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Student fees to increase in the fall semester

by Trish Ragbirsingh and John Wright
News Reporters

Students can expect a \$6 per term increase to student fees next year, according to SAC President Steve Virtue.

The incidental fee jumped \$23 a term in the 1996/97 year from \$117 to \$140. Next year's proposed fee would have students paying \$146 per semester.

The incidental fees are mandatory and are paid with tuition.

A detailed proposal outlining the distribution of the funds collected from the increased compulsory, non-tuition student fees will be presented to the Board of Governors on February 10, 1997.

Virtue explained that although Humber student fees will likely increase "our fees are still lower than most other colleges."

If approved, students will pay

\$1.50 more for student I.D. cards, \$1 more to the Council of Student Affairs(CSA), \$3 more for the Information Technology fee, and a new 75 cent orientation fee.

The student I.D. card will be changed to a two-color card that will contain information about money paid for photocopying, printing in SAC computer labs, residence security, library, parking, and other information on one card, rather than several.

The \$1 CSA increase will help "pay for things they didn't have to pay for before," Virtue said. "Things like the health centre that the college once paid for now falls onto the CSA for funding."

The proposed increase to the information technology fee will help to pay for, among other things, computer up-grades at both the Lakeshore and North campuses, a drop-in help desk at

the Lakeshore campus, and an on-line version of the registrar's office. The program was developed by a Humber graduate, and will allow students to create schedules, drop and add courses and check grades, all from a computer terminal at home or in the college.

The new orientation fee was proposed mainly to aid programs starting in the winter and spring, by providing them with "the Key to Success" manuals, student organizers, and tours of the college, that students starting in the fall already receive.

Lakeshore SAC President Chris Redpath said he was satisfied with the proposal, and that overall, it is quite reasonable.

"We tried to keep the fees as low as possible and generally, everybody was thinking in the best interests of the students," said

Redpath.

"We have to remain competitive with other schools, and that means keeping up to date with

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Smokers leave kids coughing

by Renae Jarrett
News Reporter

Humber security will be stepping up its patrols of the Student Centre after smoke in the area forced a handful of people to leave the Children's Christmas Party last month.

During the annual party for Humber staff and their kids, a few parents complained about the stench and then left with their children "because of the air or SAC President Steve Virtue.

Stephen Bodsworth, the chair of Horticulture and director of the Arboretum, was one of the organizers of the event.

"There were four or five people who voiced their concerns that the smell of smoke made the party not as enjoyable and then they left early," said Bodsworth. "They didn't hang around because of the smell of cigarettes."

Now administration, SAC, and security are working together to



Smokers forced outside in the cold

restore the smoke-free environment in the centre.

However, the problem is not a new one, Virtue said.

"It has deteriorated over time," said Virtue of the centre. In fact, the centre has even made a name for itself. "Affectionately it's referred to as the 'Ash Tray' because people smoke down there and the air is really stale."

The area between the two exit doors has long been a haven for smokers, despite the threat of being fined. First time offenders are given a warning. With the second offence, they receive a \$100 fine.

Director of Physical Resources Gary Jaynes said that several fines have already been handed out this year.

"We will be enforcing the college's rules."

There are plans to increase security patrols, and more no-smoking signs will be posted in the area.

In the past, regular patrols were not frequent, making it the perfect spot to indulge.

"I think the students picked up on that," said Virtue. "And as it gets colder and colder, they don't want to smoke outside, and it's a long walk down to Caps."

But second-year General Arts and Sciences student Lee-Ann Gibson said she is willing to give up the comfort of being warm now that other people, especially children, have been affected.

"See, I'm a mom," she said. "I've got two kids, and I make sure when I smoke, I go outside because my daughter, she has asthma, and now that I know little kids are being affected, I'll probably go out there."

That is what Jaynes says everyone should do and adds there is no excuse for smoking in any part of the school at any time.

"To me, it's very simple - you

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Flat-line budget really \$30 million cutback

by Sean Hamilton
News Reporter

The announcement of the college budget being 'flat-lined' appears to be good news, but things aren't always as they appear.

A 'flat-lined' budget means colleges have the same budget they had in the past year, \$686 million. But the provincial government will dictate how \$30 million of that will be spent.

The government wants to spend the money on a centralized computer system and new program development, said Richard Hook, Humber, vice-president of Academics.

"All the colleges are not using the same system. That's not an efficient way to go. So we kind of agree with that," said Hook.

College president Robert Gordon said he agrees with the money set aside for the computer system, though he is not sure he likes the government's idea for

program development.

"It could be good, but it could also be bad because traditionally we have tried to create our own programs. We will have to bid on this money and I don't know if they are going to give it out, or if it is very competitive or what. This adds up to \$20 million, add this with the \$7 million for a computer system, it adds up to a hell of a lot of money."

"We are still assuming a five per cent impact from this but it is too early. The president and I will be meeting to lobby to have the off-the-top cut dramatically reduced," said Hook.

Besides the uncertainties of exactly how much of the \$30 million the college will get, Gordon is uncertain what tuition will be in 1998.

"Last year, tuition increases were announced at the same time, trying to make it look like additional revenue. This year they haven't mentioned anything about

that so I assume it will be small, maybe five per cent, 10 per cent max," he said.

Students' Association Council President Steve Virtue said he hopes the tuition hikes are not severe.

"I don't think there should be a tuition hike, there was a pretty big raise last year."

Virtue added; "Desperate times call for desperate measures. The administration of the college kept their cool and did what they had to last year."

At the same time, administration is facing pressure from Faculty Union President Maureen Wall to hire more faculty.

"I don't know if they have any choice. Last semester, faculty felt the stress in their classrooms, and in their workload, with the decrease in the number of people teaching, and the students did as well."

Hook would like to see the hiring of new teachers but is uncer-

tain about it happening.

"That would seem like a long-shot, except in the cases we are very, very certain of the introduction of new programs."



Richard Hook, vice-president of Academics



President Robert Gordon.

From front page... Smoke creates a stink

do not smoke in the building, you smoke outside the building," Jaynes said. "So it would appear some students are having difficulty distinguishing whether they are inside or outside of the building."

Smoking between the two doors also creates a mechanical problem when students prop the door.

"There are heating units in the ceiling and so when they prop open the door, cold air is coming in and therefore kicking on the heater, and it's running continuously."

Most smokers in the area felt there should be a designated area for smoking at least during the winter months. But until then, some are willing to risk being caught no matter who feels the effects.

"I respect the fact that non-smokers appreciate their health, and they want to stay healthy as long as they can," said Sal V. Tool and Die student. "But it's also our right to smoke where we please without freezing our (butts) off."

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New prez for staff union

by Cheryl Waugh
Labor Reporter

The new president of Humber's support staff union is hoping for a more peaceful reign than past-president Irena DiRito's.

The support staff union includes about 400 secretaries, registration staff, clerks in the college and, basically, anybody who is an employee of Humber College, but isn't administration staff or faculty.

Helen Hrynkiw, co-ordinator of the part-time Professional Development Program, said she's looking forward to the challenges of being president, but acknowledges the union has had a difficult two years.

Hrynkiw made the giant leap from member to president without a previous executive post.

"Irena stepped into the job when all the budget cuts came in. I'm hoping we won't be hit quite as hard. Snobelen seems to be looking at high schools this year, so maybe we'll be spared," Hrynkiw said.

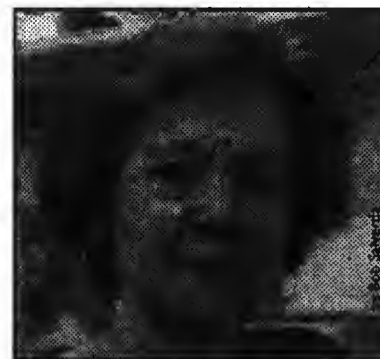
While the possibility of more budget cuts may surface for Hrynkiw, one development she will have to deal with is negotia-

tions for a new collective bargaining agreement for support staff. Their contract ends next August and preparations are being made to get negotiations started. Hrynkiw doesn't expect an easy time.

"It's tough right now. Look around at negotiations with Canadian Airlines, Air Canada, auto workers, teachers groups, faculties, it's hard on everybody," said Hrynkiw.

"As president, my main concern is that everyone within the union is treated equally and that the collective bargaining agreement is being adhered to as well."

"Everything's new right now. But, I'm looking forward to being



New support staff union president, Helen Hrynkiw.

president. I think it will be a great learning experience for me, as well. I'll be interacting with and meeting more people," she said.

While the position may be new to Hrynkiw, Humber College isn't. She was a mature student in 1979 and at the age of 32 she enrolled in the business administration program.

"It was a very positive experience for me, much better than high school. I hated high school. Your focus is different when you return to school. It becomes more important to you and you like it a lot more," she said.

Hrynkiw graduated and started to work for Humber College in 1982 and has seen the changes Humber has gone through over the years.

"It has gotten bigger. The actual population of the school has grown a lot. I also find there are a lot more mature students now. I think mature students are looking for a better fit to become successful and return to school to do that," she said.

"I'm looking forward to this term and hopefully being able to handle the challenges being thrown at me head on."

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Ontario's top nurse calls for program closures

by Chris Attard
News Reporter

Humber should axe the nursing program says a high-ranking nursing official.

Jane Cornelius, President of the Ontario Nurses Association, suggests colleges should consider closing their nursing programs to prevent a slew of unemployed graduating students.

"It's unethical to graduate students when there are no jobs," said Cornelius. "A program shut-down should be considered. It's not in the best interest of the profession and to society, and it's not fair to the students."

But Gwen Villamere, head of Humber's nursing program disagrees. She said unless there is a decrease in the number of applicants, a shutdown wouldn't be considered.

"It would be true if there were no jobs, but there are," said Villamere. She noted as Canadians become older, the move to home based care will begin to take effect. And citing statistics on the average

age of Ontario's nurses; 42, early retirements may provide another opportunity.

But Cornelius cautions if students are searching for full-time jobs in Ontario, the outlook is quite bleak.

"Right now, we're looking at 15,000 jobs eliminated, and 12,000 of those will be from (hospitals)," she said. Union stipulations prevent hospitals from hiring new staff until all laid-off staff have been asked to return.

As of September 1996, 190 first-year students were accepted into Humber's nursing program, an unexpected five per cent increase. The nursing department had only expected 155 applicants. Currently, there are nearly 700 nursing students enrolled. Even so, Villamere said there has been a declining enrollment over the last few years, citing there were 25 less students this year than last.

But two Ontario colleges have taken drastic measures. Sheridan College cancelled their program due to funding cuts and Niagara College is in the process of shut-

ting down their program this year.

Claire Jasper, 24, completed the first year of the nursing program last May. After reading about financial blows to hospitals, she switched to the Legal Assistant program. Jasper stands by her decision.

"I left the program because I wanted a chance to get a job, and I didn't want to leave Canada if I couldn't," she said.

Her friend, Jen Meaning, a 21-year-old Conestoga nursing grad, leaves next week for England to pursue her career.

Instead of a mass exodus to the U.S. And abroad, Cornelius would rather see nursing students move around in Canada. "Our nursing programs are recognized worldwide," she said. "Other countries have reaped the benefits."

Dr. Mary Ellen Jeans, executive director of the Canadian Nurses' Association, said nursing is a mobile profession and the possibility of travel and work in other countries is an option.

"Students should be prepared to compete for jobs, be creative in

finding employment opportunities, and move to areas where positions are available. It's important for them to take every chance to increase their credentials."

Villamere agrees. "I'm not pessimistic, but more optimistic." But she said students that stay in this country or area must realize there are no dream positions. "They may have to work in places that aren't very good, be with staff they may not like or work part time for awhile."

