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# No room for the homeless

by **ANDREW MCKAY**  
News Reporter

When Toronto voters go to the polls on November 10th to elect the first Megacity mayor, they will be choosing between two candidates, and the special interest backing that each has received. While Barbara Hall and Mel Lastman will have support from all points on the spectrum, Toronto's poor and homeless stand to get short-shrifted. With vague promises and poor track records, neither seems well-suited to deal with a crisis that is quickly getting out of hand.

Mike Gervais is spending his fourth Thanksgiving panhandling. His face and body, weathered and beaten, belie his 29 years. Squatting in the doorway next to Tower Records at the Eaton Centre, he makes eye contact with all passers-by, but there isn't much of a smile on his face. He knows this will be the last warm day for a while, and he isn't looking forward to the cold winter spent outdoors.

"I think there's a group that gives out coats and things, but I don't know where to go," he says. "We've been lucky this month, eh? It's been a warm month."

Gervais remembers the day he became homeless - June 30, 1994. That day, two weeks after being fired from his job, he was evicted from his Thunder Bay apartment. He used the last of his money to come to Toronto.

"Everybody up there knew I was weird," he says matter-of-factly. "I didn't think I was gonna get another job there. Better to come here, where nobody knows me, huh?"

When pressed, Gervais reveals what he means by "weird."

"I dunno; I guess I just like talking, even when nobody's there. I like to talk. I can see them."

Gervais is a schizophrenic. He doesn't use many of Toronto's services for the homeless or mentally ill. He thinks he's alone.

"The other people need this stuff more than me. They all got problems. I'm just crazy, a bit. They don't make those shelters for people like me."

Gervais may be right; Toronto's hostels and shelters may not be equipped to

deal with the mentally ill. But that doesn't stop them from using the facilities. A report to the Health Services Restructuring Commission, released last week, revealed some startling findings. Metro's Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons reported that some 600 people with serious mental illnesses are living in the city's hostels; that is more than are being treated in the two main psychiatric institutions. The report also estimates that half of the 418,929 people who use the hostel system each year have some degree of mental illness.

Meanwhile, the restructuring committee has proposed the elimination of 203 beds from the psychiatric institutions, with another 50 to be relocated to the Queen Street hostel. All of which will create a further strain on a hostel system that is handicapped by shortsighted planning and increasing usage and is already crumbling.

Lastman has become infamous in recent weeks for his claim that "there are no homeless people in North York." While he later claimed he was misquoted, he did say that homeless people are drawn away from North York to Toronto because of the

**Above: A stack of cardboard boxes provides shelter for a homeless woman in a Bloor Street doorway.**  
**Right: Mike Gervais panhandling at his usual location trying to make ends meet.**

anonymity a large city provides. While that may be true, North York's lack of a facility to shelter the homeless may be equally to blame.

All of which begs two questions: if Lastman has neither the experience or the inclination to deal with the homeless and poor pro-actively, what will happen to the transients who have, indeed, moved downtown? And will those who choose to stay in Etobicoke, Mississauga, etc., be forgotten?

Major Tom Tuppenney is the executive director of the alcoholism treatment program at the Salvation Army's Harbour Light Centre downtown. He is also in charge of the Salvation Army's annual Thanksgiving Dinner. On Monday, the cen-

tre fed over 1,000 people in an afternoon. While all who passed through the centre's doors were glowing, thankful, and no longer hungry, Tuppenney is concerned.

"We had a 10 per cent increase this year. That may be good or bad; either people are more aware that the dinner exists, or people need it more."

Tuppenney sees problems for the poor and homeless increasing, whether Hall or Lastman are elected. Province-wide cuts to services mean more people will end up in Toronto.

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## Lakeshore Access for Success program more than just another career class

Career program gives students with disabilities a good chance at a future

by **ANTHONY HEATH**

Lakeshore Reporter

In a particular class at Lakeshore campus a small group of students sit in a circle offering each other their friendship and guidance.

These students are involved in the Access for Success program. A career program that gives people with disabilities a good chance at a future.

Teachers Al Palin and Larry Marno head the class that stresses social skills, employability skills, job searching techniques, and academic upgrading.

The program works on a certificate system. Two work placements are done at the conclusion of 39 weeks to receive the two certificates.

Palin said the program gives the students an enormous sense of well-being, and instills in the class a

sense of community.

"Many able-bodied people would benefit from the program," he said.

The Access for Success class holds a maximum of 17 students in order to cater to everyone equally. Students are encouraged to participate in group exercises, with project assignments done on computers being very popular.

Sandra Crichton, one of the students of the Access for Success program, is learning to overcome dyslexia through the use of a typing tutor program that enables her to familiarize herself with proper syntax.

Crichton finds the course both rewarding and entertaining.

"I'm always challenging myself to do better."

Crichton is full of praise for Palin, whose dedication to the students does not go unnoticed.

"Fantastic. He's really dedicated to helping the student's accomplishments and progress. You find students working before classes and through the lunch hour. The program makes them happy to work."

The class enables students to



Students in the "Access to Success" program are learning new skills, and building new friendships.

develop self-esteem and conquer feelings of self-doubt. Since the course is more structured to individual needs, students learn to support each other, which tears down barriers hindering self-improvement.

Beyond computers that offer typing tutorials, Internet access and email, there are also computers that offer a database specifically for the needs of the disabled and a portable system that allows a user to relay messages both in person and over a phone line.

Maricyl Palisoc, who uses the system to aid her communication, has become very adept at using it.

"I talk to my friends all the time," she said.

Palisoc is fast familiarizing herself with the computers and enjoys using them for practical needs such as designing a cover letter for a resume and for accessing the Internet.

She is also always ready to lend a hand to fellow students, "If any-

one needs help, they can ask me." Regarding her instructors, she echoes classmate Crichton's comments.

"Al and Larry don't seem like our professors but our friends," Palisoc said.

Access for Success is a program that is funded through donations, and is the only program of its kind. Good support has come this year from Ontario Basic Skills and past donors, which include the March of Dimes.

According to Crichton, approximately 80 per cent of the students are successful in both furthering their education and finding jobs.

One of the program's past stars is Susan Davis.

Davis went from being agoraphobic (fearing crowds of people) and having only basic English skills, to going on to aid the Manitoba flood relief fund and setting up work placement at Queen's Park.

With the proper funding and the same commitment from both teachers and students, Access for Success will continue to be a program that is in high demand and will ensure a good career future for the disabled.

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## Thieves hit Humber

by **DEBORAH PATTISON**

News Reporter

What's the best way to break into a vehicle?

The thieves who visited Humber College lately have a variety of ways. They take their time and leave no visible damage. They're able to jiggle the lock around for a few minutes to open the door, if you're lucky.

"They break windows. It's no cost or time to them," said Nancy Pinson of Humber's security.

In the last four weeks at Humber College, 20 parking permits have been stolen out of vehicles. A stereo was stolen from Lot 5 last Tuesday. Last Wednesday, a Dodge Caravan was taken from college property.

Despite the vehicular and foot patrols of college property by security staff, vandalism and theft of vehicles at this school still happen.

If an incident occurs, following the proper procedures might help the next person who may be at risk.

"If anything occurs...vandalism, theft within or of a vehicle, go to parking or security," said Pinson. "There's always someone at the main Parking Kiosk (outside Registration doors), or the Information desk (inside

Registration doors). At Information, there's someone there 24 hours a day. That's our central telecommunication desk. It's always best to know the same day that the incident occurs."

Security is concerned that the situation may be more involved than random theft.

"We try to broaden the foot or car patrol. There's the escort program at night, and if we feel there's a (serious) problem, we'll put up a crime stoppers bulletin," Pinson said.

"I haven't heard or seen anything about the thefts, but I still wouldn't leave anything valuable in my car," said Rob Sgro, a first-year Business Administration student who drives to school every day.

If there's an emergency, for example, if someone is in the process of breaking into a car, you can use the emergency phones placed around the school. As well, the pay phones can be used to call security free of charge.

Nine emergency phones are being installed outside the school in the following locations: Between G and E buildings, between B and D buildings, and between Residence and Lot 2. These phones should be installed "hopefully by the end of next week," said Pinson.

# Mega-din silencing homeless

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"Anytime you have a large city, the homeless will congregate there. They have a better chance of getting help, and they are able to create their own community. I see that number increasing because the poverty line has dipped dramatically. The gap between the middle-class and the poor has gotten wider."

Statistics Canada supports Tuppeney's claim. In 1996, the average income for middleclass families with children was \$54,800, according to StatsCan. The average income for poor families with children was \$16,700. The help available to those who need it has also taken a hit. Provincial support payments for a single parent with one child, in 1995, totalled \$955 per month. In 1996, that total dropped to \$733.

Tuppeney says charitable services are more important than ever.

"The needy have to come to us; they're running out of places to go."

Throughout the election campaign, Barbara Hall is gaining a reputation as the "caring" candidate. Aided by Lastman's gaffes, and his claim that the best way to help the homeless is through job creation, Hall has taken the position of champion of the poor. Her track record at City Hall doesn't back the title up.

During her term as mayor, metro council voted in early 1996 to eliminate \$800,000 from the

outside of the GTA as emergency shelters (Metro currently has contracts with motels that, during off-seasons, have vacancies to rent; the city pays the motels between \$35-\$50 a night to keep the rooms on retainer. There are no such facilities in Etobicoke because airport traffic keeps their hotels busy year round).

Last week, Metro Council received a report outlining the state of Toronto's hostel system. There are 5,350 people staying in hostels each week, 1,380 more than this time last year. An additional 1,200 are expected to enter the system this winter. By Oct. 1998, hostels will be processing 67 per cent more people than they do now.

Council has been forced to use municipal buildings as nighttime emergency hostels. Seaton House, Toronto's largest facility with 571 beds, has 100 additional residents sleeping on floor mats. The Salvation Army hostel at College and McCaul has a waiting list. And because of council's unwillingness to enter into new motel contracts, some families are being put up in motels 100 kilometres outside of Metro, at full

youth worker at Evergreen, thinks the program, and others like it, may be in trouble.

"Our funding is not high, but soon we may get nothing. Metro doesn't help much, and the provincial government just keeps cutting everything. We can't even open on Thanksgiving - we don't have the money to do anything on Thanksgiving."

nice restaurants or the Island. There are people all over this city that need help."

The Dave Stewart Foundation runs year round programs, aimed at underprivileged youth.

"We have youth services, sports programs, tutoring, and mentors. We solicit major corporations to help out. For example, most of the food we have for this dinner came from Loblaws."

Stewart is still having trouble putting together all the necessary funding for his different programs. He says he hopes to get a permanent commitment from some corporations in time for next year's dinner.

"Of course, I said that 4 years ago, as well. But we're still hoping. And if not, this doesn't really cost me that much, and it's worth it."

Tuppeney has moved out of the lobby at Harbour Light, into his office. There are issues he wants to discuss, but not in front of the clients or residents.

"There is a lot more we want to do, we need to do. We're hoping to get a mobile home, so we can go out in the morning, around 5 a.m., and hand out breakfasts. There's an element of people we're not reaching, people who want to remain anonymous."

Tuppeney says Harbour Light serves 250-400 people each Sunday, when the centre holds a barbecue. He's not fooled by the Thanksgiving numbers.

