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Lakeshore eatery feels heat after drug raid nets 17 arrests, 52 charges

By JULIE DE ANGELIS
Et Cetera Staff

A major drug crackdown was initiated last Tuesday when police raided two local restaurants a few blocks east of Humber College's South campus.

Police stormed The Caribbean Queen Roti Hut at 2957 Lakeshore Blvd. W. and the nearby Dynasty Tavern in the raid.

Although no arrests were made at the Roti Hut, the restaurant is facing two liquor charges.

In total, Operation Red Rocket resulted in 17 arrests, 52 criminal charges and 20 Liquor Licence Act charges. The 17 arrested – ranging in age from 19 to 37 – are facing charges ranging from prostitution, trafficking in cocaine and assault with intent to resist arrest.

While most area residents of the Lakeshore Village are pleased with recent police efforts aimed at cleaning up the neighbourhood, staff and customers of the Caribbean Queen Roti Hut – one of the searched businesses – are furious.

"I don't think it was dealt with fairly at all, period," said Roti Hut owner Frank Khan.

"Thirty to 40 cops came swarming

in for what? I have customers, [they] scare my customers away. I have signs put up that [say] if anybody is caught with drugs on the premises, they will be banned. I did that to protect myself. I'm way ahead of them...since we've been here we've never had a problem, really. No cops, no druggies, no nothing," he said.

Kahn thinks the liquor charges laid against his restaurant are ridiculous.

"They searched the basement and they found a bottle of Scotch that was given to me as a gift in a gift box, they took that – they charged me for that," he said.

"Also, they did charge me for cash register receipts not printed out properly. That has nothing to do with it."

To counter Khan's accusations, Det. Sgt. Dave Landry of Toronto Police 21 Division said that there was good reason for the raid and that it's only natural for "...people who are permitting activity to be upset when police show up."

Khan's cousin and frequent customer Buddy Khan witnessed the raid. He accused the police of being out of line.

"They were just looking for something that was not here," he said, "They came in here and they

searched all of the basement and they searched customers. They went into their jackets, they were rude, obnoxious, out of place and order. People pay taxes. People have rights. You can't just come in here and harass people."

Roti Hut patron Gabriel Jumbo – who also witnessed the raid – said that he is ashamed of the law enforcement here in Ontario. Jumbo, who grew up in Montreal, said "innocent people should not have to be interrogated in a such a manner," and that "the police should punish those who deserve punishing."

"What came up was very shameful and very unprofessional," he said

Landry said he was pleased with the resulting arrests in the recent bust and that additional steps will be taken to crack down on this kind of activity.

"This is a good first step approach for the Lakeshore area," he said.

Associate Dean, Principal Ken Simon of the Lakeshore Campus said that he didn't know anything about the bust and wasn't sure if any Humber students were involved.

"This is the first I'm hearing of it," he said.

According to Landry, there are still nine other people wanted in outstanding arrest warrants.

Police arrest man after brawl in local convenience store

By DIANE DENBY
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An axe-wielding man attempted to rob the Sunrise Food Store at the corner of Humber College Boulevard and Westmore Drive Monday night, police said.

A youth entered the store at around 8:30 p.m. – a bandanna over his face and holding an axe.

The store manager, who asked not to be identified, said she was alone behind the counter when a youth came into the store and demanded cash. The youth was unaware that her husband, another employee and his relative were in the back room.

"He came behind the counter and demanded money," the manager said. "He hit me hard and I flew back."

Detective Terry Stewart of Toronto Police 23 Division said the suspect made such a commotion as he waved the axe around that he brought attention to himself.

The three men in the back room realized what was going on and banded together to stop the suspect, seizing the axe from him.

"These people took a chance and did a really good job," Stewart said. "We don't advise it, but they did what anyone else would."

Erin Gallant, an Advertising and Media Sales student at Humber College, was walking by when she saw the manager talking excitedly on a pay phone outside the store.

"I didn't know what was going on. I wanted to ask the woman if she was okay, but I couldn't understand what she was saying," Gallant said.

Gallant then realized something in the nearby store wasn't right. She looked inside to see food and candy scattered all over the floor and a commotion going on.

"I saw three men on the floor fighting. I saw someone being hit with something and that's when I realized I had to get the hell out of there and call the police," Gallant said.

Within moments, police and ambulance arrived on the scene. The suspect was taken to the William Osler Health Centre, Etobicoke Campus, before being taken into police custody.

"These people are hard workers. It's a shame scum like that would disrupt their lives in such a way," Stewart said.

Despite the shock of it all, both the manager and her husband were back at work the next day welcoming each customer as they came in.

"I'm still scared," said the manager. "I hurt all over," she said pointing out the cuts and bruises on her face and arm.

"The police should patrol the area more often. We are serving the community and there is no safety for us," she said.

Camilo Kirton, 18, of Etobicoke has been charged with armed robbery, weapons dangerous and disguise and obstruction of justice for giving police false identities.



Diane Denby

Police said a man attempted to rob this community convenience store Monday

Legislation offers green victory for moraine environmentalists

By TAMI LEE
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In an unprecedented move by the Tory government, more than 90 per cent of the Oak Ridges Moraine will be designated untouchable under new legislation.

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Chris Hodgson made the announcement last Thursday, the same day the six-month development freeze on the 160 km stretch of land from the Niagara escarpment to Rice Lake expired.

"I know there are people who are cynical about government, but sometimes we do get it right and this is one of those occasions," Hodgson said.

Hodgson delivered the unexpected news to dozens of environmentalists, developers, and politicians who gathered at the Albion Hills Conservation Area in Caledon.

"The announcement was a surprise. We knew the six-month freeze was going to be up, but we didn't know [the legislation] would come so soon," said Ramona Wall, spokesperson for Save the Rouge Valley System, an organization dedicated to saving the environmentally sensitive moraine land.

As part of the plan, developers agreed to a land swap deal that will exchange their land on the moraine for land in the proposed Pickering community of Seaton. It puts an end to the long battle between developers and their opponents which include

environmentalists, local residents and politicians.

Lloyd Cherniak is the spokesperson for Lebovic Industries, one of the larger developers involved in the settlement.

"So it looks like everyone's happy with me now . . . I'd rather have the land in Richmond Hill, but that's the way it is," he said.

Lebovic originally planned to develop 500 acres of the moraine, but will now have access to only 50 acres of the sensitive land to build 500 houses. The land swap deal will allow the company to develop the remaining 450 acres in Seaton.

The new legislation promises a hiking trail along the 160-km stretch of the moraine and the establishment of a five-member interim board that will monitor its protection by collecting funds and evaluating property for land swapping.

Hodgson said the government will ensure that forests, kettle lakes, wetlands, and all critical corridors will remain safe. "I wanted to personally make sure that they will be protected forever," he said.

The legislation will be up for review in 10 years, but Hodgson said even that would happen under strict environmental regulations. Until then, organizations like Save the Rouge Valley and The Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation will be praising the decision.

"Today we're celebrating. We've had a major victory," Wall said. "We're very happy that the govern-



Tami Lee

The Ontario government has decided to save 90 per cent of the moraine

ment stood up to developers for our national heritage, not only for us, but for our children."

Liberal MPP Greg Sorbara (Vaughan-King-Aurora) said he was pleased with the principles of the legislation.

"We've been calling on the government to do this for a number of

years," Sorbara said. His only concerns are the cost involved and the long-term stability of the legislation.

"Is it permanent or will it be worn away after the 10-year period?" he said.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an environmental lawyer and co-author of the recently published book, *Riverkeepers*,

attended a sold-out fundraising dinner for the moraine later that day.

"I'm glad to be here for the celebration of something so historic," Kennedy said before a speech at Le Parc Hotel in Richmond Hill.

In the hour that Kennedy spoke, he commended the provincial government for securing the future of the moraine.

"Once in a while, governments surprise us and give something back to the future . . . and that's what Mike Harris has done today," he said.

Although Kennedy was pleased with the government and the citizens who fought for the moraine, developer Cherniak said he was offended by the sudden change of plans.

"Originally [the Ontario Municipal Board] said, 'go ahead,' but what they came back to is for public interest . . . if you look at the rest of our property, it's cornfields. But the province has decided to preserve it. I guess they'll develop it over time," he said.

In the midst of it all, Wall said there is still a lot of saving to be done.

"In between, there's still a lot of land to protect, we still have many battles to fight," she said.

Wall reported that the Jefferson forest, a section of the moraine home to the threatened Jefferson Salamander, is still at risk, with bulldozing already starting in the Bayview Ave. area.

R.A. says booze a factor in sex assault

By KAREN THADANI
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A reported sexual assault on an 18-year-old female in Residence is raising safety concerns at North campus.

Both unidentified students were under the influence of alcohol, according to Residence Life Coordinator Peter Lem.

Following the assault, which took place three weeks ago, Lem said students need to know how to protect themselves.

"The victim knew the assailant and alcohol was a factor," Lem said.

It's the first reported sexual assault of the year and Lem said this type of scenario is very common.

Lem said the victim reported the assault 72 hours after it took place, but did not want to involve the police.

Lem said no one was charged in the six sexual assaults reported last

year at Humber, adding that a lack of evidence and the fear of getting police involved were factors.

"The police were contacted on a few of the cases that took place. For whatever reason, there was lack of evidence or a witness was not present," he said.

"Over 90 per cent of cases are not reported."

He said that according to Status and Education of Women, Association of American Colleges, date rape, also known as acquaintance rape, usually has three key elements which include societal influences, miscommunication and changing public opinion on sex issues.

Lem said it's important for men to understand their responsibilities.

If either the male or the female "are intoxicated and the victim didn't give consent, in legal terms, the male can be charged with assault."

Lem said that students are not experienced drinkers and they need to plan ahead before going out for a night of partying and drinking.

Last year Residence assistants handed out pamphlets as a preventative measure.

"This year they are trying to create awareness among the 720 students who live on campus.

Residence assistants, who are also students, are on duty on every floor of the Residence.

Because Humber College's partnership with Guelph University will increase the student population, counselling services will have to grow over the next few years to meet increasing student needs.

Any Humber student in an assault situation can make use of the college's counselling services or reach the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre 24-hour hotline at (416)-929-8808.

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Wayson Choy film gaining accolades

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Humber Film and Television professor Michael Glassbourg's film, *Wayson Choy: Unfolding the Butterfly* made an appearance at the Savannah Film Festival in Georgia last week.

From 1,200 entries, Glassbourg's film was one of only two Canadian films chosen to be screened among 30 entries from as far away as Vietnam and Australia.

The fourth annual eight-day festival, sponsored by the Savannah College of Art and Design, showcases global talent in all areas of independent, innovative and influential film and video.

Glassbourg's 43-minute entry takes a look into the life of Wayson Choy, also a Humber faculty member and acclaimed author.

"I think they chose my film because it was beautifully shot and edited," Glassbourg said. "It was an

engaging subject matter of revelation for the audience."

Glassbourg said his interest in making the film about Choy derived from his fascination with the man behind the novels.

Choy is known for his autobiographical book *Paper Shadows*, about youth in Vancouver's Chinatown, and his 1996 Trillium Award winning novel *The Jade Peony*. Glassbourg said he had a nagging desire to explore the award-winning author through film.

"[Choy] is a profoundly interesting man beyond his novels. He is extremely intelligent and that was intriguing to me," Glassbourg said. "In Savannah, [the film] moved hundreds of people who didn't know Wayson, and [they] really loved it."

In addition to being shown at the festival, both Bravo and Book T.V. will be televising the documentary in 2002.

Choy's road to recovery

By ANA KOVIC
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Wayson Choy, one of Humber College's most esteemed professors, hopes to return to teaching in January after recovering from a serious asthma attack this summer.

In August, during the summer's smoggy and unbearable weather, Choy experienced coughing and what he thought were allergy symptoms. What happened next was a complete shock.

"I came down with a severe asthma attack," Choy said. "The doctors had to help me breathe, so they gave me a drug-induced coma that lasted

because they could see I was wasting away," he said. "I lost about 28 pounds in 30 days. I was turning different kinds of colours as the drugs took over me."

Choy was in intensive care at St. Michael's Hospital from Aug. 9 to Sept. 6. Since then he has been an outpatient at Riverdale Hospital, where he receives ongoing treatment. Due to hospital budget cuts, Choy is waiting in line for extended care.

"When they moved me out of intensive care to acute care, I realized I was semi-paralyzed. My muscle memory had been detached. So I found myself basically having to learn how to move again," he said.

Born in Vancouver in 1939, Choy has been teaching at Humber since 1967, and is a well-respected faculty member of the Humber School for Writers. He is the author of two award-winning books *The Jade Peony* and *Paper Shadows*. He is currently working on his third book.

"I was two thirds finished my book and because of this and Sept. 11, my themes have deepened. I'm feeling different about life and death now."

The love and support he has received from everyone, including the Humber community, students and the medical community have touched Choy.

"That to me is so important to understand in light of this dark time."

He looks forward to returning to Humber because he loves teaching and misses it immensely. Choy said the experience has given him "a new understanding of life and its possibilities."

"I need to respect my body's energy levels," he said. "If I do I can be more productive."

Choy feels his illness has been a wake up call and he is lucky to have survived.

"I'd like to think that it was a kind of warning for everyone. Let's be careful. Let's take care of each other."



Desmond Devoy

Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams was in Toronto on the weekend to help launch the Friends of Sinn Fein Canada

Sinn Fein leader gets hero's welcome in T.O. after IRA guns silenced

By DESMOND DEVOY
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Hot on the heels of the IRA's historic announcement that it would put its weapons to rest, Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, arrived in Toronto Saturday to a hero's welcome by a large group of Irish-Canadians.

Adams spoke at the launch of the Friends of Sinn Fein Canada, an information, fundraising and support group modeled on similar groups in Australia and the U.S.

Speaking to a packed house at the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Adams said. "This is a very important night for the Irish in Canada...and for the Irish Republican constituency right across Canada. This is about Irish-Canadians rising to the challenge of a united Ireland."

Adams moved quickly to assure his Canadian supporters that the IRA's decommissioning was not a surrender to the British, but a strategic move forward.

"I know that there are people here tonight...that feel very pained by that. It was a very, very remarkable experience. I understand how very hurt Republicans were."

Adams, himself a former IRA member, explained that the move was made "to stop the peace process from collapsing and sliding back into conflict...they moved the entire process forward."

He did concede that "the tragedy and the atrocity in the USA did encourage people to make this move.

The effect of Sept. 11 encouraged that."

In a tip of his hat towards Irish-Canadians' influence on the shared history of the two countries, Adams noted that one of the IRA's first actions during the 19th century involved an attempted "invasion" of Canada by Fenian rebels who attacked Fort Erie near Niagara Falls. The Fenians planned to hold Canada for ransom until Britain gave Ireland its freedom.

Adams also made reference to the famous shrine dedicated to victims of the Irish famine, which is located on Grosse Isle in Quebec.

Many of the famine ships leaving Ireland ended up on the island and many Irish men, women and children were buried there. After that, "Irish Canada came alive. The Irish people here stood up for the rights of the people who died in the famine," Adams said.

Adams ended his remarks by quoting the late IRA activist Bobby Sands: "Let our revenge be the laughter of our children."

Sands is held as a hero by many in the republican community because of his hunger strike at Long Kesh prison in Northern Ireland in 1981. He was demanding better prison conditions, and to be designated as a political prisoner. Before his death, he was elected to the British Parliament from County Tyrone.

"I've been following Gerry's career for a long time. There's only one way to peace and Mr. Adams has the answer," said Frankie Benson, the host of "the biggest Irish radio show

in North America," Radio Erin on AM 740.

"I have no qualms with Gerry Adams," said the Belfast native. "I think he's a very brave man...I'd love to have Gerry on my show."