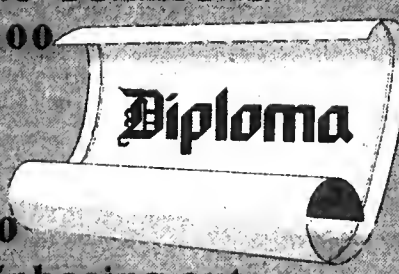
Responding by letter on behalf of the Ontario Health Minister, assistant deputy minister Charlie Bigenwald admits there are problems with Ontario's nursing profession. He said they're trying to change that with the advent of several nursing related task forces.

"Adjustments in nursing supply and demand are expected to continue...we hope the situation improves."

Cornelius said that may take a while.

NUMBER OF NURSING STUDENTS IN ONTARIO COLLEGES

CENTENNIAL	- 900
HUMBER	- 700
MOHAWK	- 550
SENECA	- 381
CANADORE	- 180
NIAGARA	- 176 (phasing out program, 01/96)
SHERIDAN	- 0 (program cancelled)



...as Master's touch

by Kate Calder
News Reporter

One of Humber's Culinary Arts students is on his way to Texas after winning the Junior World Master competition.

Fuente is one of 29 members of the Junior World Master Chef



International crew in Dallas

other chefs representing Britain, Ireland, the U.S., France and possibly Mexico and South Africa, will compete for the top international rank.

The food presented by the students was a delectable feast to the eyes. Parfaits, flans, shrimp cocktails, glazed fish and marinated chicken, all lay delicately among vegetables and delectable garnishes.

The competition in Dallas, "gives a opportunity to work with world class chefs. That experience is invaluable, especially under pressure and under the watchful eyes of organizers and judges." The vice-president of the Junior World Master Chef Society

Culinary Arts program at

apprentice along with the team. Ginger Storey, last year's apprentice, is now the president of the Junior World Masters and says the exposure and experience she gained from the Junior World Masters helped her land a position at the University of Toronto.

"We've got to be a lot of time to the Junior World Masters and their functions," she said.

The competition itself is a great experience and a part of the Junior World Masters. Just two weeks ago, the Humber Culinary Arts program at

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Training key to highway safety

by **Bethany Lee**
News Reporter

Two women were killed by flying truck tires last month on Highway 401 near Oshawa. Two more have been killed in the last two years in similar incidents. Now transportation industry is under attack as the public demands stricter penalties for unsafe vehicles.

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) believes that places like the Humber College Centre for Transportation is what the industry needs to clean up its act.

Dave Carroll, regional manager of Drivers and Vehicles at the MTO, said the onus to clean up the industry is on the drivers.

"They are in the best position to maintain the safety levels in the industry. It is a neglecting complacency by a small number that results in a bad rep for the rest of the industry," said Carroll.

"The statistics are biased," argued Karen Tavener, director of Humber's driving school. "When we hear of accidents involving trucks, the general public is misled in that all types of trucks are included in the numbers including Jimmy's, Bronco's and your average pick-up truck."

"The industry is taking a bad rap," Tavener said. "There are many great companies which are committed to safety."

The government recognizes that there are major problems maintaining road safety, said Carroll.



Humber College Driver Training student Klaus Bruesher and instructor Ziggy Janiec strive for safety on our highways.

Last year in a three-day safety blitz, 39 per cent of the vehicles pulled over for inspections were found unacceptable and were taken off the road, according to MTO statistics.

The ministry employs 250 officers just for inspections, and completes 30,000 inspections a year. Thirty more officers will be hired over the next three months to do inspections. Police do some roadside safety checks as well.

An annual safety inspection is required by the MTO. However, Carroll said the drivers put too much faith in these inspections.

"It can take only two weeks for a brake system to break down," Carroll said. A 27-point inspection is required by law to be done

every morning before the driver sets out on the road. "The drivers just aren't doing it," he added.

Even though transports make up only three per cent of the vehicles on the road, they make up for 8.5 per cent of the fatal accidents on the road.

For every million kilometres travelled by all vehicles, there are three accidents. For every million kilometres travelled by trucks, there is only one, according to MTO stats.

"The problem is the size and the weight of the vehicle," Carroll said. "The consequences are more catastrophic."

Humber attempts to prepare students for the field that they are

about to enter.

"The industry is becoming much more sophisticated," Tavener says. "There's more to driving a truck than just 'driving a truck.' Such things as Satellite Tracking means there are new skills for this workforce to learn."

The Humber College Driver Training School has come to be perceived as a leader in the industry. There are a lot of questionable schools out there, Tavener said, but Humber has pushed their standards higher.

For the full-time or part-time "AZ" program, the cost is high: \$3,149 for fall 1996. The program will not give the drivers a break on their insurance (which can run anywhere from \$12,000 to

\$18,000 a year for an operator of a class "A" vehicle). The course will give the drivers more background.

"Our objective is to give them reputable training," Tavener explained. "The focus is that it is a profession."

Since Al Palladini became minister of transportation, Tavener feels that good changes are on the way.

In October 1996, fines went up as much as tenfold, Carroll said.

"It's good that changes are finally happening," Tavener said.

Palladini is looking to create a system of graduated licensing for drivers of commercial vehicles, which Humber officials feel would make the roads much safer. This would mean more experience for drivers before heading out onto busy highways.

The MTO is also looking to implement a demerit point system and start a carrier safety rating system, which would be made public.

As of November 1, 1996, one must now be certified to install truck wheels and make brake adjustments. Previously, certification was not necessary. The MTO believes that this will prevent many accidents.

Palladini announced administrative licence suspension, a plan which would result in immediate licence suspension for non-compliance.

"We're taking a stronger position," Carroll said. "Zero tolerance."

Humber to set academic standards

Administration wants to implement standards for graduates

by **Sean Hamilton**
News Reporter

Setting standards for graduates is another way Humber is attempting to stay in the forefront of education.

Anne Bender, dean of health sciences, was asked by College president Robert Gordon to study what the college could use to set standards.

"I can't second guess how it will be described. We know our programs can be divided into vocational knowledge, general knowledge, and generic skills, and clearly they will be reflected in the standards."

Bender noted students leaving Humber will be able to show employers they have knowledge in all of these areas.

She said students receive a good level of knowledge in their vocational subjects, but it might not be as strong in supporting sub-

jects such as their general education courses.

"You need a broad base. It's important students are prepared well for their graduate roles, and they see the linkage between the subjects in the vocation and be able to link it to the general education courses."

Bender said students can excel more in their field if they have an understanding of subjects like sociology, psychology, and economics, among others.

In order to get a feel for what Humber's policy should be, Bender studied literature on the subject and talked informally with teachers, students and administration.

"Without question, everyone I talk to supports the need for standards. People want clarification of how we are going to go about this and if standards are developed how will it affect what we are doing now," she said.

Bender says requirements will keep performance levels consistent, but they will also let employers know what they can expect from Humber graduates.

"I'd like to think we have a good reputation, but it is on the

honour system, we'd like to push beyond that," Gordon said.

Bender agreed with Gordon. "It makes for a better fit between the college's expectations of graduates and the industries' expectations for graduate standards. This way you have standards explicitly stated."

Bender said the standards will be set college-wide, but points out that she is still in the planning stage.

It has not yet been determined how the standards will be published. Bender likes the idea of stating them in the college calendar because they are sent to schools, as well as to the community and industry.

"I am not prepared to have the government lay out minimum standards when Humber has more than minimal standards," said Gordon.

Durham College has set up a similar program to guarantee employers the students they hire will have the skills needed to work competently. If the employer feels the student doesn't have the skills, Durham will re-train the student.

Bender said Humber doesn't

need to have the same guarantee.

"Publishing standards and making them public is another way of saying, 'if you have the standards you have to deliver.' The college feels responsible to graduates in terms of their work placement and we are interested in students finding jobs. This is the whole reason to come to Humber," she said.

Bender pointed out that Humber has always had standards, but has never openly committed itself to them. She says standards will help everyone understand what should be learned.

Standards will help instructors know what they have to teach and be able to see if students are meeting them.

Bender recently spoke to Humber's Board of Governors,

who generally approve the move to set standards at Humber.

The biggest concern is whether standards are going to be met.

"How are you going to make sure standards are met. There must be a way to measure it," said student representative Greg Skinner.

Bender said she is still exploring ways to measure standards, but said she believed they would use examinations and test practical skills.

"More and more we are entering an age of credibility. We should be known for what we do and we have to establish a standard for it."

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Another Canadian Export Axing nursing programs could lead to fatal problems for the future

Targeted education cutbacks to programs which are not only valuable to the future of health care in this country but also heavily recruited by employers, could be fatal.

The president of the Ontario Nurses Association, Jane Cornelius, is advising that colleges discontinue nursing programs due to the lack of employment opportunities in Ontario.

But rather than eliminate the real problem, they want to create another one. Nursing unemployment is a result of the Tories' cutbacks to health care and hospital closings. Now, it is being suggested that the government could save money by closing Humber's doors to nursing students.

Major flaws exist in the Tory scheme to finance tax breaks to their wealthy friends by crippling health care.

The baby boom generation will soon begin plaguing the hospitals with illnesses due to aging. Those same seniors will then move into a limited number of understaffed nursing homes.

The lack of space at senior's homes for all the baby boomers will lead to a move towards home-based nursing care. This appears to be nursing's ultimate future.

The average age of nurses in Ontario is 42. Early retirement within the next ten years could lead to a shortage of nurses when they are most needed.

Humber has 700 students enrolled in nursing this year, Centennial has 900, Mohawk 550, Seneca 381 and Canadore 180. Niagara and Sheridan have already been affected by the cutbacks. A complete discontinuation of the programs would leave a void in health care when it becomes critical.

Contrary to what Cornelius says, there is an abundance of jobs for nurses in the U.S. Employers south of the border benefit from our well trained nurses. It is also a haven for nurses who can claim a high salary, short-term contract.

Apparently, Cornelius doesn't believe it is beneficial for Ontario taxpayers to pay for nurses to leave the country to become employed, even though they do return with money to reinvest in the province and, more importantly, valuable experience. Who does she want to take care of her and her bureaucratic friends when she retires, a mortician?



Future employers are looking in your trash

by Andy Devlin
Et Cetera Reporter

As a mature student trying to maneuver myself in the best position for employment after graduation, I am generally impressed with my younger classmates who have their heads firmly fixed on their studies.

How lucky we are as Humber students to have such a clean, state-of-the-art facility at our disposal to prepare for our future careers. Certainly, it is much better than being stuck in one of those pre-fabricated portables we loved to hate in high school.

On one particular morning, after seeing both garbage and graffiti infesting my path, it gave me reason to wonder why anyone who was paying for their education would treat their school with such disrespect.

"Although I don't have exact figures on the issue," Gary Jeynes, director of physical resources said. "The cleaning of graffiti costs us several thousand dollars per year. When our staff is tending to that it takes them away from other duties."

That morning after entering the school I raced to my class, opening the door just in time to hear my

teacher tell us that we could expect a guest lecturer at some point this semester. No one knew who the mystery lecturer might be, but I for one hoped it would be some high profile expert which we all secretly like to say that we have met.

After class finally ended, I went to the washroom to purge myself of all things unacademic, but after closing the door to the stall I discovered more scratchmarks, however, not nearly as enlightening as my teacher's.

In a font bolder than a leopard print miniskirt, the message read, "life's a bitch".

Then, after washing my hands and heading for the exit, I noticed the nethermost pit of the washroom gallery. On the wall it said, "Kill a cop, you'll feel better," accompanied, in typical fashion with the anarchy symbol.

Sadly, this is not out of the ordinary for many of the washrooms on campus.

I would like to think that Humber eyesores like litter and tasteless graffiti are the handiwork of rival college students trying to disrupt things at Humber, yet we all know otherwise.

What would a guest lecturer

think about Humber graduates if he or she were to read those same words written on our washroom walls?

If the lecturer was a potential employer and the job came down to you or someone from another school, don't you think that the boss-to-be might remember the visit to Humber?

Don't you think that it might affect their decision as to who would make the better employee if the competition was desperately close? Would it influence yours?

