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Scandal fallout threatens \$1.4M Humber program

Tighter rules force college to compete for federal funding to run Rexdale employment centre

By Chris MacKinnon

A Humber College program that helps new Canadians and unemployed people find jobs is in limbo this month because of recent changes to how the federal government awards large contracts.

The college has learned Ottawa will not automatically renew funding this year for a Rexdale job finding club Humber operates on Albion Road.

HRDC spokesperson Christina Canas told the *EtCetera* that the agency's two-year, \$1.36-million deal with Humber expires March 31.

The facility has relied on an uncontested annual flow of federal dollars to survive since 1996.

The program's director, Lois Willson, said the changes are part of new rules in the wake of the Liberal sponsorship scandal and mean

Humber must now compete with other bidders for the Human Resources Development Canada contract.

"In the current environment, nothing is safe. [The Liberals] are looking at making new rules and making sure they are squeaky clean. Some of those rules are making it difficult for us," she said.

The centre, used by more than 8,000 job seekers each year, employs nine staff in Humber's Government and Community Relations department. Those jobs are in jeopardy if some other company lands the next deal with HRDC.

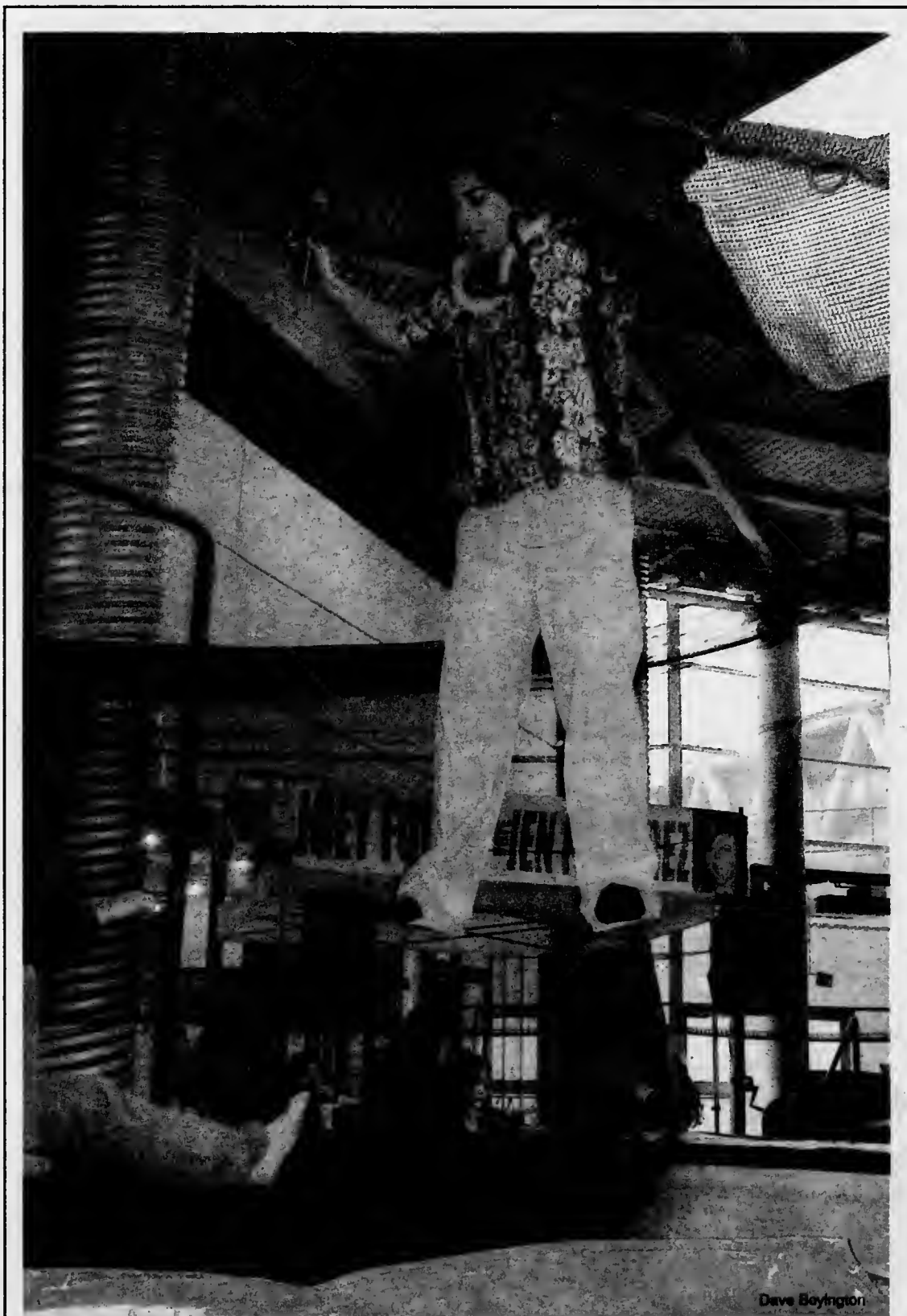
The rule changes are fallout from an auditor-general's report released last month that badly damaged the Liberals. It showed the government misspent millions in public money in what has become known as the sponsorship scandal.

Now, all HRDC contracts valued at more than half a million dollars must go to tender. That includes the one for the program run out of Humber's Rexdale Community Employment Centre.

HRDC has put Humber on notice that it will make a decision about a new three-year contract by the end of June.

That gives senior administrators at Humber only weeks to put together a detailed proposal showing why Humber is better suited than others to continue providing the service.

"It's hard to know [what will happen]. There are other players in Toronto that also provide



Dave Boyington

High on life: VP campus life candidate Joey Svec gets airborne on a trampoline Tuesday to promote his campaign. Students can vote online during HSF elections March 16-18. Darec Rogers is also running for the campus life position.

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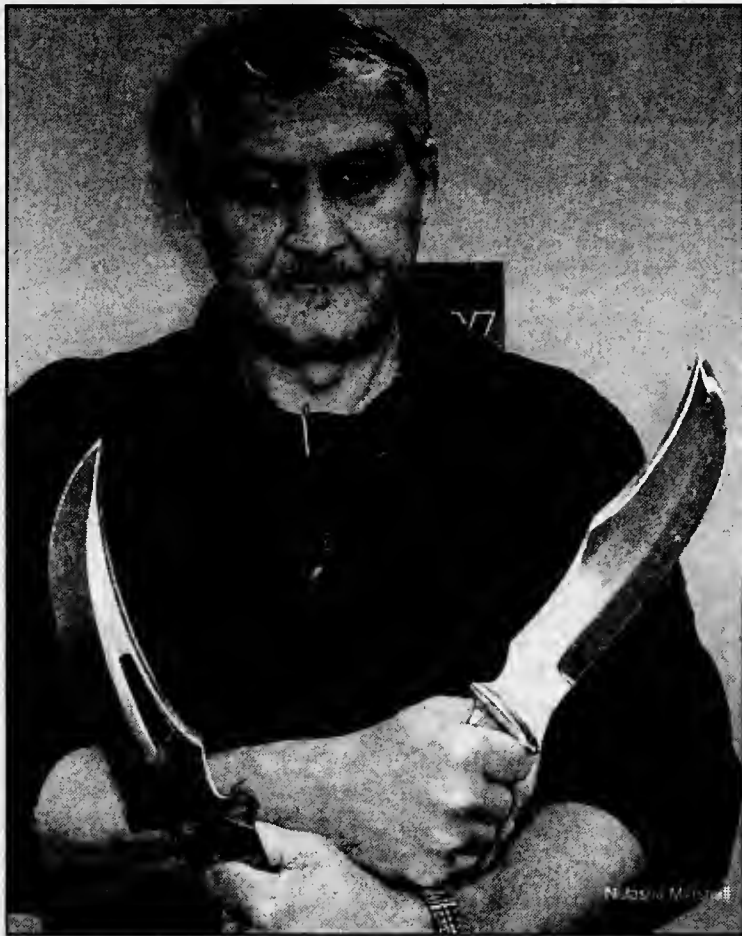
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Deadly blades: Det. Sgt. Larry Deganis shows two of the knives seized in the largest raid of its kind in Toronto.

Raid results in seizure of 11,000 illegal weapons

Knives, replica guns and crossbows among weapons found.

By Natasha Marshall

Police seized 11,000 illegal knives, replica guns and crossbows last week in what officials say is probably the largest heist of its kind ever in Toronto.

The weapons, which consisted mostly of knives, were valued at \$250,000 and were being sold in five stores in southern Etobicoke. Eight people were arrested.

Police said the knives are considered illegal because some had brass knuckles attached to them, which could easily cause harm and some were switchblades.

Officers say the knives are used by gangs or young offenders who do not have easy access to guns. Detective Constable Larry Deganis

of 22 Division Major Crime Unit said the knives seized were not made for everyday use, but for more sinister reasons.

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Police say the knives were smuggled into Canada from the United States and some are better known as "morning stars," "fantasy blades," or "flick knives."

Police found out about the illegal

trade in knives when a concerned citizen came forward to police. Undercover officers then approached the stores in question and were able to buy some knives at a low cost.

"Some of the knives were originally sold for \$30 but they would mark them down to \$25," said Deganis.

The exact locations and identities of the people in question cannot be released at this time as the investigation is still in process. But officials confirmed the shops fall within 22 Division, which is bordered by Eglinton Ave. W., the Humber River, Lake

Ontario and the Mississauga-Etobicoke border.

The eight people involved were arrested at night on Wednesday March 3 and have been charged with an undisclosed number of counts of possession and trafficking in prohibited weapons.

Humber job centre may lose funds

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employment resources." Willson said.

But Humber's VP Business Development, Kris Gataveckas, said the long-standing relationship between Humber and HRDC will work in her department's favour.

"Humber is known among the HRDC regional directors and we have an excellent reputation. We know based on our talks with [them] that Humber is a very high quality provider of these services. I think it's high probability Humber will win the request for proposal," Gataveckas

said.

Gataveckas said Ottawa's decision not to again rubberstamp the deal after a routine annual application process was out of her department's hands.

"They obviously don't want the auditor general to create another kafuffle, so they are taking measures to improve. We're not overreacting but we're not underreacting either," she said. "There is no panic going on."

As of press time, the HRDC director for the Toronto region, Pat Walcott, had not returned phone calls from the EtCetera.

Employees at the job centre are members of the same union that represents the college's other 420 support staff workers.

OPSEU local 465 President Helen Hrynkiw said although some staff are in limbo, most members have faith in the ability of administrators to save jobs and secure another deal with HRDC.

"I don't think there are going to be any problems. There's probably just a little more pressure this year. If worse comes to worst, there is a procedure in place for accommodating those people," Hrynkiw said.

The Rexdale Community Employment Centre is the biggest of the centres operated by Humber and the only one that has come under tighter guidelines so far.

The college is also responsible for seven other Toronto-area job centres each valued at between \$250,000 and \$300,000. Those contracts are below the new benchmark and are considered safe until at least 2005.

"I think it's more 'wait and see right' now. This is something Ottawa has decided and I can see it from a public perception perspective. It's a challenge," Willson said.

Oshawa man shot in Etobicoke, cries for help ignored

By Kermin Bhot

Police have made no arrests or found a motive for the shooting of a 22-year-old Oshawa man in an apartment building near Islington and Rexdale.

At around 1:30 a.m. on Sunday March 7, the victim was visiting his friend at 6 Auburndale Court, when he was shot three times in the head, thigh and shoulder.

Three men were seen leaving the scene while the victim was staggering out of the building and crying for

help.

Detective Sergeant Les Stasiak said that none of the neighbors helped the victim and the friend he was visiting took off after the shooting.

It was only when the victim left the building and was spotted near his car, that police were called. He was taken to Sunnybrook Hospital and is recovering there.

Stasiak said the police are still investigating the shooting and have no apparent motive as yet for the crime.



Excellence rewarded: Amy Ward, Adam Booth and Camille Roy were recognized for their contribution by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association.

EtCetera nets four awards

By Kermin Bhot

The EtCetera took home four community newspaper awards at a ceremony last Saturday.

The EtCetera placed second in the General Excellence category among college and university newspapers and third for the Online Edition. Adam Booth, the online editor, said he feels awesome winning the award.

"It is personally very flattering and reassuring to win. The EtCetera has always won an award and it's nice to know I was able to fill those big shoes," Booth said. The EtCetera can be viewed online at etcetera.humberc.on.ca.

Amy Ward, currently in her second year of the journalism program, won third place in the Student Photography category for her front-page image of a student throwing a snowball. Judge Martha Perkins said

the photo "had strong emotion and she gets full marks for her sense of spontaneity."

Another award winner that night was third year journalism student Camille Roy, winning third place for Student Writing. She won the award for her article on Humber student Alex Anderson's tragic death after a night terror incident. Judge Ron Wassink praised the story and said the article drew him in.

"This story gripped me, and again was a piece that could have been a simple obituary, but instead was turned into a story on the possible case of the student's death, complete with quotations from his mother," Wassink said.

Roy said she feels great winning the award. "I am honoured to be recognized for the work I did. Winning these awards is awesome. It's an amazing paper and deserves these awards," she said.

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They're off!: Kevin Bagnall, Jen Green, Tyler Burrows, and Joey Svec all are all campaigning for HSF positions.

Few students show up to hear HSF all-candidates forum

Two candidates fail to show up in time to speak to students

By Michelle Butler

Few students turned out for the HSF election forum yesterday. In fact, more people were lining up at the bank machine.

However, a few heads turned when, near the end of the meeting's question period, a classmate of presidential candidate Jen Green launched an accusation.

Chantelle Neblett, a second-year business marketing student, accused Green of questionable behaviour but offered no proof. Green repeatedly and vehemently denied any such behaviour.

The forum started half an hour late due to the tardiness of some of the candidates and was relatively benign until the accusation.

Tyler Burrows, running for VP Administration North campus, said that since he is a current member of the Board of Governors, he already had connections formed with the people in power.

"Anything I put my mind to I will succeed at," Burrows said. Other highlighted aspects of his platform included continuing the positive space campaign, the Humber food bank and allotting more money for student bursaries.

His opponent, Chris Heywood, did not show up in time to speak, citing academic commitments but arrived towards the end of the forum.

Darec Rogers, running for VP Campus Life, was also not there to speak for unknown reasons. Rogers is running against Joey Svec, who works as an event planner.

Svec said he wants to Humber

foster more relationships with big business to sponsor "more prizes and more contests" for the school.

"I want to set up a website where students can go to find out more information about events and rate them afterwards," Svec said.

An *EtCetera* reporter asked if Svec's job, as a manager at an event planning company, might present a conflict of interest with the campus life position.

Svec said he did not see any conflict and that it would actually be beneficial to the school, since he could use his existing contacts to get

discounts on equipment rentals.

But later Svec conceded that he may have to distance himself from certain events if elected.

Presidential

candidate Kevin Bagnall said his "reliable, responsible, representing" platform includes a promise that he won't "over promise."

He said he wants to bring academic events and educational speakers to Humber because he "thinks it's important to motivate students." Bagnall stressed that he would be accessible to both campuses despite the fact he is a Lakeshore student.

Green said she is pulling for academic consistency, continuing the tuition freeze and getting an HSF bus to chauffeur students back and forth between the two campuses. She also wants to make the Humber escort program, where students walk you to the bus stop or your car at night, more visible.

Elections will be held online next week, from March 16 to 18 at srs.humber.ca.

Named 'reporter of the year', grad dies at awards gala

By Chris MacKinnon

Stephen Shaw, a community news reporter who rose to the top of his profession after leaving the Humber journalism program in the early '90s, died suddenly last week at the age of 34.

His death at an awards ceremony Saturday came less than an hour after he had been named reporter of the year by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association. It was the second time he had won the honour.

Shaw kept close ties to many in the Humber community and his death shocked those who knew him.

Carey French, one of Shaw's teachers at Humber, remembered one-on-one talks he sometimes had with his former student where the two would discuss journalism.