Fellow radioman Eamonn O'Loughlin, host of *Ceol Agus Craic* on Fairchild Radio, agreed.

"Gerry Adams has managed to do something no other Irish man could have done. We're all for peace, forever," he said.

The evening was a repeat performance for former Westmeath native Paddy Fagan.

"I saw him in New York on St. Patrick's Day," Fagan said. But he showed up again to hear Adams speak because he wanted "the peace process to keep moving. We've gone beyond guns."

At a press conference earlier in the day, Adams said he hoped the IRA's action would be seen as a sign of encouragement to people around the world during these turbulent times.

"The peace process in Ireland, though it moves very, very slowly - too slowly for many of us - still it does flicker along," he said. "I think [it] provides a little example to everyone that good will, dialogue and peace can prevail sometimes against the odds."

He added that, "What the IRA did was both historic but also a leap of the imagination...unprecedented in Irish republican history to put its arms beyond use."

On Sunday, Adams laid a wreath to the Irish famine victims buried on the grounds of St. Paul's Basilica.



Courtesy Humber School for Writers
Choy hopes to teach again in 2002

for about seven days so they could put a ventilator inside me."

On the third day of his coma his heart became over stressed from the treatment. He suffered a heart attack.

"I was probably overworked too. I love my work but I wasn't paying attention to my body," he said. "Basically even if you like what you are doing, you can become tired and stressed and the body doesn't care."

Choy said he remembers little of coming in and out of a drugged state.

"It was more frightening for my friends and family who were with me

Ontario government wants young offenders to face more adult punishments

By NOEL McINNIS
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The province would like to see the Young Offenders Act (YOA) reformed to bring about public notification of violent young offenders in the community and the enforcement of "adult time for adult crime."

Provincial Attorney General David Young appeared before the Senate Oct. 31 with a list of recommendations from the Ontario government to toughen up the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA), Ottawa's proposed replacement of the Young Offenders Act (YOA).

The "No More Free Ride For Young Offenders Act" includes a list of more than 100 amendments the provincial government would like to see added to the YCJA, a bill that Young called "a weak and woefully inadequate legislation" that fails to protect the public and hold young offenders accountable for violent acts.

Under the proposed YCJA, there would be no automatic sentences for offenders 14 years or older charged with murder, attempted murder, manslaughter or aggravated sexual assault. In court, for a youth to be tried as an adult, the Crown must show the court why.

Under Ontario's proposals, the

process would be reversed, and the court would have to be satisfied that the offender should be tried as a youth.

The province would also like to see conditions of parole changed. Currently the YCJA proposes that youth be sentenced as adults for crimes such as murder and that they be subject to more lenient parole ineligibility periods than adults.

Ontario recommends that the young person charged should have the same parole ineligibility period as adults.

Brendan Crawley, Young's spokesperson, said the provincial government needed to make the recommendations and hopes the amendments will be adopted by the Senate.

"The government has heard from many people over the years that they feel the Act needs to be strengthened in the areas we've highlighted," he said. "For years we've been hearing from people that the existing YOA is inadequate and its replacement, the Youth Criminal Justice Act is similarly in adequate."

Liberal opposition MPPs said the Conservatives should not be concerned with a federal matter when there is much work to be done in the province.

"I think it is totally inappropriate

for the provincial government to be applying resources and energy toward a matter not within their jurisdiction, when right now there is so much this government is not doing within their jurisdiction," said attorney general critic Michael Bryant.

Bryant said that rather than appearing before federal committees, the attorney general should be concerned with matters at Queen's Park. He does agree that the YOA does need to be changed, but whether or not the amendments are right is something that should be discussed by federal politicians in Ottawa.

The Youth Criminal Justice Act was passed by the House of Commons May 29 of this year. It was sent to the Senate, who then passed it on to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs for consideration. The Committee is able to look at the bill and make amendments before returning it to the House of Commons before making the bill law.

Crawley said the attorney general had a good hearing and the committee listened and were interested.

"They asked a lot of questions and we're hopeful the changes we've requested will be made. We think this will work," he said.

Here they come to save the day, UFOs are here to stay

By PHILL FELTHAM
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It sounds like a storyline for the new Star Trek show, *Enterprise*, but a U.S. group said alien technology could have prevented the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The Disclosure Project, a nonprofit organization based in Virginia, is calling for the release of top-secret information on UFOs that remains protected by the U.S. and Canadian governments.

Physician Steve Greer, head of the

project, claimed that illegal operations conducted by the U.S. government have discovered technologies that could have forewarned U.S. officials of the terrorist attacks or even prevented them altogether.

"We have around \$100-billion U.S. a year going to illegal projects, unsupervised by the U.S. president," Greer said during a seminar at the University of Toronto Oct. 28.

Greer said that much-needed funds are being pilfered from intelligence officials and filtered into these illegal projects.

"The military and the intelligence community, the white cats of the community, have been deprived of technologies, funding, personnel and the ability to protect our own country," Greer said.

Greer alleged these hidden alien technologies have existed for over 50 years and that they could have long ago replaced fossil fuels such as energy and oil, thus enabling the U.S. to have a lessened presence in the Middle East.

Little was said about what these technologies actually are, but Greer said they have the ability to use energy fields around us instead of "burning fossil fuels or splitting the atom."

Greer said these technologies will continue to remain under wraps to avoid interrupting a multi-trillion dollar industry.

"It's been kept secret because it's so grave," he said. "The implications

are so vast and so profound."

At the seminar, an hour-long video testimonial from U.S. government officials was played. Two ex-intelligence officers spoke about their UFO encounters and alleged that the government is hiding information from the public.

Greer said these officers and 400 other witnesses are ready to testify in an attempt to unravel these mysteries hidden by the governments.

"We can prove and we will prove in the coming months that we possess the science and the technology to replace the need for fossil fuels and the ability to create a civilization that will look so different from the world today that it will be like comparing today to the time of the caveman," Greer said.

Greer said the project is a very large effort that politicians in power will not acknowledge until a collective push is made by the American and Canadian voters.

"If the people will lead, the leaders will follow," Greer said, urging the audience to write letters and make phone calls to their respective governments.

Greer concluded his speech by quoting from his book: "When the people on Earth stop fighting, the universe will open up its arms to us as well because we're not alone," he read. "There are dozens of civilizations out there ready to welcome us into a family."

OCAP strikes again

By JENNIFER PATE
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Opposition to the Ontario government and its social welfare policies was the subject of a protest held in Guelph on Monday.

Members of the Ontario Common Front (OCF) took to the streets to stop traffic, block entrances to banks and disrupt business for many merchants downtown.

The group of over 100 protesters targeted businesses and companies whom the group identified as contributors to the Conservative government and their policies.

"We are protesting against those who benefit from the Tories," said a member of OCF, using only the name Cory.

Although protesters came out in large numbers, most were uninterested in speaking with media, instead choosing to dismiss reporters and cover camera lenses.

Rogers AT&T, Merrill Lynch, and BMO Nesbitt Burns were among the top ten corporations identified by the protesters as Tory supporters. Access to these buildings was disrupted throughout the day, as well as at Wimpy's Diner, which protesters claimed had issued complaints about a soup kitchen across the street.

Businesses were unavailable to comment as they were closed down or protected by increased security.

Demonstrations at the University of Guelph accompanied the downtown protests. A large police presence at both locations kept crowds under control.



Jennifer Pate

OCAP protesters blocked several major intersections in Guelph Monday

CUPE concerned over future of Ontario water

By MELISSA HARLOS
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Ontario's water is in danger of being handed over to the private sector after consumer confidence was lost during the Walkerton inquiry, according to the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

CUPE is trying to stop the private sector from taking control of Ontario's water because they believe that when it comes to clean, safe drinking water, public ownership wins hands down.

Environment Ministry spokesperson Michel Cleroux defined privatization as "when drinking water goes into the hands of a private company and they make a profit from it. At that point it stops being handled by the government."

In a press release, Ontario CUPE President Sid Ryan said the private sector is eager to get its hands on Ontario's water.

"They're circling like vultures, ready to capitalize on a tragedy in Walkerton. Mike Harris is aiding and abetting that feeding frenzy," he said. "We need a well-regulated, well-funded public system that serves the public interest, not private profit."

Jim Bradley, Liberal environment critic at Queen's Park, agreed and said the private sector wants this "crisis of confidence" to take advantage

of people's fear in the system. Bradley is concerned that Ontario's water security is in jeopardy and that the cost of privatized water would be higher than it is under the current system.

"The Tories are bound and determined to privatize anything that moves and some things that don't," he said.

John Steele, another spokesperson for the Environment Ministry, dashed CUPE's and Bradley's accusations aimed at Mike Harris's involvement.

"The provincial government doesn't have any say [in the privatization of water]. It is all done by the municipality. The overall responsibility is those who supply the consumer with water," he said.

Another spokesperson for the Environment Ministry, Mark Rabbior, said the quality of water is not in question.

"Whether it is a private or public enterprise, they are complying with our regulations," he said.

CUPE recently submitted recommendations to the management of water providers and laboratories, calling for the province to work with the federal government and municipalities to implement grants and interest-free loans to municipalitie upgrade water systems and bring improved training and certification program for water and wastewater management.

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Chrissy Mowat

Bill Mowat puts his arm around his wife, Florence Mowat, who waited for months at a time during WW2 to hear news from the Red Cross on Bill's whereabouts in the battlefield

The Market Garden Mission:

The experience of Second World War veteran Bill Mowat

*"In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*"We are the Dead. Short days ago
Lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields."*

- John McCrae

By **CHRISSEY MOWAT**
Et Cetera Staff

Despite the wind screaming by the window of his 17th floor apartment and the rain threatening from dark clouds overhead, his brightly coloured kitchen is cozy and safe.

A plate on the circular table is crammed with cheese, celery sticks and bundles of grapes. Multiple candy dishes dot the table in the family room, and Bill Mowat continuously offers ice cream.

"When I was in the German prison camps," he says, "I made a list of 'anything I wanted to eat when I got out.'"

Ice cream and candy topped that

list. They still do.

My grandfather, Bill Mowat, is 86 and has lived to enjoy hundreds of bowls of ice cream. He has also lived through two world wars. He was born during the First World War and he fought in the next.

Hunched over a homemade scrapbook, he examines the badges, letters, government documents and labels that remind him of his wartime experience.

He smiles when he comes across letters he wrote to Sookie, a pet name for his wife Florence, who waited at home for months at a time to hear information from the Red Cross about Mowat's whereabouts.

And although it has no special spot in the memory box, there is something that few other veterans have: clippings from newspapers documenting Mowat's capture by the Germans.

Along with the clippings is the file the Germans kept on Mowat, files that he stole six months later, when his camp was taken over by the Russians.

It has been more than 56 years since an exhausted and malnourished Mowat returned to Hamilton from the German POW camp, relieved to be in the arms of his mother Lila and his wife Florence, on the lawn of the Senator Ave. duplex they shared.

Despite the decades that separate him from that time, he tells the story

of his capture with clarity and detail. It is as fresh in his memory as it was those many years ago.

It is a story that needs to be told.

On the morning of Sept. 18, 1944, Mowat had been assigned to the "Market Garden Mission." His job: to intercept German fighters on radar and document their direction and numbers for the Allied forces.

Even before he reached his assigned destination, his glider was shot down over Ousterbeck, a part of Holland occupied by Germany.

Mowat himself was shot in the leg. Showered with shrapnel and his mission in jeopardy, he believed he was going to bleed to death.

"You didn't have time to worry about pain and fear. You just lived through it," Mowat says.

Trying to live through it was all he could do. He was lying injured in a potato field directly beside a forest inhabited by Germans who were blowing up the Allies' gliders one by one. Within days, Mowat was captured.

During the following year he was forced to march with 1,500 other prisoners of war to five different prison camps across Germany.

He was one of only 700 who would survive to see the liberation of the camps when the war in Europe ended in May, 1945.

During this time he lost many friends. Fellow prisoners were shot

for walking too slowly during the nightly 30 km marches. Some simply froze to death in the five-foot deep snow.

While imprisoned he lost over 50 pounds. It was the result of a diet of cold, unsalted mangle soup and bean soup covered with weevils. It was what the soldiers fondly called Whispering Grass soup, which consisted of beet, carrot tops and dandelion leaves.

At times there was very little privacy. Mowat had to spend six days travelling in a box car meant for eight horses, but packed with 50 men sleeping back to front. They were without food or bathroom facilities.

Despite all this, Mowat would not lose his sense of humour. He continued to send letters home to his friends and family, telling them if they could send him anything at all, to send chocolate.

Nor did he lose his loyalty to the Allies. Interrogated three times while living in solitary confinement, he was offered gifts of candy and Schnapps in exchange for information on the radar frequency his unit was using. He gave no deals, and managed to survive to talk about it.

He was also lucky that he returned home physically intact. He came close to losing a limb when he was shot in the leg. However, the bullet went through his lower calf and slid cleanly between his tibia and fibula. It allowed him to march among the

other prisoners and live to see the Allied Forces' victory.

Few knew about his acts of sacrifice and bravery back then. But last month, Mowat and 400 other Canadian veterans were recognized at the Hamilton Legion for their contributions in the Second World War.

Soldiers were thanked by the Dutch consulate and given medals to mark the important role they played in liberating the Netherlands from German occupation.

A smaller ceremony had already been held for Mowat in the town of Arnhem, Holland, 20 years after the war ended.

While visiting the site of the house where his leg was nearly amputated, Mowat met a Dutch woman who was grateful for the actions of the Canadian soldiers.

In thanks, she gave Mowat and his wife a box of Dutch chocolates, a gift originally meant for her grandson. She recognized that without soldiers like him, the town would not be free.

But probably the most important of all ceremonies will be the personal one that Mowat holds himself, when he dons a poppy this Nov. 11.

He will remember his own experiences and be thankful for his life. More importantly, he will remember the friends and strangers who were lost beside him, and he will salute them.

As we do him.

Editorialsetc.

No more encores

The El Mocambo was a dirty, dilapidated building that offered Torontonians two floors of loud music and warm lager.

One could imagine, after the last liquor-primed stragglers spilled out onto the street and the lights were out, the cockroaches partied it up until sunrise. No, the El Mo was not a pretty sight to behold but, far more important than that, it was a symbol of rock and roll. It was a symbol of freedom, friendship, comfort and fun.

The gaudy neon palm tree hanging in the sky at College and Spadina represented some 50 years of rock music. The Rolling Stones, The Guess Who, Elvis Costello, Teenage Head and Stevie Ray Vaughan are just a few of the familiar names that graced the El Mo's grimy stage.

Let's not forget some of the current music makers that have entertained the El Mo's diverse audience as well. Bands like The Toilet Boys, The Killer Elite, Danko Jones and The Tijuana Bibles were just a few that rocked the house. The El Mo provided a venue for independent artists who would often otherwise go unseen and unheard. It was a gritty DIY spirit that had five decades of the rock and roll love affair backing it up.

Now El Mo's booking agent, Dan Burke fought one hell of a battle to change the El Mo's fate by petitioning, by inviting city councillors to on-site meetings and by raising public awareness, but the death rattle came nonetheless. He knows that the show must go on so he's moving the party down the street to 549 College St., the former location of Ted's Wrecking Yard-Bar Code. Burke is tenaciously trying to keep El Mo's soul alive anyway he can.

The historical site's new owner, Abbas Jahangiri, promises to keep the main floor as a live venue. He is transforming the third floor into a spiritual outreach centre for youth and the basement into a women's shelter. Certainly, no one can argue that his heart isn't in the right place. But, somehow it doesn't make the change any easier.

Things change, places go out of business and disappear without a trace. Perhaps we should be content that the El Mo will live on in our memories despite its closure but somehow, this change seems foreboding. Is rock and roll only moments away from homelessness? In the midst of the saccharin pop music invasion, rock lovers must desperately hang onto what's left.

