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French dignitary visits school

Teacher exchange program brings ambassador to both campuses

by rebecca payne
SENIOR REPORTER

The French Ambassador to Canada, Daniel Jouanneau, made visits to both the North and Lakeshore campuses yesterday to propose expanding an exchange program that sends Humber faculty to the Paris Conservatory.

Denny Christianson, co-ordinator of Humber's music program, started the faculty exchange program last year.

Pat LaBarbera, Humber's professor of advanced jazz theory, was the first to participate. Last year he went to the Paris Conservatory for a week, and taught students from all over Europe and around the world.

"They had me working more hours than I do here," LaBarbera said, "but it was great. They took advantage of me being there and it's a nice program they have there. I got to meet some very, very talented players."

Humber's Studio Jazz Ensemble and Vocal Jazz Ensemble treated the ambassador to a performance during his visit to the Lakeshore campus.

"I found them really excellent. They are already very professional," Jouanneau said.

At the North Campus, the ambassador toured the new culinary arts lab and had lunch in the Humber Room. He said he was enthusiastic about strengthening the relationship between France and Toronto's post-secondary institutions, particularly Humber.

"We definitely want to boost these exchanges of teachers and students ... especially between Humber College and France," he said.

"Due to the existing relationship that (Christianson) established with the Consul General and the Paris Conservatory we were able to arrange this visit with the French ambassador," said William Hanna, the dean of media studies.

Hanna also said that this meeting was a great first step to expanding exchange opportunities



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France's ambassador to Canada Daniel Jouanneau gets a tour of the new culinary lab. From left to right, director of Humber's music program Denny Christianson, Consulate General of France to Toronto Pascal Sim, Humber's president Robert Gordon, Daniel Jouanneau and hospitality and tourism dean Alister Mathieson.

between the French government and English Canada.

"One of the things we discussed was some kind of placement exchange between journalism students, for instance. We're looking at all media related programs - journalism, multimedia, film and television."

Hanna said 'semester abroad'

programs were another option discussed.

Humber will be sending another faculty member from the jazz program abroad this March. Brian Dickinson, head of the keyboard department, will be at the conservatory for a week, where he hopes to meet and play with some of the faculty members.

Joe Kertes, dean of creative and performing arts said a number of programs at Humber have had successful relationships with counterparts in France.

"We talked about putting something together called 'gourmet jazz', that would feature both our music students and our culinary students," Kertes said.

Though these plans are still in their infancy, both sides are excited about what's to come.

"We left agreeing that in the near future, we will arrange to have the Consul General ... back to discuss in greater detail what we discussed in general today," Hanna said.

with files from Brian Benton.



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"Mr. Harper and the Conservative candidates ran a hard fought and very disciplined campaign of policies and ideas." — Ontario PC Party Leader John Tory

Cullen projects Liberal revitalization

Etobicoke-North MP keeps his seat amid Grit defeat

by andrea damiani, eileen hoflyzer and zoe szuch
NEWS REPORTERS

Liberal MP Roy Cullen vowed to work with the ruling Conservatives on the issues important to Etobicoke-North, the riding he held onto Monday night despite his party's rout nationally.

Cullen, 61, has been the Liberal representative for the riding since 1996, and won with 62 per cent of the vote in an area known for its diverse population of working families.

"I think it's going to be a time of re-energizing the Liberal party," Cullen said Monday night.

He said his priority for the riding is to make the streets safer and will work with the Conservatives to make that happen.

The Liberals will have to work with the NDP and Bloc Quebecois to keep the Conservatives "on a short leash," he said.

"(The Conservatives) may not be as spooky as they've been painted," Cullen said. "But if a hidden agenda starts oozing to the top, I think they will have to be careful, because they got a razor-thin minority."

Etobicoke-North Conservative candidate Amanjit Khroad was dis-

appointed at his loss, but pleased his party won a minority.

"I will continue to work to bring positive changes for the people of Etobicoke-North," said Khroad, 23, in a speech to his supporters.

Khroad is optimistic the Conservatives will last a full-term and achieve its top priorities.

"The first thing that Mr. Harper will be doing is the federal accountability act," he said. "He will make sure that the scandals will not happen again in Canada."

If passed, the act will ban corporate and union donations to political parties, limit personal donations to \$1,000 and give the Auditor General the power to review grants and contracts given by the government.

Etobicoke-North NDP candidate Ali Naqvi, 41, took the defeat stoically.

"It doesn't matter. It's the third time," he said.

Naqvi, an immigration lawyer originally from Pakistan, lost to Cullen by nearly 19,000 votes, but is already planning for the next election.

"We are going to prepare harder, campaign harder," Naqvi said.

When asked what he thought the new government holds for the future of Canada, Naqvi said "con-



andrea damiani

When asked for his outlook on the Conservative government, Liberal Roy Cullen said it's healthy to have two national parties and that they're probably not as scary as they seem.

servativism, but we are going to grab them by the neck and we'll make sure that we push our agenda and we will not let them do as they please.

"And with the balance of power in our hands, we will make sure that the balance of power tilts in the peoples' side and not on the

corporations' side."

Although he was not elected, Naqvi said the NDP MPs who won will come through for Etobicoke-North residents.

While Naqvi said the NDP plans to co-operate with the other parties, that co-operation will only go so far.

"We won't let [other parties] do anything that is against our principles," Naqvi said. "We won't let them privatize health care, we won't let them push their corporate agenda. We will make sure that the needs of the people of Canada are fulfilled."

HSF starts store on North Campus

New venue allows students to buy and sell textbooks

by eileen hoflyzer
NEWS REPORTER

Students at North Campus have a new way to sell their textbooks with the HSF's used bookstore, which opened last Thursday beside the Games Room.

"We feel it's a real great alternative to the [campus] bookstore offering, and hopefully students will be making use of it," said Michael Parent, HSF business manager.

Students can bring books to the store and set their own prices for the books, which are then displayed in the store and listed online. Students can potentially get more money than they would if they sold their book back to the campus bookstore, which will pay 10 to 50 per cent of the original purchase price.

The HSF takes 15 per cent of the sale of each book, while the rest of the money goes to the student.

"We've partnered with a program that sends these materials over to Third World countries and

then those materials are made available to schools and teaching institutions," Parent said.

Lakeshore Campus already has a successful student-run consignment store. North Campus is starting the program this semester because there had not been space available for it before.

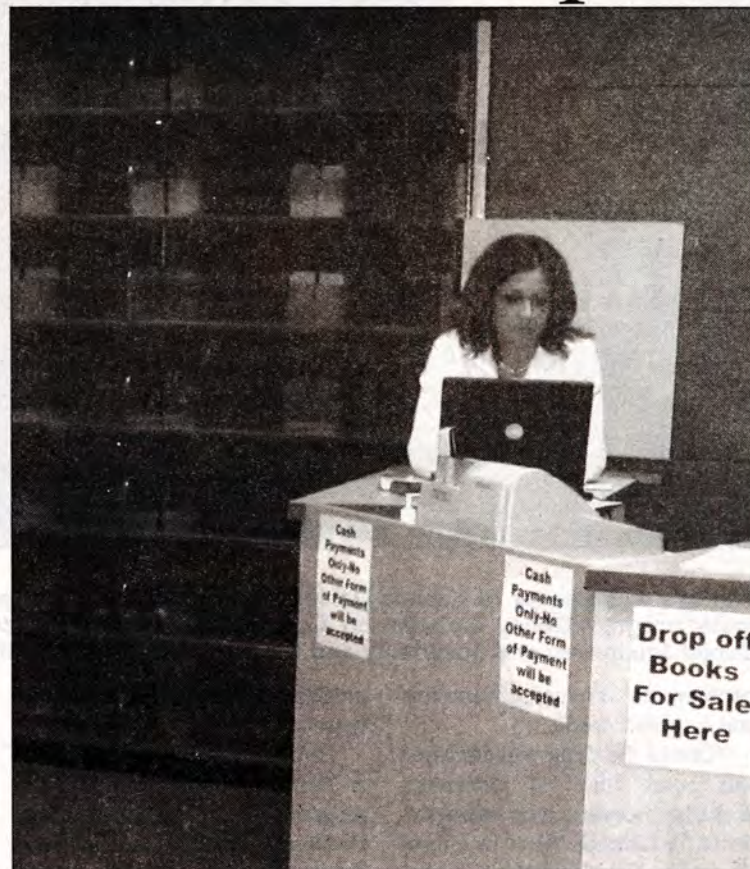
The campus bookstore did not object to the HSF store, even though the two are competing.

"All I can say is that it is an agreement that the college and the bookstore came to," said Debbie Martin, manager of the campus bookstore. "And we are in agreement that HSF can operate their consignment used bookstore."

Parent does not see the two stores as competing, but simply giving alternatives to students looking for textbooks.

"It provides options, choices to students, and at the end of the day, I think that's the most important thing," Parent said.

Student can take back unsold books and try selling them to the campus bookstore or donate them to charity through the HSF.



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Diane Viveiros, HSF services coordinator, prepares to open the HSF bookstore. They only have a few books on the shelves so far. The new bookstore operates Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Licensing rules get a rewrite

by eileen hoflyzer
NEWS REPORTER

Stricter rules about identification needed to apply for a driver's licence came into effect last Monday.

The new rules mean people applying for a driver's licence have to show original government identification, such as a passport or birth certificate.

The Ministry of Transportation will no longer accept documents like credit cards, baptism certificates, or employee cards.

The Ontario government made the change so licences are more secure, said Transportation Minister Harinder Takhar.

The change was recommended by Auditor General Jim McCarter after it was discovered a licence can be obtained with as little as a Costco membership.

Schintelle Hart, 18, a first-year media foundations student, does not have her driver's licence, but does not think the new rules will affect her ability to get one.

"I think it's a good idea to have to show government ID," she said. "That way you can't pretend to be someone else."

"They have no mandate to proceed with their planned remaking of Canada." — Canadian Auto Workers President Buzz Hargrove on the Tory minority win.

Ignatieff tackles issues, not top job

by nicole blake, julia strojnik and rosanna brazil
NEWS REPORTERS

Michael Ignatieff preferred to concentrate on crime, clean water and ice rather than speculate on his chances for Paul Martin's job when talking about his Etobicoke-Lakeshore win Monday.

There is speculation he could become the next leader of the Liberal Party, but Ignatieff shrugged off questions about his future role when asked by the CBC, replying "I don't want to think, talk, discuss leadership."

Instead, Ignatieff praised former prime minister Paul Martin as a great leader, and focused on the riding's key issues, including a safer community, cleaning up the lake and building a new ice rink.

He praised the crowd for their support in spite of allegations of being parachuted into the riding and supporting the Iraq war.

"I don't know where the road leads from here, but I do know where it began. It began in this room with you," he said to joyous supporters Monday night in the base ment of Hollywood On The Queensway.

Addressing the crowd in French at times, Ignatieff spoke about the importance of national unity.

"We share a certain idea of Canada — a land of opportunity, a land of hope, a land of freedom, a land of justice."

Ignatieff took 44 per cent of the vote. Conservative John Capobianco finished with 34.8 per cent and NDP candidate Liam McHugh-Russell with 15.5 per cent.

The Conservatives made major gains to win a minority government in last Monday's election but could not break any ground in Toronto's 23 ridings.

"It's tough being Conservative in Toronto these days," he said.

The loss was bittersweet for Capobianco, who said he was banking on a win after a hard fought campaign.

"We came close tonight," he said Monday. "We ran an excellent



Author and former Harvard professor Michael Ignatieff, top, was emotional Monday night after his victory over Conservative candidate John Capobianco, bottom.

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campaign based on integrity, hope and opportunity."

The Conservative's defeat also disappointed Andrew Miller, 23, a postgraduate student in the international marketing program at Humber, who volunteered on Capobianco's campaign.

"I really thought that John could take it. Unfortunately, the star power of Ignatieff may have prevailed, but I think everybody knows in their heart that John would have been the best representative for this riding."

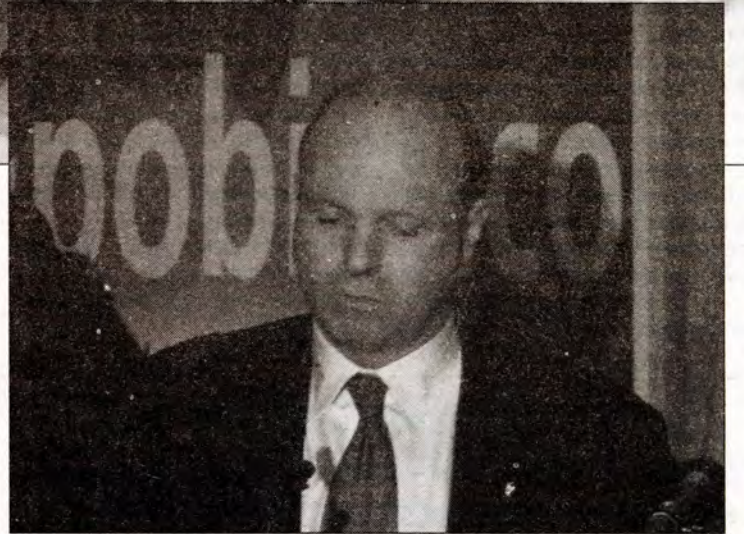
This was Capobianco's second consecutive loss in Etobicoke-Lakeshore, but Conservative riding president Dean French said it was

not his last campaign.

"Every good politician and every good organizer knows that you start campaigning for the next election the day after," French said. "In a minority situation, don't put those signs away. Keep them in the garage and get ready for John Capobianco to be our candidate again in Etobicoke-Lakeshore."

McHugh-Russell said he had a wonderful time on the campaign trail and is excited about the momentum of his party, which finished with 29 seats — 10 more than it had in 2004.

He hopes New Democrats will be able to influence Parliament to better insure financial stability for



working class families, invest more in post-secondary education and care for seniors.

"That's what we've done in the last Parliament," McHugh-Russell

said. "That's what we've done since we were created back in the 60s, and that's what we'll do in the next Parliament as well — no matter who else has a strong role."

New transit pass plan meets mixed reaction

Riders for it, drivers against

by james koole
BUSINESS REPORTER

A new plan floated by the Toronto Transit Commission offers heavily discounted transit passes, built into student fees.