"He was one of the very few natural reporters I've ever met. If he wanted a piece of information, Stephen would not let it alone until he understood it frontwards, backwards, inside out. But he had a nice way of doing it, a nice way of making people want to talk to him," French said.

A dismal job market for journalists in the early 1990s meant the Humber alumnus spent months looking for work after graduation. He eventually left the familiar surroundings of North York and Etobicoke for a general reporter's job at the Haliburton County Echo.

A year later, he landed a job at the Oshawa-Whitby *This Week* where his award-winning career as an investigative journalist took off.



Stephen Shaw

He also captured a best investigative news story award for a feature about a criminally insane killer who was convicted and then released without warning back into his victim's community. Like many others he wrote, the story had a major impact on the community.

Joanne Burghardt, the editor at the weekly newspaper where he worked, called Shaw "tenacious."

"He had a real drive to get to the crux of the story and was never content with the surface. He was very patient in his writing," Burghardt said.

A true beat reporter who stuck to "cops, crimes and courts," Shaw also won the respect of those he encountered in the course of his work.

Oshawa police Sargeant Paul Malik remembered Shaw's professionalism.

"There was a lot of intelligence in him that is lost now. Unfortunately there is lot that can't be passed on, his

confidential sources and the background he knew. He was one of the better ones," Malik said.

Among his coups, Shaw identified the real killer in a case that had been cold for more than a decade.

"The people I've seen who could pull off that kind of story you could count on the fingers of one hand," said French, who wrote for daily newspapers and news agencies for almost 30 years before teaching Shaw at Humber.

Terri Arnott, another former teacher who forged a deep friendship with Shaw, recalled an intense, thoughtful young man who could instill a feeling of trust in others.

"Sources trusted him because he told the truth, he was honest and he was fair, even if they didn't like what the story said," she said.

The night Shaw died, Arnott had an emotional conversation with the normally private reporter.

"We talked about what he was doing, how much he loved his job and how he could have gone anywhere. But he believed in what he was doing. His wife loved living in Whitby. He could come and go and be there for his kids," she said.

Most people who knew Stephen Shaw said he could easily have made a career at any of the biggest newspapers in the country.

"He could have written his own ticket. But he always refused. Stephen was a Porsche hiding under a Chevy's exterior," French said.

Shaw lived in Whitby with his wife, May Shaw, his 8-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter.

Voter apathy high among youth

By Dana Brown

If yesterday's low turnout at the HSF election forum is any indication, don't be surprised if there's a lack of hits on the voting website next week.

Only 11 per cent of Humber students voted last year and just seven per cent cast a ballot in 2002.

Those numbers may seem low, but according to Elections Canada, the figures are not that far off from the national average of youth voter participation. Since 1990, overall election turnout has dropped from 74 to 67 per cent, but for young voters the figure is much lower. In the 2000 general election, just 25 per cent of the 2.6-million Canadian youth aged 18 to 24 cast a ballot.

Miriam Gennaro, spokesperson for Elections Canada, said the agency has begun reaching out in an effort to increase turnout. Over the past year steps like the National Forum on Youth Voting, a new youth section on the Elections Canada website and a mass mailing to over a million young Canadians, have been initiated to coax youth voters to the polls.

Paul Green, executive director of Rush the Vote, a non-profit group dedicated to raising political aware-

ness among youth aged 18 to 30 through entertainment, said it's important to address the issues behind the voter apathy.

"We delved a little deeper and realized that there were reasons why youth weren't voting," Green said. "Because they found the information confusing, they thought all the politicians were saying the same thing,

"I think it's one of the biggest problems we have."

they didn't see any differences between the parties and they didn't feel their vote would make a difference."

As a response to those concerns Rush the Vote presented a simplified version of the political process on their website www.rushthevote.ca, including a breakdown of what each party stood for and a clear explanation of the voting process.

"The whole thought that you have a democratic society, yet people are not feeling the need to participate in this civic action is a threat to democracy," Green said. "I think it's one of

the biggest problems we have."

Also concerned with giving a voice to young Canadians is Canada 25 (www.canada25.com), a non-partisan group for 20 to 35-year-olds.

Andrew Medd, executive director of the three-year-old group, said that measuring youth political involvement strictly through voting statistics doesn't provide the whole picture.

Medd said that although many may not cast a ballot, non-traditional ways such as social activist groups can engage young people in the political process.

"By doing that [engaging in non-traditional groups] and also talking about the importance of the political process I think you can get more people involved," Medd said.

Some young voters do seem to be getting the message. Holly Batcher, a 21-year-old student in Humber's post-grad children with special needs program said that she does not follow politics on a regular basis. But she did cast a ballot in the last election to ensure she voted for a particular candidate.

But 22-year-old Humber computer engineering student James Brookes finds politics boring and didn't make it out last time around. "I didn't have time," he said.

Students receive tips on home safety

Locked doors, working smoke alarms, listed as essential for home safety.

By Joanne MacDonald

Students attending a recent seminar on off-campus housing walked away with some valuable tips on home safety and security, courtesy of Humber's Off-Campus Housing service.

Nancy Deason, the college's public safety manager, advised students to check such things as lighting around the house, in the surrounding area and locks on the doors when they view potential homes.

"When you walk up to [the door], are there bushes around that someone could be hiding behind?" Deason asked.

Winston Mapp, a fire inspector



Imparting wisdom: Fire inspector, Winston Mapp, said he has "been around a long time" and knows what dangers face students living off-campus.

with the Toronto Fire Department and recipient of a 2003 award from the City of Toronto for his dedication and work, also cautioned students

about unsafe housing. "When it comes to student housing, I have been around long enough and I have seen what can happen," Mapp said.

He strongly warned students about locking their doors, saying he often finds them unlocked when he goes to inspect houses. "Anyone can

get in there and hide," he added.

Some students are afraid to complain about safety problems with their house because they are afraid they will be kicked out. However, Mapp assured students that the identity of the person who makes a complaint is never revealed. And if students are uncomfortable they should contact Off-Campus Housing coordinator, Melissa McLellan, who would then direct them to the right authorities.

After a complaint is made, Mapp checks the house for the mandatory smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and a portable fire extinguisher amongst other things.

He advised students to consider homes that have more than one exit and to make sure each room has either a door or window in case of a fire.

"If you don't feel comfortable, walk away. Better safe than sorry," Mapp said.

Kelly Jackson, a first-year paralegal student, said that she found the safety tips informative. "I wouldn't have thought to consider such criteria when looking for a residence off-campus," she said.

McLellan said students could look for houses in the newspapers or on the residence bulletin board. However, she said Humber's website was the best resource.

Humber's Off-Campus Housing provides a free service where students can search the online ads free of charge and post ads for roommates. Students are responsible for contacting the landlords and arranging to view a home. But listings on the website are not guaranteed as it is the landlord's responsibility to inform Off-Campus Housing when the home is no longer available.

For more information regarding off-campus housing, students can go to www.humber.ca/housing. Another Off-Campus Housing seminar is planned for Thursday, Mar. 25. It will be held in room R118 at residence. Interested students can call McLellan at (416) 675-6622 ext. 7101, to register for the session.

Neighbourhood near Humber targeted in mayor's plan to combat youth crime

By Bradley A. McIsaac

Jamestown, an Etobicoke neighbour close to the North campus of Humber college, is one of the target areas included in Mayor David Miller's recommended anti-crime plan.

Toronto City Council voted unanimously to bring in the \$500,000 community safety plan after a debate last week.

The plan will try to combat violent crime in the GTA by improving recreation programs and boosting job opportunities for young people in high-risk neighbourhoods.

Jamestown, alongside other neighbourhoods such as Malvern in Scarborough, and Jane-Finch in North York, will be the first to be

affected by the plan.

Superintendent Ron Taverner, of local police Division 23, is happy with the attention that neighbourhoods like Humber's are getting from council.

"We welcome any initiative to deal with crimes and issues of concern to our division. Any improvements brought into Jamestown will have a spill-off effect to surrounding areas such as ours."

As part of the debate leading up to the vote, council members passed a motion whereby police would start

passing out business cards to youth, as a way to foster goodwill and improve community relations.

It is hoped that youth will feel more secure knowing, that if they have a negative encounter with a police officer, they can then file a complaint.

Division 23 already has this system in place according to

Supt. Taverner.

"That system is nothing new to us. While some people may think that it's about making us somehow more accountable, we just feel as though it's another way to deal with the public in a positive nature."

The nine-point community safety plan will be steered by an advisory panel chaired by Ontario Chief Justice Roy McMurtry.

As well as the mayor, the panel

includes school board chairs, the Solicitor-General of Ontario, the attorney-general, two city councilors, federal representatives, citizens, youth, media and business people.

The panel's agenda is to develop new programs to fight gun use and gang involvement through housing relocation, skills training and counseling.

They will lobby senior governments to take guns and crime more seriously, and also lobby the corporate sector to help create jobs for young people.

In addition, a secretariat will be appointed to measure progress in the designated neighbourhoods.

"We welcome any initiative to deal with crime."



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Union, province reach deal; strike averted

By Kristen King

Ontario's college faculty averted a strike hours before deadline, with the faculty union and the province agreeing to a two-year tentative deal.

Negotiations between the parties were under a media blackout until the agreement was announced March 2 at 5:40 p.m., just six hours before the strike deadline.

Both negotiating parties said they are happy an agreement has been made.

"We are happy that we did not have to disrupt students studies," said Shelagh Gill, chief negotiator for the College Compensation and

Appointment Council.

The tentative two-year agreement includes amendments to salary and workload issues.

Faculty will see their salaries increase by 7.49 per cent over the next two years. The deal offers a three per cent retroactive pay increase from Sept. 2003, with additional increases of 0.5 per cent in April 2004, two per cent in Sept. 2004, and a 1.8 per cent in April 2005.

Ted Montgomery, chief negotiator for OPSEU, the faculty union, said the pay increase puts the faculty's salaries in its proper financial place, between

high school teachers and university professors.

Workload issues were one of the union's biggest concerns during the negotiations. The parties agreed upon the creation of a task force that will examine workload and quality of education. The task force will be comprised of members from both the union and colleges bargaining teams.

"The task force will provide the necessary data to go forward on issues," Montgomery said. "It is a step in the right direction."

The task force will report its findings, amendments to the workload formula, and any recommendations by Nov. 30, 2004.

"Workload issues are so complicated for management to make significant changes to at the bargaining table," Gill said. She added the task force will allow them to "research the issues with less pressure."

The Canadian Student Alliance (CSA), sent a written thank-you letter to both OPSEU and the Council, for their efforts in reaching a tentative agreement, and keeping students in the class, where they belong.

The CSA developed a website for students to inquire about faculty strike issues. It received over 68,000 hits in just two weeks.

As well, the CSA, with the help of Ontario's college students, got over 10,000 signatures for a petition asking the Ontario legislature to ensure students would not be locked out of class.

Gill said students have been "very good" in voicing their appreciation. She said students have approached her

and said "hey, thanks."

Montgomery said that the next step is the ratification process, where the 8,600 union members will vote on the tentative agreement.

Montgomery said he thinks 95 per cent will vote in favour.

The vote is set for March 31.

"We're happy that we didn't have to disrupt students' studies."

ELECTIONS 2004

How to Vote Online

On a computer connected to the Internet go to the Student Record Service website (srs.humber.ca). Click on the button "Login To Student Record Service". Enter your Student Number and PIN (if this is your first time logging into the SRS site, your PIN Number is your birth date in the format YYYYMMDD with no spaces). Once logged on to the service menu, double-click on the button "Vote Now"; and you're all set to vote. Once you have voted, choose "Log Out" on the Service Menu toolbar. Thank you for voting in the HSF Student Elections.

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BUSINESS

Spam not fooling Canadians: study

By Joseph Phung

An urgent business proposal from Prince Ahmadu A. Ahmadu in Nigeria. Get the cheapest prescription drugs online from Darnell D. Whaley. Sound familiar?

A recent report by Prophis Research and Consulting Inc. based in Vancouver found the vast majority of Canadians recognize spam email messages they receive.

Messages from unfamiliar individuals and messages with product or service offers are commonly considered spam by the 150 adult English-speaking Canadians who participated in the report.

Humber business administration student Baljinder Munden can relate to that. He considers any message that tries to sell him products or services that he is not interested in as spam.

"[Spam is] trying to make you buy stuff that doesn't really matter to you," Munden said.

The report found that the mean number of spam messages received per day by the participants was 15. However, the amount of spam received varied among them.

Half of the participants reported receiving eight or fewer spam messages per day. Nearly 50 per cent reported receiving more than eight messages per day and only two per cent reported getting over 100 spam messages per day. Munden said he receives about four to five spam messages each day.

The report also found that 48 per cent of the participants said that they are receiving more spam now than six months ago. The other 27 per cent reported the same amount of spam, and 25 per cent said that they are receiving less.

But how are these spammers getting your e-mail address?

According to *Spamabuse.org*, two of the more popular ways of getting your address are through e-mail extractors and purchasing e-mail lists.

E-mail extractors are software

programs run by spammers that search for e-mail addresses through websites, message forums and other online areas. These programs are capable of getting thousands of email addresses an hour.

For the right price, spammers can purchase email lists from dishonest website owners, online stores and organizations that provide more than a million addresses.

Effective since Jan. 1, 2004, the

Personal **I**nformation **P**rotection and **E**lectronic **D**ocuments Act (**PIPEDA**) requires Canadian organizations to get permission from individu-

als before collecting, using or disclosing their personal information for commercial activity.

Since the PIPEDA considers e-mail addresses as personal information, the Canadian government believes this act will eventually help reduce the amount of spam messages Canadians receive.

For now, Canadians like Munden continue to be annoyed by spam messages.

"It just pisses you off when you open it. You're just opening up crap that's wasting your time."

"They try to make you buy stuff that doesn't matter."



Spam savvy: A recent study has found that most Canadians recognize the unwanted messages in their inboxes as spam.

Money Sense

Filing taxes without the pain

By Catherine Gerow

Those pesky T4 slips arriving in the mail mean it's almost time to file your income tax return.

Although the process may seem intimidating, filing a tax return doesn't have to be a big hassle. Better yet, it doesn't have to cost a dime.

The first step to filing a return is to figure out where to go to get your taxes done.

One option is to have a professional prepare your taxes. This is the most expensive option, but many companies offer student discounts. H&R Block, for example, is currently offering a special tax rate of \$29.95 to full-time students.

This is the simplest option, because once you've handed your information over, you don't have to think about your taxes again until you receive the return. This method is best for students who aren't comfortable with the tax return process, or who have tricky returns.

But for those who don't want to shell out the \$30, there are alternative methods. The best is to file online through the government's Netfile system at <http://www.netfile.gc.ca/>.

The first step to filing online is to prepare your taxes using tax preparation software. A list of the software compatible with Netfile is available on the Netfile website. Most of this software, including Ufile and QuickTaxWeb, can be found online. This software is easy to use, even

for first-time filers. And best of all, if you fall into the low to modest income bracket, the software is free. Intuit Canada's QuickTaxWeb, for example, is free for anybody with a total net income of less than \$20,000.

After you have completed the return, you can log onto Netfile and send in your return at no charge. An access code for the service is provided on your tax forms.

Using Netfile usually guarantees a quicker refund than the old-fashioned paper method. The Netfile website states a refund is possible in eight business days, compared to the four to six weeks required to process a paper return.

For those without Internet access, a similar option called Telefile is also available. Users of this service need to prepare their taxes manually, but filing is as easy as calling a toll-free number (1-800-959-1110) and entering some basic information.

The advantage of using these filing methods is that they don't cost most students any money. But they do require some knowledge about the tax return process.

A handy guide for students filing tax returns is available on the Canada Revenue Agency site at <http://www.ccradrc.gc.ca/EI/pub/tg/p105/p105-e.html>.

This guide tells students what they need to claim on their tax return, as well as which expenses they can use as deductions. It also explains the credits students may be eligible for,

such as the GST credit.

