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## TTC reductions affect campus

**MICHAEL GREGORY**  
Senior Reporter

Beginning this week, the Toronto Transit Commission left campus commuters out in the cold a bit longer as a result of the city's across-the-board goal of reducing operating costs.

Three of the routes servicing Humber's North and Lakeshore campuses have been reduced, with another two being both reduced and increased.

The 96 Wilson express bus, which operates between Wilson subway station and Humber North, will see the most significant drop in service, with wait times almost doubling from 12 to 21 minutes. The regular 96 service will also see wait times increase by another 30 seconds.

Daniel Chen takes the Wilson route every day, commuting an hour and a half from North York.

He's been attending Humber since January and is yet to see the express bus.

"I haven't seen it at all, it's like the white elephant for me," said Chen, who's enrolled in the graduate certificate radio program. "Before I went to school I searched online to see what the best route would be from where I am and they recommend 96E, but I've never seen this route."

The 36 Finch West, 110 Islington South, and 501 Queen streetcars are among the other routes affected by the changes. Many of the increases to wait times are between 30 seconds to one minute. The 501 Queen streetcar, which services Humber's Lakeshore campus, will experience a two-minute increase to mid-day and early evening service west of the

Humber Loop, near the Queensway and Park Lawn Rd.

The TTC was forced to make cuts after the City of Toronto announced last year they would be reducing the transit subsidy by 10 per cent.

The commission announced in November that as a result it was adjusting service capacity at peak periods to pre-2004 standards, meaning more riders during the busiest time on that route.

Staffing were also let go, but the TTC remained adamant about not eliminating any routes.

Brad Ross, spokesperson for the TTC said the commission's "crowding standard" was instead adjusted from 48 riders to 53 for peak periods, after which an additional vehicle was typically added to a route.

But groups such as TTCriders, a transit advocacy group, think Torontonians are being sent mixed messages as to whether transit is a priority in the city.

"We've been at record ridership for the last five or six years and this is the first year we're cracking 500 million rides taken," said Jamie Kirkpatrick, spokesperson for the organization.

The commission forecasted the service adjustments required to balance their budget would save the required \$15 million over the next fiscal year.

Ross said some of that money was unexpectedly found through fuel savings.

"In December we say \$5-million savings in diesel fuel," he said.

Those savings were put back into restoring service to us and streetcar routes previously slotted for reductions.

## Boyfriend guilty in student's murder

**SAMINA ESHA**  
Senior Reporter

The 2008 murder of Humber College student, Karina Neff, reached resolution after her boyfriend Jason Osborne was found guilty at the conclusion of his trial last week.

"She was a sweet, kind-hearted, happy and caring person who believed tomorrow would be a better day," said Nicole Neff of her sister, who was a 31-year-old culinary student at Humber College.

Karina Neff's body was found on July 22, 2008 in Windy Hollow Park, east of Erin Mills Pkwy, a day after the murder was committed.

Three-and-a-half years later, the 25-year-old Osborne from Mississauga was convicted of first-degree murder for the death of Neff, his former girlfriend, a developmentally challenged woman with the intellectual capacity of

a 14-year-old.

"I feel relieved and light now. Finally, our Karina can rest in peace," said Karina's mother, Ann Neff, in a press release.

After an eight-month long relationship, Neff and Osborne broke up, but Osborne said Neff wanted to reconcile.

The night of her death, Neff left home to take her dog Max for a walk with Osborne, but never returned.

According to Osborne's testimony, their conversation heated up during the walk and Osborne attacked her. Neff died of asphyxiation from pressure to the face and neck. Blood was later found on Osborne's shoes and jeans, which directly tied him to the murder.

The three-week trial, which concluded Feb. 8, presented gruesome details where Osborne confessed leaving Neff half dead, fighting for her life. She was still breathing as he walked away.

"The day he was arrested, he told the officer everything and all the details of his murder were admitted in the Crown evidence," said Louie Rosella, staff reporter at the *Mississauga News* who covered the trial from the beginning.

"The fact that made this case different was his description of the uncanny chilling details of the murder... Forensic psychologists found he had mental challenges."

While the verdict has brought an end to the agonies of the lengthy trial, sister Nicole said memories still linger.

"Now we all feel that there is finally closure in this case...Karina loved Jason and thought she could help him get through his mental challenges."

When Karina's casket was put into the ground, my mother put the picture of him and her in [Karina's] hand," said Nicole. "It was powerful that my mom was able to do it by forgiving him."

