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From left, Patrick Neelin, Paul Je, Gino Cunti and Kevin Luong, with their professor Mark Rector, are overcome after their successful contact with the space station.

Victory is bittersweet

Joana Draghici
NEWS REPORTER

The four students who made history with a ten minute conversation to the International Space Station recently learned the college has suspended their program.

The telecommunications team successfully contacted the ISS on Tuesday. They were the first college-level students in the world to successfully build and use the equipment needed to contact space.

One of students, Paul Je, couldn't believe it when he was told his program may be on the chopping block.

"I've only heard that the program has been put on hiatus," he said. "But if it were getting cancelled it would be really unfortunate. We all worked so hard and the program's great."

Associate Dean of the School of Applied Technology David Alcock

said the decision to suspend the program was made 18 months ago. "It was a very good program. It wasn't a quality issue, it was the fact this program could not attract students."

It was around the same time the suspension was decided that the telecommunications team approached their professor with the idea. Mark Rector was skeptical.

"I thought it was pie in the sky," said Rector, an electronics professor and Operation First Contact coordinator. A year and a half later, he was counting down to first contact.

Alcock explained enrolment numbers for the program have been dropping for some time, and the school offers two alternative programs that incorporate telecommunications.

But this past Tuesday, the three-year wireless telecommunications program had a room filled with students, faculty, and representatives

from every major Toronto media outlet at a standstill as the countdown to first contact began.

"This is going to be history in the making, so standby," said Rector as his students Gino Cunti, 34, Patrick Neelin, 26, Kevin Luong, 22 and Je, 34, braced themselves for their moment of glory.

"T-minus 6, 4, 3, 2, 1. We're live," Rector said seconds before 12:29 p.m.

These were the words Cunti was waiting to hear.

"NAISS, this is VA3JUV checking in from Humber College scheduled contact, do you copy?" Cunti asked.

Only static filled the room. A slight flinch on Cunti's face showed his anxiety. With countless hours of work teetering on a 10-minute window, Cunti tried again.

"NAISS, this is VA3JUV checking in from Humber College scheduled

contact, do you copy?"

A faint voice broke through the static.

"Hello? I have you a little bit weak, can you try again," said Sarah Mangus, an astronaut on board the ISS, travelling 400 km above the Earth's surface and moving at a speed of 27,000 km/h.

Spectators cheered as they witnessed the students make history with Operation First Contact.

They spent the 10 minutes asking Mangus a of list questions, ranging from space debris, radiation and if the soil on Mars and the moon could be used for agriculture.

Rector told Mangus this was the highlight of his teaching career and thanked NASA for the opportunity to be so proud of his students.

After signing off, the four students realized the magnitude of their accomplishment. Je was so over-

whelmed he broke down in tears.

"Oh, I was so nervous," he said. "I talked to the astronaut Sandra Magnus. When I heard her voice I was like 'oh my God I hear her talking.' I am so proud to have represented Humber College at this Institute."

Neelen said he couldn't sleep all night. "That first five or six seconds I'm like, it's not gonna work, it's not gonna work, oh my God, it worked, yes."

"The moment of the accomplishment, we're still living it, I'm very happy at this point," said Cunti.

NASA representative Steve McFarlane praised the team's work.

"These guys made amateur radio look really good, they didn't buy it off the shelf they made their own stuff and they made it work," he said.

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NEWS

"Michael Ignatieff has caught the attention of the New York Times, serving as the subject of a largely fawning profile Sunday." — *Metronews.ca*

THE SKINNY

Phelps in hot water

Olympian swimmer Michael Phelps could face criminal charges as a result of a photo that shows Phelps smoking a marijuana pipe at a college house party. (*Yahoo! News*)

CBC host dies at 62

Russ Germain, a longtime CBC broadcaster who hosted *World Report* and *The World At Six*, died from cancer on Monday. He was 62. (*CBC*)

Iran satellite in orbit

Iran's first domestically made satellite was sent into orbit Tuesday. (*Yahoo! News*)

Hail to the Chief

Anishinabek Grand Council Chief John Beaucage has decided to run for National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations. (*The Toronto Sun*)

Google maps stars

The newest version of Google Earth will include exploring oceans and visiting Mars as some of its new options. (*The Toronto Star*)

Victory is bittersweet

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"They built their own transmitters, which has never been done. That's a very risky thing to do because everything has to be very precise, and wow, it came out just perfect," McFarlane said.

Rector said his team's work is more remarkable given its budget. "NASA does this all the time with \$100 million budget and hundreds of engineers. I had four students and myself. It just shows you with ingenuity, time and effort what you can do with 4000 bucks," he said.

Despite the mass exposure the event garnered, Alcock said the decision to suspend the program was a rational one and won't be revisited.

"This decision was made a while ago. You don't take these decisions lightly," he said. "Once you suspend one of our programs you don't ramp it back up over one positive piece of publicity."

The founder of the Telecommunications Hall of Fame Lorne Abugov said the four students and Rector will be honoured Oct. 29 at a gala in Ottawa. The students will be presented scholarships around \$1000 each for their achievement.

"Canada has a very proud legacy of success in telecommunications, what these students accomplished today was fantastic," Abugov said.

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York back in class, exams end in June

Steph Davidson
NEWS REPORTER

Humber grad and York student Christen Mucciato said making up for the time lost during the three-month strike at the university boils down to simply doing the work.

"I think the key is to adapt," said Mucciato, 49, a first-year sociology and psychology student who graduated from Humber in 2008 with honours from both the Liberal Arts and Sciences college and university transfer programs.

"Obviously a more concentrated effort will be required, more conscientious studying will be required and you just have to do what it takes."

York is implementing an accelerated timetable. Classes missed last term will be crammed into a schedule from Feb. 2 to Feb. 19, with a shortened exam period and no reading week. The next term will run from March 4 to May 21, with exams ending June 2.

York students went back to class Monday, after the Ontario government passed legislation ending the strike by members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

More than 3,000 teaching, graduate and research assistants and contract professors had walked out last Nov. 6, citing job security and other issues.

"I think because we have such good teaching staff here — professors, TAs and support staff — they will come back and do the best job to their ability, just like they were before the strike," said Mucciato, noting he used the time off to get ahead in his reading and work on essays.

But some students admitted they didn't do much school work during the strike.

"I won't lie, I'm not prepared," said first-year environmental studies student Maninder Singh. "I'm planning to drop a course."

On the first day back on campus, there was also some talk of a lingering schism between students and those who were on strike.

"Bitterness is something that's going around," said first-year psychology student Aalya Suteria.

But she added she was "really impressed with the fact that all the professors have accommodated really well. They've done an amazing job, hats off to them. They understand how we feel and planned things out so well."



Steph Davidson

York students are being fast-tracked through their final semester.

Orangeville campus costs more than expected

Jackie Martinz
NEWS REPORTER

Government funding for the new campus in Orangeville is expected to arrive this month, but school officials say more funds are needed.

"Humber has allocated \$10 million to this project, but it will cost more than that," said Joe Andrews, director of the Orangeville campus.

"Proposals have been sent to the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities, the provincial MPP and the federal MP, but those haven't been answered yet."

The proposals should be approved, said Bruce Bridgeford, director of capital development.

"Currently there is no government funding support for this project but we are hopeful that may change in

the next Ontario budget in February as part of the expected infrastructure money filtering down from the federal government," he said.

There are about 120 students registered at the Orangeville campus, and that number will need to grow to 600 before the project can begin, said Andrews.

"We plan to introduce one, maybe two, programs per year to hit our academic target," said Andrews. "We will be circulating a survey to prospective students to find out what program interests they have. We've added a new program for this fall called Home Renovation Technician. It's a one year accelerated program; we already have five programs available at our campus."

The other programs are police

foundations, early childhood education, business, and applied technology, theatre arts and culinary arts.

Enrolment numbers must increase because the permanent campus is designed to house 2,000 students, said Bridgeford.

"Phase one of the project, currently scheduled for opening in 2012, will consist of only one building plus service spine, roads, parking and infrastructure, budgeted at \$10 million," said Bridgeford.

"In the meantime, we can house up to 450 students at the Alder Street recreation complex in Orangeville, which is our temporary location."

The new campus is to be constructed on Veteran's Way in Orangeville, said Andrews.

"The new campus will provide an

opportunity to grow Humber more extensively over a long period of time," he said. "This will be a catalyst for industry development, a long-term project."

Humber Students' Federation coordinator for the Orangeville campus Tami Guoti said, "I think it will be beneficial to the students because it'll be a full campus, and it will give them what they need, like more services and programs. Right now, they have library services and a recreation centre."

First-year student in Orangeville's business administration program Rebecca Berg is excited about the new campus.

"It's going to offer so many new great opportunities for everyone," she said.

Publishing program teams with Trent University

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A&E REPORTER
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NEWS REPORTER

A new collaboration between Humber and Trent University will allow students to get their hands dirty with practical training and exercise their brains with theory.

The team-up will allow qualifying students to graduate with a post graduate certificate in creative book publishing from Humber and an MA in English from Trent's public texts program.

"In this way, they will be more likely to be able to get a job in book publishing," said Cynthia Good,

director of Humber's creative book publishing program.

The Trent program kicks off with two months worth of courses and then students specialize in two out of a list of editorial, marketing, or literary agenting courses.

In the last month, students are put in groups to create publishing lists and business plans, websites, design covers, and produce marketing plans and profitability forecasts.

Pollock said the public text MA aims to explore changes in the way literature has been created, distributed and received by the public throughout history, and how that has changed the works being

created.

"We're interested in issues like the history of the book," said Pollock. "Shifts from manuscript to print, and to the digital age."

Trent's public text MA can take the form of a thesis, a major research paper or an internship.

Pollock said the internship stream would best compliment the joint program because of the wide range of internships available through Humber.

Good and Pollock were not the first to think the two programs meshed well.

Katelynn Schoop entered the Trent program last year. "Coming out of

Humber, it made a lot of sense to have the publishing internship as well as the Master's," she said.

Paula Hunter, human resources consultant at Pearson Canada Publishing said having a master's degree on top of a publishing certificate would give a Pearson applicant an advantage.

"We know that somebody who's gone through a master's program obviously has some level of skill that's beneficial for us," she said.

The 16-month program starts at Trent this September, then students head to Humber for the summer. Applications for the combined program are being accepted now.

There will be six more weeks of winter according famous groundhog Wiarton Willie's prediction." -Thestar.com

Colleagues mourn dedicated teacher

Web development program coordinator dies suddenly

Graeme Steel
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Marie Rishea, advanced web development program coordinator and former student, died suddenly at her home on Saturday.

Friends say she was an outstanding computer programmer whose career was devoted to helping others share her appreciation of programming.

"Marie was one of those teachers who was passionate about both her vocation and her avocation. She loved working with students and she loved learning," said William Hanna, dean of media studies.

Marie enrolled in a 16-week web development program at Humber and in 2004; she joined the web development and maintenance staff.

"It was so refreshing that she was so exuberant and so excited by the material," said her former instructor, Gary Richardson. "Her approach to learning transferred to her approach to the teaching."

"Marie was one of those teachers who was passionate about both her vocation and her avocation."

-William Hanna,
dean of media studies

Marie told colleagues she never wanted her students to feel lost, so she made a point of getting to know them by working with them and identifying their strengths and weak-

nesses.

"She gave tirelessly of herself and never counted the hundreds of extra hours that she would contribute voluntarily to working with students who were having difficulty," said Hanna.

It was her greenhouse that brought her the most joy, said Charles Famarin, a former student whom she helped land a teaching position in the School of Media Studies.

Often with a flower in her hair, she would liken the act of teaching to rearing plants - referring to inexperienced students as seedlings and watching them grow into beautiful, strong trees.

"She prepared you for the real world as best as she could and when you got there, she was genuinely proud. We are her work."

-Charles Famarin,
former student

"She helped you develop, not just as a programmer but as a person," said Famarin. "She prepared you for the real world as best as she could and when you got there, she was genuinely proud. We are her work."

Her husband Alex and her four children survive Marie, who died of natural causes.

Services will be held on Feb. 6 at Newediuk Funeral Homes, Kipling Chapel, 2058 Kipling Ave. in Toronto.



Courtesy of Charles Famarin

Marie Rishea made a point of getting to know her students.

No bad nuts on campus, says food services

Philippa Croome
NEWS REPORTER

Humber College will not be affected by the peanut product recall linked to salmonella contamination according to director of campus services Terry Kyritsis.

"We are constantly monitoring external contracts, and keeping food services informed," Kyritsis said. "None of the peanut products we have on campus are on the recall list."

But Canadian Food Inspection Agency spokesperson Garfield Balsom said the investigation to determine the extent of the contamination - which began at the Peanut Corporation of America's Georgia plant - is still ongoing.

"The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has extended the trace-back last week to products from the facility going back to 2007, so there's a fair amount of product that they're still looking at," Balsom said.

"I'm not going to lie, I probably won't be eating peanut butter for a while."

-Amber Coates,
first-year television and
film studies student

"The investigation will continue until they are certain that they have traced any affected product."

One Humber student is not taking any chances.

