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Suspect arrested after residence sex attack

By CHLOE STEELE

Toronto Police have arrested and charged a suspect in connection with a recent sexual assault in Humber's North Campus Residence.

A female student was sexually assaulted in the residence on Dec. 2. She had spent the evening watching a movie with her friends, and was attacked when she returned to her room later that night.

The suspect "was investigated in relation to an unrelated matter, and at that time the existence of the warrant became apparent and he was arrested," said Detective Ian Stratford of 23 Division.

The accused appeared in court on

Monday, and again on Wednesday.

Police said he is being charged with a second count of sexual assault, but would not release any details concerning that matter.

Humber's director of public safety, Gary Jaynes, said campus security worked very closely with the Toronto police throughout the investigation.

"Needless to say, we are quite pleased that [an] individual was apprehended by the police," said Jaynes.

Saith Zetina Aburio, 21, has been charged with two counts of sexual assault, break and enter with intent, and obstructing a peace officer.

He is currently awaiting a bail hearing.



Residence life co-ordinator Peter Lem holds up an old poster used in the recent investigation.

Humber improves residence security

By CHLOE STEELE

Security has increased at Humber's North Campus Residence as a result of last month's sexual assault.

"Unfortunately, sexual assault in general is a problem on virtually every campus across the country," said residence life co-ordinator Peter Lem. "Certainly whenever they do happen we re-evaluate and see what we can do to try and prevent it."

Gary Jaynes, Humber's director of public safety, said these occurrences do happen at colleges and universities and in the city itself.

"The important thing is that we take public safety seriously and we address these issues as quickly as possible to provide the best protection that we can to alleviate any concerns that students and staff may have," Jaynes said.

Lem said the attacker was denied access at the front desk, but entered

the building after breaking a lounge window. The assault has prompted campus officials to heighten security in the building, and has encouraged further commitment to proactive safety measures.

"We ask (front desk staff) to be much more careful when checking ID when students enter the building," said Lem. He added that in conjunction with the keyed front entrance, there is now a security guard in the building every night after 7 p.m.

"Certainly one of the best things we try and do now is increase student awareness," said Lem. He is also advising students to report any unfamiliar or suspicious people. Residents are being encouraged to only sign in guests they know.

Resident assistants have given students information during floor meetings and bulletin boards on each floor also have details about sexual assault and other relevant

Since the attack, Humber's entire North Campus has received additional guard service. Jaynes said that particular attention has been paid to the closed circuit television system in order to monitor the safety of the students.

The security camera system used in the residence is also under examination. "We were looking to either upgrading them or basically overhauling the whole system," explained Lem.

"We just felt that with what happened we should do everything we can to try and increase security to prevent anything like this from happening again."

An 18-year-old female resident of the building said knowing that a security guard is present has made her feel safer. "I do sleep with the dead bolt on my door every night though," she said, adding that she only started doing that after the assault occurred.

Halt the herb

Health Canada issues a voluntary recall of workout and weight loss drugs containing ephedrine and ephedra

By TANNAH RAMPERSAD

If your New Year's resolution was to bodybuild or lose weight, you should be aware that Health Canada has recalled hundreds of products that could have helped you achieve your goal.

On Jan. 9, Health Canada issued a voluntary recall of products that contain high dosages of the herb ephedra and its derivative, the stimulant drug ephedrine, which are found in some energy boosters and weight loss pills.

"If you are taking a weight loss product that contains ephedrine, you could be putting your health at risk and even possibly your life at risk," said Ryan Baker, of Health Canada's media relations.

The recalls refer to products that are marketed without approval. These include anything with more than eight milligrams of ephedrine or ephedra or more than 32 milligrams per daily dosage.

Combination products containing ephedra or ephedrine with a stimulant such as caffeine pose risks, as do products that claim to aid appetite suppression or bodybuilding, promote weight loss, increase metabolism, energy or have other stimulant effects.

Health Canada warned that products that are not approved could lead to stroke, heart attacks, seizures, psychoses and even death.

Since June 2001, Health Canada reports that more than 60 Canadians have had adverse drug reactions related to ephedra and ephedrine.

"We want people to be aware of this issue and to be aware of what they are putting into their bodies. They should be careful," Baker said.

Commonly used products such as nasal decongestants may also contain ephedra and ephedrine, but are unaffected as they contain safe



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BC university nails cheating students

By CELESTE BOTTERO

British Columbia's Simon Fraser University is dealing with a plagiarism crisis after 47 students allegedly submitted an identical term paper in a third-year statistics course last fall.

Roger Blackman, associate dean of arts at SFU, said the students are still under investigation and have yet to be penalized.

"Not until we have heard from all the students will we be in a position to determine whether academic misconduct occurred, and if it did, what the appropriate penalty should be," he said.

To combat the problem, the university held a workshop for teaching assistants last week focussing on how to prevent future cheating.

"We put a lot of effort into making sure students understand the rules. And if they break those rules, they will pay the appropriate price," Blackman said.

Pamela Hanft, the dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Humber College, said Humber has not dealt with many serious incidents of plagiarism in recent years.

"It's not a huge issue here. I think for the most part students try to do their own work and want to learn from the process."

Humber students who are caught plagiarizing assignments receive a grade of zero and,

depending on the severity, may be suspended from their program or expelled from the college.

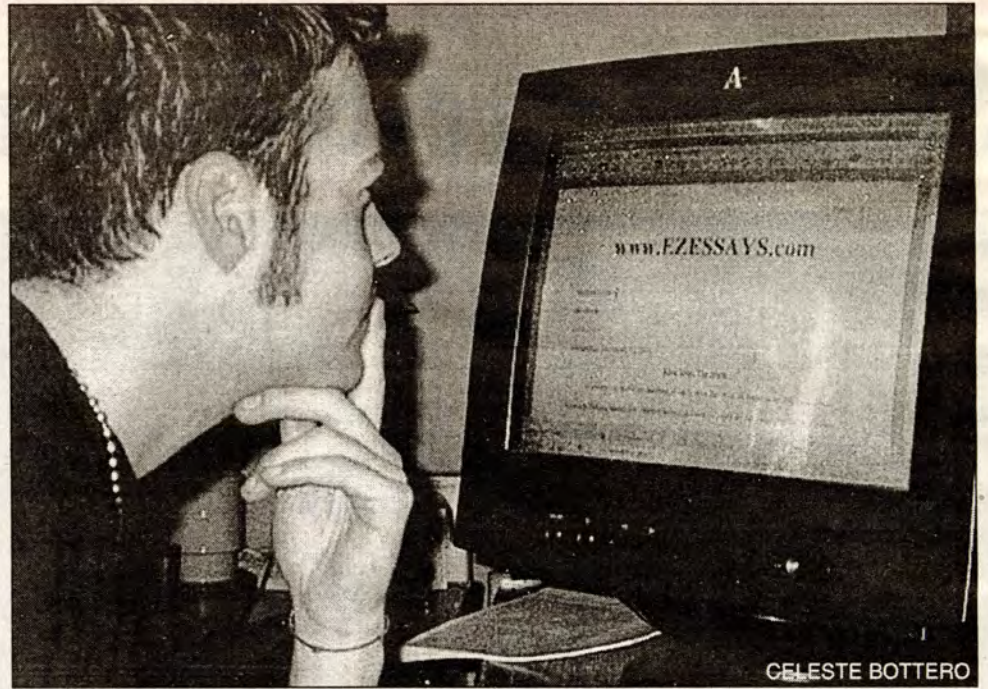
"I think teachers try very hard to set their assignments in such a way that minimize the possibilities of plagiarism," Hanft said. "They try to focus the paper, to try to make it very specific, and try to come up with some original kind of assignments so that students are led to do their own work."

While schools have always maintained that plagiarism is not the answer, educators are still faced with students who will inevitably find a way to cheat.

Although there is no evidence suggesting that the Internet supplied the plagiarized term papers at SFU, it is a growing source of free essays for willing students. There are a host of Web sites, such as cyberessays.com and school-sucks.com, that offer students thousands of essays on a variety of topics.

However, educators are fighting back. Sophisticated sites on the Internet such as turnitin.com – used by 15,000 secondary schools worldwide – help teachers to determine if an essay has been plagiarized. When a teacher submits an essay, the site compares it to every essay available on the Internet.

"It is possible that services such as turnitin.com might turn the Internet from being



Web sites such as EZESSAYS.com offer unscrupulous students an easy way out.

part of the problem to being part of the solution. We know that most people will choose not to misbehave if the likelihood of detection is too high," Blackman said.

Responsibility, Blackman stressed, rests with schools and their administrations to make sure that students are not able to get

away with cheating of any kind.

"The message I hope people take from this unhappy incident is this: cheating occurs in all academic institutions. The measure of an institution should be what they are doing to prevent it and to deal with it if it nevertheless occurs," Blackman said.

We're energy pigs: eco-expert

By CLARK KIM

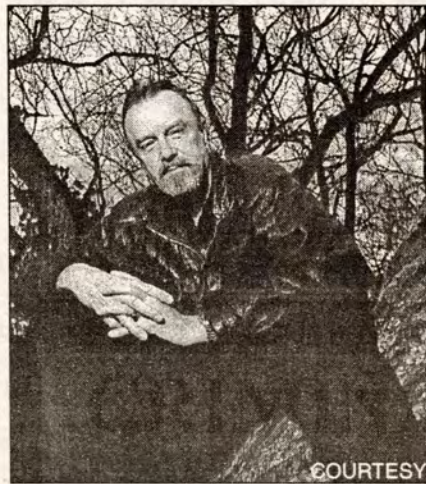
Greenpeace co-founder Bob Hunter brought his environmental crusade to Humber College on Monday, labelling Torontonians "energy pigs" and questioning George Bush's membership in the human race.

"We're here to bring truth to the masses and the masses to the truth," he instructed second-year journalism students.

Since starting Greenpeace in 1971, Hunter has seen the non-profit organization establish offices in 39 different countries. At 60, Hunter continues to use the media to address key environmental issues. He is currently the ecology specialist for CITY-TV and environmental columnist for *Eye Weekly*.

A prolific author with 10 books to his credit, Hunter's next title is due to hit the shelves in April. Titled *2030: Confronting Thermageddon in Our Lifetime*, the book discusses the impact of climate change, which Hunter considers to be "the biggest story" today.

"The term global warming is not apocalyptic enough," Hunter said. "Call it thermageddon or climate crash."



He's quick to point out that Canadians are primarily to blame for the radical and unprecedented change in today's climate.

"Canadians are the worst energy pigs in the world, bar none. We use 15 per cent more energy per capita than the Americans," he said. "Ontario is the worst in Canada. And of the energy pigs in Ontario, they live in Toronto."

In addition to raising awareness on a number of environmental issues as a journalist and activist, Hunter ran for provincial office as a Liberal candidate last year, advocating issues like reduction of fossil fuel emissions from cars.

"Hi, I'm here to get rid of Mike Harris," Hunter recalled saying as he went door to door during his election campaign. He didn't win, but he remains vocal on many political issues.

"George Bush will be turfed and replaced with a human being," Hunter said in response to the United States pulling out of the Kyoto Protocol. "The U.S. pulled out because Bush got \$32 million from the fossil fuel industry," he explained.

Canadian politicians are equally naïve and insensitive to environmental issues in Hunter's opinion. "Stockwell Day is the guy who thought *The Flintstones* was a documentary," said Hunter half seriously.

He tries to maintain his sense of humour when discussing such depressing, doom and gloom environmental stories.

"Despair comes and goes. If you get too overwhelmed, you lie on your back, light another doobie and watch TV," said Hunter.

And Hunter is still optimistic.

"Attitudes can change now in one generation," said Hunter of the incredible speed of today's information technology. "Like it or not, our generation is responsible for the rest of the future."

T.O. budget may be harmful to health

By PETER A. CRISCIONE

Several public health services offered in Toronto face extinction if the city doesn't provide more money in the upcoming budget, said a city health official.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Sheela Basrur warned members of city council Thursday that a significant number of programs will disappear without additional funding from the city.

"The lack of funding will leave public health with an insufficient amount of dollars for much needed services," she said. "City council is recommending that we operate with a budget that won't cover our expenses."

City council is recommending that its spending on public health care for 2002 be limited to roughly \$60 million, an increase of \$830,000 over last year's budget.

However, Basrur said, this modest increase will fall far short of what the board actually needs.

Public programs, such as care for seniors, monitoring air quality and the screening of new immigrants for tuberculosis, were approved for delivery in the 2001 budget but were recommended without subsequent funding.

"Our main objective today is to get the council to acknowledge and appreciate the financial implications facing the delivery of services," she said.

In addition, less funding will increase "gapping" – forcing the board to save money by keeping positions vacant until the need for additional staff arises. Basrur said this practise is a vicious cycle: eventually the cutbacks will make it much more difficult to fill the required vacancies.

HSF approves fee hike for Lakeshore renovation costs

Students could pay extra \$42 each year

By PAUL MARKOWSKI

Students may be paying a new mandatory fee over the next six years to help Humber College finance proposed renovations at Lakeshore campus.

The HSF Board of Directors voted in favour of a \$21 non-tuition-related, incidental fee per semester to cover nearly half of the \$9.5-million cost of expanding and improving student services at Lakeshore to make them comparable to North Campus.

"The reason we decided to implement the \$21 fee is because there will be a huge influx of students at Lakeshore and services need to be improved," said Adam Hackett, HSF's vice president administration north. Life for students attending classes in the old hospital grounds isn't easy, he said. "If you want something hot to eat, you have a 10-minute walk to the AB Building."

With increasing enrollment resulting from the double cohort and the transfer of several programs from the North Campus to Lakeshore, the college needs to address its inadequate student services.

"Lakeshore is on the verge of growing dramatically," said Rick Embree, dean of planning and development. Currently there are between 2,000 and 2,100 students at that campus. That number will jump to about 3,200 next year and up to 4,800 by 2003.

"We've actually been talking to students for ten years

about putting together a site at Lakeshore for student life. We always agreed that it wasn't a priority at the time, but now, because of the growth, it is," said Embree.

The college proposes to renovate the north half of Building H, and Building AX, which will affect the HSF offices, games room, health services and the Student Services Department. The renovations will also provide students with much-needed increased study space, improved food services with a 200-seat cafeteria and a lounge that can also be used to hold events such as orientation and job fairs.

The \$21 fee will finance the HSF portion of the renovations and is the first step towards improving student services at Lakeshore.

"The college does not currently have any money to build this building," said Bruce Bridgeford, the director responsible for capital construction who worked with architects and various user groups to make sure service requirements were met. "And if the students weren't willing to put in the kinds of dollars that we're talking about, then the process simply wouldn't happen."