In memory of Karina, Nicole Neff, who is a home builder in North Bay, Ont. has set aside a city lot where she will be building a not-for-profit housing project for children with disabilities.

Providing temporary housing and care, the project would support mentally handicapped children - issues that contributed to Neff's death.

"There is a side of me that feels sorry for Jason. I think that the system is flawed. I think when a person has personal issues there should be a safe haven and I don't think it's out there," said Nicole.

"I have started to do something about it in my own way. The home would be called Keen's House, which is Karina's nickname. It would be for children with mental disabilities who have nowhere to go. If there was something like that in Karina's case, I think this could have been prevented."



COURTESY NICOLE NEFF  
Karina Neff, seen here at age 22, was a Humber culinary student.

## THIS WEEK

By KARI PRITCHARD

<b>THURS</b> <b>16</b>	<b>Laugh Sabbath: The Reboot</b> @Toronto Sarah Hennessey and Tom Henry perform jokes. Comedy Bar, 9:30 p.m., \$5.	<b>FRI</b> <b>17</b>	<b>Book Signing: Esi Edugyan</b> @Toronto Edugyan will be signing her Giller Award-winning novel <i>Half Blood Blues</i> . Indigo Manulife, 7 p.m., free.	<b>SAT</b> <b>18</b>	<b>The Matadors</b> @Toronto The Matadors headline a night of rockabilly and punk. Hard Luck Bar, 7:30 p.m., \$12-\$15.	<b>SUN</b> <b>19</b>	<b>The Double</b> @Toronto An adaptation of the Dostoevsky novella will have its last showing. Factory Theatre, 2 p.m., pay what you can.	<b>MON</b> <b>20</b>	<b>Family Day</b> @Canada Enjoy the day off of work and spending some time with your loved ones.	<b>TUES</b> <b>21</b>	<b>Friendly Rich</b> @Toronto Friendly Rich plays original, eclectic compositions. The Cameron House, 10 p.m.	<b>WED</b> <b>22</b>	<b>Canadian Art Reel Artists Film Festival</b> @Toronto Films about art will be shown from Feb. 22 to the 26. TIFF Bell Lightbox, varying times, students \$12.
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# Reading Week travel warning for Mexico

Following violent Canadian deaths in Mexico last month, Ottawa advises caution to vacationers

**PATRICIA BROTZEL**  
Crime Reporter

After three Canadians died violently in Mexico last month, students travelling there for Reading Week should be aware of the dangers, the federal government said.

The most recent death of a University of British Columbia student has the hallmarks of narcotic-related violence, said Ruben Rodriguez, a

research analyst with the Mapping Project, an online resource that details narcotic-related killings in Mexico.

Rodriguez said the drug trade is the main source of violence in Mexico right now and it is an escalating situation.

"There are essentially turf wars occurring between competing cartels," he said. "Juarez, Tijuana, Acapulco, Veracruz and Guadalajara are all areas you want to avoid right now."

Foreign Trades and International Affairs Canada are warning Canadians travelling through Mexico to exercise a high degree of caution and to avoid all non-essential travel across the Mexico-U.S. border.

Rodriguez explained that since hotels in Mexico have relationships with local taxi services, sightseeing companies and restaurants, they can be a useful ally for tourists.

"The hotels will steer you where

you are generally considered safe and they may point out where not to go," he said.

Allison Wallace, Flight Centre communications manager, draws the line between travel warning and travel advisory.

"There is a big difference between an advisory and a warning. If there is an advisory, there won't be flights, but we do recommend people check the advisories beforehand," Wallace said.

Josefine Oshunrinde, manager at the Humber travel agency, said even though students have been choosing Cuba this year, she advises those still travelling to Mexico to stay close to their resort.

"I encourage people to mind their own business . . . you are a tourist, be a tourist. Mind your own business," Oshunrinde said.

# Students snag scholarship

**HELEN SURGENOR**  
News Reporter

Two Humber paramedic students' essays on post-traumatic stress disorder in first responders earned them each a \$2,500 scholarship and recognition at a gala on Feb. 3.

The scholarships, open to students enrolled in an emergency services, dispatcher, or military program, are awarded by the Tema Conter Memorial Trust, a foundation started by Humber graduate Vince Savoia.