The defacing of (our) Humber College property generally remains hidden away in select and often obscure pockets. But the thought of a future employer encountering Humber's garbage does not reflect well on our reputation as students.

I chose to come to Humber on the basis of its excellent reputation and I would like to eventually graduate from this school with a certain degree of pride. But our school's reputation decreases with every misplaced paper coffee cup and each new vulgarity engraved in our walls.

We pay for this place, maybe we shouldn't treat it like a portable classroom.

Letters to the Editor

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Smokers won't butt out

New North York ban on public smoking ignored by bars and restaurants

by Mary Quickert
News Reporter

North York's controversial new smoking bylaw is being ignored by many bars and restaurants.

Walt's Bar and Grill on Lawrence Ave. is however trying to enforce the ban in their restaurant area.

According to restaurant manager Doug Macdonald, "a number of different bars and restaurants aren't paying attention to the bylaw."

"The reason we are smoke-free in the restaurant is because we knew at some point it was going to have to happen and January 1, 1997, was the cut-off date, so we said okay."

Walt's faces a different problem with the bylaw because their location is only 200 yards from the municipality of Scarborough.

"Scarboro has a smoking bylaw similar to what North York had 15 years ago," Macdonald said.

North York has always been a trend setter, "they either buck the system or develop the system and it has been that way for 20 years," he said.

According to Macdonald, the city of North York officials say only 38 per cent of the population are smokers, so more people will go out to restaurants and bars if it's a non-smoking environment.

North York's new smoking bylaw requires bar and restaurant patrons to butt out before 9 p.m.

"So since January 1, and today is January 7, we've had a loss in business of 100 patrons over the past week who say they are not coming here, because we've told them we only have non-smoking areas," Macdonald said.

"The bylaw is affecting the business big time. Customers are

going to other municipalities because it's only 200 yards to Scarborough," said Richard Hayman a bartender at Walt's.

Some of Walt's smoking customers agree that the new smoking bylaw is hurting business.

"It bugs me, but I can see it in more of a business point of view. I mean they are going to lose a lot of money and customers," said Orion Malasin, a regular at Walt's.

Malasin and another patron, Andrew Eaton, agree that smoking and drinking go together. So far, they haven't been turned away from any bars in North York for smoking.

"They're not really enforcing it," Malasin said.

The city of Toronto's smoking bylaw was proposed to take effect March 1997. An Etobicoke bylaw was proposed for May 1997. However, if the province's plans to amalgamate the six Metro municipalities take effect, the bylaw could be dropped. If that happens, then Caps won't have to worry until Jan. 1, 1998.



Orion Malasin and Andrew Eaton haven't been affected by the new smoking bylaw in North York.

Emergency button approved for use by abused women

Metro Council will provide alarm system for domestic violence victims

by Jennifer Saliba
News Reporter

Metro Council has approved a new program to crack down on domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Emergency Response System (DVERS) is a special monitor that victims of domestic violence can now use to call the police. At the press of a button, palm-sized alarms will be connected to ADT Canada Inc. a security systems company.

"These alarms will place women, who are at a high risk of violence, in a situation where they can reach 911 automatically," said Metro councillor Norm Gardner (North York Centre), the man responsible for generating interest in the program.

"It can be worn on her neck or in her pocket," said Suzanne Morello, marketing manager at ADT. "A button can be

pressed, which is connected to ADT and then forwarded to police."

Each case is individually assessed for varying criteria, however in every situation the woman must be willing to cooperate with the criminal justice system.

"We're very proud of it," said Morello. "It's our way of giving back to the community."

ADT has agreed to provide as many alarms as needed free of charge.

Metro Council will contribute up to \$50,000 towards the project, which will cover the salary and benefits of the co-ordinator, who will work with police, ADT and the women.

DVERS has already been adopted in 23 cities across

Canada and 91 in the U.S.

"If a woman finds herself in immediate danger, she may not even have the chance to get to a phone," said Gardner. "The police may prevent an assault from taking place if they arrive on the scene sooner."

According to the Metro councillor, there are too many people who are affected by domestic violence. Forty per cent of provincial court cases are domestic violence cases, said Gardner.

In most cases, the women refuse to testify against their spouses.

Gardner says this is partly due to the fact that the entire family will suffer if, for example, the husband can't go to work for a week.

"No one is isolated from being victimized," said Gardner. "We have to look at a deterrent effect."

DVERS has already been successful in Peel, where it has been in effect since May 1994.

"It's a safety net for women," said Louise Stinson, program co-ordinator at Victims Services of Peel Region. "It provides them with peace of mind."



The personal alarm ADT will provide.

Centennial College offers free program

Course provides students new job opportunities in science fields

by Scott Yeddeau
News Reporter

A new, tuition-free course is being offered for environmentally inclined students at Centennial College.

The course, which began on January 13, offers training in science, engineering, and technology for students who would like to become employed in the environmental sector.

Funded by Human Resources Development Canada, the program, dubbed "Enviropreneurs", has classes for 16 weeks, followed by an eight month session with a mentor.

Mark Toljagic, of Centennial, says there are four requirements for entrance the program: you must be under 30 years of age; you must have a recognized tech-

nical, science, or engineering degree or diploma; six months experience in the environment sector; and be a Canadian, or landed immigrant. There is also a \$25 non-refundable sign-up fee.

Toljagic said the program is designed so students with a scientific background can turn their ideas and experience into lucrative businesses.

"Someone who's interested in recycling baby diapers, can turn that into their own business, hence the program name 'Enviropreneurs,' Toljagic said.

Students are chosen for the course by criteria of academic records, business aptitude, and a personal interview, said Toljagic.

The program also features courses on business, sales and marketing, finance, networking, and project management.

When students are finished their classes, Toljagic said they have two options; they can spend eight months setting up their own business; or can work under contract for an established company.

The new Smart Card doesn't know it all



Humber students use cards instead of cash daily.

by Ian Karleff

Technology Reporter

Imagine the day when every monetary transaction comes with a service charge, the tax man knows about every doxllar and cent you receive and market research groups know which condom you prefer and how many you use. This is all possible if the banks and credit card companies find success in electronic cash.

Electronic cash is like a debit card. The money is loaded directly from your bank account through a phone or ATM. The card is equipped with a microchip which is capable of memorizing transaction details and maintaining a balance that is digitally displayed on the card.

With the more sophisticated cards transactions between consumers and retailers, as well as personal transactions, are possible. This could make cash obsolete. Pilots are currently being launched by major banks in Guelph and Kingston. However, there are dangers in accepting electronic cash into our wallets.

One potential threat is the increase in money laundering

because of the ease of transferring money electronically.

Frank Savary, a York University economics professor, says "government security people will never be happy with a completely anonymous card."

If this is true, then criminals and consumers will be faced with increased scrutiny by government officials. The card's memory could be used against the consumer by Revenue Canada wanting to crack down on the booming underground economy. It will also be valuable to those pesky telemarketing companies who would love more accurate details of who buys what, how often and where.

Electronic cash not only invades freedom in an anonymous marketplace but it also presents the possibility of endless service charges.

Mondex spokesman Joe Clark said the charges will be nominal or consumers will refuse to embrace this technology. Mondex is the world leader in this technology.

However, cash is expensive for retailers and banks to handle and the day might come when cash is

no longer available. Savary said it will take less than 50 years for electronic cash to "extensively replace cash."

Electronic cash will have little competition and banks will be able to charge what they want for every cash transaction made, he said. Not only will the banks reap more service charges, but they will also save money by not having to count and distribute cash.

"Cash is expensive for us to handle internally," said Mike Bradley, senior manager of Smartcard services at Bank of Montreal. This also means that bank tellers will no longer be necessary in a world of electronic cash, a reality which Business Futurist Frank Feather said is only 25 years away. "These systems are not foolproof," said Randall Scotland of the Retail council of Canada. Consumers will find when they are told a computer messed up their bank balances difficult to stomach.

With the elimination of the human element in cash transactions, society will become even more of a victim to an unaccountable computer system.

Some wicked web sites

<http://www.canoe.ca>

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<http://www.mecca.org/~crights/dream.html>

An informative site on Martin Luther King.

<http://www.foundmoney.com>

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<http://www.bluplanet.com/tallweb/trivia.html>

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Our favorite Canadian weatherperson has a fan page. Just goes to show--anyone can become (in)famous.

Books for Dummies

Opinion

by Paul Billington

Technology Reporter

Buying a computer manual can drive a person into therapy.

The problem for most new computer buyers is that since they didn't buy their own copies of Windows '95, they didn't receive a manual with our computers.

Instead they got a puny 50 page booklet that Microsoft calls a 'transition' book for users of older versions of Windows. But it's too simple, small, and limited for someone who wants to know something about Windows '95 without having one's intelligence insulted.

And then, a buyer has their intelligence insulted again, when looking for a beginner computer book; first by the Microsoft booklet, and second, by the kind of titles you'll find on the bookshelf.

One book I looked at was Windows '95 for Dummies. I found it wordy with unnecessary historical discussions of DOS and

Windows. I didn't think I was a dummy so I put that back on the shelf.

Another one I picked up was Windows '95 for Idiots. I actually liked that book. It has short explanations and a list of websites where you can find additional information.

Then what does that mean, I asked myself? Just look at the evidence: since this book is written for computer idiots and I found the book perfect for my needs, then I must be one too.

My self-esteem and ego were bruised by that incident and I still haven't fully recovered.

I didn't buy any books that day. I'm now in self-esteem therapy working out my anger issues. I still don't know much about Windows '95. My therapist says I won't be ready for it for quite some time and tells me I'm not alone.

Computer manual publishers stop the terror. Just give consumers books they can use without being abused.

Fighting computer child porn

New software to help avoid red light districts.

by Rita Salerno

Technology Reporter

iSTAR is helping parents fight against child pornography on the Internet by using blocking software.

iSTAR, an Internet solutions company, has launched an awareness campaign which will provide parents with guidelines for child safety on the Internet.

Their blocking software prohibits children from accessing obscene or offensive material.

"As the internet culture has matured, a lot of criticism and concern has been raised over offensive content," said Margo Langford, vice-president and general counsel for iSTAR Internet Inc.

"We are trying to lead the way in dealing with these difficult issues, to make it possible for the Internet to be welcomed into every home, classroom, and office in Canada."

The child pornography issue sparked public interest in November when a 22-year-old video store clerk was arrested for having in his possession more than 30,000 computer file pictures of child pornography.

However, Langford says that there are benefits to using the Internet.

"The amount of interesting and educational material on the Internet far outweighs the bad," Langford said.

The objective of blocking software is to make it easier for par-

ents to set limits on what children see in the unregulated world of cyberspace. There are a variety of techniques to filter out undesirable material. With the software comes a database of banned sites that needs to be upgraded regularly. Parents can customize the database by listing sites that they prefer their children not access.

The blocking software also contains a chat guard that allows parents to list words that could lead users to unwanted sites. It can block many of the keyword searches used to find pornographic material.

Similar to the V-chip technology for television, this blocking software will enable parents to restrict Internet access to certain times of the day, limit the time spent on-line, and block access to specific web sites. Once the settings and decisions are made parents are given a password.

"Beyond the blocking software,

the best way for parents to ensure a child is having a positive internet experience is to stay in touch with what they're doing (on-line)," Langford said.

She encourages parents to spend time with their children while surfing the net and guide them towards the "educational opportunities."

The software, which costs approximately \$300, allows different levels of access to different family members.

Parents or educators interested in obtaining blocking software can contact iSTAR at 1-800-GO iSTAR, or Windows users can download blocking software from the iSTAR home page at <http://www.istar.ca>. Macintosh users can get a demonstration version of CyberPatrol at <http://www.cyberpatrol.com>.

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Photography hawking their wares

by Maureen McReavy

Technology Reporter

Third-year creative photography students are having their work showcased on-line from the Humber School of Media Studies' web site.