Where would you be?

Cataldo Paluzzi came to Canada to build a life and raise a family shortly after he served in the Second World War.

When he was 22, he served as a cook for the Italian troops. Almost immediately, he became one of many to be captured by Russian forces and shipped off to a POW camp in the Soviet Union. He waited out the rest of the war sleeping among rats and sifting through trash for scraps of food, while most of those who evaded capture were killed.

If Cataldo hadn't been stuck in a Russian POW camp during the forties, and if there were no war to hold him back, he may have been able to live his life the way every young man dreams. Going to parties, laughing, drinking: all the things that generations before and after him enjoyed.

Today the threat of POW camps, bullets, bombs and death have been out of sight and mind for most of us. At least they were until Sept. 11. In this age we are all being reminded with crystal clarity the kinds of sacrifices that the young men and women of generations before have made - the kind of sacrifices we expect will never be asked of us.

It's on this coming Remembrance Day in particular that we should take the time to think about the very different lives we would have had if we were born just a few decades ago. This Nov. 11 has more significance than ever, being the two-month anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in America's history.

So as we go about our daily business, fretting over grades, money, relationships and whatever else our sheltered lives throw at us, let's all pray and be grateful that these frivolous impositions are the worst to come.

My, how the mighty have fallen

Sports guest column - by John Edwards

Do you ever wonder what happened to those sports stars after their 15 minutes of fame expired?

James "Buster" Douglas

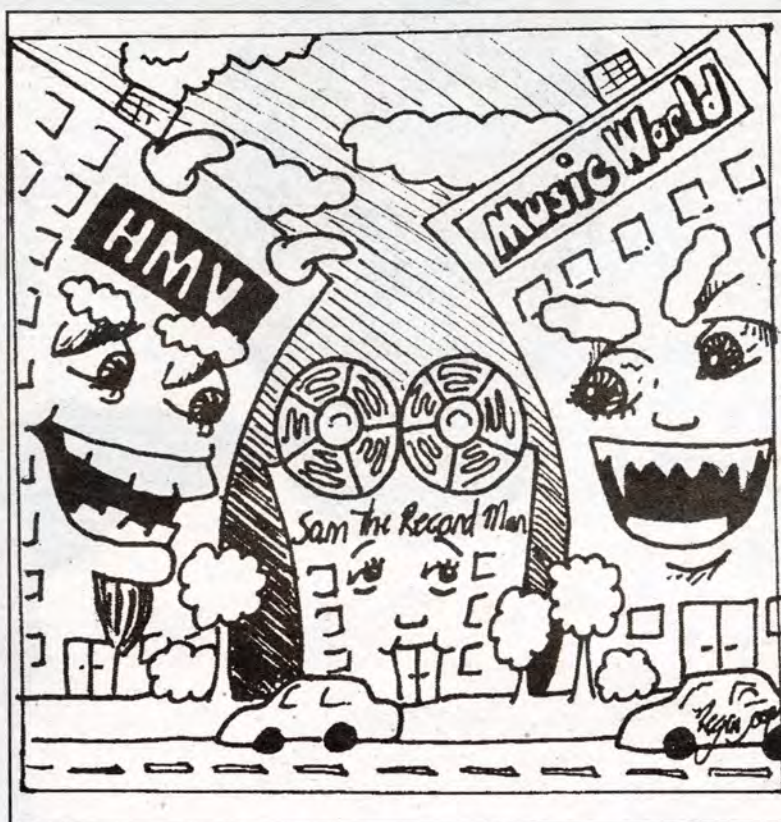
Douglas scored one of the biggest upsets in boxing when he dethroned Mike Tyson for the Heavyweight Championship title in 1990. He held the title for a brief while and then fell out of the spotlight.

Last I heard, following the success of George Foreman's Lean, Mean Fat-

Reducing Grilling Machine, Douglas developed his own kitchen appliance called The Buster Douglas Fast-Action Fat Busting Grilling Contraption. He also developed his own brand of underwear called One Hit Wonders. Both products went down for the count.

Darryl Strawberry

At one time "The Straw" was one of the best players in baseball with the Mets and Dodgers. Strawberry had continuous drug problems and violated his parole last year. Strawberry is now out of baseball.



Saving lives or face?

There are very few pillows left in emergency rooms. Why? Well, they are a few of the many hapless items to disappear under the strain of the cutbacks that have befallen Ontario's healthcare system over the past five years.

Ontarians face an incomprehensibly long wait, then to add insult to injury, they don't even have a pillow to rest their heads - and that's only those communities fortunate enough to still have access to 24-hour emergency room facilities.

Just weeks after Mike Harris announced his retirement, the Tory government has now put forth legislation that proposes to help Ontario's ailing healthcare system.

Among the new proposals is a plan to raise taxes on cigarettes, in the assumption that raising the taxes on nicotine will act as a smoking deterrent, carrying with it the implication that Tories are forever looking out for the health of Ontarians.

But the bigger slap in the face comes with Monday's announcement of new legislation called the Ontarians with Disabilities Act. This Act proposes to increase accessibility and opportunity for those with physical challenges.

Among developing municipalities, plans for disability and barrier-free access to new buildings, it proposes to levy stiffer fines - up to \$5,000 - on people who abuse designated handicap parking spots. NDP leader Howard Hampton hit the nail on the head when he said that these new proposals are more about PR and propaganda than they are about legislation.

This new legislation, originally proposed six years ago, is more about saving face than it is about concern for the health of the province. If the government truly did care, then these newly proposed policies would have been firmly embedded in the infrastructure of healthcare years ago.

In the final rounds of the blame game, the Tories continue to point the finger at the federal government, calling again on it to put up more money for healthcare.

This sudden tabling of healthcare issues is really only about damage control. Unfortunately, the greatest damage is yet to come.

Last I heard, strawberry is the guy standing behind you, whispering in your ear, "Do you have any crack?"

Bill Buckner

Buckner will be known forever as the Red Sox's first baseman who watched the ball roll through his legs in game six of the 1986 World Series allowing the Mets to win. This also put more emphasis on the curse of the Bambino in Boston.

Last I heard, Buckner has since left baseball. However, Buckner came into a large sum of money by winning the lottery, but on his way to cash in,

he dropped the ticket on the ground and couldn't bend over to pick it up. He also blamed this on the curse.

Cecil Fielder

"Big Daddy" was one of the best power hitters in baseball with the Tigers and Yankees in the mid-90s. Fielder then had stints with the Blue Jays and Indians that totalled about two weeks.

Last I heard, fielder grew to over 400 pounds and was poised to make a comeback. However, his comeback was halted as Little League officials did not believe he was 12 years old.

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Rebel against vile vermin



Noel Boivin

Good people, if recent events have inspired in your gentle souls a penchant for violence, I beseech you, do not direct your animosity toward your fellow brethren or kinswomen.

Rather, it is my humble suggestion that you should do humanity a good turn and direct these zealous tendencies toward vermin of any stripe, be they mice, rats or pigeons.

Shortly after moving into my new downtown apartment, I detected the unmistakable sounds of covert scurrying little feet on my kitchen floor, darting about and pooping dark little turds.

There was a mouse in my home.

Terrorized by the thought of the disease-laden creature crawling into my innocent, wide-open gob as I slept, I could not get a proper night's rest. It wasn't until I carried the dead carcass of my midnight intruder out with Tuesday's trash that regular sleep returned, though the quality of my slumber was markedly diminished by the experience.

While my efforts toward ridding my own small corner of the world of this scourge have been both brave and stalwart, vigilance at a public level is needed to bring about any meaningful change.

Rats and mice are responsible for every plague worthy of historical mention. A plague in the early 20th century, brought on by disease-carrying fleas on rats and mice killed 11 million people in India, China and Mongolia. Their reputation in the latter half of that century has not improved drastically — symbolic as they are of urban squalor and despair.

Rats and mice are responsible for every plague worthy of historical mention

Pigeons alike, in their filthy disease carrying nature, fly about, dropping unwanted splatters on the newly cleaned coats and heads of unsuspecting people. Countless unneeded dry cleaning expenses can be attributed to the indiscriminate shitting of pigeons.

"Droppings" from pigeons are known to cause various respiratory diseases in human beings, yet the old, the senile, the lonely and the deranged idle away summer afternoons by throwing them bits of stale bread, thus encouraging their

detestible proliferation.

In certain areas of the world, people include rats, mice and pigeons in the four food groups. Recipes exist (www.bertc.com/cooking_rats.htm) for Sunday dinners that call for people to stuff, skewer and stew the creatures. Properly prepared, and possibly with the addition of a delicious sauce or a fresh tasty tomato, these vermin make suitable cuisine for many people. While I would raise hygienic objections to such a scenario, I applaud the effort of trying to place vermin in the food chain, giving them a *raison d'être* among civilized people.

These creatures wreak havoc on the health of mankind, greedily feeding on humanity's beneficence while returning the gift with a determined, clockwork crapping of disease and torment.

Try a stone, rather than a piece of bread, the next time you are confronted by swarms of pigeons ruining statues. Next time you see a mouse scurry by, increase your pace and grind the bugger with your boot.

If mortally wounding an animal is against your value system, at least consider a parting blow such as kicking a mouse into a gutter or hitting a bird with your newspaper. Such a gesture, though it would not outwardly solve the problem, would be a symbolic act of unity against a scourge that makes everything around us just that much uglier.

Let's think about our part for once



Diane Denby

violence and not the social issues laying behind that violence.

The questions we should be asking are: why are so many children lashing out so violently and is the media to blame?

When comparing my childhood to that of today's youth, the obvious connection is the difference in the content of movies, video games and television shows. They were more discreet about social plagues like pornography, drugs, murder and crime.

Then it hit me why people blame the news media — because they are cowards. I will not be one to blame the media for another episode of youth violence. Media is used as a scapegoat. People are afraid to come to terms with the truth that blame should be placed on humanity itself.

Journalists report the events both good and bad. People get an inner enjoyment when hearing about the suffering of others. I use the word enjoyment because I don't think we realize what keeps us watching.

This inner curiosity to expose ourselves to blood and gore is evident everywhere and I'm afraid this curiosity is manifesting itself in children. They want the newest and most graphic and vulgar video games. Children want reality.

So next time you blame the media as the root cause of violence, dig a little deeper. Take that blame and put it on yourself. Blame yourself for the corruption of youth every time you tune in to watch *The Sopranos* or when you push through the crowd to get a better view of a fist fight. Try to ignore that impulse to entertain yourself with violent movies or television shows. If you can't ignore those impulses, then how can you expect children to?

Being the news junkie that I am, I tuned into CablePulse 24 news on Monday to get a quick update of the mayhem going on in a world that I am ashamed to say I live in.

In Toronto a 12-year-old girl had been stabbed five times by a 14-year-old schoolmate at a west-end public school. What a great way to start the week.

The good news is that this time the child's wounds were not life threatening. The police are still investigating, but they suspect the attack was unprovoked.

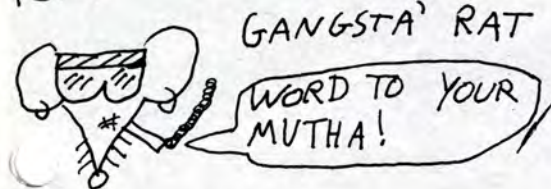
But that's not the point. He stabbed the wrong girl and now, what happens to the victim? It seems the news media focuses on the gory details specifically forgetting about the aftermath of these actions.

What about the emotional damage done to this child? What about the scars? Will she be able to see past those marks. What about the other children who witnessed the horror of the attack?

Of course it would make sense that heavily-armed men rushing around the kids and their teachers would petrify them. What about the emotional trauma done to the little girl's parents?

Why don't we hear of these things in the news? Maybe that's because as a society, we are too concerned with

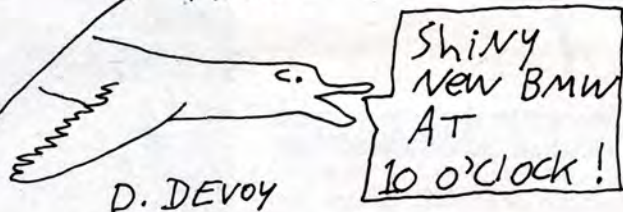
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Ah, isn't it great to be insecure?



Lauren Ferranti

Here's one for the so-sad-and-pathetic-that-it-makes-me-want-to-cry category.

Remember the "A diamond is forever" commercials set to orchestral music and foggy black and white images? I never thought I'd see another such stroke of genius marketing.

I do make mistakes.

I recently found a suitable rival to the eternal diamond - The Ah Ring. What follows is a pitiable excerpt

from the company's Web site, www.ahring.com:

"The Ah Ring was created for confident and joyful single women to show the world that they're available (A) and happy (h). Married and engaged women have their rings, and now single women have a diamond ring to call their own!"

Let's break this down bit by shameful bit.

The diamond has become, thanks to South African-based DeBeers, the most pure and everlasting of all stones, a true sign of our culture. Part of every little girl's dream, the diamond marries perfectly with the picture of romantic, wedded bliss. Little girl grows up desiring the diamond engagement ring, the necessary precursor to commitment and love. The rock is a worldwide symbol, mounted in the white gold of marketing schemes.

In 1948, DeBeers launched their

"A diamond is forever" campaign. With just a few words they managed to tie their commodity to the greatest of human emotion — love. It also played cruelly on woman's vulnerabilities and their need for evidence of commitment in all its superficial forms — tangible and otherwise.

Some women have freed themselves of the brazier and proudly retained their maiden names in marriage, yet tradition endures as North American women continue to gleefully slide that ring on their anticipatory fingers.

Little else sickens me more than to see a crowd of women clustered around and gushing over their girlfriend's hand. It is an odd insecurity, the need for a ring. I pity those women who feel so anxious about their relationships that they need a diamond to prove to the world the following:

1. I am so happily in love and oh

so committed.

2. I need to see the measure and the breadth of my partner's love in a material form.

3. My partner and I are so lazy, uncreative and romantically ambivalent that I get to chose, and he gets to pay for, a simple princess-cut stone mounted in trendy platinum. We also like red roses for anniversaries.

Ah, true love.

Apparently these days, love has become unnecessary to the equation. Imagine that.

Enter the aforementioned Ah ring. Suddenly, it isn't enough for independent, single women to just be so. Everyone likes to be a part of a club. They make us feel secure and comfortable, like we belong.

Engaged? There's a ring for you. Married? There's a band for you. Single? Don't feel left out — you're now covered too.

The Ah Ring is the epitome of

insecurity. It's defensive. Yes, I'm unattached, but I am happy, god dammit! Check out this ring, it proves it. I bought it myself, because I am independent!

Independent indeed. To me, it actually spells out the opposite. You're so unhappy about your lonely, unsexy life that it takes a ring to make you feel a bit better; to feel a bit more normal.

Single girls already get a bad rap, whether they are called spinsters, desperate, cat loving...This ring makes their lot much worse.

Security and self-assurance seem to be today's biggest sellers.

Frankly, the whole idea of any kind of diamond ring as symbol of a human state that cannot and should not be quantified, whether it be love with commitment or happiness with independence, makes me want to retch with embarrassment for our gender.

Young writers honoured

By SARAH HATTEN
Et Cetera Staff

With Humber's ninth Student Literary Competition just getting under way, it's time to give credit to last year's winners.

The Student Literary Competition is a creative writing contest for Humber's communications students. It consists of three categories: one-act plays, short stories, and personal

essays. The winners in each of the respective categories move on to an international contest sponsored by the League for Innovations.

"The league is an international organization dedicated to maximizing the potential of its member colleges. The league hosts conferences and institutes, conducts research, produces publications, leads projects and initiatives with its member colleges and corporate partners. Humber is one of 20 colleges that comprise the

League Board," said Joe Aversa, associate dean and communications director.