Second-year students Jessie Lee and Megan McDonald submitted essays to the competition after Savoia spoke to their class about how his career as a paramedic was cut short when he suffered PTSD as the result of a call to the scene of a young woman's murder in Toronto in 1988.

"When he came in and shared his story first-hand about the sheer atrocity of what had happened and the experi-

ence that he had discovered Tema Conter's body, and having that connection with her physical similarities to his wife, it was very devastating," McDonald said.

Traumatized and unable to continue working as a paramedic, Savoia went on to have a successful career in finance, and later set up the foundation to honour Conter's memory and create awareness about psychological trauma experienced by frontline personnel in the police, EMS, firefighters and the military.

This year the foundation awarded scholarships to one winner from each province, except in Ontario where two provincial prizes were offered, and won by Lee and McDonald.

McDonald was awarded a second scholarship of \$2,500 as the overall national essay winner, the second time a Humber student has won the national award.

McDonald said she spoke with several paramedics and an emergency room nurse to gain an understanding of how critical incident stress affects everyone differently, and focused her essay on what can be done to reduce the stigma

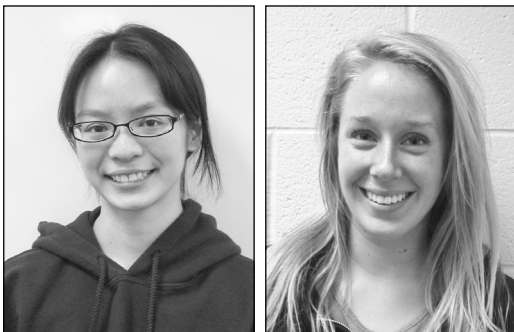
around PTSD in emergency services.

Lynne Urszenyi, coordinator of Humber's paramedic program, said the scholarship is a nice incentive when encouraging students to learn about critical-incident stress.

"It's trying to get them before they start their career, to realize this is something that could happen to them, how to recognize that it's happening to them, and where to get help if it's happening to them," Urszenyi said.

Lee said writing her essay taught her the human side of heroic work.

"It's okay for them to admit that something they've seen has touched them very deeply and it's affecting them in a way that hurts them as well," she said.



PHOTOS BY HELEN SURGENOR  
From left: Humber paramedic students Jessie Lee and Megan McDonald.



PHOTO BY RUSSELL PIFFER  
Bill C-11 would make unlocking a digital device or media illegal.

# Copyright update too strict: media lawyer

**RUSSELL PIFFER**  
News Reporter

Canada's Bill C-11 has given copyright legislation its needed update, but still includes unreasonably strict controls, said lawyer and Humber media law instructor, Alan Shanoff.

"Our copyright legislation is an antique," Shanoff said.

The biggest problem with the bill is that it forbids violating digital locks – software controls intended to prevent copying digital media like DVDs – even for personal use, Shanoff said.

"If you buy a product you should be entitled to make a backup copy for yourself without violating anybody's right," Shanoff said.

Shanoff explained that Bill C-11 also stipulates that any website "designed primarily to enable an act of copyright infringement" could be shut down. The terms of the bill are directed at file-sharing websites and concerns about sites like YouTube being shut down are "ridiculous."

"I see where the government's coming from," said Joshua Bloom, a first-

year Humber film and television student. The government's point of view protects corporate interests, he said.

Revenue for film and television is down because of file sharing, said Bloom.

At the same time, file sharing allows users to "test the product before they have to buy it," and that could be beneficial to the industry.

Jake Daynes, from the Pirate Party of Canada, a registered political party founded in 2009 that aims to reform information laws, said peer-to-peer marketing and pay-what-you-want are alternatives to digital locks and website restrictions.

Daynes states that blocking access to certain sites "would essentially enable censorship for major media corporations."

According to Daynes, his group - which has about 2,600 members - is preparing a petition that it will present to the Governor General, asking that he deny C-11 royal assent on the grounds that the bill would be "against the will of the majority of people in Canada."

CORRECTIONS

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In "Humber grad YouTube video goes viral," Joel Cassidy was listed as a Humber grad, but he is still a student.

In "Aboretum awarded platinum," the photo is attributed to Samina Esha, when the picture was actually taken by Robert Hellier.

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2 MINUTES FROM HUMBER COLLEGE

## New faces coming to HSF board

**TERRY ELKADY**  
HSF Reporter

The coming Humber Students' Federation election will set the stage for a major shakeup in the ranks, said an HSF member.

