led to the revision, said Davies, he acknowledged there have been cases where the policy was invoked.

"In any big organization you'll have incidents like this," said Davies. "We don't get many, but if we have them we treat them very seriously."

In addition to incorporating the issue of psychological harassment, the updated policy is also designed to be more accessible and less intimidating for those who use it.

Manager of Diversity and Human Rights Nancy Simms said this represents a natural progression for any type of policy.

"Like everything, it has a set lifespan," said Simms. "Right now it's just waiting to be approved."

Director of HR Services Deb McCarthy said the policy was recently presented to the academic council, and must now go to the president for final approval.

Davies said he is confident it will become official.

"They're going through the final consultation now, so this should be formalized in policy within the next month"

A \$500-million class action lawsuit was launched against Ticketmaster Monday over allegations Ticketmaster violated anti-scalping laws. - thenationalpost.com

#### Experts advise students to make investments now

Judy McNeil Biz/Tech Reporter

The stock market decline in recent months may leave students questioning if it's a good time to invest in their future if they can afford to do so.

In spite of the market's slump, Parminder Gill, second-year culinary student, said students who have extra income and who want to invest in stocks should do so now and get the fireside sale price before the smoke clears.

"It is important to invest when you're young because you get ahead start and you will need it in your future," said Gill.

The way the economy is down right now, you will be left with nothing if you don't have any investments when the market comes back up," he said.

Financial services co-ordinator, Richard Kingston, at Lakeshore said "For young people who want to invest, make sure you have an emergency fund equal to at least six to nine months income in case you lose your job.'

"If you can afford it, build up your RRSP account. That's long term investing for your retirement," said Kingston.

business management The

program co-ordinator at the North campus, Robert Bolf said, "I'm impressed with any student who has money to invest and can track their investment especially with markets being so volatile."

"For young people who want to invest, make sure you have an emergency fund equal to at least six to nine months income in case you lose your job,"

> Richard Kingston, business management

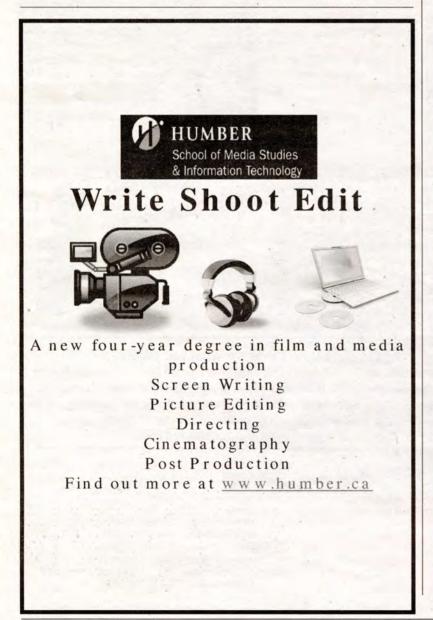
Students like Adnan Aslam have invested in less riskier markets like a registered retirement plan.

'I had my RRSP from before and now that I am a student I don't have any more money to put into it," he said.

Gill gets advice from a broker but makes his own decisions when it comes to his investments.

"Young people don't care right now but they should. They don't know the importance of the money in their future because they've never been there.





## EDITORIAL

The Toronto free daily newspaper Metro has laid off all of its staff writers but will keep filling its pages by using un-paid interns instead. - globeandmail.com

## Snapping out of apathy

Colleges were once hubs of forward-thinking youth with radical ideas. Instances where nonviolent means were used to demand deviation from the status quo are well known. Think Greensboro in 1960, when a sit-in by four black college students who were refused a cup of coffee set-off a wave of sit-ins by young people across North America. Think the Freedom Rides of 1961, which helped bring about an end to racial segregation on buses and trains. The opposition to the Vietnam War started as a small peace movement and became a radical movement that swept across the United States.

Today, apathy amongst youth is painfully apparent. It is exemplified by low voter turnout that many youth justify with a 'nothing ever changes anyways' mind-set. It is clear our generation is not nearly as politically active as those that came before. The sheer amount of time we devote to our iPods or Facebook profiles saps our spare moments, leaving little time to engage in the issues facing us all.

Last week, Dr. Samantha Nutt, founder of War Child Canada, offered Humber students an excellent piece of advice during her lecture. She recommended that students focus on one struggle, "take the time to read what's happening beyond our borders, even if it's just one world issue.'

There are more than enough issues to tire even the most dedicated activist, but all Dr. Nutt asks of us is to pursue just one. There are approximately two million people who have been internally displaced in Iraq; the atrocities

continue in Darfur, and there remains an antiwar movement dedicated to putting an end to the acts of aggression carried out by the great powers of the world, all in the name of peace and stability.

Yet we do not need to look past our own shores to find a cause worthy of dedication. Canada's economy is in shambles, which will become painfully apparent once students attempt to enter this job market. If there was ever a time to get involved and shape the leadership of this country, then surely it is now.

There is no prerequisite of fluency in the language of every cause or movement before engaging yourself. But if we claim ourselves to be the future leaders of this, or any nation, we must first shed the belief that nothing ever changes. If the same were true for youth in the '60s, would we still believe in 'separate but

Encouraging change does not always mean protesting. It means being active instead of ambivalent. A perfect example is the green movement. People show their support by making small lifestyle changes like using a reusable mug or bringing a cloth bag to the supermar-

Times have changed since the mass demonstrations of the '60s. We can evoke change through small action, simple things we can incorporate into our daily routines. The most important of which is taking the time to educate ourselves.

Change the world, one issue at a time.



## Students caught in freefall

Statistics Canada released a report last Friday that detailed the number of jobs lost throughout the nation in the month of January. The experts had already read the entrails of our flailing economy and were predicting losses of about 40,000 jobs, but the actual increase in unemployment astounded even the most pessimistic of financial soothsayers.

The report said 129,000 jobs were lost over the course of a single month - a vast majority of those from the manufacturing sector. Ontario is one of the provinces most affected by the recession we find ourselves struggling through and no statistic is more telling of this than that of the 71,000 jobs lost last month.

The dreadful figures do not stop at unemployment. This week the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy announced that consumer bankruptcy filings (as opposed to businesses filing for bankruptcy) jumped by 50 per cent in December 2008 compared to the same month a year earlier. That means 7,821 people in Canada found themselves with no option but do give up financially.

We could continue to list the facts and figures that detail the extent to which our economy is suffering, but the problem with statistics is they rarely illustrate the true nature of a situation.

The staggering number of lost jobs and consumers filing for bankruptcy has both immediate and long-term consequences for Humber students that is lost when all that is discussed are the figures.

Students who plan on working a summer job to help with next year's tuition, students who are reliant on parents or guardians for financial assistance or students who rely on OSAP should be very concerned with the figures flooding the media.

As the tax base for governmental spending shrinks and the investments of parents disappear we are in danger of losing the security of the social safety net built into the fabric of Canada during the years our economy prospered.

