

# HUMBER TODAY

A Close Look at Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

Spring/Summer 2003

## Women in IT event at Humber

Humber was host to the Canadian Information Processing Society's (CIPS) conference, *Women in IT: Looking Towards the Future* on May 15th. "Humber has seen a 50 per cent drop in the percentage of women taking IT programs in the past two years, yet industry tells us that they're looking for 'soft' skills such as communications to complement IT skills in the workplace. Women have traditionally done well in these areas," says Louise Bardswich, Dean of the Humber School of Information Technology. "Graduates are getting jobs now and, in three or four years, I feel that the industry will be looking at a shortage of job seekers with an IT education."



A speaker engages 300 grade nine students at Women in IT conference.

## New publishing schedule for Humber Today.

*Humber Today* will now be published in spring, fall and winter within the Etobicoke Guardian. It is also distributed through other Mirror-Guardian publications in the areas surrounding both campuses of the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. For further information on Humber, please see our Web site at [humber.ca](http://humber.ca) or call 416-675-5000.

## Humber's new designation leads to more pathways in education

Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, Dianne Cunningham, announced in February that Humber College has been designated an Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. This designation enables Humber to develop and offer bachelor's degrees in response to the changing economic needs of the marketplace. Eventually, Humber will offer up to 15 per cent of its programming in baccalaureate degrees, with an estimated enrolment of 2,500 degree students. The remaining 85 per cent of Humber's programs will continue to be diplomas, certificates, apprenticeships and postgraduate programs.

"Our degrees will include applied knowledge and skills,

Business, Industrial Design, and Paralegal Studies. Manufacturing Management will be launched in fall 2004. Over

Humber will offer up to 15 per cent of its programming in bachelor's degrees

20 degrees are under active development, including: New Media – Broadcast and Production, Creative Advertising, Robotics and Automation, Software Engineering, Energy Management, Airport Management and Health Care System Administration.

Humber's track record in developing and providing degree-level programming is already evident in the successful University of New Brunswick-Humber collaborative Bachelor of Nursing degree and the University of Guelph-Humber integrated degree-diploma programs. The new degree programs offer students another pathway to success.

### New degree programs beginning this fall: Bachelor of Applied Business e-Business

According to *Statistics Canada*, global Internet commerce is expected to exceed CDN 3.9 trillion by 2004. For those considering a career in e-business, this means that employers will be scrambling for employees with the right combination of business knowledge and a comprehensive grasp of the tools and practices of e-business.

"The e-Business Degree program was started in response to

a business need for graduates with this education. Banks, manufacturers, retailers, and multimedia companies want



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solutions to the challenges that these and other industries face," said program coordinator for e-Business, Edmund Baumann.

This is a business degree that adheres to the traditional concepts of business – economics, marketing, accounting, finance, organizational behaviour – and then adds something new, an applied analysis of how technology can affect these areas.

### Bachelor of Applied Technology Industrial Design

Another example of Humber's response to the marketplace is the new Industrial Design degree program. *Time Magazine* has identified Industrial Design as one of the 15 hottest professions in the coming decade.

Humber has implemented a four-year degree program that will meet the demanding standards of Industrial Design Associations worldwide. The degree builds on the excellent international reputation of Humber's three-year Industrial Design diploma program, and prepares graduates for more advanced career opportunities by adding more complex learning challenges for students.

"Employers are asking for the skills students were acquiring in Humber's three-year diploma program, but they

also wanted graduates who could grow rapidly within their organizations," says Ken Cummings, program manager for the Humber Industrial Design program. "Advanced level general electives and the inclusion of theory and context in all courses are some of the features in this new degree program."

### Bachelor of Applied Arts Paralegal Studies

Paralegals enjoy one of the highest employment rates and one of the highest average earnings in Canada for those pursuing technical, paraprofessional or skilled worker occupations. In 1998, there were 30,000 paralegals working across Canada, an increase of more than 80 per cent within just one decade.