"There is a good chance that none of the executives will be running for re-election," said Adrian Koornneef, chief returning officer for the HSF.

Though candidates' names are kept confidential until tomorrow, Koornneef did confirm that the upcoming election should usher in a large-scale turnover on the 15-seat board of directors.

"Three members of the board of directors have shown interest (in running again), though none can be approved until Feb. 17," said Koornneef. "There are definitely going to be a lot of spots open."

All 15 positions, including the five paid executive positions – HSF President, VPs of Administration for North and Lakeshore, and VPs of Campus Life for North and Lakeshore – are up for grabs in the upcoming election, regardless of the intentions of current board members.

Newly elected representatives will have the chance to benefit from the opportunities that come with the executive positions.

"Student executives have an all-access pass to take programs and run with them," said Bradley Watson, vice-president of administration for North campus.

However, he said, each position does come with responsibilities, and candidates should talk to current executives to better understand what each position entails.

"It's hard work because these are salary positions, so a lot of it is based on performance," said Watson.

HSF President Bryan Tran also emphasized the amount of work required by the job.

"To anyone out there, be prepared: it's a serious workload and a lot of responsibility," he said. "I've definitely burnt out a couple times, but you have the support of your fulltime staff and your executives. You should be able to stay afloat."

Here are some notable things to expect in 2012-13:

- HSF will now represent four campuses with the addition of the University of Guelph-Humber under the definition of "campus."

- The minimum GPA for directors has increased from 65 per cent to 70.

- The president is now required to work 35 hours per week, up from 24.

- Executives are now expected to work from 15 to 25 hours a week instead of 20, with any overtime requests being pre-approved by the executive director.

- HSF sponsorship cap of \$500 is being removed. The board now has the discretion to award funding of any amount.

- Applicants for sponsorship must give the HSF representation on all their promotional material and as a sponsor at the event.

## Caribbean students look for their culture in curriculum

**KAT WARD**  
News Reporter

Communication between teachers and students is key to improving post-secondary academic success among black Caribbean students, said education expert Dr. Carl James.

James, director of the Centre for Education and Community at York University, will speak during a lecture at north campus, organized by Humber's human rights and diversity department on Feb. 29.

The talk – which is open to all of Humber's staff and students – will feature an interactive workshop focused on equipping teachers with the necessary skills to empower students in the classroom.

While the material will focus on the black Caribbean population, the techniques and tips will apply to all students, said Jodie Glean, the department's co-ordinator.

"If some form of discrimination is implicating one group, then all groups are affected," said Glean.

James is recognized as a leading expert in studying environments where students and teachers can freely share their opinions.

"Students have to know they have a crucial role to play in taking responsibility for voicing what they want to learn about," said James.



PHOTO BY KAT WARD  
Dr. Carl James said students are informed by their experiences and this should be reflected in the curriculum.

According to his research, James said the classroom can alienate black students, as the material is not always pertinent to their experiences and culture.

Students often perceive a negative power dynamic with their instructors that prevents them from sharing, said James.

Rosemary Sadlier, president of the Ontario Black History Society, said she agrees with this perspective.

She said black students traditionally have not seen themselves reflected in curriculum, learning resources and teaching staff.

"There should be more required African-Canadian and Caribbean-

Canadian history, more African diversified learning resources and greater efforts made by colleges to diversify their staff," said Sadlier.

Glean said Humber recognizes these issues and hopes to do more in the future.

This year, the human rights and diversity department is focusing on educating the community through lectures like this one.

"If we are able to have events such as this one, that enlighten us to the things that we could do to help us overcome issues of discrimination, as a whole we can support and push our students towards greater successes," Glean said.

## Stintz wins vote for Transit City

**JEANETTE LIU**  
Political Reporter

Toronto Transit Commission chair Karen Stintz lead the charge Wednesday last week to put the brakes on Mayor Rob Ford's plan to bury public transit and restore the earlier rapid transit plan known as Transit City.

Subsequent to Stintz' challenge, in a count of 25-18, council derailed the mayor's plan for more subways in the suburbs that would have stretched from Eglinton east of Laird Drive to Kennedy Station.

"It's not about, nor has it ever been about, Karen Stintz winning," said Jean-Pierre Boutros, the TTC chair policy adviser. "But we weren't surprised by the results because we had ample knowledge in advance that Mayor Ford's transportation plan was going to be defeated once it reached council."