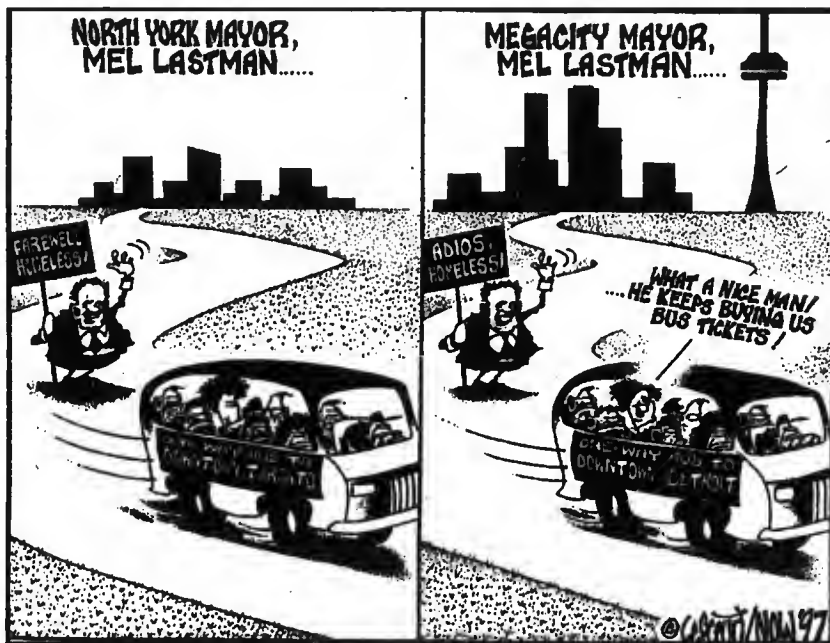
"There are 5,000 people in hostels. A lot of them are going to go hungry today, because of pride. And what about the rest of the year? We have an Easter Dinner, a Thanksgiving dinner, and a Christmas Dinner. We have lots of volunteers for those days; people start calling months before. But what about the other 362 days? Does anybody notice?"

Gervais knows about the dinner at Harbour Light, but he doesn't think he will go.

"Those are all normal people; they just got bad luck. I like being alone. I ain't the type of guy they do those things for."

Gervais says he's thinking about leaving Toronto. "The street people here don't trust each other. Back home, we were friends. Not here. Maybe I'm better if I'm not in Toronto."

Which is just how Toronto's next mayor would like it.



Ontario's provincial government is not doing much to alleviate the problem. The Harris conservatives are continuing on a path of reform, cutting spending and services, while downloading others into the hands of local governments with no experience in those matters. Meanwhile, most Ontarians disagree with what Harris thinks are the most important issues facing the province.

In a poll for Maclean's magazine's 1996 year end issue, Canadians outlined the pressing issues facing their regions. Ontarians were found to be nearly four times as concerned about unemployment and social services as about government spending and taxes. This conflicts with the platform of debt reduction and cutting on which the Tory's were elected, but one thing is sure: the government is failing to respond to those concerns. If Ontario has to wait until the next election to address those issues, it may be too late.

Dave Stewart left the Toronto Blue Jays after the 1993 season, but he returns each October to feed the needy. The Dave Stewart Foundation funds and organizes the Thanksgiving Dinner at Harbour Light. The foundation supplies half of the 86 volunteers, and arranges the procurement and preparation of the food that feeds 1,000 hungry people. And each year Stewart himself supervises the operation. On November 28, he will repeat the event in his hometown of Oakland, California, for the American Thanksgiving.

"Toronto is my home away from home," Stewart says. "And that means all of it. Not just the



Two homeless people sleep outside a popular Toronto record store.

city's hostel system, while acknowledging a report that said "the negative fallout from social assistance reductions will be very substantial in the weeks and months ahead."

At the same time, while dealing with the increased use of hostels and emergency shelters, metro rejected the option of acquiring permanent housing, or houses previously used for residences, as a means of stemming the hostel overflow. Council also rejected any lease agreements with motels

cost to the city.

The Evergreen Youth Centre, part of the Yonge St. Mission, serves 120-150 kids a day. The centre has an on-site dentist, doctor, and hygienist, 7 days a week. The professionals donate their time. The centre also has a counselling service, provides food and clothing, and helps kids with training and employment. Each Christmas the centre takes donations, and gives the kids packages of socks, toothpaste, t-shirts, and sleeping bags. Hilda Escobar, a

## 5 tips to help the homeless tactfully

by ANDREW MacKAY  
News Reporter

### 1. Don't Give Cash.

Too often, the money is used for alcohol or drugs. Buy them a sandwich or a coffee instead.

### 2. Talk With Respect.

A sense of civility and dignity is important to those who don't have much else. It also decreases their sense of isolation and paranoia. If you don't want to give them anything, at least make eye contact and say something.

### 3. Recognize Their Differences.

Some are battered women, some are veterans, some are mentally ill, some are lacking in job skills. They aren't all lazy.

### 4. Volunteer At Missions.

Believe it or not, even an hour makes a tremendous difference. Most missions and hostels are drastically understaffed, and need all the help they can get.

### 5. Donate.

It doesn't have to be money. Drop off used clothes and appliances at a mission, instead of Value Village or Goodwill. For some, the difference between cheap and free is the difference between cold and warm.

## WHERE TO GET HELP AND VOLUNTEER

**Harbour Light Centre**  
160 Jarvis St. Toronto  
(416) 363-5496

**Street Level (Lakeshore Area Multi-service Program)**  
2970 Lakeshore (at Islington), Etobicoke  
(416) 259-8012

**Evergreen Youth Centre (Yonge St. Mission)**  
381 Yonge St., Toronto  
(416) 977-7259

**Daily Bread Food Bank**  
530 Lakeshore West, Toronto  
(416) 203-0050

**The Scott Mission**  
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# Mega-mayor candidate wants your opinion

by JORDAN H. GREEN  
News Reporter

George Dowar wants to bring direct democracy to Canadians--so he's running for megacity mayor.

"By and large, I'm disappointed that politicians make promises they can't keep and then they spring hidden agendas later," said the 18-year North York resident.

A science graduate of the University of Guyana, Dowar came to Canada 25 years ago.

After watching Canadian politics unfold he created the Direct Democracy Party (DDP) in 1996, a 137-member political party that calls for more community involvement in politics.

"I want to give people a say," Dowar said. "I think if the establishment isn't going to change, we need to."

Dowar is running under his party's platform, despite the lack of official status. He attempted to register as a party for the last federal election but he didn't have the



George Dowar, candidate for the job of mega mayor

required 50 candidates.

The DDP would give megacity residents the chance to vote on key issues through referendums before the government takes action.

"I'm saying people should have issues on the ballots," Dowar said. "People should have a say in the issues."

One of the reasons Metro's seven municipal governments are being amalgamated into one megacity is to cut costs by cutting staff.

"I don't think any jobs should be cut," Dowar said. "(Mike) Harris is saying cut 1,000 jobs. We should use attrition instead, that is a humane way."

Using his participatory democratic model, government employees would have a greater say in how much more work they could take on.

"There would eventually be a shift, people might be interested in lengthening work days later," Dowar said.

Dowar also believes in giving immigrants the right to vote -- cur-

rently only Canadian citizens can cast ballots in any municipal, provincial or federal election.

"We bring a lot of immigrants

***I'm disappointed that politicians make promises they can't keep and then they spring hidden agendas later."***

- George Dowar

tem." to this country, we should give immigrants a say and a vote," Dowar said. "I'm not talking about refugees. I'm talking about immigrants who have cleared the sys-

tem."

Another issue that disturbs Dowar is the province's plans for gambling casinos in the city.

"I don't want to see the province use the city as a cash cow," Dowar explained. "My personal feeling is to keep casinos out of the city."

Dowar, 54, a teacher for the past 30 years, is against selling booze in corner stores.

"We should improve the social fabric of our city," said Dowar. "We shouldn't sell liquor at corner stores."

If Dowar doesn't win the election, he'll at least be happy that he promoted his political party.

"Mel Lastman has over 25 years in the field and millions of dollars to spend," Dowar said. "I don't have all those years of experience. All I want is to get Direct Democracy's name out there."

## Community healthcare is put on critical list by Harris government

Health services are under threat by Tory downloading

by DONNA SMITH  
News Reporter

Healthcare professionals voiced their concern over the affect of provincial down-loading on local services at a public forum held Oct. 8 at the St. Lawrence Centre.

Brian Hyndman, health promotion consultant and panelist, said there are presently 42 public health units in Ontario, with little public awareness of what these organizations actually do.

"Public health programs at the community level are a lot like

underarm deodorant, when properly applied no one notices and no one gets offended," said Hyndman.

Public health units serve the public in three ways. They are on call 24 hours a day to respond to community health hazards, such as infected water supplies, chemical spills and out-breaks of communicable diseases.

Public health units work to prevent problems by immunizing school children, inspecting restaurants and by providing birth control counselling.

Thirdly, they lobby for adequate income levels, affordable housing, safe work places, access to nutritious foods and pollution free air and drinking water.

All of these programs and ser-

vices are provided at a low cost to the tax payer, eight cents a day or \$30 per person a year, Hyndman said.

Public health services are under threat. The Ontario government began hearings on Bill 152 and this proposed legislation may put an end to the current cost sharing arrangements for public health services.

"At present the provincial government picks up the tab for 75 per cent of the cost of public health services. But under the terms of Bill 152, municipalities will be required to cover 100 per cent of the cost of public health programs and services. This potentially amounts to a withdrawal of \$225 million dollars," said Hyndman.

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# Disabled students want respect

Student's ignorance of the disabled at Humber has many people concerned

by **MATTHEW BARBEAU**  
News Reporter

With mid-semester quickly approaching, some students are not only concerned with their grades, but with a growing ignorance among Humber students. Although the concern is concentrated among a small portion of Humber's enrolment, the majority of us are guilty.

The small portion of Humber students that are directly affected by this issue all have something in common.

They are all handicapped and they all face the same problems in regards to handicapped access.

The problems aren't with the building but the students themselves.

"The frustration comes in when the students sit on the walls (handrails) and congregate on the ramps," said Chris Elise, a second year Paralegal Assistant. "You say 'Excuse me' to one person and they'll look at you and then move. You have to say 'Excuse me' to the next person and so on down the line. It becomes frustrating."

Elise has a nerve disability that affects her shoulder, elbow, wrist and fingers. Due to the extent of her injuries, Elise totes her books from class to class in a carry-on travel bag. She has no problems maneuvering her bag through the school until she hits the ramps.

"The college is very fast paced. Everyone is rushing to their next class and there is so much to do that we're only focusing on ourselves. We are all guilty," com-

mented Ollie Leschuk, an administrator with Services for Students with Disabilities. "There have been instances on the stairs where people have been injured (while running). The best advice is be patient, you'll get there."

"Things have been lost in the world in general. Courtesy and compassion and etiquette regarding certain issues are one of the things that are lost," said Leschuk. She continued by saying that "some (students) are really belligerent to disabled students. Some (handicapped) students get angry with the people crowding the ramps. It's a two-way street and people need to think more about etiquette and common courtesy."

The problem may not be a lack of etiquette or compassion. Some think that access issues at Humber stem from a lack of understanding and education.

"Everybody that sees a person

in a wheelchair coming down the ramp is going to get out of the way. Where the education part comes in is that not all people who are disabled are in wheelchairs. It is not only people with visible handicaps," Elise said.

"People just don't realize it, basically because they are not aware of it. This is about access, and as either a student and or faculty in this college, there is a legal right to access for both parties."

The Canadian Human Rights Act says it is against the law for anyone to make distinctions based on physical or mental disability.

This includes everything from employment opportunities to harassment.