The do-it-yourself method involves a little more effort than handing your paperwork off to a professional, but it's a great way to save money.

Tax tips for students:

- **Research your options.** Filing online is quick and easy, but if you have a complicated return, or are not comfortable with the process, you may be better off paying a professional to do your return.

- **Be aware of possible deductions.** Common deductions for students include moving expenses and child care expenses.

- **Remember to claim your tuition fees.** You can also carry forward unused amounts and claim them on next year's return.

- **Don't forget to apply for the GST credit.** You must apply for this credit, even if you received it last year.

- **Don't leave your return until the last minute.** The sooner you file your return, the sooner you will receive your refund. And if you file after the April 30 deadline, your GST credit may be delayed.

- **For more information visit Revenue Canada's website at <http://www.ccradrc.gc.ca/>**

Anti-Spam Tips

- **Don't post your email in chat rooms, message boards, or anywhere else on the Internet.**

- **Never reply to a spam message, even to request removal. By replying, you verify that your email address is active and then your address gets passed on to other spammers, giving you more spam messages.**

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Violent video game restricted in Ontario

Censor board slaps big "R" on gruesome Manhunt game

By Jon McCarthy

Ontario has slapped an "R" rating on the ultra-violent video game *Manhunt*, making it illegal for anyone under 18 to purchase or rent the game.

Last Wednesday's ruling by the Ontario Film Review Board made *Manhunt* the first video game ever given a restricted rating. The game has already been banned in Australia and New Zealand.

The game was released for the PlayStation 2 on Nov. 19 and was available to people of all ages until last week.

Choreographed like a snuff film, the game is riddled with coarse language and brutal violence from beginning to end with extra points awarded for committing particularly gruesome murders like smashing in your victim's head with a baseball bat.

Before the game begins, a message appears across the screen - "To best experience, you should turn off the lights, close the drapes, lock the

door. Then get ready to kill."

To advance through the game, players must commit murders using a gamut of weapons ranging from a plastic bag for suffocating victims to a chainsaw with dull blades for maximum pain and damage.

Blake Murdoch, who runs a video game store in Brampton called We Got Games, agrees with the board's "R" rating. "I think it's the same kind of media as a movie, so it should have the same restrictions," he said.

The game's creator, Rockstar Games, is no stranger to controversy. Last year, parents and politicians alike were outraged by the depiction of pimps, prostitutes and drug dealers - as well as racist overtones - found in Rockstar's earlier release *Grand Theft Auto: Vice City*. That game is now the best-selling video game of all time.

Although he favours the board's decision, Murdoch says the "R" rating has already made the game more popular. "It was an average selling game - I'm sure Rockstar thinks that this is the greatest news they've ever had," he said. "It's gone from being 'who cares' to 'I need to have this game.'"

Since the restricted rating was announced, Murdoch has not had any minors try to purchase the game from him, but twice children have shown up with a parent looking to get mom or dad to buy the game.

"I explained it to them both, and



Bloody game: A minor caught renting or buying the R-rated game *Manhunt* could face a maximum fine of \$25,000 or spend up to a year in prison.

neither one bought it after I explained the situation. They had no idea what they were buying," Murdoch said.

Under the Theatres Act, anyone caught selling the game to a minor faces a fine of up to \$100,000. Any

minor caught renting or buying the game could see a maximum fine of \$25,000 or up to a year in prison.

Normally, video games are rated by the American based Entertainment Software Rating Board which gave

Manhunt a "M" rating for mature - which means it's not suitable for anyone under 17. This voluntary rating system is not legally binding and the ESRB does not have the authority to enforce the ratings at the retail level.

Colourful web-based games perfect for penniless students

By Erin Bell

"All work and no play" doesn't have to be a reality for cash-strapped students who can't afford to spend \$70 on the average video game.

Web-based games can be enjoyed for free as long as there's an Internet connection and a computer running Windows. Unfortunately many web

games, such as those offered at *Yahoo.com*, are not compatible with Macintosh or Unix operating systems.

Certain games can be upgraded to the "full version" by paying. The cost is generally between \$10 and \$20 U.S.

Here is a sampling of some of the best, free web-based games:



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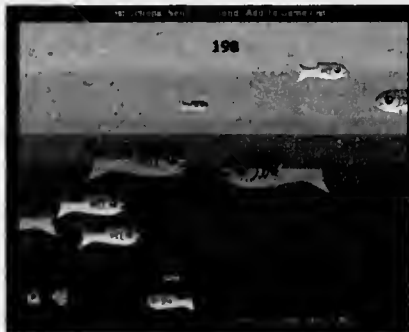
<http://zone.msn.com/en/cubis/default>

Slide blocks across a square grid to form groups of three matching colors. Clear all the blocks before time runs out to move on to the next stage. In later levels wedge blocks, morphing blocks, rock barriers and other variations will start to appear.

Fishy

<http://arcadetown.com/fishy/index.asp>

The goal of *Fishy* is simply to eat or be eaten. You start out as a tiny fish in a huge pond, and the idea is to gulp down the smaller fish while avoiding bigger ones. Eventually your body will grow and you'll be able to take on larger foes until you become the biggest fish in the pond.



Zuma

<http://games.yahoo.com/games/downloads/zu.html>

Control the frog idol of the ancient *Zuma* tribe to clear out rolling blocks before they reach the end of the trail. Shoot balls from the frog's mouth to form patterns of three. Fans of the classic puzzle game *Bust-a-Move* will quickly get into the groove of *Zuma*.

Alchemy

<http://games.yahoo.com/games/downloads/al.html>

The ancient practice of alchemy is about trying to find the right combination of elements to turn lead into gold. Now you can try it by arranging arcane symbols in rows of matching colours or shapes. The game is tricky at first, but once the rules are mastered, it's quite addictive.



Typer Shark

<http://games.yahoo.com/games/downloads/tps.html>

Increase your typing speed with this interesting little typing tutor. Fend off waves of attacking sharks and piranhas while diving for buried treasure. Each fish has a word on its body and typing the word accurately will zap it with a bolt of electricity.

All screenshots courtesy.

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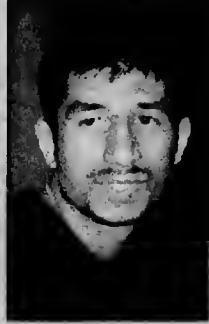
What do you think about International Women's Day?

By Judith Larracey



"I think it's great there's a day for women. Raising awareness in male-dominated industries [like the culinary arts] where women are trying to make inroads is always good."

Allison Witherspoon, 19, Chef Training



"International Women's Day is a progress into the 21st century. [However] women are about 50 per cent of the population and they are still not equal." They are not treated equally. Women are discriminated against in third-world countries."

Amandeep Kloti, 19, Business Administration



"No, I didn't know it was International Women's Day. Women should buy their own movie tickets. Money sets the wheels in motion. The feminist movement hasn't made any progress."

Merrill Mclean, 18, Environmental Engineering



"Even though this society embraces capitalism, women are still segregated. [Although] women are becoming more educated, their status is still not equal. They are still a visible minority."

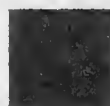
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Quest for women's rights continues to be long hard struggle

All around the world women have fought a long difficult struggle for equal rights ...and flowers

By Judith Larracey and Laura Kloet

You've come a long way baby, but there's still a long way to go.

According to a Human Rights Watch Survey from 2003, at least 400 women and girls as young as eight were reported to have been raped in Iraq during or after the war, since April 2003.

In its October 2003 issue, the Middle East Times reported that 45 women under the age of 20 in Iran had been murdered in so-called "honour" killings by close relatives in a two-month period in 2003.

Canada and the United States are not immune to these atrocities. According to UNICEF, the costs of violence against the family in Canada amount to \$1.6 billion per year.

A UN Study on the World's Women in 2000, revealed that a woman in the U.S. is battered usually by her husband or partner every 15 seconds.

According to the World Health Organization, 85-million to 115-million girls and women have undergone some form of female genital mutilation worldwide.

Today, this practice is carried out in 28 African countries, despite the fact that it is outlawed in a number of these nations.

On the other side of the world in Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, over 370 women have been killed or have "disappeared" since 1993. According to Amnesty International, many of the victims were raped and mutilated.

This is why we still have International Women's Day. There are obviously many more problems that have to be dealt with.

International Women's Day can be traced back to March 8, 1857, when New York City garment workers first rallied for improved working conditions and rights for women.

These efforts were aided by the growth of the middle class female reform movement. Protests were met with strong resistance from police.

Half a century later in 1908, 15,000 female garment and needle workers once again took to the streets of New York City to demand equal rights, an end to child labour, safer working conditions, shorter work hours and the right to vote.

The first National Women's day was observed in the United States the following year in accordance with a declaration made by the Socialist Party of America in 1908.

By 1911, National Women's Day had been celebrated in several countries throughout Europe, as women and men publicly took to the streets on March 19 to demand women's right to vote, hold public office and an end workplace discrimination.

That same month, on March 25, a fire at the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory took the lives of 140 immigrant women in New York City.

Reported around the world, this event brought focus to the horrific conditions immigrant and lower class women were being forced to work.

This event would forever impact work legislation in the U.S., and is still remembered as a turning point in the women's movement.

On Feb. 23, 1917, after two-million Russian soldiers lost their lives at war, women came together to strike for "bread and peace," protesting food shortages and poor living conditions.

Since 1972, the United Nations

has recognized March 8 as an international holiday. Nancy Portwell, of the Canadian Women's Foundation, emphasizes the need for this type of recognition and reflects on the significance of March 8 and the role it plays around the globe.

"Women on all continents often divided by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences come together to celebrate International Women's Day," Portwell said.

Patricia Young, McMaster University Women's Studies co-ordinator has mixed emotions about March 8.

She acknowledged that since the first protests were held in New York City, women have made remarkable gains, with suffrage, unionization and moves towards pay equity.

However, Young stresses that it is important to remember that International Women's Day is not merely a time to celebrate the great achievements women have made towards a more equitable state.

"One cannot ignore the many obstacles still being faced by women across the world. Currently some may argue that women today experience an equal position to that of men. But, largely, there are a lot of negative things still happening, and to say we are equal is incorrect," Young said.

Violence and discrimination against women remain endemic across the world, she says. In many cases violence against women is influenced and sanctioned by social, economic and cultural institutions. Systematic repression and discrimination of women in some places is seen as "traditional" and "customary," she added.

Women shape young minds

At Humber's early childhood development centre, teachers and kids seem to be the only ones on campus celebrating International Women's day.

By Sam Toman

Monday was International Women's day, a day set aside to recognize the accomplishments of women all around the world.

But a quick trip around Humber's North Campus revealed almost no recognition of the day. Except at the Early Childhood Development Centre. There the importance of the day was being celebrated by Humber's most impressionable minds.

Minds, however that need a little rest before an afternoon of learning.

At midday, the children take their daily nap, though many of them weren't napping at all. Squirming with youthful energy the rows of children writhing and calling for attention on their naptime mattresses looked more like the war wounded than the future of Canada.

Faye Dundas, an early childhood educator at the centre, sat calmly, unfazed by the many calls for juice and pee-breaks. Kids will be kids, and if this afternoon's Women's Day activities have any effect, these kids will grow up to be enlightened and confident adults.

"It's still too early (in the day) to talk about [International Women's

Day] we'll get to it in the afternoon," said Dundas. "We understand the impact that we have on the children and we hope to teach them tolerance and diversity," she said. Monday afternoon's lesson was on important women in national and political life around the world.

Dundas held up a copy of the daily subway rag 24 Hours and flipped to a story on Syrian first lady Asma al-Assad, whose story she will tell the children. "She is a very powerful woman in the middle east," Dundas said.

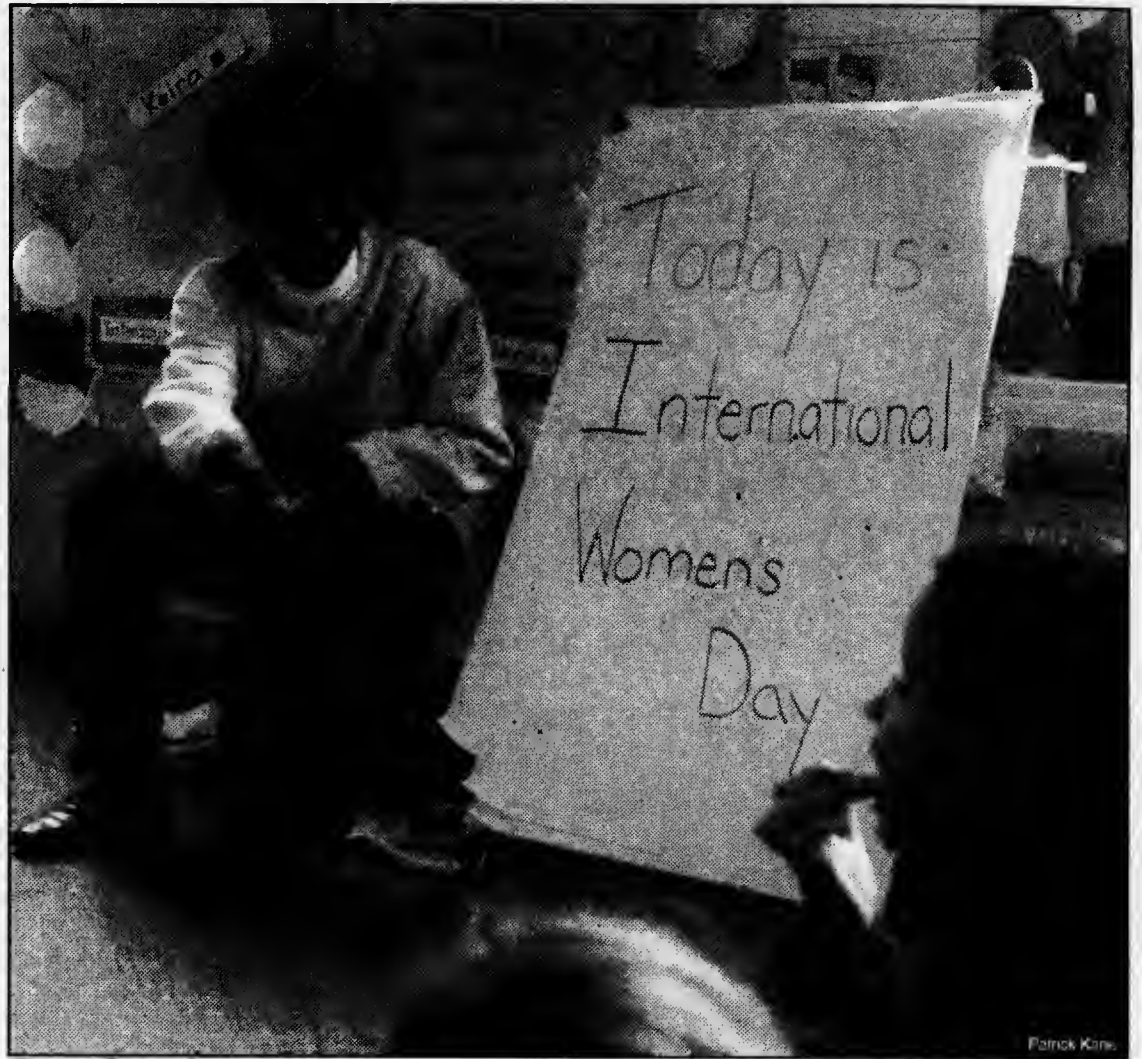
Dundas also told the children about Rosa Parks, a pioneering black woman who refused to sit at the back of a segregated Alabama bus.

Kindergarten teacher Giselle Mirabelli then sang a song with the children celebrating equal right around the world for all people.

Fairly heavy stuff for the apple juice and finger paint set, but, according to Dundas, recognizing the accomplishments of women is essential to the healthy development of the children at the centre, who include the children of staff and students plus children from the community.

