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Pumped Up:

Cheyenne Morin

Second-year fitness and health students Nathania Bron, Cristina Nunes and Kristina Maksic prepare for the Wellness Fair on Nov. 23. For full story see page 17.

Charges laid in campus car thefts

Man to face 43 charges; 30 from Humber lots

JASON BOWSER
CRIME AND SECURITY REPORTER

An arrest has finally been made in connection with a string of over 30 car break-ins Humber has experienced over the past year.

Sgt. Larry Dee of 23 Division police said a Humber student came forward after witnessing a man breaking into a car in one of

the college's lots.

"He was able to help us out a lot," Dee said.

According to police, most of the break-ins at Humber occurred during the day in parking lots five and seven.

Constable Omar Ahmad said the daytime occurrences of these crimes is a major concern.

"How would someone be

allowed to continue doing it during the day and no one was noticing it?" he asked.

Dee added that because the general public doesn't take much notice when a car alarm goes off, the thief had no problem stealing stereo equipment out of cars to sell in the north end of Rexdale.

"No one pays attention, and all the stuff's right there in the

car. It's like going to the mall to get a new stereo system," Dee said.

According to Ahmad, the thief took as much time as needed to cut the alarm wire since no one questioned what he was doing.

Any type of Honda vehicle is a target, Dee said, since they can be broken into without any tools and minimal damage to the car.

The thief had bought pass cards from other Humber stu-

dents, and used those passes to gain access to lots five and seven.

The police began surveying Humber's parking lots late last year after a series of thefts.

"We noticed that there was a pattern of several of these types of break-ins to autos," Ahmad said.

Working with Humber security, the police received faxes detailing student complaints.

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News



Tracey MacDonald

Journalism students got advice from a panel of industry journalists at the North Campus lecture hall Wednesday. L-R Stevie Cameron, Basil Guinane, Stan Oziewicz, Sue-Ann Levy and David Akin.

Campus security camera system could be better used, police say

GINA JASHEWSKI
CRIME AND SECURITY REPORTER

Humber's extensive security camera system is considered one of the best among area colleges according to police, but officials worry it's not being used as well as it should be.

"Your video here is the same as, or better than what they have at the airport," said Sgt. Larry Dee of 23 Division police. However, Dee added the system is "not being used to the extent that it could be."

John Davies, vice-president of Humber, says he doesn't disagree with concerns the cameras are not being monitored properly, but adds when they need to be monitored, they are.

"We don't have people looking at the cameras 24 hours a day, but neither do we have problems of the magnitude that would cause us the need to do that," he said.

Davies said until more cameras are needed, he'd rather see money spent on more pressing needs.

"The issue is how much are you going to invest in safety and we never fail to invest in safety if it's appropriate," he added.

According to Gary Jeynes, director of public safety, cameras are monitored periodically.

Jeynes said hiring more staff to monitor the cameras is an issue the college needs to examine in the future if the network gets larger, but the number of staff is "sufficient" at present.

'The cameras might record me getting mugged at 3 a.m., but they're not really going to help me.'

According to Jeynes, the digital video recorder (DVR) for the system is worth about \$15,000 and each camera costs about \$5,000.

According to Davies, having more cameras has led to a decrease in drug and car-related crimes on campus.

He added that having digital records also helps with court cases later on.

Second-year hotel and restaurant management student, Natasha Chandler, 19, says the school is good with security inside the building.

However, she said security needs to be improved outside.

"I feel safe on campus except when I leave at night. The cameras might record me getting mugged at 3 a.m., but they're not really going to help me," she said.

Charges laid in drug bust Undercover operation follows student tip

GINA JASHEWSKI
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Two Humber students and another man were arrested in the concourse area at Humber's North Campus Thursday afternoon following a police investigation into drug activity on campus.

The investigation started following a tip from an anonymous source to Gary Jeynes, head of public safety and security at the college.

Jeynes informed the Toronto Drug Squad who in turn began an undercover operation, recovering a quantity of marijuana.

Toronto Drug Squad detective Doug McCutcheon said the operation was underway for a few days.

John Davies, Vice President of Administration, said Humber has a zero tolerance policy for trafficking on campus.

He praised the vigilance of security, but said that he is not surprised such activity happened on campus.

"This is one big community. It's inevitable there would be

some activity like this that we wouldn't wish happen," he said. "There have been arrests for trafficking at Humber in the past."

Davies said he could not disclose whether or not the students who have been charged will be permitted to return to Humber because their information is pro-

'We've gotten lots of tips subsequently from this that we will pursue.'

ected by privacy legislation.

"The college took normal steps that it would take when students violate the code of conduct," he said.

Larry Dee, 23 division sergeant, said the individuals involved were not targeted. He said police knew at certain times of the day certain drugs were available and the investigation will continue.

"We've gotten lots of tips subsequently from this that we will pursue," he said.

Dee said police will make arrests for even the smallest amount.

"If you're at a party and you pass a joint to someone, it's actually considered trafficking," he said.

Jeynes said security staff and police reacted very quickly to the situation and it was handled in a tactful and skillful manner, but they still need help from students to put a stop to such activities.

"It's our goal to make the campus as safe as we can, but we also rely on students and staff to report anything unusual," he said.

McCutcheon said if students suspect or know of any criminal activity, they should notify the public safety officer at the school and call the police or Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

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Police encourage students to report all car break-ins

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Working with Humber's security, the police received faxes detailing complaints from students who had their cars broken into.

It was a month ago when their big break came with the Humber student's testimony.

"[The thief] is the biggest pain in the neck for you guys," Dee said, stressing that the one behind all of the break-ins is a big fish in the grand scheme.

Ahmad added that students shouldn't assume that the arrest

will bring an end to all car thefts.

"From what he's saying about other people, this is a common thing that a lot of people do."

Ahmad and Dee both urged students and staff to report to the police when their car is broken into.

"It gives us some ideas, some indicators of trends of where crimes are happening," Ahmad said.

"And if people aren't reporting it, we're not going to know where to have our resources to know where the problems are."

But Dee said there is a misconception that once students file a report to Humber's security, the report is complete.

"We have to get across to the students, if they're going to take the time to report it to Humber, then damn well take the time to report it to police," he said.

Charged with 43 counts of theft under \$5,000 is 23-year-old Jeffery Langdon. Langdon is currently out on conditional release and is not allowed to trespass on Humber College property.

United States

Condoleezza Rice was appointed U.S.

Secretary of State Tuesday. Rice has spent the last four years as George W. Bush's national security advisor. She replaces Colin Powell who resigned last week. Rice's deputy Stephen Hadley will assume her former post.

World Digest

United States

Purdue Pharma says it'll begin placing an electronic tracking device on its highly addictive painkiller Oxycontin to prevent largescale theft of the drug in pharmacies.

Iraq

Kidnapped aid worker Margaret Hassan has reportedly been killed, after Al Jazeera received a tape showing the Iraqi CARE international director being shot in the head.

United States

Russell Jones, widely known as

O' Dirty Bastard, passed away Saturday at the age of 35 after he collapsed while in the recording studio. ODB was a founding member of rap super group the Wu-Tang Clan. The cause of his death is not known.

Food at Lakeshore lacking

Not enough food at campus eatery to satisfy students

DAWN FARRELL
SENIOR REPORTER

Food services representatives will meet with Humber administration early next week following complaints about the nutritional value and availability of food at the Lakeshore Campus.

Paul Court, director of theatre production and an Academic Council representative, introduced the concerns at last Thursday's Academic Council meeting.

He said he had received many complaints from staff and students living on-campus about the food quality.

"One third of our students are living in residence. I brought that up because concerns were raised by the faculty and by the students. The production students demand very long hours. We have people working here at night and during the weekends," Court said. "The key (concern) was the students on campus because they don't have many other resources."

The Lake Café is the cafeteria closest to the residence and is the only on-campus eatery open on weekends.

Patrick Muldoon, a second-year golf management student who lives in the Lakeshore residence, says he questions the quality of food available.

"This past Sunday I ordered the ribs and potatoes special and the



Dawn Farrell

Patrick Muldoon, a second-year golf management student, checks out his options at Lake Café.

potato balls weren't even cooked because there was ice in the centre," he said.

The cafe is only open until 3 p.m. on Saturdays, but Lakeshore's food services Director Sanjeev Rohailla says he's coming up with other options to improve the hours.

"There were some students that came up to me with concerns," Rohailla said. "We are in the stages of doing something for Saturdays, but other days also."

Rohailla plans on providing frozen entrees for students to take to their rooms for Saturday night

dinner.

"I'm looking in to that and it's on my agenda to look in to different companies," he said. "Hopefully, I should be able to solve this before Christmas and, if not, definitely over the holidays."

According to the student services directory on Humber's website, food services "offers a variety of food venues to suit most everyone's tastes." However, Mark Lamb, a first-year business administration student, lives at Lakeshore residence and said he's not satisfied with the food choices.

"I'm not coming back because of the food. They just recently brought in sandwiches about a week ago and, if it wasn't for sandwiches, I'd be eating hamburgers every day," Lamb said. "I've been to the North Campus and it's the best place in the world compared to this."

Vice President of Humber College John Davies said the complaint at the meeting was the first he had heard about Chartwells food services at Humber Lakeshore Campus. He said he will review the problem.

"Chartwell's is really good in terms of responding to requests. We work well with them and they work very well with us," Davies said. "If we have problems we will work hard to improve them."

Humber Students' Federation Lakeshore Vice-president Administration Christina Zgela said she, too, had received numerous complaints from students, faculty and administration. She added she's working together with Davies to sort out the problem.

"It will get better and the Humber Students' Federation is taking action to have the students' voice heard," Zgela said. "We want to give the students the best quality that they're paying for."

For detailed hours of operation, or if you have suggestions, please contact Food Services at 416.675.6622 ext. 4250.

Beneath the Surface



**Olga Kirgidis
on the survey blues**

Maybe it's me, but when I think how I'd rate Humber as a post-secondary institution, my preferred method of expression isn't to use a tiny pencil I can barely write with to fill in the bubble that corresponds with the vague statement I agree with most.

Unfortunately, it seems every semester I'm forced to do this for each year by filling out a Key Performance Indicator (KPI) survey.

The experiences I've had with KPI surveys leads me to believe a lot of students don't take them as seriously as they should, myself included.

waste

As well, in so many of my courses last year, the time dedicated to filling out course surveys was spent less on rating our instructor who was standing outside the class and more on avoiding the survey altogether while we opted to talk and joke instead.

Although the surveys are important in helping to fund the courses and programs at the college, they also take up valuable class time from teachers, and create needless waste.

solution

For a college considered a place of advanced learning and technology, the way students at Humber are asked to provide important information seems archaic.

How about a more student and technology-friendly way so that there aren't dumpsters somewhere full of these things?

My suggestion is to have students fill out the surveys electronically over the Internet during class or on their own time.

The college could place the survey on the Student Record Services site and make filling out the survey for each course mandatory before a student is able to check marks online.

If only 75 per cent of students are satisfied with their experience at Humber, as noted in the 2004 KPI survey results, there is still some room for improvement.

Staff, students question disruption in class by surveys

JOANNE LEGIN
STAFF REPORTER

Some students and teachers are frustrated with the surveys that sporadically and inconveniently interrupt classes.

KPI surveys, otherwise known as Key Performance Indicators, measure how well Ontario colleges meet the needs of students. They also provide a basis for college funding.

The survey is conducted annually by an independent body to ensure programs remain strong, responsive and needs driven.

Despite their importance, some instructors are complaining about the interruption the surveys impose on class time.

Craig Patterson, a teacher in the Liberal Arts and Sciences program, says he'd like more notice for allotting time in his classes for the surveys.

"I have to plan courses 15 weeks in advance. Why can't we be told how much time they need? Why do they need to sneak it into our mailboxes?" Patterson asked.

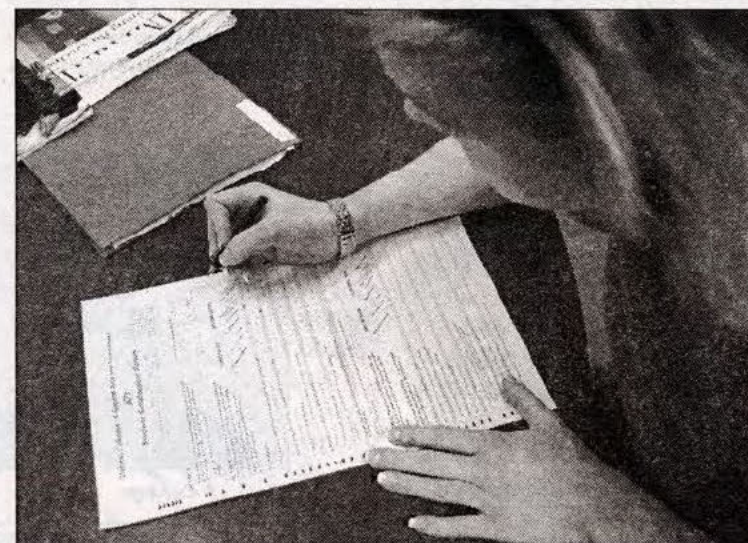
The college uses the data from the surveys to analyze the learning procedures in each program and to assess how effective and relevant they are in the marketplace.

"We take them very seriously at several levels around here," said Dr. Terry Piper, vice president of academics.

"We review them with the president's executive committee and I review them with the deans and we follow up in a formal meeting in the spring."

The surveys are sent out to Humber College Alumni and to employers who hire Humber graduates to get feedback.

Piper said complaints about the need for more survey notice



Cheyenne Morin

Students, employers and graduates who fill KPI surveys help the government determine how well colleges meet student needs.

has been taken to the deans to resolve.

The specific information collected from the surveys is posted on the web, along with statistical rates of graduation, graduate sat-

isfaction, employer satisfaction, student satisfaction and graduate employment.

For more information visit www.fit-system.humber.ca/KPI.

News

Costly restoration project helps to beautify Humber's Lakeshore campus

\$100 million renovations to historic buildings heralded as "incredible accomplishments"

LIZ WORTH
LAKESHORE REPORTER

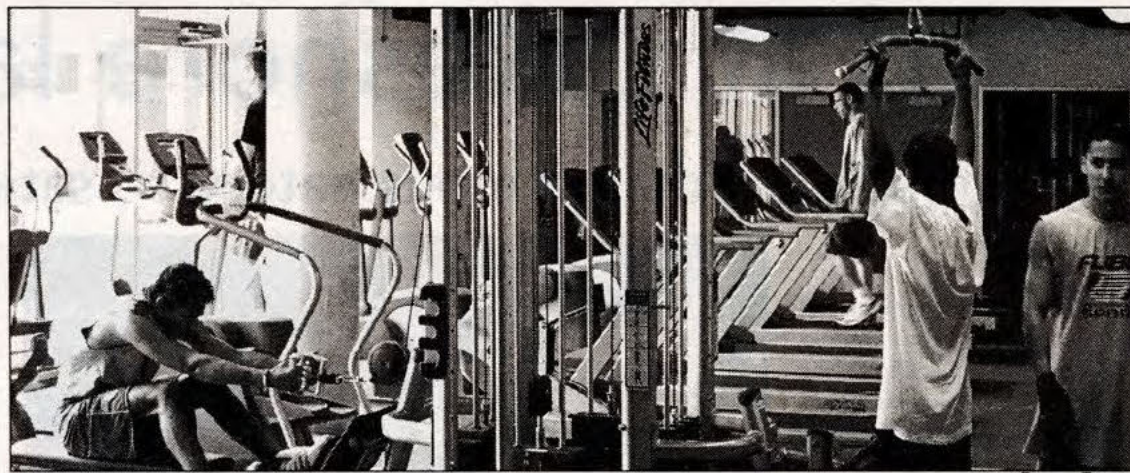
Since the early 1990s Humber's Lakeshore Campus has been going through a near constant evolution.

