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## Movie theme exposes divide

### *Brokeback Mountain* sparks disparate opinions on gay rights

by jaime kehler  
NEWS REPORTER

*Brokeback Mountain's* gay subject matter has opened dialogue about society's acceptance of homosexuality from Hollywood to Humber.

"Gay cowboys? That's sad man, really sad," said technology student Dwight Straker, 22. "I think they're running out of topics and just wanted something to blow people's minds."

*Brokeback Mountain*, which tells the tale of two young ranch-hands who fall in love, is nominated for eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture. More than 60 Humber students gave their opinions on the film's theme. The students were asked if they had seen the film and their opinions of the subject matter. The views of those students were divided, with 33 people against the film's subject matter and 32 not bothered by it.

Since its release last December, the film has become a battle in the U.S. culture war — mocked by talk-show hosts, condemned by religious groups and other conservatives, championed by gay-rights advocates and like-minded liberals.

In Canada, where gay marriage is less of a hot-button issue, response to *Brokeback Mountain* has been more muted. Yet most people, on the Humber campus at least, seem to have strong opinions when asked about the movie.

"Why would I pay \$12 to go see that?" said Mike Pantillo, 21, a marketing and business management student. "Cowboys are straight. It's just not right that they're gay."

According to Daniella Cross, vice-president of administration, there is a no-tolerance policy when it comes to gay-bashing on school grounds. Homophobic comments and behavior on campus are deemed unacceptable under Humber's Charter of Responsibilities and Rights.

"Our goal is to make Humber a discrimination-free zone," said Cross,

who oversees the Positive Space campaign, aimed at creating a welcoming atmosphere regardless of sexual orientation. "The general feeling on campus is that this is a very inclusive place."

Scattered throughout the campus are letter-sized posters depicting a rainbow triangle, the symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. The posters are distributed by the HSF office. Nearly all of the students interviewed either had not noticed the posters or did not know what they represent.

"People are fairly tolerant on our campus," said Chris Montgomery, 19, vice president of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Association at Lakeshore Campus. "It seems to be more taboo at North Campus."

He said some of the association's 70 members have experienced discrimination while at school. Due to confidentiality rules, he is not allowed to go into specifics.

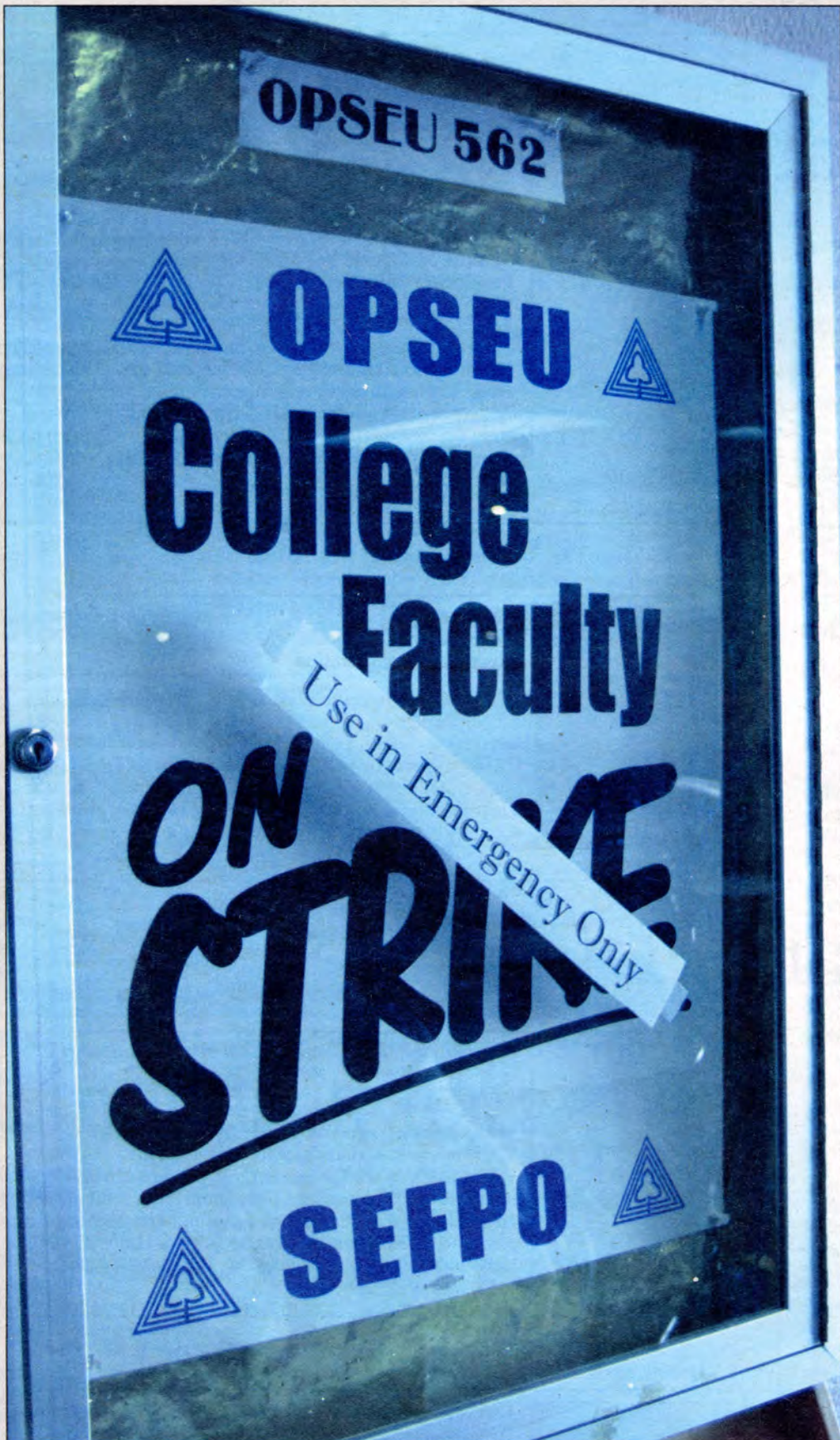
"We've had very little official support for our association," Montgomery said. "We'd like to promote our association and see it become more high profile. It would help to have more people know about it."

"The Positive Space Campaign is a good idea, but it needs more follow through," he said. "You have to go through the HSF — it can take up to four weeks to get a poster up."

The LGBT association, which organizes monthly meetings and social functions to encourage sexual diversity, was turned down by the college when it asked for a room on North Campus where students could meet more regularly, Montgomery said.

Cross, who said the group maintains little contact with her, is in the process of hiring a queer representative to work as part of a five-person diversity caucus at the college.

"I hope through our organization, we can at least help them accept us for who we are," Montgomery said.



rebecca payne

## Strike deadline Tuesday

Students are unsure about classes next week as talks continue between management and the faculty union. The strike deadline is next Tuesday. See page 5 for more strike coverage.



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To vote in the upcoming HSF elections, visit [srs.humber.ca](http://srs.humber.ca) between March 7 and March 9. For three years running, voting has been tallied online.

# Humber Votes 2006

The HSF election is off and running. Candidates began campaigning around campus last Monday, and flyers are already littering the hallways. The presidential candidates endorse diverse platforms that give students a lot of options. Candidates will be campaigning until March 6 and elections will take place March 7-9.

compiled by jaclyn newman  
NEWS REPORTER

## Presidential Candidates



**Ravjot Chhatwal**  
Program:  
Television Writing &  
Production

**Previous Experience:**  
Current Vice President  
Campus Life at  
Lakeshore Campus

I could promise the moon and throw in a few promises to lobby against tuition, parking fee increase too. But I won't make any promises, except that I'll work sincerely.

I've worked in different reputed organizations and I've learned that issues change with time, but good people don't.



**Cynthia Malagerio**  
Program: Public Relations

**Previous Experience:**  
Current Vice President  
Campus Life, North Campus

I really believe we need to improve services, counseling, career services and athletics. Making sure that students have access to those things is very important to me.

Security is also a major issue, especially with what has gone on in the past month at the North campus. I think there needs to be more promotion of the student services that are available at Humber.



**Cameron Mackenzie**  
Program:  
Social Services

**Previous Experience:**  
Current Vice President  
Administration at  
Lakeshore Campus

I believe that Humber students deserve a stronger voice on the issues that matter to them and I have the experience, the dedication and the track record of standing up for students.

On the issue of tuition fees being increased, I opposed and voted against the HSF lobbying campaign that refused to speak out against any tuition increases.



**Ameer Ali**  
Program:  
Business Administration

**Previous Experience:**  
Rookie

Thinking outside the box is key. Providing fresh ideas, a new perspective and simply keeping things real on campus is what I will ensure happens.

I have done my research and know what is achievable and what is not. Prior to making any election promises, one thing I learned this year was that it is better to under-promise than to over-promise.

## Vice-Presidential Candidates



**Alan Desimpel, third-year Nursing**

**What position are you currently running for?**

Vice-President Administration North Campus

**What will you do for students if you are elected?**

(If elected) I will try to set up forums where students can come and discuss problems with their programs, increase security in Humber, set up job fairs for the different school throughout the year and try to find a better solution for printing limits.



**Ryan Russell, first-year Architectural Technology**

**What position are you currently running for?**

Vice-President Administration North Campus

**What will you do for students if you are elected?**

If elected I will advocate frozen tuition, lower food prices, discounted GTA transit passes and a safer, harassment-free campus. I want Humber students to have a stronger voice on campus. I believe that together we can make it better.



**Jenny Gibson, third-year Nursing**

**What position are you currently running for?**

Vice-President Campus Life North Campus

**What will you do for the students if you are elected?**

If elected I would try to get bigger bands to come to CAPS and the Amphitheatre, fight to have CAPS be all-ages again, have bigger weekly events for students to attend during the day, give more money to clubs, involve Residence more in HSF events and improve HSF relations with the Athletics department.



**Farris Green, second-year Journalism (Guelph-Humber)**

**What position are you currently running for?**

Vice-President Campus Life North Campus

**What will you do for the students and school if you are elected?**

If elected I would make next year for GH and Humber students the best yet by creating opportunities to make sure you get involved and have fun. You will see more events, contests, prizes, music, diversity, creativity and much, much more throughout campus.



Alberta premier Ralph Klein has apologized for throwing a Liberal healthcare booklet at a page in the assembly after saying "I don't need this crap." – the *Toronto Star*



**Puneet Matharoo, second year Electro-Mechanical Engineering.**

**What position are you currently running for?**  
Vice-President Campus Life North Campus  
**What will you do for the students and school if you are elected?**  
All year, we rush from one class to another with loads of assignments and tests. Don't you wish there was some fun, an entertaining event in between all that craziness? As VP Campus Life, I will make sure that you get a fair share of fun on campus.



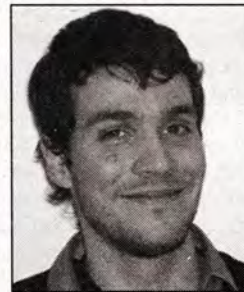
**Stephanie Mayers, third year Family and Community studies**

**What position are you currently running for?**  
Vice-President Campus Life North Campus  
**What will you do for students if you are elected?**  
If elected I will work towards freezing tuition, holding more events that reflect our diversity, creating more clubs and [securing] more money for [existing] clubs. I want Humber students to have a better student experience. I believe that together we can make it better.



**Matt Radvanyi, second year Technical Theatre**

**What position are you currently running for?**  
Vice-President Campus Life Lakeshore Campus  
**What will you do for students if you are elected?**  
Next year I want to be your HSF Vice-President of Campus Life here at Lakeshore. In the upcoming year Humber Lakeshore will be going through a lot of changes with a new high school being opened across the street and I want to be the one fighting for your rights.



**Phil Moorhead, second year Comedy Writing and Performing**

**What position are you currently running for?**  
Vice-President Campus Life Lakeshore Campus  
**What will you do for students if you are elected?**  
I want Lakeshore to have more events – including live music and speakers – to give students more opportunities to share their own creative talents. I will oppose any tuition fee increases for Humber students. I will ensure a diverse range of awareness and educational events at Humber.



**Elisha Acerga, third year Business Administration**

**What position are you currently running for?**  
Vice-President Administration Lakeshore Campus  
**What will you do for students if you are elected?**  
If elected I will advocate frozen tuition, lower food prices, discounted GTA Transit passes, and safer harassment-free campus. I want Humber students to have a stronger voice on campus. I believe that together we can make it better.

**Notes from editor:**

- Candidates Elisha Acerga and Ryan Russel are running as part of a group, thus their platforms are identical.
- Candidate Magdalena Chromicz (Vice-President Administration Lakeshore) was unavailable for comment
- All photos courtesy.



Joe Kertes, left, and Lorne Frohman both were close friends of Linehan. rosanna brazil

# Linehan's legacy

by **rosanna brazil**  
NEWS REPORTER

Brian Linehan taught at Humber's Lakeshore Campus for a short time before his death from lymphoma in 2004. But thanks to a scholarship in his name, his legacy will live on.

"Brian Linehan was a Canadian institution and it's nice to have his legacy continued with young, promising artists," said Dean of the School of Creative and Performing Arts Joe Kertes.

The scholarship will award \$3000 to three students in the following programs: acting for film and television, television writing and producing, and comedy.

Linehan became popular in the '70s with *CityLights*, a talk show where he interviewed celebrities. He based his questions on in-depth research and his style set a new standard for talk show interviews.

During his time at Humber, Linehan forged a close friendship with Kertes and Lorne Frohman, co-ordinator of Humber's television writing and producing program. His loss was deeply felt by both men as they talked about the joy that teaching brought him in his final stages of cancer.

Both said that Linehan loved teaching his passion to young people and that he enjoyed bringing his students into his profession.

"He just had so much knowledge to give the students because he had been there. He brought his shows to his class," Frohman said.

Shortly before his death, Linehan requested to leave an endowment of \$150,000 that would be split into the three programs he taught in. The province matched that amount and the Brian Linehan Award Scholarship was created. The scholarship will begin in fall.

# Chin to Queen's Park?

Former prof takes to the provincial stage

by **Michelle Dipardo**  
NEWS REPORTER

Former Humber teacher and journalist-turned-politician Ben Chin has wasted little time in reclaiming the spotlight.

One year after leaving his TV news career to become a senior communications adviser to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Chin was hand-picked by the premier to run in the Toronto-Danforth riding byelection this spring. **Ben Chin is running in a byelection on March 30.**

"I wasn't really jumping at the chance to run initially because it's a great responsibility."

Chin said at his campaign office on the Danforth, "But what's wrong with taking on a great responsibility if I can give back to the same community that helped shape my life and has helped me become who I am today?"

Chin emigrated from Korea when he was 12 and settled in the Riverdale area of Toronto.

"This riding has a special place in my life," he said.

He went into journalism after graduating from the University of Toronto

"I've had the great privilege of being a witness to things, and having the privilege of asking the questions. Now I would like to be a participant and help find some answers."



Michelle Dipardo

He admitted his star status will help his campaign, but said he isn't counting on it to win the race.

"It's a good icebreaker – that's all it is," said Chin, who taught TV reporting at Humber last year.

"I don't think anybody assumes that I'd make a great politician because I was a good reporter. That's a leap of logic."

Even if Chin wins, don't expect to see him vying for a spot in the House of Commons anytime soon.

"I don't view politics as a career path ambition. I'm purely offering myself up to serve the people of Toronto-Danforth as an MPP who is here and who is here for what I'm interested in which is public education, post secondary, health, because those are our responsibilities."

Despite his success in the news media, Chin says he has no plans to return to his former profession.

"I'm a little worried about journalism. I notice a trend away from things that matter to Paris Hilton."