Recognizing the role of women in society is just one of the ways diver-

"We hope to teach them diversity"



Faye Dundas: Teaching equality and diversity to children during 'discussion circle'

sity and tolerance are taught in the early childhood development classroom.

The children themselves come from many different cultures, and a quick scan of the classroom reveals a plethora of coloured flags, maps and globes.

"Every two weeks we teach them about another country in the world," Dundas said. This week the children are learning about Jamaica.

At the end of each unit, the parents get involved and cook a feast representative of that culture.

When asked which country has been the children's favourite so far, Dundas smiled.

"Well, Guyana, of course."

Dundas, a native of the South American country but living in Canada for 20 years said she did not learn about the accomplishments of women in school as she was growing

up, but she said that was for practical reasons.

"I come from a country where women are the leaders who control many things. I come from a matriarchal society, like most countries in the Caribbean, there women have a lot of power."

With the right kind of education it is very possible that these children will be the leaders of tomorrow, with their own power.

Nation's women on a 'role'

What Canadians are doing to celebrate women

By Laura Kloet

Canadians across the country are encouraged to recognize their role models during this year's International Women's Week celebrations.

"She's on a Role!" is Canada's theme for the weeklong event that celebrates the accomplishments of women across the country.

Many Canadian women, student leaders, mothers, politicians, teachers, athletes, social activists, women from every walk of life, have accomplished great things in their communities and around the world. This year's theme encourages Canadians to take a closer look at what they have accomplished so far, and celebrates the many women and men who continue to work towards important goals.

The honourable Jean Augustine, Minister of State (Multiculturalism and Status of Women) said many

Canadian women work tirelessly to improve their lives and the lives of others, both in Canada and around the world. "Some of these women receive little recognition for their efforts," she said. "Yet, they provide shining examples for Canadians and Canadian youth in particular to follow their dreams, no matter what barriers and opposition they may face."

The focus of International Women's Day is also meant to encourage Canadian youth to express who their Canadian female role models are while learning where progress has been made in gender equality.

Humber student Natalie Vernon thought this was an inspiring approach to recognizing the role of women in Canada.

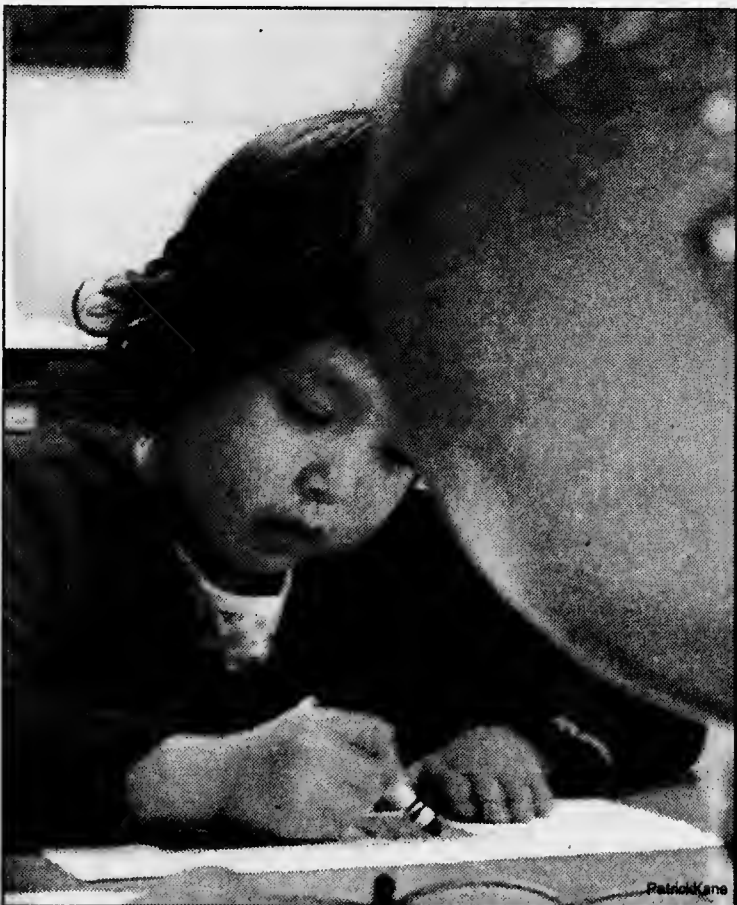
"I think as young women, we should all have a female mentor, someone we can look up to and aspire to be like. Role models are ordinary people that do extraordinary things and they teach us that every

effort in the fight for equality and justice is worthwhile."

McMaster Professor of Women's Studies, Elizabeth Boetzkes, strongly believes in the power of mentorship.

"The motivation and guidance for many of Canada's remarkable women come from mentors, people who have influenced their personal and professional development, and passed along their skills and knowledge. The positive impact of mentors and role models is perhaps most impactful during times of challenge in women's lives such as women who are escaping violence and abuse, single parents working hard to support their families and those who have rarely experienced the feeling of hope and opportunity."

Boetzkes said she encourages women to talk to each other and support each other in efforts to move towards equality and a safe and healthy well being.



Mapping the future: Hers is a better one.

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Abigail Avila

Eyes of the beholder: Photo exhibit includes work from international collection of photographers including Sandy Pereira, Bridget Farr, Julie Moos and Annie Leibovitz.

Redefining beauty

Downtown photo exhibit showcases beauty from a female point of view

By Abigail Avila

Only 60 images were chosen among hundreds submitted to represent the real face of beauty for Dove's current Beyond Compare photo exhibit at BCE Place.

Well-known female photographers from around the globe were asked to submit a photograph they felt best represented the real face of beauty and answered the question, what does beauty mean to you?

Dove Marketing Manager, Erin Iles, said the exhibit was designed to show many different forms of beauty.

"One of the things we are trying to do here is show a less stereotypical definition of beauty because so many times women see one kind of beauty. This exhibit is designed to show many different forms of beauty to help women celebrate. Just because you look one way doesn't mean you aren't incredibly beautiful," Iles said.

As consumers we only ever see a very few types of women on television, magazine covers and billboards, selling a very narrow definition of beauty.

Education Coordinator Jane

Tallim, from the Media Awareness Network, said the media fails to present a varied notion of beauty.

"I think there are standards of attractiveness that are portrayed in the media. Within these standards, you don't see very much diversity in body image," she said.

"People tend to conform to western versions of their ethnicity, so

"One of the things we are trying to do here is show a less stereotypical definition of beauty."

you'll have black women whose features are not really black. They look more caucasian with very dark skin. You'll also find Asian women portrayed in the same manner so it's a bit of a double challenge because not only can you meet the standards of attractiveness which represents a very small portion of the population but also within your own ethnicity they're setting impossible standards," Tallim added from her office in Ottawa, Ont.

Some students like first-year Television student Elena Vardon,

thought that North Americans were more diverse with their definition of beauty because of their multi-cultural countries.

Society may have come a long way from the typical blond hair, blue-eyed cover girl, however, Tallim added that much educating still needs to be done.

"Part of the goal of media education is to really help citizens realize that when it comes to the media they are active consumers of media. We want to change the mind where we passively accept a lot of these standards and messages and challenge the industry that are promoting them," she said.

The Dove Beyond Compare exhibit showcases Canadian photographers such as Sandy Pereira, Bridget Farr, Julie Moos, Barbara Choit and May Truong. The exhibit will be at the Metro Convention Centre from March 12 to 14 and tour five major Canadian cities before it heads to Europe.

To check out some of the featured photography and to possibly redefine your thoughts about beauty, visit their website at www.dovebeyond-compare.ca.

Syphilis spikes in Toronto area

Humber students flunk STD awareness quiz

By Pegah Aarabi

Don't call it a comeback; it's been here for years.

But, according to a recent Toronto Public Health report, for the first time in over a decade, syphilis is on the rise in Toronto, especially among homosexual males between 30 and 44 years of age.

Catherine Brown, a nurse at the city's public health department, said part of the reason for this sudden rise in syphilis is that people aren't using condoms as much as they used to.

"We have condoms available at our office and we circulate the current literature to get people informed about the problem," Brown said.

"Another reason for the rise in syphilis is that there are no symptoms for a number of months so those infected infect others without realizing it," Brown added.

"And even when symptoms do appear they go away on their own, so people think 'it's gone away now, I'm not going to bother getting tested'," Brown said.

According to the report syphilis appears in three stages. At the primary stage there are no real symptoms, cankers (genital ulcers) may appear but they disappear within six weeks.

At the secondary stage, a rash appears up to 10 weeks after the initial canker, and this also disappears on its own. At the tertiary stage occurring 10 to 20 years later, syphilis leads to severe heart, brain, and bone disease.

As serious as this disease can be, according to the report, the cure is a relatively simple course of penicillin.

But Marg Anne Jones, a nurse at Humber's health services, recommends the best course of action is to prevent sexually transmitted diseases in the first place.

"Be proactive. The most common STD among college students, chlamydia, is perfectly preventable by using condoms," Jones said.

"There is the perception that condoms are just for intercourse but in order to prevent STDs and pregnancy, they should be used for any genital touching," Jones added.

"We try our best to spread awareness about sexually transmitted diseases but students need to know more," she said.

This lack of awareness on campus was highlighted when health services gave out a quiz about STDs during sex week.

"There were 115 quizzes answered incorrectly and only 20 answered correctly. The biggest problem was identifying the most common STD's which are chlamydia and genital warts," said Penny Ecclestone, a nurse at Humber's health services.

"And what was especially surprising was that of the 20 correct responses, only two of them were from men," Ecclestone added.

"Women, out of necessity, come in to the health centre more often, so they learn more about their sexual health," Jones explained.

"There were 115 quizzes... only 20 answered correctly."

Healthy Sexuality Quiz

- 1) Name 2 things condoms prevent.
- 2) The 2 most common STDs in young adults are: syphilis, chlamydia, HIV, genital warts (HPV).
- 3) Circle the STDs that are not curable: chlamydia, herpes, gonorrhea, genital warts.
- 4) Pregnancy testing and ECP (Morning After Pill) are available in the Health Centre for \$10. Yes No
- 5) How much do birth control pills cost in the Health Centre? \$8 \$10 \$15

(1) pregnancy, gonorrhea, chlamydia (2) chlamydia, genital warts (3) herpes, genital warts (4) yes (5) \$8

Hands off! He belongs to me!

Study pinpoints the time of month when women may get catty to protect their relationships

By Brett Walther

When it comes to a woman's search for a mate, there's now scientific evidence that the fight over a few good men could get ugly.

A new study conducted by researchers at York University has proven that women compete for men's attention by downplaying the attractiveness of other women.

Lead researcher Maryanne Fisher said the study shows that women rate the facial attractiveness of other women less favourably when they are at the most fertile point of their menstrual cycle.

"I proposed that this phenomenon is occurring due to women competing against each other for men," she said.

The study asked 104 male and female participants to rate photographs of people's faces on a scale from one to seven, from extremely unattractive to extremely attractive. The women who took part were also asked to indicate where they were in their menstrual cycle in order to determine their stage of fertility.

Participants were screened to control for factors such as sexual orientation and the use of oral contraceptives and anti-depressants.

Although Fisher predicted the outcome in her hypothesis, she said the association between peak fertility and derogation of other women's attractiveness was more pronounced than expected.

Considered the first of its kind, the study was recently published in

Biology Letters, the online journal of the British Royal Society.

The results of the study could have a significant impact on the way women understand their relationships with other women.

"It allows women to understand their behaviour a bit better... the reason they say things about other women or feel certain ways," she said. "A woman who is 'put down' by another woman might not feel as badly now because she understands some of the reason for its occurrence."

The strategies that women use to put down their competitors are numerous, said

"It allows women to understand their behaviour a bit better.."

Fisher. Although some may simply downplay the facial attractiveness of other women, other methods include belittling another woman's potential ability as a mother, and making claims of promiscuity.

Fisher said the study raises as many questions as it answers and she is excited about continuing this line of research.

"I hope to examine the reason why women derogate," she said. "Do women put down other women to improve their self esteem, or to persuade a potential mate that she's not worth his attention?"

"There's a lot to be done in this area."

Elizabeth Smith, 20, a first-year chef training student at Humber, said she was not surprised the study proved that women tend to put down other women. "Me and my girlfriends do," she said laughing.



Style check

A weekly look at Humber style.

Name: Nadia Arevalo
Program: Business Management, 2nd year

What is style?
"Style is your personal taste. Whatever you choose to wear"

What isn't style?
"Everything is style in somebody's eyes."

Describe your style in one word.
"Comfortable."

One thing you wouldn't be caught dead in?
"Pink. I hate it."

What's at the top of your fashion wish list?
"The limited edition Jam Master Jay shell toe addidas"

Whats going to be the next big thing in 2003?

"More old school style, more urban culture."

What inspires your style?
"My music, specifically underground hip hop. I listen to people like Mos Def and Talib Kweli. Positive music."

Who are your style icons?
"Lauryn Hill, Gwen Stefani- people with an original sense of style."

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Presidential Candidate

We are here to learn AND have fun. I will bring academic events and educational speakers to the Humber community in addition to music and competitive events. I best represent 17,000 students by interacting and communicating with them. I will encourage the best communication method for you by efficient email or in person.

I am reliable, responsible, mature, interactive, open and fun. I will enjoy being part of every possible club and event. I have already been, or will be, a member on the Academic Appeals Committee, Academic Council, Alumni, Business Development, Campus Clubs and Associations, Elections Appeal, Governance Review, Hiring, and IT Committees. I will work proactively with authorities to ensure a safe community. I support the democratic, students-for-students system that will produce the best leaders for Humber and Guelph-Humber. Guelph-Humber and student energy are assets we all need in our community.

I am familiar with the burdens as a full-time business student and working full-time to pay for all school, transportation, housing and food myself. Even during my role as V.P. Administration Lakeshore I have been available at both campuses every day of the week and will be even more as accessible and helpful as HSF President.



Jen Green
Presidential Candidate

This year, I have had an amazing experience as VP Campus Life, now I am ready to be the next HSF President. My passion is to make every Humber students' Post Secondary experience the best it can be.

What I will do for Humber: ACADEMIC

Academic Consistency - Introduce a campus wide initiative to achieve uniformity in tests, projects and exams within each program

Computer Labs - Improve the quality of the HSF labs

Student-Run Faculty Performance Review - Introduction of a comprehensive faculty performance review system operated by HSF

FINANCIAL: Tuition freeze - Lobby the Government for the currently implemented "tuition freeze" to ensure continuing subsidies for future years, **HSF Sponsorship/Bursary** - Work with the incoming VP Campus Life to continue the sponsorship program started last year

CAMPUS LIFE: Food Services - Negotiate for improved food selections campus wide

HSF Bus - For students to travel back and forth from the Lakeshore and North

Humber Escort Service - Enhance the on-campus escort service

Smoking Room - Heated, ventilated "Butt Hut" in the HSF space to benefit both smokers and non-smokers

GUELPH HUMBER: GHSA - Develop and maintain a close relationship with the GHSA to ensure student satisfaction campus wide

Vote Jen Green for HSF PRESIDENT!

ELECTIONS

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VP Administration Lakeshore Candidate Profiles



Hue Grant
VP Administration
Presidential Candidate

Hello My name is Hue Grant and as a candidate running for VP Administration these are the issues I would deal with if elected:

- 1. Change machine** - To set up a change machine located beside the vending machine inside the large cafeteria.
- 2. Book vouchers** - To set aside a portion of money to dedicate to buying \$20 and \$30 vouchers to help purchase books within the bookstore available to all students who complete the tasks.
- 3. Increase HSF awareness** - To increase the awareness of HSF, by concentrating more on the marketing team. This will definitely make people aware of the dental plans, legal advice, bursaries and more services that they provide.
- 4. Car Insurance** - To implement an insurance policy much like the medical policy for students that drive. This will only be offered to Humber students to lessen yearly expense.
- 5. Bursaries and Grants** - Getting more information on the various bursaries that are available and set up an area where all students will be able to receive this information without waiting in line at the registration office.
- 6. Residence's Meal Plan** - To implement specials days to receive food from some of the local food facilities located in the area to those students who are tired of the same things every week.