Now that the mandatory fee is approved by the HSF, the college will present the proposed renovations plan to the Board of Governors to secure funding for its share. "We have about \$9 million in reserves," said Embree. "We would dip into the reserve for one or two million dollars and then borrow the rest."



PATRICK MALONEY

Kaz Cournoyer, above, completes brickwork on a new buildings at Humber's Lakeshore Campus. More changes are on the way, and students may help foot the bill.



CHARLOTTE CUSTARD

Some students hesitant to hand over cash

Is proposed Lakeshore fee unfair?

By CHARLOTTE CUSTARD

The possibility of paying an extra \$42-annual fee has upset some Humber College students.

Extra expenses may rarely be popular, but even less so if the return on the investment is never seen. That's why some are questioning why students on Humber College's North Campus may have to finance Lakeshore campus renovations over the next few years.

"I can only afford my tuition," said Keisha Gooden, a Personal Support Program student at the North Campus.

But Lakeshore students think it's time for some improvements. "We have really basic student facilities,"

said Nicole Sale, a Human Resource Management student. "We need a student pub here, too - one that's nearby, for everyone to go to."

Sale wouldn't get any benefit from the \$42 fee because her course is only a year long, but said, "I would hate to short-change the next people who come here."

Penny Apse, a registered nurse at the Lakeshore Health Centre, said the new fees are unfair. "We don't have enough space here, but the students shouldn't pick up the tab. I think the college should pay for it."

Kimberley Cavicchia, a Business/Marketing student added, "Considering I'm not going to Lakeshore, I think it's too much. Maybe \$20 a year, no, not even that much. Ten dollars would be better."

Humber College prepares for 2003 double graduating class

By MIKE MCQUEEN

Major changes are underway at Humber College in an effort to accommodate the double graduating class that will arrive in 2003, according to the school's president.

With Ontario high schools abolishing OAC-level classes after next year, an estimated 1,600 new students are set to enrol at Humber in 2003, part of the double cohort that has most Ontario post-secondary institutions scrambling to make space.

A combination of new diploma programs and applied degrees are being phased in at

Humber to meet the demand, according to Dr. Robert Gordon, the college's president.

Gordon said that Humber College's reputation, quality and employability of graduates make it a top college that students want to attend.

"The toughest to get into, it's got more programs, more diverse activities, we have more applicants than any other college," he said.

He added that the college must maintain that same quality and reputation when it increases in size in 2003.

Rick Embree, dean of planning and devel-

opment, said that enrolment will increase from over 12,000 full-time students this year to a little more than 15,000 by 2005. "We have essentially guaranteed the government that we'll take in 1,600 students from the double cohort," he said.

The growth, he continued, "is going to spread itself out over a three year period . . . because there are two types of high school students; those who will fast-track, try to get through before 2003, and people who are slowing down and are going to take the five years anyway."

Embree said that new and diverse diploma

programs and applied degrees at the Lakeshore and North campuses will be necessary because the job market is not suddenly about to double.

He pointed out that one advantage of adding applied degrees in specialty areas such as E-commerce, bio-informatics and advertising is that, "a degree is what the industry is looking for."

He added that it also presents current students with an opportunity to take an additional year to receive their degree while at Humber since "most universities won't give you full credit for everything you've done."

1,400 jobs to go at Ford's truck plant

By ASIA S. WHITEMAN

Ford Motor Company is cutting 35,000 jobs worldwide as part of a new revitalization plan. As a result, workers at the Ontario Truck Plant in Oakville will be weeded out of Ford's field operations.

"Our hard work is rewarded by a plant closure," OTP chair John Teixeira said in reference to the 1,400 Canadian Auto Workers union members losing their jobs in the next two years.

The CAW held a press conference in Oakville shortly after the announcement.

CAW leadership said that they do not understand why the OTP, which ranks second in productivity among Ford's manufacturing plants, would be closed.

"There is a distinct advantage to build in Canada - there is no justifiable reason to close any Canadian plants," said CAW national staff representative Frank McAnally.

The CAW leadership pointed out that the decision to close Oakville was due to pressure from Wall Street.

Moreover, there was lack of pressure from the Canadian government at the federal and provincial levels.

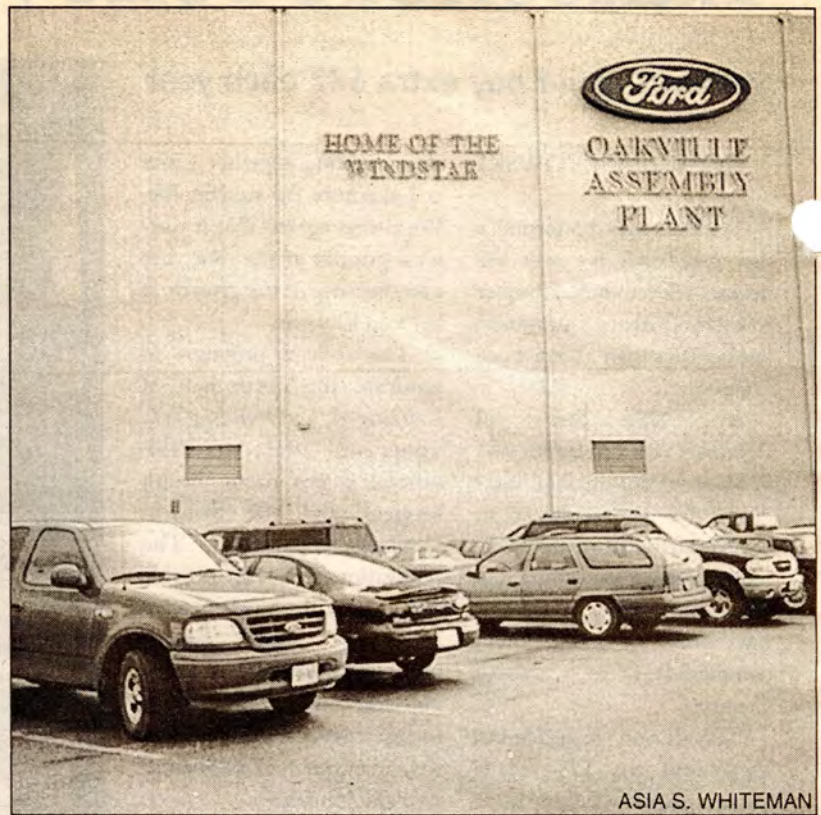
McAnally said WTO, NAFTA and the death of the Autopact were major contributors to the closure.

Paul Huddart, president of CAW local 707, points a finger as well to the collapse of the 1965 Autopact agreement that encouraged American automakers to manufacture in



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CAW's Ontario Ford truck plant chair John Teixeira (left) speaks to reporters after the plant's closure was announced. Concerns linger about the fate of employees at the neighbouring minivan plant.



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Canada in exchange for lower tariffs.

Teixeira said that the job cuts would affect workers who have less than nine years seniority. Furthermore, 600 employees are expected to opt for early retirement packages.

For now the workers at the minivan plant are nervous.

Minivan plant chair Al Paquette is worried about the 1,200 workers there who have less than five years seniority. "The plant has many young people," he said.

Ford's Oakville location includes the minivan plant, the Ontario truck plant and Ford Canada's central offices.

QEW commuters may notice construction on a new office building underway that Paquette said is slated for a late summer opening.

Despite the mass layoffs, Ford will continue to recruit new graduates.

Mark Luey, chair of skilled trades, said that in the next five years there is a projected shortage of one million skilled trades people.

Luey said it is important to edu-

cate college students about their options in the skilled trades.

"The CAW takes an aggressive stand on promoting apprenticeships," Luey said.

He said there is a focus on promoting women in the trades and the Oakville facilities have committees set up for women apprentices.

In the meantime, Ford's revitalization plan aims to decrease their line speed.

Paquette said that this reduction would affect about 340 jobs as early as June.

He's confident though that Ford

will maintain a strong presence in Canada.

"There are not too many \$25-an-hour jobs for people to go elsewhere," he said about Ford's advantage to maintain a pool of workers.

"No one is laid off indefinitely from Ford - they are always called back."

Paquette declared at the press conference that about one in six jobs depend on auto manufacturers, even the local Tim Hortons.

For the time being, the CAW leadership said they would work on strategies to reverse the decision.

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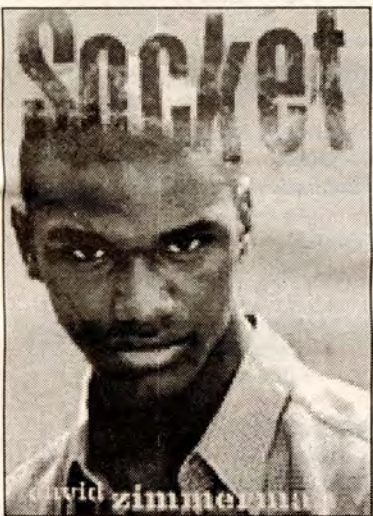
By KRISTINE ARCHER

Locking yourself in a room for the Labour Day weekend with nothing but your laptop and your imagination may not sound like an appealing alternative to a cottage getaway, especially when you're expected to produce a viable novel before the sun rises on Monday morning.

But the staff at Anvil Press hopes budding writers will think otherwise. Anvil Press hosts a 3-Day Novel Contest, an exercise in literary torture that has been held every Labour Day weekend for the past 24 years.

The contest began in 1977 as a barroom challenge between friends.

"No one finished that year," said Lisa Sweanor, who works at the small Vancouver-based publisher.



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David Zimmerman's *Socket*, this year's contest winner.

Arsenal Pulp Press ran the contest until 1993 and was about to let it go – until Anvil Press publisher Brian Kaufman decided he couldn't let the unique competition end. Today the marathon draws more than 400 entries every year internationally, averaging 100 pages each, and offers one winner a chance at publication. The contest is known as the rebel of literary forms and "continues to fly in the face of the notion that novels take eight years of angst to produce and lush cash prizes to stimulate," according to the Anvil Press Website.

Sweanor said the Internet is the major reason for the contest's growth.

"It spread on the Web a lot quicker than it ever did by word of mouth," she said.

This year's contest attracted manuscripts from Canada, the U.S., Scotland, France and Japan.

Entrants must submit a \$25 entry fee, and a signed witness letter must be sent in with the manuscript to verify that the writing was done between midnight on Friday and midnight on Sunday. Sweanor said judges are not interested in works that they say fall into typical genres like romance, science fiction or horror.

"We're definitely looking for something original each year," Sweanor said.

The panel of judges is comprised mainly of editors from Anvil's literary magazine, sub-TERRAIN. Though judges are always looking

for something innovative, a novel must be good enough to publish. There have been years when no winner was chosen at all, simply because the jury did not find anything they deemed deserving.

"We would bring down the other authors, the past winners," said Sweanor.

As for the writers, Anvil doesn't discriminate. As in other literary competitions, often the only thing the judges know about the author is their name and where they are from. Contributors can be novices, like this year's winner, David Zimmerman of Savannah, Georgia, a first-time novelist. His novel, *Socket*, will be released this spring. But experienced authors are also drawn to the event.

"It was actually easier than I thought it was going to be," said

Most people are quite exhilarated by it and are very proud to get a novel out in three days.

- Lisa Sweanor

Michael Bryson, editor of the Danforth Review, a Web-based publication that covers the small press scene in Canada. "I think it's a fun exercise for writers. It forces you to come up with ideas."

Sweanor said most participants enter the contest simply for the experience.

"Most people are quite exhilarated by it and are very proud to get a novel out in three days," she said.

While the pressure-packed deadline concept has resulted in many viable novels, it has also produced questionable manuscripts and bona fide madness. One novel, submitted at

least twice in different years, was a three-page tale called *Stop, Stop, Stop This Truck*. The story centred around two people arguing about a piece of gum that was thrown out a window.

Some authors have called to request deadline extensions, claiming various ailments – everything from hemorrhoids to heart attacks.

The myriad of tales that has accompanied potential novels were so entertaining that Anvil produced a compilation called *The 3-Day Novel Writing Contest Survival Guide* to help future participants endure the Labour Day marathon.

But each writer seems to take their own approach to the contest. Past winner Bonnie Bowman relied on caffeine to maximize her waking – and writing – hours. Some entrants take a more nonchalant attitude, while others simply procrastinate. And the authors aren't the only ones



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who write in with tips and tales of torture.

"We always get a few letters from the spouses of the people," Sweanor said. She said the one concern is that the contest may take attention away from the other Anvil Press activities.

"We also publish literature throughout the year," she said. "The 3-Day novel is only one of 11 books (published last year)." But Sweanor added that the competition is a fun and challenging event. "I think that everybody who enters should be congratulated," she said. "It's no easy feat."

"I think it's a great contest," said Mike O'Connor who runs Toronto's Insomniac Press. "Anything that will help out someone like me – or me – is great."

Check out www.anvilpress.com for details on the 3-Day Novel Contest or any of the previous winners.

Focus on small press—a big place in Canadian literature

By KRISTINE ARCHER

Aside from producing some interesting works of fiction, the 3-Day Novel Contest also provides exposure for the Canadian small press scene.

Small presses account for more than 30 small publishers throughout the country.

"I think what a small press has to do – it kind of acts like a farm team for the bigger publishers," said Sam Hiyate, publisher at Gutter Press in Toronto. "Even though we can't afford it, we end up taking more risks than they can because they have more overhead."

Exposure is only one of the challenges fac-

ing small presses in Canada. There's always the threat of financial failure in the face of large, corporate powerhouses like Random House.

"You have to be more resourceful," O'Connor said. "There are months when you can't rub two cents together."

And although the success of mega-stores like Chapters would appear to help small presses, this is often not the case.

"It's made it harder," O'Connor said, citing Chapters' practice of over-ordering and returning overstock in lieu of giving a refund as a financial landmine.

But O'Connor continues the struggle. He insisted the small presses make a significant

contribution to the state of Canadian literature.

"Small press is the canary in the mine-shaft," he said. "If we die, these other guys are going to die."

Michael Bryson of the Danforth Review agreed.

"This is where the new writers come from," said Bryson, referring to small publishers like Insomniac and Anvil Press. "This is the cutting edge of new Canadian literature."

On the bright side, O'Connor said business is at a high point. Insomniac published 20 new titles last year, and they receive an average of three to four manuscripts every day.

O'Connor noted that some authors prefer

smaller presses since they allow more editorial control and less bureaucracy.

"Small presses create an environment that allows Canadians to hear their own voices," O'Connor said. What about the fear of being taken over by the Random House literary machine?

"They wouldn't buy me," O'Connor said, laughing at the thought. "I can't even envision it."

"When you work in a bigger house," said Hiyate, "for every book that you actually want to do, you have to do ten that aren't that exciting or that are coming in and someone else has made all the decisions for you. It's all about money."

Editorials etc.

Cash grab for Lakeshore?