The federal government plans to spend \$12 billion on infrastructure projects over the next two years but only a maximum of \$2 billion go to support maintenance and repair projects at post-secondary institutions.

Most troubling is the lack of any relief for students wallowing in debt. As the national student debt from the Canada Student Loan program soars past \$13 billion students find themselves looking for help in an economy that is no less able to help them than it is to help itself.

## ORD

What are your Valentine's Day plans?



Jason Mewes, 34 Actor and funny guy

"I don't know yet sir. I just get home Friday so I got to figure it out."



Nina Heydari, 21 2nd year marketing

"I'm going clubbing with my single friends.'

Mohammed Asaduallah, 20, 2nd year marketing

"I don't know yet because apparently my girlfriend is creating some surprise dinner.



Mike Swaby, 21 3rd year HVAC

"It's the NBA all star game, I'm going to take out my date, do whatever and come back to my house and take in the Valentine's day game



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## **OPINION**

A poll by The Strategic Counsel conducted from April 21 to 24 shows the Liberal party have almost caught the ruling Conservatives, trailing now by only six points. - CTV.ca

## Restrictive grass laws miss the point



Roselyn Kelada-Sedra

A&E EDITOR

Michael Phelps smoked weed at a party, and the image made worldwide news. On Feb. 1, the recordsetting Olympic swimmer made his statement.

"I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way," he said. "I am sorry."

But he shouldn't have to be. Laws against marijuana use are wasted in a society that accepts it.

A study released by StatsCan says 10 to 15 million Canadians have smoked weed. Over 100 million people in the U.S. have smoked up at least once in their lives, says DrugScience.org.

Retired Seattle police chief Norm Stamper told the Los Angeles Times billions are wasted on the war against drugs. He suggested treating weed like liquor – regulating it and taxing sales.

Before his election, U.S. President Barack Obama suggested decriminalizing the drug. "I think the war on drugs has been a failure," he said in the online journal The Progressive Review. "We need to rethink and decriminalize our marijuana laws."

A CNN/Time-Warner poll shows 76 per cent of Americans agree. In Canada, it's 49 per cent. And people have been pushing for decriminalization since 1969, say the CBC Archives.

Dissenters say any move toward decriminalization is dangerous. Drug use skyrockets when the public is lax about it.

On top of that, many studies document the harm caused by smoking up. Apathy, perception loss, depression, and increased aggression are among the effects. But alcohol causes the same symptoms.

## Laws against marijuana use are wasted in a society that accepts it.

Another argument used for anti-marijuana legislation is the drug's reputation as a gateway substance. But there is no chemical or physiological evidence linking marijuana use to that of heroine, cocaine or other hardcore drugs. Reliable sources have nothing more concrete to say than that most hardcore addicts started with weed.

That may be a social association

rather than scientific. When otherwise productive citizens buy marijuana, they buy on the black market. In that environment, they are forced to associate with a criminal element. Users and suppliers of addictive substances like ecstasy, cocaine, heroin and acid hang out in the same circles.

By maintaining an antiquated position, those who ignore this association endanger Canada's youth. Put a 'hash hole' in the records of anyone who's ever smoked up and a huge portion of society would be marginalized.

Michael Phelps would face limited opportunities for the rest of his life. At that point, you could hardly blame him for getting high to cope with a lifetime of stunted possibilities and future gone up in smoke.

## Those were the days



Eric Lo Maglio
COPY EDITOR

Months away from graduation and I can't help reflecting on how different things are at Humber's North Campus compared to when I arrived in Sept. 2006.

Squee Gordon was the college president, the L wing lounge was nonexistent (not to mention the revamped culinary labs in the D building) and both the A and C buildings looked nothing like they do today. These and other changes have taken place in nearly two and a half years, but the way I see it, Humber has been evolving and changing since its inception in 1967.

Going from the Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology to the Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning, Humber's history amazes me. After reading the 2007 release of *Humber: a History* by Mike Karapita, I was especially astonished to learn about Humber's beginning.

What grabbed my attention most was the fact that Humber was housed in an abandoned elementary school for the '67-'68 academic year and later relocated to the D building (which was the only aspect of the North Campus at that time – yep, that was it). It seems almost unreal when looking at the sprawling monster the North Campus has become today.

Doris Tallon, who served as the executive assistant to Humber's founding president, Gordon Wragg, and Dr. Robert 'Squee' Gordon – who served as Humber's president for 25 years and was recently appointed with the Order of Ontario – once told me that it was music to her ears to hear a student so interested in the history of Humber.

I can't help but wonder about the other students around campus and how many of them have taken interest in Humber's history. From what I've learned, Humber has come a long way from what it was when the doors first opened in 1967 and I feel that Humber's history is important because of that fact.

I wouldn't be surprised if there were thousands of students thinking that Humber is nothing more than a boring institution, hardly changing over the years. The reality is that nothing could be farther from the truth.

Humber is evolving even as you read this column. Tomorrow and, without doubt, in the days and weeks to come it will continue to change. It is this constant evolution that should interest students most about their community. To be involved in Humber's community is to take part in this evolution, and by taking part we help mould the school's direction, making it better for those who follow.

## Valentine's Day needs a big makeover



Kenneth Brown
In Focus Editor

Where is the love?

Certain holidays are not for everyone and Valentine's Day is no exception. I believe there will be a lot of unhappy people come Feb. 14, 2009.

The commercialization of holidays is a concern that can be easily overlooked because of how much Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day have become so embedded in Canadian's commercial fabric.

Christmas can be a depressing time of year for those who can't afford to shower their loved ones with gifts. Valentine's Day can be equally depressing for unhappy couples and those people who live life alone.

I can remember the students in my elementary school classes who might have received but a single Valentine or nothing at all. It resulted in some unhappy little children.

The most recent census from 2006 shows more than 26 million people over the age of 15 declared their marital status. Nearly 12.5 million people were legally married and more than nine million people are considered single.

My math says that means more than six million relationships versus those nine million singles. These numbers combined with the religious groups who don't celebrate the romantic holiday mean Valentine's Day is virtually useless to nearly half of the country.

But collectively, people still spend billions of dollars on their partners, even if only because they feel guilty about skipping the hoopla. The economy is making life rough for couples now, too.

A December 2008 Ipsos survey conducted for the online purchasing service PayPal found couples are fighting more than ever because of the economic slide. Valentine's Day could result in even more fighting.

If a man or woman in a relationship goes out and drops a large sum of money on chic gift for his partner, that person could in turn disapprove of such a purchase.

Don't get me wrong. Valentine's Day is great for happy couples who understand the importance of ex-

pressing their love for one another. Regardless of the pressures placed on people by society to get involved and show how much you care with a diamond necklace, the occasion is a great opportunity to be reminded of the love shared.

