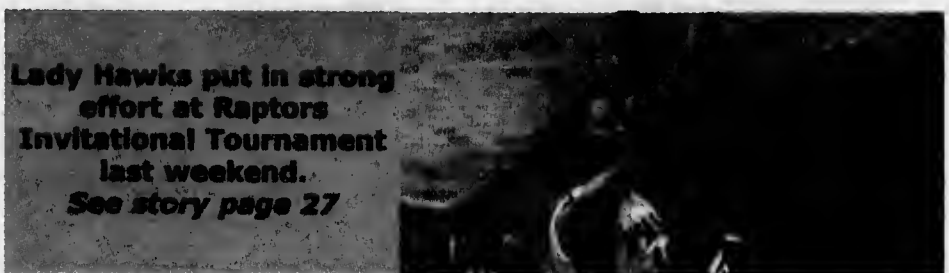




Humber's Funeral Services students get a hands-on approach to their craft. See story page 17



Lady Hawks put in strong effort at Raptors Invitational Tournament last weekend. See story page 27

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The young producers of *Desperate Souls* refer to their first feature film as a "horror movie with brains." The movie, produced by Elnino Cinema, which is run by two former Humber students and a University of Guelph student, is set to be released next fall.

## Grads grab attention of movie industry

*Alliance Atlantis shows interest in Humber grads' first feature film*

By Andrea Mammolite

A driving thirst to succeed in Canada's competitive film industry has catapulted two recent Humber grads into the movie world spotlight.

The work of Humber Multimedia grads, Adam Koebel and Chad Archibald, and University of Guelph drama major Philip Carrer, all 22, has attracted the attention of international distribution mogul Alliance Atlantis.

Even though Elnino's first movie, *Desperate Souls*, is still in production, Alliance Atlantis has expressed strong interest in viewing the finished product.

"We're really surprised that we are getting the attention we are, I think it surprises me because we're so young, it's usually hard to be taken seriously," said writer/director Archibald. "But we'll take all the attention we can get."

The three young entrepreneurs formed Elnino two and a half years ago after noticing the abundance of untapped talent involving not only horror but all genres of film.

That prompted the decision to start an independent film house to provide resources and inspiration for local, independent film-makers and artists.

Classic 80s horror films like *Friday the 13th*

and *A Nightmare on Elm Street* were the initial inspiration for the creation of Elnino Cinema, said writer/director Archibald.

"Ever since I can remember I've been obsessed with the horror genre, so the fact that we get to make one through Elnino, our very own production company, is still so surreal," Archibald said.

According to Carrer and Archibald, the concept for *Desperate Souls* began with their inexhaustible imaginations, but the choice of genre came down to their mutual passion for horror films.

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# Flaherty has grads laughing

By Liza Wood

Despite a disappointing no-show from jazz legend Oscar Peterson, the graduates from Lakeshore's Creative and Performing Arts program were in high spirits last weekend thanks to comedian Joe Flaherty.

Peterson, the legendary jazz pianist, couldn't attend the convocation ceremony on Saturday because of a bout with influenza.

During the ceremony SCTV comedian Flaherty received an honorary diploma from the arts program and a new award in Peterson's name was also handed out. Flaherty had the audience in stitches as he accepted his award, but also broke off for a moment of seriousness as he offered the graduates some sound advice.

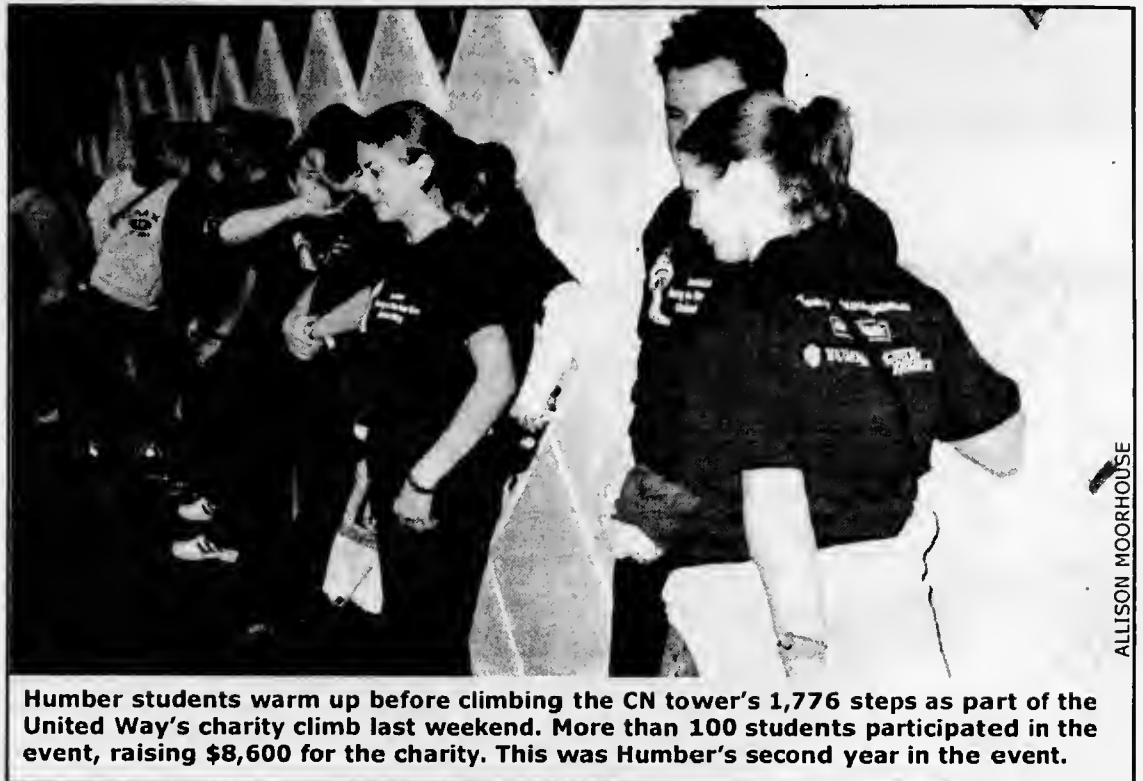
"It's very easy to get discouraged, but don't. Stick with it," Flaherty said. "You're all really good. And so am I."

Flaherty has led several summer workshops at Humber.

Music student David Virelles was also awarded the first Oscar Peterson Prize for his exceptional musical ability, dedication, grades and leadership. The school has rescheduled a ceremony Nov. 5 for the presentation of the award with Peterson in attendance.

Virelles studied music at the University of Toronto for one year prior to coming to Humber College.

The President's Medal, the school's highest honour, went to Mark Andrew, who earned an 88.6 GPA, for his academic achievement and school involvement.



Humber students warm up before climbing the CN tower's 1,776 steps as part of the United Way's charity climb last weekend. More than 100 students participated in the event, raising \$8,600 for the charity. This was Humber's second year in the event.

ALLISON MOORHOUSE

# College receives \$4.8 million

By Ben Rycroft

Humber College recently received welcome news in the form of a provincial government cheque for \$4.8 million.

The money is part of a \$60 million Quality Assurance Fund, announced this past July by the provincial ministry in charge of colleges and universities.

The ministry required that the money be primarily used to hire staff and improve educational resources. But at Humber, it has also allowed for a great deal of freedom in regards to Humber's ongoing construction projects.

In May of 2003, the Humber Board of Governors drew up its budget for the coming fiscal year.

At that time, they did not yet know if the ministry would approve the QAF application.

But, with \$102 million invested in construction projects at the North and Lakeshore campuses, Humber was banking on this fund to free up operating costs. Their gamble paid off and Humber

received the cheque for the Quality Assurance Plan on Oct. 8. The college's Board of Governors agreed the majority of the money could be placed in its "restricted reserves" fund.

That move freed up the \$1.1

**"Did we take a chance? Yes."**

million needed to complete the construction of Building H at Lakeshore, one of eight major site renovations currently ongoing.

"Did we take a chance? Yes," John Sutton, director of Financial Services said. "If things had not come through for us with the QAF, we would have been quite tight this year."

Humber is still facing funding gaps for the construction of Building I, tabled at \$8-10 million, but with no funding.

"We may not get the funding needed for that at all," Sutton said.

In the meantime, Humber has allocated some of the QAF grant.

Nearly a million is being spent to hire additional faculty, to improve staff workstations and to purchase furniture for incoming personnel.

Another million has been allocated to lab equipment upgrades and replacements.

The library has been promised \$400,000.

As well, Business, Media Studies, Health Sciences, Hospitality and Recreation and Tourism will all share \$350,000 to further aid their existing programs.

However, despite promises by the ministry that the fund will grow to \$100 million by 2006-2007, Humber anticipates this will be the last funding of its kind for a while.

"They (the ministry) have contributed for a long time now. And they are not likely going to contribute for a long time to come," said John Davies, vice-president of administration.

# Lakeshore peeper

By Lori Paris

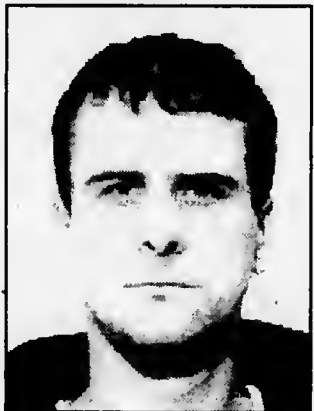
Toronto police have arrested a man in connection with the videotaping of young women in public places.

The man was arrested after a three month investigation, initiated after a woman found a man filming her in her bathroom on July 18 of this year.

Police said the man climbed up to the woman's balcony of her apartment building near Kipling Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard and filmed the woman through her bathroom window.

The man ran off, leaving his camera behind, when the woman screamed.

Police said the man is also charged with following young girls and filming them at malls



and bus stops.

On Friday, Oct. 24, police investigators seized a computer, floppy disk and other evidence from a home in Etobicoke.

Charged with mischief, criminal harrasment, possession of child pornography and making child pornography is 33-year old David Micheal Hernandez.

# Humber lacks extra Reading Week

By Nicole Catney

While Humber students ploughed through another week of homework overload, other college students in the GTA were off last week.

Students at Seneca, Centennial, Sheridan and George Brown got a break last week for midterm assignments and exams.

But Richard Hook, vice-presi-

dent of academics at Humber, said breaks in the school calendar are scheduled so that students keep a working momentum.

"There has never been any research to prove that people need a week off at this time of the year," Hook said.

Hook added the other colleges also have a 14-week semester as opposed to Humber's 15-week run.

But just two years ago, the first

week of school started at the end of August until Rick Embree, dean of planning and development, and Hook lobbied to shorten the semester and begin the school year the day after Labour Day.

The school's next break is the winter break starting Dec. 12.

Embree says the March break is intentionally scheduled to offset the negative effects of dark winter months.

"We have a week off in March because it's tradition. We've always had a break then," Embree said.

According to Hook, a March break is essential to avoid Light Deprivation Syndrome (LDS). LDS is a condition caused by lack of adequate of sunlight, which reduces the production of serotonin in the brain and can cause a lack of energy, difficulty waking up and

even mild depression. Since LDS is not an issue in October, it is unnecessary to deprive students of beneficial class time, Hook said.

"The best way to maximize study time is to stay focused on a learning task," Hook said.

"We feel it would be more difficult for students if the curriculum had to be compressed into a shorter time period."

# Stolen DVD returned, student appeals expulsion

By Dawn Farrell

A Humber resident student could be kicked out of school after the grand prize from HSF's Casino Night was stolen at Caps last week.

The student is appealing a decision earlier this week to expel him from the college.

Board members, HSF representatives, security staff and eye witnesses met yesterday to hear the appeal, but no decision had been made at press time.

HSF Vice president Jen Green said the portable DVD player, valued at about \$460, went missing from the prize table at midnight and was later found in a residence room around 2 a.m.

"It's very disappointing when we put these events on free for the students and someone tries to steal from us," Green said.

Students had gathered at the pub's Casino Night for an evening of mock-gambling. Winning play-money was entered in ballot boxes for prizes including Toronto Maple Leafs tickets, Toronto Raptors tickets, a stereo and Humber Student Federation 'swag' wear.

When organizers realized the DVD player grand prize was missing, Green checked around Caps and questioned students.

Minutes later, three eye witnesses said they saw someone leave the on-campus pub with a portable DVD player tucked in a jacket.

Green notified security and headed to residence with a security guard to resolve the situation. After meeting with on-duty residence security, they searched a residence room and located the missing portable DVD player.

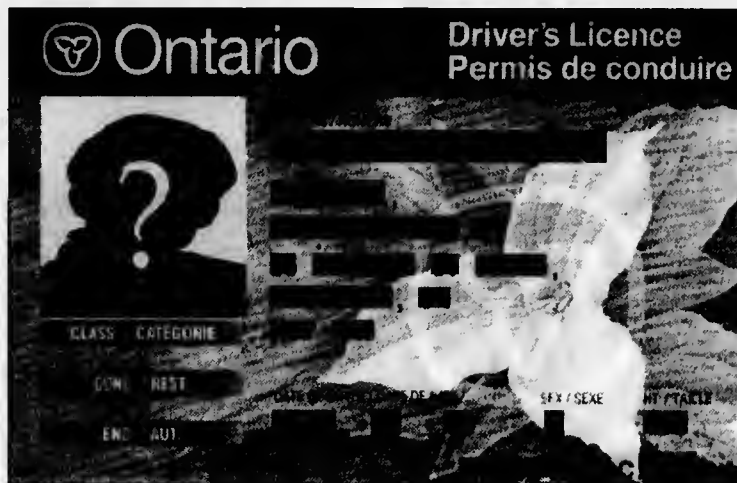
Shortly after, 23 Division police

arrested the suspect, but released him before taking him to the station.

The portable DVD player was returned to the Humber Student Federation to give to the grand prize winner, Dan Hardstaff.



HSF board member James Bishop celebrates the return of the DVD player grand prize from the Casino night at Caps with HSF Vice President Jen Green. The player was stolen the night of the HSF-sponsored event.



# Ontario hotspot for identity theft problems

By Chris Hedrick

Identity theft in Canada is rising and Ontario's rates are the highest in the country, according to the Ontario Provincial Police.

Last year, PHONEBUSTERS National Call Centre, operated by the OPP, received more than 7,300 identity theft complaints from Canadians, resulting in more than \$8.5 million in losses. Ontario residents account for about 48 per cent of complaints.

"These stats become even more significant as we realize that a majority of identity theft incidents remain unreported," said Det. Sup. Rick Kotwa, director of the OPP anti-rackets section.

This year, police expect about 12,000 complaints and an additional \$20 million in losses.

The Ontario Ministry of Consumer Services says people need to be vigilant about protecting themselves against identity theft. The ministry suggests keeping personal documents like passports, birth certificates and social insurance cards in a safe place like a safety deposit box at the bank.

Other important papers, such as diplomas, marriage certificates, insurance policies, wills, stocks and bonds should also be kept in the safety deposit box or a home safe.

When using automated teller machines, never give access codes (PIN) to anyone, ministry officials said. Choose a PIN that can't be figured out easily and change it often and remember, no one from a bank or the police should ask for a PIN.

They also suggest dealing with reputable companies. If a card is swiped twice, the information con-

tained on the card can be downloaded and stored. Watch carefully when handing the card to someone else to be swiped.

## What to do:

If you suspect you've been a victim of identity theft, act quickly:

- Notify the police, banks, creditors and the credit bureau immediately.
- Contact PHONEBUSTERS at 1-888-495-8501, or by e-mail at [info@phonebusters.com](mailto:info@phonebusters.com)
- Contact your credit bureau, obtain a copy of your credit report, identify any errors, and request corrections right away. Call Equifax Canada at 1-800-465-7166 or Trans Union of Canada at 1-800-663-9980; toll-free from anywhere in Ontario. You can also visit their Web sites at [www.equifax.ca](http://www.equifax.ca) and [www.tuc.ca](http://www.tuc.ca).
- Cancel and replace all your credit cards, financial accounts, passwords and PINs.
- In some cases, it may be wise to contact a lawyer.

## Other ways to protect yourself:

- Your social insurance number (SIN) should only be given to financial institutions and employers when required.
- Destroy personal documents before you toss them into the garbage.
- Sign all credit cards when you receive them and cancel unused cars.

# Taxi driver robbed near Humber campus

By Olga Kirgidis

Police arrested a man last week in connection with the robbery of a taxi driver on Humberline Drive.

Although police said that the cab was equipped with a surveillance camera, it was the driver who made the arrest possible.

"He was identified. We received information about his description from the cab driver," Detective Ron Reid of 23 Division said. But Reid added he was unable to reveal more information about the investigation or arrest.

Police report that on Oct. 16, the cab picked up a man in front of 30 Humberline Dr. around 10:30 p.m. Once inside the taxi, the man showed the driver what police

describe as "an unknown weapon." The robber demanded money and then struck the driver in the face with the weapon when he refused to obey. The suspect then ran off.

Rick Power, manager of City Taxi on Westmore Dr., the cab company that employs the driver, said he was not aware of the robbery because it wasn't reported to him.

"They hire us for their radio and roof signs but every car is individually owned and operated," Power said.

In December of 2000, Toronto city council passed a bylaw making it mandatory for all cabs to be equipped with surveillance cameras or global positioning systems because of past incidents, including

robberies, assaults and the murders of two Toronto cab drivers.

"Most City Taxi's have surveillance cameras. It is up to the individual taxi driver as to whether they use a camera or [global positioning system]," Power said.

According to a Toronto police report, assault and robbery were the two most frequent violent crimes experienced by people in the service industry last year. The report showed that 0.6 per cent of assault victims and 0.9 per cent of robbery victims were cab drivers. Robberies have decreased since the bylaw was passed.

Charged with robbery and using an imitation firearm is 21-year-old Yaw Atvahene of Toronto.

## Too loud to study: students

By Allison Moorhouse

Noise from construction of the new North campus residence has interfered with some student's work and sleep schedules.