Last year's Student Literary Competition first place winners were, Craig McBride, in the personal essay category, and Mar Fenech, for her short story. Both went on to represent Humber at the international contest in Iowa.

McBride's story, *Leaves of Bread* won him second place at the League for Innovations competition. He was awarded \$200 U.S. and had his story published in the annual journal called, *The Twice Bloomed Wisteria*.

McBride, a second-year journalism student, won for his story about a man who goes to the grocery store to buy bread.

Fenech also did well in the international competition earning honourable mention for *Porcelain Angels*.

"It was inspired by my boyfriend and his family life. I wrote it from his perspective because I just wanted to take a negative thing in his life and make it positive," said Fenech, a second-year Journalism student.

This year's Student Literary Competition application forms are available now. Prizes range from \$50 to \$250.

The stories and applications are due by 4 p.m. Feb. 25, 2002 in the Communications department.

The 2002 story contest winners will have their stories go on to compete at the international League for Innovations contest in Ohio. The prize money is paid in U.S. currency and ranges from \$100 to \$500.



Sarah Hatten

Winners Mar Fenech and Craig McBride with President Robert Gordon

All that jazz at Lakeshore

By ALEK GAZDIC
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber College School of Music kicked off its first jazz concert Oct. 24 with a scholarship show in aid of student awards.

In the first of a series, Humber faculty and alumni organized and performed the musical in the Lakeshore campus auditorium for a crowd of 200.

"We put on the show to raise money for students who are in need of financial support," said Denny Christianson, music co-ordinator at the Lakeshore campus.

Delivering a variety of modern and old jazz styles, the faculty began the night with five songs, which included *That Old Black Magic* and *Forging Behind*.

Six more songs were performed in the second half of the show by the 18-

member faculty and alumni Big Band conducted by Christianson who also played his trumpet for the audience.

Teacher Mark Promane said he enjoyed the third-annual concert.

"The teachers always enjoy performing with each other," said Promane, who belted out sounds from his saxophone.

"We loved it. We come every year. We haven't missed a show in three years," said May Surtees and Bob Telford, a Mississauga couple on the music program's mailing list.

"We visit other high schools community shows but we like Humber's music concerts the best."

Ticket sales from the event raised more than \$1,000 that will go towards student scholarship funds.

The jazz series' next show, which will include a vocal ensemble and mainstream ensemble, is set to take place Nov. 28.



Alek Gazdic

In the first jazz concert of the year, Humber faculty and alumni performed old style tunes and big band numbers at Lakeshore Campus on Oct. 24

In Brief

CAPS HALLOWEEN BASH

Caps presented its own Halloween Costume Night Oct. 25 charging \$2 for students and \$10 for their guests.

There was a grand total of \$1,000 raised by the door cover that was given to various patrons who won for best costume.

The first place prize was given to Buzz Lightyear for best costume, another first place prize was given to Jay and Silent Bob for best pairs or multiple people costume.

"I was really amazed with the costumes people came up with, and almost everyone there was dressed

up," said Jenna Vaicius, a second-year Early Childhood Education student who dressed up as a cat.

-with files from Sandy Garcia

ANTI-WAR MEETING

A group of concerned Humber students and activists will be holding an anti-war meeting in the Humber Community Room at the North Campus, Nov. 14 at 5:30p.m.

A number of speakers, to be arranged, will discuss issues ranging from the U.S. bombing of Afghanistan to social problems, globalization, terrorism and the Middle East.

-with files from Desmond Devoy

MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Midnight Madness is back for November at Humber College, said Tommy Hwang, R7 rez assistant and head of the Athletics committee.

Midnight Madness is an evening of sports and activities in Humber's gymnasium.

It runs on a Monday night, from 8 p.m. until midnight, hence the name.

There will be basketball, floor hockey and badminton played throughout the night in competition for prizes.

"We just had one two weeks ago, and 70 people showed up. The S and R buildings played floor by floor...S 3 won the whole thing," said Tommy Hwang, head of the athletics committee.

There are many prizes to be won, including mugs, tees, bathrobes, food and pizza parties.

Coming up is another dodge ball tournament, Hwang said.

A soccer-baseball tournament is also planned but no dates have been set, Hwang said.

This is Hwang's second year heading the committee and he's hoping to pack the semester with games.

-with files from Karli Vezina

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Information session draws crowd

By KAREN THADANI
Et Cetera Staff

Guelph University and Humber College are making it easier for students to get a fully integrated degree and diploma in just four years.

The Guelph-Humber project held its fall information session for prospective students Oct. 28, at Humber's North campus.

Student recruitment advisors were available to sell the idea of an integrated degree diploma program to students and parent visitors.

"I heard about it at the university fair in September and I want to go into Media Studies," said Karen Aagaard an OAC student at Waldorf High School in Thornhill.

She said there are other universities she is considering but she wants to check out all her options.

Aagaard's mother, Gail, said she is happy her daughter wants to take Media Studies and found information

sessions help her decide which school to go to.

The integrated degree and diploma offers students a chance to finish school faster and get into the work force sooner, said Michael Nightingale, vice-provost and chief academic advisor at Guelph-Humber.

"We have combined the best of both worlds," Nightingale said.

"This has been in talks for two years and today's turnout is just over the moon," he said.

The information session was geared towards potential students. With over 350 registered for the session, it was a good turnout for the new university.

September 2002, will be the first entry date for students who are accepted. They can choose from business, computing or media as their field of studies.

A \$30-million building will be added to the North campus by fall 2003. In the meantime, classes will convene in existing classrooms.



Karen Thadani

The Humber-Guelph project is set to begin on time in September 2002.

"The university was designed for commuting students in Toronto," Nightingale said.

There are plans to expand the current residence capacity at the school. He added the university would

offer students financial aid, bursaries and scholarships similar to those offered at other universities. The cost of tuition will also be similar.

"The investment in education is quite high," he said.

The programs offer students the opportunity to work in groups, individually and in traditional classroom settings.

Nightingale said e-learning will also be a big part of the academic lifestyle.

It is estimated that 200 students will be accepted in the first semester.

Nightingale said current students at Humber College have expressed an interest in being a part of the integrated degree/diploma program and this will be looked at over the next few months.

A Guelph-Humber Web site (www.guelphhumber.ca) will soon be available for students to take a virtual tour of the new building.



Courtesy Kate Szatmari

Useful Music: A Weill Night makes an impression at Lakeshore campus

A Weill of a night

By ALEK GAZDIC
Et Cetera Staff

The Theatre Arts department launched its first production with an exploration of the haunting and unusual music of Kurt Weill on Oct. 26.

Performing eight shows over nine days, third-year Theatre Performance students made up the cast of *Useful Music: A Weill Night* at Lakeshore's Theatre building.

Close to 60 first and second-year Theatre Production students built the show's set, with the sounds performed by Lakeshore's music students.

"It gave the students an opportunity to work on a somewhat non-traditional show," said Paul Court, co-ordinator of Theatre Production. "This [production] certainly challenged the students."

Useful Music: A Weill Night allowed a public audience to view and experience the songs of 20th-century German-American composer Kurt

Weill in new ways, exploring the question of how music can be useful. The show's theme dealt with the societal in families and with peers.

"The reason we put on the show was to introduce our students to a unique style of theatre," said Diana Belshaw, Theatre Arts co-ordinator.

"I found it very well done and quite moving ultimately. It's probably the most complex show, technically, that I've been involved with," Belshaw said.

"It allowed the musicians to do something in an area they'll probably be working in and it allowed the actors to get a chance to work with the band," director Alex Fallis said. "So from that perspective, it was really exciting."

Sheridan College student Ben Saulo enjoyed what he saw and described it as "very interesting and gripping."

Humber's theatre department is set to perform a remake of William Shakespeare's classic, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Feb. 15.

-With files from Julie DeAngelis

Schmoozing with local writers

By ALEK GAZDIC
Et Cetera Staff

Two Canadian writers took part in Humber's second Literary Wine Bar, Oct. 24.

Investigative journalist, Stephanie 'Stevie' Cameron and science fiction writer, Robert Sawyer, read from their most recent works.

The event was attended by more than 50 people.

The Belleville, Ontario-born Cameron, read excerpts from her book, *The Last Amigo*, about the business dealings of Karlheinz Schreiber.

Cameron, one of Canada's best-known investigative journalists and winner of numerous awards for political writing, is most famous for her 1994 best-selling book *On the Take*, about the greed, power and corruption within the Mulroney government.

"I never had more fun in my life," Cameron said of her exploratory work for the book, even though it caused her to be followed and threatened and prompted her to have her daughter placed under police protection while she attended university in Montreal.

Throughout her career, Cameron has been host of CBC Television's *Fifth Estate* and a contributor to many national magazines and newspapers including *the Toronto Star*, *the Globe and Mail*, *the Ottawa Citizen*, *Maclean's*, *Elm Street*, *Saturday Night*, *Chatelaine* and *Canadian Living*.

She began her career teaching English at Trent University, but admitted that her passion wasn't teaching.

"I wanted to be a writer. I hated the academic life," Cameron said. "I only wanted to be Jane Austen."

Cameron then found a job at the *Toronto Star*, where she served as a food editor. After a while, she had to leave because the long commute to

and from work left her children alone.

"It broke my heart when I left. I remember taking the train home from work and crying all the way," she said.

From there, Cameron landed a job at the *Ottawa Citizen* covering politics.

"I loved politics as much as being a food editor," Cameron said. "I really found where I belonged."

Called "the dean of Canadian science fiction" by the *Ottawa Citizen*, Robert Sawyer is the author of 15 best-selling science fiction novels, including *The Terminal Experiment*, *Frameshift*, *Factoring Humanity* and *Calculating God*.

Sawyer, who was born in Ottawa and now lives west of Toronto, is the only writer in history to win top science fiction awards in the United States, France, Spain and Japan.

Sawyer read from *Calculating God* about a strange alien visiting a Toronto palaeontologist gets while

working at the Royal Ontario Museum.

The story plot includes a comical scene where the palaeontologist, speaking to the alien, makes reference to the budget cut the ROM received from the Ontario government.

At this point in his reading, Sawyer told the audience about a letter he received from Premier Mike Harris that said Sawyer's international achievements had 'done Ontario proud.'

"Harris obviously hasn't read my book," Sawyer said.

Sawyer has won the Nebula award, the Arthur Ellis Award and seven Canadian Science Fiction and Fantasy Awards (Auroras), and has been nominated six times for the Hugo, the science fiction international readers' choice award.

Sawyer has appeared on TV programs such as *Rivera Live* with *Geraldo Rivera*, *Canada AM* and *Pamela Wallin*.



Alek Gazdic

Stevie Cameron reads some excerpts from her book *The Last Amigo*

Cultivating a taste for fine wines

By MIRIAM OSBORNE
Et Cetera Staff

When it comes to drinking, Camille Grange does it with class.

Grange is a first year Business Administration student on exchange from Lyon, France, and she knows her wine.

It's no wonder.

Surrounding the city of Lyon are at least four wineries and, like Canada is known for its beer, France is known for its wine.

As well, Grange has been drinking it for many years now.

"When you're a little kid, about 12 years old, and you go with your parents to a dinner, or to your grandmother's house on Sundays, everybody drinks wine, and they make the children taste it," she said.

Grange was surprised at how expensive wine is here.

"I can get a good bottle in France for less than \$5, where here, it's over \$10."

Grange then said that people in France are willing to spend up to \$10,000 for aged wine.

Cathy Pike, the manager of the Wine Rack in the Woodbine Centre, said that not all wine is made to be aged.

"The traditional wine making countries - Italy, Germany and France - have been making wine obviously a lot longer than Ontario, which is a fairly new wine region. Our wine is still really young, but they're made to be drunk young."

Many people don't realize that wine can go bad if it sits too long. Pike warns that when wine is exposed to direct light or heat, it can often spoil.

"The cork, which is a natural product, is very porous, and it allows for the natural flow of oxygen in and out of the bottle, which helps age the wine," Pike said. "If there is too much air getting in, the wine will oxidize and it will go bad."

It is not hard to tell if your wine is not good to drink. The wine will have

turned yellow or deep brown, and it will smell like vinegar.

Pike, who has been working in the wine business for 12 years, is somewhat of an expert.

Not only does Pike have an extensive knowledge about aging wine, she also knows what wine goes best with what food. Pike suggests that champagne, or sparkling wine, is a perfect way to start a meal. And with the main course, "You can have a Riesling, to a really light red. For dessert you can have an ice wine, or a late harvest, which is a sweeter style wine."

Just like many things, different types of wine go through phases of popularity.

"In the late '80s early '90s, the Zinfandels from California were the big trend for a long time, blush, rose, the sweeter style wines." Also, November is when the French wine, Boujolais, is ready.

If you are just starting to drink wine, Pike has some suggestions. "It's better to start off with a sweeter wine.

If you start with a really dry wine, you'll find the taste to be harsh, too vinegary and really sour. If you start sweeter, your palate will change as you drink more and eventually your taste will favour the drier wines.

What is dry wine? It is a wine that has little residual sugar. Drinking it is likened to having a mouth full of cotton balls. There's no moisture left in your mouth.

In Pike's opinion, at the end of the day, nothing beats a nice glass of cold white wine.

Wine and Food Etiquette

1. Match your wine with the strongest flavoured food.
2. A rich meal needs a full-bodied wine. A light wine with a delicate dish. Simple dish, simple wine.
3. Greasy or salty dishes need a dry wine with good acidity.
4. Spicy dishes need a big, flavourful wine.
5. The dessert wine should be sweeter than the dessert itself.



Miriam Osborne

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Web site coins newest words

By JILLIAN NESS
Et Cetera Staff

Your grandparents said "bee's knees", your parents said "groovy" and you say "wicked" but whatever word you use, it can be found on www.pseudodictionary.com.

Started by Vancouver-based web designer and former U of T computer science student Paul Jarvis, 23, the site pays homage to the subculture of slang. With nearly 1,000 hits a day, many surfers are anxious to pick up on the latest catch phrase.

"I've always had a weird vocabulary, and in the writing I do, I use lots of made up words," Jarvis said.

At first the site was just going to be a small one that had words my friends and I use, most of which are pretty humorous," he said. "[I] ended up with almost 5,000 words in 10 months, publicity in newspapers, on the radio and even on television."

But the road to success has had its potholes. While Jarvis was developing the site, his original programmer left. Garret Thomson, who had read Jarvis' desperate plea for a new tech guy on the site, e-mailed him and, although they lived miles apart, have now formed the team that keeps the site up and running.

"The fact that Garret offered up a whole lot of his free time, knowing he'd never make any money off of it was what made me think he's an awesome guy," Jarvis said. "We talked a bit on ICQ and e-mail before he started work, so we got to know each other a bit better. I've never actually met him in real life or even talked to him on the phone."

So what would prompt a stranger on the other side of the country (Thomson is based in Toronto) to offer help design someone else's Web site?

Thompson said his desire to help was born out of wanting to see Paul's idea through to success.

"There's nothing I hate to see more than a good concept fail for lack of someone who can implement it. I thought, and still think, *pseudodictionary.com* is a very neat site, unique even among the many other slang sites," Thompson said. "And success in the web industry, for us, is visitors! We do around 800-1,000 visitors a day, but I know there's plenty of room for that number to go up if we can add new features that make people want to stay longer, or visit more often."

With the site accepting visitor submissions, the guys said they're looking for words that are unusual and fun, and although they've been accused of being 'word Nazis' they try to keep the site non-explicit.

There are some good debates on this topic on the message board, but it comes down to the fact that a lot of kids and schools have ended up using this site, and I want to keep it close to G rated," Jarvis said.

"Really, I just look for a concise

description and example. As for what kind of words I really enjoy, I like words that avoid slang's usual partner in crime: insults. It doesn't take much to diss someone, but to come up with a word for crisped worms on sidewalks after a rain (birdie bacon) is a stroke of genius," Thomson said.