Christina Zgela
VP Administration
Presidential Candidate

As Vice-President of Administration my job is to make sure that your voice is heard while being a member of the Humber ITAL community. Currently as the Director of the School of Media Studies, I have the EXPERIENCE to address the questions and concerns of Humber Students. I WILL make sure that all of your student activity fees are DIRECTLY benefiting you while you attend this school.

These are the issues:

ACADEMICS:

Improve the academic appeals process to ensure all Humber students are treated fairly

Implement a STUDENT-RUN faculty performance review, so students can honestly voice their opinion

SERVICES:

Lobby for discounted Parking and Car Insurance

More Bursaries should be given to students

A Food bank should be created at the Lakeshore Campus to help those students in need.

ATM Machines... there should be more of them!

Enforce a larger Security presence on campus

Lobby to get Tim Horton's on campus

BUILDING: Improve the quality of the A Building computer lab, Lobby for new equipment in the athletic facility, Campus Wide surveys to determine what students want with the available HSF space in the A building. **Please contact me at**

christina4VP@hotmail.com if you have any questions/concerns.

ELECTIONS 2004

HSF

VP Campus Life Lakeshore Candidate Profiles



Dahab Hagas
VP Campus Life
Presidential Candidate

A. Campus Life: i. Encourage students to start clubs through increased advertising

ii. Bus trips to varsity games, thus enhancing school spirit

B. Events: i. Hold events at both sides (main building, the cottages)

ii. More events in conjunction with North Campus

iii. Events that allow interaction between students, fostering friendships, who will be willing to volunteer & come to events, i.e. BBQs, basketball games

iv. Events at various times of the day, i.e. breakfast giveaways, coffee vouchers v. 2 big concerts a year

vii. Humber Jams

vi. Increased No. of gaming events (i.e. pool tournaments)

vii. Intramurals; program vs. program

C. Communication

i. Ensure students are aware of campus events; creating a liaison between lakeshore and north campus

ii. Collect feedback from students (twice/semester), as to how events are doing

iii. Inform students of the benefits of starting clubs, i.e. financial support

D. Community

i. Bring guests, i.e. breakers, DJ's, painters, when events are not being held- as an inexpensive form of entertainment

ii. Volunteer with community organizations i.e. Hoops for Heart

E. Residence events

i. "After hour" events,

iii. Movie nights

iv. Humber nights at Phantom Lounge; allowing students free or reduced admissions



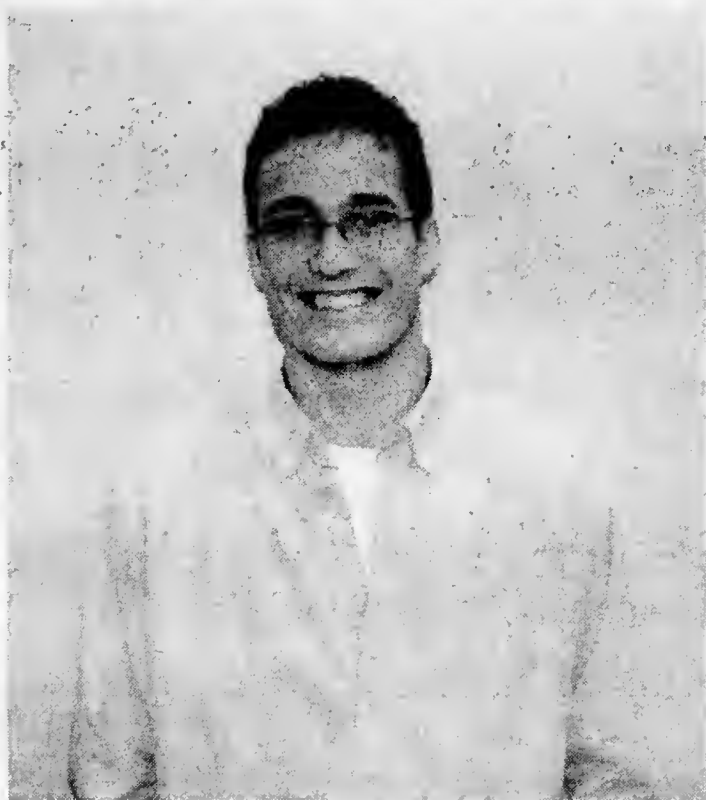
Natalie Hakim
VP Campus Life Presidential Candidate

My name is Natalie Hakim and I am running for Vice-President of Campus Life for the Lakeshore campus. I am currently a fourth semester student and I strongly believe that over the upcoming semesters I can help generate more school spirit at the Lakeshore campus. I feel that Lakeshore is a community and I want all students to feel the support that a community has to offer by bringing the student body together. Bringing the students together needs to start somewhere and I would like it to start with me, by being open to all students. I would really like all students to feel that they can approach me with any of their suggestions. I recognize that I may not be able to adhere to everybody's requests and I'm not here to make any false promises, but I can promise you one thing... vote for me and you won't regret it!

ELECTIONS 2004

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VP Administration North Candidate Profiles



Tyler Burrows
VP Administration Presidential Candidate

Hello, My name is Tyler Burrows and I am running for Vice-President of Administration North for the 2004-05 year. I believe there are many reasons I make an excellent candidate for this position:

- I am the current student representative on the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning's Board of Governors. I represent students to the highest authorities in the college and make sure our voice is heard.

- I am enthusiastic and willing to do whatever it takes to make this school as great as it can be. I will continue with the "Positive Space" Campaign because I feel this campaign has been successful in uniting students.

- Most importantly, I am going to work very hard on the integration process between Humber and Guelph-Humber, because I believe that with these two great learning institutions merged as one will give students at both schools an amazing opportunity to learn from one another. In my time here, I have been a student at both Humber and Guelph-Humber. I can confidently say I know both schools well and am in a position to hammer out any rough areas that exist between them.



Chris Heywood
VP Administration Presidential Candidate

Chris Heywood is a 2 year Veteran of HSF. He has a strong desire to see other students succeed and believes that barriers should not be a limitation to success. Chris is strongly opposed to fee increases; desires to work with transit to continue to improve services, and to help students deal with their academic concerns. As Vice President of Administration, Chris will use his strong leadership skills and dedication he has to work out all problems set before him, no matter how large or small.

Vote for Strong Leadership! Vote for Chris Heywood!

ELECTIONS 2004

HSF

VP Campus Life North Candidate Profiles



Greetings and salutations fellow students! My name is Darec Rogers and I am currently enrolled in my 3rd year of studies at Humber College. It would be my pleasure to serve as your VP Campus life next year, and will be looking for your support in the coming weeks. My sense of responsibility and strong planning skills will compliment my new ideas for the coming year while combining these with previous successful events. One idea I would like to bring to the Humber students nex year is a Mexico type theme, with a foam party! I'm not going to go into specifics at this point, but doesn't that sound like fun ladies and gentlemen? More big name performances would also be an initiative I'd work hard to bring to the students. Also, I'd like to see more student opinion go into programming of events. Surveys and opinion polls could be gathered by marketing then used as a valuable feedback to plan future events that you want! With your support, it will happen.

Vote Darec Rogers "Longsy" for VP Campus Life!

Darec Rogers
VP Campus Life Presidential Candidate



HEEELLLLLOO HUMBER!! There is a lot more to school than just classes & studying, and I want to bring it to you! I have been a DJ / MC for the last 6 years and have thrown together an outstanding 400 PARTIES! I am also the manager of an entertainment company, so throwing fun events is second nature to me. I want to bring you, Casino Nights, Hypnotists, Talent Shows, Humber Survivor, Battle of the bands, Sumo Wrestling, Pie Eating Contests, Scavenger Hunt, "Ghetto" Santa for Christmas, and so much more! I plan big events every week, so I know what it takes to get people motivated, and have fun. If I elected my goals would be:

MORE PRIZES: By starting a sponsorship program with big companies like Coca-Cola, Frito-Lay, Nike, American eagle, EDGE 102.1, FLOW93.5 and Z103.5.

BIG NAME CONCERTS: I am an entertainment manager and have coordinated appearances for Trailer Park Boys, Vince Carter, and Swollen Members. I also worked the Blue Light Tour, where I organized Sum 41, Blink 182, and a number of other mainstream bands.

YOUR INPUT: Humber College isn't about my ideas; it's about "our" idea's. If there is anything you want to suggest, which bands to book, cool ideas for events, multi-cultural events, ANYTHING at all, I want to hear it

Joey Svec
VP Campus Life
Presidential Candidate

**Well Humber, Those are my ideas,
Now it's your turn!**

EDITORIAL

Does anyone care?

It seemed business as usual in the student centre at noon on Wednesday. Students went about eating their lunches, passing through to the food emporium and using the bank machine. And, oh yeah, there were some people on stage giving speeches too.

The speakers were actually nominees for the upcoming HSF elections, laying out their platforms during an all-candidates debate.

Almost no one showed up for the event, a sad sign of things to come.

the election

The election is a week away and the majority of the student population apparently is either not interested or not aware of this fact.

Yet, it is essential for everyone to take interest in who is elected to the HSF, a group which controls an almost \$1.4 million budget-most of it generated from student fees. These are the people who spend those fees. Should you not know who they are?

The purpose of the meet-the-candidates forum is for students to find out from the candidates directly what his or her position is on important issues. Only a handful of questions were asked of the candidates. It's unfortunate that more students couldn't take less than an hour out of their lives to participate.

the speeches

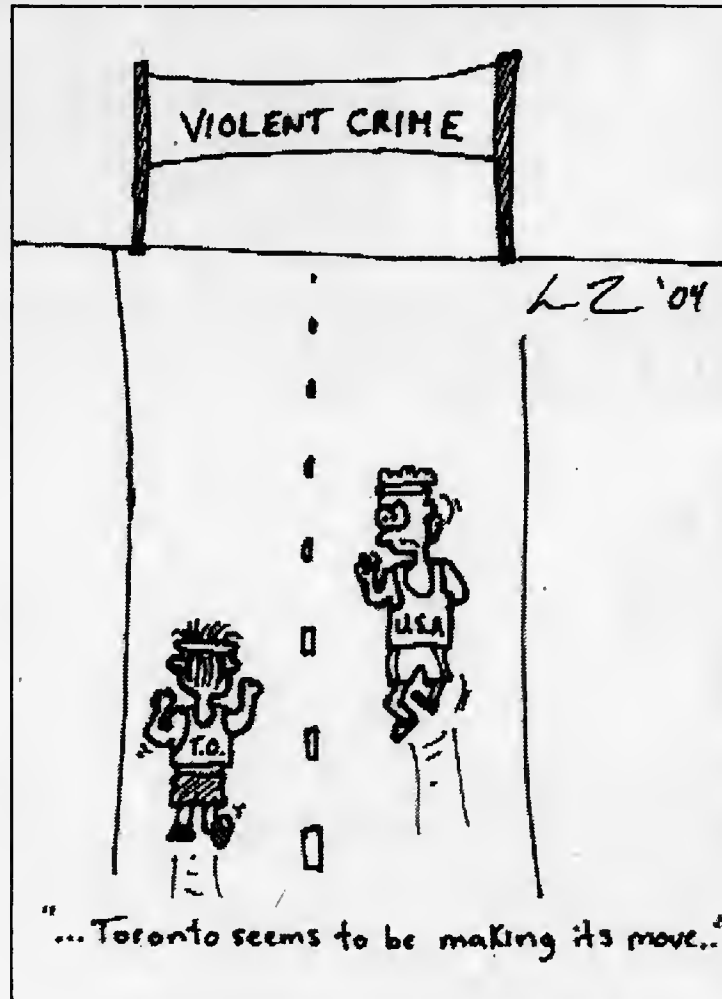
The lack of respect shown by individuals in and around the student centre during the forum did not help the situation either. Not only did the candidates have to deal with the letdown of speaking only to a few, but they had to compete with background noise as well.

During the speeches, the credit card vendor kept trying to get more people to sign up and someone else didn't bother turning off her stereo.

These distractions didn't help the already pathetic situation.

If hundreds can fill the student centre to watch an X-rated comedy routine, then they should also be able to do their part and become informed voters.

If the apathy shown Wednesday continues through to next week's vote, last year's 11 per cent turnout might not seem that bad.



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Comment

CBC shouldn't be given a price tag



Dana Brown

Two weeks ago the national revenue minister called the CBC a "monster" and said if sold to foreign owners there might be ways to regulate it.

Stan Keyes made the comments during a commercial break on CBC Newsworld's *counterSpin*, where he was appearing in an attempt to explain the \$250 million screw up that is the sponsorship scandal.

Despite the seriousness of what he said - that the CBC could be up for sale and to potentially foreign owners - Keyes' statements have gone largely unnoticed.

So, apparently, has the fact that later this month the Liberal government is expected to decide on regulations regarding foreign ownership of Canadian cable companies.

It appears that the distance from a piece of Rogers to a piece of the CBC may become quite a short road.

What is really alarming about all this - aside from the fact that Keyes is even entertaining the notion of selling the 68-year-old public broadcasting system - is that there does not seem to be any overt reaction to the

news.

I mean, for a country so concerned with defining itself as all things not American, one would think more interest would be shown about the possibility, even in the abstract, of American companies (read: Fox News anti Bush people) owning, running and programming the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

I assume I do not need to explain how the content of the CBC might change if it is operated by a private and/or foreign company with specific commercial interests.

Keyes complained about sinking a billion dollars a year into the CBC and pointed out that it is in a never-ending competition with the private sector.

It seems odd that Mr. Keyes would complain about price tags while getting airtime on the publicly subsidized network to explain where \$250 million went during the current Prime Minister's watch.

Compared to many of the other programs and initiatives we are always paying into - some of which we may never use (see: CPP) - I don't think funding for a literate and diverse national network is really too much to ask.

CBC's services are essential. The channel's programs are not a neat thing to have around or good only when you need them, but relevant all of the time.

It is necessary to engage Canadians about Canada, its inhabi-

tants and its role in the world on a regular basis. And that is what the CBC does - in a unique, non-commercially driven way that all Canadians have access to. You can't put a price tag on that.

Shows like *Play* and Radio One's *Definitely Not the Opera* are so important to the 18-35 year old demographic who want to be culturally engaged but are looking for something more stimulating than the mainstream media.

Mr. Keyes should want us to have

Letter to the editor

HSF shows lack of respect for Black History Month

Dear Editor,

I do not know what disgusts me the most, the way HSF has disregarded the true intent of Black History Month, or the lack of students voicing this fact.

Black History Month was created as a way of recognizing the people who made sacrifices in order to create equal rights, in the hope that these people will not be forgotten.

I have seen no signs or attempts by HSF to remind students of those sacrifices.

Instead, I saw an hour-long show outside the HSF office that presented only Caribbean acts.

these things, even at such a high financial cost.

If we don't, he may not be impressed with who are running the country in his old age.

Maybe our minister should look more closely at where his government's money is being spent/given away, because I'm telling you, funding the CBC isn't the major fiscal problem facing the Liberals.

I just hope they never manage to convince Canadians that it is.

Leah Stevenson-Shreve
 1st year
 Business Administration

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OPINION

Complaints to HSF 'dismissed'

Offensive porn star had no place on campus



Kate Schoeman

Porn star Ron Jeremy made his controversial appearance at Humber almost a month ago, but the incident still leaves me feeling very angry.

The reason for my festering feelings is the condescending and dismissive answers that the event sponsors, the HSF, gave to my complaints.

I met with HSF Programs Director Aaron Miller before the

event took place. I expressed my concerns about having a former porn star speak at school. The response from Miller was disappointing to say the least. I was made to feel in the minority, that most students were delighted a former porn star would be gracing an institution of higher learning. Miller made me feel that my objections were not valid.

But isn't school supposed to be a positive, safe environment, as stated in the Charter of Student Responsibilities and Rights? When was pornography considered positive or safe? When did it become OK to utterly disregard student concerns? When did it become acceptable to demoralize and humiliate women?