Melissa McGoldrick, a first-year radio broadcasting student, lives in Building R in a room close to the construction.

"It tends to wake me up earlier than I want to," she said. "The men are always yelling at each other."

McGoldrick said the construction usually begins at around 7 a.m. on weekdays and can end later than 5 p.m.

She said she constantly hears trucks backing up and truck motors.

McGoldrick said it's difficult to have quiet time in her room during the day. She's concerned with how much longer the construction will last.

"[It's hard] since we've been told it [was already] supposed to be done," she said.

Chad Mueller, a first-year multimedia design student, lives at the opposite end of the R building.

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**"It tends to wake me up earlier than I want to."**

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"I don't think it really affects me that much," he said. "[But] I do hear some friends across the hall complain about it."

Allison Alexander, manager of Humber residence, said she has not heard any complaints about the noise.

"Students that came in this year knew about it," she said.

She added that if students have problems with the noise, there are plenty of other quiet areas to do school work in residence and in the school, including the library, and eating areas.

She added that most loud construction doesn't begin until 9 a.m. and ends early in the evening.

Alexander said the new residence, under construction since early this year, should be partially completed in December.

Full occupancy will be available next May.



From left to right, Sheila Lyons, Donna Samson and Dorothy McKee, stand on their mark, ready to go. Each woman was given a few hundred dollars to use in their spending spree. Contestants were paired with volunteers who helped speed up the shopping experience by paying for the items the women chose to buy.

## Women scoop major prizes in frenzied shopping spree

By Jaime Taylor

Crowds of curious shoppers watched as five women from across the country shopped 'til they dropped at the second annual Suave Shoppers Contest last Sunday.

The Woodbine Centre hosted the contest that brought five bargain shoppers together to show off their skills in a 40-minute "shop off."

The finalists were chosen out of 110,000 entries.

Defending champion, Sheila Lyons, from Fredericton, New Brunswick had some tips for frugal students on a tight budget.

"My top tip for students is to shop out of season for clothes. The other thing is, I subscribe to the stores I frequent online. They'll give you coupons online for great savings...and they let you know when the sales are," Lyons said.

Contestants had to buy six items at the best price without sacrificing quality: one jean skirt, turtleneck sweater, purse, palm pilot, DVD

and one Suave hair care product.

Tanya Kim, host of CTV's *E-Talk Daily*, entertained the audience while the contest was in full swing.

The Smart Shopper champion and winner of a 2003 Chevrolet Venture, was Josee Blagdon, of Saint-Timothee, Quebec.

Blagdon managed to spend only \$301.21 on all six items.

"My best tactic was obviously speed, but I was also looking for quality," Blagdon said.

Her advice on budget shopping

was to "shop around" and "clip those coupons."

Runner up, Donna Samson of Louisdale, Nova Scotia, won a \$10,000 Scotiabank Registered Education Savings Plan.

Third place went to the defending champion Lyons, who won a go-anywhere trip for four on WestJet.

Fifth place winner Pamela French-Mare from Bolton, summed up the savvy shopper's slogan when she said, "buy what you need, need what you buy."

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## World's tallest tower gets its own mailbox

By Nick Vassallo

The CN Tower and Canada Post have officially launched the world's highest mailbox.

The new box sits 1,815 feet high.

The mailbox was built to Canada Post's specifications and works like a regular mailbox.

People can purchase a stamp with a picture of the Tower on it or get their envelope or postcard stamped with the Tower's logo.

Irene Knight, CN Tower public relations manager, is excited about the new addition.

"The mailbox is a new interactive and innovative addition at the CN Tower," Knight said.

She added that visitors are already fascinated by it.

Third-year business management student Rafaela Garet said she thinks that the new addition will attract more visitors to the tower.

"It's a good idea because it's a

tourist attraction," Garet said. "People can send letters from there and even the postcards they bought from there."

Adam Crognale, a first-year business student at the University of Guelph-Humber, said the new mailbox is perfect for tourists.

"I think it's a good idea for tourists because it allows them to send postcards to friends and family without having to search busy downtown for a mailbox," Crognale said.

# New TV station hits Toronto

By Olga Kirgidis

Toronto's newest television station aims to represent the multicultural diversity of Toronto, without compromising its integrity.

"Our goal has been to build a staff that reflects, as accurately as possible, the make-up of the real city of Toronto today," said Barbara Williams, vice-president and general manager of Toronto 1.

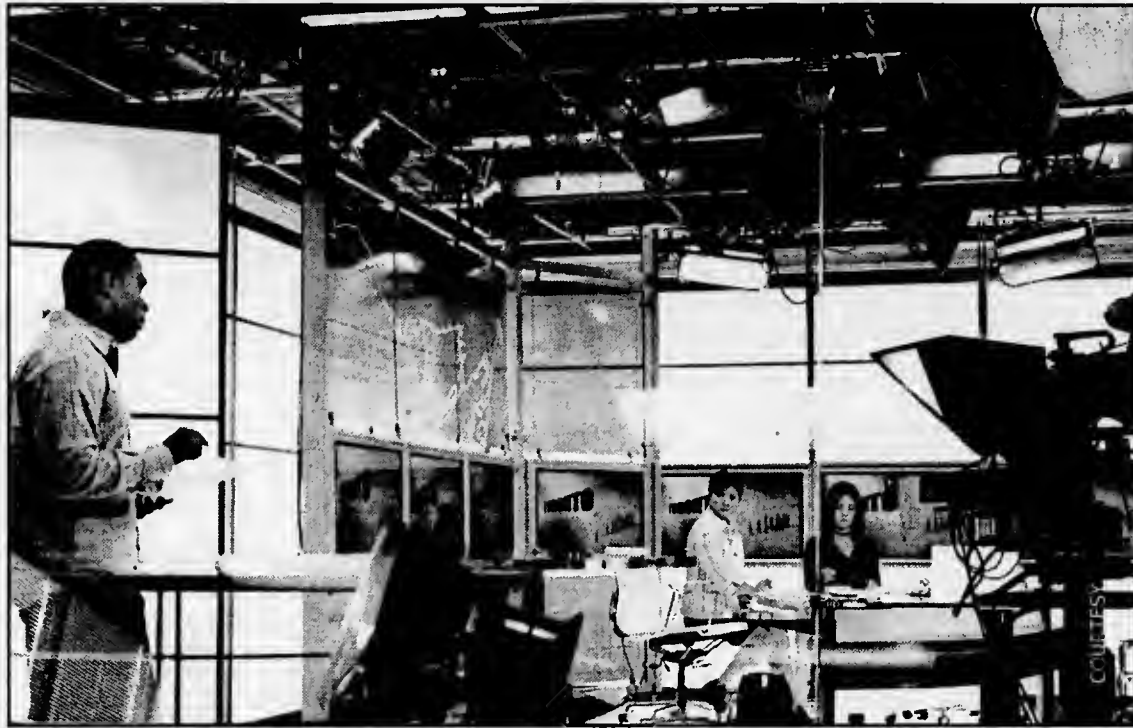
"The result is ultimately more responsible and responsive journalism that connects more honestly and directly with Toronto's culturally diverse audience. We have been very successful at building a very diverse team, without compromising experience, professionalism, or quality of craft."

Williams said the staff has expanded to 150 people since hiring began last January and that she was personally involved in most but not all of the hiring.

As one of the new station's on-air personalities, Natasha Ramsahai, who is the meteorologist and co-host of the station's morning show, Toronto Today, said she doesn't really see the station as just multicultural, but the diversity helps.

"To me it doesn't even make a difference," explained Ramsahai. "I think I would notice more if it weren't a multicultural station, but the fact that it is, makes it very natural and very comfortable."

As an on-air employee,



On-air personalities get ready for Toronto 1's morning show, Toronto Today.

Ramsahai added that she felt that Toronto 1 had a practice of hiring qualified people, regardless of race.

"I am very happy with the people working here because we all know what we're talking about. We all know what we're doing. If someone was hired because of their skin colour only or because of their background, and you were to take a look at their resume and they had no experience and they had no reason to be here, then I would start thinking twice."

Ramsahai, whose parents are from Trinidad, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of Toronto and her Masters degree in Earth and Space Science from York. She came to Toronto 1 after working for CBC Radio.

Ramsahai said that Toronto 1 isn't trying to target just a multicultural audience but trying to fill a void in local television.

"I think we do represent the different cultures but, in a way that is not fresh off the boat,"

Ramsahai said.

"We're sort of representative of first or second-generation Canadians whose parents came over in the 60s or 70s. We're all born and raised here. I don't think there is a station that really represents us."

## Laughter erupts at recent municipal elections debate

By Kirk Villamarin

A bemused crowd at a recent Toronto mayoral debate heard promises of fines for those who don't vote in the municipal election, as well as the elimination of capital punishment.

The five leading candidates were joined by 15 lesser known candidates running for mayor of Toronto. They met at the Church of Pentecost Canada near Sheppard and Weston last week to discuss methods of reducing discrimination in the city.

All 20 candidates agreed that there is a high level of discrimination against women and minority groups in Toronto. Despite the seriousness of the issue, laughter from a crowd of approximately 50 people was heard when some of the non-leading candidates spoke off topic.

"I'll try to push cricket above anything else," mayoral candidate Duri Naimji said. He proposed a

**"I really don't expect you to vote for me."**

fine for people who don't vote and to give children free bus fare.

Mitchell Gold said he doesn't know why he's running for mayor, but supports current front-runner David Miller. "I really don't expect you to vote for me. If you want to vote for someone who is going to support the city of Toronto, vote for David Miller."

"I'm going to do an Arnold Schwarzenegger impersonation," candidate and former school trustee Luis Silva said as he addressed the city's race issues.

Barbara Hall blushed and laughed loudly after candidate Ahmad Shehab walked across the stage to hand her a leaf for being the only female candidate at the debate.

"I know Barbara will vote for me if she is not running for mayor," Shehab said.

"Some of the candidates here, they are good cooks, but they are not good pilots. Don't make them fly your airplane, they will crash," he said at the debate.

Hall said she was pleased to meet some candidates she hadn't met before.

"We saw a number of people who are running for a number of reasons and that is democracy."

By Peter Armstrong

The right wing has united to challenge the Liberals during the federal election next spring.

PC leader Peter MacKay and Alliance leader Stephen Harper reached an agreement on Oct. 15, to merge their two parties, creating the new Conservative Party of Canada.

"Today we start to build a bigger conservative family, and a new partnership for Canada," MacKay said.

Currently, the Alliance holds 66 seats in the House of Commons and the PC's have 12.

The Liberal majority government won 172 seats in 2000 election.

Members of the Alliance and PC Party will choose a leader from a list which includes current leaders MacKay and Harper, and former Ontario premier Mike Harris.

"In the short term, this agreement alters the political landscape for the next general election.

It immediately puts an end to Liberal sweeps in Ontario; the

## Flu shot clinic at Humber underway next week

The Health Centre is urging students to get shot--the flu shot that is.

Thursday, Nov. 6, students will be able to get vaccinated for free at the North campus concourse between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Marg Anne Jones, head nurse at the Health Centre, advises health science students in particular to take advantage of the clinic.

The college's clinic coincides with the city's influenza vaccination campaign that kicked off Monday.

Torontonians can get their free flu shot for the next five weeks at 61 clinics across the city.

For more information call 1-866-358-6968 or visit [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health).

## Parties team up to gang up on Liberals

only basis on which they have won three consecutive majority governments," Harper said after the merger.

The Alliance holds most of its power in Western Canada, and opposes same-sex marriages and supports private health care clinics.

The PC's are supporters of corporate businesses and are closer to the centre-right wing than the Alliance.

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They sure have a lot of guts. Pumpkin carving contestant Rory O'Farrell gets elbow-deep into his pumpkin, prepping it to go under the knife for a little face-lift. HSF held the event Tuesday at the student centre, where participants had 15 minutes to create a prize-winning jack-o-lantern worthy of Leaf tickets.

PRIYIA RAMANUJAM

## Beat a giant penis costume for \$1,000

By John Mammias

It's time to get made up and freaked out for the Halloween party at Caps tonight where the best costume will win \$1,000.

Kenny J. Dimech, Caps' operations manager, said the prize money will be distributed differently than in the past.

"We're not going first, seconds, thirds. This year, it's winner takes all. Before we would do \$1,000 in cash prizes and sort of divide it all the way down, \$500 for the winner, so on and so forth."

A giant penis made out of paper mache took the prize for best costume last year, Dimech said.

Adam Gilfor, a second-year business student who went to the party last year is planning to go again. "I don't know what I'll go

out as yet. It will be a last minute thing."

Melissa Ward, a first-year general arts and science student is looking forward to the big night.

"My girlfriends and I love dressing up, we get really into it and usually do a theme thing."

The Halloween party is one of the biggest nights at Caps.

"Traditionally we get almost 600 to 700 people," Dimech said.

The party will begin at 9 p.m. tonight and go until about 2 a.m. Since it will be held on pub night, only those 19 and over can attend.

A small cover charge will be used as prize money at the end of the night.

## Media panel talks to j-school

The Humber Journalism Society invites all journalism students to attend a hiring panel on Wed. Nov. 5, at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at Humber's North campus.

Members of the media in the GTA will be on hand to answer questions and offer suggestions on finding jobs after graduation.

The event is free for members, and \$2 for non-members.

Ghoulish goblin or vampy vampire?

## What will you dress up as for Halloween?

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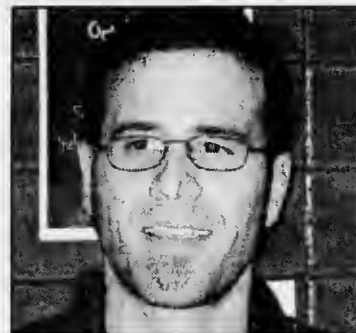
**Ooh la la!**  
Broadcasting student Ashley French will clean up with her French maid costume on Friday. "My boyfriend's gonna love it!"



**Tights or no tights?**  
That is the question. "I'm hitting the clubs as Superman," said second-year accounting student Kwabena Adu-Poku.



**I caveman, you cave-woman.**  
First-year radio broadcasting student Carly Penny will turn neanderthal heads as Cavegirl Friday.



**60's chic**  
Frank Cicogna, electrical apprenticeship student, said he's going back in time for Hallowe'en. "I'm going for a big fro, and great, funky shoes."

# Students gain new view of alcohol abuse

By Allison Moorhouse

Over 200 students participated in Alcohol Awareness Week events that took place Oct. 12-17 at the Humber residence.

Dianna Lankin, a first-year radio broadcasting student, was impressed with the information and events she saw around residence about alcohol use.

"I think alcohol awareness is really important for people our age," Lankin said. "I read a bunch of the facts that were posted on my floor and in the lobby. It had a lot of interesting stuff like what you could buy in a few months if you didn't spend your money on alcohol. It really put some stuff into perspective."

Lankin also took part in the Pledge Poll event on Tuesday, put on by residence life programmers, where close to 200 students signed contracts stating they wouldn't get into a car with a drunk driver.

"I know that, already in rez, there has been someone who has had to go to the hospital. Drinking is all about having a good time with friends, not about doing something you will regret in the morning."

Megan Dunn, a first-year business administration student, said the week didn't have as big of an impact as she had hoped.

"I think it bypassed a lot of people," Dunn said. "It was during mid-term time."

Residence Life Co-ordinator Colleen Parton said the annual event is organized to help residents become more aware of alcohol abuse.

"It's pretty much a week to bring some things about alcohol to the forefront," Parton said. "It's not to say, 'No, don't drink.' Some people don't realize

how much money they spend when they go out."

She said the week was also an opportunity for residents to get information for friends who have drinking problems.

"It gives the opportunity for resources and educational opportunities to share with your friends," she said.

Parton said at each daily event, residents were encouraged to think about their drinking. This included the Pledge Poll as well as the Get Smashed program.

"We asked them trivia questions related to alcohol. Those people who got the questions right got to smash pumpkins."

She warns students who are underage not to drink.

"If you are caught drinking underage, you'll be put on probation," she said. "If you get caught again, then you'll be evicted."

**"Drinking is about having a good time with friends, not about doing something you'll regret in the morning."**

# What you see is what you get

Halloween is an opportunity for some imagination

By Ryan McLandress

You're never too old to dress up for Halloween. Whether you are handing out candy to excited children or going to a party, there is a costume to suit your needs.

So you want to be the Hulk this year? Almost every store that carries Halloween costumes has a version of this popular action-hero star on its racks.

Maybe you prefer the costume classics like Batman or

Super Woman, which according to Richard Olsen of Morrissey's Halloween Shop, are still big sellers.

"There are always new costumes coming in each year that die out the next, but we do have some costumes that do stick around year after year," Morrissey said.

He notes that Austin Powers, Freddy Krueger and the Hulk are all must-haves this Halloween, as a result of successful films this past year. Last year's top costume, Spiderman, is back as big as ever.

Morrissey's, on Dufferin Street in Toronto, offers costumes to buy or rent. The store also offers masks, makeup and other paraphernalia to make your Halloween as haunting as can be.

"We have something for everyone here," Morrissey said.

He said rentals range from \$35 to \$120, depending on the type of costume.

The website [www.extremehalloween.com](http://www.extremehalloween.com) lists the hottest costumes of 2003.

The Statue of Liberty, Gandalf from *The Lord of the Rings*, Spiderman, Austin Powers and the Comical Cow make the list this year.

Couples can have a blast too with some great costume combos. The newest addition to the list on Extreme Halloween is the *Matrix* duo of Neo and Trinity.

There are always the classics like Fred and Wilma and the priest and pregnant nun, if you feel like causing a stir.

## TRICK OR TREAT:

Here's a cheap and unique way to become someone famous.

Hem up an old pair of black dress pants. Borrow a pair of your dad's old dress shoes.

Throw on white socks bunched up and a vest over a white dress shirt.

Next, attach all the belts and chains you can find - men or women's - the tackier the better. You will need at least five or six.