In an attempt to keep bird flu outside the country, Canadian customs officials have increased their inspections at entry points from Europe. — the Toronto Star

# Child care costs to rise

## Funding changes will have parents paying more

by robina kumar  
SENIOR REPORTER

After three decades of predictable child care fees, subsidized parents are about to face a change that could cost them.

The new Choice in Child Care Allowance system starts in July 2006 and will replace the current five-year child funding agreement with a \$1,200 cheque each year for every child under the age of six.

"The fees in the last couple of years have gone up three per cent a year," said Bridget Woodcock, director of the child care centres at Humber. "It was a planned increase. The City of Toronto, who's our funder, has noted that our fees are below the average and in order to correct that there has to be an increase."

The city has suggested that child care centres increase monthly fees to ensure they continue to receive revenue from the city.

"They (the city) said 'if your daily rate is where it is we can't

give you any more money,'" said Woodcock.

Currently, Humber's fee is \$1,037 per month for infants and \$836 for toddlers. With the three per cent increase it will cost parents \$1,070 and \$860 instead.

During his election campaign, Prime Minister Stephen Harper proposed the plan to allow parents to "choose the child care option that best suits their family's needs." He calls it "institutionalized care."

Although currently the government is financially supporting students, if Harper does follow through with this new plan of \$1,200 a year, both student parents and full-fee families will have to pay the rest of the child care fees out of their own pockets. Full-fee families are those that don't receive money from the government for child care.

"(As a full-fee family) we pay about \$700 a month as I recall. So the increase will be \$21 per month," said James Cullin, parent and Humber Multimedia and Internet Management programs

coordinator.

Cullin has been using the child-care services at Humber for the past two years. However, he hasn't given much thought to this new change.

"I do not believe the increase will have any real effect on my life. Frankly I am more worried about the rise in natural gas prices."

"(At the moment) it won't affect the student population. Their fee is created by the government, it's subsidized by the city," Woodcock said. "Full-fee families, who pay themselves (will face an increase of) about \$30 a month."

However, the impact of canceling the five-year agreement will cause the loss of 25,000 planned child-care spaces in Ontario. That means 58 planned child care centers in Toronto will not be built.

Only 15 per cent of the families at the Lakeshore and North Campus child care centers are full-fee families. However, Woodcock said it won't have a great effect on them.

"Compared to the other com-



robina kumar

Yemi Callisto and her three-year-old son Demi have used the child care centre at Humber for the last year.

munity colleges, we are very low so they shouldn't affect full-fee families much."

George Brown College has the highest fees with \$1,332 per month for infants, and Centennial College follows with \$1,273.

Many of the subsidized parents that do have their children enrolled in Humber's day care are from low income families and therefore need the government's aid.

Yemi Callisto is a mother who's

had her three-year-old son enrolled in the child-care services at Humber for the past year. She believes she has little choice but to pay the new increased fees.

"There's nothing you can do about it. I need to have my child in this service. They can do anything, but we still have to pay. It's not up to us," said the pregnant mother.

Humber's child services don't draw many full-fee families from the area, so up to 60 per cent of their clients are students.

## Do your teachers want a strike? No. We want . . .

### ✓ Quality education

While the number of students at Humber has doubled, the number of full-time teachers has dropped by 28% over the past 18 years. Students are in increasingly larger classes, with less class time. We want teachers to be available to meet the needs of today's students.

When calculation of faculty workload began in 1986, it took into account preparation, evaluation, teaching and number of students. Unfortunately, the way that college managers have implemented this formula has resulted in increased class sizes and simplified evaluation (multiple choice tests), reducing quality contact with teachers. By asking for changes in the workload calculation, we are hoping that this will lead to reduced class sizes rather than reduced teaching time.

### ✓ Recognition of faculty work

Over half of Humber's teachers are hired on short-term contracts, with no job security, paid only for the hours they spend in the classroom. We want to improve their working conditions, and we want to get more full-time faculty jobs.

### ✓ Fair pay

Quality education demands attracting the best possible faculty. The management offer we have rejected would see our salaries fall further behind the midpoint between high school and university teachers. Everyone wants to be paid fairly. Humber faculty are asking only for the recognition that other teachers get.

Faculty in Ontario colleges are bargaining on these issues. They have voted 80% to strike on March 7<sup>th</sup> if a fair settlement is not reached. Find out more about the issues. Ask your teachers, or go to [www.opseu.org](http://www.opseu.org) or [www.collegestrike.com](http://www.collegestrike.com), where you can link to your provincial member of parliament. Tell your MPP that you want a fair deal that ensures quality education and averts a strike.



Memorial services for Brigadier, the Toronto police horse that died as a result of a hit-and-run, will be held at the CNE next week. — cbc.ca/toronto

# Ontario colleges get ready to strike

## Management says its current offer is good, but union disagrees

by laurel sanders  
SENIOR REPORTER

College faculties across the province are meeting this week to prepare for the picket line as next Tuesday's strike deadline approaches with no agreement reached in the Ontario Public Service Employee Union (OPSEU) labour dispute.

Strike-duty registration and preparation meetings were held at both Humber campuses yesterday. More will be held today. Ted Montgomery, union negotiating team chair, said in a memo to local OPSEU presidents that the College Compensation and Appointments Council (CCAC) had not changed its offer in the last round of talks.

"There is every indication that they are still not prepared to

address the quality of education issues. They are still not prepared to table an adequate salary offer," Montgomery said.

Joy Warkentin, chair of the academic bargaining team for CCAC, would not say whether college management had drafted any new proposals for the next round of negotiations, but did say progress had been made last week despite Montgomery's claims.

"(The colleges) have changed our position since we started bargaining," Warkentin said. "Most discussions last round were off the record and cannot be discussed. We tabled an improved salary offer around Christmas time because we really wanted to reach a settlement."

But Montgomery's memo points to a press release issued by

college management on the first day back at negotiations as a signal there will be no easy settlement over the next week.

"On Feb. 15, a day that they were supposedly working for a settlement, management was issuing a press release claiming that their pre-strike-vote offer was a 'good

**"We have changed our proposals, but that was before the strike vote."**

- Joy Warkentin, CCAC bargaining team chair

offer.' Based on that offer, faculty voted over 80 per cent in favour of strike," Montgomery said.

Deb McCarthy, Humber's director of human resources, said both negotiating parties had enough time to reach a settlement before the March 7 strike deadline, and

remained hopeful they would. Although McCarthy said management continued to support the decisions of the colleges bargaining team, students shouldn't worry about a strike.

"Look, historically, we've had two strikes in this province and no students have lost their year because of it. Humber will do everything possible to ensure students will complete their year," McCarthy said.

Despite management's assurances that its current offers are good, Montgomery's memo guarantees a strike next week if the colleges bargaining team continues its "posturing and stonewalling," an attitude Montgomery said is apparent in the reluctance to table a new offer after a strike vote.

"It is reasonable to read management's complete unwillingness to change their position, even in light of the over 80 per cent strike vote, as clear indication that they

are protecting their positions for an arbitration which would come at the conclusion of a strike," Montgomery said.

In response to Montgomery's memo, Warkentin was adamant the colleges have moved forward on faculty demands and were working towards a settlement.

"We have changed our proposals, but that was before the strike vote," Warkentin said. "We're hopeful we'll reach a settlement and we'll try and do that over the next week."

So far media outlets haven't devoted much coverage to the potential strike, but Maureen Wall, Humber's OPSEU president, said that would change as the union starts its radio and newspaper campaign tomorrow.

"(OPSEU) has a communications department and they're sending out press releases but for some reason, it's not on the radar yet," Wall said. "Even some of my students didn't know."

# Concern improvement fund won't match growth

by julia strojnik  
NEWS REPORTER

A \$6.8 million funding announcement made last month will allow Humber College to hire more faculty and support staff, but it is not enough for a college that is growing rapidly each year.

Humber College's vice-president of administration John Davies said, "\$6.8 million, although it sounds really big, is really not a lot of money."

The Quality Improvement Fund, which started as a result of the former premier Bob Rae's report on postsecondary education, is a new

initiative from the Ontario government to improve post secondary education in the province said Tanya Blazina, communications officer for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

It is part of a "reaching higher" plan that will see more than \$6 billion injected into post-secondary education over the next few years.

"The aim of the Quality Improvement Fund is to allow each college and university to invest in activities that will really ensure the success of students and achieve excellence in their institutions," Blazina said.

"As part of this process, there was

an interim accountability agreement with each individual institution. We asked the institutions to outline how they were going to support these quality improvements because the government wanted to see real tangible improvements."

For Humber, this means more faculty, more support staff and new equipment, but it is not enough money to keep up with the growing population at the college, said Davies.

"Our salary, which is the

**"\$6.8 million, although it sounds really big, is really not a lot of money."**

- John Davies, vice-president of administration

biggest bill that we pay, goes up about five per cent per year and we are growing by about three to

four per cent per year," he said, adding that the cost of growing supersedes the extra funding.

He said the whole college system is tightly financed, and as a result areas like facilities, maintenance and library services are overlooked.

"In the college system as a whole now there is over \$600 mil-

lion worth of deferred maintenance that should be done."

Students can see the funding being put to good use, though, with new facilities such as the recently built manufacturing center and a new digital newsroom being built this summer.

This year the college system in Ontario received \$87 million and Davies said he expects the colleges will get more next year, but it will not be enough to match the inflationary pressures and growing student body.

"Notwithstanding these announcements, it's still an extremely tight financial picture in the colleges."

# Nature centre comes down

by rosanna brazil  
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Arboretum coordinators are anticipating the construction of a new Nature Centre they expect to be complete by December.

The existing Nature Centre at the Humber Arboretum was scheduled to be demolished Monday, but plans were delayed.

Bruce Bridgeford, physical resources director, said planning for the new centre has taken four years and will cost nearly \$4 million to build. He said the building will come down in the next two weeks.

Arboretum coordinator Carol Ray says part of the delay stemmed from the need to overhaul the entire design. She said the original plan was to renovate and upgrade the original centre. When coordinators saw that renovating would not be cost effective, they realized they had to come up with a new design. After intensive planning, the architects came up with a new plan that would work with the Arboretum's delicate environment.

"We're building a centre that inte-



brian bento

The old Nature Centre should be replaced by December.

grates with the natural surroundings and has as little impact on the local environment as possible," said Ray.

The Nature Centre has always served as a community resource for youth and adults to learn about urban ecology.

Students will learn about how to co-exist with nature through the use of green technology.

Some of that green technology will include a vegetative roof, a natural cooling system and onsite sewage treatment.

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# editorial

"Beware of the man who works hard to learn something, learns it and finds himself no wiser than before." — American writer Kurt Vonnegut (1922- present)

## U.S. continues to ignore UN demands

### Prison in Afghanistan dubious or worse

In October 2002, a Canadian citizen was taken into custody at JFK airport in New York. He was arrested and deported to Syria, where he was held for nearly a year in an underground cell not much larger than a grave. He was tortured. He was never charged with a crime. Some people call this kidnapping. The U.S. government calls it extraordinary rendition.

That man's name is Maher Arar. He is the first person to mount a civil suit challenging the U.S. government on its extraordinary rendition policy, which is the exportation of terror suspects to prisons in countries with appalling human rights standards. Although his story has been widely publicized in the international media, he hasn't seen any justice yet. As horrifying as his story is, it's just the tip of the iceberg for the atrocities that are being outsourced by the U.S. government.

With international human rights groups lobbying for the closure of the U.S. prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the U.S. has started diverting prisoners to the Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. *The New York Times* reported senior U.S. army officials as saying that Bagram, which is situated north of the capital of Kabul, is much worse than Guantanamo. While prisoners at Guantanamo are given basic legal council and allowed to know why they are being held, the prisoners at Bagram are not given these rights.

Since the air base at Bagram is not a permanent U.S. base, prisoners kept there are not afforded the same rudimentary rights as those at Guantanamo. Where journalists and government officials are given carefully choreographed tours of the prison at Guantanamo, no one is allowed in, or even near the prison at Bagram except the International Red Cross. Even it is not allowed full access to all of the prisoners, which

raises the concern that if the Red Cross doesn't know that a given number of prisoners exist, what's to stop the U.S. army from exporting them to Egypt or Morocco, or any other country where prisoners have been known to simply disappear?

Two deaths have already been reported at Bagram. Two men were found dead, hanging by their shackled wrists from the ceiling of their wire cages. The doctor who performed the autopsies on the two men said their legs had been so severely beaten the injuries were comparable to being run over by a bus. The deaths were officially ruled homicides, but no one has been charged with the murders.


This blatant defiance of international law is just one more step in the complete castration of the UN. Last month the world watched as Kofi Annan issued a sheepish demand, which sounded more like a hopeless plea, for the U.S. to shut down its prison at Guantanamo. Given the U.S. government's habit of only adhering to UN resolutions and the Geneva Convention when it best suits its needs, it's not surprising that, far from stopping its illegal imprisonments, it has simply moved them to a less conspicuous area of the globe. Like a schoolyard bully who leaves school property to beat up his victim, the U.S. isn't interested in what's right or wrong, but only in finding a way to commit the crime without being held accountable.


The founding principles of the American Dream — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness — are not all encompassing. That has become obvious. These freedoms, these rights, have not been exported to Syria, Afghanistan, Iraq and a slew of other countries whose citizens are badly in need of them. Instead, they have been withheld by the very people who claim to represent them.


**The blatant defiance of international law is just one more step in the complete castration of the UN.**



## PROPS & BURNS

Humber's women's volleyball team winning the OCAA championship this week. 

Canada bringing home a record 24 Olympic medals from Turin, Italy. 

One of three surviving Canadian WW I veterans celebrated his 105th birthday. 



Supreme Court judge nominees being questioned by MP's but avoiding controversial questioning.



Queens Park plans to unveil a new post-secondary education plan that will likely result in 5-6 per cent tuition hikes.



Ontario colleges and their teachers for voting to strike and potentially jeopardize students' school years.

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**"The choice, however, is as clear now for nations as it once was for the individual: peace or extinction." — former Canadian PM Lester B. Pearson (1897-1972)**

# Giving back doesn't hurt

## Organizations offer support when life gets out of control

Thanks to the TV show *My Name is Earl*, karma is back in. I've heard the karma buzz all over pop culture, and I think it's a good thing.



**Erin Taylor**

An announcement this week by Kids Help Phone said it has counseled more than 1 million kids in 2005, its highest number yet. It made me think about growing up, giving back and the tough times we all go through in life.

Kidshelphone.ca says the definition of "kids" may be misleading. People in their mid-twenties seek help from the organization on topics ranging from unplanned pregnancy to school workload, sexual abuse and family problems.

Being a student is never easy. We all know about being broke, being overwhelmed with schoolwork and part-time jobs. Add complex family and relationship problems to the mix and it's easy to see why an organization like Kids Help Phone exists.

I've never used the help phone service myself, but not so long ago

I called a similar service and was tremendously relieved when a kind councilor reassured me that my problems were common for someone in my particular situation and offered sound advice.

While talking to friends helps a little, they are also trying to put the pieces of this life puzzle together and aren't professionals. School counselors are available to help sort some things out, but ironically when a relationship with a counselor is formed, it can become more difficult to admit some of the stickier issues. Kids Help Phone offers the anonymity we sometimes need in hard times.

Getting older means gaining experience, confidence and the wherewithal to seek help, but before this happens, Kids Help Phone will continue to be a necessary resource for the diverse socioeconomic, religious and ethnic population of Canada. It is in contact with people from over 3,000 communities and offers referrals as well as immediate support to those who reach out.

Our society is hectic, confusing and sometimes violent and we need support services like this

which will allow young people to figure out how to better deal with their situations and problems that arise. It means we can all become more balanced adults and better equipped to deal with the crap life often unexpectedly throws at us.