A paralegal career offers opportunities to work in a wide range of fields and requires a solid understanding of the legal system and strong analytical, research, problem-solving and communication skills. "Paralegals provide important advocacy services for clients appearing before specialized tribunals and provincial courts," says Bernie Aron, program coordinator, Paralegal Studies degree program.

This program provides a comprehensive approach to paralegal studies, with substantive courses in tort and contract law, landlord and tenant law, immigration and refugee law, debtor and creditor rights, and employment and labour law. Students will acquire the essential tools for success as paralegals through the in-depth study of evidence and advocacy, negotiation, mediation and arbitration, legal research, legal writing, professional ethics, and business entrepreneurship.

Humber will also offer a degree in Manufacturing Management beginning in fall 2004. For further information on these and future degree programs offered by Humber, please check our Web site at [humber.ca](http://humber.ca) or call 416-675-5001.

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## Art Show Winners Represent Humber at International Competition

Humber honoured the winners of its 17<sup>th</sup> annual juried art show, *Walk of Art... Leave Your Prints Behind*, at a reception on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2003. A jury of local curators, including a Governor General award winner for illustration, chose the winning pieces. Five pieces, selected by the jury, will represent Humber in an international competition at the League for Innovation's art show in the United States.

The pieces selected to represent Humber at the League for Innovation are: (top to bottom)

- Kyle Tryhom for *Untitled Confessions 1*
- Devon Henderson for *Untitled*
- David Dubinsky for *Mamasha*
- Amy Koudelka for *John Wayne*
- Sarah Mousseau for *Liam Jones and the Sea Monster*

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## Humber Industrial Design students continue to win awards

Humber's innovative Industrial Design students continue to distinguish themselves at all levels of competition. Students were invited back to the third annual *World Automotive Design Competition* at the 2003 Canadian International Autoshow in Toronto held this past February.

The local and national marketplace also seeks to prepare designers to enter the competitive design field and Humber students are answering the challenge among their peers.

CONNECT-Design Exchange National Student Design Competition invited university and college students to compete on a national level and announced the winners in May. A team of Humber Industrial Design students won

first place in the DuPont Canada pet travel products for vehicles competition. Two more teams of students placed second and received an Honourable Mention in the Decoma International automotive design competition.

At the Association of Chartered Industrial Designers' ROCKET 2003 show Humber student Adam Shepperdley was awarded first place in the sports category for his *Ricochet* snowboard trainer, while Todd McDowell was runner-up for *Duo* in the category of consumer goods/musical instrument, as was John Perma for *Milano* in furniture design.

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## Awards & Achievements

Lesia Burlak, a former student of the Humber Chef Apprenticeship program, brought home the highest honour of a single chef at the 2002 Culinary World Cup in Luxembourg. She was awarded gold in the individual competition and won the Culinary World Cup in her category of individual cuisine. A support member of Culinary Team Canada, Burlak has also taken part in competition in Germany and Scotland.

Tom Browne, former faculty in the School of Media Studies at Humber, has been awarded the United Nations (UN) Peace-keeping Medal for his service on five UN operations. The medal is awarded at the discretion of the Governor General of Canada to acknowledge veterans who have made a valuable contribution to world peace.

Humber Child and Youth Worker program graduate Ann Robinson has been awarded the Krista Sepp Memorial Award for 2003. The award is presented annually to a child and youth worker who demonstrates exemplary contributions to the field of practice. Robinson and last year's winner, Julie Fruitman, as well as six other Humber nominees and winners of the award from past years, all continue to be involved in field. They have also begun to contribute back to the Humber program by supervising student placements and, in one case, becoming a part-time faculty member!

Humber Business School co-ordinator, Laurie Turner, was honoured to be selected by the Etobicoke Chamber of Commerce as a judge for this year's Etobicoke Business Excellence Awards. Several hours went into the selection of seven recipients who demonstrated the 'Spirit of Etobicoke'.

University of New Brunswick-Humber Bachelor of Nursing student Katarina Stanisic is a recipient of the Sopman Humanitarian Award, given to a nursing student placed at University Health Network (UHN) in Nursing, Medicine and Surgery who demonstrates humanitarian care and academic excellence.