When Bruce Bridgeford, director of capital development, joined Humber College in 1976,

Lakeshore Campus consisted of only the A building.

"It was pretty basic stuff," he said.

But slowly the campus, which was formerly a psychiatric hospital, began to grow. Since 1990, \$100 million has been spent on the campus, with eight buildings



Dawn Farrell

Lakeshore's new athletic facility is one of many improvements the campus has undergone.

renovated and restored by 1992.

John Sutton, financial services director, said that the time it took to get these buildings back to standard was realistic.

"These are historic buildings. They had to be restored according to the Historical Society's standards."

The mid-90s also marked the relocation of the music department from the North Campus to Lakeshore, and one of the parking lots was renovated and expanded.

The school also built a new residence this year, which cost \$22 million. Sutton says the residence's price tag will be covered by the revenue generated from its tenants. Other new additions this year include an athletic facility, cafeteria, computer labs and student services offices.

"These are incredible accomplishments," Sutton said. "We can say those buildings were derelict, and now we have one of the pret-

tiest campuses in the area."

Closed due to health risks associated with mould and pigeon droppings, three buildings on campus still need to be renovated. However, Sutton said those things are a non-issue when it comes to getting them cleaned up for renovations.

"The intent is to make all of the buildings operational," he said.

Bridgeford says more work will be scheduled at Lakeshore when funds are available.

Sutton said so far the cost of expanding the Lakeshore Campus has been a great value, especially since preserving buildings to meet historical standards costs a little more.

"They're buildings put up in the Victorian age," he said. "I have a fond sense of quality of construction with that kind of architecture. There is a lustre that some modern buildings don't provide."

Online courses prove both convenient and popular

JOANNE LEGIN
BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORTER

No teachers? No lectures? Virtual classes? The future of learning is here with Humber's approval last week of 15 more online courses which will make education much easier to access.

Information provided by colleges like Seneca, Sheridan, Algonquin and Durham shows Humber has the largest number of registrations in online courses. Currently, Humber has 231 online courses in more than 25 certificate or diploma programs, including accounting, business and management, community and social services, computer/Internet studies, health studies, nursing, hospitality and tourism, teaching and training, technology and writing.

Cheryl Goode, a recent graduate from Humber's nursing program, now working as a registered nurse, has taken two online courses to specialize in her field.

"It's very convenient for me, because I work full-time," she said. "The deadlines are manageable, the course allots enough time to get the work done."

According to Humber College online, courses can be semester-based, with specific start and end dates, or the classes can be set on a timeline based on the date of enrollment.

Students can communicate with their instructor and fellow classmates via email, chats or discussion groups.

The cost of online schooling varies according to the individual course.

For more information, check out the Humber website www.onlinelearning.humber.ca/using-webct.htm.



Scott Wight

Canadian Professional Sales Association honours fundraising students with a prize of \$1000 for their assignment in which they developed a scholarship strategy.

Students unite to prevent looming tuition hikes Rae Review criticized over neglected issues

JESSICA GRAY
GUELPH-HUMBER REPORTER

Determined members of the Ontario Labour Federation (OLF) voted unanimously last week to support students fighting recommendations in the recently-released Rae Review.

At a Guelph-Humber meeting, the four-person panel called for Bob Rae to revisit alternatives to funding student tuition contained in his review of education funding in Ontario.

"Tuition fees are the single largest barrier for students attending post-secondary institutions," said Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) campaign Coordinator Pam Frache. "Bob Rae agrees we need more money in the system, but the problem is where it's coming from."

Frache says Rae is determined to finance post secondary education by increasing private funding

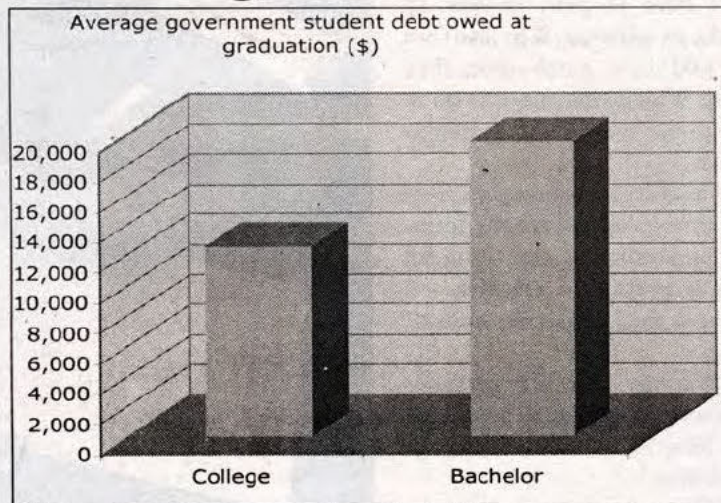
and user fees. He also promotes income contingent loan schemes for students.

However, the CFS says Rae should consider options such as free tuition.

The CFS has also produced its own discussion paper, workbook, and website that they say address the problematic issues of privatization and high student debt.

Ryan Whyte, member of the Central Student Association (CSA) at Guelph says that a CSA survey showed three-quarters of students are struggling with student loans and that half of those people have over \$10,000 of debt.

"Ninety per cent of the students we surveyed said they thought that tuition would get worse in the next five years. The other 10 per cent say it would stay the same. It's not a promising outlook," Whyte said.



2000 National Graduates Survey: Student debt

Members are also highly critical of the round table discussions saying that there isn't enough student involvement.

Leila Wills, a Guelph-Humber student and CFS representative, told the meeting it's important to have at least one student at each table.

Humber Students' Federation (HSF) Director Chris McNeil added students should get more involved in the Rae Review process.

"Tuition fees could double and we'd have no one to blame but ourselves," he said.

Humber graduate challenges traditions

Delivering a sermon in a mosque is something no woman has done before

KIRK VILLAMARIN
SENIOR REPORTER

A Humber College business management graduate, along with another young woman, made history last weekend at a local Muslim mosque.

On Saturday 200 Muslims attended an Eid al-Fitr sermon at the United Muslim Association to celebrate the end of Ramadan.

Jabar Ally, president and imam

of the mosque, started the sermon at 9:30 a.m. An hour later York University student Maryam Mirza, 20, and Humber College graduate Naudia Ally, 26, did something that no woman had done before.

They delivered part of the Eid al-Fitr sermon.

"I did the conclusion, which is the general Eid message to everyone. I talked about Eid Day

itself," said Naudia who thanked the mosque for allowing this to happen.

According to Jabar, who is also Naudia's father, no one in the mosque objected to what happened.

"In fact the males applauded it. There was nobody in the congregation who said anything negative about it," Jabar said.

Maryam's father, Mohammed Mirza, the secretary of the association, said the only rule Maryam and Naudia broke was a traditional one, not a religious one.

"We just didn't follow what is called Sharia Law. These laws were set by men after the prophet passed away," Mirza said.

Jabar said his mosque believes in democracy.

"We're not dictators here," Jabar said. "We give everyone an equal share and rights regardless of their race, creed, colour and gender."

However, he accused other Muslims of infusing their traditions and values into their religion. "That is what is corrupting

the religion today," he said.

Mohammed echoed similar words. "Certain traditions that have been practiced by some Muslims as the right thing to do are wrong and wrong has become the right. People have practiced this the wrong way," Mohammed said. "So we have a big task ahead of us to get people on our side."

What differentiates this mosque from others in Canada,

he said, is that it's open-minded.

"We are a united Muslim association. We promote interfaith. We allow religious leaders to come here and speak. During the month of Ramadan, we had two Hindu brothers speak here and a Christian brother," he said. "We welcome the Jewish community to come here and speak. We have nothing to hide."

During the sermon, men and

Mixed emotions over death of controversial Muslim leader

OLGA KIRGIDIS
NEWS EDITOR

The death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, a man who eluded death countless times before succumbing to illness, has filled many in Toronto with mixed emotions.

Liberal arts and science instructor Gary Begg calls Arafat's death "unfortunate," but says Muslims living in Canada may see this as an opportunity to bring peace where Arafat could not.

"Obviously there is some

remorse over his death, but I think many of them would see this as an opportunity to make some progress towards developing a state and bringing peace to the middle east," Begg said.

Travel and tourism student Nuray Bezirgan is still mourning Arafat's death and says there is great sympathy for the Palestinians' loss among Muslims in Canada.

"I feel every day for the Palestinians. He was a powerful leader and we have a lot of respect for him," Bezirgan said.

Bezirgan and her husband Erol, also a travel and tourism student, say they believe Arafat did not die of natural causes and that his death will not help resolve the long standing conflict between Israel and Palestine.

"I don't believe there will be peace ... It's very difficult because both sides think the other has occupied their land," Erol said.

First-year marketing student Dalia Sulaiman, says she is sympathetic, but that she didn't consider him [Arafat] a good man.

"I feel bad but I don't think it's that big of a deal. He was old. We have no connection with him here and I don't think he was a good guy," she said.

Arafat died last Thursday in France after falling ill. He was 75.



Dawn Farrell

Mohammed Mirza and Jabar Ally from the United Muslim Association encouraged the women to speak.

Millennium scholarship report debated

\$10 million could have been used to alleviate student debt

KRISTEN KING
NEWS EDITOR

The Millennium Scholarship Foundation report called *The Price of Knowledge* is under attack for its multi-million dollar price tag.

The Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation's (CMSF) recently released report has been the subject of harsh criticism from the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance (OUSA), a coalition of university student councils.

Graeme Stewart, policy analyst and director of communications for OUSA, said the CMSF study is merely a package of data previously collected by Statistics Canada, and is a waste of money.

"Stats Canada's data was good enough and didn't need to be reproduced," Stewart said. "The \$10 million spent to conduct the study could have been used for students."

But Joseph Berger, a correspondence officer for CMSF, said the report is a comprehensive effort to collect existing data, simplifying it, and filling in the holes.

Although he did not know the

study's cost, he said the money did not come from students.

"The purpose of the study was to look at the costs of education at a broader level," Berger said. "The system is not perfect and this study will help us look at ways to improve it."

OUSA also warned that the foundation's report has put a political spin on increased enrollment, taking emphasis away from rising tuition fees and decreased government funding.

But Berger said tuition fees are not the main reason for post-secondary debt, so CMSF looked at other contributing factors such as rent and cost of textbooks.

"In the big picture, the impact [of tuition fees] is not as big as you think," he said. "Tuition only accounts for about 25 per cent of the cost of post-secondary education. In fact, apartment rates have the biggest impact."

It's not just the cost of the report that has OUSA fuming, however.

OUSA has taken issue with government spending on the Millennium Foundation overall, arguing their initiatives do not

alleviate student debt. Instead, Stewart said one federal financial aid program has replaced programs that previously existed at the provincial level.

"Students are worse off [receiving the Millennium Scholarship], as they are being taxed on their scholarships, something they didn't face on the Ontario level," Stewart said.

"Because of this, students have been giving their scholarships back."

Berger denied that scholarships have been returned, noting that the government has recently increased free money allowances from \$500 to \$3,000.

He said the report shows the government has increased spending to post-secondary education

by \$2 billion in the last five years. This money has gone into tax programs like tuition grants and Canadian education savings grants, rather than student loan programs.

"The system is not perfect, but in the end, there are more students and less money, and many students who are in need of assistance will be pushed out of the system," he said.

Berger urged OUSA to read the report, look at the data and join the discussion.

"At the end of the day we are all on the same side," he said.

For *The Price of Knowledge* findings visit: www.millenniumscholarships.ca

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Editorial

A new hope for peace

When Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat passed away last week, Palestinians stopped to mourn the death of the only leader many of them have ever known.

However, in recent years, Arafat had become an obstacle to the intermittent peace process in the region due to his failure to crack down on militant groups like Hamas or the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade for their attacks on Israeli civilians. Granted, many of his Israeli counterparts are also to blame. Continued military assaults within Palestinian territory, and the fencing in of Palestinians in the West Bank are not conducive to peace.

But Palestinians now have the opportunity to take destiny into their own hands when they select a new leader in less than two months.

It is our hope that the Palestinians will be able to hold free, fair and un-obstructed elections.

Most important of all, we hope the Palestinian people select a leader who will be a viable partner for peace and who will crack down on militant factions in the Palestinian Authority.

But by the same token, Israel must stop all military action against the Palestinians. And we also encourage Israelis to abandon the building of a security fence around the West Bank. Finally it is crucial that Israel return to the negotiating table to get the peace process back on track. And it is equally crucial that the United States, backed by the United Nations, resume its role as a mediator between the two parties. Now that he is in his second term, George W. Bush is looking for something that can be considered part of his legacy. And we can think of no better legacy than the facilitation of a Middle East Peace Agreement.

Letters to the editor

Bryant doesn't know pit bulls

Dear Editor:
Re: Pit Bull Ban

I don't know if you caught City TV's segment on the Pit Bull Ban (Bill 132) and the hilarious interview with Attorney General Michael Bryant in which he fails to identify the pit bull when given pictures of various purebred dogs, then gets downright hostile with the reporter.

Is that NDP MPP Peter Kormos in the background unable to contain his laughter at what is taking place?

My website has a link to the video clip - www.killbill132.com.

Maybe you could give my site a plug so people can educate themselves about the reality of this breed and the absolutely scary "fine print" that Bryant is trying to covertly

sneak through along with it.

There's absolutely no advertising links on my site, I have done this all out-of-pocket.

I am a dog groomer by trade and have spent tens of thousands of hours with hundreds of different breeds in an environment they are prone to find stressful.

Pit bulls are nanny dogs - about as much of a "people dog" as you can get. Helen Keller owned one.

Unfortunately, they are also the dogs most likely to be abused by humans. We could all do better as people by inheriting their traits - courage, loyalty and forgiveness.

They deserve our help, not eradication.

Stephanie Bruschi,
Certified Master Groomer



Humber comedy student says Et Cetera lacks meaningless cartoon

Dear Editor:
Re: Reality Control Comics

Last year, the Et Cetera contained a poorly drawn comic of middling joke quality called *Reality Control*. I don't know if the artist graduated or what, but the comic is no longer in the paper. I hated *Reality Control*, but I took great pleasure in reading and complaining about it every week. Without a crappy comic, the Et Cetera loses so much. The editorial cartoon doesn't cut it either, the paper needs a meaningless comic.

Now, I don't know how you folks actually go about finding comics, so if you can get one on your own that's great. If not, I have a couple of solutions:

1. Track down the guy who

drew *Reality Control*, and force him to write at gunpoint. If this would require more resources than the paper has at its disposal, a piece of wood shaped like a gun could be substituted for a real gun.

2. I write a webcomic, consisting of the misadventures of Humber comedy students. It's a little over a year old, so you'd have a large archive to choose from if you'd like to print some of those.

3. I could assemble a crack team of comedy students to create the ultimate comic, each word of which would be written by no less than 12 individuals. And the drawings would be better than the stickiest of figures.

Anyway, regardless of how you do it, I hope that you return comics to the Et Cetera. Also,

you should expand the editorial pages to take over the lesser Sports and BIZ@ Humber sections. This new editorial section would make up no less than 60 per cent of the paper, and could have entire pages dedicated to meaningless issues such as people looking at the newspaper staff funny.

Charles Smith,
Comedy Performance and
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Opinions

Through the jaws of Milo

An American Staffordshire's thoughts on pit bull legislation



JESSICA MILLER
STAFF REPORTER

Let me introduce myself. My name is Milo and I am an American Staffordshire terrier. I have lived in Brampton for the past seven years in a loving home where I have been treated just like a little brother, except I drink out of the toilet.

