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Candidates meet yesterday at Lakeshore Campus minus frontrunners Liberal Michael Ignatieff and Conservative John Capobianco. Left to right, Cathy Holliday of the Communist Party, Josh Sommer sitting for Capobianco, Phil Ridge of the Green Party, Milton Chan sitting for Ignatieff, and Liam McHugh-Russell of the NDP.

Youth factor could turn tide

by **julia strojnik**
ELECTION REPORTER

Young people could determine the outcome of Monday's election, if enough of them vote.

"When you have minority governments and slim margins . . . then small changes in voter turnout by different groups do actually make a substantial difference," said York University campaign and advertising expert, Prof. Alan Middleton.

The last federal election saw 38 per cent of voters aged 18 to 24 cast ballots despite a \$10 million campaign by Elections Canada to encourage the youth vote.

The survey attributed low youth turnout to "low levels of political interest and knowledge, and a declining sense that voting is a civic duty."

That is not the case with Humber students Halley Paxton, a

Liberal volunteer, and Andrew Miller, who is working on the Conservative campaign.

Paxton, 19, a first-year public relations student, is helping Liberal candidate Michael Ignatieff in her home riding of Etobicoke-Lakeshore, passing out pamphlets and putting up signs.

This is Paxton's first experience in politics, sparked by a public affairs course she took last semester.

"My teacher really stressed the importance of learning about the government, voting and making an informed decision because this is your future and you shouldn't just leave it up to everyone else to decide it."

Miller, 23, a post-graduate student in international marketing, volunteers in the same Lakeshore riding for Conservative candidate John Capobianco.

Miller became interested in

politics during Mike Harris's re-election as Tory premier in 1999.

"My mother is a realtor and one of the signs of a strong economy is a real estate market that is doing rather well," he said. "And I remember in the early to mid-'90s business wasn't that great for my mom."

Miller said the real estate market – and the economy – improved under Harris, a message he uses to assist Capobianco's campaign. Miller said when canvassing door to door he does a lot of "mythbusting" to try to dispel negative notions about the Conservatives and Leader Stephen Harper.

All parties are recruiting young voters to work on their campaigns and sway their peers. But according to Ian Capstick of NDP Youth of Canada, more young people may vote on Monday because polling stations will be located on some college and university campuses.

Students at Humber's North campus can vote inside residence, located at 203 Humber College Blvd. There are no polling stations on the Lakeshore campus.

Capstick complains that Canadian politicians are still not trying to communicate with young people by concentrating on the baby boomers via news broadcasts.

"To not utilize the media that young people utilize is shameful in my eyes," said Capstick, suggesting the parties focus on programs geared to youth such as Much Music.

Despite heralded not-for-profit campaigns such as Rush the Vote and Apathy is Boring where celebrities such as Nelly Furtado and slogans like "democracy is sexy" poor voter turnout in youth has continued.

This election, the effort was scaled back to an Internet campaign with free music downloads, celebrity

blogs and links to voter information.

"If you want to talk to youth, you talk to youth about things that are relevant to them in ways that are relevant to them," said Middleton, who said these campaigns failed, "because they are written by a bunch of old people that know very little about how to talk to youth."

A poll early in the campaign by the *Globe and Mail* showed 88 per cent of Canadians aged 18 to 24 said they intended to vote Monday.

If that number proves accurate young people could shape the next government.

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"America is our neighbour; it's not our nation. We should have our own set of values," — Paul Martin, cbc.ca

Etobicoke-Lakeshore candidates square off

by olga eremeeva
NEWS REPORTER

Pouring rain did not stop Mimico residents from coming to last Tuesday's all-candidates meeting with Etobicoke-Lakeshore candidates at John English Junior Middle School. Protesters gathered on the school doorsteps chanting "Troops out of Iraq, Ignatieff out of Lakeshore!"

John Capobianco, Michael Ignatieff, Liam McHugh-Russell and Phil Ridge of the Conservative, Liberal, New Democrat and Green parties respectively were on hand to answer scathing questions from the community on issues ranging from government ethics, community safety and poverty issues.

Katrina Latawiec, a Grade five student at David Hornell Junior

School, asked if she would be able to afford to attend university.

"We will make sure the institutions reduce post-secondary tuitions. Personally, I would like to see education tuition-free," said Ridge to roaring applause.

Capobianco countered, saying his party would work with the provinces to increase family income thresholds for student loan eligibility, offer tax relief to the families of post-secondary students and cover the cost of text books for five years.

McHugh-Russell, 25, a law student at the University of Toronto attacked the Liberal government's performance on the issue, specifically targeting the "\$2.5 million that has been cut out of university and college education by the Liberals."

"I have been a university teacher much of my life," replied Ignatieff. "I believe that if that grade five student cannot complete a university degree at the highest level, this country does not have a future."

Continuous government investing in post-secondary education, he added, is key to meeting the challenges of the 21st century.

"He is a great speaker and lecturer," said a Ukrainian volunteer distributing anti-Ignatieff flyers at the door. "But he did not live here for years, and he was parachuted in this riding."

When the meeting was over, Ignatieff and his team departed through the back door.

Ignatieff and Capobianco did not attend an all-candidates meeting yesterday.



alastair tennant

Suspects from Tuesday's shooting of a 17-year old in this Rexdale parking lot are likely from another area, police say. Rexdale gunman still at large

by rebecca payne
SENIOR REPORTER

A 17-year-old man was shot behind a building near Rexdale Boulevard and Islington Avenue, Tuesday afternoon.

"We have a lot of witnesses that have come forward," said 23 Division Det. John Ihasz.

Of the 78 murders in Toronto last year, 52 were gun-related. Rexdale has been the centre of

much of this violence.

Ihasz said a number of people fled the scene in vehicles.

"It appears that there's certainly two sides," said Ihasz. "But there's conflicting reports as to how many people were involved."

The identity of the shooter was unknown at press time, but police hope residents will lead them in the right direction.

The teenager was taken to hospital and is expected to recover.

Here's where the hopefuls stand



John Capobianco
Conservative

AGE: 40
BIRTHPLACE:
South Etobicoke
EDUCATION:
Bachelor of Arts

degree in Political Science and Economics

OCCUPATION: Vice-President and Group Leader, Public Affairs, at Hill & Knowlton, a Canadian strategy firm.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Conservative Party candidate in the 2004 election; served as Mike Harris' youth chair in the 1990 leadership contest and then became Ontario PC youth president; served as Ontario youth co-chair for Kim Campbell in 1993 leadership contest; co-founded the Conservative Leadership Foundation; served as youth co-chair for Mike Harris campaign; then became first vice president of the PC Party of Ontario; served as a senior advisor to education minister Dave Johnson; served on both the steering committee of the United Alternative and as a national councillor for the Canadian Alliance.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the country?

A: To bring accountability and integrity back in government and make sure people in Canada have confidence in the government.

Q: What's your party's top priority for the riding?

A: My focus is primarily crime. To make sure people can walk with their families at night and not worry about getting shot at.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: With mandatory sentencing. If someone is caught with a gun, and charged there will be a five year sentence, with no chance for parole. Police are frustrated with the revolving door system. Also to look at prevention and invest in community programs. It's a two pronged approach.

Q: How does Humber College fit into your platform?

A: Tax credits and scholarships for students. Making sure parents have proper funds, so students can develop and flourish. To get them involved in community and politi-

cal activities and ensure we make it open for them to get involved.



Michael Ignatieff
Liberal

AGE: 58
BIRTHPLACE:
Toronto

EDUCATION: Degree in history at University of Toronto, and a PhD from Harvard University

OCCUPATION: Former director of the Carr Centre for Human Rights and Policy at Harvard University; author of biography of British Academic Sir Isaiah Berlin, and other award-winning works: former Senior Research Fellow at King's College, Cambridge; has held teaching positions at Harvard, Cambridge, Oxford, the University of California, the University of London and the London School of Economics

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Rookie

Q: What is your party's top priority for the country?

A: National unity is our top priority.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: Well, I speak French. We need to reconquer Quebec for the Liberal party so that they've got a real federal option that represents their interests.

Q: What's your party's top priority for the riding?

A: The revitalization of the Lakeshore itself. Improve the water quality, improve the beaches, improve public access, improve the recreational facilities.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: Get federal money — Prime Minister Martin has promised a

billion dollars for Great Lakes clean up. I must be able to get some of it for [Etobicoke-Lakeshore.]

Q: How does Humber College fit into your platform?

A: Well it fits into my platform in the sense that we don't have a future as a productive country unless we have world class institutions like Humber. One of the things that the Liberal party got right about 10 years ago under Mr. Chretien is we began to bet the store on post-secondary education. There's been massive federal investment in post-secondary education and I'm not one of those snobs who think only universities matter, Humber and Sheridan are world class parts of our educational system. I hope my son has the credits to get into Humber, because I respect what Humber does.



Liam McHugh-Russell
NDP

AGE: 25
BIRTHPLACE:
Vancouver, moved to Etobicoke-Lakeshore at the age

of 6
EDUCATION: Degree in mathematics from University of Waterloo and has studied political science; currently studying law at University of Toronto

OCCUPATION: First-year law student
POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Has held leadership positions in campus and student organizations.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the country?

A: Making people trust the government again. That's why we have a big ethics plan, not only to

clean up Parliament and to cut connections between politicians and their friends, but also to change the political system, so that votes actually count.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: We're going to keep doing what we've been doing: working for people in Canadian Parliament, getting results for people.

Q: What's your party's top priority for the riding?

A: We have to put more money in the lakeshore, we have to clean up the lakeshore and we have to give people not only the resources they need, but the opportunities they need to be successful. That will help with crime, it will create opportunities, and it will build the lakeshore that we're proud of.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: We'll keep doing what we've been doing, with investing in cities, investing in education opportunities for our young people and investing in making the environment better.

Q: How does Humber College fit into your platform?

A: We've had a handful of Humber students working on the campaign, and it's really exciting to have young people like myself involved in the campaign, working in the community to connect to people in the community on their issues. Humber is also a great example of the kind of reinvestment in education we need to see in this country and in this community — with the building of the residences and the expanding of the programs there.

—compiled by Rebecca Payne

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Etobicoke-North candidate meeting turns ugly

by **jan kurt stobernack**
NEWS REPORTER

A meeting of federal election candidates and voters in the riding that includes Humber College sank into disorder last week.

"Why should we believe you now," community leader Mohamed Uluson shouted at Liberal Roy Cullen, who has been MP in the riding of Etobicoke North, since 1996. "We have put you in power for many years and you haven't done anything more than line your party's pockets."

Cullen focused his message on area crime, and reminded voters that it's not a problem exclusively in the domain of the federal government.

The all-candidates meeting at Elmbank Community Centre in Rexdale was organized by the Black Business and Professionals Association and the Somali Immigrant Organization.

Cullen shared the stage with NDP candidate Ali Naqvi, the Green party's Jan Havlovic and

independent George Szebik. Conservative Amanjit Khrood did not show up.

While the candidates answered questions — about the roots of gun violence, affordable housing and education — from a panel selected by organizers, the crowd of about 50 people in the audience erupted fearing their voices would not be heard.

"Let us speak," one person screamed.

"Give the microphone to the people," said another.

"These people do not live here," shouted Uluson, a 45-year-old of Somali origin, pointing to the panel and drawing cheers from the audience. "We are the ones who have to vote for them."

Still, the candidates attempted to address the crowd — and each other. Szebik tried to engage Cullen directly at one point, but to no avail.

"I'm here to answer questions from the audience," Cullen told Szebik.

Over the three and a half-hour



jan kurt stobernack

Candidates from left to right, Independent George Szebik, NDP Ali Naqvi, Green Jan Havlovic and Liberal Roy Cullen square off. Conservative Amanjit Khrood was absent.

meeting, the four candidates managed to lay out their positions on curbing gun violence, housing, and homelessness. And most voices from the crowd were eventually

heard.

"I'm glad they did get a chance, in the end, to ask their questions and we did hear from everyone who came out," said moderator

Royson James, a columnist for the *Toronto Star*. "Whether they got the answers they wanted, that's another matter."

The contenders speak out



Hon. Roy Cullen
Liberal
AGE: 61
BIRTHPLACE: Montreal, Quebec
RESIDENT RIDING: Etobicoke-North

EDUCATION: Masters of Public Administration

OCCUPATION: Chartered Accountant (Canada)

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance, Privy Council of Canada and appointed parliamentary secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and minister for Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

Q: Why do you think the voter turnout is so low in Etobicoke-North?

A: In Etobicoke North, it's working families — the working poor that have families and are trying to make ends meet. To go to the polling booth, with all the other challenges they have is, maybe, too much for them. Secondly, some of it might be cultural. They might come from countries where it hasn't been much of a living democracy, so they might not be used to voting or used to the culture of voting.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the country?

A: The most important priority moving forward is to ensure we have an innovative economy and that we have the skill set that we need to compete in the global economy.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: We have a budgetary sur-

plus but we have many more coming [plans] to reinvest in some of the top priorities of Canadians — health care, post-secondary education, early childhood development. We can also reduce taxes for Canadians.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the riding?

A: What I consider a top priority for the riding is making our streets safer.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: We have to get everybody working together. The province is talking about bringing in more police officers and the city of Toronto is doing the same. At the federal level we're saying this is not just about policing, but trying to deal with the root causes. So, we're putting more money into crime prevention.

Q: How will you address the growth of crime in the area?

A: We're using a three-prong approach at the federal level. More resources for policing and smarter policing and prosecution. The Prime Minister just added another \$50 million to crime prevention programming. We've also tabled an amendment to the criminal code to bring in tougher penalties for crimes with guns.

Q: How does Humber College fit into your platform?

Humber College is the greatest asset to the community, giving people skills that they need to work in this innovative economy. I also think that young people can engage in some of these community activities.



Amanjit Khrood
Conservative
AGE: 23
BIRTHPLACE: India
RESIDENT RIDING: Bramalea/Gore/Malton

EDUCATION: Real Estate and college courses

OCCUPATION: Real Estate Sales

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Board member of the Conservative Party of Canada, Board member of Ontario Conservative Party

Q: Why do you think the voter turnout is so low in Etobicoke-North?

A: Some working parents don't arrive home until almost seven in the evening and have children to pick up and dinner to make. Not enough polling stations. Having Election Day on a Saturday would definitely increase voter turnout.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the country?

A: When you are a candidate at the federal and provincial level; you follow the party policy and lines. Once elected then I can put forth more personal ideas etc.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the riding?

A: The top issues facing Etobicoke North are health care, crime and immigration.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: I will vote on the Conservation Party of Canada's platforms/policies.

Q: How will you address the growth of crime in the area?

A: I will implement programs between the police and the youth-at-risk and I will be an

active participant.

Q: How does Humber College fit into your platform?

A: I am planning to do a survey to find out student concerns. I want to reduce [expenses incurred by] parking, [tuition] fees and books.



Ali Naqvi
NDP
AGE: 41
BIRTHPLACE: Karachi, Pakistan
RESIDENT RIDING: Etobicoke Centre

EDUCATION: Masters of Law

OCCUPATION: Immigration Lawyer

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE: Ran for NDP seats federally (2000) and provincially, Treasurer for Don Valley West Riding Association

Q: Why do you think the voter turnout is so low in Etobicoke-North?

A: In Etobicoke North, where social assistance, disability payments, health services and settlement services for new Canadians have been drastically cut, how can we even start to imagine that [such] people will consider this great country of ours their own? They have been discriminated against, and basically find themselves irrelevant to the whole political process.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the country?

A: Our party's top priority right now, in terms of issues, is health-care [across] Canada.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: The plan is to have as many more New Democrats as possible

in the House of Commons so that there is a check and balance on the Conservatives and the Liberals.

Q: What is your party's top priority for the riding?

A: Restore the social services that are so badly needed by the people of Etobicoke North. The top priority is to take care of the violence which is happening around us. But then health care is an integral part of Canadian politics and a highly placed issue too.

Q: How do you plan to make that happen?

A: Take care of the gun violence, and the root causes — young people are dropping out of their schools. Now, once again, privatization of health care has to be fought tooth and nail, and I'm going to do that.

Q: How will you address the growth of crime in the area?

A: It has to be a multiple-pronged strategy. A) The federal government has to stop the [flow of] guns being imported illegally into Canada. B) We have to provide the facilities so that people, who eventually end up either perpetrating or being victims of gun violence, have better things to do.

Q: How does Humber College fit into your platform?

A: Education is one of the top priorities of our platform. [NDP Leader] Jack Layton announced an additional \$4 billion investment in education because we believe that young Canadians, coming out of educational institutions, are [the future of] this country.

—compiled by Christina Del Zotto

"We want Toronto to be part of the truly national government we are asking Canadians to give us," Stephen Harper. — cbc.ca/toronto

Humber team wins advertising contest

by julia strojnik
NEWS REPORTER

A student team from Humber College beat out three universities on live national television last December, in a political campaign contest.

"It was a really worthwhile experience for all of us," said Jane Bongers, coordinator of the media copywriting program. "It was a fantastic experience and winning on top of that was even better."

CTV randomly recruited four schools to compete in the *Canada AM*'s Campaign Challenge where each school needed to create a print advertisement for a federal political party.

Humber College went up against students from Concordia University, Ontario College of Art & Design and University of British Columbia.

The Humber team was made up of students from three different programs under the leadership of Craig Ferguson, a second-year advertising and graphic design student.

His three teammates included Daniel Bonder and Steven Barr, students in the post-graduate copywriting program, and Catelyn Gilliam, a first-year student in the bachelor of applied arts in creative advertising program.

The Humber team was challenged to create a mock print ad for the Liberal Party of Canada to appear in the *Globe and Mail*.