So, Humber will soon be squeezing even higher payments from its already cash-strapped students, eh?

Sounds like a pointless money grab by the school's board of directors, right? Well, not exactly. An increase in the post-secondary tab won't sit well with any student, but this time it will be money well spent.

The proposed \$42 annual fee will help finance renovations at the school's Lakeshore campus. Odds are that you don't go to the Lakeshore – you may not have ever even been there – but the campus is in need of an immediate upgrade.

The cafeteria is akin to a grade-school lunchroom, with hardly enough room to house the 2,000 students attending daily. There are inadequate conference facilities, a shortage of study space and (gasp!) no pub.

Along with the need for improvements is the space to accommodate them. Unlike Humber's North Campus, the Kipling-Lakeshore area is filled with, well, nothing. Empty fields and open spaces give administrators near-endless options to build, expand, and grow. The total cost – \$9.5-million – is a good start to a great quest: making Humber a world-class institution.

Every year this school produces graduates who impact virtually every industry, from photography to funeral services. How can it be that one campus is so developed, while the other is neglected, like some unwanted step child?

The Etobicoke campus isn't lacking for any amenity, but there isn't much to see at its sister school. With enrollment about to skyrocket, it is necessary that the changes be made now.

Of course, no student wants to pay an extra \$42 to bankroll changes they will probably never enjoy. But these are the kind of advancements that will raise Humber's profile in the future, improve its facilities and ultimately make its alumni look all the better.

Rink rage justice?

Thomas Junta's defense lawyer called him a "gentle giant" and "a loving father and husband." A juror called him a "down-to-earth guy," and said he thought Junta was sorry for what he had done.

Junta, 44, was convicted last week of beating his son's hockey coach to death after an argument about – of all things – rough play during a minor hockey practice in Reading, Massachusetts.

Junta claimed he was acting out of self-defense after his son's coach, Michael Costin, "sucker punched him."

Jurors found that Junta, who stands 6'1", and weighs 270 pounds, lacked the intent to kill Costin, who weighed 120 pounds less than Junta.

Witnesses say Junta repeatedly kicked and struck Costin into unconsciousness after he fell to the floor. He was relentless as children watched and other parents screamed in horror.

Junta's sentencing will take place on Jan. 25, and though he faces up to 20 years in prison, he will likely only get three to five years because he's a first-time offender.

It is impossible to know how many years will be a sufficient punishment/lesson. But one thing is certain, this scene will forever impact the entire lives of the 12 children – including Junta's own three kids – who witnessed this brutal killing. No sentence will ever erase that.

Mel's many misadventures

Aw, Mel. Not again.

When Mayor Lastman stopped into a downtown hotel last Friday, he bumped into some good ol' guys – members of the pimping, murdering, extortion-loving Hells Angels Motorcycle Club.

They were in town to celebrate the one-year anniversary of their entrance into Ontario, and our very own Mayor Quimby, er, Lastman was caught on camera shaking hands with one of their members.

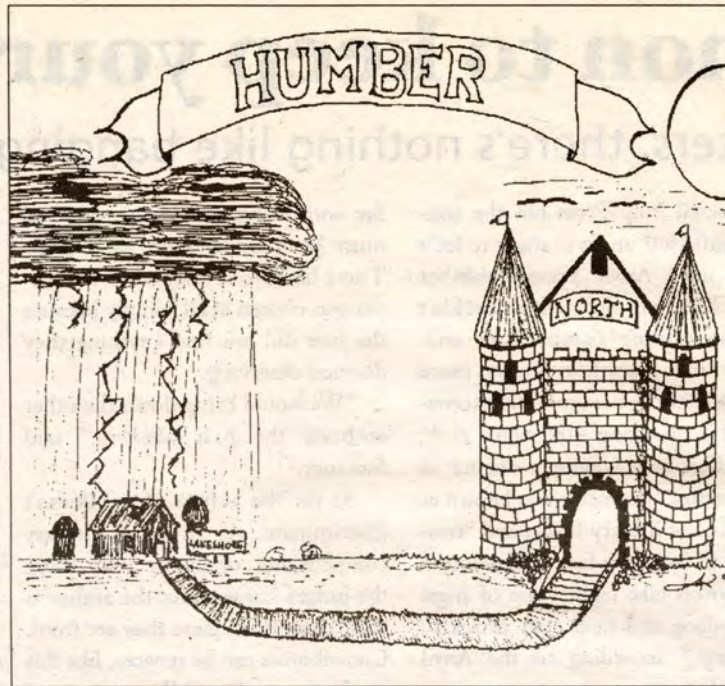
He contends that he was only in the hotel to ensure that security was tight – tantamount to Henry Ford coming to your house to fix your flat tire. Nonetheless, his innocent move ended up a public disaster. Again.

From his illegitimate children to the Olympic debacle to his ridiculous apology ('I'm sorry, very sorry. So sorry. Did I mention I'm sorry?') Lastman has consistently mortified this city on a national and international scale.

One thing is for certain – Mel truly meant no harm. He now claims he didn't even know the Hells Angels were criminals, making him either a liar or a moron. Which is worse is anybody's guess.

But harm was done. Toronto was shamed, the Hells Angels were glorified, and people can't help but feel a little uneasy living in a city that wants nothing to do with Quebec's biker woes.

Don't worry, Mel, the Hells Angels aren't all bad – at least they won't put you in a pot of boiling water. And they don't dance.



Cover this



Ryan Paxton

The cover song is fast becoming the scourge of contemporary music. The beat-jacking of hip-pop and manufactured boy bands still reign as the epitome of shitty music, but bad covers are a trend that seem to be picking up steam.

That's not to say all cover songs are bad. Tricky's version of Public Enemy's *Black Steel in the Hour of Chaos* is one gem that quickly comes to mind. Sadly, it's the only one of recent note.

Only a few decades ago, rock bands like Led Zeppelin and the Jimi Hendrix Experience often remade old blues songs and turned them into modern-day classics.

Unfortunately, these days most are comparable to Madonna's massacre of Don MacLean's *American Pie*.

While they can shine from time to time, they are so often done poorly that I have begun to earnestly hope I never hear another cover song again.

Failing that, I hope that those who are musically inclined will follow my simple, two-step formula to make their cover songs at least tolerable. As a quick aside, if you have the talent of Limp Bizkit, Alien Ant Farm, or any other like band, stop

reading, because nothing I can say or do will ever inspire you to create good music – cover or not.

Step one – it's a good hint to cover a song that was actually good to begin with. That was Smashmouth's biggest problem when covering the Monkees' *I'm a Believer*. If it wasn't any good 30 years ago, it's probably not gonna cut it today.

Actually, if I'm going to be completely honest, anything that Smashmouth covers is bound to be a steaming pile of something unpleasant. It's a fairly simple equation, really. A shitty band covers a shitty song originally performed by another shitty band. What do you think is produced? If you guessed shit, you're right, and you get mad props.

Step two – do something original. Change the music a bit, or do some crazy vocals or something. But for the love of Allah, Jehovah, Yahweh, or any other deity of your choice, don't just sing over the original track. That's not covering a song; it's karaoke.

This is where Eddie Vedder comes in. Without a doubt, he is a talented musician who made a wise choice by choosing the Beatles' *Hide Your Love Away* as his latest cover. But somebody neglected to tell him he wasn't a drunken, Japanese businessman, wailing the night away at a bar.

I am not musically inclined, nor do I pretend to be, unless I happen to be especially inebriated. But believe it or not, I understand how difficult it is to come up with a brand-new song. Trust me though, it's not worth alienating your fans by taking the easy road and recording music that is utterly forgettable.

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Toronto's diamonds-in-the-rough



Brett Clarkson

For one night a week, my associates and I declare a holy war on sobriety in all its forms. Sort of like a jihad. Typically, the battle is waged on a Thursday night in a gritty downtown district rife with students, hookers and homeless, empty-palm displayers. Around 9 p.m., we hit the Goldie Foxx, a sketchy watering hole – hole, in the purest sense of the word – at Yonge and Gerrard, a.k.a. the city's outdoor Wal-Mart of recreational drugs.

Stand at the southeast corner and you'll see some interesting things. Like a few weeks ago – a bunch of friends standing agape, while mere yards away, a thugged-out, dealer kid presses his groin into the face of some seated, empty-eyed girl with her back against the wall. Apparently all the traffic lights, cops, pizzerias, poster-stores and passersby are no reason to thwart a one-way exchange of oral pleasure.

Big city life.

Anyway, the Goldie Foxx looks and feels like one of those bus terminal bars in a small, northern Ontario

town – the kind that sits in the middle of a barren, two-shop-and-a-post-office hamlet. The kind of lonely bar that draws every Blue-drinking soul within 50 km to it because there's no other choice, even if the walls are polluted with plastic Coors Light banners and the juke box is suffering an overdose of John Cougar Mellencamp. Such is the charm of the Goldie Foxx.

But charm, no matter how crudely, is no reason to frequent a bar week after week. No, sir. We go on Thursdays because the pints are dirt cheap. Yeah, that's right. In a town where most establishments flog their glasses for a small fortune, the Goldie Foxx's prices are unparalleled. As a student, maybe you should take note of this wacky pricing policy. You'd be a fool not to.

Another diamond in the Toronto rough is a little place out in Parkdale that serves up, bar none, the best roti in the god-damned world. It's a place called Bacchus Roti Shop (1376 Queen St. W.), and I swear to God, the boneless chicken roti (\$6.95) will make you salivate like a hungry camel (have you ever seen those things slobber? The drool from their mouths hangs and sways in the wind like a clear rope). For the last few years, it's been voted 'Best Roti' in the city by *NOW* magazine's readers, and with good reason. You'd be a tool not to take the 501 streetcar out to this little culinary gem. Take a date there, and you will get action. It's that good.

If, however, you're hoping to

ensure the exact opposite of getting action (maybe it's a blind date, and you desperately want to rid yourself of that horse-faced companion), venture on down to Mr. Tasty (398 Church St.). There's really nothing quite like it. Order a burger, and the wilted elf posing as the behind-the-counter cook will snarl at you. He'll also mutter what sounds like nasty things under his breath. Who knows why, but his impatience with customers is par for the Tasty course, and after a while it becomes endearing.

FYI, Tasty also acts as the impromptu HQ for a number of the whores that ply their trade at Church and Gerrard. You see them waltz in there with their backpacks looking like tired soccer moms. Then they drop a few large bills on the counter and proceed to the toilets. Fifteen minutes later, they emerge wearing Rick Flair-style leather boots and gaudy ankle-length fur coats that must have required the deaths of 150-200 small rodents.

Oh yeah, did I mention that Mr. Tasty also has the best hamburgers in the city? Ask any one who goes there.

Avoid the hoes though, unless, of course, your date has deserted you.

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'Humber has a golf team?'



Tara Reed
SAA Co-President
Guest Column

He shoots. He scores. And the fans go... Wait a minute. Where are the fans? More importantly, where's the school spirit?

Maybe it's my fault. As co-president of Humber's Student Athletic Association, it's my job to encourage you to come out and support your school. This is not an easy task.

In the three-and-a-half years that I've walked the crowded halls here at Humber, I know that I have become oblivious to the posters, flyers, and banners that litter the walls. Because of this, some of you just may not be aware of Humber's varsity teams and games. The question 'Humber has a golf team?' comes to mind. By the way, we do, and they're the reigning national champions.

Some of you may have an inkling of what's going on down in the A wing. Maybe a guy in your class wears a Hawks hockey hat, or maybe there's a girl who carries a Humber varsity gym bag. You might be won-

dering what it's all about, so here I am to satisfy your curiosity while answering the question: 'what are we going to do tonight?'

In a nutshell, Humber offers varsity sports in men's and women's basketball, volleyball, soccer, golf, and men's hockey. Each of these teams is looking to you for a little support in the stands on their way to provincial and national gold medals.

That's not enough? How about free stuff? By coming to a varsity game, you have the chance to win clothing, movies, meals, and more.

So I offer you a challenge. Before the school year is through, catch at least one varsity game. For those of you really up to the challenge, catch a game for each team.

Where to start? On Thursday, Jan. 17, the SAA and HSF are working together to build school spirit. All you need to do is wear blue and gold to school. Later that night, attend the men's and women's basketball games vs. Seneca in the gym at 6 p.m. We've got lots of prizes to give away to those who suit up in Humber colours.

If you like what you see, take advantage of the free bus trip from Rez to Westwood Arenas on Feb. 2 to watch the hockey team take on Sir Sanford Fleming. While you're there, take a chance at winning a 20" colour TV.

I urge you to come out and make the school look good. Stop by Athlet-ics in A116 to pick up a complete game schedule. I triple dog dare you.

The sad truth about ink and the human body



Chris Iorfida

eral, it seems women are getting tattoos on all parts of their bodies in increasing numbers. Bravo, I say. I believe women have the same rights as men to make a permanent decision they'll later regret.

The trend has also dovetailed nicely with the emergence of the lower back as an area that can be uncovered and flaunted. This, of course, has been aided by plunging waistlines and hip-slung pants, as well as floss underwear.

But it baffles me why someone would spend \$75 or more for a piece of body art that, barring some Cirque du Soleil-like contortions, they can't see without aid of a mirror. The only thing I've come up with is that, in contrast to men, who are generally

more brash and narcissistic with their bodies, woman still have a bit of reticence about the whole thing, alongside the practical consideration of wanting to wear a spaghetti-strap dress without offending the relatives.

Certainly, just about everyone likes attention and wants to please their partners, so we also can't discount the possibility that on some unconscious level there's the naughty thrill of having a partner discover a vista in a discreet place.

I wonder if all these women realize, however, that the colours of a tattoo fade, often badly, and may need to be re-coloured. I can tell you from first-hand experience that the only thing more unattractive than a badly faded tattoo is a badly faded

tattoo near a woman's sacred and holy area. It totally ruins the look.

I grant you that an increasingly-tattooed populace could forge a new sense of community. I think we've all seen two complete strangers bond instantly when comparing ink. And if you've ever read the personals, you're bound to see ads requesting potential mates with tattoos and piercings, which seems a rather generic standard to me. Wouldn't you care exactly what the content of the drawing was, or is a skull with a rose in its teeth equally appealing as Yosemite Sam? Then again, the personals are also littered with those looking to connect with people who enjoy "music" and "movies".

I just wonder what the impact will

be in the future because, of course, the tattooed tartlettes of today are tomorrow's mothers and grandmas. One can't help but wonder what effect a more heavily-inked, middle-aged female demographic will have on these children.

From a clothing standpoint, I think it's something Humber's Fashion Arts students should ponder.

Along with increasing worry about the ozone layer, I predict these future teens will rebel against their moms (and dads) by covering every inch of skin. Someone could make a mint designing practical yet trendy all-encompassing spacewear. Think *Sleeper* meets the Springfield Nuclear Plant, and you may be on to something.

