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# WHAT A WEEK



Dennis Chung

Hawks rugby team rises to the occasion after defeating Sir Sanford Fleming in a semi-final match. Rugby finals take place this Saturday in Markham.

## Varsity teams' success pose triple threat

**Stephen Leithwood**  
**Rob Titus**  
SPORTS EDITORS

The Hawks of Humber are soaring with a young cross-country team picking up medals, a rugby squad poised to capture its first title and a strong finish to the soccer season.

The men's rugby team is headed to the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association (OCAA) championship this Saturday in Markham after a huge semi-final victory last weekend.

For the first time in five years the Fleming Knights and long time champions Seneca will not meet in

the league final.

Humber started the year strong by erasing the Sting's 46-game (five season) winning streak 17-9 on Sept. 17.

Coach Carey French believes the big win may have derailed Seneca's five-time championship defence.

"Winning is sometimes more stressful than losing," French said. Seneca fell hard in its playoff match 41-8, and ended up with a pedestrian regular season record (4-3).

Men's and women's cross country turned in great performances in last Saturday's provincial championship at George Brown.

Both squads swept the OCAA competition by winning twin gold

medals and three individual medals.

Humber's Lisa Lee (gold), Amie Leitch (bronze) and Mike Scipio (silver) were recognized for their strong races.

Scipio missed placing first overall by a mere three seconds. Assistant coach Monique Haan was thrilled by the Hawks' collective performance at the provincials and anticipates great things next week at nationals in Quebec.

"This team is ready to run. Their dedication throughout the season, their talent they bring to the sport and their bond they have formed together as a team is amazing to see and will definitely lead to an amaz-

ing finale to a great cross country season," she said.

Meanwhile, the men's (8-0-1) and women's (7-0-2) soccer teams headed into the OCAA playoffs last Friday after compiling very respectable regular season records.

The men moved on to Saturday afternoon's provincial title game after defeating George Brown 5-2 in the semi-finals the day before.

Although the men would end up losing the championship game against the now three-time defending champion Algonquin Thunder, head coach Germain Sanchez was encouraged by the team's resiliency.

"With almost a new team, we were able to finish first in our nine

team division...(qualifying) to the final four," he said.

The women's soccer team also won a provincial medal last weekend.

The women pulled together a day after losing a hard fought semi-final 2-1 versus Algonquin last Friday.

The Hawks defeated Fanshawe 2-0 and ended the season by winning the OCAA bronze medal.

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# NEWS

"I like pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals." – Winston Churchill – [www.quotationspage.com](http://www.quotationspage.com).

## Mayor Miller talks to journalism students

**Matt Shilton**  
NEWS REPORTER

Mayor David Miller paid a visit to a group of about 70 aspiring Humber journalism students yesterday morning, talking about a variety of concerns and local issues.

After his initial speech, the floor opened up for a question and answer period.

Many of the students questions focused on transit. Miller suggested that the school administration buy the VIP Green Pass, which stands for Volume Incentive Pass. This is where an organization buys adult metro passes in bulk which would result in 'significant discounts.' As well, Miller said that the 'U Pass', which will include transit costs in university and college tuition, would be in place by next September. Although it will benefit students who commute, those who don't take transit, will still be charged for a 'U Pass' in their tuition fee's.

Also mentioned by the mayor, was the idea of dedicated streetcar lines that go from remote areas of the city to the downtown core. He used Ottawa's transit system as an example of what works well.

"They have express buses and their own roads that get down town like this," Miller said, snapping his fingers. "And they come every five minutes."

The city wants to have a train that goes from Union Station to

Pearson International Airport without cutting off the small businesses in Weston. Miller said other possible alternatives for expanding Toronto's transit system that the mayor mentioned were using the hydro corridors in the north end of the city as an east-west route.

"You could go from somewhere near here all the way to Scarborough by bus or streetcar pretty quickly," he said. "So you've got rapid transit across the north connecting to the north-south lines."

Miller said places like Humber are transit-neglected. Drawing back to the Ottawa example again, he said places like northwest Etobicoke and northeast Scarborough are areas that need buses running on their own roads, and streetcars running in their own right of way.

"The key for people is that you have a reliable service so your bus or streetcar comes every five to seven minutes and you know it's going to be there. And the service is also rapid."

The mayor outlined some of his views on other topics such as the economy and livability, as well as turning Toronto into an environmental leader amongst other major cities.

"While national governments are dithering in cities, you really see the effects of smog and climate change," he said. "I think it's incumbent upon the city of Toronto to be a leader."

The topic of Toronto's garbage



Nick Kyonka

**Chisoni Clarke, third-year journalism student, questions Mayor David Miller.**

dilemma came up and according to Miller, incinerating the city's garbage in Peel Region is not cost-effective.

"Incinerating in Peel costs more than twice what Toronto pays to trek its garbage to Michigan. For the annual difference, we could build a St. Clair streetcar right of way."

Toronto's Island Airport, the future of the Gardiner Expressway, cleansing the city of graffiti and the mayors cultural icons were also discussed. He cited Niel Young and Bruce Springsteen as his cultural heroes, while Tommy Douglas, who introduced public medicare to Canada in the 1940's and was the first leader of the NDP, was his

political icon.

Despite the Nov. 13 election coming up, the visit was not a campaign stop but more of a mock editorial meeting for the journalism students. This is usually when leaders of political parties come to a news organization and have an open discussion on their views.



Nick Kyonka

**A construction crew works to fix a cut electrical line, which cut Rez power.**

## Lights out in residence

**Meaghan McBride**  
NEWS REPORTER

Students living in Residence were in the dark most of Monday after a contractor accidentally cut an electrical line.

According to David Griffin, operations and maintenance manger at Rez, the contractor was installing a gas line into the new arboretum being built and he accidentally cut the electrical line that provides electricity to Residence.

The power first shut off at around 10 a.m. It was at this time that all emergency electric lights were automatically turned on and Residence staff met to make plans for what could potentially happen.

"The main thing we want to do is make sure that people were safe," said Residence Manager Michael Kopinak.

"We were fortunate enough that there wasn't a whole lot we had to do. There was enough food and emergency power to get us through," Kopinak said.

Although the food that students could have from the residence cafeteria was limited to anything made on the grill, fryers or at Sandwich Central, there was also the option of going to the Pipes inside the school if students were desperate.

The cut electrical line did not affect the school's power.

Electricity was returned to Residence at around 5 p.m., at which time all things electrical had to be reset.

"It's kind of like resetting a clock, once the power goes back on there will be several power surges, so things have to be reset," Kopinak said.

The elevators as well as

several fire detectors in the T building were affected, but were fixed within hours of the power returning.

Residence is running on a generator while the broken line is fixed.

"Fixing the broken line is a big undertaking. It will be at least Friday before anything happens," Griffin said.

Life at Residence is continuing as usual and the transition from generator power back to normal power should be seamless.

## Correction

On Oct. 27, the *Humber EtCetera* wrote an incorrect name of a person in a picture in a story about Communities Advancing Valued Environments (CAVE). The person in the picture was Kristian Bonadie, head volunteer for CAVE.



On this day in 1755 an earthquake destroyed two-thirds of Lisbon, killing 60,000 people. – [www.reference.com](http://www.reference.com).

## Student killed in hit and run

Jen Cialini

SENIOR REPORTER

Nick Kyonka

SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

"He was extremely funny. If you met him, you would have liked him. You would have instantly been his friend."

This is the message echoed by friends and family of Andres Maldonado, the 19-year-old Humber student who was killed in a hit-and-run accident at the intersection of Hwy. 27 and Humber College Boulevard 12:30 a.m. Sunday.

"He'd be your friend in a minute. He would never judge anybody," said friend Chris Barnett. "There was nothing bad about him. He loved life."

Barnett and other friends described the first-year business marketing student as a joker who loved soccer and had great ambition. A Brampton resident, Maldonado also enjoyed watching movies and playing volleyball with his friends from school.

"We would always go out for lunch and for pizza and we went to see movies," Barnett said saying *Jackass 2* was the most recent film they had seen together.

"He thought it was the funniest movie he had ever seen."

Maldonado was more than a class clown, he had dreams of advancing at the Great Canadian Superstore, the grocery chain where he worked as a supervisor.

Friends said he wanted to work in the head office and was excited about a recent inter-

view with a company executive.

"He was so pumped about it," Barnett said. "He loved it there. He wanted to make it so everyone shopped there."

Yesterday, the Superstore in Brampton lowered its flag to half mast in honour of Maldonado.

His cousin Byron Ramirez described him as an enthusiastic, dedicated clown who got along great with his parents.

"I can't sum it up. He was so dedicated to his work. He really wanted to progress in life.

**"He really liked making people laugh and he made everyone smile."**

-Michael Lo  
Friend

He made work fun for himself and those around him," he recalled.

Ramirez said the family was touched by the number of people who came to the funeral service yesterday.

"He reached out to a lot of people," he said last night. "I was surprised at how many people he opened up to. At the viewing, the parking lot was full, the side streets were full. It was packed."

It was only Maldonado's first semester at Humber, but he was already known for making jokes and drawing funny pictures.

"He really liked making people laugh and he made everyone smile," said friend

Michael Lo. "He was always telling random jokes and he liked to draw pictures. He was a happy kid."

Dressed as a nun, Maldonado, Barnett and other friends arrived at the North Campus student residence for a Halloween party, but because Maldonado did not have ID he was not allowed in. Telling friends he would get a ride home to pick up the needed identification, Maldonado said he would call when got back to the residence. That call never came.

"I didn't believe it at first," said Barnett. "He was too happy to die. We never got the call. It all happened within five minutes."

Police say Maldonado was crossing against a red light from the west to the east side of Hwy. 27 at Humber College Boulevard at about 12:30 a.m. Sunday morning when, according to witnesses, he was struck by a car traveling northbound in the left lane. The impact caused Maldonado to fall into the right lane where he was run over by another car.

Maldonado died before paramedics arrived.

The driver of the second car failed to remain at the scene of the collision. It is believed the person drove a gold or beige



Courtesy

Andres Maldonado (left) poses with Chris Burnett just hours before his death Sunday.

car, similar to a Pontiac Grand AM. Police are investigating the accident and appeal to call 416-808-1900 or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS with information.

As for Barnett and several of Maldonado's other friends, they will return to class today, carrying on with life after losing the one they called "Pablo."

"To me, it hasn't sunk in yet," Barnett said. "I haven't been to class yet and he hasn't not been there yet. It will probably sink in when I go to class."

"I'd love to see him again. I need to laugh again."

## Child abuse prevention

Natalie Gooyers

LIFE REPORTER

Matt Shilton

NEWS REPORTER

Students wandering the halls last week may have noticed an increase in the colour purple.

Early childhood education (ECE) students were selling cell-phone charms, purple ribbons, bracelets and t-shirts as well as handing out information on child abuse prevention as part of the Go Purple For Prevention Campaign.

**"Everyone in society is legally bound to report suspected child abuse. It's important for people working with children especially."**

-Julie Valerio  
ECE faculty

"October has traditionally been child abuse prevention month, but many people don't know that," said Karyn Kennedy of the Toronto Child Abuse Centre. "So we decided to bring more awareness with the campaign."

Purple has traditionally been the colour of child abuse prevention.

"To us it symbolizes courage and bravery, which is what it takes for a child to come forward and for other people to report abuse," Kennedy said.

She said Humber students volunteered earlier in the school year at a Toronto Maple Leafs hockey game and raised \$1,800 by selling purple ribbons.

This is the second year the ECE program has been involved in Go Purple.

As part of their first-year studies, Humber ECE students are required to participate in the campaign, either designing posters, selling purple bracelets or baking pastry treats.

"It's part of our responsibility to be advocates for children," said first-year student Meghan Hurley.

ECE faculty member Julie Valerio, who is partly responsible for getting Humber involved in the campaign said, "Everyone in society is legally bound to report suspected child abuse. It's important for people working with children especially."

She said people need to know children have the same rights as adults.

Students had tables set up throughout the week, although Oct. 24 was Humber's official Go Purple day when student volunteers in purple shirts held a bake sale in addition to selling the charms, ribbons and bracelets donated by the Toronto Child Abuse Centre and Peel Children's Aid Society.

Last year, \$20,000 was raised through the Go Purple campaign for the centre.

## GTA police chiefs talk to future officers

Matt Shilton

NEWS REPORTER

Leadership was the topic when police chiefs from three separate jurisdictions visited Humber's police foundation students last week.

Toronto's Chief of Police Bill Blair, Chief Larry Gravill of the Waterloo Regional Police Service, and Deputy Chief Mike Ewles of Durham Regional Police made up the panel.

The panel discussed the future of policing as well. Blair spoke about how police services across the country are recruiting officers of all nationalities. They want a force that represents its community and has the language skills required to meet the diverse cultural needs of the city.

Once each police chief had spoken, topics such as the amalgamation of all GTA police forces, gun registry and community relations were discussed with listeners.

Former Toronto police officer Frank Travato, now a Humber professor, organized the event along with Sgt. John Kelly of the Toronto Police and Ian Smith, principal of Lakeshore Campus.

Police foundations students, professors, police officers and students from Humber's new



Matt Shilton

From left to right, Toronto Chief of Police Bill Blair, Waterloo Regional Police Chief Larry Gravill, Professor Stephan Nancoo, Principal of Lakeshore Campus Dr. Ian Smith, Durham Regional Police Deputy Chief Mike Ewles, Toronto Police Supt. Ken Cenzura, and Professor and coordinator of college and university affairs Frank Travato.

advanced leadership course attended the discussion.

"For the first time ever, all police agencies and especially Toronto police, have ventured outside their own insular organization to seek help and expand," Travato said. "They no longer call it training. They call it training and education and they literally mean that."

The Toronto Police Service has agreed to a five-year contract with Humber to teach a series of courses to police officers in leadership. This is part of a new approach the Toronto Police Service is taking.

Humber's leadership program is now responsible for the education and training of all front line supervisors, middle managers and all

senior managers of the Toronto Police Service. The course focuses on leadership skills and ethical decision making.

The new approach being taken by the Toronto Police Service is also being taken by many other police services. The idea is to go from the bottom up, building relations with the community by using the uniform patrol officers.

Blair said, "The reason that a police service exists is to keep our community safe. In order to do that, we need two very important things. We need to have the trust of the people that we serve. They also have to have confidence in our competence, that we have the ability to get the job done."



# NEWS

Ernest Vincent Wright wrote *Gadsby*, a novel with over 50,000 words. None of the words contained the letter "e" – [www.berro.com](http://www.berro.com).



Christine Teskey

Bagpipers entertained the awards ceremony for hospitality, recreation and tourism students.

## Restauranters see student excellence

Christine Teskey  
NEWS REPORTER

The School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism hosted an evening to celebrate student excellence, with special guests Etobicoke North MP Roy Cullen and restaurant owners Michael Bonacini and Peter Oliver.

*"This is one of the biggest experiences of the year."*

— Anna Kulinski,  
Tourism and hospitality management

The awards night on Oct. 24 started with a reception in the Humber Room. Students receiving awards mingled with donors and industry partners.