"We only had about five days so it was really intense and we needed to get something good pretty quickly," said Bonder.

Ferguson said the team wanted to come up with an idea that was both intelligent and emotional.

"The most obvious emotional

appeal would be ... aren't you deathly afraid of Conservatives," said Ferguson. "We had honed in on the tie as a symbol of restrictive conservatism."

On Dec. 14, 2005 all four schools appeared on *Canada AM* in front of a panel of three industry experts, among them Stan Sutter, editor of *Marketing Magazine*, and Christina Yu, creative director for advertising agency Lowe Roche.

The students were graded based on such things as creativity and their ability to present a clear message.

Humber College came in first, only two points ahead of UBC, which was assigned to create an ad for the New Democratic Party.

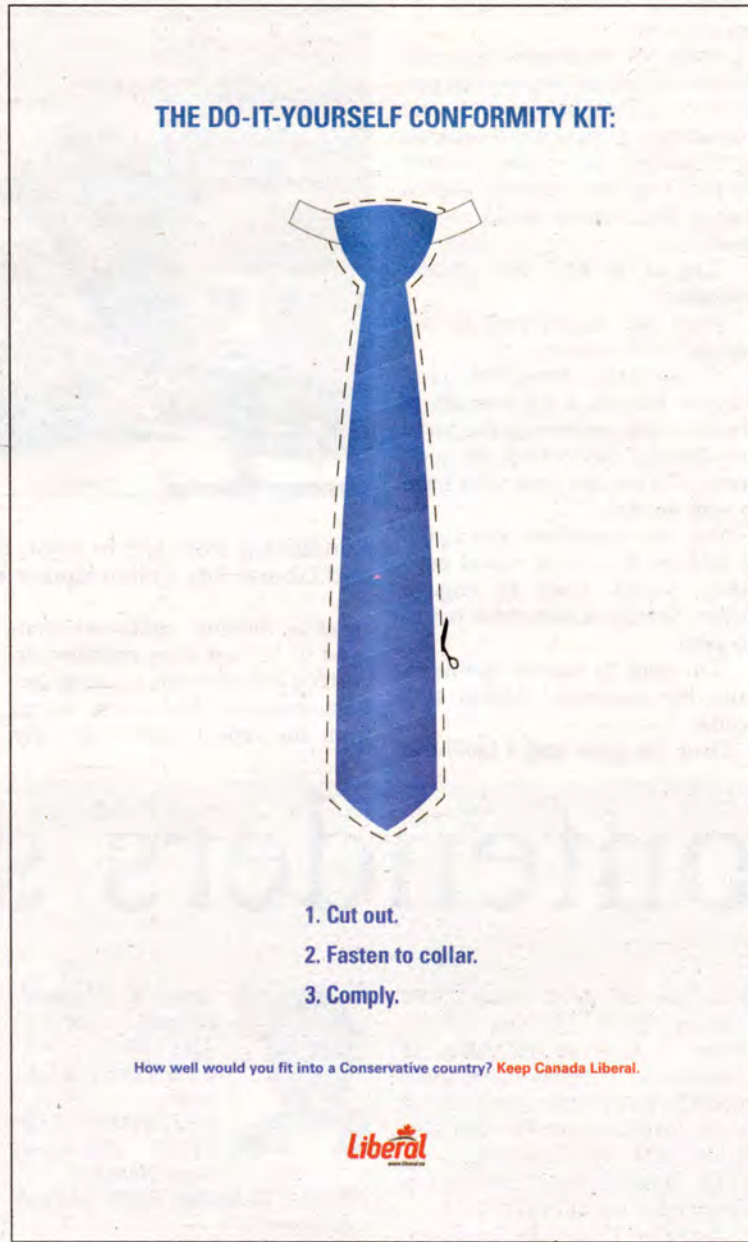
"Creatively we were quite far out ahead and that is really what gained us the ground," said Bongers.

The competition was slated to be only for universities but the media studies department was able to convince CTV to allow Humber to participate.

"We were upset because initially we were sidelined saying Humber is not going to be part of it," said Barr. "We were bummed because not only is it the only copywriting school in Canada but we feel, and obviously so do the judges, that there is some talent coming out of this school."

Bongers said the team was "grinning ear to ear" when Humber College was named the winner.

"We won a great honking 45-pound trophy, similar to the Canadian Junior Championship trophy," said Barr, adding the bigger prize was the respect Humber College gained from the advertising industry.



This mock advertisement for the Liberal party was a Humber student team's winning entry to a *Canada AM* contest.

Faculty union to vote on a strike mandate next month

by jan kurt stobernack
NEWS REPORTER

Humber teachers have been called to a strike mandate vote in the beginning of February, which could leave students in academic limbo as early as March.

"A strike vote will show the management team that we're serious about our demands," said Maureen Wall, president of Humber's Local 562 of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

Workload is the top priority of the negotiations followed by staffing, benefits and increased salary.

College teachers in the province have been without a contract since August 2005.

The last vote on a new agreement happened last November and was rejected by 96 per cent of union membership.

Union members will vote on strike action Feb. 7.

"I think there is an assumption that management tends to cave in," said Humber College president Robert Gordon. "We would try to make a better offer if we can, but there comes a point where we can't sell our souls down the river."

Wall said management is showing no movement.

Strike vote information meetings will be held Feb. 1, from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in room B118 at the Lakeshore Campus and between 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Seventh Semester at the North Campus.

Caps cuts all-ages events after policy review by police

by nicole blake
NEWS REPORTER

Students under 19 years of age will no longer be able to sip pop while watching friends drink in Caps.

A police review of policies and procedures at the North Campus pub has left underage students looking for an alternate place to party.

"It was under advisement by local (police) authorities," said Caps operation manager Kenny Dimech. "We had our whole process reviewed, the dos and don'ts. They highly recommended no mixed aged events."

Caps recently called off the regular all-ages nights leaving many younger students with no place to go.

Underage students caught in the dreaded double-cohort year and forced into a post-secondary institution earlier than their nineteenth birthday, found the campus establishment a welcoming option.

But the bar has to revert to a 19-plus pub.

"This was the way it was here before the double cohort," said Dimech. "We aren't able to separate under-19 and 19-plus. Unfortunately we don't have that sort of facility."

Many regulars at Thursday night pub nights agree. No under-agers means more space in the bar and shorter lineups.

"I think that it makes sense. Under-agers shouldn't be allowed in a bar," said Michelle Awad, 19. "They aren't going to spend any money, and they just take up spots for paying customers."

Everybody who visits the bar has to show their ID at the door. Any students caught drinking underage will be put on a 'black-list', banned for six months. Students can also wind up on the list for misbehaving, with the length of a ban depending on the offense.

"The reason why we're so strict is because the college only has one



A bouncer checks a patron's identification at the door to Caps to make sure he's not underage.

liquor license," Dimech said. "If we lose it, it means the other programs like hotel and restaurant management, hospitality and bartending courses, could be shutdown."

Students who fall short of the

age requirement maintain there are better ways to spend the evening than watching friends drink.

"We can wait," said Nazim Ramzan, 18, a first-year student.

"It's not much fun watching others drinking and having a good time. Most bars don't let anyone under 19 in anyways. We'll go when we turn 19."

"The Liberals have put forward little but fear and Canadians are in no mood to be bullied," Jack Layton – *Toronto Star*

Police look for suspect in Arboretum

by jaimie kehler
NEWS REPORTER

A man surrendered to police over the holiday break after a search had Toronto Police scouring the Arboretum trails near North Campus for a suspected kidnapper.

Officers spent more than 10 hours searching for the man, who was thought to be armed with a .22 calibre pistol and wearing a security uniform complete with a bulletproof vest.

"I saw a police chopper in the air," said residence life co-ordinator Chad Nuttall. "The search went on for most of the morning."

With many students still away on winter vacation, some faculty and staff were on campus Friday Jan. 6 while police officers and the canine unit patrolled the ground while police helicopters circled overhead.

Police warned nearby residents to stay inside throughout the search.

It all started at around 2 a.m. that day when police received a call from a 32-year old woman who told them she had been kidnapped by a fellow employee while working for Shadow International Security near Weston Road and Finch Avenue, about 10 minutes from Humber campus.

The female security guard had been working outside when he pulled up in a car and forced her inside at gunpoint.

The victim told police that both she and her attacker were wearing bullet-proof vests and security guard uniforms at the time, in accordance with company policy.

He returned the victim about an hour later, at which point she contacted police. According to police she was unharmed, aside from a few "bumps and bruises."

Upon tracking down the vehicle, a short car pursuit followed, until the man crashed his car and escaped by foot into a nearby ravine.

A loaded .22-calibre handgun was found on the ground during the subsequent search.

"We searched many park areas near Highway 7," said Detective Mike Carbone. "We checked Humber, but it turned out to be nothing."

Just before noon, police made an arrest in Woodbridge.

Kamal Kishor, 35, has been charged with eight offenses, including pointing a firearm, threatening death, kidnapping, threatening bodily harm, assault, possession of a firearm, unauthorized presence of a firearm in a motor vehicle, and dangerous operation.

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Construction will shrink parking lots

New building to break ground this summer

by andrea damiani
NEWS REPORTER

Expansion plans at Humber's north campus could limit already scarce parking spaces, school officials say.

The plans will see a new building occupy parking lot no. 14 and half of lot no. 15 – meaning around 100 spaces currently in the back of campus will shift to another location.

The lots are used mostly for faculty parking, which includes VIP spaces. The number of total spaces affected is relatively small, but shifting them elsewhere could inconvenience students.

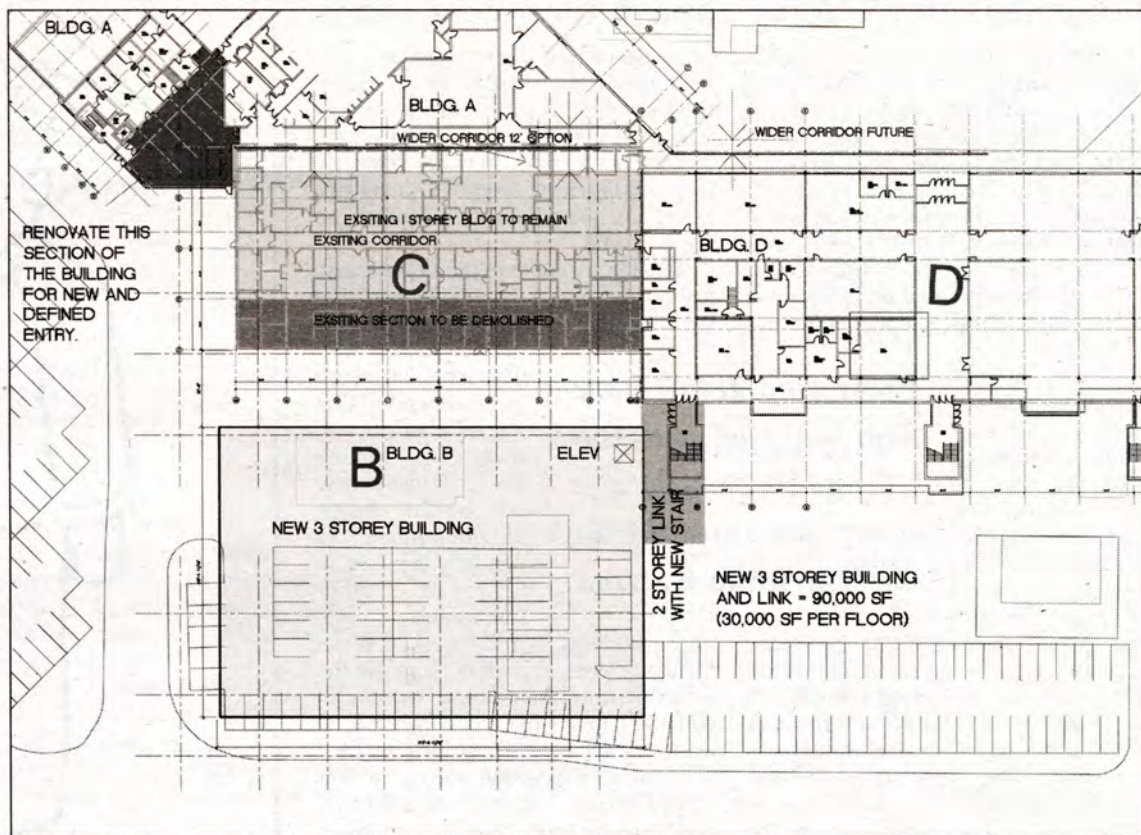
The new building will have three floors and will include classrooms, labs, and common space.

Construction will start no later than this summer, with completion possibly in winter 2008.

Approximately four thousand parking spots are available on campus, compared to a population of almost 17,000.

Demand for these limited spaces has not fallen, said parking and traffic coordinator Gary Shaw.

"We'll do a re-jigging of the lots to ensure that we don't take any



Humber's newest building, B above, will be behind the current buildings on North Campus.

spaces away," said Dean of Planning and Development Rick Embree, who added faculty will be affected more than students.

No plans are set in stone yet, but Embree suggested building a new lot "without making the cam-

pus completely parking lots," to counter the impending loss of spaces.

When Guelph-Humber was built, the school dealt with the parking issue by shrinking the existing spaces and building a new

lot at Queen's Plate.

Parking is still available at this location, as only 200 of the almost 700 spots have been bought, but it is not a popular choice to most students because it takes a shuttle bus to get from the lot to campus.



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Current wage rate	\$7.45/hour	\$6.95/hour	\$6.50/hour	\$37.25	\$74.50	110% of the minimum wage
Feb. 1, 2006 wage rate	\$7.75/hour	\$7.25/hour	\$6.75/hour	\$38.75	\$77.50	110% of the minimum wage

On February 1, 2006, the general minimum wage will increase to \$7.75 per hour from the current rate of \$7.45 per hour. Another increase will follow bringing the general minimum wage to \$8.00 per hour on February 1, 2007.

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editorial

"The best argument against democracy is a five minute conversation with the average voter." — Sir Winston Churchill, British politician (1874-1965)

Courting the youth vote

Politicians aren't doing enough for young voters

With the election less than a week away, there's a lot of talk being devoted to the youth vote. Many young voters say politicians aren't speaking to them, that the issues don't concern them, and a number feel as though their vote doesn't matter in the grand scheme of things. Is it that young voters can't see themselves reflected in the platforms presented by the various parties, or that they simply choose not to look?

A very informal survey of post-secondary students showed nearly half intended not to vote. Of those who had decided against voting, the reasons varied from not having a

Those who didn't have a firm grasp on the issues hadn't cracked a newspaper since the days of Hurricane Katrina.

firm grasp on the issues, an inevitable Tory victory, it being too cold outside and finally, just not giving a damn.

Those who didn't have a firm grasp of the issues hadn't cracked a newspaper since the days of Hurricane Katrina. Ignorance isn't an excuse: a student can find out anything he or she wants to know about the parties from Canadian news websites, most of which have a huge section devoted to the topic. It's only a mouseclick away, and you're probably on MSN anyway.

Using the excuse of living in a strongly Conservative riding is just as bad. If you have a deep aversion to the party in power in your riding, the only conceivable way to deal with this, beyond packing up and moving, is to vote for your party of choice. It may not result in a Green Party landslide, but at least you've made your voice heard.

The choice to have a mid-winter election was much talked about at the beginning of the campaign, no doubt because bigwigs at news agencies were miffed about having to cancel their winter holidays, and it seems as though

some people got the impression it was okay to use the weather as an excuse to skip voting. It turns out the student who used January weather as a reason to stay home risks frostbite regularly by going to school everyday, doing groceries and going out with his friends on the weekend.

Finally, we come to the student who just doesn't give a damn, who can't see the outcome of the election affecting her life in any way.

This student needs to be reminded that she is Canadian, and that even though she personally may not see the change of government in her daily life, a number of other Canadians will.

These students should be asked, if not for themselves, then they vote for the betterment of their fellow citizens. If you can't find what's best for you, at least look for what's best for Canada.

A number of young voters find this sort of apathy and laziness offensive, and there are probably a large number, who have been following the campaign and devoting time to their final decision, who also find this editorial offensive. They should be offended that they, and everyone else under 30, are being lumped into this apathetic group. The sad truth remains that we are members of the biggest non-voting age group in the country, and no amount of wounded pride is going to change that.

The only thing that will change that is for all of us, despite not knowing the issues, despite living in a Conservative or a Liberal stronghold, despite not caring, and yes, even despite the fact that it's minus 15 degrees outside, to put on our mitts and toques and spend five minutes on the 23rd deciding the future of our country.



PROPS & BURNS

Props to the Humber students whose advertisement won *Canada AM's Campaign Challenge*.



Props to Humber nursing professor John Stone for his medical relief work in Pakistan.



Props to the Humber Men's basketball team who are still undefeated.



Burn on Michael Ignatieff and John Capobianco for skipping out of the Etobicoke Lakeshore all candidates meeting yesterday.



Burn on the Guardian Angels for trying to bring their brand of American vigilante justice to Toronto.



Burn on the Toronto Maple Leafs forwards and defence for leaving Eddie Belfour to the wolves.

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"Democracy substitutes election by the incompetent many for appointment by the corrupt few" — George Bernard Shaw, Irish dramatist/socialist (1856-1950)

Stuck in the middle with you

by **matt lang**
NEWS EDITOR

Born in Toronto, raised in Virginia, and now back living in Toronto, I've been on the butt end of just about every stereotype either country has to offer.