On Campus etc.

Humber student on air with Oprah

By CHRISTINA GELINAS

As Whitney Houston's *I'm Every Woman* blared out of her car speakers, Nancy Ball pulled into the Humber College parking lot four months ago for the very first time.

It's a long way from Humber's parking lot to the Oprah Winfrey show, but that's the direction in which Ball is headed.

The 42-year old mother of two adolescent boys recently completed Humber's part-time freelance broadcasting course as part of a life-changing challenge. The decision came after 13 years as a full time mother and wife.

"I'm a great mom, I'm a great wife, I've loved raising my kids, but when I looked in the mirror, I didn't know who I was," said Ball. "I was spinning my wheels."

Ball attributes her decision to Dr. Phil McGraw, a regular guest on the Oprah show.

Dr. Phil posed a *Get Real Challenge* in September to get people to make positive changes in their lives.

Ball, a former assistant at the old CFNY radio station, decided to redirect her spinning wheels and take the challenge herself. She renovated the guest room in her home into her own 'mom's room', set educational and personal goals, and got to know herself again.

"I needed to get off my butt," said Ball.

And once she got up, Ball said she didn't stop.

She also improved her physical fitness and excelled in her evening voice training and self-marketing classes.

But this inspiring story doesn't end with the completion of her education.

Sitting at an old computer in her 'mom's room', Ball wrote a letter to the Oprah show, thanking Dr. Phil and Oprah for inspiring her to do something more with her life, and for



William Hanna, dean of the School of Media Studies, and recent part time student Nancy Ball could appear on the Oprah Winfrey show later this month.

their hand in her newfound confidence.

Last week, the producers of the Oprah show contacted Ball.

Impressed with her letter, they asked for video clips of Ball at school and at home. The Oprah show will showcase Ball and the course, part of the continuing education program at Humber, on an episode later this month.

Ball said this is her opportunity to thank everyone who has helped her succeed in making positive changes in her life.

"I was motivated to be here (Humber) by Dr. Phil's challenge," she said. She adds that she is also indebted to her 'fantastic instructor, Allan Bartlett.'

Deemed by Ball as the voice of reason,

Bartlett is an actor and voice acting teacher. Bartlett said Ball's past experience in the broadcast field was an advantage, but said her wonderful attitude helped her succeed in the course and receive recognition from a famous production company.

Bartlett added he feels flattered that such an opportunity has presented itself to one of his students.

"Sometimes you are unsure how you are doing," he said. "You forget the impact you have on students. Something like this makes you say 'wow'. It's more than just coming in and talking for three hours about something I love to talk about anyway."

The K107 boardroom was turned into a mock classroom Jan. 10, as a teary-eyed Ball accepted flowers and congratulations from her classmates, who booked off work to be part of the video montage to send to Oprah's producers.

As Ball left the boardroom to stop in the broadcast studio down the hall, her friends recounted fond memories of their classes together and their excitement for their future careers in radio and television.

Joe Andrews, co-ordinator of Humber's radio broadcast continuing education program, said the showcase on Ball and the course is a wonderful promotion not only for the school but for all Humber students.

"It's a perfect example of someone who decided to dip her foot in the water of continued education and found success," he said.

Now leaving the school to pursue a voice acting career, it is only fitting that Ball, once thinking of herself as just a mom who didn't know what to do anymore, reminds herself, Mary Tyler Moore style, "*You're going to make it after all.*"

Humber finds a Way

The results are in for the 2001 Humber United Way campaign

By MITANJALI SOLOMON

The Humber College 2001 United Way campaign has come to an end, and has surpassed the projected goal.

Humber exceeded the set goal of \$35,000 for the United Way campaign in 2001 by \$1,000. The amount was raised by a combination of events and pledges. Of the total, \$29,166 was raised by pledges.

Humber will kick-start the 2002 United Way campaign with a summer barbecue.

"We are hoping to have a successful campaign in 2002," said Valerie Hewson, executive assistant to the president. Hewson, along with Nancey Adamson, executive assistant to the vice president of business

development, has been planning the event for the past three years.

All departments of the college have participated, organizing events such as a spring barbecue, a walkathon and a bake sale.

The walkathon organized by the public relations department raised \$1,347, -the highest amount from a single event last year.

The money raised by the campaign will be channeled into one of the many social service organizations that the United Way supports.

Volunteers and professionals review submissions and conduct interviews. They also visit agencies where the money is to be allocated.

Beating the winter blues at Lakeshore campus

By JILLIAN WELLARD

Lakeshore campus has a month of welcoming events planned for students new and old after the long holiday break.

"It's nice to relax and have peace of mind," said Raj Gogna, vice president of campus life at Lakeshore.

Gogna said the month of January is filled with events that he hopes students take advantage of.

Millionaire Monday, a popular event at Lakeshore, has students play contestants in a mock version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire during lunch hours every week. The HSF has offered this event throughout the year.

Gogna said there is a lot of excitement and enjoyment during the show. HSF provides prizes for contestants

such as t-shirts, coffee mugs, key chains and other gifts depending on how close they come to the million-dollar mark.

On the music front, the HSF will continue to have Humber bands perform once or twice a month.

Gogna said this allows a showcase for local talent where the bands can benefit.

"This is a way they can improve their skills while students enjoy," he said.

Lakeshore student, Matt Giresi, said he watches the shows in the cafeteria.

"I usually eat lunch and it gives me something to do," Giresi said.

He said the audience asks the bands questions about how often they practice and the instruments they use.

Lakeshore cafeteria plays host to

karaoke lovers once a month during lunch hours.

The karaoke sessions are "sometimes pretty humorous," Giresi said. "It's a chance for the acting students to go up and practice."

In addition, the HSF also offers students a place to put their feet up, watch movies in the lounge of the AX wing. Movies are played continuously from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and students often drop in between classes to relax.

Events at Lakeshore campus are open to all Humber College students.

"Everyone is welcome," said Gogna. "There are no restrictions."

HSF is currently planning events for Black History Month in February.

Lakeshore campus is located at 3199 Lakeshore Boulevard West, at the foot of Kipling Avenue.

Find out how you fare with universities

By MITANJALI SOLOMON

The fifth annual Humber University Fair is less than a week away and a record 26 universities from Canada, the United States and Australia will be attending.

"The fair will specifically address the process by which students can take their college diploma and work towards a university degree," said Andrew Poulos, a psychological counselor at Humber, who along with other counselors is helping to organize the fair.

According to Poulos, employers are extremely interested in grads with both a diploma and a degree, as this means they have attained both practical and theoretical knowledge.

Each university will have a private stall and representatives will be available to answer questions about admissions, applications and scholarship possibilities.

Some representatives will also be recruiting.

Poulos encouraged students to get as much information as possible from the fair. He also pointed out that students could stand a chance at getting advanced standing at a university although this is specific to the course being taken.

"If a student is considering a university that is not represented, it should not indicate to the student that his or her diploma is of no use," Poulos said. "The student can research the university they are interested in and come to the counselling office where a counselor can help answer their questions."

The counselling offices are located in room D128, and has a transfer guide available, which lists most of the programs at Humber and corresponding affiliates in other universities.

The fair is being held in the concourse area of the North Campus on Jan. 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Jan. 24 at Lakeshore in the small cafeteria.

Rez laces up at Nathan Philips Square

By KELLY LABINE

Students from residence went on an outing to Nathan Philips Square for a night of ice-skating recently as part of Humber's Winter Orientation.

"There are around 80 new students moving into residence this term and we feel

Activities like these are important so new students can meet people that they will be living with for the next term," said Peter Lem, residence life co-ordinator.

He added to say that the event was an extreme success with around 100 students attending.

"I skated all my life," said first-year Photography student, Tammy Shultis. "I used to figure skate. This was my first time at Nathan Philips Square. It has been an excellent experience."

Other students had a different view on skating. "My feet hurt and it was cold, but other than that it was lovely," said Nicole Menard, a Nursing student. "I remember skating being a lot more fun when I was younger. I like activities like this because it gets me out of residence."



KELLY LABINE

Humber's winter orientation for students new and old is running now until the end of January.

After skating, the students visited Cafe Demitre's at the Woodbine Mall.

The next event in the Winter Orientation is a ski trip to Snow Valley on Jan. 31.

For more information, please contact Peter Lem at (416) 675-6622, ext. 7301.

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Yearning for learning centre to open



ROSEMARY SOSTARIC

The Humber Room's ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held on Feb. 13 and is invitation only.

By ROSEMARY SOSTARIC

There's a chic new culinary haven in this school, steps away from where you cop your coffee and buy your books.

The construction on the Albert Schnell / Hilton Learning and Catering Centre, known affectionately as the Humber Room, is now finished, but no date has been announced for the re-opening.

The \$1.2-million facility consists of the Humber Room, a five-star dining room, Tall Hats, a retail outlet and two kitchens equipped with the latest in gastronomic gadgets.

"It's absolutely beautiful. The renovations are exceptional – all of which result in a great improvement," said Brad Crater, a second-year Chef's Apprentice student.

According to Don McCulloch manager of business development and operations for the Albert Schnell Learning Centre, the original facility, previously known as the Catering and Learning Centre, was erected in the early '80s as a teaching resource for Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism student.

The quality of the equipment and various appliances in the original facility was quite obsolete, and in desperate need of renovations, McCulloch added.

The Centre underwent extensive restoration, and was nearly four

years in the making, said Alister Mathieson, dean for the School of Hospitality.

Culinary faculty, project engineers and designers were responsible for the design. When the plans were complete and agreed upon, Dixon Construction was then awarded the contract.

It was projected that the facility would open last September, but there were construction delays.

It is fully operational, said Clive Foster, purchasing and receiving manager for the centre.

According to McCulloch, the facility continues to be a teaching centre for students in the school's hospitality and culinary diploma or certificate programs.

"It is used as a means to generate cost recovery of products produced in labs," he said.

This is achieved by selling foods created in cuisine and pastry classes at the centre's retail outlet, Tall Hats.

"The food sold is really quite good, no commercial products are used, everything is made fresh daily and the costs of the items are well below market value," said Richard Scott, Tall Hats customer service assistant.

The Humber Room will be rented for private functions to further meet the financial upkeep of the new facility.

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Health Canada recalls ephedrine

Ephedrine recall, continued from page 1

Health Canada recommends that you check for eight-digit drug identification numbers (DIN), which indicate that they are government approved.

Health Canada has also requested that manufacturers, importers and retailers stop selling and recall all of these products.

A customs lookout was also issued to stop import of these products.

Canadians who may be consuming these products are advised to stop using them and

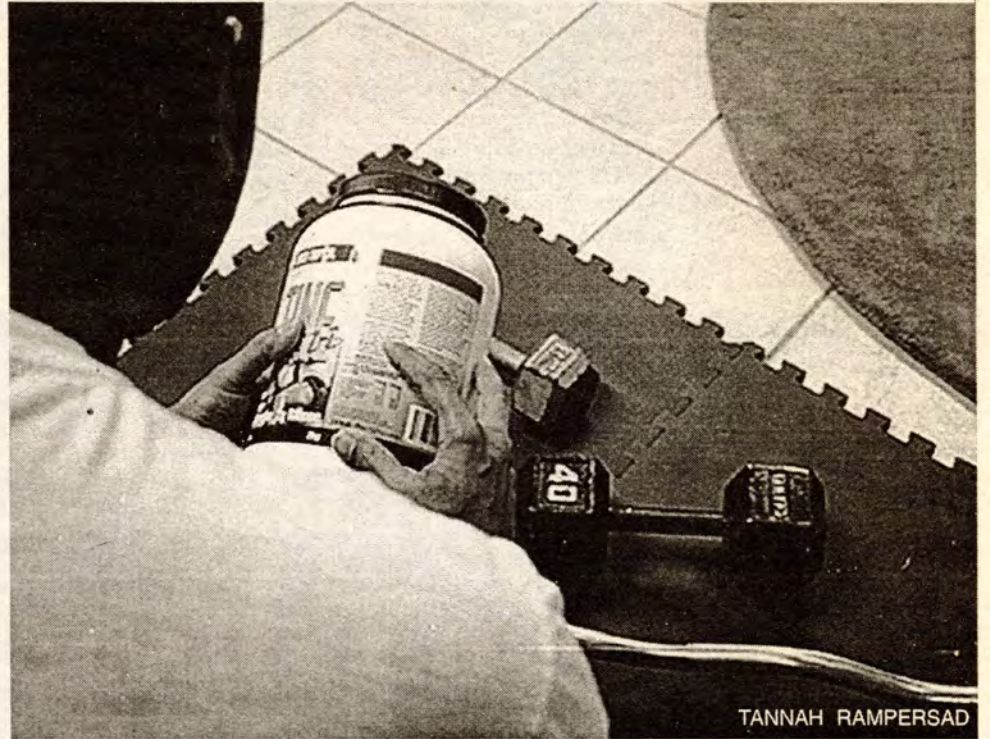
return them to their point of sale.

Health Canada issued a similar warning in 1997 and in June 2001, but did not recall the products then because their studies had not been completed.

With the new information, however, a request for recall is now necessary, Baker said.

Health Canada will conduct a random market survey within six months of this request to determine if these products are still available.

For more information, visit Health Canada on the web at: www.hc-sc.gc.ca/



TANNAH RAMPERSAD

Health Canada has advised consumers to check labels on products that contain over eight milligrams of ephedrine or ephedra. Due to the extensive number of recalls, Health Canada has not issued a product list.

Check out Women's Health Matters Forum and Expo 2002

By CHRISSIE O'BRIEN

Matters Forum and Expo 2002.

Full-time students can check out a free women's health show this weekend at the Toronto Convention Centre's south building.

On Jan. 18 and 19, General Motors of Canada Ltd. presents Women's Health

The forum will host experts on issues of women's physical and psychological health, from menstruation to marijuana.

For more information and the official schedule of events visit: www.womenshealthforum.org

Students aren't thinking about health care after Humber

By CHRISSIE O'BRIEN

Tania Clarkson is going to the dentist next week, which would not be noteworthy except that she has not been to the dentist for six years and has been anticipating this visit for some time. "I haven't had health insurance since college, so I haven't been able to go," Clarkson explained.

Private health insurance covers incidentals such as prescriptions, visits to the optometrist and the dentist, some ambulatory care and hospital expenses. It is meant to supplement the Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP).

Most people are covered by their parent's policies while they're in school.

However, when a student graduates, the well of health coverage officially dries. Firstly, you can't be a dependant within a parent's health insurance policy after the age of 21. Secondly, most policies will not cover a dependant who is not in school.

Finding individual health insurance coverage after graduation can be problematic because of the unrealistic view of health insurance provided by college life.