Now that I'm a bit older, and will hopefully have a "real world" job after graduation, I plan to support this organization or something like it by donating money or time. It's important to acknowledge and give back because, as karma shows us, what goes around comes around.

The Kids Help Phone is going to need help in the future if the demand continues, and it's unlikely that it will come from the Conservative government, which doesn't tend to offer a great deal of aid to social support groups.

Whatever it is that becomes important to you, whether it be a political party, a medical research organization, or even a sports league that gave you joy as a kid, giving back only makes sense, and maybe you can clear up some of that bad karma you got from giving your parents a rough time growing up.

# Bertuzzi a deserving Olympian?

The Olympics are over and Canada has come home with 24 medals an all time high. What an honour. And at the same time, what a disgrace.



**Julie Broadbent**

Now that the Olympics are over, I would like to ask why Todd Bertuzzi of the Vancouver Canucks was ever on Team Canada in the first place.

Might I remind everyone of the horrific incident in 2004 when Bertuzzi attacked Steve Moore of the Colorado Avalanche, giving him a concussion and three broken vertebrae. Moore has been told he will probably never play hockey again. Bertuzzi, however, had the opportunity of a lifetime by representing our country in the Olympics.

Ugh. This makes me sick. How on earth does someone jump on someone else like an animal, harm them in public, and on national television with little consequence? I scrolled through the newspaper today and saw lesser crimes earning much harsher punishments than a suspension (which happened to take place during the NHL lockout).

The disgraced player was suspended for a total of 17 months, and received a year's probation and 80 hours community service resulting from criminal charges brought against him in Vancouver. Even so, I don't think he's paid his dues.

Bertuzzi's presence on this team speaks volumes about how Team Canada GM Wayne Gretzky really feels about hockey violence.

Bad enough Bertuzzi was allowed to play in the NHL again. Gretzky said Bertuzzi's actions are understandable because "hockey is an emotional game." It's decisions like this that make me ashamed of saying I am Canadian.

Wake up Wayne. Marriage is an emotional experience, but it has rules and, unlike the NHL, we try to enforce them.

Bertuzzi may have served his time in the eyes of the NHL but in society's eyes I still believe he has dues to pay, ones that did not include him representing our country in the Olympics. To be a part of the Olympics should be an honour and a privilege — one that I strongly believe Todd Bertuzzi never deserved.

# Music downloading and the demise of the art of making mixed tapes

I remember when making a mixed tape for a friend used to mean something. There was so much time and thought put into the project.



**Mindi St. Amand**

Cutting out letters for the cover art, thinking you're creative just because you're making something. The whole idea of 14 or 15 tracks on a 90-minute tape made for someone specific is the best idea since ... perogies.

First, there was picking out the songs to suit the mood of the tape. I remember going through

over 100 CDs and making a list of possible songs to use. That's right, you actually had to own the CDs in order to make the tape. You couldn't just download random songs from Ares or Kazaa and press record. You also had to know how long the songs were, so as to avoid the tape stopping halfway through a favourite Cure song. "I will always love..." Click.

Every track had its own purpose and since you would spend more than an hour just recording the songs, the tape had to be good. It couldn't be filled with overplayed songs on the radio, or ones your friend would hate. Your

whole afternoon revolved around making the best tape in the world. The songs were nice and loud in your room for best recording quality, so when the phone would ring it kind of made it difficult for the other person on the phone to hear you. How perfect.

I believe downloading music has taken away the fun aspect of loving music. Opening a brand new CD is refreshing — not to mention how fun unwrapping cellophane is. The artwork inside the case has imagery to look at while the CD plays. Now, sitting in front of the computer, waiting for Windows Media Player or Winamp to shuffle

your next favourite track, is clearly not as artistically exciting. It's easy, perhaps too easy.

The way mixed tapes have been replaced by mp3-downloaded CDs reflects the way our society keeps moving towards simplification of things in our lives. It may be cooler, it may be faster, it may, in fact, be better, but our society is constantly reaching for instant gratification, and the truth is we don't want to have to get up and change the CD in order to record the next song. We'd rather the computer do it in less time and with less movement. But is that really considered "living?"

Do you remember the sound

of a tape clicking inside a ghetto player to let you know side A was over and it was time to listen to side B? That's right, we actually had to get up in order to flip the tape, unless you had one of those automatic systems (you lucky bastards). On a good mix tape, side A and side B have their own themes.

Everything I've said about making a mixed tape seems time consuming but isn't that what makes something better — the time and thought you have put into it?

And for those people who made mixed tapes where the side ends exactly right after the last song, I salute you.

## Says You!

Are you voting in the HSF election? Why/why not?



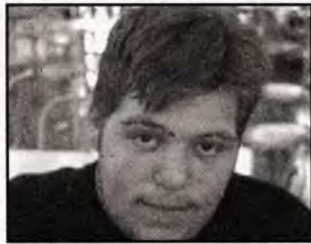
"Yes definitely. It's important because you can't complain about them (school issues) if you don't get involved."

— Ashleighann Ross  
Fashion arts  
second year



"I don't know. It's my last semester. I could care less about what happens after I leave."

— Anwar Sardar  
Business Management,  
third year



"Yes. I was on my high school student council and we had bad programs. I don't want that to happen here."

— Antonio Disimone  
Court and Tribunal,  
first year



"Yes. A lot of them want to lower tuition, and I would like that."

— Saira Zafar  
Chef training,  
first year



"No. I'm not interested, I'm only here for an eight week apprenticeship. I don't get involved in school stuff."

— Greg Campoli  
Plumbing Apprenticeship  
first year



# arts & entertainment

Good tracks to download: Lamb - *Gorecki*, Interpol - *NYC*, Massive Attack - *Teardrop*, Guillemots - *Trains To Brazil*, Longpigs - *On And On* — The Wedge

## Metric back in Toronto

Emily Haines struts her stuff on hometown turf

by crissandra ayroso  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

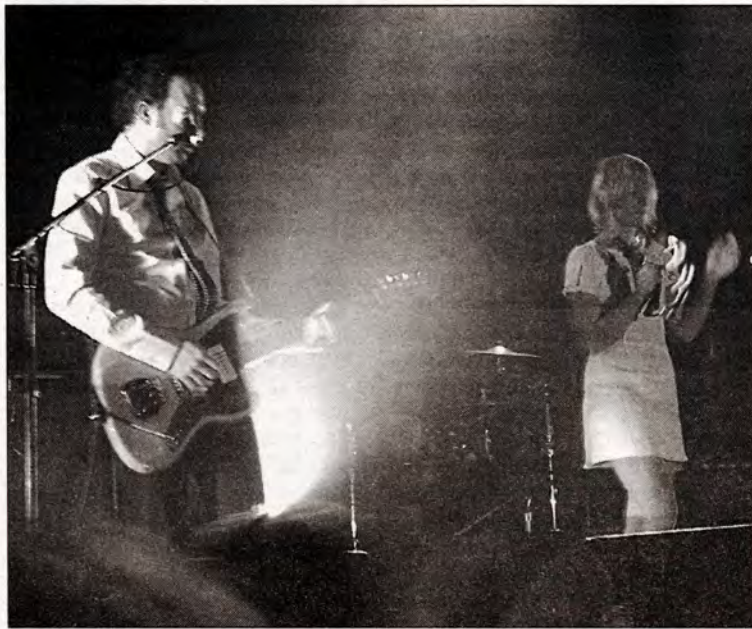
Metric returned to Toronto last Friday night, where they performed the first of two sold out live shows at the Kool Haus to promote their latest album, *Live it Out*.

While most of the attention went to front woman Emily Haines, who lead the vocals and rocked the synths, the band played most of their new material, including *Poster of a Girl*, *Monster Hospital*, *Glass Ceiling* and *Handshakes*.

Metric also performed past favourites, like *Combat Baby* and *Succxy*, from their groundbreaking 2003 album *Old World Underground*, *Where Are You Now?* Small mosh pits formed during the most upbeat songs and a whole sea of accessories were found on the floor after the show.

Although there was barely any crowd banter between songs, Haines, a natural crowd pleaser, still made us shake our hips and move our feet while the band generated a whole Kool Haus-worth of energy.

Unfortunately Haines didn't crowd surf this time like she did at



crissandra ayroso

Metric members James Shaw, left, and Emily Haines, right.

Metric's last Toronto appearance in September.

The group encored with *The List* and a signature extensive live remix of *Dead Disco* that slowed down into *Love Is A Place*.

Opening bands *Holy Fuck* and *The Islands* peaked some interest,

though most of the crowd applauded final songs, anticipating seeing Metric on stage.

Metric opened twice for the Rolling Stones last January in New York City and is currently on a cross-Canada tour with a few stops in the U.S.

## Destination: *Off Balance* wins film fest

University of Toronto screened the boring, the funny and the bizarre

by crissandra ayroso  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

It's not easy making a four-minute film stand out in a group of competitors.

The Hart House Film Board (HHFB) screened twelve short films submitted by members of Hart House at the Innis Town Hall in the University of Toronto on Feb. 18.

*Destination: Off Balance*, a humourous story about a car struggling to make it uphill, won the Best Overall Short prize. Directed by Andrei Tanasescu, the film starred Tanasescu's long time friend Ilian Iankov. Tanasescu was surprised by the win.

HHFB screenings coordinator Laura Montgomery said, "One of the juror's comments about (*Destination: Off Balance*) was 'this is exactly what a short film should be.'"

While not everyone walked away with a prize, there were a few other creative shorts that deserved attention. Peter Genoway's *Tender* is a sixteen-minute psychological thriller about a man who loses his mind after his girlfriend dumps him.

*Finding Ferdinand*, directed by Krista MacIsaac, also deserved mention. The flick is a comedy

about a teenager named Ferdinand who starts soul searching at a Christian youth group and continues at a vampire club, which he uses to try to get rid of his soul to see what it feels like.

"I liked some, but I didn't like

by Aisha Jamal and Andrea Winkler, is exactly what the title describes.

*Comps* is a boring documentary about university comprehensive exams and four students who spent months studying for them.

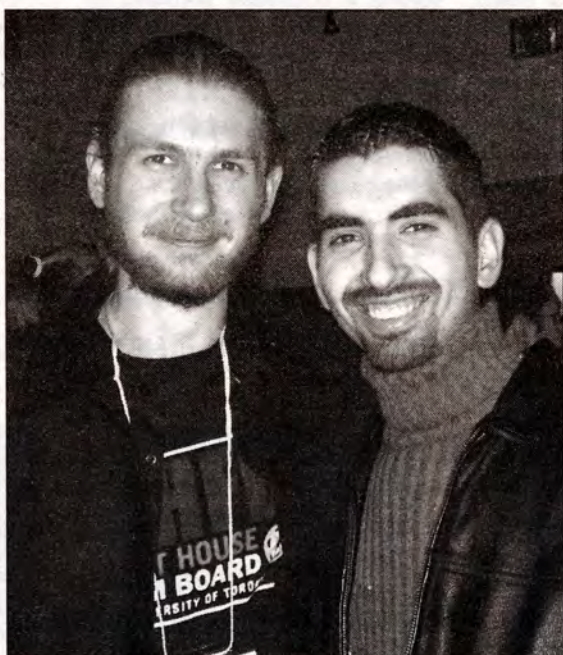
The general feeling after watching this movie is relief that it is over, for the students and for the audience.

The film festival featured a different theme for each of the festival's four nights. On Feb. 14, the opening gala screened student films from across North America.

*Muslim Boarders*, directed by Omar Mendoza Mahmood, is a nineteen-minute documentary about Muslim snowboarders.

The film challenges stereotypes by pointing out the idiosyncrasies between the Western world and the Islamic world. The film was screened on the second night of the festival, which had the Peace and Conflict theme.

Films shared that evening touched on such subjects as race, religion, and sexual orientation. The festival also featured music, silent films and new films made by up-and-coming super 8 artists.



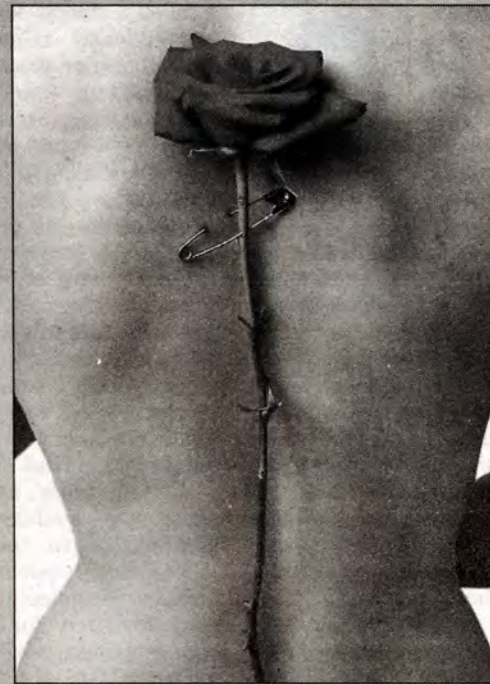
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Andrei Tanasescu, left, and Ilian Iankov, right.

others. It was kind of a mix." said Melissa Aldham, a friend of the filmmakers who made *Finding Ferdinand*. "I like the comedic ones more."

*Comps: The Long Dark Tunnel*, a long twelve-minute film directed

## VISIONARY Photo of the Week



by second-year creative photography student lindsay haebler

If you are a creative photography student, please send your photos in original format to:

arts\_humberetc@yahoo.ca,  
subject: "Photo of the Week".

## Common isn't so common after all

by kelly anderson  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Best known for his collaborations with Kanye West and his failed romance with Erykah Badu, Chicago rapper Common performed at the Kool Haus last Wednesday.

Unlike most visiting musical acts who usually get the crowd excited by shouting out to Toronto, Common went the extra mile by putting together an entire rap about Toronto over a *Tribe Called Quest* beat, *Relax Yourself*.

In it, Common dissed basketball star Vince Carter, gave a shout out to Mats Sundin and smoking the Toronto "maple leaf," and mentioned shopping on Queen St.

The crowd loved Common's rap, as the concert was filled with rhymes and high energy all night.

Accompanying Common on all of his songs was DJ dummy, a drummer and pianist. DJ Dummy kept the crowd entertained with old-school rap mixes.

The audience went crazy for the song *Go*, a great track featuring Kanye West and John Mayer. Common has been tagged as a "conscious rapper" for his smooth, thoughtful raps.

The mood turned somber when Common had a two-song



courtesy

Common's album *Be* was nominated for Grammy's Best Rap Album in 2005.

tribute to Jay Dee, who died in early February from complications from lupus.

Jay Dee, also known as Jay Dilla, was a member of the hip-hop group *Slum Village*, and produced songs for Common, Busta Rhymes and *A Tribe Called Quest*. The tribute involved Canadian rapper *Saukrates* and *Frank-N-Dank*.

Common ended with *It's Your World*, the last track on *Be* before retreating backstage. He then surprised his fans with an encore performance of the song *The Light*.



The Sex Pistols were voted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame this week. However, the band quickly responded with a statement on its website rejecting the offer.



andrew stewart

Matchbook Romance's *Voices* was released on Feb. 4. The album is a departure for the oft-labeled Emo quartet from New York.

## Crowd romanced by first ever acoustic gig

by andrew stewart  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Customers at the downtown HMV on Yonge Street were hearing *Voices* on Feb. 15.

The new album from Matchbook Romance titled *Voices*, was featured by the band when it performed a free set in the music store.

"This is our first ever performance of these songs acoustically," said Andrew Jordan, the band's 25-year-old vocalist and guitar player.

The crowd of approximately 50

was packed tightly in front of a small stage on the second floor of the store, where Jordan was accompanied by guitarist Ryan DePaolo and bassist Ryan Kienle.