With a steady diet of "eh?" frequent taunts of 'YANK,' not to mention the unforgettable experience of narrowly avoiding a ferocious lynch mob that was out for blood after spotting a noticeable grin the day after the Jays '92 World Series victory, I've heard each and every national jab you could imagine.

You could say as a dual citizen I'm stuck between two polar opposite national identities.

Having lived for years in both countries, I'll be the first to tell you that each brand of democracy has its advantages; but I'd say as far as the electoral process goes, we Canadians certainly drew the longer end of the stick from us Americans.

In my hometown of Charlottesville, VA, smack in the middle of a very red Republican state, the U.S. electoral inefficiency became abundantly clear when I first voted in 2000.

Ralph Nader, who sadly faded into obscurity along with his once somewhat credible U.S. Green Party, did not get the five per cent of the popular vote needed to get federal election funding for 2004. The buzz at the time was that a vote for Nader was as good as a vote for Dubya. The same was said when Texas billionaire Ross Perot ran twice for the presidency in the '90s. Sound familiar?

Despite strategic voting taking place all over Canada, its no contest which nation has the wider set of options in electing its government.

Should Conservative Leader Stephen Harper form a minority government with the New Democrats, it's almost a foregone conclusion that our country would adopt a system of proportional representation, thus eliminating the need for any strategic voting.

Many have argued that such a system would come very close to eliminating what buffers remain on the will of the people. Diverging views could be portrayed in the House of Commons without fear of a voter on the left inadvertently fuelling the fire of a party on the right, or vice versa.

If you spend time with enough of us Americans, you'd quickly find out that many of us are frustrated with the notion of being stuck with two increasingly indistinguishable choices every four years. Which might explain why so few people are interested in voting for the politician who gets to sit in the most powerful post in the world.

Tales from the campaign trail

by **jeromy lloyd**
ELECTION EDITOR

When the federal election was called on Nov. 29, even the smallest community newspapers had a plan in place to cover it. We at the *Et Cetera*, however, were just putting to bed our last edition of the fall and didn't have another one until today — four days before the vote. We knew we would have to start from scratch, but that we couldn't put off working until after the Christmas break.

A new semester means the paper gets a whole new team of both reporters and editors. We were faced with a daunting task: gather a group of rookie reporters willing to work through the holidays to get the kind of stories like Julia Stronjik's Page 1 focus on the youth vote and the participation by Humber students in this campaign.

Our reporters covering the

party leaders (Michelle Dipardo, Jaclyn Newman and Vakis Boutsalis) had to travel to London, Ont., Newmarket and Oshawa to catch up with Paul Martin, Stephen Harper and Jack Layton. You can see their insight into the leaders — Martin's disco ball with Belinda Stronach, Harper's scary eyes, and Layton's last kiss — on Page E2.

Many on our election team — and more than 25 reporters and editors volunteered to work through the holidays — faced the usual paranoia in dealing with the politicians and their handlers.

Garth Turner, the Tory candidate in Halton, refused to answer our reporter's questions about his post-secondary education, suggesting "one day, when I am up late at

night with nothing more to do, I'll get around to answering them." All we were asking him to do was fill a blank in our riding profiles (Page E6).

While covering Martin in Newmarket, Szuch had an altercation with a velvet rope in the press section.

As it turned out, Turner's riding was not included in our coverage, anyway, since we decided to concentrate on only those races in the GTA which promise to be close next Monday.

Similarly, a gatekeeper for Albina Guarnieri (Mississauga East-Cooksville) said our request for the age of the Liberal minister of veterans affairs was "absurd." Never mind that we eventually found her age on the publicly available parliamentary website. She's 52 incidentally.

Perhaps reporter-photographer Zoe Szuch had to overcome the

greatest obstacle. While covering Martin in Newmarket, Szuch had an altercation with a velvet rope in the press section, tripped, and had to be disentangled by one of Martin's G-men; your tax dollars at work.

Despite the bumps along the way, the *Et Cetera* has provided you with an eight-page election pullout (Pages E1 to E8).

Check out the poker faces on the front of the section, plus reporter Eileen Hoftzyer's low-down on Green party leader Jim Harris, James Koole's take on blogs (both are on Page E7) and Jen Wareham's notebook (Page E8), recalling all the campaign's gaffes and guffaws.

And we've got election postcards (E 4-5) from across Canada — from Whistler, B.C. to Antigonish, N.S., where reporter Karen MacKenzie caught up with Tory heart-throb Peter MacKay.

Not bad for a bunch of rookies.

Young voters have stake in elections

Boycotting the elections is not the way to make your voice heard

by **emina gamulin**
LIFE EDITOR

There's a lot of speculation as to why young people are apathetic about politics. The thing is, I don't think it's so much that we don't care but rather that we don't realize that we care. Like it or not, all aspects of our lives are influenced by politics, and one way to make a real impact is by casting a ballot this Monday.

Bummed out about your chances of getting a half decent job when you graduate? Or maybe you'd just like to be able to buy marijuana at the corner store rather than having to page Pablo. Whatever your concerns, chances are the people running your coun-

try have a lot more to do with them than you think.

It's been said that young people choose not to vote because they feel that politicians are not listening to them.

Voter turnout among Canadians is nothing to brag about, but among young people it's downright embarrassing. I overheard a girl at school the other day passionately telling a friend that

she wasn't going to vote. "I'm boycotting the elections," she said, like she was doing something radical, something different, something unique, when actually she was doing exactly what everyone expects.

It's been said that young people choose not to vote because they feel that politicians are not listening to them. Hey guess what? In order for people to listen, you actually have to say something. When you don't vote, you are basically saying to those in power: "Please ignore me."

Ignorance via laziness is the biggest problem here. For example, there's been a lot of whining that politicians aren't talking about tuition. If these complainers both-



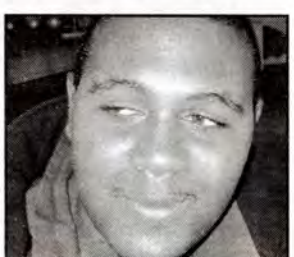
ered to educate themselves they would realize that tuition increases are decided by the provincial government, not the federal one.

Yes, getting informed is not an entirely painless process, but it's not that hard either. Pick up a newspaper, there are free ones on campus. Watch TV for a bit. I read the pamphlet the guy from the marijuana party handed me and realized I probably don't want someone who thinks pot smokers are a racial minority representing me in government.

Of course, people who don't vote probably don't read opinion columns either so maybe I'm preaching to the converted here, but in case you are out there, please learn a bit and then go vote.

Says You!

How do you think you will vote in next weeks Federal Elections?

 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">"I will probably stick with the party I voted for last year — NDP."</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">— Angela Donkor Business Marketing</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">"For now — I will stick to my guns and vote for NDP."</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">— Melanie Bergelt International Project Management</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">"I am going to vote for Martin because I think the Liberal party puts people first."</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">— Kuba Tomczyk Radio Broadcasting</p>	 <p style="font-weight: bold; margin-top: 10px;">"I'm going to vote for the NDP because I think they care more about education"</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin-top: 10px;">— Curtis Reid Shift Training</p>
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According to strange facts.com, residents in West Virginia cannot cook sauerkraut or cabbage due to the smell. If they do, they can be jailed.

Culinary contest beamed via satellite

by **jen mcLeod**
LIFE REPORTER

The new culinary arts lab will be put to the test when Humber College plays host for part of a three-day regional cooking competition featuring student chefs from across the northeast United States.

"This is the first time we (will) have 14 states and 600 chefs in the city," said culinary program co-ordinator Rudi Fischbacher. "It is a big event. It is big for Toronto and big for Humber College."

In addition to hosting, Humber College will enter a team to the competition under coach James Bodanis, a culinary instructor at the school.

The annual regional conference organized by the American Culinary Federation (ACF) and appropriately titled Cooking Knows no Borders will take place March 16-19.

This is the first year for a non-American city to host.

Regional event co-ordinator Samuel Glass says that Humber was chosen as the competition site because of the school's long time

support for the ACF.

The conference includes workshops at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, a cold culinary salon at the Scarborough Town Centre, and a student team competition hosted by Humber.

The competition involves creating and preparing hot meals with designated key ingredients. These meals will be judged by ACF accredited chefs.

The teams are meant to "incorporate basic fundamental culinary skills in a progressive manner," said Glass.

The college's state-of-the-art lab is unlike any other in North America, boasting a 49-seat theatre with two large television monitors, and a kitchen equipped with 12 workstations.

A television feed from the kitchen can be played in the lecture theatre or the adjacent lobby, ideal for a competition anticipated to draw in a large audience.

"We can actually have a viewing of the competition without interrupting the kitchen," said Fischbacher. "We are looking at



jen mcLeod

This is the first time a Canadian school will host the competition. The Humber team will be lead by chef James Bodanis.

having the lecture theatre as a viewing for the audience because we can have a camera link to the kitchen."

It is anticipated that the competition will receive much media attention, including local and

regional newspapers as well as television coverage.

The team members are yet to be announced and will be decided upon after preliminary competitions within the school throughout January.

Do free pools encourage problem gambling?

by **kat hudson**
LIFE REPORTER

Humber's Athletic Centre is offering contests that experts worry could foster the gambling addiction among students.

"It's a common misconception that gambling is just about money. It's about putting something of value on the line, even if that's just your pride, and getting a rush from the possibility of winning. That's why even contests can get people

hooked," said Bianca Jardin, gambling researcher at Albany State University.

Humber is currently offering several different contests that are similar to popular sport pools, where fans try to pick winning teams. The main difference is that students enter the contests for free, rather than by buying into the pool. Prizes are then offered to the student who picked the most winning teams in a season.

"Our pool is not based on

gambling, it's based on people coming down to the Athletic Centre to participate," said Humber's assistant athletic director Jim Bialek, who organizes various sports pools for students. "I personally can't see this being a springboard for anything more serious, but sure there are people who say it could be."

Bialek estimated that at any given time over 200 students are involved in the pools which offer final prizes valued at over \$200 and smaller weekly prizes.

"Very few schools are educating kids about these kinds of hidden addictions."

- Jeffery Derevensky, chair of the International Youth Gambling Centre

A recent study by the Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse showed college-aged males are most likely to gamble on sporting events.

"They follow the stats closely, they read about their heroes in the paper, and as a result, they think they can predict the outcome of the games," said Jeffery Derevensky, chair of the International Youth Gambling Centre. "They often think they are uniquely knowledgeable."

Bialek acknowledges there is risk.

Friday's Pool Picks

Washington vs. Indiana

Monta vs. New York



kat hudson

Are free pools a gateway into gambling addiction?

"Sure, some people may look at how they do in the pool and say

"Wow I'm good, I should be betting for money," he said. "But I think people realize that it's done mostly between two buddies trying to beat each other, rather than as a springboard into serious gambling."

Fitness student Jesse Desousa agrees.

"It's fun because it shows you who knows more about sports, you or your friends."

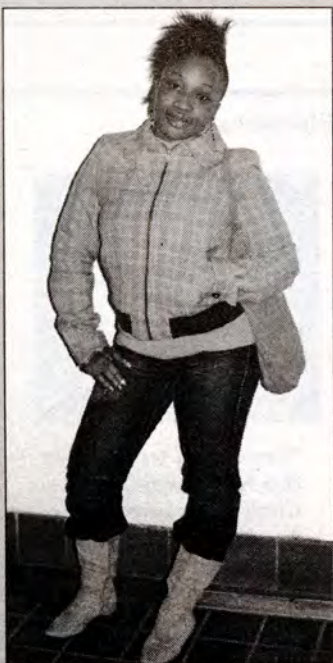
Although he admits to betting money on sports whenever he gets a little extra income.

Experts say that school administrations should be more aware of these kinds of gambling habits.

"Most kids are educated about typical things - drugs, alcohol, unprotected sex - but very few schools are educating kids about these kinds of hidden addictions, where you can't smell it on their breath, and you can't see it in their eyes," said Derevensky.

"More kids are gambling than engaging in any other kind of addictive behaviour."

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robina kumar

Camilla Wiafe is not about to fade into the background. The second year Law Clerk student's trendy yet eclectic look keeps her standing out of the crowd.

Wiafe describes her look as "original" and "unique" and credits herself as the inspiration behind it.

Most of her clothing is brought in the States so finding her styles at the local mall may not be an option.

She does however follow one easy rule.

"I just make sure my top matches my shoes and my belt matches my purse." So remember, coordination is the key to success.

WHISK

WEEKLY RECIPES FROM HUMBER'S CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

With the help of Humber culinary students and Chef Anthony Borgo this semester's Whisk will take a student-friendly approach to the recipes, keeping budgets and schedules in mind.

"Rez" Mushroom Soup Casserole

OVEN TEMPERATURE:
Preheat oven to 350F

1 can mushroom soup
2 cups macaroni noodles
1 cup grated cheese
1/2 cup milk
Salt & pepper

1. Boil noodles for 5 minutes or until they are soft.
2. Drain and put in a casserole dish.
3. Put in mushroom soup and milk; stir together until noodles are coated.
4. Season!
5. Sprinkle grated cheese throughout casserole and on top.
6. Pop the dish in the oven and when the cheese is melted and light golden brown - it's done and ready to eat!

This recipe serves one. Double recipe if sharing with your roommate.

Recipe provided by
DANIELLE PROUDFOOT
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Training Student
ANTHONY BORGIO
Chef - The Humber Room
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How to cast your vote

If you are over 18 and a Canadian citizen, you are eligible to vote in this Monday's election.

Make sure you are registered to vote. You should have received a voter registration card in the mail. If you haven't received one, contact your returning officer.

To register at the polling station on election day, you must show valid photo ID with your signature and a proof of address, like a phone bill or a piece of government mail.

Bring your registration card to the polling booth. The ballot only has the names of the local MPs, not the names of the parties or leaders so make sure you know the name of the candidate in your riding representing the party you choose.

Mark the ballot with an X and stick it in the box.

For more information, check out our special elections pull-out section or contact elections Canada at 1-800-463-6868.

To minimize returns, some manufacturers put dry-clean only labels on virtually everything they make, even if it can be safely washed at home — oprah.com

Nursing professor brings relief to Pakistan

by maria papadopoulos
LIFE REPORTER

After the devastating earthquake in Pakistan, Humber College's own professor of nursing John Stone decided to take part in relief efforts.

Stone and 12 other Canadians working in the medical field traveled to Pakistan with the Canadian Relief Foundation, a non-profit

organization working to help victims of war, conflict and natural disaster.

Stone assisted the earthquake victims for two weeks in October in a city called Bog, where he stayed in a tent alongside the military presence attending to the needs of the victims.

"Some people hadn't had any medical attention at all since the earthquake. (They may have died) as a result of their infections," he said.

In Bog, 80 per cent of the buildings were destroyed.

"It was one of the major centers that had severe earthquake damage to it," he said.

Stone and the other medical personnel saw around 200 to 300 patients a day.

In addition to dealing with the physical problems of the citizens of

Bog, Stone tended to psychological wounds as well.

"We were seeing a lot of post-traumatic stress disorder," said Stone, "Particularly in children."

Exposure issues were another major concern. Temperatures in Bog would reach a scorching 85 degrees in the day and drop to a frigid zero degrees at night.

The biggest lesson Stone learned was "the indomitable human spirit," adding that the people of Bog were glad to help.

Stone has been teaching nursing at Humber for almost 18 years. He got attracted to the field after teaching at a camp for the mentally handicapped.

He said he loves teaching here for a number of reasons.

"Humber is very open. We have



Stone, second from left, spent two weeks assisting earthquake victims with a team of doctors, nurses and others in the medical field.



Post-traumatic stress was a common problem among the children Stone saw.

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quite a diversity of students and faculty. I have been at several other colleges and thankfully I ended up at Humber."

After his journey, Stone said he has a better idea of where students

are coming from. "We have a lot of students from that area. It's not just the disaster, it's the environment as well."

Stone said he plans to continue with relief efforts in the spring.

Wannabes unblock at Lakeshore circle

Award-winning novelist gives newbie writers tips to up creativity and get their work published

by jonah bettio
LIFE REPORTER

The first Humber Writers' Circle of 2006 brought author Michel Basilières to Lakeshore Campus to give aspiring authors some inspirational words and advice.

Participants also had the opportunity to have their work critiqued by editorial director, Barry Jowett.

"Hearing the authors is great, it's good to find out tips on how to write and market your work," said Sandi Plewis, a 2004 graduate of the Humber School for Writers. "The critiquing sessions are invaluable, I've learned a lot about what, and what not to do."

Many participants, like Plewis, have become regulars at the monthly gatherings because they find them so useful. Others, such as Maxine Finlay Ross, a student in Humber's creative writing by correspondence program attended the session for the first time.

"I read and heard a lot about writer's block, but (Michel Basilières) gave me new information about it," said Finlay Ross, "Like using your subconscious to stop you from going off in another direction that the story was not

supposed to go in. I had never heard that before."

Michel Basilières recounted his own personal story of becoming a writer. He spoke about his days spent skipping class to read when he was a teenager in Montreal, and the hard work he put into his debut novel *Blackbird*, which was nominated for the Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best First Book.

"I especially liked how he said not to worry about writing badly, because I tend to do that a lot," said Rose Giles, a student in the creative writing by correspondence program. "Just write it, get it off your chest, and then come back to it later and edit it."

In the second half of the session, publisher Barry Jowett joined Writers' Circle founder and Humber school for writers instructor Kim Mortisugu to critique and discuss submitted work.

"I've found it really helpful," said Elizabeth Sandford, first time participant, "I didn't really know anything about submitting or publishing, it was nice to know that they liked my work."