The mayor and his brother, councilor Doug Ford, remain firm, however.

"It's a no-brainer that subways are highly superior to LRTs," said Amin Massoudi, Doug Ford's executive assistant, citing benefits like carrying capacity and speed. "All of the studies show that in the long run subways are actually more cost-effective in terms of

operation, maintenance, replacement costs and labour."

Instead, council voted to revive light rail transit (LRT) in the city, a more common sense and cost-effective approach servicing more people in Toronto, some urban experts believe.

"With the original LRT plan in 2009, you get 52 kilometres for \$8.4-billion and, in the plan that the mayor presented, you would only get 26 kilometres for that same amount of money," said Boutros.

"The LRT has a capacity to transport even more people than are actually ever likely to be on those subway routes," said Ken Greenberg, a city consultant in architectural and urban planning.

A new LRT line surfacing along Finch Avenue West and extending from the Spadina subway line to Humber College is one of several proposed transit lines.

"Due to lack of transportation here [at Humber North campus], we're kind of islanded," said Kevin Welsh, second-year sustainable energy and building technology student.

"I'd be more than willing to take the LRTs. It will give me a couple more hours to read, relax and chill in the morning," he added.



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READING WEEK	THURS 23	Decathlon Slam! @Toronto	FRI 24	Sexapalooza @Toronto	SAT 25	Reel Arts Film Festival @Toronto	SUN 26	Paws on the Shore @Etobicoke	MON 27	George Walker @Toronto	TUES 28	African Forum Film Night @Toronto	WED 29	Leap Day @World
BY NEWS EDITORS		Toronto Poetry Project hosts a fundraiser for Women of the World Slam poets. \$10. Supermarket (268 Augusta), 8 p.m.		Three-day fair featuring workshops and more. \$20, adv. \$15, International Centre (6900 Airport Rd.), 5 p.m.		Festival of docs about the visual arts and artists. \$8 students/seniors, \$12 regular. TIFF Bell Lightbox (350 King W.)		A dog-walking hike fundraiser for Ontario Canine Rescue. Kipling/Lakeshore, free (with raffle tickets).		Artist talks about the history of the graphic novel. Free. Hart House Library (7 Hart House Circle), 4 p.m.		Screening of <i>The Making of Catch A Fire</i> and <i>The Language We Cry In</i> . PWYC. Trane Studio (964 Bathurst St.), 7 p.m.		A once-every-four-years event that complicates schedules and inspires college keg parties.

## Sex fair arouses interest

TO novelty store hosts sixth Erotic Arts and Crafts show

ERIN EATON  
News Reporter

Thousands of sex-savvy art lovers gathered at the Gladstone Hotel last Saturday for the sixth annual Erotic Arts and Crafts Fair.

Run by Toronto adult novelty store Come As You Are, the fair seeks to transcend taboo stereotypes associated with erotic art by creating a safe, open space for sexual conversation and expression, said Sarah Forbes-Roberts, the store's co-owner.

Breast-shaped cupcakes and phallic sketches were just a few of the popular items available at the fair. Nude photography, sex-themed books and custom panties were also on display for the youthful crowd.

"I think for a lot of people, pairing eroticism with arts and crafts really changes the context. It makes it

more accessible," she said.

"I also think there's a greater movement when it comes to crafts, especially. People are using them to get out political messages, or a message about sex."

Despite the genre's controversial reputation, the positive messages should not be dismissed, said erotic artist Sam Abel.

"Not everyone is open to this stuff, but I think my work is artistic because it's so real," she said.

"I draw naked ladies that aren't typically represented in art – with different styles of bodies, different body modifi-

cations and different levels of body hair. Nothing is idealized or unnatural."

But discourse focusing on sex can be difficult or uncomfortable to some.

Aman Mann, 22, a Humber business administration student, said he would be apprehensive to attend an event that focuses on erotic material.

"I might attend something like that if I had to, but it might make me uncomfortable. It's just the type of person I am," he said.

"I don't see erotic stuff in a lot of normal art, so it might feel a little different for me. But it would probably be a good learning experience."

Consenting adults should have the right to create and enjoy all of life's pleasures, said photographer Alex Hunter.

"I draw the line at children, animals and poop, but everything else is fair game. I'm going to make what I'm going to make."

**"I think my work is artistic because it's so real."**

**-SAM ABEL, EROTIC ARTIST**



PHOTO BY CLAIRE MCCORMACK  
Research analysis graduates will be able to apply their skills in politics, business, banking, education and a number of other fields.

