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LIZA WOOD

City mourns death of Pope John Paul II

Four-year-old Jackson Wright watches over a shrine of candles and flowers which surrounds the statue of Pope John Paul II outside St. Stanislaus-St. Casimir's Polish Parishes Credit Union on Roncesvalles Ave. The statue was erected by the Polish community to commemorate the Pope's first visit to Canada in 1984.

Divine inspiration: Former student credits her successes to meeting the pontiff p.17

News



REBECCA GRANT

HSF board members voted on several issues at last week's monthly meeting, held just hours after the morning annual general meeting.

Students question HSF spending at annual meeting

Telecommunications expenses nearly double to \$40,000

REBECCA GRANT
NEWS REPORTER

Last Wednesday's HSF Annual General Meeting was rife with debate as students questioned issues ranging from the lack of opportunities to discuss diversity space to cell phone and meal expenses.

Business student Nicole Parker criticized the HSF for not distributing its budget until just before the start of the AGM, which made it difficult to read in time. "We can't give out 16,000 budgets to everybody," said incoming President and current VP Campus Life Joey Svec.

"Your (school) director is your voice and your director had the budget available Feb. 16."

Others pointed to the HSF's open door policy, saying students should speak to their elected officials instead of harbouring concerns quietly.

Cameron McKenzie, incoming VP Admin. Lakeshore, said student's concerns were inadequately addressed at the meeting.

He said the budget numbers should have been announced prior

to the AGM, adding that the HSF should have published the budget in their newsletter and the *EtCetera*.

Budget items questioned included telecommunications expenses, which almost doubled to \$40,000 from \$24,000 the previous year.

"We provide our executive with cell phones - we want to make sure that students can contact them if there's a need," explained HSF President Jen Green.

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-Jen Green, HSF President

Another student questioned whether Board of Directors' meals could be provided for less than \$20 per plate.

Green said the meals were already discounted and the cheapest they could get from Humber.

The chair said the HSF would consider a proposal by McKenzie for the Board of Directors to approve new conference budgets and for VPs to write conference reports.

Other budget questions revolved around the cost of audits, the dental plan and property costs.

Overall, Svec said the meeting went well, "despite the handful of

HSF votes against creating campus diversity room

Proposes five Joint Diversity Caucuses to represent minority student groups instead

REBECCA GRANT
NEWS REPORTER

After an intense semester of debate, the HSF has decided against the creation of an on-campus diversity space for minority groups.

In consultation with counselling services, the HSF instead proposed five Joint Diversity Caucuses to represent visible minorities, aboriginal students, women, students with disabilities and people of all sexual orientations.

The creation of these committees would mark the end of a lengthy discussion over the creation of a diversity office at the Lakeshore Campus.

Lakeshore Student Union reps have been trading arguments for months about whether or not to appropriate space from a new

games room to serve the needs of minority students.

Under the new proposal, each caucus will be managed by a hired

"It would be frustrating to have (room) set aside and not used optimally."

-Michael Parent, HSF

coordinator who will organize meetings, raise awareness and oversee each group's \$1,000 budget.

According to HSF Executive

Director Michael Parent, the prospect of creating a diversity centre is not currently possible, due to Humber's room shortages.

"We're not trying to use this as an excuse," Parent said, noting they wanted to maximize use of the HSF's limited space.

"It would be very frustrating to have something set aside and not used optimally."

The board also decided to mount a bulletin board and information resources in the new student lounge.

The report also proposed equity training for all incoming HSF executives and board members.

It also called for an expansion of the Positive Space campaign, designed to show that homophobia is not acceptable on campus.



REBECCA GRANT

VP Campus Life North and incoming HSF prez Joey Svec (left) consults with outgoing president Jen Green at last week's annual general meeting, held at the Lakeshore Campus.

Short on donors

Numbers down while blood clinic forced to turn some students away

MUENI KITHUKA
NEWS REPORTER

Donations from Humber's latest blood clinic were cut a little short, after more than 25 people who were expected to donate failed to do so.

A total of 89 students intended to donate but only 63 did.

Hussein Jaffer, clinic co-ordinator and volunteer with Canadian Blood Services, attributed the shortage of donors to preventive measures taken against infectious diseases.

"We had 26 deferrals; people

who were either not feeling well or had tattoos or piercings within the last year," he said.

The number of donors this year dropped by nine from last year.

This year's donors had to wait for more than an hour before they could give blood.

Jaffer said the prolonged waiting time was caused by the loss of two beds at the clinic, an oversight by the nursing department.

He said plans are underway to run two clinics next year, one in the fall and another in winter to reduce waiting times.

Alana Levy, a second-year nursing student, said she was pleased with the organization of the clinic but that longer operational hours were necessary.

The clinic was open between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

"There was personal attention from the nurses to ensure everything went okay," Levy said.

"They need longer times to run so that students who want to donate but have classes within the clinic's running times can have an opportunity to give blood."

Roaches found in Lakeshore cafe

PATRICIA POST
SENIOR REPORTER

First-year social services student Sarah Bell got a shock when she went for breakfast at the Lakeshore Campus cafe last week.

While waiting at the counter for her sandwich, Bell saw someone in uniform crouching down on the other side. Cafeteria staff told her pest control was spraying there.

Suddenly, Bell saw a swarm of 30 big cockroaches. "They were on the counter, up the walls and across the floor. They were quite repulsive."

Bell and several other students also waiting for service left immediately.

Gerry Lawrence, Manager of Food Safety for the Toronto West Region of the Toronto Department of Health, said inspection at The Lake Café after the March 31 incident found everything in order.

Lawrence said, according to his records, the café closed the affected service station.

The health department report said recent construction near to the café may have been a factor in the infestation.

Lawrence said it's illegal to spray for pests while food is being prepared, but the service performed at Lakeshore "was a 'crack and crevice' treatment, applied well away from food preparation and perfectly safe."

"It was legal, but very inappropriate to service the area at a time when customers are waiting for

food," Lawrence said.

Don Henriques, food services general manager for Humber, said he was aware pest control were visiting the Lakeshore cafe but was unaware there would be any spraying.

Lawrence says he wants to strongly encourage students and faculty who have a food safety or public health concern to call Health Connections (416) 338-7600.

He urges callers to leave their name and number. "Confidentiality is assured, and if you give us a way to reach you, we'll tell you when we're going to check on a place, then call you

after the inspection to tell you what we found.

Meanwhile while Lakeshore battles with roaches in the cafe,



the mice population at the North Campus is a challenge, said campus services manager, Ellie Salamon.

Salamon said the concourse by the HSF office is a problem area.

"The student centre is built on dirt and mice always seem to find their way through," she said. "We do our best to manage it with regular pest control visits, but mice were there long before we were and we're never going to totally get rid of them."

Mice have also been reported in the L-building newsroom after staff found a series of mouse droppings.

Facilities management sent over seven sticky traps to try and catch the mice.



MELISSA MONOSKY

Crews have begun clean-up on the Dexx factory property on Carrier Drive near North campus after last Wednesday evening's fire left the building gutted, causing damages in the millions.

Clean up begins at torched Rexdale plastic factory

MELISSA MONOSKY
NEWS REPORTER

Toronto firefighters were called back to the fire-gutted Dexx Corporation factory Monday afternoon, five days after battling a six alarm fire at the Carrier Dr. location near North campus.

They quickly extinguished a smoldering bin of sawdust at the site.

Commenting on the Wednesday inferno, Brian Kirk, fire commander, said they had the blazing fire pretty well suppressed by early Thursday morning.

"It was a stubborn fire complicated by the fact that the roof was caved in and it was hard to get at," Kirk said. "There was major structural damage which made it unsafe for everyone... most of the build-

ing was destroyed."

More than 150 fire personnel worked through the night on March 30 to put out the blaze.

"No one was hurt," Kirk added.

"There was major structural damage which made it unsafe."

-Brian Kirk, Fire Commander

"We had a couple of firefighters with minor injuries."

Investigators from the Ontario fire marshal's office are still investigating the cause.

Residents near the factory were

concerned about toxins released into the air during the fire. "As with any other industrial fire, we do air monitoring control and we get readings of toxicity in the neighborhood," Kirk said. "We had very minimal readings, nothing to concern us."

Frank Guido, president and CEO of Dexx Corporation which manufactures composite decking, said six employees were working at the time the fire broke out. Guido said the fire started outside near the back of the factory.

"We are relieved no one got hurt," he said.

He has no idea right now whether the factory will be rebuilt.

It will take weeks, if not months, to clean up the site.

Damages are estimated to be in the millions.

Humber preparing for possible TTC strike

Transit union sets deadline for Friday at noon; strike would take effect Monday

RYAN MCLANDRESS
NEWS EDITOR

Humber College is doing its part in preparing for a possible TTC strike that could happen as early as Monday if a deal between transit workers and TTC management is not reached.

The transit union announced yesterday it is extending the deadline for a deal until Friday April 8 at noon.

If a deal is not laid out by then,

transit workers will be off the job come Monday morning.

Gary Jeynes, safety program coordinator at Humber, says the college does have a small excess of parking spaces available but that students should be thinking of alternate ways of getting to school if there is a strike.

"Students should consider making alternate plans because we don't have enough space to accommodate everyone," Jeynes said.

He said the North campus has about 1,000 extra spaces available at the Queens Plate lot north of the Woodbine Centre. The Lakeshore campus has approximately 300 extra spaces.

Jeynes also said the college is encouraging students to think about carpooling.

Vice President of Academics, Michael Hatton, agrees that space at the college is the most important issue if a strike were to happen.

New police chief announced

RYAN MCLANDRESS
NEWS EDITOR

Former deputy police chief Bill Blair was named Toronto's new police chief yesterday.

Blair, a 28-year veteran of the force will replace interim chief Mike Boyd within the next week.

Members of the panel who

chose Blair say they based their decision on what the public wanted.

Blair now replaces Boyd who took over from Julian Fantino earlier this year after Fantino's five-year contract was not renewed.

Hatton said a planning meeting is set for either today or tomorrow at which the school's VPs will get together to discuss possible solutions if a strike occurs.

"I would be surprised if there was a strike but either way we would be prepared," Hatton said. "I am in charge of the academic side of the college and to ensure that, if there is a disruption, we are ready."

He said it would be 'pre-emp-

tive at this point to lay out what the college would actually do.'

Kyle Blunt, a first-year multimedia production student, said he doesn't know what he would do if there was a strike.

"I don't know how I would get to school. I have no clue at this point."

A press conference is scheduled for Friday after 12 p.m. to announce whether a deal has been made.

News

Humber student gets hefty bill for 407 ETR smash-up

Billed more than \$20,000 for highway repairs after February accident

AARON JACKLIN
NEWS REPORTER

The bill for Trish Kosak's crash on Hwy. 407 came to \$20,700. And that was just to fix the highway.

The first-year law clerk student was heading home from class in February when her car caught a patch of slush between lanes and spun off the road into safety barrels.

The car was written off, the barrels were damaged and Kosak suffered soft tissue injuries.

A couple of weeks ago, a bill arrived at her home.

"You see a bill for nearly \$21,000 and you go, 'That's ridiculous, that's just ridiculous,'"

said Don Kosak, Trish's dad and the registered owner of the car.

The bill broke down to \$14,600 for the seven barrels, \$2,447 for the repair crew, \$700 for the fire department, \$226 for traffic control costs, \$1,533 for "incident management administration" and \$1,193 for GST.

Dale Albers, spokesperson for 407ETR and a Humber grad, says people also get bills from provincial highways for damages.

The bill was so high because the barrels are patented technology, called the Connecticut Impact Attenuation System.

"It's not like you see in the

movies, with a steel barrel with water or with sand in it," Albers said. "Sand would actually do more harm than good. These barrels absorb the impact and save lives."

The barrels are between eight and 10 feet in diameter and must be lowered into place with a boom truck before being bolted to a concrete slab.

The certified crews are made up of eight to 10 people.

The Kosaks' insurance company has agreed to foot the bill as well as Trish's cab fare between Oakville and North Campus when she can't get a ride.



Humber College student
Trish Kosak



JAIME TAYLOR

Lessons from a 7ft. penis...

Canadian sex advocate/comedian Norman Nawrocki teaches first-year architecture student Domenic Prezio a thing or two about 'the birds and the bees.'

Scholarship awards based on merit, not financial need

MELISSA MONOSKY
NEWS REPORTER

Humber College will nominate 17 potential winners for The Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation awards, which range in value from \$4,000 to \$10,000.

This national awards program

was established in 2003 and honours outstanding achievements of undergraduate students and the contributions they make to their communities.

Last year, 12 Humber students won, including eight students from Lakeshore and four from the North campus.

This year, "we're hoping we're going to get a good mix of schools," said Margaret Antonides, manager of the financial aid office. "Last year we only had 38 applications, so I'm hoping we get at least 50 or more (this year)."