Couples who understand a simple home-cooked meal is a great way to do something nice for your partner are on the right track. It's simple, inexpensive and a good way to spend some time together alone.

So don't feel guilty about not showering your partner with pricey gifts. Instead, shower him or her with compliments and focus on your relationship. Take the focus off of the commercial holiday.

Now when I ask, 'Where is the love?' you'll know precisely what I mean.

Letter to the Editor

## Call to space should save program

My name is Patrick Neelin, and I am one of the four students that contacted the International Space Station on Feb. 2. I am writing in regards to the editorial entitled 'Historic call to space should save program'.

Throughout my three years at Humber College in the wireless and telecommunications technology program, I feel as though I learned a lot about the telecom industry. For instance, did you know that it is one of the only industries that is growing at a rate of 33 per cent per year? It is one of the most important industries in the world. Everybody has access to one, or more, telephones, as well as Internet access. In the event of an emergency, 911 services rely on radio in order to save lives. Who is responsible for setting up and maintaining these systems? Telecommunications technologists and technicians.

At Humber, we boast one of the



Patrick Neelin (far left) with his colleagues after their space chat.

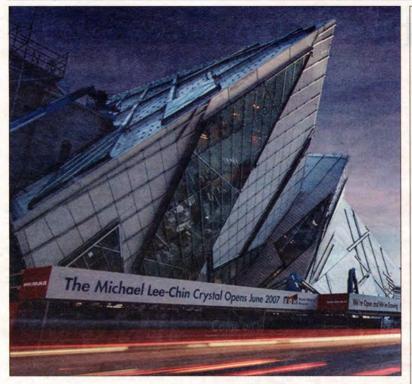
only programs in Canada, which offers a comprehensive education in regards to all aspects of the industry. Ask any employer in the industry, and they will tell you that graduates of this program are in very heavy demand. The problem is not with the program. Our project, where we contacted space, is a shining example of that. Four men, with no prior telecommunications experience, designed and built a system to contact someone who is not even on the planet. That in itself is a testament to the sprit and dedication of Humber's students and faculty.

The problem is that this program wasn't marketed as well as it could have been. There was little, if any, advertising for this program. And with little advertising comes little enrolment. With the national coverage that we have given the wireless and telecommunications technology program, and more specifically Humber, I feel that we should offer the program another chance. After all this publicity, I'm sure that calls will be coming in from all over Canada from parents trying to get their children into this program.

If that doesn't revitalize the program, then nothing will. But I think that we at least deserve the chance.

Patrick Neelin

Chris Brown loses Wrigley Gum endorsement deal due to Grammy altercation with Rihanna. - BET.com



The Royal Ontario Museum will host Ozflix starting tomorrow.

## Aussie film fest sweeps Toronto

Lauren Brunetti

Film and television production teachers said a weekend of Australian film would enrich students.

There are stories being told around the world that are far more interesting than the Hollywood ones," said program co-ordinator Michael Glassbourg.

Beginning tomorrow, Ozflix shows features, documentaries and short films at the Royal Ontario Museum until Monday.

"Anytime you attend the work of first-class filmmakers, it infuses your work with inspiration," said Glassbourg. He said students should see the work, especially indigenous

"They are original and do not imi-

Film and TV professor Eva Ziemsen encourages her students to go.

'These films tend to have more of a sense of identity," she said.

"The Australian film industry really knows what its strengths are, and its comedies happen to do very well?

Prominent Australian films include Mel Gibson's early work, The Adventures of Priscilla and The Interview.

"In terms of our students, they are going to see it's a viable industry in a country that is much smaller than ours," said actor, director and production teacher Neil Dainard.

The industry is emerging in terms of quality and output, he said.

"It's all about world competition. They are making people sit up and notice them.'

## Alien sex search lands on earth

Stephanie Skenderis

A group of second-year students is filming an out of this world date.

Down to Earth Guy follows an alien named Xrter in his search for

On one awkward date, the girl asks about his day. Xrter responds, "I don't own the day, but the day serves me experiences in quantum propor-

Philip Vaccarello, 21, wrote the 10-minute comedy based on an inside joke.

With a budget of \$1,950 and three days to film, it took a lot of compromises to pull it off, said director Thomas Sutherland, 20.

"I needed to have confidence in what the film was going to look like," he said.

Six weeks off of classes made the project possible, said Sutherland.

"The Humber program is so hands-on," he said, "unlike, say, York students sitting in a lecture hall."

Assistant director Troy Dettwiler, 20, agreed that Humber taught him the skills he needed to make the film. "It was the first time I felt like, wow, I'm really in film school," he said. "Even the guy who rented us a jib was impressed with our set."

The freshly wrapped film is waiting for post-production. It hits the big screen at Toronto's Royal Theatre.

#### Grammy Awards

ing Arts and Sciences held the biggest event on the music calendar last

Stars at the 51st Grammy Awards lit up Los Angeles at the Staples Theatre. Here are some of the brightest

Album of the Year: Raising Sand, Robert Plant & Alison Krauss

New Artist: Adele

Rap Album: Tha Carter III, Lil Wayne

Record of the Year: Please Read The Letter, Robert Plant & Alison Krauss

Rock Album: Viva La Vida Or Death & All His Friends, Coldplay

Song of the Year: Viva La Vida, Coldplay

R&B Album: Jennifer Hudson, Jennifer Hudson

Pop Vocal Album: Rockferry, Duffy

Pop Instrumental Album: Jingle All the Way, Bela Fleck & The Flecktones

Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocals: Viva La Vida, Coldplay

Alternative Music Album: In Rainbows, Radiohead

Solo Rock Vocal Performance: Gravity, John Mayer

Hard Rock Performance: Wax Simulacra, The Mars Volta

Metal Performance: My Apocalypse, Metallica

Rock Song: Girls in Their Summer Clothes, Bruce Springsteen

Compilation Soundtrack Album: Juno, Various Artists

Score or Soundtrack: The Dark Knight

Rap Song: Lollipop, Dwayne Carter, Darius Harrison, James Scheffer, Stephen Garrett & Rex Zamor

Country Song: Stay, Sugarland

Traditional Blues Album: One Kind Favor, B.B. King

Contemporary Blues Album: City That Care Forgot, Dr. John & The Lower 911

Contemporary Jazz Album: Randy in Brasil, Randy Brecker

Jazz Vocal Album: Loverly, Cassandra Wilson



Comic actor Jason Mewes says his career started with a fluke.

## ay surprised by Silent Bob

Kat McMorrow

Shoulder-to-shoulder students welcomed Jason Mewes and a surprise guest on Monday at North Campus.

Mewes, the 'Jay' of Jay and Silent Bob, talked about everything from religion to addiction to comic books.

Interactive design student Paul Lewelt said the highlight of the event was Kevin Smith's cameo.

"I wish I brought all the comics I own that he wrote!"

Mewes debuted in Smith's movie Clerks in 1994.