Aside from the Web site, the guys are constantly looking for new ways to broaden their fan base.

"We've actually pitched the makers of Scrabble to make a pseudodictionary version, but they declined. We did get a few free Scrabble boards though, so we can just make up our game on that," he said. "I'm also trying to get a book deal going to get it published as well."

Although there are an increasing number of slang sites emerging, Jarvis is confident the site will continue to prosper.

"I think slang sites are a good idea and I don't see the other ones as competition either. Since the internet is global, it's interesting to see colloquial dialects from other countries and how they've either come up with new slang or morphed slang we use in conversations. I've had a love of words, both reading and writing them, so anything that challenges my mind in that way is a good thing."

Pseudodictionary Phrases

Asstrophy: The numbness in your behind from sitting too long.

-If that meeting had gone on any longer, my asstrophy would have been permanent.

Boregasm: To be overwhelmingly bored to a degree you never imagined.

-This class is so lame, I'm having a boregasm.

Carvenient: Finding a decent place to park.

-Oh! How carvenient! A spot next to the door!

Discombobulate: To mess something up or to feel confused.

-My car is all discombobulated. I need to get a new one.

Eleventy: A significantly big but indefinite number.

-These drinks cost me eleventy bucks.

Flail & Bail: To come up with a crazy scam to get yourself out of doing something you've foolishly committed to.

-I had to pull a flail & bail to get out of meeting my boss for drinks on the weekend.

Hipatitis: Terminal coolness.

-There's no talking to that guy unless you're an artist from New York. He's got hipatitis.

Warez: The standard term for a piece of pirated software/music/movies copied from a friend or downloaded from the Internet.

-This web site has a huge abundance of warez on it!

Qeego: saying, "could we go ..."

- Hey! Qeego Dairy Queen?



Roo Guilherme

Nothing beats dinner in a box, and nobody does it better than Kraft with the original macaroni and cheese

Kraft dinner cravings

By ROO GUILHERME
Et Cetera Staff

Nobody ever said college life is easy. Books, tuition, transportation all figure into college students' expenses. Some even have to deal with rent.

Eating out becomes a luxury so it is vital to come up with new and interesting dinner ideas to keep the palate satisfied. It's no wonder that Kraft Dinner is so popular among the college crowd. Not only is it easy to prepare, it's also absolutely dirt cheap.

"I must have lived on the stuff for at least a year," said Ken Johnson, a graduate of Humber College.

Johnson reminisces about the cheesy goodness of Kraft Dinner.

"It certainly was a big part of my meals. It was that and chocolate bars on campus. There really isn't time to prepare anything elaborate plus it can get expensive eating out," he said.

Kraft's macaroni and cheese dinners are certainly one of the most versatile meals around. You can eat it plain, with ketchup, with a fork, a spoon, on a plate or even in a bowl.

"I loved it with ketchup. You cut up some hot dog wieners, cook them with the macaroni, add the cheese, then mix in the ketchup. It's just so good," said Ravi Aujla, a Humber graphic design student.

Kraft conducted a survey on their web site about their product. According to their results, almost 70 per cent of the respondents don't follow the directions on the box. It also appears that mac and cheese fans are split when deciding whether to add other foods to their Kraft Dinner meals. Those who do add more to their Kraft Dinner are also evenly split among veggies, meat, canned fish, and a questionable 'other stuff'.

Most respondents also prefer to have their KD in a bowl. But the true die-hard KD fans almost always eat it right out of the pot.

Kraft Macaroni and Cheese dinner was introduced back in 1937 in the United States. Eventually, it would grow to include other flavours, macaroni shapes, and even easier methods of preparation such as Kraft Easy Mac, the macaroni and cheese dinner that's prepared in the microwave.

Heather Parliament, a recent graduate of the Comedy Program from the Lakeshore Campus loves how creative you can get with Kraft Dinner.

"It's always better when you mix it with something else. You get the same taste but with a twist," she said.

Jessica Simonetti, a food nutrition student at George Brown College feels that while macaroni and cheese may be great in taste, that's about all it's good for.

"You lose a lot of the nutrition such

as protein once it's cooked. The butter used to prepare it is also a cholesterol pusher but you can always use less than the suggested amount," she said.

How Humber Likes Its KD

"With curry powder."
Brian Crowle- Humber Librarian

"Plain."
Lisa Hay- Call Center Rep.

"With dinner ham."
Tina Dipiazza- Bookstore Clerk

"I don't. I grew up with it all the time."
Kim Seifried- Manager, Bookstore

"With a can of tuna...then hold the KD please."
Joe Kertes- Director of Comedy

"Olives, onions and canned tuna."
Allison Gough- Call Center Rep.

"Ketchup or a boiled egg."
John Pulla- HSF President

"I'd perform sexual favours for KD."
Duncan Keeley- Comedy Student

"Don't mess it up."
Lara King- Media Studies Faculty

The Recipe File



Sloppy KD

If you like Kraft Dinner, and you like sloppy joes, then this recipe is for you! It combines the cheesy familiarity of macaroni and cheese, with the sloppy fun of Sloppy Joes.

Ingredients:

- 1 package of Kraft Dinner
- 1 package of hamburger buns
- 1 medium-size of package ground beef
- Ketchup (optional)

For some extra zest, try adding onions to the beef, or substituting barbeque sauce or hot sauce for the ketchup.

Directions:

- Cook a package of Kraft Dinner according to directions on the box.
- Heat pan, brown beef until cooked thoroughly
- Mix in KD with beef and mix well (just like sloppy joes)
- Prepare one hamburger bun (toasting optional)
- Slap Sloppy KD on hamburger bun
- Squirt ketchup as desired

An original recipe by Roo Guilherme

If you have an original recipe that you would like to share, or want to see a recipe featured, please email humberetc@hotmail.com

Entertainment

Humber student out to dethrone king of comedy

By KELLY MACHADO
Et Cetera Staff

In high school, Jamie Wilson was voted to be the next Jim Carrey, and with his comic genius he looks poised to do just that.

The 22-year-old Comedy Writing and Performance student took to the stage at The Fox & Fiddle in Mississauga last Tuesday night.

Wilson filled the room with laughter as he performed his new material for the first time, using his ex-girlfriend and previous relationships as the basis for most of his jokes.

"You know what's stupid about relationships?" he asked. "Women expect you to be open and honest about everything. Yet, they have more secrets than Jean Chrétien and the Liberal government."

Stephanie Bulhoes, a U of T

Business Management student, said she enjoyed the show immensely.

"He's one of the funniest stand-up comedians I've ever seen," she said. "I laughed so hard that I cried, and I wouldn't be surprised if he became Hollywood's new king of comedy."

When asked why he chose comedy, Wilson was quick with his response.

"Ever since I could remember, the only thing I've ever been good at is joking around," he said. "If I could take people away from their everyday stresses of life and take them into my world for a short period of time by making a fool of myself and get them laughing, then that's me doing my job and that's my biggest fulfillment."

Born and raised in Toronto, Wilson remembers spending his childhood watching endless episodes

of the Three Stooges, as well as Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton.

"I love the Three Stooges. When I was a kid, I used to imitate a lot of the physical things that they did - everything from facial expressions to beating the daylights out of my sisters. I love that type of physical comedy," he said.

Although it seems as if being funny comes naturally to Wilson, he said the process of writing material and formatting an act from the topic and finding a premise so that it works for an audience is difficult.

"An idea for a joke could come to you at the snap of a finger, but sometimes it can take weeks," he said. "It's a long process. You have to go over it around 10 times, ...once you actually have it, you have to format it to fit the rest of your act. So, really, to write a joke may seem to be a never ending task."

With the writing done, Wilson prepares for his shows by belting out some of his favourite tunes.

"Basically I just pull out my old '80s greatest hits and I blare Come on Eileen by Dexy's Midnight Runners. I just sing as loud as I can and that keeps me cool and gets me all hyped up and ready to go," he said.

Debbie Cabral, an assistant media buyer at Cossette Media, who was present at the sports bar, said that



Kelly Machado

Humber student Jamie Wilson brings in the laughs at the Fox & Fiddle

Wilson's performance was well-rounded. "I thought he had a great set that kept the crowd entertained," she said. "I would definitely love to see him perform again."

Although his friends called him crazy for leaving the job he had, Wilson's family encouraged him to follow his dream of one day becoming one of Hollywood's funny men.

"My family was very supportive

when I told them I had quit my job to go back to school. They're big believers in just being happy no matter what you do."

You can find Wilson strutting his stuff Nov. 20 when Humber College's Comedy Cavalcade hits Yuk Yuk's Superclub at 2335 Yonge St.

For information or reservations, call (416) 967-6425.

Local band ready to challenge Creed in celebrity death match

By SANDY GARCIA
Et Cetera Staff

"Blasphemy.../If your survivor was who I claim to be/No, it isn't me/I was born this bastard son you see/and taught 'heaven comes eventually'/Apathy.../But indifference doesn't set you free/What if we're energy/Changing form through this eternity?/Before there's nothing left of you and me"-Lyrics from Like Christ by Bodymindsoul.

Watch out Creed, because creeping up behind you is former Humber student Adrian Payne and his band Bodymindsoul, who want to "rock 'n roll" in a battle of the bands.

Currently recording a soon to be released album at Mad Show Productions in downtown Toronto is a dream come true for new rock sensation Bodymindsoul.

"A celebrity death match with Creed would be a dream, they're a great band, and it would just be cool," said guitar player, Jayar Damion, also known as "the band blonde" to the rest of the band.

Bodymindsoul is Adrian Payne, Jayar Damion, Leach, Al X and P.T. Bos.

"As a band we're still really young and by no means are we veterans or anything," said Payne, lead vocalist and songwriter. Right now Payne writes the majority of the songs. "Not that these guys don't suggest and help me out, but to me that's actually

where I have a bit of a gift."

Payne's taste in music has changed over time, as well as the bands he likes, which vary from the typical hair bands back in the '80s to the grunge bands of the '90s that were a big influence on him, to current bands like Tea Party. He said he still likes older music by Prince and Depeche Mode, and is really big on the Deftones' latest release. Tool also has been a rather significant influence on Payne.

Payne admits that although he may not be the best singer, his talent is his writing.

"In an ironic twist of fate, I will get the Grammy for best male vocalist," Damion laughed.

All five members are good friends and have been for a long time. Payne, Leach and Al X grew up together. They played music together through high school and still play on the same Scarborough hockey team. They met Damion and P.T. Bos via the Web site *Taxi.com* at the beginning of this year and have been inseparable ever since. They said the most important thing is that they have become the best of friends, almost like brothers.

Payne said he is lucky to have an outlet that allows him to express how he feels about certain things and give his viewpoint on other topics.

"Some of the songs are there right away and some songs you just have to hammer at them. As far as playing guitar I'm not a shredder, that's

where Jayar comes in, but if you're talking about lyrics, then I definitely am," Payne said.

"Well, for me, a lot of the poetry I write is very personal. Nobody really gets to read it and it's the same way with music," Damion said. "I don't always have the words for it, so I express it through music. It's just one of those things that if you ask me how I'm feeling, and if I happen to have a guitar, I'll play it for you."

Born and raised in Scarborough, Payne comes from a family that absolutely adores music.

"Music has become more than a passion to me. It's become a major goal in my life," he said.

It didn't matter whether the music he listened to came from his parents house or his grandmother's house. Payne said his family loves music and no matter what, it was always being played.

I was just born into it that way - I really was. My love for music, I don't know, probably comes from having it always played in my house growing up, right from the time I was an infant," Payne said. "Who doesn't love music? Whose life doesn't revolve around some song or another? Who can't relate to this song or that beat, or some beautifully sounding instrument, and who can't love that? It's the one way I know love exists, because there's music."

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Deja Vu

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Minutes from Humber College

Former kid is committed

By ANA KOVIC
Et Cetera Staff

Quick, get a reservation before it's fully committed.

For all of you scratching your confused heads, "fully committed" means booked. It's also a hilarious

show starring the great Mark McKinney.

McKinney takes on dozens of characters in this one-man show written by Becky Mode. It revolves around Sam, a reservation clerk at a new four-star restaurant in Manhattan. It's what he does best and it's pure joy to watch the meta-

morphosis unfold on stage. He eases from one character to another like a natural schizophrenic.

The new hotspot creates a buzz and attracts some of Manhattan's best and messed. Sam, an aspiring actor, has the gut-wrenching task of sitting behind a desk in the basement of the restaurant with a headset tak-

ing reservations.

His co-worker, Bob, has called in sick but is really at a job interview making this a day of hell for Sam. His boss, the self-absorbed chef isn't being sympathetic. McKinney is fabulous as all of them.

The show is filled with demented characters like Bryce, a gay assistant for Supermodel Naomi Campbell, who requests a table for 15 and wonders if the lighting could be replaced with halogen bulbs because the last time her highness was there she nearly melted. A couple of personalities later, he pleasantly reappears only to make another outlandish request on behalf of Ms. Campbell — all vegan menu. Big laughs also erupt whenever the cocaine-addicted chef, Jean Claude, appears with his harsh French accent.

But it's when McKinney channels back to his days of impersonating women on *Kids In The Hall* that he truly shines. He plays Carol Ann Rosenstein Fishbourne, a terribly annoying lady who won't take no for an answer and "will hold all day" if she has to. He sounds like an upper class wife like Bunny Vanderville one moment and a British hostess. His vocal range is astonishing.

McKinney is simply magnificent in this 85 minute play with no intermission. He reveals the ridiculous demands and desperate plea from the wannabes.

If you are near the front you can see the sweat dripping from his face and feel his spit when he wails and screams. McKinney will take you into a world of nut jobs, leaving you hungry for more.

Fully Committed can be seen at the Winter Garden Theatre until Nov. 25th.



Courtesy Spoke Productions

Former *Kids in the Hall* star, Mark McKinney, takes on dozens of roles in *Fully Committed*, a one-man comedy playing at the Winter Garden Theatre until Nov. 25

Bodymindsoul strive to have voice heard

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Damion, who was born in Fargo, North Dakota and raised in Denver, also grew up with a passion for music. Like Payne, Damion said he has always had music surrounding him.

Damion said he's always known that he wanted to be in the music business. He has always played some sort of instrument, and started playing bass when he was five.

"When I was a kid and teachers asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up, I would always tell them that I wanted to be a motorcycle racer," Damion said. "I never owned a bike in my life, and knew that was-

n't what I wanted to be, but I was too embarrassed to say I wanted to be a rock star in class."

"Now I'm not embarrassed anymore. I know what I want to be, I want to be a rock star," Damion said.

Looking down the road, the band said they'd like to be on a third world tour within 10 years. Knowing they have served a purpose somewhere along the line is what they're striving for, because to them it's all about having a voice.

Look for Bodymindsoul's upcoming album in stores in mid-December, featuring songs like *Mother's Day* and *The Coming of Age*.



Courtesy Bodymindsoul

Bodymindsoul is set to release their new album this December.

Coming out of the comedy closet

By CANDI JERONIMO
Et Cetera Staff

They're out of the closet, literally, and on the Comedy Network.

Canadian sketch comedy troupe the Bobroom, is taping their new shows this week and according to member Jason Jones, they're "absolutely hilarious."

"I've lied before in the past about how funny shows are, but I really mean it this time," Jones said. "It's funny."

The Bobroom is a six-member troupe who formed in 1997 after sparking creativity in one another.

The original three members, Shaun Majumder, Mike Beaver and Rob Tinkler, used to hang out at the apartment Beaver was sharing with his then girlfriend. She didn't allow smoking in the tiny apartment and forced Beaver and his friends to smoke in the walk-in closet. The type of smoking started to vary and a picture of Bob Dylan ended up on the door. Beaver, Bob and friends would gather in the closet and come up with ideas.