## Humber journalism class of 2003 shines on international stage

*Convergence Magazine*, one of eight student magazines produced by journalism students in Humber's School of Media Studies received *The Apple*, the top award for Best General Interest Student Magazine in North America (2003) from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association this spring in New York City.

"Winning an international award of this stature in competition with other North American colleges and universities is a real accomplishment for both our journalism students and their faculty, given the stiff competition from American colleges and universities with significantly bigger budgets," according to William Hanna, Dean, School of Media Studies.

This award was one of 15 awards presented to Humber's Journalism programs by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Other awards went to American college and university publications.

"This has been a banner year for Humber's Journalism programs which publish both hard copy and online versions of eight glossy magazines as well as a weekly newspaper," according to Terri Arnott, a Journalism program co-ordinator.

In the past year, in addition to the 15 awards received at the 2003 Canadian Scholastic Press Association Awards, the student publications have received awards from the following international associations: Associated Collegiate



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# Humber Varsity OCAA Results

Since 1967, Humber's varsity program has represented the school with pride. It also offers students a fun and competitive environment in which to study and play. This year Humber added another team to its program, Men's rugby.

Humber's varsity teams compete in provincial categories as part of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA). Teams who place in the top of the conference go on to compete at the National Championships as part of the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA).

## FINAL RESULTS

Men's	Provincial	National
Golf	Gold	
Indoor Soccer	Gold	
Basketball	Silver	(CCAA Bronze)
Hockey	Silver	
Soccer	Bronze	
Volleyball	Regional Champion	
Rugby		

Women's	Provincial
Golf	Silver
Soccer	Bronze
Volleyball	Bronze
Basketball	



Twenty four of Humber's athletes were recognized as OCAA All-Stars, and two as CCAA All-Stars.



## Students helping students

Last fall, students in the Humber Civil/Environmental Engineering Technology program took part in a unique environmental education program for local area high school students. Second year students Victoria Atencio, Darryl Hayashi, Dave Howes, Linda Sobol and Damian Tam participated in *Changing Currents*, a program run by Citizens Environment Watch.

Humber's Environmental students provided training and technological support in ecology and environmental sampling techniques to local high school students. The students learned to assess surface water quality by studying benthic macroinvertebrates, communicate the results

**Humber's Environmental students provided training and technological support**

with community based air and water quality initiatives, and take action to improve water quality in their community. With the help of Humber's Environmental students, local high school students were able to take a step toward achieving positive environmental change.

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# Humber presents thought provoking speakers

*...the right answer usually comes by looking at something in a broad perspective.*

"In an environment such as Humber that values a diverse culture, it is important that we shed light and not infuriate. And it is imperative that we help people see the world from many different angles," said Dr. Richard Hook, Vice President, Academic. Every year, Humber engages speakers to enlighten students and faculty on community, national and international events.

Dr. Gwynne Dyer's lecture at Humber entitled, *The New War and the World*, turned out to be timely. On February 5, 2003, a day the world was watching U.S. Secretary of State, Colin Powell, present his case to the United Nations (UN) on Iraqi non-compliance with UN resolutions, the Humber community received an explanation of its own. A celebrated military analyst and journalist, Dyer spoke at both the Humber North Campus and to community members, students and staff



Dr. Gwynne Dyer

at The Assembly Hall near the Humber Lakeshore Campus. He gave his audience a clear analysis and extensive survey of Middle Eastern and American strategies.

"Wrong answers can come from looking at something too narrowly and the right answer usually comes by looking at something in a broad perspective. Gwynne put together geopolitical, economical, global finance, psychology, sociology, and history issues for a solid presentation that helps us understand what is going on in the world," said Dr. Hook on the importance of bringing Dyer to the college.

Born in Newfoundland,

Gwynne Dyer has worked as a freelance journalist, columnist, broadcaster and lecturer on international affairs for more than 20 years. One hundred and seventy five papers in 45 countries publish his column on international affairs.