The next Writers' Circle is Saturday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m. at Lakeshore Campus, Building J. It will feature author Kelly Aitken and Jack David of ECW Press. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

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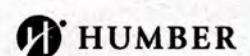
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"It is perhaps the finest gem of the World Wide Web. But you've got to be careful." *Toronto Star* columnist Slinger on Wikipedia, an encyclopedia anyone can edit.

Humber's Mac users unwelcome on SRS website

by james koole
BUSINESS REPORTER

This time of year the Student Records Services (SRS) website is always a little sluggish, but Humber Mac users are encountering an unusual virtual roadblock.

Since late November, students and faculty trying to log in to SRS with browsers like Mozilla Firefox or Apple's Safari have been greeted by a webpage telling them to use Internet Explorer (IE) instead.

While PC users with Windows can simply switch to IE to access SRS, Mac users face an additional aggravation — the SRS website advises them to visit one of the E-Link labs on campus and use a Windows PC instead.

Director of Enterprise Systems Services Peter Kahn, who helped create the online database, said his staff started noticing problems when users logged on with browsers other than IE.

"What we found is that the other browsers had the ability, under certain circumstances, to mess up the records that they were accessing," he said.

According to Kahn, the most popular uses of SRS are checking grades and timetables — neither of which is affected by using another browser.

"But if you are doing any regis-

tration, rental of lockers, financial accounting, add/drop — all that stuff requires you to write back (to SRS)," he said.

As he explains, it's only when browsers other than IE send information back to SRS that problems can crop up.

Kahn said he and his staff know the problem is frustrating to some users.

"The issue around staying with one browser is pretty much economic."

— Peter Kahn, director

Enterprise Systems Services

"The issue around staying with one browser is pretty much economic," he said, pointing to the amount of time that would be required to write and test code for an extra browser while still working to add new features, like the ability to pay for parking permits.

For Sam Thomas, a radio broadcasting student and Mac user, the lack of support for other browsers is a minor inconvenience. His workaround is to use IE 5.2 for Mac, something that the SRS

website fails to suggest as an option. But for Mac users who don't have IE 5.2 installed, the downloadable program will be discontinued from the Microsoft website at the end of January.

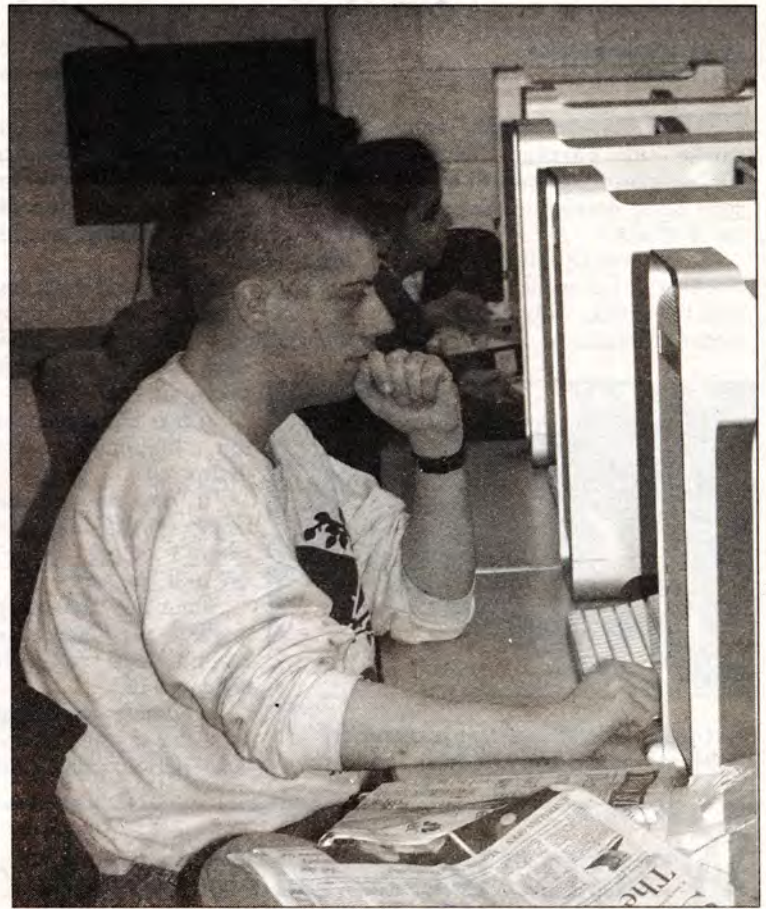
"If I go on (to SRS) using Safari, it tells me I have to use IE," he said. "It's inconvenient because Safari is the better browser on Mac."

Another Humber student has found a way to get on SRS without using IE at all.

"I use Opera," said Benjamin Jeevanathan, a computer-programming student. The free browser from Opera Software is unique in that it identifies itself as IE when talking to web servers, fooling the SRS system. He said generally he only uses SRS to check his timetable or marks and he hasn't run into any issues.

For their part, Kahn and his team are looking at three possible solutions to the problem. They include fully testing Internet Explorer 5.2 for Mac, recommending Firefox users install a plug-in for Firefox that tricks the SRS server into thinking the browser is IE (in a way similar to how Opera does it), or officially supporting a second browser.

In the meantime, Kahn advises students to use IE on a Windows PC to avoid any problems.



brian bento

Humber's Student Records Services website, which is only officially accessible with Internet Explorer, has forced some Mac users to find other ways to work around the problem.

Career Centre offers jobs, advice

by eunice oluoch
BUSINESS REPORTER

Jobseekers looking to recover from holiday debt may find a variety of opportunities at the Humber Career Centre.

"We run the work study program, a summer jobs campaign and a graduate employment program," said Career Centre Manager Karen Fast.

The employment centre is a one-stop shop for students seeking entry-level work on or off campus.

Of the many services provided, students can meet with employment advisors who specialize in helping them explore job options specific to their programs of study.

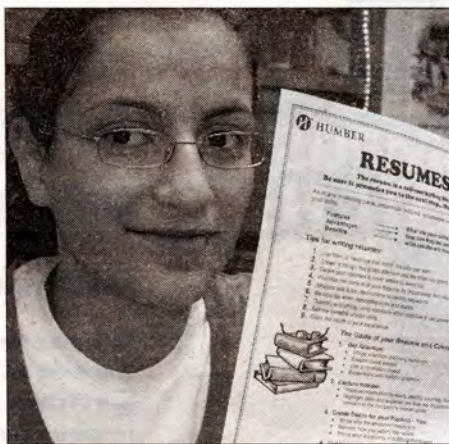
For students who need to polish their resume, the centre provides peer resume tutors who work part-time as part of the Work Study program.

The Work Study program is a government-endorsed initiative to provide qualified students with flexible, on-campus jobs. There are about 900 work study positions at Humber.

Fourth-year business administration student Nivine Karanouh, 21, works as a Career Centre resume tutor.

"I got this job through a reference from a friend," Karanouh said. "I was looking for a part-time job on campus just to fit in between my schedule at the school, and I got the job."

Humber has also partnered with WorkopolisCampus, an online job board for



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Fourth-year business administration student Nivine Karanouh secured a part-time job tutoring her peers at the Humber Career Centre.

students that advertises on-campus and off-campus jobs from employers that "have identified Humber as their institute of choice," Fast said.

WorkopolisCampus features "thousands of jobs" and the website is updated daily, Fast said.

Loretta Ohene-Darko, a first-year business administration student and jobseeker applauded the centre for its resources after visiting it on Jan. 16.

"It helps students get jobs because it's not that easy," she said, adding that a corporate recruiter from FedEx approached her with an application.

But Fast said the Career Centre doesn't stop there.

"We take it right from the day the students walk in to the day they leave and even after," she said. "We have an alumni service, as well, where students can come up and see us anytime within about two years after graduation."

Visit the Humber Career Centre website at careers.humber.ca

Wiki-research only beginning

by marsha casselman
BUSINESS REPORTER

Following a storm of controversy over the accuracy of Wikipedia, Nick Moreau, a Humber student and administrator for the English Canada website, has encouraged students to use the online encyclopedia, but only as a bridge to more specific sources.

"Wikipedia is an amazing resource for preliminary research, for getting used to a subject and expanding to further research in other books and websites," said the advertising and graphic design student.

Wikipedia — one of the top 30 websites in the world — has over 1.8 million articles in 120 languages, but has come under fire because potentially false information is posted online by anonymous contributors.

Retired journalist John Seigenthaler, in a November article for *USA Today*, accused Wikipedia of "Internet character assassination" after his Wiki-biography insinuated his involvement in the assassination of JFK and Robert Kennedy.

The disputed information was posted for several months before the mistake was fixed.

Although in some cases it may be too late, Moreau said mistakes like this are cleared up by the self-moderating system.

"You don't even have to be an administrator to revert something or challenge an edit that's controversial. The whole system is self-policing," he said.

A study published in the December issue of *Nature* found Wikipedia to be nearly as accurate as Britannica, a reputable print version.

Scientists found on average four errors per article in Wikipedia, versus three in Britannica.

"It's a pretty good score for us to get in the study," said Moreau, "But it's sort of disconcerting that Britannica, being peer reviewed and written by experts, actually has so many errors."

Because some degree of error is inevitable, Moreau warns against using any encyclopedia without consulting other sources.

"No one resource should be used as totally trustworthy, undisputed, without questioning it, no matter what," he said.

Humber's Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences Pamela Hanft is concerned with college students using encyclopedias as sources.

"At the level of a college or university, it would be unusual for a teacher to be very enthused about the use of any encyclopedia, whether its Wikipedia or Britannica, as a source because typically encyclopedias provide a very general overview of a topic," she said.

While Hanft said students may start with encyclopedias to generate ideas, she advises against referencing the material for research papers.

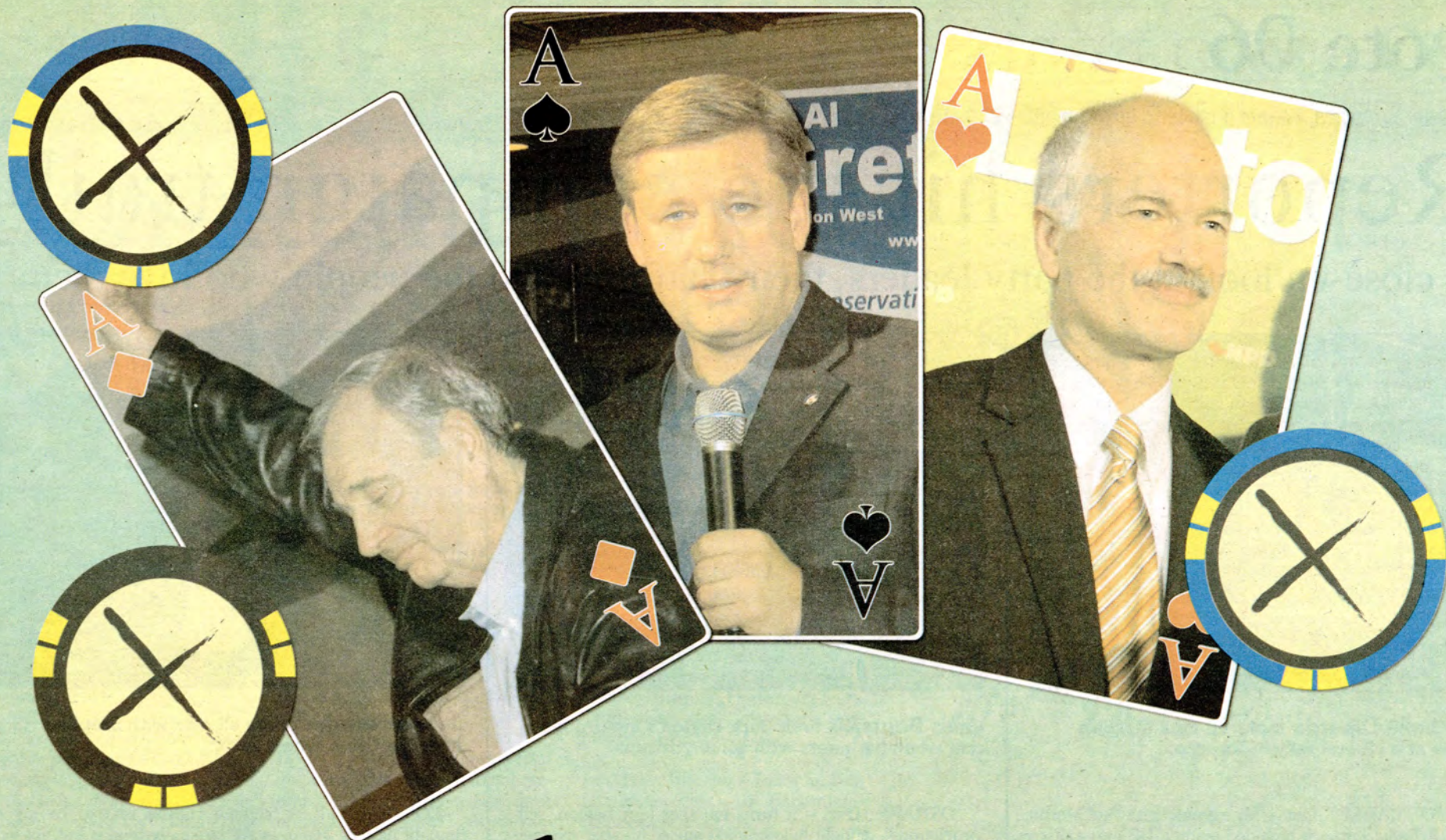
But Humber librarian Mark Bryant said students may not do that.

"We get a lot of professors telling us students are citing bad references because they just aren't stopping to think critically about the sources," he said.

Bryant said students should gauge the accuracy of a source by ensuring it's up-to-date, intended for an academic audience, and written by a professional.

If students are unsure about the reference quality, it may be best to stick to the college library.

"In terms of ensuring the academic credibility of the books and journals that are housed in the library, there is some calling to ensure the material that's available is useful and worthwhile," Hanft said.



Humber Votes

Will voters shuffle
the deck Monday?



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Harper promises Toronto a place in government – CBC.ca

Reporters hit the campaign trail

A close-up look at the party leaders, their platforms and the people who love them



doug gilchrist

Michelle Dipardo looks up Paul Martin's nose at a Liberal rally in Toronto.

NEWMARKET, Ont. – My evening with Paul Martin and Belinda Stronach included leather, U2 and a disco ball. It was Saturday Night Fever on a Thursday night.

The Liberal leader kept us waiting, as a crowd of more than 100 zealous supporters, adorned with Martin buttons and armed with Canadian flags, grew restless and impatient.

"We want Paul! We want Paul!" they chanted.

But all they got was a chorus line of teenage girls in tight white T-shirts and the words Liberal Women Rock emblazoned across their chests. It was, after all, a rally for both the 67-year-old career politician from Quebec and his favourite female candidates from across the GTA.

Of course Stronach, Newmarket's Tory-turned-Liberal incumbent, was Martin's number one babe. She took the stage first to introduce Martin and was greeted by wild applause and whistles. The zillionaire heiress looks even better than she does on TV – super hot in a cropped red leather jacket, tight pinstripe pants and heels – but with that kind of dough she has no excuse not to be.

Even her speech reeked of sex. "I left Mr. Harper's Conservative Party because he was prepared to jump into bed with the Bloc Québécois."

Then it was Martin's turn. He entered beneath a giant disco ball to U2's *Where the Streets Have No Name*. The lyrics proclaimed: *I want to run/I want to hide*. Maybe he was hiding from his latest flap with his buddy Bono.

Still, Martin looked trim and relaxed in a black leather jacket. His eyes matched his steel-blue shirt.

But as he walked by me, glad-handing everyone within reach en route to the podium, I couldn't help but notice his overgrown nose hair and yellowing teeth.

I thought he might want to reconsider standing next to his gorgeous 39-year old cabinet colleague.

The first thing Martin did was credit Stronach, his human resources minister, for putting together the education package he'd announced earlier that day that promised to pay half of first and final year tuition for post-secondary students.

He went on to reiterate his proposed ban on handguns, his childcare plan and that the Liberals have had eight straight budget surpluses.

But he saved his energy for bashing the man who wants to move him out of 24 Sussex Dr. "Mr. Harper is wrong and he's going to find that out on Jan. 23."

You can't blame Martin for trying. With his support slipping in the polls, the Liberals keep trying to demonize Harper, a tactic that worked in the last election.

"Are the Conservatives your friends or your foes?" he concluded that night in Newmarket.

There was no question about the answer from the Liberal faithful.

But, for me, the sounds of U2 were long gone.

All I could think of was a song from Martin's generation – Peggy Lee singing *Is That All There Is?*



Vakis Boutsalis finds Jack Layton's inner politician when he meets with senior citizens.

OSHAWA, Ont. – It turns out that Jack Layton, self-proclaimed straight-talker and voice of the average Canadian, is just as much a politician and just as scripted as the other guys.

His NDP campaign even carries around a podium in a suitcase, which was unpacked moments before the leader delivered a prepared speech to supporters inside an Oshawa art gallery.

It was at a campaign stop in this working-class, union city after the Christmas break that Layton began reciting the mantra of his campaign.

"It's frankly offensive," he told cheering supporters, "for Mr. Martin to tell Canadians . . . that they are limited to a choice between (Liberal) corruption and Conservatives."

But the NDP seems to be stuck between this rock and hard place again, holding third place outside Quebec as the Liberals and Tories fight for power.

In 2004, Martin frightened enough New Democrats into voting Liberal to block Stephen Harper's Tories from winning. The strategy worked – the NDP won only 19 seats in the House of Commons.

This time, Layton is trying to turn the tables, asking traditional Liberal voters to "lend" him their votes until their party cleans up its act.