"I'm not going to lie, I probably won't be eating peanut butter for a while," first-year television and film studies student Amber Coates said.

First-year television and film studies student Jason McQuarrie was not so concerned.

"I like my sweet and salty peanut butter bars, and I trust Canada to keep them safe for me to eat," he said.

The CFIA has listed a complete recall of products on their website which include an array of cereal and ice cream bars including brands such as President's Choice, Compliments, Herbal Magic and Irresistibles.

Balsom said that no one has been ill from the 81 products recalled so far in Canada, but that the CFIA is still waiting on final reports from the FDA.

"The FDA has not reported any conclusions as to the original contamination, their investigation is still continuing," he said.

Humber will continue to keep abreast of the situation said Kyritsis.

"We are making sure that we are on top of this issue on a daily basis."

Film program rents studios off campus

Scott Martin
NEWS REPORTER

Humber's already received more than 300 applications for a new degree program in film and media production beginning at Lakeshore Campus in September, but no production studio available on the campus.

While Lakeshore's I cottage - one of many cottages used as classrooms at Lakeshore - is being renovated to accommodate classroom space for the program, the associate Dean of Media Studies and Applied Technology, Basil Guinane, is investigating off-campus production facilities.

"Right now, for the immediate future, it's about renting space in time for the curriculum," Guinane said. "Long-term, it might be about building a space."

A major factor in the decision to

bring the new program to Lakeshore was the limited space available at North Campus.

"We do have great facilities at North Campus, but to shoehorn another potential 60 students into that space would present a real challenge

"Right now, for the immediate future, it's about renting space in time for the curriculum."

-Basil Guinane,
associate dean of media studies

for us," Guinane said.

Also key to the decision was the executive faculty's intention to concentrate degree programs in one location.

"What we're trying to do with the four-year degrees at the Lakeshore

campus is create a learner community," vice-president, academic, Michael Hatton said.

"Increasingly, industry is looking for people with degrees and a different education set," Guinane said. "We're meeting the needs of industry, and students as well, because they're increasingly asking for degrees."

Creating more degree programs is an integral part of Humber's plans.

"Colleges are more complex than they used to be," Humber President John Davies said. "We need to focus growth around the degrees."

"We've been teaching film for almost 40 years at Humber, so we have a well-established reputation," Guinane said. "The fact that we can now offer an applied degree is another feather in our cap."

Humber already offers a three-year diploma in film and television pro-

duction.

Guinane said that the film and media production degree sets itself apart from the diploma program by placing a greater emphasis on theory.

"When you develop an applied degree you're tasked with putting a little more theory into it," he said.

"We look at experimental film, we have an advertising course that discusses the art of advertising and how you break into that market, and there's a larger film studies and film theory component in the program."

The film and media production program will include a strong focus on writing and visual storytelling.

Students of the new program will also learn to produce not only for film, but for new media like webcasts as well.

NEWS

The 108th Canadian soldier to die during the Afghanistan mission was returned to Canadian soil Tuesday in a military aircraft. - *Metronews.ca*



Joana Draghici

Creative advertising students, (from right) Denver Eastman, Martin Stinnissen, Asheton MacLeod, Sara Rutherford, Cameron Karpel, Brad Ridler, at the Steam Whistle Brewery after Ad Week' Youth Day.

Students hail Ad Week

Future creative advertisers value the opportunity to show off their skills to Ontario colleges and universities

Joana Draghici
NEWS REPORTER

Despite losing Toronto's first Ad Week competition on Jan. 28, advertising students recognize the value of the experience.

"I don't think it's an indication of Humber's excellence," creative advertising student Asheton MacLeod said about the loss.

"I think today was very beneficial. I felt more comfortable with our program at Humber because I know it's preparing me for the real world."

Ad Week's first Youth Day drew in 150 students from colleges and universities around Ontario to compete in creating a campaign promoting a benefit concert for Virgin Unite's regeneration project for youth at risk in Canada.

"Whenever I put anyone in a com-

petition, I plan on winning," program coordinator Michael Rosen said.

Brad Ridler, a third-year creative advertising student said Humber might have had too many concepts, while the judges were looking for something simple.

Group member Sarah Rutherford said the loss was based on strategy.

"Our idea didn't win because it strategically wasn't what they were looking for," she said.

"It was still a solid idea, but they wanted something conservative."

Humber's concept, focussing around a play on words, was about four friends, who spent four hours on Nov. 4th to end homelessness to get four free tickets to the Virgin benefit concert.

The band set to perform was called

Play. Combining the two ideas, they developed their campaign name, Four-Play.

"The most important thing is not if you're a winner or a loser, but if you learned something along the way," CEO of The Institute of Communication Agency (ICA) and organizer Gillian Graham said.

Humber students were mentored by DDB, a communication firm and one of the 15 Toronto ICA agencies taking part in Ad Week - helping students work on their campaigns.

Sir Richard Branson, founder of the Virgin brand, announced the team working with Due North Communications was the winner.

"We have the talent, we're going to do this again and next year we're going to win," second-year student Denver Eastman said.

Part-time vote dispute will delay results

Ontario colleges challenge the 9,000 ballots casted says OPSEU president

Scott Martin
NEWS REPORTER

A dispute over voter eligibility means that the results of this week's vote for part-time faculty to join the Ontario Public Service Employees Union won't be known for at least a month.

The colleges say only part-timers who were at work as of December 2 - which Orville Getz, president of Humber's OPSEU local, called an "arbitrary date" - are eligible to vote.

OPSEU wants all part-timers working last year to be considered eligible.

"The colleges are going to go through the voting list and challenge each of the votes," said Getz.

"Once all the challenges have been made, then they're going to count the votes."

According to Ontario colleges, there are around 9000 people whose votes will be counted.

"That figure is very much in dispute in terms of who's eligible and who isn't," said Martha Josephian, an OPSEU campaigner.

"There are thousands and thousands across the province who've been waiting for this for years."

The dispute will continue even after voting ends. Whether or not it's resolved, the process of determining which votes will be counted will be a long one.

Getz said the results will probably

remain sealed until late March.

"If (the part-time faculty) vote that OPSEU is going to be their bargaining agent, then they can start bargaining their first collective agreement," Getz said. "Benefits, workload and salary are going to be the biggest issues."

OPSEU will be negotiating the agreement with the provincial gov-



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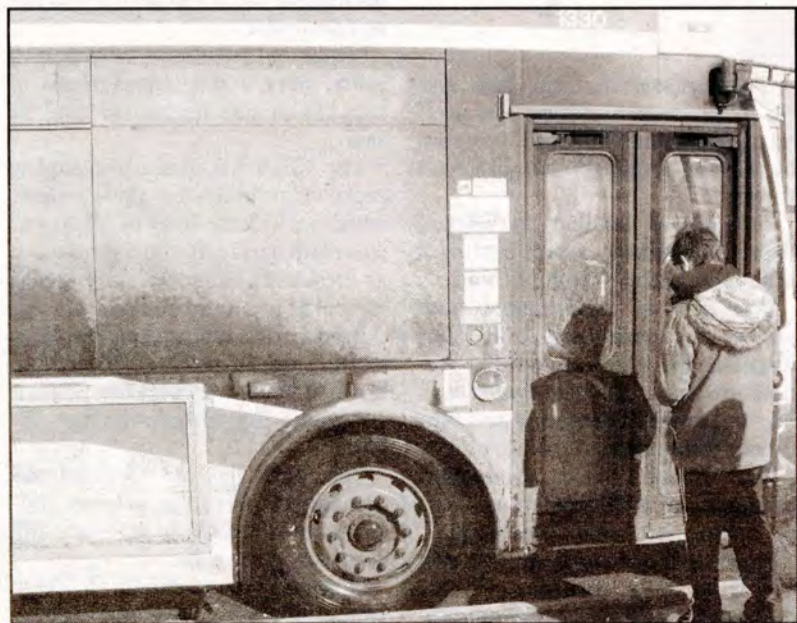
- Martha Josephian,
OPSEU campaigner

ernment, but Getz said that getting to the bargain table could take up to two years.

"It's not on the government's priority list," he said. "If they let it drag on too long it could become an issue in the election."

"The government's not willing to pay people more, but they're willing to pay for new buildings," said a part-timer and OPSEU campaigner who didn't want to be named. "Their priorities are so screwed up. New buildings, that's sexy, right?"

Part-time and sessional faculty from Toronto post-secondary schools voted Monday at Humber College. Voting ends today at George Brown College.



John Nicholson

TTC sells over a thousand passes to Humber students monthly.

TTC says ridership stalled

John Nicholson
NEWS REPORTER

After several months of documented growth across Canadian transit systems, a TTC market research director said ridership in Toronto is reaching a plateau - for the time being.

"There has been a leveling-off of ridership in the past little while," Mike Anders said. "Though we've seen strong ridership growth over the past four years."

Anders said average ridership on a weekday is about 1.6 million - 50 per cent of which are on passes, meaning riders are committed to transit.

Over a thousand transit passes are sold to Humber students every month of the school year he said.

"During the regular school year it

ranges from 1500 to 1700. It drops to about 700 in the summer."

A monthly release from Statistics Canada indicated ridership on all of the country's transit systems has been growing steadily since last year.

Number of passenger rides for November account for a 1.2 per cent increase from the same month in 2007, which translates to about 1.5 million more passenger trips Canada-wide.

"We have 10 large urban transit properties on the survey," said Augustine Akuoko-Asibey, spokesperson for Statistics Canada. "These are the largest available. If they make \$1 million or more (excluding subsidies) they are included in the survey."

First-year kinesiology student, Kevin Silk, said forms of public trans-

it are a lifesaver for those without a car.

"It's good," said Silk, 19. "As a form of transit it's better for the environment."

In terms of environmental impact, the increased use of mass transit should be viewed as a positive thing said Patrick Doré, a research assistant at University of British Columbia's Sauder school of business. Dore worked on the Green Apple Canada SMART Transportation Ranking Report, a project which ranks Canadian cities on their sustainable urban transportation.

"When people come to Toronto, people know that the TTC is there, and that the subway is there," said Doré. "It's good news. The question is - is it going to stick?"

The Vatican has ordered ultra-traditionalist Bishop Richard Williamson to publicly recant his views denying the holocaust, after his excommunication was lifted. —BBC News

HSF promotes elections with new advertising

Mark Rothen
NEWS REPORTER

The deadline for nominations is tomorrow and the Humber Students' Federation is gearing up for this year's election.

With a promotional campaign and events it hopes will produce a higher turnout.

"We're going to do everything we can to get students out to vote because it's extremely important," HSF President Mike Berg said.

"If we do get a number of candidates, I think we can expect a high voter turnout," he said.

"Last year, we had six people running for my position. That's a significant amount, and because they were relying on people from all three campuses to vote, that's why we had a substantial turnout, I believe."

Berg said he would not seek a second term as president — a job that pays \$34,000 a year and entails 35 hours of work per week.

Last year 10.5 per cent of students voted, a significant increase from 2007's 6.7 per cent. Berg said the lack of events during last year's voting week probably kept turnout lower than it could have been.

This year's voting week — March 9 to March 13 — will be different.

"We're running a bunch of events the week of," said Berg. "They will be just kind of fun-and-games type things to let people know these are the people that really want to win."

There are new events planned for the campaign period, running from Feb. 23 to March 6.

In addition to debates, there will be two forums — one at Lakeshore and one at North Campus. This will allow candidates to present their platforms.

HSF is already getting the word out about the election.

A website, youvotehumber.com, linked through Student Record Services, includes key dates and information.

Berg said there will also be blog posts by current HSF executives, giv-

The ad asks students, "What do you want?"

ing candidates a taste of executive job responsibilities.

"It's a step in the right direction," said Berg. "Obviously, new media is essential for any kind of campaign this day and age."

New advertisements encouraging students to vote are posted on the election website, HSF's main website, YouTube, and on Humber TV.

The ad, produced by Humber Media Services, airs about every 15 minutes on Humber TV, video technologies co-ordinator Omar Davis said.

The ad asks students, "What do you want?"

"If there's something on campus that you don't agree with, or if there's something you think can be ameliorated, you can actually bring about these changes within the Humber Students Federation," Berg said.



Mark Rothen

Ads promoting HSF election air on Humber TV every 15 minutes.

Ontario offers dental plan for young students

Jackie Martinz
NEWS REPORTER

The recent expansion of dental coverage for children by the McGuinty government provides an alternative to the dental plan offered by the Humber Students' Federation — but only for students under 18.

The government announced the Children in Need of Treatment program that covers dental costs will be expanded to provide youth from low income families with coverage until they turn 18.

One student said she would compare both plans before making a decision.

"When it comes to choosing between the HSF dental plan and the government one, it would depend on how much coverage the government is offering," said first-year fashion arts student Samantha Nadalin, 18.

The Liberals said the plan will cover preventive care, fillings and extractions.

HSF vice-president for administration at North Campus Amanda Connolly said HSF's dental coverage is automatically provided to students through their tuition fees.

"It's good coverage, it cuts down on the cost of dental work and check-ups. We even have a dental hygienist on campus," she said.

Students are able to opt-out each semester, said Connolly.

The majority of students on campus choose not to opt out, said Siem-moi Ly, HSF Service Director for North Campus.