The award is not based on financial need, Antonides said. "They don't ask you how much

money you have, or what other resources you have, or if you're on OSAP. It's based on merit only."

Applicants must have a GPA of at least 77 per cent or B+, and be involved in an on-going activity that contributes to the community or the school.

"I really want the students to make sure that they meet the criteria, which is clearly stated on the website (www.awardforexcellence.ca)," Antonides said.

"I encourage anyone who's eligible to apply, its nice money."

Laura Combden, a second-year film student, won \$4,000 last year and said the money enabled (her) to fund films she made at school.

"The application required a lot of information and it took me about a week to sit down and write it out well," Combden said. "It was definitely worth it."

Matt Leef also won \$4,000 last year and had a GPA average of 90 per cent.

Leef volunteered with Variety Village, the Terry Fox run and managed a youth golf league in Peterborough.

"The scholarship gave me academic confidence. I'm leaving my program early at Humber to go to Carleton and try to become a CA."

Julian Pilarski also won \$4,000 renewable for two years and had an average in the high 80's.

"It is expected that we maintain our grades throughout the duration of the scholarship, so it is certainly in our best interest to continue to work hard and do well," Pilarski said. "Personally, I

have found it to be an excellent motivator."

The foundation will distribute up to 1,200 awards across Canada to be used during the 2005-2006 academic year.

ABC's Peter Jennings diagnosed with lung cancer

RYAN MCLANDRESS
NEWS EDITOR

Peter Jennings, the long time chief anchor of ABC News, has been diagnosed with lung cancer, according to a statement released by ABC on Tuesday.

The Toronto-born journalist had been feeling ill for a few months.

As a result, he missed his usual spot on *World News Tonight* on Saturday and was replaced by Charles Woodruff.

Jennings has been with ABC for over 40 years and says that he will anchor the broadcast when he feels up to it over the next few months as chemotherapy begins.

His absence comes as a blow to ABC. The network was poised to take top ratings for the nightly news timeslot following the retirement of NBC's Tom Brokaw and Dan Rather of CBS.

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Clockwise from top left: First place winner Darrin Lee; second place Heather Brooke Allen and third-place Chris Lindhurst

Students show off DiverCity . . .

Guelph-Humber students snapped the above pics as part of the DiverCity photo contest run by the GH Media Studies Council. The winner was announced March 21.

Afternoon gunplay

Drive-by hits bus shelter near campus

AARON JACKLIN
NEWS REPORTER

Police are investigating a drive-by shooting that happened near North Campus last Thursday.

"At approximately 3:30 p.m. shots were fired at the intersection of Finch Avenue West and Halesia Drive," said Det. Sgt. Les Stasiak, 23 division.

A witness reported the shooting to police, who arrived a short time later.

They found glass broken in the bus shelter on the southwest corner of the intersection. A number of 9mm shell casings were also found.

Stasiak said witnesses told police they saw a small silver vehicle moving east on Finch Ave. As it passed the shelter, someone from inside the vehicle fired shots.

The occupant of the bus shelter ran north across Finch Ave. and fled the area. The silver vehicle

turned south on Halesia Drive then sped off, witnesses said.

Police ask anybody who saw the shooting to call 23 division at 416-808-2300 or Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS.

Woman shot in face

AARON JACKLIN
NEWS REPORTER

The sister of a Toronto councillor was shot in the face at her north Etobicoke home last Thursday afternoon. Police have charged two men in connection with the incident.

Kathy Ford, 45, was rushed to Sunnybrook Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Witnesses told police two men fled the scene in a black Jaguar.

Ford is sister to Rob Ford, city councillor for Ward 2, Etobicoke North.

Police received information from the public which helped them find the Jaguar.

Scott McIntyre, 38, of Toronto, faces 18 firearms-related charges and a charge of possession of cocaine.

Michael Patania, 40, of no fixed address, faces 22 firearms-related charges and two counts of breaking probation and failing to comply with recognizance.

Ontario may end gender price differences

CHRISTINA VELOCCI
LIFE REPORTER

The women's movement has taken another step toward equality because of one determined man.

Ontario Liberal MPP Lorenzo Berardinetti recently introduced a Private Members Bill into the Ontario Legislative Assembly that would prohibit price differences based on gender.

"The bill, if passed, will prevent businesses such as dry cleaners, hairdressers, retailers and others from charging different prices based on whether the customer is a man or a woman," Berardinetti said.

Berardinetti was alerted to the issue after he noticed a significant price difference between his and his wife's dry cleaning bills.

Joanne Thomas Yaccato, president of Toronto-based consulting firm Corporate Canada's Gender Lens, said that women have been victims of gender-based pricing for

many years.

"Women are charged millions of dollars annually for a variety of goods and services (because of their gender," she said.

"It is time companies and legislators remember that a dollar in the hands of a woman should buy the same as a dollar in the hands of a man," she said.

"It's time to make the 'gender tax' the ridiculous, archaic thing of the past it really is."

This may sound like a giant leap for women, but many are skeptical.

"A dollar in the hands of a woman should buy the same as a dollar in the hands of a man."

-Joanne Yaccato, consultant

service that is offered to women versus men," she said. David Mazaris, owner of Davlin

Cleaners, agrees. He said many cases of what seems like the same service, are actually different.

"Women's items that are similar to men's are sometimes more expensive because we need different equipment to clean them," Mazaris said.

He said men will likely end up paying the premiums for future pricing changes.

The Retail Council of Canada refused to comment on the bill or the issue of price discrimination.

If passed, the bill promises high fines and court dates for those who are guilty of price discrimination. It will be debated further in the legislator April 14.

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Editorial

Support of community needed at all levels of sport

Millions of North American TV viewers watched two of the most talented basketball teams battle it out for the NCAA basketball championship Monday night.

About 47,000 fans were in attendance as the University of North Carolina defeated Illinois at the end of two-and-a-half weeks of U.S. college basketball fever.

Unfortunately, the same fan frenzy was absent from our own national collegiate and university championships, which barely make a blip on the radar screens of Canadians – or on their TV sets either.

Apart from good old hockey, Canadians' fervor for other sports pales in comparison to that of our American counterparts. It begs the question: why this lack of interest?

Americans teach the value of sports at an early age, producing a culture where amateur sports are a priority. Canadians only recognize amateur sports every two years when the Olympic Games take centre stage. Even then we complain that our athletes don't win enough medals.

Instead of whining so, we should question why we fail to support our athletes during regional or national competitions, when they're not thrust into the media spotlight.

American athletes will always excel in most sports: athletics are well-supported in their country.

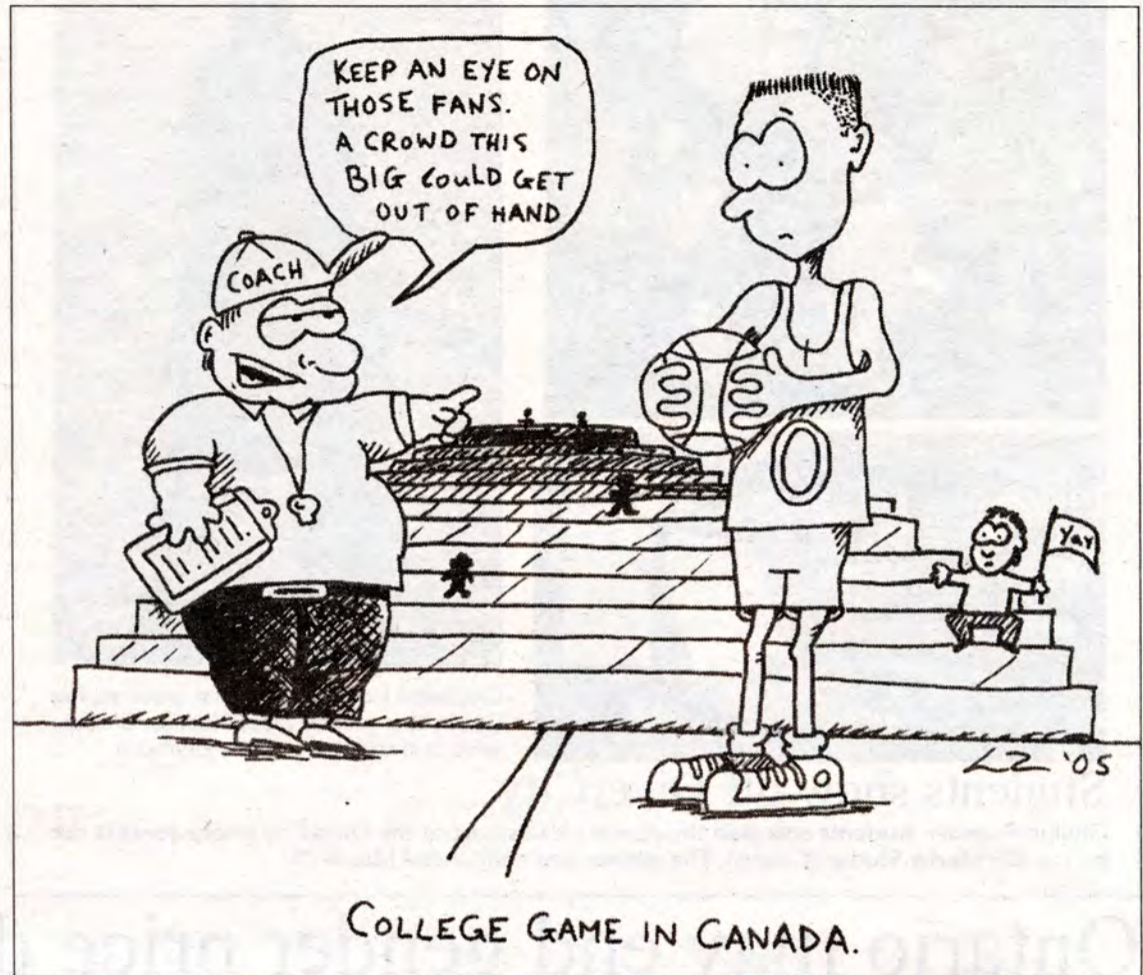
american scholarships

Take the NCAA, whose coffers are lined with millions of dollars in revenue from television and marketing contracts, and attendance rates that surpass the NFL and the NBA. As a result, NCAA teams benefit from better facilities, resources and media attention.

Such well-funded teams attract not only top U.S. athletes but also about 2,000 of Canada's best – lured south to better their skills and their minds through impressive athletic scholarships, unavailable in Canada.

Instead of complaining we should develop plans and find the resources to improve the way we teach young people to develop athletic skills. Let's involve the community, businesses, schools and all levels of government to contribute to this development.

A better-funded and well-managed athletic system would dispel the image that Canadian teams and athletes are second-rate, and it would help keep our best talent right here at home.



Growing up and realizing I'm an adult



PIERRE HAMILTON

The decision to flee home came swiftly.

I slammed the door behind me and stomped out into the night – angry, confused and with a sudden urge to achieve relief in anything intoxicating.

After 25 long years, minus four for an-all-too-brief stint in university, my mother wanted me out.

"I've been waiting for a time when we could sit down and talk..." she began.

Since leaving Western and coming back home to Brampton, the issue had hung in the air – a palpable tension. Now, it was a scene about to be played out in reality. The umbilical cord was being severed.

No more triple-decker sandwiches made to my exacting specifications. No more paper bag lunches. No more driving the younger Mr. Hamilton around. The signs had been abundant in the past months, well lit, even on a night as dark as this.

But the boy had become a man. It was not only time to go; it was also time to let go of the anger I felt.

So I remembered the pleasure in her eyes, an immigrant parent who had never graduated from anything, as they called her son's name and he strode across the stage to become the first of his

family to earn a university degree.

I remembered the shame I felt when, in Grade 12, I was called to the vice-principal's office. The shame that doubled when I heard the words: "I'm going to have to call your mom because you've been suspended."

No child ever wants to smudge the heavenly portraits a mother paints of them. Memories of the "don't do drugs" talks, the "don't have sex because I'm not raising any more children" talks.

Well, some promises were undone, but look Ma, no kids. And I softened as those memories faded, like acid washed jeans, the fluorescence of elementary school

and bouts of teenage angst – all signaling the beginning of the end.

The howling winds hauled me back to the present. I crossed a street I've crossed so many times before, my head down, my mind focused on the future.

In less than four months, I'd be forced out of the womb again, a comfortable home where I paid no bills, cooked no food and did few chores. It was time to grow up.

That's when it happened.

Halfway across the street, I glanced up and saw the car barreling down on me. This was not the way I wanted go. Fortunately, he stopped short. We were both relieved. He went on with his life and I decided to do the same. My anger gone I knew she was right. It was time to chase my dreams. And so, I trudged forth, alone, towards my future.

"After 25 long years, minus four for an-all-too-brief stint in university, my mother wanted me out."

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Opinion

eBay: gateway to addiction



JESSE GRASS

I have an addiction, and no, it isn't one of those so-called "serious" ones. I'm not a smoker, I don't do drugs, I'm not a gambler and I'm not an alcoholic... sure I drink, but no more than the next proud Canadian. My problem is something that's really life-altering.