Anna Kulinski, co-ordinator of tourism and hospitality management, said "This is one of the

biggest experiences of the year. It's most exciting seeing students getting acknowledged."

An awards presentation in the lecture theatre began with a full bagpipe band leading a procession of students into the room.

The first award was the industry strategic leadership award presented to Michael Bonacini of Oliver Bonacini Restaurants.

Peter Oliver, the host of the event and Bonacini are owners of six upscale eateries in Toronto, including Canoe and Square.

Bonacini said his group of restaurants were named one of the 50 top places to work.

Charity Ndiraire, 27, a second-semester hospitality and hotel management student, received the Ontario Tourism Education Corporation's (OTEC) Lifelong Learning Award for demonstrating ongoing learning by re-entering

the college program from the workplace.

She says that she would not have got her job at the Toronto Hilton without the hands-on experience during her training.

Exchange student Chih-Wei Chang from Kaoshiung University in Taiwan, was honoured with the Mandarin Restaurant award and the Andre Rousseau Memorial Award.

Hotel and restaurant graduate Susan Webber came back to receive her internship award for her program. "I'm now serving in my home town of Burlington at a fine dining restaurant," she said.

Etobicoke North MP Roy Cullen presented the Labatt Brewery's of Canada Community of Etobicoke Scholarship to Mauricio Alfaro, a hospitality management student for his high academic achievement and his volunteer work.

## Eco Humber picks up trash for the environment

Sofia Gallo  
NEWS REPORTER

Dozens of students gathered around the Humber Amphitheatre last Wednesday in hopes of getting a free lunch.

Eco Humber, a club on campus, hosted a free barbeque to promote environmental awareness. They gave free food to students who picked up garbage. "Eat-up and clean-up" was their logo.

"We were thinking of clean-ups that we could do," said Dominique Brasche, an environmental technology student. "We thought that the campus is dirty now, so we might as well do it before the snow covers everything."

Eco Humber's goal was to clean up most of the Arboretum, and if

students were dedicated enough, they would make their way to the Humber parking lots, where a lot of litter has accumulated.

About 40 bags of garbage and recycling were picked up by students, said Robbie Levin, an environmental technology student.

Eco Humber also had a crew clean up the Humber River where they found four shopping carts along with other trash, said Dan Seguin, president of Eco Humber.

The club hopes to create awareness of global environmental issues.

"We are investigating the energy uses and materials, for example, styrofoam used by the catering companies – it's a big source of pollution and not recyclable," Brasche said.

He said he believes Toronto is facing a huge energy crisis, since more coal-fired power plants and gas plants are being built. "With the increased burning of carbon-based fuels, greenhouse gases are being released at such a rate that the earth is heating at 1.3 degrees Celsius a year," Brasche said.

"We have stopped environmental issues before. It's more an issue of delayed action people kid themselves by thinking technology will work it out, but it won't."

It starts with personal action. Something as small as a spiral halogen light bulb will save energy within two months and it should last three years.

"Turn off the tap, turn off the light, take the stairs not the elevator," Brasche said.

## Recruits from around the world

Patrick Luciani  
NEWS REPORTER

In an effort to add diversity to Humber's classrooms, school officials travel around the globe to recruit international students.

Amanda Koski and Letecia Saunders are two of the many recruiters at Humber's International Student Centre.

"We just do different countries within the world. So rather than having one person trying to be responsible for the entire globe, we split it up into sections," said Koski, who is mainly in charge of Asia, the United States, the Caribbean and parts of Africa.

Annesha Ollivierre, 19, a Business Administration student who came here from the U.S. said she is impressed with Humber's state of the art technology. She said, "My dad's friend from St. Vincent and the Grenadines went here. He told me it was a very good school and suggested I go here." She says she is pleased with her decision.

Koski said, "We just started this past January or February going into parts of Africa. I've done Nigeria, Kenya and Mauritius so far. We picked them based on where we are already getting students from. Hopefully, we will expand in the next year. We are looking at Ghana as a possible country."

Saunders is responsible for recruitment in Korea, India, Pakistan, the Middle East, South Central Latin America and a portion of Europe, including Turkey, Russia, Sweden and Norway.

"We don't do a lot of Europe," Koski said. "If [students] are looking for an out-of-country experience, it is very easy for them to go to another European country. So we look at the different markets because we know that, for students from Russia and Turkey, they are looking to go to North America."

Saunders said they recruit in Norway and Sweden due to their

generous student loan programs.

"It is almost expected for most students (from Sweden), that they are going to travel abroad and they would be willing to consider farther options."

Humber also recruits international students within Canada by visiting language schools and high schools that cater to international students.

Koski said, "There is a lot of planning involved in recruitment. We start looking at what events we want to attend and looking at agents or overseas reps we'd like to work with. We also start looking at advertising opportunities in conjunction with fairs, looking at institutions and schools overseas that we want to visit."

The centre then presents a proposed budget to the finance department, who determines how much the school should spend on recruitment.

Koski and Saunders said there are many benefits to having international students attend Humber, especially by adding different world views to each classroom.

"There are some financial benefits to having international students here on campus," Koski said. "They do pay a higher tuition fee than a Canadian student because we don't get government funding or anything for an international student."

The approach recruiters take varies from country to country.

"In some countries, we'll do a recruitment fair," Koski said. "Sometimes (the fair) could be strictly colleges from Canada, or as broad as education and work from any country. I'll do fairs where there are 10 booths, and I'll do fairs where there are 300 to 400 booths."

Recruiters also visit international schools teaching Canadian curriculum overseas or host alumni events where former Humber students who have returned to their native country speak to prospective students about the college and all it has to offer.

	Country	Number of Students
1	India	246
2	South Korea	88
3	China	46
4	Jamaica	24
5	Trinidad & Tobago	22
6	United States	18
7	Japan	18
8	Guyana	17
9	Vietnam Republic	14

Top 10 countries Humber's international students are from.



"Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former" – Albert Einstein, [www.quotations.com](http://www.quotations.com).

## Tech dean retires

Liz Balsom  
NEWS REPORTER

Robert Moulton is retiring as the Dean of the School of Applied Technology after more than 20 years at Humber.

When asked why he was leaving, he simply and humorously responded it was because he was an old man.

"It's basically about that time," he said.

Moulton has been the dean since about 1996, heading up the various applied technology programs which range from air conditioning and refrigeration engineering technician to wireless and telecommunications technology. His specialty is Hydrography, a method of charting and navigation for ships that is no longer popular.

Since his time here, technology programs at Humber have advanced significantly.

"The growth has been substantial. I guess we've probably grown about one thousand students," Moulton said. "Primarily we've really grown in the apprenticeship area."

Moulton has worked on and off at Humber since the early '80s and has seen a lot of changes.

"We now have a manufacturing center that allows us to go right from design to manufacture, and I think that's a big step forward," he said.

Having this kind of technology right in the school allows students to experience all the different sides to their program.

"We have industrial design students who design a product, and we actually manufacture it, and automate it and package it right in house. So students get a chance to work with other programs and learn from each of their specialties," he said.

Although Moulton has seen several positive changes to the school of technology since he's worked here, there are other aspects of the programs that have not improved.

"Well, I think the funding is probably one of the biggest [problems]. Funding is continuously eroded and it is harder and harder to do business, especially in technology, where you need to capitalize your labs," he said.

Moulton said he sees the program getting bigger in the future because the demand for people with technology education is rising.

Joe Tomona, associate dean for the School of Applied Technology had the same insights about the program.

"We will continue to strive to be the best, and offer the best technology programs in Canada," he said. "The workplace demands this week's skills."

Moulton said he enjoyed his time at Humber, especially working with faculty, developing new programs and of course, the students.

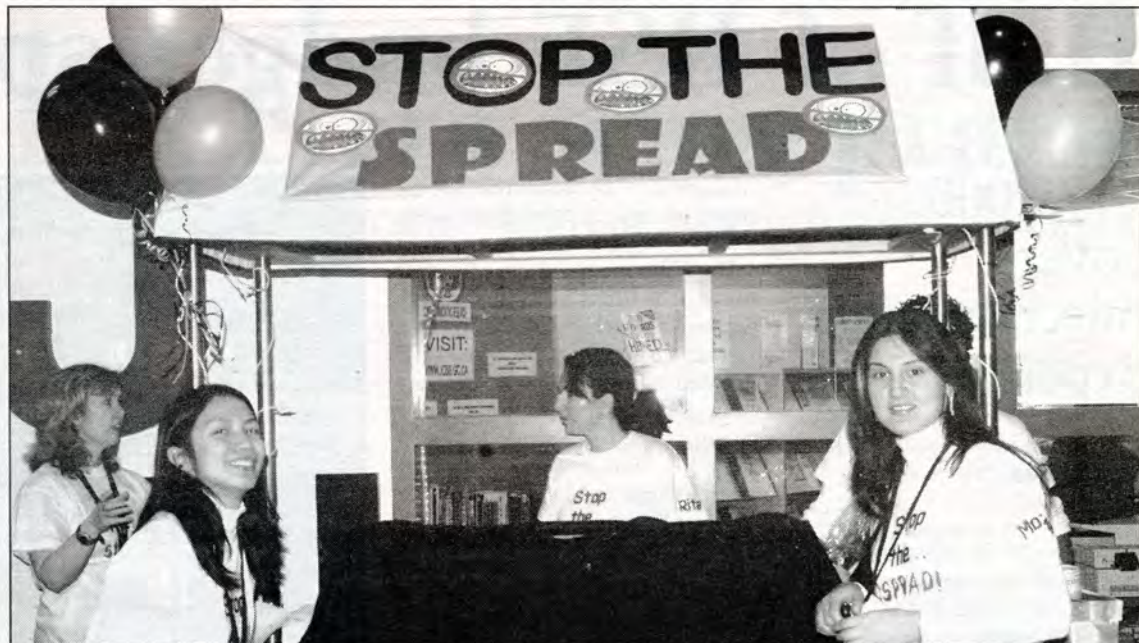
"It's always great to see students who come back and pop in and see us after ten years and find out that they're doing well," he said. "They're contributing to society, and having a good time, and actually thanking us for what we've done for them."

He will be leaving Humber at the end of this semester.

Tomona had mixed feelings about Moulton's retirement.

"It's terrible. He's our patriarch," he said.

"We've worked together so long. I'll be sorry to see him go. I mean, I'm happy for him. You know he's going to have a chance to do all the things that retired guys do. It's the end of an era I guess. Bob's been a really great dean for a long time," Tomona said.



Drew deSouza

Nursing students set up a hand testing station to see how clean Humber students' hands are.

## Dirty hands can't hide the ink

Drew deSouza  
NEWS REPORTER

The nursing program ran its Stop the Spread campaign last Thursday and Friday asking students to put their hands under a black light to see how dirty they really were.

"We need to wash our hands for 15 seconds," said Glenda Guarin, a third-year nursing student at the booth. "We educate students and staff on how long they have to wash their hands and the areas that most people miss, like in between their fingers and around their nails."

The campaign was part of nursing students' community clinical project. With black light ink, students were asked to wash their hands and when they returned, they were judged based on how much ink remained.

Guarin expressed concern over the state of students' hands at Humber.

"Even if [people] know they're in

a test they still don't wash their hands properly," Guarin said.

Over the course of two days, the nursing students also compiled data on how clean people's hands were.

There were 195 students who participated in the hand-washing experiment. They were divided into four categories.

The results showed that 30.8 per cent were rated as having very clean hands upon washing them, 30.8 per cent had clean hands, 21 per cent had moderate hands and 17.4 per cent were rated as having dirty hands even after washing them.

According to the Health Canada website, washing hands is the single most important way to prevent infections from viruses, bacteria and the flu.

Natalia Goltsman, a first-year business administration student, said the black light booth is an excellent idea after witnessing the leftover black-light ink on her hands.

"This is a really, really good way to remind people to take the time (to wash their hands) because eventually we forget to take the 15 seconds to do this," Goltsman said.

The black light box is one half of the Stop the Spread campaign. The other one is the free flu vaccination, hosted by the nursing students on Nov 23, 24 and 25.

## Death to the tuition freeze

Melissa Candelaria  
NEWS REPORTER

Standing in front of a coffin that reads Rest in Peace Affordable Post-Secondary Education, students across the GTA performed a mock funeral Monday.

"Students are gathered here... at Queen's Park to mourn the death of affordable post-secondary education in Ontario," said Jesse Greener, Ontario chairperson of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS).

Students marched from the downtown campus of University of Toronto to Queen's Park.

"The killing blow was dealt by [Premier] Dalton McGuinty's government when the tuition freeze was cancelled," Greener said.

Greener presented the eulogy on behalf of students from University of Toronto, York University,

Ryerson University and George Brown College.

Although CFS is open to everyone, the Humber Students' Federation is not a member of the group and was not involved.

"Students and their families were told that the McGuinty liberals would freeze tuition fees for no less than two years," Greener said. "That dialogue was not legitimate and the tuition freeze was cancelled prematurely."

According to a CFS media release, tuition has increased by five to eight per cent this fall.

About 25,000 students signed a petition to bring back the tuition freeze, which was presented to MPPs.

Ami Kaur, 21, a computer programming student at Humber is an international student.

"It's unfair for students, they are struggling a lot," she said. Kaur

said she pays about \$5,000 per semester, which is more than the average \$2,000 a Canadian student pays for the same program.

Jeremy Salter, president of Continued Education Student Association of Ryerson and part-time student of the not for profit management program, said the main reason for the funeral was to raise awareness of high levels of debt students are facing.

Yusuf Rehman, 20, a general arts and science student, said "It shows we're not going to get dicked around." Rehman also said the tuition increase will only deter people from going to school at all.

According to the CFS website, McGuinty announced in a public address at Carleton University on Sept. 30, 2005 that the tuition freeze will be lifted. The official announcement wasn't released until early March of this year.



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# NEWS

On this day in 1848, the Boston Female Medical School, the first medical school for women in U.S.A., opened in Boston, Massachusetts. — Encarta

## Half of HSF budget spent on salaries

**\$175,000 covers miscellaneous expenses**

**Adam Mc Lean**  
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Student Federation spent over \$1.4 million between April 2005 to April 2006.

An HSF budget statement shows that of the \$1.4 million, close to half was spent on HSF salaries, while the second highest payout of administrative expenses went to miscellaneous, at over \$175,000.

Webster's dictionary defines miscellaneous (adjective) as: consisting of diverse things or members.

In 2006 the HSF defined miscellaneous as improvements and repairs made to the amphitheatre and Student Centre due to flood damage, improving food bank facilities at Lakeshore Campus and technological repairs around the school.

"It is money for different things that come up. Really it's just unforeseen costs that add up during the school year," said HSF President Cynthia

Malagerio. "If computers breakdown we have to cover that cost as well."

The HSF also spent over \$75,000 on what is listed as repairs, maintenance and other.

Salary spending by the HSF jumped to over \$650,000 this past year, and is expected to increase again, as the work study program which encourages student employment on campus looks to receive additional funding.

Work study ran out of money late last school year, leaving departments throughout the school with no money to pay student workers.