"Last election a million more people voted for the NDP. Look what we were able to do as a result," Layton said.

Layton began this campaign as the power broker in the House of Commons. He took the political gamble of joining the Tories and Bloc Québécois in a non-confidence motion, ending a shaky Liberal-NDP alliance and bringing down the government on Nov. 28.

Still, throughout the campaign, Layton has been telling anybody who would listen about what the NDP was able to accomplish.

"In the last Parliament, New Democrats wrote the first federal NDP budget," said Layton, a 20-year veteran of Toronto's municipal government.

He's also made stops in key ridings from Ontario to B.C. to say the NDP is the only choice for voters interested in social issues – health care, affordable housing – while moving toward the political centre with tough policies against gun crime.

Though he undoubtedly knows his party won't be forming the next government – it never has – Layton wants the clout he had in propping up the Liberals in the last Parliament.

"That was an excellent start, but we got plenty of room for more people to vote NDP," Layton told the crowd in Oshawa, in a riding the New Democrats lost in 2004, in an area represented for more than 20 years by former party leader and political icon Ed Broadbent.

Earlier, Layton visited a senior citizens' centre, where he schmoozed shamelessly. Since there were no babies to kiss, he zeroed in on one celebrity senior, his best photo-op.

The cameras snapped away as the savvy politician accepted a peck on the cheek from the grandmother of Toronto police Chief Bill Blair.



krystin donais

Jaclyn Newman rubs elbows with Stephen Harper and The Great One's uncle.

LONDON, Ont. – Stephen Harper isn't as creepy as I thought he was. His eyes are strikingly blue – but not in the icy, evil way they often look in photographs or on TV. Maybe he simply isn't photogenic.

I caught up with the Conservative leader during a campaign stop at Bernie's Bar and Grill, a popular London eatery.

It was soon after he'd promised to cut the GST and clean up corruption in government, but well before he began surging in the polls.

On this day, Harper sounded as confident as he looked.

"Mark my words," he told the crowd. "On Jan. 23 this election is going to mark the end of a government of broken promises, scandal, failed expectations, and will be the beginning of a bright new future for this country."

He was in the riding of London West to launch the campaign of Conservative candidate Albert Gretzky, uncle of Wayne.

Nearly 300 supporters packed the restaurant before Harper even arrived. Many seniors sported blue neckerchiefs covered in the Conservative logo. Younger supporters wore Tory blue T-shirts. Campaign workers passed out buttons bearing the campaign's slogan: Stand Up For Canada.

I was standing next to a table of men and women resembling my grandparents. They talked about morals, scandal and a lack of trust in Paul Martin. When a reporter from a local high school newspaper mentioned Martin, he was scolded: "That's a bad word around here!"

When the campaign bus pulled up, people began cheering and clapping before Harper even made it through the door.

His entrance brought smiles to the faces in the audience. I was struck that a man often painted as unemotional could elicit such emotion.

As he began to speak, I found my mind wandering. I thought about the man characterized as stiff and unapproachable – once branded with the line "Harper eats babies" – now appearing no more villainous than the white-haired 70-something lady standing next to me.

The silver-haired Tory leader – did he get highlights? – talked about his party platform, promising to introduce an accountability act for federal politicians, providing choice in childcare, cracking down on crime, and putting more money in people's pockets.

"The GST tax cut that we are going to implement is a tax cut for the middle-class. It's a tax cut for the poor. It is a tax cut for every single Canadian."

He worked the crowd by asking "what do the Liberals stand for?"

"Nothing!" came one shout.

"Same old, same old," came another.

Harper then supplied his own answer: "More lies, more rhetoric, more fear, more smear, no accountability for corruption."

In this election, unlike the last one, Harper has run an efficient, nearly mistake-free campaign, building momentum and forcing the Liberals to respond to his policy announcements instead of the other way around.

We'll know Monday night whether he succeeded, or whether the Liberals' last-ditch scare tactics worked as well as they did in 2004.

Martin attacks Layton for not attacking Harper – CBC.ca

Behind the Ballot

The life and times of the 2006 federal election

by nicole blake
ELECTION REPORTER

Nov. 28 – NDP joins the Bloc in supporting Conservative non-confidence motion. The vote topples the Liberal government.

Nov. 29 – Liberal Leader Paul Martin calls an election for Monday, Jan. 23.

Dec. 1 – Conservative Leader Stephen Harper promises to cut the GST to six per cent, then five per cent by 2011.

Dec. 2 – Union boss Buzz Hargrove urges his Canadian Auto Workers, longtime NDP supporters, to back Liberal candidates in ridings where New Democrats can't win. "We're saying to people don't waste your vote. Make sure we don't send any more Tories to Ottawa. We don't need them."

Dec. 4 – NDP Leader Jack Layton vows to stop Canadian tax dollars from going to private health care.

Dec. 8 – At a Jane-Finch school, Martin promises a ban on all handguns. "Handguns kill people," he said, "that's why they exist – and they're taking too many Canadian lives."

Dec. 13 – David Wilkins, the U.S.

ambassador to Canada, criticizes Martin for using anti-American rhetoric in his campaign. Martin dismisses the rebuke.

Dec. 15-16 – The four main party leaders debate in Vancouver.

Dec. 18 – Martin says Harper unfit to be prime minister.

Dec. 22 – Layton tells Alberta Premier Ralph Klein to "back-off" on private health care.

Dec. 23 – Campaigns start holiday break.

Dec. 28 – RCMP announces criminal investigation into Liberal government's pre-election announcement that it won't tax income trusts. Other parties call for Finance Minister Ralph Goodale to resign. Martin says Goodale did nothing wrong.

Jan. 4 – Harper promises five and 10-year minimum sentences for gun crimes.

Jan. 6 – Polls show Tories ahead of Liberals for the first time in campaign.

Jan. 6 – Liberals face questions over Options Canada, a government-supported federalist organization during the 1995 Quebec

referendum. Martin denies anything illegal took place.

Jan. 9 – First of two leaders debates in Montreal

Jan. 10 – Liberals release attack ads against Harper, including one claiming Harper would put soldiers with guns in Canadian cities. The ad never airs, but is criticized by veterans and military families. "There's only one government in history that declared martial law and put troops on the streets," said Harper, referring to Trudeau's use of the War Measure's Act in 1970.

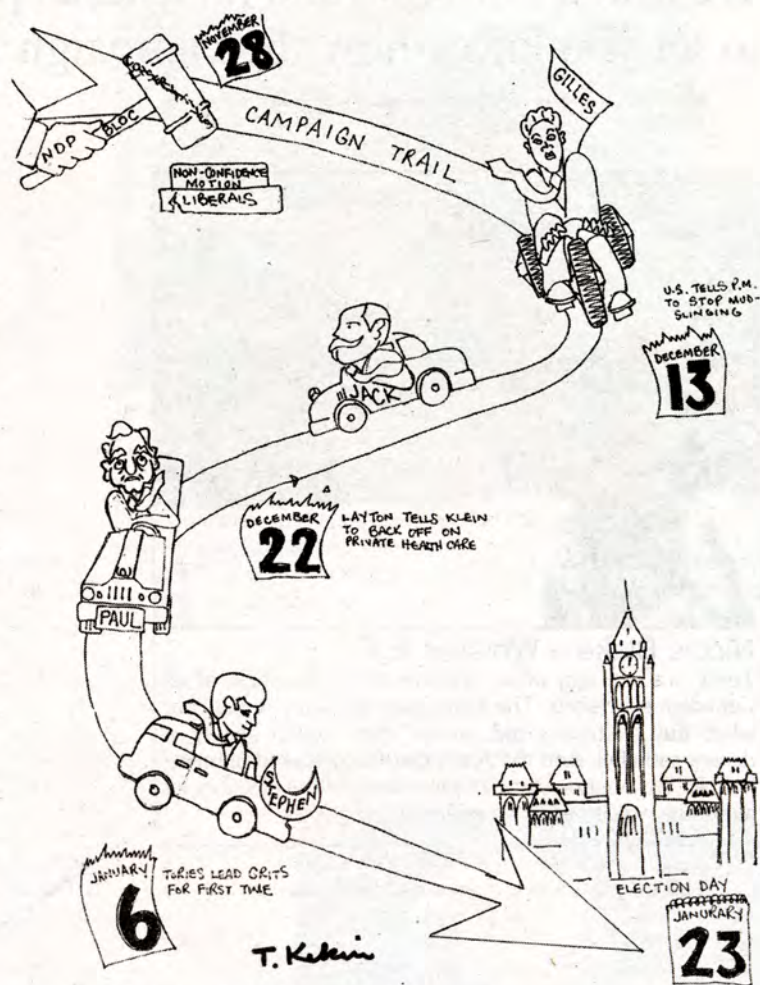
Jan. 11 – Polls show Tories leading by more than 10 percentage points.

Jan. 13 – Martin alleges a \$22 billion shortfall in the Tories' election promises. Harper disputes the number.

Jan. 17 – Some polls suggest Conservatives could win a majority on Monday.

Jan. 18 – Buzz Hargrove calls Stephen Harper a separatist, urges Canadians to vote Bloc to keep Canada together.

Jan. 19 – T-minus four days and counting.



Important planks in the parties' platforms

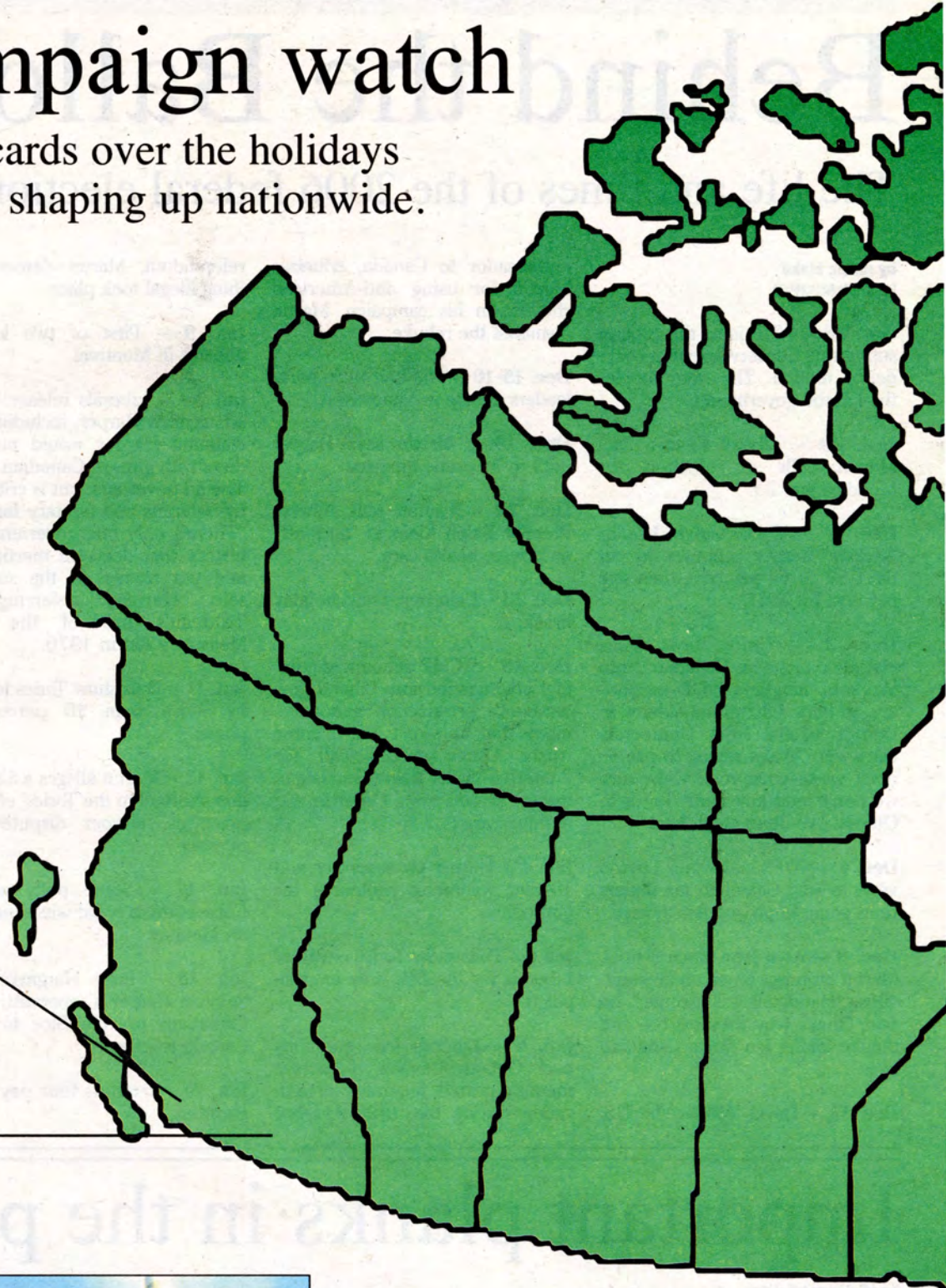
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	HEALTH CARE	TAXES/ECONOMY	CRIME/JUSTICE	ENVIRONMENT	EDUCATION
LIBERALS	Reduce wait times by clearing backlogs, training and hiring more health care professionals and expanding community care programs.	Promise \$3,300 in tax cuts over the next five years for a two-earner family of four with a \$60,000 annual income.	A ban on all handguns and doubling minimum sentences for serious gun crimes.	Promise \$1 billion to clean up toxic areas of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River.	Pay one half of an undergraduate's first year and graduating year, to a maximum of \$3,000.
CONSERVATIVES	Promise to set benchmarks for shorter wait times, and won't allow a private or a parallel health care system.	Cut GST to six per cent immediately, and to five per cent over the next five years.	Scrap the gun registry, create a DNA data bank, and introduce mandatory-minimum prison sentences for drug trafficking, weapons offences, and repeat offenders.	Require an average of five per cent renewable content in fuel by 2010 to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.	Create a \$1,000 grant for apprentices in the first two years of a registered program, create a tax deduction for textbooks and exempt the first \$10,000 of scholarships or bursaries from taxes.
NDP	Ensure single-tier medicare system by prohibiting federal tax dollars from paying for private and for-profit medical procedures; introduce a national prescription-drug plan.	No tax cuts, no tax increases; increase child tax credit over four years to \$ 1,000; raise gas transfer tax payments to cities to five cents a litre.	Increase mandatory-minimum penalties to four years for possession, sale and importation of illegal firearms such as handguns, assault rifles and automatic weapons.	Reduce Canada's greenhouse gas emissions 25 per cent below 1990 levels by 2020; set national standards for drinking water.	Restore funding to transfer payments education, establish a federal grant system to make training more affordable, including special education grants for aboriginal youth.

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Coast to coast campaign watch

We asked our reporters to send us postcards over the holidays to let you know how the campaign was shaping up nationwide.



Nicole Blake – Whistler, B.C.

There was no sign of an election in the trendiest of all Canadian ski resorts. The Canadians said they didn't care what the politicians did, unless they could deliver a decent snowfall. And the American visitors, predominantly from Washington state, knew nothing of the election, let alone the name of our "president."



Jaimie Kehler – Vernon, B.C.

The candidates seemed to be hibernating through the holidays in the riding of Okanagan-Shuswap in the B.C. Interior. "I don't even know who's running," said Daphne Coleman, an accountant and resident of 12 years. "I will vote though. I always vote. I think if you don't vote, you can't bitch."



Doug Gilchrist – Sudbury, Ont.

At one of the 26 Tim Horton's in Sudbury, where local philosophers come to debate, most of the talk was about "sledding" season – those machines known as "snowmobiles" in southern Ontario. The wags in their bulky outfits agreed they had better things to do than listen to the empty promises of politicians.



Marsha Casselman – Ottawa.

The new Canadian War Museum may be a monument to past conflicts, but political battles are being fought all over Ottawa. It's hard to avoid the election campaign in a city where politics always dominates the conversation, in both official languages. Here, where jobs depend on national unity, it's never an abstract issue.



Kathryn Hudson – Montreal, Que.
 Many Montrealers, especially in the English-speaking community, are exasperated with the campaign. They are dissatisfied with the party leaders, feeling ignored by Gilles Duceppe and separatist Bloc, not trusting Paul Martin and the scandal-wracked Liberals, and wary of Stephen Harper's Conservatives. But don't expect anyone here to be turning to the NDP.



Karen Mackenzie – Antigonish, N.S.
 Antigonish will likely stay a Tory town, clear over to Tory Lane. Incumbent Conservative Peter MacKay says unemployment is the biggest concern in this riding of Central Nova, and complains he doesn't understand all the media hullabaloo over his breakup with Belinda Stonach. "I'm not comfortable with it at all, to be quite honest," he confided.



Jan Kurt Stobernack – Bathurst, N.B.
 In the working-class riding of Acadie-Bathurst, the NDP's Yvon Godin is a working-class hero. The former miner and union leader, first elected in 1997, should get another ticket to Ottawa since jobs are the No. 1 issue in an area where anger is boiling over the closure of a pulp mill last year.



Beth Macdonnell – St. Jacobs, Ont.
 Here in Mennonite country, I encountered one young person who doesn't have to fret about making up her mind about who to vote for. "Mennonites don't take part in elections because of religious beliefs," said Louann Lambert, 20, who works at the Stone Crock Meat and Cheese shop.



Eileen Hoftzyer – Iroquois, Ont.
 It was a very blue Christmas in this small town in eastern Ontario, with Conservative signs on every other lawn, though it looked like some had been battered with hockey sticks. Almost everyone seems to be angry at some politician about something, and the signs seem to be taking the hits.