I'm addicted to eBay. I can't stay away from it. Even when I have no money to spend I'm bidding on the next jersey I'd like to add to my collection.

I own roughly 60 pro sports jerseys. For the most part they're football jerseys but there's also a few from baseball, hockey, basketball and soccer teams. I would bet that maybe half of them have come from eBay. I've bought movies, hats, and my all-time best purchase, my original

Reebok pumps. Thinking of all the money I've blown makes me sick. I'd guess I've spent more than \$1,500 on eBay in the last two or three years, not including shipping.

It all goes back to one day at my friend's place in Thorold. Everyone was sitting around a computer when I got there. The

"I can't stay away from it. Even when I have no money to spend ..."

countdown began. Everyone started cheering and celebrating. It was basically a New Year's party in the middle of September. I had no idea what was going on so I asked what the celebration was all about. My buddy had won

an auction for a jersey, for dirt cheap. I was hooked without even seeing the website. Jerseys for cheap? I wanted in.

I sat down, typed in "authentic jersey" and bought the first one that was cheap and would fit me: an authentic Philadelphia Eagles' James Thrash jersey.

Since then my relationship with eBay has grown. We've had our ups and downs, manage to always patch things up and make everything right.

You might think I'm crazy for talking about a relationship with an Internet marketplace. Quite frankly, if I weren't the person writing this I would completely agree.

But don't judge until you have faced eBay and its luring ways.

There isn't a day that goes by that I don't check eBay for jerseys. It has become a part of my daily routine and I can't get rid of it.

I have a problem and this is my cry for help.

What the Pope's legacy left for me



BRANKO BELAN

One question always begs consideration when events occur which alter the landscape of history - where were you when it happened?

I can recall last Saturday, coming home from work at around 2:25 p.m. As I had done the day before, upon learning of the Pope's rapidly declining condition, I turned on CNN to see images of St. Peter's Square in Rome.

I sensed it. The end was near. Another chapter in the annals of history was about to close; the conclusion of one of the most celebrated eras in recent memory.

I had been home for 10 minutes when the news flash came across the screen, announcing the Pontiff had died. Words, regardless of how beautifully crafted they could be, could not do justice to what I felt at that

particular moment. He was the only Pope I, among many others, had ever known, and his impact on our world was immense. I stayed glued to the coverage the entire afternoon, trying to digest the reality of the moment.

I could not bring myself to

"He was the only Pope I, among many others, had ever known."

accept the fact that the man who had been the symbol of my church and the Roman Catholic people for the past 26 years was gone.

Many were fortunate to greet the Pope on his travels throughout the world. I did not have that privilege, although I feel as though there may have been a

moment during the course of that afternoon where we shared a moment together, the Pope and I.

I have much to thank him for. I can recall to a time when I was 11 or 12 years old: war had been raging back in my native Croatia for months, and in January 1992, Croatia sought recognition as an independent nation from the international community. Few nations (15 to be exact) were willing to grant Croatia that recognition. But one person was instrumental in Croatian independence becoming a reality - the Pope John Paul II.

Some years later, the Pope made his 100th papal visit to Croatia. He will always have a special place in the hearts of Croatian people worldwide, mine included, as he will for people of all nationalities.

May God bless him and watch over him as he blessed and watched over us. Rest in peace, Pontiff, you will be missed and remembered forever.

Music levies are as illegal as downloading



HENTLEY SMALL

I compare my right to download free music to a younger sibling lifting change from my piggy-bank. So insignificant I wouldn't know unless someone told me.

It's the levy on some blank recording media (CDs, cassettes, minidisks) that the Copyright Board of Canada quietly approved in 2003 that I take issue with.

Two dollars on recorders up to 1GB; \$15 up to 10GB; \$25 for those above 10GB.

The levy was introduced by a group called the Canadian Private Copying Collective. Its purpose is to compensate Canadian artists for the losses they incur from rampant, free downloading. A noble cause, but the methodology is flawed on several levels.

Taxing people in this way is borderline criminal. Most of my friends, who I consider tech-savvy, didn't even know about it until I told them. To paint everyone with the same accusatory brush reeks of stupidity.

I use CDs to back up files, make mixed content from music I've purchased and for class assignments. Where does compensation to Shania Twain fit into this equation?

If you're taking money from me assuming I'm downloading music without paying for it, doesn't that give me the right to prove you wrong? If I can prove I didn't download music, can I get my money back?

This is a double standard at its finest. Insist we don't do yet take the money as if we do.

People are downloading music freely at an alarming rate

and it's taking its toll. But when the entire picture is developed, it's easier to see that our world of content is rapidly changing.

Walk into any HMV or Sunrise Records and you'll see DVDs taking up an ever-increasing load of shelf space that used to belong almost exclusively to music.

The proliferation of the internet has made content more accessible on music and label websites, reducing the need to invest in a plastic disc.

Digital and satellite cable television also reduce our consumption of physical music media by offering specific music channels in a variety of genres.

And let's not discount video games in this equation, which are now being marketed to adults and kids alike.

Where's the levy money going? To Canadian artists? Conventional wisdom says most of the music downloaded is not Canadian-made. Canadian artists don't dominate radio or video play. Why would we assume they dominate the downloading?

The money will never go to those who need it most - independent, obscure insignificant artists.

And if most of the money is going to the U.S. to subsidize their artists, tell Usher and Jay-Z I said, "Use it in good health!" Maybe now they can repave their 10-car driveways. All they needed was that cheque from Canada.

Sending money down south to compensate their music industry is something I'm sure would go over quite well with our buying public.

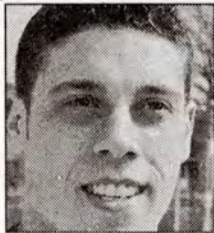
It's the reverse Robin Hood-theory: take from the poor and give to the rich.

Give us your opinion.

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Public Opinion

How will you be affected if the TTC goes on strike?



"I wouldn't come to school."

- Peter Szymczak
2nd year Electrical
Apprenticeship



"I'll probably get a ride from somebody or take a taxi."

- Kasia Szpilewska
2nd year Business
Administration,
Guelph-Humber



"I'll get my boyfriend to drive me."

- Jennifer Santaguida
1st year Coaching



"I'm done with school today, but if I had clinical I'd miss it."

- Hussein Jaffer
HSF Customer Service
Representative



"I won't. I use Mississauga Transit."

- Daniel D'Sa
2nd year Industrial
Design



"I won't be affected at all. I don't set foot on the subway or bus - it's a zoo."

- Angela Bailey
1st year Business
Administration

In Focus



JESSAMYN NUNEZ

Banana peels are one of the many foods tossed in Toronto's Green Bins. Many untraditional compostables are also allowed like diapers, meat, animal waste, pet food and some food packaging.

Environmentalists see red over Green Bin survey

Recent study detailing composting program's ineffectiveness is misleading, experts say

JESSAMYN NUNEZ
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Environmental experts say going green in Toronto isn't a waste of time, despite discouraging results from a recent survey of the Green Bin composting program.

The study showed that only 25 per cent of what is thrown in the bins is actually being used for compost. Twenty-five per cent is shipped to a Michigan landfill and 32 per cent is released into the sewers. The remaining 18 per cent is burned off as methane gas.

The discouraging numbers were followed by dispiriting reports in local newspapers, but proponents of the program say the articles failed to mention a few important things.

Katrina Miller of the Toronto Environmental Alliance said 'dirty compost' is partially responsible for the percentage that ends up in the garbage dump.

Things like plastic, grease, batteries and metal contaminate the organic waste, make it unfit for composting. "Torontonians are learning a new system," she said. "They're learning a new way to deal with their waste and they're learning what things can go into the organics bin and what can't."

The use of plastic bags is permitted but Angelo Bacopoulos, general manager of Solid Waste Management Services, said practicality has a lot to do with that. "There's a bit of a trade off there,"

he said. "You want it to be convenient so people will compost debris as much as possible."

As for the large portion of waste that ends up in the sewer, Bacopoulos said it's mostly water.

Up to 90 per cent of organic waste is water, which gets filtered through the city's sewer systems. Without the Green Bin program it would be sent to a landfill site, at a cost dollarwise and to the environment, he said.

One of the problems Miller

"I think it's a shame (the study) made people feel bad about the Green Bin program"

-Katrina Miller, TEA

found with the study was that it only looked at the Dufferin Organics Processing Facility, which doesn't receive the majority of Toronto's organics. She said expanding the facility could result in the use of methane for clean energy.

"I think it's a shame (the study) made people feel bad about the Green Bin program," she said. "We shouldn't feel too distraught because we're miles ahead of

where we were five years ago. Five years from now we'll be miles ahead again."

Bacopoulos agreed. "The statistics are accurate, but once you understand the breakdown of the material and what it truly represents, the numbers are less significant."

The city is now focusing on installing the Green Bin program in apartment buildings.

Miller feels condominiums and apartment buildings present a great opportunity to collect a large amount of refuse because of the dense population.

The challenge comes with the many types of buildings in Toronto. "There's no one-size-fits-all solution," she said.

This year the city is installing 50 pilots in multi-residential buildings to find the best systems to use when they implement the whole program in 2007.

Miller encouraged students to support the separation of organics in their schools but admitted it's easier said than done.

Private companies are hired by schools to pick up the large amounts of garbage they generate.

Director of facilities management at Humber, Carol Anderson, said it would be too expensive to have compost picked up daily and that leaving the garbage on site could result in a rat problem. "You'd be in a distinctive mess," she said.

Wolf hunt banned

Conservation plan introduced after wolf flagged as species at risk

FAZEENA SAMAD
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Ontario's wolves can howl a sigh of relief this summer.

Citing conservation reasons, the Ministry of Natural Resources is closing the hunting and trapping season for wolves from April 1 to September 14 annually in Northern Ontario.

"The decision was made to safeguard the wolves," said Steve Payne, spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources.

"Wolves have been part of the landscape for over 100 years and we are going to make sure they continue to remain so for years to come."

Prior to the regulations, there was no quota on the number of wolves that could be hunted or trapped.

The five-month closure is being approved by a number of conservation groups.

"Commercial trapping is a problem. Six hundred wolves are killed each year for their pelts," said Melissa Tkachyk, coordinator of Earthroots' Wolves Ontario, a project to protect threatened wolves.

"The pelts are sold all over the world, depending on the needs of the fashion industry. The fur is sold to make trims for winter coats."

The value of a pelt is determined by the colour and the quality of the fur. "The pelt of a large Gray wolf sells for about \$300 US while the pelt of the smaller Eastern wolf sells for about \$30," Tkachyk said.

"Coyotes are included in the ban because it's difficult for hunters to tell the difference

between coyotes and wolves from a distance," Payne added.

Tkachyk said the restrictions are important first steps in conserving the species, but said most wolves are killed in the fall and winter months not covered by the hunting ban.

The Ministry has also proposed to restrict the number of wolves that can be killed each season, to two per hunter annually.

The new restriction comes as a result of public input on the Environmental Registry website on a proposed wolf strategy and conservation plan. The Nov 2004 proposal was introduced several months after the Eastern wolf was flagged as a 'special concern' on the Species at Risk list.

The Ministry estimates the wolf population in the province may be around 8,000 to 9,000.

The proposal also includes plans to establish a research and monitoring program to determine the status of the Ontario wolf population.

No statistics are available to determine the effects of recreational hunting and trapping on wolf populations.

The regulation will not prohibit farmers from killing wolves. Although the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food compensation program covers the loss of livestock due to predation, farmers reserve the right to kill wolves if livestock is in danger.

Presently there is no indication that the proposal, if enacted, will be adopted on a national scale. "It is just speculation that the proposal will expand. If the wolf population becomes more threatened then further action may be taken," Payne said.

Arboretum at risk of beetle infestation

ANNETTE VELHO-PEREIRA
IN FOCUS REPORTER

It's usually a place on campus where people can enjoy nature, but the Arboretum behind the North campus is at risk of being infested by the Asian Long-horned beetle.

Arboretum Associate Dean, Steven Bosworth, said steps have been taken to prevent a possible infestation. Shipments of wood chips for the park have been halted to stave off possible infestation from beetle larvae in foreign wood species.

Bosworth said if a tree becomes diseased by the Asian Long-Horned beetle, there is a specific procedure to remove it.

"Once they identify an infested tree, there's a special way of removing it. It has to be pulverized into a powder as opposed to just chipping."

Getting completely rid of the Asian Long-horned beetle is no easy task. "We plant species the beetles like, as feed. The idea is if you miss insects (from earlier tree removals) they will go after the (newly planted trees)," Bosworth said.

"After a year or two, the newly-planted 'bait' is cut down and killed to eliminate insects from the area."