Dubbed U-Pass, the plan would give students unlimited use of the TTC for eight months of the year at a cost of about \$480.

The plan works out to under \$60 a month, but students cannot

opt out if they don't want the pass.

The current cost of a TTC Metropass is \$88.75 if bought at the Humber College bookstore. That price comes courtesy the TTC's Volume Incentive Program (VIP), which provides discount passes when bought in bulk.

Cameron McKenzie, Humber Student Federation vice president of administration at Lakeshore

Campus, said at \$480 per student, the current U-Pass proposal wouldn't make sense.

McKenzie points to location as one of the reasons the U-Pass doesn't add up for Humber.

points to location as one of the reasons the U-Pass doesn't add up for Humber, especially at the North Campus.

"The numbers just don't work — they're just too high," he said. "What we'd like to push for, especially for Humber, is a further discount to the VIP pass."

"We're not located downtown. We're not like George Brown or U of T," said McKenzie, noting those campuses are located near subway lines.

Reaction to the idea is mixed, even among daily TTC riders.

"I'd use it," said Matthew Bergshoeff, a first-year funeral services student who rides the TTC everyday. "I don't know how students who don't ride it would feel about it. They might be a bit pissed off."

Reaction among drivers was negative, although some saw value in the concept for transit riders.

"For me it would be useless because I'm not in Toronto at all. I'm coming out from Burlington," said Chris Elliott, 25, a labourer apprenticeship student.

Elliot said he thinks for students living within the city, the plan makes great sense. "For anyone in Toronto, I think it's a stellar program."

McKenzie said the HSF and student federations across the city are working together to negotiate the best deal for students and that any decision on joining the program would be subject to a referendum held at each school.

Toronto Crime Stoppers recently organized the donation of 15 tonnes of school uniform apparel to students displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

January named Crime Stoppers month

MacAleese inspired millions of Canadians to crack down

by jaimie kehler
NEWS REPORTER

If international crime-fighting were a cartoon, Greg MacAleese would be its super-hero.

Canadian-born MacAleese is the mind behind Crime Stoppers, a not-for-profit organization operating in more than 1,200 communities worldwide.

This week, at various international ceremonies, January was officially proclaimed Crime Stoppers month in honour of the thousands of cases solved since its creation.

Nearly 30 years ago, a young Detective MacAleese single-handedly started a law-enforcement revolution when he made the first televised appeal for public assistance.

"I was working on a homicide case. A guy was killed during an armed robbery in a gas station," MacAleese said from his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico. "We were spinning our wheels for over two months, coming up with nothing — I thought somebody must have seen something that could help us."

"So I contacted the number one (TV) station in the state, and requested that they do a televised re-enactment of the crime."

Phone lines were set-up so callers could remain anonymous. In one last push to solve the case, the plea went to air at 10 p.m. that Sunday night.

"As soon as they put my phone number on the screen, my tele-

phone started to ring," said the former detective. "It rang off the hook for three hours — the guy was arrested the next day."

"Unexpectedly, we got lots of calls about an unrelated gang rape crime," he said about the surge of tips that poured in over the phone lines. "We ended up solving that case that night too — the suspects were arrested the next afternoon."

MacAleese knew he was on to something.

"The first 30 years have been a good start. Hopefully, the next 30 years will be even better."

— Greg MacAleese, founder

"It was like lightning in the bottle, we had to take it one step further."

Since that time, Crime Stoppers has solved more than one million cases in over 20 countries around the world. It has been responsible for the arrests of over 600,000 individuals, has led to the seizure of \$7 billion worth of drugs and stolen property and continues to serve communities with a 95 per cent conviction rate.

In Toronto alone, Crime Stoppers has assisted in nearly 8,000 arrests, and over 12,000 solved cases.

"I appreciate the credit," MacAleese said, "but the success of Crime Stoppers really comes down to the individuals involved."

A native of Picton, Ont., MacAleese never intended to go into law enforcement. He spent three years as a journalist before a doctor advised him to seek out a less-stressful occupation.

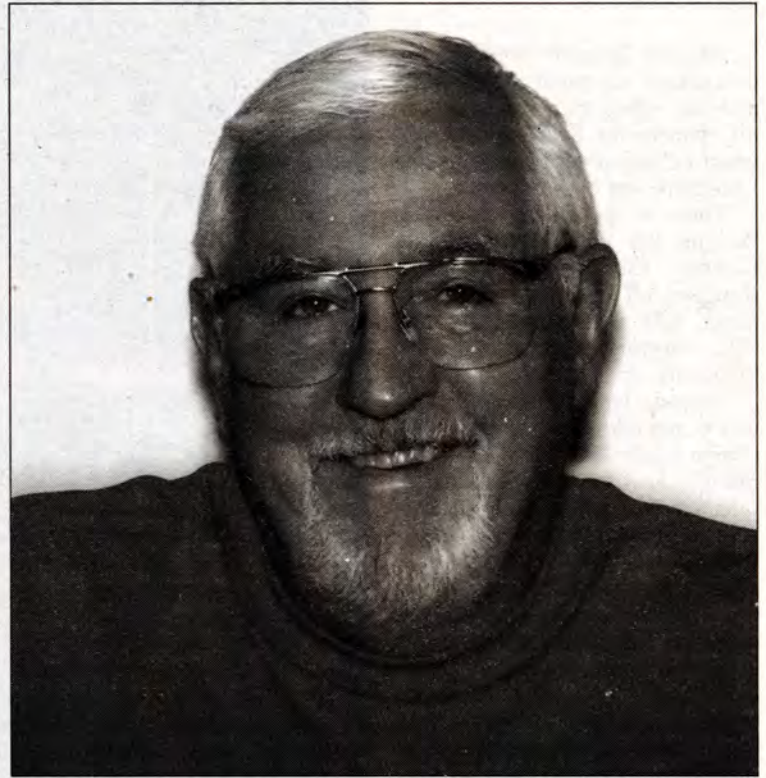
"I had a bleeding ulcer and the doctor told me to take it easy," MacAleese said with a laugh.

During his years, he has served as the executive director of both Crime Stoppers International and the Greater Dallas Crime Commission, has created the award-winning television series Crackdown, and was honoured by the FBI with a U.S. Community Leadership Award.

This week he celebrates his sixtieth birthday.

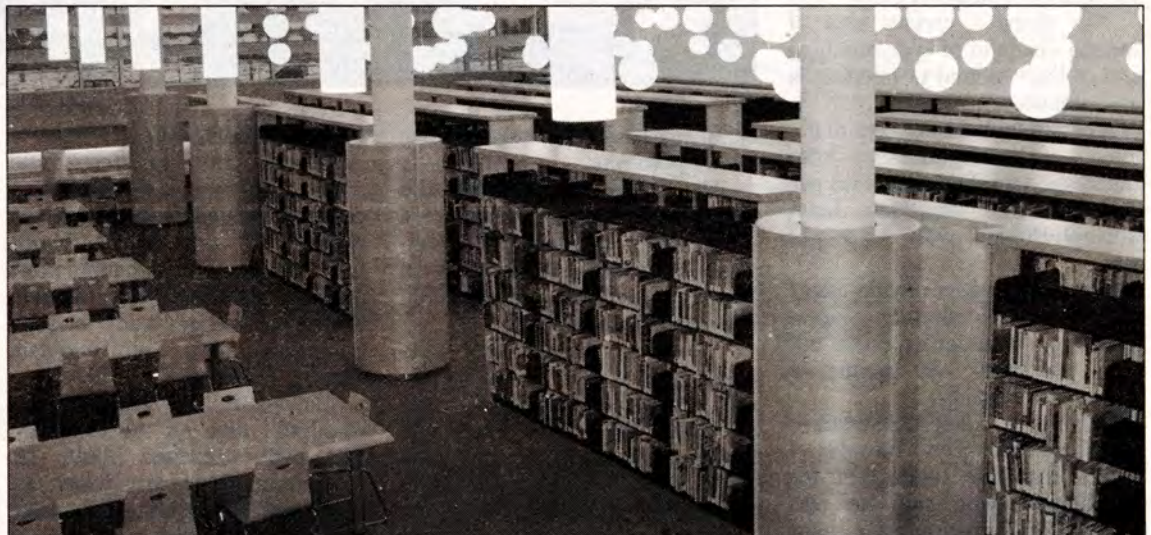
"The first 30 years [of the program] have been a good start," MacAleese said.

"Hopefully the next 30 years will be even better."



courtesy

Greg MacAleese received his first anonymous tip 30 years ago. Since then, Crime Stoppers has revolutionized policing.



rebecca payne

Lakeshore Campus' library's grand opening is today at 3 p.m.

Lakeshore library opens its doors

New facility will seat more than 200

by zoe szuch
NEWS REPORTER

Lakeshore campus celebrates the grand opening of its newly remodelled \$7.1 million library today, an event students from both campuses are welcome to attend.

"We've been planning this for a number of years and it wasn't until the student federation agreed to fund most of it that we were able to do the work," said Bruce Bridgeford the director of capital development at Humber.

The new facility, which had been in a state of remodelling

since May 2005, spans 15 thousand square feet and boasts a seating capacity of over 200. The Humber Student Federation footed \$6 million of the bill, with the remainder coming from the college itself.

Lynne Bentley, director of Library services at Humber, lauded the new building for its "very sleek, modern look."

The library will be a memorable structure for students to behold — featuring a giant glass wall that rests on a 30-degree angle, avant-garde lighting, and custom-made tables and cabinetry — complete with five study rooms, six listening stations and 23 computer terminals.

"We added an adaptive technologies area for visually impaired

or learning disabled students; special software, extra large text on key board [and] extra large text on screen," said Bridgeford, who added the library project has been a long-time item on the Lakeshore steering team's wish list.

The library was remodelled to accommodate a growing student population, expand on Humber's catalogue of degree programs, and maintain the ones it already has.

"We've been trying now, diligently over the last five years, to bring the level of services at the Lakeshore campus up to par or better than those available at North campus," Bridgeford said.

The grand opening takes place at 3 p.m., and includes a ribbon cutting ceremony, speeches and light refreshments.

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Stephen Harper has promised a tax credit of up to \$500 for students to help cover the cost of text books.

My date with Newsworld

From L-Wing hallways to CBC's national airwaves

by caroline laurin
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

I have never wanted to be on air.

When I would watch newscasts, I couldn't imagine being as comfortable as the people I was seeing and I never thought that one day so soon I would be right up there among them.

The CBC was putting together a panel of student journalists from across Canada to report on the elections, and I was chosen to represent Toronto.

My first assignment was straightforward: I had to survey Humber students about the upcoming Federal elections. Were they following the campaigns at all? Were they going to vote? How did they feel about some of the campaign promises?

I cornered as many people as I could find on campus, terrified that I wouldn't have enough to go on when it came time to sit on the panel.



all photos brian bento

Caroline, in the CBC newsroom with anchor Andrew Nichols.

For the next two days, I poured over my findings, and e-mailed the survey out to friends to get as much insight into the student political perspective as I could.

When I got to the CBC building on that Sunday morning, I was brought right to makeup.

Once it was caked on, I was ushered to the set, a desk beneath bright lights, and my microphone and earpiece were put in place.

We did a few brief sound tests, and then I waited for the show to begin.

The first question was the hardest because I was so nervous, but from there it flew by.

I had no idea what any of it looked like, or how I was doing, I could only answer the questions as they were put to me, and not get distracted by things outside of

my control.

Just as suddenly as it began, the show was over.

For that entire day I was on cloud nine. I had received great feedback, and everyone was happy with the way it went.

"Oh, it's my little celebrity!" my mother said when I called her. "What was with your lipstick?"

Trust my mother to be more concerned about my appearance than performance, but she was still very supportive and proud.

I have only watched the tape twice. I find it doesn't look like me at all, and it's strange to remember how it felt to answer those questions, then to see myself do it.

I'm sure I will watch it once more before I go on air again; I want to learn from my mistakes and be the best reporter I can be.



Your thoughts the morning after

Student reaction to Harper minority mixed as ever

by robina kumar
SENIOR REPORTER

The reaction in the halls at North Campus the morning after the election was mixed, but nobody seemed surprised at the result.

Shawna Wilson, a fashion arts student, claimed the issues targeted weren't relevant to students.

"I don't even care. They don't really focus on us and so we're not really interested," she said.

HSF vice president of administration Daniella Cross said the Conservatives did not address funding for education.

"The federal government needs to respond to this issue. We need as much assistance as possible through federal and provincial grants," she said. "I would just be concerned that some of the things

we come to know, respect and love about our country will change."

Cross wasn't too disappointed with the Conservative win since North Campus' riding, Etobicoke-North, was won by Liberal incumbent Roy Cullen.

"I think nothing significant is going to be done. The Conservatives don't have that much power anyhow."

- Ben Mills,

university transfer student

"They [students] are educated voters and the votes do speak for themselves. We, as an institution, have been happy with Roy Cullen

in power," added Cross.

Ben Mills, a university transfer student, wasn't concerned by the Conservative victory.

"I think nothing significant is going to be done. They really don't have that much power anyhow because they are a minority government," he said.

Jordan Bushell blamed Liberal Leader Paul Martin for the party's loss.

"I think it's about time (he stepped down). The Liberals lost because of Paul Martin and the scandal. Jean Chrétien was a great Liberal leader," said the film and television student.

Sherry Stuckey, a second-year law clerk student, was excited to see the Tories in power.

"I'm a die-hard Conservative, but I was surprised by the amount of votes the Liberals got," she said.

Humber student still needs help

Last month's fundraising drive amounted to just over \$1100

by jaclyn newman
NEWS REPORTER

The HSF fundraiser for Humber student Claudia Agüero, who was orphaned and left alone to raise her two younger brothers, was not as successful as hoped.

Last month's fundraiser amounted to a mere \$1,155.

"I think it was a really great initiative. It was something important to do for a family in need, but it was bad timing," said Aaron Miller, programming director of the Humber Students Federation. "It was right before exams, right before Christmas and it was the end of the year. I don't think it got the attention it should have."

The *Humber Et Cetera* ran a feature on Agüero in the Dec. 8 edition of the paper. HSF set up donation boxes at events held in Caps and the Student Centre as well, and asked those in attendance to give what they could.