"For the fall of 2007 and the winter of 2008, our data shows that out of the 18,000 students at Humber, only 3,000 opted out of the dental plan," she said.

Federal budget amendments are not enough for post-secondary schools

College leaders hope revisions would make funds available faster

Ryan Murdock
NEWS REPORTER

College leaders say the Liberal amendments to the federal budget are welcome, but they might not go far enough to ensure funding is used quickly and effectively.

"For us, any amendment that helps us ensure those funds go forward and they are appropriately distributed is important," president of Colleges Ontario Linda Franklin said.

"I don't know if the Liberal amendment will get it all the way there," she said. "But any sort of reporting on the key features to parliament is probably a good check and balance."

The College Student Alliance had hoped for more, said their director of advocacy Tyler Charlebois.

"We would have liked to have seen the opposition parties look at the budget a little harder to see where changes could be made," Charlebois said.

In particular, the CSA is hoping the 70-30 split for funding between the universities and colleges would have been changed, Charlebois said.

The Liberal amendment, which passed Tuesday Feb. 3, requires the federal government to give three reports on how the budget is proceeding — once in March, June, and December.

The March report will be especially significant for colleges as the summer is their major building season, said Franklin.

"I think what we'll be looking for

in the next couple months is to make sure the infrastructure money flows quickly without too much bureaucracy or delay," said Franklin.

"That there's clarity around how the training funds can be used by colleges and applying students have clear knowledge of what can be offered and when."

CSA also hopes these reports will ensure funds are made available as quickly as possible.

"Ontario Colleges have a list of shovel-ready projects ready to go tomorrow," Charlebois said.

"Right now, the federal government is only going to fund up to half the project, the colleges are going to have to find the rest."

Although Ontario's provincial

government has promised to match funding, Charlebois said CSA was hoping much of the red tape could be removed and the funding process sped up.

Humber College President John Davies said Humber has \$79 million worth of shovel-ready projects.

With applications for next year up 12 per cent, Humber is looking to invest in space and infrastructure.

"If that 12 million came to Humber next week, we'd get that up and running immediately," Davies said.

"We've got projects that are designed, ready to go, tendered, but we're not going ahead on them because we're waiting for funding," Davies said.

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EDITORIAL

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Historic call to space should save program

On Tuesday, four students and a professor at Humber College made history when they made contact with the International Space Station using a device that was simultaneously rudimentary in its design and remarkable in vision. On a shoestring budget, five individuals demonstrated the funding a project receives is not as important as the foresight inherent in keen and dedicated people focused on a singular cause.

Shortly after Humber's wireless telecommunications program had placed that brilliant diamond of achievement on its crown, word came through to *Et Cetera* that the program had been placed on hiatus.

The college's decision to suspend the program because of low enrolment numbers is shortsighted and wasteful of the attention garnered by the historic phone call to space.

The voices of astronaut Sandra Magnus, students Gino Cunti, Patrick Neelin, Paul Je and Kevin Luong, along with their professor Mark Rector, reverberated far past the walls of the college, making waves in media outlets the world over. The sheer joy and magnitude of the moment was perhaps best captured when Je told *Et Cetera's* Joana Draghici, "I talked to the astronaut Sandra Magnus. When I heard her voice I was like 'oh my God I hear her talking.' I am so proud to have represented Humber College at this institute."

Bring history into schools

Black History Month is a great time to celebrate and acknowledge black heritage, but the month does not adequately address Canadians' lack of knowledge about black history.

Recognition of the month originally began when American black historian Carter G. Woodson implemented Negro History Week in 1926. The week became an entire month during the American bi-centennial in 1976.

Canada began celebrating the week in the early 1950s and it became a month in the 1970s. National recognition didn't come until the House of Commons agreed to it in 1995.

Black history, along with all other heritages, should be celebrated throughout the entire year. School boards across the country should take a long, hard look at adding a black studies component to their curriculums.

Announcing one month for black history seems a bit patronizing. The month could be recognized in one brief thought and then forgotten about the rest of the year.

Having Canadian children study black history along side all other Canadian history could spark dialogue in households across the nation. The children could teach their parents a thing or two.

It's too easy for Canadians to opt out of

But instead of using this moment as a reason to reconsider the suspension of the program and capitalize on the instantaneous advertising campaign generated by the event, the administration has indicated that the decision to suspend will stand.

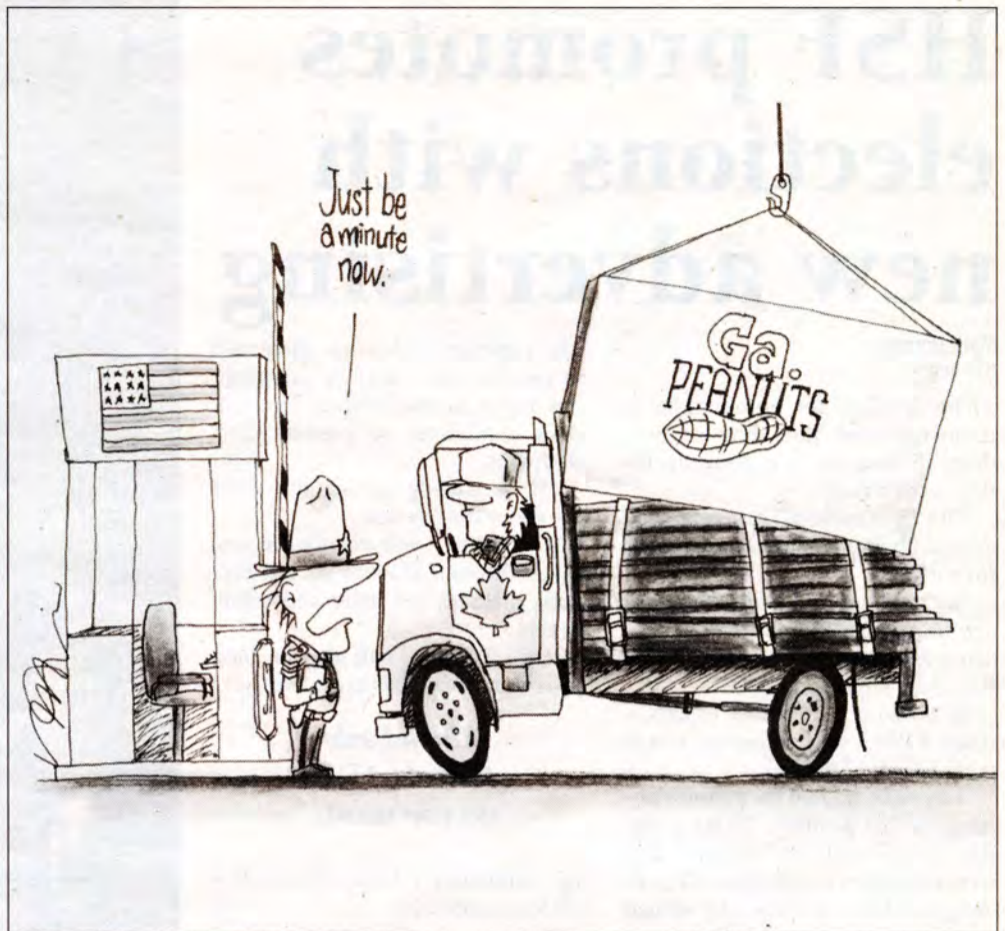
The rationale behind the college's decision is undoubtedly based on a formula that balances what the college wants with what the college can afford. Humber offers a separate post-graduate wireless telecommunications program as well as an electronics program that covers telecommunications. The question that begs to be asked, the question the administration surely asked itself, is does Humber need all three programs?

With a finite budget that must take into account increasing expenses for resources and aging infrastructure, colleges are forced to make hard decisions and those decisions are always at the expense of some students. But given the instant notoriety of this particular program Humber has an opportunity to reverse its decision to suspend the program and challenge the next group of students to reach farther.

Rather than remain entrenched in old ways, Humber's administration should set its sights on the future, attempting to envision the needs of tomorrow's students and structure the college to meet those needs.

"When I heard her voice I was like 'oh my God I hear her talking'. I am so proud to have represented Humber College at this institute."

- Paul Je
Student



WORD ON THE STREET

If you could change something about Humber, what would it be?



Patricia Bolieiro, 26
2nd year law clerk

"Easier access or a better stairway to the student centre."



Anna Oliva, 20
2nd year law clerk

"We need new couches and more of them because the couches are kind of getting destroyed."

Chris Minelli, 19
1st year fitness and health promotion



"A larger variety of food and more places to eat."

Samantha Gavedoni, 20,
2nd year law clerk



"More chairs and tables, and just keep the place clean."

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Defining death in Sri Lanka



Christina Comisso
MANAGING EDITOR

Close to 50,000 people lined the streets of downtown Toronto last week to protest the 'genocide' in Sri Lanka. Suddenly, the word genocide had made its way into every headline, newscast, and reference about the horrors facing the Tamil civilian population.

Word of this 'genocide' spread faster than wildfire – but information about what exactly is happening on the small island nation is vague.

The Sri Lankan government has denied reports that 300 people have been killed, but the International Committee of the Red Cross has said hundreds have been killed or wounded in fighting over the course of a week.

The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Navi Pillay said there might have been grave breaches of human rights by both sides in the conflict, and it is imperative to find out more about what exactly has been going on.

With no international journalists allowed into the country, and limited information coming out, it is

difficult to determine what exactly is going on. And while the situation for 250,000 civilians trapped in the war zone is horrific, until more is known, the term genocide should not be used as a substitution for the attacking, killing, or displacement of a group. Nor should the term be interchangeable with civil war.

That is not to say the situation does not deserve international attention or our condemnation. In the past, resistance on the part of governments to label wide spread killings

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as genocide has resulted in the loss of millions of lives.

One example is Darfur. The UN estimates 300,000 people have died and over two million people have been displaced because of fighting between the Sudanese government and rebel groups.

A 2005 UN commission's report on Darfur found both government forces and militias conducted indiscriminate attacks, including the killing of civilians, torture, kidnappings,

destruction of villages, rape and other forms of sexual violence.

Nevertheless, the report concluded that the widespread killing in Darfur did not meet the criteria of genocide – there was insufficient evidence of a specific intent to annihilate a people.

It was not until 2008 that the International Criminal Court indicted Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir for genocide and crimes against humanity, five years after the fighting began and three years after the UN acknowledged the hundreds of thousands of lives lost.

The fighting continues today and the death toll continues to rise.

The moment when the atrocities of war become a genocide lies somewhere between the situations facing Sri Lanka and Darfur.

Hastily calling acts of aggression towards civilian populations genocide is misleading and devalues the horror of the situation, desensitizes the public from the terror that follows the complete breakdown of a society.

Refraining from intervening when the annihilation of a people is a possible outcome or when such a situation is ignored by the international community is a sad indication the world has failed to heed the lessons of Rwanda, Cambodia, or the Holocaust and the million of lives lost.

Living and dying by the bean, one cup at a time



Cecily Van Horn
PHOTO EDITOR

Coffee, you either love it or hate it. It is indeed a beverage of an acquired taste. I personally worship the stuff.

Aficionados, like myself, are very particular about their 'cup of joe'. The ratio of milk, cream or sugar to coffee can be considered a science for java junkies. I enjoy mine well balanced with two creams and two sugars – the classic 'double-double'. But most importantly is that it gives me my caffeine fix.

The morning beverage is almost ritualistic for coffee connoisseurs. First there is the preference of location, whether Tim Horton's, Starbucks, Coffee Time or a local coffee shop. Coffee drinkers are usually very loyal. This pick-me-up ritual is so important that if even one incantation is off, an entire day could feel like a curse.

The world consumes more than 500 billion cups each year making the bean a valuable commodity for the countries that rely on its export.

My friends joke that I consume about half that amount a year. They say if I could surgically attach a cup of coffee to my hand that I probably would.

A study in the Harvard University Gazette finds drinking coffee provides many health benefits, including reduced risk for Parkinson's disease, diabetes, colon cancer and even suicide.

However, on the negative side, coffee can cause a number of problems for individuals, particularly in large doses. Problems such as increased nervousness, high cholesterol, diabetes, and certain heart conditions

are some of the effects a cup of mud can create.

Another ritualistic indulgence for coffee devotees is the act of going out for a coffee. Whether it's a first date with someone, a business meeting with colleagues, or simply to catch up with an old friend, there is always a reason to go for coffee and it becomes the iconic drink of its followers as a means of social interaction.

For me, coffee time is a sacred time. I prefer sitting alone in a coffee shop reading, writing poetry, articles or whatever spikes my creativity that day. It is the part of my day that I collect my thoughts and indulge in some 'me' time.

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Coffeehouses have sprung up on most street corners to what seems like a ridiculous excess. Do we really need to have a Tim Horton's on every block? Ultimately they have made their presence in our society undeniable.

But where did the idea come from? The first recorded public place serving coffee is 1475 in the Turkish city of Constantinople (now Istanbul). The name of the first coffee house was Kiva Han and it was a place where the men (women being forbidden) would gather to discuss politics and personal issues. The concept of the coffee shop became popular throughout the rest of the world and over time has become so integral to our daily lives that you can not walk more than a city block without passing four cafes.