"I got lucky," he said. When Kevin Smith wrote Clerks, he wrote a character based on buddy Mewes.

"I had no plan on acting or doing anything in the entertainment business. I was a roofer at that time, and then we did Clerks. I went back to roofing, and it wasn't until Mallrats that I finally quit that job. Then I was like, 'wow, maybe I can do this

as a career!'

Since '94, Smith wrote and directed films like Mallrats, Chasing Amy, Dogma, Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back and Jersey Girl.

"My advice to aspiring filmmakers is to make Clerks," said Smith. "It really worked for me!'

Students were thrilled by the surprise guest.

"Today's appearance was badass!" said Zack Macdonald, a first-year film and television student. "I've been a fan of these guys since I was 11-years-old!"

For fans hoping for more Jay and Silent Bob, don't hold your breath.

"We will be doing other projects, but no more Jay and Bob," said Mewes. "That sort of closed with Clerks II."

The duo's latest venture, Zack and Miri Make a Porno, Mewes plays

"But who knows?" he said. "Five years from now, we might be like we gotta go back to the roots. We'll see." The Necessities of Life, a film that explores the relationship between an Inuit hunter and an orphaned boy, grabs eight Genie Awards nominations. - ctv.ca

Comedy record set in 10 minutes

Students made theatre history last Thursday and Friday, putting on in the first 10-minute comedy play festival by a Canadian college or university, said comedy writing coordinator Andrew Clark.

He organized the event at Lake-

shore Campus. Clark said writing 10-minute plays is part of the comcurriculum. decisions in relationships." edv The quality of last year's plays was so high, he said, the

program put them on stage.

The festival "started last year as an extracurricular thing," said festival director and comedy instructor Shawn Campbell. Now, it's part of the curriculum.

Once Clark picked plays for performance from those written for class, casting was up to Campbell.

"Often the first person I'd think of was the person who wrote it," he said. But students could not play main roles in their own plays.

Many students wrote very personal stories. "As comedy students, themselves," said Campbell.

Second-year student Will Baird wrote the Pop Goes the Question, which hit the stage on Friday.

"I based it on my own nervousness and bad decisions in relationships, said Baird.

"A guy lives with his girlfriend of

six years and his best friend," he said. In the sketch. he deals with the decision to marry his girlfriend.

-comedy student Will Baird Christian Ventura, another

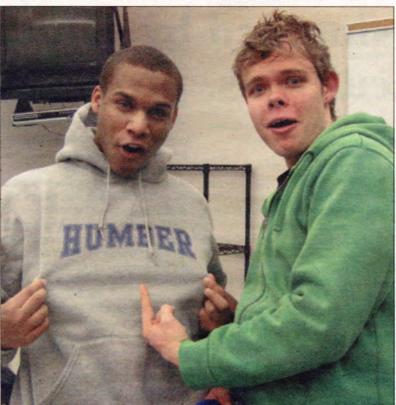
"I based it on my own

nervousness and bad

second-year student, watched his script Nice Guys Finish First earn major laughs, despite its serious them of bullying. In The Precious Life of a Child, Ventura enjoyed the spotlight - playing the troublemaker Brandon.

"I've always loved preforming. All my life I've been considered a comedian or the funny guy in the group.'

Baird expressed what many students felt. "We study comedy history, witness so much of it," he said. "It is great being part of it.'



From left, comedians Will Baird and Christopher Robinson brought their personalities to the stage at Lakeshore last week.

#### Musicians hit snowy streets

Jessica Brooks A&E REPORTER

More than 80 artists will fill four venues on the Danforth this weekend for the Winter Folk and Blues Festival.

The calibre of musicianship is inspiring, said songwriter David Leask. He taught Humber's songwriting workshop for the past two years and will perform in the festival.

Seneca students and alumni will take the stage, but Humber talent won't be there.

Fourth-year contemporary music student Jon Challoner said he sees as many live shows as possible.

Running into its seventh season, the Winter Folk festival is gaining popularity.

'The one cool thing about this festival is that it takes place in an urban area on a popular street with a whole bunch of bands playing," said Leask.

Speak Music publicist and musician Beverly Kreller said, "it's good exposure." Her band HOTCHA! will perform too.

Most shows are free in the festival that begins Friday at 7 p.m. Visit www.winterfolk.com for details.



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## IN FOCUS VALENTINE'S DAY

Evidence of chocolate has been found in New Mexico, which would make the find the earliest indication of the tasty substance in the US - The Associated Press



This week the In Focus section

looks at various aspects of

Valentine's Day and romance.

# Some women prefer sweets over sex, survey says

Erin DeCoste

A culinary professor says he's not surprised by the results of a survey that found one-third of women prefer to indulge in rich foods such as sticky buns instead of having sex with their partners.

"When you think of a sticky bun you think of a fresh baked oven," said Humber chef Douglas Smith. "It's warm, soft, tasty and gooey. It's a sensation that affects the body senses. It can overpower your desire to have sex."

The Harris/Decima poll surveyed 1,030 Canadian women through the Doubleday Canada affiliated website www.healthharmony.ca.

The survey looked at women's indulgence habits for items including food, sex and beauty products.

Results showed women prefer to treat themselves to products that make them feel better, including sweets and baked goods, rather than engage in sex with a partner.

Landscape technician student Alex Mascarin, 19, finds the results "weird, sad and disturbing."

"From a guy's perspective," said Mascarin, "guys would obviously choose sex over anything. Maybe it's different for women."

But Mascarin's friend, 31-year-old landscape technician student Jenn Weaver, said she thinks choosing food over sex must be from boredom.

"They must've been with their boyfriends a long time," she said. "It's kind of unusual, but I guess food can be a good substitute for some women."

The poll focused on the guilty pleasures and indulgences women want and found 52 per cent of women like to pamper themselves at least once a week.

Though Doubleday Canada was surprised by the results of women preferring food to sex, Smith said he calls food sexy all the time and to him it is easy to see the connection.

"As an example, chocolate is an aphrodisiac," he said. "It gives you that extra 'oomph.' It reacts on people."

## Romantic holiday shunned by some cultures, profs say

Pattie Phillips Graeme Steel

Protests against the observance of Valentine's Day are a means to reject the spread of western culture in parts of the world, teachers say.

Resistance comes from fundamentalist organizations by way of raids on hotels and restaurants, thefts and public burnings of Valentine's cards, threats of violence and physical damage to people and establishments celebrating the holiday in India, Kashmir and Pakistan.

World religion professor Caleb Yong says the history between cultures affects people's views of the holiday.

"We think of it as this very innocuous celebration," he says. "But if you transport it and put it within another cultural context, where there's a really long and sordid history between these two cultures, then this innocuous celebration suddenly becomes symbolic of quite a lot more."

Yong says some countries perceive western holidays as reminders of a colonial legacy and an attitude they oppose and wish to resist.