Next, find a black brimmed hat and a black, stringy hair wig.

Some pale makeup on your face should finish the job.

Which megastar have you become?

The result is a Thriller.



A prime target for marketers, students say brand names give them a sense of belonging.

## Students victims of image branding

By Jeremy Hill

Picture yourself at the mall searching for a sweater. You see one at Wal-Mart that's \$20. You look around and spot an almost identical sweater at the Gap for \$50.

Well, if you're a college student, odds are pretty good you'll opt for the Gap sweater. Why? Because you're a prime target for marketing agencies pushing name brands.

Companies use branding to create loyalty among customers and to sell a different brand image than competitors. Many college students fall victim to branding, which is why it's almost certain they'll choose the Gap shirt over the one from Wal-Mart, even if it is twice the cost.

Young adults are the most

sought-after and targeted group by advertisers. This isn't surprising, considering how popular brand name items are to college students.

Jennifer Crommiller, a second-year culinary management student, explains why brand names are important to people her age.

"I believe for young adults [brands] give them a sense of fitting in and belonging to a certain group, [and] when they cannot afford brand names they may be picked on," she said.

"A brand is the reason your customers care about your product or business," said Brian McMahon, a former creative director for Montreal department store Ogilvy. In an interview with the marketing group, Acumen, McMahon said, "If your customers care, they'll remain loyal.

If they remain loyal, you have a sustainable business. That's a brand."

For example, Coca-Cola has made its brand distinct by creating many associations from its logo and bottle design to its red and white colours. Big-name brands like Coca-Cola are constantly advertising to keep current customers and increase clientele.

But not all students stick to one brand.

"I really can't say that I am loyal to any brand names. I have a few different names in my closet but I am not loyal to any brand name," Crommiller said.

While young adults are brand savvy, that doesn't mean they can always buy the brands they like.

"I cannot afford them with the bills that I have to pay" Crommiller said.

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Can you do a better job than us?

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## Mirrors reflect how women feel about themselves

By Kelly Peckitt

Mirrors may not only reflect the bodies standing before them, they may reveal women's true feelings about their body image.

This was the conclusion of a recent study conducted by Canadian researchers, which found that gyms and fitness centres that cover their walls with mirrors could be deterring women from exercising. Working out while facing a mirror causes women to feel bad about themselves and tired after working out.

Kathleen Martin Ginis, associate professor of Health and Exercise Psychology at McMaster University, ran the study that is featured in *Health Psychology*. She wasn't surprised by the results, but they do sadden her.

"I thought that [good body image] would make a difference and I found that it didn't. Whether a woman had a good body image or a bad body image, if the exercise was in front of a mirror, they felt worse," Martin Ginis said.

The 58 university students who participated in the study who typi-

cally worked out less than 15 minutes a week, were asked to work

**"If the exercise was in front of a mirror, they felt worse."**

out for 20 minutes on a stationary bike.

The women had been ques-

tioned about their feelings on their body image before and after the workout. Of these women, the ones who exercised in front of the mirror claimed to be tired at the end of the workout, while those without the mirror felt fine.

But getting rid of all mirrors isn't an option.

"I'm not suggesting that we rip out the mirrors from gyms because they're important to see what you're doing when you are weight training," she said.

Instead, she recommended gyms look into having areas with

no mirrors and also suggested gyms could implement dress codes.

"This is done knowing that a lot of people get freaked out by seeing bodies exposed and worrying about their own bodies," she said.

Alanna Coleman, a first-year University of New Brunswick Nursing student at Humber, believes the survey's findings.

"You have a great feeling about yourself while you work out, and then you look in the mirror afterward and the feelings aren't there anymore," she said.

# Athletes and drugs: time for tough love

It seems like anything is possible when you combine sports with science.

In the wake of the tetrahydrogestrinone (THG)/Dwain Chambers revelations, the issue of athletes and banned substances has come to the forefront once again.

Until recently, standard drug tests could not detect the performance-enhancing drug, THG, which demonstrated to what extremes the sports world goes to camouflage their abuse of drug guidelines. The competitive nature of sports has sunk to such a degree that it seems medals aren't decided on the track anymore - they're decided in a lab.

The World Anti-Doping Agency continually tries to enforce harsher penalties against athletes who get caught with a banned substance, but too many athletes are finding ways to get around the system.

Competitors at this stage of their careers are too experienced to fail a pre-announced drug test.

At the college level, athletes are not only developing their skills, but are also under tremendous pressure to be the next 'great one.' It is at this point that governing bodies need to clamp down on drug use.

Humber's policy is mandated by Sport Canada, which funds the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association.

Rules state that before the gold medal game at provincial and national championships, two players from each team will be randomly selected and tested for banned substances at half-time. Penalties for offenders range from three months to four years suspension, depending on the substance. The average collegiate career lasts about three years, so if a player is determined to have used steroids, his chances to come back while still eligible are pretty much wiped out.

It's this fear factor about grounding a promising career before it even starts that is a better detriment to steroid use than fining or suspending professionals, because no matter how long the suspension (Darryl Strawberry comes to mind), there always seems to be a roster spot open once they come back.



## Letters To The Editor

### Not all motivated by money: reader

Re: Opinion Section, To our managers: Be kind to workers, Oct.23, 2003

I sat down today in the caf at the Lakeshore campus and began scanning the October 23 edition of the Humber Et Cetera. I was a bit disappointed about the message you delivered to the student body through the Opinion column. Here are my thoughts:

Sarah suggests that those of us who are treated well at work are lucky. I suggest that those of us who HAVE work are lucky in today's economic climate. How we go about resolving the "wellness" of our situation is up to us. However, it is never acceptable, as Sarah wishes us to do, to promote bad performance, poor attitudes, complacency, and worse, mediocracy.

So rather than complaining about your situation, or instituting "working to rule" methodologies one would be better served to strive to resolve the situation. Or in the final analysis, adopt the obvious option of finding a new job situation. Perpetuating an unwell work situation is not the problem of an employer, it is the problem of the employee.

Consider this: not everyone is motivated by money. In the broad world of influences, money is a big one but not necessarily the critical one. For Sarah it seems to be. Not for me.

The way you perform your job says lots about the type of person you are. You can perform your job, as menial as it is, with integrity and honour regardless of pay rate. You can also be a nitwit at your job independent of a large size pay packet. We see lots of examples of this in our daily lives.

Sarah's second paragraph is quite a telling expression of her work style. In my working experience it is always the underachievers and moaners who always ask the question "why do the managers reward the bad employees...." An effective manager has a plethora of styles and tools at his behest and will utilize all of them as is appropriate. Performers are always recognized by bosses, but not necessarily in ways which other employees can see and understand. And certainly not always in ways recognizable by poor performers. A common expression out

there is that managers spend 80 per cent of their time dealing with 20 per cent of the employees. What's up with that?

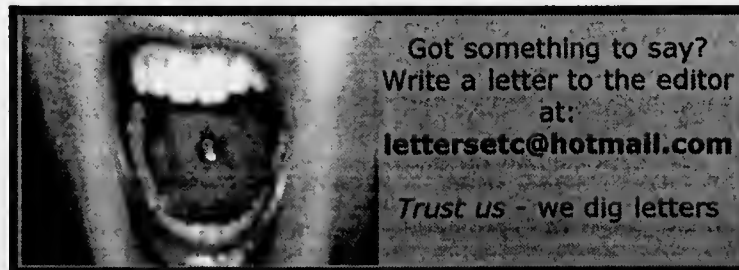
Chris Monnon  
International Project Management

### Peanuts and ecstasy: just say no, kids

Re: News Section, Study reveals that ecstasy drug is lethal, Oct.9, 2003

I am not sure if you intend to mislead you readers or if your reporter is just lazy about researching facts, but your recent article about ecstasy being "deadly" is just ridiculous. I have never personally used ecstasy, but I am concerned as a parent about disinformation being passed off as fact to our young people. The result is we lose credibility when we try to warn of the real dangers of drugs like crack and methamphetamines. The research I have done indicates that, statistically, ecstasy is less "deadly" than peanuts, i.e. more people die each year of allergic reactions to peanuts than from using ecstasy. If we want our children to listen to us and take us seriously we have to be honest with them, even when it might seem like it is in their best interest to overstate certain risks. There are risks to using ecstasy, not the least of which is that it is only available from black market sources, but the vast majority of people are not going to die if they use it. Our children are very smart and will find the truth on their own if we don't give it to them. Perhaps you can hire one of them as a reporter for your publication some day.

David Lane  
Santa Cruz, CA



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# Blatant hit and run leaves local girl broken-hearted



By Sherri Wood

I was hit by a car last weekend. On purpose.

After an enjoyable experience at a hair salon in busy Bloor West Village, I realized I had no cash to pay my colourist and decided to make my way to the bank across the street.

On my way back, I found myself stuck standing in the middle turning lane waiting for traffic to cease long enough to cross. I was startled when I first noticed the silver Lexus uncomfortably close behind me.

The driver – a white-haired man probably in his late 50s – gave me

a cold, hard look that undoubtedly intended to communicate his disgust with me. Evidently, I was in his way.

Traffic calmed and I continued across the street. But, apparently I wasn't moving out of Mr. Lexus' way fast enough. He revved his engine to restate his annoyance and decided he was going to be on his way – pedestrian or no pedestrian.

And so he hit me.

Falling forward, I think I let out some kind of sound – a scream or a yelp, I'm not sure – but all I could think was "am I really getting hit by a car right now?"

Now, granted – I was illegally jaywalking. But this shouldn't only be an issue of what is legally acceptable – it's obviously an ethical issue.

And aside from the lack of good ethical judgment on Mr. Lexus' part, the experience runs deeper for me.

What he didn't know is that I was at the hair salon that day as a way to lift my sunken spirits. He didn't know about my already shaken emotional state from weeks of stress and personal setbacks. He really didn't know how I would react to someone intentionally hitting me with his car.

I'm not physically hurt. But I'm really struggling to get my head and heart around the fact that I am so worthless to this stranger that he'd rather save a few seconds than wait for me to safely cross the street.

Whatever happened to the belief that we need to take care of each other – that we all have both a collective and individual responsibility to respect the value of human life and well-being? Or was it ever really there?

No, I'm not physically hurt. But these emotional bruises may take a while to heal.

## On campus:

# The enemy: censorship



By Pierre Hamilton

As a journalist, my job is to present 'objective' stories to the public.

In the pursuit of objectivity, the journalist has many enemies, none scarier than censorship.

Be it corporate, editorial, government or Humber College, censorship is the equivalent of kidnapping the truth.

The victims in this case: a small group who expected to benefit from a forum of free and open dialogue.

Our greatest freedom – speech – was bound and gagged in Humber's Community Room last week. Patrick Martin, a comment editor for the Globe and Mail had just finished delivering a speech entitled "Can We Win the War on Terror?"

Mr. Martin's lecture addressed a number of issues, including the Zionist terrorism that pre-dated the foundation of Israel and the ensuing Palestinian intifadas.

At the end of his speech, he left

time to answer questions. A woman in the back row asked him to further explore the atrocities committed against Palestinians by Israelis. He answered the question.

The woman started to ask a follow-up question, but before Mr. Martin could answer, censorship said that it was time to take a question from another audience mem-

son has a vote, an opinion, and a chance to say it without retaliation.

That said, this experience taught me that unfortunately not every voice carries the same weight.

Like the woman in the back row, I just wanted to make you, the reader, aware of a situation. It's my job.

In an institution of higher learning, thought should be encouraged by educators, because inevitably censorship is the tool of Orwell's Big Brother.

According to Mr. Martin, powerful countries need to address the reasons behind terrorism. For most Palestinians, this includes the failure to create a Palestinian state.

Unfortunately, censorship halted any discussion about those real issues in order to silence an unpopular opinion.

Now you know, or to be more specific – now you don't.

"Censorship is the equivalent of kidnapping the truth."

ber. For the remainder of the question period, censorship sat at the front of the Community Room filtering out dissent.

Ironically, Mr. Censor was the same person who introduced Mr. Martin, explaining why he had the authority to speak about the issue at hand.

In university, I remember briefly reading something about this thing called democracy. Far as I can remember, democracy is a political system where every per-

# Last minute of play in MLG's history



By Cory Smith

Maple Leaf Gardens: born 1931-died 2003

You can argue that the Gardens' death actually occurred on Feb. 13, 1999, after the Leafs played their final game at Church and Carlton, for that was when the bloodletting began.

Since that time, the arena has been abandoned for more modern facilities that are high on technology but low on character.

The recent announcement that Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment sold the Carlton Street Cashbox to grocery chain Loblaw's was the final dagger through the heart of Original Six history.

All but The Forum in Montreal have been demolished, with the Habs old arena being turned into a movie theatre.

Leaf management said they wanted to preserve the ice surface, which was graced by legends like Mahovlich, Aps, Conacher, Keon, Sittler and dozens of other hockey greats, but they refused to sell the arena to Eugene Melnyk, who would have moved his OHL Majors into the arena and created a junior hockey Hall of Fame.

The notion that the 72-year-old Gardens would be a threat to the over four-year-old Air

Canada Centre is laughable, but when you run a hockey team for the sole purpose of lining your pockets, any existing threat just causes you to clench your wallet tighter.

Look, people can say that it's time to move on, times change, it's a new era and the rest of the tired clichés—it's already been said in Toronto papers.

But there are those of us who refuse to see it that way.

Remembering Maple Leaf Gardens, we think of Foster Hewitt, the gondola, Hockey Night in Canada, Paul Morris, the brightest ice and the brightest

lights and the unique seating close to the action, just to name some of the many quirks that made the Gardens unique.

The slogan during the Gardens last season was "Memories and

"There will be nothing to dream about anymore, once the insides of the hockey shrine are gutted."

Dreams," and there's no doubt millions of people have just as many memories.




Unfortunately there will be nothing to dream about anymore, once the insides of the hockey shrine are gutted.

Soon, the only ice in MLG will be used to keep ice cream frozen and fish fresh.

Admittedly, it will be exciting to one day walk into the Gardens once again, but it's a damn shame that future generations of Canadians will never see hockey played inside the Grand Old Lady on Carlton.

Because with Leaf management, it always comes down to dollars.

Unfortunately for Leaf fans, it never makes any sense.

<p>Introducing the dickies</p> <p>let's see if there's anything worth while</p> 	<p>a couple of loose peanuts... some expired aspirin...</p> 	<p>hey, someone put a candy apple around this perfectly good razor blade!</p>  <p>tony fantastic</p>
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Scholarships honour initiative

# Four students awarded \$1500

By Cynthia Innes

Four second-year students are being recognized with the first ever Guelph-Humber Student Leadership Scholarships.

Ryan Jenkins, Jessica Gray, Andrew Kaszowski and Rachel Leck each received a \$1,500 scholarship earlier this month for their efforts in their classes, the university and their community.

"I was really honoured and surprised," Kaszowski said about receiving the award. The 21-year-old public relations student was president of the Guelph-Humber Student Committee (GHSC) last year.

The award encourages students to be involved, said Leck, a media studies student recognized for her role as treasurer of Alpha-Toronto, a francophone adult literacy agency.

"I believe that everyone has a responsibility to be involved in their community and [the scholarship] might help someone else realize that your good deeds do get rewarded financially sometimes," she added.

The financial award is coming in handy for this year's winners.

Media studies student Jessica Gray who received the award for her role as a program representative on the GHSC. Gray said she is hoping the financial assistance will allow her to attend school abroad next year.

"Next year is going to be easier," Gray said.

Leck agreed. "I've got two kids, a mortgage, tuition and school



Ryan Jenkins, Rachel Leck, Jessica Grey, and Andrew Kaszowski are the winners of the first-ever Guelph-Humber Student Leadership Scholarship. The program rewards those who have strong school and community involvement.

expenses to pay for.... The scholarship money makes it easier to stay committed to both school and volunteering at Alpha." Jenkins, a computing representa-

tive on the GHSC, was recognized for helping to improve the computing co-op program. Jock Phippen, the manager of registrarial services, said the schol-

arship was developed by the university to award students who take leadership initiative in their school and community while maintaining a good academic standing.

Through the creation of the scholarship, Phippen said he hopes "people will think of Guelph-Humber as an institution that encourages student involvement."

# Free form learning at Anarchist U

By Leila Wills

Students fed up with the learning environment of traditional universities and colleges now have an alternative: Anarchist University.

Anarchist U, a volunteer-run collective, was founded this year by a group of friends who saw a need for alternative education in Toronto.

The unaccredited university opened its doors in September. Classes range from Radical Perspectives on Sexuality to Politics through the Media.

Christopher Smith, a member of the collective and the facilitator of its experimental literature course, said Anarchist U was created, "in response to students who were turned off by more formal education."

Anarchist U is based on a model of free schools which allow students to determine their own pace and progress. Teachers are referred to as "facilitators," and are seen as

resources of knowledge instead of authoritarian figures.

Unlike other universities, Anarchist U does not charge student fees, nor does it issue degrees. The facilitators offer their services for free since students do not pay fees.

The facilitators include a tenured professor at an Ontario university, a PhD student, a few artists and a high school dropout.

Smith said between 80 and 100 students take courses at Anarchist U, and word of mouth has increased interest.

"We have university-aged students in our classes, but we also have high school students, PhD students, filmmakers, 50-year-olds, recovering drug addicts...it's really diverse," he said.

Classes take place at community centres that donate space and at private homes in Toronto.

They are kept small, around 10 students, to encourage an intimate learning environment.

According to Smith, facilitators engage the group in dis-

cussions and encourage students to make the classes work for them.

"Everybody has a voice," Smith said. "We recognize that people learn in different ways."

Students are expected to complete readings and assignments, but they can choose what form the assignment takes.

"Some people are afraid of conventional written work," Smith said. "Instead of writing an essay, students can do a 'zine instead. It's totally open."

Since students will not earn any credits toward degrees, the focus is on learning for its own sake.