To get to the gallery, click on the "Student Portfolios" heading on the main page. Then, on the next page, click on the heading "Creative Photography" and you'll be facing a gallery of images. The images are chosen by program co-ordinator Jim Chambers.

The site not only showcases the students' work but helps realize one of the basic goals of the course.

"One of the goals is to show our portfolios," said Tara Shafley, a second-year photography student.

Rosanna de Caprio, a third-year student with an image on the site, seems pleased to be on-line.

"This is the first time that images are on the web," she said. "It's the first year for the program. Every month,

the images are supposed to change. It feels good that someone from Japan can call up our photos. And, it's a good way to get our names up there!"

It's not only advantageous for the students to have their work accessible to a global audience, but it also ties in with the photography student's self-marketing course.

Diane Lima, a second-year student, sees the on-line gallery as something very positive.

"It provides exposure, recognition and perhaps even job opportunities," she said.

By the end of the semester, each student will set up their own web site.

"Our students are the best in Ontario," Chambers claims. The photography students will be showing their work at a photo gallery in the Spring. A stroll through the college is another way to see their work. Photos are displayed outside the president's office and on the walls outside room LB126



Photography student Kim Hutt prepares some pictures to load on to the internet.

Alexander Graham Bell steps up to the '90s

by Paul Billington

Technology Reporter

Many people who operate a business from home believe that they must have two lines, one for their fax and one for their telephone. Or, they think they can get

by with a voice/fax modem.

The truth is neither work very well for one-person operations.

Mark Palgius operates a business from his home in his spare time. He uses a Delrina Winpro Fax to handle both fax and voice

calls.

He claims that it, and software like it, has problems sometimes deciphering fax from voice calls.

"I can't afford, as a small businessman, to miss a call or a fax because that could mean a missed business opportunity," he says.

Most computers come with some type of telephony software that seems to handle both functions. However, owners say there are still problems. The software sometimes takes a person out of a program when the phone rings. When this happens two or three times an hour it could make a user wish they didn't even have a phone.

These programs have to be turned off when a person is working at their computer.

"The problem is that you have to remember to turn them back on again when you leave your house. But, if you're in a hurry, it's easy to forget," Palgius said.

Users also report poor sound quality for their greetings. This could result in giving callers the impression of an amateur business.

A user should decide whether to get a separate line for fax calls depending on their usage. Bell service representative, Mary Gianardi, says that if a person is receiving more than five faxes a

day they should consider a separate line for it.

"Until your home business reaches that point many people use Bells Ident-acall and Call-Answer services," said Gianardi.

With the Ident-acall service, Bell subscribers get a separate number they can use for fax numbers.

"Many people who use the service say having two separate numbers gives the impression to customers and suppliers of a more professional operation."

To make these two services work with your telephone system, Gianardi recommends setting the number of rings to five or more.

Business

UI changes name for the times

by Jenn Hoeschen

Business Reporter

Unemployment Insurance is, as of this month called Employment Insurance (EI), and several changes accompany the new name.

"Rather than being a negative name and calling it unemployment insurance, they're calling it employment insurance, so it is now more positive," said Joanne Maguire, manager of Human Resource Systems at Humber College.

Previously, employees had to work at least 15 hours or make \$150 to be insurable. No premiums were withheld and only those earnings up to \$750 maximum were insured.

Now, there is no minimum or maximum requirements. Premiums are now paid on every dollar earned up to the yearly maximum of \$39,000. Once employees have reached the \$39,000 they do not have to pay any more premiums.

Hours will now be counted instead of weeks and there is no

longer any weekly minimum or maximum earning requirements. There is also a new intensity rule and stricter enforcement penalties for those who commit fraud and changes made at deterring fraud.

"Now every hour is calculated, whether you work one or 30," said a representative from Human Resource Development Canada.

The changes will affect all employees and all employers.

"Faculty is not normally paid by the hours worked, it is a contract. There is going to be a change in how we track the data, so now we have to be more specific and capture all the hours," Maguire said.

"Those who make over \$39,000 in one year will see a big difference in their pay cheque. All the money will be taken up front because there is no weekly maximum for the deduction anymore," Maguire said.

For example, if an employee makes \$52,000 a year, they will pay all EI premiums by about mid-October.

Past receipt of EI benefits will affect future claims as well. The normal benefit rate is 55 per cent of the insured earnings. That could be reduced by one percent for every 20 weeks claimed from July 1996. The maximum that the benefit rate can be reduced to is 50 per cent after 100 weeks claimed. It is known as the intensity rule.

With the new EI system, a minimum of 420 to 700 hours will be required, depending on the unemployment rate in a specific area. New entrants or re-entrants to the work force after two years now need 910 hours to qualify over one year.

There is also a new Family Supplement. People with children, a family income less than \$25,931 and who also receive the Child Tax Benefit, are eligible to claim more than the regular 55 per cent of their insurable earnings.

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Et Cetera Lifestyles

'I have a dream' - a salute to King

by Anthony Atakerora

Lifestyle Reporter

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s dream is more realistic than ever in the quest to achieve fairness and equality to all.

King's message of nonviolent civil disobedience to bring about social change will be on people's minds as they celebrate and remember his birthday.

Martin Luther King, Jr. day, which is marked as a holiday in the U.S., but not observed in Canada, is to reflect on the life and the dream King advocated.

Many in Canadian society say his dream can come true, while others say it will never be possible.

"Canadian society may not be so perfect but there are demographic changes that are making this country and our community more diverse and multicultural than the '60s," said Shirley Forde, vice-president of the Students' Association Council (SAC). "Look

at sports and entertainment, you find equal opportunities and minorities do excel."

But many black youths disagree, saying the vision King had of men respecting each other and having dignity is being eroded by various government agencies and policies.

"There is a lot of racism out there," said Leford Jones, a first-year electronics student, noting that things have improved in sports and entertainment.

Sàchet McGregor, a third-year accounting student, and David Anthony, a first-year culinary student, agree that there haven't been any major changes in the way Blacks are viewed in society. They think that there are still a lot of ignorant people out there who need to be educated.

King was also concerned about the poor. He believed that people should have tolerance and a certain amount of patience when dealing with these issues.



Shirley Forde, v.p. (SAC) poses with Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gabriel Oyiborhoro, a third-year architectural student, agrees that King's message should extend to everyone, regardless of their background.

"The celebration of King's birthday should focus on the plight of poor people, especially students, who are facing a hard time making ends meet. We should all stand together, black or

white, and say to the elites in this society that they cannot divide or brainwash the youths anymore."

King, who was a charismatic and passionate leader, was assassinated by James Earl Ray in 1968. The killing set off weeks of urban race riots across the United States. Many people believe it was an act of political terrorism.

But the murder of King has not killed his spirit. King's dream still lives on through his son. Martin Luther King III is aspiring to become the first black U.S. senator from Georgia and according to the San Francisco Chronicle, he has become a popular motivational speaker for youths.

In his speeches, he stresses the importance of a person's extended family and uses his grandfather as an example of someone who taught him forgiveness instead of hatred.

"When I was a child, the only fear I had was of mummies and

ghosts. Now, children fear whether they will make it to see tomorrow," said King III, to about 300 students and leaders from schools and community organizations in Hayward, Georgia.



Martin Luther King, Jr. at the march on Washington - 1963

Students squander money on outstanding debts

by Victoria Jackson

Lifestyle Reporter

Humber students need to learn how to budget their loans, according to officials at Humber's financial aid office.

Margaret Antonides, financial aid manager, said students have to remember to budget for the everyday things that they need.

"Students forget about bus fare - and that's at least \$80 a month. When students are away from home for the first time they don't always think of things like how much a box of Tide costs," Antonides said.

"You don't know how many students come in here and don't even have \$25 to buy a textbook"

-Margaret Antonides, financial aid manager

She said that the financial aid office would like to start offering sessions on budgeting, but she isn't

sure students will show.

Bryan Roach, a first-year general arts and science student, said it's hard to remember everything when you're trying to make a budget.

"You have to budget yourself, but you don't always think of the little things," Roach said.

Antonides said students should be aware that OSAP will not pay all their expenses.

"You don't know how many students come in here and don't even have \$25 to buy a textbook," Antonides said. "Some students shouldn't be in school if they don't have money saved up." She said students need to come to school with some money because financial aid can't process over 5000 loans in one day.

One common mistake students make is to use their OSAP to pay off outstanding debts such as charge cards or outstanding rent payments, Antonides said.

"The money students receive from OSAP is meant for the eight months coming up, not the last eight months," Antonides said. "The money is there for education, not for playing around."

Second-year chemical engineering student, Linda Otchere said she did use some of her loan to pay off her credit cards, but she

worked part-time and only needed the money to help pay for her books and tuition.

Jenny Javier, a first-year architecture student has budgeted her loan money and now she is worrying about the future.

"I wish they had something for how to get (the loan) paid back," Javier said. "They don't care how you deal with it."

Roach said he is trying to use less than half of his loan money so he can use the rest to pay it back.

Antonides says the majority of students don't even ask about repayment and how to budget.

"They don't seem to worry about it at all," Antonides said, noting some students will declare bankruptcy so they won't have to repay their loans. However, doing so can have lasting ramifications.

"Claiming bankruptcy sticks with you, your credit rating is nothing and you won't ever get OSAP again," Antonides said. "It's also very hard to get other loans."

Students should remember that although financial aid processes the paperwork, they are not the ones signing the cheques.

"Students are calling us every name in the book. They're demanding that we have their forms, but we can't guarantee that," Antonides said.

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Herbal remedies - a relief for those flu blues

by Cathy Koo
Lifestyles Reporter

Are you suffering from a runny nose, watery eyes and a menacing cough? Well thanks to some new-found herbal remedies, you may not have to suffer much longer.

"From what we have seen this year, there definitely has been an increase in the number of students who are suffering from colds and upper respiratory infections," said Marg Anne Jones, a registered nurse and health coun-

"It is probably the most sought after herb during the cold and flu season."

-Michael Vertolli

sellor at Humber's Health Centre.

Nature has provided a variety of herbs that can assist the immune system in preventing and treating the common cold and flu.

One herb that has come into the spotlight as an alternative medicine is Echinacea.

"Today it is probably the most sought after herb during the cold and flu season, since it is the safest and most versatile herb commonly used for the prevention and treatment of infectious diseases," said Michael Vertolli, a practising herbalist at Living Harmony in Toronto.

North American Indians were the first to recognize the curative powers of Echinacea's (which is part of the daisy family), using it to treat snakebites. Though Echinacea is used to treat a variety of afflictions, its most popular use has been as a cold and flu remedy.

The herb works by "stimulating the body's own defences against minor bacterial and viral infections by increasing the activity of cells that wander through the inflamed or infected tissue which consume disease-causing bacteria," said Dr. Gary J. Hardy, a Naturopath at

the Markham Homeopathic Centre.

Echinacea's effect on the immune system cannot be attributed to a single compound. The herb contains a relatively high percentage of immune enhancing properties.

"It is these [properties] which destroy bacteria, neutralize viruses and stimulate the development of new healthy tissue," said Vertolli

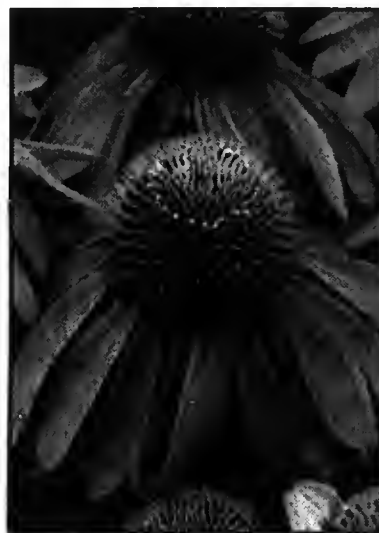
Echinacea can also be attributed to increasing white blood cell counts.