The CHRA also recognizes that people with disabilities must have access to premises, services and facilities. It encourages employers and proprietors to draw up plans for adapting to the needs of the

disabled

Humber College has taken many steps to providing complete access to the entire school.

Each floor is reachable by elevator, and ramps can be found wherever there is a need for one. Some ramps were built over stairs and may not be exactly 45 degrees, but they are all considered reasonable accommodations under the building codes.

"Security when they're doing their general patrols, are to be checking the ramps," said Nancy Pinson, manager of public safety in physical resources at Humber. "If they see anything unusual they are to deal with it. Whether there is anyone going down the ramp or not, they are to clear it by asking people to move off it. There are signs saying no loitering so it should be obvious that they are not supposed to hang around. It's a difficult situation."

## El Niño whips through

by **JAY WARE**  
News Reporter

El Niño made its presence known this past weekend when more than 100 people died as Hurricane Pauline tore through Acapulco, Mexico.

El Niño is an intense warming of the Pacific Ocean currents which severely change patterns in the atmospheric rain fall. It is expected to create dangerous weather conditions around the world this winter.

"We are predicting that global weather will take a turn for the worse (this upcoming winter)," said Amir Shabber, of Environment Canada.

This year's El Niño is not expected to have a negative effect on Canada. The west will experience a milder winter than usual. How it will affect Ontario is still unclear, but Guelph University professor Terry J. Gillespie predicts Ontario's winter might not be as harsh as last year.

"There is no predictable effect east of Manitoba," said Gillespie, chair of Guelph University's land resource science program. "Generally when the west is warmer the east will tend to be normal or slightly cooler (in comparison)."

Environment Canada forecasts that Torontonians could have a warmer winter than last year.

"Basically, we predict that the weather in the Greater Toronto Area will be warmer (from east of the Rockies towards the Maritimes). Generally, it will be drier in the Southern prairies," Shabber said.

In the winter of 1982-83, El Niño hit hard around the world causing \$8.65 billion in damage.

Survivors of the El Niño of '82 experienced starvation after their

animals died and crops were destroyed because of weather conditions, in different parts of the world, that included torrential rainfalls, high winds and drought. Birds and marine life vanished from bodies of water due to these severe weather conditions.

Places such as Polynesia experienced cyclone blasts that destroyed homes and devastated fields.

Ecuador was flooded, Africa was in a drought, and Australia had oceanstorms which created waves that washed away homes. A severe drought followed.

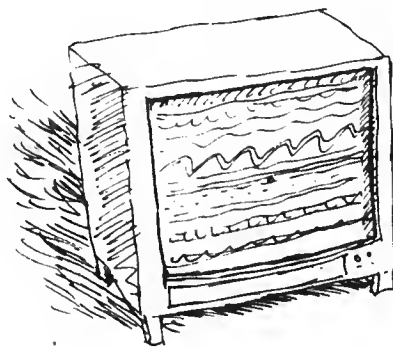
El Niño occurs every three to five years. Forceful winds move against the ocean currents creating unpredictable climate patterns around the globe. This rapid climate change is known as Currante Del Nino. It is also known as the current of the Christ child, due to its arrival around Christmas.

In Canada, the eastern provinces will be unaffected by Hurricane Pauline. However, the western provinces are watching to see that the El Niño doesn't pick up again in the Pacific Ocean.

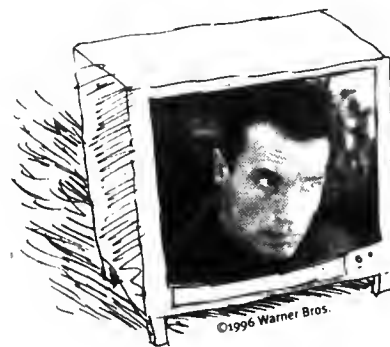


North America and the air currents which compose El Niño

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# Et Cetera Editorial

## Helping hand(icapped)

Being ignorant isn't a handicap or a reason to park in handicap spots. Handicap parking spots are for people who are handicapped. They are not for people who are in a rush and are too lazy to walk the maximum five minutes it might take to get from a normal parking spot.

Those spots are not put there for the convenience of people who are "only going to be a minute."

If that's all the time needed then it shouldn't be a problem to take one more minute to find a regular spot.

It doesn't matter if all those parking spaces may be open. We're all special in the eyes of our mothers: there are people who need those spaces more.

People who park in handicap parking spots not only exercise their right to be jerks, but they infringe on someone else's right to access without undue pain. Bottom line: get a life, get a different spot.

While we're on the subject of life, don't we all have something better to do with ours than mill around on the ramps. The concourse is one of the worst places to get through in the school, whether you're handicapped or not, due to people sitting around listening to music or just talking.

Luckily, the college has set out a place for people with nothing better to do than lounge. It's called "The Pipe." The other solution is (and this is a novel idea) go home.

We figured that the ability to read was a prerequisite for college and, therefore, everyone should be able to read the signs. You know, the ones that say, "no loitering in access ways." They're not there for decoration, slick.

People with disabilities (and they aren't always visible) sometimes feel awkward when they have to ask everyone they come in contact with to move. They shouldn't have to ask. We thought that people living in a civilized society, we thought Humber students, would have the common sense, the common decency to keep going or get off the ramps altogether.

## Tories at the trough

Wouldn't it be nice to be a millionaire?

Become an elected member of provincial parliament for at least 20 years, and it could happen.

It seems that the provincial government has done it once again.

Last week they handed out over \$5 million in pension buy-out plans to current and former MPPs.

These buy-outs came on the heels of the \$864,000 payout that Premier Mike Harris received the week before. In total, the payouts have added up to at least \$6.5 million dollars taken from the taxpayer.

In this age of government cuts to everything from education to health and welfare, how can our elected officials justify this single act of greed and theft?

It is understandable that long serving, and retired MPPs have earned a payout, but the amount seems outrageous, considering the average taxpayer, after 20 years of service would receive about 30 per cent of their annual salary in a pension buy-out. This would work out to roughly \$15,000 a year. (That's a total of about \$300,000 for 20 years.)

It makes you wonder why more people aren't running for office.

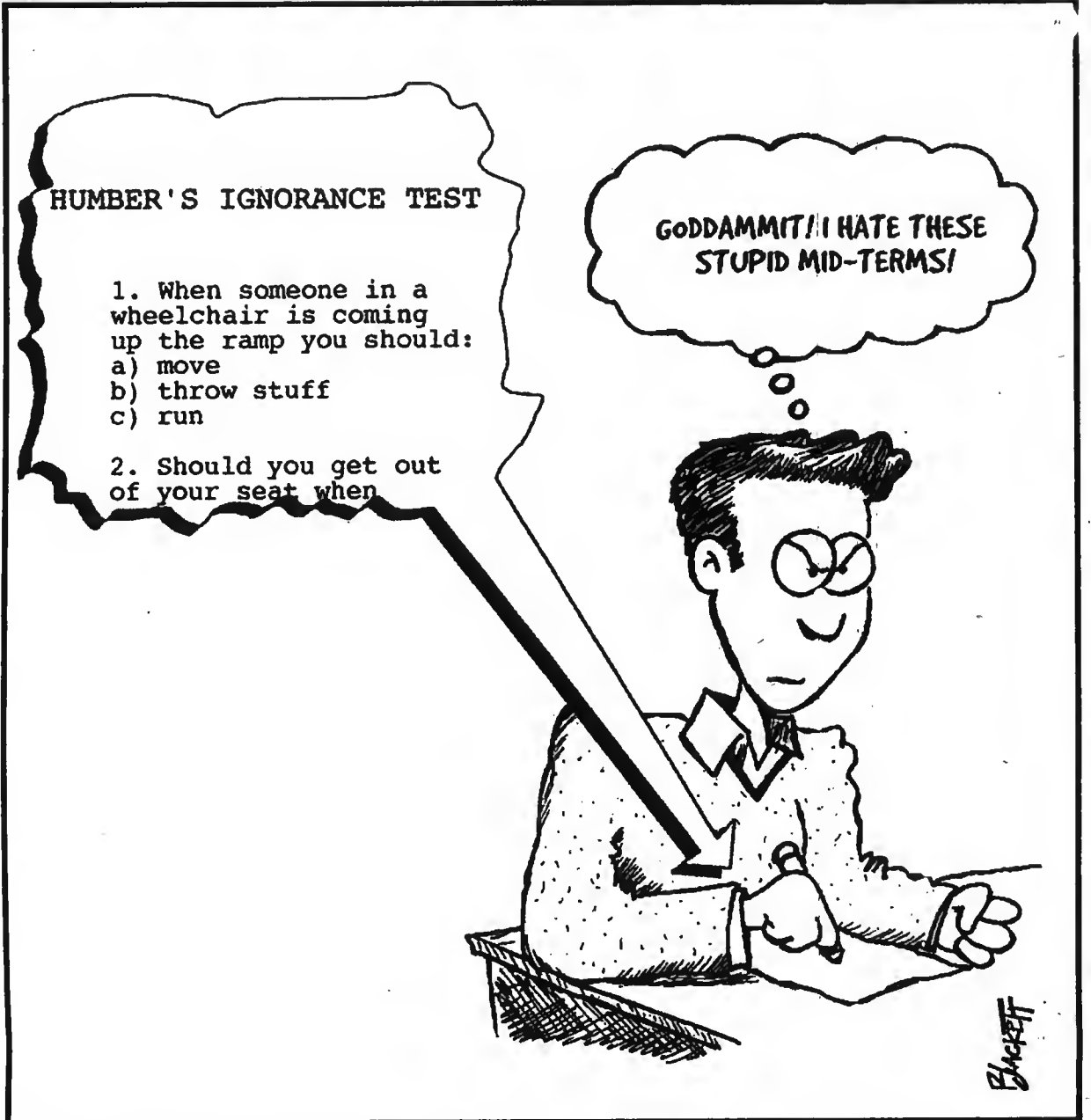
The government has found yet another way to give us the shaft.

The plan was created when the Tory government replaced the 'Golden Handshake' program that had long been in place.

It was supposed to save money for the poor working stiffs of Ontario. It doesn't seem to be working.

The buy-outs are part of a \$109-million plan that the taxpayers will pay for.

All that can be said is thank you Mr. Harris, we will be forever left with your debt.



## Enslaved by convenience

by PAUL RICHARDSON

Stop reading this opinion piece right now.

What time is it? Now look at your watch.

While you are reading this article you will look at your watch two or three more times, and get an extreme sense of dread that you should be working on several other things.

Relax, you're doing the right thing. Keep reading.

As someone who commutes to Humber from Scarborough by TTC each day, I watch people scurry like rats in a maze looking for their proverbial piece of cheese. Each of these people has that old "Stop the world, I want to get off" look on their face.

I must include myself in this group, - I'm lost without my watch. Ask me the date, I look at my watch, ask me the time, I look at it yet again.

A funny thing happened this past weekend. I stopped and smelled the roses; (figuratively, because I'm allergic to the real thing). I sat on a park bench and tried to relax and had some quality "ME" time.

I sat on the park bench 15 minutes, but lasted a

mere five minutes without looking at my watch.

With the invention of the lap top computer, fax machine, cell phone, and pager, life was supposed to be more convenient. We were supposed to have more time to spend with our families or have more personal time.

Instead, the opposite has happened. With each new invention comes a new set of problems; and as a result, stress levels are at an all-time high.

The purchase of an answering machine in my house, has created a new daily chore. The last person out the door each morning must turn the machine on. Heaven forbid that anyone calling be forced to listen to a ringing phone.