"When students are taking courses just to get a piece of paper, it stops being about learning," he said. "We want students at Anarchist U to be engaged by the classes and the learning environment."

Anarchist U offers six courses that run for 10 weeks and students meet once a week. For more information, visit <http://www.anarchistu.org>.

The stories in this four-page section have been reported and written by students in the media studies program at the University of Guelph-Humber.

# Local talent goes live at Toronto 1

By Gurpreet Badwal

Guelph-Humber media studies students will get a first-hand look today at media production at Toronto's new television broadcast station, Toronto1.

The second-year students will head to the Toronto1 studios in downtown Toronto on to take a behind-the-scenes look at a live taping of *The Toronto Show*, an entertainment variety show featuring local talent.

The students will also be part of the audience in the taping.

Kate Adach, a student attending the taping said, "It will be interesting to see a new show in action".

Chris Sherman, a media studies student representative, found the ad for audience members in *Now* magazine.

"They (Toronto1) were seeking audience members that are young and hip and motivated, and that's what Guelph-Humber students are about.."

Sherman said all 60 of the second-year media studies students were invited to attend.

"Media students need opportunities to get into and experience the field of media, which is in their own backyard," Sherman said.

"What's a better way to network then to become an

audience member first and get to see the magic of media as it happens."

Mark Selby, audience coordinator for *The Toronto Show* said the experience will help students get an idea of what live T.V is all about.

"They (the students) will get to experience a live taping, which many stations don't do anymore, and get to be in the television environment."

Selby said students will be given a quick tour and a question period at some point before or after the taping.

According to Adach, who does voluntary camera work for various Rogers Cable television shows, the experience will help students realize the true nature of television production.

*The Toronto Show* has been airing for three weeks on Toronto1, a niche television broadcast station founded by Craig Media.

Different than traditional entertainment variety shows, this show encourages to get on the floor and interact with the performances, like being in a night club.

Enis Esmer, a 22-year-old Canadian comedian, will host the show.

*The Toronto Show* airs from Thursday to Saturday at 10 p.m.

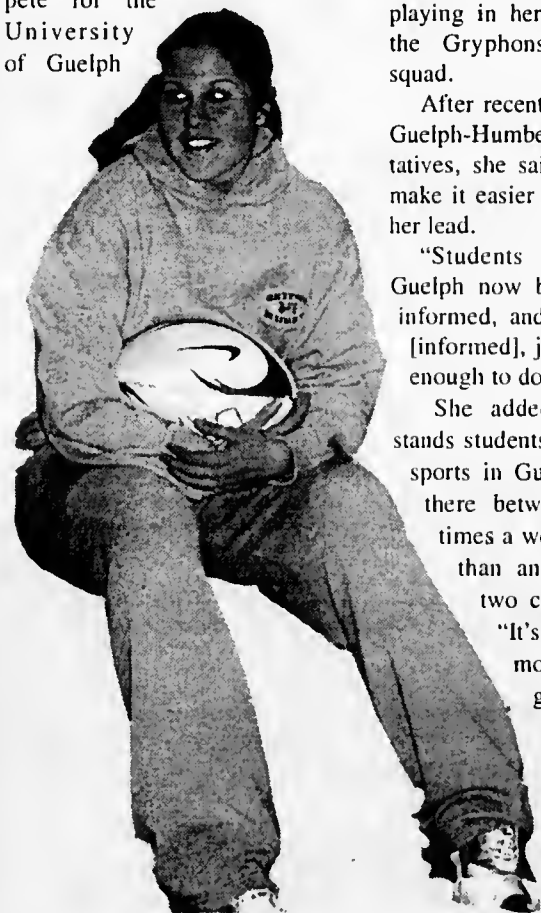


The Toronto Show is hosted by 22-year-old Enis Esmer and musical director Neil Brathwaite.

# Get in the game at Guelph

By Matt Henderson

Michelle Sturino, one of the Guelph-Humber sports representatives, said she is hoping to boost the number of students who compete for the University of Guelph



Gryphons.

She added that a total of four students from Guelph-Humber play for the Gryphons.

Last year, Sturino became the first Guelph-Humber student to play on a Guelph team. She is now playing in her second season for the Gryphons women's rugby squad.

After recently becoming one of Guelph-Humber's sports representatives, she said it is her hope to make it easier for others to follow her lead.

"Students aren't playing in Guelph now because they're not informed, and the ones who are [informed], just aren't dedicated enough to do it," Sturino said.

She added that she understands students' reluctance to play sports in Guelph. She practices there between four and five times a week, travelling more than an hour between the two campuses each way. "It's a lot of my time, money and effort going into this team."

However, she said the challenge of balancing sports and academics is not as difficult as it

seems. "So far it's not too bad. You just have to organize your time."

Sturino said she believes that promoting students' ability to play sports in Guelph and providing bus transportation to the campus would help increase interest in becoming Gryphons.

Jim Atkinson, Guelph's women's rugby coach, said that he would like to see more Guelph-Humber athletes competing in Guelph.

"I believe we [the University of Guelph] should take all the measures we can to encourage varsity participation by [Guelph-Humber] athletes. It requires special dedication by those athletes who are at the Humber campus to stay involved and we should help them logistically in every way possible," Atkinson said.

He added he is trying to set up an exhibition game between his squad and the Humber team, "to further cement the links between the two institutions."

Guelph-Humber students also have the option of playing varsity sports for the Humber Hawks.

"I think that we have all the opportunity we could ask for. We have the choice of playing for either, or both, institutions. We essentially get the best of both worlds," Sturino said.

## Mixed reactions face new G-H students

# Two schools unite as one?

By Carlye Malchuk

With most of the construction of the new Guelph-Humber building complete, attention will now be turned to stirring up the university and college mix.

Daniel Marcoux, a second year Guelph-Humber computing student said he's seen mixed reactions to those attending the new university.

Marcoux said students have said things to him like, "oh you think you're better than us?" and, "are you one of the Guelph-Humber snobs?"

Melissa Melo, a second-year Guelph-Humber media student agreed that "a lot of unexpected issues" like those comments to Marcoux came up last year. This year she feels that Guelph-Humber students are getting territorial.

"We want our own space and identity within our community," Melo said, "But we know that we're part of a bigger community."

Jillian Tremblay, a first-year

journalism student said, "It's cool, [Guelph-Humber] adds a little something more. I guess it gives Humber a little more edge."

When asked about the attitudes of some Guelph-Humber students, Tremblay replied "[Guelph-Humber students] might think 'oh well [Humber is] just a college'...[but] in fact we're not even a college anymore, we're an institute of technology. We're no better and we're no worse."

Some students say they are indifferent about the new university. Bruno Matta, a first semester firefighter, says it makes no difference to him.

"It just makes the campus bigger," he said.

Whitney Shanfield, one of the first Guelph-Humber students to live in residence, says she has found a welcoming atmosphere.

"People joke around and say 'ooh you're a university student, you're better than us', but they're usually just joking," she said. "I've never heard a negative comment about Guelph-Humber."



Jon Jacobs (holding volleyball) gears up his Guelph-Humber team for an intramural game at the North campus gym.

## Weekly games big hit with G-H

By Zach Cosby

Guelph-Humber students are invading the North campus gym in a rush to sign up for their newly born intramural program.

Jon Jacobs, the second-year Guelph-Humber student responsible for the creation of the intramural league, is impressed with the number of students who have been participating at the gym each Tuesday.

"Sign-ups have been great so far. Seventy-plus [Guelph-Humber students] are coming out to play soccer each week. That [number] should increase for volleyball."

The schedule was made according to the amount of interest shown through the sign-up forms for each sport. Indoor soccer was the most popular and ran until this past week. Volleyball is next in line for this semester. Indoor hockey and basketball are slated for next semester.

"Students are happy to be a part of something competitive," Jacobs said. "It's different from classes

and marks, something enjoyable."

Intramural sports do not require the same skill level associated with varsity sports, but according to second-year computing student Andrew Hunt, that does not take away from the spirit of sport.

"It gives everyone a chance, even those like me who aren't very good, to play a fun but competitive game with their friends," he said.

Intramurals also provide students with the opportunity to meet people.

"It appeals to me because I love the fact that I can come play soccer for a few hours and meet kids at GH [Guelph-Humber] who like soccer too," media student Kim Hogendoom said.

Tuesdays from 8:15 p.m. until 10 p.m. seems to be convenient for many, with at least 30 commuters attending each week.

With only one hour and 45 minutes of gym time, scheduling everyone to play has been difficult for Jacobs.

"People have been fairly cooperative, but there are still some

quirks I need to work out with scheduling all of the teams to play," he said.

He added that fitness was in mind when he began making the schedules.

"Intramurals get students at school involved in sports. Keeping fit is a must," he said.

Each game runs for 20 minutes, contributing to a regular fitness plan for many students involved.

"I started playing to keep in shape and spend some time playing sports," first-year student Graeme Kobayashi said.

"It's a great way to stay active," second-year student Sharon Relunia added.

So far Jacobs is impressed with the results and wants intramurals to keep growing in the future.

"Time will tell how popular it will continue to be. I hope and I think it will stay this way," Jacobs said.

"The best thing would be to see intramurals grow much, much larger by the end of my four years here [at Guelph-Humber]."

## Students angry over construction delays and noise

By Monica Pacheco  
Simon Johnson

Guelph-Humber students expected to walk into a completed building on the first day of school, but instead were welcomed by construction workers and a lot of unfinished work.

The construction of the building began in March 2002, said David Trick, chief executive officer of Guelph-Humber, and since then workers have faced a great number of challenges.

Before construction actually started, surveyors were hired to inspect the land. They used test holes to examine the soil for contaminants and organic materials, but, when the workers began building, they found the ground conditions were not favourable.

"There was a lake here at one point, and all the material had to be excavated," a construction worker on-site said. "We had to dig four meters deeper than expected."

Trick said, something happened that caused the land "not to be pure soil."

"You get surprises when you dig, and that was one of the surprises they found."

Some work could not be done while students were in the building, resulting in a lot of work being done during night shifts. Many workers could not work the night shifts because of scheduling conflicts, causing a loss of man-power.

Students in the computer program were among those affected by classroom changes. One of these

students, Terence Yip, 20, spoke about the quality of the resources in some Humber classrooms.

"I paid tuition to be taught on [the most advanced equipment]. This just isn't the case for some classes. The biggest problem is that two different types of equipment are being used so nothing is standardized."

While evening classes were being moved into the Humber building, day classes were interrupted by the sounds of drills, hammers and other power tools being used by the workers outside.

Having spent her first year of university in a portable, Amanda Headon, a second-year media student, did not hesitate to comment on the ongoing construction.

"We didn't get the whole learning environment in first year and now I'm being distracted in my second year by construction guys. It's a joke," she said.

Other students also find the inconveniences of construction extremely annoying.

"I would have expected certain things to be done by now," Natalie Jelenski said. "I really don't enjoy sitting in a classroom with wires hanging at my knees."

According to Gabrielle Bernardi-Dengo, manager of Guelph-Humber's administrative services, no exact date can be provided on when the building will be complete.

"We're hoping that it will be done by December," she added.

**"I don't enjoy sitting in a classroom with wires hanging..."**

## New cheerleading squad nets official status

By Chris Amberley

The women of Guelph-Humber are making a lot of noise after their cheerleading squad became the school's first official sports team.

The team, captained by second-year-media studies students Adrienne McBride and Tara Grozier, is comprised of 15 first and second-year Guelph-Humber women.

In addition to weekly practices, team members are encouraged to spend time in the gym to improve their strength and flexibility.

"Not very many people realize how physically demanding cheerleading can be. You have to be in good shape to compete because it requires a lot of endurance and overall strength," McBride said. "Our performances may only be two minutes long, but it is very fatiguing because you are

yelling and screaming the whole time."

Although the team has no plans to compete this year, it does have its eyes set on competitions next fall. Participation in the annual Canada's Wonderland event, where Ontario university cheerleading squads compete for provincial bragging rights, is the current goal.

"I do not think we could compete at a high level after only one year of practice, especially since this is the first experience

for a lot of the girls," Grozier said.

"The only way the program can improve is if everyone shows up to practice because there is so much to learn."

Angela D'Sousa, a first-year media studies student and first time cheerleader, said she is really enjoying the enthusiasm of her co-captains.

"They have so much energy, and every time you start to slip they are all over you and will not let you stop."

# New association president wants to help Guelph-Humber students

*Uniting new facility with Humber campus a priority*

By Nadia Stewart

This year's Guelph-Humber Student Association president Tennica Hamilton wants to make sure the 878 Guelph-Humber students know that "empowering students is what the GHSA is all about."

Hamilton said that by informing students of the services available to them from the GHSA and the Humber Students' Federation (HSF), students will be encouraged to get involved in their school.

Hamilton, a second-year business student, has already played an important role in the development of campus life for students in the new degree program, and continues to act as a bridge between the GHSA, HSF and the student government at the University of Guelph.

Hamilton got her first taste of student politics in grade 9 at East York Collegiate Institute in Toronto, and became the director of social functions in grade 11.

Besides being president, Hamilton also volunteers on the Toronto Youth Cabinet, an organization of young people which supports the concerns of Toronto's youth both at city hall and beyond. Hamilton also volunteers at Meals on Wheels and local

United Way events.

"I don't work. This is my full-time job other than school," Hamilton said of her campus and community involvement.

She said that interest in the academic and social well-being of students sparked her desire to be president of the 11-member council.

Since her arrival to office in May, Hamilton has changed the name of the council from Guelph-Humber Student Committee to Guelph-Humber Student Association. The logo has also been changed and so has the mission of the association.

Last year's committee focused on unifying the students whereas Hamilton said this year's council seeks to empower them through "every committee and council they participate in."

"Not every student wants to get involved in student politics," Hamilton said. "But we will let students know that we can help students on academic and campus-wide issues."

"Doing more events with HSF and making sure that students are aware of all the services provided on Humber campus" is how Hamilton plans on molding campus life between University of Guelph and Humber College, something high on her list of priorities for this year.

Throughout her campaign and since arriving in office, Hamilton said her goal has been, "getting to know the day-to-day student issues and concerns and program specific issues and concerns."

Tuition, activity fees, types of events, dental plan questions and parking are

only some of the concerns that the president has been dealing with since the start of the school year.

Hamilton also said she hopes to build school spirit and make this school year memorable.

"Our council is preparing excellent events which range from formals, guest speakers, promoting campus wide elections, HSF/CSA joint initiatives and much more," she said.

Hamilton's approach to Guelph-Humber politics has earned praise from some students.

"She's always in a good mood, pumping people up and talking to people about activities," said second-year media student Meghan Furman. "She's very outgoing and totally wants to make a difference."

GHSA vice president of academics Jessica Gray



Guelph-Humber SA president Tennica Hamilton said there's never a dull moment in her position. "My job is 24 hours a day," she said.

agreed that Hamilton's heart lies in the best interest of students.

"Not all students can

appreciate her style of leadership but you are not going to find someone with more passion than Tennica."

## Representation negotiations still ongoing

By Melissa Melo

The two student governments on Humber's North campus are struggling to determine who should represent the more than 800 University of Guelph-Humber students.

According to University of Guelph-Humber's Student Association (GHSA) spokesperson Jessica Gray, negotiations with the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) about finances and relationship have been underway for about a year.

"The operating agreement [covers] everything from who does

what, to money," Adrienne McBride, a representative of the GHSA explained.

Gray, the GHSA vice president of academics, said one of the goals of the joint operating agreement would allow the GHSA to be an individual government from the HSF, to focus on issues related specifically to the university students.

"The HSF does recognize the academic uniqueness of Guelph-Humber students specifically in regards to faculty and curriculum issues," said HSF vice president Nadia Conforti. "We have been rec-

ommending different ways to help facilitate with these concerns."

However, Gray admits that the GHSA will continue to need the HSF to reach its goals.

"We [GHSA] know being on this campus is great," she said. "Hopefully, HSF will be a part of it."

Until now, the GHSA has relied on the clubs budget of about \$200 per semester to function as a recognized club under the HSF, Gray said. But the HSF has stopped providing funding to the GHSA in light of negotiations.

However, Michael Parent, busi-

ness manager for the HSF, argued financial services have not been halted. Parent said that the HSF's focus is on the students and it would never cut students off from its services.

Guelph-Humber students pay the same \$46 Student Activity Fee that Humber students pay for many of the HSF's services.

Like Humber, Guelph-Humber students pay a student activity fee to cover many of the services provided by HSF.

Parent said Guelph-Humber students have access to the same services as Humber students do.

## OSAP delays leave students strapped for cash

By Tamara Cockram

A mix-up at the University of Guelph financial aid office left 15 to 20 Guelph-Humber students scrambling to pay their rent and tuition this past month.

Some of the approximate 150 Guelph-Humber students who receive OSAP had to wait weeks before their loan arrived at the school. Nadia Stewart, a second-year media student, said that last year her OSAP only took two weeks to come in, but this year it has taken a month.

Stewart was forced to use two credit cards to help pay for school, even though her

OSAP forms were approved in early July.

"The University of Guelph had placed my forms in the wrong pile and then the forms were sitting around there for a month," she said.

Mahwish Choudhry of Guelph-Humber's registrarial and financial aid office said that a sorting error was likely to blame for the delay in receiving financial aid forms needed to process OSAP loans.

Choudhri said Guelph-Humber's OSAP forms must be processed through the University of Guelph, and sorting through all University of Guelph forms to find the Guelph-Humber forms wasn't easy, especially this year because of the double-cohort.

"In the hustle and bustle, ours weren't getting pulled out fast enough," Choudhry said.

Choudhry sympathized with the students who hadn't received their OSAP. "I was a student just last year," she said. "I totally felt bad for the students."

One such student was Erin Wall, in second-year media studies, who didn't receive her OSAP forms until Oct. 9.

"I'm counting on that money for rent," she said. "My education won't do me much good if I'm homeless."