Dressed in brightly coloured casual outfits, the band contrasted with many members of the audience, who were clothed in stereotypical Emo-style outfits; numerous buttons with random sayings on them, thick black-rimmed glasses, multi-coloured hair styles and very dark outfits.

Jordan explained their new songs have matured over the last three years, as he had to

focus on vocal lessons and healing from a throat infection that left him unable to talk, let alone sing multiple times a week.

The New York-based band opened with the haunting *If You Run, We'll Find You*. Other songs featured were *Surrender*, *Singing Bridges*, and *What a Sight*.

The set was closed with the band asking fans which song they'd most like to hear, which was unanimously agreed to be *Tiger Lily* from 2003's *Stories and Alibis*.

The sound of the band was solid, the bass was kept from over-

powering the guitars, and Jordan's voice was powerfully clear above all of the instruments.

In the three years since the band's last album it has indeed grown and improved its sound, which will please old and new fans alike.

Following the 40-minute show, the band gave out guitar picks and shook hands with fans before signing autographs with the purchase of *Voices*.

Matchbook Romance spoke of doing some Canadian shows later this year once it wraps up its current tour of the U.S.

## Letter to the editor

To the Art & Entertainment Editors at the Humber Et Cetera, Crissandra Ayroso knows nothing of the DJ music culture in general. I was shocked to read her article (*Spinning with Tommy Lee, not the Crue*, vol. 36 no. 17 Feb. 02 '06), by which I can accurately presume Ayroso had no clue what Tommy Lee was really doing at This Is London.

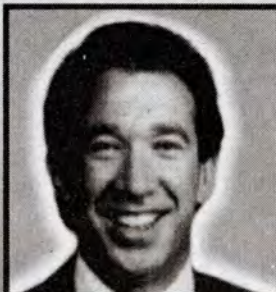
First of all, it's DJ. Not Dee Jay. This isn't the 50's. And when she wrote that, "Lee was noticeably having a good time," I couldn't stop laughing. Lee is a Crue boy. He doesn't 'noticeably' have fun. He's in your face. That's who Tommy Lee is.

Lee never even touched the decks. Did you even know that Lee doesn't actually spin or beat match? His friend DJ Aero takes care of all that. Why do you think he was on at 2:00 a.m.? That's not a prime spot for a DJ and his crew to be performing, considering last call. All Lee does is oversee track selection and tweak with the mixer in his crazy fashion. Lee's there to get the crowd riled up, which he is really good at doing along with his drum solos.

Crissandra Ayroso was probably never aware Tommy Lee did this sort of thing before she saw it. But this article isn't entirely her fault. It's the editor's fault. The eds should be assigning stories to the right people who can accurately review such an event. Arts & Entertainment is a very important section to many readers like myself. As a reader, I find it very insulting when an article with so much potential reads like a choppy news piece written for 24-Hours.

Signed,  
Christine Atkinson

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The Academy Awards will air on Sunday at 8 p.m. *Brokeback Mountain*, *Capote*, *Crash*, *Walk The Line* and *Munich* have all been nominated for numerous awards.



## Indie band attempts to push music forward

It's all about the foliage for indie pop band onlyforward, but singing about it probably wasn't a good idea.

"Trees and birds and bats and bees," sings lead vocalist Dave Martel on the hook of *Trees*, the band's first single from its debut album *Everything's Perfect*.

On *Promises Promises*, Martel sings "I can't be treated like a tree, ignoring all the leaves. Green sheets, green love, green friends," he continues on *Last Drop*.

Martel and mates Roy Vuorela (drums), Ian Yule (bass) and Jesse

Sauvé (guitar) make up the acoustic-based, rock-sounding band.

Songs about trees are about the only thing this band has to offer in terms of originality in an already super-saturated pop genre.

Martel's voice, while smooth and strong, is derivative of Pat Monahan, lead singer of Train.

However, if you're looking for something to lose yourself in, this album might actually do the trick.

*Everything's Perfect* is a mellow, semi-alternative, pop album with vague, disorienting lyrics that will have you lost for meaning.

Overall, the album is insipid, many of the songs lack a solid hook, and very few are even remotely catchy.

Vuorela and Sauvé made a valiant effort to bring some energy to a few of the songs on the album, particularly *Summer of Love* and *Live up to Eternity* bringing in a harder electric sound and playing up the beat over the vocals, something the rest of the album seems to lack.

*Everything's Perfect* is missing the charm and uniqueness for this album to take off.

# LISTED

## In Concert

**Today**  
City and Colour  
Harbourfront Centre

The Salads  
Rivoli Theatre

Men Women and Children  
Lee's Palace

**Tomorrow**  
The Reason  
Horseshoe Tavern

onlyforward  
The Cameron House

The Slackers  
The Reverb

**March 4**  
I Am The Avalanche  
Opera House

Bedouin Soundclash  
Docks Concert Theatre

**March 5**  
Every Time I Die  
Phoenix Concert Theatre

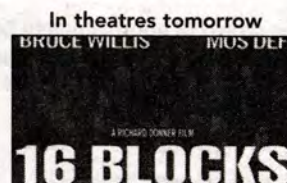
**March 6**  
Harlem Gospel Choir  
Hummingbird Centre

Dirty on Purpose  
Lee's Palace

**March 7**  
Scott Staph  
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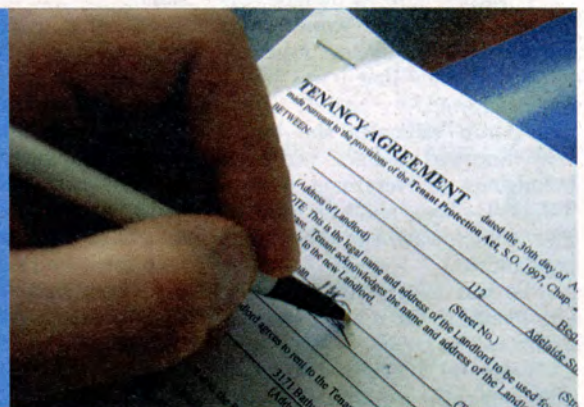


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# rented

A landlord cannot evict tenants because they have a pet in violation of a "no pets" clause in the lease. But landlords can evict if the pet damages the property.



michelle dipardo

An apartment fire destroyed most of journalism student Michelle Dipardo's possessions. Fortunately, her cat survived.

## Insuring your rental

by james koole  
BUSINESS REPORTER

At least the cat survived.

It was a nightmare scenario for Michelle Dipardo, a first-year post-graduate journalism student. Two summers ago, her apartment in Toronto's Parkdale neighbourhood was gutted by fire. No one was injured. Her cat was rescued by Toronto firefighters.

"I came home from work one day and everything was just a mess. Everything was completely gone. Everything that wasn't burned to a crisp was smoky and pretty much destroyed," Dipardo recalled.

She said once she realized all her possessions were destroyed, she started considering how she would get them replaced.

"I wasn't sure if maybe my landlord's insurance would cover me, but I was pretty sure it wouldn't, and I knew that I was pretty much screwed."

Dipardo estimates she lost a few thousand dollars worth of belongings — everything from a TV, DVD player and CDs to furniture, a microwave and other small appliances.

She was aware that insurance was available for renters, but she didn't have a policy.

"Later on I heard that insurance was really not that expensive and really regretted not looking into it," she said.

Lola Macanowicz, an insurance agent for The Co-operators, said for a tenant living in Toronto, a renter's policy is quite affordable.

"It's on the average, somewhere about \$250 (per year)."

Macanowicz said students under 21, who live at home when they are not in school, would have "a substantial amount of coverage" through their parents' insurance. She suggests students double check their policies.

"It is a good idea (for parents)

to give the agent a call and just say my son or daughter is away at university," she said.

While many students in residence are covered, those 21 or older should realize Humber College is like any other landlord, and doesn't provide insurance for possessions.

Todd Coomber, manager of the residence at Humber's North Campus, said the college tries to make sure students are aware of the need for insurance.

"In our literature, we recommend that they investigate either content insurance, or putting a rider on their parents' homeowner insurance."

Macanowicz pointed out having insurance is about more than possessions. She said liability is something many renters don't consider.

"What if there's some sort of negligence on behalf of the renter and there's a fire they cause? That landlord — not only the landlord, but even the insurance company of the building — they have full recourse to sue," she said.

Macanowicz said it's important to remember that landlords are only interested in protecting their own interests. They carry insurance for the building and contents like major appliances, but not for personal items.

She said renter's insurance covers four areas:

► If something is stolen, or if there is a fire, insurance would cover replacement.

► If a renter causes a fire or other damage, the policy would cover the tenant.

► If a theft occurs from a car, for example, it is covered by renter's insurance.

► If a student causes damage outside the apartment, insurance would cover it. For example, a game of flag football in the park that ends up injuring an innocent bystander.

# Search

Apartment hunting isn't easy, but there are several publications and websites to help minimize rental search woes.

#### Publications

*Renters News*  
*Toronto Star* classifieds  
*Toronto Sun* classifieds  
*24hrs Find-a-Rental*  
*NOW* classifieds

#### Websites

<http://residence.humber.ca/off-campus>  
<http://www.viewit.ca>  
<http://www.ontariostudenthousing.com>  
<http://findarental.24hrs.ca>  
<http://www.craigslist.com>

#### Co-op Housing

<http://www.neill-wycik.com>  
<http://www.campus-coop.org>

# Style

Before jumping into the rental market, take some time to consider what type of accommodation you want. There are several options to choose from no matter what your living style.

#### Room

A furnished bedroom, usually in a private home. Most have access to a shared kitchen and bath.  
*Pro:* Affordable and a lease is not always required.  
*Con:* It might be like moving back in with Mom and Dad.

#### Room and board

Same perks as above, but your rent includes three meals per day.  
*Pro:* You don't have to cook for yourself.  
*Con:* You have to stomach whatever the landlord makes.

#### Co-op Housing

It's like an off-campus residence with a greater sense of community. Co-op members have a say in how the organization is run, but also help with property maintenance.  
*Pro:* You only have to sign an 8-month contact.  
*Con:* If you're work shy, it may not be for you.

#### Bachelor

A one-room apartment that combines your bedroom and your kitchen. Thankfully, the bathroom is separate.  
*Pro:* No roommates and cheaper than a one-bedroom apartment.  
*Con:* Claustrophobia.

#### Apartment

A self-contained rental unit that has one or more bedrooms. They may be in converted houses or low- or high-rise buildings.  
*Pro:* Sharing an apartment with a couple of roommates is an easy way to cut rental costs.  
*Con:* There's no guarantee against noisy neighbours or messy roommates.

#### House

No explanation required. Get a bunch of friends and find a student-appropriate dwelling.  
*Pro:* Lots of space, but you'll probably have to sign a 12-month lease.  
*Con:* If utilities aren't included, heat and hydro may be costly.

Source: Humber Off-campus housing office



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- ◀ \$900+ Two bedroom
- ◀ \$750+ One bedroom
- ◀ \$600+ Bachelor
- ◀ \$490+ Co-op Housing
- ◀ \$450+ Room and board
- ◀ \$375+ Room only

#### Decorating

If you're moving from rez to a rental, you'll probably have to spend some money furnishing your new place. Costs vary depending on your taste.

#### Food

Unless your room comes with a meal plan, you'll have to spend \$40+ a week on food.

#### TTC

If you buy your pass at the campus book store, it will cost you \$88 a month.

So you've decided to move. You have to figure out where to live, consider what's important in terms of location.

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Before settling on one location, compare different neighbourhoods in the city. Consider cost, safety and convenience when making your choice.

#### North Etobicoke

If you're a student at the University of Toronto, you might want to find a place in North Etobicoke. According to 2005 Rental Market Report published by the Canadian Housing Corporation (CHC),



Tenants can apply for a rent refund for inadequate maintenance or a rent reduction for reduced services. They cannot withhold rent for repairs.

you've decided to move, but now you need to figure out where. Before you sign a lease, consider what's important to you in a neighbourhood and its location.

Do you want to live within walking distance of Humber? Do you need to be on the subway line? Do you have a car, do you have a place to park it? Is the neighbourhood safe? How important is it to have a grocery store and a laundromat near your new pad?

When settling on one location, be sure to compare different neighbourhoods around the city. Consider cost, safety and accessibility when making your decision.

**North Etobicoke**  
If you're a student at the North Campus, you might want to find a place in Rexdale. According to 2005 Rental Market Report published by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC), the rent

for a one-bedroom apartment in North Etobicoke averaged \$789 – more than \$200 cheaper than the same type of apartment downtown.

**South Etobicoke**  
Lakeshore students might want to consider living close to their waterfront campus. In 2005, the average monthly rent for a one-bedroom apartment was \$772, according to the CMHC report.

**Downtown**  
Everyone wants to be where the action is, but if you choose to live downtown Toronto you're going to pay for it. The 2005 CMHC report found the average Torontonian was paying \$1,012 monthly for a one-bedroom apartment. Expect to incur other expenses living in central Toronto. If you have a car, parking is expensive and often difficult to find. And if you're commuting to campus, a TTC Metropass will cost \$88.75 per month if you buy it from the campus bookstore.

## Location

<b>Decorating</b> If you're moving directly from rez to a rental unit, you'll probably have to spend some money furnishing your new pad. Costs vary depending on your taste.	<b>Parking</b> On-campus parking costs \$220+ per semester. Apartment parking charges vary depending on the unit and location.	installation and at least \$40 monthly.
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<b>TTC</b> If you buy your pass from the campus bookstore, it will cost you \$88.75 per month.	<b>Telephone</b> If you want a landline, expect to pay \$60 for the	<b>Internet</b> Get connected for free, but basic high speed will cost about \$30 per month.
		<b>Miscellaneous</b> Entertainment, clothing, trips home to visit your parents, rainy day fund. Depending on your lifestyle, budget at least \$150 per month.

## Expenses



## Fine Print

by marsha casselman  
BUSINESS REPORTER

Students moving into an apartment can avoid altercations with their landlord if they know both parties' rights and responsibilities under the Tenant Protection Act.

Mira Gamsa, a supervisor at the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal (ORHT), said the law stipulates tenants must respect the rental property as well as their neighbours.

"The act says a landlord can evict a tenant if they are interfering with other people's enjoyment, rights, or privileges, or if they are damaging the unit in some way," she said.

Tenants are also responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their rental unit, Gamsa said.

"Landlords do have the right to ask the tenants to clean ... fridges, plumbing fixtures, toilet, basin," said Chip Au, Etobicoke district co-ordinator for the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division (MLSD).

If tenants will not clean, landlords can get an inspection and order issued by the MLSD, "the police for buildings," as Steve Verelli, North York branch supervisor, puts it.

The reason for cleanliness is to prevent rodent and insect infestation.

"If the place is an apartment from hell and these cockroaches are spreading to all the other units, then the landlord can try and evict you for disrupting the rightful enjoyment of the premises," he said.

But the MLSD usually asks the tenant to plug up holes and spray their own unit, he said. If that order isn't followed, they can lay charges and bring you to court.

Landlords are required to maintain both individual units and common areas like hallways, parking garages, even the landscape.

A tenant's request for repairs must be done within a reasonable amount of time according to the by-law in chapter 629 of the Municipal Code on Property Standards.

Otherwise, Verelli said, tenants should call the MLSD after they "have exhausted all avenues with the landlord." This means submitting written complaints to their landlord and keeping a paper trail.

"We get complaints about low heat in the apartment, or the windows are drafty, or there's holes in the walls, or water is leaking through the ceilings," Verelli said.

He warns tenants not to bother the MLSD with petty complaints.

"A hole in the wall from a nail is not what the bylaw was intended for," he said.