Though the Arboretum is closely monitored for signs of an infestation, it remains open to the public and popular among students, as

Correction

In the March 31, 2005 edition of *EtCetera*, the story "HSF makes cents for new clubs" incorrectly identified Cameron McKenzie as the new VP Communication. He is the new VP Administration at Lakeshore. *EtCetera* regrets the error.

Toronto Earth Week Events

Community Computer Recycling

Drop off unwanted computer equipment to recycle
2444 Bloor St.W
noon-9pm
Mon Apr 18 - Sun Apr 24
<http://www.computation.to>

CN Tower Climb for World Wildlife Fund

Raise money for a good cause
CN Tower, 6 am - 11 am
Sat Apr 23
www.wwf.ca/cntower

Mayor Miller's Community Clean-up Day and 20 minute makeover

Pick-up litter in any public space and clean-up your area wherever you are; work, school, home, etc.
Fri Apr 22 and Sat Apr 23

Tree Advocacy Planting Program

Volunteer replenishing Toronto's urban forests. Various parks across the GTA
10 am- noon, Sat Apr 30
www.toronto.ca/tapp

Feelings cool toward global warming

Some groups still trying to convince people climate change isn't a problem

MATT BURT
IN FOCUS REPORTER

You're probably familiar with comedian Rick Mercer's ad campaign encouraging Canadians to reduce their annual greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by one tonne.

But by most accounts, the threat of climate change resulting from these emissions is no laughing matter. And, according to a respected research scientist for the Ministry of Natural Resources, the truth about climate change is being purposefully obscured by some who will benefit from public ignorance on the subject.

"Special interest groups are trying to promote science that goes against the issue of climate change," says Steve Colombo, an expert on tree stress with the MNR's Forest Research and Development section.

"We're seeing big oil companies funding research that is trying to suggest that climate change is not going to happen."

Colombo says the world's climatologists are, by a huge majority, saying that climate change is indeed going to happen and that it's the result of man-made greenhouse gases.

According to the Canada Country Study on the Canadian government's climate change web-

site, Ontario could experience anywhere from 3-8 degrees Celsius annual warming by the latter part of the 21st century. Other potential impacts of climate change include more days when heat stress and air pollution adversely affect health and increase the frequency and severity of forest fires.

David Suzuki's website says climate change is considered by many scientists to be the most serious threat facing the world today.

Yet Colombo says certain groups are still trying to convince people there is no problem.

"Science is being used in a non-scientific way to mislead the public into not taking action. Some of it is straight B.S. and some of it is just trying to raise doubt," he says.

"You'd be amazed how many people, some within the scientific community, say to me, 'I don't believe that climate change is going to happen,' and their basis for that is these pseudo-science types of studies."

"They've had a huge effect," Colombo says. "But I think they've almost run their course. Within the next five years, we won't be seeing people being fooled by that anymore. It will be too obvious."



JAIME TAYLOR

Choosing other forms of transportation, like riding your bike, is an effective way to reduce green house gas emissions.

Heated debate over annual seal slaughter

FAZEENA SAMAD
IN FOCUS REPORTER

This spring the ice floes off the east coast of Canada will be stained red, as thousands of hunters armed with clubs and

rifles descend on the ice for the largest annual seal hunt in the world.

The seal hunt in the Gulf of St. Lawrence which began last Thursday will end May 15.

Sealers are expected to harvest more than 310,000 harp and hooded seals this season.

Though the current government seal hunt contract is supposed to be over this year, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans is planning to introduce a further five-year Seal Management Measure in 2006.

"The hunt brings in about \$16 million, which may not seem like a lot to people in Toronto, but it helps the small fishing communities," said Phil Jenkins, of the DFO. "And right now there is a large demand for fur, so it's a good method of generating revenue."

Seal pelts are exported to the fashion industries in Europe and Eastern Asia. The top three importers in 2003 were Norway, Denmark, and Poland. There is also a small market for seal flippers and penis bones - which are used as aphrodisiacs.

The International Fund for Animal Welfare has openly criticized the hunt for being inhumane.

"The seal hunt cannot be justified on this basis of generating income," said Kerry Branon, IFAW communications coordinator.

"Seals are killed to feed the demand of the fashion industry, not for their meat."

IFAW, representatives including veterinarians, say they have seen seals skinned alive during the hunt:

"Even if the DFO could assure us that all seals were dead before being skinned for their pelts, it is inherently cruel and it is unnecessary," Branon said.

According to the DFO, the hunt is closely monitored to ensure that sealers comply with Canada's Marine Mammal Regulations.

"The hunt is very humane," Jenkins said. "The popular picture shown with the sealer attacking the cute 'whitecoat' pup is misleading. It gives the public the

impression that large numbers of sealers are violating the laws and regulations. It is illegal to kill 'whitecoats,' and it is something we thoroughly enforce."

happens at about 12 days of age," Branon said.

IFAW also claims the hunt is unsustainable and will negatively impact seal populations in the long term.

"There is no way to guarantee that the hunt will not affect the seal population," said Rob Sinclair, an IFAW campaigner.

"Contrary to what the Department of Fisheries claims, the hunt is not sustainable. It will eventually cause a decline in the population."

Phil Jenkins, DFO spokesperson, said the seal population is not in trouble and has tripled since the 1970s.

The debate whether this Seal Management Measure is a cull (management of high quantity of species) or a hunt, is a heated one. IFAW claims that Canada's commercial seal hunt has become a cull, designed more to achieve short-term political objectives than a biological, sustainable hunt. But the DFO disagrees.

"There is a misconception that this is a cull, it is not, it is a hunt. A cull implies that we are trying to manage the species," Jenkins said.

"The seal hunt cannot be justified on this basis of generating income."

-Kerry Branon, IFAW



IFAW COURTESY

In 2004, 96 per cent of pups killed were between two weeks and three months old. Animal rights groups says the pups are slaughtered for pelts alone.

For more information on the seal hunt

IFAW- www.ifaw.org
DFO- www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Arts

ROCKTOONS.COM



Rock Stars get 'toonied

ABOVE: ANNA POUGATCHEVA, BELOW: NINA KOUPRIANOVA

Above: Remarkably, New York's The Strokes look cool and detached in 'toon form at *Rocktoons.com*. Below, AC/DC get their kicks on the Highway to Hell, route 666.

SCOTT JORDAN
ARTS REPORTER

From aging, wrinkled old rock stars like AC/DC to post-punk revivalists The Strokes, the artists at *Rocktoons.com* are immortalizing rock icons.

The site began in 1996 as a way for artist Tyler Martin to post his vision of rock icons as 'toons.

Fourteen artists contribute regularly but the site also accepts artwork from outside artists.

Though the U.S.-based website mainly exhibits the work of American artists, a few, like Nina Kouprianova, are from right here in our own backyard.

"In the late 1990s when I was still in high school, I submitted several caricatures to Tyler Martin."

He liked her work and asked her to be a regular contributor.

The rocktoonist is currently completing a master's degree in Art History at the U of T. She grew up in Moscow and said art has always been a part of her life.

"My uncle was a well-known sculptor in Russia during the Soviet era. I often played

with clay in his studio with gigantic statues of Lenin looming in the background," she said.

Many of the groups immortalized as rocktoons are well-known; Kouprianova prefers to sketch metal bands.

"Some of my artworks on *Rocktoons* feature bands I actually don't care much for at all and were created for other reasons.

"Even when it comes to music I do like, I still have to be selective."

Most people wear t-shirts, put up posters and wear buttons to show who their favourite bands are, but rocktoons are a new way to show appreciation.

"Many music fans use them on their websites. We also received offers to use them as cell phone imagery, although nothing ever came out of it.

An artist since age 10, Anna Pougatcheva is another rocktoonist based outside of Seattle.

"I'm pretty much involved in some kind of art all of the time," Pougatcheva said.

"Anything from traditional art for school, web design, commissioned work, photography, to just doodling in my sketchbook," she said.

She draws inspiration from the bands blowing up the airwaves and teaching indie kids how to dance.

"I'm working on a couple of bands that I've wanted to draw for a while. One is The Killers, who will be a fun project for *Rocktoons*."

But *Rocktoon's* isn't her only gig.

"I've 'toonied for other bands and a couple of them featured it on their websites and one toon became a tour T-shirt."



Dinosaurs fly to the ROM

ANDY GROZELLE
ARTS REPORTER

The new *Feathered Dinosaurs* exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum, unveiled last month, showcases 34 fossils recently unearthed from China, which link birds to dinosaurs.

"These fossils have revolutionized the way we think about dinosaurs and how birds evolved," said ROM Director William Thorsell. "They've turned the industry on its ear."

The fossils from China's northeastern Liaoning province, have been crucial in promoting the long-held theories of paleobiologists that birds evolved from dinosaurs.

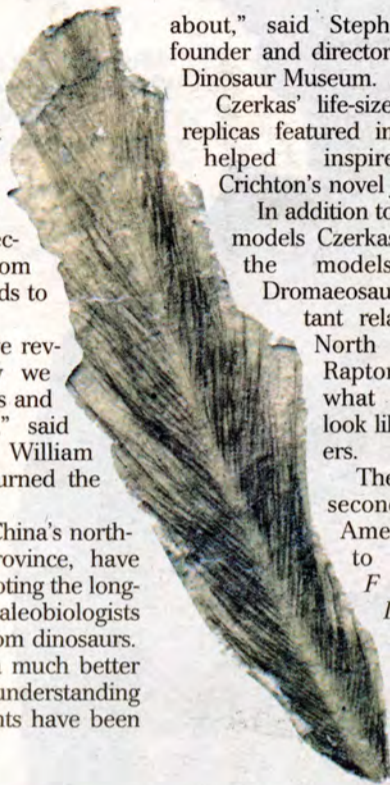
"We are getting a much better picture and a better understanding of what the arguments have been

about," said Stephen Czerkas, founder and director of the Utah Dinosaur Museum.

Czerkas' life-sized dinosaur replicas featured in the exhibit helped inspire Michael Crichton's novel *Jurassic Park*.

In addition to these earlier models Czerkas has redone the models, of his *Dromaeosaurus*, the distant relatives of the North American Raptors, to show what they might look like with feathers.

The ROM is the second North American venue to feature the *Feathered Dinosaurs* exhibit. It will be on display until Sept 5.



COURTESY

Feathered Dinosaurs

Sinosauropteryx – The "first Chinese winged reptile," had a line of downy filaments along its back, short arms and three-fingered hands. Like all dinosaurs closely related to birds, it ran on its hind legs, balanced by its long tail.

Caudipteryx – Its short arms and plume at the end of its short tail was feathered. *Caudipteryx* was a speedy runner, its feathers lacking the aerodynamic quality necessary for flight.

Protarchaeopteryx – This turkey-sized dinosaur's arms and feathers indicate it did not fly and each of its feathers was symmetrical.

Confuciusornis – The earliest known bird that could fly well. This magpie-sized bird had long feathers, fingers and huge curved claws. Like modern birds, *Confuciusornis* had a toothless beak, its wings were rather crude, and had features of today's birds, such as lightweight bones and a shorter, rudder-like tail.

Source: www.carnegiemuseums.org/cmnh/exhibits/feathered

Deinonychus (di-NON-ik-us) was first described in 1969 as a bird-like dinosaur. It's now known that *Deinonychus* had ancestors that flew, making it a flightless bird, not a dinosaur.



COURTESY

Physical characteristics of *Scansoriopteryx* (skan-SOR-e-OP-ter-iks) include relatively long arms. *Scansoriopteryx* would not have been able to fly and was likely a gliding animal.