"Studies show that certain elements bind to receptors on the surface of white blood cells," said Hardy. "From these white blood cells, the T cells are the most sensitive to Echinacea, and this causes them to increase in their production of interferon, a potent antiviral immune system chemical which enables the body to fight against foreign viruses.

"Echinacea is available in a variety of forms ranging from dried

root to liquid formulations such as tinctures and extracts. The most popular forms are powdered extract capsules and liquid tinctures. Though both forms are effective, the dosage from a liquid remedy (tincture) can be regulated, whereas prepared capsules cannot be.

When using Echinacea for acute infections, it has to be taken



Echinacea - the wonder herb

more frequently, especially during the early onset of an illness.

"The most common mistake that people make is to wait until they have pronounced symptoms for a couple of days before they take Echinacea," said Vertolli. "It will still work, but not as quickly."

"Adults who take the tincture should take between 3-4 mL mixed in a glass of water four times a day until symptoms improve," Hardy said.

"Everyone can use this product and children under the age of 12 should receive half the adult dosage," Hardy noted. "Those under four should only receive two drops of the tincture mixed with half a glass of water."

Dr. Hardy warned that Echinacea should not be taken on a continuous basis. It can affect the body's ability to absorb the herb. People who take Echinacea for prolonged periods should take it for six weeks, abstain for one week, and then go back on it for six weeks, Hardy said.

'Tis the season to be sneezy

by Jennifer K. Hamoen
Lifestyles Reporter

The halls of Humber echo with new year greetings. Mingled with these words is the sound of people hacking and coughing. For many, the winter season brings influenza, flu-like viruses or common colds.

From Dec. 2 to Jan. 8, 37 children with influenza A, a flu which originated in China in 1995, were admitted (others were seen and sent home) to The Hospital For Sick Children, with symptoms of high fevers, coughs, muscle aches, and breathing problems.

"The volume of people in December with flu-like symptoms is definitely higher than last year," said Mary Brougham, nurse manager of Emergency at Etobicoke General Hospital.

There is always a new bug going around, she said. People are more susceptible because of the stress of the Christmas season when many people do not eat properly or get enough sleep.

The total number of people infected with influenza A are not known at this time but Andrew Simor, the director of Microbiology at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, said that it is his impression that there are more cases of influenza A this year.

Officials say most of the cases of influenza A have been found in nursing homes. But there are other viruses going around that are causing bronchial problems. For example, many people have experienced a cough that has persisted for more than two weeks.

Helen Simeon, a spokesperson for The Hospital For Sick Children, says there have been many cases of people with flu-like symptoms that have lasted two to three weeks.

Yet, when many people think that they have influenza A or the flu, what they really have is a common cold, with symptoms such as sore throats, stuffy or

runny noses, sneezing, generalized aching and an unusually low energy level.

According to literature offered at the Humber Health Centre, you should make sure you are treating the right symptoms with the right over-the-counter medications. For example, for a dry cough, a cough syrup with DM (dextromethorphan) is recommended especially before bed. A common brand is Benlyn-MD.

The literature also warns people with chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure, not take any decongestants. Nasal sprays should only be used if prescribed by a doctor.

Asthmatic patients should see their doctor before taking anything for a cough. If you are unsure of what to take or you are regularly on other medication, consult your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

Personal hygiene is very important. Penny Ecclestone, a registered nurse at Humber said that colds and other viruses are often transmitted through your hands. To prevent the spread of the virus wash your hands often especially after you sneeze or cough.

What to do when you've got the cold:

- Drink plenty of liquids like weak tea, juices, water, or ginger ale
- Don't drink any alcohol or caffeine
- Get lots of rest
- Gargle half a tsp. of salt in warm water for sore throats or take throat lozenges
- Humidifier may help a cough

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Student I.D. – teachers gain access to your files

by Nancy Larin
Lifestyles Reporter

How much can someone learn about you from your Humber photo identification card?

A Humber photo I.D. card is used for identifying students at Humber College who have paid their tuition. It also gives students access to Humber's facilities. These facilities include the athletics department, peer tutoring, the library, the computer room and Caps (which also requires government issued photo identification). Without it, students could be asked to leave the building.

However, students using their cards outside Humber do not need to worry about confidential information being available.

Personal information is "pass-

word protected," said Bill Pitman, the associate registrar in charge of records. "There is a security process in the system. If you find a card, you won't get anything from the computer unless you have a user I.D."

The information contained in student records generally includes name, address, telephone number, grades and courses taken. It does not include marital status or gender. "They are not pertinent to whether a student gets admitted," said Pitman.

The level of access given to teachers depends on what they need in order to do their work, said Pitman.

Teachers can look up information about students from their class lists only. They cannot add

or change any information, Pitman said.

Program co-ordinator's can get more information from the student records than teachers. They can change grades, though the practice is that grades are submitted to the data centre to be entered. However, the co-ordinator needs the ability to enter early and late grades as well as any grade changes.

Facilities such as campus services, the information desk and the library have codes that access only the data that they need for their jobs.

Flags, such as those imposed by the library for lost books or by the different departments, are put on the record.

"There is a screen that will

"If you find a card you won't get anything from the computer unless you have a user I.D."
-Bill Pitman.

identification card can look at the student records.

This information is not always restricted to the department the password holder is responsible for. A co-ordinator in the School of Business can look up the records of a Nursing student, if he has the student number.

"We are always adjusting the programs and the access to information," Pitman said. "Plans are in the works to make a "Smarter Card". It might become a debit/credit card and possibly be used to verify eligibility to vote in student government elections.

show that, but you have to know how to access it," Pitman said.

Only a person with a valid password and has the student number imprinted on a photo

Shopping with your student card

by Nancy Larin
Lifestyles Reporter

Humber Photo I. D. cards will get you discounts at several Woodbine Centre stores. Here are just a few places that students can shop at with their student card.

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Bryan Archer, manager of Black's, gives Bernice Kalovec a 10 per cent discount on film.

and women • Adventures Electronics eliminates G.S.T • Clocks Unlimited absorbs taxes on purchases • Bakhara Rug Company charges students only one of the two taxes • Lenscrafters has a 20 per cent discount

Humber goes weedless

by Bernice Barth
Lifestyles Reporter

Humber College will be holding "Weedless Wednesday" next week, a day of information about the cessation of smoking and a smoke-free day as well.

Information booths and tables will be set up by Humber's Health Centres and by various other organizations at both the North and the Lakeshore Campus.

Marg Anne Jones, registered nurse and the director of the Health Centre at the North Campus, said that in addition to their own information table, others will be set up by the Heart and Stroke Association, the Etobicoke Cancer Society and the Etobicoke Health Department in the concourse area by Tall Hats.

The event will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

At Humber's Lakeshore Campus, Penny Apse, also a registered nurse, has arranged for the Canadian Cancer Society and the Lung Association to help their Health Centre inform students



American Cancer Society Poster
"Smoking is very Glamourous"

Wednesday", Apse said that the Lakeshore Health Centre is hoping to organize a smoking cessation program-support group, if they collect enough signatures from interested students.

"Everybody, I think, now gets the picture that smoking is unhealthy," Jones said. "We're working to assist people in a decision about not smoking."

"Weedless Wednesday" is in association with National Non-Smoking week which runs from Jan. 20-25.

and staff about the dangers of smoking and second-hand smoke.

The event will take place in the cafeteria from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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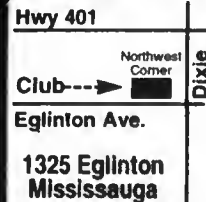
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you

Wednesday

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hop/indie)
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A tip of the hat to the TOPPERMOST

Toronto band
strives to gain
recognition
through their
own sound

by Christian deBrujin
Entertainment Reporter

British acts, worthy or not, have always fared relatively well in this city compared to other major North American urban centres. And with Oasis' backlash already in full stride, what are young anglophile musicians to do?

While Toppermost's lead guitarist/vocalist Neil Traynor and rhythm guitarist/vocalist Chris Cunnane, a Humber radio broadcasting student, admit their affection for all eras of British rock and pop, they're not bandwagon jumpers.

"For so long every band that came out was some Nirvana or Pearl Jam rip off. Every high school band you heard was just trying to be Eddie Vedder," says Cunnane. "People will say 'with Oasis being so big now it's bound to happen,' but we never started out to be Oasis. If you're just doing straight ahead pop with melodies, people are just going to say 'you sound British' because there's just not that many American bands doing it."

"We started before Oasis even came out," adds Traynor. "It just boils down to coincidence. Obviously, your influences are

going to show in whatever you do, but I've never sat down and said 'today I'm going to be John Lennon'."

After last Friday's smoking set at the Lion's Pub, located in the Kensington Market, Toppermost definitely set themselves apart from the non-descript shackles of "Britpop".

Taking cues from The Who, the Rolling Stones, the Byrds and Ride, this four-piece soars where British peers like The Bluetones and Shed Seven fail to expand their reference points beyond the first Stone

called mod, Britpop and glam. I am influenced by glam stuff like T-Rex and Bowie, but I wouldn't go around calling us a glam band."

With a smirk on his face, Traynor blurts out, "Next week it might be reggae-polka with raga influences."

With the growing presence of '90s Brit-heads and the Blow Up scene (Toronto club) popular as ever, it may seem that Toppermost would naturally hitch a ride.

"The thing with Blow Up is that it's probably never going to do anything for any of the bands

Cunnane cunningly plots, "is to record something and don't tell anyone it's you."

"I'm not into knocking Blow Up," says Traynor, "but a lot of people who go there get excited about dancing to records they have at home. It's like 'Oh, my, God, Pulp! I haven't heard this since the car ride!' And these are the same people bemoaning there's no good bands to see. They just don't give anything a fucking chance."

With an untitled CD planned, tentatively available in late-spring/early summer, Toppermost should make their presence felt when they finally get something down for posterity. And, at this point, it's their only real flaw.

"We've talked about doing some slightly countryish stuff, like the Byrds' Sweetheart of the Rodeo," Traynor says of the upcoming album.

"We're not sure what direction we might take on some songs," adds Cunnane, "but we don't feel that 'oh, this is our sound and we have to stick to it,' which a lot of bands do. There's nothing worse than seeing a band and not remembering anything they've done because everything sounds the same."

And maybe not sounding the same is the thorn in Toppermost's side, considering most bands these days gain recognition

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-Neil Traynor on people calling Toppermost bandwagon jumpers.

Roses record. And, if one thing is clear, the members of Toppermost resent being labeled.

"Everyone is going to link you to something—it's the easiest thing to do," Cunnane says. "You benefit from being friendly with other bands, but you don't from labeling. We've gone through so many labels—We used to get

who play there," says Cunnane. "I've been to Blow Up and handed out a hundred flyers and only five people show up at gigs. It's just 'oh, this is another Toronto band, who cares.' It's also a lot of musical narrow-mindedness, people ignoring bands because they're not British."

"The key for Blow Up,"

From left to right: Chris Cunnane, Neil Traynor, Chad Allen, and Andrew Hurst

Quote of the week

"Nothing like killing a couple of guys before lunch."

- Gary Sinise, during the filming of *Ransom* (as told to US magazine).



Upcoming Toppermost shows

Friday, January 31 @ the Lion (349 College at Agusta)

Branagh makes *Hamlet* unique



Kenneth Branagh directed and starred in *Hamlet*

Shakespeare goes to Hollywood in Kenneth Branagh's version of *Hamlet*

by Bernice Barth
Entertainment Reporter

To be or not to be over four hours long, that is the question everyone is asking about Kenneth Branagh's *Hamlet*.

The answer: if you like Shakespeare, then this lengthy interpretation is nothing short of a brilliant cinematic masterpiece.

Branagh wrote the screenplay as well as directed and starred as the Danish prince.

He sets Shakespeare's play in 19th-century England, which allows him to create a set that is lavish and full of color.

Filmed at Blenheim Palace in England, this movie has an unbelievable backdrop of visual splendor which Branagh enhances with

a well-crafted wardrobe and musical score.