If the problem persists after a visit from the MLSD, tenants can apply at their local legal clinic for a rent reduction on the basis of that repair, said Rexdale Community Legal Clinic worker Alrica Gordon.



Media foundations student Erik Heitz said his landlord invades his privacy and complains about the state of his room.

## Shady landlord fixes

### Some landlords don't keep their end of the bargain

by eunice oluoch  
BUSINESS REPORTER

When media foundations student Erik Heitz found a well-furnished basement apartment within walking distance of school, he thought he'd discovered the perfect place for his year at Humber.

Within two days of moving in, he realized he'd made a mistake.

"It's been one really big problem ever since the beginning," Heitz said. "I'd be up during the night doing some home work and I'd have my light on. The next day (the landlady would) start yelling at me because I had my light on, which makes no sense."

Heitz said his landlady invades his privacy and limits his social life.

He also said his landlady goes into his apartment when he is not home and complains to him about the state of his room.

Heitz has to walk through her kitchen to get to the basement. He does not have a separate entrance or lock on his door.

"Almost every week there's been something," said Heitz, who sought help from his program coordinator when he didn't know what to do about his landlady.

Students can also seek assistance from the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal (ORHT).

According to the ORHT website, the purpose of the tribunal is "to resolve disputes between residential landlords and tenants."

Joel Chacha, a mediator with the ORHT, said tenants are covered by the Tenant Protection Act.

He said tenants can bring their landlords before the tribunal if there has been "substantial interference by the landlord with the tenant's reasonable enjoyment of

the rental property, inadequate maintenance of the rental unit or property by the landlord or illegal entry into a rental unit by the landlord, superintendent, or agent of the landlord."

He said if the landlord is not maintaining the property according to City of Toronto standards, the tenant can call the city inspector to assess the property.

"Then the city will send a notice to the landlord saying that such and such needs to be fixed," she said. "They will give the landlord a timeline and if the landlord doesn't do it, then the tenant can file an application at the tribunal."

When renters file an application, they have to show:

- ▶ Something was wrong.
- ▶ The landlord was made aware of the problem.
- ▶ The landlord was told in writing.
- ▶ The landlord was given enough time to fix the problem.
- ▶ The landlord didn't do anything about the issue.

The mediation process is voluntary and has to be agreed to by both parties otherwise the issue goes to court.

Media foundations student Jennifer Brown said bug infestations were a problem when she rented a room in a house at the beginning of the school year.

"It was very unsanitary. We had a bug problem in the kitchen, those Asian long-horned beetles."

Brown said the landlords knew about the problem, but didn't do anything. She said she moved out.

If renters move out because they are very unhappy with their landlord's lack of response, they can still file a complaint with the tribunal within one year, Chacha said. They can be compensated, but they need to prove they took the appropriate steps.

For now, Heitz still lives with the problem landlady.

"I didn't have anywhere else to go. I was looking for a place and I couldn't find anything so I had to put up with it."

*"Almost every week there's been something."*

- Erik Heitz,

media foundations student



# rented

If tenants don't pay their rent on time, a landlord can issue a notice to terminate for non-payment of rent. A monthly or yearly renter then has 14 days to pay.

## Décor chic is cheaper than you think

by **jen wareham**  
BUSINESS REPORTER

The classic student apartment looks like a yard sale trapped indoors — milk crate shelves and movie poster art combined with beer-box tables and Grandma's settee.

For many students, having bad furniture has nothing to do with taste.

"It's mostly money that's the issue," said Marilyn Teitelbaum, interior design program coordinator at Humber.

In addition to the money problems students encounter, there is the issue of inheritance.

If student style had a name, it would be cast-off chic. As parents purge their own junk, last decade's sofa goes to their apartment-dwelling kids. Many students start off with an outdated look.

But even if the couch is corduroy, there is hope. Creating a cool living space on the cheap may be a challenge in creativity, but it's not impossible.

For those looking to add style to their digs, Teitelbaum recommends

doing the yard sale circuit. Yard sale shopping is a good way to stretch décor dollars because what one person considers garbage might be a centre-piece for someone else's living room.

In neighbourhoods around the city, students can "get stuff for next to nothing," Teitelbaum said. But getting the goods means knowing when to look. Spring and fall are peak garage sale seasons.

For those who cringe at the idea of shopping on other people's lawns, there are other options. Students can find new goods for great prices, as long as they're willing to look.

"There are lots of places students can go to buy stuff cheap. For example, Winners has a lot of stuff," Teitelbaum said. "A lot of my students go to the dollar stores and they buy stuff there."

Ricky Mintz, a Toronto-based certified interior decorator, added to the list of stores where students can find good buys.

"Ikea, Pier One, Homesense, these are certainly inexpensive."

Other student-friendly sources include Zellers, Canadian Tire and Wal-Mart.

When starting to decorate, Mintz said covering beige walls is a good way to add character to a room.

"Colour is a really inexpensive way to signature your space," she explained. That includes "paint on the walls, using colours to accessorize the room in pillows, (art) and different accessories."

If the landlord isn't cool with paint, cloth might be an answer. Mintz suggested finding an interesting fabric, attaching it to a frame and hanging it like art.

When looking for inspiration, students have a surplus of sources at their disposal.

Magazines and design television programs are a good place to start, Mintz said.

Furnishing an apartment is partly about function, but it's also a form of self-expression.

Decorating "is a need we all have to identify ourselves as individuals," Teitelbaum said.



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## Breaking your lease the right way

by **ryan miller**  
BUSINESS REPORTER

Renting can be stressful for students who have to sign a 12-month lease, but it can be worse for those who have to break one.

"I couldn't believe how little compassion my landlord had, and that he charged me for everything," said Hayley Young, a first-year human resources student.

"I had to break my lease and I had to pay for three months of rent until I could find somebody else to take it over."

She said she had no idea how difficult it would be to get out of

her lease.

She cautions students to read the fine print before signing a lease.

"Having a lease is often a good thing, but it is also a legal contract," said Andrew Roth, an Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal representative.

But Roth said if students have signed a lease and need to get out of it, they still have options.

He said students should talk to their landlord. Often a landlord will agree to terms that are reasonable, but Roth said tenants should give plenty of notice.

"A monthly tenant must give at

least 60 days notice, with the termination date being the final day of a monthly rent period. If that doesn't work, they can try and find someone to take over their lease," Roth said.

He said tenants have the option of subletting, or they can sign over their lease.

Students should avoid moving without notifying their landlord because there are legal consequences, Roth said.

If a "tenant leaves without notifying their landlord, they are no longer considered a tenant and could be sued in small claims court," he said.



"I don't understand how any civilised person can take the excuse of freedom of press in hurting the feelings of over 1 billion Muslims." – Pakistani President Musharraf

This week...

# Cartoon Controversy



dennis cheung

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Protests against a series of Danish cartoons, one depicting the prophet Muhammad wearing a turban shaped like a bomb, have been held across the globe in recent months. Toronto rallies included one in front of the Danish Consulate (large photo) in early February which attracted more than 200 marchers. United Front Canada and multiple Muslim organizations across the GTA organized a peaceful protest Feb. 18 at Queen's Park (small photos).

## Respect, understanding and freedom of speech

### The divide between expression and sacred beliefs

by vakis boutsalis  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

It's been nearly two months since a Danish newspaper decided to run editorial cartoons depicting the Muslim prophet Muhammad and debate is still raging between religious groups and certain members of the media.

At the heart of the debate is the media's concerns over the right to free speech and whether or not it should be restrained.

For Tarek Fatah, communications director for the Canadian Congress of Muslims, the debate surrounding the right to free speech is misguided.

"This is not an issue of free-

dom of speech. The debate has nothing to do with cartoons. It has to do with immigration bigotry and anti-Islamist feelings in Europe," said Fatah, who later argued that the media has misconstrued the debate, leaving the door open for Islamic extremists to manipulate the situation.

"The people organizing these protests are only trying to incite the crowds," Fatah said.

"There is nothing good that can come from them."

That is why the congress has called for an end to protests in Canada.

Despite the congress's objections, two peaceful protests against the cartoons were held in Toronto over the past two weeks.

**"This is not an issue of freedom of speech...it has to do with immigration bigotry and anti-Islamist feelings in Europe."**

- Tarek Fatah, Canadian Congress of Muslims

While Muslims continue to ask for respect and understanding of their religious practices, some in the Canadian media continue to cite the right to free speech and freedom of the press as justification for re-printing the cartoons.

The National Post, which did not run the cartoons, ran an editorial defending its right to re-publish them if it chose to.

The Western Standard, the first Canadian publication to re-print the now infamous cartoons, also justified its decision on the grounds of free speech.

Calgary-based magazine publisher Ezra Levant took it one step further, arguing editors who did not publish the cartoons in Canada were motivated by a fear of violence.

"I don't think Canadian editors were practicing self-restraint with their decision," said Levant. "I think they were intimidated."

His comments come on the heels of a recent poll released by compass.ca, a research and public opinion firm, that states 70 per cent of Canadian journalists were in favour of publishing

the cartoons.

According to Levant, the poll validates The Western Standard's decision.

"It shows that Canada's editors didn't even convince their own newsrooms. Many journalists see what is happening in foreign lands. They've seen the riots and they've seen other journalists killed. Journalists understand that they are at risk," Levant said in an effort to explain why journalists would support running the cartoons.

But Fatah says the poll misses the point.

"The fact remains every periodical has their own standards that they must maintain. I cannot ask someone to print or not print something. That is up to them to decide," he said, reiterating the Muslim reaction runs deeper than mere cartoons.



# in focus

"At its core Islam is a peaceful and loving religion and that is not being depicted in the media." – Abdul Qayyum Mufti, Muslim representative of United Front Canada

## 'A human being like anyone else'

### Who Muhammad was and what he means

by **beth macdonell**  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

While people in the Muslim world protest the publication of cartoons depicting their prophet, Canadian scholars disagree whether displaying images of Muhammad is a sin.

There is no one homogenous view of Muhammad's depiction among Muslims, said Mohamed

Tovokoli-Targhi, professor of History and Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at the University of Toronto. Tovokoli-Targhi, born and raised in Iran, said the idea that Muhammad can never be depicted is not true, and points to his home country where people have pictures of the prophet in their houses. He said there are also beautiful Islamic illustrated manuscripts that depict Muhammad's ascent to heaven.

Abdul Hai Patel, an Imam and co-ordinator for the Council of Imams-Canada, disagrees. He said Muhammad "is a prophet, a messenger of God and is revered in every respect and depicting him in a pictorial form is not permitted." Even a positive pictorial representation is forbidden. Patel said this rule applies to all prophets, not solely Muhammad. "We respect every one from Adam to Jesus. We don't represent God or his messengers in pictorial form."

He said there is, however, a need for dialogue between the news media and religious leaders to create a comprehensive understanding of Muhammad and Islam so that no religion is insulted.

Tovokoli-Targhi said if Muhammad was here today he would act the way he did when he lived in Mecca and was spreading the revelations he received. People who did not believe him would "throw garbage at him, attack, and insult him. But, he would always treat his enemies with compassion, and with a smile." Tovokoli-Targhi believes Muhammad would tell people publishing the cartoons to say what they like. He would fight, but without reinforcing any negative view or image.

"If Muhammad was here, and had the kind of resources he had today, I would say he would be the architect of a cosmopolitan, multi-religious, multi-confessional, civil society – a democratic civil society," Tovokoli-Targhi said.

Because Muhammad was a physical human being and not a God, Muslims see themselves very connected to their leader. He is seen as a reflection of themselves.

"He's a model Muslim. Muslims often emulate Muhammad's mode of life."

Tovokoli-Targhi said recent cartoons depicting Muhammad as a terrorist are completely contradictory. "It is an idea that not only insults the prophet, but goes beyond that, stereotyping and marginalizing all Muslims," he said.

*"If Muhammad was here...he would be the architect of a... multi-religious, civil society."*

– Mohamed Tovokoli-Targhi,  
U of T professor

"Islam actually has a very humanistic tradition," he said. But, "that has been suppressed because of radical fundamentalist groups that have occurred in the last part of the 20th century."

The cartoon "is the image that haunts everyone with a clearly identifiable Muslim name as they travel and as they apply for jobs. It is not something remote," he said.

This reality is revealed by the fact that today about one-fifth of the world's population is Muslim.

To combat these fears and stereotypes, Tovokoli-Targhi said a better understanding of Muhammad and Islam is needed.

He is the central figure in Islamic history and in shaping its foundation, practices and culture. Tovokoli-Targhi said Muhammad gives great insight into the complexities of the religion.

Muhammad was born in Mecca around AD 570. Most people practiced polytheism but Christianity and Judaism were also prevalent. He grew up in a tribal society that fought over scarce resources due to harsh desert conditions in what is now Saudi Arabia. His parents died when he was a child. In his twenties he became a trader employed by a widow 15 years his senior. She was impressed with his honesty and good character and proposed to marry him. They were married for over 25 years until her death.

Muhammad became known as a respected businessman and peace-maker. In his adult life he had a habit of taking retreats in a cave. At 40, he received the first revelation of the Qur'an and was told to spread the teachings to his family and society as a whole. There was much resistance, but he soon gathered many supporters who would travel long distances to pledge their support and hear him speak. He then established the city of Medina, the very first Muslim community.

"Muhammad was a human being like anyone else, who had the privilege of being appointed by God to be the bearer of his or her last revelation," Tovokoli-Targhi said. "Muslims view him as a very compassionate person, kind to his enemies and a person that was essentially responsible for establishing a non-tribal society based on citizenship."

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## U of T paper causes commotion

New cartoon meant to provoke dialogue, not promote hate

by **karen mackenzie**  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

A University of Toronto newspaper angered many on its campus when it published an editorial cartoon of Jesus and Muhammad kissing.

*The Strand*, a Victoria University publication, ran a controversial image of the two prophets embracing in a "Tunnel of Tolerance" in its Feb. 16 edition. The drawing accompanied an editorial discussing the series of Muhammad cartoons previously published in the Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* that set off riots and protests around the world.

"We view, along with a huge group of students, that this did not helpfully add to the debate," said Paul Bretscher, president of the Students' Administrative Council, which condemned the cartoon and asked for its retraction shortly after it hit the stands.

A statement released by the university's Muslim Students' Association called the cartoon

"appalling and counterproductive precisely because it engages in outright ridicule of identifiable groups and their stated ideals."

The Muslim faith has conflicting views on publishing depictions of the prophet Muhammad.

"We saw, quite frankly, zero support for publishing the cartoon, and a lot of animosity from students – Muslim students, Christian students, secular students – towards it," Bretscher said. "No one is questioning the idea of the freedom of the press, and their right to publish the cartoons. The question is what specific responsibility is that tied with?"

*"We felt [the cartoon] was one of tolerance and reconciliation...rather than an attack"*

– Nick Ragaz,  
managing editor,  
*The Strand*

At press time, a poll conducted on *The Strand's* website to determine student reaction to the cartoon showed 67 per cent of respondents disagreed with the paper's decision, while only 29 per cent were in favour.

Nick Ragaz, managing editor of *The Strand*, said his editorial team debated the issue extensively at a meeting held specifically to discuss the cartoon before going forward.

"We felt it was one of tolerance and reconciliation of the two faiths, rather than an attack on either," Ragaz said, and added the cartoon was never meant to be offensive. "Even the amount of discussion it raised within the editorial board showed that it was a very thought-provoking issue."

The image was originally commissioned by *The Varsity*, another University of Toronto paper. But after deciding not to publish it on the grounds that it was inappropriate, that paper passed it on to *The Strand*, said Graham Scott, *The Varsity's* editor-in-chief.