"When the colonized person rebels, the rebellion is not to say, 'we want to be like you,' but it's to say, 'we want to reject you'," he says. "In

order for us to affirm who we are, we have to reject everything that is you, 'your culture, your way of life'."

Valentine's Day is often viewed as frivolous and contentious for some, according to Yong.

"There are people all around the world barely making it and we're dropping hundreds and hundreds of dollars to celebrate our love for each other," he adds.

Angela Aujla, professor of sociology of cultural differences, says Valentine's Day opposition might arise because it's a holiday based on cultural and not universal concepts.

She says love has little bearing on choosing a partner for some groups, so refusing to give in to the preoccupation and idealization of romantic love is inherently exclusionary.

"There is an assumption that buying into romance and romantic love
is amazing and a human right and if
another group is not crazy about that
– if they're not as in love with love
as we are – they're judged in a really
negative way in that they're somehow backwards or behind the times
or mired in tradition," Aujla says.

Sociology of the emotions professor Joey Noble says cultures opposed to Valentine's Day see it as symbolic representation of romantic freedom. y personal grups of the your smell GR

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Some fundamentalist organizations around the world hold public burnings of Valentine's Day cards to protest western cultures.

"They're lining it up as a total value system," she says. "To them it's not a small or frivolous thing. They've taken that symbol as representing a whole cultural mindset that they're against, that is evil."

Seann Kehoe, 24, a first-year occu-

pational therapist assistant student, says he understands western culture is pervasive, but questions why some groups oppose Valentine's Day.

"It's a holiday meant for people to express their love, their emotions, their feelings," he says.

## Experts struggle to trace Valentine's roots

#### Reverend says nearly 20 different historical accounts of St. Valentine exist

Teri Pecoskie

IN FOCUS REPORTE

A lack of written documentation and several competing theories have scholars stumped about the true origins of Valentine's Day.

Rev. Edward Jackman of the Canadian Catholic Historical Association says the only thing about Valentine's Day he's certain of is that its origins are controversial.

The Kelly Library at St. Michael's College in Toronto has "nearly 20 different accounts of the history of St. Valentine," Jackman says.

The most common variation traces the holiday's roots to a Roman priest named Valentine who was persecuted by Claudius II for refusing to give up his Christian faith.

Valentine was executed by the emperor on Feb. 14, AD 269, which is why the holiday became associated with this date, Jackman says.

Catholic literature counts as many as 11 St. Valentines have a place within the Church's history, he says, so it will never be clear which Valentine, if any, might have initiated an association between the holiday and the idea

of romantic love.

The holiday's connection to romance could have something to do with traditional Roman festivals such as Fornicalia, which was celebrated between Feb. 13 and 17, and Lupercalia, which was on Feb. 15, Jackman adds.

Jonathan Edmondson, a York University professor who studies Roman history, says both festivals were intended to promote pastoral fertility and a plentiful harvest.

"These festivals certainly made up a part of the general background of what became a Christian holiday," Edmondson says.

It's possible that over time a link was made between crop fertility and romantic love, he adds.

David Klausner, professor of Arthurian literature at the University of Toronto, disagrees.

"Fertility isn't the same as romantic love," he says. "The reason for a fertility festival is to celebrate the harvest to come – there's no clear connection to human romantic love."

Klausner says the association with romance probably began sometime in the Middle Ages.

By the time Geoffery Chaucer, the father of English literature, recorded the first romantic reference to Valentine's Day in his 1380 poem, *The Parliament of Fowls*, the holiday was probably widely known as a romantic celebration already, he adds.

One Humber student has an idea as to why we celebrate Valentine's Day while scholars will undoubtedly continue to disagree on its history.

"I think it was just created as a cheap Hallmark holiday," says Mark White, a first-year media foundations student. "They just want our money."



First United Church in Port Credit houses this saint's mural. Rev. Edward Jackman says Valentine was executed by an emperor in AD 269 because the saint refused to give up his Christian faith.

## VALENTINE'S DAY IN FOCUS

Psychologists say students watching top-40 box office hits such as Serendipity found they were more likely to believe in fate and predetermined love - metronews.com

## Chef says economy won't kill chocolate sales

Jackie Paduano

Expensive chocolate is an indulgence few will be willing to forgo this Valentine's Day, even in slow economic times, says a Humber culinary professor.

"Everyone is penny-saving, but there are a few luxuries I'm quite sure people won't give up and chocolate is one," says Doug Smith, who teaches the art of chocolate making. "It's something people will always want, no matter how much of a recession we go into."

Smith says people looking to express a message of love to their Valentine should expect to pay about \$20 to \$25 for a box of high-quality chocolates

'You're giving a passionate experience when you give chocolate to a loved one," he says, adding he would never buy low-quality chocolate.

Chocolate specialty shops are gearing up for their busiest time of year after Christmas and don't ex-



Culinary students Shane Masters, left, and Lauren Hambleton make chocolate, which a professor says will still see good sales.

pect the recession to affect sales, said Jeff Brown, chocolatier and owner of Delight Chocolates in Toronto's west end.

"Things were slower for us in November when the bad economic news started pouring in," he says. "But we did better this December than last year, so we are anticipating a great Valentine's season."

Brown says his customers tell him they are only eating high-end, handmade chocolate and they don't spend money on drugstore bargains.

"You get what you pay for," he says. "If you're going to spend money on chocolate, you might as well spend a little more and buy highquality instead of something that has been sitting in a warehouse for six

Kevin Cazan manages customer relations for Bernard Callebaut, a gourmet Belgian chocolate company with shops across North America He says ingredients primarily determine the cost of quality chocolate.

"Cocoa butter is something we add to increase smoothness and it's significantly more expensive than the cocoa powder that lower quality chocolate uses" he says, adding fine chocolate should melt in your hand because of its buttery consistency.

Cazan said the economic downturn hasn't infringed on chocolate sales at Bernard Callebaut, noting an increase of purchases in its stores and on its website.

"People may slow down on buying large items, but small luxuries will continue to be popular," he adds.

#### Generation gap applies to romance films, says rep

**Cathleen Yoo** 

Valentine's Day brings lists of the top romantic movies to newspapers and the Internet, but the movies on the lists don't appeal to everyone.

Blockbuster employee Iulia Peach said age affects people's film selection.

"I think that different styles of romantic comedies and romantic movies appeal to different age groups based on what is relevant to them at the time," she said.

An online poll conducted by Moviefone.com last February shows Casablanca isn't on many students' top romantic movie lists, even though it's classic and considered the top romantic movie.

Third-year film and television student Jesse Rocheleau said he has an idea why Casablanca isn't popular among today's youth.

"It's black and white first of all," he said, noting he can't think of anybody outside his program that "likes black and white film, or will sit through a black and white film."

Rocheleau said romantic movies are "like fairytales for an older gen-

There are common elements found in romantic films regardless of the target audience.