Maybe it's time that we all take 15 minutes, go find a park bench somewhere, and forget our troubles. I'm sure we'll feel more like people rather than rats in a maze.

And, if anyone wants me, I'm going for a nice relaxing walk on the beach.

I'm leaving my answering machine off and I'm not taking my cell phone.

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# Opinion

## Pub night at Caps – I'm outta here

by COREY SHACTER

It's Thursday. What does that mean? Drinks. That's right, it's pub night. Since I'm a final year student here at Humber, I thought it was about time I check out my own college pub. Caps. I've seen the university pub nights many times, and have recently gone with my girlfriend, Dara, to her pub night at York, and wanted her to see my campus. We arrived around nine. There was a line, but it was short. We got to the front, and things got interesting. I had to pay a cover charge. Huh? I go to York's pub night, and all they ask is that you're of age, but you don't pay a cover. Just at the Underground will

you ever be charged, but then that's only if you're not a York student.

I paid \$2 for me, and; get ready for this, \$5 for Dara. That's right, \$7 just to get in.

But, I'm not through the door yet. There's more.

Dara is 21. Apparently, this doesn't necessarily mean she's mature. Hence, the waiver.

I had to sign a piece of paper saying I take full responsibility for her actions. Are you for real?

I figured, okay, but this is totally stupid.

We get inside, we're given a sample of something that tasted like citrus flavored washer-fluid, and approached the bar.

Besides it being completely disorganized, we felt like we

were at a chaperoned elementary school dance.

There were security staff walking around everywhere. It didn't matter where we looked someone was watching us.

One guy stared at us while he walked slowly past our table. What do they expect us to do?

After one beer we decided to leave. 'Screw the money,' we thought, 'let's just go.' I have never left a pub night after only a half-hour.

Pub night is supposed to be a night to forget about school, forget about work, and have a good time. How can we possibly do this when you're putting all of these restrictions on us?

Loosen up!

## Getting around Humber as easy as A,B,D

by CHERYL WAUGH

Lakeshore campus has come up with an awe-inspiring idea for which they should be congratulated. It sounds incredible, but they have alphabetically correct hallways.

Really, it's true. I was there. I didn't get lost once. There were clear directional signs too. I was in navigational heaven.

It boggles the mind how the designers of North campus never came up with this idea.

How they ever decided to put H-wing beside E-wing, foregoing G and F, is beyond me.

C-wing is beside A-wing with B-wing out in left field somewhere. In fact, if someone knows where B-wing is please write in and tell me. Inquiring minds want to know.

And just to add to the confusion, every now and then someone has thrown in an X. So when someone mentions FX they're not talking about the television series. There's a KX, LX and NX but no MX.

Funeral Services is apparently in something called the JF-wing. Nevertheless, I wouldn't be caught dead there.

And has anyone noticed that there is no I-wing. There is an IE-section (It can't be classified as a 'wing'). Otherwise the designers have skipped from H straight to J.

But, this might not have been a bad idea. I wouldn't want an Abbott and Costello scene taking place in our hallways.

(Hopelessly confused first-year student to unconcerned third-year student.)

Hopelessly confused: "Excuse me, can you tell me where I-wing is?"

Unconcerned third-year: "Huh, Irene?...Uh, I think she's at Caps."

Hopelessly confused: "I-wing is at Caps?"

Unconcerned third-year: "Huh? Uh,...sure."

So off goes hopelessly confused first-year student to Caps where he discovers the joys of \$1 beer, Thursday pub nights, and is never heard from again. Until the end of the school year that is, when he's found lying in a stupor on the floor of Caps muttering, "I-wing. I was looking for I-wing."

So maybe the people who designed this crazy building know something that we don't?

Nah!

The editors of the Et Cetera want to hear from readers. All letters must include the writer's name, signature and phone number. Any letter that is legible, legal, and literate will be published if space permits. Letters can be dropped off in the news room (1251) or email [humberetc@hotmail.com](mailto:humberetc@hotmail.com)

## campus wire

### MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

Two male Mac students stole a golf cart and caused \$800 in damage to a local resident's arbor.

The Arbor was an 17th anniversary present. The home-owner posted a sign stating: "All this damage thanks to two male students wild ride on a stolen golf cart."

Several Engineering students from the university have volunteered to rebuild the arbor. The two vandals have not been caught yet.

### MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY

A first-year student has been placed under disciplinary suspension after being caught doing drugs on campus.

Some students say this punishment is too heavy, but it follows the guidelines set out by the university's drug policy.

This is the first student to be reprimanded under the new policy.

### SHERIDAN COLLEGE

At the 17th annual TVOntario Telefest, three Sheridan students won awards for their achievements in film.

Awards were won in the animation production and the corporate categories.

## Good Canadian



### Junior Hockey President, Christina Seguin

Kudos to Seguin! She is the president of the Northern Ontario Hockey League, the first woman in amateur hockey to hold this position.

Also noteworthy is this woman's dedication to our second national sport. Her commitment to making junior hockey stronger and more accessible to both sexes is truly admirable.



## Bad Canadian



### Neo-Nazi Ernst Zundel

As if denying the Second World War's Holocaust wasn't bad enough, neo-Nazi Zundel has gone high-tech! (gag)

Distributing hate literature, hate mongering and promoting the succession of an Aryan race wasn't enough for Zundel. His latest hate incantation is his website on the Internet.

Although this is old news, the Canadian Human Rights Commission is holding a tribunal at the demand of Canadian Jewish groups and the League for Human Rights, to see if Zundel's hateful blathering can be curtailed.

We wish them luck! At present, there are no laws governing the freedom of speech on the Internet.



Good Canadian, Bad Canadian is brought to you by LIAM LAHEY

# Et Cetera Health

## Booze and drugs – beware

Guests at Humber will teach students responsible drinking

by **DANA JAMES**

Health Reporter

Humber College is acknowledging Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week with a free pub.

The free pub, complete with snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, will take place Oct. 21 at the North Campus Concourse and on Oct. 23 at the Lakeshore Campus cafeteria.

"We see all the consequences down here of what happens when people abuse drugs and alcohol," said Sylvia Paris, a nurse at the North Campus Health Centre. "We see girls down here that have had sex with people they hardly knew and didn't really want to. They're worried about things like venereal disease and being pregnant.

"A lot of it is a direct result of one or both of the people having too much of one kind of substance," Paris said. "We see that these kids need to have some guidelines about what can happen to you if you don't

think before you act."

For many college students, this is their first time away from home and without parental limitations, Paris said. For students coming from a small town or having lived a sheltered life, it is very easy for drinking to get out of hand.

All the organizations at the event want Humber students to know how to handle alcohol.

This year's theme is "Drunk is Drunk" and the motto is, "Being drunk is no excuse for hurting yourself or others, use the buddy system, designate a driver, know how to deal with someone who is passed out and to have safer sex."

Special guests at the pub are Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and the police department's Community Outreach officers, who will be bringing breathalyzer tests and videos. Operation Lookout, established by Against Drunk Driving (ADD), will provide students with information encouraging them to report drunk drivers on the road.

Alcoholics Anonymous and The Youth Clinical Services will be available to answer any questions students have about substance abuse and getting help. Student nurses will

be available to the students on behalf of the Student Health Centre.

Statistics compiled by MADD are shocking. In 1994, more than 72 per cent of single-vehicle crashes, occurring on weekend nights, involved intoxicated people under the age of 25. In 1996, statistics showed eight young people died in alcohol-related crashes every day.

"There is no amount of drinking that is safe for driving," said Irene Bond, a nurse at the North Health Centre. "There should always be a designated driver. That person can have de-alcoholized beer. But there is no such thing as responsible drinking and driving."

At the alcohol-free pub the organizations will show students how to avoid peer pressure. These alternatives do not stop anyone from having fun but teach students how to drink responsibly.

"A lot of kids don't know strategies, like having one alcoholic drink then having one non-alcoholic drink. They don't know how to pace themselves," Paris said.

This event offers information that will help students make decisions, the right ones, at the next pub night.



Graphic pictures are used to warn people about drinking and driving

## AA is 12 steps in the right direction

Organizations help people learn to live without the booze

by **DAVID ACETO**

Health Reporter

For people unaware they have a drinking problem, help is closer than they think.

There are many organizations ready to offer help for alcohol addictions. Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) is likely the biggest organization for problem drinkers.

"Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experiences and keep each other sober," said John, an anonymous volunteer for AA.

AA doesn't promise to solve life's problems, but it can show a person how to live without drinking, one day at a time.

The program itself consists of recovering alcoholics who tell the story of their drinking problem and describe the life AA helped them find.

"There is a genetic link to drinking, but there are also social links. Everyone's story is different but

with the same theme," John said.

People joining the program are asked to keep an open mind and try to attend meetings as much as possible. They are reminded that alcoholism is a progressive illness and it takes time to be cured.

There are more men than women in the program, John said, but not by many. There are also more young people coming in today than there were 20 years ago.

Organizations (like AL-ANON

**"There are a lot of secrets in an alcoholic family. There is a lot of shame, and a lot of loneliness."**

**- Chris, spouse of recovering alcoholic**

and ALATEEN) are designed for people without drinking problems who want to help someone who has one.

The AL-ANON organization is a world-wide fellowship of parents, spouses, co-workers, and adult chil-

dren of alcoholics. They come together and share experiences, strength and hope in order to help cope with someone else's addiction.

ALATEEN, a part of AL-ANON, is designed for teens from alcoholic families. These help groups teach the facts about alcoholism and the benefits of communicating with others in the group.

"There are a lot of secrets in an alcoholic family. Nobody talks. There is a lot of shame, and a lot of loneliness," explained Chris, whose spouse and parent are recovering alcoholics.

It might be hard to understand that drinking is a disease. It affects people mentally and physically and has very little to do with how strong a person is.

"It's not a matter of one's will, and being in an alcoholic situation you don't always realize that," Chris said.

Whenever someone decides to attend group meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, AL-ANON, or ALATEEN, they realize that they are taking a step in the right direction.

"Meet the same people and they understand, other people just don't get it," Chris said.

Here are some questions from the Alcoholics Anonymous web page, so answer them honestly. There is nothing wrong with facing the fact that you might have a problem.

- 1) Have you ever decided to stop drinking for a week or so, but it only lasted a couple of days?
  - 2) Do you wish people would mind their own business about your drinking and stop telling you what to do?
  - 3) Have you ever switched from one kind of drink to another in the hope that it would keep you from getting drunk?
  - 4) Have you had to have an eye-opener upon awaking during this past year? Do you need a drink to get started or to stop shaking?
  - 5) Do you envy people who can drink without getting into trouble?
  - 6) Have you had problems connected with drinking this past year?
  - 7) Has your drinking caused trouble at home?
  - 8) Do you ever try to get "extra" drinks at a party because you don't have enough?
  - 9) Do you tell yourself that you can stop drinking any time you want, even though you keep getting drunk when you don't mean to?
  - 10) Have you missed days of work or school because of drinking?
  - 11) Do you have blackouts?
  - 12) Have you ever felt that your life would be better if you didn't drink?
- websites: Alcoholics Anonymous at [www.alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org) and AL-ANON, or ALATEEN at [www.Al-ateen.org](http://www.Al-ateen.org)

If you answered yes four or more times, you are probably in some kind of trouble with alcohol, but it's up to you if you want to seek help. Admitting you have a problem is the first step.