The chief executive officer of Guelph-Humber, David Trick, said that making sure

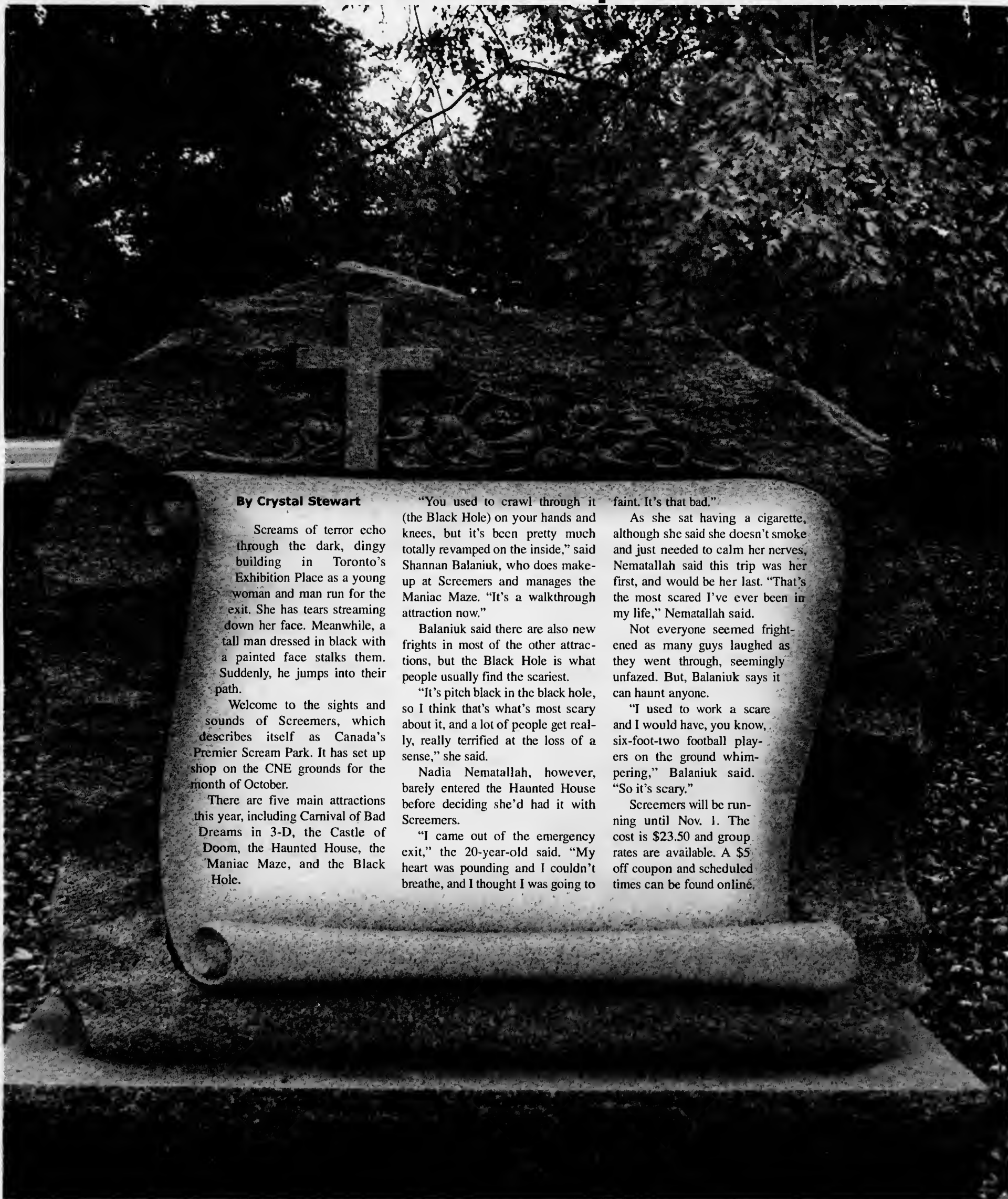
those students received their loans as quickly as possible was the school's main concern.

"Our first priority was to fix this problem for the students," Trick said. "They may be relying on their OSAP loans for rent and food."

Having identified the root of the OSAP delay, Trick said the administration will "double-check in [the] future to try to prevent it from happening again."

"I've lost faith in Guelph-Humber's ability to process information," Chandra Burr said, a second-year media student who experienced the same problem with OSAP last year. "This better not happen again in January, or next year for that matter!"

## Halloween will never rest in peace at Screemers



**By Crystal Stewart**

Screams of terror echo through the dark, dingy building in Toronto's Exhibition Place as a young woman and man run for the exit. She has tears streaming down her face. Meanwhile, a tall man dressed in black with a painted face stalks them. Suddenly, he jumps into their path.

Welcome to the sights and sounds of Screemers, which describes itself as Canada's Premier Scream Park. It has set up shop on the CNE grounds for the month of October.

There are five main attractions this year, including Carnival of Bad Dreams in 3-D, the Castle of Doom, the Haunted House, the Maniac Maze, and the Black Hole.

"You used to crawl through it (the Black Hole) on your hands and knees, but it's been pretty much totally revamped on the inside," said Shannan Balaniuk, who does make-up at Screemers and manages the Maniac Maze. "It's a walkthrough attraction now."

Balaniuk said there are also new frights in most of the other attractions, but the Black Hole is what people usually find the scariest.

"It's pitch black in the black hole, so I think that's what's most scary about it, and a lot of people get really, really terrified at the loss of a sense," she said.

Nadia Nematallah, however, barely entered the Haunted House before deciding she'd had it with Screemers.

"I came out of the emergency exit," the 20-year-old said. "My heart was pounding and I couldn't breathe, and I thought I was going to

faint. It's that bad."

As she sat having a cigarette, although she said she doesn't smoke and just needed to calm her nerves, Nematallah said this trip was her first, and would be her last. "That's the most scared I've ever been in my life," Nematallah said.

Not everyone seemed frightened as many guys laughed as they went through, seemingly unfazed. But, Balaniuk says it can haunt anyone.

"I used to work a scare and I would have, you know, six-foot-two football players on the ground whimpering," Balaniuk said. "So it's scary."

Screemers will be running until Nov. 1. The cost is \$23.50 and group rates are available. A \$5 off coupon and scheduled times can be found online.

# Who you gonna call?

*Et Cetera* reporter Mat Langford hunts for elusive ghosts

By Mat Langford

My buddy Jesse and I recently went hunting for ghosts. We began by checking a couple of websites – *ghostsource.com* and *torontoghosts.com* – both dedicated to discovering, researching and reporting instances of paranormal activity in Canada and the U.S.

The second website directed us to the Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton, which used to be a jailhouse. We wanted to see if the reports of hauntings were true, as three prisoners were executed at the site in the early 1900s.

One was Stephen Swryda, accused of murdering a boy in 1908 and publicly hanged a year later. The prisoner's last rites are scrawled on the wall of a cell, above which hangs a noose.

The Heritage site tells the stories of people like Swryda,

explaining that he claimed his innocence all the way to his death, telling a guard: "You will live a long life, you will find out yet who really killed that boy."

It never was discovered whether Swryda was wrongly convicted and executed. And while we were there, we didn't get a visit from his ghost.

But we were seriously creeped out standing in the spot where two other convicts were hanged.

Walking through a hallway, my eyes were inexplicably



The Peel Heritage Complex in Brampton was formerly a jailhouse and is reportedly haunted with Stephen Swryda's ghost.

drawn to a black square on the ceiling.

A sign explained that hangings used to take place in that hallway and that the black square represented the trapdoor where Gordon Ross Matthew and Walter Zablony dropped to their deaths from the hangman's noose.

In fact, we were standing directly beneath the spot where they would have been hanging.

Nonetheless, we continued our search for ghosts.

As the hair on the back of my neck stood up straight, we walked into an

area where the prison-doctor had worked.

His journal was openly displayed. There were some scribbles on the page, but all we could make out was something about a woman and a sick baby.

No ghosts here.

Back at the reception area, I asked Diane Kuster, registrar of the archives, if she had ever seen anything spooky in the two-storey building, which housed thousands of prisoners in the 1800s.

"The building is very noisy at night," Kuster said. "There are creaks and groans and weird noises."

Just then, the floor above us creaked. We were certain there was no one else – at least no other human – in the building.

"Most of us prefer not to be here on our own late at night," she added, with a nervous giggle.

*Paranormal reports coming in monthly*

## Ghosts Haunt Lakeshore Campus



Humber's Lakeshore campus receives three to five ghost sightings a month and is one of many buildings around the GTA that is reportedly haunted.

By Amy Ward

College students in search of some ghostly experiences this Halloween don't have to travel far, as reported ghost sightings have occurred on campus and

around the GTA.

Based on a vast number of reports from students to *www.torontoghosts.org*, an organization dedicated to researching reported cases of haunting, and ghosts in Ontario,

Humber's own Lakeshore campus is one of the busiest haunting sites in Toronto.

The Lakeshore building, formerly the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital, was originally known as Mimico Hospital for the

insane and is rumoured to be bursting with ghostly action.

Chantelle Schmidt, a 21-year-old Graphic Arts and Electronic Publishing student at Lakeshore, hasn't had any personal ghost experiences, but has heard the rumours.

"A teacher was there late one night by herself and heard sounds, and students have gone down and heard voices in the secret passage (underground tunnels)," she said.

The website reports three to five sightings a month from anonymous students who claim they heard voices and whistling as they explored the building's underground tunnels. Another story reported on the site comes from a construction worker who claims he encountered a ghostly image of a nurse with no face during the building's renovation.

On yet another campus website, *www.ryerson-ghost.freeservers.com*, reports repeated sightings of what appears to be a white female figure in the hallways and in the attic above the studio in the Ryerson Theatre.

"It's just one of those semi-common knowledge things among students," said Meaghan Derynck, a 20-year-old student of Radio and Television Arts at

Ryerson.

"I can't say that I've ever seen anything related to the paranormal at school, but I'd hesitate before doubting anyone who said that they did."

In addition to exploring one's own campus for ghostly adventures, students can visit other allegedly haunted buildings around Toronto, like Casa Loma.

Debbie McGuire, a graduate of Humber's Travel and Tourism program, recalls two separate instances at Casa Loma where she felt as if there was a ghost in her presence.

"I was about 14 and I went wondering off to find the secret entrances in the bedrooms to the rooms above. I was the only one that went up and I swear there was somebody else up there with me," she said.

"The other time was when I took the underground tunnel to the stables. I was just about at the end of the tunnel and I could have sworn I heard somebody coming up behind me, but when I turned around there was nobody there," she said.

Whether students are on a true search for the undead or at least a good spooky experience, Toronto plays host to various entertaining, educational and historical spook-filled buildings waiting to be explored.

# Lakeshore hosts literary fest

## Humber celebrates 25 years of literary readings with Robert Sedlack novel

By Louis Campos

In a small space in the Lakeshore campus library, 40-year-old Humber School for Writers graduate Robert Sedlack read excerpts from his debut novel, *The African Safari Papers*, to staff and students last Wednesday.

Organizer Ben Labovitch said the free readings (which mark 25 years of literary readings at Humber) provide an opportunity for students to meet great Canadian authors.

"We read the book in class,"

said Kevin Ward, a police foundations student.

"I was really impressed with the good story-telling. I wanted to know what [Sedlack] had to say about the book."

The author spoke about his work ethic and how he spent four years writing the novel while working as an editor in Los Angeles.

An Alberta native who attended a film school in New York, Sedlack still lives in Los Angeles, where he recently finished his second novel *The Horn of the Lamb*.

Written in journal form, *The*

*African Safari Papers* tells the story of an eccentric Canadian family's adventures in Africa, through the voice of a 19-year-old.

The novel was nominated for the 2001 Commonwealth Award for Literature.

The next reading in the series will be Feb. 18, when Humber teacher and director of the Humber School for Writers, Antanas Sileika, will read from his novel, *Buying on Time*.

With files from Darcie Kotva



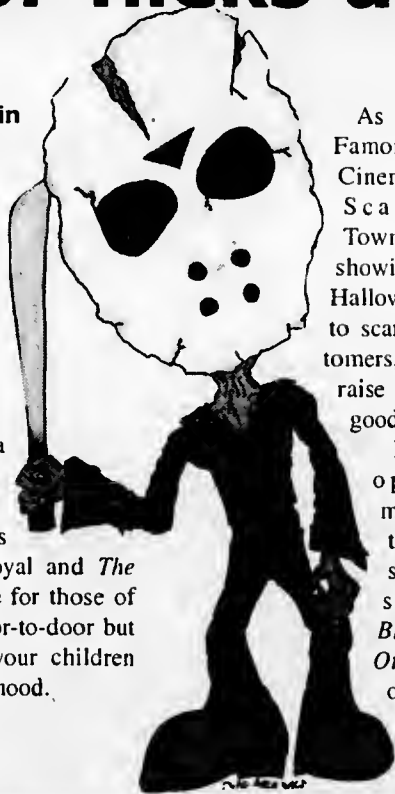
Robert Sedlack reads excerpts from his journal-style novel to over 60 staff and students at Lakeshore.

# Toronto Theatres screen horror flicks at low prices

By Shawn Loughlin

When you're too old to throw on a costume and beg for candy, what better way to spend a Halloween night than watching a scary movie with some friends.

Some Toronto area theatres are screening horror movies on Halloween, such as *Poltergeist* at the Royal and *The Exorcist* at the Revue for those of you too old to go door-to-door but too young to walk your children around the neighbourhood.



As well, the Famous Players Cinema at the Scarborough Town Centre is showing films on Halloween not just to scare their customers, but also to raise money for a good cause.

Diane Lee, operations manager of the theatre, said they are showing *Blade*, *The Others* and one movie

from each of these popular series: *Nightmare On Elm Street*, *Halloween* and *Friday the 13th*. Lee said each movie will cost \$5, or only \$2 if you're wearing a costume.

Most of the advertising for the event has been done in-house at the theatre, with listings of the movies being run in the Toronto Sun.

"We're trying to raise money for charity, so we're trying to spread it through word of mouth," Lee said.

The event debuted last year, bringing in around 500 people, and Lee is hoping for more this year.

Most of the theatres in downtown Toronto are sticking to their normal screenings on Oct. 31 and not showing any horror films.



Spend an affordable Halloween night with your favourite classic horror movie villains at various cinemas around the city. (Left to Right) Leatherface, Freddy and Jason.

# So, you want to go out for Halloween?

By Mat Langford

Looking for fun this Halloween night? Well, there's plenty going on in Toronto and the surrounding area to keep you entertained.

• *Screamers* is back for its 11th season at the CNE. This popular Halloween attraction offers a variety of scary adventures like *The Haunted House*, *The Castle of Doom* and *The Carnival of Bad Dreams* in 3-D. (See full article pg. 14).

• *The Magic Haunted Mill Adventure* at 13953 Ninth Line, in Stouffville is an old dairy farm turned haunted theme park, which returns for its 12th year of scares and spooks. It features the *Haunted Hayride*, and the scary *Terror Trail Trek*, where – reminiscent of the *Blair Witch* movies – visitors walk through a mine shaft, a haunted miner's cabin, up a hill and through a forest.

Is it really scary? Well, children under eight and pregnant women aren't even allowed near the place.

• If you're feeling adventurous and want to see some real ghosts, you can visit various haunted locations throughout Toronto. Take a trip to a haunted junkyard in downtown Toronto, or visit

mysterious Casa Loma, rumoured to be haunted by animals. Visit [www.torontoghosts.org](http://www.torontoghosts.org) for all the info on local ghostly sightings or see article on pg. 15.

• If you're more in the mood for a party, Chum FM is hosting its annual Halloween Bash at The Docks (11 Polson St.). Up for grabs is a trip to Varadero, Cuba for the best group costume, best male costume and best female costume, along with \$1,000 spending money. Tickets are \$17.50 (in advance through Ticketmaster) and \$20 at the door.

• For a little 19+ action, try *Theory Halloween Party: A DJ Extravaganza* at the Kool Haus. You can check out Grooverider, DJ SS, Fresh (Bad Company), Mampi Swift, and others as they tear it up all night long. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster.

• And of course, CAPS is the place to be tonight for the highly anticipated Halloween Party Pub, where best costume could net you \$1,000. There is a \$3 cover for students and a \$10 cover for guests.

Whatever it is you're looking for, whether it's a fun time or a genuine scare, there's plenty going on this Halloween.

The following are the winners of our Halloween Screamers contest:

**Oscar Serrano, George, Seun Olasusi, Daniel Lis and Jodi Kozelenko.**

If you haven't already claimed your prize, please come to the newsroom (L225) to pick up your winnings. Congratulations!!! Thanks for participating!



## A look inside Humber's morgue

# Hands-on experience for a career dealing with the dead

By Julie De Carlo and Christina Arico

As creepy as it may sound, the rumour that Humber College houses a morgue is in fact true.

Located at the North campus, the morgue is a lab used by students in the Funeral Services Education program. According to program coordinator, Jeff Caldwell, Humber is the only school in all of Ontario to have one.

"Humber's Funeral Services Education program places a lot of emphasis on the practical and technical aspect of funeral direction, which includes learning how to embalm bodies and practicing this in labs," he said.