Each enrolled Humber student pays roughly \$350 per semester in non-tuition related fees.

Over \$120 of the non-tuition fees go to the HSF for what is listed as student activities, student development and assorted health insurance.

"Money paid by students through tuition is invested into (savings) accounts that have a higher interest rate, so that we are not using just our principle," Malagerio said.

Taylor Bell, a first-year multimedia design student, said the HSF should put miscellaneous money towards another computer lab.

When asked about \$120 of the \$350 non-tuition fees students pay

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—Taylor Bell  
Humber student



Nick Kyonka

Alan Desimple, VP Administration North, is one of the HSF executives who handles the budget.

that go to the HSF he said, "It sounds like a lot of money. I didn't know it was that much, but if it is being used, well then, that sounds okay."

The amount of non-tuition fees are set during a meeting of Humber's board of governors, whom represent different facilities throughout the school. There, the student fees are agreed

upon, coinciding with what is deemed as improvement to the atmosphere and facility of Humber College.

During these meetings the student population is represented by a single student government representative, a position in which elections are held every year.

Only 80 students voted this

year.

"I really think its important that students remember to vote for a board of governors representative, because (that person) is really the only voice of the student population deciding what our money will be spent on, and just how much will be spent," Malagerio said. "Having only 80 people vote this year is sad."

## Alumnus helping build community centre in Guyana

**Humber grad Kristian Bonadie helps run kids' programs**

**Margaret Murphy**  
NEWS REPORTER

Humber grad Kristian Bonadie created a building project for the community of Aishalton after visiting three villages in southern Guyana this summer.

Bonadie visited Guyana with a group of 30 people on a mission trip with his church.

"We ran children's programs and helped finish building a church," he said.

After spending some time with the people in these communities, he came up with the idea to get a team of volunteers together to build a community centre. The trip to build it is scheduled for

next August.

Bonadie graduated from police foundations in April and now volunteers with Communities Advancing Valued Environments (CAVE). He is the leader of this project.

Arthur Lockhart, a police foundations professor and board of directors member for CAVE said the project has everything to do with the Canadian Student Institution.

"To have students from police foundations be leaders in communities and to have students nationally and internationally share their initiatives . . . is exactly what Kristian has done," Lockhart said.

Since his return Bonadie has been working together with CAVE to make the community centre project happen. The land has already been purchased and now they need to recruit people to build the team.

Bonadie said they're looking for

a maximum of 30 volunteers, but if 50 people are interested they'll try to work it out. The problem with having too many volunteers is getting everyone to Guyana.

**"I want to see that the people in the community would be able to use the centre to engage and empower the youth and kids in that area . . . to start their own leadership programs."**

—Kristian Bonadie

"To get into the interior of Guyana is a tough journey. We would need extra boats," Bonadie said.

A budget of \$115,000 has been outlined for the trip, excluding the

\$75,000 it will cost to stock the community centre with supplies. They hope to install a gym floor, basketball nets and sewing machines.

Most of the money will come from sponsors and grants, but CAVE will also be doing some fundraising.

"CAVE will fund the project and everything will be paid for like housing and food, but we're making [volunteers] pay for the trip. We don't want people to think it's a free ride just like a vacation," Bonadie said.

Lockhart said sometimes when community projects are started it becomes about the money, but he feels that money is an illusion.

"There's always a way to get money, and having people donate building supplies instead of money is just as good," Lockhart said.

He said Lakeshore's Gatehouse, a centre for adults who were abused

as children, is an example of this. When Lockhart wanted to have the gatehouse restored it was quoted at costing \$300,000, but in the end it only cost \$10,000 because of the help people in the community offered.

Bonadie said his main focus for the Guyana project will be to get the student volunteers to have an amazing experience in leadership.

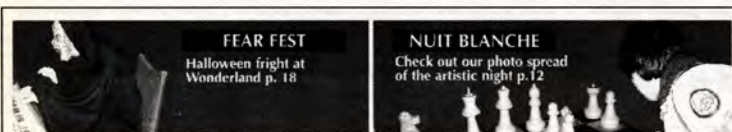
"I want to see that the people in the community would be able to use the centre to engage and empower the youth and kids in that area . . . to start their own leadership programs," Bonadie said.

This is all to work towards CAVE's goal of bringing people in communities together.

For students who are interested, there will be a meeting held next Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Lakeshore Campus. For details on the meeting call Kristian Bonadie at 416-802-2283.



A Texan man who accidentally locked himself inside a liquor store while trying to rob it was forced to sit and wait for police to come let him out – *KXAN News.*

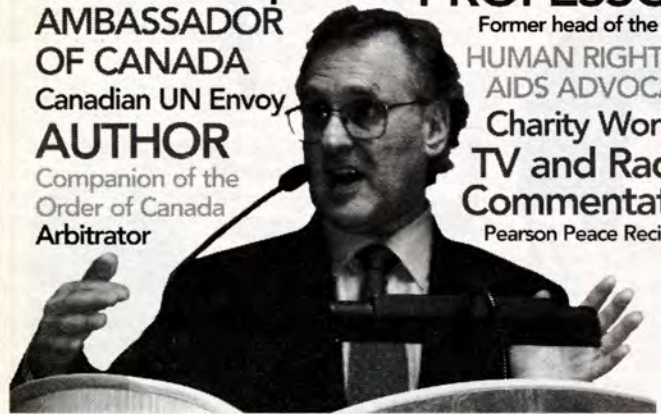


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### Lewis urges students to fight AIDS in Africa **Women and children first**

**By Kate Walker**  
**NEWS REPORTER**

Stephen Lewis, the former Canadian ambassador and international champion of AIDS research and treatment, urged Humber students this week to put pressure on the Canadian government to help ease the pandemic killing thousands of African women and children.

"All these young women dying for no reason and so could get a step to it... please help to put a stop to it... from my own 300 people at an hour-long speech at the recently finished conference at Humber's North Toronto. His message was the battle against HIV/AIDS cannot be won without a change in the way support is given to African women.

"The struggle for gender equality is the single most important struggle on the face of the planet," he said.

"Millions of people are dying unnecessarily," he said speaking of the lack of action and attention towards the AIDS pandemic in Africa. Gender equality for said cause of the major success existing against the African situation. Lewis cited the empowerment of women and the ability to "change male predatory sexual behaviour" as a step towards the greater battle against AIDS and HIV.

He speaks also to those who are not infected by the virus. He touched upon the importance of condom use to reduce the risk of AIDS transmission as well as the rising popularity of circumcision to reduce passing on the virus.

"Virus rates are lower in countries with circumcised men," he noted.

"It's important that we are listening to the circumstances... I said there is no circumstance and what followed was an urge of male leadership."

At the International AIDS conference held in Eastern Africa in August, the alarming statistic was released that showed girls and women account for 77 per cent of those infected in Africa.

Lewis said the situation is more critical in Africa than anywhere else because women have no autonomy and no resources at which they can act. He said it is not a part of the culture.

He criticized the United Nations lack of attention to the international plight of women.

"We don't have a single local agency for everything except to represent the needs and voice of over 50 per cent of the population. It's completely out of control. It's impossible," he said.

The noted 200,000 children died last year of the virus because there is little to no appropriate treatment available for them. At the same time, he said, 200,000 children were infected.

It only now that treatments for children are being developed.

As well, HIV-infected mothers in Africa transfer the virus to their babies during the delivery. Lewis pointed out that this would not happen in the western hemisphere.

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# Et Cetera wins praise

## Humber's paper ranks high at North American expo

**Jen Cialini**  
**SENIOR REPORTER**

*Humber Et Cetera* showcased Canadian talent by winning third place for best in show tabloid at the 85th Annual National College Media Convention last week.

The event took place in St. Louis, Mo., attracting over 2,500 participants.

Publications were judged on design, content, stories, photos, art direction, editing and headlines.

"I'm never surprised when we win. The work we do here is exceptional. Sometimes I'm surprised when we don't win," said Journalism Program Coordinator Terri Arnott.

"I'm always pleased to have student work recognized. We know we're good and now the rest of North America also knows we're good."

The newsroom staff chose an October issue of the paper featuring Stephen Lewis to represent them.

"An interesting graphic on the front page helped it to get noticed and made the judges stop and look," Arnott said.

The *Et Cetera* was the only Canadian publication participat-

ing in this convention. Several years ago, Arnott was looking for a way to display student talent outside of college.

"It's important for students to get some respect for the work they do," Arnott said.

She felt students deserved some bragging rights for a job well done and submitted Humber publications to the contest.

She also teaches seminars at the event, training faculty how to advise magazines.

Arnott is a member of the Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers, both of which hosted the convention.

This is the first best in show award for the *Et Cetera*, but both the newspaper and magazines at Humber have won in the past.

The *Et Cetera* won the Pacemaker Award before which means the publication sets the pace and tone for the student press in North America.

The other categories are newspaper pacemaker, online pacemaker, story of the year, photo excellence, design of the year, reporter of the year and cartooning awards.

Harvard University, Boston College, University of Miami and Northwestern University were just

some of the other schools that participated.

A plaque will be awarded to the newsroom in recognition of their success.

"Editors and reporters all get a share in this award. Everyone can say the work they did won the award and add it to their resume," Arnott said.

**Et Cetera Highlights of 2006**

**Columbia Scholastic Press Association Awards**

- Second place: Cartoon portfolio
- Second place: News page design
- Merit certificate: News page design

**Ontario Community Newspaper Association Awards**

- First place: General excellence
- First place: News Story of the Year

## Province pushes Ottawa

**Kevin Da Rosa**  
**NEWS REPORTER**

The Ontario government wants the federal government to pick up its fair share of the tab over the costs of the Caledonia natives' standoff.

The Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, David Ramsay, said resolving Aboriginal land claims is the responsibility of the federal government.

"We're asking the federal government to take a stronger leadership role when it comes to the negotiations themselves," he said in a phone interview. He added to date, the costs "have been totally borne by the province."

Ramsay says it's not the province's responsibility to be settling land claims. "We've had to step in to do this because of the occupation. It sort of came on us to keep the peace and disentangle people."

John Steckley, a liberal arts and science instructor who teaches a First Nations course at Humber, agrees.

"It's in the Indian Act that this is a federal responsibility first and foremost," Steckley said, who himself was adopted into an Aboriginal family of the Wyandot Nation.

He added that all treaties, including the treaty for the disputed lands in Caledonia, made with Aboriginal peoples were signed by the federal government.

"This whole thing [was] a federal issue from day one," he said.

But Conservative aboriginal affairs critic Norm Miller believes the government is trying to shift the issue's focus to Ottawa.

"Why, all of a sudden now, are they looking for costs?" Miller said. "Why would they not have made an agreement with the federal government at a very early stage as to who is responsible for what, in terms of costs? I think it's more just trying to divert attention from the significantly increasing cost that [is] involved with the Caledonia situation."

Miller said his party has estimated the land dispute so far has cost the province \$55 million. According to him, the government's demand for money is a cover-up of the government's lack of progress on the dispute.

Ramsay said he would be meeting with federal Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Jim Prentice this week to discuss the issue and hopefully move the negotiations along.

He said there has been some progress in the Caledonia negotiations.

A 100-foot buffer zone was established four weeks ago to separate residents who live near the occupied land and the Six Nations protesters.

The dispute is over land in Haldimand County, located south of Hamilton, that was slated to be developed.

The aboriginal protestors say the land was taken away from them two centuries ago.

## A Humber for All

**Humber wants to remind you that**

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# EDITORIAL

"I still have the nightmares. I see the same person who tortured me in my dreams" – Maher Arar, Canadian citizen.

## Safety is a shared responsibility

A 19-year-old man was clipped by a car while crossing against a red light at the Humber College Boulevard and Hwy. 27 intersection and was ran over by a second driver as he lay in the street. The first driver stopped to check on the victim but the second driver failed to remain at the scene. As of press time for *Humber Et Cetera*, the driver of the second vehicle has not come forward to claim responsibility for the hit and run. The driver not only hit a pedestrian, they also committed a crime.

Drivers feel they shouldn't have to stop for those crossing the road in mid-traffic and some pedestrians feel they should be able to cross the street whenever the way is clear. The truth is, both parties would be correct. According to the Highway Traffic Act in Ontario, it's perfectly legal to cross the street whenever and wherever desired. Only two legal restrictions exist: 1) pedestrians must yield to motorized traffic and 2) if someone is near a marked traffic control (light, crosswalk, stop sign) it must be used. The act doesn't specify the distance in question, so it remains a matter of judgment. In downtown Toronto, as soon as vehicles begin to slow, pedestrians step out into traffic causing drivers to brake or shout obscenities out the window.

While drivers bare the brunt of responsibility when someone is struck crossing the street, pedestrians must also be aware of oncoming traffic when crossing at undesignated areas. The concept is basic enough but unfortunately pedestrian and vehicle accidents happen too often.

As of July this year, 20 pedestrians have been killed on Toronto streets. According to the Toronto Transport Services, of the 20 killed, seven were killed at intersections by turning vehicles, six were jaywalking and six ran or walked into traffic, trying to catch a bus or walking off a streetcar. Almost half of all pedestrian-car related accidents occur at intersections, exactly where drivers and pedestrians should expect to meet.

Traffic safety should be a major area of awareness for students crossing the street to and from school. The dangers of crossing the street may be obvious but are often overlooked. It's easy to blame pedestrians who dart across the street but drivers who speed through intersections and yellow lights bare just as much fault. Road safety should be a shared responsibility and should not pit driver against pedestrian in a war for the roadway.

The intersection has been notorious for people who choose to cross on the turning light rather than wait for the full green but when someone is hit and left lying in the street the driver should stop.

## An apology should be a priority

When a government deports an innocent man to a foreign country it should apologize. When an innocent man spends a year of his life being tortured in a Syrian prison because he was mistakenly labeled a terrorist, the government who sent him there should get on its knees and beg for forgiveness.

Last week U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice wrote a letter to Foreign Affairs Minister Peter Mackay in response to Canada's official protest over Maher Arar's deportation. In 2002 Arar was detained at the U.S. border and eight days later was deported to Syria after being misidentified as a terrorist. Rice's letter said the U.S. would consult Ottawa the next time they planned to deport a Canadian citizen to a third country.

The Canadian government responded by saying it was "satisfied" with the content of the letter and dropped the protest.

There was no apology to Arar on behalf of the U.S. in the letter. There has been no apology to Arar from any U.S. official since the results of the inquiry were released two months ago. As Arar's lawyer, Lorne Waldman, told the *Globe and Mail* last week, "If the (Canadian government) is going to be satisfied with that, there's really no point."

As a matter of principle, securing an apology for Arar from all parties involved should be a top priority for our government. As a Canadian citizen, Arar is entitled to the same rights and freedoms as any one of us. These rights are the basic principles that define what it is to be a Canadian.

Mackay stated this week that apologies to Arar would have to wait because there are at least two outstanding cases regarding the matter.

It is interesting that the courts would come up now, as the federal government tries to justify its decision to drop the protest.

Where were the courts when the U.S. deported Arar to Syria without due process?