Well, now I must go get a couple of shots of espresso.

Recession can't tackle NFL



Evangelos Tzaras
SPORTS EDITOR

In an episode of the Sopranos, mob boss Tony gathers his associates for a pep talk on making money during an economic downturn. He turns and asks, "What two businesses have traditionally been recession proof since time immemorial?" The response: "Certain aspects of show business and our thing." What Tony's friend forgot to mention was the NFL and its showcase event the Super Bowl.

Sure the NFL owners have put up their hands and said, hey, we're hurting too, we laid off 150 employees. With an impending labour battle with their players on the horizon, NFL owners are likely to keep up appearances too, but behind the layoffs is a league that continues to thrive earning \$6.5 billion in revenues last year.

In a recent Forbes valuation of sport franchises, six of the top ten spots belonged to NFL teams. Of the 30 NFL franchises over half are worth a billion dollars or more.

Its showcase event, the Super Bowl, the crown jewel of its empire and an unmatched money making machine, recession or not.

In the midst of one of the worst financial disasters in U.S history, NBC sold every single one of its 69 ad spots for a record breaking \$206 million. \$261 million if you count ads shown throughout NBC's 12-hour Super Bowl pre-game show with its endless hours of replayed and reshaped storylines from the good folks I hope to work with one day at NBC sports. Each ad spot sold for between two and three million bucks per 30 second spot.

Add the two weeks of schmoozing, parties and entertaining corporate clients during Super Bowl week and the NFL's showcase event becomes one of the best ways for the league sell itself. Show the suits that even in this economic disaster, 7.5 million Bowl parties will go on, and that massive 100 million person strong U.S. audience will be there watching those million dollar ads we've all grown to love – more attentively than the game, except for maybe the last two. And for you Canadian super ad fans have no worries, you can catch them at Superbowl.com or YouTube.

Now I know I've thrown a lot of numbers your way, but I want you to have an understanding of the economic strength of this league, especially its Super Bowl. It has reached the point that the game is overshadowed by the ads and the hype behind the spectacle. All the half-time shows and immaculate receptions have created the world's first recession proof sports league. Tony Soprano would be proud.

Kisses & Disses

To the brilliant advertisers who came up with the entertaining Super Bowl ads we all love so much.

To Bill Murray and Andie MacDowell for the very funny classic movie Groundhog Day.

To the group of German workers who found a safe with 100,000 Euros at a steel plant.

To Rafael Nadal for winning his sixth Grand Slam title at the Australian Open, becoming the first Spaniard to win the tournament.

To the CRTC for keeping those wonderful ads off Canadian television screens during the big game.

To Warton Willie for his prognostication of another six weeks of winter.

To those same German workers for giving it back to the bank who threw out the safe.

To Rafael Nadal for stopping Roger Federer from tying tennis legend Pete Sampras' record of 14 Grand slam titles . . . and making him cry.

LIFE

Toronto Anglicans will start blessing same-sex relationships within a year but could inflame an already divisive debate within the church.- *thestar.com*

Conveying feelings through cyber space

Kristen Smith
LIFE REPORTER

Counselling services may introduce cyber counselling over the next year to reach more students.

"Online counselling is something we have considered previously and we are considering it again," said Liz Sokol, counselling co-ordinator at Humber. "It could increase our numbers served."

Sokol said online is a better option for those hesitant to do the face-to-face thing.

This move comes after the University of Toronto began providing cyber counselling to students last

September. Six students working towards their masters in social work provide counselling to students at St. Michael's and Victoria Colleges.

The students write to the counsellors about a lot of personal stuff, said Deborah Levine, who is supervising the program.

If a student experiences a break-up at three in the morning cyber counselling allows them to write to their counsellor about what they are feeling right then, said Levine.

"We are using heavily encrypted email," said Levine. "The same stuff the FBI uses."

Sokol said there are concerns in regards to privacy and confidentiality.

"The issue is around the personal counselling," said Sokol. "I get so much information from looking into a person's face that it would be a big learning curve for me to learn how to illicit that kind of information while doing online counselling."

To compensate for the lack of cues like tone of voice, facial expression and body language, cyber counsellors use punctuation.

"In brackets I am conveying exactly what I am feeling," said Miriam Ben-Dat, one of the students providing cyber counselling at the University of Toronto.

For example, the counsellor or person being counselled would write:



Kristen Smith

Emailing could soon be replacing traditional face-to-face contact.

"(If you could see me, you would see that I am smiling right now at what you just told me.)"

"The Internet is the way that our generation communicates with each other," said Ben-Dat.

"There is comfort and security with the Internet."

Cyber counselling allows students

to make and keep appointments over breaks and when they are busy during exams.

"Cyber counselling, in conjunction with face-to-face counselling, is a perfect model for students," said Ben-Dat. "As our generation grows up, I think that it will become increasingly popular."

Tech savvy Pope uses YouTube to reach younger generation

Elizabeth Zahur
LIFE REPORTER

The Vatican's recently launched YouTube channel could be a way to increase religious awareness and spiritual conversation among young people, said Humber's Chaplain.

"Since YouTube is frequented more by the younger generation, one would think that the Pope's channel could elicit greater interest in religion from that group, especially if it is targeted more toward them," said Reverend Len Thomas.

In one of the first videos released on the channel, Pope Benedict XVI explained the Vatican's reason for the endeavour: "So that it is not a stranger to those spaces where numerous young people search for answers and meaning in their lives, you must find new ways to spread voices and images of hope."

The channel is considered the next step forward after launching the Vatican's website in 1995. It will be updated daily using media from the Vatican's television station, Centro Televisivo Vaticano.

James Cullin, interactive media programs co-ordinator, said the channel will be a good way to increase the accessibility of the Pope's message.

"More people are going to find it because Google owns YouTube and Google's search technologies are perfectly integrated within YouTube, so you're content will be more visible, more findable," said Cullin.

According to the web information group Alexa, YouTube is the fifth most visited site in Canada behind Google, Windows Live, Facebook, and Yahoo! Last year, YouTube was ranked the second most visited site in the world behind Google.



Elizabeth Zahur

Pope's channel available in Italian, English, Spanish and German.

"I think it's about time that churches leverage the power of the internet to spread their message," said Trevor Gingerich, the minister who leads the Lifeline Christian Fellowship club at Humber. "Churches are always searching for ways to reach people with a positive message - especially those who wouldn't normally step foot inside a church building - and do it in a relevant, accessible way. The Internet is a no-brainer."

Last semester, Lifeline launched a

student church, The Embassy, which is also considering spreading its message online to reach students who are not comfortable in a church setting or are too busy to attend services.

"No one knows for sure how this is all going to play out in the end," said Cullin. "But the broad trajectory is fairly obvious: all content is inextricably moving towards the web."

"Time will tell how effective it can be in reaching out to seekers and inquirers," said Thomas.

Winter dishes up a hot welcome

Alicea Knott
LIFE REPORTER

Winterlicious gives a unique opportunity for Humber chefs to broaden their skills in the world of fine dining, said a culinary co-ordinator.

"The idea is for us to give students the opportunity to really explore every aspect of our industry, and food being international, it really helps to foster that career path for them," said culinary program co-ordinator Rudi Fischbacher.

Fischbacher said he specifically attends Winterlicious to create partnerships with other restaurants who will take on Humber students.

"We have 145 different partners in the GTA, across Canada, and also in Europe," said Fischbacher. "Also I have a couple contacts in Asia and the Middle East."

Winterlicious is a part of Winter-City 2009 and runs until Feb. 12,

with up to 150 restaurants to choose from. With prices ranging from \$15 for lunch to \$45 for dinner, Winterlicious is a great way to get fine dining at inexpensive prices.

Customers can get yellow fin tuna with crisp plantain chips at Bymark, roasted parsnip soup and buttered poached scallops at the Old Mill Inn.

Chef Michael Angeloni, a graduate from the cooking apprenticeship program, said Winterlicious offers benefits for both chefs and the public.

"It's a great way for restaurants to get out there and people to try restaurants that they might not normally go to," he said.

Cheska Ang, also a graduate from the apprenticeship program, said Winterlicious is a deal you can't pass up, and a great way for restaurants to impress people.

Photo of the week



This photo was taken in Saudi Arabia in 2007. Graeme Steel, a first-year journalism student, took this photo while venturing on a day long tour in the deserts of the country. Steel was given his own camel as a sign of goodwill while he was there. To send in your own photos, email cecily.vanhorn@gmail.com.

The creators of Match.com have launched a new website called DownToEarth.com that lets users search for a special someone for free. - *The Associated Press*

Students do anything for free stuff



Shawna Markus

Humber students taste the mystery food item which was spooned into their mouths at an HSF event.

Cat food was served to students vying for tickets

Shawna Markus
LIFE REPORTER

Eight students got more than they signed up for when participating in last week's HSF's taste bud challenge.

Cat food was served up as one of the appetizing choices, along with radishes, lard, head cheese and other tasty delights.

The students were competing for Toronto Raptors and Toronto Maple Leafs tickets, in a 12-round showdown.

The competition took place in the Student Centre last Thursday, drawing a hearty crowd. In the end, two students were left standing, proving they had the best taste buds on campus.

Kapil Rajdev, 19, a first-year business marketing student, said he felt "not good" after the competition.

"I mean, I eat everything, I just hate cat food. They made us eat crap," he said.

Rajdev scored two tickets to see the Raptors, while Krista Gaverluk, a second-year fashion arts student, picked up a pair of Leafs tickets.

"I just want to see Sidney Crosby,"

she said, "it was worth eating a Band-Aid and cat food," she said.

The HSF staff comes up with ideas for events as a team.

"We usually have themed programs in the winter, like ice carving," said Danny Connelly, assistant events staff member for HSF. "But this week we just wanted a cool challenge. We wanted it to be like fear-factor, with blindfolds and they have to guess what they are tasting."

"I just want to see Sidney Crosby, it was worth eating a Band-Aid and cat food."

- Krista Gaverluk
second-year fashion

The challenge attracted first-year heating, ventilation and air-conditioning student Mike Zevallos.

"I wanted to see how far I could push myself. I like to try weird foods," he said.

Zevallos bowed out before the final rounds, featuring 12 items which included a mixture of beets, soymilk, Band-aids, gummy fish, and a tea bag.

"I didn't eat the cat food," he said. "I was close to putting it in my mouth and I couldn't do it."

Trendsetters what's in, what's out

Name: Tania Ferreira, age 19
Program: Business administration,
Year: 2

What is your personal style?

I like to stand out. Sometimes I just wear all black, or I wear a lot of colours. There's not really one specific type.

What are your favourite stores?

I like Zara a lot. I like Sirens, UB, Aldo, H&M. There's a store in Europe called Breshka, I love it.

Is there someone in the fashion world, or your personal life that inspires you?

I like Jessica Alba. I think she always looks classy.

Are there things in fashion that you were in, that aren't?

Lots and lots of bangles, and accessories. I've heard leggings aren't in anymore, apparently. Yeah, I still love them.

Are there any things in fashion that you wish was not in style?

Oh, the Uggs boots. Take them out!"

Photo and interview compiled by
Alicia Knott



Each week, Trendsetters highlights personal style on campus.



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IN FOCUS

Black historian and second World War veteran, Alvin B. Aberdeen Duncan, died in Oakville last Thursday. He was 95 years old. — oakvillebeaver.com



This week the In Focus section looks at Black History Month and the lack of black history studies in Canada.

Coach says a lot still needs to be done

Amy Snow
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Canada has made great strides in terms of racial acceptance and respect, but racism still exists and Humber's men's basketball coach Darrell Glenn knows the challenges well.

"We still have a long way to go to reach a point where Canadians of every race and culture feel understood, to create a country where everyone, regardless of religion, culture and racial identity can feel completely understood," he says.

Black history was not taught in schools he attended growing up in Toronto, Glenn says, nor is the subject taught where his two children attend school in Richmond Hill.

He says education about black history should be available to every student of any race to foster a culture of understanding and respect. Glenn says black history isn't taught enough and when it is, it's not done well.

"The unfortunate thing about Black History Month is that when it is taught, often times, it is just taught through slavery," he says.

President of the Ontario Black History Society Rosemary Sadlier says the Toronto community is producing plays, holding exhibitions and giving presentations all year round to educate people about black history in Canada.

"I think that one of the blessings of Black History Month is that it encourages educators and others to spend some time in February looking at, considering and sharing aspects of the contribution of Canadians of African origin," she says.

Sadlier says racism is still a concern and she suggests Humber College could help promote education about black history by establishing a school of African studies.

"There currently is not one at any college level," she says.

First-year film and television production student Raissa Dietl says, "Because Humber is so culturally diverse, I think we could use a black history program."