The guy always has a perfect thing to say and the girl always falls for him, Rocheleau said. "She may hate him in the beginning, but in the end you know they are going to be together."

Film and television production coordinator Eva Ziemsen agrees.

"It's always that we know that the two characters are supposed to get together and everything happens to keep them apart, and in the end they get together, that's sort of a standard structure," she said.

Romantic films touch on a universal subject that makes the genre appealing, according to Ziemsen.

"Relationships and love is what everybody in the end sort of cares about," she said.

The American Film Institute released a list of top 10 romantic comedies in June including City Lights, Annie Hall and It Happened One Night. The most recent movie included was Sleepless in Seattle, released in 1993.

If you're looking for a newer romantic movie, Peach suggested Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist as a good choice students are more likely to

enjoy.
"I don't think our parents can watch Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist and appreciate it on the same level as somebody in their teens or early 20s because it all takes place in one crazy night out on the town, Peach said, noting younger audiences can relate to the drunkenness

#### Students are tackling on-field romance this Valentine's Day

**Amy Snow** 

Two Humber athletes are getting a kick out of each other.

Joanna Alexopulos, captain of the women's soccer team and her boyfriend of four months, Andrew DaSilva, a centre midfielder for the men's soccer team, are looking forward to their first Valentine's Day as a couple.

"We actually have a tournament on Valentine's Day," says Alexopulos. "They can go as late as nine-o-clock at night, so I think we will see when the last game is and decide what to do from there. If I weren't a soccer player it might be a little harder to understand him having to play on Valentine's Day, so it's good that we're on the same

DaSilva, 21, agrees that balancing a relationship with school and varsity sport would be dif-ficult if he were dating a nonathlete.

"If I were dating someone else, she might want to kill me for playing a game on the 14th," he

Alexopulos, 21, says she's not a romantic person and doesn't need to be taken out for a fancy

evening, however, DaSilva is thinking of doing something special for their first Valentine's Day together.

"I'm thinking about making dinner for her and it would be special for me to do because I don't really cook," he says. "It might taste terrible, but it's the thought that counts.'

Athletic director Jim Bialek has watched many relationships among Humber athletes and he attributes it to the amount of time they spend together.

"The student athletes here juggle a lot of things," he says. 'So having a relationship with somebody who has similar goals ahead of them helps and they are available because they're here. Both Joanna and Andrew are great together and they're great people.

Bialek expects relationships to form between student athletes because of the supportive atmosphere encouraged by their coaches

"At Humber athletics we're like a family," he says.

"All the athletes come out to watch each other's games and support each other, which doesn't happen at other colleges.



Joanna Alexopulos and her boyfriend Andrew DaSilva sport helps keep their relationship strong.

We always joke that we have the greatest singles bar in the world at Humber athletics.

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## New TTC ads likely to spark healthy debate, says chaplain

Freethought Association uses public space to spread idea about reading Bible

**Kristen Smith** 

Chaplain Len Thomas said he may not agree with the atheist ads set to appear on TTC buses and subways, but believes they could spar healthy

"I think it's important for students to have this discussion," he said.

Thomas said the Freethought Association is free to make the statement, but it is a minority viewpoint. "With all the fine tuning and complexity of the universe it seems harder to believe that there is no God than that there can be one," he said.

We need to get past the namecalling part of it and actually listen to the other side," said Thomas. "Let's have free and fair discussion.'

As early as Monday, the slogan, "There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life," will appear on TTC buses and subways. The advertisements have already appeared in Britain and Spain.

The TTC has approved the ads but can pull them at any time, said a TTC spokesperson.

"The venue of a bus may seem a little odd, but it is a good symbol of public space," said Justin Trottier, campaign organizer and president of The Freethought Association.

"It's good to have some kind of group out there saying you can be moral and not read the Bible or



Atheist TTC subway and bus advertisements are modelled after a British campaign (shown above).

believe in God," said Marty Bernie, musical performance student and self-described humanist.

The intention is to get atheists, humanists and skeptics out of the closet," said Trottier. "It's not about conversion to atheism. Atheists are already there. It's about the values of atheists - free speech, church-state separation, ethics based on the human condition."

Fundraising and volunteer management student Matt Barr, 28, said he never consciously thought of himself as an atheist.

"This campaign has made me think about it more," he said.

Robyn Kennedy, Barr's classmate, said "this campaign will hopefully get both sides to the table so there can be respectful discussion."

The United Church has responded with a similar campaign, countering with - "there's probably a God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life."

'The whole point is to promote

discussion," said Trottier. "They are not only embracing the campaign, they are coming out with the next step in discussion.

Barr and Kennedy said fundraising for the campaign has been remarkable. The fundraising rule is "always ask," but Barr said the campaign merely set up a website and the donations came. So far, the Freethought Association has raised over \$40,000 for the campaign, with the amount increasing daily.

#### Friday the 13th brings mixture of chills, thrills and excitement

Elizabeth Zahur

For some, Friday the 13th is a superstition which doesn't always bring bad luck.

"It's actually the opposite for me, I always have ridiculously good luck,' said Denika Hall, a 19-year-old multimedia 3D animation student.

Sara Soligo, a researcher for Nextfilms Productions, is hosting a party to celebrate the day.

"Initially I wanted to have a Valentine's Day party but I didn't think couples would come on a Friday night, so I went with Friday the 13th - it should be fun," said Soligo, who is decorating her house with hockey masks in homage to Jason from the movie Friday the 13th.

Ariel Garten, a psychotherapist in Toronto, said people believe in superstitions because they are taught them from a young age and occasionally they come true.

"If we were told at 30 that Friday the 13th was unlucky we would say, 'what are you talking about? It's never been unlucky for me before.' But we're told it from a young age and it's hard to unlearn that."

Superstitions can also be a way to try and regain control in the chaotic world we live in, said Garten. In this way, superstitions can be tied to phobias, such as a fear of flying.

"Instead of worrying about the plane crashing, a person might put on a pair of lucky earrings to tell themselves the plane won't crash," said Garten.

Business administration student Pooia Patel calls herself one of the most superstitious people you'll ever meet. She keeps a jar of lucky pennies in her room and firmly believes when she walks over the legs of someone, she has to walk back over them or her legs will stop growing.

#### "We're told it from a young age and it's hard to unlearn that."

Ariel Garten of superstitions.

Some children think if they step on a crack on the sidewalk they'll break their mother's back. An urban dictionary database also lists the supersition if three people are photographed together, the one in the middle will die first.

Many of these irrational fears also come with long names. A word database website lists Fear of Friday the 13th as paraskevidekatriaphobia. Arachibutyrophobia refers to the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth, and some might experience anuptaphobia during the upcoming Valentine's Day weekend a fear of staying single.