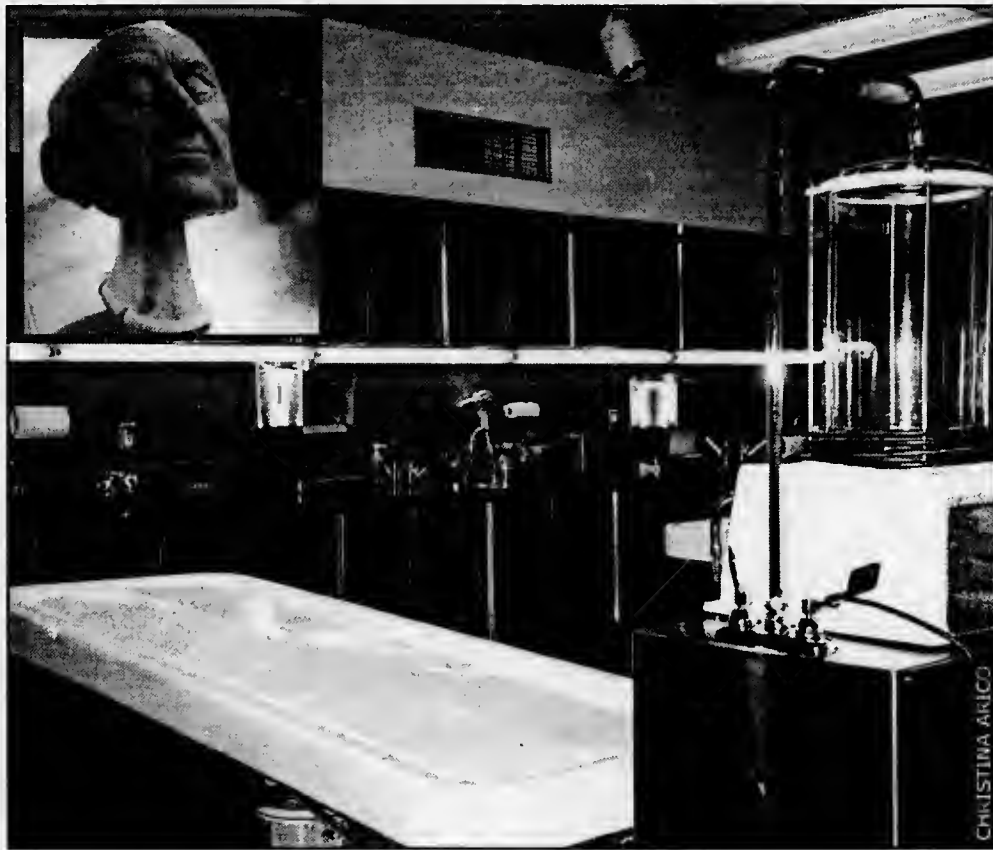
Caldwell said Humber's morgue has been around since 1969, although the original one was built a year earlier at the Queensway campus.

Studying in either a two-year diploma or one-year academic program, funeral services students work in a very technical and hands-on learning environment, which Caldwell said prepares them well for a career in funeral services.

"Students work in groups of four when participating in embalming labs. They go in fully garbed and observe the embalming process by their instructor and then do it themselves," he said.

Although the bodies these students practice on in the labs are subcontracted out from other funeral homes, Caldwell said that originally, the bodies of the homeless were the only subjects students worked with.

"We mainly received bodies from the coroner's office downtown, which were the bodies of indigent, homeless people, found dead on the streets, and usually without next of kin," Caldwell said. "We also receive cadavers that are considered to be difficult cases, where they may have died from some form of disease or physical trauma, and would make them unfitting for an open casket."



Inside the morgue located in the JF section of Humber. Inset: A rubber head used in reconstructive work on damaged bodies received in the morgue.

Caldwell also said that in such cases, the college is given these particular corpses because the sender knows the students in the program have more time to prepare a body for the funeral, which could take up to 20 hours for one body.

Caldwell said to support the 120 students in the program, the college receives about 100 corpses, and in addition to homeless people, they now get children and babies, also subcontracted out from local funeral homes.

"The course is great and very informative.

Working on infants and children is something you have to get used to, but it leaves a lasting impression," Rob Loney, a funeral services student, said.

Caldwell said that no one is forced or automatically expected to do anything that they don't feel at ease doing.

"However, it is expected for a student to have somewhat of an interest in working with the dead. Otherwise, it wouldn't make much sense for them to be in this program in the first place."

## Auction sales move online

By Julie De Carlo

Online auctions are an easy way to find good deals or get rid of some extra junk.

*eBay.com* is one website offering a free service to people who want to buy, sell or just browse items online.

Once people register, they can search for items and bid on them in auction format. One feature on the website is Buy It Now, which allows customers to immediately purchase something without going through the bidding process, ensuring that they will get that item before anyone else.

"I shop on eBay about once a month, but I'm always going on there to see what's available," said James Abel, a third-year Humber marketing student. "When I'm

looking for collectables or just rare items I can't find in stores, it's a great way to shop."

Abel added that he usually buys items through the auction, but has used the Buy It Now feature when buying something he had trouble finding or really wanted.

Graduate student Craig Johnson said he uses eBay to sell items like discontinued Beanie Babies and other various knick-knacks which are potentially worth hundreds or even thousands of dollars.

"After I outgrew collecting these things, I wanted to get rid of them and hopefully make some money at the same time, so I went on eBay and started posting all the items I had for sale," he said. "I immediately got bids after the first day. It's made me quite a bit of extra change."

Johnson attributes his successful sales to the positive feedback he has received from his buyers, which is a critical factor in maintaining a good reputation on eBay as a trustworthy and reliable seller to deal with.

"Every time I sell something and receive payment for it, the buyer has to evaluate me as their seller, and give me a score on how the sale went. This lets other potential buyers know whether or not I'm a good person to buy from," Johnson said.

*eBay.com* promotes itself as being a safe service and urges customers to always verify a seller's feedback and ratings from previous buyers. If the seller rate is less than 98 per cent, people are advised not to buy anything from that person.

"It's a good safety measure,

especially for people just trying out eBay for the first time," Abel said. "The first thing I ever bought on there was a ski jacket, but only after I made sure that the person selling it had a high, almost flawless rating. I didn't want to end up getting ripped off."

The website also offers services like Fraud Protection, which covers the first \$200 of a purchase, minus a \$25 deductible, SafeHarbor, which looks into shady business dealings and practices and SquareTrade, which acts as a mediator between buyers and sellers who are unable to resolve transactional disputes on their own.

*eBay.com* is not the only website of its kind. Other online auction websites include [www.blueballweb.net](http://www.blueballweb.net), [www.firstauction.com](http://www.firstauction.com) and [www.garagesalenow.com](http://www.garagesalenow.com).

## Buy Now

By Brian E. Wilkinson

*The Hulk: Special Edition DVD*

GRRRARR!!!! HULK SMASH ON DVD...errr... that is to say director Ang Lee's (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) cerebral version of Marvel Comics' angry green giant hits stores Tuesday. Bonus features include behind-the-scenes footage, interviews with cast and crew and behind-the-scenes translations from the comic page to the big screen. Though it takes a little while to get to the action, *The Hulk* is a smashing success.

*Mario Kart Double Dash!! for Nintendo Gamecube*

On Nov. 17, Nintendo will finally put out the racing game that Gamecube owners have been anxiously awaiting. Instead of just one character per Kart, like in previous versions of the game, players can now team up two of their favourite characters. One character drives while the other chucks weapons like shells, banana peels and lightning bolts. When networked through a LAN connection, a total of 16 different players can race against each other, making *Mario Kart Double Dash!!* the game to buy this holiday season.

## Pass On Buy

*Uncanny X-Men*

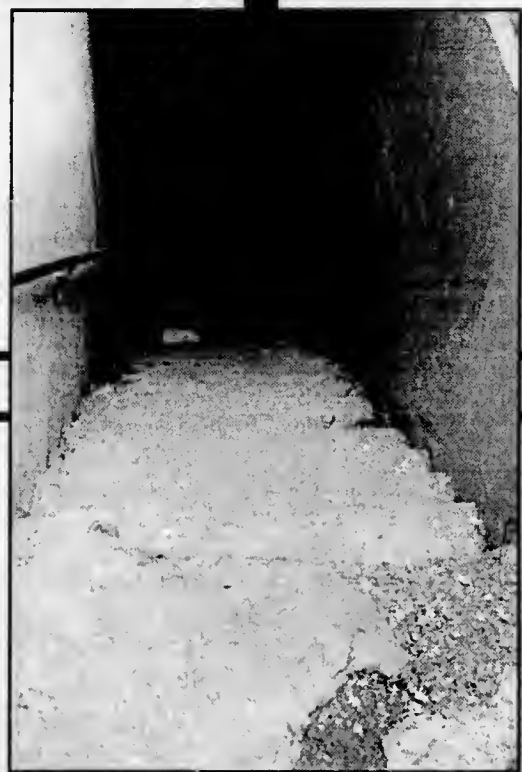
Marvel Comics is bouncing back financially, after a long battle with bankruptcy, thanks to titles like *Ultimate Spider-Man* and *New X-Men*. But Marvel's flagship title, *Uncanny X-Men*, leaves something to be desired. Under writer Chuck Austen, the stories have been floundering of late and inconsistent artists month after month have made this the title to avoid for the time being.

*Monthly TTC passes*

If you're going to be riding the rocket a lot over the next year, avoid paying the \$100 it costs to buy a new pass each month. Instead, pick up an application at any subway station, or head to the main office at Davisville, and get a year-long package that costs to about \$90 per month. Over the course of a year, it works out to the equivalent of getting a free month.

# The reality of Toronto realty

*As seen through the camera of Media Foundation student Clint Bedecki*



# The truth of urban legends explored by Snopes.com

By Jason Pushee

Most folks have probably heard urban legends told by kids trying to impress their peers or that crazy uncle telling stories by the fire.

Stories like Coca-Cola actually containing cocaine and the man who took out fire insurance on his cigars before smoking them and later collected on the damages are both examples of urban legends.

So are they true?

Snopes.com is a website designed to find out just that.

The term "urban legend" is a broad one, since the website investigates everything from strange news stories and celebrity gossip to old wives tales that have cropped up everywhere.

These stories have come from e-mails, magazines and word-of-mouth and have been stretched and changed many times as they have been retold time and again.

Snopes.com does not claim to

be the ultimate authority on these tales, but functions instead as a reference page to bring evidence to verify a legend's truth.

The website covers many subjects including college, food, movies and politics with holiday sections including Halloween and Christmas.

Anyone remember the story that pins and razor blades had been put in Halloween candy? Turns out it's true.

In 1967 *New York Times* reported 13 cases of apple booby trapping incidents in New Jersey and several in Ottawa and Toronto, but many cases have also been hoaxes since then.

Each urban legend is researched by website operators Barbara and David Mikkelson and divided into three simple categories of either true, false, or undetermined due to contradictory or insufficient evidence.

If a legend is true or false, the

reasons are explained in detail and often backed up with links to further information. It also shows popular variations to some of the more enduring legends and they update them as they evolve.

Other sections feature figures like Walt Disney, who despite rumours to the contrary, was not an illegitimate child, dishonorably discharged from the military, nor is he currently cryogenically stored.

Though the pages are accompanied by highly annoying midi ditties (sound files), the overall experience provides a place to enjoyably kill some time.

By the way, Coca-Cola actually *did* contain a small amount of cocaine back in its early days, but the legend about the cigars is entirely false.



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## QUIZ TIME!! Some urban legends are just tall tales, yet some are true. Can YOU separate fact from fiction?

1. Is it true that a duck's quack doesn't make an echo and despite research into the subject, no one is sure why?
2. The acid content in the average can of soda can dissolve a tooth (or a penny, a piece of meat, a nail) if left submerged overnight.
3. A man committed suicide after his lotto numbers came up the one week he didn't play.
4. Mikey, from the popular Life Cereal commercials, ate six packages of Pop Rocks followed by a can of soda which killed him instantly.
5. Two contestants each lost an arm in a tug-of-war contest gone horribly wrong in Taipei, China.
6. A lawyer demonstrating the safety of windows in a skyscraper got carried away and plunged 24 floors to his death.

Snopes.com says...  
1. false 2. false 3. true  
4. false 5. true 6. true

# Struggling with credit card debt

By Dawn Farrell

Managing credit and balancing a budget may be a hard task for students not used to the financial responsibility.

First-year civil engineering student Paul Sperduti learned about credit cards the hard way after maxing out his card and is painful-

ly aware of the consequences.

"I got my first credit card when I was 16 and my parents co-signed for me," he said. "It wasn't smart because giving a 16-year-old a \$5,000 limit, no matter how responsible they are, they're going to blow it. I sure as hell did."

After maxing out his card, Sperduti's parents ended up paying off the bill and he paid them back in installments.

Two years later, he got another card, this time under his own name, and he finds it much easier to balance thanks to his experience.

"Now, my rating's not that bad. I've been paying it

off regularly," he said.

Credit cards are much more than a source of extra cash, they can affect you in ways you aren't prepared for. Thinking ahead and spending wisely can prevent a bad credit rating and a huge debt load.

Students often don't take the time to properly research credit cards and wind up with more debt than they can handle.

After just two days at Humber College, MBNA Canada Bank had nearly 200 applicants signed-up for credit cards.

"Some students want a card because they want to start building a credit rating," the representative said, "though most only sign-up for the free gift that we offer as an incentive."

The cards at Humber are offered with limits between \$500 and \$1,000. Many students don't think about the interest rates until it's too late and by then they're already in debt.

Defaulting on payments for bills as low as \$100 may not seem like a big deal, but with the average interest rate at about 18.5 per cent, the card holder is charged an additional \$18.50 at the end of the month. By the end of the year, the amount owing would be more than \$765.

According to MasterCard, after a 19-day grace period, interest rates kick in and after 60 days that rate continues to get higher.

Not only could users wind up paying more than they ever wanted to, but regular defaults could add up to a bad credit rating.

This rating is used by banks, car dealerships and many retail chains and could be the ultimate deciding factor on things like whether or not you're approved for a new home..

Credit counsellors suggest that making monthly payments, even if it's just the minimum amount due, is a healthy way to maintain a good credit rating.

Credit card companies will also offer to increase your rating provided you make regular payments.

First-year justice studies student Graeme Kobayashi signed up for a student credit card with Royal Bank and decided to wait to increase the credit limit.

"My limit stays at \$1,000 as long as I'm a student," he said. "I know students who had troubles with credit cards in the past, so I'm going to wait to increase it."

Third-year business administration student Paul Crowe said that he found having two credit

cards helps maintain his balance.

"If you get in trouble with one credit card, say by racking up too much, then you can use the other credit card to pay off the interest," Crowe said.

"That way you don't get killed with the interest at the end of each month," he added.

Second-year electrical mechanical engineering student Kerry Mohammed is careful with how he uses his card.

"I spend as much as I need and pretty much only on what I need," he said.

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# Halloween's going to the dogs

*Pet owners don't hesitate when it comes to festive costumes for their lovable sidekicks*

By Angela Homister

Halloween is here, and it's time to pick out a costume, but don't forget to buy one for your pet.

As odd as it might sound, there are people who enjoy dressing up their pets and getting into the spirit of Halloween.

"It's an interesting [idea] but kind of weird," first-year multimedia student Stephen Bruno said.

PetSmart has a selection of dog costumes, including pumpkins, spiders, angels, devils and pilots available for \$19.99.

According to PetSmart lead cashier Lisa Zdunska, the most popular costumes are the devil and the pumpkin.

"I think it's great [dressing up pets], my dog's a cowboy," Zdunska said.

Other suggestions for pet costumes include a bird, a witch, Dracula, Mickey Mouse and even Spiderman.

PetSmart recently hosted a free pet costume party. Available to a variety of pets, over 50 dogs

attended.

The animals played games, had pictures taken, collected treats, jumped through hoops and ran around pylons.

Memorable dog costumes included a dog dressed as a hippy and a male dog dressed as a female dog.

A bird dressed up as an old woman won for best costume.

Some students like the idea of dressing up their pets and would be willing to have others join them.

"I have dressed up my [dog] as a pumpkin before. I think it's really cute and good because you get into the festivities," Christina Beck, a second-year child and youth worker, said.

"I would dress my dog up as a devil and my cat as an angel."



## Humber promotes wellness programs with a walking tour and shoe contest



Humber students Mark Pereira and Josh Roter are funky shoe champions in the wellness walk sneaker contest.

By Alex Blonski

Students displayed some fancy footwear on Wednesday as Humber hosted a wellness week walk to raise awareness for its health-oriented programs.

"We're trying to promote wellness between staff and students," Leanne Henwood-Adam, the fitness coordinator at Humber, said. "We actually have a wellness committee that represents staff and students throughout the college. The idea is to try to promote the departments and programs because many staff and students don't realize they're here."

Participants signed up for the Walk for Wellness Tour, an event designed to promote fitness, and allow students to explore parts of the school they hadn't seen before. It also gave them the chance to win a new DVD player.

Students had to visit locations throughout the school and collect stamps in order to qualify for a prize.

Volunteers also handed out information about Humber's fit-

ness and well-being courses, most of which Henwood-Adam says are free.

She added that students can participate in any one of these programs by contacting the Humber Students' Federation or the athletics office.

Though promoting Humber's fitness programs was the focus of the day, the highlight for many students was the best dressed sneaker contest.

"We had three categories, the dressiest, the funniest, and the funkiest sneaker, so they won prizes for that as well," Henwood-Adam said.

Humber students Mark Pereira and Josh Roter entered the contest as a team, and blew the competition away with some amazingly rare sneakers.

Their display featured a pair of 1978 Adidas Countries that had been covered in snake skin, original pairs of Patrick Ewing High-tops, a pair of Nike shoes released by Heineken and the original pair of Dominique Wilkins shoes still in the original box.

Rotor says that while the hobby of collecting sneakers isn't really in the public eye yet, people in the underground fashion world are expanding the culture to the mainstream market.

"I think eBay had a lot to do with it. It just made it really accessible," Rotor said. "When I started collecting there weren't any forums or message boards, it was all just word of mouth. I used to track down vintage stores and that's where a lot of my collection came from."

"Over the past few years sneakers have become larger, and now there's a subculture."

The two friends have around 100 pairs of sneakers between them, and some are worth more than \$300 a pair.

With a collection this large and expensive, Roter is apprehensive about wearing his shoes outside of his home.

"I wear a large part of my collection out but there's a lot of stuff I keep on ice," Roter said. "A lot of my original stuff will never see the light of day."