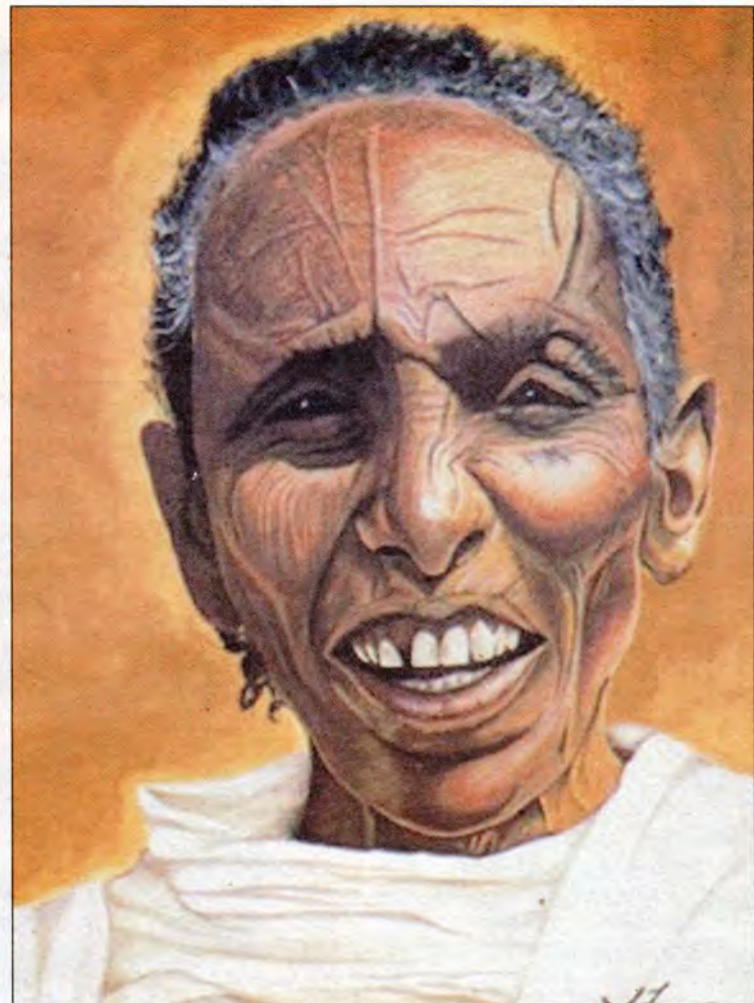


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Cathleen Yoo

Sonia Farquharson, shown above, will have art displayed at the COLOURblind exhibit this month in Mississauga and at the ROM in July.



Courtesy

Grad celebrates heritage using art

Artist recognizes how work can promote diversity through people's interpretations

Cathleen Yoo
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Business grad Sonia Farquharson uses art as an advocacy tool.

"I said to myself, whenever I paint I wanted to promote multiculturalism and diversity because that's what Canada is to me," says Farquharson, who was born in England and raised in Toronto.

"That was my main focus when I started art and I continue to do so," she says.

Farquharson frequently involves her work in celebrating Black History Month and diversity.

She was asked to participate in the first Black History Through Art exhibition for the Canadian Human

Rights Commission in 1998. She continues to participate in the exhibit, which is now an annual event called COLOURblind.

Curator and director of COLOURblind Joan Butterfield says Farquharson really dives deep into the subject of her art.

"She interprets the theme much better than the other artists because she researches the themes and brings more depth to the theme," she says. "She's a prolific artist for sure."

Farquharson says art means something different to everyone.

"Art is visual and for most people it's much easier to visualize something," she says. "You can never make a mistake with art because you can

interpret it your own way."

She explains how art can be a powerful advocating tool.

"It jogs your brain and makes you think and imagine things."

Farquharson became interested in art at a young age. Art mural painting in high school solidified her love for art. She graduated with Grades 12 and 13 art awards.

Farquharson's love for art combined with an interest in owning her own company to sell it brought her to Humber for the Business Administration program in 1988. She graduated in 1990.

"My ultimate goal with my art is to further my career in art and do my own shows," says Farquharson, add-

ing she has always held a full-time job while producing art. "My goal is to eventually make a living from it."

The Mississauga Heritage Foundation, located at the Robinson-Adamson Grange, is one of several places her work will be on display as part of the COLOURblind exhibit from Feb. 15 to March 6.

Foundation historian Matthew Wilkinson says COLOURblind is a popular exhibit.

"There's nothing else quite like it that I bring into the space and it does draw a great deal of interest to visitors," Wilkinson says.

Farquharson is participating in the *Beyond the Rhythm* art exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum in July.

Community leaders say Canadian history gets overlooked

Graeme Steel
IN FOCUS REPORTER

African-Canadians have helped shape the country since the early 1600s, yet their contributions to Canadian history rest in the shadows of America's black heritage.

References to the Million Man March, Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Jr. and Thurgood Marshall are prevalent during this time of year, but Pastor Andrew King of the Malton Seventh-Day Adventist Church says Canadians can better relate to our own ancestry.

"We focus on American black history, but that has nothing to do with

us," says King, who's planning events within his church and community to educate young people about black history. "It's a different environment and there are different social and economic challenges that Americans have to deal with."

Management consultant Arnold Minors is a prominent figure in Toronto's black community and he says Canada has a wealth of black history to explore.

"There are people who resisted by burning down a part of Montreal," he says. "There are people who resisted and were hanged here. In Nova Scotia, the story of resistance is

wonderful and deep and rich."

Minors says the "African cowboys out west" are forgotten about and he believes the US plays a role.

"Canada takes a backseat to American history because we're the mouse next to the elephant," he adds.

Humanities program co-ordinator Melanie Chaparian says some Canadian communities can follow their genealogy back to the Underground Railroad, but several Canadians are not directly linked to slavery.

"Toronto tends to have a much higher proportion of newer black Canadians than what you see in the US, where most of the black folks

that you meet have been in the US for generations," says Chaparian, a Humber Diversity Committee member.

First-year business administration student Noel Malcolm, 18, believes it's a matter of emphasis.

"It's tradition in the States, but it's not as much a tradition here," he says. "We don't have our own identity — we follow the States a lot."

"History gives you identity," King says. "It gives you purpose. It gives you meaning. Everyone is interested in knowing where they come from and what their ancestors did before them because it inspires you to do more."

Simon Fraser University history professor Afua Cooper is the curator for a new photo exhibit celebrating black history in B.C. — *canada.com*

Curator says site was huge for early education

Prof says school gave people good sense of dignity

Pattie Phillips
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Black Canadian settlers left a legacy for future generations through embracing new educational opportunities, says a liberal arts instructor.

"There was clearly an effort, a significant drive to remove the shackles of oppression, and to maintain a sense of dignity," says William Walcott, an instructor in sociology and humanities at Humber. "These people were all oppressed and they did whatever was necessary to make educational progress."

Walcott says he believes "excluded groups have an important obligation to educate themselves, to embrace the importance of education in all of its forms for the process of improving themselves."

But educational attainment also includes studying one's own past, he explains.

"It is difficult for anyone regardless of shade, hue, or culture to go



North Buxton School students from the class of 1909-10 gather for a photo beside the historic site.

forward without knowing his or her history and to have a deep-rooted interest in the significance of that history," he says.

The Buxton settlement, located near Chatham, Ont. and settled in 1849 by blacks (many of whom were former American slaves that

had come to Canada via the Underground Railroad), flourished in its early years because it emphasized education, says Shannon Prince, curator of the Buxton National Historic Site and Museum.

"Education was such an important factor, not only here, but for blacks

themselves," she says. "They were always told: you can't achieve anything."

The Buxton School's success attracted more white students than the local common school, and Prince says its first class graduated six students including Dr. Anderson Ab-

bott, the first black man to graduate from medical school in Canada.

The school created educational opportunities for early black settlers and the museum continues to educate thousands of people yearly while commemorating the settlement's role in Black Canadian history.

Prince says it's important for black youths to connect with their past.

"They need to know their roots, their past, to pay for their future," she adds.

Liberal Arts and Sciences history teacher Gary Begg believes places like Buxton play an important role in our country's collective memory.

"It's important to have visual and physical evidence of the steps towards equality and inclusion in Canadian society," he says. "Each time we reflect upon the history of groups, we understand them a little better."

Michelle Abankwa, first-year business management student, says black youths don't face the same challenges they once did, but believes students are missing out.

"Now that education is free and equal to everybody, they're not taking advantage of the opportunity," she says.



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Teri Pecoskie

Jadway Hemmings says he enjoys being a positive role model.

Basketball star scores big with peers, coach says

Teri Pecoskie
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Though men's basketball star Jadway Hemmings draws inspiration from strong black figures such as newly elected US President Barack Obama, he says leadership qualities ultimately transcend race.

"A leader," he says, "is just an individual who strives for the best, who's willing to help others, and who cares about improving."

Hemmings' constant growth as a student, athlete and community leader makes him an ideal person for incoming athletes to look up to, says Humber's athletic director Doug Fox.

"It's important around here," he says. "We have a number of black athletes and if you don't have peers and role models to guide you through, sometimes things fall between the cracks."

Fox has worked in Humber's athletics department for 30 years and he says the school has made great strides with respect to racial equality.

Hemmings' success not only inspires his peers at Humber. But communities like Rexdale and Scarborough also benefit from having him as a role model, Fox adds.

"He's come from a difficult situation, but he's used his personal struggles to motivate him to set a good example."

-Darrell Glenn
Humber men's basketball coach

Men's basketball coach Darrell Glenn agrees.

"He's come from a difficult situation, but he's used his personal struggles to motivate him to set a good example," he says. "He's been the shining light on our team."

Hemmings, a third-year child and youth worker student, is not

only dedicated to his team and his academic studies, but also to giving back to the Scarborough community where he was raised, Glenn says.

"He's a caring young man who puts other people first," he says. "It's important for young people in the community to have an example like him."

Hemmings says he likes to spend his free time volunteering for the Scarborough Basketball Association, where he helps young people learn basketball fundamentals.

After he graduates, the Hawks' captain says he plans to complete a degree in family and community youth services.

"I enjoy helping people," he says. "I understand how young people think and I know I can be a positive role model for them."

A three-time OCAA west division all-star, Hemmings says he's proud of his role as both a team and community leader.

"It makes me feel good knowing that everyone respects me."

Expert says Africentric school connects students to culture

Adrienne Coling
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The Ontario Black History Society says Toronto communities have embraced African-Canadian heritage as the doors to africentric alternative schooling open in the fall.

OBHS President Rosemary Sadlier says the idea of presenting diversity beyond traditional teachings in public schools is meant to give black students a greater chance to connect with their communities and be successful earlier in life.

"This has come about because there is a significant problem in the black community for young black students that aren't feeling connected to their culture or their schools," Sadlier says.

"How do you become a better citizen if you feel alienated by the very place that is supposed to accept and nurture you?" she says, adding not everyone has the resources to become a better citizen given the environment he or she has to work with. This immersion program is not the only option the black community is proposing for Toronto-based



Courtesy

Rosemary Sadlier holds the Black History Month proclamation with Mayor David Miller at the history month's launch event.

"There are ideas for enriched curricula that give people of African origin the opportunity to learn about their culture and be continually involved and invested in their heritage."

-Rosemary Sadlier
OBHS President

schools, Sadlier adds.

"There are ideas for enriched curricula that give people of African origin the opportunity to learn about their culture and be continually involved and invested in their heritage," says Sadlier, noting several cultural experiences will be offered to all students regardless of race.

Communications co-ordinator Kelly Baker of the Toronto District

School Board says the africentric school is located at Sheppard Public School and is available for all registered Kindergarten to Grade 8 students.

"This program is now registering for September and we need at least 40 children to make it run," Baker says. "If there is a demand, programs may extend into secondary and post-secondary schools in the future."

First-year computer-programming student Charles Appiah says these types of schools are just another form of segregation and are unproductive for race relations in Canada.

"I think it implies that we're not as interested in school and our communities as other races," Appiah says. "School boards should encourage black students . . . and give more attention to the history and culture of African Canadians in regular schools where everyone learns together and no one says, 'Okay you're black, so you should go here to learn and you're white, so you go over there.'"

Diversity committee sets up events at North and Lakeshore campuses

Angela Mahoney
Jackie Paduano
IN FOCUS REPORTERS

Students have the opportunity to take part in various events happening around the college with Black History Month now in full effect.

Human rights and diversity manager Nancy Simms said she hopes everyone participates.

"Our hope is that there will be full attendance from all staff and students," Simms said.

The official program for Black History celebrations at the college began yesterday, which included a performance by spoken-word artist Dwayne Morgan and a documentary screening by film director Martine Chartrand.

The human rights and diversity staff will host information sessions every Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. this month to promote increased knowledge about the contributions of black people in Canada.

A photo exhibit outside the main doors of the North Campus library showcases books and resources on prominent people of African origin, including U.S. President Barack Obama and his wife Michelle.

Njeri Damali Campbell, diversity and human rights adviser at HR services, said she hopes the events will encourage all students to connect and engage each other in dialogue.

"Black History Month is an event for everyone," she says.

The diversity committee has placed

ads on Humber TV, emailed individual deans to promote the events to faculty and handed out flyers to passersby at both North and Lakeshore Campuses, Campbell added.

However, some students said they aren't aware of the events or whether they will participate.

"I'm oblivious," said David Hopson, 23, a second-year business management student. "I have no idea what's going on, but I think it's pointless to restrict history to race and reduce it to just one month."