#### Social networking may snarl job prospects

**Erin Bosenberg** 

The Career Centre suggests students be careful about what they make public on social networking

"I think my fear is that the students are putting far too much private information on Facebook that is going too public and that's my big fear," said Karen Fast, manager at the Career Centre

With the increase of students coming to the centre to look for jobs and the popularity of social networking sites like Facebook there is the growing need to be aware of how public their persona is on the Internet.

Career Centre employment advisers, Vicki Reay and Linda MacDonald recently saw what happens if privacy settings on networking sites are not maintained.

"We went to a workshop and the faculty member presenting did a search on Facebook of students at the college and we saw some things; somebody who didn't have their privacy and some compromising pictures of a student," said Reay. "An employer could find that and say 'I'm not going to hire that person they're too much of a partier.'

Radio broadcasting student Celine Sokol has signed up with several social networking sites including Ravalry, a site for knitters to post their knitting projects. Although she says she now keeps her Facebook profile very secure, at first she wasn't aware just how open her profile was.

"I think I had my settings so that anybody in my networks could look at my profile, and when you think you're part of the Toronto network or even a university network it's really pretty vast," said Sokol.

MacDonald is adamant all students, not just those looking for employment, manage their profiles by going into their privacy settings and restricting who can see what.





The career centre warns profiles on social networking sites can lower chances for jobs.

#### First love brings unrealistic expectations

Kristen Smith

Students may want to go easy on passion this Saturday, as it could be detrimental.

Dr. Malcolm Brynin claims in his book Changing Relationships, the passion and intensity of first love sets an unrealistic benchmark for solid, long-term relationships, mak-

ing them seem unfulfilling. Sociology teacher Alexander Shvarts said with a first love you experience feelings you have never experienced before, such as jealousy.

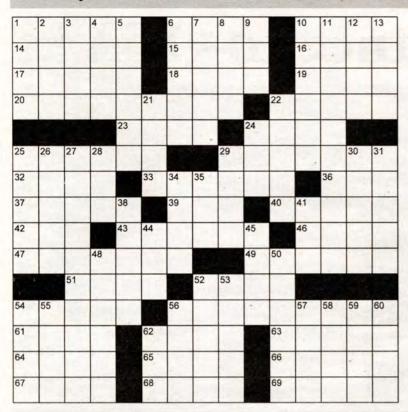
Kristin Rhodes, 22, who has been with her first love for three years said at first everything is brand new.

"They can't really do anything wrong. Even the simplest things are amazing," she said.

Shvarts disagrees with Brynin."I don't think there is a huge difference between falling in love the first time and falling in love with someone who eventually becomes your wife."

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#### ACROSS

- 1. Rapidity
- 6. Norse tale
- 10. Circle segments
- 14. Once more
- 15. Give forth
- 16. Accomplishment
- 17. King, e.g.
- 18. Plunge
- 19. Buddhist monk
- 20. Support for an institution
- 22. Hoarse
- 23. Comedian Jay
- 24. Japanese wrestling
- 25. Painters' stands 29. Bemoans
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- 37. Clothing stand
- 39. Anchorman \_ 40. Batman's sidekick
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- 43. Eats away
- 46. Female voice
- 47. Symposium
- 49. Vocation
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- 52. Handyman's need
- 54. Smooths wood
- 56. Objected
- 61. Ocean current
- 62. Think
- 63. Island
- 64. Genesis location
- 65. Office acronym
- 66. Tint
- 67. Sassy
- 68. Two together
- 69. Disdainful look

#### DOWN

- 1. Angel's instrument
- 2. Water (Sp.)
- 3. Popcorn seasoning
- 4. Layer
- 5. Sign up
- 6. Auto
- 7. Friend (Sp.)
- 8. Contribute
- 9. Nibbled
- 10. On fire
- 11. Not excessive
- 12. Child's resort
- 13. Stick around
- 21. Cozy place
- 22. Hearsay

- 24. Wilt
- 25. Roof edges
- 26. Informed
- 27. Newt, e.g.
- 28. Look over
- 29. Country path 30. Corny
- 31. Spanish "mister"
- 34. Smell
- 35. Wicked 38. Looks after
- 41. Boat paddle
- 44. Sugar \_\_\_\_ Leonard
- 45. Kilt wearer
- 48. Set in from the margin
- 50. Warns
- 52. Act toward 53. Spirited vigor
- 54. Ladder rung
- 55. Helper
- 56. Mexican money
- 57. Leg bone
- 58. Hue
- 59. Border
- 60. Stag
- 62. Speck

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#### Sudoku

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Digits 1 through will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid.

There are nine zones in the puzzle.

Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

Taurus

April 21 -May 21

Keep believing

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a nice snow day

might just give you

soon. Or sunshine?

Virgo Aug. 24 -

Sept. 22

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are pointing in the

right direction,

All we see in life

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Pisces

You will soon learn

your childhood was

not real, but merely

Feb. 19 -

March 20



Jan. 21 -

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Scorpio Oct. 24 -Nov. 22

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Aries March 21 -April 20

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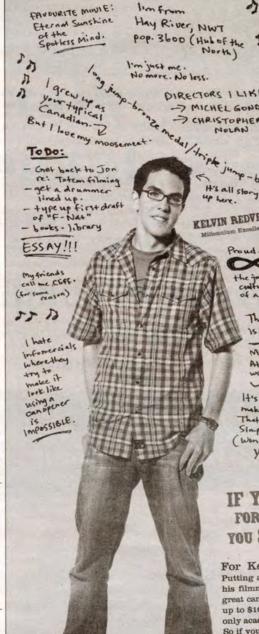
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Don't underestimate the power of a smile. It will be sure to bring you good things in the future.

Capricorn Dec. 22 -Jan. 20

What you've set out to achieve could take years to accomplish, but don't give up.



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## **SPORTS**

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## Magnificent seven advance to OCAAs

#### Dynamic duo dominate nets, lead the way to provinicals

**Scott Rennie** 

LONDON, Ont. - Led by reigning CCAA player of the year Raymond Wong, Humber's badminton team won three gold medals at the regional playoffs last weekend and qualified seven players for the provincial championships later this month.

"It was an incredibly balanced team effort that brought home these trophies," head coach Paul McGarr said after the tournament at Fanshawe College.

Besides the trip to Barrie for the OCAA finals Feb. 20-21, the strong showing in regionals also gives the Hawks the right to automatic berths in the national championships, which Humber will host March 5-7.

At Fanshawe, Wong, 21, didn't lose a set in cruising to gold in the men's singles final 21-13, 21-10 over the only player that could have given him trouble, Calvin Yeung of Seneca.

"I didn't want to give him confidence in going to provincials," Wong said, a second-year business management student who wasn't with the team last semester because of academic ineligibility.