Humber students contribute \$8.23 from their tuition every year to the school health plan, provided by Blue Cross.

This policy doesn't cover dental expenses but does pay 80 per cent of prescription costs as

well as accident insurance, covering everything from dental to death.

Finding comparable insurance after graduation is nearly impossible because Humber health care benefits are paid for by years of student contributions – it is a group plan.

"The low number of people who make claims or use the coverage is why we can charge such a low amount," John Pulla, HSF president, said. "The money that is estimated to be there for the health plan is there because everyone contributes."

The Humber health plan is similar to one that would be provided by a student's first job out of college.

There is a catch though, some companies do not pay benefits to a new employee during the three to six month probation period.

For instance, Clarkson waited until the first day ending her three month probation period to book her dentist appointment so that she would receive coverage from her workplace.

So, what does health insurance look like in the real world?

Once students leave the hallowed halls, they must find an insurance provider and buy a policy.

Commonly, you must buy a life insurance package from \$20 to well over \$100 per month, depending on age, health and coverage.



ANN-MARIE COLACINO

Students should be thinking now about where to get affordable health care coverage.

Where can graduates get cheap health care?

By CHRISSIE O'BRIEN

Two alternatives graduates can check out for affordable health care are:

Liberty Health, a Canadian insurance company, offers a separate policy that is reasonable for new graduates. The Combo Plus basic plan, covers dental and prescription costs and is available for under \$50 per month. However, you have to submit a medical profile to purchase it.

The Ontario government offers another

option meant to supplement health insurance—ideal for a student looking for help with prescription costs. The Trillium Drug Program assists people who have high drug costs in relation to income, and bases the deductible on income and family size. Once accepted to the Trillium program, a person must pay for drug costs only up to the level of their deductible. Afterwards, you are eligible for drug coverage, though the plan does not cover dispensing fees. More information about the Trillium Drug Program is available at www.gov.on.ca.

Life etc.

Ski resorts close to Humber students

By ELLA BASIC

Santa may have brought you new skis or a new snowboard that you are dying to test out. One problem, we don't have snow. Well, snow may not be available in the GTA, but look no further than your local ski hills for pure powder.

As a student, finding the time and money for activities like skiing can be difficult, but if you're able to squeeze in a few great runs, Centennial Park in Etobicoke and North York Ski Center at Earl Bales Park are your closest ski destinations, just a 15-20 minutes drive from Humber College.

Both resorts provide day and night skiing with inter-

mediate and beginner hills.

Hockley Valley is another great ski resort, just 25 minutes north. They have 12 runs open for day and night skiing.

Hockley Valley currently has a winter special, that includes accommodations and unlimited day ski/board packages for \$79. If you have the extra time and are looking for a more challenging resort, head north.

Snow Valley is about 35 minutes north of Toronto, and they provide 18 runs and one half pipe, open day and night.

Your next stop is Horseshoe Resort, just 40 minutes north of Toronto. This resort has 22 runs and a half pipe. Fourteen of those runs are open for night skiing.

Every Thursday evening, Horseshoe Resort presents 'College Night' with a house DJ. Students with college I.D. can ski for \$15 and receive one free tubing pass. Accommodations are available at Horseshoe Resort, but they can be costly.

Drive another five to 10 minutes north for the hills of Mount St. Louis/Moonstone. They have



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37-day runs, including half pipes. There's a mid-week education package for college students starting at \$19 for a lift ticket and \$8 for ski rentals, or \$16 for snowboard rentals.

An hour-and-a-half drive from Toronto will bring you to Blue Mountain. They offer day and night skiing with 34 trails and two half pipes.

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Remember to keep warm when on the hills, because the wind chill will take a bite out of you.

Saint Laurent leaves fans and fashion after 40 trendy years

By JULET ALLEN

After 40 years of designing haute couture, legendary French designer Yves Saint Laurent has decided to bid farewell to the fashion world.

The designer, who is credited with a long line of fashion firsts, like women's pants suits, smoking suits and pea jackets, held a press conference at his Paris fashion house Jan. 7 to announce his retirement.

He paid tribute to his mentor Christian Dior, talked at length about his battle with drugs, depression and loneliness, and looked back fondly on his career.

"I have known fear and the terrors of solitude," he said. "I have known those fairweather friends we call tranquilizers and drugs. I have known the prison of depression and confinement of hospital. I have come through all of that dazzled, yet sober."

The designer, born in Algeria, was only 21 in 1958 when he was appointed to succeed Christian Dior, who he referred to as his master.

"I realize that I helped to advance the fashion of my time by allowing women access to a universe that had previously been inaccessible to them," Saint Laurent said.

Rinat Samuels, designer and owner of Executive Style Ltd. in Toronto said, "Saint Laurent has left a legacy of distinguished elegance and class for the fashion world.

Whenever I design or conduct fashion image consulting, I continuously work with his colour, theory and concept."

Looking back at his work, Saint Laurent said he is extremely proud.

"My aim was to dress all women and not just those who were wealthy," he said.

Elaine Vassell, of E.M.Vassell-Designs on YU of Toronto uses the Saint Laurent patterns concept when she designs.

"There will always be new ideas and designers but Saint Laurent will always be easily distinguished from the rest," she said.

In 1962, Yves Saint Laurent made the pea jacket a hot commodity. He is responsible for classics like leopard prints, sheer blouses, the gypsy, and leather as a wardrobe staple.

In the '70s, he introduced the pinstriped pantsuit. Coco Chanel may have been the first to liberate women by wearing pants, but it was Saint Laurent, years later, who made it universal for women and liberated women's fashion.

"He has impacted on many designers especially with suits. He revolutionized feminine appeal," Wanda Ziotek, a third year fashion student at Humber said.

In 1999, he sold the rights to his label and his perfume collection, including his signature fragrance Opium to Gucci for \$70 million and royalties.



There's no waiting at these local ski hills.

Sexual inequality in Humber programs

By CHRISSY MOWAT

Calling all women ...especially if you have a yen for hot stuff.

Humber's Fire and Emergency Services program, dominated by men, would enjoy having a few more women among its ranks, according to the program coordinator.

Beverly Bonello says that



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Where are all the ladies?

of the 36 students who enroll in the firefighting class each year, only one to two are women.

But, don't think that just because you're female you'll get an easy ride. No preference is given to any gender in the selection process.

"Available spots go to the highest ranking candidates," Bonello said.

In contrast to the firefighter program, male students are the minority in the college's nursing program.

According to Chris Coles, practical nursing student, only three of the 45 students in the practical nursing program were men last semester.

Rob Boychuk, first-year student in the nursing diploma program, said that men are scrutinized because they

are the minority.

"We stand out, and are noticed more because there are not many of us," he said.

Coles said that in all three of the schools he has attended for health care, women have greatly out-numbered the men, and he has experienced some harsh stereotypes.

"One teacher at my other school said that men should be orderlies or doctors, and they didn't belong in the nursing field," he said.

Why are both of these programs dominated by a particular gender?

Boychuk said that nursing probably attracts few men because male nurses who can act as role models for students are few and far between.

In fact, according to the Canadian Medical Association Journal, female nurses outnumber male nurses 19 to



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one.

Similarly, history has dictated that men dominate dangerous, physical jobs like fire fighting.

Women have been volunteer firefighters for over a century, but it wasn't until 1974 that Judith Livers became the first paid woman firefighter, according to Women in the Fire Service Inc.

So men scrub up, and women grab those fire hoses—it's time to balance the gender gap in all fields.

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Figure flattering fashion: what shape suits you best?

By ANA MARIA MARQUES

Does my butt look big in this? The key to looking good is selecting the right clothes to compliment your body shape. No body is perfect and everyone is different. Finding clothing that will fit you perfectly (in those less-than-perfect areas) can be difficult, but not impossible. Knowing your shape will allow you to dress confidently and highlight good qualities. Kathy Cooper, owner of DRESSINGS custom design and fashion consulting service in Guelph, Ontario said if you "accept your body type you will be far more attractive than a woman who picks herself apart all the time."

There are six common body shapes: pear, diamond, round, hourglass, inverted triangle and straight.

Pick the definition below that best represents your body, keeping in mind that you may not fit into just one type.

"There are some women who may be a bit of two or even three," Nora Gherbi, stylist from Holt Renfrew's World Lab Design in Toronto, said.

Pear

If you have a slender neck, narrow shoulders, a small bust and generous hips, then your body is pear shaped.

Try "to make your upper half look fuller" said Gherbi. Wear tops in lightweight materials, in any colour

or print. Bring attention to your waist by wearing belts, solid coloured low waist pants or show some belly. Show some leg, but don't wear a skirt that falls above the knee.

Diamond

If you have a small upper body, full waist, and broad hips, then your body is a diamond.

Focus on your upper body by wearing fitted tops. Wear thick belts and solid coloured bottoms with wider bands. Gherbi said "wearing skirts with a hem line above the knee instead of pants will give you a leaner look"

Round

If you have a generally larger top, narrower hips, and legs are slender and shapely, then your body is round.

You should focus on your upper body and legs.

"It's easy to hide problems with this shape," Gherbi said.

Avoid tucking in your shirt and tops that contain lycra. Wear jackets and cardigans with a single button in the waist. Which will give the impression of a defined waistline.

Wear tight pants and skirts with hemlines above the knee for a leaner look.

Hourglass

If you have a pronounced bust, a defined waistline, and shapely legs, then your body is an hourglass shape.

Direct the attention to your neckline, arms, legs and waist. This gives the idea that the body is extended, Gherbi

said. Wear fitted tops with a deep V-neck or scoop neck. Draw attention to your arms by wearing shorter sleeves.

Avoid skirts, because they emphasize the upper leg. Wear low-cut pants in solid colours that are not extremely fitted.

Inverted Triangle

If you have broad shoulders, an average sized waist and bust and narrow hips, then your body is an inverted triangle shape.

Draw attention to your waist, legs and arms by "softening the shoulder and balancing the figure," Cooper explained. Always go for solid-coloured tops. Create curves by picking materials that are fitted and move with your body.

Pants and skirts should be low-cut and tight-fitting—these cuts make your legs look slimmer. To define the waist, wear a wide belt.

Wear skirts in any pattern or colour for shapely legs.

To define the waistline wear a belt and low-cut pants. Wear jackets with a single button in the waist or a long cardigan with a belt around the centre.

But just remember, the best guideline for fashion is to dress how you feel, and don't be a slave to the whims of the fashion world.

Every woman is unhappy with at least one body area. Remember, no body's perfect, but by understanding your figure, and dressing accordingly, you can make the best of what you've got.

Looking for money in all the right places

By RENEE BOROVITCH

If you are a student in need of financial help, there is help to be had here at Humber.

However, students looking for extra cash so they can party need not apply, said Margaret Antonides, manager of financial aid.

Last semester, the Humber Student Federation (HSF) brought in stand up comic and financial advisor James Cunningham to speak on credit and debit counseling, Adam Hackett, HSF vice president of administrations, said.

"We are hoping to get him in to speak again this semester," he added.

Tuition bursaries for students coming into the academic year are accessible on the Humber's website.

There are also bursaries for students who prove a financial need, Antonides said.

"A student must speak with a financial aid mem-

ber. They have to do a budget and have a reason for requesting the financial need bursary," Antonides said.

If you find yourself in a pressing financial situation and your OSAP has not come in, emergency funds are available.

"This amount is dependent on how much you need. What they give you will be deducted off your OSAP loan when it comes through," Hackett said.

There are also entrance scholarships for first year Humber students who are registered for full time studies. These are applied directly to tuition fees and are based on past academic proficiency. You need academic as well as employment references and extra-curricular involvement to qualify for these bursaries.

"If a student needs assistance with budgeting, he or she should meet with someone at financial aid. Someone will sit down with you to review your current situation, and what you

should expect during the school year," Antonides said.

One resource is a part-time job.

"But, there are some programs that are so busy, that having a part-time job... is not a good idea," Antonides said.

Joanne Settle, a Humber counselor, recommended regular monitoring of where your money is going so you know where, when, and if you need to cut back.

"Students need to plan and prepare. They need to identify their expenses," she said.

"Some students are sensitive about admitting they have money difficulties, but the money is there if you need it," Settle said.

There are also awards available through Humber's website, www.humberc.on.ca.

Each scholarship or bursary has designated criteria by the organization offering it.

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2. Click on Student record services

3. Go to financial services
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5. Enter in your financial status. The information will be calculated to determine whether or not you qualify and how much you could expect to receive.

GOOD LUCK!



Margaret Antonides, manager of financial aid, helps out Humber students in need, so don't forget to go to Humber's financial services for help.

Thank you for reading the Humber Et Cetera, your source for news

Martinis making a splash

By MICHELLE SABA

James Bond prefers his shaken not stirred, the ladies of *Sex and the City* enjoy Cosmopolitans and even Ernest Hemingway was known to have a few.

The martini, a complex and classic concoction preferred by many, is a ready drink sparking newfound curiosity.

Learning the basics of martinis is the ideal way to appreciate the drink and determine your personal preference.

The classic martini is described as either 2oz of gin or vodka and a quarter ounce of dry vermouth served very cold. Gin martinis are traditionally garnished with green olives and vodka martinis with a lemon twist. The measurements depend on the drinker. Vermouth even comes in a spray bottle to make that 'bone dry' martini. You simply spray the vermouth onto the drink.

The classic martini is an acquired taste. Since many people can tolerate the taste of straight gin or vodka. Bonnie Lawson, from Jammz Bar and Bistro in Toronto, has been a bartender for 23 years, and is a martini expert.

"I can pick out real martini drinkers because they come in knowing exactly how they want their martini made and what brand of gin or

vodka to use," Lawson said. For gin martinis, Bombay Sapphire and Beefeater are the popular brands, and for vodka, it's Smirnoff or Absolut. A



Some like them shaken; some like them stirred.

genuine martini drinker usually has gin straight up with olives. But Lawson said a vodka martini straight up with a twist is becoming quite popular.

The ultimate debate for martini aficionados is shaken versus stirred. Vodka and cocktail martinis are usually shaken. Shaking a gin martini "bruises the gin," Diana Roberts, manager and consultant at the Bartending School of Ontario, said.

"Shaken gin looks cloudy, almost like a glass of freshly poured tap water," she described. Lawson suggests a stirred martini.

"Stirring means less chance of ice melting and diluting the drink."

In a shaken martini, the ice tends to melt faster and blend with the alcohol, giving what some believe to be a watery taste. Lara Papa, owner of Toronto's Eat My Martini, said all the martinis made at the bar are shaken unless a customer requests otherwise. She said it helps to properly mix all the contents in the drink.

Martini drinkers may disagree on preparation methods, but everyone loves the martini glass. So distinctive and chic, these days many people are only drinking martinis because of the striking look of holding the glass. The wide mouth and slender neck of the traditional martini glass seems to scream sophistication and prestige.