I was told that HSF staff would be on hand to ensure the event was not offensive. But Jeremy's comedy was far from acceptable. It was down-

right disgusting and humiliating. I was shocked that HSF allowed Jeremy to talk about women as mere playthings, pieces of meat in existence to gratify perverse fantasies.

No wonder so many women stay in abusive, controlling relationships.

"Thank you, HSF, for setting the women's movement back a few decades."

No wonder more women suffer from depression and eating disorders.

Why strive to empower ourselves with education when we are degrad-

ed and disrespected at the very place we seek to be free from such influence?

We as women need to realize our self-worth. We need not accept this kind of treatment. Responsibility lies not only with women, but men as well.

Degradation starts off small, maybe a rude joke, or an inappropriate comment but it snowballs from there. Soon men who talk about women as objects to be used and abused will be applauded, signing autographs and smiling for pictures. Exactly what I witnessed when Ron Jeremy visited our campus and "entertained" our young minds.

Thank you, HSF, for setting the women's movement back a few decades. Thank you for disregarding the concerns of the students you represent.

Campus Life VP Jen Green promised daring programming when she was elected. Thus far she has delivered: x-rated hypnotists, strippers and porn stars.

I was never aware that daring meant disgusting and offensive.

What is next? How "daring" is HSF prepared to get?

I will be taking this all into consideration during next week's HSF election. I leave you with the rather ironic HSF mission statement.

"To advocate on behalf of the membership of the Humber Students' Federation, to protect the quality of education and student life at Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, to improve and increase the services provided to students of such Institution, and to promote student participation and awareness."

A piece of Blue Jays history

Adventures in tracking down the perfect gift



Trish Patterson

Very few things are more difficult than keeping a secret. Withholding information from a loved one is truly a valuable skill. Being drawn to the drama in the reaction, I find myself looking for any reason to share.

But this isn't just a secret. It's a secret gift. A real good one too. As a writer, I can use this column as a vehicle to let the proverbial "cat out of the bag" without any risk of sabotage. Unless he reads this.

With his strong sense of Toronto pride and being a huge baseball fan and cap-collector, my boyfriend has always dreamed of owning and wearing a vintage Toronto Blue Jays cap.

Of course he owns every Jays hat since his head fit into the smallest setting on those cheap plastic fasteners. But the old-school cap is his ultimate.

The two-tone blue jay profile with the red maple leaf epitomizes the Toronto Blue Jays, unlike the current logo which has deteriorated into a creature resembling a Tampa Bay Devil Jay.

A few weeks ago in the U.S., we visited the most corporate of sporting goods stores: Lids. This store stocks

every cap ever created. Or so they make you feel. The clerk proudly showed us the new Jays caps. But when asked about the vintage, full-back, blue sides, white front, side view 2-tone jays head with tiny red maple leaf, size seven and a quarter preferably, he shook his head. He had seen a few guys wearing them, but had no clue where to find them.

Hatless-head hung low, my boyfriend led me out of the store. Maybe back in Toronto, he said quietly.

Since being back, he has seen a few guys wearing these treasures but lacks the motivation to investigate their origin. I too had hit a lull after hours of ebuying, surfing campy websites and dealing with random store clerks that really had no patience for an uneducated girl trying to buy her boyfriend a new hat.

"Sure honey. Every cap since the Jays' inception has a jay on a blue and white background."

I had to admit that I could not fulfill my boyfriend's greatest material desire. It was just too far out of reach.

Until today. After perusing the modest community paper we receive at the house, I caught a glimpse of a Toronto Blue Jays article that mentioned memorabilia. Legends of the

Game was featured as a major seller of vintage products. I raced to find the number on the internet. The guy had completely sold out in a matter of weeks, but gave me a few other numbers to try.

Other stores in downtown Toronto were also sold out, but gave me new hope for ordering more close to the season opener or immediately if I agreed to buy a box full.

After actually determining to whom I could give 12 of the 30 boxed hats, I went right to the source. My last hope: the New Era website.

There on the screen, I found the hat. In all its glory. The first time I had actually seen it. It was a beauty, just like he said it was. I clicked to order. Chose size 7 1/4. And viewed my cart.

Perfect. There it was. In my cart. The hat that he claimed would be his equivalent engagement ring.

I had his solitaire in the matter of a few more clicks.

I began to fill out the personals without any hesitation. When I got to the State box, I looked for the Province option. There wasn't one.

I clicked on shipping information and was met with "Due to certain licensing restrictions we are not able to ship outside the U.S.A at this time. We are currently working on this

capability and hope to have it in place in the near future."

In my rage, I sent a strongly-worded email to each option on the CONTACT US page and then started playing a mindless game of solitaire.

But wait. I re-opened the site. I clicked the option to find retailers with their products and found a list of stores in my area. I began to call, each time getting more efficient in my description.

Finally, the Foot Locker in the Scarborough Town Centre, Tony's voice sung words of sweet praises. "Uh, yah. I think we have one left. Um, let me check the sizes. What'd you say? 7 1/4? One sec."

Tapping my pen to the violent rhythms of the token sport store music, I longingly awaited my Tony.

"Uh yah. I got it."

"The hat? You have the hat?"

"Yah."

"In 7 1/4?"

"Uh, yep."

"HOLD THAT CAP!"

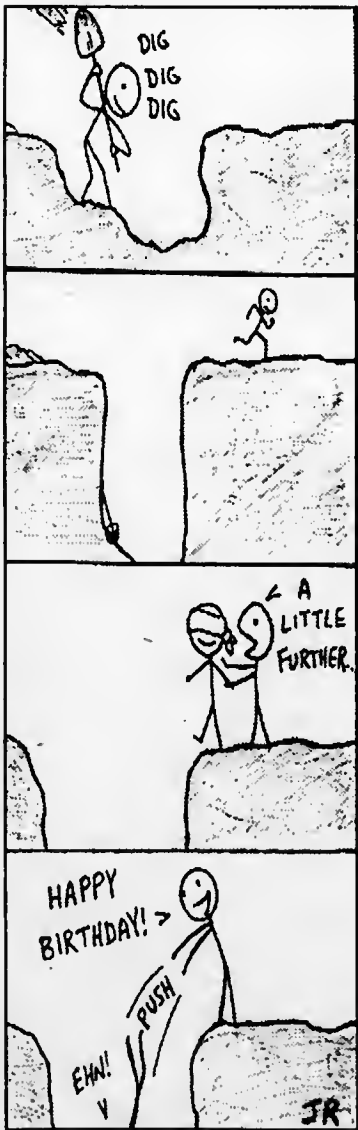
I grabbed my wallet, kissed my mom and flew out of the house. The roads were packed, the parking lot a zoo, but I followed an imaginary line straight to that bird.

Or did that bird follow me?

Either way, I have the hat. And the biggest secret. Both rolled up in a white plastic bag.

So I write this all down and feel somewhat relieved. But, now what? Almost two months until his birthday. Less to opening day. But the real question is: do I get on my knee when I give it to him?

Reality Control
with Brad & Nick



FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL HUMBER STUDENTS

Notice of Election for the Student Representative on the Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

An Election will be held on **Wednesday, April 7 and Thursday, April 8, 2004** for the position of Student Governor on the Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. All Humber students are eligible for nomination. The term of office for this position is September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005, and the basic requirements of this position are to:

1. Attend scheduled Board meetings (once per month, September through June).
2. Attend other Board-related events and activities as required.
3. Provide continual, responsible representation. Governors may not delegate their representation to any other person, and substitute representatives are not permitted.
4. Respect the confidences of the Board unless the information has been made public at an open session of the Board.
5. Receive no compensation, other than out-of-pocket and travel expenses.
6. Maintain communications with his/her electorate.
7. Be prepared to act as spokesperson for his/her electorate on issues and concerns as they arise.

Nomination packages can be signed out from the offices of:

Val Hewson, President's Office, Room D 167, North Campus, or
Ian Smith, Principal of Lakeshore Campus, Room A 114 Lakeshore Campus

as of Thursday, March 11 at 9.00 a.m.

Nominations close on Friday, March 26, at 12.00 noon.

Further information about Humber's Board of Governors, and this Election, can be obtained through the President's Office, Room D 167, North Campus, or by contacting:

Val Hewson
Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors
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ARTS

Sexy idea gives romantic comedy lift-off

By Julie Senatore

Most first time Canadian film directors have to settle for second run art house theatres to show off their cinematic projects.

But Sudz Sutherland's debut feature *Love, Sex and Eating the Bones* has worked its way into Famous Players chains across the GTA. It's a first for the director whose portfolio consists of a few shorts and some music videos.

To draw in moviegoers Sutherland pursued a fairly unique marketing strategy. Providing a \$6 off coupon towards the film "was a very sexy idea" he said. "We have been getting free publicity from every major newspaper who picked up on the story, which is exactly what we wanted."

The romantic comedy looks at the complex relationship of two young people and their reactions to images of female and male sexuality.

The film revolves around Michael (Hill Harper), a security guard and aspiring photographer, and Jasmine (Marlyne N. Afflack), a market research professional. The two fall for each other in a laundromat.

The character's problems and the film's real humour begin in the bedroom. Jasmine is celibate and when Michael finally gets her into bed, he can't get it up. To circumvent his impotency, he needs porn.

"We have never seen anything that comments on the visual culture at large but also porn specifically. It surrounds us," Sutherland said. "We have pornographic imagery in our music videos and in our commercials, so I think that we have to talk about this."

Part of Sutherland's inspiration came from the security guard job he held after graduating from York's film program. Images of Sunshine girls surrounded the headquarters, as



Bedroom banter: Hill Harper and Marlyne N. Afflack play lovers Michael and Jasmine in Sudz Sutherland's debut film.

they do in the film. "Porn was everywhere," Sutherland recalled. "*Hustler*, *Playboy* and the Sunshine girl were things that the guys I worked with looked at."

While love and sex play a big part, it is the last part of the film's title, "eating the bones," that captures, for Sutherland, the core

essence of the characters' relationship.

"Eating the bones" is a term left over from the time of slavery, when meat was scarce for black people. When available, they ate it right down to the marrow, the sweetest part of the bone.

"Getting to the sweet marrow,

which is love, you have to get through the tough exterior, which is also love," Sutherland said. "I wanted to say that real love is worth fighting for."

Sutherland says that every Canadian "who believes in love, loves to laugh and likes to kiss" will leave the theatre "roaring" in

applause and laughter.

Sutherland's fighting passion to create this film won him the City TV Award for best Canadian first feature at the 2003 Toronto Film Festival.

Love, Sex and Eating the Bones is playing in theatres now. Drop by the Newsroom (Room 231) to pick up a coupon. First come, first served.

EtCetera reporter scores an interview with dogfather of rap

By Pierre Hamilton

College journalists across North America cradled phones and giggled like schoolchildren last Tuesday as they waited in priority sequence for the chance to say 'what up' to Snoop Doggy Dog.

Thanks to the miracle of modern technology and the fine people at AT&T and Warner Brothers, the gangsta rapper and co-star of *Starsky and Hutch* was available for a half-hour conference call.

It was obvious that "Mr. Slim with the tilted brim" captivated most of the journalists, as a large number of the questions revolved around his rap career.

"Now what does that have to do with *Starsky and Hutch*?" said Snoop, in his trademark drawl.

The 32-year-old rapper turned actor has found himself cast alongside Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson in Todd Phillip's remake of the 70s police drama.

His character, Huggy Bear is a hustler, a street-wise police informant who helps the bumbling undercover cops hunt down a ruthless cocaine dealer. How does he feel about the role?

"[It's] beautiful that the hero of this film is a black guy like myself, playing a fly character like Huggy Bear," Snoop said.

But it's hard to separate the fur-

wearing Snoop from the amazing technicolor dream coat wearing Huggy.

Just 15 minutes before the conference call, Snoop met with Antonio Fargas, the actor who played Huggy in the original television series. Fargas was pleased with Snoop's portrayal and the two talked about flying to London to see the premiere.

This is his second film with Todd Phillips, the first being a cameo appearance in *Old School*.

Asked whether he was leaving the ranks of hip-hop legends to join the new school version of Frank Sinatra's rat pack, Snoop paused before he said, "I'll be Sammy Davis."



Wassup dawg?: Snoop laps up new role as Huggy Bear.

Bizarre comic walks the edge

By Pierre Hamilton

A semi-conscious Barry Kirkey laid half-naked when a stranger casually strolled into his room, tape recorder and notepad in hand, ready – or so the reporter thought – to begin his



Quirky Kirkey: Comic performs to the Artful Dodger.

day-long acquaintance with the comedian.

Arising from his bed like Frankenstein, but with blonde highlights, Kirkey rubbed his eyes before declaring that he was indeed "alive." That Sunday night, the 27-year-old Torontonion would host *The Barry Kirkey Show*, a twisted late night talk program in a downtown bar that dabbles in the obscene and downright bizarre.

"It's not even really funny... it's more like what is this guy doing?" he said.

Kirkey kept what he planned on doing a secret as the clock ticked towards his debut show at the Artful Dodger, less than 12 hours away.

Barry Kirkey is like a Rubik's Cube. Just when you think you have solved the puzzle, you flip it over to discover you missed an entire side.

Even Barry's close friends, like Joshua Heller, 26, have a hard time pointing out what makes him so special.

"I wish I could put my finger on it, [but] there's no one thing and I guess that's it... every time you see him you get a new idea of what's

kicking [around in his head]," Heller said.

In 1999, Kirkey was about to graduate from Durham College with a diploma in journalism when his head was jolted by just such a kick.

As the announcer read his name from the list of graduates, he purposely threw himself to the ground and began to convulse.

Returning to his feet, he twitched and shook his way to the dean before exiting the stage with diploma in hand.

"It's not even really funny... it's more like what is this guy doing?"

"Some people were pissed, others were laughing," Kirkey said.

Afterwards, he frantically searched the auditorium and was shocked to discover that his family had left.

After graduation, Kirkey moved to Toronto to work for a bank, but his hectic schedule left him little time to

hone his comedy and he soon found himself grappling with bouts of depression and Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

"I always wanted to do this comedy shit since way back, but I wanted to get the OCD fixed," he said.

At the height of his illness, Kirkey spent six hours holed up in a bathroom – paralyzed by his anxiety.

A year of therapy helped him get over the problem, but Kirkey said he owes his real thanks to self-help gurus like Tony Robbins and Deepak Chopra.

He boasts of owning more than 500 self-help tapes, neatly organized in his bedroom closet.

His pal Roy, 28, the outspoken "Paul Schaeffer" to Kirkey's grotesque "David Letterman" said the whole thing is a cathar-

tic release.

He knows that Kirkey's comedy act will upset people, but that's not an issue because he also knows you cannot please everyone.

"You can't let these limitations put on you by others get in the way of you doing what you want to do," Kirkey said.

Canada's top political drag queen and failed mega-city mayoral candidate, Enza "Supermodel" Anderson was Kirkey's first guest and said that because of his decision to strike out on his own, he was destined for bigger things.

"You gotta tell the world or no one will know who you are."

The show begins with Barry lip-synching to the Smashing Pumpkins before performing fellatio on a dildo, french-kissing a mannequin, and cradling a baby doll as he practices Michael Jackson's signature crotch-grab.

Taking a seat behind his desk in a side room of the Artful Dodger, Kirkey lets loose with a never-ending stream of jokes that blow past the borders of obscene and cross into the realm of the bizarre.

A realm where junk mail ads for whale-sized penile enlargements, gypsy thieves, and his alter ego run amok in a room full of students, freaks and unsuspecting bar patrons.

Chris Hendricks, a 23-year-old student who witnessed the spectacle said, "[Kirkey] is to Tom Green what Tom Green is to Mike Bullard."

When people think about Toronto, the CN Tower sticks out. When they think about Toronto and comedy, Kirkey said, "I want to be that guy that sticks out."

Despite overcoming OCD and regaining control of his life, Barry Kirkey is still a man obsessed.