Nunavut Green candidate wants Inuktitut language on ballots – CBC.ca



doug gilchrist

Green party Leader Jim Harris has yet to get his party exposure in a national televised debate.

Harris: It's not easy being Green

by eileen hofzyer
ELECTION REPORTER

Canadians who are dissatisfied with mainstream political parties are turning to others that advocate everything from a greener environment to greater freedom for marijuana users.

"Support for the only two parties that have ever governed Canada have reached all time lows," said Green party Leader Jim Harris in an interview at the Toronto-area candidate launch. "Canadians are searching for a new vision, a new direction."

The Greens first ran federally in the 1984 election, fielding 60 candidates and receiving only 0.2 per cent of the popular vote across the country. In the last election, it contested all 308 ridings and claimed 4.3 per cent of the vote, though failed to win a seat

in the House of Commons.

Harris, 44, a management consultant and business author from Toronto, became leader in 2003 and helped turn the Greens from a grassroots movement into a serious political contender.

"The principles that we hold dear remain constant," Harris said. "What has changed is that we've gotten organized and professional." The Greens now have professionally printed pamphlets and backdrops, a busy website, and a comprehensive platform.

As an environment-oriented party, it is difficult to classify the Greens using traditional political terms. Harris says it is "neither left nor right, but out in front."

Key policies include proportional representation (where the percentage of popular vote received determines the number of seats a party

holds in the House of Commons) and enshrining the right to drinkable water and breathable air in the Charter of Rights.

"The Green party (has) a cohesive, structured platform," said Jan Havlovic, 46, Green candidate in Etobicoke North. "I don't think that we can abuse our country the way we have been in the name of the dollar."

One challenge facing the Greens was its exclusion from the national leaders debates. "Our polling shows 76 per cent of Canadians feel we have to be included," Harris said, "including a majority of those who have made a decision already to vote for every other party."

Still, he is optimistic. "We've been as high as 10 per cent in the polls this year. This is our election. We're excited about it"

GREENS AT HUMBER: E8

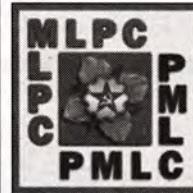
Looking to the fringes for an alternative vote

Here are some other non-mainstream parties and the percentage of the vote they took in 2004.



Progressive Canadian Party (0.1 per cent): Former Progressive Conservatives who opposed the merger with Canadian Alliance, which they say left Canadians without a "socially progressive, fiscally conservative alternative."

Canadian Action Party (0.1 per cent): Opposes free trade agreements and economic globalization to protect Canada's economy. Wants to increase military spending to protect Canada's autonomy from the United States.



Marxist-Leninist Party (0.1 per cent): Extreme left-wing party most interested in workers' rights. Long-term plans include making Canada a socialist society as a transition to full communism, and creating a "new and modern" constitution.

Marijuana Party (0.2 per cent): Completely focused on the legalization of marijuana. It has no party constitution, charter or formal bylaws.



Christian Heritage Party (0.3 per cent): Religious party that opposes abortion and supports traditional families. It focuses on preamble to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which touts the "supremacy of God" in Canadian society. Wants to merge church and state.

Bloggging all the way to the Parliament Buildings

How technology is playing a role in Canadian elections and who's paying attention

by james koole
ELECTION REPORTER

The election campaign is wired, and not just on cups of strong coffee and pep pills. News outlets, parties and candidates have websites filled with coverage, blogs, and streaming video. E-mails sent via BlackBerries from campaigners to the media travel at the speed of light.

But are voters paying attention or being influenced by all this technology?

A Decima poll conducted early in the campaign found about one in three Canadians gets election news and analysis from news websites.

And, despite the hype, fewer than four per cent of Canadians said they read political blogs.

However, the election media are paying close attention to technology. The bloggers scored a hit on Mike Klander. The executive

vice-president of the Liberal party's Ontario wing posted a pair of pictures on his blog comparing Toronto NDP candidate Olivia Chow – wife of party leader Jack Layton – to a chow-chow dog under the caption: "separated at

material on his blog (www.stephentaylor.ca).

Taylor proved right. Klander was forced to resign.

From the start of the campaign, the mainstream media – CBC, CTV, the *Globe and Mail* and

"E-mails arrive before reporters have hopped in the shower, promising partial leaks of morning announcements."

– CTV's deputy bureau chief Rosemary Thompson

birth."

Within days of a mention in the *Toronto Star*, online forums buzzed and blogs were flooded with messages about the offensive post.

"If you didn't think that blogs would have an effect on the election, witness the following abhorrent remarks," Stephen Taylor wrote while providing screen-captures of Klander's Chow-chow

National Post – packed their websites to complement coverage in their newspapers and television broadcasts.

The CBC website is seen as a way to offer more in-depth coverage that enhances what they offer on television and radio.

"What we hope is that people get the full package," said Mary Sheppard, executive producer of

CBC News Online.

The perceived influence of the Internet has not been lost on the major parties. All have websites that are updated frequently with new campaign promises and reaction to the other parties' announcements. Video on the leaders' speeches and TV ads can be downloaded.

Campaigners also appear obsessed with technology as a means to influence media coverage, as BlackBerries allow instantaneous communication to reporters.

"E-mails arrive before reporters have hopped in the shower, promising partial leaks of morning announcements, hoping to get the spin they want in the morning news cycle," wrote Rosemary Thompson, CTV's deputy bureau chief in Ottawa, in her blog.

Maclean's magazine columnist and blogger Paul Wells (all the with-it journalists have blogs) used his BlackBerry to scoop other

reporters on Stephen Harper's campaign bus.

Wells wanted to know what Harper said when he "snuck off" to give a television interview in Halifax, he wrote on *macleans.ca*. Since the Conservative campaign didn't deliver the goods fast enough, he e-mailed the Liberals.

Twenty-three minutes later his BlackBerry buzzed when his Liberal sources delivered a transcript of Harper's TV interview, in which he apologized for past statements about a "culture of defeatism" in the Atlantic provinces.

"What I did was very much a shot across the Harper campaign's bow," Wells said in telephone interview. "I wanted them to know that if they felt like showing disdain to the press gallery, there were other campaigns that would have a different response. I think they took that message very much to heart."

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Martin says he only approved transcript of controversial "soldiers" ad - CBC.ca

Election notebook - the big oh-ohs

Attack ads and slow news days made this election a laugh riot

by **jen wareham**
ELECTION REPORTER

Every election campaign has its quirks and gaffes. Here are a few lowlights from this one:

Caught on tape: Paul Martin took the reins of a horse-drawn sleigh to drive a group of supporters around a park in Regina. The back wheel went flat and the sleigh started to tip. The oblivious Liberal leader kept driving and waving to the photographers, which turned out to be more of a photo ops than a photo op. The passengers didn't look too confident with the prime minister at the reins.

No Suzy Shopper: Stephen Harper, who reminds people at every opportunity that he is an economist, had a little trouble figuring out the cost of groceries dur-

ing an impromptu game of *The Price is Right* on a Vancouver radio show. Asked the price of a litre of milk and a dozen eggs, he guessed \$3 for each. The suggested retail price for milk in Vancouver was \$1.79; eggs \$2.52. Harper said his wife does the shopping.

Lost in translation: Jack Layton was compared to a boiled dog's head by Liberal cabinet minister David Emerson. Emerson made the comparison in a Chinese expression he used to describe the NDP leader. According to Emerson, it was not meant to be insulting. Clearly, it was not meant to be flattering, either.

Timing is everything: It seems Liberal strategist Scott Reid's infamous "beer and popcorn" crack might not have been a big deal if he said it on a weekday.

But the remark, that Canadians would spend the Tories childcare bonus on brew and junk food, caught fire after Reid's outburst on CBC News Sunday. "It was early in the morning, on a really slow news day," says one media insider. "Before you knew it, the wires picked up the story."

What happened to free-trade? Derek Zeisman, a Tory candidate in B.C., is charged with trying to smuggle 112 bottles of liquor and a 1989 Mercedes into Canada from the United States. The problem is, he neglected to mention this to the Conservative campaign. Harper says he won't let Zeisman sit as a Conservative if he's elected. The Tories are apparently united against drinking and driving.

Tory coup d'etat or Grit

coup de gras? A Liberal attack ad claimed the Conservatives plan to station armed soldiers in Canadian cities. It didn't mention that troops would be prepared to deal with such emergencies as the 1998 ice storm. The ad went to media across the country, but the Grits pulled it once they felt the backlash.

Mole alert: The Liberals were worried there was a traitor among them after a policy announcement was copied and distributed to the media the morning it was to be made. Some suggested it was a Chretien supporter who was trying to sabotage the campaign. Perhaps they should hold an inquiry? Maybe Judge Gomery is available.

Green Party visits Humber Candidate bids students to 'send a signal'

by **eileen hofzyer**
ELECTION REPORTER

Green Party candidate Robert Rishchynski encouraged students at Tuesday's Environmental Club meeting to avoid strategic voting and instead support the party they identify with most.

"It sends a signal to the country that all these people have the same values about the environment," the Parkdale-High Park candidate said in his speech. "If we don't vote Green, if we vote strategically, we don't send that signal about the environmental issues being important."

Rishchynski, an information technology manager for the City of Toronto, gave advice to students about education and jobs in the environment and geography sectors, where he has worked in the past.

However, with the election so close, most students were eager to talk politics.

"Since the election is coming up, I wanted to do something to raise awareness and also get the issues out there," said Steve King, 25, a third-year student in Environmental Engineering Technology and president of the Environmental Club. "[Inviting] the Green Party was the logical choice."

Rishchynski spoke to students about the Green Party's platform, its exclusion from the leaders debates, and the growing awareness of environmental problems.

"I think people are just aware that we can't continue on the same path that we're on now," he said. "I think that that awareness has led people to actually start to move their votes towards the Greens."


Much of the Green Party's support comes from young people, Rishchynski said, so students have an important role to play in increasing the party's popularity.

The most important thing is to support the party that best represents your view, he said.

"For me, voting is from your heart. It's not about [being] strategic, it's not about voting for the lesser of three evils," said Rishchynski.

"If you don't vote with your values, you're never going to be able to send that message to the system that people think this way."

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"Gun crime is up. So we need to focus on gun crime and focus on the conditions that create it, which is mostly about gangs and drugs." – Mayor David Miller

This week...

Guns in Toronto



karen mackenzie

A Toronto Revolver Club safety instructor demonstrates how to properly unload a Smith and Wesson K38.

Club shooters take aim for sport

But instructor worries waning interest could kill the hobby

by karen mackenzie
IN FOCUS REPORTER

In a tiny east-end clubhouse, a well-dressed, thin blonde loads dummy bullets into a handgun.

"She's being put through her paces," says Bob Thompson, a second generation member and safety instructor for the Toronto Revolver Club (TRC).

The group, which celebrated its centennial in 2005, is the oldest of its kind in Canada. For \$210 a year, its 180 members shoot and socialize – competing in matches or simply "plinking" in the adjacent rifle range, a few nights a week.

"Plinking is just pulling the trigger for the pleasure of it," Thompson said.

Originally located where the provincial courthouse now sits, it resided for a time in a garage on Gerrard St. – with a steel floor to protect the mechanics below – before moving in the mid 50s to its current location north of the Main Street subway station.

The low-lying building,

unmarked by any sign, is mere steps away from a public school, which caused some consternation in the community.

"Have you ever heard the term NIMBY?" Thompson laughed. "But we were here first."

Thompson, like many of the other gun enthusiasts present, said he is feeling the backlash of the recent spate of negative media coverage on gun crimes in the city.

"The anti-gun crowd is so neurotic and hyper, but I think if people did some intensive research they would see there are fewer (accidents) now than before," Thompson said.

The TRC demands its members adhere to strict safety rules, and the club's walls and the doors to its rifle range are plastered with warning signs and directions.

A number of security cameras monitor activity both on and off the firing range.

Outside of the clearly indicated corner safety area, guns must remain stowed in their carrying cases until brought into one of the

rifle range's 10 firing positions. Then, the muzzle must be pointed onto the range at all times, and only when the ever-present range officer gives the all-clear.

Guns are loaded solely on the firing line, and must always contain five rounds, as it is safer to know how many rounds are in the gun at all times.

Members are federally licensed firearms owners, and transport their weapons directly to and from their homes in locked gun boxes. They generally carry revolvers and self-loaders of a fairly low calibre, although the range is licensed for .22 calibre rifles as well.

For some, the sport is purely recreational, while others practice competitive shooting. Plaques celebrating their victories are scattered throughout the club's social room.

"We have a half a dozen doctors, we have lawyers, teachers, mechanics, postal workers, pharmacists," Thompson said, and later pointed through the rifle range's thick protective windows to a male Olympic martial arts expert, and a

young female auxiliary police officer, their weapons intently drawn on targets 20 yards away. Both wore protective eye and ear gear.

Although four women were present at that evening's meeting, there are only about 10 in total who belong to the club, according to Thompson. The majority of members were grey-haired gentlemen, many of whom have been involved with the club for decades.

Thompson's fellow safety instructor, Frank (who does not wish to use his last name), said out of the 30-odd members who attend each meeting, many come only for the coffee and doughnuts, and a chat with likeminded old friends.

But he is concerned that although they do regularly receive new members, the interest is not the same as it was in the past. His own children, who completed the club's safety training programs, were not motivated to continue in the sport as adults. "If we don't start getting the younger shooters, the sport will die."

How 2006 is shaping up so far

Jan. 1 – A 21-year-old man is shot and killed in the Locksley Avenue and Eglinton Avenue West area.
• Gunshots are fired in the area of Goldwin Avenue. Police seize a semi-automatic handgun.

Jan. 2 – Police seize a loaded .45 calibre handgun from an address on Sherbourne Street.
• Police seize a loaded AK-47 assault rifle and ammunition.
• Police seize eight firearms and ammunition from an address on Jane Street.

Jan. 3 – Police seize a loaded .25 calibre pistol and ammunition in the Lawrence Avenue East area.

Jan. 4 – Police seize a .308 calibre rifle, two imitation Uzi machineguns, three imitation handguns, and two imitation assault rifles from an apartment on Chalkfarm Drive.
• Police seize 216 rounds of ammunition from an apartment on Danforth Road.

Jan. 5 – A 26-year-old man is injured in a shooting in the Birchmount Road area.

Jan. 6 – A firearm is used in the attempted abduction of a woman on Toryork Drive.
• Police seize a loaded-semi-automatic-handgun and 77 rounds of ammunition from an apartment on Martha Eaton Way.

Jan. 9 – A 71-year-old man is injured in a shooting in the Rivalda Road and Sheppard Avenue area.

Jan. 14 – A teenager is injured in a shooting on River Street, North of Dundas.
• A woman is injured in a shooting in Humber Bay Park.

Jan. 16 – Police seize a knapsack containing a handgun, sawed-off shotgun, and ammunition left at Dupont subway station.

Jan. 17 – A 17 year-old is injured in a shooting in the Rexdale/Islington Avenue area.

– compiled by carina sledz

The Urban Organized Crime Squad launched a tipline to report guns and gun-related crimes. 416-343-GUNS(4867) or email reportingguns@torontopolice.on.ca

Miracle worker visits Rexdale

Boston minister says youth need father figures

by vakis boutsalis
IN FOCUS REPORTER

An American reverend holds Toronto's black community accountable for the rash of gun crimes that have plagued the city.

"The blood in the streets is blood that drips from our hands. The hands of indifference," said Rev. Eugene Rivers in a speech given at a West Toronto church last week.

Rivers was a key figure behind the Boston Miracle, a faith-based program that helped cut Boston's murder rate in half during the 90s.

The speech was held at the Seventh Day Adventist Church

on Albion Road near Islington Avenue, the site of a fatal shooting last November that saw Amon Beckles, 18, gunned down while attending the funeral of another shooting victim, Jamal Hemmings.

The event marked the first time Nadia Beckles, Amon's mother, set foot inside the church since her son's murder.

"I am still grieving but the speech was positive, which made it easier to endure," said Beckles. "We all need to take a stand, and it starts at the bottom."

While the number of murders in Toronto remains below the national average, there has been a significant increase in the number of incidents involving guns.

The number of shooting deaths in Toronto in the past year were nearly double those in 2004.

Known for his tough talk and straightforward approach, Rivers

held the black community accountable for what he says is a failure of leadership and told black leaders not to "hide behind criticizing white people because they did not take care of the children that we gave birth to."

Rivers called upon all men in attendance to become father figures to the fatherless young men who populate Toronto's gangs.

"Ultimately, the crisis of the black community, politically, culturally, and socially is a crisis of the absence of black fatherhood," said Rivers.

Police officers, church ministers, and political figures were among the 800 people who gathered to hear what Rivers had to say.

Rivers was in Toronto on a three-day tour that saw him meet with Mayor David Miller, city officials, as well as troubled youth.

Invited to the city by the Toronto Faith Alliance, Rivers visit will cost upwards of \$25,000.

Brian Smith, 23, of West Toronto, said he was delighted to have Rivers in the city.

"We should head towards a solution and if he is coming here to bring that then I will support him," said Smith.



Rev. Eugene Rivers (centre) speaks at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, site of the fatal shooting of Amon Beckles.

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Neighbourhoods plagued with gun violence to get help

by cristina del zotto
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Toronto's hardest hit neighbourhoods will benefit the most from a \$51-million package pledged by the Attorney General's office to help curb gun violence.

"Around the city there are areas like the Rexdale community for one," said Toronto Police Sgt. Rob Radbourne, "These are areas of the community that are going to get special attention."

He also stressed the need to hire more officers, train them and have them out on the street faster.

"More officers out on the street," said 23 Division Staff Sgt. Robert May. "I'm a firm believer that the more police officers bad guys see out on the street, the less crime there's going to be."