"It was a source of creative genius for him [Beaver], for myself and a couple of people that came over,"

Jones said. "We felt inspired in the closet."

That's how they came to be the Bobroom, but now instead of a closet for performance and comedic enlightenment, they have a series of half-hour shows to be aired on CTV and the Comedy Network next year.

Jones, a Hamilton native, studied theatre at Ryerson University with three other members of the troupe, including Stacey DePass. The other female is Jennifer Baxter.

Jokingly, Jones described the group as a "dramatic sketch troupe" which is not so, but they do have their differences compared to other troupes.

Apart from writing their own material, they don't improvise.

"When you improvise, so much is crap. Put a semi-witty line [from improv] into a sketch [and] it's not funny," John said. "It's kind of a mistake."

While all members have made a name from themselves in Canadian comedy, Beaver had some inspirational words for those out there trying to be comedians.

"Have a lot of patience, don't try too hard, and if you're not funny, get

Britney is a slave for fans one more time

By SARAH FOSTER
Et Cetera Staff

Teenagers talked anxiously as excited parents towed kindergarten-aged girls, glow sticks in hand, past hassling scalpers to see Britney Spears at her sold-out show at the Air Canada Centre Tuesday night.

Spears' image has changed a little since her first video, 'Baby One More Time', in which she was a pig-tailed schoolgirl. In her latest video, 'Slave 4 U', Spears dances provocatively and is surrounded by sweaty gyrating dancers. The video has consequently generated comparisons between Spears and Madonna.

Some fans and parents alike seem to complain that Spears' image is becoming too sexy for her younger fans. They believe that younger girls who idolize her are getting the wrong message about how women should be perceived.

"Their parents should explain to them that when I'm on stage or when I'm doing a video, it's like a mini-movie," Spears said, in a pre-concert press conference.

Dave Yull, 41, brought his two daughters, Courtney 10, and Melissa, 16, to see the show. Yull admitted that Spears personally 'peaks his interest' but finds it harmless and doesn't comprehend the big deal being made about Spears' image. "I think it's fine, There's never been any indication for me to think [she's too sexy]."

Spears' new album, *Britney*, released on Tuesday, aims to attract a bigger adult audience while maintaining her young fan base.



Courtesy Bobroom

Bobroom are (left to right): Mike Beaver, Jason Jones, Stacey DePass, Rob Tinkler and Jennifer Baxter

out," Beaver said.

"You'll save yourself a lot of heartache, you hack," Jones added.

Tickets for the show are free and can be reserved by calling Laugh Line, 24 hours a day at (416)214-9900. Taping is scheduled for Nov. 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 at Trinity Studios (Front & Parliament).

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The low down on wireless plans

By JEFF LIM
Et Cetera Staff

Students deciding which cellular network to go with are faced with a number of choices, but in the end they may find they're all basically the same.

The four cellular networks in Canada—Rogers, Bell Mobility, Fido and Telus—all offer similar plans aimed at young people, especially students.

"The main thing for young people is unlimited evenings and weekends," said Stephanie Fung, a communication specialist at the Telephone Booth.

"They [the cellular networks] all have that, all the companies."

The major networks offer plans including unlimited evenings and weekends for around \$30 - \$35 per month. The differences among them are the number of daytime minutes and extra features offered.

"The more minutes a plan includes during the day the better," said Jennifer Robinson, a consultant at Fido.

"There's really not much difference other than that."

Telus offers a \$30 per month plan with unlimited evenings and weekends. The plan also includes 100 weekday minutes and several features.

"[It's] very helpful for students who are in school during the day," said Donna Smith, a communications consultant for Telus.

Telus also offers a pay and talk plan for students who don't have credit or don't want to sign contracts.

Bell Mobility is using their new Solo monthly plans as a way of attracting students.

"The Solo monthly plans are basi-

cally geared towards the younger crowd," said Philip Starz, a personal communications consultant at Bell Mobility.

"You have to be 18-years-old. Because it's geared toward young people there's actually no credit check involved with these. We don't really promote that, but as long as you're 18 you can get activated on these monthly post-paid plans," Sarz said.

Starz said the Solo packages are between \$100-\$150 and include the phone and the first three months of service. The plan offers unlimited evenings and weekends and 50 daytime minutes.

After the first three months the monthly fee is \$35.

Bell also offers a pay as you go plan that includes unlimited evenings and weekends.

"No other cellular network offers evenings and weekends on a pay as you go system. That's the thing Bell has over the other guys," Sarz said.



Jeff Lim

Telephone Booth offers each plan

RIM's new e-mail gadget provides service using BlackBerry technology

By SHELL BUJOLD
Et Cetera Staff

BlackBerrys are small, round, black in colour and also send e-mail.

But they're no fruit.

It's a device that Research in Motion (RIM) came up with to make the lives of business people a lot easier.

RIM, a company that started out creating wireless modems for laptops caught on to the rising popularity of wireless communications.

"Noticing the rising popularity of pagers and e-mail, RIM realized a pager that could send and receive e-mail would be quite useful," said Donald Howard, a software configuration management associate at RIM.

The concept of the BlackBerry came from text messaging, but RIM wanted to take it a little further and incorporate it directly with the Internet. This way a user can send a BlackBerry owner a message from any computer with Internet capabilities, rather than forcing the sender to have the same device in order to communicate with the owner.

"Important information can be sent via e-mail. With a BlackBerry a user will always be able to receive this information and respond to it immediately, if necessary," Howard said.

The system works by sending an e-mail through the Internet to the



Shell Bujold

BlackBerrys can receive text messages from Internet-ready computers

BlackBerry system as it would take to send a page on a pager. However, there is no limit to the amount of information you can receive on the system, which is up to two kilobytes.

BlackBerrys come in two styles: one is the size of an average pager and the other one is about the size of a Palm Pilot, a hand held computer. The major difference between the two is the larger one has an Internet browser, not just an e-mail account.

There is also a personal organizer on the smaller device that can help keep things up to date.

"This is a big feature for the corporate market who have numerous meetings and appointments," Howard said.

The organizer also features a

memo pad, calculator and address book.

Steven Benn, a third year actuarial science student at the University of Waterloo, said he got the BlackBerry "to hopefully keep me organized. I got it over a Palm [Pilot] because it could e-mail and it's easy to carry."

Benn also said the BlackBerry helps him keep in touch with co-workers and friends.

"It's useful because you can e-mail anyone from anywhere," Benn said.

"It makes it possible to contact a person at any time—this can be more useful than you would think," Howard said.

For more information you can check out www.blackberry.net, or www.rim.net.

Physical body parts used in security features

By KAREN THADANI
Et Cetera Staff

Forget the lengthy passwords to access your computer because one simple gadget can replace the hassle of endless typing.

Fingerprint recognition is one of the oldest and most widely used biometric technologies. The authentication device is used in high security and data sensitive facilities.

North American governments use fingerprint recognition in high security areas and airports.

The technology uses a person's unique physiological characteristics to identify him or her.

The scanner takes less than one second to read an already stored fingerprint.

Fingerprints can also be used in conjunction with smart cards, which only enhances security.

"It is a form of high security without a great deal of convenience," said Lara Elei, director of investor relations and communications at Bioscrypt, the company that produces the technology.

Several large companies like CANPASS have already started to use the devices. Drivers have their fingerprints stored in a database and use them to pass through Canada's borders with ease.

Caught in a Web

By VICTOR PENNEY
Et Cetera Staff

Advertising has become such a regular part of our culture. We sometimes forget it's there.

Giant billboards and dancing animals don't even phase us anymore. However, some of those ads can get really annoying. Now you can check some of those annoying commercials on the Web.

www.geocities.com/madisonavenue/2527/index1.html is called *Commercials I hate*. This site is dedicated to the more brutal advertisements that have ever been filmed or photographed.

This site has brief descriptions of various commercials and there are plenty of links to www.adcritic.com, where you can view these advertisements in Quick Time format.

This shows a complete lack of originality considering they can't take the time to put these on their own Web site.

Because of this it takes a while to download. So if you're pressed for time and want to view these ads, make sure you have a decent Internet connection.

There is also a section for you to

write about the commercials you hate most.

The commentary has its funny moments, especially when the site bashes that curly-haired little girl from the Pepsi commercials, but since all of the commercials have to be viewed from a different site all together, I give *Commercials I Hate* two and a half globes out of five.

Another site on the Web that deals with commercials can be found at www.atlas.spacesports.com/~commerce/.

Don't go there. If there's one site on the Web to avoid, this is the one.

There are a few sections devoted to different commercials such as movie trailers, Levi's commercials and movie commercials. But that's about it.

To add to the wretchedness of this site, the commercials and trailers are impossible to download.

You're either sent to another site or an error screen or, even more boring than that, you get a blank white screen.

Not even one of the fastest computers on the market could download this site.

I give this site my lowest rating ever by not giving it any globes out of a possible five.



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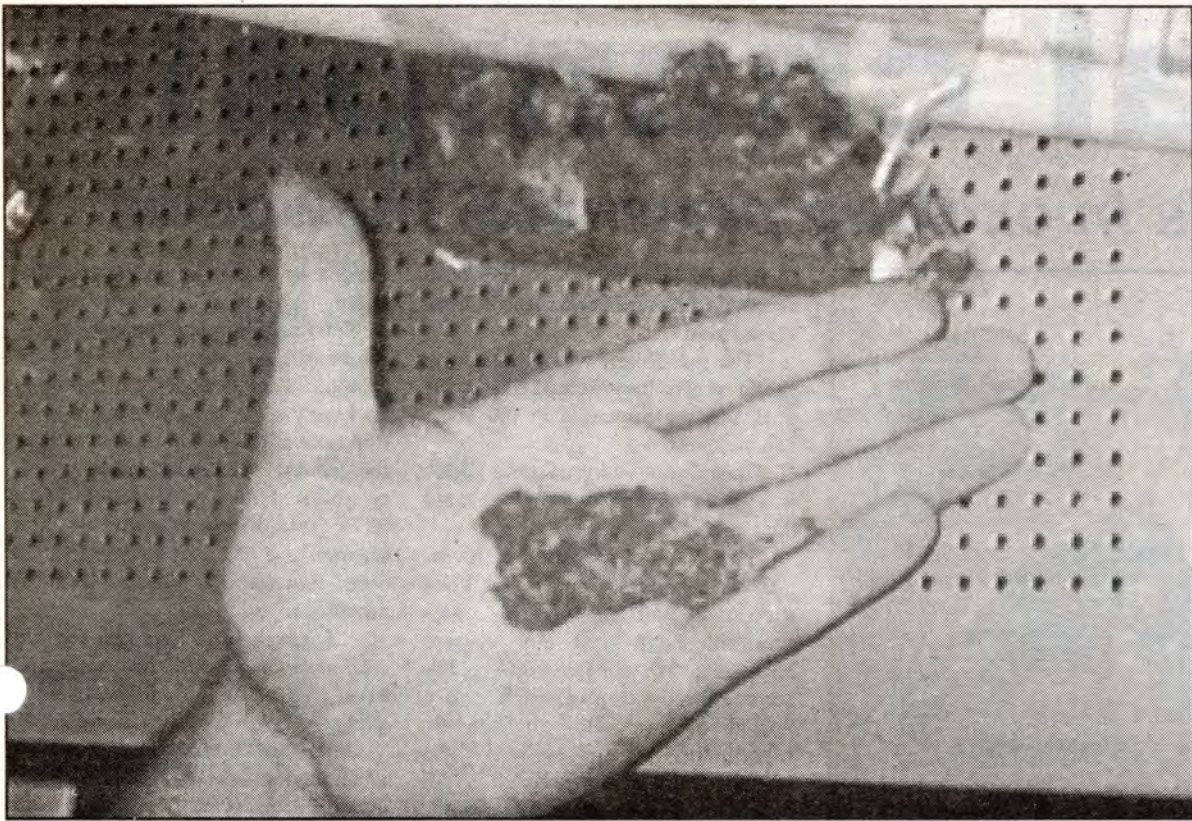
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Sandy Garcia

Some people rely on the benefits of smoking marijuana to relieve severe nausea and vomiting caused by AIDS

Medicinal marijuana may be the cure for what's ailing you

By SANDY GARCIA
Et Cetera Staff

Since being diagnosed with AIDS at the age of 16, Richard Lopes has helped ease his severe nausea and vomiting by smoking four or five joints a day.

Lopes, a 26-year-old Torontonian is one of the fortunate few who has had medicinal marijuana legalized for his personal use. He finds that no other prescription drug has been able to help ease his pain.

"It's a death sentence, how else an I explain it?" Lopes said. "I had to completely alter my way of thinking and my way of living, turning my back on everything, including a four-year relationship, in order to concentrate on my own survival."

Under the current law, according to the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act - Marijuana Medical Access Regulations, the seriously ill who turn to marijuana for its possible therapeutic effects must have a doctor's recommendation and wait until their application has been processed in order to be exempted to smoke it freely.

This topic has recently been under scrutiny due to the Canadian Government's proposal to make medicinal marijuana legal.

Health Canada spokesperson Luke Proulx said that last April, the Canadian government proposed rules that would allow terminally ill patients and people suffering from chronic illnesses such as arthritis, cancer and AIDS to buy, cultivate and use marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Proulx said that under the plan, which went into effect July 31, patients would have to prove to authorities that only marijuana could

ease their suffering.

"These rules will allow third parties [such as farmers] to grow marijuana for patients who can't grow the plants themselves and would legalize transport and possession for medicinal purposes," he said.

Lopes added, "I don't see why this government can't just legalize marijuana. The only effect it has on people is making them high. For some they feel happier, and for others it makes them feel mellow. And in cases like mine, it helps get rid of excruciating pain."

Lopes said that taking over 75 pills a day, liquid medication, injections, and chemotherapy hasn't been much use. He said that nothing worked and he never really understood the point in using medication that didn't work the way it was supposed to.

The worst part of his daily regimen was the discomfort and the taste of the medicines that were supposed to help ease his pain, he said.

"I used to take them all at once because otherwise it drew out the agony even more, but what was the point? It was not like they actually had a chance to begin working since the nausea just crept up on me out of nowhere and there went all the medicine I had taken."

Critics of the Canadian Government's project said the drug's medical usefulness is still unproven, but steps toward legalization have prompted far less opposition.

Since 1999, according to Health Canada statistics, the Canadian government has allowed patients to apply for special permission to use marijuana for medical purposes. To date, 220 people have been given clearance.

Catherine Lappe, media relations

spokesperson for Health Minister Allan Rock, said that special exemptions for those who are severely ill are made for medicinal purposes only.

"People have to demonstrate that they've tried all other available possibilities and that as a last and final resort the use of this medicinal marijuana works to heal their pain," Lappe said.

Marc-Boris St-Maurice, the leader of the Marijuana Party said, "The fact that marijuana is smoked is easier than swallowing a pill. If you are smoking something, it is another way that helps these people to control their vomiting."

Some people with glaucoma, one of the leading causes of blindness among Canadians, have been receiving treatment with marijuana for more than 20 years.

Marijuana is also an appetite stimulant, which can be key to controlling AIDS' wasting syndrome (appetite loss associated with HIV infection), which causes patients to lose 10 per cent or more of their body weight.

According to Health Canada's media relations officer, Andrew Swift, "We don't know enough about marijuana's effects to make it legal. Most of the information out there is anecdotal. Only when good scientific studies come forward should we even consider legalizing it."

But St-Maurice believes, "Everyone should have the right to smoke pot no matter how sick they are. If you ask the federal government, they'll say that people should be severely ill in order to get medical marijuana, and they're making it very restrictive."

For more information, visit Health Canada's official Web site at www.hc-sc.gc.ca or call 1-866-337-7705.