Humber College matched donations from both the North and Lakeshore campuses – for a grand total of \$2,310 – but Miller said he wants to continue raising funds this semester.

"Hopefully we can get more publicity by the subject being brought up in the paper again. If we keep it going, I'm hoping we'll gain some momentum."

Donations can be made at the HSF offices KX105 North Campus and H106 Lakeshore Campus

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editorial

"Every day silence harvests its victims. Silence is a mortal illness." — Italian author Natalia Ginzburg (1916 - 1991)

Silence solving nothing

Torontonians need to speak out to stop violence

The names attached to people who report offences to authority figures are never flattering. Variations of these names are used from early childhood, in the rather benign incarnation of tattle-tale, to the far more serious accusation of being a stool pigeon, someone who tells the police about a crime or identifies the assailant.

January is Crime Stoppers month. Everyone has seen the ads, on the subway and around Humber, beseeching the public to help find criminals. This help, especially in the case of violent or gang-related crime, is not often offered. It seems that in certain neighbourhoods of Toronto, the fear of being a stool pigeon outweighs the fear of having a criminal walking the streets.

This was particularly evident last November: a murder took place at the funeral of a murder victim. Shots were heard outside the church while inside Jamal Michael Hemmings was being eulogized and panicked parishioners found Hemmings' friend Amon Beckles on the steps of the church bleeding

from a wound in his neck. Beckles had witnessed Hemmings' murder and had spoken to police shortly afterwards. Beckles was killed in broad daylight on the steps of a church packed with gang members and everyone there claimed they didn't know anything, they didn't see anything, they wouldn't say anything. To be sure, the church and community leaders made a noise, condemning the perpetrators and calling for increased police presence in the

area. The pastor of the church where Beckles was killed even asked the federal government to enact the War Measures Act so troops could patrol the streets. City councillors raged at police, police pointed fingers at gang members and Toronto Mayor David Miller offered the city's prayers to the Beckles family.

It comes down to this: Jamal Michael Hemmings was shot in a parking lot like a dog and Amon Beckles spoke to the police about it. Not a week later, Beckles was shot down, and if you tuned out the din of community groups, church groups, city councillors and police chiefs laying the blame on each other, you heard very little. Utter silence, in fact. While every person in

Toronto who hadn't been at that church was found guilty of the murder of Amon Beckles, the one man who actually was guilty of the murder slipped away, and the people who knew the man wearing the blue, hooded jacket and dark jeans who was seen fleeing the scene, didn't say a word.

And can you blame them? Beckles spoke to the cops and look what happened to him. He was a stool pigeon, a rat, a tattle-tale. And now he's dead. Another murderer is not held accountable and another body is slotted away in the public's memory, forgotten until the next one is killed. Toronto's homicides are climbing. No one spoke up for Amon Beckles. Until people speak up for the men and women who are killed, those numbers will continue to climb.

Beckles was killed in broad daylight on the steps of a church packed with gang members and everyone there claimed they didn't know anything, they didn't see anything, they wouldn't say anything.



PROPS & BURNS

Props to the Tories for not having to apologize for any attack ads.



Props to the Liberals for not letting the Tories run away with a majority.



Props to the NDP's Jack Layton for mixing business with pleasure on Parliament Hill.



Burn on the Tories for not completely capitalizing on a failing Liberal party.



Burn on the Liberals for running such a brutal campaign.



Burn on the NDP's Jack Layton for letting his mustache get in the way of the message.

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"Fear cannot be banished, but it can be calm and without panic; it can be mitigated by reason and evaluation."— U.S. official Vannevar Bush (1890 - 1974)

Foreign policy needs priority

Harper needs to think about our commitments abroad



by **jeremy lloyd**
COPY EDITOR

It is well known that Stephen Harper is not a well-traveled man, counting North America and Europe as the only continents stamped in his passport. His outgoing wife is the globetrotter who, he says, provides him with a "read on the realities of life in other parts of the world." Harper is a stay-at-home kind of guy who now finds himself in a job requiring a very international perspective.

As Canada emerges from its election shell and peeks its head out at the world, Harper has precious little time to get his bearings. His attention is needed immediately as Canada finds itself in the thick of several situations

On Monday an army convoy was attacked by anti-coalition guerillas in Afghanistan, just one week after a car bomb killed Canadian diplomat Glyn Berry and seriously wounded three soldiers.

According to NATO's reconstruction timeline, Canada will more than double its troop contribution to the U.S.-led occupation of the country's regions by the end of February.

When the Iraq war was being

debated in Parliament, Harper made no secret his desire to support the U.S. and send troops to Iraq. In the House of Commons, he criticized Martin's refusal to send troops, saying "we believe the government should stand by our troops, our friends and our allies and do everything necessary to support them right through to victory."

In his election victory speech, Harper made specific mention of our forces in Afghanistan and their recent sacrifices. With Afghanistan looking less like a reconstruction and more like a war zone, Harper will need to rethink our involvement in the region. He may want to send more troops in support of the American war on terror.

We must remember these soldiers aren't the blue-helmeted UN peacekeepers Canadians are familiar with. They are combat soldiers, trained to kill people and protect NATO interests.

Harper would have to justify increased participation in a way that does not suggest he is cozying up to American influence.

Kyoto was another issue left dangling when Parliament was dissolved. The Liberal government was forging a reputation as a global environmental leader, hosting an emissions conference last year and presenting then-cabinet minister Stephane Dion as a champion for environmental reform.

Harper is a vocal Kyoto oppo-

nent, and promised to pull all Canadian support. He cites the standard reasons for wanting out – economic limitations – but also that even the Liberals couldn't meet their Kyoto targets. But we shouldn't be surprised that a Calgarian would stand against Kyoto. It threatens Alberta's oil economy and jeopardizes jobs in his home province.

Can we abandon Kyoto without offering an alternative? If he pulled Canada out of Kyoto, Harper should table a new plan lest he risk our hard won reputation.

Perhaps Harper's main advantage over Martin is that his conservative views will mesh better with America's. He should be able to talk to President Bush about softwood lumber and border issues, and while we may not see him arm-in-arm with Dubya, drinking and singing a la Mulroney and Reagan, he can at least come to the table from a similar perspective.

Martin was right to attempt to govern Canada according to its place near the top of a community of nations and not by its internal struggles. Harper says his only concerns right now are his "five priorities" – accountability, taxes, day-care, crime and healthcare – but he cannot afford to totally ignore the international loose ends. Canada is too involved in global economics and development for us to turn our back now, even briefly.

Karla film should not be playing in Canadian theatres



by **alister tennant**
OPINION & EDITORIAL EDITOR

Hollywood blurred the lines of acceptability again with last week's release of *Karla*. It's a name few can forget in Canada, especially with the media frenzy following Karla Homolka's release from prison last year. While most Canadians are likely tired of being inundated with news of the convicted felon, it would seem our neighbours' to the south still have an appetite for the depraved and disgusting events the movie portrays.

I will not see the film, I hope most Canadians will give it a miss as well. Most of us are familiar with the story, how Paul Bernardo and Karla Homolka abducted, raped, tortured and murdered Kristen French and Leslie Mahaffy. The thought of seeing those events recreated on the big screen turns my stomach.

Movies about serial killers and sex slayings have been a staple for Hollywood filmmakers for quite some time, but you still have to question the world's need to see real life events such as this in theatres, when they could just as easily see a fictional

horror film like *Saw 2*.

Films portraying the brutal acts of killers such as John Gacy or David Berkowitz have come and gone, but our own Canadian version hitting the big screen seems unbelievable. Wanting to understand the minds of killers like Gacy or Berkowitz makes a kind of twisted sense to me. They killed many people in attempts to exorcize their own personal demons, something few people ever contemplate.

Bernardo and Homolka, on the other hand, were cold, calculated, and cruel. The taking of those young girls lives shouldn't be glorified, and any attempt to humanize their tormentors is merely insulting to the families of their victims.

Canada is not the United States, the acts perpetrated by Bernardo and Homolka are an abhorrence in our society. We live in a relatively peaceful and quiet society here in the great white north, and I think some of that tranquility is due to our ability to know when not to re-hash the past.

I don't hate violence in movies, I'm an avid fan of horror films myself, but when violence is based on real events, I do see the need for careful consideration. There is a time and a place for most things, but this film definitely has no place in Canada.

There's no need to panic: the bird flu is not coming for you



by **rebecca payne**
SENIOR REPORTER

We're all going to die. If you thought SARS was scary, you'd better dust off your pint-sized Purell bottle and prepare for the worst – Bird Flu is coming for you, or so the media would have

you believe.

Though the H5N1 strain of avian influenza is a threat, most stories on the topic serve only to incite fear, chock full of grim scenarios where millions fall victim to the disease, hospitals are overrun and unable to provide care. H5N1, though capable of passing from birds to humans, has not yet mutated to a form easily passed from human to human. If then only would there be potential for

H5N1 to cause a pandemic. So far, those who've contracted the strain have had close contact with infected poultry. This is because many rural families in Asia live in close proximity to their livestock.

The way this story has been warped and sensationalized has helped me understand why there is so much public distrust of the media. As I trek through my final year of the journalism program here at Humber, I can't help but

feel worried that the world I am about step into may not be as distinguished as I once believed.

It is our responsibility as journalists to inform the public objectively, accurately, and without hidden agendas. I have to wonder what editor could, in sound mind, plaster the cover of their paper in two inch high letters reading, 'WHAT IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN?'

This is not a balanced and fair report, this is alarmist rhetoric –

and bad journalism. How could the public not panic, when newspaper boxes all over town are announcing the details of this imminent avian apocalypse?

If journalists took the time and care necessary when reporting on issues as serious as public health – and not just give the worst possible scenario – then perhaps the public would take away a well-informed, more realistic view.

What the media has missed here is that the governments of the most powerful nations in the world are dealing with pandemic preparations in an irrational and short-sighted manner. Instead of funding programs to educate those in poorer Southeast Asian nations how to spot the virus, making containment of an outbreak a real possibility, countries are scrambling to stock up on Tamiflu. If the public was aware of the fact that prevention is a real option, pressure could be put on governments to take the appropriate actions.

But this will most likely not be the case. And soon, if H5N1 doesn't mutate and cause a pandemic, we will all forget it was ever a threat – and it will be added to the long list of stories we journalists got wrong, right under the killer bees and El Nino.

Says You!

How do you feel about a new Conservative government in Ottawa?



"We would have been better off with the Liberals again."

— **Marlena Frankovac,**
Business Marketing



"No government has ever stuck to what they said — so we'll see what happens"

— **Andrew Dawson,**
Business Marketing



"I didn't vote — none of the candidates appealed to me."

— **Krystal MacArthur,**
Fitness and Health Promotions



"[A Conservative government is] a frightening prospect"

— **Noel Miller,**
Paramedic

common cents



During the first fiscal quarter of 2006, Apple shipped 14 million iPods. The demand for the gadgets increased 207 per cent from the same quarter last year.



brian bento

Custom Levi's, on sale next fall, will be designed to minimize pocket "iPod bump" and feature a joystick remote control.

Music to your ears and your jeans

iPod Levi's unite fashion and technology

by eunice oluoch
BUSINESS REPORTER

For a little less than the cost of an iPod, Humber students can slip into a pair of designer Levi's specifically tailored for the portable Apple gadgets.

RedWire DLX jeans, designed for both men and women, are machine washable and will hit stores in Canada this fall.

The cost? A mere \$235.

"I think it's ridiculously priced," said second-year computer engineering student Sukhdeep Samrai, 22.

But the jean manufacturer is hoping the product will have mass

appeal in spite of the high price tag.

"The RedWire DLX Jean [merges] fashion and technology, [providing] consumers with the most innovative way to enhance their portable, digital music lifestyle," said Robert Hanson, Levi's U.S. brand president in a statement. "In designing the jeans we considered both function and fashion."

According to the company's press release, the pants feature a built-in docking cradle, retractable headphones and a joystick remote that allows easy control of volume and play functions without having to remove the iPod from the jeans' pocket.

Though Levi's claims it's "launching a wearable technology revolution," extreme sports equipment manufacturer Burton Snowboards started marketing MP3-compatible jackets in 2003.

U.S.-based fashion design company Koyono has created a lightweight men's jacket with integrated controls for iPods. The item, dubbed the BlackCoat Work, will be on sale this spring priced just under \$200.

Brian Wickens, a professor in Humber's fashion program, said the convergence of technology and fashion is "probably going to be one of the strongest up-and-coming new trends and directions."

Wickens said considering the target age demographic for the RedWire DLX Jean is 16 to 30, "the price is a little exorbitant, but eventually, like all trends, the price will come down."

First-year architecture student Keon Akefi, 20, can't see the value in the designer jeans.

"The iPod is expensive as it is," he said. "Why would anyone want to buy jeans for \$235 when you can hardly afford an iPod?"

The end of the pen?

Digital notes easy but pricey for students

by jen wareham
BUSINESS REPORTER

If students are hoping to make pens and binders tools of the past, they're going to have to commit to change, said Erin Elofson, OneNote product manager for Microsoft Canada.

Elofson explains Microsoft OneNote, released in 2003, is an application for free-form note-taking on your laptop that makes binders obsolete.

Students can not only write their notes and store them in one centralized place, but with the press of a button, they can record their lectures.

Later, they can cross-reference the notes with the audio.

"The biggest challenge is it requires a fundamental behaviour change," Elofson said. "(People making the switch) must adjust to not having a pen in hand and paper."

While handwritten notes are still the norm, the idea of using a computer program for note-taking appeals to many Humber students.

"I like the program," said Leigh Beadon, 20, a third-year

print journalism student. "It saves everything like a notebook. You don't have to save it in separate files yourself."

But not everyone is convinced the software is necessary.

Michael Nanni, a Guelph-Humber student who uses his laptop for note-taking, said he hasn't invested in OneNote.

"Right now I use [Microsoft] Word," the second-year computing student said. "It works for me."

Dr. Lawrence Spero, a retired professor at University of Toronto's medical school, said students who use Tablet PCs (laptops that respond to a special pen on a screen) benefit most from OneNote.

Spero, who used the program for teaching, said he liked that OneNote allowed him to "turn the laptop into an electronic blackboard." But, he added, using it made extra work for the teachers.