LISTED

TOP TEN COPYCATS IN MUSIC:

- I. Theory of a Deadman, a diluted version of Nickleback
- II. The Game, 50 Cent with four less bullets
- III. Ja Rule, the softer side of DMX and Jay-Z
- IV. Jack Johnson, the white Ben Harper
- V. Kaiser Chiefs, this year's Franz Ferdinand
- VI. Usher, the new King of pop minus the sex trials
- VII. Ashanti, the less bootylicious Beyonce
- VIII. Audioslave, Rage Against The Machine without the politics
- IX. Creed, Pearl Jam if they found religion
- X. Interpol, the happier version of Joy Division

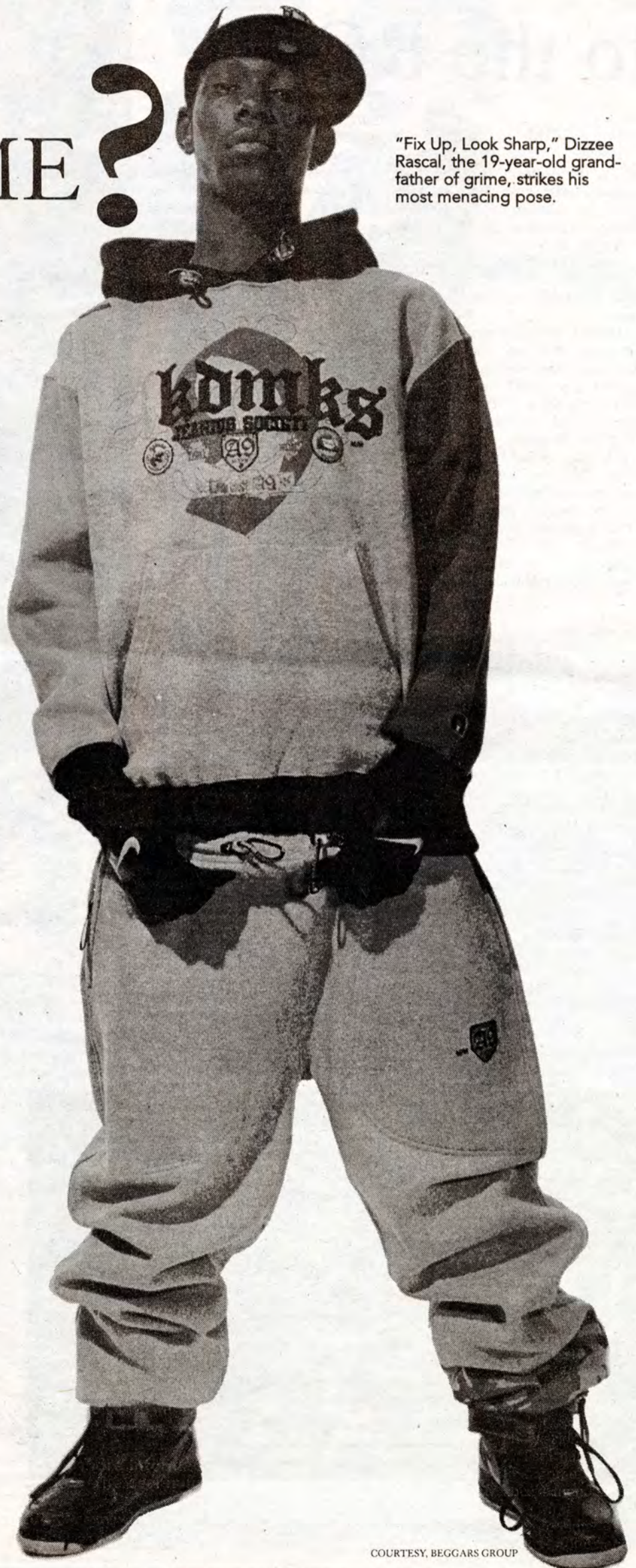
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Arts

G RIME?

"Fix Up, Look Sharp," Dizze Rascal, the 19-year-old grandfather of grime, strikes his most menacing pose.



Two years after Dizze Rascal exploded out of the UK with classic *Boy In Da Corner*, you still haven't heard of the genre called grime. Have you?

ERIN TAYLOR
ARTS REPORTER

Grime is a style of U.K.-based music that is washing up on this side of the Atlantic Ocean with a sound that is leaving most people scratching their heads.

Take, for example, Matt Heyward, a second-year Multimedia Design and Production student, who admitted not knowing anything about the new genre.

"No, I've never heard of it. What is it?"

Think intensely manic U.K. emcees spitting indecipherable lyrics, soaked in British slang, over a mixture of English drum 'n' bass, fast Jamaican dancehall and U.K. electronica.

One who does know the genre is *Globe and Mail* music columnist Carl Wilson. With his ear to the ground on new trends in music, he has picked up on grime's underground popularity.

"What influence grime has will always be sideways since the original is such a British thing," Wilson said.

Grime began in poor areas of London around 2002, with its artists anxiously rhyming over Playstation-produced beats, to anyone who would listen.

U.K. artists Dizze Rascal and Wiley are widely accepted as the grandfathers of grime and produced albums using cell phone ring tones and bleeps and blips reminiscent of early Nintendo video games.

The result is a hyper-active, claustrophobic kidnapping of the senses.

Paul Jansen of *riddim.ca*, Canada's first grime website, said grime's influence is found in its beats and production.

"Grime is one of the first styles to emerge since it became possible to make professional-sounding music on

home computer software."

In its infancy, U.S. hip-hop used unsophisticated and relatively cheap production and wasn't embraced by most — but it came from New York and most people could understand what the emcees were saying.

"It's different hip-hop than North Americans typically embrace," said Ronan O'Leary, a representative for Beggars Group records, home to Dizze's U.K. label XXL.

But O'Leary said U.K. grime artists, while much different from American hip-hop, share a certain tone with their American counterparts.

"They've had similar upbringings to guys like DMX or Jay-Z. They're still street guys, but it's a different street," O'Leary said.

Dizze Rascal released *Boy In Da Corner* (2003) and his latest album, *Shouttime*, were met with critical acclaim, but received little mainstream success despite a North American tour, an article in *Spin* and an appearance on *The Jimmy Kimmel Show*.

Jansen said grime's chances don't look good.

"It's such a mash-up of styles and vernacular (and) it can be a bit difficult to penetrate even when you're reasonably familiar with it," he said.

Some folks, like a representative from Vice's publicity company and grime blogger, U.K.-based Chantelle Fiddy, are wary of grime becoming as popular as U.S. hip-hop.

"U.K. music, particularly that of black origin, gets ruined by the major labels," Fiddy said.

"I just hope artists don't dilute their sound in order to cross over."

Collective art group Z'otz* unpacks its suitcase

Artists inspired by ancient tribal works

JAQUELINE AFONSO
ARTS REPORTER

Suitcases are traditionally made to carry clothes and personal belongings; but a group of Toronto artists are subverting that notion, using a valise to house their latest creations.

The *Nomad Pencil Sessions* is a collection of artwork kept inside a suitcase, created by Z'otz* Collective, and includes watercolour drawings, trinkets, coins and matchboxes.

The artists behind the work, Nahúm Flores, Erik Jerezano and Ilyana Martinez, will present their case at the Tequila Bookworm today.

Z'otz*, pronounced "sots," is Mayan for bats who settle in one place to form a cluster.

"Bats often form clusters when they're insecure. We thought it relates to us since we form a cluster of people," Martinez said.

Z'otz* receives its inspiration from the diverse culture of the group members. "We're inspired by where we come from and where we visit, like Mexico and Honduras," Flores said.

The art collection includes mixed

themes which Flores calls "the primitive and the contemporary," with some drawings resembling ancient tribal art, and others including a blender and running shoes in the same picture.

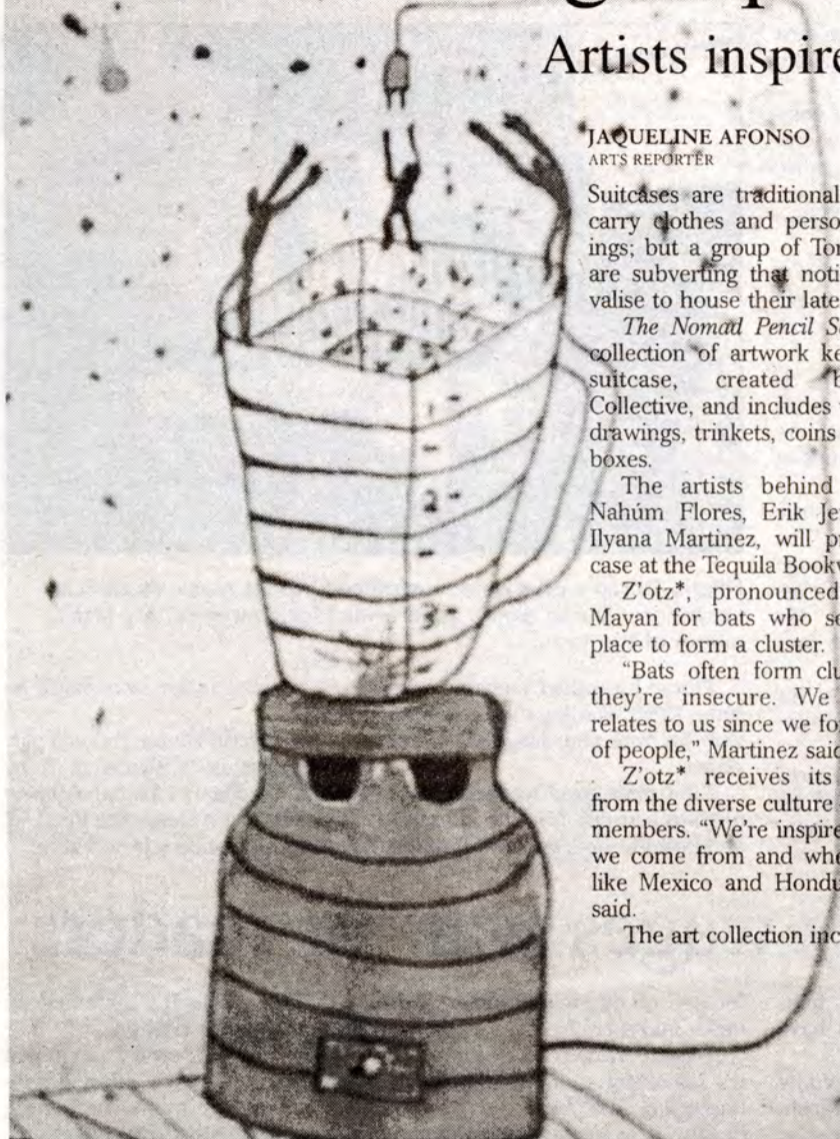
The artwork is of various sizes, some on paper and others framed. Some of the drawings are tiny, Flores said. "The little drawings can be done in one minute."

Text is also used in some drawings, with words and sentences in Spanish and English — language which Flores said is "very ambiguous in meaning."

The Z'otz* Collective has a short history. They officially formed on Sept. 11, 2004 and started the project a week after. "One day, we were all doodling on a paper plate; that's how we decided to work together," Martinez said.

According to Martinez the joint effort represents "the suitcase of our minds."

The McCleave Suitcase Gallery is presenting the Z'otz* Collective in Toronto on April 7-14 and will take the work for a cross-country tour.



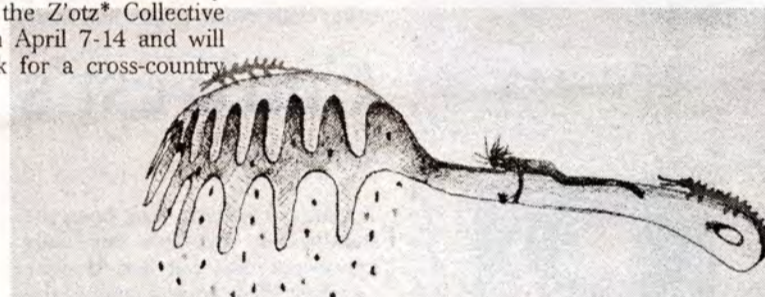
COURTESY

Three men reach out to grab the cord of the blender. A risky move? Maybe not.



COURTESY

Goldy, the fish, is on her way up the food chain.



COURTESY

Z'otz* artwork includes themes combining "the primitive and the contemporary," and often resembles ancient tribal art.

Caribbean and African news hits the airwaves

Canadian media commission grants license to broadcast first Afro TV channel

MARY BONNICI
ARTS REPORTER

Good things come to those who wait and, for Canada's black community, tomorrow marks the end of a long struggle for its own television channel.

Three years after the CRTC granted it a license to broadcast the Caribbean and African Television Network (CATN TV), Canada's first afrocentric television

channel, is ready to launch.

Trevor Bindoo, the station's co-founder, said getting the station up and running was a time-consuming effort.

"It's been a while to get where we're at, but at the end of the day it's going to be terrific and everyone will be satisfied," Bindoo said.

"We want the wider Canadian (audience) to know what we're all about. There has been far too much negative press about our

community. There are people who have tremendous businesses and churches and that doesn't get on the front of newspapers."

The channel will feature news, sports and entertainment from countries like Jamaica, Trinidad, Guyana, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa. Soccer games from the Jamaican Professional Soccer League will be shown each week, as well as soap operas and music videos featuring reggae, soca,

calypso and zouk.

CATN TV has also negotiated an exclusive four-year contract to broadcast live West Indies and Australian cricket, starting with the upcoming South African tour of the West Indies.

Bindoo said the station will also focus on programs like Caribbean Variety, Panorama, and West Indies United, which will carry significant local input.

Tennica Hamilton, Humber

College's Caribbean Culture Society president, said she's looking forward to having a station that satisfies her taste for all things Caribbean. "It's giving everyone the opportunity to learn something new and keep up to date with what's going on."

CATN will be aired on Rogers Digital Cable on channel 640. For regular cable subscribers, it's available as an add-on channel for an additional price.

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DAFT PUNK
Human After All
2 OUT OF 5

It's wrong to assume Daft Punk's latest disc, *Human After All*, would be filled with dance floor fillers like 2001's *Discovery*.

The Parisian duo's sound has changed from their once sunny break beats into apocalyptic electronic-rock.

The dreary repetitive beats in the majority of the songs numbed me into a comatose state, while the satanic-like vocals on *Steam Machine* made me paranoid.