Branagh recreates *Hamlet* in his own unique interpretation; without changing the original text. Instead, he changes many aspects of the standard cinematic adaptations.

There is no sexually charged air between Hamlet and his mother, Gertrude. But, there is a very sexual relationship between Ophelia and the Dane.

These changes are refreshing, causing the audience to re-experience the play, as if seeing it for the first time.

Part of the originality of Branagh's *Hamlet* is that he takes full advantage of the cinematic medium.

This is not a movie that imitates a theatrical play with all its clumsiness of asides. Instead, voice-overs are used for actor's thoughts.

Special effects allow for frightening ghost scenes and create

Fortinbras' army.

The camera angles are constantly changing with skilled fluidity so that the audience is able to take in every nuance of the action.

Flashbacks are used throughout the movie to let the audience know what various characters are thinking.

The only mistake that Branagh makes with *Hamlet* is the miscasting of a few cameos.

Both Jack Lemmon (Marcellus) and Gerard Depardieu (Reynaldo) seem out of place in these roles.

The minor incongruities, however, are easily overlooked. Branagh's performance is dazzling, leaving no doubt that he is an incredibly gifted actor, director, and writer.

Branagh's unique vision and the extravagant set, the movie doesn't give in to Hollywood glitz, but rather retains the original magnificence of Shakespeare.

Grammy nod to Canadians in 1996

by Rita Salerno
Entertainment Reporter

Canadian musicians sang their way up the charts in 1996 and now many of them have earned a spot on the Grammy nominations list.

Over the years, Canadian artists have hit a high note in the music industry and '96 was no exception.

"I'm not surprised at all that there are so many Canadians in the running. They've been in the forefront for a long time," says Bonnie Laufer, entertainment producer for Global television.

Topping the list for Canadian artists is Celine Dion. Dion was nominated in four categories, including best female artist, best album, best record and best song for "Because you loved me" from the *Up Close and Personal* soundtrack.

"Celine is much bigger in the U.S. than she is here," said Laufer. "I think she's going to win the best album award for sure."

Ottawa's Alanis Morissette, who won four Grammy's last year for her album *Jagged Little Pill*, is also up for an award. The single "Ironic" is eligible for a best single nomination this year.

The other top Canadian artist is Bryan Adams with nominations: best male artist and best single of the year.

"They all deserve to win because they're all great," said Laufer.

Tying Michael Jackson's 1983 record for most nominations by an artist in a year is Babyface, who leads the pack with 12.

Babyface, a producer, songwriter and recording artist, has won six Grammy's including last year's producer of the year

award.

Other best album nominees include Beck's *Odelay*, the *Waiting to Exhale* soundtrack, *The Score* by the Fugees, and The Smashing Pumpkins *Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness*, which also received six other nominations.

Tracy Chapman's "Give me one reason," is up for five awards including song of the year.

Fourteen year old country star, LeAnn Rimes has earned a Grammy nomination for best new artist. She will have to contend with Jewel, Garbage, and No Doubt.

The 39th annual Grammy awards will be handed out at Madison Square Gardens in New York on Feb. 26 and will be televised world wide.



Celine Dion is the top Canadian artist with four Grammy nominations



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Editor's Choice

Music

- 1) "Ambulance"
These Animal Men
- 2) "Kicks"
Northern Proar
- 3) "Career Opportunities"
The Clash
- 4) "Pathways"
Frank & Walters
- 5) "Pretty Voice"
Sloan
- 6) "Patrick Bateman"
Manic Street Preachers
- 7) "Journey to the end of East Bay"
Rancid
- 8) "Another Murder Theme"
Sharpkid
- 9) "Paint a vulgar Picture"
The Smiths
- 10) "Oh wow!!"
Toppermost

Movies

- 1) *Forrest Gump*
- 2) *Trainspotting*
- 3) *Muriel's Wedding*
- 4) *Hackers*
- 5) *Four Weddings and a Funeral*
- 6) *Stand By Me*
- 7) *Sabrina* (original w/ Audrey Hepburn)
- 8) *Breakfast At Tiffany's*
- 9) *Roman Holiday*
- 10) *William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet*

NEXT WEEK

Watch for a review of
Forever Tango

Reviews

music & movies

WOOKIE
Blast Shield Down
Bear records

This is a brilliant debut from New York's Wookie, who are so named in a tribute to Star Wars' Chewbacca. Blast Shield Down is proof that rock 'n' roll with a sci-fi theme really does work. Catchy, guitar driven songs testify to it. And, although the production on the album is less than desirable, it amazes me to think that it couldn't have worked any other way. At times they're reminiscent of Sloan ("Blow your mind", "Astronaut"), others the Smashing Pumpkins ("Spacehelmet")—just throw in a phaser pedal and there you have Wookie. Put it on and you'll have trouble taking it off. Superb -**Christian Kluszczynski**

videophile

Muriel's Wedding
This Australian flick is sure to get any Abba fan out of the doldrums. Milking the classic ugly duckling - turns - swan tale, the film lets you empathize with Muriel in her quest to find a groom and win the game.
-**Maryan Florio**

True story shines on

by Paul Billington
Entertainment Reporter

Shine is a brilliant movie, based on the tragic, yet inspiring life of pianist David Helfgott, a child prodigy.

Shine is about a man's struggle to break away from his father. We see the toll his father's abuse has had on David (Geoffrey Rush) as he suffers a mental breakdown while performing at a major piano recital. And who wouldn't have a breakdown with a father like Peter (Armin Mueller-Stahl). His way of dealing with his guilt for escaping the Nazis while his brothers and sisters were killed, is to abuse his own family. The atmosphere is so lifelike that the audiences can feel the father's fear as he screams at his children, "You must win. You must always win. Only the strong survive."

Rush's performance is outstanding. The audience can't help but pity Rush's character as he sits alone in a sanitarium chattering nervously to himself. Rush's portrayal of someone in Helfgott's mental state is very convincing.

Stahl's performance is no less brilliant. On one hand the audience loathes him for the way he treats his family and yet we sympathize

with him for the guilt he feels about his brothers and sisters. In Stahl, although the audience would rather not face it, the evil of WWII can be understood.

The second part of the movie would never be believed by today's cynical audiences if it weren't true. David's resurrection is brought about by Gillian (Lynn Redgrave). She brings hope and love into David's tragic life, as opposed to his father who brings fear and paranoia. Her character is also one of comic relief, which the audience desperately needed by the second half.

Gillian is a woman who faithfully believes in astrology. When David proposes to her, she refuses to give him an answer on the spot. Instead, Gillian goes home to check their astrological charts to see if they're compatible.

Yet it is Gillian, humourously played by Redgrave who inspires David to return to the piano and find hope and solace in the future. Touching without being manipulative, and thoughtful without being too intense, Shine tells us that we can let the evil of the past destroy us or we can learn from it. A choice David Helfgott never got to make.

\$3 million club big hit in Brampton

by Chris Bell
Entertainment Reporter

Club Kaboom lives up to its name. It provides a place to go for adventurous souls beyond Toronto for a night of high adrenaline fun.

Open just over two weeks now, Kaboom is a \$3 million dollar club located in Brampton by the 410 highway and Steeles Ave. Aided by a \$1 million, 50,000 watt, four color, digital sound and laser system, it quickly surpasses Toronto's clubs.

Cover for the club is \$10, but is offset by the fact that all drinks are just \$2. Unlike most other clubs, the prices never change for special events. In addition, the club will open a restaurant in three weeks time so that alcohol won't have to settle in empty stomachs.

"(Kaboom) is a fun, safe, cheap place to be," said manager Bob McCabe.

Safety is not an issue at the club and those patroning the establishment will feel safer than if they had stayed at home.

Security includes metal detectors and a good, thorough pat down on the way in!

"It's not only out the door, it's

out the door into a police cruiser," McCabe said of their enforcement of safety. "You don't want to die sitting here and having a chair thrown at you."

In addition to low prices and a safe environment, the club also has two well known radio stations to help with advertising and cranking out the tunes.

Q 107 works the club's Friday Rock night, while Saturday evening is dance music run by Energy 108. Thursday nights will depend on the tastes of the crowd for the next three weeks, and then live acts will be put in.

Those looking to go on a Saturday should note that if you are not there by nine o'clock, you will be lining up, and there is only a capacity of 2,700 people. Dress warm!

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Sports

Soccer Volleyball Basketball

Niagara 'falls' to the Hawks

by Jennifer Morris

Sports Reporter

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team overcame adversity on Thursday to defeat the Niagara Knights and advance to first place.

There was doubt that the game would even take place, the bus ride took three and a half hours, and the snow was heavier in Welland than it was in Toronto. But the men's volleyball team made it just in time to crush the Niagara Knights, three games to none.

Humber and Niagara were tied for first place in their division, so this was an important game that the team felt they had to play.

"We weren't sure if we were even coming today, because of the weather," said

Eugene Selva, Humber's All-Star right side hitter. But when they arrived, they were ready to play.

"We went in focused knowing it was going to be a big game, we remained focused the whole time, played at a high level, and we stayed up there," says Selva of the team effort.

The score of the three games were the tell-tale sign that Humber was there to win. They kept Niagara to less than 13 points in three games, defeating them 15-2, 15-6, and 15-5.

Coach Wayne Wilkins was very happy with the team's effort.

"It was very well played. They really finished," said Wilkins. "Tonight was a total team effort, there was never any questions."

Niagara Knights coach Blair Cudmore agreed with

Wilkins.

"They played an excellent game and we were ill prepared," Cudmore said. "We (Niagara) were the underdogs and they taught us that we've got a lot of work to do."

"It was definitely our best match of the year, we kicked their ass."
- Eugene Selva, team captain

Humber was unstoppable on the court with Matt Cunliffe and Eugene Selva leading the team with a total of 16 kills between the two of them.

"Our key player tonight was Matt Cunliffe. With Matt in the

middle he's unstoppable, he blocks 90 per cent of our balls," Wilkins said. "Marcus Feuerstake, and Eugene Selva passed some good balls as well, and passing is the money."

Selva described the defeat perfectly.

"It was definitely our best match of the year," he said. "We kicked their ass."

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team will play the alumni on Thursday Jan. 16, at 8 p.m. They will then be sending Selva, Matt Cunliffe, and Chad Reid to the All-Star game on Saturday Jan. 18 at Mohawk in Hamilton.



The Hawks put away the Niagara Knights in three-straight games, 15-2, 15-6 and 15-5.

Women roll into '97 undefeated

by David Critelli

Sports Reporter

The Humber Hawks women's basketball team rang in 1997 with an impressive showing at the Seneca Scouts Annual Basketball Tournament.

From January 2-4, the Hawks, sporting a perfect 7-0 regular season record, participated among an elite field of nationally ranked teams.

In the first game, Humber found themselves pitted against a tough Schoolcraft squad from Detroit. Working hard as a team, the women won the contest 83-78. The scoring touch of forward Tanya Sadler, who put in a tremendous effort with 31 points, and guard Melissa McCutcheon, who chipped in 22 points, helped the Hawks to a five-point victory.

The next round of play saw Humber meet arch-rival John Abbott from Montreal. The two-time defending national champions proved to be exciting competition for the talented Hawk squad. Down at the half, the

women clawed their way back, coming out on top by a 68-67 score.

"It was the most important win we've ever had in my six years," said head coach Jim Henderson.

"We made a great, gritty effort and comeback in a very dramatic and important game."

In the finals, the women's

unbeaten streak was stopped, as Daemen College from Buffalo thoroughly outplayed the exhausted squad and won 68-53. The game's high scorers included Melissa McCutcheon and Heather Curran, with 12 and nine points respectively.

Even with the loss, spirits were still high as the women remain undefeated in Ontario College Athletic Association league play.

"This year's team is incredible," said co-captain Heather Curran. "Everyone contributes in their own way."