## What's Up

**Halloween Candy Count:** Oct. 30 at North campus, winners announced Oct. 31

**Strange Matter:** Oct. 30 - Nov. 7, at Ontario Science Centre, \$14

**Savage Garden Halloween Party:** Oct. 31 at Savage Garden, 550 Queen St. W, \$5 at the door

**Dreams and Nightmares, 7th Annual Halloween Art Show:** Oct. 31 at The Blue Moon Lounge, 725 Queen St. East, 8 p. m. for 19 and up, \$7 at the door

**Chum FM Halloween Bash:** Oct. 31, 11 Polson St., \$20

**Movie Night-Bad Boys 2:** Nov. 3 at lecture theatre, North campus

## Asperger's Syndrome affects students

# Disorder makes socializing difficult

By Marco Recouso

Former Humber student George Monteiro is affected by everyday struggles more than most people because he suffers from a disorder many students have never heard of.

Asperger's Syndrome (AS) is a neurological disorder that affects social behaviour. People with AS seem to be oblivious to the unwritten rules of social interaction, such as facial expressions and body language, making it difficult for them to communicate with others.

"Employers don't understand. You may not look them in the eye, you may be nervous, but that's not because you don't have what it takes. It's just that you don't have the social skills to talk to them," Monteiro said.

Although he's had trouble getting and keeping jobs in the past because of this syndrome, Monteiro is now employed as an administrative assistant for the Asperger's Society of Ontario.

He says an estimated 150,000

to 200,000 Canadians suffer from AS. Individuals with AS interpret things very literally and have a strict set of rules they adhere to.

**"... many people couldn't understand me and I wasn't at their level..."**

Abrupt changes in routine or expectations can cause them immense discomfort.

"I have been alone most of my life. I found it hard to have a social life to begin with [because] so many people couldn't understand me and I wasn't at their level," Monteiro said.

AS sufferers often realize their differences but don't know how to

address them. As a result, such individuals are isolated, resulting in depression, frustration and despair.

Although often interested in making friends, they don't understand how to go about establishing or maintaining friendships.

"Just because I say something stupid, people think I'm weird," Monteiro said.

Despite their problems with social interaction, individuals with AS are extremely intelligent and may have tremendous creativity that could lead to great achievements if encouraged and given the opportunity to succeed.

While there is no cure for AS, help is available. Groups such as the Asperger's Society of Ontario hold Adult Outings, a monthly social group. The focus of the group is socializing and establishing relationships. For more information about AS please contact the Asperger's Society of Ontario at [info@aspergers.ca](mailto:info@aspergers.ca) or leave a voice-mail at 416-651-4037.

## Humber students not alone in time of grieving

By Chris Riddell

The pain of losing a loved one can be devastating, but Humber students can find a sympathetic ear at no cost.

Counsellors are available through the Tragic Event Support Network (TESN) to talk to students who need help during their time of mourning.

According to Jeff Caldwell, funeral services program coordinator, students are welcome no matter who or what they're grieving for.

"It doesn't need to be a person, it could be a pet. It could be grief because somebody close to them moved away," he said.

Regardless of the cause, Caldwell says pain must be acknowledged and dealt with in a suitable manner.

"A lot of people will turn to alcohol, but that's not effective," he added. "All that is doing is pushing the problem deeper and deeper, replacing a bad feeling with a good feeling, but they are not dealing with the root of that bad feeling."

According to Caldwell, it is important to find an outlet to release the pain and anguish of loss and the TESN allows students to do just that.

When a traumatic event occurs, and it has an effect on certain students in the school, the TESN finds those students and invites them to a group counselling session.

"When people are mourning together, that's when a group can be beneficial to them," said Vinnie Mitchell, a counsellor and program coordinator for the TESN.

Grief affects different people in different ways, according to Caldwell. It can be physical or psychological and is always unique to the person who experiences it. He adds that grief affects personal relationships especially in terms of trust.

He also says that no matter how intense the pain we have to learn to live with it.

"We readjust what we do to accommodate that loss that has taken place," Caldwell said.

For more information contact 416-675-6622 ext. 5090

# Applying lip gloss may be more addictive for some

By Steffani Mowat

Too much of anything can be addictive, including the motion of constantly applying lip balm.

Kelli White, a second-year Fitness and Health Promotions student at Humber, says she knows this and doesn't care.

"I need it," she says. "I apply it twice an hour, I even put it on in class when I'm bored."

Harpreet Dhadwal, second-year Business Administration student at Humber, is also hooked. "I feel like I need it. I'm definitely addicted," she said.

While some women believe lip gloss completes their look and makes their lips appear more attractive, finding the right kind of lip gloss can be tricky.

"Kissing a chick with sticky lip

gloss is like kissing a frozen steel pole in the middle of winter," Humber student Ian Boychuk said.

But do not misunderstand him. He says the smooth, flavoured kinds are great.

Women are not the only people who may feel that they "need" lip balm.

Men who wear chap stick and lip balm are also susceptible to becoming addicted.

However, using lip gloss can be worthwhile.

"Some lip applications are beneficial because they contain SPF 15 or more, which prevents damage from sun and skin cancer," Marg Anne Jones, health centre manager, said.

With so many different brands, textures, colors and flavours it's easy to be tempted.



Students applying lip gloss constantly may feel addicted.

If you feel you might have a dependency problem, don't worry, your lips will eventually regain natural lubrication if you stop using the gloss.

If that does not work head for a rehab center. Check out the Lip Balm Anonymous website at <http://www.kevdo.com/lip-balm/addict.html>

# Revenge is sweet

*Revenge Lady comes to the rescue of jilted lovers*

By Lydia Dumyn

Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned, and Christine Gallagher, also known as Revenge Lady, offers advice on how to fight dirty, but with rules.

If you've been burned and could use a pick-me-up, but a cup of international coffee and a rant just won't cut it, try a little revenge therapy. You'll find out how on the website.

**"It seems natural to want bad things to happen to people who've wronged you."**

Gallagher started the site two years ago, and now everyone wants a piece of the Revenge Lady. Averaging 600,000 hits monthly, Gallagher says the demand is too high for her to personally respond to each request for advice.

"We do break-up calls, break-up letters, pointed gifts like 'the finger'...and regular written advice," Gallagher said in a recent interview.

Her site also has entertaining features like top ten revenge stories, celebrity revenge of the week, a revenge quiz and revenge rules.

Advice offered on the website includes, "Don't break the law," "Cover your tracks" and "Once revenge is consummated, move on. It's over."

Prior to joining the world of e-advice, Gallagher authored *The Woman's Book of Revenge* and *The Woman's Book of Divorce*, featuring real life stories of women wronged and what they did to settle the score. After the success of her books, Gallagher made her advice available on the web.

"As for advice qualifications," Gallagher explained, "it's just the school of hard knocks. The advice column started as a small item on the site and quickly became the most popular. Many people seem genuinely helped by the advice, which makes me think I'm good at seeing answers to others' problems, which is always easier than seeing answers to one's own."

Gallagher said that although the site is fun and ironic, a well-planned act of revenge can be good for the soul.

"Revenge is an old tradition, and fantasizing [about] revenge can be quite cathartic. It seems natural to want bad things to happen to people who've wronged you."

Elizabeth Ridgely specializes in

therapy for individuals and couples at the University of Toronto's Department of Psychiatry, and agrees with Gallagher that ideas of revenge can be just the thing to help mend a broken heart.

"If the idea of revenge is connected to recognizing the anger of being jilted, and therefore mobilizing the [person], it is good," Ridgely said. "Depression and feelings of low self-esteem following [being dumped] can be immobilizing and lead to inaction and a general withdrawal from the world. Anger or indignation can lead to action, which is healing."

Ridgely added some advice of her own. "Do not fall down because of a dump."

Culinary Arts student Mel said she wouldn't go as far as seeking out the services of a professional revenge artist to help her serve up some just desserts. But she agreed with experts that a little revenge can be just what the doctor ordered to bring someone up out of a hole. "Let the punishment fit the crime," she said.

Of 25 Humber students surveyed, 18 said they would seek revenge on an ex who has done them wrong. Twelve of these said they have sought revenge. The number one retaliation? Hooking up with one of the ex's friends.

Visit [www.revenge lady.com](http://www.revenge lady.com) for some suggestions, or just for fun.

# Corporate twist on timeless tradition



By Michelle Milligan

A Barrie couple's recent decision to have a "corporately sponsored" wedding has sparked debate among wedding experts and Humber students.

From the menus to the wedding gown, the couple is prepared to have ads and logos everywhere. Businesses would pay for the advertising space, which in return would enable the couple to pay for their wedding expenses.

The Toronto Star featured the couple's story on Oct. 4. The bride gave an example on what corporate sponsorship would be like. "Instead of a regular gift registry, we might ask guests to contribute money toward our first home and then take out a mortgage with the bank that might sponsor us."

Humber couple Lara Alghoul and Hani Dokainish, both 19 and first-year business students, aren't keen on the idea.

"Marriage is something serious and shouldn't be business-related," Dokainish said, adding when he gets married, he wants to keep it simple.

His girlfriend agrees and won-

ders why business is being mixed with pleasure.

Donna Stasko, wedding planner and owner of R.S.V.P. Party Planners in Mississauga, agrees.

"Allowing corporate sponsors to become a part of it by advertising their businesses and products at the wedding seems to turn the event into a business affair," she said.

"Weddings should be nothing but love, friendship and comradeship."

Stasko added that the majority of wedding planning businesses wouldn't take on a couple who insisted on using corporate sponsors, since there is no profit in it for them.

Mave McCambridge, an industrial design student, and her boyfriend Shane Rajapakse, a former Humber student said selling ads at a wedding is a smart idea.

"It would be good for people who don't have any money," McCambridge said.

Rajapakse said that parents usually help out financially at weddings when they can, "but if they're not around or don't have any money, this could be good."

# When boy meets girl: love e-style

By Robyn Thomas

It's October, and assignments are piling up. You scorn midterms, look back on the summer and wonder where has my social life gone?

College life offers an array of opportunities to meet new people, but if you can't find the time between school and other commitments, help is at your fingertips.

Whether you're looking for love or friendship, the Internet offers opportunities to connect with people and spice up your life.

If you're looking for love, try clicking on [25dates.com](http://25dates.com). Imagine, in one night you have three minutes to sit down individually with up to 25 different possible dates.

You then decide who you'd like to "see" again. If there is a spark,

contact information is just a mouse-click away.

If that sounds a little too exhausting, [Lavalife.com](http://Lavalife.com) lets you explore your options.

Humber grad Desmond Trchala surfs for love, and recommends giving it a try.

"I heard of it through a friend and thought it would be a fun way to meet people. I went in with a sense of humour and an open mind."

He said he was leery at first, having heard a few horror stories, but he's met a few people and the experience has been positive.

"We made initial contact through Lavalife, then e-mail, later a few telephone calls and then went for a coffee," he said.

Not everybody is comfortable with meeting people online. Michelle Benaim, an interior design student, thinks Internet dating services are risky.

"You don't know anything about the person, who he is, or where he

came from," she said.

If you have a thirst for adventure, [meetmarketadventures.com](http://meetmarketadventures.com) offers exciting events for singles. Don't let the name turn you off, because founder Travis Hartley, said it's "a play on words" that has worked well for the company. It was rated one of the hottest compa-

**"If you meet someone, great. If not, you've had fun on the adventure."**

ber of men and women.

"If you meet someone, great. If not, you've had fun on the adventure," he said.

The local events cost anywhere from \$10 to \$105. This month, you can sign up for introduction to boxing or hang gliding, and can even participate in your own Amazing Race (based on the hit reality TV show) or enjoy a day of golf.

But, if you're not quite ready to meet people via the Internet, or if it doesn't fit in with your budget, there are many ways to meet people on campus.

Humber currently has 25 applications for student clubs under review, including the Caribbean Culture Society, the Lifeline Christian Society and the Humber Environmental Action Club.

Once Humber decides which clubs to endorse, HSF program director Aaron Miller says there will be a Club Fair held in the student centre at the end of the month.



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# Humber grads set the scene for success through Elnino Cinema

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Carrer said the concept of the film is complex overall, yet simple at heart. Koebel, cinematographer, likes to call *Desperate Souls* a "horror movie with brains."

"It's an intense horror that puts a group of anti-heroes - a hero but not by traditional standards - in a position to fight against evil. Throughout the movie, these anti-heroes become likeable and their pasts and other secrets are revealed to fully flesh out the character. By the end you see the genuine evil in the world rather than the workings of human instinct,"

Carrer said.

What makes *Desperate Souls* such a unique film is that it is entirely self-created (written, directed and produced) by Elnino.

"It is truly an "independent" film. It is completely self-funded with no government grants or help of any kind," Koebel said.

The three creators paid all of the \$15,000 production costs out of their own pockets, with savings and money from part-time jobs.

But they're quick to point out the tremendous volunteer support they've received, including 50 actors.

"We have a crazy amount of volunteers pretty much doing everything for the film. We credit them with the success of the movie so far because they are as thirsty for the film

industry as we are," Archibald said.

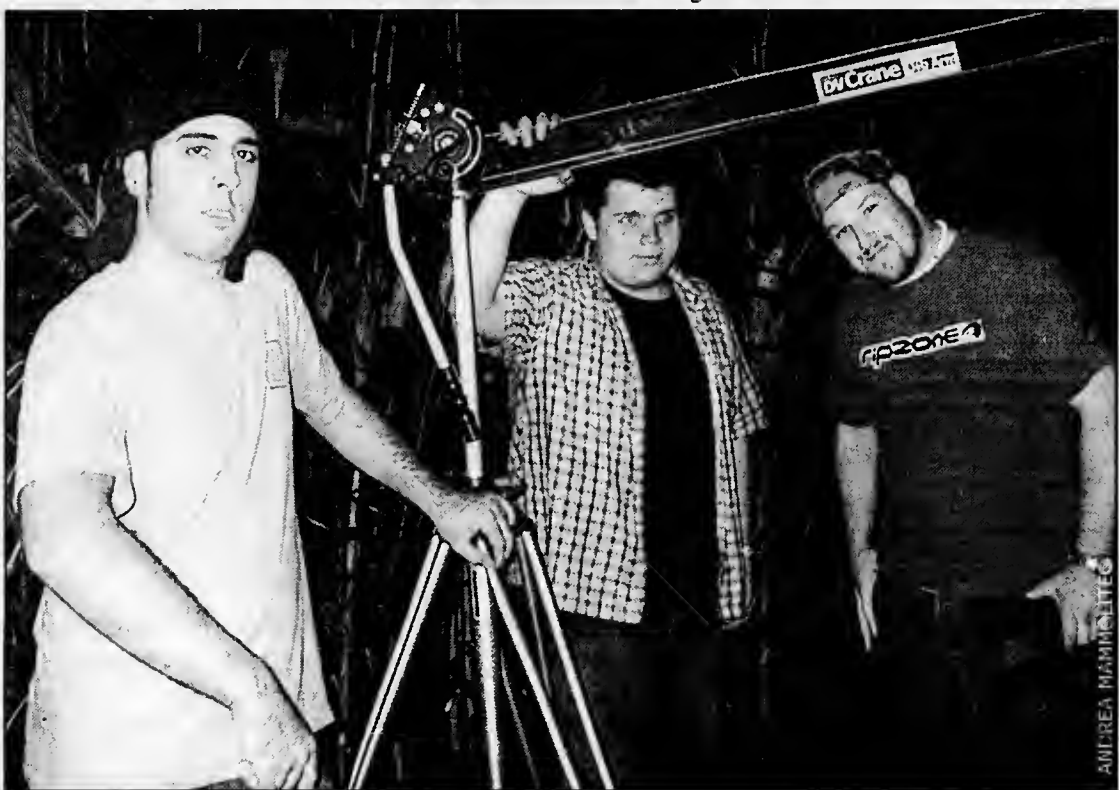
According to Carrer, the most challenging aspect of being young entrepreneurs is being new in the business.

"We are constantly working, night and day, to establish a name for ourselves and to help us get recognized as a serious film house," Carrer said.

A screening of the *Desperate Souls* teaser/trailer will be held at the Trasheteria in Guelph, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m.

Most of the filming is complete and the trio are heading into a year of editing and post-production. The movie is set to be released next fall.

For more information visit [www.desperatesouls.com](http://www.desperatesouls.com) or [www.elnino.com](http://www.elnino.com).



The men behind Elnino Cinema: Philip Carrer, Adam Koebel and Chad Archibald. Top photo: Make-up artist Leah Jane voluntarily did all the special effects for the movie.

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## OCAA provincial soccer championships

**Hawks come up short**

*Women's team shut out of medals for first time since 1997-98 season*

By Phil Messina Jr.

The Humber Hawks women's soccer team dropped two games at the provincial championships last weekend, marking the first time in six seasons that the team came home without a medal.

However, the Hawks did bring home some hardware at the OCAA banquet last Thursday night.

Anna Tripodo and Sonia Furtado received certificates as OCAA all-stars, and Humber won a team award for having the best record in the west division.

In the provincial championships, which were held at Frank Clair stadium, the Hawks lost 3-2 in extra time against the Fleming Knights in the bronze medal game on Saturday.

Humber finished fourth out of the four teams, but felt they deserved a better outcome because of their hard work and determination throughout the season.

"I didn't think that out of the final four teams that we were the fourth worst team here," coach Vince Pileggi said. "I thought

our girls were very unlucky this weekend, especially in the bronze medal game."

The Hawks opened up the scoring in the 34th minute when Furtado crossed a ball into the penalty area on a corner kick. Joanna Kontonikolas was stopped on her header but Emilee Barrington put in the rebound.

Then only four minutes later the Knights tied the game on a free kick that beat Hawks goalie Jessica Cordier.

The second half continued to move back and fourth with scoring chances occurring for both teams. Fleming jumped ahead at the 67 minute mark when goalie Vanessa Galle was beaten by a shot just under the crossbar.

In injury time, Humber's Tripodo scored a beautiful goal from outside the penalty area on a free kick to tie the game at two.