"We knew that if we did print it we would have to spend the next two or three months of our lives defending that decision... and there are other stories we want to cover," he said. "It's very seldom that we have to sit down and hash out something like this."

Despite calls to pull the paper off of newstands, *The Strand* would not retract the issue. The cartoon, with commentary, remains posted on the Strand's website.



**"Asking me that question is like asking a rape victim if she regrets wearing a short skirt Friday night." – Culture editor of *Jyllands-Posten* on if he regretted publication**

# Controversial cartoons – the debate to date

**September 30, 2005**

• Danish newspaper *Jyllands-Posten* publishes 12 drawings of the Islamic prophet Muhammad titled "The face of Muhammad."

**October 14, 2005**

• Members of 16 Danish Muslim organizations demonstrate in Copenhagen, claiming the newspaper insulted Muslim sensibility.

**October 19, 2005**

• Ambassadors from 11 Muslim countries ask for a meeting with Danish PM to request government action against *Jyllands-Posten*.

**October 27, 2005**

• Muslim organizations file a complaint with Danish police claiming *Jyllands-Posten* has committed an offence under the Danish Criminal Code.

**January 1, 2006**

• Danish PM emphasizes the importance of freedom of expression, religious freedom, and mutual respect.

**January 10, 2006**

• Christian Norwegian newspaper, *Magazinet*, publishes the cartoons.

**January 25, 2006**

• Saudi Arabia's religious leaders demand an apology and call for *Jyllands-Posten* to be punished.

**January 26, 2006**

• Saudi Arabia withdraws its ambassador to Denmark.

**January 29, 2006**

• Libya closes its embassy in Denmark.

**January 30, 2006**

• *Jyllands-Posten* publishes an apology, saying it regrets offending Muslims, but says it had a right under Danish law to print the cartoons.

**February 1, 2006**

• Media in France, Germany, Britain, Spain, the U.S., Iceland, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Switzerland, Bulgaria and Hungary reprint the cartoons.

**February 2, 2006**

• The editor of the French newspaper *France Soir* is fired for printing the cartoons.

**February 3, 2006**

• Quebec paper *Le Devoir* publishes one of the cartoons.

**February 4, 2006**

• Danish and Norwegian embassies in Damascus are attacked.  
• A South African court prohibits newspapers from publishing the cartoons.

**February 5, 2006**

• Demonstrators set fire to the Danish embassy in Beirut. One person dies and several are injured.  
• Iran recalls its ambassador to Denmark.

**February 6, 2006**

• Four people are killed in Afghanistan during a protest.  
• Danish and Austrian embassies are attacked in Tehran.

**February 7, 2006**

• Iran announces it is cutting all trade ties with Denmark.  
• *New York Press* editors resign after paper refuses to run cartoons.

**February 8, 2006**

• Three more people killed in protests in Afghanistan

**February 9, 2006**

• UN Secretary General Kofi Anan urges newspaper editors to stop republishing the cartoons.

**February 12, 2006**

• Algeria closes two newspapers, arrests editors for printing the images.

**February 13, 2006**

• Alberta-based *Western Standard* magazine publishes eight of the twelve cartoons.

**February 14, 2006**

• Two people are killed in protests in Lahore, Pakistan.

**February 15, 2006**

• Three more people die in violence in Norway.

**February 17, 2006**

• A Pakistani cleric puts a bounty on the Danish cartoonists head.

**February 18, 2006**

• Nigerian Muslims hold violent protests. At least 15 people die, and at least 11 churches are burned.

– compiled by Robina Kumar



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# Top-notch beauty at student friendly prices

Salons and spas across the GTA offer student friendly deals to meet any beauty's budget

by ashleigh smollet  
LIFE REPORTER

From waxing to pedicures and everything in between, beauty doesn't come cheap, and nobody knows that better than students.

Fortunately some beauty institutions realize that not all students can afford these services, and offer them at a fraction of the cost.

Sheridan College in Oakville offers a full-service spa on its campus that is run by students.

Before you freak out about getting a bikini wax from a novice,

*"I think that you get better service here, better service and definitely a better deal"*

—Carolyn Orcini, spa patron



ashleigh smollet

don't worry because all of the students are fully trained and certified in aesthetics.

The students work in the spa every Monday and Wednesday as part of the practical mark for their aesthetics course. Prices range from \$7 for an eyebrow wax to \$30 for a full facial.

"Customers get a very discounted rate, as well as they get to come into the college to see what

**A Sheridan student gets to work on one of many clients at the College spa and salon.**

it is that we're learning," said student Melissa Goddard.

Just because the price is cheap doesn't mean the service isn't top-notch.

"I think that you get better service here, better service and definitely a better deal," said spa patron Carolyn Orcini.

Sheridan is not the only cheap spa as there are great beauty deals

to be had all over town.

The Aveda Institute in Toronto offers deals on haircuts done by trained students. Located on Bloor West, Aveda is a great place to go for bargain prices and excellent service.

Aveda patron Julie Citringo, 26, is confident in her haircut.

"Obviously they need a certain amount of hours of training before

they can cut hair."

Citringo's haircut cost \$32, which is significantly lower than a standard Aveda salon.

Marvel hair college in Yorkville takes the cake for cheap hairdos charging \$9 for a cut and blow-dry.

Certainly low prices are a benefit to the customer when visiting a beauty school, but there are added

benefits customers may not even realize.

"When you are paying a small amount of money, you won't hesitate to try something new. You are more likely to experiment as opposed to when you are paying \$200 for a cut or colour," said Anna, a student at Marca College of hair and esthetics in Toronto's east-end.

If you need a cheap rub down place, the Ontario College of Massage Therapists is one to check out. With locations across the GTA

*"When you are paying a small amount of money, you won't hesitate to try something new."*

—Anna

Marca College student

you can get a half hour massage for as little as \$20.

The care is top notch, as students are meticulous about their technique and closely monitored to ensure quality.

Although it may seem like looking and feeling good is beyond the budget of the average student, there are bargains to be found all across the city—you just have to know where to look.

## College to hold marrow registry

by rosanna brazil  
NEWS REPORTER

Katelyn Bedard received over 50 blood transfusions in her 18-month fight with leukemia, but what she didn't receive was a bone marrow donor. The three-year-old girl died in June 2005.

While many Humber students know of the need to donate blood, few are aware of the need for bone marrow donation.

The donation process can be done two ways — through extraction from the hip bone or through aphaeresis, a process similar to donating blood. If

the marrow is extracted from the donor's hip bone, the donor will go under general anaesthetic. Once the marrow is extracted, the patient will experience soreness for a few days. With aphaeresis stem cells are collected through a special machine and the remaining blood cells are infused back into the donor's body.

The major side-effect for either procedure is fatigue. In some situations, the transplant specialist may have the donor donate his own blood before the operation and

past, she says that the registry has received a good response from students ready to sign up.

Third-year business administration student Kyla Shaffer has donated blood before and would be willing to join the registry.

"If I needed it or if someone else needed it, I would want someone else to do the same," said Shaffer, 20.

When asked if he would be willing to join the registry, first-year travel and tourism student Mustafa Eroglu said, "no, I don't even know what bone marrow is."

Pride says most people are unaware of the need for bone marrow donors until there is an urgent need in their community and hopes the upcoming the blood clinic will continue to create awareness.

The next blood donor clinic at Humber College will be held on March 28 from 11:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the central concourse.

"The registry will be in attendance at the clinic to provide information and hand out pamphlets," Pride said.

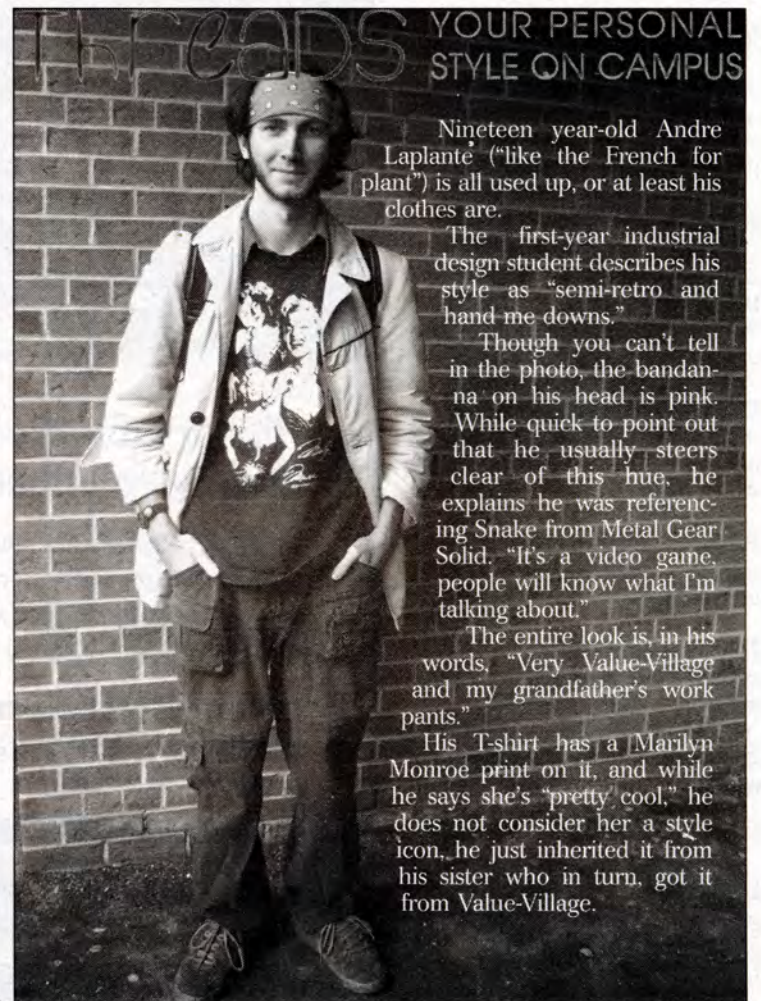


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**Shaffer, left, would donate bone marrow. Eroglu, right, is not so sure.**

have it re-transfused after the procedure. It takes two to three weeks for the donor's marrow to recover.

Marilyn Pride, co-ordinator of the Canadian Bone Marrow Registry, says that Canada Blood Services is working to increase the registry at local blood donor clinics, like the one being held at Humber College this March. In the



Nineteen year-old Andre Laplante ("like the French for plant") is all used up, or at least his clothes are.

The first-year industrial design student describes his style as "semi-retro and hand-me-downs."

Though you can't tell in the photo, the bandanna on his head is pink. While quick to point out that he usually steers clear of this hue, he explains he was referencing Snake from Metal Gear Solid. "It's a video game, people will know what I'm talking about."

The entire look is, in his words, "Very Value-Village and my grandfather's work pants."

His T-shirt has a Marilyn Monroe print on it, and while he says she's "pretty cool," he does not consider her a style icon, he just inherited it from his sister who in turn, got it from Value-Village.



A good argument for following fashion: "The clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society." — Mark Twain

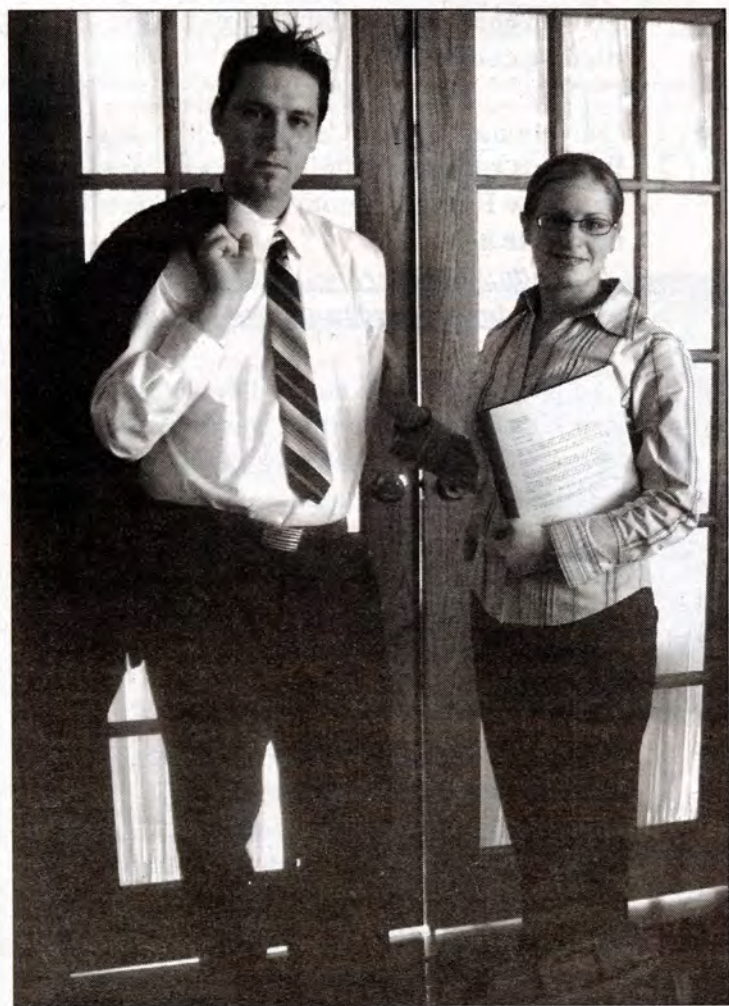
# Form should follow function

## Meaning of 'dress for success' for interviews varies widely



cristina del zotto

Sweats and sexy outfits are generally a no-no at interviews .



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A dress shirt is usually a safe bet, unless it's a labour job.

by **cristina del zotto**  
LIFE REPORTER

When going on a job interview, experts don't recommend wearing a three-piece suit to operate a jackhammer or jeans and running shoes for a job at a law office.

Wearing clothes best suited to the prospective job goes far when trying to find the perfect fit with an employer.

"I don't want to see tattoos, any spaghetti straps in the middle of winter and I don't want to see a short skirt that doesn't leave much to the imagination," said Angie Cheadi, human resources supervisor for Holt Renfrew at Sherway Gardens.

First impressions are the most important ones, Cheadi said, and how people present themselves contributes to an overall pleasing package.

"We take into consideration that if you come in for a shipping job in jeans, you may have been asked to wear them, because you may be using heavy equipment," said Cheadi. "Your clothes are based on the position you're being hiring for."

Karen Ciavaglia, Humber College business graduate and resources manager for Pivotal Integrated HR Solutions, warns over-dressing for a job interview can be damaging.

"You could be overdressed for the interview, and that would give someone the pre-judgment that you're overqualified for the position and you may not get the job."

*"I don't want to see a short skirt that doesn't leave much to the imagination."*

-Angie Cheadi, human resources supervisor, Holt Renfrew

However, dressing down for an interview shows an employer that the person doesn't have the professionalism required for the job, she said.

"The employer's impression is based on the first couple of minutes of the interview," said Karen Fast, manager of the Career Centre and Career Advancement Service at Humber College. "If you didn't have enough self-motivation, self-initiative, and respect for the employer to clean-up and groom and do all the right things for this interview, then they are going to say: 'If you don't think it's enough for you to do, then I don't think it's important enough for me to hire you.'"

Always stick with basic colours

and dress conservatively, said Fast and avoid anything flamboyant or sexy.

"If you're going to buy yourself one piece that's going to get you through any interview, buy yourself a neutral blazer and you've got it covered," said Fast. "It's the most important piece you could possibly imagine. It hides perspiration stains, any weight issues and it has a very professional image no matter what you're wearing."

Fast says this applies equally for both men and women.

Although wearing business-casual attire to a job interview tends to be socially acceptable now, always try to consider the sit-

uation, Fast said.

"If it's a warehouse situation, I'm not going to send you there in a suit. A polo shirt and khakis are very acceptable for an interview."