The fact the Canadian government is no longer fighting for an apology is deplorable.

What's worse, after three years of fighting, Arar's freedoms are still being compromised.

A few weeks ago he was awarded a human rights prize for helping spark a global movement against torture. He did not accept his prize in person because the award ceremony was taking place in the U.S. It appears that two months after Arar's name was cleared by the Canadian government's inquiry, he remains on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's watch list.

And we're supposed to be satisfied?



## Word on the Street




**Adrien Sutherland**  
20, film and television

*"I probably would have said 'Nice tie'. I have a thing for ties."*



**Sarah Larabie**  
22, funeral services

*"Are you nervous about the election?"*



**Megan McGarr**  
20, funeral services

*"Could you please make a vacuum to suck up the smog?"*



**Asif Khowaja**  
19, business administration

*"Could you make lower bus fares for students?"*

What would you ask Mayor David Miller?

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"There has been many perk of be in this moviefilm ... I was one of judge on hit TV show, 'Kazakhstan's Next Top Prostitute'" – Borat.

## Kazakhstan is on the map, thanks to Borat



**Kat Hudson**  
LIFE EDITOR

"Women can now travel inside of bus. Homosexuals no longer have to wear blue hats. And age of consent has been raised to eight years old in glorious Kazakhstan."

These are the words of Borat, fictional Kazakh TV reporter and alter ego of British comedian Sasha Baron Cohen, whose movie *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan* hits theaters tomorrow.

The words are fiction, but the reactions are very real.

Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev is threatening legal action against the comedian. He says the Kazakh people are portrayed as anti-Semitic, homophobic chauvinists.

Unfortunately, the national picture painted by the fuming president is almost as ridiculous, and dare I say it, even funnier. Unintentionally, Nazarbayev has beat Borat at his own game: getting the world to laugh at Kazakhstan.

When Borat, dressed in a cheap gray suit and sporting a bushy handlebar mustache, was introduced as a spoof character on *Da Ali G Show*, he became a cult favourite by making bold statements in bumbling English.

"Please, captains of industry, I

invite you to come to Kazakhstan where we have incredible natural resources, hard working labour and some of the cleanest prostitutes in whole of central Asia," he said.

Challenge extended, challenge accepted.

In response, President Nazarbayev took out a four-page ad in *The New York Times* to shed some light on the real Kazakh triumphs.

Borat brags that Kazakh has the finest prostitutes? Well, the Kazakh embassy is certain they hold the central Asian title in something, but it isn't sex workers, it's something far more exciting: Pastrami sandwiches.

It's true. As published in *The New York Times* ad, Kazakhstan makes the most delicious spiced meat sandwiches in the region.

Take that Borat, a sobering shot of reality.

On one issue they agree though, the faux journalist said that his homeland boasted a wealth of natural resources.

Nazarbayev made sure to publicize in the ad that his country had the world's largest population of wolves.

He is clearly a leader that possesses an acute knowledge of what brings in the tourists – wolves are always a draw.

He should have double-checked his encyclopedia before putting the ad to print though. According to the International Wolf Foundation, Canada has over

30,000 more wolves than Kazakhstan. I suppose "world's second largest wolf population" doesn't sound as catchy.

Speaking of misunderstandings, Borat speaks often in the film of his country's traditional drink – fermented horse urine.

The Kazakh government made sure to clear up this glaring error. In the *Times*, they state that the beverage of choice is actually fermented horse milk, which of course, is *much* more appealing.

The hilarity continues though. The Kazakh rebuttals are only fueling Borat's fire. "I'd like to state I have no connection with Mr. Cohen and fully support my government's decision to sue this Jew," he said of his Jewish alter ego.

Borat responded in *Entertainment Weekly* that he was glad his upcoming movie had not been affected by censorship, "Kazakh censor was also concern about amount of anti-Semitism it contain, although eventually they decide there just enough and allow it be release."

Of course, this Jewish comedian's anti-Semitic and anti-feminist portrayal of the central Asian country is not one they would choose, but the president's efforts to save face are simply ridiculous.

At the end of the day though, maybe there is no such thing as bad PR and well, at least now I can find Kazakhstan on a map.

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## Protest music to dance to



**Andrea Damiani**  
IN FOCUS EDITOR

the Vietnam War. Now artists from all genres are using their music to protest the war in Iraq and the Bush administration.

Green Day released *American Idiot* in 2004, and Neil Young released *Living with War* in 2006, both overt attacks on the Bush administration and American-ness.

Rap, hip hop, folk and electronica all have their say on the subject now, from artists like OutKast, Anti-Flag, and Rage Against the Machine.

Some of the music is subtle and some is not, but since the war in Iraq began three years ago, no one has been the subject of a more orchestrated audience revolt and public debate than the Dixie Chicks.

Now, three years later, the band has a hit single protesting the ordeal and a film called *Shut up and Sing* that opened last week. The film documents the intense and unexpected reaction of the public and the band's struggle since Maines' comments.

Maybe they were attacked because it is not expected of the Dixie Chicks country background, but Maines' comments pale in comparison to what other artists have said and done.

It is pretty common to bash George W. Bush in music, movies and general conversation. Jon Stewart does it all the time, and Kanye West did it on national television. Just this past weekend, *Death of a President* opened, a fictional account of the assassination of Bush.

The Dixie Chicks dealt with the overblown fiasco admirably and defended themselves for the right reason, the right to free speech; but they did not do anything taboo. It is expected of them as artists. From women's rights, civil rights, or anti-establishment, it has all been sung about to reflect the masses and check authority.

The "I hate Bush" motto is no longer a rebellious statement.

Mainstream music and pop culture has appropriated the anti-Bush/Iraq war attitude to appeal to the masses and create controversy.

It has become the popular thing to do, but it is also the artist's function to use free speech to send out social messages and question authority with the purpose of inciting the masses to think about it.

Natalie Maines, the lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, an American sweetheart country-pop band from Texas, made an off-the-cuff remark days before U.S. troops were sent into Iraq.

"Just so you all know, we're ashamed the President of the United States is from Texas," she said during a show in London, England.

Due to her remark, record sales of the Dixie Chicks album dropped, CDs were burned, they were shunned by their core audience, and even received death threats.

While the Dixie Chicks fan base grew abroad, Americans shunned them. The band stood up for themselves, but were surprised they were being pinioned as anti-American when they were exercising American rights, namely, freedom of speech.

In North America, protesting through music is a common method of getting a message across to the people.

Protest music can be traced through history, but is made relevant and interesting in today's more diverse music genres.

In the sixties, Bob Dylan used his music to expose attitudes on the Civil Rights Movement and

## U.S. patrols while Canada relaxes



**Stuart Service**  
WORK AND PLAY EDITOR

The U.S. coast guard recently made headlines by test firing machine guns on the Great Lakes and by beefing up border security with two new Blackhawk helicopters at the edge of Montana. The Department of National Security announced a \$67 million contract with airplane maker Boeing to build a virtual fence comprised of sound and motion sensors and infrared cameras along America's Mexican and Canadian borders.

Those news stories describe the expensive border muscle as the end of the world's longest unprotected border. This may be the case on the U.S. side of the line drawn in the bordering sands, but nowhere near the truth northward.

I got to see the contrast of Canadian and American border enforcement while staying at a house on 0 Avenue in Surrey, British Columbia for two weeks in

August. From the kitchen window of the home I could watch a U.S. border patrol Ford Explorer make its rounds of the parking lot of the Peace Arch State Park while spreading peanut butter onto my breakfast toast.

The SUV would whiz around the parking lot, then head back to the headquarters as I finished complementing the peanut butter with slices of banana. By the time I finished eating, a second patrol car would be on the lot searching for mischief.

One night sitting on the front porch, I watched a car pull into the same parking lot across 0 Avenue, a five-foot ditch and about a 50-yard field. Four people got out of the car and strolled towards Canada. The car left the so-called international grounds of the Peace Arch Park back into Washington.

Soon after the car was gone, a border patrol SUV rushed to the scene shining a spotlight on the group as they hopped the ditch into Canada. The spotlight followed the four as they sauntered along our home and native land until they were out of sight.

The American border officer got

out of his SUV, paced around his car, got back in, drove to the other side of the lot and then stepped out for air. I felt sorry for his impatience as he glumly watched sovereignty take action.

The RCMP rushed to the scene ... five minutes later. They went along 0 Avenue to its dead end and left soon after with empty cruisers.

The Mounties are the lone police force in the lower mainland of British Columbia, making them inefficient at policing a border where immediate response time is critical. The U.S. coast guard does a better job protecting the Canadian side of the border than Canada does.

This wasn't an isolated incident either, allowing me a front row seat for searchlight events courtesy of green-striped Ford Explorers.

While the U.S. coast guard and border patrol may be excessive, I saw its deterrent having never seen anyone from Canada attempt to sneak south. Canada is relying on them to do the work for both sides. If someone wants to come into Canada and succeeds in getting passed the pricey U.S. obstacle course – they're home free.



# IN FOCUS

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community" – Anthony J. D'Angelo, *The College Blue Book*.

This week...

# School Spirit

## Commuter students feeling left out of community

Sabine Bowerman  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students who commute to school may be at a disadvantage when trying to get involved in school activities compared to students who live in residence.

"Being involved in events is part of the culture here. I think that most schools in the GTA are in the same boat. We try to hold more events during the day for people who commute, everyone can get involved," said Aaron Miller, HSF programming director.

Christina Tsiokos, 20, a first-year recreational and leisure studies student who lives in residence, spent the week before school started taking part in frosh week activities, like minigolf and a concert by Mobile.

"Just by walking around the halls of residence, I was able to meet people and form bonds. Living in residence is better than commuting," Tsiokos said. "Students in residence dominate the nightlife at Humber. We go to CAPS every Thursday; most of the people

there are from residence."

Miller agrees that students in residence account for a larger portion of the people at the events.

"For night events, about 60 per cent of the students are from residence. I think that more students would come if there were more living in the area," he said. "More student involvement would be ideal, but students are busy and may not have time for extracurricular activities."



Clogged highways, scheduling conflicts and lack of knowledge of where events take place, may stop some

students from taking part in activities. "I

wanted to join the Christian Club, but the meetings were when I had class," Amanda Julien, 18, a first-year landscape technician student.

With more colleges and univer-

sities opening new campuses in the GTA it is becoming more accessible for students to commute to school rather than live on campus said.

Humber currently has two campuses, with a third opening soon in Orangeville. Sheridan College operates two campuses, while Seneca boasts four.

Students attending schools in a different area from where they live may lack the drive to meet new people, compared to the community environment of residence.

"I don't feel like I fit in here, I only come to class and then leave. I don't have time or feel the need to join clubs," said Dialo Kinghorn, 21, a third-year apprentice cook student.

Humber merchandise and apparel quickly identifies students as part of the schools community.

Items sold at the North Campus bookstore are popular among students, according to manager Debbie Martin.

"We sell a lot of the flare pants, hoodies and coffee mugs. By wearing Humber items, it shows school spirit. It is great to see Humber sweaters outside the school, at places like malls and sporting events."

Students involved in varsity

sports beat the cost of showing spirit. Students receive hoodies, warm-up suits, t-shirts and bags in blue and yellow, Humber's identifying colours, for being part of a team.

"The outfits promote varsity sports and they are comfortable,

"said Meghan McPeak, 19, a first-year fitness and health promotion student and varsity basketball player.

Students interested in getting involved in the Humber community can join various social clubs organized through HSF.



Sabine Bowerman

Varsity basketball players show support with Humber outfits.



Ashley Redmond

GH Cheerleaders sell candy in the hallways for a fundraiser.

## Spirit team brings it

Ashley Redmond  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber is leading the way in college spirit with the Guelph-Humber Cheerleaders and the Humber Hype dance team.

It's more common to have cheerleading and dance teams in university than in college, but at Humber both teams participate in competitions and support school athletics.

David Lee Tracey of Power Cheerleading runs clinics and competitions year-round. "At the college level there are more teams now than five years ago. A lot of colleges call us looking to start a team, but unfortunately it's harder because universities have the kids for longer and are more established," he said.

Jessica Smith, 20, who has been on the Humber Hype dance team for three years said, "Other col-

leges seem to have one or the other, a dance team or a cheerleading team."

Sheridan and George Brown only have cheerleading squads.

The Humber Hype enter various competitions throughout the school year.

*"I think that we bring a little extra to games that we cheer at."*

Tara Grazier  
Guelph Humber cheerleading coach

"Our next competition is next week," Smith said. "It's a university one against teams like Guelph and Laurier and we're the only college."

Guelph-Humber cheerleading

coach Tara Grazier said, "We enter competitions and we have competed against both college and university teams; University of Toronto, Windsor and Georgian."

Humber students have two successful teams trying to increase school spirit. Both are dedicated to Humber College and cheer at numerous games throughout the year – specifically basketball and volleyball games.

"I think that we bring a little extra to games that we cheer at and we have fun supporting our Humber Hawks," Grazier said.

Both teams make it a little more entertaining and exciting for fans at games.

Smith said, "We're totally different and have different styles." She also said the teams are looking for more fans and encourages students go out and help support their favourite Humber Hawks team.



Texas, the cheerleading capital of the U.S. is where a mother was accused of hiring a hit man to kill her daughter's rival – [www.cheerleading.about.com](http://www.cheerleading.about.com)

# Sports culture a 'religion' in U.S.

## Head to head, Canadian colleges can't compete with the U.S.

Jackson Hayes  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

One day, two college football games were played. One played in front of 441 fans the other played in front of 110,700 fans.

Notice anything different?

The game with 441 in attendance had the York Lions against the Queens Golden Gaels at York University stadium in Toronto. The other match was Penn State vs. Michigan State with over 110,000 fans crammed into Beaver Stadium in Pennsylvania.

There is no scale, gradation or tool to measure school spirit. And because it is an intangible aspect of school life, drawing comparisons between institutions is difficult.

"It's a different mindset down here," said University of Southern Alabama senior Mike Cart.

Cart, 21, was born and raised in Canada but spent the last three years playing first base on the South Alabama Division I baseball team, said the difference in school spirit between Canada and the United States is huge.

According to the Oct. 2006 edition of the NCAA attendance report Michigan State has the highest attendance for football games. They averaged over 110,000 fans in each of their five games this season. And of the 126 college football programs in the states, only 25 have average atten-

dance numbers below 20,000.

In Canada however, according to Canadian Inter-university Sports statistics, the 2005 season drew 403,132 people in total attendance for the year. That's slightly more than 4,000 patrons per game for the 99 games played during the season.

The attendance figures show there are more people attending college sports in the U.S. than in Canada.

"We had roughly 200 at our last home game," Humber Athletic Director Doug Fox said of the turnout for the latest men's basketball game. "School spirit is hard to cultivate in this school."

Population variances might be contributing to vast differences in school sport attendances. With the U.S. having over 300 million people and Canada having 32 million people, there are far more people south of the border to fill the stadium seats.