# Loud noises hurt hearing

## Tinnitus sufferers find ways to block the ringing racket

by DANA JAMES

Health Reporter

Ever noticed a ringing or buzzing sound in your ears after leaving a concert or a loud club? It usually goes away after an hour, but imagine what life would be like if it never stopped.

This buzzing or ringing in the ears is called tinnitus and statistics from the University of Maryland in Baltimore said that four per cent of the world's population suffer from this disease.

"What's happened is the cilia, the little hairs inside your ears, are vibrated and, over the course of time, the ringing is caused by the hair being flattened out," said Cory Soal, a hearing aid dispenser in Georgetown, Ontario. "The ringing will stop and if it doesn't then you have a loss of hearing at that frequency. That is tinnitus."

There are two kinds of tinnitus.

Emergence, which only lasts for a short period of time, and threshold shift, which is a never-ending buzz in the ears after that loud rock concert the night before.

Emergence and threshold shift is caused by loud noises, walkmans, middle ear infections, tumors on the hearing nerve, and ototoxicity (medications). It is also triggered by emotional problems such as retirement, work or family related stress, or even moving to a quieter place. The buzzing in the ears may start during a period of depression or anxiety. Because of the direct association between the hearing mechanism and the nervous system, tinnitus sufferers should avoid tension, stimulants and fatigue.

"Tinnitus is part of a hearing loss before it occurs. Tinnitus occurs first," said Soal. "However, there are other forms of hearing loss. It could be hereditary or ototoxic."

"If you take one aspirin a day for



Loud music can cause that annoying ringing in your ear. Ear protection is a good idea.

two or three years that can develop a hearing loss," said Soal. "It can go away if you stop taking the aspirins, but by that time you've been taking them so long that you've already

done some damage."

Tinnitus is different in each patient because it is an internal sound only heard by the patient.

"Audiologists can test hearing to find out where that hearing loss is occurring, that ringing in the ear," said Soal. "When they test hearing you're going to be hearing the buzzing and beeps on certain frequencies and a person with tinnitus will know when they hit that frequency because it will all blend with the tinnitus."

The majority of people with tinnitus have some sort of a hearing impairment usually in high frequency that may have been caused by exposure to loud sounds.

There is no cure. To avoid tinnitus, proper ear protection should be worn when around loud noises. Relief can be

found with a tinnitus masker, which creates "white noise". A masker, which can be created at home, is an external noise that blocks out the ringing sound in the ear and keeps a

person's mind off of their tinnitus.

"If you have ringing in the ear, a good way to get over it, if it's really annoying, is to try white noise, like a frequency of the radio that's between stations. Turn that up a little bit at night and that might mask it," Soal said.

"Some people find that having a noise that's in your room that is constant, even a fan, will help get rid of the ringing in your ear and may help you sleep," he added.

Tinnitus can be very mild, only noticeable when in a quiet room, or it can become so loud and annoying that the victim hears nothing else.

Soal explained, "I've seen people with tinnitus that is really mild and I've seen people that are neurotic from it - that it's so intense that they can't function because it's so bad. Supposedly, Vincent Van Gogh had tinnitus so bad that he cut his ear off because he was insane."

A 1992 informal poll in the United States said there were twice as many people with hearing losses as there were people who were vision impaired. But twice as many people wear glasses as hearing aids.

## Tests for flu pill still under way

by NOREEN O'LEARY

Health Reporter

Defending yourself against the flu may soon be as easy as popping a pill.

A flu vaccine taken as a pill instead of a needle shows promising results in early tests on humans. If it proves worthy in major trials during the upcoming flu season, the pill may soon become the ideal protection against illness.

"Tests will be done in Canada," said Helen Stone of Hoffman-LaRoche Ltd. "However, it could take years before the pill is actually released."

According to an article in the *Toronto Star*, the main ingredient of the pill is an artificially engineered molecule called GS-4104. The drug is an inhibitor of the flu virus. Studies have shown that when

taken orally, GS-4104 significantly decreased the replication of the flu virus and the duration of flu symptoms.

Researchers tested the pill on 80 volunteers who were infected with the flu virus. Some were given prescribed doses and others were given placebos.

Those given GS-4104 showed the duration of symptoms was decreased by approximately 50 per cent.

The results were presented late last month by Dr. Fred Hayden, infectious disease specialist at the University of Virginia, at the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in Toronto.

More tests are expected to be done during seasonal outbreaks of the flu over the next few months.

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# Lifestyles

## Halloween Hip

By LOUISE BROWNE

Lifestyles Reporter

Don't know what you want to be for Halloween this year? The people at Amazing Party and Costume can help remedy that problem.

Amazing Party and Costume is a huge warehouse store located in Etobicoke, and does most of its business at Halloween. A large variety of costumes for adults and children ranging from Sailor Moon to the Grim Reaper are available for both rental and purchase.

"For \$50 you can get a pretty decent rental costume," said store manager, Jeremy Da Silva. Rentals range from \$50 to \$125. The charge covers a 24 hour rental period and with most costumes a deposit is required.

Da Silva predicts that the most popular costumes for adults this year will be Skull Warriors, the killer from the movie *Scream* and aliens. Da Silva loves Halloween just as much as most of his customers. "Halloween is the one true time of the year when adults can feel like children again. It's great to dress up."

Along with a great selection of costumes, the store carries everything you will need for a successful Halloween. Masks, pyrotechnics, accessories, special effects make-up, party supplies, and weird and wacky novelty items can all be



Just some of the scary faces you may be running into this Halloween. From October 24 to Halloween, Amazing Party and Costume will be open until midnight.

found here. And for anyone hoping to scare trick-or-treaters this year, Amazing stocks all the props you need for your very own haunted house.

Halloween enthusiast, Dianne Bellows loves the thrill of going from house to house at Halloween.

She wouldn't think of going anywhere else for her doctor's costume this year. "I think the selection here is great. They have a huge variety and I think it's wonderful."

Amazing Party and Costume is located at 923 Oxford Street between Islington and Kipling.

## Old Clothes mean new sales dollars

By CHRISTINE BOSKOVSKI

Fashion Reporter

Everything old is new again, as the annual Old Clothing Show and Sale came back to Exhibition Place last weekend.

The Automotive building was packed October 5, with hundreds of shoppers looking for vintage, used and new clothes and accessories, proving that old clothes are more popular than ever.

"The business was very steady. I make more money doing shows than if I owned a store," said Jane Goodridge, a vendor at the sale for five years.

Used clothing stores in the Toronto area such as Dancing Days Clothing, Black Market, Plum Loco and Rag Doll gathered their most original merchandise in a series of sales.

"We've got everything from used clothes, to hand sewn stuff and even tie dye," said Amber Boucher, a vendor from Karma, a new/used clothing store in Mt. Catharines.

"All of our clothes are from new designers and usually attract younger people looking for fun stuff," said Glenda Sarnie, a vendor at Pogo, located at 779 Queen St. W. "The show is definitely good for business."

As music pumped in the background, a diverse crowd from ravers to gothic dressers were busy browsing, trying things on or

snacking at the candy bar.

"I say we do this once a month, not once a year," Lisa Hubbard, a vendor from Karma said. "There's all sorts of folks here today, but mostly university students and younger people like these clothes."

Jen Searle, a teenage shopper who bought an "Al Bundy" shirt was having a great time.

"I've been coming here for five or six years and I love it," said Searle.

"It's pretty wild and definitely different," Stephanie Bard, a first time shopper said.



One of the many vintage finds at the Old Clothing Show and Sale.

## Romance rules in relationships

### Communication in a relationship is key

By ALICJA PARLAK

Lifestyles Reporter

Love can be a wonderful thing, but making it great and keeping it that way takes a lot of work.

Much goes into creating a good relationship but the two things most commonly mentioned are honesty and communication.

Yola Dacko, a University of Toronto psychology graduate student, said "If it's not based on honesty and truth, I really don't see a relationship. I also, personally, believe in chemistry."

Others agree, "Communication is the key to a successful relationship. In order for a relationship to grow, you have to open up to each other. If they love you, they love all of you," said Raul Vargas, a third-year Design Arts student at Georgian College in Barrie.

Dacko said there needs to be a basis for a relationship and the more similarities that exist between two people, the more likely it will last.

"If the relationship is based on something

worthwhile, like common interests, and values, then the chances of it working are stronger," Dacko said. "People tend to pursue similarities in other people. I think it's what they like in themselves."

Others believe in the old adage - opposites attract.

"You don't want to go out with yourself," Vargas said, "Individuality is important."

Being able to share, and giving more than taking are both important qualities in a happy union.

"I can't see a relationship without give and take. And the person considering the other person should think more on the give side than the take side," Dacko said.

Being understanding is also a major aspect of relationship happiness.

Some people say that despite knowing what makes a good relationship, it is hard to have one. One of the reasons is that people tend to put up barriers.

"People are not friendly enough anymore. They have a fear of change," said Humber Creative Photography student Chris Bassaiagh. He said his philosophy is that "women don't know what they want right now, they're confused now."

Other things that ruin a relationship are competitiveness, dishonesty, a lack of understanding and closed-mindedness.

Romance can be the key to success in love.

"It's important to let your partner know you're happy and she's important to you. Romance is an acknowledgement of that," Vargas said.

Often it's the little things that mean more to people than grand gestures.

"I like to get flowers and stuffed toys. It means a lot more to a girl," said Multimedia student Betti Forti.

Bassaiagh said a lot of guys have trouble expressing themselves "so when they give you flowers, the flowers speak for them."

Some people believe that in order to do romantic things for a partner, they need a lot of money. Dacko said worrying about "a lack of cash ... is a big thing among kids."

Not everyone agrees.

"I don't think it's about money. It's about putting energy into things. Making something for someone is the sweetest thing. Anyone can buy something, but making it is more special and intimate," Vargas said.

Vargas said the most romantic thing a girl ever did for him happened before he ever

met her. She "wrote a song about me before she ever met me; the guy in the hall type of thing." It was all about how she used to see him passing by in the hall and wondering what he was like. He said it was sweet because she put a lot of thought into it.

Forti said the most romantic thing she ever did was enlarge and frame a prom picture and leave it on his doorstep, along with a candle and a rose. She then called him at midnight on their anniversary and told him to look out his front door.

"He really liked it. It was funny because I had to light the candle and then rush back home to call him so it wouldn't go out," she said.

Some people, however, think romance is not all that it's cracked up to be.

"In my experience, nobody is into romantic hokeyness outside of university," said Carleton University English Major Rob Adornato.

Sometimes, no matter what a person does, things just don't work out. Ultimately, a good relationship may depend on chance, luck and that certain intangible something.

"Some people just click and some people don't," Dacko said.

# Phone rates have people talking

By **MARK LEWICKI**

Lifestyles Reporter

Keep it simple and straightforward — that's what we want from our long-distance carriers.

Bell Canada recently interviewed 3,414 Canadians asking them what they want from their phone service and the results point to one conclusion.

Make long-distance service easy to understand, they said.

Elementary School teacher Stephannie Brown, 24, said she doesn't like having to phone at certain times.

"I get sick and tired of being forced to phone on certain days or between certain hours," said Brown. "Sometimes I can't call during the hours they give and, if I can phone, then the person I want to talk to isn't there."

Brown said she is strongly considering going to another long-distance carrier.

Sprint Canada, offers a 15 cent a minute plan. Customers can call anywhere in the country at anytime for 15 cents a minute.

"Sprint looks like it has a good deal. I just like the fact that I can call anytime I want and not have to look at the clock," Brown said.

London Telecom is another gladiator in the battle for long-distance supremacy. It is growing and has consistently added to its network since 1994.