I was devastated to hear that my breed was listed as a threat to society along with pit bulls. Although American Staffordshire terriers are unfamiliar to the public, we shouldn't be shoved into a proposed ban on pit bulls due to their recent attacks on other dogs and humans.

Including us in the ban will ruin our reputation of being a friendly and intelligent breed. American Staffordshire terriers are very affectionate and loyal companions. The American Kennel Club lists American Staffordshire terriers as excellent family pets and great with children. If the American Staffordshire terrier or Staffordshire Bull terrier is registered with either the Canadian or American Kennel Club, they will not be part of the ban, but unfortunately I never got my papers.

Being an American Staffordshire terrier, I love spending time with my family. I have my own bed where I sleep with a pillow and a couch where I can relax while watching TV.

I am an obedient watchdog. On walks I sit at every crosswalk until my owner advises me to go. I am strong, but I would only use my strength to protect my family from serious attackers.

It is unjust that my owners will have to take extra precautions when taking me out in public, as I have done nothing wrong. The

law I dread the most is having to wear a muzzle on walks.

Another part of the law that upsets me is that no other dogs like me will be able to come to Ontario. Should anything ever happen to me, my family will be unable to have another American Staffordshire terrier in their home.

You can't blame an entire breed and related breeds for one dog's unfortunate actions. Since dogs like the pit bull and American Staffordshire terrier are banned in Ontario, people want-

ing aggressive dogs may turn to larger breeds like Rottweilers and German shepherds.

A major flaw in the Ontario pit bull ban is that any other dog with similar characteristics to a pit bull must also follow these rules. You can check how easy it is to misidentify a pit bull by selecting the pit bull out of 25 pictures at the website <http://www.pitbullsouthweb.com/pit-bull/findpit.html>.

Thanks to Jessica Miller for typing this for me. It's kind of hard to type with paws.

Film rating system fails to make cut



ALICIA MEAHAN
STAFF REPORTER

I was recently watching *Soul Plane* on DVD with a friend. I'll admit we laughed a lot because the film was so stupid it was funny.

But one thing worried us: my friend's 13-year-old daughter had recommended the movie.

Soul Plane is non-stop swearing, sex, people talking about sex, wanting to have sex and having sex.

The movie is rated 14A. I thought, there is no way a 14-year-old – or my friend's daughter who saw it in a theatre – should be watching this film.

Maybe movie ratings should be changed, made more strict and enforced.

ratings

Right now, in Canada, the ratings are G, PG, 14A, 18A and R.

G means the movie is suitable for everybody. PG stands for parental guidance, while 14A and 18A are for people of those ages and older.

R means the movie is restricted to people over 18 because of the mature subject matter.

But should 14-year-olds – kids in grade eight and nine – really be entertained with nudity and sex?

influence

Is it any wonder that young teenagers are getting pregnant, getting drunk and smoking weed? Or that girls in elementary school are dressing like they're 20?

I believe some of this behaviour results when kids watch movies like *Soul Plane*, in which the young actresses act as if it's okay for men to treat them poorly.

Parents and older siblings should really sit down with young teens – especially girls – before they watch such films and remind them that life is not a movie.

Regulation freezes Japanese culture

Forcing chefs to use frozen fish will ruin sushi



SHIHO FUTABA
ONLINE EDITOR

Sushi has special meanings for Japanese people like myself.

In Japan sushi is not a day-to-day food, which it might be in Canada, but rather a treat for special occasions like anniversaries or family gatherings.

That's why it saddens me that Ontario health officials introduced a new regulation in September that bans raw,

unfrozen fish from being sold. Officials said, the regulation was created to prevent anisakiasis, a rare parasitic disease.

Sushi should not just be classified as a piece of fish and rice. Instead it should be considered an art.

In Japan, a sushi chef has to accomplish years of training during which they must clean everything from cutting boards to the floor every day before and after the restaurant's business hours.

Once the trainee chef can prove he can maintain a clean kitchen, only then can he learn about how to serve the food.

Thus, a skilled sushi chef would never serve food that could lead to food poisoning.

Unfortunately, in Toronto, there are many sushi chefs without professional training. If the government really thinks it necessary to make more strict regulations, it should first consider improving the training of hometown sushi chefs.

Finally, frozen fish tastes bad. The regulation would force restaurants to keep fish for seven days under -20 degrees, or for 15 hours under -35 degrees.

However the quality of fish cannot be maintained unless it is quickly frozen under -55 degrees because the normal freezing process destroys the fish cells.

So, even if the fish is frozen, its quality is lowered. And by the time the fish is served on the table, its taste becomes far from fresh.

Frozen shellfish is also out of the question. I have no clue how oyster bars can survive if the regulation is passed.

In the world's largest fish market in Tokyo, as the fish vendors' stalls get further from the sea, the prices of their fish are reduced because freshness is key.

And, for the record, a Toronto infection disease specialist says in his 28 years of practice he has never heard or seen a single case of anisakiasis.

I understand it is not the same in Toronto, which has no sea, but at least in turn I want Canadians to understand that sushi is a large part of Japanese culture.

Clearly this shows a lack of understanding by the government of Japanese culture.

Public Opinion

How do you feel about changing the ratings on movies depending on smoking content?



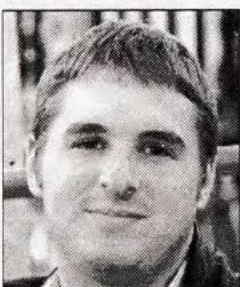
"I think that kids would be more influenced by their peers than someone in a movie."

Lyndsey French,
3rd year Business
Administration



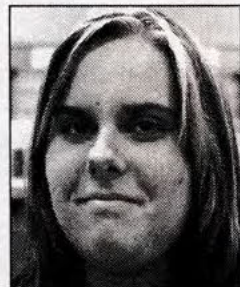
"If a kid can walk outside and see someone smoking, how is that any different than in a movie? It's pointless."

Dave Pitre,
2nd year Architecture
Technology



"I do not agree, maybe if it is an issue, instead of changing the ratings they should just give a warning."

Cameron Sally,
2nd year Architecture
Technology



"What's the point? Majority of our population smokes anyway, it's stupid."

Kristen Van Marrum,
1st year Packaging and
Graphic Design

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Lakeshore networking alliance gets students in new direction

NICOLE GRONDIN
STAFF REPORTER

It's not always what you know, but who you know.

The Student Networking Alliance (SNA), a Lakeshore Campus-based club, is putting this old adage into action.

The goal of the club is to organize activities that will introduce students to professionals, educating them on their chosen industry in regards to education, work ethics and the way the specific industry is progressing.

"We want to promote students to network themselves," SNA president Gautam Arya said. "How to promote yourself to a business, getting to know people,

and getting to know about what the business environment entails."

The SNA, which started in September, already boasts over 100 registered members and the club is looking to possibly expand to the North Campus.

They've been working with the Business Society, based at Guelph-Humber, and have distributed flyers on various planned activities, including a day trip to the Toronto Stock Exchange in December.

"The main problem we have at North Campus is that we don't know very many people yet," secretary Moyo Munyaradzi said. "It's hard to get people to listen when they're running to class."

SNA's founding members thought that Lakeshore Campus was lacking in educational, program-oriented clubs and decided to start the group as a means of providing students with more information related to their programs.

"We've worked with other clubs to get their information out there, to let students know that there are educational clubs," communications executive James Grigull said. "We'll do stuff for any program at Humber and we'll try to plan an event for anyone if enough interest is generated."

The SNA holds a business breakfast every Monday and has been approached by students in



Courtesy

Executive members of the Student Networking Alliance decided that the Lakeshore campus needed more education-based clubs.

the marketing and music programs about holding events.

"When people come out, we hear those specific questions

about their programs," Grigull said. "And when we find out what they're interested in, we can work to get something happening."

Think ahead to summer for internship prospects

Career centre expert offers students advice to get their careers started

MICHELLE RAMSARAN
STAFF REPORTER

It's past mid-November and most students are thinking about final exams and Christmas holidays. But, if you are graduating within the next year or so, you may want to start thinking about summer internships as well.

While most students wait until March, the truth is, the right time to look for one is now.

Karen Fast, manager of the Career Centre at Humber, says students should already be doing

research and gathering information.

"At least do your prep now so that you've got your list of contacts and all your research done long before...January," Fast said.

For students who don't know where to start looking for a summer job or internship, Fast suggests websites such as The Canadian Directory of Internships.

Fast also says students should look into professional organizations related to their field.

'Make sure that your resume is targeted towards the industry that you're looking at.'

To prepare, Fast says anyone applying for a job should have a resume and a portfolio ready to go.

"Make sure your resume is targeted towards the industry you're looking at," Fast said. "Try to put a section on your resume that talks about academic highlights so that you can say that you did some [work] in that particular field."

Important as a portfolio is, Fast emphasizes that students should be networking and doing their research.

"I keep suggesting that [students] target an industry because once you start doing that then

you start developing the connections, the professional associations, the network, the jargon of the industry," Fast said. "Then when you do an interview with the employer, you're speaking their language and to me that's magic. That's what the employers are looking for."

Visit The Canadian Directory of Internships website for more information at: www.cacee.com.

@tech update

JEREMY HILL
BUSINESS EDITOR

The days of the VCR may be numbered, but many different options are out there if you are in the market for a DVD player to replace your dinosaur of a VCR.

Better sound and picture quality have made this a hugely successful consumer product since its introduction seven years ago.

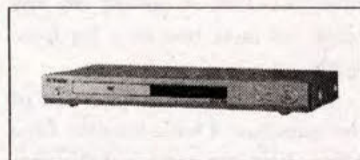
Like other gadgets such as personal computers and laptops, the price of DVD players has dropped dramatically over time.

Some players even have VHS capabilities alongside the DVD player so you can pop in classic videos as well.

All models come with a one-year parts and labour warranty.

Priced: \$99.99-\$249.99

Players for your viewing pleasure



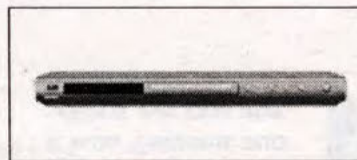
Samsung DVD-P242

The Samsung P242 player comes with the very latest in features to maximize your viewing pleasure.

A decoder system allows for MP3 downloads to a compact disc.

This player's progressive scanner provides smooth video rendering for high-density images. This system also has a 10-second instant reply feature.

Price: \$99.99

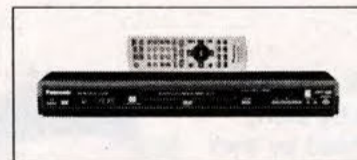


JVC XV-N312S

This all-in-one-player has several useful features, including express start, new high-resolution Graphical User Interface (GUI), 3-D phonic sound, as well as variable, slow search and resume functions.

The stylish player has an MP3 digital audio decoder and several other playback features that include DVD-Video, DVD and CD-R/RW capability.

Price: \$119.99



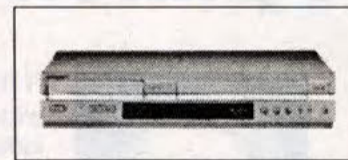
Panasonic DVD-S27K

The Panasonic S27K one-disc player is extremely user friendly.

The player has a digital audio decoder that makes it compatible with MP3s, DVDs, VCDs, CD-R/RWs, and JPEGs.

Other convenient features include quick replay and position memory, so you can recapture your favourite moment of a movie.

Price: \$129.99



Sony SLV-D350P DVD/VCR Combo

Enjoy those old VHS videos with this DVD/VCR combo from Sony.

Features include progressive output for DVD, as well as normal VCR recording functions that will allow you to record your favourite shows.

However, according to retailers, this handy two-in-one combo is more prone to technical malfunctions.

Price: \$249.99

Courtesy

Students get connected with their career

ASHLEY HOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

As the highest paid student employees on Lakeshore Campus, Student Business Advisors (SBAs) are putting their business and communications skills to use through Student Connections.

Student Connections, a government-based program, first trains students, then allows them to teach what they have learned to small and medium sized businesses.

Students are taught how to use computer-based programs and the Internet to manage their business

Shepansky, Student Connections provides interns with more than just a weekly paycheck.

The program gives students the opportunity to meet professional connections throughout the business industry.

Working for \$11.50 an hour, student trainers work an average of 15 hours a week.

Shepansky said students do

everything from teaching businesses how to use spreadsheets to how to advertise and market online. And, there is no limit to where SBAs can go.

"This week we are going to Niagara Falls for office training," she said. "It's exciting to take your work around the country."

Shepansky also said that the program caters to the students'

interests.

"If you are taking marketing we will have you working with advertising and making presentations. Or if you want to try something else, we can work that out too," she said.

Either way, she suggests students applying should be interested in working in an office type environment and be willing to

improve their business and computer skills.

Student Connections will be looking for more interns this January and April.

Interested students should drop off their cover letter and resume to Jane Shepansky's office in HB133 at the Lakeshore Campus.

"Massive failure" led to big success

Guest speaker motivates Guelph-Humber students and staff

SHEENA FACCIOL
STAFF REPORTER

Guelph-Humber students were wowed Wednesday by a presentation on social networking, aimed to teach students skills they can use to succeed.

Motivational speaker Danish Ahmed headed the presentation.

Ahmed explained how his success started out on a rough note, before he decided to change his life.

"What inspired me to become successful was massive failure," Ahmed said.

"I got exposed to the personal development industry at age 13. There, I realized what's most important in life is the way you think. The way you think is what controls your life."

The hour-long presentation was based around Ahmed's own

successful ideas and experiences.

"I said to myself I want to be successful, so I spent an hour commuting to a school that wasn't in my area and an hour going

'Networking is not about you, it's about other people.'

home everyday, just to hang around with people who had a different mentality," Ahmed said.

Students sat enthralled scribbling down the life advice Ahmed offered.

"Networking is not about you, it's about other people," he explained.

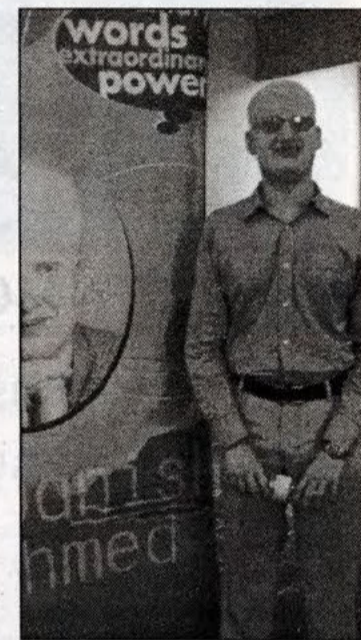
"Never worry about how many business cards you can hand out to people, but worry about how many business cards come to you."

Julia Pars, a first-year business student, said she was reluctant at first to attend.

"I didn't want to go to this, but my friend dragged me to it, and I am glad he did," she said.

"I learned a lot just in an hour of listening to Danish, and I feel motivated to call up people I lost touch with."

Students or staff who missed the presentation can go to www.ordinarywords.com to learn more about Ahmed himself and his ideas and experiences.



Sheena Facciol

Ahmed has won many awards for his speeches, and is one of the leading experts on personal communication technologies.

'The biggest benefit of being an SBA is the money.'

Peter Madott, international marketing management program director, said businesses have really warmed up to this new concept.

"More and more businesses are realizing the importance and advantage of computers as a business tool," Madott said. "It's a great opportunity to reinforce what students learn in school."

SBAs must complete four training modules, based on computer programs, that will assist the training. They must also pass tests to become certified by the government to legally work for Student Connections.

"The biggest benefit of being an SBA is the money. You can make a lot of money with this job," Jane Shepansky, student connections program co-ordinator said.