According to an Ontario University Athletics source, only 733 people out of Toronto's 4.5 million attended the last University of Toronto football game. NCAA statistics show over 100,000 of the 711,470 citizens of Columbus, Ohio, pack into Ohio Stadium every Saturday to watch the Buckeyes.

The answer to the deficiency of Canadian school spirit and the overabundance of ardent support



Jackson Hayes

A few dozen fans watch a game at last week's Canada Basketball Invitational Tournament.

in the U.S. may lie within the cultural makeup of the two nations themselves.

"Sports is a religion," said Dr. Adam Lynde of Delta State University. "Sports programs in Canadian schools don't receive as much financial support as down here. Sports, even at the high school and college level, is part of the culture."

Lynde is an associate history professor at Delta but also taught in Humber's history program for two and a half years.

He said the reason for the dimin-

ished school spirit in Canada may be due to the lack of fraternities and sororities.

"Frats and sororities are very big here," Lynde said. "They're a big part of school spirit. They organize pep rallies and get people to go to the games."

According to a study by the Greek Affairs organization at the University of Nebraska, there are currently nine million members of 123 fraternities and sororities in the U.S.. This system of frat brothers and sorority sisters are responsible for over \$7 million raised

through 10 million volunteer hours every year.

"At the bigger schools the frats and sororities help promote the teams and school spirit through tailgating and parties," Cart said. "For football there are a thousand seats reserved behind the end zone for frats and sororities and they all wear the same shirts."

As for the differences in attendance, Cart agrees with the sentiments of Fox and Lynde, "It's a culture thing. These small towns, that's all they have and all they look forward to."



Heather Cairns

Excitement and spirit can be seen at women's rugby games.

## No love in the stands

Sylvia Prout  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

In the Athletic Centre hallway, Humber's competitive spirit is nowhere to be found.

When compared to the number of students registered to Humber, the turnout to sporting events is embarrassing.

The Humber gym can hold 2,500 students and on a good day approximately 100 will show up for a home game.

Humber's Athletic Director Doug Fox is a regular witness to the lack of turnout at home games. "I would say our area [sport teams] have spirit. We do have a program called Quest, where our athletes attend other school games to show their support."

Programs and advertising are one way to bring students in to fill the stands.

Cassandra Chin, 19, a Humber women's rugby player said, "we need a lot more ads and posters around the school. We have them in residence and the athletic centre, but they are few and far

between around the rest of school."

Fox said it is a different problem, "bribery and cash seems to be the best way to get [the students] in here."

Paul Stevenson, 22, a business administration student said "if you're not interested in sports, then forget it. People are going to stick with what they know."

There are other appealing reasons for students to come out and support a team.

"I always go and check out the men's basketball games. We have one of the best teams around, plus it's free ... it's a win-win situation. The best part about the home games is getting to heckle the other team and their fans" Stevenson said.

Though Humber's fan base is small, it is consistent. "If we are playing a home game we have a pretty large turnout and a lot of familiar faces every time," Chin said.

The largest turnout Fox can remember was "when we hosted the National Championships for

basketball in 2001 and for volleyball in 2004. We involve everyone ... recreation leaders, hospitality and the staff. That's when we have a community of people buying into an event."

Many Ontario colleges face the same problems as Humber when it comes to fan turnout.

"There are pockets of support, like in residence and HSF, but in general I don't know if people identify with Humber. It's still a community college where people come to class and then go home," Fox said.

The key would be to get the students talking about the events and games.

"I would say men's basketball has the best turnout ... especially against Sheridan. They have a strong team this year, and those games get pretty intense," Stevenson said.

During the Sheridan vs. Humber men's basketball games, there is a turnout of about 1,000 students.

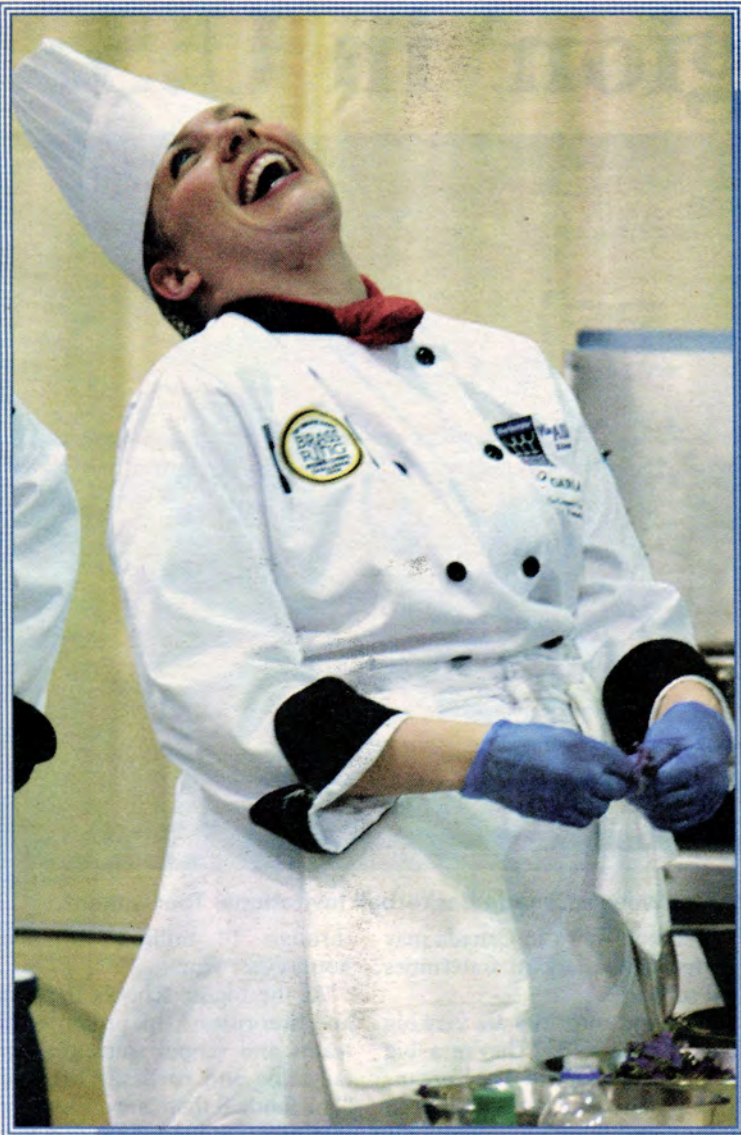
"Turnout is based on word of mouth and friends telling friends about when games are," Chin said.



# IN FOCUS

"When gentlemen in medieval Japan wished to seal an agreement, they urinated together, crisscrossing their streams of urine" – [www.hookedonfacts.com](http://www.hookedonfacts.com).

"Bananas



Even under stress, Nicole Atkins has a sense of humor.



Humber Blades competitors, Nicole Atkins, Nick Morley, Owen Hixson-Vulpe whip up something good.

## Humber Blades slice the

**Drew deSousa**  
NEWS REPORTER

Humber's culinary management students were named People's Choice at the third annual Brass Ring competition in London, Ont. last weekend.

Over a gruelling two-hour cooking session reminiscent of Iron Chef, Nick Morley, Carlo Marcocchia, Owen Hixson-Vulpe and Nicole Atkins put together a tantalizing short rib entrée.

The audience decided who would win the People's Choice award by making donations to the London Food Bank in their favourite school's name. Humber came out on top. Together, all four competing schools raised over \$500.

The Humber Blades placed last overall despite winning the People's Choice award and producing a delicious and visually satisfying meal.

The group had the support of the audience who did not hesitate to loudly show their support.

Chef Leo Lechner said the team was improving and the judgment was very close.

"I think everything was done as planned and everything was fine. Of course foods and presentation, those are opinions and you could argue those things; what's better and what's not better,

and the judges gave someone else first place. But it all was fair and it was fun," Lechner said.

Competition co-ordinator, Deborah Reid said the students were excellent and that the competition would help future chefs in countless ways.

"It allows them to have practical skills, work under pressure to see their fellow students throughout the schools. I think it's good in all ways," Reid said.

The Brass Ring culinary competition is the brain child of Kym Anthony, owner of Top Meadow Farms, and his wife Carol.

Carol Anthony thought the event would help bring together those in the beef industry, which, rarely happens, Kym said.

"The first year we did this, for many it was the first time they had seen a live beef animal. And for many of the people who raise beef they sell their beef and that's (the) last they see of them," Anthony said.

Kym Anthony hoped he was making a positive difference.

"This is part of the future of our culinary industry. This is all about the future, so people are investing in the future this all about the future in agriculture, the future in cooking, and the pursuit of excellence."

All photos by Drew deSousa



Owen Hixson-Vulpe and Nicole Atkins make last minute preparations



"Bananas aren't fruit! They are a type of herb"– [www.hookedonfacts.com](http://www.hookedonfacts.com).



Nick Morley preparing the short ribs for the Blade's short-rib dish.



The short rib dish that won Humber the People's Choice award.

## the competition



the preparations and changes to their dish.



Judges scrutinize the Blades' creation to determine a winner.



# IN FOCUS

According to the official mascot website, mascots should refrain from covering themselves in deodorant, as sweating is necessary in costume.

## Dancer, athlete, jester, Sky Hawk

**Kenzie Broddy**  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Many Humber students see the blue and gold hawk mascot as a representation of school spirit. It is the crazy animal that gets the crowd excited for games, doing jumps and dancing in every attempt to get some kind of a reaction from the crowd. But not many people know the person behind the costume.

Coming in at 6 foot 2", Lakeshore student Matt Dicks is one of the people behind the Sky Hawk.

While playing for the men's varsity volleyball team, Dicks found himself putting on the Sky Hawk mascot gear halfway through an OC championship game last February.

"I put it on and just started dancing in front of the crowd and got everyone going," said Dicks.

Being a good mascot takes someone with some funk to them, said Humber athletics facility manager Dean Wylie.

"Someone who has got some dance ability, someone who is not afraid to take risks, because there is some anonymity in the hawk suit, so no one really knows who you are or what you're doing," Wylie said.

Dicks is known for his break dancing which he has been doing since he was in Grade 8, and says is one of the things that sets him

apart from others that put on the mascot suit.

Getting crazy and acting goofy in the suit is one of the best parts of being a mascot, Dicks said.

"You need a lot of energy. Its

things you do that get the crowd going. I'm doing windmills (a gymnastics move you do spinning on your back), in the mascot outfit," Dicks said. "The more you do the more you get out of it."

However, Wylie said getting students out to games is a challenge Humber faces.

"[Humber College] is such a big space and it's such a commuter school that we are somewhat lim-

ited by hawk spirit," Wylie said. "The challenge of our varsity games is they take place at 6 o'clock 7 o'clock at night when most of the full-time students have already gone home."

Dicks said Humber College has great school spirit.

"I've seen other crowds at schools and I don't see a whole lot of varsity teams coming to support their varsity teams. We've got rugby guys coming in to watch volleyball, and we've got volleyball going outside to watch soccer and rugby. Basically, it's like one big family watching each other."

But it is hard work dancing in the Sky Hawk uniform. After ten minutes Dicks is drenched in sweat from the costume being so hot.

"I'll go in the back and just take off the head for a couple minutes," he said.

Originally from Cambridge, Dicks studies police foundations and doesn't see himself being a mascot beyond college.

He met the Blue Jays mascot, Ace, who he said if he could be any other mascot it would be him.

"I asked him what he gets paid for being a mascot for the Blue Jays. He didn't give me an exact number but he said it gets him by pretty well. So you never know," Dicks said. "No, I'm just kidding, I don't think I'd ever do it after college."



Nick Kyonka

Shaylan Spurway proudly personifies the Sky Hawk. Both men and women work as the Hawk.

## Students want pub nights and concerts

**Jen Waumsley**  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students' school spirit for attending Humber Students Federation (HSF) events has been a hit and miss this year.

"Sometimes we get lots of people out sometimes not so many," said HSF programming director Aaron Miller.

Student attendance is affected by what, where and when events are held.

"I find the smaller events, the ones that go on during the day, they're sometimes a little bit more successful than what we envisioned just because it gives people something to do," Miller said. "They're hanging around the school on an hour break. It gives them something to go and watch."

He also said the crowd size is affected when events are held at CAPS.

It is more difficult to host events there because it no longer caters to all ages since there were problems with underage drinking.

"When it was all ages, it was a little bit easier for us to do a lot of

events at CAPS. But now, it kind of excludes a lot of people and that doesn't really work too well for us."

HSF saw a good turnout for events featured during frosh week. Concerts have also proven to be popular.

**HSF can no longer hold all-ages events because of past problems with underage drinking in CAPS.**

"I find that people don't necessarily just come out just for live music or concerts. It's the name that really brings them out," Miller said.

HSF events employee Krista Hastings, said there is usually a great turnout for events at CAPS.

"The events in CAPS usually have a large turnout due to the support we get from the kids who live in rez. We've been trying to promote our events a lot more this year."

Hastings said that when students come to the events it shows a lot of school spirit, but the enthusiasm could be better.

"It seems that it's always the same people who are coming out to the events and participating. It would be nice to see some new faces in the crowd once in awhile."

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Brad Pitt is reportedly furious over *Vanity Fair's* latest cover, which shows him in boxers. Pitt says he didn't know it would be used for the cover – *msn.ca*.

# Degrassi stars rehash the past

## Former child stars discuss youth issues and the industry

Josh Stern  
NEWS REPORTER

Two actors from the popular original *Degrassi* series made a visit to Humber's North Campus to chat with a crowd of fans that packed the HSF Student Centre.

Pat Mastroianni and Stefan Brogren played Joey and Snake in the old series as well as *Degrassi: The Next Generation*. Last Thursday, they discussed their experiences as child actors and their place in the industry.

The *Degrassi Junior High* and *Degrassi High* series, which ran from 1986 to 1990, broke new ground with its coverage of issues such as teen pregnancy and drug use.

It was also known for featuring "real" kids who were not heavily involved in the acting industry, many of whom did not continue acting once the series ended. Mastroianni voiced the doubts he had in those days, "Should I be in the industry?"

Even though he had returned for *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, he left after five years.

"I hope they bring me back for *Degrassi: Deep Space Nine*," he joked.

The question and answer peri-

od, which was part of the HSF Speaker Series, started slowly, with the audience shy at first.

"Usually when we come to campuses we do it at their pubs so people are more loaded," Brogren quipped to warm up the crowd.

Brogren and Mastroianni shared stories about their first auditions and favourite episodes, with Mastroianni speaking fondly of the time he had to run naked through the *Degrassi* cafeteria for a scene.

They told the crowd that although the initial plans for a *Degrassi* movie, to be directed by Kevin Smith of *Clerks* fame, had been scrapped, there are tentative plans to do it after the series' potential wrap-up next year.

They explained that in order to stay active in the Canadian TV industry, an actor needs to be versatile. Brogren not only acts, but works as a producer, writer and director on a number of projects, including many for *Degrassi*.

Though the show is renowned for tackling difficult topics, Mastroianni said that his one real regret is an episode they aired about people who cut themselves. After watching the show, eight girls from Quebec started doing it, citing the show as their reason.

He acknowledged that copycats have always been an issue with an envelope-pushing show such as *Degrassi* and they always take great care with how they approach each topic.