Nigerian-born Ugonnaya Allison, 22, said she didn't notice any posters or listings by looking around campus, but the spirit of Black History Month should be celebrated all year.

"I don't think there should be just a month," said Allison, a second-year business marketing student.

"I think people from whatever background should be proud of where they're from and should celebrate their heritage year-round," she added.

General arts and sciences program co-ordinator Linda Smithees said she received faculty emails about the events and would like to participate, but thinks more advertising aimed at students is needed.

"There should definitely be more posters, more banners and ads on the big TV to promote it."

For information, visit the HSF events offices located at Lakeshore in H106, and in KX103 at the North Campus.

"Canada's cellphone companies are required to install technology which locates wireless 911 callers" – TheGlobeandMail.com

Son's YouTube video of dad a hit

Comedy students learn how to build a career using the internet

Josh Kerr
Biz/TECH REPORTER

From a basement in Grimsby, Humber graduate William Hooshmandi unintentionally turned his father into an Internet celebrity.

Seven months ago, Hooshmandi, who goes by the name Billy Hoosh, filmed his father reciting a dirty limerick in Farsi, which he then posted on YouTube.

Since graduating from Humber in 2005, Hoosh has seen the Internet become an indispensable tool for comedians.

The video, shot on the fly with a cheap digital still camera, has so far garnered over 90,000 views.

"Almost all of the hits we get come from Iran," said Hoosh, the 25-year-old aspiring comedian. "It's like everyone in Iran has seen this video."

"I'm having so much fun doing this with my son," said Firooz Hooshmandi, the 63-year-old retiree who wrote the Farsi poem about the lighter side of aging.

After the popularity of the first video the pair have produced a series of short comedy sketches called Pedar va Pesar which translates to Father and Son.

The minute long sketches are about

an eccentric elderly father trying to teach his clueless, Canadian born son about Iranian culture.

"We do it through crude, rude, non sequitur and outright bizarre examples," said Hoosh. "We have people that just love it because they've never seen anything like it before. We're basically doing western style humor but in Farsi."

The videos are most popular with Iranian youth in the fledgling Iranian hip hop scene.

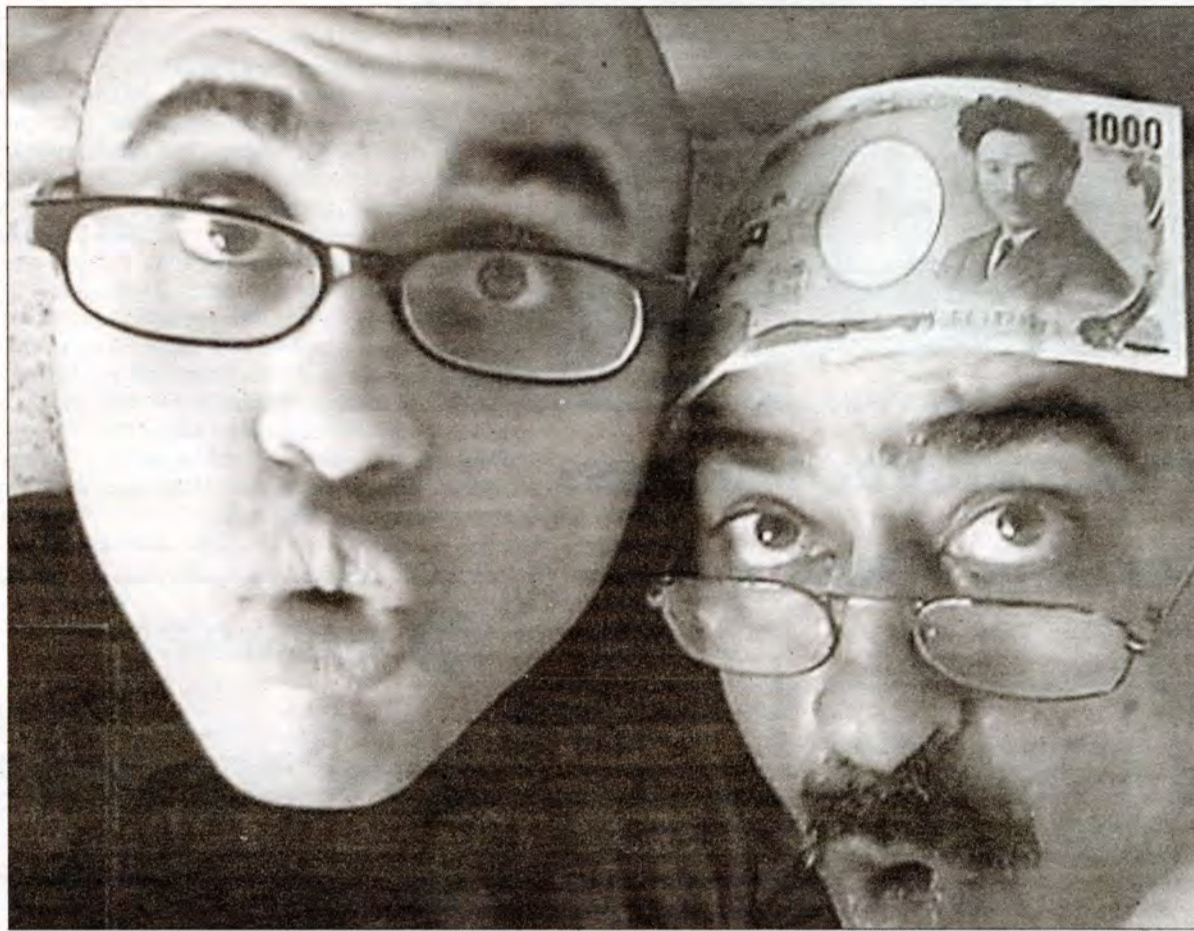
This year, Humber's comedy program offers a tutorial on how to build a career using the Internet.

"I think it's probably more essential than live performance now," said Jared Sales, instructor of the tutorial.

"A lot of my fans are Iranian rappers. I guess it's almost in the same vein. We're pushing the button of counterculture to what's going on in Iran," said Hoosh.

Though Hoosh's videos are popular, that popularity hasn't yet translated into any sort of financial windfall.

"It's like last man standing see how productive you can be without making any money but. Has become sort of an obsession you don't want to stop," said Hoosh.



Humber comedian William Hooshmandi (right) and his father (left) Firooz Hooshmandi

Courtesy

Downandup virus targets microsoft users

Kimberley Molina
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Humber has been attempting to ensure campus computers are protected from the newest virus threat.

"We know that these threats can interfere with productivity and business operations," the college's client services manager Ryan Burton said. "We're proactive in making sure we have quality solutions in place."

The Windows virus, called Downandup, is suspected to have originated in Ukraine. It infects networks by first infecting one computer and then attempting to figure out passwords of other computers on a network.

The virus has been plaguing millions of computers and people in countries around the world.

"There are an estimated 2.4 to eight million computers that have been affected," said Fariza Fauzi a technical support worker for F-Secure, a company providing online security software.

Windows operating systems tend to be more vulnerable to viruses but Burton said the option of switching

to another operating system has been brought up and rejected quickly.

Burton said the reason that other types of operating systems aren't used is twofold: students are more likely to purchase a new computer that has a Windows, and most corporations use either Windows or Macs.

"We can put anything we want to on our workstations, but the problem becomes is this going to be what they will experience when they

Windows operating systems tend to be more vulnerable to viruses but Burton said the option of switching to another operating system has been brought up and rejected quickly.

get out into the real world? We would have artificially created an environment that isn't reflective of what they would experience in the real world, which is counter to what we think we should be doing as an institution, said Burton.

Protecting the campus computers from viruses and phishing attempts – where people are taken to a fake company website to get them to reveal passwords or banking information – can be difficult and requires monitoring and implementing industry suggestions to combat threats, said Burton.

Burton also stressed that students should keep their anti-virus software up to date on their home computers and laptops so that they don't bring viruses to campus.

"Staff and students can purchase a one-year subscription to PC-cillin, it's an antivirus solution," said Burton. "We've tried to make antivirus software available for \$10


a year and that gives them access to a quality antivirus scanner that they can run and hopefully disinfect their own files."

The antivirus software can help students fight viruses, but there are still problems that occur before Microsoft can come out with a removal tool.


Nikki McGill, 19, in the interior

decorating program said she hasn't had a virus on her laptop but is afraid of getting one. She has considered getting a Mac except that she doesn't think her programs would be compatible.

"It's easier to transfer programs from school computers" because they use Windows.



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"Industry researchers estimate the online gaming market is about a fifth the size of the video console market." – *TheGlobeandMail.com*



Judy Mcneil

Yip-Chuck's father played an influential role in his life.

Prof's unique business sense is a bonus

Judy Mcneil
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Richard Yip-Chuck brings the experience in creating his own business to his entrepreneurship classes at Humber College's three campuses.

The director of Humber's Orangeville campus, Joe Andrews, said "The students here have positive things to say about Yip-Chuck's teaching."

Kulvinder Pal, a third year business student, said, "He makes learning easy. I want to open my own business one day and the skills he taught me, I will put them together and open my own business."

As president of Tarax Infinity Ltd., Yip-Chuck attends to the managerial duties.

"I'm always looking at different opportunities to increase sales or to develop new relationships with other companies and other salespeople."

Yip-Chuck said he got into the business of paperweights because it's a niche market and his company has a unique way for making the product.

"We are the only company with our process and we were featured on *Discovery Channel*. We take items from nature such as dandelion, preserve them and encapsulate them in a clear medium and make it a decorative item and sell them to specialty shops," said Yip-Chuck.

Independent sales people market the products across Canada, the U.S., Europe and other overseas markets. "We sell through catalogue and over the Internet."

Yip-Chuck who attended the University of Waterloo, was born in Trinidad and came to Canada in 1967 at the age of four. He said his father

had a great influence on him, "My dad was always very entrepreneurial. When we were very young, he started some businesses and from then I knew I wanted to work for myself."

Yip-Chuck is married and has two sons and a step-daughter.

"I'm always looking at different opportunities to increase sales or to develop new relationships with other companies and other salespeople."

—Richard Yip-Chuck
Humber business professor

"Getting the business started was hard because we didn't take any loans. We bootstrapped. Bootstrapping means that you start off with very little investment and you basically use the company's sales to fund its own growth," said Yip-Chuck.

Yip-Chuck said there are sweet rewards. "You reap the rewards of your own hard work, you get to do something you really love to do; you can make decisions quickly that impact the business directly. As an employee, you would have to give it to your manager and wait for evaluation and that takes long."

"To be in business for yourself, have a passion for what you are doing. Money can be a motivator but it should not be the main motivation. The passion comes first, because it's that passion that's going to help you overcome the challenges of the business," Yip-Chuck said.

Student travel up despite economy's freefall

Tyler Mason
Biz/TECH REPORTER

The dipping economy hasn't kept students from going on vacation. In reality, they are actually travelling more.

"I was thinking about going to Cuba," said Brett Leary, a first-year student. "A lot of people say good things about it."

Humber students aren't alone in their desire to travel this reading week.

"We've seen a bit of uptick in our Cancun holidays. A lot more people are going on trips they've been saving six to eight months for," said Ryan Kruger, President of Breakaway Tours in Toronto. "Bus trips to Florida and ski trips have also seen a rise from last year," he said.

Prices for trips during reading week haven't dropped all that much.

"A number of companies have packages for spring break specifically. Trips to the Caribbean, like Cuba or the Dominican Republic, an all-inclusive three star resort could go for \$800 to \$900 for an entire week," said Natalie Simmons of Travel CUTS.

Prices may have dropped between peak periods, but not during the times when

Humber students aren't alone in their desire to travel this reading week.

people travel the most.

"The rates are pretty comparable to last year for reading week," said Mary

Lendway, a Professor in the School of hospitality, recreation and tourism. "What I've been seeing are students going on ski trips more; it seems like there is a bit of a shift from going to the beach and partying to going skiing and partying."

A shift in student travel trends is especially interesting in the tourism sector because it is a high demand oriented industry.

"It's less expensive, it's a sport, and an activity they can share and bond over, instead of just lying on the beach," Lendway said.

"Economic variables could be at the heart of the slight change in travel trends, but for some is hasn't crossed their minds," said Leary.



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LOCKDOWN TEST EXERCISE

NORTH CAMPUS

Thursday, February 12, 2009

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The Department of Public Safety has scheduled a Lockdown Test exercise for Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 10:15 a.m. The purpose of the exercise is to test the readiness of the college in the event of a critical incident requiring a lockdown.

Announcements will be made over the public address system prior to the start of the exercise to advise all staff and students of when the exercise will commence and not to call 911 or ext. 4000.

Everyone is to follow the procedures posted in the classrooms.

The Toronto Police and Humber's Emergency Response Team will assist with the exercise.

To watch the student lockdown presentation please visit publicsafety.humber.ca and click on the icon "Message from the President" or to view the Lockdown Instructions go to the Emergency Procedures pull down tab.

If you have any questions please contact:
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A new study suggests today's medical and nursing students are learning about medical ethics from TV medical dramas. - *theStar.com*



Courtesy

Musician and teacher Hilario Durán leads the Latin Jazz Ensemble at the Student Showcase in 2008.