"Many people who order cocktail martinis order them for the impressive look they provide. It's the look of the glass and what is associated with it," Lawson said. Recently, coloured

glasses have hit the market. Lawson doesn't like coloured glasses because she said many customers like to see their drink. Yet, Papa serves more than 80 martinis in the newest trend—a stainless steel martini glass.

The martini has evolved in many ways. The classic martini is still considered the only real martini, and drinks like the 'crantini' or 'chocolate martini' are 'bullshit drinks', according to Roberts.

"They are merely cocktails in martini glasses," Roberts said. But Papa said the versatility of cocktail martinis are what have made them so popular. A summer favorite called 'Monkey Bars' combines vodka, mango juice, orange-banana liqueur, and pear liqueur.

If you enjoy experimenting with drinks at home, martini recipes can be found in any bar manual. Roberts said "anything goes when making your own martini". A technique she suggested is adding fruit to vodka. Papa said garnishes also add to the drink.

"You can use anything (including) the newest craze, cheese stuffed olives," Papa said.

Now that you have completed martinis 101, you are fully equipped to determine whether you like your martini shaken not stirred, it's now time to raise a glass. Cheers!

'Tini Tips

- Olive Etiquette: there should always be three olives in a martini to symbolize health, wealth, and happiness.

- When making a vodka martini with a twist, always swipe the rim of the glass with the yellow skin of the lemon so that the oils are released.

- A Scotch martini uses a drop of scotch instead of white vermouth.

- If you prefer a sweeter martini, just add more vermouth and garnish with a maraschino cherry.

- While drinking, hold the glass by the rim only to steady it. Otherwise, hold the glass by the stem, so as not to warm the drink.

- For a new look take out the olive garnish, and drop in skewered cocktail onion.

- To make a 'Red Square' martini, use Muskovaskaya vodka, sweet vermouth, and three blue-cheese-stuffed olives.

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Greed and loathing on the net

Online day trading – Can the quick click of your mouse make you the Richie Rich of Humber?

By JOHN PRATT

If students find the only green they have leftover after Christmas is that new Grinch toy, then financial experts say long-term investment as opposed to online trading may be the key to an improved financial picture.

"Because students are young, they have an opportunity," said Rhonda Cowan, senior financial consultant with Investment Planning Counsel of Canada. "They have to recognize that time is on their side and take advantage of it."

Sandra Ramos, senior consultant with Investors Group, feels one element overrides any financial plan or style of investing – desire.

"I was approached by this student when she was 18," said Ramos. "She was in school, working part-time jobs. She would take X amount of money and put it away pretending she'd never see it again. She's been out of school for three years now and has \$40,000. She was determined to have her money work for her."

Long-term investments require an investor to be patient and to make a serious commitment. This may be why online trading appeals to many. It allows investors an opportunity to get quick results and eliminates the middleman – the broker, thus drastically increasing the profit.

Online day trading allows traders to react immediately to fluctuations in market prices and allows orders to be executed in a matter of seconds, creating opportunity for small profits of a quarter to a sixteenth of a point.



Experts sound off on the advantages of long-term investment over online trading.

Therefore, the more capital you have to play with, the greater the profit.

Instant access to the market helps minimize trading risk, allowing traders to have more control and the ability to bail out of a bare market.

The three keys to trading, according to John Donnell, CEO of Online Trading Academy, are to manage your risks, get educated and to not add to a losing position.

"Remove your ego and greed," advised

Donnell, especially with shares that are down.

Donnell explained that dips in the market do not always rebound so waiting out the dip can do more harm than good for a trader's financial portfolio.

"Get out. Time does not bail out mistakes," said Donnell. "How much pain can you take?"

Online investors should remember that it is just as easy to lose money through the click of a button as it is to make it.

A trader's success "is how good a job they

do not losing their money," said Donnell.

Any investment, high risk or low, should be made with funds you can afford to lose.

"It's feasible to make money online but if you're a novice and haven't had much involvement in the marketplace, then it might be more beneficial to use a broker," said Arthur Frank, a former stockbroker with Dean Witter/Morgan Stanley.

Another advantage of online trading is freely diversifying your portfolio.

"The investor, using a broker, can sometimes be forced to purchase shares in that company's own investment funds, limiting the investor's choices," said Frank.

"It's often smaller investors that are interested in online trading," said Ramos. "We've seen that frenzy, with the surge in science and technology in 2000. After the tech market collapsed, people realized they had to educate themselves before going back online."

Ramos believes the best way to introduce yourself to online trading is to spend time researching the marketplace and try a couple of dummy trades.

"Look up something you're interested in, pick a few stocks and watch them for a month," said Ramos. "See how you fare."

Time is another factor to be considered when trading online. Many people cannot analyze market trends and monitor a portfolio every hour.

Ramos believes in a more balanced approach to investing, one that is less volatile, such as investing in treasury bills and money market mutual funds.

New iMac computers – flat is in for 2002

By KYLE MARNOCH

If you see someone sitting at a desk in the near future staring intently at what appears to be a desk lamp, they are probably not as crazy as you think. They're probably just using their new iMac.

Apple's new entry level desktop computer was unveiled at the Macworld Expo in San Francisco last week. The radical new design places an adjustable flat panel screen on top of a domed base which houses the CPU and disk drives.

Matt Dunn, at CPUUsed in Toronto, said to expect the first high-end model iMac, at 800 MHz, to be shipped in about three to five weeks and retail for \$2,899.

This model features a G4 processor and disk drive which Apple has dubbed the SuperDrive, able to burn both CDs and DVDs. It will also come with 256 megs of RAM (Random Access Memory) and a 60 gigabyte hard drive.

The next model down, with a 700 MHz processor at \$2,399, should ship in February.

It will have a 40 gigabyte hard drive, 256 megs of RAM, but won't feature the SuperDrive. It will have a DVD-ROM drive that will still let you burn CDs, but not DVDs.

The low-end model at \$2,050 can be expected in March. It too has a 700 MHz processor and 40 gigabyte hard drive, 128 megs of RAM and a CD-ROM drive that can burn CDs.

All three models feature the flat screen monitor. Apple has long been an innovator when designing new systems. Offering flat screens on entry level computers could well set an industry standard.

"It'll take a while, but it's got to go that way," said Dunn of the eventual widespread use of flat screen monitors. "It will take years, realistically, because you can still pick up a 17-inch tube display for \$250 to \$350, whereas a flat panel 15-inch starts at \$600."

So while owners of a new iMac will have a flat

screen with their new system, it may be a while before other computer users follow suit.

According to Dunn, most of the potential customer base for the new iMacs will be people who already own one of the originals.

"The original iMac is three years old and people tend to want a new computer after that," said Dunn. Aside from experienced Mac users, the new design may attract new users and people more accustomed to using Windows based machines.

Even with the new iMac ready to hit store shelves, the old iMac, with its trademark translucent colourful bodies, will still be available, and at lower prices.

CPUUsed will be selling older iMac models from \$1,250 for the base system, to \$1,800 for the 700 MHz system.

Although the prices of the older systems will drop once the new iMacs hit the market, opting for the old means going without the sexy flat screen.



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The new 2002 Apple iMac.



KYLE MARNOCH

The old 2001 Apple iMac.

Highway 427 expansion poses threat to moraine

By VIRGINIA WATSON

The proposed expansion of Highway 427 will cut through the Oak Ridges Moraine – possibly displacing wildlife and rerouting waterways in the conservation area, a Ministry of Transportation representative said.

“There has not been a particular route determined yet,” Bob Nichols said. “Generally speaking, it will head north from where it ends at Highway 7 and swing east to the 400, roughly in the area of Highway 89.”

While the expansion of Highway 427 will be a welcome relief to some commuters, an environmental assessment will weigh the benefits against the possible environmental degradation.

The assessment will also consider health concerns such as noise pollution and fuel emissions.

The most important issue is the preservation of the Oak Ridges Moraine, a conservation area that runs across the top of Toronto. But Nichols insisted that won't be a problem.

“If the highway does cross the moraine, it will be done in the most environmentally sensitive way possible,” he said.

Terms have been set out for the Ministry of Transportation (MOT) in a conservation plan to minimize the environmental impact. For example, the builder must minimize rights of way on the proposed four-lane highway. There are also restrictions placed on interchanges and transit stations, requiring a passage of straight travel with no access ramps through the moraine.

“The 400 series highways are huge walls that prevent the movement of wildlife,” Bryan Grimes, representative for MPP Mike Cole of north Toronto, said. “How much of the integrity of the wildlife habit is sustainable through the major infiltration of a four-lane highway?”

If the extension of the 427 is approved, the highway will give greater access to some of the smaller towns to the north.

“The Ministry of Transportation should be keeping urban boundaries tight to discourage sprawl into farmlands and forests,” said Linda Pim,

co-ordinator of the conservation policy for the Federation of Ontario Naturalists.

Municipalities in the area are growing rapidly and the proposed expansion is a direct response to the future of the area north of Toronto, Nichols said.

“We've determined that if you don't start planning now to put that highway in place, you will have severe congestion problems in your existing highway network,” Nichols said.

“Time and again we hear the government say highway expansions will reduce gridlock,” Pim said. “This is a very misguided way of solving traffic problems – it's just moving where it takes place.”

The expansion will run about 45 to 50 km, almost parallel to the 400. The environmental assessment could take three to five years before the plan is approved by the government. Other highways in southern Ontario are being considered for expansion to alleviate some of the congestion on the expressways surrounding the GTA.

Facts on the Oak Ridges Moraine

Richmond Hill's section of the moraine contains:

- Northern parts of the Rouge Valley System.
- The highest species diversity on the moraine and one of the highest in the Greater Toronto Area (southern sections of the Rouge have an even higher species diversity).
- The highest concentration of

development proposals anywhere on the moraine.

-Five provincially recognized Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest that, according to the Ministry of Natural Resources, “best represent the diversity of habitats found on the Oak Ridges Moraine.”

-Seven of the moraine's 32 kettle lakes, which are highly sensitive to pollution.

-135 wetlands (Roughly 70 per cent of southern Ontario's wetlands have been wiped out).

-30 fish species, including the threatened Redside Dace.

-seven of the moraine's 24 bogs, noteworthy for their rare northern plants, such as leatherleaf, bog cranberry, bog laurel and pitcher plant.

-684 plant species, including 156 rare species found on the moraine.

-98 breeding bird species, including many sensitive species that require large wetlands.

-16 species of mammals, including the eastern cottontail rabbit, coyote and white-tailed deer.

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Auto industry offers no deals around GTA

By M. CHARLES SALEM

room to move on older models.

As 2002 model cars are being wheeled onto lots, prices on 2001 models are not being reduced.

After a year of record-low financing and lease rates, there are now very few new 2001 models left on the lot, and the ones that remain are not much of a deal.

“I have four 2001 Accents left and right now they are financing at the same rate as the 2002s,” said Duke Kim, a sales representative at Hyundai of Mississauga.

This trend is affecting all the dealerships around the GTA. The market has given dealers very little

At Oakville Honda, the 2001 Honda Civic is only about \$200 less than the 2002 model.

On the positive side, with the current economic slow-down this year's models are maintaining the low rates of 2001.

Hyundai and Kia continue to offer zero per cent financing or no money down lease packages.

Industry speculation has it that the record low offers that allowed for such a high rate of sales in the fourth quarter of 2001 are responsible for the subsequent down-sizing of automakers such as the Ford Motor Company.

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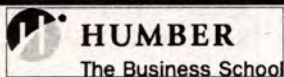
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Entertainment etc.

HMV sick of getting burned

By ANNA ROZBICKA

They just want a commitment.

HMV Canada is changing its once hassle-free policy that allowed customers to return opened CDs for an exchange or refund with a receipt. They will now only grant refunds on unopened merchandise.

"We're a record store, we're not a library," said Andrew Pollock, vice-president of marketing for HMV Canada. "Unfortunately some customers were using the policy in a way we didn't want it to be used."

Pollack refers to the growing popularity of CD burners that allow a disc to be copied in minutes onto a blank one that costs under a dollar. Customers would burn a CD then return the original.

"We've had instances where someone will come in and buy 30 CDs, take them home, bring them back later that day and say 'Okay I bought these, I burned them, and now I'm returning them to you,'" said Pollock.

He also recalled the time a customer brought in his entire 600 CD collection expecting an exchange.

"You can see what we're up against," said Pollock.

After Jan. 18 the store will only accept unopened merchandise with a receipt, or

exchange defective discs for the same title. HMV will continue with their in-store listening booths, and employees will open CDs to let their customers listen to the full disc inside the store.

The music store will also phase out their old Club Cards, which awarded a free CD after nine purchases. These will expire in February.

"We hope to replace it with a more electronically driven program within the next year," he said.

In spite of the surprise resignation of HMV president Peter Luckhurst, as well as the change in refund policy, Pollock maintained that the company is going strong.

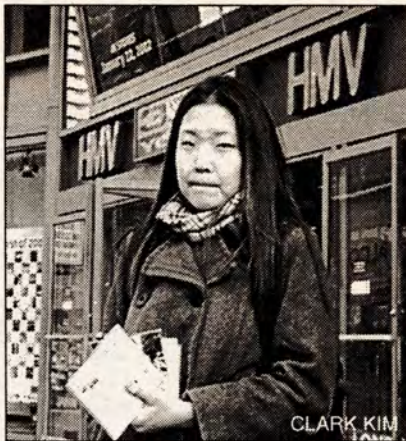
"The music business has been flat at best," said Pollock. "But the DVD and video business for HMV has been unbelievable."

Pollock said that the company has tested the new policy with customers and that over 90 per cent are understanding.

Humber students seem to agree that the new refund policy is a good idea.

"It's a good thing," said Adam Doplaga, a first-year Computer Engineering student. "They were getting ripped off." He admitted to downloading and burning music.

Mandy Delve, a second-year Travel



This HMV shopper is iffy about the store's new return policy.

and Tourism student said that people should listen to CDs in the store before buying.

"Some people were taking back tons of CDs," said Delve. "I think that's like stealing."

"People are basically dishonest," said Mark Trimble, a TRN Nursing student. "They are stealing music and don't admit to it." He said that burning CDs is going to destroy the music industry.

"The artists need to get paid for their craft," said Pollock. "Ultimately the people that are going to be ticked off are the ones abusing the policy in the first place."

Hot Spot – chill at the Green Room

By KELLY BRENTON

If you're in search of a mellow evening off campus that won't drain your wallet, consider The Green Room Bar and Restaurant in downtown Toronto.

"Tell everyone to come, it's totally chillin'," said Holly Doward, a server at the hidden but happening spot.

Last Thursday night, groups of friends relaxed for hours enjoying food, drink, and discussion. Others sat alone with a novel chosen from one of the bookshelves that line the walls.