"It does require a little bit of effort from the faculty to make notes available to the students."

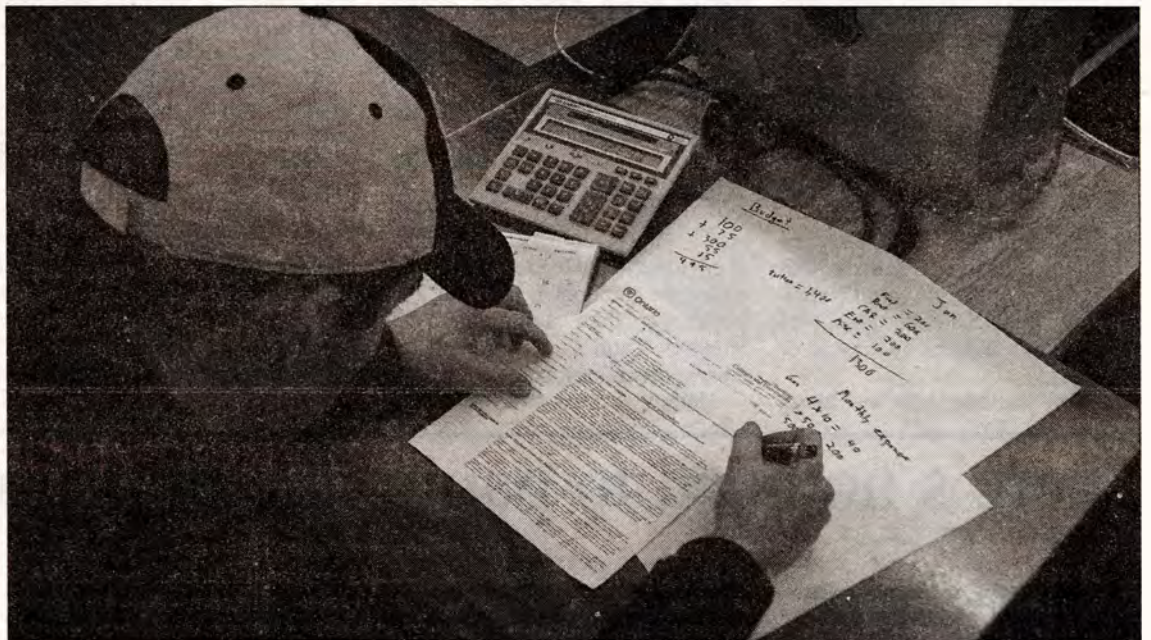
While the program has many appealing features, binders sell for \$1.99 at campus bookstores compared to OneNote's \$140 price tag.

Using the program also requires access to a computer — something many students can't afford.

"I have bad handwriting and sometimes it's hard to keep up with the prof," said Greg Whelan, 22, a first-year radio broadcast student. "A program that helps me take notes would be great — if only I had a laptop."

"The biggest challenge is it requires a fundamental behavior change."

— Erin Elofson,
Project Manager
Microsoft Canada



ryan miller

Mapping out a budget helps students organize expenses and keep more money in the bank.

Winter budget helps OSAP last

by ryan miller
BUSINESS REPORTER

Recovering from holiday debt is tricky for everyone, but for OSAP students returning in January, there are bills to pay and 20 per cent less funding than in the fall.

"It is hard to come back after spending so much money over the holidays and having to live on less money," said Lecia Clarke, a first-year nursing student.

OSAP students receive 60 per cent of their funding in September and 40 per cent in January. But Margaret Antonides, Humber's financial aid manager, said the 20 per cent difference is necessary.

"The decrease makes sense since most expenses, such as tuition, books and equipment occur at the beginning of the school year," she said. "Students know at the beginning of the school year how much funding they will receive each semester and that they should budget accordingly."

For those who haven't budgeted properly stretching OSAP funds throughout the school year can be difficult.

Jeff Gaudun, a financial adviser for TD Canada Trust, said many students come to the bank in search of funding. But before taking out a loan from a financial institution, he suggests planning early to avoid financial pitfalls.

"Students need to make a budget that includes all of their spending, and that they need to have a plan to get through the school year," Gaudun said.

He recommends students use the interactive budget calculator available online at TDCanadatrust.com as "a helpful tool for students to make a budget."

Murray Baker, author of *Debt-Free Graduate*, agrees planning helps students who have difficulty keeping up with bills.

"Students need to start off with a roadmap, they need to make a budget and write down all their

expenses, and also chart the cash that is available," said Baker. He said students who can't meet bills have two choices — cut expenses or work more hours.

"This is important so that students can anticipate shortfalls ahead of time, and not have to scramble to find a job later in the year when assignments are coming due," he said.

Baker also suggests students avoid using credit cards, especially specialty retailer cards with higher interest rates.

Cutting food costs is another easy way he suggests to keep some cash in-hand. Planning meals ahead of time minimizes expenses and eating-in saves students from paying tax or tips on food, Baker said.

Keeping prepared or semi-prepared food on hand helps "so that students don't just run out for dinner or go for fast food."

For more quick tips to fix up your budget, visit www.debtfreegrad.com



In 1918, British Columbia and Manitoba enacted the first minimum wage legislation. The laws applied only to female workers in some types of employment.

Click-happy students learn by pressing right buttons

Classroom polling devices keep students involved and focused

by James Koole
BUSINESS REPORTER

It won't let students change the channel if they're bored in class, but a new remote control device being evaluated in some Humber classrooms promises to help students learn by forcing them to pay attention.

They're officially known as classroom-response systems, but most people refer to them as "clickers." They give instructors a new way to interact with larger classes

while allowing each student to participate.

The system works by giving every student a small clicker, usually a radio frequency device similar to a television remote. Instructors ask questions, poll the class, and even give tests and quizzes using the device. Results are tabulated by software on the professor's computer, where it can be displayed as a graph in class, and used to calculate marks.

Two Humber professors have tried different systems in their classes to see how the clickers might enhance the learning experience. Their departments have provided funding for the projects.

Management studies professor Suzanne Iskander brought the interactive devices into her Guelph-Humber classroom last semester. She said the technology helped students stay interested.

"Everyone had to pay attention, because if we were discussing a concept and a question popped up,

they had to be there, they had to stay focused," she said.

Iskander likes the clickers because she could ask questions to determine if students had picked up on what was being taught, helping her to track her own performance as a teacher.

"I wanted to go about my teaching quite differently ... get far more interaction going on in the classroom."

- Tom Olien, instructor

"If a major percentage got the answer wrong, I would not count that as a mark, and I would go back and redo the concept," Iskander said.

Tom Olien, professor of astronomy and general sciences, sees potential benefits for students as

well. He uses clickers in his classroom to encourage student interaction and facilitate learning within smaller groups.

"I wanted to go about my teaching quite differently from what I was doing and that was to get far more interaction going on in the classroom," he said.

Olien begins each class with a short multiple-choice quiz, using the clickers to see if students completed reading assignments. Students answer questions, sending their responses to Olien's computer where he sees the results in real-time.

Throughout his lecture, Olien incorporates questions for students to answer as material is presented. If responses show more than half the students have picked up on what is being taught, he breaks the class into smaller groups.

"It's enough at that point that instead of talking about it further, I would turn it over to students," Olien said.

He also said it allowed the students who understood the material to pass on their knowledge to the rest of the group.

"This whole concept of peer instruction and peer interaction is one of the goals that I'm after and the clickers are good for that," he said.

While clickers are used extensively in college and university classrooms throughout the United States and Canada, the chance of seeing them at Humber is limited. Iskander said she isn't using clickers this semester because she is teaching smaller classes and can interact with students directly. Olien continues to use the devices in his Guelph-Humber class.

Fernanda Vieira, a third-year Guelph-Humber student in early childhood education, uses the clickers in Olien's class. "I found it helpful," she said. "It was interesting just to see everyone's answers and compare where everyone is in the class."



marsha casselman

Retail and service workers like Rita Murad, 23, a part-time student enrolled in special events management at the Lakeshore Campus, will see a small raise in their pay cheques Feb. 1.

Student service workers get boost

Low-paid cash in when minimum goes up

by marsha casselman
BUSINESS REPORTER

Students working in service or retail industries will be glad to hear that minimum wage in Ontario will increase on Feb. 1.

A 30-cent increase will raise general minimum wage from \$7.45 to \$7.75, bartenders' wages from \$6.50 to \$6.75, and students under 18 and employed for less than 28 hours a week will see an increase from \$6.95 to \$7.25.

This is the second-last of several wage increases planned by the McGuinty government to occur between 2004 and 2007. It was enacted to ensure low-paid workers benefit from Ontario's economic growth and to let businesses remain competitive, said Labour Minister Steve Peters in a statement.

A 30-cent increase will raise base wage from \$7.45 to \$7.75.

By 2007, general minimum wage is scheduled to be \$8, bartenders' wage \$6.95, and students' wage \$7.50.

Lebenrajh Vicknesvaran, a first-year business administration student, said the increase "is not

going to help college students much." He has worked for two years at a Harvey's restaurant and receives minimum wage, but says he needs twice that.

"In college, everything is doubled - the price you pay for books, commuting time, and you have to buy nice clothes to attract people, especially in business," he said.

Karen Fast, manager at the North Campus Career Centre, said students are coming in looking for higher paying jobs.


"Generally, because it's college level students, we post jobs above the \$8 per hour salary," she said. "The only minimum wage jobs here are through the government, the student summer placement jobs."

Fast said the low-paying summer jobs might be worth it because they provide valuable career-related experience.

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The latest fashion icon? A clothing company plans to make 800 striped sweaters based on Bolivian president Evo Morales' signature look — Reuters

It's time to party like it's 4072

Chinese New Year brings many exciting activities to Toronto

by jonah bettio
LIFE REPORTER

Have any New Years plans yet? After all, 4072, the Year of the Dog, starts this Saturday as the Chinese community rings in the lunar new year.

Also known as the Spring Festival, the lunar new year began as a harvest festival thousands of years ago, and is celebrated in China and Vietnam with similar festivals throughout eastern Asia.

First-year landscaping technician student Yong Hong Zhang's family splits its holiday between public and private celebrations.

"I usually celebrate it with my friends and family, then afterwards we go to community events," said Zhang. "I found it strange that there was nothing here at school."

Although nothing is planned at Humber, there are Toronto events where people wish others "kung hei fat choy" — prosperity to all.

The dragon dance parade kicks off at noon this Saturday at



jonah bettio

This Saturday the dragon dance parade will be held in Chinatown. This is the first of many events held in Toronto this weekend to commemorate the year of the dog.

Spadina and St. Andrew, two blocks north of Dundas.

Bright red decorations will hang from storefronts all over Chinatown this weekend. Red is a sign of prosperity and is said to ward off the spirits of misfortune.

The spirits are also sensitive to loud noises, which is a perfect

excuse to set off firecrackers and fireworks.

The Toronto Celebrates Lunar New Year 2006 festival at Exhibition Place runs from this Friday to Sunday.

Highlights include martial arts demonstrations, music, fashion shows, Korean and Filipino dance,

and a variety of East Asian foods.

Another exhibit includes 40 Taiwanese lanterns, some of them several metres tall that took years to make.

The New Year traditionally ends with the lantern festival, also called Chinese Valentine's day, on the fifteenth day of the festival.

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WEEKLY RECIPES FROM HUMBER'S
CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

Beef Paprika 'Stew'

INGREDIENTS

- 1 Medium Onion
- 1/2 Tsp - caraway seeds
- 2 Small bell peppers —red and green
- 1/2 Tsp - oregano dried
- 3 oz - canola oil
- 1 small can of tomatoes
- 1 1/2 Lbs - ground beef
- Salt and Black pepper To Taste
- 1/2 Cup Beef stock
- 2 Tsp Sweet Hungarian paprika

1. Chop onions.
2. De-seed and slice peppers into 1/4-inch strips.
3. Heat oil in large skillet.
4. Add onions and peppers and cook over med-high heat until onions are soft.
5. Add beef; raise pan heat and brown. Drain off excess fat.
7. When beef has browned, add bouillon, paprika, caraway seeds, and oregano.
8. Add tomatoes to the pan, squeezing them in your hand to break them up.
9. Season with salt and pepper and cook for 30 minutes on low heat until serving time.

Serve with buttered noodles, rice or baked potato. Enjoy!

Recipe by: Alexis John — 2nd Semester chef training student

THREADS YOUR PERSONAL STYLE ON CAMPUS



Nineteen-year-old media foundations student Alana Seldon's description of her style sounds like it came out of a modified Nike commercial.

"I don't care, I just do it."

No really. Although she looks like she spent significant time coordinating her stylish punk look, she says she just throws her outfits together.

Her eye-catching bullet belt was a find from "some sketchy store in Hamilton that mostly sells bongos."

The words "body" and "soul", tattooed across her knuckles were done in "some basement on Queen Street" with an artist who Seldon says "did a really bad job."

She might be wearing a Guess jacket, but underneath there's a plain white men's undershirt from Jockey, size small.

Seldon's standout dreads and dye were both a DIY job.

Can't chase away booze blues

by ashleigh smollet
LIFE REPORTER

Sometimes a reporter has to make sacrifices to get a story. My sacrifice was to spend a night drinking to report on the effectiveness of the hangover prevention pill, Chaser.

The product promises its two main ingredients, calcium carbonate and charcoal, absorb the toxins that cause hangovers. At a dollar a pill, Chaser is not cheap, but I figured it might be worth a try.

The problem with Chaser starts with the instructions. For the pills to be effective, they must be taken with the first drink, and then every two to three hours after.

Remembering to take the pills when I couldn't even remember where I left my cellphone was a daunting task, but if the pills are forgotten, so are the promised results.

Some people swear by Chaser, and won't leave home without it.

"A young girl who was hosting a pyjama party was just in here buying enough Chaser for eight people," said Alexandra Slavik, a phar-



ashleigh smollet

Chaser contains charcoal, usually given in hospitals to alcohol poisoning victims

macist at a Shoppers Drug Mart in Oakville. "I've heard good feedback on it."

When I woke up the next morning, I expected to feel great. Unfortunately, Chaser did not live up to the hype, and I was stuck Saturday afternoon with a nasty hangover.