Over the past few months, Humber was also fortunate to present speakers such as: Dr. Marie Bountrogainni, MPP for the Liberal Party and opposition critic on college, university and women's issues, spoke on challenges in postsecondary education, and Peggy Nash, assistant to Buzz Hargrove, president of the Canadian Auto Workers Union, spoke on the importance of unions in today's society.

## HR Graduates Mix It Up At Lakeshore Campus

The seminar started off with a question. "Do you realize the person beside you could be a fraud?"

Brian Sartorelli, a private investigator, threw the question out to Human Resources (HR) students at Humber. His question was posed to highlight the fact that there is no profile for an employee who commits fraud. A presentation followed that dealt with such topics as fraudulent worker's compensation claims, theft and resumé fraud.

Sartorelli's speech was a component of the third reunion for the Human Resources Management postgraduate program, which took place on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Close to 40 past and present students were gathered to mix and

mingle at Humber's Lakeshore Campus.

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"It's a nice way to finish off the year," said Sarah D'Angelo, who graduates this year. "It can be seen as a kind of networking event as well." D'Angelo feels that the program prepared her well for her internship at the Human Resources Council for the Province of Ontario. Ian Stewart,

who graduated in 2000 and now works at Canada Law Book, agrees, saying that Humber's program is "highly recognized in the HR world."

This view was echoed by Graeme Simpson, co-ordinator of the HR program, "One thing I hear from employers who have hired graduates in the past is that the students who come out of the program need little on-the-job training. They're really well equipped."

Simpson also organized the reunion, an event he hopes to hold every year. The goal for having the reunion is for current students to talk with graduates to get information about what to expect when they leave school. "It forms an information base for current and prospective students."

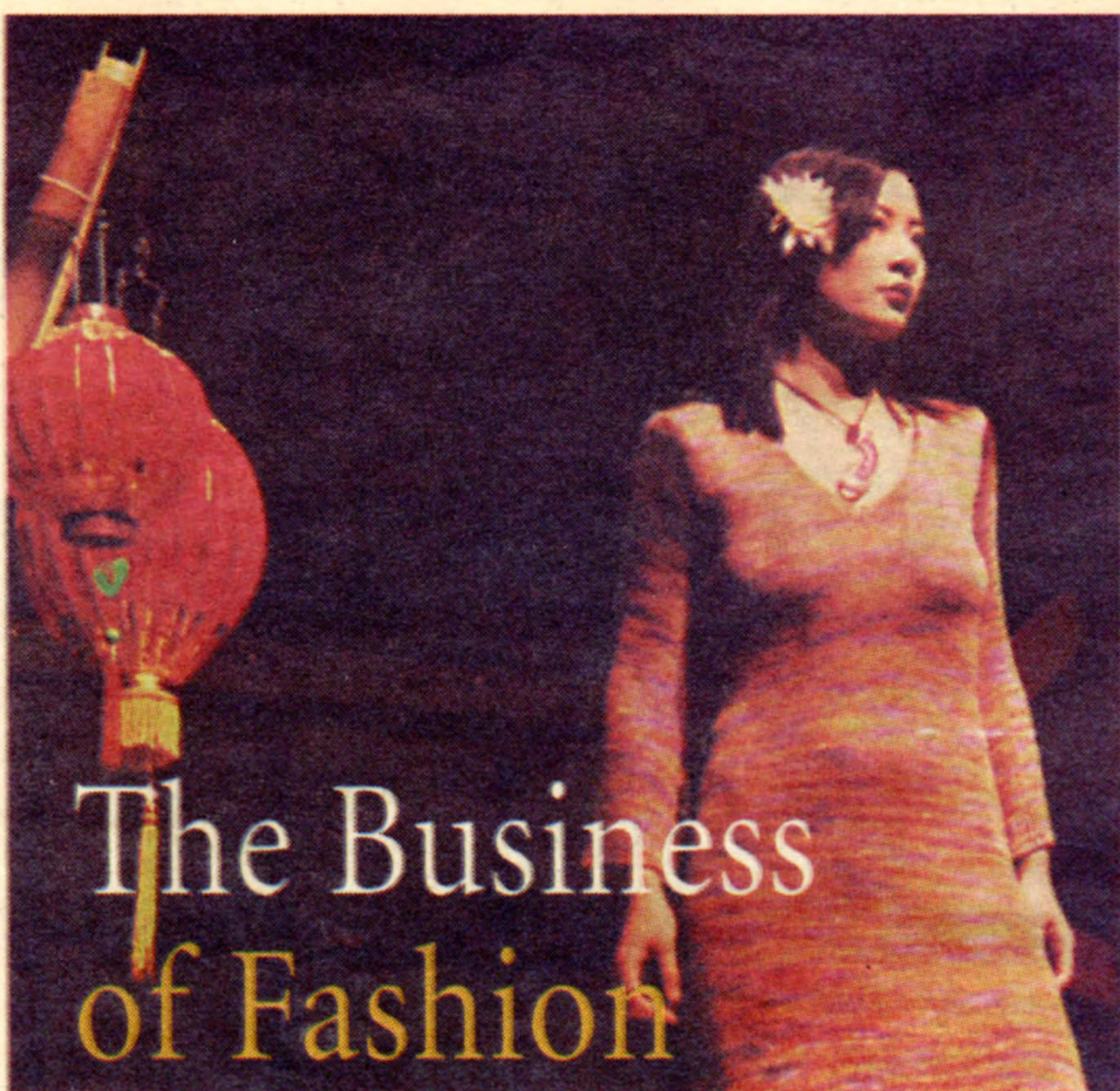
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## The Business of Fashion