Jeff Muhsoldt is a student who's been going to the bar for three years. He first heard about it from a friend.

"For me, it has a Jack Kerouac beat thing going on," he said. "I basically come here to drink and talk."

The musical selection is eclectic and contributes to the Bohemian vibe that envelops the darkened student haunt.

"We play all kinds of stuff," said Doward. "It really depends on who's working. It ranges from Jethro Tull to the latest hip hop."

The two-storey bar is lit solely by can-

dles, twinkling mini-lights and lamps with second-hand shades in a rainbow of colours.

Tracy Chamberlain and her friends make the Green Room their first choice for a night out.

"I came here and feel in love with it," said Chamberlain. "The music, the candles, it's just got the whole atmosphere thing going on."

"About 80 per cent of our clientele are students," said Doward, which is likely due to the bar's proximity to the University of Toronto.

Food comes cheap, but portions are generous and tasty. Appetizers go for \$2-\$6, and the most expensive entree is a mere \$9.

"The pad thai and avocado sandwich are popular choices," said Doward.

The bar is open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m., and never has a cover charge. It has both smoking and non-smoking floors.

To get there from Bathurst subway station, head east on Bloor Street to Brunswick, then turn right (south). The unassuming sign in the alley may not look like much, but once inside, you're transported into an enchanting space.



Check out the Green Room – 296 Brunswick Ave., (416) 929-3253.

Record Man makes quick comeback

The only boy who could ever save me was the son of a Record Man.

Sam Sniderman's two boys, now grown businessmen, have bought the Yonge Street flagship store and saved their father's company from complete shut down.

Plagued with a \$15 million dollar debt, Sam's filed for bankruptcy on Oct. 30. Toronto residents expressed shock that such a major city landmark would disappear. The store has been at 347 Yonge St. since 1961.

Sniderman's sons, Bobby, 53, and Jason, 43, bought the assets of the company from BDO Dunwoody Ltd., its bankruptcy trustee, on Jan. 10 and reopened the store on Jan. 11.

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Humber Buzz – MC rewrites jungle book

By ASHLEY MARTIN

Fans of Toronto's jungle MC JD don't have to hit the clubs to catch a glimpse of him. Look no further than the halls of Humber College.

Harman Mundair, aka MC JD, will add Humber College to his roster of venues this year. He is currently studying Business Management at the North Campus.

Between Wednesday and Sunday, MC JD can be found somewhere in the GTA blasting his voice over a crowd with free-styling lyrics.

"Jungle is complex. It's a fusion of hip hop, reggae, breaks . . . every sort of music all mixed into it," he said.

This six-year veteran has travelled well beyond the boundaries of his hometown Brampton. Working with Next Junction Crew and Dose, he and fellow industry members Capital J, DJ Spinz and MC Trigger once threw a party at the Ice Sports Arena in Mississauga.

"We did our count and it was 14,000," said Mundair.

Today, Mundair is set up with the booking agency Destiny Artist Management Network's DAMN!DJs, that book him in and around the GTA as well as nationally and internationally.

"I've travelled all across Canada," said Mundair. "I've been to almost every large city in Canada. I've been to Buffalo, Philly, New

York and Pittsburgh."

At 26 years old, he has been MC-ing since his early high school years.

"Jungle is my love," said Mundair. "It has break beats sped up to about 180 beats per minute with samples."

MC JD is also sponsored by Duplatespecial who keeps him in funky tracksuits for onstage gigs.

According to Mundair, the rave scene has hit the mainstream and that has increased sponsors.

"This is a business," he said.

For instance, the non-profit daytime outdoor party at Nathan Phillips Square was sponsored by Microsoft's Xbox and MuchMusic this past year.

"It was enlightening to see that Toronto city councillor Olivia Chow and fellow city councillors would come out and respect us, and give us basically the backing to say, 'listen these are our kids. We understand that, but let's give them a safe place to dance,'" said Mundair.

There have been many people along the way who have influenced and supported him as an artist. Hip-hop group Black Crome was a constant influence for him as an MC.

"A lot of the MCs, like the old school MCs from England, were also a big influence."

Lately Mundair is concentrating on his education, but he's still on the scene because "it's still fun," he said. "That's why you do it."

Check the Ackee Tree at North Campus for Mundair's upcoming appearances.



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MC JD is blazing a trail through Canada's urban music circuit.




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All-Star weekend smash hit

By AMY MILES

The best of the West met the best of the East in the Women's OCAA All-Star Volleyball Game at Humber this past weekend.

The team was well-represented with three players and both women's coaches participating.

Jennifer Edgar, Laura Solski and Carrie Moffat showed their skills to the enthusiastic crowd who gathered to cheer on the best women in Ontario college volleyball.

The West trailed for most of the first game finally losing 25-18. The East swept the West 3-0 by winning the second match 25-19 and the third match 25-20. Humber coach Chris Wilkins said the all-star game is a chance for players to showcase their talent.

This is the third straight year that Wilkins has been an OCAA all-star coach.

"The all-star game is a good opportunity to exercise bragging rights. The game is just for fun. When 12 different players come in with 12 different philosophies, you can't coach that," he said.

Team captain Jennifer Edgar was also selected for the third consecutive year.

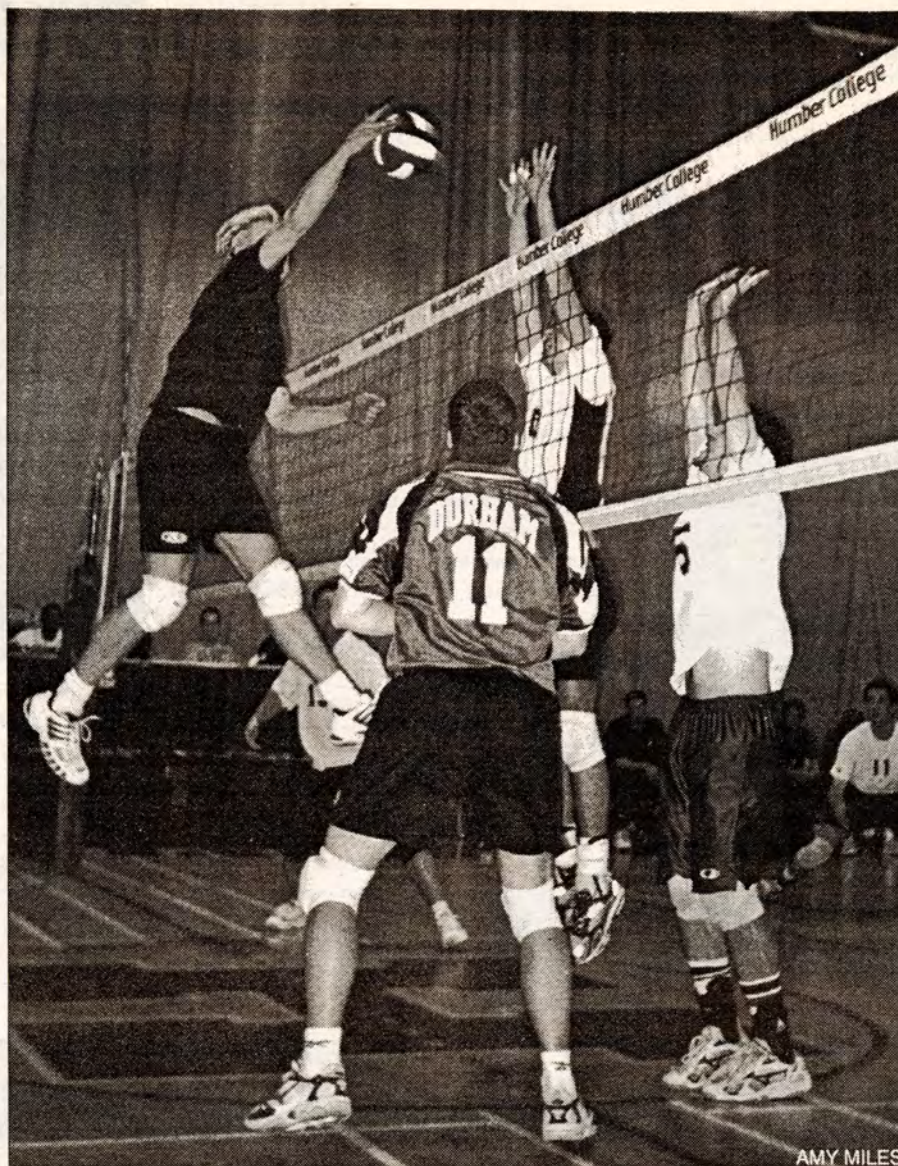
"It's a great chance to meet all the girls in the league. They are the best in the league, but in the end, we're just out there for fun," said Edgar.

The MVPs of the tournament were Claire Bramma from Royal Military College for the East, and Ginni Llord from Niagara for the West.

The selection of players is based on coaches' nominations and there is only a one-hour practice the morning of the big game.

The tournament had representatives from 21 colleges around Ontario.

On the men's side, the East swept the West in OCAA all-star volleyball



Humber hosted the OCAA Men's and Women's Volleyball All-Star Game last weekend, which showcased talent of players from east and west divisions across Ontario.

action on Saturday.

Players Bart Babij, Sucha Randhawa and Derek Young joined coach Wayne Wilkins from Humber as members of the West's all-star team.

The first game was a close one with the West coming up just short, losing 25-23. In the second game, Young and Babij were blocking sensations, but their aerial efforts were no match for the skills of the West.

Two unforced errors near the end of the second game closed the match for the East as they took a 24-21 lead. The East would go on to win in another nail biter 25-23.

The third game was like the second with a few rallies and great displays of the individual skills that the best in the OCAA have to offer. The East won again, 25-23.

The tournament brought out players representing 18 schools in all three divisions in Ontario.

Hawks' wings clipped in holiday tournament

By AMY MILES

Sir Sanford Fleming Tournament Jan. 5, 2002

Humber College's men's volleyball team came up short in their first tournament of the year at Sir Sanford Fleming in Peterborough.

Humber's points for and against prevented the team from advancing past pool play.

The team was in a three-way tie for first in their pool but only the top two teams advanced to the playoffs.

Coach Wayne Wilkins felt the team got the short end of the stick by not being able to advance based on point differentials.

Bart Babij was named MVP of the tournament for the Hawks.

Durham Tournament Jan. 5, 2002.

The first weekend of the new year turned out to be a disappointing one for the Humber Hawks women's volleyball squad as they settled for second place in the Durham Tournament in Oshawa.

The Hawks won their pool and went on to the championship final only to lose to Ryerson Polytechnic University.

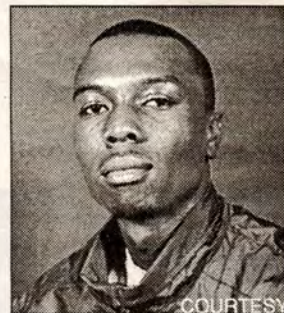
Team captain Jennifer Edgar and power forward Amanda McGhie were named all-stars.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

FITZROY WOOLERY

Woolery has averaged 29.3 points per game in his last three outings with Humber's men's basketball team.

The second year guard lead his team to a 3-1 record at the Atlantic University Sport Basketball Tournament in Halifax before tearing up the Sheridan Bruins for 36 points last Friday.



MIRANDA PYETTE

Miranda has earned All-Star honours in back to back tournaments since the holiday break.

Pyette scored 44 points in Fanshawe's tournament, where Humber took home the consolation championship, and netted 65 points at Seneca to lead her team to a strong bronze medal finish.



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Men's basketball at George Brown, 8 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is no way that this team can hope to be provincial champions if they continue to miss over 20 serves in a match."

- Humber College men's volleyball coach Wayne Wilkins on his team's not-so-stellar performance from the baseline during last Sunday's match against the Cambrian Golden Shield.

Despite missing 23 serves in the match, Humber came out on top 3-1 (25-17, 22-25, 25-18, 25-17).

Hawks decent at Fanshawe tourney

By KOLIN JONES

Despite a gold medal effort, the Humber Hawks women's basketball team won the consolation championship at the second annual Fanshawe College Women's Roundball Tournament last weekend.

Humber's fate in the tournament was virtually sealed when they lost to the Sainte-Foy Dynamiques in overtime 68-65 in the first round.

Leading 42-26 in the second half, it seemed the Hawks were on their way to victory and a second round match-up with host Fanshawe.

Sainte-Foy had other plans. They snatched the win from Humber with

an exceptional run late in the second half, which continued into overtime.

With starters Miranda Pyette and Lindsay Higgs on the bench due to foul trouble, the Hawks could not retake the lead.

After the loss, the Hawks took their frustrations out on the Loyalist Lancers and the Georgian Grizzlies. The Hawks easily beat the Lancers 87-48 and dominated the Grizzlies in the consolation final, winning 67-25.

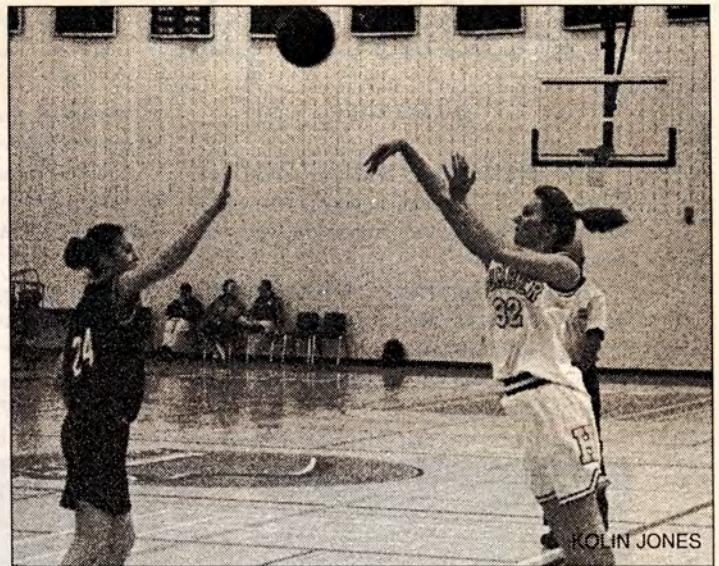
"It was our game. They felt that was the gold medal game right there," said Humber coach Denise Perrier. "We've played Loyalist before and knew what we were getting and what to expect."

Pyette won all-star honours for outstanding play throughout the tournament. She scored 44 points and was influential in Humber's success.

Pyette said the loss to Sainte-Foy was hard to take, but it showed what kind of team the Hawks are.

"We thought it was our game the whole way through. It was just one of those games," she said. "It was a tough loss. We played a tough first team. They're fifth in the country so we know we can play with everyone."

Another bright spot for the Hawks was their bench. Humber's bench played so well against the Lancers that they outscored Loyalist's bench 69-31.