After my disillusionment with Chaser set in and my head stopped throbbing, I decided to talk to my fellow students about their own

hangover helpers.

After all, students may not know the periodic table, or all the members of the House of Commons, but they know all about drinking and the day after.

Everybody has their favourite morning after remedies, strange as they may be.

"You mix tomato juice with Tabasco sauce, and then eat a Halls right afterwards. It seriously works," said Jack Gianlucalombardi, 20, a business management student.

"Drink tea along with a light soup. You know, a sick man's meal. It works — and I'm a heavy drinker," said Carlos Ramirez, 20, a heating and air-conditioning student.

There are always the old standards — a greasy breakfast, drinking Gatorade or water, and taking an Aspirin before you go to bed.

"Dehydration is the most common cause of a hangover," said Slavik. "Anything that helps with dehydration could potentially help, but there's not any one thing that will solve a hangover."

Perhaps I should stick with my own motto — if I don't go to bed, I'll never wake up hungover.

"There is nothing wrong with going to bed with someone of your own sex. People should be very free with sex, they should draw the line at goats." - Elton John

Student poker champ says can't live on luck

by **kathryn hudson**
LIFE REPORTER

A University of Waterloo student's \$1.3 million poker win has brought hope to at least one Humber student who uses online gambling as income.

"It's encouraged me to keep on going, to keep on playing. I think that if I continue to play, in a couple of years you never know, that could be me," said Roger Predac, 19, a business management student who plays online. According to the Responsible Gambling Council of Ontario, students who gamble around 32 hours per month report monthly winnings of over \$500.

Predac, who plays between 15 to 20 hours per week, is one of the many students who support themselves through poker winnings, and says he wins roughly \$15,000 a year.

Steve Paul-Ambrose, the

Waterloo student who recently won the 2006 PokerStars tournament in the Bahamas, took in over \$1 million U.S. Still attending the science and business program,

"If I continue to play, in a couple of years you never know, that could be me."

- Roger Predac
business management student

reasonably intelligent person can be successful at poker, but to actually win a big tournament is pretty unlikely," said Paul-Ambrose when asked about his new role-model status for those who dream of having their own rags to riches poker careers.

"I was lucky to win ... I could have spent a lot of money trying to qualify for the tournament," Paul-Ambrose said.

"Even if you're a good player, you need to have a significant

bankroll because there are a lot of variables associated with poker."

Ryan Scott of the Student Poker Championships has organized tournaments for Humber and other schools across Ontario, but cautions against relying on winnings as income.

"I think poker is for the few, in terms of gaining a solid income from it," said Scott. "I don't think it's a productive thing for an entire society to aspire to play online poker. Sure you're making money, but you're really not producing anything. You're just gambling it away or taking it from other people."

As for Paul-Ambrose, he's not relying on poker in the long term either, saying "There is probably nothing big I'll buy in the next couple of months ... the money makes everything a whole lot easier, but I don't think it's going to change my life a whole lot."



After recent his million-plus dollar poker win, University of Waterloo student Steve Paul-Ambrose plans to stay in school.

Pills to erase bad memories

by **jennifer mcleod**
LIFE REPORTER

A pill to dull traumatic memories may sound like something in a movie script, but scientists in North America have discovered one.

Researchers have found a drug, called propranolol, used for patients who suffer from high blood pressure and cardiac arrhythmia (an odd rate of muscle contractions in the heart) can also dull painful memories.

"We are testing the hypothesis that we might be able to dampen the memory of people with PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder)

with the use of propranolol," said Alain Brunet, a McGill University scientist performing the studies along with researchers at Harvard and the University of California at Irvine, Calif. "The idea is that if the drug

is effective, people will be less reactive when recounting their traumatic memory."

Previous research has found trauma victims' memories of their experiences are linked to emotional stress. If these emotions can be blocked, there is a possibility the memory can be blocked as well.

The theory of the current 30-subject study is that if propranolol is taken soon after a traumatic event, the drug would prevent the negative associative memories

from being imbedded in long-term memory.

Testing is in the early stages and Brunet was unwilling to discuss the results, but hopes to complete the study soon.

According to Patricia Spindel, a social service teacher at Humber, eight per cent of trauma survivors will develop long-term PTSD.

Although it's still early, some are already questioning its effects.

"If you were in court and you had something horrible happen to you, then one of the things the jury is going to look at is how upset you were by this," said Robin Wilson, Humber's social service worker program coordinator.

"If it doesn't really bother you anymore because you have been taking a drug that prevents you from being upset by the memory, and that's the only way the court decides whether or not this is real, then that would definitely be a real problem."

Wilson also emphasizes the importance of counseling - possibly in addition to medication - to fully recover from a traumatic experience despite society's need for a quick fix.

Little is known about the long-term effects of propranolol use or the extent to which it would affect memory, including whether the drug dulls positive memories along with traumatic ones.

"If the drug is effective, people will be less reactive when recounting their traumatic memory."

- Alain Brunet
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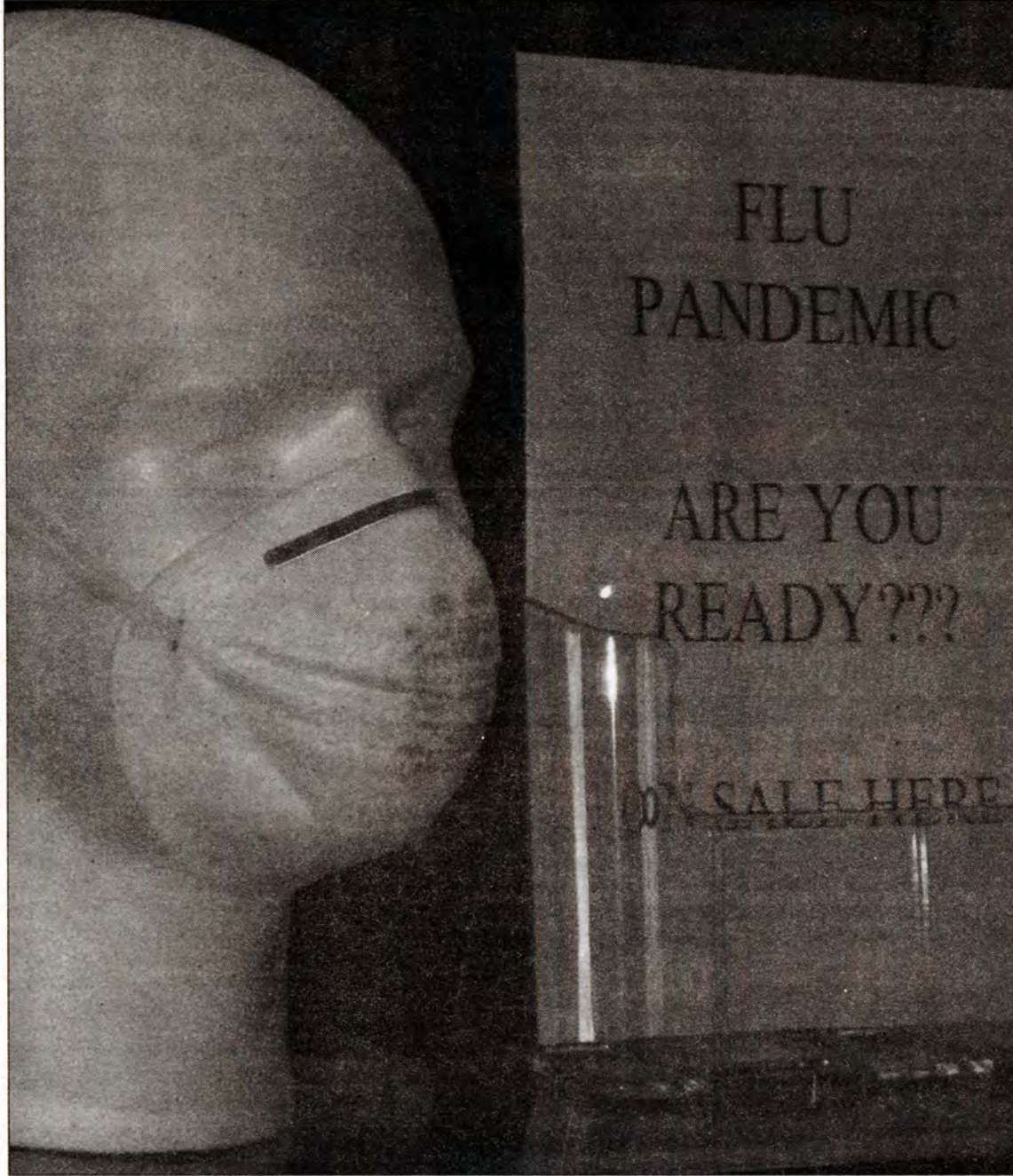


"The world is now in the gravest possible danger of a pandemic." – Dr. Shigeru Omi, World Health Organization's regional director for the western Pacific.

This week...

Avian flu fever

Humber taking precautions



A store in downtown Toronto is pushing sales of face masks which could help stave off the flu. vakis boutsalis

by carina sledz
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber is taking serious measures to ensure the college is ready with the threat of avian flu looming.

The Flu Pandemic Committee, formed last May, meets every month to plan its response to a possible flu pandemic or infectious disease outbreak.

"Our goal is to have a plan in place by the end of the summer, but my sense of a plan is that it will always be developing and we will have to respond in all sorts of different ways," said John Davies, vice-president of administration and chair of the committee.

"We're really trying to develop more than a specific plan because that will have to be developed at the time depending on the severity of the issues."

The 30-member committee's focus, for now, is to produce a set of resources, with the help of Ontario's Public Health Services, for those managing the response if a pandemic occurs, Davies said.

"The number one issue that Public Health is saying to us at this point is do what you can to teach people fundamental elements of dealing with infections in a self-protective way," Davies said.

The hand washing campaign started in the fall and flu shots at

Humber clinics are two of the committee's initiatives.

Davies said students will soon see hand sanitizers in food areas and computer rooms at North and Lakeshore campuses.

The fact that Humber runs a number of health-related professional programs and places people in settings like hospitals and public health clinics is also a reason for concern.

"We're thinking about what kind of impact all this would have on our health-related programs, but also how can they contribute," Davies said.

An entire subset of the committee is looking at stockpiling key supplies like toilet paper and soap for washing hands.

Davies says these simple things may be difficult to find if an outbreak happens.

The committee is comprised of representatives from throughout the college, including the campuses, residences, food services, student nurses, international students and health sciences faculty.

"These are all very big items, but we're a fair way down the road in terms of thinking of all of these issues," Davies said.

"Humber has been doing this kind of disaster preparedness for some time and we are generally on the leading edge amongst colleges. We probably will be on this one too, but this is a lot of work."

1996-present: Pandemic fears spreading globally

From KFC to George Bush, the world is starting to take notice of the possibility of outbreak

by karen mackenzie
IN FOCUS REPORTER

1996 – Deadly strain of avian flu identified in a goose in China.

May 1997 – First 18 human infections reported in Hong Kong. Six people die.

Feb. 19, 2004 – Poultry in Chilliwack, B.C. diagnosed with non-virulent bird flu. Over 19 million birds destroyed.

April 2005 – World Health Organization warns cockfighting could spread bird flu.

May 2005 – Humber College forms committee to deal with pandemics, making it likely "one of the first colleges or universities to start this process," said Committee Chair John Davies.

September 2005 – Inspired by Star Trek's tricorder, a hand-held health diagnosis machine, Alberta researchers invent device to diagnose flu, including avian flu and SARS.

October 2005 – Canada's Integrated Threat Assessment Centre warns that al-Qaida may use the bird flu as a terrorist weapon.

Oct. 18, 2005 – Concerned French foie gras producers report their product is safe.

Oct. 20, 2005 – Australia bans trio of Canadian racing pigeons.

Oct. 26, 2005 – Toronto's Royal Agricultural Winter Fair cancels poultry and exotic bird show.

November 2005 – South Korean scientists find 11 of 13 infected chickens recover when fed a spicy Korean variant of sauerkraut.

November 2005 – KFC prepares public relations campaign to offset sales loss due to bird flu fears.

Nov. 11, 2005 – Dead flamingo in Kuwait heralds arrival of bird flu in the Middle East.

Nov. 12, 2005 – Ozzy Osbourne tells the BBC "I don't smoke, drink or take drugs anymore. But knowing my luck, a bird will crap on me and I'll get bird flu on the way home."

Nov. 22, 2005 – Canadian politicians were advised to wash up after glad-handing by public health officials in anticipation of the upcoming campaign.

December 2005 – Ontario's Biolyse Pharma Corp. announces

plans to extract key Tamiflu ingredient from discarded Christmas trees.

January 2005 – Ontario's community safety minister announces introduction of a bill that would grant Ontario major powers during emergencies like an avian flu outbreak.

Jan. 18, 2006 – Countries pledge \$2 billion US towards fighting a potential avian influenza outbreak at a fundraising conference in Beijing, China. Canada makes no financial contribution, while the United States pledges \$334 million.

"Right now unless you're a chicken, you don't have much to worry about." – John Saunders, Ontario's director of disaster management for the Red Cross.

Everyone at equal risk if outbreak hits

Precautions are key to minimizing the risk for student population

by **beth macdonell**
IN FOCUS REPORTER

A Humber professor says young and healthy students are as vulnerable to the avian flu as everyone else.

Ronald Stewart, professor of bioscience in the school of health sciences, said "there is no evidence to suggest that we should start differentiating groups. They should all be considered equally at risk."

CBC recently reported that healthy young adults, who interact with a lot of people are actually at the highest risk of contracting the disease.