The plan includes immediately using \$5 million towards training special officers to fight gun and gang crimes, about \$26 million to set up a gang and gun fighting operations centre and over \$2.3 million for the expansion of the Ontario Provincial Police Weapons Enforcement Unit task force.

"The main portion of the money has been identified to set up three rapid response teams," said Toronto Police's manager of budget and control Elizabeth Hewner. "The way they will be doing that right now is to identify

three teams of 18 officers that would then specialize in drug and gun convictions."

While the exact number of officers is undetermined, rapid response teams will be deployed in areas with a high incidence of gun violence including Rexdale.

The Ontario government plans to hire 1,000 new police officers by 2006.

"We're going to have more officers infiltrating the problem areas"

- Const. Wendy Drummond

"We're going to have more increased visibility of the uniform," said Const. Wendy Drummond, media relations officer. "We're going to have officers freed up from time in court."

More officers on patrol will help communication between the police and the community, whether they are organized community members or residents, said Drummond.

"Hopefully that money will be spent wisely on the police officers, helicopters and cameras," said Ward 2 Councillor Rob Ford, "If you have more officers on the beat, more eyes in the sky and eyes on the buildings ... I think it

would be hard to commit a crime and get away with it."

An additional 31 new crown attorneys dedicated to gun crime will be added to the existing 32 prosecutors hired in October 2005.

"To start with, 10 of them will act as inside council providing the Toronto Police force with expert advice on wiretap operations, search warrants and other investigation tools and 20 other crowns will work directly on prosecutions," said Brendan Crawley, media relations officer for the Attorney General's ministry.

Crawley said the plan is to recruit prosecutors already in the system for the gun and gang task force and replace them with new prosecutors to maintain the strength of the court system.

Drummond said "we're going to have more officers infiltrating the problem areas."

The additional police officers on the streets and new prosecutors are hoped to address a justice system overburdened by gun violence. Last year, 52 out of 78 homicides in Toronto were gun related.

"Cases will be able to be dealt with more quickly, resolutions, trials, things will take place more quickly," said Drummond. "There's quite a few things that will help with the proposed numbers."



Video releases available Jan. 17: *Two for the Money, Lord of War, The Man, Junebug*. Available Jan. 24: *Flightplan, The Fog, Oliver Twist*. — Rogers Video.

Danko Jones surprises fans with Horseshoe show

by **andrew stewart**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

A last minute announcement brought Toronto's own rock band Danko Jones to the Horseshoe Tavern for a secret show last week.

The concert came following the surprising news drummer Damon Richardson was leaving the band after five years together.

About 150 people saw Jones and his bandmates take to the stage to gain some live practice with their new drummer before going on tour later this month.

"These guys don't forget the fans that made them successful."

- Dave McFarlane, Danko Jones fan

Roaring through its 45-minute set, the band played some new songs, such as *Sticky Situation*, *First Date* and *Invisible*. If these songs are any indication of what the forthcoming album will be like, it is already a must have for any fan.

Classic Danko songs were in the show, as the play list included *Forget*

My Name, *Samuel Sin*, *Play the Blues*, and *Bounce*. The set was rounded off with the bass-driven *Lover Call* and the never-before recorded fan favourite *Bring On The Mountain*.

There was also the infamous banter between songs, where Jones would take a moment from his blistering work on the guitar and vocals to catch his breath, and joke with the crowd about holiday dinners causing him to temporarily lose his stamina.

"This is the best way to see Danko," said Dave McFarlane, 24, of Milton. "How many bands just show up to small shows and jump on stage like that? These guys don't forget the fans that made them successful."

Drummer Dan Cornelius, formerly of the band *Damn 13*, now has a permanent spot in the band.

The band will begin touring later this month to support the release of their upcoming album, *Sleep is the Enemy*, available Feb. 21 in Canada on Aquarius Records.

Danko Jones' next local performance will be opening for *Live and Nickelback* Feb. 15 at the Air Canada Centre.

Visit www.ticketmaster.ca for more information.



Danko Jones and bandmates perform at the Horseshoe on Queen Street last week. courtesy

Comedy students laugh it off

Controversial jokes take centre stage at Yuk Yuk's

by **kelly anderson**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The only Humber program asking students to have a terrific sense of humour as an admission requirement showcased its talent at Yuk Yuk's Toonie Tuesday night.

The show had the flavour of comedians like George Carlin, Richard Pryor and Eddie Murphy, all of whom paved the way for comedians to use controversial topics in a casual manner.

The comics frequently touched upon homosexuality, masturbation and rape. Sometimes, the jokes mustered a laugh, but often the jokes were met with silence.

"You pretty much learn how to be comfortable on stage. It is good to know how to read a crowd."

- Ryan Maglunob, comedy student

Comedy student Ryan Maglunob talked about Paris Hilton's sex tapes that were pirated on the Internet.

"My sex tape will be out by the end of the week," Maglunob joked as everyone in the crowd laughed.

Even when the jokes didn't fly, the comedians' charisma pulled them through their set. Yuk Yuk's gives Humber students the opportunity to fill slots at the *Amateur Nights*' early show every week.

The Comedy School runs out of the Lakeshore campus and offers both a two-year diploma program and a one-year post-graduate certificate program.

Stand-up comedy has an advisory council that includes household names Rick Moranis, Eugene Levy and Dave Thomas.

The partnership between Yuk Yuk's and the Comedy School allows students to perform for a live audience under a burning spotlight, something they wouldn't experience the same way in a classroom setting.

"You pretty much learn how to be comfortable on stage," said Maglunob. "It is good to know how to read a crowd."

The students performing get five minutes to practice their



Comedy student Julia Hladkovicz. kelly anderson

material before going on stage.

"If it's a brand new routine, it would probably take several days to get something good and time yourself and have it fit," said Chelsea Larkin, a post-graduate student who was on the standby list — students who don't necessarily get to perform.

The final show is a talent showcase in front of industry professionals.

Until then, amateur comedians take the stage at Yuk Yuk's Toonie Tuesdays at 224 Richmond Street. Doors open at seven and the show starts at 7:30 p.m.

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The truth about the latest albums



We Are Scientists
With Love and Squalor

by **mindy st.amand**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It wasn't too long ago when Franz Ferdinand got us on the dance floor with *Take Me Out* and *The Killers* killed the radio with *Somebody Told Me*. *We Are Scientists*' debut album makes us wonder if the scene is over or just being recreated.

Their first single *Nobody Move*, *Nobody Get Hurt* is an accurate introduction to what the band has to offer: guitar-driven dance rock, packed with distortion, feedback and energy.

Keith Murray's vocals are clean and monotone with a sexy tinge, like *The Killers*' singer Brandon Flowers.

The band reveals their punk influence in tracks *Inaction* and *Callbacks*.

We Are Scientists have distinctive traits, like holding cats on the cover of their album.



Trick Trick
The People Vs.

by **lina toyoda**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Trick Trick's new album leaves me with one question: Where's the trick? *The People Vs.* offers nothing new in the world of hip hop.

The angle of another rapper being conspired against may have worked again — if there were intelligent lyrics mixed with the groove of rhythmic beats and catchy samples hip hop is known for.

Unfortunately, this album falls short in both categories. It's more of a mouthing off session and the topics covered are nothing short of typical; *Shotguns*, revenge, and women referred to as garden tools. One track features Detroit rapper Eminem, which is the best song on the record.

Trick Trick manages to remind you who he is in every track.

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The top 3 CDs in Canada this week are: 1. Eminem – *Curtain Call*, 2. Madonna – *Confessions on a Dance Floor*, 3. The Strokes – *First Impressions of Earth*

SPOTLIGHT *on Humber*

by **saida ali**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Scenes From France is a two-man, experimental folk band with no intentions of going big any time soon.

"My music is created for my friends," said second-year Humber journalism student Drew Seale.

Seale, 20, is the lead singer and guitarist, writer, and producer of the band's music.

"I kind of seek to explain human relationships through my music."

Although he has been writing for several years, Seale only recently learned to compose music for his lyrics.

"When I put the guitar in, that

was when it came together. It was basically in 2001-2002 that I started recording my first couple of songs."

Inspired by '90's band The Promise Ring, Seale named his original one-man band Scenes From France after a Promise Ring single.

"They never had this great sound and I figure it's the same with me. I've never had a great voice so it's always been to try and just do it."

Seale said the type of sound the band is looking to achieve is acoustic but at times, Seale said the band sounds like everything from country to just "stripped down folk or electronica."

This year, Seale added a second

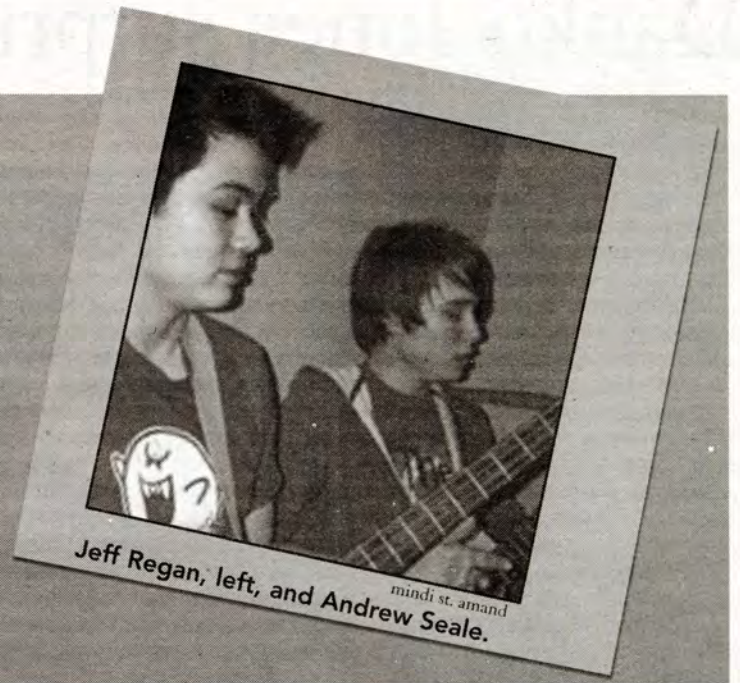
member to Scenes From France, bassist Jeff Regan, a 19-year-old physio and occupational therapy student also studying at Humber.

"I find that with more people involved in the actual song writing process, it starts to get difficult and you have too many different voices."

While most artists aim for fame and fortune by means of a recording deal with a major label, Seale said he and Regan are more interested in making music without restrictions.

Scenes From France will perform downtown at The Smiling Buddha Bar on Feb. 2.

For more information, check out www.myspace.com/scenes-fromfrance.




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Students fall under the spell of Tony Lee, obeying his every command at Caps last Wednesday

Tony Lee hypnotizes bar patrons

by **andrew stewart**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The speakers at Caps pub warned patrons last week if they were easily offended then get out!

Tony Lee, infamous XXX hypnotist and funny man was beginning an evening of his outrageous antics.

"I've seen Tony four times now," said Vince Leung, from the hotel and restaurant management program. "It always seems like it will be bad at the start of the show, but by the end it's hilarious, never disappointing."

For the last two decades, Lee has been touring campus bars and nightclubs bringing a night full of laughs at the expense of students caught under his hypnotic abilities.

Lee starts the show explaining that he knows hypnosis is a

skeptical topic and that he himself "didn't believe in it either, until getting his girlfriend to do things she never would before, like making the bed."

Lee guides everyone in the audience to step into a state of hypnosis to find out who seems to be most easily hypnotized and gives them outrageous suggestions. The hypnotized participants have the entire pub howling with laughter.

After having them drive imaginary cars, speed past police and flip off other drivers, Lee has students believe they are on a bad magic mushroom trip, where dinosaurs are awaiting to eat them.

Lee makes the hypnotized believe he is naked, asking for their reactions to his ever-changing genital size before having the students perform oral sex and

their noisy reactions to imaginary lovers performing it on them.

The students were hypnotized to imagine they were animals trying to mate with the chairs they were sitting upon. Lee ended his show by suggesting the students yell out embarrassing things the next time they orgasm. Also, they got to remember all of their onstage moments as soon as they left the building.

"This is something great to come out to in the first week back," says Oz, a first-year hotel and restaurant management student. "It lets you get out and interact with other people instead of sitting around at home."

Tony Lee can be seen at Caps pub once a semester, keep an eye on the HSF calendar to see when he returns next.

Good tracks to download: The Specials: Gangsters, Wolf Parade: Shine A Light, The Donnas: Fall Behind Me, Rilo Kiley: Portions For Foxes — The Wedge.

A night of spiritual poetry

by **mindy st.amand**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Poet Lynn Harrigan performed Tuesday at The Art Bar's poetry night. Harrigan's work is not only inspired by poets Muriel Rukeyser and Margaret Atwood, but is charming and forceful.

Being a writer and teacher, Harrigan, 36, is an ambitious woman with an irreplaceable presence.

Reading from her first book of poetry, *Moon Sea Crossing*, Harrigan's performance was both spiritual and captivating in the unique way she reads while ambient music is played.

"(I love getting) a sense of connection, pleasure, ideas and images that resonate with my experiences, deepen my understanding of the human condition



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and make my life richer," Harrigan said.

Moon Sea Crossing is a collection of poems based on a true story of an Irish immigrant named Aina, who has a mental breakdown.

Her creative partner Scott M2 from music group *dreamSTATE* plays ambient music to accompany Harrigan's poetry. The music creates a visual portrait of Aina's experience through mental illness.

Moon Sea Crossing was published in August 2005 under Black Moss Press (First Lines). First Lines is a new series introduced by that features first books by Canadian writers.



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Poet Lynn Harrigan.

"When I'm writing, Gavin Bryar's *Sinking of the Titanic* and Gorecki's *Symphony of Sorrows* ground me and give me the space I need to explore the imaginative possibilities that intrigue me." Harrigan said.

Harrigan will be reading with Patrick Lane in London, Ont., at the Fred Landon Branch Library March 1.

She is working on two projects *Oblique Poetries* and *Aqua Reliquia*. For more details on Harrigan's writing, visit her web site www.lynnharrigan.com.

The Art Bar's poetry night is every Tuesday at 8 p.m. on Markham Street.



crissandra ayroso

Guelph-Humber student Steve Hamelin, left, and Luke Lalonde, right, at The Silver Dollar.

A 'ruff' performance

by **crissandra ayroso**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Toronto indie rock band Born Ruffians performed to an energetic crowd on the second floor of blues club The Silver Dollar.

Onstage were the Born Ruffians, three close knit friends from high school originally from Midland, Ont., sharing a pre-show huddle. The crowd quieted down and the anticipation built up even more.

Lead singer and guitarist Luke Lalonde took control, drawing in the crowd with his vocals and guitar melodies.

University of Guelph-Humber Media Studies student Steve Hamelin supplied the powerful drum beat while Mitch DeRosier's rhythmic bass completes the trio.

With a sound inspired by The Strokes, Talking Heads and The Beatles, The Born Ruffians' presence on stage was natural. They could easily be mistaken for pros. For three years the Born Ruffians have developed their sound and promoted themselves in

the Toronto indie music scene.

"Some of the best music is coming out of Toronto," said frontman Lalonde, referring to such groundbreaking bands like Broken Social Scene, the Tangiers and the Constantines.

"Canadian bands are hungrier and work harder than Americans for indie music street cred," said Hamelin. "It's just so much harder to make it. I think we just want it more," he added.

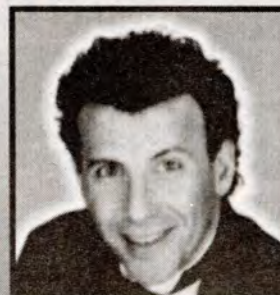
MySpace, favoured highly by bands, is an online community for people to socialize with other members online. The Born Ruffians use the free service to post sample tracks from their album.

"MySpace has really helped us," said DeRosier. "Without MySpace we wouldn't be where we are today."

"A radio station a couple of weeks ago just played one of our songs in Oshawa because he found our MySpace," said Lalonde. "So it's been really good to us."

Hamelin said the Born Ruffians are by no means a big name band. "Not yet," said Lalonde.

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Our pick of 2006's most anticipated albums

by **josh measures**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Brand New

Brand New catapulted onto the scene with its 2003 release, *Deja Entendu*. The record gave credibility to Brand New, finally allowing the band to shed the 'emo' nametag linked to nearly every up and coming band.

Deja Entendu was beautiful and tight; combining guitar-driven rock with gentle acoustic songs and a firm grip on the overdramatic. Lyrics like "I hope you come down with something they can't diagnose, don't have the cure for," resonated with fans.

Deja has since sold more than 600,000 albums while Brand New filled clubs from Los Angeles to London. Then the band fell off the face of the planet, cancelling tour dates amid rumors of a break up.

However, in October 2005, the Long Island based quartet finally entered a studio with producer Dennis Herring (Elvis Costello, Modest Mouse, Buddy Guy).

This is *the* band to watch.

Expect a late summer release.

Modest Mouse

Although Modest Mouse have been making music together for 13 years, it wasn't until 2004's brilliant *Good News For People Who Love Bad News* that most of us were lucky enough to hear this band.

The record brought fame and radio airplay to a band that had spent most of its tours packed in a small van.

The single *Float On* was distinctively poppy, earning some criticism from long-time fans. Despite that criticism, it's hard to ignore the masterpiece that is *Good News For People Who Love Bad News*. Clever riffs lace punchy bass lines, while both Isaac Brock's lyrics and vocals leave the listener wanting more. Finally, in 2006, Modest Mouse is set to give us more.