London Telecom's customers' calls are counted in one-second increments unlike some companies that round charges up to the nearest minute.

London Telecom is also an "add-on" service, so customers can use London Telecom

while using another long-distance service.

While it's not one of the best known services, it is catching the eye of people like Kory McGill, a Toronto actor.

"All the other phone companies give you special prices at certain times of the week. I don't understand why they can't give you one price [like London Telecom]," McGill said.

London Telecom does not have an activation fee, but customers pay for first and last month's service up front as a security deposit.

Although there is no cost to upgrade service, London Telecom charges \$25 to downgrade a package.

London Telecom's long distance rate divides the country into three regions — western, central and eastern Canada. Customers purchase a block of time; time elapses at a straight rate for calls made within one region. Time spent on the phone is multiplied by two on calls to a neighbouring region and by three for calls made across two regions.

London Telecom requires a four-month commitment from new customers. Customers must subscribe for a minimum of two months and are required to give at least two months' notice before disconnecting.

Long-distance customers can only use the phone line activated by London Telecom. Customers cannot make a call from a pay phone using their London Telecom account, but London Telecom has a "World Talk" prepaid calling card that can be used from

any touch tone phone. It also has a reverse feature that allows customers to charge calls to another Telecom user — a good idea for the person who is low on time while his friend has some extra.

Another long-distance company is AT&T. AT&T asked its Canadian customers when they make most of their long-distance calls and found that most of the calls are made on weekends.

AT&T has another flat-rate special. True Choice Province is just under \$8 and entitles customers to an hour of talk time every month within their province with no time restrictions. If a customer goes over one hour, each additional minute costs 14 cents.

And, last but not least, Bell Canada has its own specials.

Bell customers who call within North

America will save 25 per cent off every call in Canada or the United States if they spend \$40 or more per month in direct dial long-distance. Also, if a customer spends between \$15 and \$40 per month in long-distance, the customer will save 20 per cent on every long-distance call anywhere in the world. Bell offers its biggest discounts of 25 and 40 per cent for customers who use Bell as their primary long-distance provider.

Bell had a strangle-hold on the long-distance market. Now Sprint Canada, AT&T Canada, London Telecom and others have been allowed into the ring.

Today, Bell has 87 per cent of the market cornered while its closest rivals, Sprint and AT&T, own five and four per cent respectively, according to a report in the Toronto

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# Entertainment

## The beginning of the *End*

by RYAN SIMPER

Entertainment Reporter

Tribalism and racism among youth are explored in Noel Greig's *End of Season*, currently playing at the Canadian Stage.

The play, directed by John Van Burek, is directed towards a young audience. It shows how a sense of cultural belonging and identity can shift under the feet of a young person caught up in our fluid and mobile world.

Royce Singh Gill, played by Sanjay Talwar, is a young Canadian with South Asian parents travelling with his father Hargit, played by Marvin Ishmael. Together they journey back through their cultural migration, from the Punjab to England to Canada.

Throughout the play Royce has constant conflicts with himself involving his cultural background.

"There's a real conflict of racial identity. He keeps on thinking 'Am I Asian or Canadian? And what do those terms really mean?'" Talwar said.

As well as having conflicts with himself, Talwar says Royce has many intergenerational conflicts

with his father, Hargit.

"He is very resistant to being labeled by his father. Instead of carrying on a heritage, he really wants to find out who he is for himself," Talwar said.

Ishmael said he hopes minority students viewing the play can relate

his character Hargit to their own parents.

"I hope they see Hargit and his attempts to effectively communicate with his son, and relate it to their own parents, and the constant battle that is there. Parents who are not Canadian themselves

have an endless struggle with their children to bring together the two different worlds, the world of their children, and the culture they think most important."

*End of Season* was co-developed by Theatre Direct Canada and the Red Ladder Theatre Company of

Leeds, UK. It was first performed in Bradford, England on April 12, 1996, and directed by Kully Thiarai and Noel Greig.

John Van Burek, the founding Artistic Director of Theatre Francais de Toronto, was selected to direct the Canadian production of *End of Season*. With his suggestion, the play was changed to have a Canadian angle.

"In its early stages, *End of Season* was a play destined for England. Because of my involvement, we wanted to have a Canadian connection for the audience to relate to. If the play was to come to Canada, it would make much more sense if there was a Canadian element in the story."

Van Burek wants the audience to walk away with a good sense of the world we live in.

"We can't cut ourselves off from the world. What's happening out there in human nature is in fact happening under our own noses, although we don't recognize it, because it doesn't seem foreign."

*End of Season* runs until October 25.



Cast of Noel Greig's *End Of Season*, now on at the Canadian Stage which runs to October 25.

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## Mississauga has place to go

by ANDERSON KHAN

Entertainment Reporter

The time has come to experience arts and entertainment "Like Never Before."

This is the slogan of the Living Arts Centre, the newly-built \$65 million complex in Mississauga.

The citizens in the community have wanted a place to showcase artistic talent for a long time. David Irwin, Chairman of the Board of the Living Arts Centre, is proud to see the fulfillment of a vision.

"Despite the roadblocks and challenges along the way, a dream is now reality. We have a world-class showcase for the arts of which we can be justifiably proud," Irwin said.

The Living Arts Centre is located next to the Mississauga Civic Centre in the City's downtown core.

The complex, designed by Zeidler Roberts Partnership, extends 225,000 square feet, contains multiple studios, performance venues and exhibition display spaces. Through digital and fibre-optics, the Living Arts Centre will broadcast and receive voice and video world-wide. David O'Brien, CEO of the Living Arts Centre, is delighted with the facility.

"This is a one-of-a-kind facility unlike anything yet seen in the world. It's more than a performing or visual arts facility. It takes the arts into a new millennium," O'Brien said.

The facility has many unique areas, each



Veronika Ivanova of the Kirov recently performed at L.A.C

suiting for various uses. The main theatre, Hammerson Hall, is ideal for major touring company productions, large-scale Broadway plays and symphonic and choral orchestras. Mississauga's three resident groups—Opera Mississauga, the Mississauga Choral Society and the Mississauga Symphonic Association—will also perform in the 1,300-seat theatre.

Theatre II, a space that accommodates

400 people, can be used for trade shows, multi-media presentations and exhibitions. The sprung dance floor makes this theatre excellent for dance performances.

The main gathering area of the complex is the Atrium, a large reception area which will also be used for special events and trade shows. The staircase, double-balcony and wall of windows make the Atrium very pleasing to the eye.

Other areas of interest include the Dance Studio, the Staging Room, The Bank of Montreal Meeting Rooms, and the Galleria, the Centre's digital and visual arts wing. In the Galleria, visitors can view art as well as artists at work.

Audiences can look forward to a wide variety of performances in the future at the Living Arts Centre from dance to Broadway productions. Dance events include American company, The Mark Morris Dance Group and the Moscow Classical Ballet performing the Canadian premier of *Cinderella*.

Familiar faces making appearances include comedian and impersonator Andre-Philippe Gagnon, Juno Award-winning recording artist Susan Aglukark and legendary singer Lou Rawls. Broadway shows such as *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, and Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel* will also be featured at the Living Arts Centre in the near-future.

# Hermit makes contact

by JEFF HEATHERINGTON

Entertainment Reporter

Usually fame and fortune are the main goals young musicians are striving for.

Not so for Thrush Hermit. It's something a little bit deeper than that for the boys from out east. It's a genuine love for music.

"If we start making lots of money and get a lot of recognition, then hey, that's cool," said guitarist Robert Benvie. "We're not superstars, but we're happy and we're getting by."

They may not be superstars, but they are definitely becoming more and more recognized with some regular airplay on Toronto's CFNY radio station as well as opening for bands like Urge Overkill, and Sloan, during their U.S. tour two weeks ago.

But if you think these guys had no other options in life than to play music, consider this: drummer Clifford Gibb quit his job as a computer technologist in order to tour and make music with the band. He also taught electronics at an agricultural college in Halifax.

"He made a lot more cash than what he makes now," said Benvie. "Anytime we have financial woes, you can just see him shaking his head."

Benvie, who majored in business in Halifax, chose to stay with the band, but thinks of the group as his own little business and likes to take charge of the their financial matters. He calls it his "entrepreneurial outlet."

Lead singer Joel Plaskett is described by Benvie as the only member of the band who has the soul of a musician.

"If we weren't together, Joel would probably be a solo artist-drifter, on the way to his next show," said Benvie. "He has it deep in his heart and he'll probably play music until he dies."

Thrush Hermit rolled into

Toronto's Horseshoe Tavern last Thursday night playing with front-band Squirrel. This stop marked the half-way point of their busy tour, according to guitarist Ian McGettigan.

"We are booked solid for two months," McGettigan said. They finish in their hometown Halifax, Nova Scotia, on November 8.

The band doesn't put a big emphasis on playing college or university gigs, but instead like to play more of the rock-type bars and clubs.

"In Canada there is a big college circuit with bands like the Headstones and Big Sugar that really stress the college scene," said McGettigan. "There is the potential for making new fans and the pay is really good, but generally the people go just for the party and the beer."

Benvie agrees about the type of atmosphere in college gigs. "With college shows you're basically paid entertainment for people that don't really care what band is playing. You're basically opening for beer. We'd rather play clubs and have people coming strictly to see us."

Benvie, Plaskett and McGettigan started making music together while still in junior high school. After a variety of different drummers, they were joined by Cliff Gibb in 1993 and the lineup was finally solidified. After releasing a couple of successful singles on U.S.-based labels, the band recorded *Smart Bomb*, a seven song EP which was released nationally in Canada by Murderecords.

For the follow up to *Smart Bomb*, the band went to Chicago to work with Steve Albini (produced Nirvana and PJ Harvey) and recorded *The Great Pacific Ocean*. It was also released on Murderecords.

Their latest album, *Sweet Homewrecker*, was produced by

Doug Easley. It was released in February of 1997 over North America and in some European countries by Elektra Records.

Being around each other 24 hours a day while on tour, has seemed to bring the band together on more of a personal level.

"The four of us are really getting along well right now," Benvie said. "We're all having a good time and we've learned to leave our problems in the past. We've only had a couple of fist fights."

"The energy of the band is reaching a new level right now," said McGettigan.

The band cruise from show to show in their early eighties-style Winnebago.

Although their favorite places to play are British Columbia, Newfoundland, Quebec, and their hometown Halifax, they also like to play in Toronto.

"We've played many shows here in Toronto," said McGettigan. "Toronto crowds don't get up and

dance or get that physical, but we can tell that they are very emotional and that they love the music. In Newfoundland, everybody gets up and acts crazy because nobody is cool there, so there is nobody to act cool in front of."

Thrush Hermit plans to work on some films after their tour is done and are already laying down the ground-work for a new album. In the meantime, they will continue to travel from club to club, satisfying their passion for music.

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# Tupac's final act is Gang Related

by DUSTIN DINOFF

Entertainment Reporter

Gang Related is more than just Tupac Shakur's last movie.

Jim Kouf's film, *Gang Related*, is an interesting offering to say the least, and is notable for many reasons. It is a terrifically twisty crime drama, a hopeful comeback picture of sorts for James Belushi, and Shakur's last film before his death in September of 1996.

The film is about two big-city detectives (Belushi and Shakur) who have successfully set up a drug scheme where they lure gang members into a motel, sell them drugs, and kill them. In their eyes they are offering a service to the community by doing this. However, things go terribly wrong after the pair murder an under-cover DEA officer.