Building upon their recent success, the women Hawks find themselves going into 1997 rated number one in Ontario and ninth nationally. According to Henderson the tournament proved to be a positive building point that could propel them up in the Canadian rankings.

"It was a great and challenging tournament," he said. "Our success in beating John Abbott shows how much we've improved."

Up next for the women are games at George Brown on Jan.



Tanya Sadler pumped in 31 points to help Humber to a surprising victory over a tough Schoolcraft team from Detroit

15 and Niagara on Jan. 17. These games will be followed by a January 22 home game against Mohawk and the OCAA All-Star game at Durham College on Jan. 25.

sports quote of the week!

Ron Davis, former Minnesota Twin reliever who had a problem with giving up the "long-ball" in the late innings, on still getting booed when he visits the Twin Cities:

"When it's 10 years later and they still hate you, that's what I call charisma."

Et Cetera



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Athlete of the Week



Dean Wylie

#9, middle

Dean returned to Humber this year after spending a year playing for Seneca, and has shown impressive blocking, hitting and serving skills the first half of the season.

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Paving smoother Rhodes in Ottawa

by Davy Palumbo
Sports Reporter

Ottawa Senators' goaltender Damian "Dusty" Rhodes went from being a back-up goalie on a contender to a starter on a team that has a rough road ahead of it.

However, the Minnesota native says he believes the January 22, 1996, trade from The Toronto Maple Leafs was a good thing for him because he's playing more and gaining confidence with every game.

"The trade was good for me," says Rhodes, who began goaltending at age seven, he's now 27. "Starting has both increased and alleviated the pressure on me because I'm expected to perform in more games."

Although Rhodes doesn't play for Toronto anymore, he hasn't forgotten those who helped him and guided his career when he was here.

"The Toronto coaches overall were real good," says Rhodes. "(Assistant coach) Mike Kitchen and (goaltender coach) Rick Wamsley kept me out on the ice after practice on days when I just wanted to get off.

"I think it just benefited my career a lot," says Rhodes. "It

gave me a sense to work hard and it improved my skill level."

Rhodes, who was selected by Toronto in the sixth round of the 1987 entry draft, played three seasons for Michigan Tech, before joining Toronto's American Hockey League affiliate in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1991. He played three years there and was named team MVP for the 1992-93 season. He was called up by the Leafs in 1993 to back-up number-one goalie Felix Potvin, who he says is among the elite puck-stoppers in the league.

"Felix is a natural talent," says Rhodes, who went undefeated in his first seven NHL decisions. "He's getting the most scoring chances he's ever had against him since he's been there and I think he's playing great."

Rhodes has received a lot of guidance from his current coaches whom he says have been patient, helpful and understanding with him.

"I think (assistant coach) Phil Myre has helped me the most," says Rhodes. "They brought him in to work on my game and help me with my movement.

"(Head coach) Jacques Martin came here the same day I did, and

he's been real good to me," says Rhodes. "He realizes this is my first year as a starting goalie and he's really helped me out."

The Ottawa Senators have not had a great first half of this season and are living in the basement of the league with only 34 points in 42 games. Rhodes feels he has not played anywhere near his potential and blames himself for the team's lack of success.

"I'm a little disappointed in my play, because it seems like I'm giving up two or three goals on 15 or 20 shots," says Rhodes who has a respectable 10-16-8 record this season. "I feel if I was at the top of my game, this team would be in a playoff spot right now."

Rhodes says he has to carry the bulk of the blame because his defense has been outstanding.

"This year the defense has been unbelievable," said "Dusty." "They only give up about 15 shots a game, even with all the injuries they've suffered."

(Sean Hill, Stanislav Neckar and Lance Pitlick) to name a few.

Although the Senators are far behind, Rhodes feels they have what it takes to start winning and possibly make the playoffs.

"It's going to be tough, but



St. Paul, Minnesota native, Damian "Dusty" Rhodes has found a permanent starting role between the pipes for the Ottawa Senators.

we're going to have to get really hot down the stretch," says Rhodes, who remains realistic.

"If we don't make it this year, hopefully, it'll be the last year that happens."

Humber Hawks are shocked at Shocker Cup

by Jeff Allen
Sports Reporter

The high flying women's volleyball team received a jolt last weekend when they travelled to Durham College in Oshawa to play in the Shocker Cup.

The Hawks received some great news last week when former team captain and three-year veteran middle Amanda Roberts, returned to the team after suffering a back injury early in the season.

Although the Hawks were excited about Roberts return, they still showed some rustiness in their first action since the Christmas break, finishing the round robin 1-2-1, and falling out of medal contention.

The Hawks began the tournament Friday night against the

host, Durham Lords, and stayed with them through much of the first game. Roberts started the game for the Hawks, looking shaky early on before throwing up a big block to give the Hawks a 5-4 lead.

The Hawks eventually lost their wind, losing the game, 15-9.

They suffered another blow early in the second game when power Richelle Elder landed awkwardly after hitting a big kill down the line. She was helped off the court and taken to hospital with a sprained ankle.

On the court, the Hawks were hurting themselves with key serving errors, falling behind 7-2.



Dyan Layne (left) and Brenda Ramos attempt a block in Shocker Cup action last weekend.

Middle Dyan Layne entered the game and put a wall in front of the Hawks side of the court stuffing the Lords on three consecutive spikes. Layne's wizardry helped the Hawks ride offside Lindsay Anderson's seven-point serving binge to a 9-7 lead. However the team showed their inexperience, again, by making too many errors, allowing Durham to take the game 15-12.

"We didn't anticipate the flow of the game," said head coach Dave Hood.

"As a young team that's one of the things we need to learn; the action-reaction part of the game."

A night's rest seemed to do the Hawks a world of good as they resumed play Saturday morning to battle the Georgian Grizzlies.

Behind some loud and sometimes insane amount of cheering, the Hawks flew out of the gate and led from start to finish. The

Grizzlies managed to cut a six point Humber lead to three, until

Angela Darrach came off the bench to serve the Hawks back into the driver's seat, eventually winning the game 15-5.

The Grizzlies showed new life in the second game jumping out to an early 5-2 lead. An ace by Roberts helped spark the Hawks and consistent serving by Carla Rivas sent

the Grizzlies into hibernation, 15-12.

The Hawks squared off against the Niagara Knights. The Hawks and wasted no time jumping on them and quickly grabbing a 7-2 lead. Then, just as quickly, the Hawks coughed up the lead and had to start from scratch at 7-7.

Another ace from Roberts and two big kills by power Brenda Ramos set the Hawks up to take their third straight game. But, a pair of late aces gave Niagara their first lead of the game. Niagara made no mistake cashing their lead into a 16-14 victory.

The Hawks came on strong again and pinned down the Knights for a 9-1 lead. Niagara once again swung the momentum and appeared ready to hand a stunned group of Hawks another heart-breaker. However Darrach came off the bench and nailed a pair of aces to turn out the lights on Niagara earning a split with a 15-12 win.

"Ange knows her role," coach Hood said.

"I put her in earlier [in the first game] and she didn't get the job done. This time she did, and that takes a special talent to be able to come off the bench like that. That's what we need."

The tie left the Hawks with a 1-1-1 record. They needed a win in their final game to play for the bronze medal. However, a tough team from Windsor, the St. Clair Saints, lined up across from the Hawks. Despite a valiant effort from all 12 Humber players they were unable to mount any kind of offense against the Saints, losing the first game 15-3.

Out of medal contention, the Hawks could have easily called it a day, being down 10-2 in the second game. But the determined group decided to send a message to the Saints, Roberts nailed down a pair of aces to pump up the Hawks. The team flew back to cut the lead to three at 14-11, but fell just a little short, finally falling 15-11.

"I thought that was really great," Hood said. "Once again we didn't get out of the blocks very well, but it shows good maturity to keep battling like that."

Overall Hood said he was pleased with the team's efforts, noting that "They had their moments, just not enough."

The Hawks are back on the court this Thursday facing the Alumni team, in a rematch of October's 3-1 Humber win. Game time is 6 p.m.

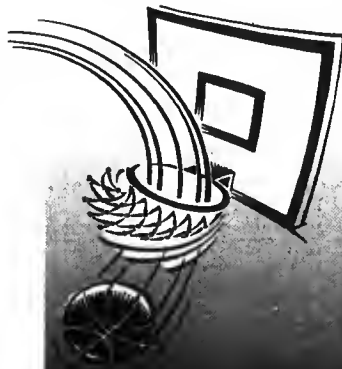
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sportsINSIGHT

by Joe Mercer
Sports Editor

Could it be that all professional team owners are just as greedy and stubborn as the players?

If you take a look at the proposed deal between the Canadian and National Football leagues, that apparently will make the CFL a "farm league" to the NFL, the deal seems pretty reasonable.

But owners appear to have a problem with it.

Not only would this deal make the CFL a better league, it may save the CFL altogether.

So why do the owners have a problem with it?

In an ego-driven industry, pride has fumbled its way into the path of proper judgement.

What every owner in the CFL has to do is think realistically. No one, even the CFL's biggest fans, will pay to see a five-team league — and that's exactly where the CFL is headed.

Now, the question of expansion comes to the forefront.

The CFL has proven that they can't efficiently expand (just ask CFL commissioner Larry Smith about that), so that isn't an option.

And, what about Montreal? They really, really wanted a team again, and that lasted one season.

The one and only thing that can save the CFL from folding after almost a century of providing a successful professional league, is the NFL.

The National Football league would provide funding to all teams, including those who most need it, like Ottawa and British Columbia. Not only would the CFL be helped financially, it would give the league a marketability that it has never had before, but drastically needs.

The deal would make the CFL somewhat of a player-development league, like a minor-league baseball team (a smaller team for the larger team to feed off), meaning that Canadian fans might get a glimpse of NFL quality talent from time to time.

In the past, it was evident the CFL lacked personality and creativity, something that the NFL actually has too much of — take Deion Sanders and Ricky Watters for example.

Would football fans rather watch a NFL-sponsored CFL than no CFL at all? This seems to be the question facing the CFL owners today.

If the NFL does take over the CFL it would no longer use Canadian rules, so, realistically, it would be just like watching the NFL.

So the difference is? It's still Canadian players playing a game played in Canadian cities.

sportsINSIGHT will appear weekly in the Humber Et Cetera. Suggestions and comments are welcome.

Ontario College Athletic Association Standings

Men's Basketball

Central Region

	GP	W	L	FOR	AGT	PTS
Durham	2	2	0	153	116	4
Centennial	3	2	1	231	241	4
Humber	3	2	1	187	178	4
Seneca	3	1	2	201	186	2
George Brown	3	0	3	170	221	0
Sheridan	0	0	0	0	0	0

Women's Basketball

	GP	W	L	FOR	AGT	PTS
Humber	7	7	0	586	363	14
Durham	6	5	1	427	268	10
Seneca	6	5	1	472	320	10
George Brown	7	3	4	388	414	6
Fanshawe	6	2	4	351	330	4
Niagara	6	2	4	283	381	4
Mohawk	4	0	4	153	298	0
Redeemer	6	0	6	182	468	0

Men's Volleyball

West Region

	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Humber	6	6	0	18	0	12
Cambrian	7	5	2	18	11	10
Niagara	5	4	1	12	6	8
Georgian	6	3	3	13	14	6
Mohawk	7	3	4	14	14	6
Redeemer	5	0	5	2	15	0
Seneca	6	0	6	4	18	0

Women's Volleyball

Central Region

	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Cambrian	6	6	0	18	1	12
Georgian	6	4	2	14	8	8
Humber	4	3	3	9	6	6
Seneca	5	2	3	9	9	4
Centennial	5	1	4	4	13	2
Confederation	6	0	6	1	18	0

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Shake the winter blahs and get into a campus rec program

by Jeff Richardson
Sports Reporter

Humber campus recreation is ringing in the new year with a host of activities including intramural leagues, tournaments, and instructional clinics to help students keep fit this semester.