Humber's other singles successes saw his brother, Mark, win a bronze



CCAA player of the year Raymond Wong used his acrobatic moves and dominated play again for Humber winning first place at regionals. He moves on to play in Barrie to defend his OCAA title.

while Jordanna Langill also finished third in women's singles competi-

Langill won six of seven matches, losing only to Amenze Obaisiagbon of Seneca, the eventual gold medal

"I'm pretty excited, I'm very proud of myself," said the 18-year-old

health and fitness student. "It was my goal to get to provincials, and I

Two of Humber's three doubles teams won gold: Charlie Lay and Alang Laungrath on the men's side and Rosanna U and Selena Kao were the tournament's top women's team.

Although they finished undefeated,

Lay and Luangrath's team coughed up a 19-15 second-set lead to Ben Yong and Simon Yip of Centennial College, before finally finishing them

"Hopefully in provincials we can take them down a lot easier," said Luangrath, a first-year law clerk student, who has been playing with Lay

#### And the winners are...

Men's Singles

First - Raymond Wong Third - Mark Wong

Women's Singles

Third - Jordanna Langill

Men's Doubles

First - Alang Laungrath and Charlie Lay

#### Women's Doubles

First - Rosanna U and Selina Kao

All regional finalists get a green light to play at the OCAA finals in Barrie Feb 20-21.

They also earn an automatic berth to the CCAA championships hosted by Humber March 5-7.

for five years.

Commitment to an intense training schedule is reason why the team is the top-ranked in Ontario, said co-captain Lay.

"Everyone goes to practice," he said. "Everyone goes early and stays

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## Volleyballers conquer northern Ontario

Women keep winning streak alive, while men garner mixed results

Justin R. Rydell

NORTH BAY, Ont - With two wins last weekend, the Humber women's volleyball team kept its undefeated season alive, while the men lost a key match on the same road trip here.

The women's nineteenth straight win guaranteed them a bye into the quarterfinals of the provincial playoffs, though the men may need to catch a break for a chance at the OCAA championships that start later this month.

After both teams won straight-set victories on Saturday at Canadore College, they had a much tougher time on Sunday against rival Nipissing. The men lost 25-23, 25-23, 25-20 while the women needed a comeback in five nail-biting sets - 25-22, 18-25, 24-26, 25-20, 19-17 - to keep their record unmarred.

The win against Nipissing was big because it gave them confidence they can beat one of the best teams in the province" women's coach Chris

Wilkins said after the teams returned to Toronto.

"It allows us to go into the playoffs with confidence that even when we are down, until the last whistle blows, we are still in the game.'

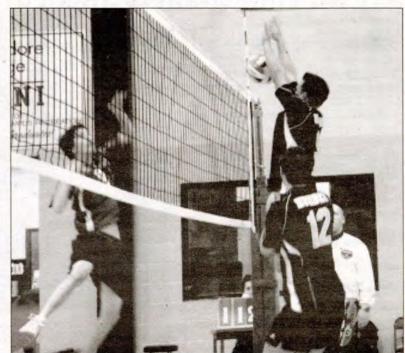
Coming into the weekend, the men had been on a strong run, winning five matches consecutively before the loss to Nipissing dropped their record to 11-4.

"They overestimated their talent," coach Wayne Wilkins said of his squad. "Talent only gets you so far, it is the effort that comes along with the talent that wins games.

The crowd in the small Nipissing gym, banging pots and pans, may have also rattled the visitors.

"The noise didn't affect me directly," co-captain Brendan Wong said, "but it did get to some of the younger guys.'

Women's coach Wilkins said "the Nipissing noise level is just a taste of how it is going to be at provincials



Middle Brendan Wong stuffs a spike from a Canadore Panther.

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## **SPORTS**

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Daviau Rodney (#23) shoots a short jumper against Fanshawe.

## Mens b-ball look for perfection, and a division

Sandy McLachlin

With one more game left in the regular season, the men's basketball team is riding a 14-game winning streak, but it hasn't set any goals for the approaching playoffs.

A win in next Wednesday's match against Redeemer College will give Humber a chance to look forward to the playoffs said head coach Darrell Glenn.

"But obviously we want to win a provincial championship and then a national championship," he said.

"We wanted to go 9-0 in the second half of the season and our focus is to complete that, and once we're done that, we'll set another goal," Glenn said.

The team clinched a first round bye and home court advantage for the first game of the playoffs after defeating Fanshawe College at home 69-49 last week. The Hawks have a 15-2 record which puts them atop the West Division.

Hawks' guard Daviau Rodney led all scorers against Fanshawe with 22 points, including five three-pointers – four in the first half to help the team recover after facing an early deficit.

"I haven't been playing that well lately so I wanted to come out with a lot of energy and uplift my team with my playing," said Rodney, a second year fitness and health student.

Humber's strong defence is definitely one of the main reasons the team has gone 8-0 in the second half of the season in which they allowed only 56.6 points per game – near tops in the league in that category.

Jadwey Hemmings, a veteran player on the team, recognizes the effort his coaches have put into the team and it's defensive work.

"It's pride and the coaches being honest at all times. It's the coaches' motivation that gets us going on defence," said Hemmings.

Rodney believes more teamwork is necessary on offence to be successful." We have our defence pretty down pat, but we got a lot of scorers and we need to use of all of them," he said

A win against Redeemer (2-14) will clinch the division for Humber entering the playoffs which begin at the end of the month.

# Women ballers jockey for position heading into playoffs

Alex Brien

Head coach Denise Perrier said she believes her team needs to focus on the positive and remain grounded heading into its final matchup of the regular season versus Redeemer College next Wednesday and the playoffs at the end of the month.

"Right now we're looking at finishing fourth – which isn't a bad thing – but you preferably want to finish third so you play the sixth place team instead of fifth," Perrier said. "We want to go into our game with Redeemer with some confidence, win our last home game of the season and prepare for the playoffs."

After a 58-51 home loss to Fanshawe last week, Perrier once again stressed the importance of her team hitting free throws and avoiding turnovers.

Against Fanshawe, the Hawks went 11 for 27 from the free throw line, and had 27 turnovers.

"Both hurt us badly today and they hurt us in our last game against St. Clair," she said. "The girls have to do 100 free throws on their own time



Alex Brie

Forward Holly Goddard attempts a mini hook against Fanshawe.

during the week, but that's not being done obviously."

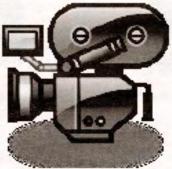
Although his team was victorious, Fanshawe head coach Matt White had some positive words for a Humber team that constantly tested his team's defense strength.

"We were happy to get the win, but we were out-rebounded quite badly on the offensive boards by eight, and were just fortunate that we got a few more buckets." Although the Hawks recorded a second straight loss, Humber guard Dakota Allen said she feels the return of leading scorer Kaitlynn Paulley will make a difference. "I think if we have her back in the lineup, we'll be doing a lot better and feeling more confident," said Allen.

Despite sitting out three games with a leg injury, Paulley still remains the Hawks leading scorer, averaging 15.5 points per game.



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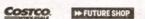






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