The Barry Kirkey Show will perform at 9 p.m. at The Artful Dodger (10 Isabella St.) on Mar 7, 14, 21, 28 or until management gives him the boot. For more information or bookings call (416) 926-1574.



Viewer contemplates Gabrijelela Turturea's work.

Serbian artists reflect hope and inspiration

By Jasmin Sandhu

A Space has added another political-charged exhibition to its roster.

Jelica Jovin, a Toronto-based art coordinator, is responsible for bringing the work of seven Serbian artists to Toronto's premier multidisciplinary gallery.

"The theme of the show is 'Construction/Deconstruction,' which has a lot to do with what was happening in Yugoslavia during our war," Jovin said. "Everything that had been destroyed had to be reconstructed, from the country to the law, business and the arts. Those are some of the changes we are referring to through this exhibition."

Both aspiring and established artists showcase a wide range of talent, including sculptural installation, textiles, paintings and new media techniques.

Serbian Consul General Zoran Pavlovic was present to assist during the show's opening.

"These artists have found tremendous artistic will and strength in their collaborations with the Canadian artists," he said.

The project had been in limbo for about a year. During this period, Jovin collaborated with Serbian coordinator Nada Grozdanic on an exchange initiative program.

This summer, the initiative will see seven Toronto-based artists exhibit in the town of Vrsac, a centre for contemporary arts in Serbia.

Luka Radiojavec, a gallery visitor said that he was impressed by the show.

"The theme is hopeful and inspiring," he said. "We have to remember the sacrifices people made during these dark periods before we can move on. This isn't just my history."

Both Jovin and Grozdanic are excited about the international focus the project has brought. "This interchange is the first show after the war that Serbian artists are seriously being represented here in Canada," Jovin said.

The exhibit runs until Mar. 27. Please see www.aspacegallery.org for more details.

Repeat Grammy winner jams with Humber jazz students

By Adam Ledlow

Modern day jazz legend, Michael Brecker, spent three days jamming and inspiring Humber music students this week.

The infamous tenor saxophonist and nine-time Grammy winner was at Lakeshore campus to conduct four clinics and perform.

"From time to time I do clinics," Brecker said. "Not as extensive as this, it's usually just for one day."

On top of playing his sax during his lengthy visit, Brecker also sang Humber's praises.

"This school is one of the best I've ever seen," he said. "The students are great."

Brecker also performed with the Chamber Jazz Orchestra featuring Humber Music and Royal Conservatory of Music students, and with the Humber Studio Jazz Ensemble directed by Denny Christianson last night.

Nine players from Humber's Studio ensemble got the chance to solo during the event, including 20-year-old guitar major, Tom Juhaf.

"It's pretty unreal for me," Juhaf said. "I got into jazz at a really early

age. All the guys I work with now have been my idols since I was a kid. It's kind of a childhood dream."

Helping fulfill these dreams is one of the main reasons why Brecker said he likes to perform at student events.

"The whole reason for me being here is just to inspire, and I hope I accomplish that," Brecker said. "It's also inspiring for me."

Brecker has recorded and performed with many of jazz and pop greats throughout his career, including John Lennon, Eric Clapton, Frank Sinatra and Paul Simon.



Master Class: Tenor saxophonist Michael Brecker teaches and inspires jazz students.

IN REVIEW

FLICK IT



Starsky and Hutch--
dir. Todd Bunzel

Starsky and Hutch is a 70s version of *Zoolander* set in Bay City. Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn, Will Farrell, Juliette Lewis, and Snoop Dog give a comedy combo that works whether or not the film's about two undercover police officers and their first major drug bust.

Stiller plays a neurotic, by-the-book cop and Wilson further masters his "by-what-book?" character. Police informant and hustler extraordinaire Snoop Dog is played with perfection by "Huggy Bear" - or was it the other way around?

The film mocks every aspect of the television series, from its one-dimensional portrayal of criminals to the underlying sexual tensions between the partners. It makes for some laughs, but it's nowhere close to the gut-busting slapstick you've seen from Todd Phillips, director of *Old School* and *RoadTrip*.

The film takes the police drama and turns it into a charade, right down to the scene where Stiller and Owen go undercover as mimes.

--Pierre Hamilton



Secret Window--
dir. David Koepp

Times must be tough if Stephen King resorts to copyright law as the premise for his next heart-stopping thriller.

Secret Window follows a writer, played by Johnny Depp, going through a messy divorce. Forced to move to his isolated cottage in the woods, Depp spends 6 months lounging and lolling on his couch while "writing" his next big hit.

But mayhem ensues when a creepy looking Mississippi dairy farmer (John Turturro) turns up on the door step, accuses him of stealing "his story" and promises to make his life a living hell "til he sets things right."

Scared yet?

Overall the film is campy. But I must confess- I'm a Depp fan. Even when he's a deranged writer wearing a Mr. Roger's cardigan and a *Beach Comber* cap. *Secret Window* is good for a chuckle, but wait until it hits Blockbuster's shelves.

--Vanessa Mariga

HEAR IT



Hell and Back--
Drag-on

After a successful stint as an original member of the Ruff Ryder family, Drag-on went M.I.A. for three years.

With his comeback album *Hell and Back*, the reasons for his hiatus are apparent; time has robbed him of the five-alarm lyrics that earned him a gold plaque.

Without fire, Drag-on falls into the ranks of mediocre artists with major label backing.

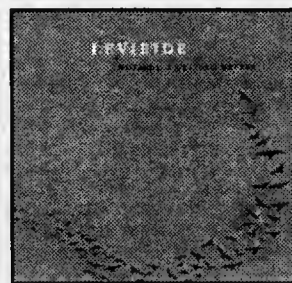
While a few sparks of his former self come through the albums 14 tracks, it takes Styles P and Jadakiss (two fire-breathing MC's) to lure him out from his cave of mediocrity.

Abandoning the rabid Ruff Ryder sound for a host of new producers, the effect is largely disappointing.

On "Tell Your Friends," producer Neo drops the all too familiar space invaders beat (see: the Neptunes). Results vary.

After a three year hiatus, Drag-on chokes, coughs and sputters, leaving us with smoke and mirrors.

--Pierre Hamilton



Nothing's Getting Better-
Leviride

Derived from a homemade term for dry humping, Leviride's (like the jeans), dirty schoolboy innuendos are masked in this homegrown debut album, *Nothing's Getting Better*.

Paul Lahey's punk-esque vibrato vocals are strong and earnest. However, the band's attempt at complimenting the vocal style is a bit lost in a mix-match of standard rock tempos and basic formulas found in most songs.

The guitar solos are unnecessarily loud and the risk taking is minimal. However the potential is there.

Lahey's vocals are definitely the highlight of this album. At times he sounds like a punk version of Morrissey.

But while his style of singing is constant, the band's genre isn't. It seems that Leviride would be better suited at a time when college radio eclecticism was king.

--Jessica Russell

BOOK IT



Montreal Stories--
Mavis Gallant
selected and edited by
Russell Banks

After spending much of her life mastering the short story, frequently contributing to *The New Yorker* and producing an impressive collection of books, Mavis Gallant, now in her 80s, can sit back and enjoy the ride.

Both Michael Ondaatje (*The English Patient*) and Russell Banks (*The Sweet Hereafter*) have shown their respects, by taking the time to select and edit new volumes of her stories. In the recently published *Montreal Stories*, Banks chose 15 of his favourites.

He included 12 Gallant stories that have been bound together before and introduced three new ones into the mix. *Let It Pass*, *In a War*, and *The Concert Party*, follows one man's artistic endeavors and romantic failures from the present back into the past.

Like the other 12 stories- four of which accompany Linnet Muir on her way to self-discovery, and three that document the emotional and physical isolation of the Carette sisters- the stories narrated by character Steve Burnet can be read on their own, viewed as a singular moment of his history, or taken together for a more expansive sense of time and space.

Gallant's use of the universal language of isolation, belonging, abandonment, yearning and loss allows the modern day reader to relate to mid-20th century Canadian and European life.

At the same time, the reader gains a more comprehensive understanding of what it meant and still means to be French Catholic and English Protestant in Canada and abroad.

--Hayley Stephens

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Stevie Starr--
Humber Performance

He earns a living by swallowing light bulbs, goldfish and butane gas.

On Monday over 200 Humber students enjoyed the humorous and original performance by Stevie Starr Wright, better known as Stevie Starr the Regurgitator.

When asked how he got his start in the swallowing business, Starr said, "I used to swallow my pocket money as a child and hide it from the other kids."

In 1998 Starr earned a spot in the *Guinness Book of World Records* after he swallowed and then regurgi-

tated a billiard ball, a bumble bee and a black and white goldfish.

As the grand finale he swallowed an audience member's ring and a padlock and key and then brought back up the ring locked inside the padlock, a performance he repeated for Humber students.

Among the other items he swallowed during the Humber performance were eight rings from girls in the audience, butane, a nail, a balloon, a magnet with 12 thumb tacks, a glass of sugar and two goldfish.

"My fish never die, I have contracts in England from Animals Rights, and they agreed that what I do is safe," Starr said.

Perhaps the most impressive performance of the day involved first year nursing student Tanya Morris. Starr swallowed a glass of sugar and a glass of water, and when he regurgitated the sugar into Morris's hands it was dry with no trace of the water.

Starr says the best part of his job is there's no competition. "I can work with other comedians and bands and there is never any threat of someone taking a job from me.

--Mindy Lampert

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Canadian idol auditions this week in Toronto

By Mindy Lampert

Humber, here's your chance to be the next Canadian Idol.

The six-day long auditions begin on Thursday, March 11 at the SkyDome in Toronto.

Host Ben Mulroneu will once again be joined by judges Farley Flex, Jake Gold,

Sass Jordan and Zack Werner.

Over 9,000 applicants are expected to show up at the Toronto auditions to sing their hearts out with hope of being the next Ryan Malcolm.

So tune your voice, dress to impress and head down to the SkyDome for the chance of a lifetime.

To Do List

A week's worth of excitement to help you squander your time

Thursday, March 11

Modern Classics Live

-The Phoenix

The Modern Classics Live concert series kicks off tonight at the Phoenix with a spin-off of Nirvana's masterpiece "Nevermind." If you need to rattle those brain cells, get banging.

Friday, March 12

Agent Cody Banks 2

Cody Banks, secret agent extraordinaire, is back for round two. He might be an 8-year-old boy but we think he's damn cool.

Saturday, March 13

Kissing Cousins

-The Gardiner Museum

Glass meets ceramics at the Gardiner's latest exhibition. If you're craving a cultural injection, head to their temporary display space on McCall street.

Sunday, March 14

Wine and Cheese Show

-International Centre

Nibble on gruyere, brie and roquefort, sample some gourmet delicacies and savour the bouquet of a robust burgundy. Or just get hammered.

Monday, March 15

With spring round the corner, it may be time to box some of those heavy sweaters and snow pants. Save the emergency ear muffs and thermals just in case old man winter throws us one last gruesome blizzard.

Tuesday, March 16

Spring Fling

- Sky Dome

Skip a class or two and join the annual fun-packed carnival for some games, rides and cotton candy.

Wednesday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate St. Paddy's by slapping on your favourite shamrock green shirt and guzzling Guinness at your local watering hole. For a list of the city's finest Irish pubs check out www.toronto.com.

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SPORTS

Hawks bring home gold

Lady's v-ball golden at provincials

By Josh Grunberg

While it took longer than many had hoped, the women's volleyball team finally came together last week, putting forth a gold medal winning effort at the OCAA championships.

The Hawks were seeded third despite their undefeated season. They continued where they left off, playing excellent volleyball, knocking off the one and two seeds over the three-day tournament held at Seneca College.

The Hawks beat the Durham Lords three games to one for the team's first gold medal since 2000.

"What can I say? I have a fourth, a bronze, a silver, and a gold now and it couldn't have come at a better time because it's my last year," said Hawks middle Kirsty Goodearle.

Durham got off to a quick 3-0 lead in the first game. With the Hawks looking a little tense, Durham was able to muster a 13-8 lead forcing Hawks Coach Chris Wilkins to call a timeout.

Wilkins must have said all the right things as his team went out and scored four straight points.

A monstrous kill by Goodearle made it 18-15 for the Hawks. Humber kept going after the Lords two top players Erin Smith and Lindsay Bax.

"When you've got good players



Bring on nationals: Alison Legenza serves up a point in the gold medal match against the Durham Lords.

like that, you have to find a way to take them out of it," Wilkins said. "Our game plan was to get them off their game and it worked well."

In game two, the Hawks continued their superb play with an excellent defence getting to every ball.

The Hawks built an 18-9 lead and, with Durham looking frustrated, it appeared as if the Hawks were on

their way.

The Hawks began to let up and Durham took full advantage. While the Hawks led 22-14 at one point, they blew it and Durham won the game 28-26.

The Hawks regrouped in the third game, building a 17-11 lead. There was a sense the Hawks had to put this away and not risk another Durham

comeback. The Lords tied it at 22, but a big kill by Hawks middle Risha Toney took the Hawks to a 25-23 win.

In game four, rookie Amanda Arlette served seven straight points to help the Hawks to a 15-7 lead. Then Goodearle struck again. This time not only scoring a point, but also overwhelming a Lords player who wasn't ready for the ball, injuring her with the big hit.

With the Hawks up 20-9, the Lords didn't have anything left to muster a comeback and lost 20-13.

"In the fourth game when we were up 20-9, I contemplated calling a timeout to remind them," Wilkins said of blowing the big lead. "They fooled around enough. Now it was time to stick them to bed."

Hawks veteran Leslie Westervelt who guaranteed gold heading into the tournament knew the Hawks weren't going to let up again.

"I was determined we were going to put them away," Westervelt said. "We had made a mistake in the second game and we learned from our first mistake."

Despite the fact that the Hawks were already assured a spot in the

national championships since they are hosting the event, they rightfully earned a spot and won't have to rely on being the host team to get in.

"It's great. We deserve that spot," Westervelt said. "There is no other way I would want to go. I would never want to go in on a bye. We are number one. We deserve to be number one. And we proved today that we are number one."

Following the win, Wilkins raved about the leadership and control Goodearle and Alex Romano

"and now it was time to stick them to bed"

had on the court.

"This is one of those things I have always wanted. I love all the girls and for Kirsty, Alex and Leslie to see them finish their careers with something they wanted so bad, I was just happy to help bring it," Wilkins said.

Earlier in the week, Wilkins was named as a top coach in the league and Goodearle and Romano were both named to the championship all-star team.

Rookie Amanda Arlette was named MVP of the tournament.

To advance to the gold medal match, the Hawks defeated the Algonquin Thunder and the Cambrian Golden Shield.

Hawks fly to Edmonton

Men's v-ball take silver

By Mark Ilzyszyn

A silver medal performance has earned the men's volleyball team a wild card entry to the national championships in Edmonton this weekend.

For the second straight year, the Niagara Knights broke the Hawks hearts at the provincial championships held at Seneca last week.

After squeaking into the playoffs, the Hawks earned a hard fought silver medal they can be proud of.

"I am so proud of this team, they never stopped fighting," said a tearful Coach Wayne Wilkins.

Humber had a sensational playoff run, beating Loyalist, Seneca and Algonquin, on the quest to the gold medal match. The game started off with Humber firing on all cylinders.

The players communicated well both on and off the court. Niagara started off the match with numerous miscues and Humber took full advantage.

Humber's key to the first and second sets was their ability to anticipate spikes, which they easily blocked.

Humber was also serving tough, which prevented Niagara power Eduart Uka from getting into a rhythm.

In the second set Niagara proved they would not go away without a fight.

After being down by as many as five points, Humber rallied to win the set. But after that, Niagara gained momentum and took the third and fourth sets.

The gold medal was to be decided in a fifth and final set. Emotions ran

high on both teams as the stakes were big. In the fifth set Humber could not stop Niagara, the Knights killed the Hawks with their numerous drop shots.