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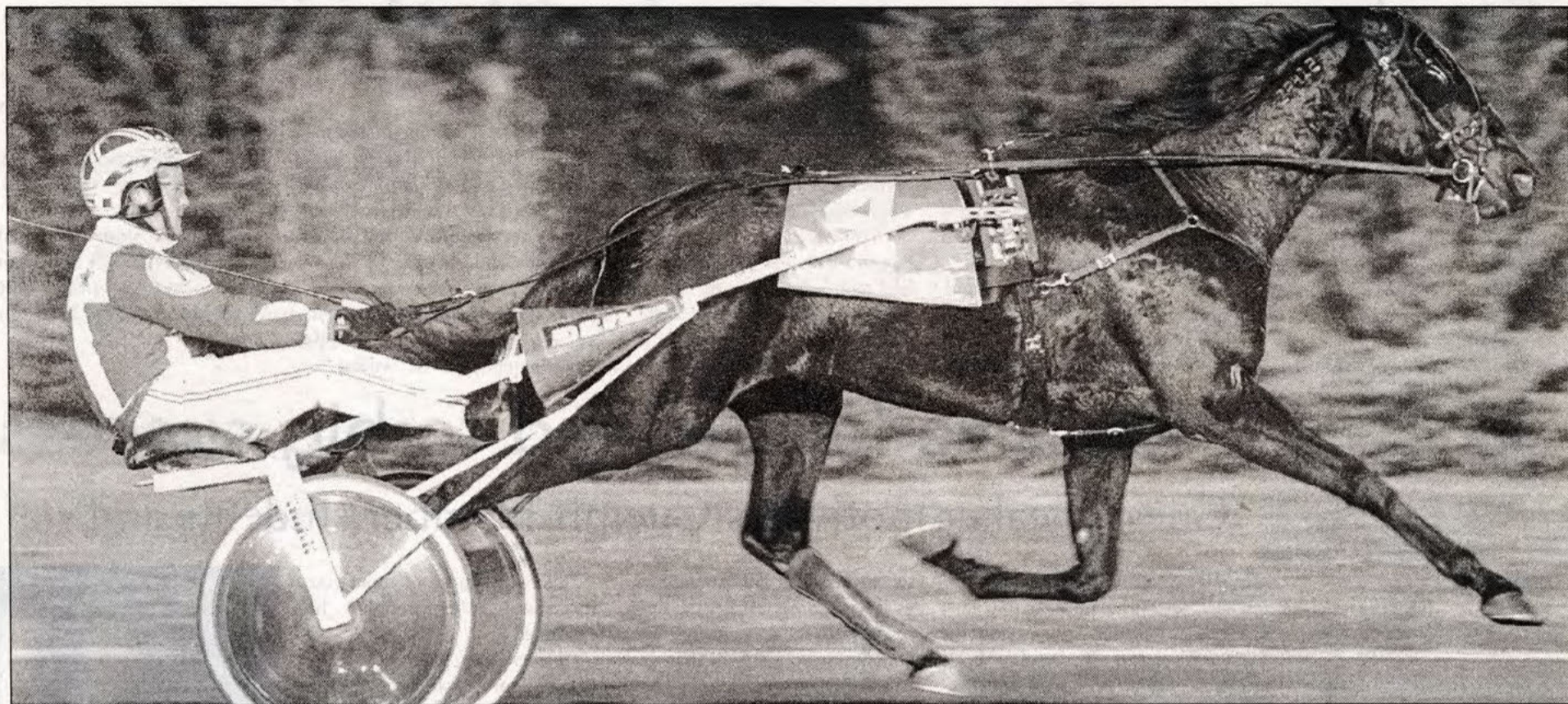
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In Focus



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Jeff Renton says most drivers race numerous horses throughout the night. Drivers have to place the horse, finishing in the top six, to get paid.

Watch your money run away on the dirt track

What happens when a rookie spends a night at the races

KRISTEN KING
NEWS EDITOR

There is something about the bright neon lights, the droves of ambitious gamblers and the chance of winning it big that gives a gambling house its irresistible appeal.

With a mere \$20 bill burning a hole in my pocket, I felt the call to roll with the big boys, to take my chances and get a taste of the world of horse racing.

The Woodbine Racetrack, located on Rexdale Avenue, is the hub of racing excitement in the GTA.

'I play the name game and choose Bronx Bombshell.'

If the intoxicating neon lights don't lure you in, the breathtaking, birds-eye view of the Woodbine Racetrack is sure to impress.

I arrive in the racing area at 6:30 p.m., where random gamblers are sitting patiently waiting for the live standardbred racing to begin. Other gamblers are glued to television screens watching live telecasts of races from

across North America - races the gamblers have the luxury of betting on.

Jeff Renton, a media co-ordinator for the Woodbine Entertainment Group (WEG), meets me and the tour begins.

Our first stop is the betting vendor. I need a crash course on the art of betting.

I am introduced to Tony, a betting veteran. He gives me the lowdown.

"With horses, you don't play probabilities like you do with other betting games," he says. "There are too many variables that can't be accounted for. You have the driver, the horse, the weather, the crowd."

He explains that with standardbred and thoroughbred racing, very few people know how to read the statistics given in the program. Most amateur betters play numbers - similar to the lottery and in some cases bet solely on the horse's name.

Even with a personal betting adviser, the whole concept is very confusing.

Betting patterns can range from exactor bets (picking 1st, 2nd or 3rd or any variations of the three) to exotic bets, where you can predict the position in which each horse will finish.

I decided to place two bets.

Ticket 1) The number game exactor box. Here my horses are #3, 6, and 7. When added together they equal my favorite number, 16. To win, at least two of the horses must come in first and second.

Ticket 2) I play the name game and choose Bronx Bombshell a.k.a #8. To win, Bronx Bombshell must take two of the following placements Win, Place or Show in simpler terms first, second, and third.

Twelve dollars later, I am on my way down to the paddock

'As I make my way to the trackside, I begin to second-guess my choices.'

where they keep the horses to meet my horse Bombshell.

At the paddock, I am taken aback ... Her head is adorned with a strange contraption that can only be described as a medieval, S & M influenced helmet, designed to keep the horse calm.

Regardless, I give her a pet and a kiss on the nose, and whisper words of encouragement.

Unfortunately, the trainer overhears me. He lets out a discouraging chuckle.

As I make my way to the trackside, I begin to second-guess

my choices.

The race begins and soon the thundering hoofs are in hot pursuit of the finish line. The cracking of whips and the announcer's cries at every bend fill me with excitement.

The screen shows all four of my horses in the lead. My excitement grows. I think to myself, 'I might actually win.'

After the fourth bend in the mile, the horses come back into view. I cheer, as Bronx Bombshell looks poised to take the lead. And then, out of nowhere, horse #4 gets a spurt of energy that assures her the win. My dreams are shattered.

I follow the photographer to the winner's circle where #4's owner, driver and trainer are celebrating. Instead of congratulating them, I curse the horse that cost me \$12 - not including the 7:1

winnings I had in my grasp.

What went wrong with Bombshell? I head back into the paddocks to chat with her driver.

Tom Strauss has been driving for standard bred horse racing for 34 years.

"I don't know what happened," he says. "I thought she was going to win. It wouldn't surprise me if she clipped the cart."

Strauss excuses himself to prepare for his next race.

My night at the racetrack ends as it does for many. I rip the tickets up and throw them to the floor.

My pockets are a little lighter. My dreams have been extinguished. But as I exit the doors of the Woodbine Racetrack, the announcer begins his play-by-play of the next race underway.

I have \$8 left. Should I?



Ben Rycroft

Kristen King pets Bronx Bombshell before he hits the tracks.

Betting your life away

One student's account of his painful gambling addiction

JULIE BROADBENT
STAFF REPORTER

The excitement and bright lights of casinos are meant to attract people in for a night of fun and gambling. But for 18-year-old Dave Brightmann the thrill of those bright lights dimmed into a shadow of addiction.

"Gambling is a serious addiction, and it is becoming an increased concern for students, because a lot of us are jeopardizing our education, along with our money," said Brightmann, a former mechanical engineering student at Humber.

He estimates he spent more than \$3,000 on gambling in his first semester.

"I gambled all right. I gambled myself out of school and into debt," he said.

Unfortunately, Brightmann's situation is not unique.

A study done by the Responsible Gambling Council (RGC) and the Canadian Centre

on Substance Abuse showed people between the ages of 18 and 24 are the most likely to engage in a

'I gambled myself out of school and into debt.'

variety of gambling activities.

Brightmann did not realize at first how gambling was negatively affecting his life.

"I didn't just gamble to make money, I did it to fit in with my friends and to forget about my problems at home or the test I failed that day. It never crossed my mind that the reason I was having these problems was because of my gambling," he said.

"I knew I had a problem when one day I went to buy groceries that came to around \$30 and I did not even have the cash in my

bank for it," Brightmann said. "The night before, I had gone to the races at Woodbine with a friend and I had over a grand in my account."

According to www.gambler-anonymous.org, problem gambling affects people who no longer gamble as a form of entertainment and can have a variety of negative impacts on an individual including depression, suicidal behaviour and stress.

Many addicts have turned to Gamblers Anonymous for help with the gambling problem. Brightmann did, and said it changed his life.

"It really took its toll on my family, and obviously my education. It was a vicious circle, one that never ended until I got help."

Gamblers Anonymous is similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. The organization holds meetings at which people can stand up to their problems and admit to them in a support system of others with the same problems.

The RGC has also created an awareness program through Woodbine Racetrack directed at horseracing fans called, "Know when to take the reins." This program provides brochures and catalogues to everyone who bets at the racetrack.

Jon Kelly, RGC executive director, says awareness programs help greatly in fighting problem gambling and helping addicts realize they have a problem.

"We see where the money is and where it goes and it can become a huge problem. Problem gambling needs awareness," he



Cheyenne Morin

According to a 2002 Statistics Canada study, men are more likely than women to be at risk of becoming problem gamblers.

said.

Some casinos have self-exclusion contract programs, where people can bar themselves from casinos when gambling becomes a problem for them.

Robert Williams, co-ordinator for the Alberta Gaming Research Institute said: "These people are saying they have a problem and they are asking these casinos to save them from themselves."

Unfortunately, Williams said, many of the casinos are allowing people to break the contract because casino owners do not take any legal disciplinary action when people who have signed

the contract are caught gambling again.

"Casinos are owned by the government, so if they continue to have to deal with problem gamblers, the government should, in my mind, be legally liable," Williams said.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available from:
The Ontario Gambling Helpline
1-888-230-3503
or
The Problem Gambling Service
1-888-647-4414

Gambling awareness program for students will visit the North Campus next week

Know the Score, an interactive gambling program, will appear at Humber on Nov. 22 to Nov. 25 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. across from the bookstore.

The Responsible Gambling Council created the program as an interactive way to inform

college students about problem gambling and its effects on students' lives.

Of students in the past, who have participated in this program, 84 per cent reported an increased awareness in how to gamble safely.

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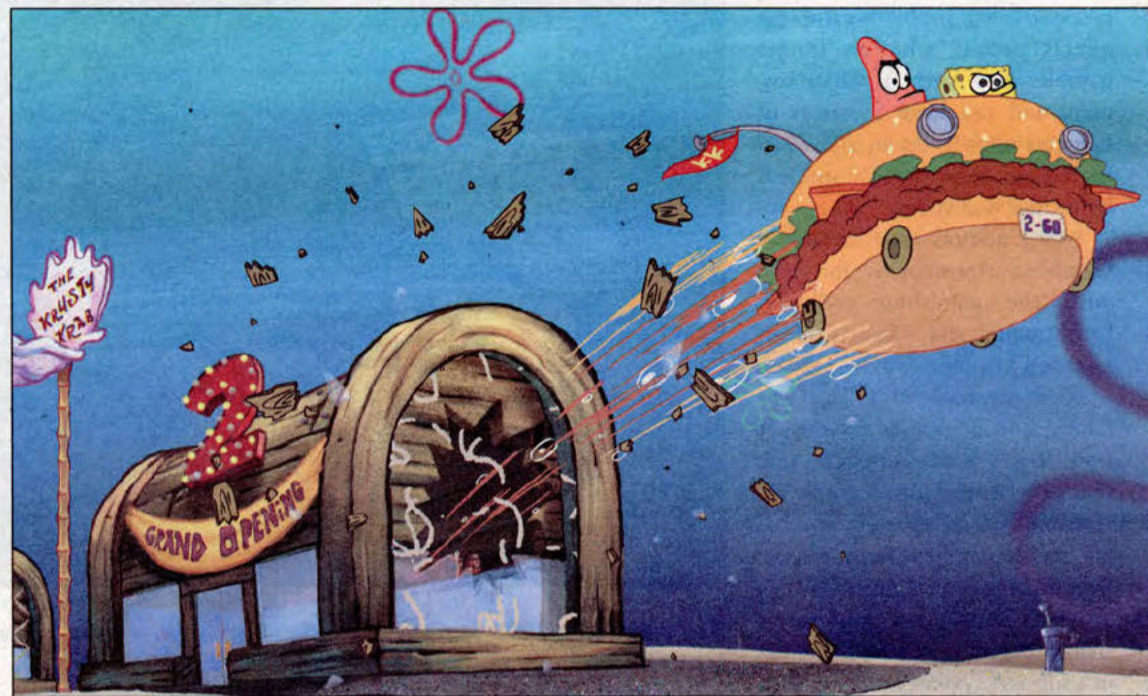
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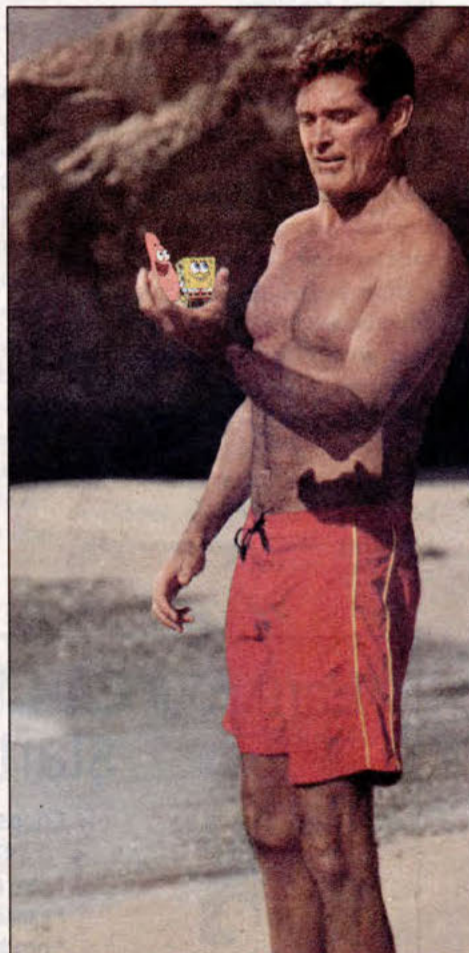
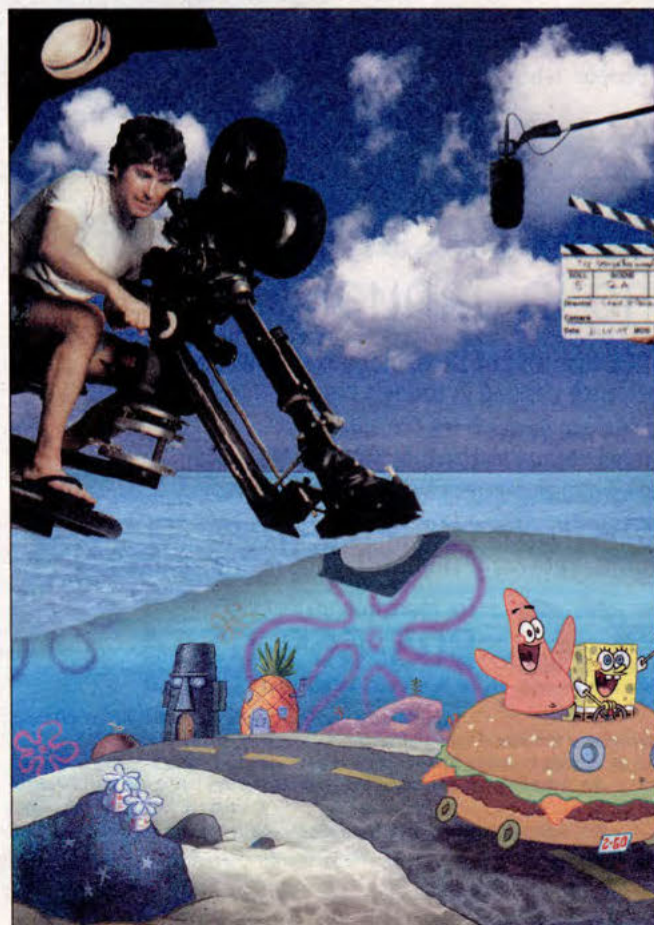
SpongeBob and Patrick embark on road trip and run into reality

New movie reinforces idea of keeping a child-like perspective in life



"We really try to focus on character driven humour and stay away from topical humour."