The progression of *Gang Related* is very steady and fast paced, keeping the audience interested. It never throws in any of those big 'police words' that no one understands and just nods along, with thanks to writer/director Kouf who has more than outdone his last offering,

*Operation Dumbo Drop*.

There are very few weak links in the large ensemble cast, headed by Belushi. *Gang Related* features David Paymer, James Earl Jones, Dennis Quaid, Lela Rochon and, Kool Moe Dee.

Belushi, who is not a complete novice in this type of movie, is convincing, but is more or less playing himself. He has definitely laid the foundation for a gritty police drama future with his better than average performance, despite all of his Belushi-isms.

Throughout the movie, no matter what is being said, who is being framed, and where they are getting shot, the movie-goer never loses the thought that *Gang Related* is the last time they will see actor/musician Tupac Shakur on the big screen. Although his performance is a little melodramatic at times, you have to be blind not to see the potential he had as an actor. After starring in only a handful of movies (*Poetic Justice* and *Above the Rim* to name two), he was just starting to make his presence felt in Hollywood.



In his final role, Tupac Shakur in Orion Pictures' crime drama *Gang Related*.

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# Smooth as Smoother

by LISA RAINFORD

Entertainment Reporter

After several breakups and a new name, this band from Hamilton is ready for a Smoother ride with a new album and a contract with EMI Music Canada.

The band's third release, *What a Life* might very well be a reflection of the success-been-experiencing. They have shared the stage with bands like Rusty, Doughboys, Molst, Sloan, and did an Ontario/Quebec tour with 54-40.

"It sort of felt like we were there to give them motivation," said lead singer, and guitarist, Andrew Franey. "It was a smaller tour for them. We were a really young band who loves what we're doing and they picked up on that."

Franey hopes that their new EMI contract will give them more opportunities and security.

"It's still totally up to us what we do and where we go but we're taking things to a whole new level."

Not too long ago, Smoother underwent a major lift. The last of three of the four band members almost killed the band completely

and they did a lot of things he didn't think of. Franey said he had to grow up fast.

"It takes a while to know what you want," Franey said about the reason the original group broke up. "A lot of it had to do with commitment, and some of the guys didn't have the patience for the music business. It was a hard time with changing circumstances and a sacrificial hyper-creative power

punk" manages to pack quite a heavy punch.

The current members of the band are Todd Knight (guitar, backup vocals), James Flemmings (bass, backup vocals), Stewart Fazekas (drums), and Andrew Franey (guitar, lead vocals). Each member brings a diverse musical background, but only Fazekas was part of another band. Franey writes Smoother's lyrics and hopes to write some different music.

"A lot of people just write what sounds good," said Franey. "Smoother members to make fun of songs whose lyrics don't make any sense. This is shown in their track



EMI's Smoother will be playing the Horseshoe October 11.

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"I try to express what I'm feeling but try not to make it too obvious."

Smoother has their own unique sound but their inspiration and influence comes from bands like the Sublime Pumpkins, and Nirvana.

The band plays The Horseshoe Tavern October 18.

# 24 hour laughs

by **ANDREA HOUSTON**  
Entertainment Reporter

Now you can't say there's nothing on TV.

The Comedy Network, along with 16 other new channels, is being introduced October 17 by your local cable company, and they're free until January 17th.

Canadians seem to dominate the Comedy Network with 58 per cent of the entire program schedule, and 72 per cent of prime-time will be totally Canadian.

The all-comedy network showcases fresh, innovative shows like *El Mundo De Lundo*, as well as long-lost vintage classics like *Abbott & Costello* and *The Honeymooners*.

The Comedy Networks spokesperson Karen Gruson said, "El Mundo is not to be missed. It takes vintage black-and-white footage and cuts it up to create hilarious new sketches. It's something a little more irreverent."

Open Mike with Mike Bullard is an improvisation interactive experience. Throughout the show audience members and viewers at home call in, e-mail, or fax in while Mike dishes out the jokes.

Between talking with celebrities and finding jobs for out-of-work squeegee kids, Mike delivers award-winning Canadian comedy, "all completely uncensored, even during the morning and afternoon time-slots." Gruson said, "it's racy, and perfect for a college audience."

The Larry Sanders Show star-

ring Garry Shandling, has been available to HBO subscribers, but can now be seen for the first time totally uncensored on The Comedy Network. The parody sitcom about a late night talk show blends fiction with reality. Real-life celebrities play themselves and give a great behind the scenes look at the politically egotistical world of talk shows. Dana Carvey, Rosie O'Donnell, Roseanne, and David Letterman are just some of the stars who have been on Larry Sanders.

Since *In Living Color* left FOX five years ago the 120 episodes have not been aired anywhere. Remember Handyman? Or Homey the Clown? Canada's own Jim Carrey began his career on this show doing the comedy that made him famous.

See all your favorite Saturday Night Live episodes from 1975 through to 1996 as the generations of the past return on The Comedy Network.

The people who set the standard in sketch-comedy like Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, Chevy Chase, and John Belushi, who started the golden period, return for an encore on The Comedy Network in the entire 650 episode library.

British comedy has long been a favorite of Canadian viewers and can now be seen Monday to Friday and all weekend long. Shows like; *Whose line is it anyway?*, and *The Lenny Henry Show* can all be seen

during prime time instead of at two o'clock in the morning. However the popular series "Absolutely Fabulous is unfortunately not on our programming bill yet," Gruson said.

Some shows such as *Open Mike* get repeated up to four times a day, seven days a week. Saturday Night Live is on two times a day. Gruson said, "Many shows will be repeated with a 'best of show.'"

Some other shows to be introduced to Canadian audiences for the first time are: *Dr. Katz: Professional Therapist*, *The Dish Show*, and HBO comedy specials.

In addition to just television shows and sitcoms The Comedy Network will feature the hottest stand-up comedians from Canada and the US on various comedy specials. Gruson said, "Dennis Miller will kick off the comedy specials on the first Saturday at 8 p.m." Some of the other headliners include; Mark Farrel (CBC's *The Newsroom*), Russel Peter and Jeremy Hotz.

The entire package for all 16 channels is \$5.99 per month. Gruson said "You don't need to be a TMN box subscriber to receive the programming, it's directly through your cable company."

As if we need any more reason to become even bigger couch potatoes. On the other hand, better to waste time laughing than watching the Home Shopping Network.

## ON DISC

Reviews by Scott Middleton



**Duran Duran**  
**Medazzaland**  
Capitol

After 16 years and 11 LP's this British band can still stand. *Medazzaland* is a throw-back to their late '80's post modern efforts. It may be a step away from what they have been trying to accomplish but that doesn't mean it's not a viable Duran Duran album. This may be another 'fans only' record. It certainly won't be winning any new fans.

(etc.) (etc.)

**The Rolling Stones**  
**Bridges To Babylon**  
Virgin

Nobody asked you to buy this record so shut up and let real fans

enjoy it. By the way, being a real fan means liking more than just *Paint It Black* and *Start Me Up*. There are those who say it sounds like crap compared to their old records and that they should have quit long ago. This album doesn't sound like one from the '60's because its the '90's. Even the Stones know that.

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**Blue Peter**  
**All Through The Night**  
Universal

This is a greatest hits album and all of the material contained was previously unavailable on CD. Anyone that knows anything about New Wave music or the music scene in Canada in the early '80's

would tell that this band was huge in the Toronto underground and represents the pinnacle of New Wave in Canada. The music still retains the vibrancy it had then. Want proof? Two of the best tracks, *Equalizer* and *Don't Walk Past* are being rereleased.

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**The Verve**  
**Urban Hymns**  
Virgin

Buy the album, ask questions later. They broke up, time passed, they got back together, they made another album. Long live the slacker kings. This is definitely their strongest album to date. The songs have more structure, more melody. But don't fret, they still swing. Psychedelic guitar and vocals that get into are still included with the price of admission. One of the best albums this year.

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# Et Cetera Sports

## Humber golf a hole in one again

by STEVEN ALEGRAS

Sports Reporter

Going into the Ontario College Athletic Association's (OCAA) finals at the Brockville Country Club, Humber's golf team had not lost a tournament in two years and they were determined to keep that streak alive.

Led by Patrick Treude and Dan McNeely on the men's side and Angela McDonald and Kerri Moffet on the women's, Humber managed to capture everything in sight.

The men's team won the team gold, successfully defending last year's championship, and finished with four of the top six scores with Treude winning the gold and McNeely the silver.

The victory was especially sweet for Treude who was able to defend his individual gold medal.

In the individual women's competition Moffet and McDonald played well, with Moffet and McDonald finishing first and second.

Treude shot a 71 the first day and an 80 the second, and won by two strokes over his teammate McNeely.

"My performance wasn't so bad," said Treude. "Usually at the end of the year I'm in the groove. I was expecting good rounds going in and the first round was good, the second was a little shaky."

Treude's victory saw McNeely go to a four hole playoff to win the silver.

"He gutted it out in a pretty tense situation and came through," said Fraser of McNeely's performance. "I was really proud of him."

The team's performance at the provincials has shown Humber's supremacy in golf. Unfortunately for the golf team there is no national championship to play for, but if there was, Doug Fox, Humber's athletic director, feels the team would do very well.

"I think we would rank in the top three in the country, probably the top school because of our golf management program," said Fox. "The players we have are tremendous. We won the University of Ottawa tournament, and Ottawa was the strongest



Humber golfer Dan McNeely earned a silver medal at the OCAA finals last week at the Brockville Country Club.



Humber's golf team brought home the gold again this year. They successfully defended their title and did not lose a tournament all year.

Grant Fraser, director of Humber's Professional Golf Management program and the team coach was extremely proud of the whole team, "I'm very pleased," Fraser said. "Pleased for the team, pleased for the individual members of team, pleased for the college. It was a great win, we won just about everything there was to win."

## SAA brings sports to the student body

The Student Athletic Association hopes to bridge gaps between students and athletics

by MARK SUBRYAN

Sports Reporter

One of the great mysteries of Humber College is the Student Athletic Association (SAA).

Exactly how does it work?

Students pay a fee to the Council of Student Affairs and the SAA receives money from the governing board. SAA's budget for this year is \$16,500. The exact budget breakdown is \$2,000 for office supplies, \$2,000 for printing, \$10,000 for awards and prizes, and \$2,500 for public relations.

The majority of SAA's budget comes from the Student's Association Council.

"It is unfair that students who do not use the facilities have to pay for them," said Heather Curran, Humber's SAA president. "I have to pay for upgrading the parking lots and I don't drive and I have to pay for computer labs that I don't use. We all have to pay for expenses that we will never use."

Curran said the present format has certain advantages that a membership plan does not.

"By including the costs of SAA in the student activity fee, students can use our gym



Heather Curran is this year's Humber Student Athletic Association president.

at a cheaper cost than going to a professional gym," Curran said. "We have no intention at this moment of switching SAA fees to a membership format."

The rest comes from fundraising events that are held throughout the school year.

Curran said they need to add to the money they get from SAC.

"This year we're having a fund-raiser pub at Caps and a pool tournament," she said. "The pool tournament will be in Caps and it should be in the next little while."

All athletic activities students participate

in are courtesy of the SAA.

"We represent the students and varsity athletes," Curran said. "Some people think that we only represent the varsity teams, but that's not true."

The SAA is responsible for everything from intramurals and aerobics classes to varsity sports.

They also make the student body aware of sports they can participate in and encourage people to come out and cheer on the varsity squads. This is done through extensive advertising throughout the college.