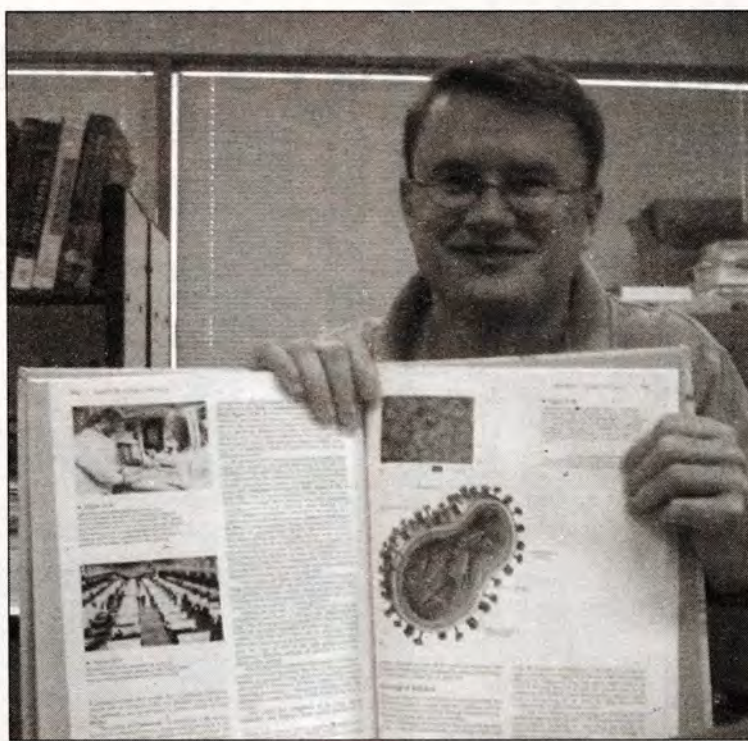
Stewart said that although avian flu has only been transmitted between birds, and from chickens to humans so far, it is possible that the virus could develop to a

point where human-to-human transmission occurs.

"What we see with viruses is that they are constantly changing, and influenza is the same. Statistically it's just a matter of time before the right virus comes out that is easily transmitted from person to person," said Stewart. "If you really get it, you have a 50 per cent chance of dying. That's what is so scary about it."

The World Health Organization (WHO) has reported 147 confirmed cases in humans – 80 of them fatal.

People who live in urban areas need to be as cautious as those who come into contact with chickens. If avian flu starts transmitting between people it's likely to show up in Toronto. People come in and out of the city from all over the



beth macdonell

Professor Ronald Stewart says, though H5N1 is the biggest threat, there are 12 to 16 strains of the avian flu virus.

world all the time, Stewart said, and he pointed to the SARS outbreak as an example.

"In that case it wouldn't matter if you lived in the centre of Toronto or on a chicken farm in Taiwan. You would be just as likely to contract it from someone else," Stewart said.

The risk of contracting the disease can also be affected by what precautions people take.

What young people can and

should do, said Stewart, is wash their hands with vigilance.

"When you get to a classroom you should wash your hands. When you leave the college you should wash your hands. When you get home you should wash your hands. It sounds silly but for some reason people just don't buy into it. But the primary reason that we get it is because the virus is going from your hand to your mouth."

Grad fears for her family in Turkey

Misinformation, remoteness of farms causes for concern

by **cristina del zotto**
IN FOCUS REPORTER

More than 8,000 kilometres away from her birthplace of Istanbul, one Turkish-Canadian Humber graduate is wondering how her family is dealing with the threat of avian flu.

CBC reporter Nil Koksall has a very personal interest in following the avian flu coverage. Many of her loved ones still live in Turkey.

"I know that my relatives over there are not buying chicken whether it's processed or not. They are pretty concerned," Koksall said.

The avian flu's deadly strain, H5N1, has already infected people in more than nine of Turkey's 81 provinces and is suspected to have contaminated domestic poultry in 27 provinces since December.

"It's a country of about 80 million people and there are only about half a dozen cases so far. I don't think it's an epidemic or pandemic, certainly," said Tim

Harrison, professor of near and middle eastern studies at the University of Toronto.

More than 20 people in Turkey have been infected with the potentially lethal H5N1 strain. Four children have died since the beginning of January.

"It's probably related more to the western movement of this whole flu bug, which seems to have started out in central Asia first," Harrison said. "The communities in eastern Turkey have strong relationships with Asia and they may have brought it that way."

"They're not sure how it spread so quickly, why it spread so quickly and if they can eat chicken."

– Nil Koksall

"Their concerns are similar to here," Koksall said. "They are not sure how it spread so quickly, why it spread so quickly and if they can eat chicken."

Koksall said getting the message out to rural areas poses a challenge.

"If you go to little villages in eastern Turkey, you'll find chickens running around all over the place," said Harrison.

"Containing (the virus) is a bit of a concern just because getting to people, getting the word out there, the illiteracy, the ignorance... But also that's all they eat," Koksall said.

Many rural farmers, whose main source of food is their own livestock, have been forced to destroy their poultry, leaving them with nothing to eat and the possibility of starvation, Koksall said.

Fears that the lethal virus is knocking on Europe's door prompted officials from around the world to meet in Beijing, China for a conference focused on raising \$1.5 billion U.S. to fight the avian flu.

"I am quite confident that Germany, together with its European partners, have done what can be done at the moment," said Sebastian Bischoff, consul of cultural affairs at the German consulate in Toronto. "We have done our preparations with stocking anti-viral medication and we are supporting countries that seem to have a problem with avian flu."

"Like anything in Turkey, any bad news can somehow have a bearing on their hope to enter the EU," Koksall said. "That's not an immediate concern, but I'm sure these are some things people consider there."

Turkey's Ministry of

Agriculture has already killed more than 700,000 birds.

Koksall's desire to visit Turkey remains unchanged by the avian flu outbreak.

"My dad was just there and came back to Vancouver last week and told my mom 'I don't want to see a chicken! I don't want to eat a chicken!'"

Fast flu facts

Despite accusations of fear-mongering the World Health Organization is taking the avian flu seriously. "Concern has been expressed that we are overplaying this threat. We are not," said director-general Lee Jong-Wook in a recent speech in Geneva.

They've released the following facts about the H5N1 virus.

- H5N1 to be the biggest current threat to humanity.

- In the case of an outbreak, at best two million people could die; at worst, up to 150 million.

- In order to contain the virus, 300,000 to one million people must be inoculated as soon as the outbreak is detected.

- The virus is so likely to spread because birds surviving the infection still excrete the virus orally and anally for more than 10 days.

- Wild ducks don't become sick when infected, so are known as "reservoirs" of the virus.

- The flu vaccine doesn't help against the bird flu.

- Two drugs, Tamiflu and Relenza, can help fight flu symptoms if taken at the right time.

- One and a half million birds were destroyed after H5N1 made it's first jump to humans in Hong Kong, 1997.

- The bird flu has been reported in humans in six different countries. Most recently, its presence in Turkey brought the threat closer to Europe and the Middle East.

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Karla film portrays Homolka as 'victim'

'It was pretty disturbing to watch,' viewer says after screening.

by **andrew stewart**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The much-criticized film *Karla* opened in theatres across Canada last weekend.

Even before its release, the movie was criticized for sensationalizing the rape and murders of Leslie Mahaffy and Kristen French in 1991 and 1992 respectively.

The negative publicity seemed to keep people away, judging by the eight people at Courtney Park AMC theatre's first screening in Mississauga last Friday night.

"It was pretty disturbing to watch," said Trevor Saliba, 24. "There seemed to be a lot of bias in the film towards Homolka, as if she never did anything to those girls."

Homolka's character, played by *That '70s Show* star Laura Prepon, narrates the film through flashbacks as she talks with the psychiatrist evaluating her for probation.

The flashbacks recount the grisly details of the kidnapping and murder of Kristen French, 15, of St. Catharines and Leslie Mahaffy, 14, of Burlington, by Homolka and her then-husband Paul Bernardo.

Bernardo is played by actor Misha Collins, who played the vil-

lain Alexis Drazen in the first season of TV's *24*.

Collin's portrayal of Bernardo shows an abusive monster who flips between moods of rage where he relentlessly beats his wife and a soft-spoken husband trying to apologize and justify his anger. But he is never remorseful for his actions against anyone but Homolka, whom he blames for the murders.

Arguably the most unsettling parts of the film are director Joel Bender's recreations of the couple's photos and home movies. The familiar images of the couple at their wedding and on vacation are mixed with scenes never made public that show their victims being sexually assaulted.

After 90 minutes of building Homolka up as the poster girl for abuse victims, her psychiatrist concludes she showed signs of psychosis.

Lindsay Litzenberger, a third-year media studies student at Guelph-Humber said "I won't see it in theatres, but I might rent it. It's an interesting story, even though it's true and tragic."

The film has yet to announce a release date in the U.S., and at the time of writing this article, no revenue amounts were available.



Laura Prepon, *That '70s show*, moves from the small screen to film as schoolgirl killer Homolka courtesy

Nu bands break out at the Horseshoe

by **lina toyoda**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Nu Music Nite at the Horseshoe Tavern is still going strong after 12 years, having sent bands such as Billy Talent and Nickelback on the road to rock stardom.

It's a night devoted to good music, a good vibe, and for giving independent bands an opportunity to play their music for local fans and industry representatives.

Every Tuesday night, three to four bands are booked to play the show and Nu Music Nite founder Dave (Bookie) Bookman from 102.1 The Edge is always there to see it.

"A big band can come play, a little band can come play, and everyone's on the same level," said Bookman. "Half-hour sets, no one gets paid, it's like the socialism of rock. There's no egos. It's a night for the music, it's

a night for the fans, and it's a night for the bands."

Over the years, there have been many memorable bands and some have gone on to much greater success: The Strokes, Billy Talent, The Constantines, Sam Roberts, Death From Above, Joel Plaskett, The Trews, and Nickelback are a few.

"Half-hour sets, no one gets paid, it's like the socialism of rock."

-Dave Bookman,
Nu Music Nite founder

"It's amazing how many bands have played here when no one knew them," said Craig Lasky, talent buyer at the Horseshoe.

"A lot of bands and booking agents, they all see that it's an

important step if you can get to the point of selling out the Horseshoe on a Friday or Saturday night. It's a part of a band's story down the road," said Lasky.

Bookman and Lasky collaborate on deciding which bands are booked for the night, and although most are from the rock genre, they say it's a very open format. The idea is to support new and upcoming artists.

Bookman promotes independent music and is also the founder and host of the Indie Hour at The Edge every Sunday night at 8 p.m.

The Edge's Indie Hour gives new, up-and-coming bands a chance to have their music played on Toronto's biggest rock radio station, and even promote upcoming shows.

The show starts at 9:30 p.m. every Tuesday night at 370 Queen Street W.



Some of Billy Talent's first shows were played at Nu Music Nite lina toyoda

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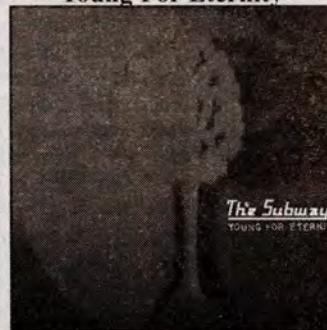
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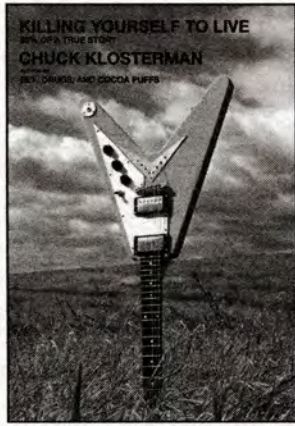
by crissandra ayroso
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Follow Chuck Klosterman's road trip, as he explores the lives of legendary rockstars and their last days in his newest book, *Killing Yourself to Live: 85% of a True Story*.

"The greatest career move any musician can make is to stop breathing," writes Klosterman.

Lynyrd Skynyrd, Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens, Sid Vicious and the more recent tragedy that claimed the lives of more than 90 concertgoers in Rhode Island at the Great White concert were among his destinations.

Klosterman, a rock journalist for New York's *Spin* magazine,



Killing Yourself to Live courtesy

suggests musicians like Elvis and Jeff Buckley jump-started their careers by dying prematurely.

"Presley's career was collapsing when he died in 1977, so dying ended that slide and — in all likelihood — his legacy of becoming a sad joke," he writes.

"But Buckley was a relatively unfamous avant-garde rock musician until he drowned on May 29, 1997. Almost immediately he became a messianic figure."

Throughout his road trip, Klosterman offers strange musings on everything from his theory that Radiohead's *Kid A* predicted 9/11 to the meaning behind break-ups with his past girlfriends.

Klosterman also reminds readers that before Kurt Cobain's suicide, music fans liked Pearl Jam more than Nirvana. He finds out how the manager of New York's

Chelsea Hotel feels about journalists requesting the room in which Sid Vicious died.

Killing Yourself to Live was released in the summer of 2005 by Scribner publishing in New York. Klosterman writes with a self-centered tone, but wins over readers with wit and articulation.

Like in his earlier novels *Sex, Drugs, and Cocoa Puffs* and *Fargo Rock City*, Klosterman has a way of keeping his audience despite his off the wall opinions and psyche.

Most importantly, Klosterman shows the difference between the cokeheads and pot smokers he works with at *Spin* magazine.

"There are two diverse camps," Klosterman writes. "The 'Pot/Creedence' contingent and

the 'Coke/Interpol' contingent. The Pot/Creedence people drink Miller High Life at unpopular bars at 6:15 p.m. and discuss why Creedence Clearwater Revival's song Ramble Tamble opens a larger truth about Vietnam even though Ramble Tamble's lyrics are not about war."

"While around 11:20, the Coke/Interpol Contingent leave their apartments and snort cocaine in the bathrooms of semi-gay dance clubs where 90 minutes later, they will try to meet members of Interpol in hopes of locating better cocaine and more luxurious bathrooms."

If the reader doesn't mind Klosterman's personal anecdotes, this book will entertain.

Transportation viewed from an artistic perspective

by kelly anderson
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Urban transportation enthusiasts gathered last Thursday at *Spacing* magazine's In Transit gallery to see an exhibition of images capturing Toronto "on the move."

Running until Feb. 28 at the Toronto Free Gallery, the show features photos, paintings, videos, and audio by 25 artists.

Many artists use photography to catch candid TTC moments, such as a person leaping over a snow bank to catch a streetcar and a blurred silhouette following an exit sign in a subway station.

Contributor Chris Shepherd said he became involved because of his appreciation for the practi-

cality of public transit in his everyday life, as well as the beauty of the TTC.

"Some people just see it as a way to get from point A to point B." Shepherd said. "Although (the subways are) commonplace, they are beautiful and aesthetically pleasing."

Artist Ilene Sova's piece entitled *Engaged* features three paintings of women. Each woman is standing in front of the subway station that is most important in her life.