-creator Stephen Hillenburg



'How old is SpongeBob? He is what you would call a boy man.'

SARAH MANN
ARTS EDITOR

Who lives in a pineapple under the sea?

SpongeBob SquarePants. And if you knew the answer, chances are you have also been swept up by the cartoon sponge with a high-pitched laugh and a starfish named Patrick for a best friend.

Now this dynamic duo is going on a road trip, arriving to the big screen in an adventure filled story guaranteed to please their vast audience of youngsters, parents and college kids alike.

But doing a movie wasn't always in the picture for SpongeBob creator Stephen Hillenburg.

"I never really wanted to make a movie because I always thought shorts were the best thing for animation," Hillenburg said in a recent phone interview.

"Then we reached a certain point in the series where we felt we had done a lot and I had this thought: 'what if the characters were to encounter our world? That would be an interesting circumstance."

Turning what is usually an 11-minute episode into a feature-length film isn't easy though.

"In the series, we focused a lot on trying to keep it very simple and do storylines where there are not a lot of B-plots. In a way, I think that's what can be charming about the show," Hillenburg said.

"When you do a 75-minute movie, that becomes difficult."

Hillenburg said his biggest

challenge was keeping the audience interested but said it was also difficult technically.

"Because the film is projected, our animation had to be more up to snuff. For T.V. you can get away with more...We had to take it up several notches."

The movie takes SpongeBob and Patrick out of the familiar surroundings of their hometown Bikini Bottom and onto the road where they try to save the town and SpongeBob's boss Mr. Krabs.

"This is the ultimate road trip for SpongeBob and Patrick...this movie is a great challenge for them. It puts them to the test. It helps SpongeBob learn to believe in himself," Hillenburg said.

"Ultimately this movie reinforces the importance of a child-like perspective and of keeping it in life...they go to save the town and they do because of what they are."

A question many fans of the show want answered is the age of the beloved crabby patty connoisseur

and Hillenburg had this to offer. "We treat him in the series and in the movie like he is a man. I don't know what his age is exactly, but he is what you would call a boy man. He is a man but he is a childlike one."

SpongeBob SquarePants has become huge in the past couple of years and Hillenburg sees that as bizarre.

"You write a show about a sponge and you think that maybe a few people will think it's funny, some college students, but it takes off. It is truly shocking...and flattering."



(photos courtesy of Paramount Pictures)

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Indie band contributes to soundtrack of *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie*

CHRISTINE FLYNN
STAFF REPORTER

The lead singer for The Shins is happy to be part of *The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie* soundtrack.

James Mercer, who also plays guitar in the indie band, wrote the song, *They'll Soon Discover* with the show in mind.

"I knew that I wanted the feeling that I remember having as a kid when you were just totally carefree and walking down the sidewalk in your neighborhood," he said of the track. "I wanted to bring up that sort of feeling."

The Shins are featured on the 15-track album, which was released last week, along with The Flaming Lips, Motorhead and Avril Lavigne.

Asked whether he took a special approach to writing a track for the children's movie, Mercer

joked, "Yes, I decided not to curse."

The Shins also had two songs featured on the soundtrack for the film *Garden State*, which helped them become more well-known in the music industry.

"That movie being successful and Natalie Portman actually referring to the band is more advertising than any band could hope for," Mercer said.

"*Ob, Inverted World* (the band's debut album) is selling more



The Shins prove they still have a child-like perspective on life.

records right now than it did at its peak when it first came out."

The band formed in 1997 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and

relocated to Portland, Oregon after the release of *Ob, Inverted World* in 2001.

The Shins includes singer/songwriter/guitarist Mercer, drummer Jessie Sandoval, keyboardist Marty Crandall and bassist Dave Hernandez.

They released *Chutes Too Narrow* in 2003, a collection of songs that critics describe as a joy from start to finish.

Mercer describes The Shins' music as a combination of early '60s R&B, old country and west-

ern and late '80s new wave.

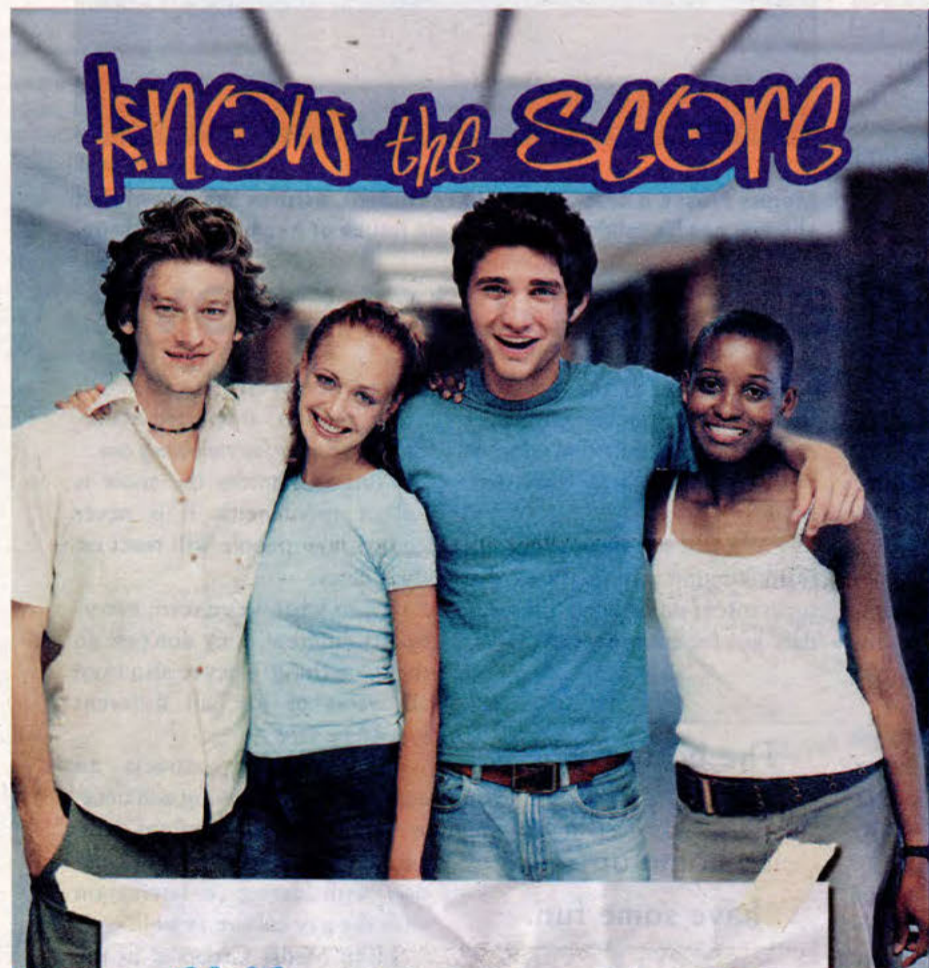
"I guess it has always seemed to me that there was a whole lot of music out there and only some of it was worth listening to," he said.

The band's sound has been compared to Simon and Garfunkel and Brian Wilson of the Beach Boys, which Mercer finds flattering.

"But, at the same time, to say that somebody reminds you of something or sounds like this or that is not necessarily [saying] it is as good as it," he said.

Up next for the Shins is a tour with several dates in Japan and Australia.

There are currently no plans for a tour in Canada, although Mercer said the next time the band tours in Canada it will be well overdue.



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CAPS welcomes student comics

DAWN FARRELL
SENIOR REPORTER

Featuring more than a dozen comedians from the Lakeshore Campus, Humber's first weekly comedy show was a big hit at CAPS pub last week.

Performing were recent graduates and currently enrolled students. The show will now take place every Wednesday night at CAPS at 9 p.m.

Host Andrew Chapman, a second-year comedy student, has been doing comedy for a while now, and said it is so important to get the audience involved.

"If I can make the audience a part of the show, then it's a more memorable night and hopefully that's what brings them back for the other Wednesdays."

Though CAPS wasn't packed when the show first started, the audience increased later into the night.

Chapman was happy that more comedians not scheduled to perform wanted to get up on stage.

"I think they got more energized as the show went on, as more people came in and the show progressed. The comedians were coming up to me and asking

me if they could get on the show because they realized how well the show was going. They were like, 'I've got to be a part of this. I really want to get on.' So, I'm just thankful that everyone got on and did such a great job."

Hunter Collins, a recent Humber comedy graduate, explained the event is great for budding comedians because

'Most clubs downtown will give you five minutes if you're lucky.'

Toronto doesn't offer a lot of time to Humber students.

"It's nice because there aren't a lot of rooms in Toronto where people can go out and try stuff on set as easily as they can here," Collins said. "Most clubs downtown will give you five minutes if you're lucky and here our students get to do up to 15 to 20 minutes of material, which is unheard of by open-mic standards."

Kal Post, another Humber

comedy graduate, took part in last year's comedy show at CAPS and feels he put on a better performance this year by being himself. He said he now knows what he thinks is funny and doesn't spend his time worrying about reactions from the crowd.

"I'm a hit or miss comic, so I'll either go up with a really good show or not depending on the topic. I went up there with no expectations and had a blast. I didn't care and that's something I'm striving for as a comedian. Just to be myself and talk about what I think is funny and get it to work."

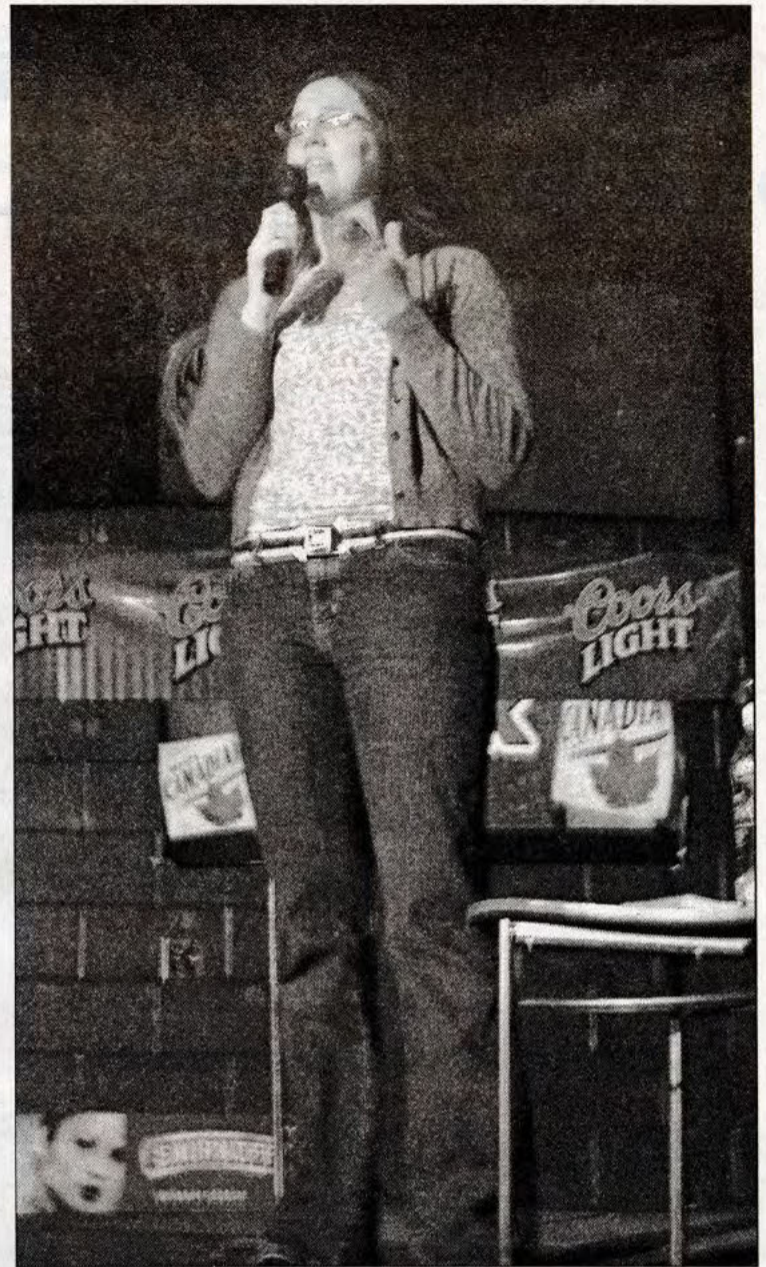
Every Wednesday's show will include a 'Joke of the Week' contest. This allows audience members to get up on stage and try out material of their own.

It is important for the audience to know that the festivities are as interactive as they are entertaining.

The contestants go up on stage to tell a joke, and the audience then decides on the best one.

Winners from the last show were Kristine Bell, a third-year industrial design student, and CAPS employee Danny Pennie.

For further information on comedy night or on CAPS' weekly events, check out the website at www.capspub.com.



Dawn Farrell

Megan Fraser, a first-year comedy student, assures the crowd that she will not be talking about female issues or her period on stage.

In Review

Low Millions Ex-Girlfriends

It may be difficult following the footsteps of a legendary musician, but Adam Cohen makes it look easy with his new band and new sound. Adam's dad, singer/songwriter and poet, Leonard Cohen, should be proud.

Cohen was a solo artist for six years and even though he has not reached the same level of success as his father, they both share a mysterious persona. And they both have sexy voices and a knack for writing contentious lyrics.

Ex-Girlfriends is a sophisticated rock album about trivial and bitter love. With songs about taking a girl's virginity, being desperate at a bar and reading through a girlfriend's diary, Cohen paints a picture of relationship difficulties from a man's perspective.

It isn't obvious how indignant *Ex-Girlfriends* is until reading the lyrics. The boys of Low Millions are either sexually frus-



trated or have just all been dumped.

Songs like *Mockingbird* and *Here She Comes* disguise the bitterness Cohen is feeling with head bopping beats.

With lines like "suckin' on ice in a hot sauna" and "I can taste you on my tongue", Cohen tries to engage the listener by assembling music-erotica, the poetic adventure of turning the listener on.

If *Ex-Girlfriends* doesn't make you feel better about your own love life, then you might have missed the point. Look for this album to be played during a love scene in a film someday.

MINDI ST. AMAND
STAFF REPORTER

Fairy Tale is on the prowl

AGATHA SACHS
STAFF REPORTER

Fairy Tale, the world's first ever gay, lesbian, bi and transgender dating show, is calling out for contestants.