SAA is also the liaison between varsity athletes and the athletic department.

They are instrumental in putting together extramural sports like hockey, indoor soccer, and volleyball. They organize the annual varsity challenge, which is an event where varsity athletes from various teams have a chance to get to know each other.

On the executive committee Curran is joined by Alaina Tufts, vice-president of finance and minor officials and Tina Botterill, special events and representatives from the promotions department, aerobics, Campus Rec., each varsity team, and the Lakeshore campus.

"All these people attend our meetings in order to make queries about problems or issues in their areas or as a link between us and the student body," Curran said. "The Lakeshore campus rep is essential because

many Lakeshore students don't know that varsity tryouts and intramural games are held here at the North Campus."

Along with Humber athletics, SAA is also responsible for organizing high school basketball and volleyball tournaments, held at the school's gym on weekends.

**"Basically, our job is to attract students to the athletic side of Humber."  
-Heather Curran**

Parents' night, another SAA sponsored event, is a social evening where varsity athletes and their parents attend a reception at the college.

Doug Fox, Humber's athletic director said parent's night is usually held at the first home league game for each sport.

"Parents come out to watch their sons and daughters play and receive a memento of the event," Fox said "We encourage parents to support their kids not only on parents night, but also throughout the regular season by attending the games."

The SAA office is located in the athletic department office.

"Basically, our job is to attract students to the athletic side of Humber," Curran said. "Many students come to this school and don't even come down to the athletic wing."



## Hawks tame Huskies

by JUE SILVA

The Humber Hawks dominated the George Brown Huskies in the second half of the season by a score of 2-0. However, dirty play by both teams resulted in injuries for both sides.

Coach Mauro Ongaro believes the game was poorly officiated and that's why players were getting hurt.

"The refereeing was way below par, and that caused the dirty play in the game. In the end, girls got hurt on both sides," Ongaro said.



Humber Hawk Dyan Layne is one of the reasons for the women's soccer success this season.

He also believes this sort of play will continue now that they start facing the same teams for the second time.

The most serious injury occurred to Hawks' mid-fielder, Jennifer Morris. She was carrying the ball up the line and her left ankle rolled beneath her as a Huskie player attempted to strip her of the ball. The injury is

serious. It is not clear if she will return to the field. "The referee did a poor job," Coach Ongaro said. "The referee didn't handle the game well."

"As players, they will only go as far as the referee will let them. If the referee hands out yellow or red cards, the players do stop the dirty play," Pileggi said.

Both Humber goals came in the first half. Natalie Jones, who was suffering from an ankle injury, scored on a breakaway. The second goal was scored by Filomena Aprile as a result of a penalty shot. Aprile has now scored in every regular season game so far.

The Huskies had pressure on the Hawks the whole game. If not for the Hawks' defence and the solid play of goalkeeper Kim Thomson, the Huskies would have won the game. Both coaches liked the solid play of the defence. The Hawks also had some luck with the Huskies hitting the crossbar twice.

Mid-fielder Cynthia Affroh thought the team played exceptionally well. "We played as a team because of the good communication," Affroh said. She also thought the referee did a poor job.

The Hawks will try to even the season series with Mohawk at one game apiece after losing the first game to them earlier this year. Then they end the season against Redeemer.

# Humber loses shutout in win over Redeemer

## Men's soccer team continues winning streak over Royals

by SHAWN GIBSON

Sports Reporter

The Humber Hawks defeated the Redeemer Royals 5-1 last Wednesday.

Yes, 5 to 1. Someone managed to score against the Hawks.

The Hawks dominated the first half, scoring all five of their goals. The goal scorers were Bernard Tavernier, Ian Carabine, captain Walter Martins with two and Jesse "Caliber" Calabro. The Humber men were looking like a bunch of soccer warriors.

The second half was a totally different game.

The Hawks defence was horrid

while the offence seemed as though they couldn't buy a goal. The Royals realized this and after a few attempts finally scored the first goal the Hawks have allowed this year. The disappointed Hawks left the field, some cursing and some silent.

"Things didn't work out," defencemen Terrence Campell said. "The biggest problem is that they scored a goal and our goal this year was to get shutouts the whole year. But we have one goal against and we'll try to keep [to] that. Now we'll just try to play better soccer for the Ontario Championship and hope for the best."

When asked about his feelings on the one goal, coach Germain Sanchez had his own idea about it.

"Good, great ... It's too much

stress on the players because they think it's a must," Sanchez said. "But this doesn't change anything on how we will play ... I hope we can make it to the Ontario's."

Goalie Drago Lauc was obviously upset and placed some of the blame on a failed offside call and some poor playing but said that he and the team would get over it. Peter Libicz, the other goalie, is also confident about the season and his team.

"One goal in four games? I would say that's pretty good. It would've been nice to keep the shutout but we are still undefeated and I feel we can stay that way," Libicz said.

The Hawks finish off the regular season against the Mohawk Mountaineers and the George Brown Huskies.



The Hawks soar past the Royals in 5-1 beating. Redeemer is the only team that has scored on Humber so far.

## HUMBER SPORTS INDEX

**SOFTBALL:** Two weeks ago, the extramural co-ed softball teams (North and Lakeshore campuses) played a tournament against other colleges. The North campus team faced the Lakeshore campus in the final. I guess Humber won.

**VOLLEYBALL:** The men's team played in the Maisonneuve Tournament in Montreal. They placed just outside of the medal round in fourth place, an improvement over last year's 10th place finish.

The women's team plays in the Sheridan Tournament this weekend. To find out how Humber did see next week's paper.

**SOCCER:** The Hawks finish off their season this week. The men play Mohawk and George Brown, while the women face off against Mohawk and Redeemer.

**HOCKEY:** Humber's North Campus extramural team plays October 16 at Ice Sports Etobicoke Arena. They're on the ice at 10:15pm.

Lakeshore's team begins tryouts October 20 at Longbranch Arena, beginning at 2pm. For more information call (416) 675-6622 ext. 3237.

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# A saintly return to the OHL

by NEIL BECKER

Sports Reporter

In early October the St. Michael's Majors of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) played their first official game after a 35 year absence.

Back in 1961, there was concern that the players were not dedicating enough time to school work as opposed to hockey. As a result, Father Bauer, who was credited with building the team, pulled them out of the league.

"The school felt that academically, they were slipping. Their grades were not as high as in the past few years," said Rob Erwin, the Majors game day promoter.

It had been an ongoing process to get the Majors back in operation in the OHL. Various appeals were made arguing that Toronto would benefit by having a junior team. "A pitch was made two years ago for

an expansion franchise. It has been a process of meetings after meetings," Erwin said.

Since opening the season at home against Kingston, the crowds have come out to watch the new OHL team at St. Michael's College arena. "The crowds have been at



The St. Michael's Majors have resumed playing in the Ontario Hockey League after a 35 year absence. The response to their return is positive.

or near capacity level," Erwin said. He estimates between 18,000 and 20,000 fans have been turning out.

The prices for the game are made affordable to young hockey fans who do not have a lot of money to spend. All tickets are \$13. Standing room tickets cost \$10.

The Majors will play a couple of games at Maple Leaf Gardens this year, the first one on October 19.

"Next weekend we are hoping for a huge turnout when we play at the Gardens," Erwin said.

The head coach of the Majors is Mark Napier, a very well

respected former Montreal Canadien had been with the Majors organization for a while before becoming the coach.

A player who is worth following is Charlie Stephens, former number one pick in the midget draft. "Hopefully this year he can help

us in getting the Memorial Cup," Erwin said.

Currently the Majors are in third place in the Eastern Division.

"We will be in the thick of things for the whole year," Erwin said. "Right now it looks pretty wide open."

## WHAT'S HOT & NOT IN SPORTS

### HOT

#### DENVER BRONCOS

At 6-0, the Broncos are the AFC powerhouse which may just win the Super Bowl this year.

#### BARRY SANDERS

The Detroit Lions running back is living up to his superstar status with spectacular runs.

#### FLORIDA MARLINS

The off season spending spree has paid off. They defeated the Atlanta Braves, the so-called team of the nineties, earning a trip to the World Series.

#### WASHINGTON CAPITALS

The Capitals are off to a great start. With Adam Oates on fire, Bill Ranford in net, and Ron Wilson as coach, they look like contenders.

### NOT

#### CHICAGO BEARS

At 0-7, the Bears are hurting. They lost to the New Orleans Saints, can it get worse?

#### EMMITT SMITH

After six games he has not scored a touchdown. Has this superstar shine worn off?

#### ATLANTA BRAVES

Another great regular season wasted. The Braves are the Buffalo Bills of baseball. They may have won one World Series, does that make them the team of the nineties?

#### ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS

They still have not signed Paul Kariya, putting too much pressure on Teemu Selanne. Also, with Pierre Page coaching they look lost.

- by Vince Versace

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**11** - The number of minutes new Raptor, John Wallace, averaged last year with the New York Knicks

**14** - The number of goals Humber's men's soccer team has scored in four games.

**39** - Total number of touchdown passes thrown by Argo quarterback Doug Flutie this year, breaking the old record of 38 set by Tobin Rote in 1960.

**442** - holes of golf played in 12 hours by Ken Whitaker to earn a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

- Compiled by Vince Versace and Marcel Waiter

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**In the Hawks Nest****Female: FILOMENA APRILE**

Filomena scored once to help the Hawks in their 2-0 win over the George Brown Huskies last week.

Filomena is also the OCAA leader in goals scored. She has 5 goals in four games this season.

This is the second time Filomena has been awarded the Humber athlete of the week.

**Male: PATRICK TREUDE**

Patrick is the captain of the Golf team. He led the team to the gold medal at the OCAA provincial tournament last week in Brockville. The team took the all-around gold medal.

Patrick won the individual title for the second straight year. He shot a 151 over the three day tournament, an improvement of one stroke from last year.

# OCAA STANDINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 16 1997

## Central West Region Division

### MEN'S SOCCER

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Humber	4	4	0	0	14	1	12
Mohawk	5	4	1	0	9	6	12
George Brown	5	1	4	0	6	9	3
Redeemer	6	1	5	0	3	16	3

### WOMEN'S SOCCER

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Mohawk	5	5	0	0	18	7	15
Humber	4	3	1	0	11	7	9
Redeemer	5	1	4	0	10	14	3
George Brown	6	1	5	0	1	12	3

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# Et Cetera The Last Word



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- ☛ Lorne Green had one of his nipples bitten off by an alligator while he was hosting "Wild Kingdom."
- ☛ All porcupines float.
- ☛ Cats' urine glows under a blacklight.
- ☛ San Francisco cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- ☛ Pinocchio is Italian for "pine head."
- ☛ In every "Seinfeld" episode there is a Superman somewhere.
- ☛ Non-dairy creamer is flammable.
- ☛ Emus and kangaroos cannot go backwards.

source: fab magazine



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Tales of  
brilliance  
from south  
of the border

## Man crafts carjacking story to cover crack episode

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. - Daryl Foote, 30, rescued from the trunk of his car after an apparent carjacking, has told police an even more fantastic story: He locked himself inside after getting high on crack.

Detective Sgt. Tommy Kennedy said Foote says he smoked crack cocaine, drove around until about 2 a.m. and then parked his car on an interstate exit ramp, climbed into the trunk and shut the lid.

Kennedy said Foote, who lives with his parents, staged the carjacking because he thought his folks would be worried by his long absence.

Foote was found after he wedged a broken fishing pole and a piece of cardboard through the trunk's rubber gasket and started wiggling them.



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