Try to consider the weather, said Fast. Hot temperatures are not the time to be wearing a jacket.

"Be comfortable, but be professional and get a sense of what work environment you're going into," added Fast. "If it's an office environment, then a blazer style works extremely well but if you're going to a construction job site, then go with what's practical. A pair of work boots will do fine, otherwise you're going to look out of place."

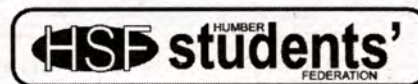
### 23rd Student Appreciation Banquet

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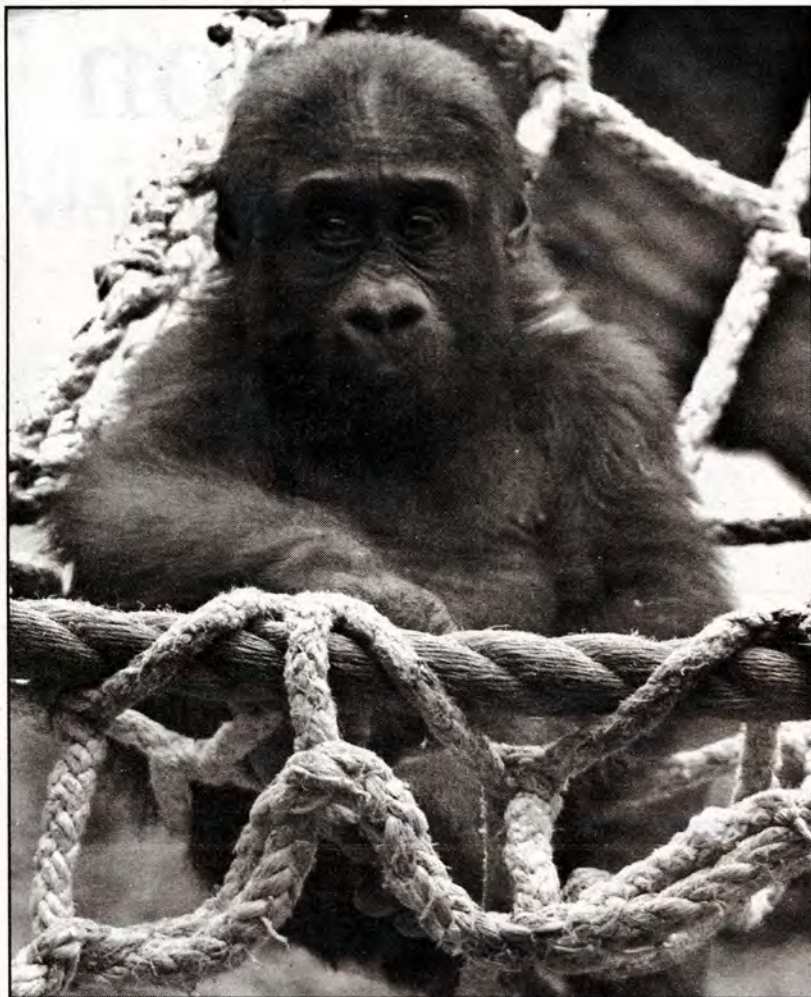
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Sadiki's birthday is open to the public and will include party favors.

# Gorilla birthday party

## Baby Sadiki to celebrate birthday at Toronto Zoo

by kathryn hudson  
LIFE REPORTER

With a cake made of pureed squash and hay, the Toronto Zoo will celebrate the first birthday of Sadiki the gorilla. The zoo is using the publicity to raise awareness about species at risk.

"We like to celebrate it because it's important for the species survival, it draws awareness to the particular animal and also as a marketing component. It reminds people that the zoo is there," said Cynthia Shipley of the Toronto Zoo. "It reminds them that we're open at a time of year when some people think it's closed. It generates attendance. Obviously we are trying to get awareness out there for people to enjoy the zoo."

Everyone is invited to celebrate on Saturday, March 11 with the guest of honour. There will be a number of fes-

tivities, including a gorilla imitation contest, gorilla-sized birthday card and loot bags.

The birthday cake will be

ent times throughout the year, and every time you're going to get a different reaction. And that's priceless entertainment and fun," she said.

The zoo is already planning a party for a newborn orangutan in hopes to bring awareness to its conservation breeding programs.

The zoo's seven gorillas take part in genetic testing to determine which animals are suitable to mate with one another, or

with gorillas from other institutions.

"This is part of the species survival programs designed to keep these species alive. That's the draw to have these animals in captivity, so we can have these births," Shipley said.

*"We like to celebrate it because it's important for the species survival, it draws awareness to the particular animal."*

-Cynthia Shipley  
Toronto Zoo employee

unveiled at the end of the celebration and zookeepers will sing Happy Birthday.

It is these moments that enthrall the public, said Shipley.

"You can go and see an orangutan or a gorilla or any other kind of animal five differ-

# Company without commitment

by maria papadopoulos  
LIFE REPORTER

Students living without a pet and missing the company have many opportunities to spend more quality time with animals without all the responsibility.

Jobs in the city range from dog walking, to volunteering at the zoo, to cuddling rabbits at the Toronto Humane Society.

There are many dog-walking businesses in Toronto, which are great opportunities to make money and spend time with dogs.

"When you arrive at someone's home and the dog is waiting for you, it is an emotional fulfillment that makes it worthwhile," said Kyle Freeman, co-owner of Toronto's VIP Sitters.

Most people who work as dog-walkers have another job.

"The amount that is charged depends on the dog and the services that the owner requests," Freeman said.

Prior to joining VIP Sitters, caregivers are required to obtain a police background check.

"Our employees share a genuine passion in caring for our clients homes and pets."

If you're feeling more exotic, the Toronto Zoo is always looking for volunteers. "Right now we're looking for summer information volunteers. They interpret the zoo to the visitors. Our summer information volunteers work in interpretive kiosks, such as ranger stations, where they pretend to be the park warden in Africa and walk people to the safari," said Kelly

Armstrong, volunteer head at the zoo.

"We're looking for people people — people that have a natural love of wildlife and nature make the greatest volunteers. Volunteers don't necessarily have to have a biology degree. They must appreciate the natural world."

The Toronto Humane Society offers unique volunteer experiences such as bunny cuddling, rat, guinea pig and hamster visiting.

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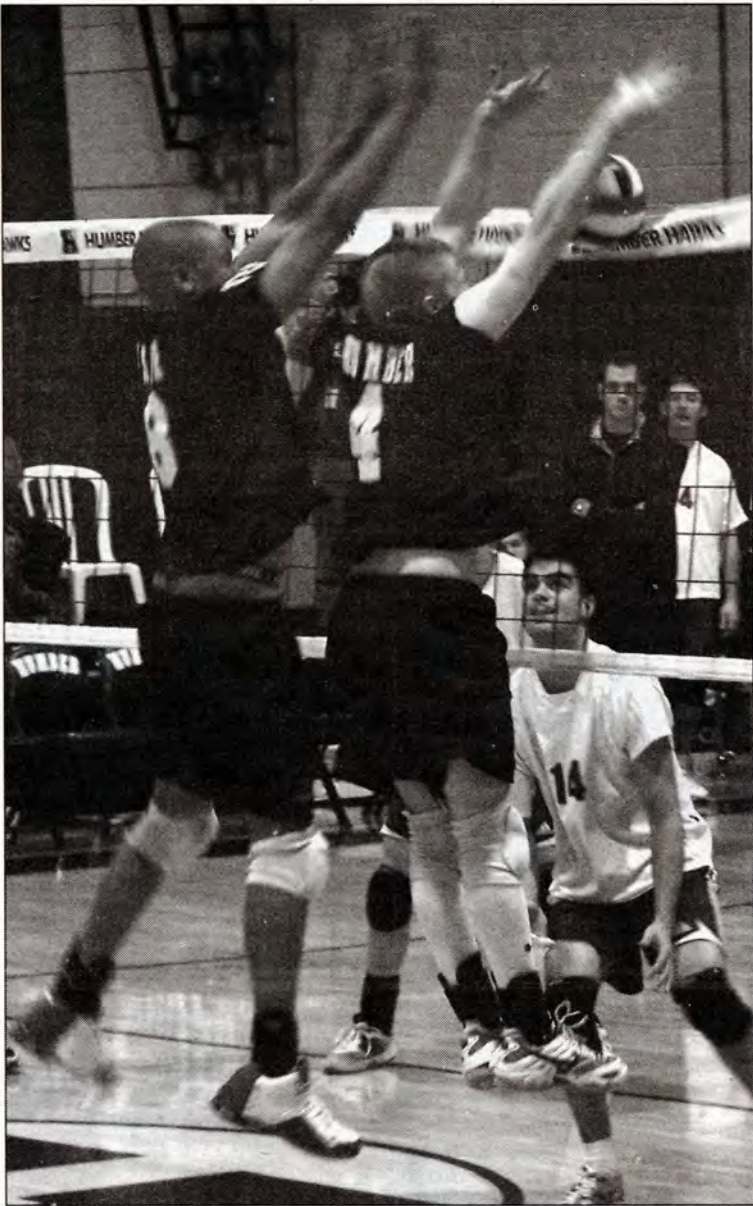
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**"Winning is choosing to change, to grow, excel personally and professionally."— Vincent T. Lombardi, assistant to general manager of Seattle Seahawks, 1975**



dennis chung

Adam Wilson goes up for a block with teammate Duane Mondesir in the bronze medal game at the championships.

# Teammates benched for drinking before game

## Volleyball team loses to Niagara after two starters are forced to sit for breaking game regulations

dennis chung  
SPORTS REPORTER

Two starters on the men's volleyball team were benched for their final road game of the season on Feb. 10 after being caught drinking the night before the game.

"We have certain rules and regulations," said coach Wayne Wilkins. "You can't drink the night before a game. That's it. They went out and had some drinks, and we found out about it so they sat."

Setter Adam Wilson and power Bobby Anderson were nailed to the bench as their teammates fell to Niagara 3-1 in a close game that had serious playoff implications.

"I would have liked to be out there. We could have maybe won that game," Wilson said. "I'm not saying we would have won it, you never know. We'd have two extra starters out there."

Wilkins said their teammates were supportive of Wilson and

Anderson. "As teams go, it could have went the other way. Guys could have been upset and held it against them and so on, and they haven't. That's the one thing about this team: they've learned to forgive and forget," Wilkins said. "They're friends, they're brothers, they look out for each other. They've created such a bond that they're going to carry it on for years to come."

Humber needed to win that game to stay in the hunt for second place in the division ahead of

Nipissing, which would mean facing a weaker opponent in the first round of the playoffs. It later turned out, however, that they would have finished in third even if they had beaten Niagara.

Though it was an important game, Wilkins said it wasn't a difficult decision to bench the two starters. "For me it's not about wins and losses, it's about making these guys productive citizens and teaching them life's lessons, and making them men. When you make a mistake, you've got to own up to it, be accountable and suffer the consequences," said Wilkins.

"Adam and Bobby paid the price by sitting and you know what? They took it like men. They took their punishment, they didn't whine about it. They sat at the end of the bench. They cheered everyone on. They were great team players."

After the loss to Niagara relegated the team to third, the team responded by sweeping favoured Loyalist College in the first round playoff on match Feb. 18. The upset victory earned the team the fifth seed in last week's provincial championships, ahead of Nipissing who, after edging La Cité Collégiale 3-2, wound up with the sixth seed at the tournament.

The higher seed gave Humber a favourable position in the tournament bracket that helped the team reach fourth place.

"Sometimes it's better to take the long road," Wilkins said.

"They learn along the way and you may be surprised by the outcome."

*"When you make a mistake, you've got to own up to it, be accountable and suffer the consequences."*

-Wayne Wilkins, coach

# Men's basketball team prepares for OCAA Championships again

by aaron bronsteter  
SPORTS REPORTER

After coming off a 38-point win last Tuesday over the Seneca Sting in the final game of the season, the Humber Hawks men's basketball team is ready for the OCAA playoffs.

Finishing with the same league record as last year at 13-2 and ranked as the sixth best college team in Canada, this team is ready to take its game to the next level, said coach Darrell Glenn.

"They're anxious to get going and I'm excited because we still haven't played our best basketball this season," Glenn said. "I'm hoping that's something that we can accomplish during the playoffs."

The playoffs will run until Saturday at Centennial College and the Hawks will defend the OCAA championship they won last year.

Both losses in league play came the bigger, more experienced Sheridan Bruins, whom the Hawks beat by 19 points in November.

"I think they're a very well-coached team and a very talented team with a lot of experience," said Glenn of the Bruins. "If you

put all of those things together, you're in for a tough night."

The Hawks also fought hard for a one-point road victory in early February over the 5-9 Georgian Grizzlies.

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- Darrell Glenn, coach

"On any given night, we can go up to any gym and find ourselves in that situation," Glenn said. "We're fortunate enough to win a lot of basketball games but that doesn't discount the fact that the other teams are pretty good, and if you don't come to play you can and will lose."

The biggest problems plaguing the Hawks this season has been a lack of size in the front court, with 6'5" being the height of their tallest player.

When facing Sheridan, they have had to encounter Duane Mark, a 6'7" behemoth centre and

a OCAA West all-star.

"I think our lack of size is definitely an issue, but I think we also present a lot of match-up problems as well with our quickness," Glenn said.

"We can alleviate the size disadvantage with our speed and our ability to get the ball down the floor."

Glenn has had a lot of success coaching a team with 12 freshman players and has brought a brand new style of basketball to the floor.

"Our style of play last year was very different and this year, because we press for 40 minutes a game, giving the team rest is a lot more necessary," said Glenn, who has rewarded the team's hard work with adequate rest before practice.

With the new team structure and perceived inexperience, the Hawks have not been given the same fanfare entering this year's playoffs.

"Last year, we went into the playoffs as the favourites and this year Sheridan is a bit ahead of us and Algonquin is a team that people need to consider," Glenn said. "We're not going in with the same hoopla."



aaron bronsteter

Humber Hawks face off at the OCAA Championships this week, taking place at Centennial College until Saturday. The Hawks hope for a repeat of their championship win.



# sports

"Why does everybody stand up and sing 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' when they're already there?" — Larry Anderson, MLB pitcher

## Sideline



by adam  
pochwalowski  
SPORTS EDITOR

### The puck stops here

Before people declare a national emergency about the state of Canadian hockey following the men's loss in the Olympic quarter finals to Russia, it's important to take a step back and realize that things aren't that bad.

Really. Honest. Things will be fine.

Favoured to repeat as gold medal champions, the men's loss is a disappointment to say the least but international play has a level of parity that makes predicting the outcome of games a tough call.

For instance, not many people would have thought Slovakia would be a contender, much less have a perfect 5-0 record before the medal rounds began.

And both the Finns and Swedes came out of nowhere to provide hockey fans with one of the best gold medal games in recent history, a fast-paced affair that bore little resemblance to what Team Canada was able to provide.

But before we get down on the men's team for exiting the Games so early, let's not forget hockey in Canada is alive and well. The women's team easily repeated as gold medal winners in these Games.

In fact, the women's team outscored its opponents 36-1

and no one was even able to challenge the team until the gold medal game.

And earlier this year, when the world juniors won their gold medal, they tied the old Soviet record for most consecutive years with a medal at eight, and exemplified Canada's dedication to developing talent in the future.

Canada allowed just six goals in six games during the juniors and only one of those came at even strength. Justin Pogge set a Canadian record for shutouts with three, showing that Martin Brodeur will have an able replacement in net in the near future.

Another point to remember is that the men's team had success recently with its World Cup of Hockey win in 2004, with many players from that team appearing on the Olympic roster this year.

The men's loss at the Olympics isn't a threat to Hockey Canada and any changes that are made quickly are just going to be a knee jerk reaction.