**F**ashion is everywhere - from sports to music, and more. Some of today's biggest stars have their own clothing lines. This is a big business and everyone seems to want a piece of the action.

Humber students created some fashion action of their own at the Toronto Centre for the Arts on April 9th. Second year students of the Fashion program in The Business School at Humber produced the show, *Fusion: An Haute Culture Experience*. It combined fashion designs with dance and entertainment for a stimulating evening.

"*Fusion* brought two of my loves together, fashion and entertainment, it was a great experience," said Josie Geuer, master of ceremonies for the evening, from KISS 92.5 fm. "I also gained admiration for the Humber Fashion students because of how hard they worked at every element of the show to make it all come together," said Geuer.

Designers such as Shelli Oh and Rhonda B, among others, put their designs on the runway for viewing. Sharing the stage with the designers were five different dance/entertainment groups, who dazzled the crowd with their choreography, costumes, and props. Each group was representative of a different culture.

"The experience I received from helping to put on the fashion show was wonderful. We, the fashion students, now know what it takes to run a successful show," said Vianca Villegas a second year fashion student who contributed to the show.

From entry to departure, the evening was fun and ran smoothly. What the audience didn't see at the show was all the hard work that went into staging the event. The students looked after everything from budgeting, advertising, sources, multimedia and more.

"The event celebrated the accomplishments and demonstrated the skills of our students as they begin their careers in the business of fashion," said Maria Bystrin, Fashion program co-ordinator.

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## Summer Workshops at Humber

**S**ummer workshops at Humber are remembered for the camaraderie and fun, as well as results. Last year, Brian Hartigan participated in the Screenwriters' Workshop at Humber. "This workshop was wonderful and encouraging," said Hartigan. "It also taught me how to be more professional." Hartigan was recently accepted into the Canadian Film Centre.

This year, the summer workshops include:

### SUMMER SHAKESPEARE INTENSIVE

June 30 - July 4, 2003  
July 7 - 11, 2003

#### What is it?

If you are an actor interested in working on the texts of Shakespeare and would like to play seriously this summer, this is the course for you! This two-week intensive study is designed to help the actor to dig deeper into Shakespeare. The course is designed to stretch the actor muscle connecting the language of Shakespeare through voice, body and mind. This is a "what you need to know" to free Shakespeare's text and to make the playing of it fun and accessible.

### COMEDY SUMMER WORKSHOP

July 12 - 19, 2003

The workshop is scheduled to run at Humber's Lakeshore Campus, and provides comprehensive and practical instructions by renowned faculty. Mike Myers, Chevy Chase and others have participated in Humber's workshops and events in the past. Courses are offered in improv, sketch comedy, stand-up, and writing.