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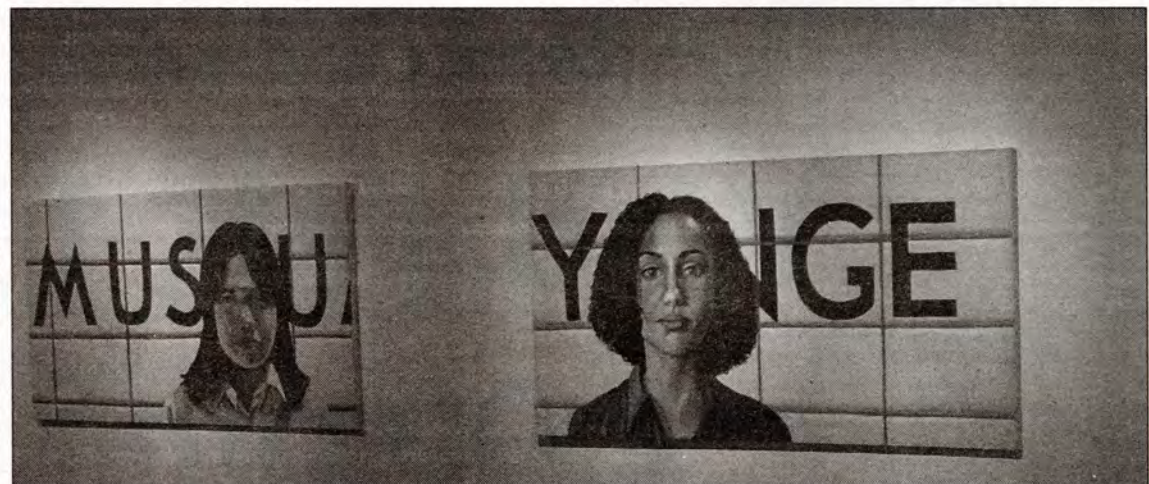
- Chris Shepherd, contributor

According to *Spacing* member Matthew Blackett, by the time the show ends in February, the show will bring in over 100,000 viewers. *Spacing* plans on bringing even more attention to public spaces that are generally taken for granted.



kelly anderson

More than 300 people attended the show's opening night on Thursday, Jan. 19.



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Artist Ilene Sova is well-known for her portrait paintings, like her piece *Engaged*.



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Yellowcard
Lights and Sounds

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Yellowcard – pop-punk with a violin twist

by josh measures
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Yellowcard's major label debut, 2003's *Ocean Avenue*, was the break the band had been working towards for six years. The album was received extremely well from critics and fans alike.

Yellowcard became the next big thing and the album was under heavy rotation at both

radio and music video stations. The band even won the MTV2 Best Video award.

Now Yellowcard has returned, desperate to follow up on the smash hit that was *Ocean Avenue*.

Good news for Yellowcard fans, *Lights & Sounds* is a solid pop-punk record featuring arena rock and catchy hooks.

The album offers maturity and growth from the band with Two

Weeks From Twenty, a politically charged track that even features a trumpet solo. Waiting Game exhibits Sean Macklin on electric violin, a signature sound for this California quintet. You'll want to hit repeat on track 13 for How I Go – Ryan Key's vocals are smooth, and while he might not be the world's best lyricist, you'll be singing along to this album for weeks.

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"I'm tired of hearing about money, money, money, money, money. I just want to play the game, drink Pepsi, wear Reebok." — Shaquille O'Neal, basketball player

All-Star hoops bring win and loss to teams

by aaron bronsteter
SPORTS REPORTER

Players from the Humber Hawks men's and women's basketball teams were a strong presence in Saturday's OCAA basketball all-star games at Durham College in Oshawa.

Humber coach Denise Perrier led the women's West all-stars to a 74-58 victory over the East, while Hawks' head coach Darrell Glenn was defeated on the men's side, 111-108.

Representing Humber on the women's all-star team were Erin Chamberlain and Sarah Moxley who both finished in double digits, Chamberlain scoring 14 points and Moxley chipping in 12.

"It was an honour, and you have to work hard in order to get there so it's paying off," Chamberlain said. "Being an all-star is a different experience, but always a good one and it's a challenge."

Jenn Ranter of Redeemer College emerged with player of the game honours, finishing with 21 points and eight rebounds.

"The mood is easy going," said Perrier, who also coached the team last year. "It's fun and you just want the girls to have a good time. You don't have to pre-plan or anything. You can just sit back and relax."

The men's game had Humber's junior forward Jonathan Wyse and

freshman standout Jadwey Hemmings selected for the men's West team.

At game time, Hemmings was unable to play due to a mild ankle sprain suffered in Humber's game the previous evening.

"My ankle felt good and my game is really stepping up," said Hemmings of his all-star selection. "Knowing that I was going to sit out felt bad."

Wyse finished the game with 11 points, nine assists, six

"Humber has a great basketball background, being here representing them is big."

— Jose Araujo, player

rebounds and four steals, but the East's B.J. Charles took home most valuable player honours by draining several big shots down the stretch and finishing with 27 points on 10-of-13 shooting.

The game was a fast-paced, energetic effort that had the East overcoming a 14-point West lead in the second half of the game.

Of the all-star game, Glenn said, "in our league, it's always special because we have so many outstanding athletes. It gives us an opportunity to interact with the guys in a different capacity and

you get a chance to get to know your competition a little more intimately."

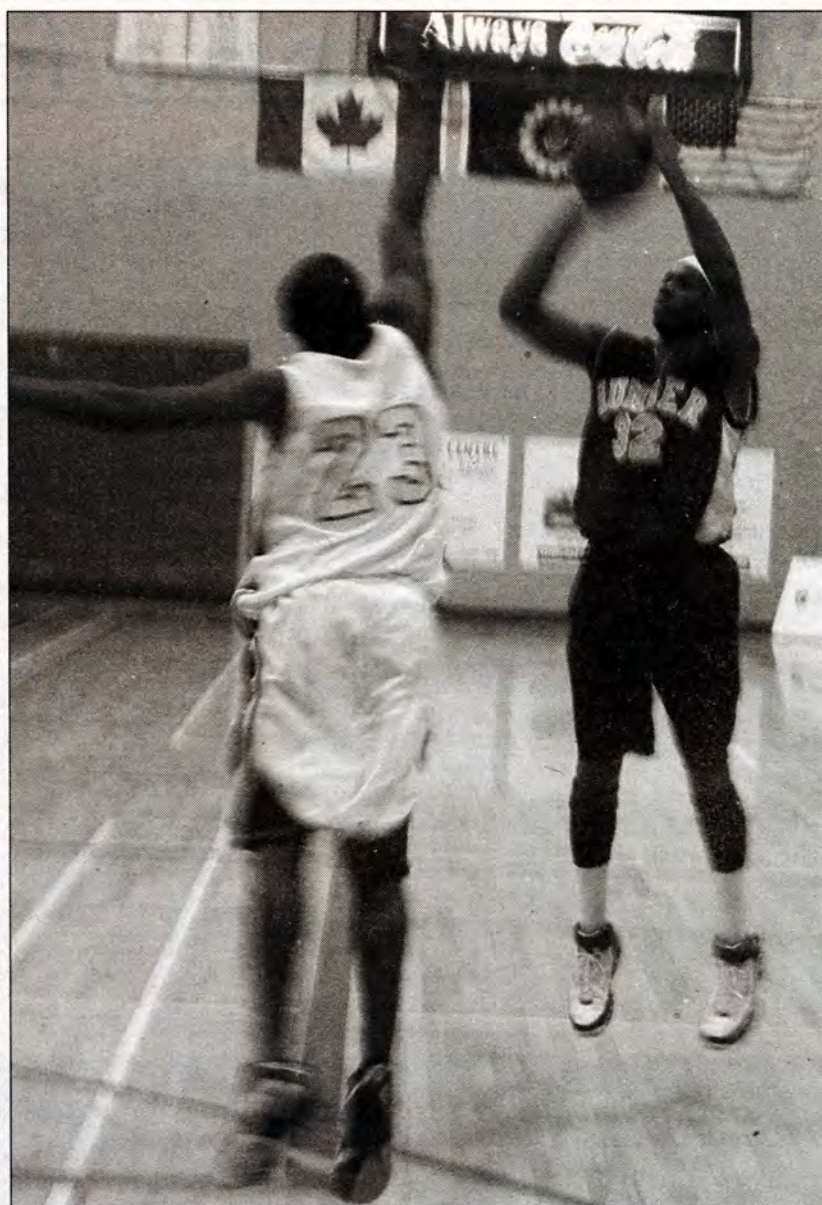
The all-star festivities also included a three-point competition and a co-ed competition called 2-ball featuring pairings from each college's teams.

Representing Humber in the 2-ball competition were Jonathan Tyndale and Heidi Jaaskelainen and the three-point contest featured Tanya Castang and José Araujo.

"Humber has a great basketball background, being here representing them is big," said Araujo who made it to the final five in the competition. "It feels good that my coach thinks that I can really shoot the ball well."

The all-star festivities came a day after Glenn's nationally top-ranked Humber squad lost its first league game of the season. After eight straight wins they lost in a 92-60 blow out on the road versus rival Sheridan.

"They were ready to take their game to another level and we weren't," Glenn said. "We scored 15 points in the second half, which was our lowest output of the season and in every facet of the game we were beaten."



The all-star game at Durham College was bitter sweet for the Hawks, with the women's team winning 74-58, but the men's side losing in a close 111-108 decision, despite being up by 14 points at one point.

Women's hockey team gets ready to hit the ice next week

Team looks to bolster squad for tournament Feb. 3

by rui gomes
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's women have hit the ice again in preparation for another hockey tournament.

"We're just looking to see how many girls are going to be available to make the trip to Sarnia," said coach Jim Bialek before practice last week. "I'm hoping to have a dozen minimum."

The team is still hoping to draw

the interest of more potential players for the Feb. 3 tournament hosted by Lambton College.

Humber was unable to ice a team in the second semester last year as there were not enough players. This year is different.

"There are a lot more committed players this year and players

"There are a lot more committed players this year and players with experience."

— Katie Graham, player

with experience," said Katie Graham, 20, a second year law clerk student.

Commitment is an attribute used quite often to describe this year's group.

"Erin (Carter) and Katie are the ones spearheading this whole thing and asking us for opportunities to play," Bialek said.

Ten teams from across Ontario participated in a tournament last semester. Despite a lack of practice time, Humber managed to finish tied for the top spot in their pool. They went on to lose in the semis to the eventual champions, Durham College, and again in the bronze match to McMaster University.

Both McMaster and Durham will be at next month's tourney and Humber will be looking for retribution. With two practices held last week and two more by the end of this week, the women plan to be ready.

"It's fun," said Emily Curcuruto, 22, a first year fitness and health student. "We're just starting to mesh as a team."

The remaining tryouts/practices are scheduled for Monday Jan. 30 and Wednesday Feb. 1.

"Anyone is welcome out at any time to play women's hockey," Bialek said.

Any new players interested in playing should contact Bialek in the athletics office.



Players scrimmage in practice for Lambton Collage Tourny.

The sporting world

Fri Jan. 20

The youngest General Manager in Major League history, Theo Epstein reunites with the Boston Red Sox.

Sat Jan 21

The Toronto Maple Leafs and Ottawa Senators tangle again in the Battle of Ontario, in what turns out to be a lopsided affair. The Sens beat the Leafs easily, 7-0.

Sun Jan. 22

Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant makes NBA history after scoring 81 points in one game, against the Raptors, nonetheless.

Mon Jan. 23

Mario Lemieux of the Pittsburgh Penguins retires from hockey... again, ending a 17 year career.

Mon Jan. 23

The Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks head to Detroit for Super Bowl XXXX following playoff wins.

Mon Jan. 23

The Toronto Maple Leafs keep sliding, losing their sixth

straight in a game against the Ottawa Senators, 4-3. Leafs defenceman Carlo Colaiacovo left the game early on a stretcher due to a concussion.

Tues Jan. 24

Michael "Pinball" Clemons is up for CFL coach of the year for the fourth consecutive year.

Tues Jan 24

A trade between the Indiana Pacers and the Sacramento Kings, which would have seen Ron Artest and Peja Stojakovic swapping teams, was pulled off the table at the last moment.

Wed Jan. 25

Rumors surface that Toronto Maple Leafs captain Mats Sundin could waive his "no trade" clause in his contract for a better chance at the Stanley Cup with another team.

Wed Jan 25

Frank Thomas signs with the Oakland Athletics for a one year, \$500,000 contract. The contract allows for bonuses up to \$2.6 million, depending on how he performs this season.

Compiled by Julie Broadbent

"We've got to find a way to win. I'm willing to start cheating." — former football player Marv Cook shows people how far he'll go to get that win.

Women spike foes in weekend competition

College volleyball team wins the Niagara tournament in killer style, remain undefeated

by doug gilchrist
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber was the only team to live up to the title of the Killer Instinct Women's Volleyball Classic after last weekend, winning every game to clinch the tournament.

The top-ranked Hawks, undefeated (8-0) in league play this season, started the tournament last Friday by defeating the Seneca Sting (25-15, 25-19, 25-17), thanks to a impressive string on service by middle Rachel Dubbeldam in the final frame of Friday's game.

Humber went on to beat the host Niagara Knights (25-15, 25-21, 25-19) and Sheridan Bruins (25-13, 25-20, 25-16) to win its

side of the draw.

"Overall, I was very pleased," said coach Chris Wilkins. "You win three straight games you can't complain."

During Saturday's semi finals

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- Chris Wilkins, coach

against the Durham Lords, Humber cruised to a 25-20, 25-19, 25-14 victory before setting up a final against Seneca.

The Hawks fell behind by six points early, but clawed back to take the first game 25-23.