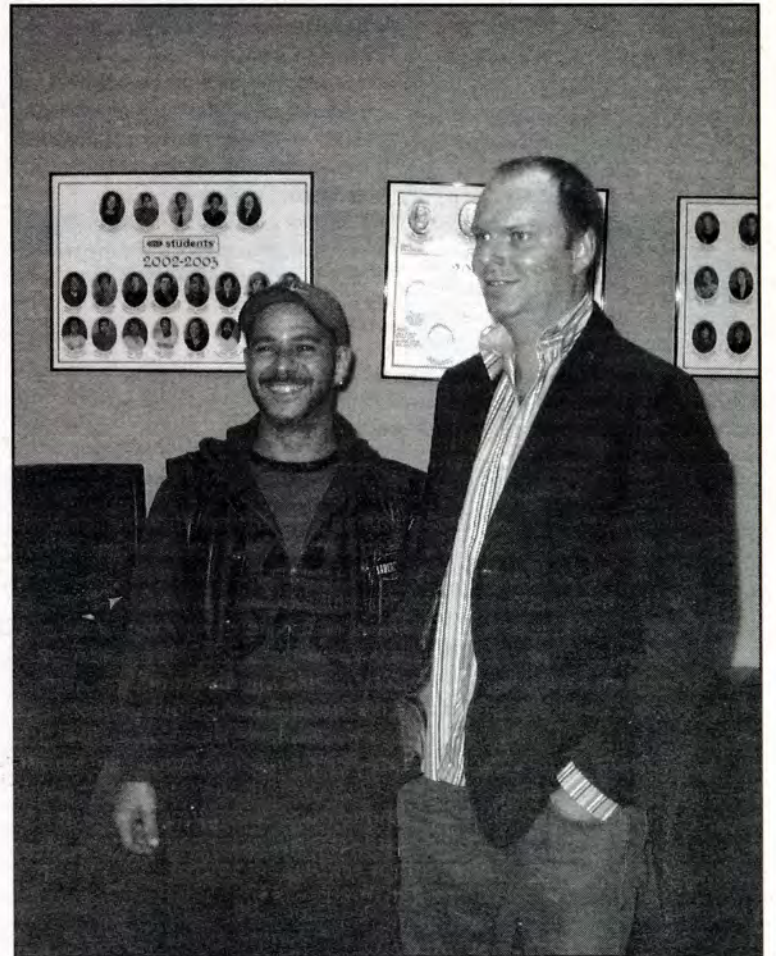
Throughout it all they have really enjoyed being a part of something that's been so culturally relevant.

"It's been a riot, man. The last 20 years is something I would never change," Brogren said. "It has been an honour to be on Canadian television... [and] to be on a show that is remembered fondly, internationally. We should be really proud as a country that a show like *Degrassi* is something that is representing our Canadian youth."

Laura Cunningham, 20, a second-year fashion student, couldn't believe the stars came. She remembers watching the show when she was kid.

"These Characters you could relate to," she said. "Everything was so realistic and you could see [in] *Degrassi* and *Degrassi Junior High* how teens live and they overcome everyday obstacles that they have to deal with."

Visit [www.degrassi.tv/index.jsp](http://www.degrassi.tv/index.jsp) for info about the show.



Josh Stern

Pat Mastroianni, left, and Stefan Brogren, right, spoke to fans.

# Freaky stunts and psychics at CAPS



Anthony Vasquez-Peddie

The Great Orbax endures pain for the pleasure of the crowd.

Anthony Vasquez-Peddie  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

A series of stunts, magic, and self-mutilation took place at CAPS as The Great Orbax Sideshow rolled into Humber.

"Everything you see here tonight is done by professional idiots," Orbax announced to a drunken crowd last Monday.

A combination of booze and freaks made for an interesting, if not jocular, evening.

"I am here drinking my beer and I have to admit, it's pretty gross," said first-year media studies student Chris De Melo. "You kind of get somewhat of a reaction coming up from down your throat. So yeah, I'd say it's working."

Design foundations student Paul Welsh enjoyed the gore.

"The show rocks, man," he said. "There's blood and there's girls; And everything a man could dream of."

Orbax's crew of oddities consisted of One-Armed Bob, Pretty Polly, Sweet Pepper Klopek and special guest magician Dr. Mysterion who used his psychic

powers on volunteers from the audience.

Stunts ranged from members eating bugs and walking on machetes to getting staple-gunned in the face.

Orbax mixed comedy into the performance, making it more than a regular freak show.

"I like to think that we could freak people out even more because we get them laughing," he said. "When you come out and you kind of trick them into being your friend and trick them into thinking nothing bad is going to happen and then, POW! You stick your face into glass. Then you've got [their attention]."

But the reaction from audience members isn't always pleasant.

"We've had fainters, we've had pukers. Pukers are good," Orbax said. "I'll be doing a simple thing, like an opening stunt where I'll put a fork up my nose and people will scream and we've had people pass out from that before. And it's like, dude, that's the first thing we're gonna do, so if that upsets you, then maybe the rest of the show isn't for you."

HSF Program Director Aaron Miller said grossing people out is part of the fun of Halloween.

"That's why we're bringing this in," he said.

Orbax said the stunts aren't always completely safe. He has been hospitalized a couple of times and his hair even caught on fire once.

"I started to draw some boundaries once I started ending up in a hospital bed," he said.

"Just remember: magic is tricks, stunts are real," said One-Armed Bob, aka. Bob Sedgewick.

His specialty was being a "human slot machine," sticking coins up his nose and spitting them out his mouth.

Apart from university and college campuses, the sideshow has performed at several outdoor festivals. They've also opened for the band Theory of a Deadman, and in November and December Orbax will tour with the band Sons of Butcher.

The ringmaster said he dreams of one day running a museum of oddities, to showcase bizarre things from around the globe.



## A&amp;E

Bob Barker is retiring after 50 years in the television industry, 35 of which he spent as host of *The Price Is Right*. His last show will be in 2007 – *E! Online*.

## The Toronto Zine Library finds a home

Ashley Hampson  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The weather outside was gloomy and grey. Sudden winds turned unsuspecting umbrellas inside out, while sheets of rain pelted the pavement. But as I stepped into the Tranzac Club, just off Bloor St., the atmosphere changed completely.

Inside the small room, a fireplace was nestled into the brick wall and a few wooden tables and chairs dotted the floor. In the back corner, a table with a banner spread across it had been set up, displaying a wide variety of zines.

Sitting quietly at the back of the room was Suzanne Sutherland, one of the co-founders of the Toronto Zine Library. Zines, derived from the word magazine, are small circulation, non-commercial publications. The library itself is a large collection of zines, Toronto-based and otherwise, made available to the public for their viewing pleasure.

Sutherland, along with co-founders Deb Singh and Patrick Mooney, started the library because of their communal interest in zines and because they felt Toronto needed a zine library of its own.

"We found it was something our city didn't have, whereas other major cities, or minor cities, like Montreal, Portland and Welland, already had a [zine] library," Sutherland said. "Welland has a zine library and Toronto didn't, so

what was wrong with us?"

Although the Toronto reference library has a zine collection, she said it's very inaccessible.

Over the past year, Sutherland and company have been collecting zines and alternative publications that wouldn't otherwise be readily available to people.

"Zines can be hard to get a hold of," Sutherland said. "Some people just don't have access to these things."

Last year, Sutherland went around asking people to donate any zines they could. She also spoke to zine distributors about the possibility of them donating here and there, as well as people the group knew personally who put their own zines together. Along the way, the Toronto Zine Library developed contacts, signed people up on their mailing list and compiled a few more volunteers.

**"The whole DIY ethic really appeals to some people."**

—Suzanne Sutherland  
Co-founder, Toronto Zine Library

"We've generally just been trying to create an accessible source of independent publishing within the city," Sutherland said. "We have the physical space and we know people are interested, but bringing the two together is the difficulty."

Once the library becomes more established, they'd like to introduce workshops into their agenda.



Ashley Hampson

One of the largest collections of zines in Canada.

They had one workshop up and running this summer, and have put together a basic workshop model.

Some topics they plan to cover include an oral history of zines, how to make a zine and what to do with your zines once you've made them.

But why zines, you might ask. With other forms of expression becoming increasingly popular, like online blogs, what makes zines so special and sought after?

Sutherland said people like the aspect of actually having something to hold in their hands and pass around. Having a printed page allows people to escape the tedium of online blogs and other online outlets.

"I think there's something really incredible about being able to say exactly what you want, putting it together your way, and doing

everything by yourself," she said. "The whole DIY ethic really appeals to some people."

All of the feedback the Toronto Zine Library has received so far has been positive.

"People are really glad that we want to bring something like this to the city," Sutherland said.

The Zine Library also had a table displaying their wares this past Sunday at Canzine, Canada's largest zine fair and festival of alternative cultures.

"We had eager smiles, a volunteer sign-up sheet and all the information I could throw at people on hand," she said, laughing.

For those who missed it at Canzine, the Toronto Zine Library is open Sundays between 1 and 3 p.m. in the Tiki Room at the Tranzac Club (292 Brunswick St.).

For more info, go to [www.geocities.com/torontozinelibrary](http://www.geocities.com/torontozinelibrary).

## Nov. is novel writing month

Tabitha Venasse  
BUSINESS REPORTER

Thousands of aspiring writers around the world will participate in NANOWRIMO (National Novel Writing Month), a November challenge to write a novel in 30 days.

The goal is to write a full 50,000 word novel by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 30. Writers cannot begin until Nov. 1 at midnight.

"It felt like it would be a fun adventure," said Chris Baty, NANOWRIMO's program director and creator. "And thankfully I'm blessed with friends who don't say no to bad ideas."

The challenge officially began in 1999 with 21 participants and six winners (determined by who actually reaches the 50,000 word goal). By 2005 it grew to 59,000 participants worldwide with 9769 winners. Baty predicts that this year about 85,000 people will join up.

Although there are no actual prizes for winning, and there aren't any publishing guarantees (though it has happened), the personal benefits are tremendous.

"First and foremost, you have the first draft of a novel. You can't move onto the revision process without a draft," Baty said. "The second biggest prize is a sense of creative satisfaction for tackling a challenge that large."

Writing 50,000 words in a month can seem impossible. But with the right focus, the finishing line really isn't that far away.

According to Baty, one of the most important things is to remember not to re-read anything.

"Check your inner editor at the door," said Rachel Young, co-municipal liaison for Toronto area participants. "Your inner editor takes away from the momentum of the story."

Joanne Kasunic, a sixth year participant, has successfully completed four novels in the competition. Joanne said one of the most fulfilling parts of the challenge is that she can get the stories out of her head and onto paper. The deadline of 30 days keeps her motivated.

"Keep writing, even if you're just writing about stuff that has nothing to do with the story," Kasunic said. "The content doesn't matter because no-one will read it until you want them to read it."

The biggest piece of advice is to put quantity above quality. "When you write for quantity instead of quality, you end up with both," Baty said.

To join the challenge, go to [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org).

## REVIEW

## Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan

Ashley Carter  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The first time Sacha Baron Cohen, the brains behind HBO's unscripted social satire *Da Ali G Show*, agreed to do a feature length spin-off of one of his characters, it was a trainwreck (see 2002's *Ali G Indahouse*). The show's best qualities were scrapped in favour of a dumbed down fictional romp that targeted a demographic seemingly opposite the television show. Luckily, Cohen and his sharpened team of writers and producers have learned from their mistakes with *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America For Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan* (sweet title, right?). Kind of.

Though the film is mostly reality-based, mirroring the spirit and structure of the television program (wherein Cohen, as Kazakhstani journalist Borat Sagdiyev, interviews ignorant Americans, celebrities and political pundits with occasionally dis-

turbing results), they obviously needed something to make it all hang together as a movie and not just an extended TV episode... a plot, if you will.

Here, Borat is sent to the United States by Kazakhstan TV to learn about "the greatest country in the world." Along the way, he discovers the all-American Pamela Anderson on Baywatch and sets off on a journey to Los Angeles to find and make an honest woman out of her. As moderately amusing as the idea is, all this weird fictionalized stuff is where the movie falters... except on occasions where it becomes difficult to tell what's real and what isn't. Then it's just clever.

The controversy behind the Borat movie is possibly more entertaining than the film itself. Prior to its release, the Kazakh Foreign Ministry took out a costly four-page ad in the *New York Times*, presumably to stop moviegoers from actually believing that Kazakhstan's national pastimes are "archery, disco dance, ping-pong

and rape." Even better are recent statements (and not the first) from the Anti-Defamation League on Borat's anti-Semitic tendencies. Funny because Cohen himself is a practicing Jew.

There's a reason why this movie is rated R and it's not because you see Borat's bits, but because this character shouldn't be taken at face value by teenaged idiots (or middle-aged geeks in the ADL who can't take a joke, as the case may be).

While the satire remains crisp for those with a sense of humour, much of it is unfortunately accomplished by way of repeat situations from the TV show (Borat learns about manners, sings Kazakhstan's "national anthem" to a stadium of unamused sports fans in support of their "War of Terror," etc.) and will be old hat for anyone familiar with the HBO series. Still, *Borat: CLOAFMBGNOK* (!) effectively fills the void now that new episodes of *Da Ali G Show* aren't being produced.



Courtesy



Formerly a touring festival, Lollapalooza has announced that it will be using Grant Park in Chicago as the sole festival site until at least 2011 – [Punknews.org](http://Punknews.org).

## The Burnitdowns

Carlos Dorantes  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Humber College's The Burnitdowns bring a unique fusion of punk and country to Toronto's thriving underground scene.

The band guitarist and second-year journalism student, Tyler Trumbull, drummer and former theatre production student, Matt Marshall, bassist Sam Bennett, lead guitarist Jesse Bennett and singer Chris Payne, have been together for

just over a year playing bars in the GTA.

With influences ranging from Social Distortion to Johnny Cash, the self-described cow-punk band delivers booze fueled sound laced with deeply personal lyrics.

"It's not like we're Rush. It's nothing complex, we write about what we've been through, what we've had to deal with. It's about enjoying yourself and doing what you want," Marshall said.

The band has wrapped up the recording of their new album, due to be released around Christmas.

The debut album progresses from feel good drinking tunes to politics to personal heart felt songs of perseverance.

The Burnitdowns are playing in and around Toronto. You can catch them Nov. 3 at the Lithuanian Community House at 1573 Bloor St. W. in Toronto and Nov. 11 at The Duke of Marlborough at 680 Silver Creek Blvd. in Mississauga.

For more info on The Burnitdowns and their upcoming shows, check out: [www.myspace.com/theburnitdowns](http://www.myspace.com/theburnitdowns).

## spotlight on HUMBER



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## Discount theatre tickets from HSF

Ashley Hampson  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Grab your broomsticks, folks.

Next Tuesday, students lucky enough to have purchased tickets to see a return engagement of *Wicked*, the untold story of the witches of Oz, will be bused free of charge to Toronto's Canon Theatre.

The Humber Students' Federation (HSF) purchased a group of tickets, making them eligible for a discount, which they passed on to students.