League sports begin in late January running for a whole semester and include floor hockey, co-ed volleyball, soccer, two on two basketball and badminton.

"Participation is based on the students' schedule," said campus recreation director Jim Bialek. "The great thing here is that campus recreation will accommodate you."

Bialek said popular sports such as floor hockey will probably have 16 to 20 teams with most other leagues ranging from 12 to 16 teams.

The deadline for entries for all intramural sports is January 21 and the cost is included in student fees so it won't cost anything to play. Entries can be dropped off at the athletics centre located across from Caps.

"The leagues are the staples of campus recreation," Bialek said, noting that if students don't sign up now they'll miss it.

Campus recreation has also included an NBA and NHL Pool for all those sport fanatics. The

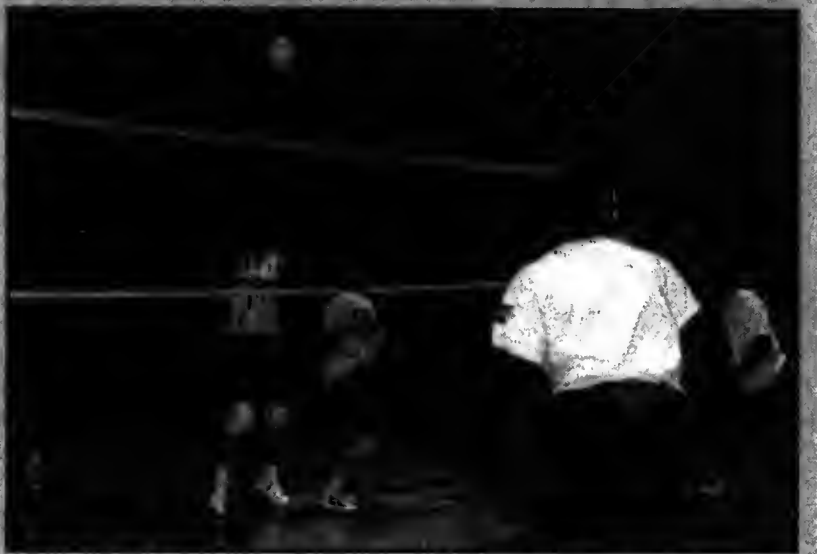
pools last for 14 weeks and prizes are awarded each week, including a grand prize valued at approximately \$150.

"You pick the winners for all the weekend games and we have great prizes," said Bialek. He added everything is free.

The grand prize will be an NBA or NHL official jersey or team jacket and will be awarded to the person who has the best score in 10 of the 14 weeks.

Entries can be picked up at the athletics centre and must be handed in by Friday afternoon.

For more information call Jim Bialek at (416)675-6622 ext 4539, or come to Athletics.



Co-ed volleyball is just one of the many activities offered by Humber's campus rec program.

Tiger pouncing into '97

By Robert Amoroso
Sports Editor

When scanning through all the major dailies of the sports sections there seems to be a story in each one about Tiger Woods. What's the deal?

Is it justified or media hype?

Never has any golf player had such an impact, you have to go as far back as Jack Nicholas. Before turning pro, Woods captured his third straight amateur title, a remarkable feat that not even Nicholas accomplished.

Golf has always had the public image of being a boring and meaningless game. Since the Tiger pounced on the scene, his mere presence has revitalized the game, a boost it always needed. All the major tournament galleries are now full to capacity, but what's even more astounding is the number of young fans in attendance.

Two weeks past his 21st birthday and he has received accolades from the media and his peers. He might already be the best player in the world. The annual Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year magazine also gives him that distinction.

He has played in nine major tournaments capturing his third victory in his last five starts. To date he has captured the Greater Milwaukee Open, The Las Vegas International Open and the Mercedes Open Championship.

In the Mercedes Championship, it came down to a one-hole playoff versus Tom Lehman. Lehman won the coin toss and was poised to seize the moment. But his errant drive ended up in the water, as the ball sunk so did Lehman's chances. Woods was calm and collected, knowing that all he had to do is place his shot on the green (his incredible drive landed six inches from the cup).

Woods is also the fastest player in the history of golf to reach the \$1 million plateau, taking him only nine professional starts. The previous record was held by Ernie Els, but it took him 27 events to reach the million.

What Tiger has accomplished makes him not only a fan favorite, but one of the hands-on favorites to win every tournament he appears in.

Tiger Woods is phenomenal. He possesses all the tools: his unshakable confidence, an enormous amount of raw talent, a flair for the dramatic, and a personality appeal that extends far beyond golf fans.

Is he able to leap tall buildings in a single bound? Well, maybe not. But one thing is for sure, he's ready to be the player to carry the sport of golf into the next millennium.

The best player in the world? Not yet, but in his brief career the pendulum is swinging in that direction.

Fletcher under the gun to save Leafs and his job

by Brandon Grigg
Features Editor

What else can possibly be said about the floundering Toronto Maple Leafs N.H.L. Franchise? Stick a fork in it and put the fans out of their collective misery.

After an impressive two-year run that took the Leafs and their fans to the edge of the Stanley Cup playoffs, the team has returned to its mediocre ways reminiscent of the Harold Ballard years.

To blame one person is nonsense. The fall of the Leafs is an accumulation of mistakes; poor

trades, and the inevitable, age. However, one man does have the power to save this franchise and, probably, himself General Manager Cliff Fletcher.

Many journalists and fans have pointed their fingers at the silver haired G.M. as the architect of the Leafs destruction. But a man of Fletcher's abilities doesn't get where he is by being an idiot

savant. Fletcher said on many occa-

trades that can save the Leafs. Nearing the March trading

offensive defencemen and, possibly, a pair of tough, seasoned wingers to propel them into the playoffs.

In turn, the Leafs could receive a first round draft pick or two, or, as the wily G.M. has insinuated, a few young prospects closer to the major league level.

But then again Fletcher could prove me brutally wrong and decide to retain all of his aging players and send the Leafs franchise into an unsalvageable state.

The game of Russian roulette will begin in March. Take your pick Cliff, the trigger awaits.

Top 10 reasons the Leafs won't make the Playoffs

10. Gilmour doesn't have enough teeth.
9. The cat needs a new "litter" of defencemen.
8. It's Murphy's Law.
7. There aren't any more 40-year olds in the league to trade for.
6. Their enforcer is 5-foot tall.
5. Fletcher still isn't old enough to play defence.
4. They're still looking for the next Rick Vaive.
3. Gilmour hasn't been drinking his milk.
2. Tiger Williams' coming back.
1. They all have tee-off times booked for early April.

sions that he would like to take back trades that have hurt this franchise, but it's the future

Montreal Canadiens and the New York Rangers to be in the hunt for a veteran centre or two, an

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- 78—number of games it took New Jersey Net centre Yinka Dare to record his first NBA assist.
- 07—is the number of wins this year by the Humber women's basketball team. It's also the number of games they've played.

Achieving the dream in Canada

by Paula Davis
Social Issues Reporter

Progress has been made, but a lot of work has to be done to achieve total equality in a diverse population such as Canada, said Mervin Witter of the Ontario Human Rights Commission

"Work equals understanding and respect. We don't have the blatant types of discrimination as we did in the 1970s, but we have barriers that keep people from excelling at their skills. For example, using cultural or gender bias I.Q. test or asking for Canadian experience on a job application even though the applicant is totally trained for the job," Witter said.

"The dream is a long way from being achieved. There are disadvantages that blacks are exposed to especially with the justice system," said Dr. Sybil Wilson of the Canadian Council for Multicultural and Intercultural Education. "Natives and non-whites are also being poorly served by the justice system."

Both Witter and Wilson are commenting on whether King's dream has been achieved in Canada.

"We have to define what the dream is first it was equality for all people," said Charles Roach of the Black Action Defense Committee. The dream cannot be achieved until we have a perfect equal sharing of opportunities in the world with no discrimination. If you look at his dream you have different races mingling together, he wanted equality for everyone," said Dayce Newby of Humber College's Intercultural Centre. "His dream has not been achieved in Canada."

Since Martin Luther King's dream has not been achieved in Canada, after more than 30 years, what can Canadians do to move closer to a society of equality for everyone?

"It will not be realized until every individual comes to value the other as much as they value themselves. This must be the basic aim of individuals," said Wilson. "Lots of legislation is in place and people will respect the law but legislation is only part of it."

The other is that individuals know how to be human and that everyone must have the same accessibility to everything and individuals accept that as the norm for Canadian society, Wilson said.

"Education (plays) a key role," said Witter. "Educate the population by addressing the issues. Start from the primary grades (and go right up)."

"Teacher's College curriculum must have this as well. Education must be done from the individual and societal levels," Witter added.

"People reduce King's Day celebration down to a church service but we are not following in King's footsteps. We must mobilize to resist oppressive policies on the part of governments," said Roach.

"We must identify government law and policies which keep back a certain class of people," said Roach. "Expose the wrongs or harms that they (the laws) are causing and ask the leaders to get rid of them. Mobilize people if they don't listen so long as it's non-violent civil disobedience such as picketing sit-ins, marches, boycotts."

"Do people know what they want and have goals? The motivation and the role models there? How many people of color are taking the courses to get them into the right profession?" asked Newby.

"Goals have to be clearly defined. Do people do their research? Part of King's dream was to excel, not just to get by. We have to work twice as hard," she said.

"Lots of people of color have important positions like mayors, in media television, sports, M.P.P." said Roach. "Blacks have progressed as police officers, teachers, professors, deans, etc., but not in banking and in other corporations that have the power," said Roach.

"There have been lots of achievement in Canada, for blacks. For example, Lincoln Alexander, Alvin Curling, Jean Augustine, lawyers, doctors, etc., but is there sufficient people that have made the stride ahead?" Newby said.

"Society today is a 'Me' society. We need to be a collective (society) and work together as a group. People within the civil rights movement had some conflicts but they were still able to achieve their goals. There must not be any segregation with the collective."

"If in the last 30 years we have not gotten to the dream then I don't think that it will ever be achieved. You need role models," she said.

Newby said that after King was assassinated there was no one of his magnitude to take over the position as leader of the civil rights and said it may have played a role in the lost or deferred dream.

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All praise to the king
In his lifetime he only
Wanted to bring joy and peace,
But those in power could not
Cease to see him exist,
Cause he would constantly
Persist to change the views
Of those in his times,
Never ever looking to
Commit crimes, instead he
Tried to use his mind,
But to no avail, they
They even threw him in jail
He still did not fail
So I tell you this tale,
He had a dream we must
All see and make
Reality!

Black or white he saw
No color, in his mind
We were all brothers and sisters
Of all the same kind
United by a spiritual force
That keeps the entire human race
On course, but no
One wanted him to fulfill
His mission, those in power
Did not care to listen,
And abused their positions
Just to prevent Mr. King
From educating the world and
Shifting the balance of control,
This is the story we were all told,
Young or old, we can all work together
To make things better!

Appreciate what his life
Has taught us about the way
People are, The cold hard facts
On the impacts of how others
In society react in and to
Certain situations,
You realize preparation is the key,
Developing an ability so you will have your own
Identity, the enemy is fear, but
He never used beer to escape the hardships
Of his era, He went
Through do much stuff
It would probably scare ya,
We all must understand this man!

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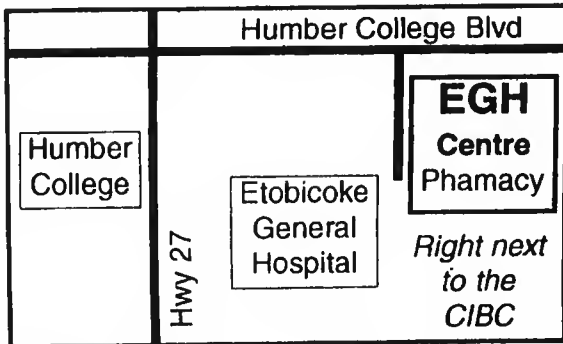


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