Niagara took the fifth and final set 15-10 and Humber was left with the notions of "what could have been."

Throughout the tournament, Humber had outstanding perform-

ances from all of their players, but once again were led by the big three: Sokol Hakrama, Rich Wittermund and Bobby Randhawa.

These three players elevated their games when the team needed it most. Wittermund and Hakrama were nominated for the tournament all-star team.

But this was little consolation for them.

After the game, Humber was still mesmerized by how this opportunity could slip through their fingers.

"I have no idea how we lost. It has not sunk-in yet," Randhawa said.

An extremely emotional Coach Wilkins said he could not have been prouder of his team and what they accomplished during this season.

"This was the closest team that I have coached that started out the season the farthest apart. But to their credit, they found a way to put it all together," he said.

"Tonight we fought hard, but the ball did not bounce our way, but there are many life lessons that will be learned from this game and season."

Soccer teams shine at regional tournament

By Chris Daponte

The men's and women's indoor soccer teams advanced to the provincial championships with a first place finish at the OCAA regional tournament on Monday.

Both teams won all three games. The men outscored their opponents 12-1.

Their only real challenge came in their second game against Sheridan. The game was scoreless until Kwami Osei notched the winning goal with only five minutes remaining.

"We should have won by a lot more," Osei said. "We made some mistakes, but overall we played well."

The Hawks crushed Confederation 6-0 in their first game and easily handled Mohawk 5-1 in their final contest. Osei tallied a hat trick in the final match to lead Humber with four goals on the day.

"Kwami played really well for us," said Head Coach Germain Sanchez. "All our guys did great. We're in a good position to win the provincials now."

Sanchez said that this year marks the 12th year in a row that the men's team has advanced to the provincials.

Humber's coaches and players identified Durham College as their main competition for the OCAA championship.

However, Osei said it doesn't matter who the Hawks face.

"We just have to worry about ourselves," he said. "We know what we have to do to win."

Like the men, the women gave up only one goal in the process.

"Our girls played three strong games," said Coach Mauro Ongaro. "They knew what they had to do."

After blanking Confederation 2-0 in their first game, the Hawks went on to face Sheridan in their second match.

"That was our toughest game by far," Ongaro said. "But we played a good positional game and showed good composure."

Humber held on to an early lead and ended up winning the game 2-0. They beat Canadore College 3-1 in their final contest of the day.

Sandra Coehlo, who rejoined the team after nursing an injury, led the Hawks with three goals in the tournament.

"Everyone did their jobs today," Ongaro said. "They really stepped it up when they needed to."

Hawks one win from gold

Hockey squad all about heart

By Ron A. Melihen

It was with heart and character that the Humber Hawks defeated their nemesis, the St. Clair Saints in play-off action last weekend.

The Hawks took a one game lead in the best of three OCAA hockey finals played at Westwood arena last Saturday.

When the Saints tied the game with 40 seconds to go in the third period, no one mentioned it, but some players remembered what happened a year

ago. At last year's finals against the Saints, Humber squandered a two-goal lead losing the first game and eventually losing the series.

"When St. Clair tied the game I said to myself, 'not this year'," Hawk's gritty defencemen Chris Mei said. "I was confident in the team's ability because of the heart this team has."

The squad may not have as many defenders along the blue line as last year but with sophomore players like defencemen Matt Neely, forwards Steve Nobili, J.D. Smithson, James Lutz and Dan Lane, character and determination make up for missing bodies.

Returning veterans like Jamie Chikoski, Kevin Coffey, Seth Gray, Corey Kilmartin and Captain James Rodak know that beating St. Clair is not an easy task. The Saints and their head coach, along with their fans, will be prepared for the Hawks on Saturday in Windsor.

"As long as we stay together, play simple straightforward hockey and stay away from stupid penalties this team can beat just about anybody," Chikoski said.

Humber will need another great

game from their goalies, Nick Grainger and Tucker Madder. In last Saturday's victory, Grainger stood on his head making a save in the second period that had goal written all over it.

"Grainger made big stops at key times and kept us in the game," Assistant Coach Terry Chikoski said.

St. Clair has a potent offence and usually comes out flying putting pressure on the defence.

Humber will need forwards like Kenny Sousa, Ben Addely, Matt Shier, Pat Smith and Scotty Nicholls to help out their blue-liners.

"If we play disciplined and get through the first 10 minutes we

should be okay," Chikoski said.

The Hawks took the long way around to get into the finals. They needed overtime in game three of their semi-final match against Seneca to advance to the finals. And again, the Hawks had their fans on the edge of their seats last Saturday. They won the game in overtime by a goal from Sousa four minutes into the first overtime period.

St. Clair has beaten Humber in the finals the past two years. Though the Hawks are short on defence, players like Phil Trahan, Garret McRae and Francis Collins vow to leave everything on the ice this Saturday in Windsor.

"We might be short of defensive bodies but that just means we have to fight twice as hard and play until we drop," McRae said. "This team has the character to do it."

Humber has played through numerous injuries but this year's roster has the heart and character to put bad things behind them and rise to the occasion.

The team leaves Friday and plays Saturday afternoon and, if necessary, Sunday.

If the boys play as they did the last four games, the Hawks will be carrying the Cup around Saturday afternoon.

"If we play disciplined, we should be ok"

Women's b-ball win bronze

Coach applauds team's heart

By Rishi Lal

Grit, determination, heart, desire, attitude; these attributes are all the necessary ingredients needed to win a championship.

The women's basketball team didn't win last weekend at the OCAA finals at Fanshawe College in London, but they displayed enough heart to make the college proud.

The Hawks won the bronze medal by destroying Fanshawe 76-36.

A day earlier, Humber lost a spirited contest 52-42 to the eventual champions, the St. Clair Saints.

"We wanted to leave with a medal and we did that," said Humber Head Coach Denise Perrier. "The girls played with heart, and what can I say, they're a great team to coach."

For the young Hawks, talent was never an issue during the season, execution was.

The Hawks have the talent to compete with anybody, but lapses in concentration plagued them at various times during the season.

The Hawks were ready to play from the opening tap against St. Clair Friday night and never relented until the final buzzer on Saturday against Fanshawe.

"We gelled on the court as well as off," said second-year Humber forward Emily Wang. We depended on one another and that showed on the court."

On Saturday, the Hawks utterly dismantled Fanshawe with great transition offence and beautiful passing.

Guard Erin Chamberlain's quick hands and player of the game Sarah Moxley's jaw-dropping skills were on display.

Chamberlain consistently made the right decisions with the ball and

led the fast break to perfection. The real star of the game however, was Sarah Moxley.

Moxley had the ultra-rare triple double amassing 10 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. She also had six steals. Her overall play left her coach and her teammates in awe.

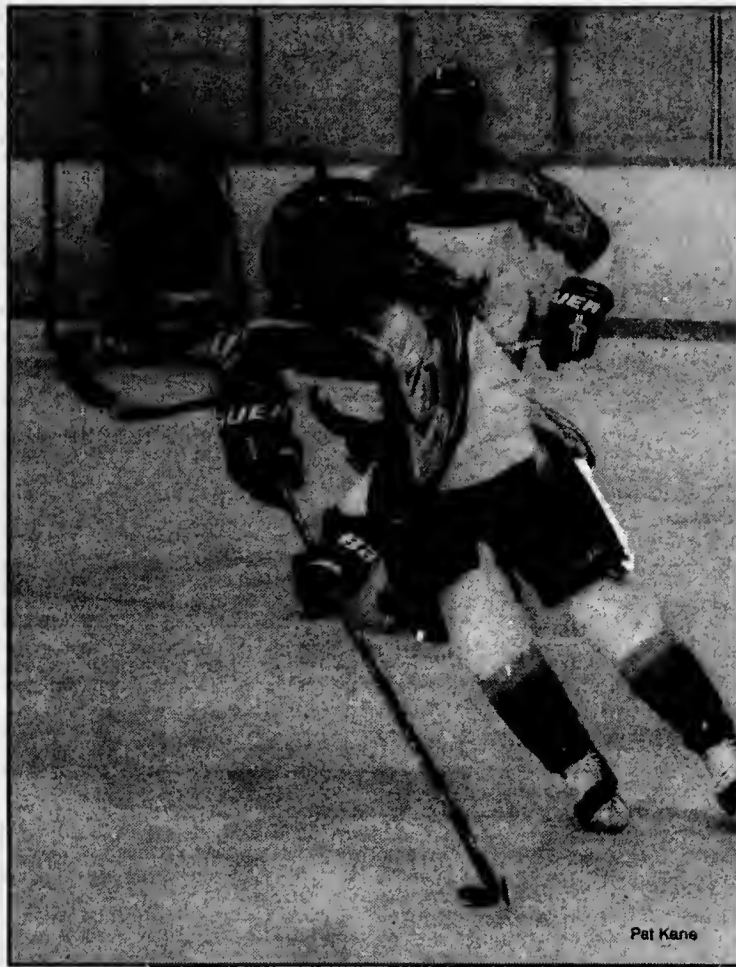
"She's strong, physical and she sees the court well," Perrier said. Teammate Emily Wang added, "She carried the team, she stepped up. She played every position today."

Moxley played tough defence and ran the floor well, opening up the court for her teammates.

Tournament all-star Fayola Creft and forward Kristen Chesher also had strong games. The soft-spoken Creft let her game do the talking as she scored 13 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Chesher was a force down low, scoring 17 points while hauling down 10 rebounds.



Defence: Stephanie Boreland helps her squad to a hard fought bronze.



Leading by example: Captain James Rodak and goalie Nick Grainger (background) have elevated their games.

Men's b-ball disappoint, but bring home bronze

Only second time in 15 years team misses out on nationals

By Branko Belan

Expectations for the men's basketball team were high heading into the OCAA championships in Kingston last weekend.

Led by all-stars Dejvis Begaj and Shane Dennie, the Hawks were favoured to win the tournament and advance to the nationals in B.C.

Instead they took home the bronze after defeating Centennial College last Saturday.

"I'm disappointed we're not going to nationals," Aron Bariagabre said afterwards. "We didn't accomplish what we wanted to accomplish."

Both teams made their share of mistakes.

If not for Humber's excellent free-throw shooting, they might have lost to Centennial.

The turning point came when Bariagabre hit a three-pointer tying the game with two minutes to play. The Hawks held the fort the rest of the way, winning 61-56.

"I would like to congratulate

[Darrell, assistant coach] Glenn on a superb victory," co-assistant Coach Andrew Vallejo said after the game.

Glenn and Vallejo patrolled the sidelines for the Hawks in the absence of Head Coach Mike Katz.

Dejvis Begaj had 14 points, while Bariagabre added 12 points.

"The whole tournament was just disappointing," Jake Keller said. "I think we fell very short of everything we wanted to accomplish."

Humber started out winning a tough quarterfinal game 63-54 against Niagara Thursday night.

Shane Dennie led the Hawks with 18 points.

The upset of the quarterfinal round was Fanshawe defeating top-seeded Algonquin.

The Falcons stayed with the Hawks for most of the first half before they had some open looks, putting Humber on the ropes and down by nine as the first half ended.

Humber came out charging in the second half, opening on a 10-0 run to take a one-point lead. The game stayed close, but Humber's inability to hit key shots contributed to the Hawks demise, losing 69-65.

Shane Dennie was once again the leading scorer for the Hawks with 19 points.

In the final, Fanshawe defeated Sheridan 83-80 to take gold and a spot at nationals to be held in British Columbia in one week's time.

Humber's Golden Girls

Gold medal winning starters...

compiled by Josh Grunberg



#2 Alison Legenza

Height: 5'7
Position: Setter
Hometown: Bolton
Year: Second
Notes: With a roster loaded with heavy hitters the pressure has been on her all year to set them up. Play has elevated consistently since the start of the year, and was on her game at OC's.

MP - GP - K - SBL - A - PPG
14 44 4 6 23 0.8



#3 Risha Toney

Height: 5'7
Position: Middle
Hometown: Toronto
Year: Second
Notes: May not be the height of most of her opponents in the middle of the court, but don't let that deceive you. Can jump incredibly high, and although quiet, can be explosive.

MP - GP - K - SBL - A - PPG
14 40 66 16 22 2.6



#8 Alex Romano

Height: 5'10
Position: Outside
Hometown: Carlisle
Year: Third
Notes: Outstanding performance both offensively and defensively at OC's led to her being named a Championship all-star. Has great vision on the court and is counted on to lead the team.

MP - GP - K - SBL - A - PPG
9 25 46 6 11 2.5



#11 Lesley Westervelt

Height: 5'7
Position: Libero
Hometown: Picton
Year: Fourth
Notes: A determined player who guaranteed a Hawks gold medal heading into OC's and doesn't want to stop winning. The team's most reliable defensive player and always gives 100 per cent.

MP - GP - K - SBL - A - PPG
14 34 0 1 4 0.1



#12 Kirsty Goodearle

Height: 5'10
Position: Middle
Hometown: Milton
Year: Fourth
Notes: Also named a Championship all-star, and was named OCAA female athlete of the week earlier in the year. Was absolutely dominant in gold medal match against Durham.

MP - GP - K - SBL - A - PPG
14 44 132 34 29 4.4



#14 Amanda Arlette

Height: 5'11
Position: Power
Hometown: Scarborough
Year: First
Notes: Nicknamed 'The Beast' for her ability to kill balls with a lot of power, was named Championship MVP at OC's. Can be a dominating offensive force when on her game.

MP - GP - K - SBL - A - PPG
14 40 115 10 25 3.8



#17 Heather MacKenzie

Height: 5'8
Position: Power
Hometown: Alliston
Year: Second
Notes: One of the most versatile and hard working players on the team who always seems to play her best when it matters most, as was the case at OC's.

MP - GP - K - SBL - A - PPG
13 33 23 1 8 0.9

Who's here

The Women's National Volleyball Championships take place at Humber this weekend. Here are the team rankings

1. Sherbrooke Volontaires (QC)
2. Malaspina Mariners (BC)
3. Mount Royal Cougars (AB)
4. Bois-de-Boulogne Cavaliers(QC)
5. Humber Hawks (ON)
6. Capilano Blues (BC)
7. Durham Lords (ON)
8. St. Thomas Tommies (AC)

Tournament Ticket Information:

Adults - \$5
Students - \$3

*For Humber's first match, all fans in attendance will receive a free Humber Hawks t-shirt.
**For all tournament information including up to date scores and player statistics, visit the official tournament site:
<http://www.teamsites.ca/ccawvna/tionals/welcome.htm>

Today's Matches:

- Game 1 @ 1:30 - (3)Mount Royal Cougars vs. (6)Capilano Cougars
- Game 2 @ 3:30 - (2)Malaspina Mariners vs. (7)Durham Lords
- Game 3 @ 6:00 - (1)Sherbrooke Volontaires vs. (8)St. Thomas Tommies
- Game 4 @ 8:00 - (4)Bois-de-Boulogne Cavaliers vs. (5)Humber Hawks

Medal Round:

- Seventh and Eighth Place Match - Saturday @ 12:00 p.m.
- Fifth and Sixth Place Match - Saturday @ 2:00 p.m.
- Bronze Medal Match - Saturday @ 5:30 p.m.
- Gold Medal Match - Saturday @ 8:00 p.m.

*All matches to be played at Humber Athletic Centre

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Legend:

MP = Matches Played
GP = Games Played
K = Kills
SBL = Stuff Blocks
A = Service Aces
PPG = Points Per Game Average

...and ready when needed

- #4 Miranda Robinson - Power
- #6 Heather Longland - Power
- #7 Ginny Warner - Middle
- #13 Jenna Henderson - Power

The coaching staff

Head Coach: Chris Wilkins
Assistant: Caroline Fletcher
Assistant: Dave Hood
Therapist: Georgina Knox
Manager: Sarah Groff

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pm to 1:00 pm

Humber Residence from 6:30
pm to 8:30 pm (open to
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March 11 - Lakeshore
Campus
Large Cafeteria from 12:00
pm to 1:00 pm

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