They're leading a massive campaign to scope out potential dates for the second season, and they want everyone to come out, including Humber students.

"Apply! We would love to see you guys," said Jonathan Hiltz, executive producer of Fairy Tale, and vice president of Hiltz Squared Media Group.

If chosen, the lucky person goes on a date with another contestant. The primary contestant picks one of three other contestants to date by asking them questions. After one date is selected, they go off on a whole day of dating, doing all sorts of different activities.

"They'll go out on a fully paid date. We do everything from sky-diving to going to Canada's Wonderland, to going to a club, all over the place," Hiltz said.

In addition to the activities, the passive premise ensures a calm environment that doesn't push for something that isn't there.

Hiltz said the show is not like many straight dating shows that seem intent on creating a disaster date just for entertainment.

'The bottom line is that we tell people to come out and have some fun.'

"The bottom line is we tell people to come and have some fun. We accept you for who you are, obviously, to have a great date. If it's a match, wonderful, and we're going to film the whole thing," he said.

For camera-shy daters, Hiltz Squared Media Group also has online dating called Fairy Tale

Dating, free of charge.

To register, interested daters can go to www.fairytaledating.com.

Hiltz guarantees the show is full of spontaneity. It is never known how people will react on their dates.

"From what we've seen, everybody's different; they don't all do the same thing. They're also from all walks of life, all different types," he said.

This diversity attracts an equally diverse viewing audience.

"We get a huge straight audience," Hiltz said. "It's a fascination with dating, a fascination with the gay culture as well."

Hiltz Media Group is in the midst of making deals in Europe to air the show there.

With an increase of gay networks in Europe, there is a high demand for this type of dating show.

"More and more people, as gay culture is being accepted, are coming out of the closet, because they're not afraid to anymore," Hiltz said.

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Legendary comedy duo at Humber

The Smothers Brothers lay it on thick for a performance at Lakeshore Campus

MARK HERBERT
STAFF REPORTER

'We're a lot like an old married couple. A lot of fighting and no sex.'

Legendary comedy act, the Smothers Brothers, delighted a crowd of Humber's student comedians last Tuesday at the Assembly Hall next to the Lakeshore Campus.

The Smothers were here to discuss their career in entertainment with students in the comedy writing and performance and television writing and production programs.

The duo, Dick and Tom, has performed together for 46 years and has been successful by doing what siblings do best: argue.

"It's just a natural inclination to



Courtesy

The Smothers Brothers stick to the formula that has worked for them for years; using silence and never rushing to the next joke.

disagree with Tom," Dick said.

The Smothers' act is long removed from a time when comedy teams flourished, but the pair has remained popular due to their ability to avoid redundancy.

"No one's ever stolen a line from us because we don't say anything of significance," Tom said.

Students were educated on the

art of what it takes to make it in the business and how to maintain over time.

"You have to be committed to what you want to tell [the audience]," Tom said.

Over their many years in show business, the Smothers have starred in their own primetime comedy series, were featured

guests on many television shows, headlined sold out shows in Las Vegas and have recorded 12 albums.

"It was great to see that old-fashioned, smart-thinking comedy," first-year comedy student Michelle Budden said. "Their comedic timing is definitely something to look up to."

In addition to timing, Tom mentioned the importance and artistry of silence.

Tom prefers to prolong the silence in his acts, rather than constantly filling the air with his words, something with which far too many comedians today are overly concerned.

"It takes courage to extend the silence," Tom said.

Dick, the more serious of the two, says his brother doesn't necessarily even have to speak to be funny.

"He has the ability to say absolutely nothing and get a laugh," Dick said.

Like any couple, this comedy team has had its share of ups and downs throughout its professional relationship. So much so, that they went to couples' counselling for three days.

Just like other couples, they wanted to learn how to listen to each other better.

"We're a lot like an old married couple. A lot of fighting and no sex," Dick joked.

In the world of comedy, they said, acts are judged by their last show, and not every performance is going to turn out the way you want it to.

The Smothers warned students there will be failures along the road to success, but said it is important to keep at it.

This is one truth both brothers agreed on. Younger brother Dick told students that mistakes will happen and that not everybody is going to like or want to hear what they have to say.

Neither brother follows any of the current comedians, but both enjoy the political comics Bill Maher and Jon Stewart.

The Smothers know it's a fine line comedians must tread when poking fun at political figures.

They credit Maher and Stewart for having the ability and the courage to cut their leaders up effectively.

Fellow comedy acts the Smothers Brothers praised included Laurel and Hardy, Steven Wright, Pat Paulsen and Buster Keaton.

Hear This!

The ninth in a series of weekly profiles on Humber musicians

Platypi juggles music and education

CHRISTINE FLYNN
STAFF REPORTER

Second-year Humber music student Matt James has struck a chord with his jazz-funk-rock band, Platypi.

The band, formed in early 2002, has a mature sound that is difficult to compare to other bands.

"People don't leave our shows feeling like they've heard another repeat of the same old," James said. "We have a huge focus on being a great live band."

The band includes James on guitar and vocals, Dean Simonsky on drums, Devin Fox on bass, Isaac Ezer on keyboard and Mike Ruby on saxophone.

The members range in age from 17 to 20, and all are currently attending school as well as five practices a week.

But James said it hasn't been difficult to balance the two.

"The two don't detract from one another, they actually blend

together quite nicely," he said.

James said what he learns in his program helps him with composing and performing.

Fox also attends Humber and is in his first year, but James said it's tougher for the other members because their schoolwork is

agers handle the day-to-day business.

Manager Stuart Zaltz, who also writes music for television, said he loved what he saw in the band.

"They're all extremely gifted players," he said.

Zaltz said while he and Universal Music's Susan Brearton give the band suggestions on how to improve, the band is not in need of much direction.

"They're really receptive to moving forward," he said.

The band plays Tuesdays through to the end of

November at the Black Swan for a \$5 cover.

James said playing weekly is a great opportunity to refine the band's performance. "It's also a great chance to have industry people come out to see us."

For more information visit www.platypimusic.com.



Courtesy

Platypi continues to grow, making music beyond their years.

not music related.

"Our sax player, Ruby, is in his last year of high school, and he is being loaded with work," he said.

Since finding management, Platypi has evolved into an organized group who can focus on their music while their man-

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& Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. in the new
HSF movie lounge

Clarification

As indicated in last week's issue, the psychic who visited Humber last week was Dan Valkos.

He was misidentified in the photo caption.

Life

Employers question foreign credentials

To work as a pharmacist in Canada, Ameeta Mehta was told to get "Canadian" work experience

JACLYN BUCIK
STAFF REPORTER

For pharmacy-technician student Ameeta Mehta, 20 years of experience for the Ministry of Health in India was not enough to work as a pharmacist in Canada.

Before Mehta immigrated to Canada, she was told that Canada needed people with her qualifications and she was guaranteed work.

But after immigrating a year ago, she found her Bachelor of Science degree in pharmaceuticals and work experience were not equivalent to Canadian standards.

"When I got here, they (Ontario College of Pharmacists) asked me to have 3,200 hours of Canadian work, either volunteer or work experience," Mehta said.

'I should stick to my profession because it's not only a question of money but of self-dignity.'

Mehta is not the only immigrant who has faced this situation. A 2001 Statistics Canada study reported the most common problem faced by new immigrants was the lack of transferability of foreign qualifications and work experience.

Tim Owen, director of World Education Services (WES) in Toronto, said WES evaluates how international degrees equate to Canadian degrees.

"We take a look at what we would call the key elements of a credential...[what] goes into making up a degree," Owen explained. "How many years of high school, primary school, the length of the program, the structure of the program, the university itself and its status in the country."

Owen said when the evaluation is completed, it all depends



Jaclyn Bucik

After working 20 years for the Ministry of Health in India, Ameeta Mehta, 41, was told she would need to work the equivalent of 80 weeks (3,200 hours) to become a pharmacist in Canada.

on what sort of upgrades immigrants need.

"They may say, 'Oh this person clearly has the equivalent of a bachelors degree. We'll admit them into the masters program'," Owen said. "Or they say, 'Oh they have the equivalent of a bachelors degree, but we need this person to take courses to get the equivalent of our degree.'"

Once these skills have been tested, immigrants like Mehta are given the opportunity to go back to school. "I made it a point, as a challenge, that I should enter [college] and I should stick to my profession because it's not only a question of money, it's a question of self-dignity," she said.

Mehta said she did not mind going back to school, because she knew work would be different in Canada.

Mehta explained even though she had 22 years of work experience, Canadian employment policy dictated that her former training and education was obsolete. "But no chemicals have changed. Penicillin remains penicillin. But there is no point arguing when you are really new. That's the system and I have to accept that."

That aside, the biggest barrier for immigrants is language skills.

Most new immigrants are forced to take English language courses, such as English for Academic Purposes (EAP).

According to Statistics Canada, just over half (52 per cent) of all immigrants can converse, read and write in English when they come to Canada, but are put into English as a Second

Language (ESL) courses to upgrade.

Although Mehta can proficiently read, write and converse in English, it was a different story for one of her friends.

"She passed the Test of English as a Foreign Language [TOEFL] with 352 points, and came over here and passed the online test and even though she passed that, she was put into another course, and after that they said, 'Now you need to do ESL,'" Mehta said. "She was the top person in the

class...it was really sad for her."

Despite the trouble with credential equivalency and language skills that immigrants face, Mehta said that personal confidence encourages her and numerous other immigrants to continue to strive to work in their profession.

For Mehta, it's 22 years and counting.

**Got a story idea?
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Humber raises money for islands

Events will benefit hurricane victims in the Caribbean

SABRINA GOPAUL
STAFF REPORTER

Help is on the way to Caribbean countries that were hit by Hurricane Ivan.

Humber's Caribbean Culture Society (CCS) is organizing fundraisers in relief efforts for Haiti, Grenada and Jamaica among other islands affected by the disaster.

On Nov. 25 a benefit dinner, "Pempamsie," meaning unity and strength, will be held at the Seventh Semester at 8 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) office with a student ID for \$20 or \$25 without ID.

Ray Robinson, Humber Idol winner Dayle Jones, and Earl La



Sabrina Gopaul

The Caribbean Culture Society has organized a benefit dinner to be held on Nov. 25 at the Seventh Semester at 8 p.m.

Pierre Jr., are among the scheduled performers.

Kamimura Alexander, CCS president, has received support from Humber College as well as York University and University of Toronto Caribbean clubs for this fundraiser.

"The Humber hospitality management crew and HSF will help

Ontario colleges will implement new project to aid foreign workers

A new project, Colleges Integrating Immigrants to Employment (CIITE), funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities is looking at how Ontario colleges can "significantly improve immigrants' progress through college and into the labour force."

The main focus of the project is to get feedback on immigrants' college experiences here in Canada.

The project seeks information on how or if the college helped immigrants find a job, and their general comments about the college system.

According to Lisa Mark, CIITE project manager, the project was designed to help the ministry come up with a program that allows immigrants to find work in their field of expertise.

Mark said CIITE will find weaknesses in college training and come up with a solution to correct them.

With files from Jaclyn Bucik

us out with the catering," Alexander said.

In addition, all money raised from the Nov. 15 Caribbean Fever event at CAPS will go towards helping hurricane victims in the Caribbean islands. Donations to the food drive are still welcomed and can be made at the HSF office.

News you can use



Lauren Gilchrist gets answers

Q: Every holiday season I get stressed out trying to buy gifts for everyone while beating the rush at the malls. I always end up spending a ton of money.

How can I make this year's shopping cheap and stress free?

A: The holiday season can be stressful for people worrying about the cost of buying gifts and the pressures of last minute shopping. Here are some tips to help make this shopping season stress-free.

- Budget - Create a budget now for the holidays. Work out how much you want to spend on gifts.
- Presents - Have a Kris Kringle where all your friends draw a name out of a hat and buy a present for only that person.
- Lists - Make a detailed list of all the gifts you need to buy before you hit the malls.
- Shop in off-peak hours, hit the malls in the morning or late at night.

Tips from: www.christmas-celebrations.com and www.better-health.vic.gov.au.

Got Questions?: email: etcetera_lauren@yahoo.ca.

Gender roles in dating unclear

When it comes to paying the bill at the end of a date, old fashioned chivalry collides with gender equality

SIMONE REID
STAFF REPORTER

At the end of every romantic dinner date comes the moment of uncertainty. Who pays the bill?

Confusion runs rampant among Humber students as to whether it's appropriate to split the bill, or if it's the sole duty of the man or woman.

Abdul Abdurahman, a third-year electrical engineering student, has his mind made up, however. "Guys should pay," he said. "That's more normal in society."

Tosia Campbell, a first-year personal support worker student, disagreed. "It's the 21st century," she said. "I think we should both be able to pay for a date."

She also suggested that women should sometimes pick up the tab themselves.

"If you go out with your man, it's good to spend money on him. Make him feel that you actually care about him too, and that you're not really using him for his money."

But Humber psychology professor Rena Borovilos said gender should not dictate who pulls out the wallet. "I think the person who asks the other person out for the date should pay, whether it's male or female," she said. "I think when you invite someone to your home for dinner, you don't expect them to cook the dinner. So if you're inviting them for a date, I

think it just makes sense you would pay."

Borovilos said decisions about footing the bill can ultimately make either the man or woman feel inferior.

"The problem comes later on in the relationship, when the woman feels like she is not given enough credit for who she is or what she does," she said. "Sometimes it's sort of a set-up when women allow this to happen earlier on. They are taken aback when they find themselves in the position of weaker party in the relationship."

Alternately, some men may be uncomfortable if a woman pays the bill in full.

"I've seen cases where men have been very, very disturbed because their partner makes more money than they do and their partner is picking up more expenses," Borovilos said.

Again, Borovilos said gender should not be the prime consideration.

"If someone's making incredible amounts and the other person's making next to nothing, I think that just for the other person to feel a part of it, they should pick up the tab occasionally," she said. "I think even the person with lots of money should give the other person a chance, perhaps to go to less-expensive

restaurants, let them pick up the tab at coffee shops or whatever. That leads to a better balance."

Danielle Perrault and her boyfriend Andrew Dawson, a second-year business student, have found their own balance.

"Sometimes I take him on a date, make it equal," Perrault, a general arts and science student, said. "There's all this feminist stuff going on and women want equal rights. You've got to pay for yourself sometimes."



Cheyenne Morin

Second year students, Nathania Bron, 21, Cristina Nunes, 19 and Kristina Maksic, 22, will host the Health & Wellness Fair on Nov. 23 in the North Campus Gym A.

Pump yourself up at the Health and Wellness Fair

JUDITH LARRACEY
LIFE EDITOR

The college's Fitness and Health program will host the second annual Health & Wellness Fair on Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the North Campus gym. The Health & Wellness Fair is an end-of-term project for the special events planning class. The special events group, Nathania Bron, Cristina Nunes, Kristina Maksic and Allison McHenri are all in their second-year. Athletics

urges all Humber students to come out to the event, which offers free games, popcorn and prizes. As well, info will be handed out on health issues, including low carb diets, body fat, resist-a-ball, safe sex and marijuana. Goodlife, Musclemag and Powerbar will be there offering free passes and gifts. The more booths you visit, the more entry ballots you can fill out and the more chances to win.

Students chose Humber for its diversity

RUSSELLA LUCIEN
LIFE EDITOR

In an informal poll of what students like and dislike about Humber, many said they like the cultural diversity of the college's population.

Many respondents also liked Humber's reputation in the community.

Student commuters surveyed did not like travelling by public transit to the college while drivers did not like the lack of available parking.