You don't need to have wholesale changes made to the structure of Hockey Canada to be successful in the next Games. What we need to do is learn from what happened this year and apply those lessons for Vancouver in 2010.



dennis chung

Despite it being its first year in existence, the badminton squad sent three teams to the OCCA championships last week and won a bronze in the women's singles.

## First-year badminton team brings home bronze medal

by dennis chung  
SPORTS REPORTER

The newly formed badminton squad returned with a bronze medal after sending three teams to the Ontario College Athletic Association's provincial championships at Seneca College on Feb. 17-18.

Jolande Amoraal captured a bronze medal in women's singles competition after defeating Laura Clysdale of St. Lawrence College, with scores of 14-13 and 11-3.

"When I first started playing, I didn't really expect to even go to provincials," Amoraal said. "I was so surprised to come here and I didn't expect to medal so it's a happy ending."

Amoraal injured her thumb during a volleyball practice the night before the tournament began.

"The first day I had to grip it without putting pressure on my thumb, so every time I hit the bird I kept slicing it. I couldn't get as much power," Amoraal said. "You just have to play through it. You're at provincials. You can't let a thumb slow you down."

Despite the injury, Amoraal went 3-2 in the round robin to put her into the playoff round. She lost the first playoff match to Ivy Yasay of George Brown by scores of 11-4, 11-3, sending her to the bronze medal match.

Also in competition for Humber were the women's doubles team of Merle D'Souza and Ann Castro, and the men's doubles team of Lam Trinh and Roni Islam.

*"I was so surprised to come here and I didn't expect to medal so it's a happy ending."*

- Jolande Amoraal, player

The women's doubles team went 1-4 during the round robin to finish fifth, while the men's team went 0-5 to finish sixth.

"I knew I could have done better. If I played the way that I played in regionals I would've had a better shot of winning at least one game," Islam said. "I'm

sick so my partner had to do most of the work and I wasn't playing as good as I was at regionals. I'm not satisfied with my own performance, and neither are my partner or my coach."

Coach Paul McGarr praised his team. "I know some of our performers are pretty disappointed but I think they should be very happy with what they did this year and what they accomplished. Having that many people in (the provincial championships) was a great accomplishment. I know they'll look back on this and feel proud."

Assistant coach Mike Kopinak was equally happy. "This far surpasses where we thought we would be. Obviously, once you get to this stage, you're always hoping for more. It's like anything else. When you do well, you want to do better."

A confident D'Souza sees a better result in next year's competition for her and her partner. "We've been playing together only for a couple of weeks now and next year, it's more likely we'll take the gold."

## This week in sports

### Thurs Feb. 23

The Canadian women's curling team wins the bronze medal.

### Fri Feb. 24

It was the men's turn to win a medal, as the squad takes home the gold.

Vernon Wells is back with the pre-season Blue Jays, after recovering from a strained left quadriceps.

Canadian race car driver Patrick Carpentier announced it's possible he will return to Champ Car this year after spending the past season in rival IRL.

### Sat Feb. 25

Francois-Louis Tremblay wins two silver medals for Canada in short-track speedskating.

Cindy Klassen wins the bronze medal in the 5000 metre race, upping her personal total to five.

The Toronto Raptors drop their game against the Dallas Mavericks, who overcame a 24 point deficit to win 115-113.

### Sun Feb. 26

NHL scoring leader Jaromir Jagr is injured in the Olympic bronze medal game against Russia. The Czech Republic player doesn't expect to miss time with the New York Rangers.

The Swedish hockey team edges the Finnish team 3-2 in the gold medal game, giving Toronto Maple Leafs captain Mats Sundin his first medal in three attempts.

### Mon Feb. 27

The Raptors lose their fourth in a row, 101-94 to the Miami Heat.

### Tues Feb. 28

The Toronto Maple Leafs lose their first game following the Olympic Games to the Washington Capitals 5-3. The game marked Eric Lindros' return after sitting with a wrist injury.

The Raptors hiring of Bryan Colangelo as the new general manager and president is made official by the team.



"I'm just a dark guy from a den of iniquity. A dark shadowy figure from the bowels of iniquity" — Boxer and philosopher Mike Tyson talks about himself.

# Proving her medal

by dennis chung  
SPORTS REPORTER

In the early '90s, two-sport athlete Bo Jackson became famous for his "Bo knows" ad campaign with Nike. This year, Humber has a two-sport star of its own and Jo Amoraal knows how to be a force in both events, winning not one, but two provincial medals.

Jolande Amoraal, or Jo as her friends call her, won a bronze medal in the women's singles competition at the provincial badminton championships on Feb. 10, and this past weekend won a gold medal as a member of the women's volleyball team.

"This is the first year I've ever done two sports," said Amoraal, 20. "It's been hard, but it's manageable. You really have to be committed to everything that you have going on."

In addition to playing two varsity sports, the fashion arts student juggles a job at the athletics center and at her co-op placement. How does she fit it all into her schedule?

"I don't," she said with a laugh. "It's hard because I'm always up early in the morning. I work at six in the morning sometimes, and then I'll go to six hours of classes and then I'll have four-hour practices and then I'll come home and try to do my homework."

Volleyball and badminton have a lot of similarities, and the combination has made Amoraal a better athlete. She plays libero for the volleyball team, a defensive position that requires speed and reflexes, and badminton has helped her.

"There's another guy who plays (badminton) for Mohawk and he's a libero for his team (as well) so

maybe it's the position," Amoraal said. "There are a lot of quick movements and a lot is reaction time. Badminton has definitely helped me improve my volleyball skills."

Her coaches in both sports were worried about Amoraal getting burnt out as they neared the end of their seasons.

"We noticed she's been hurt although she won't own up to it," said Paul McGarr, coach of the badminton team. "We try to give her a little bit of time off here and there."

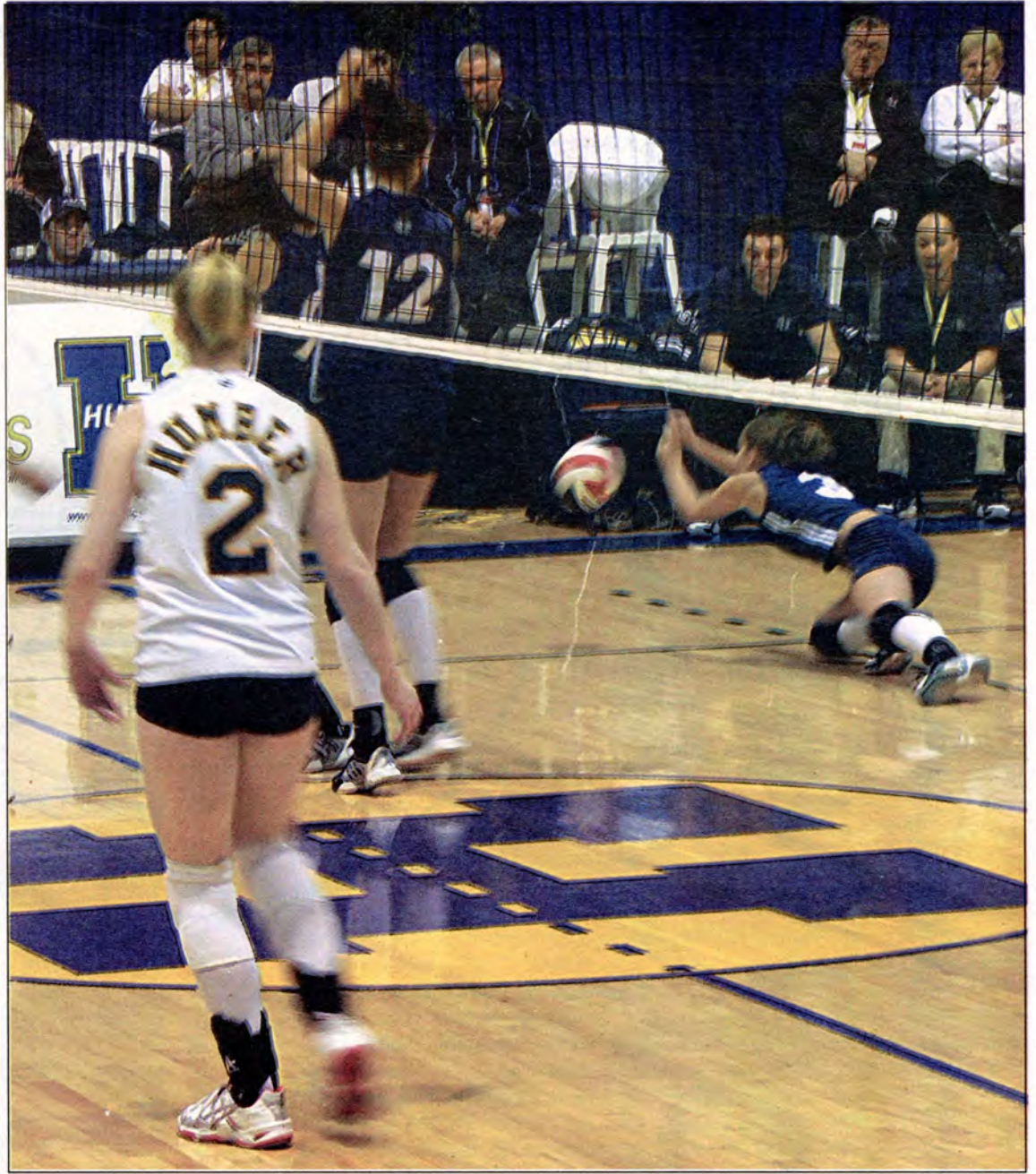
Volleyball coach Chris Wilkins also tries to help by adjusting his practices to give Amoraal some rest.

"We don't want to discourage athletes from doing things they love and she obviously loves badminton and she loves volleyball," Wilkins said. "That's the nice thing about Humber sports in general. We're all a big family and we help each other out and support each other."

After finishing high school in Clinton, Ont., Amoraal had to choose between attending Humber and George Brown for Fashion Arts. She chose Humber because the program offered a better look at the business aspect of the field, but sports was an important factor as well.

"There's no way I could have come to college and not played sports," Amoraal said. "If I hadn't made the team, I probably wouldn't be here."

She knows how to pick a winning program, and after earning two medals, Humber sports fans will definitely know Jo Amoraal as well.



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The OCAA Championships were won by Humber's women team after it beat Algonquin, Fanshawe and Nipissing. The men didn't fare as well, losing the bronze to Algonquin.

# These women are golden

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Just like the Canadian Olympic hockey team's performances in Turin, the Humber women's volleyball team took the gold while the men were sent packing at the provincial championship held at Humber last week.

"I'm proud of the girls," said Chris Wilkins, the women's coach. "This is what we've been working for the whole year."

Wilkins will let his team celebrate the rest of the weekend before getting back to practice on Monday to work on its passing and blocking in preparation for the national championships in Truro, N.S. the week of March 8.

On their journey to claim the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) title, the Hawks throttled the Algonquin Thunder on Thursday 25-14, 25-18, 25-15, led by Hawk's player of the game Amanda Arlette with a strong service game.

The Fanshawe Falcons fared no better Friday as the Hawks hammered their opponents 25-15, 25-12 and 25-13. Rachel Dubbeldam's strong play earned

her Humber's player of the game.

In the gold medal game on Saturday, Humber took the first two sets 25-15, 25-22 and appeared to have the Lakers on the ropes.

The Lakers fought back and stunned the Hawks taking the third set 25-21. The fourth set was a seesaw battle that Humber eventually won 25-21. Robyn Stafford was Humber's player of the game for her blocking prowess.

Amanda Arlette and Alex Steplock were named to the all-star team, and Perfection Powell was selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player

"I don't know if there were any MVPs," said Powell. "We all chose our games to come out. Today we pulled it off, not only me, but the entire team."

Powell, 27, who returned to Humber to play volleyball after five years off in order to win a national title, put the victory in perspective. "This is just a stepping stone," she said, and winning nationals is "our ultimate goal."

The men were not as fortunate as they fell in the bronze medal game to the Algonquin Thunder. They could not avenge their open-

ing match defeat despite playing an excellent game earlier Saturday morning.

"It's always hard to play a great game and come back and do it again," said Wayne Wilkins, the men's coach. "They just happened to be in the semis and the bronze medal game and had nothing left in the tank."

On Thursday the men lost a nail-biting opener to the Thunder 23-25, 23-25, 27-29. Friday they regrouped and defeated the Seneca Sting 18-25, 25-21, 25-19, 25-23. Saturday morning they faced Georgian, and after losing the first set 26-28, mauled the Grizzlies 25-12, 25-11, 25-16 and qualified for the bronze medal game.

A rested Thunder rolled over the Hawks 25-15, 25-22, 25-21, dashing their hopes for a medal.

Wilkins said even though losing the bronze medal match is disappointing, the team had exceeded his expectations. "Nine of the 11 players are rookies, and for the team to get so far is a big accomplishment."

Like Canadian athletes in 13 of the events at the Winter Games, the Hawks finished fourth.



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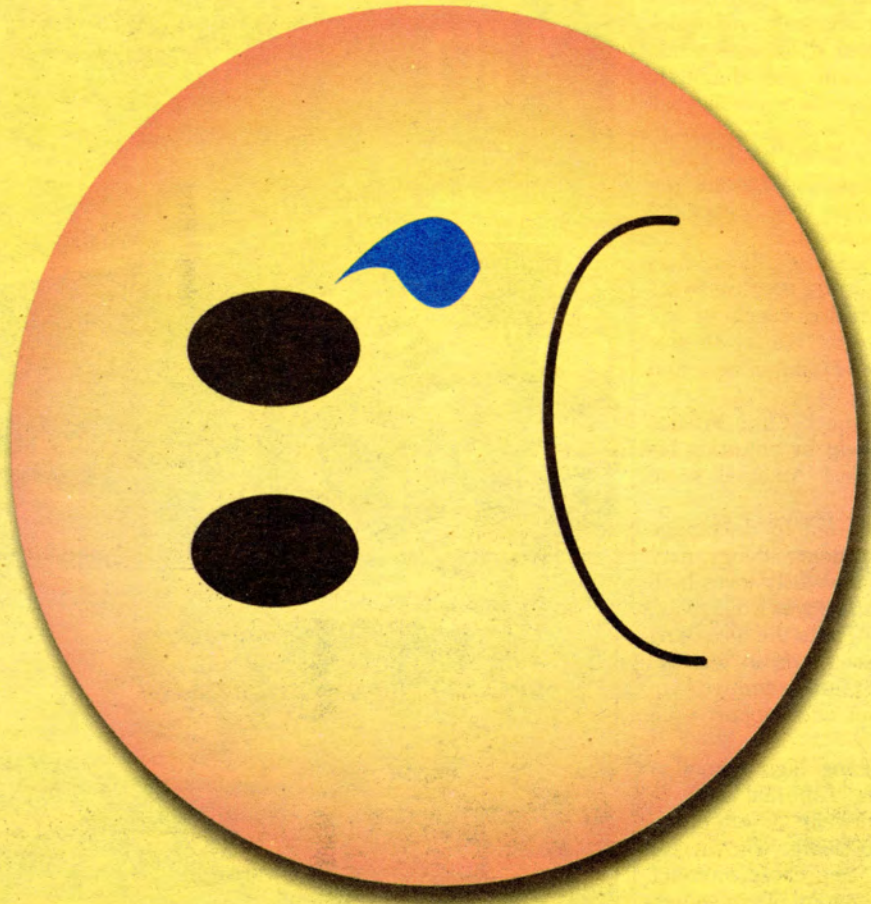
Jolande Amoraal has won both a gold and a bronze medal for her stellar play in volleyball and badminton this year.



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