Having finished listening to this album, I think I'll go find a happy place.

~Reviewed by Louis Campos



In Yo' Headphones

Carly Epps, 20,
2nd-year Fashion Arts
Listening to: Bjork, Elvis
Costello, Ani DiFranco
and k-os.

Humber teacher wins Jazz Juno

ERIN TAYLOR
ARTS REPORTER

Hilario Duran has been called a jazz piano virtuoso, an unparalleled composer and arranger.

The Lakeshore music teacher can now also be called a Juno award winner.

The Hilario Duran Trio's album *New Danzón* took home the Juno for contemporary Jazz album of the year last Sunday.

"I am very happy, my family here and in Cuba are very happy," Duran said. "It was a huge surprise."

Regrettably, the Cuban-born jazz pianist wasn't able to attend the Winnipeg awards ceremony, because it fell on the same day he was to take his Canadian citizenship test.

"I feel that the award wasn't only for this record, but for all the work I've done here," Duran said. "The best part is the recognition of my work by the people who chose me as a winner."

Duran has released 11 albums, including *Habana Nocturna* and *Killer Tumbao*, and has recorded songs with music greats like saxo-

phonist Jane Bunnett, pianist Marilyn Lerner and Brazilian singer Leny Andrade.

The Hilario Duran Trio is comprised of Canadian bassist Roberto Occhipinti and Cuban-born, Grammy award-winning percussionist Horacio Hernandez. Duran headlines as the trio's pianist.

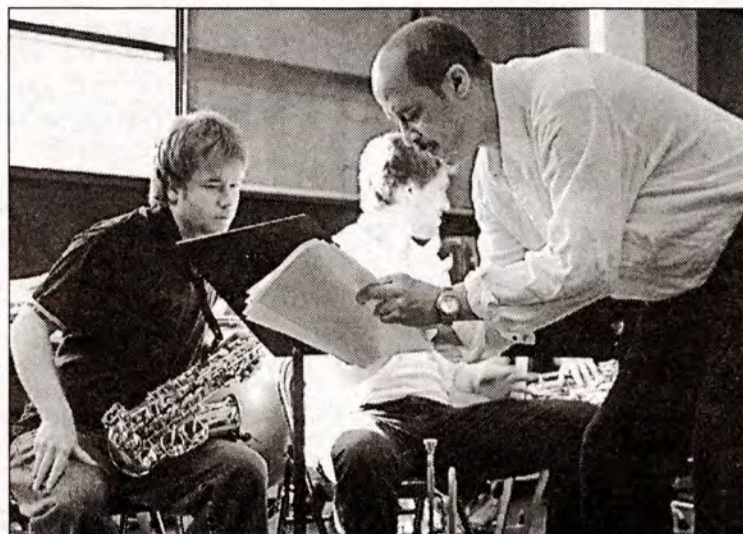
New Danzón is comprised of a blend of traditional Cuban music and Afro-Cuban jazz with modern Latin Jazz.

His musical inspiration is deeply rooted in his childhood in Cuba, where he said his home constantly vibrated with the sounds of all kinds of music.

"I have been in love with music and jazz since I was a child," he said. "My grandfather had a huge collection of old records, from classical to movie soundtracks. My father played me my first jazz records like Erol Gardner."

Duran is not bound to his Cuban musical upbringing however.

"I picked up all sorts of influences here in Toronto and Canada," he said. "I try to incorporate my music into all of the cultural forms I hear."



LIZA WOOD

Hilario Duran works on a new piece with his music student at Lakeshore. Duran won a Juno award for contemporary jazz album of the year.

Duran has called Canada home since 1998, and lives in Etobicoke with his wife and daughter, a jazz singer.

Like most good teachers, he is open to learning from his students at Humber College and through

the various music workshops he holds.

The Hilario Duran Trio will play on Saturday at 9:30 p.m. at Trane Studio. On May 21 Duran will play with the Hilario Duran Big Band All Star at the Distillery Jazz Festival.

CanWest's new daily wages war for readers

MARY BONNICI
ARTS REPORTER

24 and *Metro* have long been the standbys in Toronto's free daily newspaper war, but last Monday CanWest MediaWorks entered the fray with *Dose*, a trendy, edgier publication for young urbanites.

On April 4, urban dwellers in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto and Ottawa awoke to find *Dose's* black, pill-shaped boxes stuffed with 320,000 copies of the paper.

Noah Godfrey, the 27-year-old publisher of the youth-targeted tabloid, said *Dose* - described as a daily news magazine - is dedicated to enhancing the lifestyles of the young Canadians.

"We're a multi-platform source

of information, ideas, and tools that our demographic didn't have prior to *Dose*," Godfrey said.

"*Dose* is designed and driven by people like us - media and technology savvy 20-somethings who seek relevant, clever and honest information from a variety of sources."

The first 24-page issue of *Dose* was roughly the same dimensions as Toronto's weekly independent papers *Eye* and *Now*. Divided into easy-to-digest "bite-sized" sections, the paper is a smattering of news and pop culture.

But at Humber, Hospitality and Tourism student Daniela Esposito, 20, found *Dose* left her unsatisfied. "The articles are way too short," she said. "And the fashion section

focused on one main retailer. Not much info there."

Despite *Dose's* lofty intentions, it's important to note that youth readership has been on a slow decline. The Newspaper Audience Databank says only 45 per cent of 18-to-34-year-old Canadians currently read a newspaper everyday, compared to 63 per cent in 1986.

John Dickason, marketing program coordinator at Humber's North Campus, said young Canadians get their information through nontraditional formats.

"The web is a much more important source of primary information for them than for someone in their 50s."

Accordingly, *Dose.ca* features breaking news and in-depth cover-

age, a local search engine and an extensive music channel.

The wireless portal is the first of its kind in Canada, offering subscribers access to movie listings, contests, images, music downloads, ring tones and games.

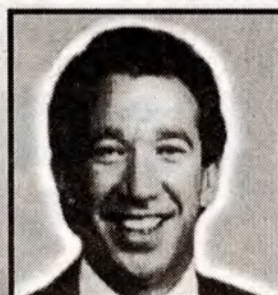
William Shields, *Masthead* editor, said labelling *Dose* a daily magazine is a contradiction.

"(It) sounds like (*Dose*) is presenting itself as a magazine because it's a sexier medium," he said.

"Magazines have longer lead times, can be more reflective, contemplative and pay more attention to quality of writing."

"If *Dose* wants to hold itself up as a magazine, I don't think it's going to wash."

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Protesters look to shrink the use of packaging



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Over 14 billion pounds of PVC packaging are produced in North America every year. It is the most environmentally harmful of all plastics and can cause cancer, birth defects and other illnesses.

KERRIN MCNAMARA
BUSINESS REPORTER

The Sierra Club of Canada wants students to start sending the federal government junk mail.

The Ontario chapter of the environmental watchdog has launched a campaign to battle excessive packaging.

Using downloadable labels from their website, people can mail garbage left over from overpackaged products to Environment Minister Stéphane Dion and Industry Minister David Emerson.

And it doesn't cost a penny since mail sent to an MP doesn't require postage.

Rod Muir, campaigner for the waste diversion branch of the Sierra Club in Ontario, said the goal of the mail-in protest is to push the federal government to create packaging regulations for manufacturers.

He referred to the multitude of items in major department stores that use packaging two or three times the size of the actual product.

"People who bring goods into this country and display them for sale in retail stores need to have limits on the size, standardized types, and maximized recycled content (of their packaging)," he said.

Industry Minister spokesperson Christiane Fox said they wouldn't ignore the campaign if junk mail started pouring in.

"The ministry of industry doesn't have a regulatory role when it comes to excessive packaging. That falls under Environment Canada," she said. "If they would start sending this stuff in, (Industry Minister Emerson) would call his colleague at Environment and discuss the issue."

Dion and Environment Canada didn't respond to requests for a comment on the issue.

Muir said he hopes the ministries will not only regulate how much packaging goes on a product, but also push to maximize recycled content.

"Lots of times it's not even marked, so you don't know if it's recycled. And a lot of it's PVC (polyvinyl chloride) which isn't readily recycled and has no recycled content," he said.

PVC is commonly used as shrink wrap and to package Discmans, headphones and other small electronics.

But some say package design is already moving forward. Keith Rushton, a packaging design professor from the Ontario College of Art and Design, said he encourages design students to think about

sustainable packaging.

"Once containers have left their warehouses, manufacturers don't concern themselves with the impact their packages have on the environment," Rushton said. "Unfortunately it's the customers left with the problem of waste disposal, and throwing toxic pellets and foam plastics into landfill sites is very difficult to do."

To find out how to turn an MP's mailbox into a landfill, visit www.ontario.sierraclub.ca.

Sticking it to the man

To join this campaign to send excessive packaging to the federal ministers:

- Visit www.ontario.sierraclub.ca/campaigns/waste_diversion/reduce_packaging_campaign

- Download the .pdf labels addressed to either Environment Minister Dion or Industry Minister Emerson
- Print on Avery label paper #5264

- Stick the label on any packaging you find excessive.

- Drop in the mailbox... remember you don't need a stamp - it's free to send mail to an MP!

E-mail viruses evolve into a potentially expensive threat

Bugs easy to create and easier to disguise

CHARLENE MCCALLUM
LIFE REPORTER

Simply reading your e-mails makes you an easy target for viruses, says Gabriel Sorozabal, a computer engineer for Probuilt Computer Services.

"When you are connected to the internet, viruses can send e-mails directly to the creator to tell him that this port is open."

Viruses that scan your list of e-mail addresses are one of many malicious software devices known as "malware" that are harmful to a user's computer.

There are four types of malware: viruses, worms, Trojan horses and spyware.

Viruses spread very quickly and anybody can create them.

"A lot of the time you'll find that kids 15 or 16-years-old get a computer and start messing around with it," said Wade Cormie, software developer for Macdonald and Associates. "There's a lot of tools out there to create a virus, so anybody can get their hands on it."

Computer viruses work by attaching themselves to other software programs on your computer. They spread when that document is transferred, Cormie said.

Worms exist as separate enti-

ties. They don't attach to specific software, but they do replicate and use the automatic file sending and receiving features on all computers.

"Worms copy themselves into part of the Microsoft Outlook program," Cormie said. "Basically they scan your e-mail addresses and send themselves out to all those people."

"There's a lot of tools out there to create a virus, so anybody can get their hands on it."

-Wade Cormie, software developer

Sorozabal said the easiest way to get into somebody else's computer is with a Trojan horse.

"They send you something from somebody you know, the file could be a document or a program. You open it because you recognize the name of the sender and bam, a malicious code infects your program."

Spyware is software directed towards identity theft.

"Every time you make payments or buy something from the internet, your credit card information and passwords are sent to the creator," Sorozabal said.

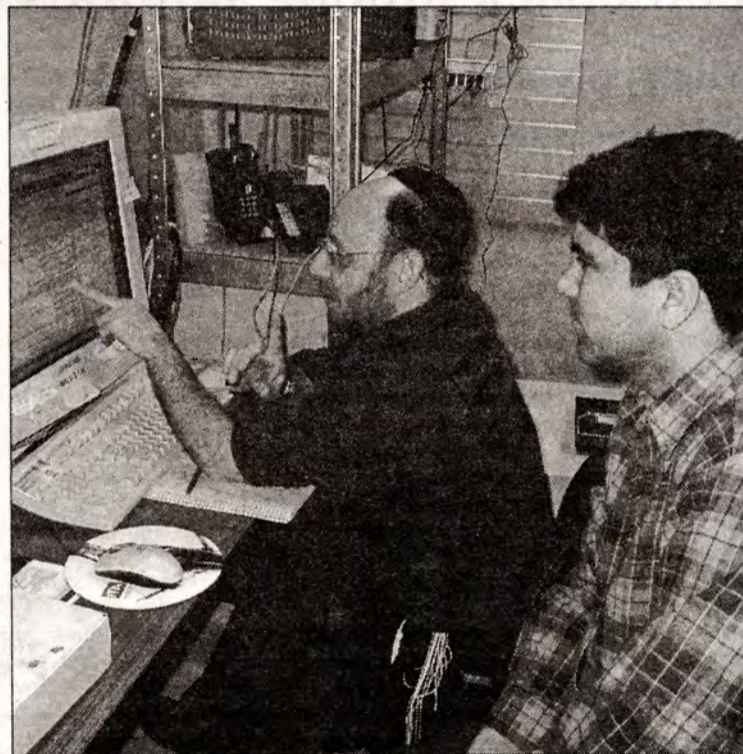
The best way to defend and protect yourself is with good anti-virus software. Some are free and others can pinch your pocket.

"I go to Trendmicro, it's free," said Scott Kirby, a 20-year-old business administration student at Guelph-Humber. "The virus comes up on the virus scan and it removes it."

Virus removal from a computer services company can set you back at least \$75.