This year's faculty includes:  
Mark Breslin Robin Duke  
Joe Flaherty Lorne Frohman  
Larry Horowitz

## Partners in Learning

Community placements broaden horizons for BN students

**W**endy Hink comes from a long line of nurses. "My grandmother, mother and aunt were all nurses," says Hink, a student in the second year of the University of New Brunswick-Humber Bachelor of Nursing (BN) Degree program. Even with her close family connection to nursing, Hink found that her community placements at a Rexdale Community Centre after-school program in first year and Highfield Junior School in second year changed her view of the profession's possibilities. "I loved the placements. They were a real eye opener for me. I had never thought of a nurse as a health educator or communicator before. The school placements expanded my idea of what a nurse's role could be."

*We're planning for where nurses will be tomorrow*

Hink was one of 40 BN students who did five-week placements in kindergarten classes and day care programs at Highfield Junior School in Rexdale, as part of the Young Families' Health -- Children and Wellness course. "We did community pediatrics with a kindergarten class. I helped the kids learn

about health through activities and did individual health assessments," she says. To promote healthy eating, for example, Hink invented a game using colour-coded flash cards to help the kids learn about the four main food groups in Canada's Food Guide. The children had green cards for fruit and vegetables, red for meat and alternatives, yellow for dairy and brown for grain products. She would show the class a picture of an apple and each child would wave an appropriate-coloured card to identify the food group. "The kids had a great time and the teachers were really impressed. I know I made a difference to these kids in a way I never thought was possible."

Highfield Junior School principal David O'Brien was impressed with the UNB-Humber students' valuable contributions. "Our kindergarten teachers learned more about the illnesses of the children. The teachers found that the students were mature, self-starting and didn't need a lot of direction. They were very motivated and eager to get involved. We'd love to expand this partnership in the future."

Students also had an opportunity to see how the community and family influence the health of children. "The students were able to see the community through the child's eyes," says Marcia Breakwell, a BN faculty member and clinical teacher for students in the Highfield placement. "They



each had to do a family assessment and they got a sense of the home environment. We try to tie together the community, the family and the individual so that the student sees how they are interrelated. It was a really good partnership."

Highfield Junior School is one of many BN community partners where nursing students do their placements. These partners include hospitals such as Mount Sinai, North York General, Credit Valley and Humber River Regional, the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital and West Park Health Care Centre. "All our community partners play a critical role in the nursing program," says Cindy Hunt, associate dean, nursing. "We're also planning for where nurses will be tomorrow. Partnerships with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Canada, The Rexdale Partners, food banks and homeless shelters give nursing students placements in non-traditional settings, where they have an opportunity to take leadership."

### WRITERS' SUMMER WORKSHOP

July 20 - 26, 2003

For one week each July, new writers from around the world come to the Humber School for Writers (HSW) Summer Workshop to pursue their passion for writing - whether they're developing a play, working on a novel, stack of short stories, volume of poetry, or a work of creative non-fiction.

This year, Joe Kertes, Dean, School of Creative & Performing Arts, and Antanas Sileika, Artistic Director of the Humber School for Writers, are pleased to announce that Edward Albee, one of America's most distinguished playwrights, and the internationally-recognized author, Alistair MacLeod, have agreed to join an impressive group of instructors.



### JAZZ SUMMER WORKSHOP

July 21 - 25, 2003

This is an intensive workshop offering a variety of opportunities for all levels of jazz performers. The emphasis is on small group jazz performance and improvisation skills enhanced by Master Classes, practical theory lessons, listening sessions, faculty, guest and participant concerts.

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### SCREENWRITERS' SUMMER WORKSHOP

June 22 - 27, 2003

This is the third annual workshop for writers for the screen. This workshop assembles some of the most respected and successful screenwriting stars to work with and teach students this multidisciplinary craft. Last year's faculty included Don McKellar and Paul Quarantano.

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