Cuban beats hit Lakeshore

Faculty use heritage to spice up music showcase

Jessica Brooks
A&E REPORTER

Two acclaimed Cuban Canadian musicians will kick off the student showcase series Wednesday at Lakeshore, and both teach at Humber.

On Wednesday evening, Juno winner and Grammy nominee Hilario Durán will lead the college Jazz Ensemble. Luis Mario Ochoa, nominated as 2007's Canadian Latin Jazz Artist of the Year, conducts the Latin Big Band.

The Latin Big Band uses arrangements by graduate Marco De La Cruz. He remembers Ochoa fondly from his school days.

"His passion for Latin is absolutely contagious," said De La Cruz, "especially when he starts dancing on the band stand, shouting out and having fun!"

Before moving to Canada, Durán

and Ochoa trained in Cuban conservatories.

Ochoa said conservatory is like military school.

"His passion for Latin is absolutely contagious, especially when he starts dancing on the band stand, shouting out and having fun!"

-Humber graduate Marco De La Cruz

"They were always trying their best to throw you out," he said.

Ochoa earned the *New York Times'* acclaim last month for his performance with Paquito D' Rivera at the Lincoln Center.

Durán began playing piano at age eight. "My father pushed me to be a

musician," he said. "He liked music a lot."

Durán won the 2007 Chico O'Farrill Lifetime Achievement Award from Latin Jazz USA.

"The music he teaches is a very unique and challenging style of music," said third year trumpet student Olivier Clemente.

He plays in the Jazz Ensemble conducted by Durán. "It gives me the opportunity to push my limits."

Clemente said Latin music is uplifting. "It's the heart of the culture," he said.

Durán and Ochoa said they enjoy teaching Cuban music.

"Most of my students have never played this kind of music before," said Durán.

"It is great to see them progress," said Ochoa.

Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students.

Juno nods

JUNO Fan Choice Award

- Celine Dion
- Feist
- Hedley
- Nickelback
- The Lost Fingers

Single of the Year

- Celine Dion, "Taking Chances"
- Divine Brown, "Lay It On the Line"
- Kardinal Offishall, "Dangerous"
- Michael Bublé, "Lost"
- Nickelback, "Gotta Be Somebody"

Artist of the Year

- Bryan Adams
- City and Colour
- k.d. lang
- Sam Roberts
- Serena Ryder

Group of the Year

- Great Big Sea
- Nickelback
- Simple Plan
- The Trews
- Tokyo Police Club

New Artist of the Year

- Crystal Shawanda
- Jessie Farrell
- Kreasha Turner
- Lights
- Nikki Yanofsky

New Group of the Year

- Beast
- Cancer Bats
- Crystal Castles
- Plants and Animals
- The Stills

Songwriter of the Year

- Alanis Morissette
- City and Colour
- Gordie Sampson
- Hedley
- The Midway State

Alternative Album of the Year

- Black Mountain, *In The Future*
- Chad VanGaal, *Soft Airplane Fucked Up, The Chemistry Of Common Life*
- Plants and Animals, *Parc Avenue*
- The Stills, *Oceans Will Rise*

Rap Recording of the Year

- DL Incognito, "A Captured Moment In Time"
- D-Sisive, "The Book"
- Famous, "I Rap Now"
- Kardinal Offishall, "Not 4 Sale"
- Point Blank, "Point Blank"



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Jason "Jay" Mewes made a surprise appearance with Kevin Smith at Cornell University.

Mallrats actor visits Humber fans

Kat McMorrow
A&E REPORTER

Hollywood cult movie legend Jason Mewes, the Jay in "Jay and Silent Bob," will visit fans today at Lakeshore and Monday North campus.

"I'm very excited that Jay is coming," said Elyssa Smelko, a first-year student. "He makes me laugh in a lot of movies."

Audiences know Mewes for his roles in Kevin Smith's films *Mallrats*, *Dogma* and more.

On Feb. 5 and Feb. 9, he is signing autographs at Humber.

"We heard that so many students would love to see him, so we looked into it," said Ayner Duzgeren, vice-president of campus life at North.

Mewes was born in Highlands, N. J. in 1974 and has appeared in more than 20 films since his 1994 debut in *Clerks*.

He plays Lester in *Zack and Miri Make a Porno*, filling the screens with his brand of foul-mouthed hilarity since October 2008.

"Jay has affected a lot of students over the years," said Aaron Miller, programming director of the Humber Students' Federation. "He's pretty cool about making sure everyone gets their opportunity to get a picture or an autograph with him."

Miller said the plan is for Mewes to start by talking about himself and his career, then to speak more to his fans.

"He feeds off the questions from the audience," said Miller. After a Q&A with the fans, Miller said Mewes will meet the people.

"When we get actors to come here, students always get excited and want an autograph session," said campus life VP Duzgeren.

"I'm pumped about it," said first-year multimedia design student Adam Barker. "He's the first person to come here that I'm actually going to go see."

THE SET LIST

Your guide to Monday night music at Caps

John Evans
A&E REPORTER

Caps' Monday Music Madness is a great success, said the pub's manager Chris Shimoji.

"The first night sold out," Shimoji

said of the 200 person crowd.

The regular Monday event features live bands playing 45-minute sets.

Any band can sign up, said Shimoji. "We get bands of all types," he said.

Sets are taped, he said, and the bands get a DVD of their performances.

First-year HVAC student Kieran Sedgwick co-fronts a band. He said The Groove may sign up for a set.

He said the band wants in on the DVD grab.

"That's huge," he said, "to actually get some footage."

Check out the music starting at 8 p.m. each week at Caps.

A&E

Christian Bale has been caught on tape verbally abusing a cinematographer and anyone who tried to calm him down. - *TheGlobeandMail.com*

Trumpeter's talent earns big bucks

Michael Sutherland-Shaw
A&E REPORTER

Fourth-year student Jonathan Challoner adds \$1,000 to his bank account, thanks to the latest award in his catalogue – the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire (IODE).

Chosen in November 2008 for the scholarship, Challoner said the money will be a huge help.

He said he'll finish recording an album before graduation. Then, it's on to a master's at some point.

"He is one of the most talented musicians to ever come through this school. A rare individual and excellent combination of passion, self-discipline, and talent," said music director Denny Christianson.

Challoner started playing trumpet at age 11 in Vancouver Island, B.C.

After playing in the Grammy All Star-Band in high school, he started exploring options for more training.

"Humber was the right choice," said Challoner. "I really enjoy the atmosphere as my teachers have given me the freedom and support to do my own thing."

He is a part of the first graduating class of a degree program in contemporary music. Christianson said it's "a cutting edge program" in production, composition and performance.

Provincial education officer Bonnie Rees said IODE Canada chose Challoner for his musical talent and academic standing.

"I can see him doing great things," said Christianson, "not only for Humber but jazz music at large."



Lauren Brunetti

Steel frames are used throughout the play, and they are considered to be the most important prop.

Fevers and Curses hit home

Lauren Brunetti
A&E REPORTER

A Field Guide to Fevers and Curses is expected to delight audiences with excitement and laughter.

"We want all of the students at Humber to come and see this," said Sampson. The 18-member cast hopes to open theatre to students in other programs, Jamie Sampson said.

The show opens tomorrow and runs until Valentine's Day at the Humber Studio Theatre at Lakeshore Campus. Only 86 seats are available per performance.

Directors Karin Randoja and Raymond

Bobgan have been working with students on the show since mid December.

Inspired by the writings of American playwright, Mike Geither, the play is a drama with comedic and musical elements, said Bobgan.

"It is an adaptation, with the student's individual creations being another place for the directors to draw inspiration from," said Sampson.

Theatre performance co-ordinator Cathy McKinnon said she is especially excited to see this play. "Since the actors already have one show under their belt, this play allows us to see their growth and progress."

The directors created a special role for each member of the cast, with no auditions necessary, said creative and performing arts student Emily Farrell.

"We already worked with Raymond and Karin in our physical theatre workshop last year," she said. "They adapted the script based on our personalities."

The show will give audiences the chance to see "theatre in your lap," as Farrell put it.

"The audience is on all four sides of the stage," she said.

Tickets are available at the Humber box office and online.

Book review

Lincoln's unmatched legacy still going strong

John Evans
A&E REPORTER

★★★★★ (out of five)

A newly published biography tells the story of a man born to hard work and without connections, a man who becomes one of the most celebrated U.S. presidents in history.

He is famed for his eloquence and for reaching across party lines to bring Democrats and Republicans together.

He stood for the future – for the belief that his country's greatness arose from the people's tenacity and courage.

No, not Obama. It was Abraham Lincoln.

A. Lincoln is the third book on the former President by Ronald C. White, Jr. It is an in-depth biography focusing on Lincoln's political career.

White draws on a deep well of historical research on Lincoln. He cites diary entries of Lincoln's friends and rivals, newspaper stories from the era and the most up to date research from Gettysburg College, Yale and Oxford Universities.

White's easy, conversational writing gives context to extensive quotes from Lincoln and his contemporaries.

The Oscar goes to...

Lara Baldesarra
A&E REPORTER

College experts have their picks for the Academy Awards.

"It's the year of *Slumdog Millionaire*," said film and TV professor Donna O'Brien-Sokic.

"The setting, story, cast and direction are all exceptional," she said. "It's the little film that could."

Slumdog Millionaire is up for 10 Oscars, including Best Picture.

But Best Picture nominee *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button* leads with 13 nods.

Brad Pitt earned a nod for Best Actor in a Leading Role in *The Curious Case*. But O'Brien-Sokic said she is rooting for Frank Langella in *Frost/Nixon*.

"He's an actor's actor," she said. *The Reader* star Kate Winslet is up for Best Actress again. This sixth nod makes her the youngest actor ever to reach the total.

O'Brien-Sokic said she's a Winslet fan, but "it's nice to see Anne Hathaway break out from films like *Bride Wars*."

Director Christopher Nolan did not make the envelope. He was shafted, said O'Brien-Sokic.

"*Batman* was extremely well-crafted," she said. "Everyone's raving about Heath's performance," but *The Dark Knight's* director went unacknowledged.

Denny Christianson, music program co-ordinator, said *Slumdog* has Best Original Score in the bag. Its pounding rhythms and energy captivate young audiences.

Terry Posthumus, 3D animation teacher, said Pixar deserves the golden man. "The bottom-line is that Pixar has become the king-of-the-hill in terms of animation," she said.

The winner "hands down" will be *Wall-E*. "To tell a story of something so simple and make it so engaging to adults is amazing," said Posthumus.

On Feb. 22, Hollywood's chosen ones will open the envelopes at the 81st Academy Awards.

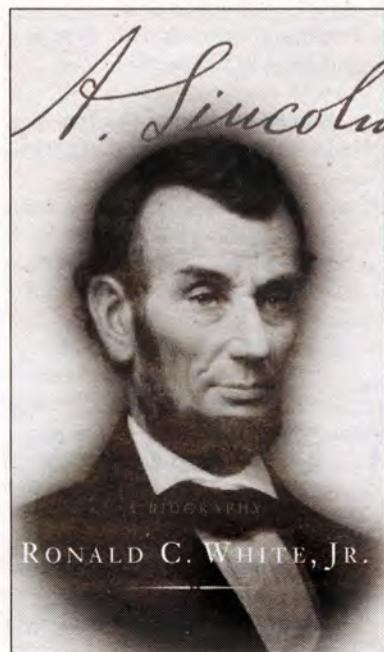
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- 4. Grazing ground
- 5. 14-line poem
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- 12. Mimic
- 13. Look
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- 27. ____ capita
- 29. Safe to eat
- 31. River in Egypt
- 32. Wallet fillers
- 33. Cincinnati base-ballers
- 34. ____ Canal
- 35. River sediment
- 36. Cobbler's concern
- 38. Snaky fish
- 40. Clock face
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- 44. Large antelope
- 45. Test answer
- 46. Quizzes again
- 49. US rail service
- 51. ____ Witherspoon of "Sweet Home Alabama"
- 53. Love, in Florence
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- 62. Break a fast
- 63. Chap

- ACROSS**
- 1. Support
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 - 9. Map book
 - 14. Tibetan priest
 - 15. Cleveland's state
 - 16. Brownish gray
 - 17. Positive votes
 - 18. Agrees silently
 - 19. See eye to eye
 - 20. Resume
 - 22. Semester
 - 23. Make certain
 - 24. Skiing hill
 - 28. At any ____
 - 30. FDR's wife
 - 34. 19th letters
 - 37. Conclude
 - 39. Spanish waterway
 - 40. Counts calories
 - 41. Showed the way
 - 42. Unreadable
 - 45. Ringlet
 - 47. Everlasting
 - 48. Unusual
 - 50. Measuring device
 - 52. Undergo genetic alteration
 - 56. Vocalist ____ Turner
 - 59. Regarded highly
 - 61. Sharp
 - 63. Malicious look
 - 64. Melody
 - 65. Newspapers and TV, e.g.
 - 66. On a cruise
 - 67. Elm or pine
 - 68. Construct
 - 69. Writing table
 - 70. Gels
- DOWN**
- 1. Location
 - 2. Silklike cloth
 - 3. Prophetic signs

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Cavs superstar LeBron James becomes youngest NBA player to hit 12,000 points during a 33-point lambasting of the Toronto Raptors Tuesday night. - Toronto Star Sports

Hoopsters hit lucky 13

Sandy McLachlin
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's basketball team won its 13th straight game last Saturday which boosts spirits as the Hawks regular season winds down and the start of the provincial playoffs begin later this month.