AIDS, still an epidemic

By CRAIG MACBRIDE
Et Cetera Staff

Fifteen thousand people have died, 12 more are infected every day, and that is only in Canada.

Worldwide, AIDS kills someone every single second.

In sub-Saharan Africa, 16 years have been slashed from the average life expectancy and five more years are expected to vanish as a result of AIDS by the end of the decade.

HIV and AIDS, however, are no longer the hot topics they once were, despite the fact that in Toronto the HIV infection rate of gay and bisexual men increased by seven per cent last year and 34 per cent since 1996.

These were some of the findings presented this summer by Dr. Liviana Calzavara, deputy director for the HIV Studies Unit at the University of Toronto.

"People have been practising safer sex for over a decade," Calzavara said this summer during an interview with the University of Toronto's online newspaper (News@UofT). "And every once in a while they're going to slip, or they're in a situation where they're with a regular partner and feel condoms are no longer necessary."

"We're almost 20 years into the epidemic now," said John Maxwell, director of community development at the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT). "There's a sense among some men that what looked like a temporary thing is, in fact, going to become a lifetime thing, and it's difficult for people to sustain that safer sex behaviour over such a long period of time."

Safe-sex fatigue, or not using contraception during every sexual experience, is the result of several factors, Maxwell said.

"In older men, they might be thinking, 'Well, I'm in my fifties, is it so bad if I get HIV? I [will] live for another 10 or 20 years.'"

Maxwell added, "The drug cocktail has had a positive impact in the sense that less people are dying, but I

think it also gives out a mixed message that AIDS isn't something that you have to be as concerned about."

During an AIDS conference in Montreal, Maxwell was told that there is a major problem with advertising that shows happy, mountain climbing AIDS patients, giving people the false impression that AIDS has become like other chronic diseases: inconvenient, but in the end, not too obstructive.

Tommy King, Speakers' Bureau Co-ordinator for the People With AIDS Foundation (PWA), knows otherwise.

"The side effects are horrendous, absolutely horrendous. Medication schedules, some you have to take with food. You don't get to choose when you have breakfast, lunch, or dinner," he said. "[Patients] have changes in their body. It affects their appearance; people have diarrhea, nausea, vomiting - every single day. Your dreams are so vivid you don't know when you're awake and when you're not."

So what is the government doing for these people?

As far as community organizations like ACT and PWA are concerned, not nearly enough.

"If you look at the funding through the Canadian strategy on HIV, the amount of money is the same amount they've been giving from ten years ago," Maxwell said.

It must be stressed that people should be responsible when it comes to contraception. HIV testing becomes effective 14 weeks after an unprotected sexual episode. However, people may not notice many infections until up to a year after being infected.

The Humber Health Centre is holding an information session including games and prizes on Nov. 29 to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS. Although there will be free condoms available at the event, students who can't make it can always get free condoms in the health centre.



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Provincial champs!

Men's soccer team prevails in exciting provincial showdown

By ANTHONY ESPOSITO
Et Cetera Staff

Finally, the Hawks men's soccer team is going back to the Nationals.

For the second consecutive year, men's soccer will get a crack at the gold at the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association National Championship.

The last time they were in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Humber won the Nationals. Six years later, they return but they will be up against tough competition. Langara College from Vancouver is gearing up to win the Nationals for the third straight year. Joining Humber and Langara in the hunt for the elusive ring will be the University of New Brunswick Saint John, F.X. Garneau from Quebec City, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology and the host of the tournament, Medicine Hat College.

Coach Germain Sanchez is happy to be going to the Nationals saying it's the icing on the cake, but he knows that his team has to put the ball in the net more often.

"The opposition at the provincials was tough," Sanchez said. "We dominated both games but we just didn't capitalize on our opportunities. Overall we played well, and we have tradition and history behind us and nobody came here with the intention of doing anything else but winning the gold medal."



Anthony Esposito

Hawk soccer player Vito Del Duca likes the taste of provincial gold

The Hawks won the Provincial Championship for the second year in a row to ensure a spot in Medicine Hat, but the competition was fierce, as was the weather. Both games were rough and drained the Hawks both mentally and physically as ninety minutes wasn't enough to decide the winners.

In the gold medal game, the Hawks took on a rough Algonquin squad. There were a lot of hard tackles and cheap shots throughout the game. There were so many yellow cards that Hawk striker, Daniel

Gazzellone, put it best by saying the referee was putting the sun out of business. Eventually the game did get out of hand and an Algonquin player received a red card.

Despite all the rough soccer that was played, the rookies came up big for the Hawks. Vito Del Duca gave the Hawks an early lead, then Lombardo sent Humber's athletic director, Doug Fox, to the phone to call the airport for tickets to Alberta as he scored the golden goal to give the Hawks the win.

The game remained tied in the

final seconds when Algonquin notched things up at one on a controversial goal.

"There definitely was a foul on our goalie when they scored the tying goal, but we prevailed in the end," Sanchez said.

The amount of injury time added was also questionable, but Silva takes the blame for the goal.

"I take full responsibility for the goal. Even though I got fouled, I still should've had it, but the game shouldn't have gone any longer," Silva said. "We still came up big. The guys rallied around each other, turned around and put one in Algonquin's net and showed them who the real winners were."

Four year veteran, Daniel Gazzellone, can't wait to get to the championship. This will be his last year of eligibility, and all he wants is that ring.

"I feel confident in my team that we're going to win it all. I know we can do it," Gazzellone said. "Silva came up big in the penalty shots, Lombardo scored the beautiful golden goal, so things are only going to get better but it's going to get colder, too."

Paul Lombardo came through in the clutch for the Hawks. The midfielder got his head on the ball of a free kick to score the sudden death marker.

"This feels incredible. It's the only

thing that I can say to explain this feeling right now," Lombardo said.

The first game saw the Hawks and the Fanshawe Falcons battle through rain and sleet as nobody was able to find the back of the net. After regulation time and 30 minutes of overtime, the game was to be decided by penalty shots. Hawk goalkeeper, Mike Silva came up big stopping the first shooter and the Hawks went on to score five straight penalty kicks to advance to the finals.

"I was a little nervous, but my teammates had confidence in me, and I had confidence in their shots," Silva said.

As a veteran on the team the keeper hopes to win the Nationals for everyone, especially for the fourth year players.

"The nationals are going to be an experience for everybody. We're hoping to win for each other and the veterans like Gazza and Tait who won't be returning next year," Silva said.

After it all was said and done, the tears turned dry, and with emotions still running high, it all settled in for Gazzellone who had a few words for his keeper.

"I want to say thanks to Mike Silva for getting me where I wanted to go, and where the team wanted to go. He made a promise, he came through, and that means a lot to me. Thanks buddy."

Women's soccer hope three time's the charm in Medicine Hat

By RUDISCHULLER
Et Cetera Staff

The women's soccer Hawks will find out if the third time truly is the charm as they soar into the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association National championships this week, looking to win their first national title.

Humber enters the tournament as the three-time defending Ontario champs, and will try to win the gold medal for the first time in its history.

"In years past we settled for an Ontario title, and while that's good, we have our sights on improving last year's showing," team captain Adriana Cataldo said.

The Hawks won the bronze medal at last season's national championships in Vancouver, BC.

Humber enters the tourney ranked third, behind B.C.'s Capilano Blues and Quebec champion John Abbott Islanders.

The Hawks will play their first game tonight against the host Medicine Hat Rattlers. On Friday the Hawks will face John Abbott.

To get to the CCAA tournament, Humber had to compete in and win the OCAA provincial championships in Windsor last week, and that's exactly what they did.

Playing with a mixture of poise and grit, Humber had to fight the elements in defeating a spirited Fanshawe Falcons side in the OCAA semi-final, putting four goals past the Fanshawe keeper en route to a 4-1 victory.

Despite the weather, the Hawks drew first blood, as OCAA scoring champion Joanna Vitale struck a low shot into the Falcons net midway through the first half.

The Falcons responded quickly,

with Fanshawe's top striker Susie Moussa scoring on what appeared to be an offside play.

In the second half, it was Humber's turn to enjoy the wind at its back.

With the weather now on their side, the Hawks made short work of Fanshawe, pouring in three unanswered goals to defeat the Falcons.

Tournament MVP Adriana Cataldo netted two goals, with striker

Veronica McDonald adding the fourth and final tally.

On Oct. 27, Humber played in the OCAA championship match, taking on the powerful Algonquin Thunder, a team that matched up to the Hawks in every statistical category. Up until that point, both teams were undefeated, and both teams had scored 45 goals and conceded four in the regular season, although Humber played one less regular season game.



Rudi Schuller

Women's soccer team celebrates third straight provincial victory in style

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Hawks take their game to ACC

By MARC MACDONALD
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team faced a stiff test this past weekend in a tournament at Mohawk College, a final tune-up before the season gets under way.

Unfortunately they hit a snag in their pre-season warm-up, losing to two American schools, Embry College from Florida and Mott Community College, out of Flint, Michigan.

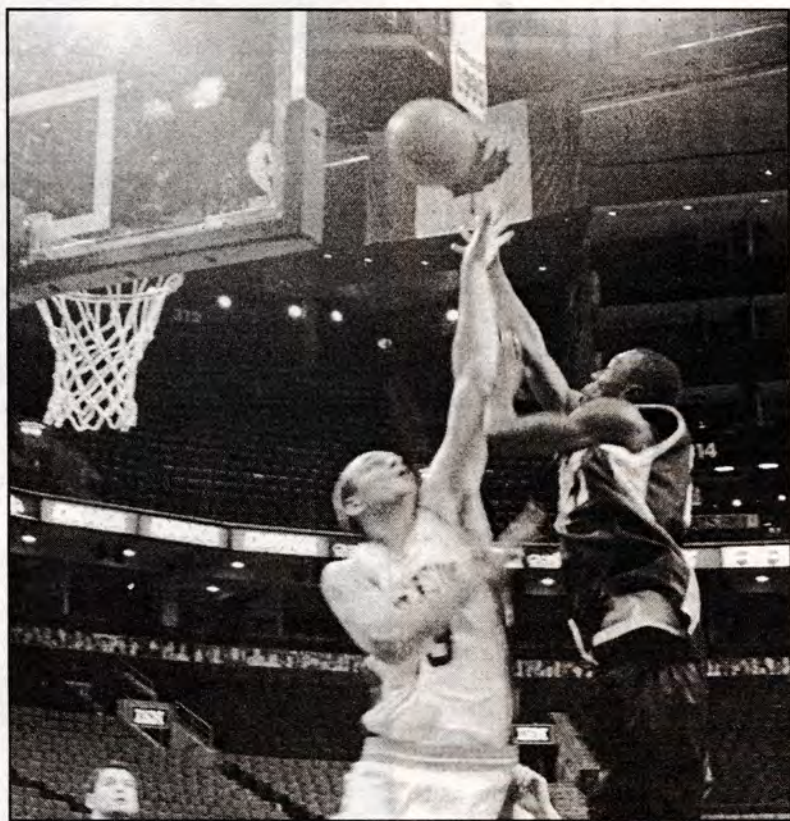
The Hawks can hardly be blamed for losing to the American schools, which face tougher competition in their leagues. Assistant coach Darrell Glenn said the Hawks were competitive.

"I thought we played well in stretches, but were unable to be consistent. I don't think we were out-ached, but their skill level magnified the mistakes we did make," said Glenn.

Humber's second game came against Mott Community College. Again the Hawks lost, playing well at times, but were unable to remain consistent, falling 97-70 to the Michigan school. Third-year forward Fitzroy Woolery was the high scorer dropping 24 points. Haldon Hutchinson added 14 points in the loss.

The Hawks opened the tournament against Embry College and were soundly beaten 112-79, however, rookie forward Roger Scott provided a glimpse of what can be expected of him, scoring a season high 21 points. Glenn was pleased with the effort of Scott.

"Roger played really well. He excelled in transition, which is what he's good at and he did it within the



Marc MacDonald

Hawks played at the ACC in games with university competition

offence," Glenn said.

The Hawks played well in their first two of the Raptors Cup against the Ryerson Rams and the York Yeomen. The two games, which were played at the Air Canada Centre, may be a better representation of what the Hawks could accomplish this season, going 1-1 against the universities.

The Hawks second game in the Raptors Cup pitted them against York University, following an open practice hosted by the Raptors. The Hawks started well, juggling the lead with the Yeomen. The Yeomen went on a 7-0 run, taking a ten-point lead

with four minutes remaining in the first half. The Hawks fought back, cutting York's lead to 26-19 at half-time.

The Hawks came out hard in the second half, fighting back to gain the lead several times. They played patiently on offence, spreading out the scoring. With 8:45 remaining in the second half, York took their biggest lead of the half, leading the Hawks 43-35. Humber spent the rest of the game playing catch up, but was unable to pull it off in an exciting game.

The Hawks opening game in the

Raptors Cup was a memorable one. Last week, Michael Jordan and Vince Carter squared off for the first time in NBA history. Following the game Humber and Ryerson battled on the very same floor, while Jordan was still in the arena.

The Hawks opened up a bit flat, trailing 36-29 at the half. The second half was a different story; the Hawks opened the second half with a flurry of offence and defence that left Ryerson reeling.

The Hawks went on a 6-0 run to open the half, taking a one-point lead. The Hawks quickly pulled away thanks to several baskets, including two breakaway dunks by Woolery. Hawk veteran players, Woolery, Mark Damon, Ben Sanders and Devis Begaj, all played well, leading the Hawks to a 66-55 victory. Sanders led the way with 18 points, Woolery added 17 points and Damon provided 11 points off the bench and was a rebounding force.

Many of the players enjoyed the experience of playing in a big league arena. First-year swingman Kurt Beckford said he had to adapt to the bigger court.

"It was a lot longer. A lot of players passed up open three point shots, because it's a lot further. Even though it's only a two-foot difference, you notice it. But I loved the experience. Just thinking about Vince and MJ squaring off was great. I felt free out there," Beckford said.

After doing well against university competition, the Hawks showed that they are a talented team. Now they begin the defence of their CCAA championship. The Hawks will kick off their regular season this Wednesday when they host Mohawk College.

Hawks tune-up for new season

By CHERYL CLARKE
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks women's basketball team lost a hard fought battle 76 to 71 against the Toronto 5-0s in exhibition play, Tuesday night.

The 5-0s are a local premier basketball team and among Humber's stiffest competition this year. They undoubtedly were Humber's youngest competition as the team is made up of high school girls.

What they lack in age, they make up for in ability. They are a speedy team with flawless passing and strong offensive players. They swiftly penetrated the offensive zone and maintained strong defense against Humber's big shooters like Beth Latendresse and Miranda Pyette.

Humber played well but had difficulty completing passes, which inevitably lost them the game.

"We had high turnovers, and we didn't take care of the ball. This really hurt us a couple times in the game," coach Denise Perrier said.

But Perrier saw some positives in the game as well.

"Compared to our last game we did well on defense especially against a team with such tall athletic girls. I am proud of that."

Many of the 5-0s were over six feet tall, including Natasha Bogdanova, who is in Grade 10 and already six-foot four-inches tall.

The game was a good opportunity for Humber to iron out kinks before heading to Georgian College for a tournament this Friday.

A bonus for Perrier was the opportunity to scout some potential new talent for Humber. The 5-0s' Alecia Reece, said she intends to attend Humber next year. Reece scored 11 points in the game and played strong defensively.

Humber's high scorers were Miranda Pyette with 19 points, Beth Latendresse with 16 and Lindsay Higgs with 11.



Diane Denby

Hawks lost a close one in exhibition play with high school elites

Fans wrestle it out for Wrestlemania tix

By SEAN CUNNINGHAM
Et Cetera Staff



Some people may have thought that WrestleMania was never...ever going to return to SkyDome but on a cold autumn morning thousands of rabid wrestling fans lined up at SkyDome Gate 7 Box office.