Programming Director Aaron Miller said posters for the event were put up around campus and tickets for the show sold out very quickly.

Tickets at the box office range from \$36 to \$110, but for \$25, Humber students from both North and Lakeshore Campuses receive a ticket to the performance and transportation to and from the theatre.

Buses will pick students up at 6:30 p.m. at the Lakeshore Campus residence for the 8 p.m. show.

This isn't the first time the HSF has offered something of this nature, Miller said. In years past, tickets for the *Phantom of the Opera* and *Umjoja*, the hit South African musical, have been sold through the HSF.

## Dollarama drama for gimmick band

### Humber student receives cease-and-desist order from retail chain

Ashley Hampson  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Having the same name as a national retail chain can land a band in a lot of trouble.

Second-year accelerated journalism student Aaron Bronsteter found out just how much after his band, Dollarama, was slapped with a cease-and-desist order from the Canadian retailer of the same name.

"We're not really sure what the justification is," said Bronsteter in response to the news last Thursday. "They apparently just want us to change our name but have no rationale behind it . . . we're not competing with them

and we're not causing any harm."

The band held their CD release party Tuesday night at Sneaky Dee's, where they sold their CD for a loonie, sticking with their dollar ethos.

With no profit being made from the sale of CDs, or from the name Dollarama, the band isn't quite sure what they will do.

"We're actually losing money by selling our CDs for a dollar," Bronsteter said. "We don't understand why we have to change our name. It's sort of sad that this is what it's come down to."

Bronsteter put the band together over a year ago when he was invited to try out for Star Search, a talent night for Toronto acts, at the Bagel, a defunct bar formerly on College St.

They entered the competition with the intent of being kicked off stage.

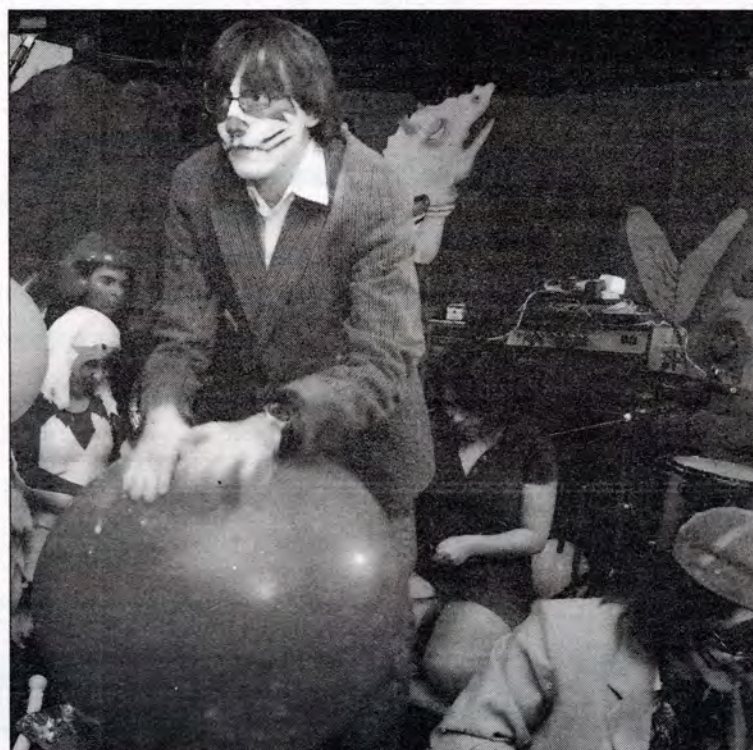
Much to their surprise, Dollarama never got the boot. The band was actually well received by the crowd even though it doesn't employ traditional instruments, opting instead for an extensive supply of dollar store goodies.

Bronsteter and band mate Eric Warner tinker with everything from forks to Tupperware and bal-

loons to toilet plunger handles to create their completely improvised, experimental music.

As for the cease-and-desist, the band has contacted legal counsel and Bronsteter said they want to concentrate on selling their albums and continuing to play shows.

"We're just trying to have fun," he said. "And until they come and talk to us about changing our name, we're not about to."



Garry Tsaconas

Aaron Bronsteter (front) and Dollarama perform with dollar store items at the band's CD release show.



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# LIFE

An Oskosh resident, who turned 100 on Oct.31, is still working as a bookkeeper. This marks 82 years in the workforce – [davesdaily.com](http://davesdaily.com).

## Living in the lab of luxury

### Online blogs and fancy clothes are all the rage for pet owners

Amanda Robichaud  
LIFE REPORTER

Buying a doggie treat for Spot just won't cut it anymore.

Pet lovers are buying clothes and even using the Internet to show off their dogs.

Dogster.com, a U.S. based web-site launched in January of 2004,

is for anybody who chooses to create their own web page with pictures and blogs of their four-legged family members.

Dogster was created by three men; Ted Rheingold - the "top dog", John Vars and Steven Reading. Rheingold began web applications in 1996.

It was his love for animals that sparked the idea for the website.

"The primary goal is to create a place that is a safe, supportive environment for people to share and browse information about their passion – pets," said Jennifer Colton, a spokesperson for the website.

Dogster is like Myspace, meaning users have the opportunity to talk and send messages to friends and can decorate their page with pictures.

However, these pictures and biographies are all about dogs. Many users even have their pets' personal statistics, like favourite food and hobbies.

**"The primary goal is to create a place that is safe, supportive environment."**

- Jennifer Carlton

According to the website, Dogster is now a top-five overall destination for pet lovers on the Internet. The website also has more than 1.2 million photos that have been uploaded for its 225,000 members.

The top breeds registered at the site are Labrador retrievers and chihuahuas.

The most dogs joining the web-

site in a day was 901, which happened one month after the website launched.

Shelley Peever, the owner of Ruff Knits, said the pet industry is a growing market and accounts for \$4.25 billion in revenue in Canada alone.

Ruff Knits is a company that makes and sells apparel for dogs. She researched the pet industry thoroughly before deciding to start her business.

"I have always been self-employed and I already had experience in how to go about starting a business," she said.

The most common dog apparel she sells are t-shirts, hoodies and full body suits for the winter. She also sells Santa suits and other costumes.

"I enjoy the business very much because the customers I attract care about their companion animals as much or more than other family members and that makes for excellent customers," Peever said.

For many families, their pets are just as important as actual family members. "My dog is very impor-



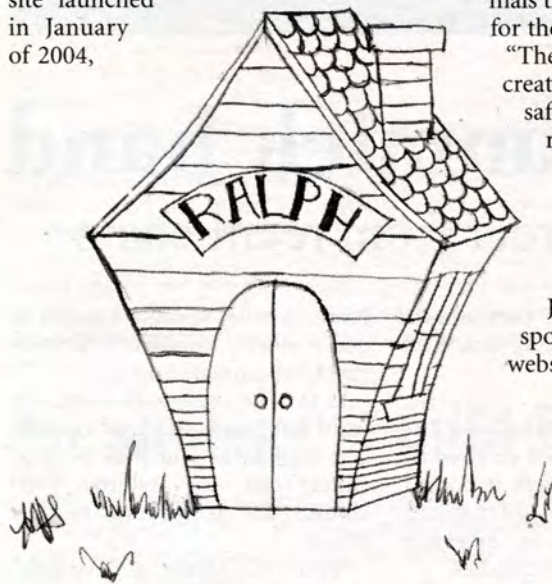
Courtesy

Pet lovers are not only dressing up their pets but putting them online as well.

tant in my family," said 19-year-old Sarah Duggan, from Humber's funeral services.

Duggan said she does not take the dog to a spa or shop online for it but "we do talk to it like it's a sibling and he's treated like a human being."

Dogster also has a sister website, Catster.com, which started up in June 2004 after the popularity of Dogster.



## WHISK



BOLD RECIPES BY HUMBER'S CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

### Zucchini Bread

**Chef:** Kristine Lamont

#### Ingredients:

3 eggs  
250ml vegetable oil  
225g fine sugar  
170g brown sugar  
10ml vanilla  
5g cinnamon  
5g salt  
3.5g baking soda  
1g baking powder  
300g all purpose flour

#### How To:

1. Shred 350g zucchini with cheese shredder. Optional 140g of pecan pieces.
2. Combine all liquid ingredients, then mix altogether.
3. Bake 350 degrees for one hour.
4. Makes two loaves of bread.

Approx. Cost: \$12

Approx. Cooking Time: 10 minutes

## Winning teacher likes to help

Laura Finney  
LIFE REPORTER

Before 1999, Ontario was the only province without a regulated social work profession.

That didn't stop people like Dr. Dan Andreae from going into the profession.

Andreae has been involved in the social work community for over 25 years.

"I have a desire to help people," he said. "(I want) to make a difference."

Dr. Andreae, a part-time Humber teacher and former Guelph-Humber professor, was one of the people struggling to get social work regulated in Ontario.

He is the winner of the Humber award for Outstanding Achievement for Academic Excellence in Continuing Education, as well as Professor of the Year at Guelph-Humber.

"I think people understand now

that [social work] is a profession and it requires education. A good heart is necessary but not sufficient."

Andreae said social work is essential for a functioning society. It helps those who have fallen through the cracks and helps them become functioning members of society.

**"I think that people understand now that [social work] is a profession and it requires education."**

- Dr. Dan Andreae

"To have a thriving economy, you also need to have social justice, and you need to have to have people's rights protected and you have to give them programs that allow them to be able to take place

in society."

He said that 75 per cent of people in counselling in Ontario are being treated by social workers.

One of the problems with social work is dealing with the adversaries, Andreae said.

"People who potentially have different values... they have different priorities and our role of social worker is to fight for the priorities of intolerance, diversity, social justice."

Andreae said the most important thing for people is to be educated. People need to be encouraged.

"Education is when the head meets the heart," he said.

Andreae has won several awards recognizing his efforts in the social work field.

In July, he was the recipient of the Canadian Association of Social Workers (CASW) national award for outstanding social service. This award is given every two years to a Canadian social worker.

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**THREADS** personal style on campus



◀ Michelle Brown, 22, apprentice cook program.

"I got my shirts in Jamaica and my pants, I bought in Brampton."  
"I just do my own thing," she said about her fashion inspirations.



▶ Cristian Uleia, 22, package and graphic design program.

"I am inspired by everyday trends that I make my own, I just go with the flow. And the outfit cost me 80 ish dollars."



Nick Kyonka

Kissing is one of the most common ways meningitis is spread among students.

**Spit spreads disease**

Gavin Young  
LIFE REPORTER

While meningitis is a serious and deadly disease, some students are not properly informed about its signs and symptoms.

"We should be educated better. Obviously I don't feel like I know very much about it. If it affects young people so much we should know about it," said early childhood education student Sarah Thorpe.

Meningitis, a bacterial disease that affects the inner brain tissue, is one of the most common diseases in young people aged 15-24, according to the World Health Organization (WHO).

It is easily spread through spit. Close contact through kissing, sneezing, living in close quarters or dormitories and sharing utensils are the most common ways the disease is transmitted.

Symptoms can include stiff neck, high fever,

sensitivity to light, confusion, headaches and vomiting.

According to WHO, even when diagnosed early, five to 10 per cent of people infected die usually within 48 hours of being contaminated. Those who survive the disease are often left with a variety of after effects which include brain damage, hearing loss or learning disabilities.

**Symptoms can include stiff neck and high fever.**

There is a vaccine available to battle the spread of meningitis, according to the Centre for Disease Control (CDC).

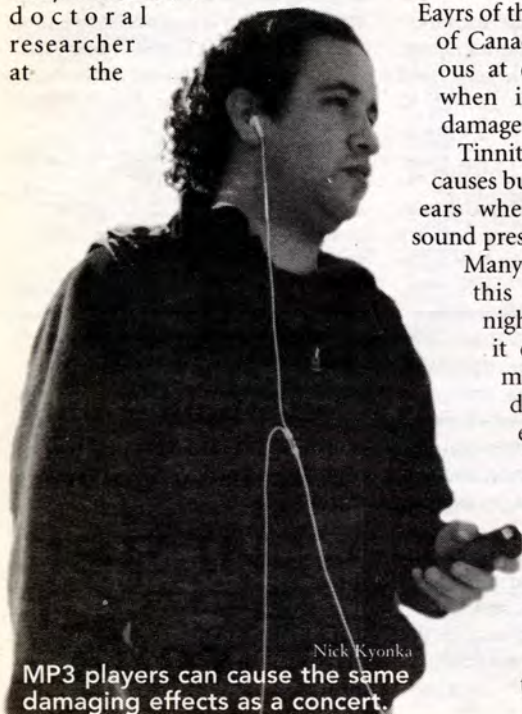
While there are some side-effects attributed to the shot, like Guillain-Barne syndrome (a neurological disorder that causes muscle weakness), sources from the CDC insist the benefits far outweigh the risks.

"If the shot is for free, it's probably a good idea to get it," Thorpe said. "People our age get flu shots and they're not going to die from the flu. So why not get the [meningitis] shot?"

**Tuning in to hearing loss**

Kelly Chatsick  
LIFE REPORTER

Listening to headphones at high volumes can damage hearing. A recent survey conducted by Cory Portnuff, a doctoral researcher at the



Nick Kyonka

MP3 players can cause the same damaging effects as a concert.

University of Colorado discovered a person can safely listen to walkmans and iPods for long periods of time, as long as the volume is not higher than 70 per cent.

"Something that is loud is not necessarily bad," said Elizabeth Eayrs of the Tinnitus Association of Canada. "It is only dangerous at certain levels. That is when it can cause hearing damage."

Tinnitus is a condition that causes buzzing or ringing in the ears when there is no other sound present.

Many people will experience this after leaving a loud nightclub or a concert, but it can also become permanent if the hearing damage is severe enough.

The survey found people who listen to their music volume at over 80 per cent will not damage their hearing as long as they do not listen to it for more than 90 minutes a day.

The survey also found the genre of music has no effect on hearing. Headphones and volume levels weren't a common worry in the past, but they are today.

"More people are exposed to loud sounds than ever before because of technology," Eayrs said. "Clubs and concerts can also cause temporary tinnitus and it can be a hazard."

Another study conducted by Pennsylvania's College of Optometry's School of Audiology showed there was no difference in hearing damage based on headphone types.

The headphones that go into the ears create the same effect as the ones that sit on the outside of the ears.

Twenty-year-old former Humber student Nate Larke said he won't change how he listens to his music.

He listens to music on his headphones at a fairly loud volume at least once a day.

"It won't affect me at all right now and probably wouldn't ever change the way I listen to music unless I started having hearing problems myself," Larke said.

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## Take care when self-medicating

Natalie Gooyers

LIFE REPORTER

Students should be careful before taking a natural remedy the next time a cold hits.

While taking natural remedies is popular, it's important to realize that naturopathic medicines should be taken as directed like western drugs, said Julia Shainhouse, a naturopathic doctor at the Insight Naturopathic Clinic.

Vitamin C is one of the most common pills popped to ward off a cold.

If taken in excess, vitamin C can cause gastric intestinal upset and diarrhea, Shainhouse said.