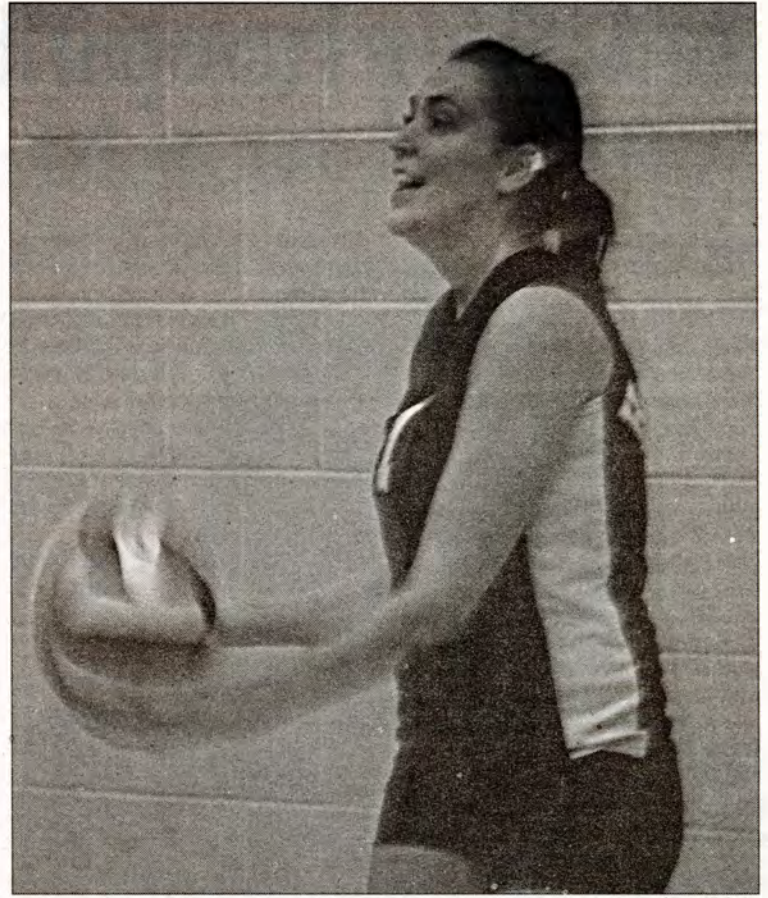
From there, they took control, winning 25-15 and 25-17 to capture the gold medal.

Power Amanda Arlette was named tournament MVP and setter Alex Steplock and left side Perfection Powell were named to the tournament all-star team.

Though the tournament does not count in regular-season standings, Wilkins noted it's considered when seeding is set for the OCAA championships Feb. 23-25 at Humber College. It also gives the team an edge against its rivals.

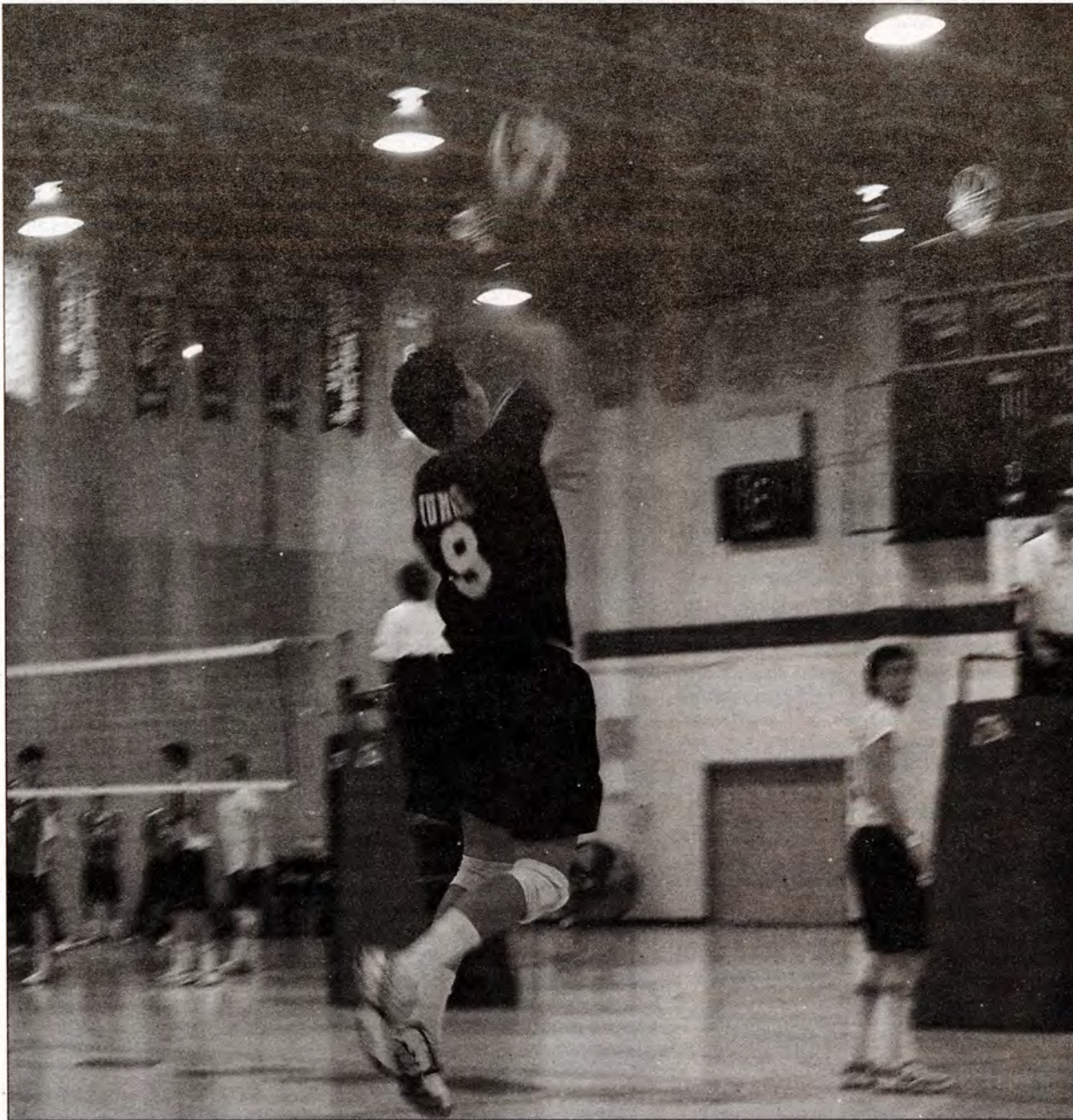
"We want to convincingly beat teams so that they don't get any hope when they play us when it really counts," said Wilkins.

The Hawk's next opponents are the third-ranked Fanshawe (8-2).



doug gilchrist

The Killer Instinct Women's Volleyball Classic puts another notch in the belt for the women's volleyball team, who are ranked number one in the league, with a record of 8-0.



dennis chung

The provincial championships next month aren't out of the question according to men's volleyball Coach Wayne Wilkins, despite a fifth place finish in last week's tournament at Seneca College.

Disappointment gets served up

Coach retains hope for season despite low finish in tournament

by dennis chung
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's volleyball squad finished fifth in an eight-team tournament last weekend, with the consolation round giving some hope to coach Wayne Wilkins.

He said the Hawks' steady improvement during the tournament at Seneca College could carry them through the rest of the season — and into the provincial championships next month.

"If you had to tell me that I had to lose (these games) in order to win in four weeks, I would take it," Wilkins said.

The round-robin play began last Friday with Humber placed in a pool alongside Fanshawe, Nipissing and Seneca. The other pool featured Redeemer, Sheridan, Durham and Trent.

The Hawks lost to Fanshawe (25-23, 25-15) and Nipissing (25-23, 25-19) before beating Seneca (25-23, 25-16). The 1-2 record was not good enough for Humber to join the four top teams in the championship round.

"We didn't deserve to be in

the gym," Wilkins said after the tournament ended. "We were in control today, where yesterday we allowed our opponents to be in control."

Instead, the Hawks breezed through the consolation playoffs, defeating Sheridan (25-17, 25-20) and Trent (25-20, 25-17).

In both matches, the Hawks were able to set the pace of play, showing a marked improvement over Friday's losses.

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- Wayne Wilkins, coach

Though the team needs to toughen its defence, Wilkins commended power Duane Mondesir and middle Daryl Burton for their jobs blocking, along with setter Adam Wilson, who played much better the second day.

The Hawks next play Fanshawe, the winners of the tournament final over Nipissing.

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Sideline



Waiving the flag

by adam pochwalowski
SPORTS EDITOR

It's a matter of pride versus performance and it could divide people after reports that Canada was having trouble finding someone to carry the flag in the Olympic opening ceremony last week.

Bobsledder Pierre Lueders and cross-country skier Beckie Scott were among those who waived the honour and asked their name not be put forward as the flag-bearer. Their reason was athletes didn't want to be fatigued for their competitions started, a very valid concern for such a high level of play.

Don Cherry, voted the seventh greatest Canadian by CBC, took them to task saying it was "ridiculous" that no one wanted to carry the flag.

"The thing is, they don't care. That nonsense about getting prepared — how long does it take?" he said during

an appearance on CBC Newsworld.

With all due respect to Mr. Cherry, these athletes want what's best for Canada; I sincerely doubt they would toil away in obscurity for so long unless they did. These athletes put more work into perfecting their craft than many of us can even fathom, many practicing six days a week at ungodly hours just to qualify for their sports.

This is not a matter of pride for the athletes. Far from it, I'm sure. The best thing for Canada, and our national self-regard, is to have athletes come home with as many medals as possible.

So if Lueders, Scott, or anyone else can't carry the flag, it's not a big deal and shouldn't be a focus right now — their performance in their respective fields should be and that's how I'll judge them when the Olympics are over later next month.

Junior Varsity team dominates Lakeshore

by alister maclusky
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber North Junior Varsity men's basketball team downed campus rivals Humber Lakeshore 105-44 in its first game of the season.

Lakeshore was overmatched early, with North scoring lay-ups and three pointers with ease.

North's leading scorer Kris Patrick fired up the home crowd with a massive dunk before halftime, by which point North dominated 48-20.

Patrick led the team with 20 points off the bench, but wasn't the only North player who came up big.

Chad Hinds scored 17, Ishmael Shelley had 15 and Charles Antwi chipped in with 14 as North Campus scored at will against the Lakeshore defense.

After the game, Patrick said "We're a run-and-gun team, a pressure defense. We like to execute and that's what we did

today."

Coach Chris Cheng attributed North's scoring to his players better conditioning.

Stephen Thomas was the only Lakeshore player in double digits, and put in a good effort with 17 points.

Cheng was pleased with North's offensive production, but

felt that the team needed to work on its defense to do well later in the season.

"Defensively, we weren't dropping down on our side," Cheng said "And I think that's

very important because it takes away the cross-court pass and the drift pass. We committed too many fouls in the paint because guys weren't committing to dropping down, communicating and rotating."

Upcoming JV basketball tournaments include the University of Toronto at Scarborough Invitational on Jan. 27, the Humber College Invitational on Feb. 17 and the Sheridan College Invitational on March 3.

"We're a run-and-gun team, a pressure defense. We like to execute and that's what we did today."

- Kris Patrick, player



olga eremeeva

The Maple Leafs may have found a new practice centre, just steps from Lakeshore campus. In addition to the Leafs, the Hockey Hall of Fame and Hockey Canada would use the facility.

Lakeshore to play host to Leafs and Marlies

by olga eremeeva
NEWS REPORTER

After spending almost three years on negotiations and about \$250,000 on planners, the Lakeshore Lions Club now only needs a decision from the city to go ahead on construction of a training centre for the Leafs and the Marlies in Etobicoke, next to Humber's Lakeshore campus.

"It will have a very high profile community ice facility because we are bringing in a famous hockey franchise ... and their America Hockey League affiliate," said Brian Hoskins, vice-chairman the arena board and Lions member for 35 years.

The arena comes two years too late for Humber's varsity hockey, which was cut in 2004.

"If we had a solid varsity hockey program, Humber College would be very initiative in starting a dialogue with this group," said Jim Bialek, Humber's assistant athletic director.

The hockey program folded ago because of the cost of icetime.

"If you want to run a decent program you probably looking at close to the regular season \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the ice rent time. We could run two volleyball programs on \$30,000. You can probably run two or three gym sports at the price of one hockey program," Bialek said.

Hoskins could not give any approximate rates at that time.

"This is a sports facility operated by a not-for-profit service club. All the profits go back to the community. We have to have professional tenants to make it work. Our primary time is occupied here by youth hockey. The Leafs here are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when we don't have a lot of use of it. That is why it is such a good marriage for us," said Hoskins.

"We make sure the arena will be accessible and affordable for

local people," said Mark Grimes, city councillor for Etobicoke-Lakeshore community, who is also a member of Board of Directors of the Hockey Hall of

Fame and the Canada Sports Hall of Fame.

The Lions Club plans to have this building up and functional by the summer of 2007.

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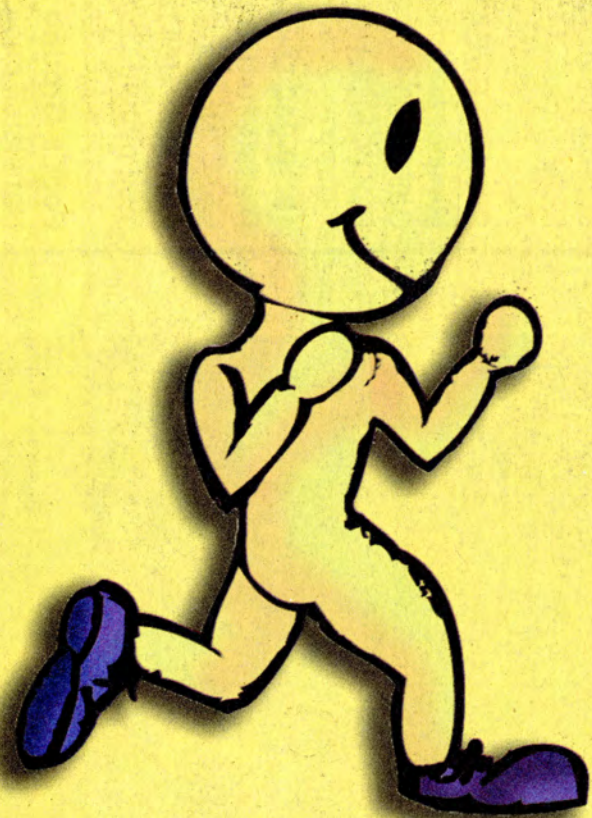
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