Here's a sample of their comments:



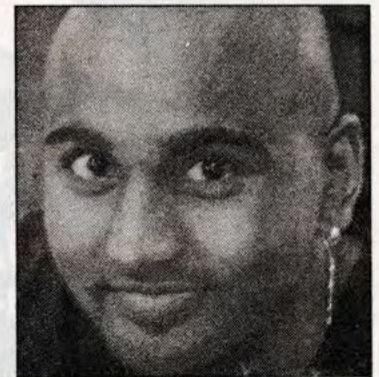
Kristofer Abbott
2nd year HVAC Engineering
"I like the diversity of the people, wide choice of programs and good facilities."



Amanda Somerville
1st year Film and TV
"I like the diversity. I really like my program."



Michelle Whiting,
1st year Film and TV
"It's so impossible to get up here by public transit from the west."



Zunaid Khan,
2nd year HVAC Engineer
"The parking sucks."

Life

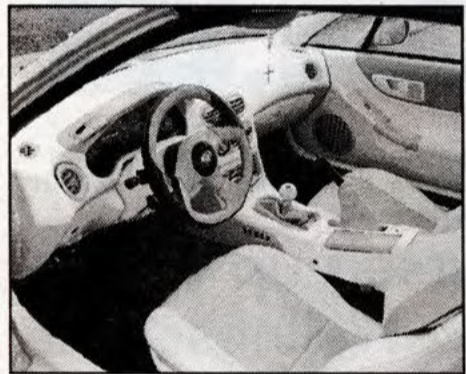
Humber student's Barbie car makes for real hot wheels

Student's pimped out car shows that girls can ride with the best of them

EVA FRAGISKATOS
STAFF REPORTER

It's a new generation and cars are no longer just toys for boys. Both guys and girls are revving up their engines and personalizing their plates to show their individuality and personality.

A hobby that used to be dominated by men, car customization is now slowly



Eva Fragiskatos

The colourized interior is the most impressive aspect of Costa's vehicle, proving that you can never go too far.

attracting the attention of women.

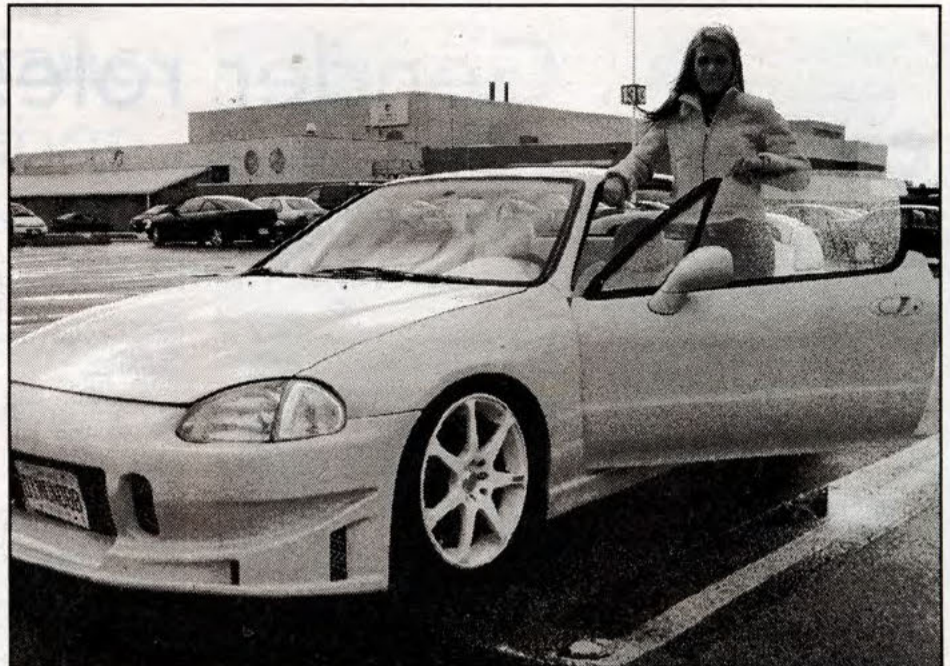
"We used to get mostly male customers coming in here, but now it is 50-50," said Max Motorsport employee Mike Ng. "Girls are getting ideas from their guy friends and are coming in knowing what they want to get done to their car."

Deborah Costa, a second-year Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism student, has had her '93 Honda DelSol convertible for only two years and has already put \$13,000 into it.

"I bought it in March 2002 and I worked on it in the winter so that it would be done for the summer," Costa said. "I don't drive it in the winter."

Her Barbie pink Honda with white and pink leather custom seats and her personalized license plate 'DimondBB' was inspired by a Barbie mobile motor car she had when she was little.

"When I was a little girl, I always wanted a pink car like my Barbie mobile. I also wanted pink because I wanted my identity to be unique," Costa said.



Eva Fragiskatos

After spending a whopping \$13,000 on customizing and personalizing her car, Deborah Costa has pimped a ride that will have every plastic doll jealous.

The exterior of Costa's car has a three stage coat pearlizer to give a gleam, 17 inch rims, fully colourized interior, an SIR motor, a skirt package, euro lights, a spoiler and it is lowered by two inches.

"Everyone always thinks it's a joke car. They're like, do you drive that?" she said.

Although it seems like a recent phenomenon, Ng says teens have been souping up their cars for years.

"It's always been a trend, but cars have just shifted from Mustangs to Hondas now," Ng said. "The most common cars people come in here with are Hondas."

Costa says all the ideas for her car came from herself or the Internet.

She considers herself a female car enthusiast,

and hopes that more and more women get involved with creating a personality for themselves through their cars.

"I find cars have always been a manly thing. There was no such thing as a girl car and I feel I've created one," Costa said. "So many girls should get a car that suits their personalities more."

Although Costa has already put a lot of money into her car, she still hopes

to add a few more touches.

"I will definitely be adding some more things. I want to add some TV screens and eventually Lamborghini doors," she said.

But the expenses that come with building a sleek car don't just stop at what you add to your vehicle, as insurance also becomes pricier. It's obviously a cost that Costa doesn't mind paying.

After all, without the custom work and dedication, having the car of her dreams wouldn't have been possible.

'So many girls should get a car that suits their personalities.'

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PRIYA RAMANUJAM
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

The smell of curry powder, sandalwood and incense waft through the air. Hindi vocals blast out of a storefront window to the beat of popular hip-hop artist Fifty Cent's *In the Club*. Tiny Christmas bulbs light up each and every storefront window alongside flashy name signs above the doorways. There is food galore; every second door is a restaurant

North Campus celebrates Hindu Diwali

PRIYA RAMANUJAM
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

Last Friday, Hindus around the world celebrated Diwali, widely known as the festival of lights. Although people from India (the festival's country of origin), the Caribbean, North America and Europe all celebrate Diwali differently, the essence remains the same.

The celebration is a time for family and friends to gather together and share peaceful times, as many believe the festival originates from Lord Rama's victory of good over evil.

During the festivities, which for some can last as many as five days, households fill up with tiny oil lamps called diyas and people exchange gifts with those closest to them. As these characteristics are similar to Christmas, Diwali is often referred to as 'the Hindu Christmas.'

Humber students are welcome to celebrate Diwali with their peers on Nov. 26 from 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. in the North Campus student centre.

Aaron Miller, Humber Students' Federation programming director, says the event, which will include dancers, singers and food sampling, will be a "get-together for Humber's Hindu students." However, regardless of background, all faculty and students are encouraged to come out and celebrate.

Corner of Gerrard and Coxwell a mosaic of sights, sounds and smells

of some sort.

What makes this strip of Gerrard Street from Woodfield Road to Coxwell Avenue unique is its celebration of South Asian culture.

One sales associate inside the electronics store, House of 220, which has been on Gerrard Street for just over 30 years, says the mini-town, also known as Little India, is special and should always be appreciated by Torontonians.

"Very rarely would you find over 100 stores in the same area belonging to the Southeast Asian community," said Prashant, who

didn't want to provide his last name.

All it takes is one step into Maharani's, another neighbourhood store, and a glance around at the walls of colourful saris (traditional dress worn by South Asian women) and matching glass bangles to see the beauty of India. A touch of the fine silks and cottons used in the red, yellow, gold, green saris, makes even the non-traditionalist want to purchase one as a keepsake.

If food is on the menu, it's not hard to find. Several street vendors along the sidewalk, sell bar-



Colourful saris line Maharani's, one store in Little India. Priya Ramanujam

becued and curried corn on the cob for \$2. When hunger kicks into full swing, stop by one of many restaurants for some good quality South Asian food, typically at a good price. In almost any restaurant in Little India, it's pos-

sible for two people to eat and not spend more than \$20.

What Prashant identifies as most unique about Little India is how much it mirrors the countries of South Asia, including India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. On Gerrard Street, stores and foods can be found from all four countries are represented.

Furthermore, China is Southeast Asia's neighbour, and in Toronto just a few blocks further west, is Chinatown.

"Somehow there is a trend of living in that closeness of cultures [here at Gerrard Street]," Prashant said. "If you see that sign out there, on one side it says Happy Diwali and on the other it says Happy Eid. Very rarely would you find something like this even in India or Pakistan [recognizing] both festivals on the same board."



Mahar, a North Indian restaurant, displays a table of Indian sweets for the celebration of Diwali. Priya Ramanujam

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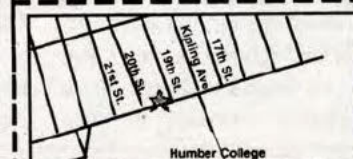
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Sports



Mark Khouzam

Guard Erin Chamberlain (left) has led the Humber Hawks' powerful offence this season. Humber has won its last three games beating opponents by double digit scores.

Hawks struggle but still pick up the win

Late three pointer seals victory as Humber continues to roll

Hawks Mountaineers

Humber's Karine Nicolas nets 11 points

54

42

MARK KHOUZAM
STAFF REPORTER

The Humber Hawks women's basketball team had its toughest test of the season as they climbed over the Mohawk Mountaineers 54-42 in a mid-season exhibition game Tuesday night.

Karine Nicolas had a game high 11 points and seven rebounds in a match that saw the Hawks recent scorching offence dwindle.

In the Hawks' past two games, they were able to beat their opponents by more than 15 points.

"We just came out flat," said Hawks head coach Denise Perrier. "There's no explanation, we couldn't make a shot."

But, there was a bright spot.

The Hawks' defence was very strong as they managed to hold the Mountaineers offence to just five points in the opening 10 minutes of the first half.

But as Humber let up a bit, Mohawk began to break down the Hawks' pressure defence

and by the end of the first half, the Mountaineers managed to erase a nine-point deficit to one.

"Our defence was going well, but then Mohawk got aggressive and we started to let up a bit," Perrier added.

In their previous games, the Hawks had controlled the game and held comfortable leads at the half, but this game was different.

"In the second half, we knew we had to stay focused and keep playing good defence," said Hawks forward Heidi Jasskelainen.

And focused they stayed.

At moments, the basketball game seemed more of a pushing match between two top ranked basketball schools. But, the Hawks kept their composure and prevailed.

In the second half alone, the Hawks had 10 steals and forced Mohawk into 18 turnovers.

After Erin Chamberlain hit a three pointer with exactly five minutes left in the game, the Hawks went up 44-37 and that would be all they needed.

Next for the Hawks is the Durham Invitational on Nov. 19 and 20. The Hawks play their next regular season game on Nov. 27 against Algonquin.

Humber athletic director gives wishes for winter varsity teams

Basketball and volleyball are tops on list

ERIC COLLINS
STAFF REPORTER

Basketball and volleyball are upon us here at Humber and Athletic Director Doug Fox has high hopes.

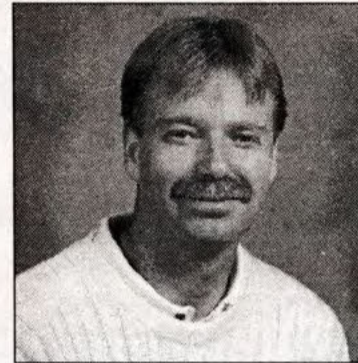
His confidence starts with the men's volleyball team which he says is one of the best teams in Humber's history. Fox said his only concern is in Alberta.

"I see us winning the provincial championships and taking a run at nationals," Fox said. "[The nationals] are hard to predict because Red Deer has a juggernaut. They have coaches with the national program so a lot of national team players end up at Red Deer. They have won four years in a row so [the nationals] would be tough to win."

Fox is also confident about the additions of Paul Kemboi and

Chris Simek to the men's roster. "We haven't had players of that caliber since Eugene Selma a number of years ago," he said. "Having the two of them come in at the same time is amazing."

Fox says he has similar expectations for the women's volleyball game.



Courtesy

Athletic Director Doug Fox likes Humber's chances this year for both the varsity basketball and volleyball teams.

"We lost a lot of players and we are a young team," Fox said. "But I expect us to be in the top three by the end of the year."

Last year the women won provincials and hope the new

faces in their lineup will help them defend their title.

In hoops, Fox is also very confident.

"I would suggest that our men's team is the number one favourite for the league," he said.

Notable players for the men's team include returning All-Canadian Shane Dennie, as well as two notable freshmen; Jason Walcott and J.R. Bailey.

Walcott played NCAA Division I at the University of Buffalo, and J.R. Bailey was freshman of the year at the University of Victoria two seasons ago.

Fox was a little more hesitant with his prediction for the women's team because it has so many rookies.

"They are so young, I have a hard time figuring out where they are going to end up," he said. Fox was quick to add, however, that they are a very deep team.

"We have eight or nine very good players," he said.

And with a 2-0 record, they might do better than he thinks.

Annual tourney brings hockey to Humber

KRIS HALINEN
STAFF REPORTER

Humber hockey fans will have the chance to watch some entertaining hockey tomorrow, when Humber hosts its annual extramural ice hockey tournament at Westwood Arena.

The one-day, non-contact tournament features 16 men's teams and eight women's teams from all over Ontario. Both Humber campuses are represented on the men's side, while the two are combined on the women's side.

This is the closest thing to college hockey this year, after the Ontario Collegiate Athletics

Association (OCAA) decided to disband the league due to lack of team commitment and costs.

Three players on the Humber squad are from last year's varsity team adding depth to a team that has been strong in the past, losing last year in the top division semi finals.

"I think we're a better team than last year," Jim Bialek, Humber tournament organizer said.

Bialek adds he hopes to see clean hockey and has zero tolerance for fighting.

"I have no time for people being stupid," Bialek said, adding drinking before games, fighting

and being found in the bar encompasses stupid behaviour.

If a player fights, he or she will be thrown out of the tournament and banned from all extramural activities for a year, province-wide.

"I'm not going to take anyone (on the team) that will embarrass me, themselves and the college," Bialek said.

"It's pretty exciting for those who are involved," he said. "It's just a really good opportunity for people to play the game."

Games run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Westwood Arena.

The arena is located just minutes from campus.



Courtesy

Without a varsity hockey team in place, fans and players are going to have to get their fix at this weekend's extramural hockey tournament. Twenty-four teams from across Ontario will take part.



Sarah Horbatzyk

The Hawks get set to defend a block from a Falcons defender.

Despite win, Humber has a lot to work on

Men came out strong but they admit a lack of 'killer instinct'

SARAH HORBATZYK
STAFF REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team gave their fans something to cheer about in their home opener against the Fanshawe Falcons last week.

The Falcons were out for revenge after the Hawks beat them in the semifinals of the Humber Cup two weeks ago.

"We faced them in the semifinals and ran all over them. They were going to come out as either a depleted team or with their guns blazing," Mabon said.

"They're not really a very strong team. We knew we just had to pass the ball," he added.