"Every game is a preparation for February and March because you want to get better in every game," head coach Darrell Glenn said after the 83-62 home victory over the St. Clair Saints.

"Each game provides our team with an opportunity to look at itself and see, okay what do we have to do better."

The win over the team from Windsor ran Humber's record to 14-2 as it geared up to host Fanshawe and Redeemer before the kick-off of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association

championships.

"When playoffs come, it's a different game," said Hawks' veteran forward Jadwey Hemmings. "Every possession counts. Everyone is going to be on the ball."

In the win over St. Clair, forward Michael Acheampong led the Hawks with 19 points and Akeem Sween chipped in with 15.

"Each game provides our team with an opportunity to look at itself and see, okay what do we have to do better."

Head Coach Darrell Glenn

Coach Glenn said he was pleased that his team played a strong 40 min-

utes - something they haven't done in a couple of games - after leading the Saints by 19 at halftime.

"We were able to sustain a lead, which is something we have struggled with," he said.

The same cannot be said for the game night before, also at home, against Lambton College, though the Hawks came away with an 88-82 victory.

Hawks' forward Raymond Munier helped squeak out the win by scoring 19 points and collecting 11 rebounds.

"They kept it way too close," said Munier, a first year business administration student. "We should have blown them out."

The team's next game is at home with the Redeemer Royals Feb 18 at 8:00pm.



Sandy McLachlin

Hawk forward Akeem Sween soars over the St. Clair defence.



Alex Brien

Forward Trisha Taylor looks to take the lead against the Saints.

Free throw line woes do in women b-ballers and streak

Alex Brien
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's basketball team blew a three-game winning streak at the free-throw line last Saturday in a 79-77 home loss to St. Clair College.

"I was honestly disappointed that we lost the game from the free throw line - we shot 23 per cent (four for 17) from it in the second half," said Humber head coach Denise Perrier. "That game was our game, we just didn't finish."

Perrier expressed frustration with the officiating, but didn't use it as an excuse for her team's defeat to the Windsor-based school.

"When you look at it, there were some questionable calls, I thought, but at the same time, we had opportunities to win at the free throw line and we didn't," Perrier said.

While the teams were tied at half-time, fourth-year veteran Meghan McPeak saw the game slip away at the line.

"We came out with intent and patience, but it was our foul shoot-

ing that killed us," she said. "Had we made at least 50 or 60 per cent of those free throws in the second (half), we probably would have won that game."

McPeak, who had 13 points and played over 27 minutes, was still optimistic about the final two games on the schedule.

"Losing by two was a heartbreaker, but we have to work on our foul shooting and continuing with the intensity we had with the Mohawk (Jan. 27) game on the road."

First-year rookie Trisha Taylor went three for four from the free-throw line and had 9 points. She agrees that the Hawks (7-5) need to improve in its final matchups, at home, against Fanshawe and Redeemer.

"We've got to concentrate more on going to the box, getting rebounds, and capitalizing on chances," she said.

The Hawks sit in third place in the West Division and aim to make the playoffs.

Women volleyballers continue their torrid pace for perfection

Mike Marshall
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's volleyball team survived a marathon slate of games on home court last week to remain undefeated.

The Hawks got their 17th win of the season Saturday against a tough St. Clair squad, having closed out Lambton and Niagara earlier in the week.

"It's a tough time of year right now and the girls really have to focus," head coach Chris Wilkins said of playing three games in four nights.

The team goes on the road for its final three games of the regular season before the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association championships start later this month.

The Hawks run last week began

Wednesday with a 25-18, 25-17, 25-19 sweep of the Niagara Knights.

Captain Rachel Dubbeldam led the way with 16 points.

Sparked by Alex Steplock, Humber dominated an overmatched Lambton squad on Friday, cruising 25-2, 25-18, 25-10.

The next night, the OCAA's only undefeated squad took on St. Clair (11-4).

"Humber is always really solid, and we don't expect anything less from them," Saints coach Chris Brecka said.

The Hawks started strong, winning the first two sets 25-16 and 25-14, before dropping the third 25-22 (only the third set they've lost all season.) They rallied to take the fourth, 25-22.

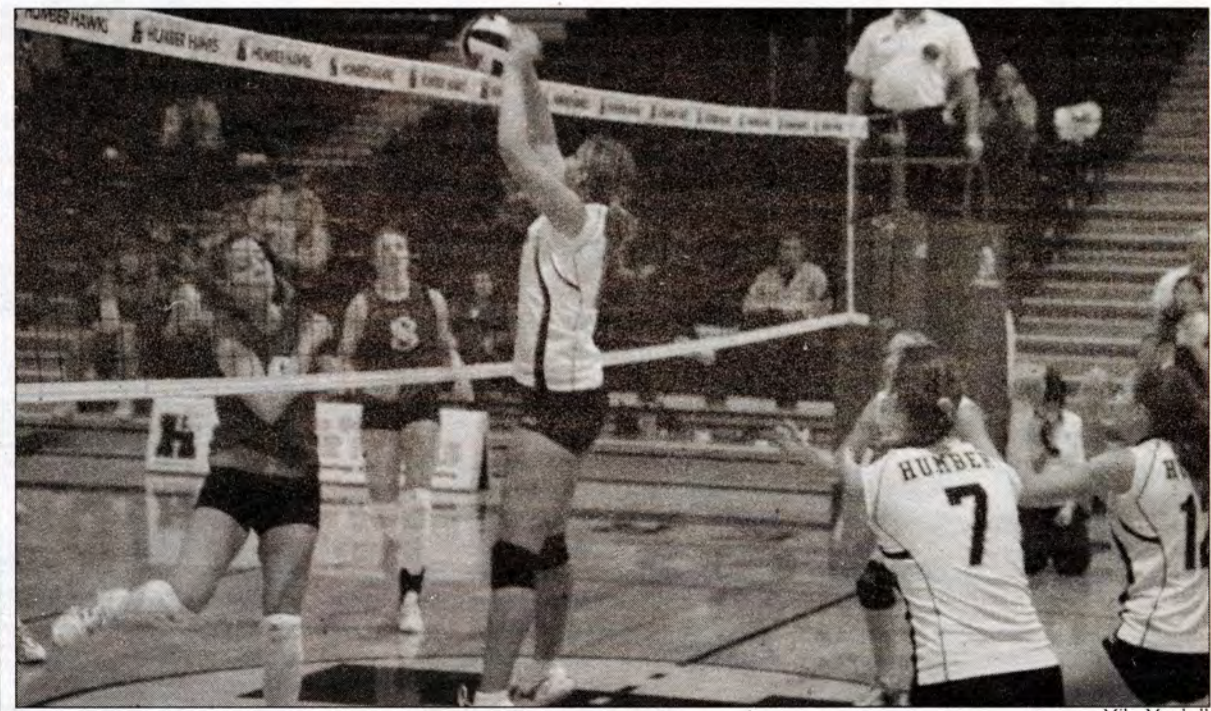
"The fourth game we flirted with greatness, had a run of points, let them go on three runs of five points and then we decided we wanted to win the game," Humber assistant coach Dean Wylie said

He praised the work of Chantelle Zanette, while Robyn Stafford and Landis Doyle garnered player of the game nods.

The Hawks will be in tough this weekend, with a pair of games in North Bay: against Canadore and second-place Nipissing (15-2).

"We always get up for Nipissing," Wylie said. "I like our chances of locking up first place."

Humber's final game of the regular season is Wednesday, in Ancaster, against Redeemer



Mike Marshall

Towering forward Michelle Overzet is an unstoppable force, whether on defence or offence.

It seems the economic slow-down effected Nevada sports books this year. Super Bowl betting hit a five year low racking up \$81.5 million U.S. - *Toronto Star Sports*

Men's soccer shutout sours in quarterfinals

Allison Brownlee
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's soccer team earned three shutout victories and kept its cool against a chippy Centennial squad—last Saturday at the Queen's indoor invitational tournament here, before being eliminated in the quarterfinals.

"We lost to a very experienced community team, one of the top teams in Kingston," said Germain Sanchez, head coach of the Hawks.

During nearly seven hours of play, Humber beat the University of Guelph 3-0, Centennial College 1-0, and the University of Toronto 2-0 before being edged out in its final game 2-1 by Stages.

Considering Humber's strengths during the tournament, Sanchez said he was pleased overall.

"Defensively we played very well. We only had two goal scored against us in the fourth game, so I think it's fair to say that we are happy with that."

One notable difference between

the Hawks and their competitors was on-field conduct, especially against bench-kicking, opponent-showing, profanity-spewing Centennial, who was Humber's first opponent of the day to receive a yellow card.

"When you realize Centennial's scoring or not scoring is causing fighting, and their conduct is getting worse, it's hard to watch," said Hawks trainer Brynn Norris. "You're worried that it's not going to be an accidental slip-and-fall that hurts the players, it's going to be a kick to some one's knee-cap. It becomes a dangerous game."

Comparatively, the Hawks conduct was much more reserved, noted Sanchez.

"We didn't get any suspensions or get into any fights. Tactically, we were very astute; they followed instructions well, so I'm very happy with that."

The Hawks next tournament is at Sheridan on Feb. 14.



Allison Brownlee

Hawk Martin Wysocki moves the ball out of Humber territory.



Mike Marshall

Jimmy Vincent leads another group of eager snowshoers through the Arboretum last weekend.

Walking in a winter wonderland

Snowshoers take centre stage in annual event

Mike Marshall
SPORTS REPORTER

Rising interest in snowshoeing means the Humber Arboretum will increase the number of dates available to try the sport on campus this semester an assistant camp director said.

The Nature Centre kicked off its annual snowshoeing program this past Saturday.

More than 35 people were on hand for a history lesson on the use of snowshoes, a demonstration, and a trek through the arboretum.

As interest in the sport rises, the Arboretum has tried to keep up with demand.

"We had huge, huge turnout last year," Jimmy Vincent, nature interpreter and assistant camp director said. "Whenever it runs, it's always full."

The program had about 200 people

register for it last year, Vincent said,

After originally scheduling three dates in January, the Centre added another four February, 7th, 14th, 15th and 21st.

February 7th is specifically geared towards Humber students, and offers free admission.

"We wanted to do a free one because we know budgets can be tight for students," Vincent said.

The program runs primarily to get people from the community interested in the Arboretum.

"We try to get the local community out to visit one of the nicest green spaces in the city of Toronto, to highlight all the features, to focus on the importance of having green spaces, and to show the wildlife," Vincent said.

Snowshoeing itself is a growth sport, with five to six million participants per year in the United States,

according to the editor of snowshoe-mag.com, Ryan Alford.

"Snowshoeing is a great way to get out there and enjoy the winter and nature and see some places you wouldn't normally be able to see," Alford said.

There's also a significant upside to the health benefits of the sport.

"A half hour of snowshoeing burns almost the same amount of calories as an entire game of tennis," Vincent said.

With health benefits like and the peaceful nature of it, it isn't surprising to find the sport has made converts.

"I came out last year and had a lot of fun," said high school student Alex Jegier, 18.

"It's really cool to see the deer and owls and wildlife."

If interested call 416-675-5009, or email naturecentre@humber.ca.

Rackets check, birdies check, pillows check

Scott Rennie
SPORTS REPORTER

Never mind speed and power, the Humber badminton team's most impressive trait might be its ability to just stay awake, according to one of the camp directors.

During a typical weekend tournament, the players remain up and ready to play until well after midnight, get only a few hours of sleep, and then return to the gym in the early morning.

"I'd say we are in a gym in one weekend as long as the basketball team is in a single season," said assistant coach Mike Kopinak.

The length of the tournaments is owed to the number of events (doubles, mixed doubles, and singles) and because each event begins with as many as 64 entrants.

But suffering through a long night means the 13-member team is doing something right, said head coach Paul McGarr.

"Because of the success of our players this year, we're definitely there longer. Other teams go home two to three hours earlier," he said.



Scott Rennie

Hawk Captain Charlie Lay soon to be visited by the sand man.

cope with its long days.

"They'll bring pillows from the hotel and curl up with jackets and have a nap," he said.

Playing until 1 a.m. and then resuming at 8 a.m. has never affected the team, said McGarr.

"Our athletes have that physical and mental preparation, and if they're tired, they work through that."

Kopinak said the long days are taxing on his players, who usually begin play on Friday afternoon and compete through Sunday afternoon.

"By Sunday evening, they are absolutely zonked. They are out by the time they leave the parking lot," he said.

Sheen Pan, the team's most veteran player, said he's used to the badminton schedule. It consists of a tournament every month from October to the national championships in March.

"First year, I didn't know, but now I'm pretty much used to everything that's going on. I know when I should go to bed, when to sleep, when to eat," said Pan, who's in his

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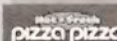
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