Humber guard Suzanne Higgs launches one from downtown in the Fanshawe College Women's Roundball Tournament, last weekend.

Hawks earn bronze with upset

By KOLIN JONES

The Humber College Hawks women's basketball team kicked off 2002 with a strong third place finish at the Seneca Sting Classic on Jan. 4-6.

The Hawks won the bronze when they beat the No. 2 team in the country, the Montmorency


Nomades, 79-66 in their third game of the tournament. They lost a squeaker 68-63 to John Abbott College in their second game of the tournament, which dropped them out of contention for the title.

Miranda Pyette was named a tournament all-star and was player of the game in a 64-36 win against Durham.

Coach Denise Perrier was pleased with her team's performance after the layoff between semesters, and was proud to see her team play well considering they were shorthanded for the entire tournament.

Beth Latendresse led Humber with 67 points in the tournament. Pyette netted 65, while Lindsay Higgs added 33.

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Lacklustre play by men's volleyball squad no factor in win

by AMY MILES

The Humber men's volleyball team beat Cambrian College on Sunday, but coach Wayne Wilkins wasn't impressed with his team's play.

Despite an impressive 3-1 bout, winning each game by an average of seven points, Wilkins could not get past his team's horrific display of serving as his players missed 23 serves in four games.

"There is no way that this team can hope to

be provincial champions if they continue to miss over 20 serves in a match," said Wilkins.

A lack of focus in the second game provided a blemish on an otherwise impressive pummeling of the Cambrian defence.

The Hawks lost their composure on numerous occasions, crashing into each other while the ball landed on the ground in front of them.

"We lacked intensity and focus in this lullaby of a game," said OCAA all-star Derek Young, "it was little mental errors like not

keeping the ball in play that resulted in the loss."

Despite that lack of intensity Humber managed to win their first match 25-17.

However, Humber went on to lose the second match by two points, 22-25.

In the third game, Humber came out strong, leaving the Cambrian defence with their faces in the floor boards.

Middle David Hartshorn provided a threat at the net, frequently hammering the ball home, helping Humber increase their lead to seven points in game three. Humber's Bart Babij also contributed to the win with his unstoppable kills. He also served up an ace to improve Humber's lead to 24-18. The Hawks would go on to win the match 25-18.

Game four saw Humber dominate all ends of the court as they spiked, blocked and bumped their ways to another impressive 25-17 win.

David Hartshorn attributes the turn around in play to a change in attitude.

"We had a pre-conceived notion we would win again. We don't ever want to lose a game and when the coach puts pressure on you to win, you do your best and that's the end result."

Coach Wilkins pegged Hartshorn and Young as the players of the game.

In women's action versus Cambrian, good defence and leadership helped the Humber women's volleyball squad improve their record to 7-1 this past Sunday.

The girls exhibited great teamwork as they went ahead 10-4 early on in the match.

The lead wouldn't falter as power Kirsty Goodearle smashed the game-winning spike across the net to win the match 25-18.

The second game went to Cambrian 25-20 with Humber unable to hold the lead.

The third game was a nail biter as Cambrian led off the bat until Humber finally took the lead late in the game 18-17. They broke away to take a 24-21 lead. It was power Amanda McGhie who, with her powerful spike put Humber ahead of Cambrian two games to one.

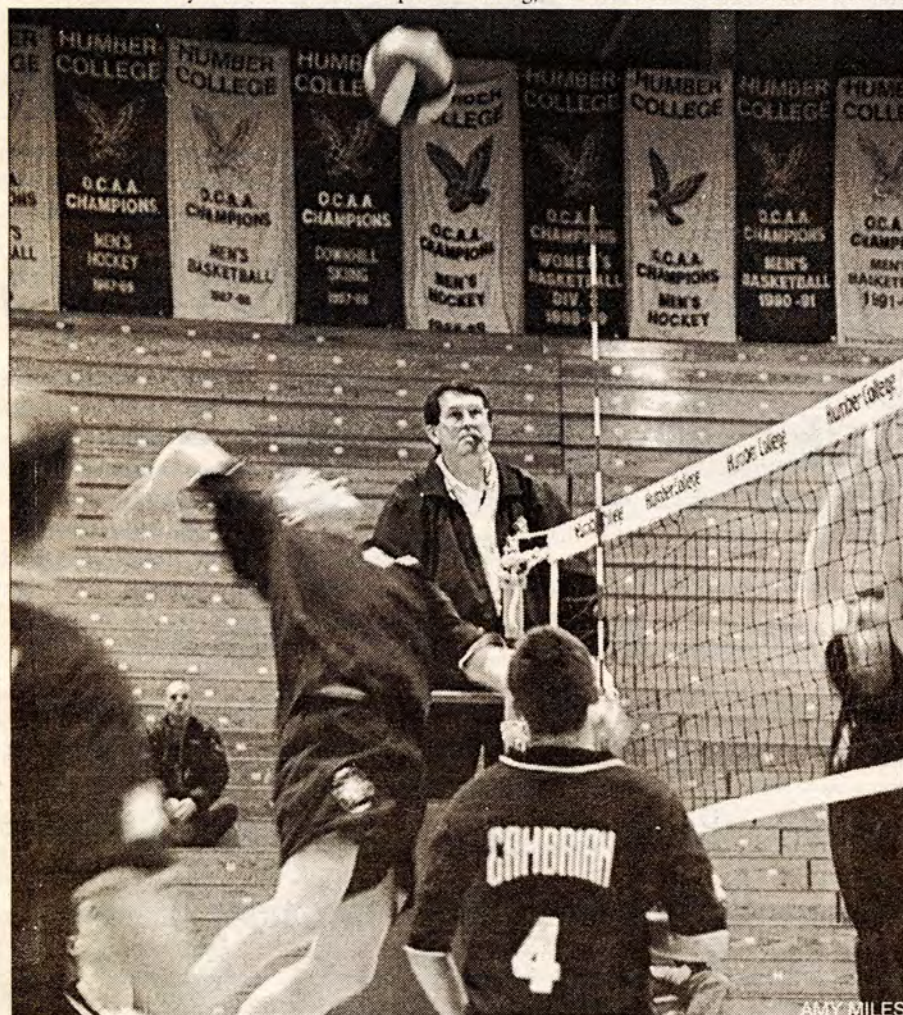
"The team played very well and built up a

lot of character. To come back after a 15-17 deficit in a pivotal game shows maturity," said coach Dave Hood.

In the fourth match, Humber held the lead for the most of the game and went on to win 25-22.

"The girls came out, stuck to the game plan and won 3-1. I would have liked to come out of it 3-0, but they played strong and held on for the win," said coach Wilkins.

Their next game is this Saturday where the Hawks face the Boréal Vipres at 3 p.m.



Humber men's volleyball player David Hartshorn (right) gets ready to block a smash during game play against the Cambrian Golden Shield last Sunday.

| OCAA Men's and Women's Volleyball Standings | | |
|---|-------|-----|
| Men's Volleyball: Central Region | | |
| TEAM | W-L | PTS |
| Seneca Sting | 26-3 | 16 |
| Humber Hawks | 23-8 | 14 |
| Sheridan Bruins | 15-14 | 8 |
| Georgian Grizzlies | 9-15 | 6 |
| Cambrian Golden Shield | 9-19 | 4 |
| Boréal Vipres | 1-24 | 0 |
| Women's Volleyball: Central Region | | |
| TEAM | W-L | PTS |
| Cambrian Golden Shield | 19-4 | 12 |
| Humber Hawks | 19-4 | 12 |
| Seneca Sting | 12-11 | 8 |
| Sheridan Bruins | 13-15 | 8 |
| Georgian Grizzlies | 8-17 | 4 |
| Centennial Colts | 4-12 | 0 |
| Boréal Vipres | 3-15 | 0 |

Hawks add to women's basketball squad mid-season

By TRACY MOORE

Humber's newest women's basketball player, Karine Nicolas, wants to do nothing but play basketball as she joins the team mid-season.

"It seems like I played basketball all my life," said the 19-year-old Montreal native. With nothing but her determination and a push from her mentor and best friend, Karine sought out head coach, Denise Perrier, and introduced herself.

"Humber came to Montreal for a tournament and I went to the coach and told her about my interest in playing for Humber," she said. "The coach was really nice to give me a chance to show what I could do for the team. She told me whenever I was in Toronto to come practice, so I decided quickly."

Playing in her second tourna-

ment this weekend, in her second week living in Toronto, Nicolas is well on her way. Suited up as the new guard, number 41 for the lady Hawks, Nicolas hopes to get some minutes on the court to make her mark.

"I like this team very much, I watched them closely when they came to Montreal," she explained. "I heard about them for a long time and I wanted to play for them because I didn't want to play for Dawson College in Montreal."

"Its tough...I don't know the plays very well but I am learning."

And she's learning fast. She scored four points in very little floor time in the first tournament at Seneca, and upon her return has been practising her game.

"She's caught on to the offense playbook quickly and she has lots of

potential. She's not afraid to drive, and she definitely has some quick-



Karine Nicolas hopes to be an asset to Humber's women's basketball squad this year.

ness. She can help us," said coach Perrier.

As for her inspiration for basketball, Nicolas keeps referring to her best friend, Mike Mentor. He was instrumental in helping her by push-

ing her hard in daily practices and driving her back and forth from Montreal to Toronto so she could work out with the team. Mentor himself wanted to move here and play for York University, Nicolas said, but he spent so much time getting Karine prepared for Humber that he never made it that far. Mentor continues to keep an eye on Nicolas, making sure she is up on her practices and studies.

Nicolas also credits all-star Hawk, Elaine Morrison. "Elaine would call me and tell me what was going on when I was in Montreal. She became my guide when I came. I don't know what I would have done without her," she said.

Nicolas said she looks up to WNBA Houston Comets star, Cynthia Cooper. "She is kind of older that shows that there's no age

limit to play, plus she is small in size and a really good player."

Off the court, Nicolas is trying to get familiar with the school environment and Toronto. This is her first time living alone and away from her family. Moving to a new place is hard enough but Nicolas moved into residence mid-semester not knowing anyone. She says it's lonely and her telephone bills are ridiculously high since she calls Montreal everyday. Her family tries to visit her on occasion since she has moved but she's still finding the transition hard.

"Nicolas is playing well and working hard," said co-captain Brenda Chambers during practice for a weekend tournament.

The Haitian-born player is ready for the hard work and hopes to bring "intensity, leadership and support" to the Hawks this year.

Hockey team extends winning streak to five

By KOLIN JONES

Humber College's hockey team took its winning streak to New York for two exhibition games last weekend and came home with two more wins to stretch their streak to five games.

The Hawks defeated the Fredonia State Blue Devils on Friday night, thanks in large part to an outstanding third period. Trailing 2-0 early in the third, the Hawks came alive with three goals in a span of 2:27.

Jason Fortier scored the team's third goal, giving the Hawks the lead for good. Chris Pugliese added an empty netter in the final minute, netting them a 4-2 win.

"It was a hard fought win. I think it's something that's going to carry over into the season," Fortier said.

The Hawks beat Monroe Community College 5-4 in their second game across the border. The game featured backup goaltender Charles Lea in his first start.

Fortier said the team didn't perform up to its potential against Monroe, but

played hard enough for Lea to get the win.

"He played a good game. I think all the guys were pumped to have him in net and they wanted to win a game for him," Fortier said.

Hockey co-ordinator Jim Bialek said that winning two straight in New York was essential for the team.

"I'm hoping we put ourselves in a position to start the second half of the season in the league very strongly," Bialek said.

Defenceman Jimmy Brown was added to the roster against Fredonia State and Monroe, while forwards Jamie Chikoski and Scott Barnes were inactive.

Humber wins Two Nations Cup

Humber started their winning streak thanks in part to a 4-2 win over the Sir Sandford Fleming Knights.

After suffering their first loss of the season against the Conestoga Condors last week, and dropping to 3-1 for the season, the Hawks raised their heads and took home the win against the Knights.

The Hawks took the lead early on with Jamie Chikoski scoring just three minutes into the first period.

The undisciplined play looked as if it would hamper the Hawks throughout the opening period as Humber took five of its eight penalties while the Knights took only three.

As the second period began, all doubts went away as the Hawks added another goal and took only one penalty by goaltender John Foglia late in the period. Humber entered the third period with a comfortable 2-0 lead.

The third saw both teams notch two goals a piece, with Hawks forward Bill Young scoring both markers. Although Fleming pressed late in the third period with Humber leading the game 3-2, the Hawks managed to hang on to the lead.

Humber only took eight penalties throughout the game and improved upon last week's undisciplined and disorganized play.

The Hawks next challenge is this weekend when they take on the St. Clair Saints who beat them a few weeks ago in the Peter Maybury Cup finals.



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Bruin's roar past Humber, spice up rivalry

By TRACY MOORE

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team lost to their number one rival Friday night.

The Hawks were beaten 88-83 by the country's top-ranked team, Sheridan College, in a game that can only be called vexing. (Humber believes poor officiating was a key ingredient to the loss.)

Hawks forward Deyvis Begaj was kept off the floor due to foul trouble, and the minute he stepped back on the floor, he was immediately called for an

incidental contact foul, taking him out of the game.

"An incident contact call means that no advantage has taken place. In other words, it was a cheap foul since the offensive player from Sheridan was hooking Begaj's leg all night and was never called on it," said assistant coach Andrew Vallejo.

As Humber's foul troubles continued, the Bruins took advantage on the free-throw line where they scored a total of 10 consecutive points in the second half alone.

Despite that Bruin run, the Hawks stuck with Sheridan, usually staying within a three or four point margin.

The Hawks scrapped with the nation's best team to the final whistle. Unfortunately their defeat was the result of 22 turn-overs, inconsistent defense and nine missed free-throws.

"Our free throw shooting definitely needs to improve," said Humber guard Fitzroy Woolery.

Woolery was the game's high scorer with 36 points including an amazing slam-dunk. He hesitated in mid-air after his slam-dunk and slapped the backboard for extra emphasis before landing on the floor.

Other top scorers in the game, included Haldon Hutchinson who scored 16 points for the Hawks, while teammate Curtis Francis pitched in with 14 of his own, including the first



The Sheridan Bruin was all smiles as his team beat Humber 88-83 last Friday night.

crowd-pleasing dunk of the game.

The Hawks defeat came on the heels of a solid performance at the University Sport Basketball tournament in Halifax.

Humber posted a 3-1 record in the tournament - their lone loss (85-50) coming against Saint Mary's University, the seventh ranked University team in Canada.

Wins against the Royal Military College (82-60) and Concordia university (88-77) were enough to seal the consolation championship.

The Hawks' next matchup comes tonight when they'll face the Seneca Sting at 8 p.m. at Humber College's Athletic Centre.

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