She recommends zinc citrate as a preventative option, but if taken on an empty stomach it can cause nausea.

Shainhouse isn't very fond of Echinacea, another common natural remedy used to boost the immune system.

"I don't find it overly effective. It works for some people and not for other," said Shainhouse.

Echinacea can be taken as a preventative measure for up to eight weeks, after which time it should not be taken for one to four weeks, said Kenneth Ho, a pharmacist at Shoppers Drug Mart.

If taken beyond the recommended time period it can actually diminish the immune system.

Herbs she does recommend include astragalus and sambucas. Astragalus works well as a cold preventative, whereas studies show sambucas improves the body's initial immune response.

Shainhouse said that anyone thinking of taking naturopathic medicine consult a professional beforehand.

"Herbs can often interact with other medications. You have to be really careful," she said.

A popular new remedy called Cold FX is made up of ginseng extract, which is proven to work as a cold remedy.

However, Shainhouse said it can have harmful effects in people taking blood pressure or blood thinning medication.

She said this worrisome because "it is such a well marketed, easily available product. Anyone can buy it off the shelf."

Many pharmacies stock natural medications, though Ho said there isn't a lot of information available to confirm their effectiveness.

"I personally don't recommend [natural medicine], I haven't seen enough evidence or studies to support them."

## The gift of work

Cristina Cesario

LIFE REPORTER

'Tis the season to make money.

According to CareerBuilder.com, 58 per cent of employers said they're going to need extra staff to meet the increased business demands of the upcoming holidays.

While finding a job for the season can be a challenge, holiday jobs are usually found in the same areas of employment each year, according to Apple One employment agency. Many of these jobs have evolved from the commercialization of Christmas.

"Any place that is overwhelmed (with customers) at this time of year will be hiring, almost desperately," said Kelly Sutton, a consultant for Apple One.

Humber students can use the career centre as a resource to find the perfect holiday job, but Sutton said the old fashioned way is the most effective way to get hired.

"The best way (to apply for a job)

is to apply in person" she said.

Higher volumes of customers looking for gifts mean department stores need to hire more sales people. Those who choose this seasonal job might receive an extra benefit: discounts on purchases. Future shop is one of these retailers.

Aziz Touma, manager at Future Shop, said seasonal employees who perform well may get a permanent position with the company.

"If they work well under pressure during the holidays, we (Future Shop) will most likely keep them on staff," Touma said.

Chris Slute, 18, of the electro-mechanical engineering program, got hired seasonally at Future Shop last year, and still works there today.

As for Christmas holidays, Slute said it's not exactly a vacation for those who work in retail.

"The workload is triple what it is during the year. It's much harder, but it is a great time to work a lot and save money for school and



NASA said the Hubble Space Telescope would last only two or three more years unless \$900 million in repairs are made – *Discovery.com*.

## Punkworks blames elevator contest loss on disorganization

Stu Hood  
BUSINESS REPORTER

A team of Toronto aerospace and chemical engineers recently returned from a space elevator competition a little more disappointed than expected.

Plagued by technical problems, miscommunications and organizational miscues, they found themselves unable to compete for the coveted \$200,000 prize.

The group known as Punkworks (a play on a Lockheed Martin's aircraft company Skunk Works) went down to Las Cruces, New Mexico on Oct. 18 to take part in the Spaceward Foundation's Elevator 2010 Power Beam Power Challenge, a part of the Wirefly X-Prize Cup.

"A space elevator is basically as simple as it sounds: an elevator to space," said Aman Dhanoa, a member of the Punkworks team. "It works in a similar way as an elevator works in a building."

In comparison to a conventional building elevator powered by electricity, Dhanoa said one of the biggest tests in the competition was finding alternative sources of power.

"No extension cord is long enough," he said, "so the challenge is to feed energy to the elevator to power it and keep a current that makes it go up the tether."

Using a microwave-powered climber, they hoped to propel it up a 60-metre tether at the rate of one metre per second. Punkworks' failure to do so, however, was not the only thing that went wrong for them during the week of competitions.

"It was ridiculous how it was run. Rules were changed on the fly and there is a lot of things that should've been handled a bit better," said Dhanoa.

But Brad Edwards of the Spaceward Foundation said the media coverage following the competition has blown the alleged disorganization out of proportion.

"The media has been reporting on the games and of course trying to make it interesting – controversy, arguments, questionable actions," Edwards said. "The games were a little less interesting along those lines and more so along the lines of advancing technology."

Five of the twenty Punkworks team members attended the Oct. 18 competition expecting the event to run smoothly. But the team was faced with rainy weather and technical problems.

"Because of the rain, Spaceward basically said [they would] extend the qualifying to Thursday and Friday," Dhanoa said. "Thursday we had a problem with the wiring. We thought we fixed it, but I think when we [did] the microwave test for the climber, some wires got burnt."

After another attempt and more burnt wires, their qualification attempt was again rescheduled to Friday when the actual X-Prize competitions were being held. Dhanoa said everything would be brought to the team on-site.

But Dhanoa said Spaceward didn't bring anything, claiming they didn't have enough resources. The team was then told by organizers they weren't allowed to use microwave power because it could interfere with communication at the New Mexico airport.

"We had told the Spaceward Foundation and NASA months in advance that we were using microwaves in the competition," Dhanoa said.

The problem was dealt with by moving everything back to the fairgrounds for Sunday, the final



Courtesy of Aman Dhanoa

Meet four of the 20 Punkworks team members with their microwave-powered climber. They are: back, Kevin Estrabillo. Front, left to right, Erwin Lin, Allen Atamer and Aman Dhanoa.

day of the competition. Dhanoa said the competition, slated for a 9 a.m. start, didn't begin until 11:30 a.m.

**"We had two minutes left (out of our 30-minute limit) and the NASA people said 'that's it, it's over. Come back next year.'"**

—Aman Dhanoa  
Punkworks team member

With some of the other teams using solar powered devices, they were scheduled first in order to harness as much power from the sun as possible, but the Punkworks team, scheduled to go

last, were given temporary solace with a new 30-minute limit enforced.

"Another thing is they had to end the entire competition on Sunday by 4:00 p.m., so 2:30 p.m. rolls around and it's our turn to get on the tether," Dhanoa said. "We thought the 30-minute rule was just to give us more time because we hadn't had a chance to actually climb and we had the most elaborate setup of all, but they told us [we] had 30 minutes as well."

"It took us 28 minutes to get our climber attached to the tether," he said. "We had two minutes left and the NASA people said 'that's it, it's over. Come back next year.'"

While no one managed to claim any of the \$400,000 in prizes, the University of Saskatchewan's team was the closest when their climber actually made it to the top in the allotted time. However, problems

arose for them as well when judges discovered that the tether was actually five metres too short, disqualifying them by adding two seconds to their recorded time.

"The organizers were frustrated and disappointed that they were unable to give [the University of Saskatchewan] the prize," Edwards said. He said organizers "tried to be as flexible as possible in trying to award the [\$200,000] prize."

When asked what Punkworks' plans were for next year's competition, Dhanoa seemed doubtful.

"It all depends on how things are run next year," Dhanoa said. He sent a letter to the Spaceward Foundation suggesting rule changes for next year's competition. "There are... a lot of issues that we discussed thrown around by each team, discussing whether teams are going to come back for next year's competition at all."

## Authors discuss outlook on technological advances

Savvy tech writer Herve Fischer warns gadgets may be progressing at too fast a pace for humans

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Authors Herve Fischer and Jason Logan projected the future of technology at a book reading at the University of Toronto's Hart House.

Fischer, a philosopher and associate professor at the University of Quebec at Montreal was the first speaker at the Oct. 26 Hart House book reading. His book, *Digital Shock*, questions whether humans are keeping up with recent technological advancements.

"We have now the instrument and power in our hands, which is

brand new and is getting out of our control," said Fischer, who also wrote the books *The Hyper Planet* and *The Decline of the Hollywood Empire*.

**"We have not the brain or the wisdom to master or to use the technology in a good way."**

—Herve Fischer

"The technology is going faster than our consciousness, faster than our wisdom."

Fischer said the gap between humans and digital technology is a cause for concern.

"The gap between the level of our wisdom... and the level of the instrument and power in our hands is getting larger and larger," he said. "We have not the brain or the wisdom to master or to use the technology in a good way."

"It's dangerous because we may use [technology] in a bad way," Fischer said. "Both are possible."

Fischer's discussion and reading was followed by Logan, a freelance writer and illustrator with published work in the *New York Times* and *Maclean's*. Logan described

the meaning of his book's title, *iGeneration*.

"Basically, [the *iGeneration* is] a group of people who've always believed or expected an immediate connection," Logan said. "That means being on cell phones, on the net and having technology as apart of the way they think and work and love."

Logan, reading from his book, compared technology with, of all things, coffee. He said both were hot, exotic, increasingly overpriced and that a person might think coffee is exciting at first but eventually makes you ill and disoriented if you have too much. He said that

technology is full of "stupid comparisons like this."

He described the iPod as "a more elaborate Walkman," but also having more of a meaning than just an invention.

"I think what's more interesting is that it becomes a symbol of the idea of having some endless stream of information at your fingertips," Logan said. "I think it affects the body, the mind, the soul, the spirit. It affects almost every aspect of the way we live."

Logan's book contains no page numbers or chapters and consists of lists, charts, graphs and his own drawings and sketches.



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**"We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by" – Actor and comedian Will Rogers.**

## Runners' success all practice

### Hawks' capture gold, silver and bronze medals at provincials

Rosanna Araujo  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks cross country team soared into first place this weekend at the provincial track meet at Sunnybrook Park despite the rainy weather.

The muddy conditions didn't stop Lisa Lee, a first-year fitness and health promotion student from winning the women's 5-kilometre race.

"(It was) a little slippery, but that was a good race," said Lee.

Close behind Lee was third-place runner Amie Leitch, also a first-year fitness and health promotion student.

"It was a challenge. There were a lot of muddy parts. Overall it was great," Leitch said.

The men's 8-kilometre race took a confusing turn for Bruno Morreira, a first-year travel and tourism student. He got lost following the top runners from Fanshawe.

"I made a mistake. I kept going. I was following the other guys," Morreira said.

Despite taking a wrong turn early on in the race, Morreira managed to finish sixth with a time of 31:12.

Head coach Jennifer Andress said "there were no marshals there. It affected a lot of runners. When



Jim Bialek

Gold medalist Lisa Lee (center), is flanked by fellow bronze medalists Mike Scipio (left) and Amie Leitch.

you're running you can get easily disoriented."

Runner Michael Scipio, a second-year business management student, finished second. Scipio witnessed the top guys, including Morreira, running off course.

"I don't understand why they got lost," Scipio said. "We ran this race

last week. I just saw Bruno follow the other guys and I wondered where he was going."

Despite the cold weather, Scipio didn't let the rain affect him. "I had fun. I jumped into big pools of mud. I wanted to get filthy."

After all of the races, Andress and assistant coach Monique Haan

said they were proud of how the team did.

Andress said practices are the reason for the team's success. "We do hills in practice. Hills are a big mental trainer. One of the hills we practice on is an actual ski hill - if they can do that they can do anything."

The team will compete for the Canadian College Athletic Association championships in Quebec next Thursday.

"We will be sure to walk our athletes through the course so they know where they are going," Haan said. "By race day the athletes will be in top condition."



Forward Chris Thompson (left), looks to drop a pass toward the net.

Rosanna Araujo

## Tuning up for a long hoops season

### Men's team takes back the court with focus on defence

Rosanna Araujo  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team placed fifth at last weekend's Canada Basketball Tournament.

The Hawks' defeated the rival Champlain Cavaliers 65-62 in overtime. Last year they lost to the Cavaliers in the bronze medal game.

Chris Thompson, a first-year fitness and health promotion student made two decisive free throw shots that secured the win with only seconds left. He was named player of the game.

Assistant coach Chris Cheng attributes the Hawks' success to their improved protection. "We were much better focused on defence. We realized that offence

wasn't going to initiate the energy. Our defence sets the tempo for the rest of the game," Cheng said. "We are driving to the paint, getting hard fouls, doing a great job of getting to the line and our post players are really hitting in the post."

Head coach Darrell Glenn agreed. "Our defensive intensity (this weekend) was better. As a team we are still trying to generate our defence from the offence, but it should be the other way around," he said.

Team captain and second-year fitness and health promotion student, Sebastien Hunziker said the "intensity on defence was much better. For the first five minutes of the game it set the tone."

To prepare his team for their first game of the season against the George Brown Huskies on Nov. 10,

Glenn will start "implementing strength training in their practices."

"Our issue right now is strength. We need to get into the weight room and improve our overall fitness. We have to do much better," Glenn said.

Cheng plans on giving his team positive reinforcement.

"A lot of our guys are becoming really focused and getting angry when they make mistakes. They don't wait on the coaches. They know when they do something wrong," Cheng said.

The Hawks will have another opportunity to hone their defensive skills this Saturday when they play their last exhibition game versus the University of Toronto Varsity Blues. Regular season starts next Friday.



"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it" - Thomas Jefferson.

# Hawks' eyes focused on first-ever title

## Semi-final win over Sir Sanford Fleming Knights sets stage for new OCAA champ

Robert Hergott  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's rugby team ran to a 17-10 victory over the Sir Sanford Fleming Knights on a cold and windy Sunday afternoon.

Assistant coach Rick Bot was happy with most aspects of the team's semi-final win.

"The weather and the wind were huge factors for both teams. We executed well but we weren't consistent in our execution. In practice we have everything down pat; it's just sometimes we take our eyes off the ball (in the game)," Bot said.

While the Hawks felt they played well enough to win, minor adjustments are needed heading into the this weekend's OCAA championship game against Mohawk.

"I thought it was a good game today ... but we're going to have to play a lot harder next weekend against Mohawk if we want to win," Hawks player Adam Chianello said.

The team scored first against the Knights, but Fleming quickly answered back.

Humber then scored twice in a row and managed to allow only one late Fleming goal.

"It has been a long time since I

have felt that nervous in a game but I was really pleased with the effort. It's great to get through (to the finals) and (now) we're going to play a televised game in Fletcher's Field next weekend," said Athletic Director Doug Fox.

The Knights put up a strong effort in the semi-final game and fiercely battled the Hawks for the chance to advance to the title game.

"They played really well. They're a really good team. We started off pretty good, but lost a little momentum by (halftime), and then in the second half we picked it up," said Rose-Green, who scored once.

The Hawks committed a few potentially costly infractions.

"The referee was kind of iffy on a lot of calls, but we kept our mouths shut and we didn't get too many penalties towards us. We picked up a little too many penalties and we are going to have to clean that up, if we want to win in the finals," Green said.

Bot agreed with this assessment.

"We had a lot of penalties, a lot more than normal, but we can't blame anybody but ourselves," Bot said.

The OCAA Gold medal game will be this weekend at Fletcher's Field in Markham at noon.



Dennis Chung

Members of the men's rugby team battle Sir Sanford Fleming for ball possession on Saturday.



Robert Hergott

The Hawks are all smiles after a big semi-final win over the Knights.

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