The other option is to install an anti-virus program, but you'll have to subscribe and pay a yearly fee between \$25 and \$30 for virus definitions, Cormie said.

If you don't have any software, visit www.housecall.trendmicro.com, an online tool where you can scan and remove viruses from your machine for free.



CHARLENE MCCALLUM

Knowledge and common sense are the best defenses against viruses. Exercise caution with any online material you're unsure of.

Biz school joins Toastmasters

EMILY WILLIAMS
BUSINESS REPORTER

With the necessary 20 students now on board, the Humber Business School is eligible to apply for a Toastmasters charter.

Toastmasters International is a program aimed at helping members improve communication and leadership skills.

"Toastmasters will improve students' confidence speaking in public, which applies in trying to get a

job and working in the business scene," said Michael Lee, accounting program coordinator for the Humber Business School.

During the start up phase, not all students are eligible to participate in the program.

"We are starting off with the business students," Lee said. "We will then encourage other faculties to jump on the bandwagon."

The business school has agreed to pay all of the fees for the first year. This includes the \$20 partic-

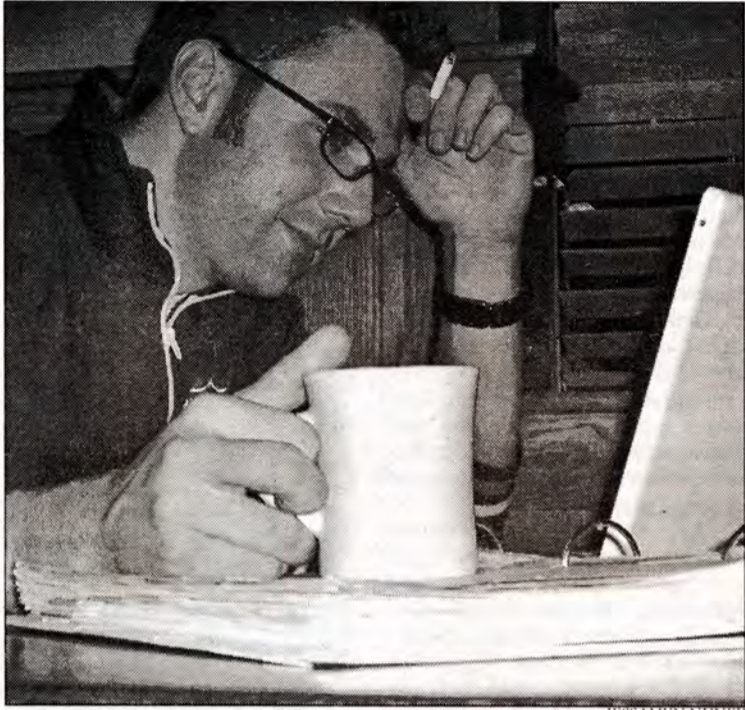
ipation fee and advanced dues of \$18 for six months for each student, as well as a \$95 charter fee to start the program.

Students who sign up can attend biweekly meetings, where assignments are handed out and students perform impromptu speeches. The program could start as soon as April.

Meeting times have yet to be finalized. The tentative schedule is Wednesdays from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Life

Student stress levels rising more than ever



Sheridan college student Darrin Edmonds burns the midnight oil studying with the help of strong coffee and a cigarette.

'Stress hygiene' includes exercise, eating well and avoiding caffeine as essential pressure relievers

JESSAMYN NUNEZ
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Student stress levels are rising as quickly as the temperature, as the semester draws to a close.

Jerilyn Ross, CEO of the Anxiety Disorders Association of America, says trouble sleeping, headaches, stomach problems and heart palpitations are some of the symptoms of excessive stress.

Trouble concentrating, becoming easily agitated and snapping at friends and family are other negative effects that stress can have on a student's behaviour.

She said common remedies believed to be stress relievers are actually counterproductive. Students "try to find ways of turning the stress off that are unhealthy," Ross said.

Cigarettes, caffeine, drugs and alcohol produce more problems instead of easing anxiety.

So what are students to do?

Ross likes to think of the term "stress hygiene." This includes basic options like getting enough sleep, exercising and eating well. Avoiding caffeine and sugar, two of the main staples for many students, is also important.

"Our bodies are like machines," Ross said. "If you put junk in them, you're going to get junk out."

She also recommends meditation and yoga.

Catherine Snodden, representative for the Canadian Health Association, agrees.

"(Stress) is in some ways a reaction to how busy our society is," she said. "Yoga, meditation and other types of relaxation really focus on being still."

Dorothy Hillman, a physiotherapist and homeopathic physician, promotes breathing exercises and visualization techniques for relax-

ation.

She also suggests taking breaks during long blocks of studying.

"Your brain cannot integrate things more than 20 minutes at a time," she said. "Think of something else, walk around, then go back to it and you can absorb more."

But stress isn't always a bad thing.

"When stress motivates people to take action and do something positive, that's good," Ross said. "When stress interferes with a person's life and they feel they can't get out from under it, that's not good."

Ross said keeping lists and diaries can help students identify the stressors in their lives.

From there they can form solutions, whether it's getting a tutor, asking a friend or a teacher to help improve their grade.

Board games making a comeback among families

Monopoly and Scrabble sales on the rise

ERIN GILLIGAN
LIFE REPORTER

Despite the overwhelming popularity of Sony PS2 and Xbox, families are starting to play board games again.

"We've seen a resurgence of people going back to playing board games," said Rob Chuchla, marketing team leader for Hasbro. "People want to spend a lot more time with their families."

Hasbro, which sells games made by Milton Bradley and Parker Brothers, now produces commercials promoting family game nights, encouraging parents to pick one night of the week when cell phones and TVs get turned off and the family sits down to play a game like Scrabble or Monopoly.

Kimberley Ritchie, a registered family therapist, thinks family game nights are a great idea.

"Board games help people find better ways to communicate," she said.

"There's a personal quality you don't get with anything else," she said. "You don't get caught up in all the other technology."

Chuchla says Hasbro has based a lot of its marketing on families,

single parent or otherwise. "We've asked people, 'what have been some fun times that you remember with your family?' A lot of them are going on trips, but many are remembering funny moments playing board games."

Chuchla says it's these memories that have kept board game sales up.

"We have a lot of the core brands like Twister, Scrabble, Monopoly, Risk, Trouble,

Operation. These are the games (parents) grew up playing, so when they go out to select games for their kids, they look at those and say, 'you know what? I remember playing that, that was a fun

game'."

Ritchie says her game of choice would be Chinese checkers. "(It's great to play) games that require some strategy, where people can work in a team."

"It's great to play games that require some strategy, where people can work in a team."

-Kimberley Ritchie, therapist

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The Atkins diet company will no longer be able to advertise a "low-carb lifestyle" on the wrappers of Advantage variety snack bars and Endulge wafer crisp bars.

Carb labels will be prohibited from use on food products by the end of the year

CLARE TATTERSALL
NEWS REPORTER

Health Canada is putting food manufacturers on a labelling diet which could knock several products off store shelves.

Statements about the presence or absence of carbohydrates – which include brand names, trademarks and advertisements – will be off limits as of Dec. 12, 2005.

In 2003, Health Canada amended the Food and Drug Act prohibiting the use of low-carb claims on most pre-packaged food and beverages. Food manufacturers were given two years to adjust to the new regulations.

"The product that's to be most affected is our Low Carb protein bar," said Gary Kozai of InterACTIVE Nutrition. "We'll have to change the bar's name...or do a formula change to really get the carbs down."

He said InterACTIVE Nutrition is to lose thousands of dollars because of the change.

"Wrappers alone are about \$10,000 to \$15,000 in start up costs."

"Once we change the label, we'll lose consumers. We have to sell (the product) again and almost start from the beginning."

He said the labelling rules are unjust.

"I don't agree with not being able to call something low-carb when it really is low-carb. I don't understand the government's logic."

Companies with revenues under \$1-million have until December 2007 to comply.

"There's not any call in the nutrition world for people to limit their carbohydrate intake," said Charmaine Kuran, a food labelling officer for Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

"Forty-five to 65 per cent of your daily caloric intake should be coming from carbohydrates."

The new labelling regulations were created to help consumers

make more informed dietary choices, the CFIA said in its Guide to Food Labelling and Advertising.

"Take net carbs. There's not actually a definition of what a net carb is," Kuran said. "Each company is coming up with its own definition and that becomes misleading."

Kuran said the regulations create a level playing field.

Marketing expert Rob Wilson said the government is picking and choosing its battles.

"Pressure was on the government by nutritionists and dieticians to do something about the low-carb craze. The government is going after low-carb diets but not others even though they're equally bad for you."

A 2004 Ipsos-Reid poll found only a minority of Canadians are on reduced carbohydrate diets.

"A lot of those products are more expensive and they taste like hell," said Chris Kyte, president of Food Processors of Canada.

Special Alumni Watch

Humber journalism graduate praises Pope John Paul II for career success

CHRISTINA VELOCCI
LIFE REPORTER

Gillian Girodat, news editor at *The Catholic Register Newspaper* says the Pope's messages inspired her to work for the religious media.

"He taught me that the church is young and full of vigour and zeal and it needs to be that way..."

-Gillian Girodat

Her two brief meetings with the Pope were memories she said she'll never forget.

"What stands out is how he believed and encouraged the faith for young people. I can honestly say I wouldn't have this job or the opportunities I've had if it wasn't for him," Girodat said.

"I remember as I was crossing the floor towards him, I was looking right into his eyes. I was laughing and he was laughing. It was just a moment of pure joy."

Although they did not exchange many words, she said the Pontiff's message was clear.

"He taught me that the church is young and full of vigour and zeal and it needs to be that way in order to carry on into the future."

She said being a journalist will allow her to communicate that message.

Like the late Pope, she said a significant part of the Humber journalism program was its honesty.

"A lot of the other schools are big on giving you big names in the industry but Humber allows you to focus on smaller organizations as well," she said. "It's the smaller organizations that give you the opportunity to do the work."

Girodat said the Humber internship program was her stepping-stone.

"I wanted to get a job coming out of the program and it worked," she said. "I ended up getting a job before I even left the program."

"One thing I told myself when I was trying to get into the internship was to be indispensable at whatever it is I was doing. It really helped because that internship turned out to be my first real full-time job."



COURTESY

Gillian Girodat shakes the hand of Pope John Paul II at World Youth Day in 2002. The journalism graduate says meeting the Pope changed her life and inspired her to put religion into her career.

Meatless diets cut risk of many diseases

Study shows vegetarians likely to live longer than meat eaters

ERIN GILLIGAN
LIFE REPORTER

Vegetarianism isn't just for hippies and animal activists – it might be a meat eater's answer to a much healthier lifestyle.

According to the Toronto Vegetarian Association, those who choose a meatless diet have a lesser chance of developing diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity and many types of cancer.

The reason, says the Association's website, is that most meat products are high in cholesterol and saturated fat. Plant foods have antioxidants that can protect us from disease.

A study published in the *British Medical Journal* said vegetarians are likely to outlive meat eaters by up to six years.

"Vegetarians have a high intake of vegetables, fruit, cereals and nuts," the study said. "Their diet is low in saturated fat and relatively high in unsaturated fats, carbohydrate, and dietary fibre."

TVA public relations director

Kera Pesall said she never liked eating meat as a child, but was told not eating it would be detrimental to her health. She found out later that this wasn't true at all.

"We drink more milk than anywhere else on the planet and we're the ones with osteoporosis."

-Kera Pesall, TVA

"Vegetarianism can be a very healthy way to live," she said.

Pesall, like many vegetarians, chose to take it to the next step by becoming a vegan. Veganism follows many of the same dietary rules but all products from animals – including dairy – are off limits.

Toronto naturopathic doctor, Evon Ling said if the right foods

are chosen, both lifestyles can be great for the body.

"Vegetarians and vegans need to include adequate amounts of protein, iron and calcium," Ling said. "Another nutrient they may not think of is vitamin B12, which is mostly found in animal products."

B12 can be tricky for vegans. It is mainly found in eggs and milk, but it can also be found in some forms of yeast.

"To be vegan, you really have to know how to eat," Pesall said. "If you're going to eliminate the rich protein you get from meat, then you have to know how to replace it with other things."

Pesall says a common misconception is that vegans don't get the proper amount of calcium.

"I get my calcium from greens. I cook kale and collards, eat sesame seeds, tahini, dried figs and almonds," she said. "I think vegans tend to be healthier than vegetarians because they eliminate dairy from their diet. In North America and Europe we

drink more milk than anywhere else on the planet, and we're the ones with osteoporosis. So it's not that you need milk."

While health can be a reason to cut meat out of person's diet, other important factors usually play a part too.

"Many people choose vegetarianism for animal rights and animal welfare," Pesall said.

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Sports

Humber to add new varsity sport to athletics roster

Cross-country program being added to fill void of hockey team

KEN RODNEY
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber will introduce cross-country running as one of two new varsity teams next season in a move towards more cost effective activities.