In the first set, the Hawks outplayed their opponents in a number of areas on their way to a 25-20 win. Rookies David Forrester and Daniel Shermer played solid games. Forrester had a couple of kills while Shermer consistently set the ball to his teammates, leading to valuable points.

In the second set, the Hawks showed no signs of letting up. Paul Kemboi's powerful kills all over the court were too much for the Falcons to handle as the Hawks easily won the second set 25-20.

But then, in the third set, the Hawks lost 27-25.

"We started to take them lightly," Mabon said. "One problem we've always had is getting into

the third match when we're up two and closing out. We just didn't finish the job."

Humber coach Wayne Wilkins agreed.

"You cannot allow your opponent to gain momentum," he said. "You cannot ease up."

In the fourth set, veteran Milad Massoudi made his presence felt after coming back from an ankle injury. Shermer constantly set up Massoudi, allowing him to make plays the Falcons couldn't handle. The Falcons came close to taking the set, but the Hawks pulled through with a 29-27 win.

"We're still lacking competitive attitude," Wilkins said. "We just don't have that killer instinct. We let teams back into matches. We don't go for the gusto."

Even though the Hawks won the game three sets to one, they were disappointed with their play in the third set. Inconsistency and playing at the level of their opponents is something that has haunted the team all season long. But they remain optimistic.

"We need to work on little things," Mabon said. "We tend to buckle under pressure but the stronger team will always prevail and we got lucky tonight."

The Hawks head on the road to North Bay to play both Canadore and Nipissing.

Battle of the birds goes to the Hawks

Women knock off division rivals as they continue to dominate early in the season

ALISTAIR TENNANT
STAFF REPORTER

The Hawks women's volleyball team defeated the Fanshawe Falcons three sets to one to open their season last Wednesday.

The team put a dismal performance at the Humber Cup the weekend before behind them, and looked far more focused in Wednesday's game.

The Hawks took an early 7-2 lead in the first set but let the Falcons come back. The Hawks led 13-12 midway through the first set. Stalwart play from veterans Risha Toney and Amanda Arlette led the Hawks to an eventual 25-17 first set win, with Arlette serving 8 straight points.

"There are key moments where we start to get tight, and that's where our leadership, with people like Amanda and Risha, step up and really help us play through those times," head coach Chris Wilkins said.

The second set was a different story, as the Falcons held a strong Hawks offense to only 9 points and took a commanding 18-9 lead.

For the second straight game,

Arlette was able to hang on to the serve, and the Hawks tallied six unanswered points, putting them right back in the set.

Rookie Rachel Dubbledam scored the Hawks last three points and brought Humber to within one point of Fanshawe at 22-21, but that's as close as they would come. Fanshawe took the next three points to tie the game at one set each.

'We're a good team when we work hard, but only when we work hard.'

The third set was nothing like the first two, as the Hawks pounded Fanshawe 25-9, looking far more organized than in previous weeks, with far better communication.

"We had two really hard practices on Monday and Tuesday, because of the way we performed on the weekend," Arlette said.

"We really had to redeem ourselves and prove to ourselves that we could do it. We're a good team when we work hard, but only when we work hard."

With their backs to the wall, the Falcons put out a much better effort in the fourth set, keeping things close right down to the wire.

But Fanshawe could find no answer to Dubbledam, who was named player of the game, as she struck hard and often to help the Hawks to a 25-22 fourth set win, solidifying the team's 3-1 victory.

"We had trouble this weekend, and to come back with a win like that, and to play like we did, it's awesome," Dubbledam said.

The win was crucial because Fanshawe is one of the contenders in the Central West division.

"This is a big win for us, this is one of the top teams in our division," coach Wilkins said.

The Hawks will look to carry their momentum when they travel to North Bay to play Nipissing University and Canadore College on the weekend.



Alistair Tennant

The Hawks get ready at the net for a return during their 3-1 victory over the Fanshawe Falcons.

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Sports



Sports Shorts



Brett Standen on NHLers in Europe

The only thing that makes me more sick than the greed National Hockey League (NHL) players are currently displaying is their blatant disregard for the lives they are destroying overseas.

There are now over 250 NHLers playing in Europe, including superstar Peter Forsberg, Jaromir Jagr and Joe Thornton. How are the players who make a living in Europe's elite leagues supposed to contend with such talent?

'scabs'

In a *Toronto Sun* column, former NHL goalie Corey Hirsch referred to these players as 'scabs' for what they are doing in Europe. Other players such as Mike Commodore and Pierre Dagenais have repeatedly expressed resentment towards the National Hockey League Players Association (NHLPA) for its refusal to accept a salary cap. So why won't the players' reps listen?

More than likely it's because those who hold high positions within the NHLPA are those who have huge salaries. Guys like Daniel Alfredsson, Chris Pronger and Michael Peca all earn over \$5 million a year compared to the \$850,000 earned by lower level players like Commodore and Dagenais.

get out

Peter Forsberg is currently making \$2,600 a game in Sweden while New York's Jaromir Jagr is playing for \$8,000 in the Czech Republic. Last year in the NHL, Forsberg and Jagr were raking in over \$130,000 each a game. So if they'll accept over a 90 per cent decrease in pay in Europe, why won't they accept a five to 10 per cent decrease in the NHL?

It's absolutely mind boggling to me.

Is it principle? Because if it is, it sure doesn't make a hell of a lot of sense.

Put your pride aside, make the fans happy, and quit ruining the lives of those playing in Europe.

Books take a closer look at hockey

Authors offer their opinion on the NHL lockout and the league's problems

KATE SCHOEMAN
STAFF REPORTER

Five sports journalists and writers got together for a panel discussion on the state of ice hockey and the NHL last week at the Gladstone Hotel in Toronto.

All five writers were promoting their recent books on ice hockey as they answered questions from the audience and host Stephen Knight, former editor of *Leafs Nation* magazine.

One of the five was Bill Boyd, author of *All Roads Lead to Hockey* and former CBC producer. Boyd's book takes readers to many different towns across the country to explore their love for hockey.

Boyd expressed his disappointment and frustration with the NHL owners and players alike.

"I cannot see why they can't come to an agreement.

I'm afraid the NHL

may die," he said. "They're killing the game. Whose fault it is I don't know."

Also on the panel was *Toronto Sun* sports journalist Lance Hornby who penned *Hockey's Greatest Moments*, a book celebrating hockey through the memories of outstanding goals and unforgettable moments.

Hornby is more sympathetic to the NHL players, but also says the game has lost much of its innocence.

"Players are being asked to fix the owners' mistakes," he said. "We need some reality to come back into the game."

Brian McFarlane, member of the Hockey Hall of Fame, commentator on *Hockey Night in Canada* for 28 years and author of over 50 sports books including his most recent, *Original Six*, said he's optimistic the game will survive despite the likelihood of an NHL-less season this year. But McFarlane still takes issue with the way hockey has changed.

"These guys can't be that stupid that they can't come together and agree," he said. "I feel sorry for the young people playing the game. I'm appalled at the violence happening in minor league hockey."

Andrew Podnieks, author of

Lord Stanley's Cup, among others, is also a hockey historian and photographer. Podnieks said he felt the business side of things is getting in the way of good hockey and in turn, destroying the game.

"Owners are addicted to expansion fees. That's \$50 million [for] each team that comes into the league," he said. "In business terms, hockey has tapped itself out."

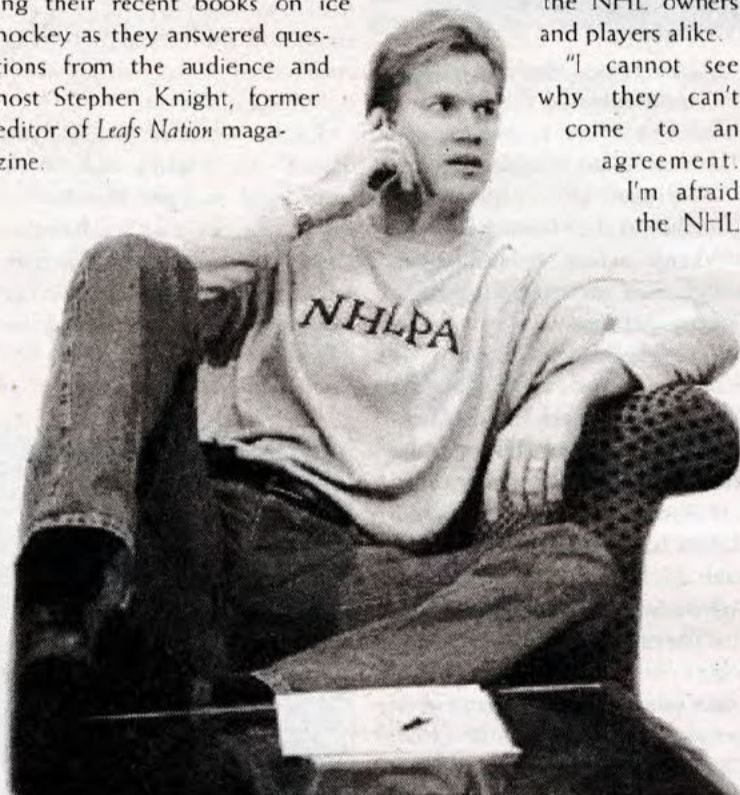
The final member of the five person panel was Kevin Shea, author of *Barilko*, the story of former Leafs' legend Bill Barilko, who died mysteriously more than 50 years ago at the age of 24.

Shea says a salary cap for NHL players is a good thing because it has worked in other professional sports leagues such as the NFL.

"What I find most striking is the [public's] apathy toward the whole situation," he said, expressing his concern over the interest in hockey and its politics. "Do they care, or are they bored over the whole thing?"

Although all five had a slightly different take on the state of hockey today, Boyd summed the overall feeling best.

"Players and owners need to stop whining and play for the love of the game."



Courtesy

National Hockey League Players Association representative Chris Pronger will do everything in his power not to accept a salary cap.

TV stations scramble to fill lockout gaps

MARK KHOUZAM
STAFF REPORTER

With over 200 NHL hockey games now lost due to the lockout, it's a hockey fan's worst nightmare. Hockey junkies are trying to find ways to fill in the holes left by the lockout on TV.

But they aren't the only ones.

With so many televised games lost every passing day, sports networks, like TSN and Sportsnet, are trying to plug the gaps left by the cancelled games.

"NHL hockey is irreplaceable," said Andy Shaperia, Sportsnet communications officer. "But we feel that we give fans something else to watch without losing interest."

Sportsnet has expanded its current coverage of American Hockey League (AHL) and Canadian Hockey League (CHL) games to try and keep hockey fans entertained.

"We feel that both the AHL and CHL are very entertaining brands of hockey and that viewers will watch on a continual basis," Shaperia said.

Sportsnet has also added additional coverage of soccer, mainly the English Premiership League.

TSN, which broadcast 105 NHL games last year, is offering its viewers a different category of hockey. TSN will try and capture hockey fans with classic games.

On Tuesday nights TSN airs classic Canada Cup games and on Wednesday nights, classic NHL games.

"It gives fans the hockey fix they need, while it brings back memories or allows younger hockey fans to see some of hockey's greatest games," said Matthew Garrow, TSN communications officer.

But Garrow added if the NHL lockout does stretch past January, the network will have to look at new programming ideas to offer its viewers.

"The classic games will entertain but if the lockout does linger, then our network will have to re-evaluate our line-up," he said.

Shaperia agrees.

"For the short term we feel we have a very entertaining lineup.

But for the long term, if the lockout goes that far, we will be looking at lineup changes," Shaperia said.

Fans like regulatory affairs student Jeremy Vidal have mixed feelings about the special programming.

"I like what they're doing, but it's not the real thing," he said. "I've lost interest. I used to watch NHL hockey all the time, but now that it's not on, I pretty much don't watch anything. I really hope they come back soon. It's just not the same," he added.



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Martin St. Louis shows off his battle scars in last season's Stanley Cup finals. Fans will be unable to see the exciting action of the NHL this year as the lockout continues.

Former Hawks coach finds new nest

Hoops coach takes on a new challenge with U of T Varsity Blues

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Humber basketball fans may notice a familiar face is missing in front of the bench this season.

Veteran head coach Mike Katz finished his last season with the Hawks in 2003/04 with a bronze touch. Katz spent 20 years at Humber, leading the men's basketball team to eight Ontario College Athletic Association championships and five national championships before leaving to pursue other career opportunities. He also taught golf management to business students for five years.

"Katz was very well known around here," Humber President Robert Gordon commented. "And he will be missed. He was a great addition to our faculty."

Sports were always an important part of Katz's life as he played on varsity bas-

ketball teams throughout his high school and university years. Coaching, he said, was the ideal job as he always enjoyed sharing his knowledge with anyone interested.

Since basketball season doesn't last all year, he now also appears in business classrooms at the University of Toronto but is pleased to say that he spends more time on the court than in front of a chalkboard.

"Love is a very strong word," he said with a chuckle. "I'd save that word for other areas. But I like what I do very much and I'm quite happy with how everything turned out."

His decision to leave Humber was a personal one.

"I needed a new challenge," he said. "When I left, I knew I was leaving a great place. Many people go through fallouts [with who they work with], so they're happy to leave, but not in my case. I feel good about my decision and I was very fortunate to be where I was for so long."

Hawk fans can now look forward to seeing former assistant coach Darrell Glenn step into the head role. Glenn and Katz had a "strong relationship" for

the three years they worked together and Katz "feels good" about Glenn getting the promotion.

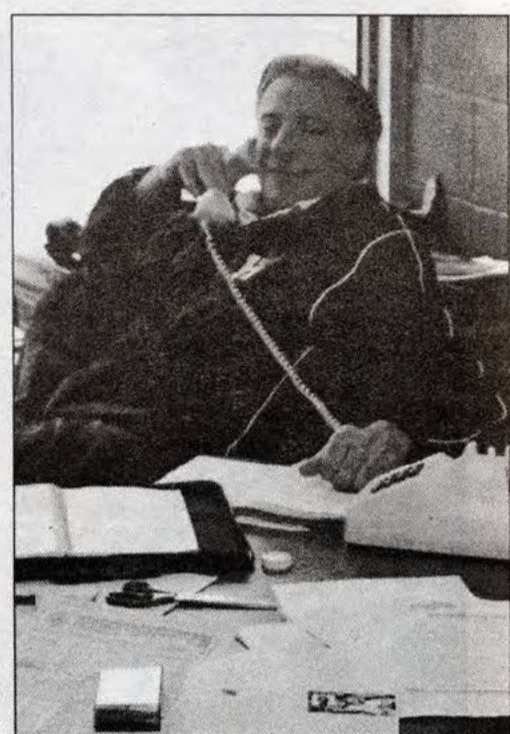
"There are so few coaching jobs across Canada and it's so great to see that a lot of assistant coaches are achieving them. Darrell works hard and he wants the tradition to continue."

Katz not only had a great relationship with Gordon, Glenn and the staff in the athletic centre, but with his players as well. He even went so far as to call some of them his close friends.

"When you work for 20 years in a place that you enjoy immensely, you become very close with some teammates [more than others]. I'm gonna miss it a lot and I hope they all do well."

Katz noted that he never saw coaching as additional work, but rather as a "vocation." He may be spending his days downtown at U of T, but Katz knows that the Humber community will always be there for him.

"I had nothing but good times and I know I can come back feeling like I never left," he said.



Courtesy

Former Humber Hawks men's basketball coach, Mike Katz has started his tenure at the University of Toronto with a 2-2 record.

Correction

In the Nov. 11 column 'The Curse of the Bambino,' one of the teams in the 1986 World Series was misidentified. The Boston Red Sox played the New York Mets, not the Kansas City Royals.

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