"I was going for the goal because I saw an opening," Hawks' 'player of the game' Tripodo said. "I knew [Fleming] wasn't ready and I aimed for the

top left corner."

In the second extra time, with only about seven minutes remaining before penalty kicks, Fleming scored the bronze medal winning goal to send the Hawks home empty-handed and broken-hearted.

"The girls showed a great deal of character and a great deal of confidence," Pileggi said. "They played extremely well."

It was the second tough loss in a row for

the Hawks, who saw their provincial championship hopes dashed with a 4-1 loss to the Algonquin Thunder on Friday.

In the semi-final game, the Thunder made it 1-0 early in the game before the Hawks tied the game in the 17th minute as Barrington was stopped on the initial shot but Furtado was there to put in the rebound.

Algonquin jumped ahead late in the half

with two goals that beat Hawks goalie Vanessa Galle in the 31st and 43rd minute.

The Thunder scored another goal in the second half to seal the 4-1 victory.

However, coach Pileggi was not disappointed with his team's play on the weekend.

"We expected much better and I think the way we played we deserved better," Pileggi said.



Humber's women's soccer team lost both of its games at the OCAA championships last weekend in Ottawa. The Hawks lost the semi-final game 4-1 to Algonquin and the bronze medal game 3-2 to Fleming.

**Men's team loses in extra time**

By Geoff Rohoman

It was a heartbreaking weekend for the Humber's men's soccer team, as they didn't bring home a medal in the OCAA Provincial Championships in Ottawa.

The Hawks lost their semi-final match to the Algonquin Thunderbirds on Friday and then lost the bronze medal game to the Fanshawe Falcons on Saturday.

"The results were really disappointing," assistant coach Arturo Alava said. "I've never seen this team play the way they did today. They played great."

One minute into the semi-final game, with Ramirez still on the sidelines, Algonquin put one past goaltender Mike Silva for an early 1-0 lead.

But the early goal woke Humber up, as the Hawks started to dominate the game.

The Hawks finally tied the score in the 47th minute, when Matt Palleschi and Kwame Osei went on a two-on-one attack. Palleschi passed the ball to Osei, who calmly deposited it into the back of the net.

The team came out flying in the second half, looking like a team bent on becoming national champions.

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In the 72nd minute the Hawks appeared to have taken the lead, but the Thunderbirds goalie somehow

got a hand on Vito Del Duca's wide open shot.

With a 1-1 tie at the end of regulation, the game went into extra time.

The Hawks hit a crossbar in the first minute of extra time, but one minute later, Algonquin scored a backbreaking goal and won the game 2-1.

"It was devastating," Palleschi said. "We played excellent."

"[We] should be the ones playing for a gold medal," Alava added. "To outplay Algonquin in Algonquin is a hard thing to do, but we did that."

Humber faced off against the Fanshawe Falcons in the bronze medal game on Saturday. The two teams met earlier in the season's first game, with Humber winning that match 2-0.

Humber, visibly discouraged from the previous day's loss, came

out sluggish to start the Saturday game, giving up the opening goal in the 33rd minute.

Humber evened the score late in

**"We just didn't give the effort today that we gave yesterday."**

the first half, after Palleschi's shot hit the goal post and Mike Rodriguez buried the rebound to tie the game at one.

Humber took the lead in the 67th minute, when Cameron Medwin's shot was headed by Turner into the back of the net.

The Turner goal seemed to

wake up Fanshawe in the 75th minute, when they beat Silva on a free kick. They scored again, in the 77th minute, to take the lead, 3-2.

Humber tied the game in the 86th minute, thanks to nifty passing and a Medwin breakaway goal.

But for the second game in a row, the Hawks lost in extra time, denying Humber a medal and ending their season.

"We just didn't give the effort today that we gave yesterday," Palleschi said.

At Thursday night's OCAA Provincial Championship banquet, the men's team received the Best Defensive Team award and the award for winning the West Region. Mehmed Mehmedoglu and Diego Galeano were named OCAA All-Stars and Dominic Politano and Silva shared an award for top goaltender in the West.



## Men's hockey

# Hawks win Maybury Cup

By Eric Collins

The Humber Hawks men's hockey team are the 2003 Peter Maybury Cup champions.

The Hawks defeated the cross-town rival Seneca Sting 5-2 to win the two-day tournament, which was held at Westwood Arena on Friday and Saturday.

The game was a hard-hitting affair, however fewer penalties were handed out in comparison

to other preseason games that Humber has played so far.

Humber scored only three minutes into the first period on a goal by Terry Chikoski.

In the second period, Matt Shier's goal put Humber ahead 2-0, but Seneca battled back with a goal at 12:03 of the second period.

Halfway through the third period, Seneca tied up the game on a goal from one of their leading scorers Troy Thompson.

Hawks forward Jason Goldenberg scored the go-ahead and game-winning goal three minutes later to put Humber back on top. Goldenberg and Kenny Sousa added insurance markers en route to the 5-2 tournament-clinching victory.

Goldenberg's three goals and four assists captured him the tournament scoring title.

The Hawks went into Friday's match-up against the Carleton Ravens with the winner moving onto the championship.

The Hawks welcomed back Mat Neely from injury, which bolstered the Hawks defence under the experienced Chris Mei.

The game was a heated affair right from the drop of the puck as many big hits were delivered, but Humber came out of the first period leading 3-0, getting a goal from Seth Gray and two from Sousa.

Carleton scored early in the second period but Humber came back with two goals of their own from Jamie Chikoski and Goldenberg.

Carleton scored with 15:36 to go in the third period but that is as close as they would get as Humber iced off a 6-2 win with the first goal of the pre-season from Scotty Nicholls.

The diminutive Nicholls was one of the Hawks bright spots throughout the tournament, scoring his first pre-season goal for the team.

"That was a big goal," Hawks head coach Joe Washkurak said. "Everyone likes to see a guy like that succeed and it really pumped up all the guys to see [Nicholls] get his first goal."

The tournament win came at the right time for the Hawks, who are about to kick off their regular season this week.

"It is a good tournament for us to win," Humber forward Ben Addely said. "It is important that we go in on a high for the start of the season."

Chris Mei was named the tournament MVP. "[Mei] has really been carrying us on and off the ice," Washkurak said. "He is a leader on the ice and in the dressing room."

The Hawks hit the road on Saturday afternoon as they face defending champion St. Clair in Windsor at 2 p.m.



Hawks defenceman J.D. Smithson battles opposing forwards in front of the Humber net during the Peter Maybury Cup last weekend. The Hawks won the tournament, defeating the Seneca Sting 5-2 in the gold medal game Saturday.

## Rugby team limps into playoffs

Team reaches goal despite injuries, sub .500 record

By Kristine Hughes

The Humber men's rugby team made the playoffs for the first time in the team's two-year history, meeting an important goal they set at the beginning of the season.

Humber needed to hang on to their fourth place spot so they could contend in the OCAA playoffs this weekend. They managed to, but not in a spectacular fashion.

They lost last Wednesday's game 31-25 against second place Fleming Knights. On Saturday, they lost 19-0 to the third place team Conestoga Condors.

Fortunately for Humber, their 3-4 record this season was enough to help them clinch the playoff spot. The Hawks edged out Mohawk, who were also tied for fourth place.

Humber's higher goals for total secured the playoff berth.

"Our goal this year [was] to make the playoffs, because last year we were one game shy of making it," player Dale Essue said.

Despite Wednesday's loss, head coach Carey French said this was Humber's best game all season.

Player Joel Tremblay agreed. "Fleming missed a crucial pass

and we made the tackle, rucked over (pushed the opposition off of the ball) and gained possession," Tremblay said after the game.

Although the team's tackling was improved, players said the team needed to work on supporting each other to keep possession of the ball.

After Saturday's game against Conestoga, the coaches said they had "no complaints," but they weren't happy with the result. Assistant coach Alister Mathieson was pleased with the intensity and

tackling of the team, but said the team needs to work on correcting "fundamental mistakes," such as knock-ons (forward passes) and off-sides.

Mathieson added that the Hawks will spend this week in "three days of intense practice on the fundamentals."

Humber continues to battle injuries heading into the playoffs. Essue is still gone with an injured shoulder, while OCAA All-Star Steve Burkholder and kicker John Goodfellow are expected back after brief injuries suffered near the end of the season.

The OCAA playoffs begin Saturday in Niagara, with the Hawks playing the two-time OCAA rugby winners, the Seneca Sting.

## OffSide

By Joe Mucio



### Stu Hart remembered

There are very few men who transcend their sport.

Wrestling legend Stu Hart wasn't just a trainer or a promoter, he became a father figure to all those kids who stepped into the famed "dungeon" in his Calgary basement, with dreams of one day stepping into the squared circle.

In a business notorious for its backstage politics and sexual overtones, Hart was one of the few good guys left. He had patience for his students and wanted to see them succeed.

Many of wrestling's biggest names can trace their roots back to Hart. Chris Jericho, Lance Storm, Chris Benoit, Davey Boy Smith and the Dynamite Kid all got their start in this business under Hart's watchful eye.

Then, of course, there are Hart's legendary sons, Bret and Owen. To fans north of the 49th, they weren't just wrestlers, they were Canadian heroes who carved a place in wrestling history without being six foot 10 and over 300 pounds.

Those who had the privilege of knowing him mention how close the trainees became with Hart once they graduated from Stampede Wrestling. In his latest online commentary, Storm said, "We are all, in a way, an extended member of the Hart wrestling family, and we all shared a very sad day with the passing of the head of the family, Stu Hart. He will be missed, but more importantly, remembered."

He preached the value of mat wrestling, teaching the fundamentals of takedowns and submission holds because he knew that whether it was the Saddledome in Calgary or Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, the marquee said 'wrestling,' and that was what he was going to give his fans.

While modern day wrestling involves suicide dives off ladders and slams from the top of 10-foot stages, the next time you see one of your favourite performers lock the sharpshooter on his opponent, I guarantee the image of Stu Hart will pop into your head. And wrestling fans around the world can't offer a better tribute.

# Getting the crowd pumped

By Shannon Henry

When it comes to music selection, most of the Humber Hype's routines are performed to current sports hip-hop beats or remixes of the latest hip-hop flavoured themes.

"It's definitely music that will get the crowd going," Tina Maksic, a first-year Hype member said.

Director and team member Katie Hagan says the team tries to pick their music by what's new and fresh at the time of a performance.

"We mainly do hip-hop for basketball, but we also do pop. For hockey games, we do more alternative because that's what that crowd likes to listen to," Hagan said.

The Hype mainly dances to artists such as Michael Jackson, Outkast, Justin Timberlake, ODB and Christina Aguilera.

Sports fans, though, shouldn't expect to hear bands like Metallica and AC/DC at the games.

"We're there to get the crowd going," Louis Campos, a second-year member said. "I don't think rock music would get the crowd into the performance as much."



The Hype likes to incorporate many types of music into their performances, depending on the game that's going on.

SHANNON HENRY

## Men's v-ball team sets sights on opening night against the Huskies

By Christina Bernardo

The Humber Hawks' men's volleyball team says it is ready for the regular season, which kicks off tonight against George Brown College at 8 p.m.

Despite finishing third at the Durham College Killer Instinct Cup last weekend, the Hawks are still discouraged about their semi-final loss against Niagara College.

"Our goal was to play in the finals and we fell short," head coach Wayne Wilkins said. "They're all frustrated, and all for different reasons, and they've gotta learn some frustration is warranted [and] some of it isn't."

Since the tournament, Wilkins and assistant coach Dean Wylie

have re-evaluated the team's performance and established some set roles for the players. Matt Singh will be their libero, while Jeffer Chiem will take a quasi-libero/power position. Andi Demushi will play middle and Sokol Sakrama will be setter.

Although the team is highly skilled, communication breakdowns continue on and off the court.

"Maybe we're still not comfortable with each other," utility player Mike Smith said.

"Communication is a big aspect, he's [Wilkins] starting to do that with us more."

Having played in the Outaouais Challenge, Durham and many

exhibition games, the team is now looking forward to the regular season.

"We are a very confident team. We know we can play well and I believe in our minds we are the best team out there," Smith said. "[We're] passing the ball, playing our game

and just going out and doing our job that we have to do. If we can do that, we can beat any team in the league."

Wilkins agreed.

"I think that we've got a good team. [We have] a good bunch of guys and we're gonna get through this season and we're gonna be prepared for this season," he said.

Because of his team's experience, Wilkins said the Hawks have to learn how to earn

something rather than expect something.

"The unfortunate part with experience is they kind of feel as though they're kind of owed some-

thing," he said. "I think we're continuing to improve. We're still making some mistakes that are going to take time but we'll get them."

Wilkins game plan going into the first regular season game against George Brown is to "out-work, outplay, out hustle," he said. "I think we gotta work hard in our competition. It's the only way we're going to get everyone working together."

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# Raps tourney results



The Hawks put up a strong showing against the Marauders but couldn't get the win.

## CIS teams too much for Hawks

### Women's b-ball team unable to get past Brock/McMaster

By Luis Henriques

Playing in a tournament with mainly university teams, the Humber Hawks' women's basketball team put up a good effort despite not winning a medal.

With a shortage of players on the bench, the Hawks displayed a strong work ethic but lost to the CIS fourth-ranked Brock Badgers 84 - 64 during the Raptors Invitational Tournament at Ryerson University Oct. 24 and 25.

"Due to injuries, some girls had to play more minutes but we gave Brock a tough run," assistant coach Karen Bogle-Glenn said.

The Hawks faced a more experienced team with fifth-year Badgers forward Stacey Farr scor-

ing a tournament-high 29 points.

Erin Chamberlain led the Hawks in scoring with 20 points including four three-pointers, but player of the game honours went to Fayola Creft, who played a solid game scoring 13 points with two blocks, two steals and an assist.

Creft made some memorable plays, including faking a defender with a cross over and finishing it off by taking it down the middle for the jump shot. She was impressed with the Hawks effort during the tournament.

"We played really well as a team, and it helped us prepare for the season," Creft said.

The Hawks were down 41 - 30 at the half but started the second half strong by putting together a 9 - 4 run, capped by two three-pointers from Chamberlain and another three-pointer from Sarah Moxley.

The Hawks, though, started showing signs of fatigue as the Badgers strung together some runs

of their own to pull away for the win.

"We need to work on conditioning and continue to keep ourselves healthy to keep going for 40 minutes strong," Bogle-Glenn said.

The Hawks started off the tournament on Friday, playing the number one ranked McMaster Marauders.

Despite the experience of their opponents, the Hawks never backed off.

"I'm proud of the way they played. They were physically strong and we had first-year players playing against some fifth-year players," coach Denise Perrier said.

The Hawks were down 37 - 25 at the half and put up a fight in the second half but fell 74 - 43 to a tough Marauders team.

Erin Chamberlain was awarded player of the game for the Hawks, scoring 12 points with three rebounds and two three-pointers.

## Valiant effort by Hawks in semis

### Men's b-ball team narrowly misses finals appearance

By Jesse Grass

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team entered the Raptor Invitational tournament looking to make the finals, but fell one game

short of their goal.

The Hawks, coming off a second place finish in the Carleton Tournament, played an evenly matched Ryerson Rams team in their first game and came out on top 69-64.

The Hawks played well defensively in the first half holding the Rams to only 30 points, but turnovers kept them from taking a big lead, going into the half up 34-30.

"It was a tight game, every time we play Ryerson it's tight. Last year we lost twice in games just like this, down to the last minute and one was in overtime," Head Coach Mike Katz said. "Our guys toughed it out down the stretch so we're always happy to win and we'll take it any way we can."

Dejvis Begaj led the Hawks with 17 points, also adding eight rebounds, three steals and two blocks earning Humber's player of the game award.

Shane Dennie had 13 points, nine of which came from behind the arch and Roger Scott had five points, nine rebounds and two steals coming off the bench.

The victory put the Hawks into the next round and had them up against the number one ranked McMaster Marauders in their next match.

The Hawks were in tough against the Marauders in the first half, being down 36-8 at one time.

The Hawks made it close, but came up short, falling to the Marauders 83-73, ending their tournament.

## Women's v-ball team nearly pulls out win at Sheridan tournament

By Josh Grunberg

The Humber Hawks women's volleyball team lost in the finals to their long time rival Cambrian Golden Shield playing in a long and exhausting tournament this past weekend at Sheridan College.

The Hawks, who finished the weekend with a record of 5-1, lost to the Golden Shield 2-1 (25-21, 23-25, and 15-13) in a high energy, and entertaining match.

The quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals were all played in a three-hour time frame testing the stamina of the players, as there was little time to rest between matches.

Trailing by 10 points in the first game, a big block by Hawks veteran Kirsty Goodearle stole the momentum, which led to four straight Humber points. Trailing Cambrian 21-15, Hawks head coach Chris Wilkins called a timeout. The team responded and was able to close the gap to just two points before losing 25-21.

The second game was close throughout the match as neither team could build a comfortable lead. Trailing 22-19 and then 23-22, Humber scored three straight points to take the game 25-23.

The two teams battled back and forth in the third game and neither team could take a lead of

more than one point. Humber led 13-12, but could not close the door as Cambrian came back to win 15-13.

"It stings more losing to them than anyone else. There is such a rivalry there, it's been us and them back and forth over the years and we've had some good matches," Wilkins said. "I am pleased with how we finished the match as opposed to how we started it, that's for sure."

Although it was a tough ending for the team, Westervelt said the team is improving with every game it plays.

"We're getting to know each other on the court a lot better. Through practicing and playing games, our communication on the court is getting much better."

The Hawks had no trouble winning their pool, playing against many of the weaker teams in the tournament. In the playoffs, the Hawks first faced off against the Nippising Lakers who were tougher competition than what they met in pool play.

The Hawks needed a third game to beat the Lakers 2-1 (25-20, 22-25, 15-10) in their quarter-final match. In the semi-finals, the Hawks easily handled the Durham Lords, winning 2-0 (25-21, 25-15) to advance to the finals against Cambrian.

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