Many had waited overnight with sleeping bags and folding chairs to be the first to get tickets for Wrestlemania X8, to be held at the Dome next March.

WrestleMania is the marquee event for the World Wrestling Federation, equivalent to the Super Bowl in football or the Stanley Cup in hockey. This event has grown in significance over its history drawing more than 67,000 people in Houston earlier this year.

When asked about the possible attendance figure for next year's event World Wrestling Federation Entertainment President Carl Demarco said, "We'd like to break our

current record of 70,000."

The actual North American indoor attendance record is believed to be held by WWF Wrestlemania III with more than 93,000 people piling into the Silverdome near Detroit, Michigan.

Tickets for the event range from \$600 for a ringside seat including a commemorative chair to take home, to \$25 for a seat in the 500 level.

Last Saturday tickets went fast as 50,000 were sold in less than an hour. This is believed to be a record for first day ticket sales for any event in Canada according to the WWF. However, those fans who were unable to purchase tickets on Saturday will still have a chance to buy tickets at a later time according to Demarco.

"There will be some seats released

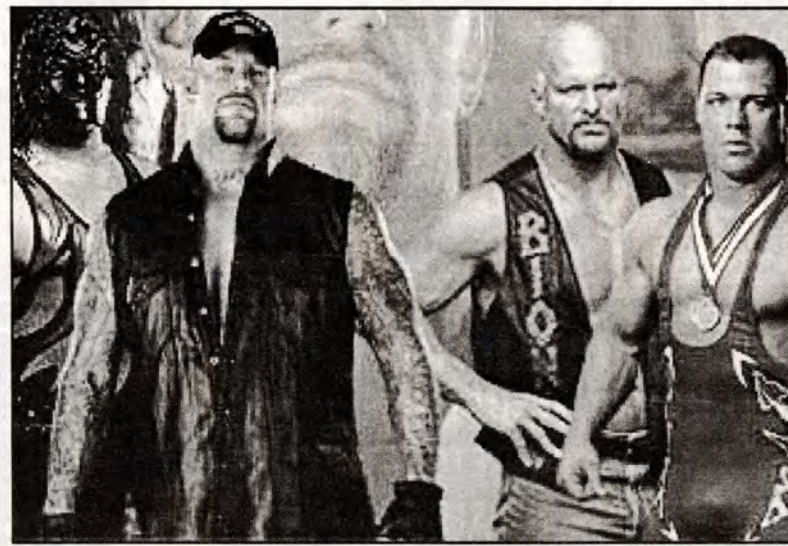
on an ongoing basis, some holds are technical holds so there's a very good chance of that," Demarco said. Technical ticket holds refer to extra tickets that may be added after all equipment is laid out for the show.

Anyone looking for tickets is encouraged to check with Ticketmaster on a regular basis.

There is more to WrestleMania than just the show itself. There is also a three-day event called AXCESS, which will be held March 14-16 at Exhibition Place.

Features include: Meeting with wrestlers themselves, looking through historical exhibits of the WWF, chances to buy merchandise and even the opportunity to do commentary over a past match and take the tape home. Tickets for AXCESS have yet to go on sale but Demarco expects an announcement in the next couple of months.

WrestleMania has taken Toronto by storm. There will be lots of opportunities to be a part of it. Many will say they were there even if they weren't. For those who can't be there, there's always Pay-Per-View. As former broadcaster Billy Red Lyons used to say, "Don't you dare miss it!"



courtesy wwf.com

Toronto wrestling fanatics rushed to get tickets for Wrestlemania X8

Golden Shield thwarts Hawks hopes of glory on home turf

By AMANDA DA PONTE
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks women's volleyball team failed to capture their fifth consecutive Humber Cup as they lost to rivals Cambrian in the championship game.

Going into the finals, Hawks' Kimberly Frame, along with her teammates, had high hopes for a win at the championship game.

"Our goal is to win, to take it and improve as a team," she said.

The Hawks entered the final game with a 9-1 record but couldn't manage to get one set as they dropped two straight to the Golden Shield (25-22, 25-21).

Despite a 9-3 overall tournament record, including a two-set victory over Cambrian in the second tournament game, the Hawks were disappointed with the loss to their rivals.

"The last four years we've won this tournament and it's disappointing because Cambrian's our rival," said Hawk Jennifer Edgar. "We always hate losing to them, but they played better and we didn't play a

bad game, but they came out with their 'A' game."

The first set saw the Hawks let a 15-10 lead slip away and allow Cambrian to eventually take a two-point lead, 21-19.

Cambrian went on two, four point runs giving them momentum and the win.

The second set had Humber taking that momentum away, with the Hawks making a three-point comeback after being down 20-16.

Cambrian answered back with a point putting them ahead by a score of 22-19, a deficit Humber would never recover from.

"We have to focus on no missed serves and communication," Edgar said. "This last game (versus Cambrian) we weren't talking as much as we should have and I think that's probably what hurt us."

Edgar and teammate Alexandra Romano were named Humber's tournament All-Stars, while Cambrian's Erin McCausland was given the honour of tournament Most Valuable Player.

Hawks' Amanda McGhie said the

team goal for the tournament was to dominate and show other teams what to expect from Humber during the season.

"We have to work together, and prove to other teams in the league that we're going to be a strong team and tough to beat throughout the season," McGhie said.

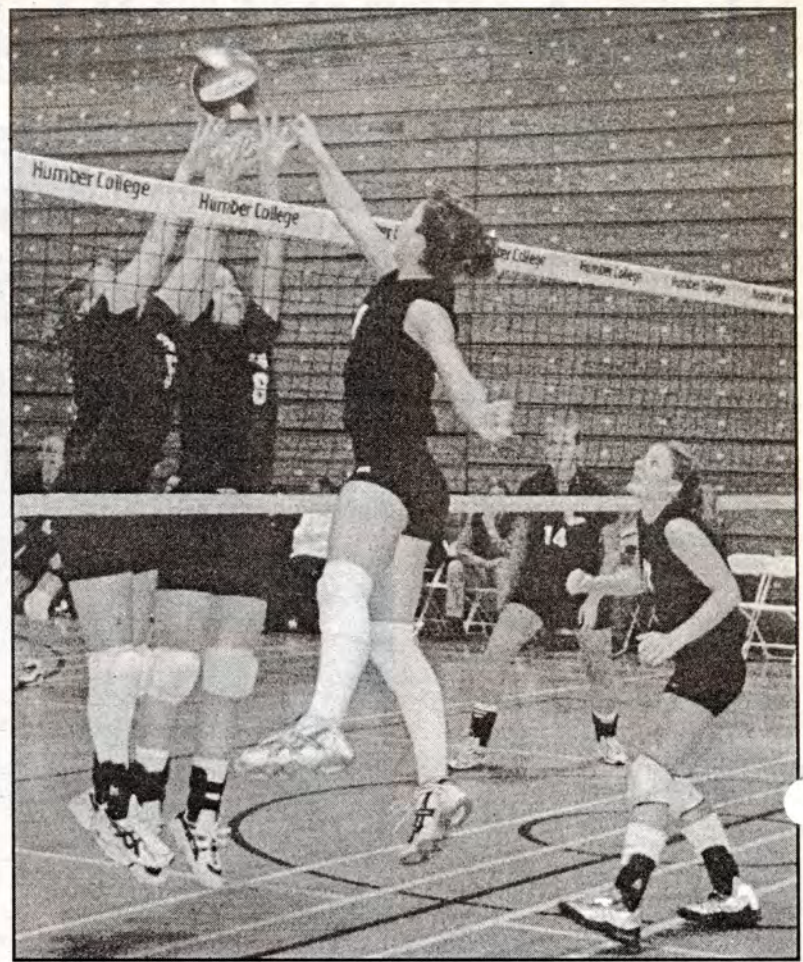
In the semi-finals the Hawks accomplished their goal as they beat the Niagara Knights in two hard-fought sets (25-21, 25-22).

Humber also beat the Loyalist Lancers in two sets and were able to reach the top of Mount Mohawk with a close 25-21 and 25-16 win.

Humber's first tournament duty was a battle against the Durham Lords, who handed the Hawks their first loss of the tournament.

The Lords gave Humber a royal defeat in the first set with a commanding eight point win (25-17) as the Hawks went down early and were never able to redeem themselves.

In the second set, the Hawks succeeded in dethroning the Lords, getting a 25-19 victory.



Amanda Da Ponte

Hawks women's volleyball player Jennifer Edgar goes up for the spike with teammate, Laura Solski looking on. The Hawks open up the regular season tonight against the Georgian Grizzlies.

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Hawks score awards

By JOHN EDWARDS
Et Cetera Staff

Humber Hawks soccer teams took home some hardware as the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association handed out its annual awards at the National Championships in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Defender Adriana Cataldo took home an All-Canadian award and was nominated for the player of the year.

Forward Joanna Vitale took home her second All-Canadian award.

Humber goalkeeper Mike Silva capped off a great season with his All-Canadian award. Silva, who was the provincial championship MVP was a nominee for player of the year.

After leading the Hawks to a 12-2 record Germain Sanchez won CCAA Coach of the Year award.



Diane Denby
Sanchez, 2001 Coach of the Year

The lighter side

Take me out of the ballgame!
Major League Baseball will get rid of two franchises before next season. Rumour has it Bud Selig is going to fold every team before next season and start over in 2003.

Too little, too late.
Argo fans were on the edge of their seats hoping the Argos would make the playoffs. All of these people fell off their seats when BC beat Hamilton. The 11 fans are being treated for concussions.

They'll be back.
New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said the Yanks will be back next season. Rumour has it after the success of Cuban defectors Orlando and Livan Hernandez, Steinbrenner is negotiating with Fidel Castro to buy the entire country of Cuba in hopes of getting more talent.

Humber pride not enough for Hawks in Humber Cup

By CHRISTINA WIENECKE
Et Cetera Staff

This past weekend, the Humber Hawks' men's volleyball team hosted their 18th annual Humber Cup Tournament.

However, The Hawks came up short in tasting victory on their home court.

"We're very huge on Humber pride and it stings a little more when you get beat in your own gym," said head coach Wayne Wilkins.

Wilkins said the Hawks had many ups and downs in the tournament.

"Our objective was to get in the finals," Wilkins said. "We had some good times and some bad times. It was rough and there were some trying moments."

Compared to the Hawks' first tournament at Durham College, the team continued to have difficulty concerning their leadership and they went into many of their sets with four starters on the bench, letting the rookies take over.

"The starting six are having problems focussing, so the rookies are stepping it up to become the leaders of the team," said team captain Jeff Young.

Veteran player, Bart Babij, also said the team needs to work on consistency and focus because it's going to become a problem when the regular season gets under way.

"We came out to play a great game, but we let up. We were only playing 25 per cent to our ability," Babij said.

Humber Hawk, Richard Wittemand, was a recognizable force for the team and said the team played reasonably well considering one of their veteran players, Mike Grayer, was injured.

"Overall I think we played pretty well, given the fact we had six rookies on the court," Wittemand said.

The previous weekend, the Hawks participated in two tournaments in Buffalo and Rochester, New York, for practice and experience.

First they played at Genesee Community College on Saturday, winning only two out of five games, placing third.

"On Saturday it was terrible," said teammate Mike Grayer. "We played low caliber teams and we didn't do very well."

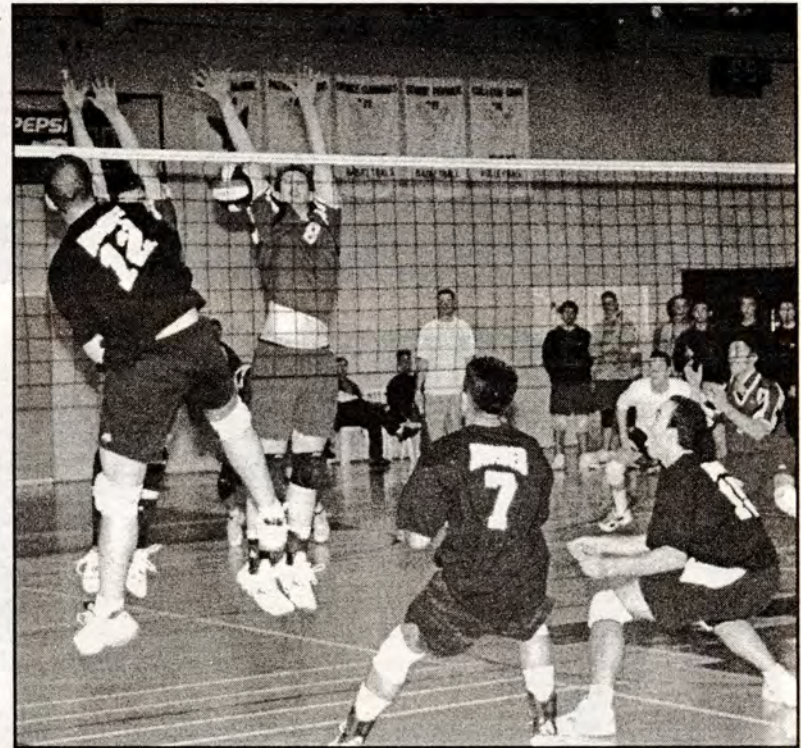
Sunday, the Hawks played in Rochester at Niagara County Community College and won three out of four matches.

"Sunday was a much better day," Wilkins said, "We played extremely well and we only missed the play-offs by two points."

"We had to play better because the competition was better and the

top teams in New York were there."

The Hawks will host the Georgian Grizzlies as they play their first game of the regular season Nov.8.



Christina Wienecke

The men's volleyball team look to spike the Georgian Grizzlies tonight

Hawks ice Fleming 8-1 in royal thrashing

By JOHN-PAUL MCNALLY
Et Cetera Staff

Humber Hawks men's hockey team chalked up another win this weekend as they hammered Sir Sanford Fleming 8-2.

As the new season gets underway this Saturday at Westwood Arena, the Hawks managed to come out of their pre-season with eight wins and only

two losses.

They went into Saturday's match up against Fleming coming off an 8-1 loss in New York two weeks ago.

The Hawks overwhelmed Fleming, scoring five goals in the second period and took just four penalties during the entire game.

After coming out of the first period with one goal, scored by Chris Pugliese, the Hawks stepped their

play up early in the second.

At 11:52 of the second Scott Barnes netted a goal to give the Hawks a two-goal lead.

After Barnes' goal the Hawks scored four unanswered goals and took only one penalty during the entire period.

Kevin Coffey, Chris McFadyen, Pugliese, and Barnes, wrapped up the five goal outburst from the Hawks.

Humber scored two more goals throughout the third period, while Fleming finally put a couple past goalie Terry Gilmer.

Pugliese walked away with three points, two goals and an assist, while Scott Barnes scored two goals giving the Hawks the confidence they need as the season begins this weekend.

The Hawks look to improve on last season's OCAA silver medal.

Athletes of the week

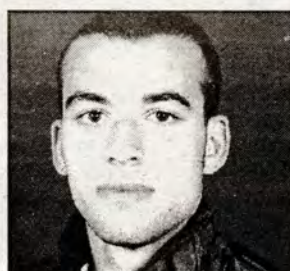


Adriana Cataldo

The Humber Hawks women's soccer team defender and co-captain took home an All-Canadian award from the National Championship banquet in her final season with the Hawks.

She also nabbed tournament MVP honours at the Provincial championships in Windsor.

Cataldo and the Hawks are currently in Medicine Hat, competing in the National Championships.



Mike Silva

The Humber Hawks men's soccer team netminder was named an All-Canadian for the first time on Tuesday in Medicine Hat.

Silva also scored tournament MVP honours at the OCAA championships in Windsor for his stellar play.

Silva is leading the Hawks into the National Championships for the second straight year. The Hawks won a bronze medal last year.

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