Feist

Calgary's Leslie Feist has spent time with bands such as Kings of Convenience and Toronto-based super group Broken Social Scene

creating a sound few could ignore. 2004's *Let It Die* manages to be sweet yet sexy, even covering tracks by Ron Sexsmith and The Bee Gees. *Let It Die* earned critical acclaim, garnishing the singer two Junos; New Artist of The Year and best Alternative Album beating out the likes of The Arcade Fire, AC Newman and Stars.

Little has been said so far about her 2006 release, but if it's anywhere as good as *Let It Die*, expect one hell of an album (and a couple more Junos).

Morrissey

The former Smiths front man will release his eighth studio album, titled *Ringleader Of The Tormentors*, on April 4. Despite 2004's mediocre *You Are The Quarry*, Morrissey continues to keep a cult-like following.

Ringleader of The Tormentors was recorded in Rome and produced by Tony Visconti (David Bowie, T. Rex).

A press release from Morrissey's website claims the new album is a return to form for the Pope of Mope, recalling the genius

of *Meat is Murder*.

The album's single *You Have Killed Me* drops March 21, 2006.

Angels & Airwaves

In the spring of 2005, Blink 182 went on an indefinite hiatus following months of rumored unrest within the band. What started as 12 years of fart jokes and songs about girls couldn't save the tarnished friendship of guitarist Tom Delonge and bassist Mark Hoppus.

Fortunately, both Delonge and Hoppus announced new, separate bands in the fall. Hoppus teamed up with former Blink drummer Travis Barker, but it's Tom's new band, Angel & Airwaves that has created the most excitement thus far.

Statements on his website promise this will be one of the greatest albums released in 20 years and a short film is also in the works to coincide with the release.

Angels & Airwaves' first single will be out later this month, but fans will have to wait until the spring to see if Tom's promises hold true.

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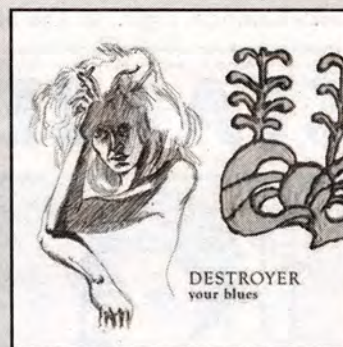
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Johnathon Tyndale (11) and Chris Thompson (21) get ready to battle for the ball during their game against George Brown. The men's team eventually won the game 84-61.

Men get last half hoop win

by aaron bronsteter
SPORTS REPORTER

A weak first half by the Hawks men's basketball team against the George Brown Huskies pushed the team to hustle a 84-61 victory last Friday.

"I think that the score is not indicative of the game, I thought that they played really well," said Hawks coach Darrell Glenn. "I thought that in the second half we were able to pick it up."

Despite the 23 point margin of victory, the Hawks lead by only three points and were outplayed in nearly every statistical category at the end of the first half.

The win marked the return of fourth year Humber star Shane Dennie who played his first league game of the season and scored 16 points, tied for a game high with teammate Jonathan Wyse.

"It feels good to be back, I had a week off because I had a concussion so I'm just trying to get back into it," said Dennie. "I'm happy that we won, I went to the foul line made a couple of foul shots and played some good defence."

The 6'2" guard also expressed that he loved playing with a lot of

the 12 first year Hawks players who he commends for the high energy that they bring to the team.

The Hawks are a smaller team and had to contain the Huskies' bigger players such as 6'6" Awale Dualeh who scored 15 points and 6'8" Shane Bertolacci who scored 12 points.

"If we do the little things, box out, keep their men off of the glass, size doesn't really matter," said first year starter Jadwey Hemmings. "If we box out, the big guys aren't really a factor."

Humber's depth played a key factor in the win, as the bench outscored the Huskies' bench 31-10.

"What we've tried to do all year is just focus on us and what we need to do to be successful playing our style of game," said Glenn. "For us it's just about really forcing the tempo of the game, moving the ball and being a little more unselfish with the basketball."

The Hawks, currently Canada's top-ranked team, have played and defeated every team in their division and go up against Canada's 13th-ranked team the Sheridan Bruins who the Hawks defeated 92-73 in November.

All-star game puts rivalries aside

Humber's top men's and women's volleyball players showcase their skills on the court

by dennis chung
SPORTS REPORTER

Rivalries were set aside when the representatives from the Humber Hawks volleyball teams played in the Ontario College Athletic Association's (OCAA) thirteenth annual volleyball all-star games, held Saturday at Seneca College.

The game marked the halfway point of the volleyball season.

The Humber women's team was represented by power Amanda Arlette and setter Alex Steplock, along with head coach Chris Wilkins. Middle Mike Smith represented the Hawks on the men's side.

Alongside division rivals such as Mohawk College and Nipissing University for the Western All-Stars meant players had to set aside old grudges. "It's different because in the season it's really competitive and you really don't like the guys that you're playing against," Smith said. "We're here because we're selected by the

OCAA to represent our school so we kind of lay off the competitive rivalries."

Arlette and Steplock played the first set of the women's game but the East Stars won it 26-24. The East also won the second set 25-21 with the two Hawks on the bench.

"We're here ... to represent our school so we lay off the competitive rivalries"

- Mike Smith, player

Though the East had already won the best of three match, both teams returned to play a third set. The West came back to win it 29-27 on the strength of Arlette's kills, many served up by Steplock's setting.

The pair led the team to an early 8-1 lead but after Steplock was substituted, the East narrowed the lead to three. Steplock re-

entered the game to help the West win the set in extra points.

"(Steplock) was much better than the other setter," Arlette said. "When the other setter was on we lost a lot of points."

In the men's game, the East won the first set 25-22. The West rebounded to win the second set 25-23 aided by faults on five consecutive serves by the East. The East played a stronger third set to win it 25-18.

Smith was the first player off the bench in a game that featured more frequent substitutions than the women's game. He played a strong defensive game and chipped in offensively.

Women's team co-captain Risha Toney was originally selected to play Saturday but had been fighting a cold. She was cleared to play but coach Wilkins felt it better to wait for the division game against Mohawk this Wednesday.

The women's team currently sits in second place in the Central West with a 7-0 record. The men are in third spot with a 3-4 record.



dennis chung

Amanda Arlette (14) gets ready to serve the ball back in the women's all-star game last weekend at Seneca.

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"I'm not an athlete. I'm a professional baseball player." — former baseball player John Kruk, saying what the rest of us were thinking.

Badminton team serves up try outs

Promising squad looks to be win big against a tough field this year

by alister maclusky
SPORTS REPORTER

The badminton team held open tryouts last week to bolster a promising squad, for its first year in active competition.

"We've got some definite future that we're building towards, as well and that's why we're having these tryouts, to maybe add a few more people to our practice squad," Coach Paul McGair said. Seventy people tried out for 12 spots. McGair said the turnout was much higher than he expected.

"We have strengths and possibilities in both sides (men's and women's). Our strongest team is our mixed team. Our strongest male (Galen Chang) and our strongest female (Jade Jager-Clark) together," he said.

In December, Humber's Preet Singh was the runner-up in the men's consolation results at the George Brown Badminton Invitational.

"I don't really have any expectations. As far as what our goals are is to try and get a few teams through to the Ontario's (The OCAA championships)," McGair said.

The team has a number of experienced players, like Singh, who will be able to set a good foundation in upcoming years. Mike Kopinak thinks there is still more talent out there.

"I think that there's probably still a couple people out there that probably have some exceptional skills that either don't know that there was a tryout or for whatever reason they haven't come out, we'd like to get to know who those people are," Kopinak said. Three of the badminton team members are trying to change that by forming a badminton club.

Chang, stated three reasons for starting the club; to promote badminton, for fun, and to develop players for future badminton teams.

Badminton club meetings are currently set for Wednesday and Friday afternoons in the gym.

"I think the league will be a great thing for the school and I think there will be a lot of people active in it, especially once it becomes more well known, because I don't think that even 40% of the school knows that there is a badminton team yet," McGair said.

Upcoming events for the badminton team are the St. Clair Tournament in Windsor on Jan. 28-29 and the OCAA Regionals hosted by Humber College, the OCAA Championships at Seneca College in February and the CCAA Championships at Mount Royal College in Alberta on March 2-4.

"We have strengths and possibilities in both sides (men's and women's)"

- Paul McGair, coach



rui gomes

Sebastian Hunziker came to Canada to play basketball and for an education. Sidelined for most of the season with ankle injuries, he made his debut against Georgian last week.

Swiss basketball player stands tall

by rui gomes
SPORTS REPORTER

They call him 'Seb-sational' and he tasted regular season action last week for the first time.

"He's very quiet but leads by example," said Chris Cheng, manager of Humber's men's basketball team. "I first noticed his hard work and commitment to getting better in the summer."

Sebastian Hunziker contributed seven points to the Hawks win over Georgian before leaving in the first half with back spasms. Having recovered from two ankle sprains, he hopes his injury misfortunes end soon.

"I was hurt for the first part of the season so I haven't been able to show my touch," said Hunziker,

a 6'5" forward. "I'm one of the tallest players on the team so my big job would be getting rebounds and playing defence. We share the ball on the team and everybody can score."

Born in Geneva, Switzerland in May 1983, Hunziker started playing organized ball at age 14. At 15, he moved out to live on his own. In 2000, his father passed away and his mother moved to France.

"She always took care of me financially even though she wasn't with me," he said. "I talk to her almost every day."

He came here to study for five months and enjoyed the country. During this time, he met Humber coach Darrell Glenn.

"I was given his name by a

friend of mine who was the assistant coach at York University," Glenn said. "He was interested in coming to Canada to study at the post-secondary level and play basketball."

"I needed a backup in case I couldn't have a career playing," said Hunziker. "So I came here because in North America you can be a student and a player at the same time."

With Geneva being a multicultural city, he said his transition to Toronto hasn't been too difficult thanks to his coach and teammates.

"They are a big part of my integration in Canada because I would say they are like my family here," Hunziker said. "Coach Glenn has helped me a lot. He's the one that picked me up at the airport."

"He did everything to make me feel comfortable. He helped me find a place, he helped me out with papers in school, and even for Christmas, I was away from my family so he invited me over to his house."

Studying fitness and health, Hunziker's future plans involve moving back to Europe to play professional basketball or becoming a personal trainer.

Despite being made up mostly of freshmen students, the team is ranked #1 in the country.

"The things he brings to the table can help us down the stretch," Glenn said.

"It's just that we're all hungry. We all want to win," Hunziker said. "Everybody knows to win a championship, you have to have no selfishness on the team."

"We all do everything to win as a team, not as individuals."

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Looking for a few good men

Soccer team looks to reign as champions again this year

by **doug gilchrist**
SPORTS REPORTER

Forty students tried out for 15 spots available on the Humber men's indoor soccer team last week.

"It is not as important as the outdoor season in many ways, but it is quite an honour to be on the team and win a gold medal from the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA)," said Germain Sanchez, coach for both the indoor and outdoor soccer teams.

Twelve of the players trying out were members of last season's outdoor team, but Sanchez said they are not guaranteed a place



Coach Germain Sanchez

on the roster, though he uses the indoor season to keep players in shape, motivated and working as a group.

With six consecutive championships, the coach said that being defending champions does not add extra pressure but opponents are generally better prepared when they face the Hawks.

"Every year, every team plays a little better against us," he said. "We have won before, so most of the players know what it takes to win."

The first of a three tournament season starts Saturday Jan. 28 in Kingston before regional and provincial playoffs later this semester.

Indoor team hopes to kick up a medal win this year

by **doug gilchrist**
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's indoor soccer team has set its sights on winning a medal after a disappointing outdoor season record of 6-4-1 tying for fourth in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) West.

"We set our goals very high, this year being no different. Our goal is to win the provincial championship," said Vince Pileggi who co-coaches both the outdoor and indoor soccer teams with Mauro Ongaro.

The coach said their defence is solid and the team has two or three women in some positions that can easily dominate, especially goalkeepers Evelyn Davidson and Christina Bicho.

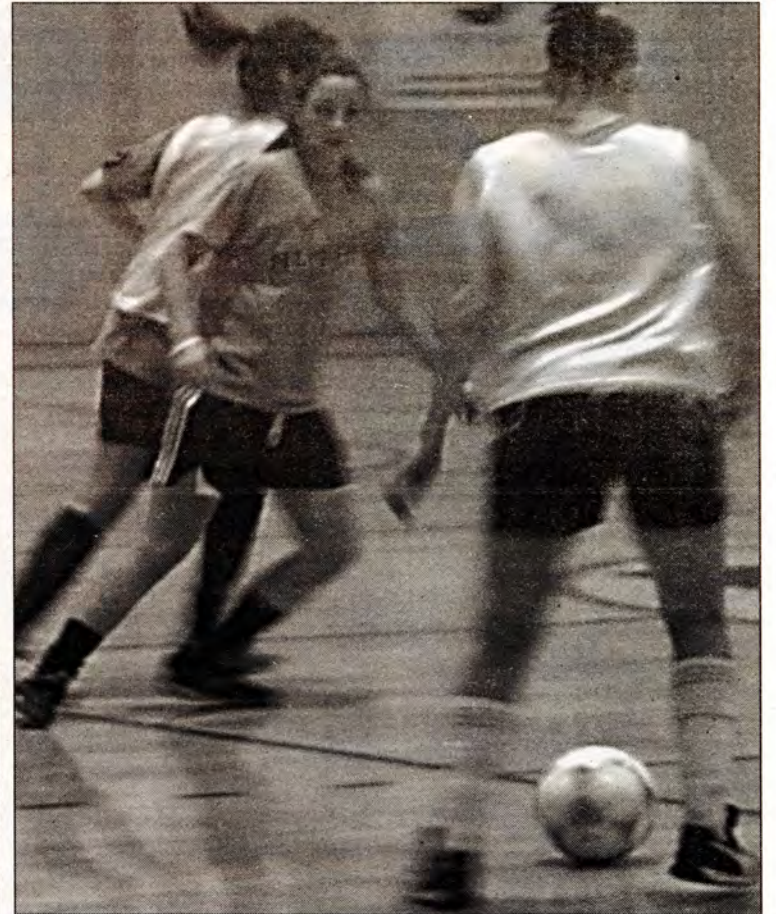
Pileggi is hoping to improve on last year's season where the team finished first at regionals but on first day of provincials, finished third in their group and failed to qualify for a medal.

Michelle Ferracci, third-year, co-

captain of the team feels confident the team is ready for the season, because a lot of the team has played indoor soccer since being eliminated.

outdoor season so we have a lot more rage."

The season begins with a tournament in Kingston Jan. 28 hosted by St. Lawrence.



doug gilchrist

Indoor hopefuls scrimmage at tryouts last week. The season begins later this month.

Women hoopsters undefeated

by **aaron bronsteter**
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks women's

basketball team are undefeated after a 67-41 road win over the George Brown Huskies last Friday.

"The intensity that we had in the first half gave us a big enough lead to help us carry to the win in the end," said Hawks guard Tanya Castang, who scored seven points, all in the first half. "We have to keep that intensity throughout the entire game."

Humber opened the first half with an 18-2 run, utilizing an effective man-to-man defence and capitalizing on a strong transition offence to take a 33-14 lead at the break.

"Our second half, I think they just outplayed us, they out-muscled us," said Hawks coach Denise Perrier. "I wasn't happy with the way we were playing defence and turning over the ball, throwing the ball away."

Turnovers came in abundance during this game, with the Hawks turning the ball over 29 times and the Huskies 26 times.

The Hawks was lead by forwards Erin Chamberlain and Heidi Jaaskelainen who each scored 10 points, but it was a strong team effort from the Hawks that won the game as 14 members of the team played in the victory.

"I think that defence was the key to winning and we wanted to work on that for sure," said Perrier. "I think that we have the bodies that can play really good defence and if the defence is there, offence will come from that."

The win gives the Hawks a record of 8-0 in league play and 16-1 overall.

The women play next on Friday against Durham College.



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Shauna Prior (34) gets ready to throw the ball in during their win over George Brown. The Hawks are now 16-1 overall.

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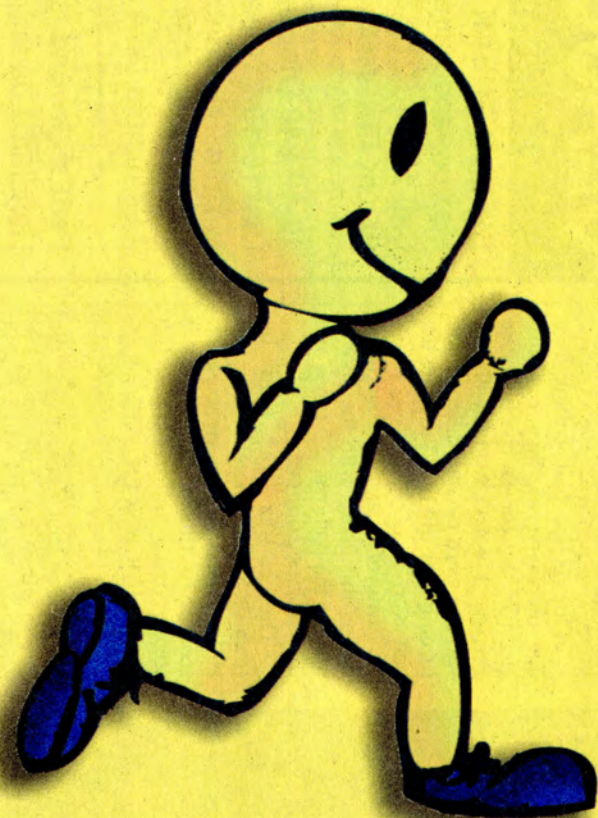
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