"The intent is to replace the hockey program with some lesser sports in terms of cost," said athletic director Doug Fox. "The rationale for choosing (cross-country and badminton) is in the number of people that come in the door and show interest."

The cross-country team does not yet have a coach or recruitment program, but will be held to the same standards as all other Humber athletic programs.

"In the first year, we'd be successful if we had a good turn out and participation base," Fox said. "After three years, we would only be successful if we were putting

our players in medal contention."

First-year social service worker student Colin Murray-Lawson is looking forward to the birth of the program. He led the charge of people to convince Humber Athletics to put the team together.

"I'm thrilled that we're finally going to have a team," said Murray-Lawson. "I'll love the chance to compete again."

The 20-year-old has been involved in cross-country for the past six years and says that this will encourage high school and club athletes to come to Humber to compete.

According to Fox, one of the major perks of cross-country is that it takes a small number of people to put together a team.

"You can have one person and that's a cross-country program," Fox said. "We don't need to have a full team to enter. It gives us time to develop."

"By three years we would only be successful if we were putting our players in medal contention."

-Doug Fox, athletic director

Shuttlecocks set to fly at Humber this fall

MATT LANG
SPORTS REPORTER

The shuttlecocks will be soaring next year - badminton is coming to Humber College.

The decision to field a varsity badminton team was made possible with funds previously tied to varsity hockey and was based on student demand for the game on

the OCAA level.

"We've had about 15 people coming to the door asking if we'll have a program," said Athletic Director Doug Fox. "Usually 12 players are allotted (to form a team.)"

An information session will be held April 11 at 4 p.m. in room A136, where interested students

are encouraged to attend and discuss their experience with the sport, the logistics of the program and their level of commitment.

Should a roster either too large or small emerge from this fall's upcoming tryouts, Fox said both scenarios have been carefully thought out and that neither would do any harm to the program's status.

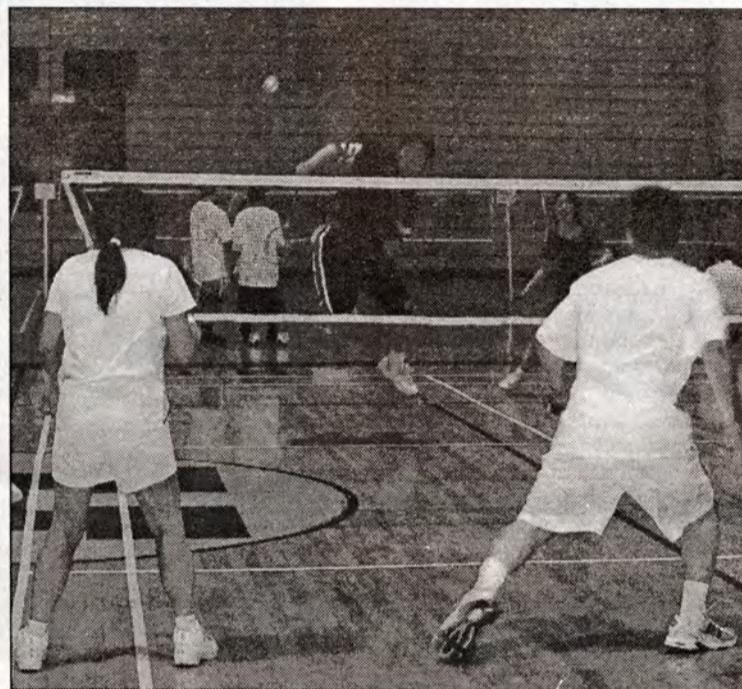
Assistant director Jim Bialek said he couldn't predict whether a top-tier player will come in and do what Shane Dennie has done for Humber basketball or Amanda Arlette for volleyball.

"Humber is a very multicultural school with a high base of international students," said Bialek. "The door is open to (the possibility) that someone had experience in their home country."

While not a mainstream sport in Canada, badminton is extremely popular in countries such as China and Denmark, which hold the top-ranked players in the world.

The season will consist of a series of invitational tournaments expected to range from November to January. A regional championship tournament will be held around early March.

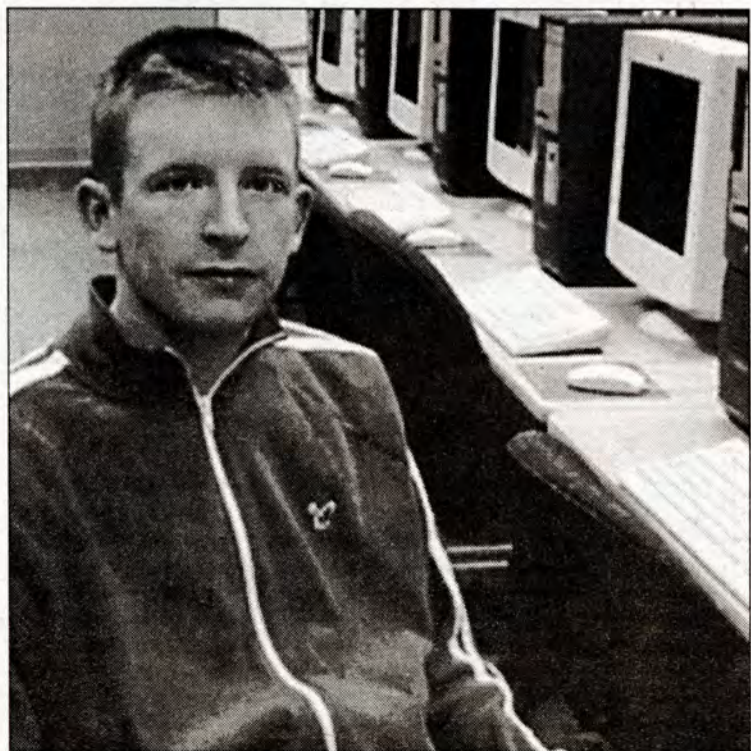
Following the crowning of provincial champions, the elite will go on to face-off against Canada's best in nationals later that month.



LIZA WOOD

Badminton will join Humber's list of varsity athletics this fall due to significant student interest. Anyone interested is asked to attend the upcoming meeting April 11 in room A136 at 4 p.m.

Student scores with online app for minor hockey



NATASHA HANIFF

James Hurley created Schednet to make life easier for his mom. The software is now helping a whole minor hockey league.

NATASHA HANIFF
STAFF REPORTER

When James Hurley tried to help his mom with her part-time job managing hockey teams, he didn't know he was making life a lot easier for sports associations and coaches in Ontario.

Tired of dealing with double bookings for ice times and phone calls from angry coaches, Hurley's mother, a rep scheduler for the Aurora Minor Hockey Association, asked him to invent a program to make the process more efficient.

So in 2003, Hurley, an Information Technology student, came up with a time management tool for sports organizations called *Schednet*. The Internet-based application allows schedulers to book arenas for events, games and practices online. Schedulers can see what time is available graphically, and information such as practice and game times is made available for coaches and players to view instantly.

"Now with the speed of the Internet you can use software remotely and I think that's some-

thing that's going to be really big over the next 10 years," Hurley said. "With Internet based software, you don't have to download anything, you can use it anywhere."

"The association receives positive feedback from parents and the coaches love it."

James Hurley, Schednet

Sports associations must pay a subscription fee to have access to the software application. The sports association signs up and pays for players, schedulers and coaches to have access. Subscribers also receive support from Hurley himself who will go on site to train staff how to use his service.

Schednet manages teams by

tracking player stats and game results. Members can also have a ticker placed on their website so they can check the latest scores. There is a message board for players to communicate, *Mapquest* links to arenas and scheduled events and emails are sent to players whenever a schedule is updated.

"The association receives positive feedback from parents and coaches love it," Hurley said.

Working in a competitive environment, teams refer *Schednet* to one another to see how their teams stack up. Teams request that Hurley limit access to the database to coaches only because parents can get overly passionate about their child's abilities compared to others.

"I've had parents try to get their child's stats from me but I wouldn't violate the association's request," Hurley said. "They're paying for my service."

This year Hurley will make a small profit from his creation but says *Schednet* can be extremely profitable is he sticks to it and keeps his clients happy.

Sidelined



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on Phil Mickelson's playoff win at the Bell South Classic ...

Is it just me, or was last weekend's finish at the Bell South Classic one for the history books?

After yet another tournament almost spoiled by the rainy weather of Georgia, a five-man playoff between tour rookie Arjun Atwal, Brandt Jobe, Jose Maria Olazabal, Rich Beem and the loveable Phil Mickelson salvaged the already shortened tourney. What a way to head into this week's Masters.

playoff

After Mickelson birdied 18 to finish at -8 (the shared score of all playoff golfers), Olazabal was left with a 5-foot tester for birdie and the win. He would have become the first golfer playing under a sponsorship exemption to win a tour event, but his putt pulled left, forcing the surviving five to head back to the 18th tee.

All five cranked their tee shots down the pipe within 20 yards of each other and Atwal knew that the others were gunning for the par-five green in two. Atwal's shank into the greenside water proved the kid was just a little nervous playing with Mickelson.

Jobe also got his ball wet, and the others didn't hit stellar shots either. Mickelson, Beem and Olazabal all missed birdie putts and Atwal missed a par putt to remain in competition after his lay-up struck the pin and left him with a 10-footer.

three

With Jobe and Atwal out, the three headed back to the par-four 17th, only to see missed putts resulting in yet another playoff hole. Olazabal's tee shot into the heavy rough on 18 forced him to lay-up and eventually sink his ball into the drink. More missed putts saw both Mickelson and Beem par out the hole, and to the fourth and final playoff hole they were headed.

Finally, the lefty nailed a 13-foot birdie putt, giving Mickelson the win and boatloads of confidence heading into the Masters. If this is a sign of things to come, the Masters will be one of the most entertaining tourneys of all time. No one in tour history has ever won both the Bell South and the Masters back-to-back, yet if there is anyone who can rewrite the history books, it's definitely Mickelson.

But, maybe it's just me.

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Men's volleyball makes plans for repeat

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The Ontario Champion Humber Hawks men's volleyballers hope to keep their winning team together and put their name beside the varsity sport giants of past and present.

"If we manage to stay together I would reference the New England Patriots," said head coach Wayne Wilkins. "We have the possibility of building a dynasty."

Leaving the team this year will be power Jesse Mabon, middle Bart Babij and power Jeff Bauer.

While their absence will create a big hole in the Humber lineup, Wilkins has a large group of players who could step up and make a big difference.

Chris Simek finished in the top 25 in kills this season and exploded in the post-season to lead the Ontario and national championships.

Dan Shermer made the league all-star team and proved himself one of the best setters in the province.

Peter Dionisio and Adam Kinoshita are two other members of the Humber squad to keep an eye on next year.

Wilkins said the fourth-place finish at this year's nationals

will give them a high initial ranking and be helpful in earning a wild card birth in next year's national tournament.

"I expect another gold medal," Wilkins said. "That's the funny thing about winning, it's contagious."

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Birthday boy leads Tar Heels to NCAA title

MATT LANG
SPORTS REPORTER

On the night of his 21st birthday, center Sean May led his North Carolina Tar Heels team to victory in Monday's NCAA championship game over the Illinois Fighting Illini.

Illinois never had an answer for May from opening tip on. The junior scored a game-high 26 points on 10 of 11 shooting, a percentage highly uncharacteristic for the Illini.

Forwards Augustine, Ingram and Powell combined for 11 fouls while guarding May. Starting center Augustine fouled out with just under seven minutes to go in the second half.

For Tar Heels head coach Roy Williams, the lone blemish on an already highly-reputable 17-year career has finally been wiped out after having come so close in years past.

North Carolina started the contest on a 9-2 run and generally led throughout the contest, but had to stave off a late run by the Illini and a barrage of 3-point daggers.

Illinois even had a chance to tie the game late, after being down by 13 at the half, but with 17 seconds remaining Illinois guard Luther Head couldn't sink that last shot from beyond the arc.

North Carolina had previously defeated Tom Izzo's Michigan State Spartans in the final four last Saturday, 87-71. In that contest, the Tar Heels looked flat and were

down by 5 at halftime, but May again led the team, crashing out of the gates in the second half to take a commanding lead they would not relinquish.

Illinois, the nation-wide number-one ranked team going into Monday's contest, made it to the finals by routing the Louisville Cardinals, 72-57.

Cardinals star Francisco Garcia had been shut down the entire game, thanks in large part to Illinois guard Deron Williams' efforts, a point guard whose defensive skills are sure to be in high demand come this summer's NBA draft.

North Carolina		Illinois	
75	PTs	70	
27-52 (52%)	FGs	27-70 (38%)	
34	REBs	37	
12	ASTs	18	
10	TOs	8	
9-16 (56%)	3-PT%	12-40 (30%)	



ALESSANDRO GAROFALO

Peter Dionisio, middle, will look to continue his spiking barrage next year in hopes of defending Humber's 2005 provincial title.

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