## Research analysis opens door to world

CLAIRE MCCORMACK  
News Reporter

Humber's new research analyst certificate is an intelligence and analysis-based program that can lead to unique job opportunities, including those of a clandestine nature, said experts in the field.

Humber will be the first college to offer the post-graduate certificate in the GTA, starting this fall. A similar program at Georgian College has prepared some of its students for an array of special career avenues, said Georgian's program co-ordinator, Daniel Phillips.

"What amazes me is [that] students end up in all kinds of jobs in different locations throughout the world," he said. "Are they working with privileged data? I'm sure all of them essentially would have some for-their-eyes-only data."

At Humber, postgraduate students will learn how to gather information, analyze it, conduct surveys, create focus groups and sift through large amounts of data to get informed answers.

"Research is a growing area," said Dawn Macaulay, co-ordinator of the program. "Large corporations are starting to look at it as a requirement

that they need solid numbers to help them make decisions."

The program will cover a number of areas from social analysis, which covers politics, culture and legal research, to business, scientific and communications analysis.

"If they're not working for the government in those areas, they'd certainly be working for companies in those areas," said Phillips.

Businesses now engage in a type of market research called "competitive intelligence," he said, where information about the market is gathered to learn about competition and what consumers want.

At North campus, Silvana Miller is a research analyst in Humber's planning and development department.

"I like it because it gets me to use my analytical skills. I like to investigate things and explain data to people – see what story the data tells us," Miller said.

Adrian Simpson, spokesman for the Communications Security Establishment, Canada's top-secret signals intelligence and IT security agency, said, "Someone with a background in research analysis would definitely be a very good fit in there amongst a number of other programs we have that I can't talk about."

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# Humber unlikely to adopt broad based admissions

**DANIEL BUZZELLI**  
News Reporter

The University of British Columbia is adopting a broad-based admissions system, which considers non-academic criteria and requires prospective students to submit a personal profile.

This approach has been used selectively in some Ontario post-secondary programs such as the medical school at McMaster University in Hamilton. But such an approach is not likely to be adopted at Humber, said the school's registrar.

"It's not what we do here," said Humber registrar Sharon Kinasz. Some Humber programs require non-academic criteria such as a portfolio or a statement of interest, Kinasz said, but the college generally relies on academics and grades during the admissions process.

UBC's Sauder School of Business has been using a broad-based admissions system since 2004. Other faculties have used such a system in smaller ways over the past five years, said James Ridge, associate vice-president and registrar at UBC.

This fall, the entire university will incorporate non-academic criteria into its admissions process.

"We'd actually reached a point last year where almost a quarter of our students were admitted by one form of broad-based admission or another,"

said Ridge. "So that just gave us the opportunity to ramp it up to 100 per cent of incoming students."

Part of the newly adopted system requires students to submit a personal profile and answer a questionnaire, which attempts to gauge the life experiences and intangible qualities of prospective students.

Community involvement, leadership abilities, perseverance and the ability to set and accomplish goals are some of the characteristics that are considered when personal profiles are assessed, said Ridge.

There is a binding policy on admission for the college system in Ontario, said Barbara Riach, deputy registrar at Humber.

"As an Ontario college, we are bound by that admissions policy, which actually discourages the use of things such as questionnaires and interviews because there's the potential for bias."

"What they're proposing [at UBC] actually has a fairly high potential for a biased opinion when you don't use pure academics," said Riach.

Riach did acknowledge programs such as creative advertising or photography at Humber that requires submission of a portfolio and other criteria. She said the ministry policy does allow for this and in some cases such criteria can be appropriate, but, in other cases, it "does make more sense to use academics."

# Orangeville campus seeks federal funds

**SARAH MACDONALD**  
News Reporter

Humber Orangeville is seeking assistance from the federal government to fund its long-awaited expansion.

"There are grants within the federal government that potentially we could tap into," said Rani Dhaliwal, Humber's vice-president of finance and administrative services.

"We need to understand if there are any viable grants that we, along with the town together, can approach the government for."

In 2005, Humber acquired 28 acres of land from the town in order to build its Orangeville campus, but the process has been halted in large part because student enrolment hasn't grown as quickly as anticipated, said campus director Joe Andrews.

When it was initially being planned, Orangeville was expected to enrol about 2,000 students. Many programs have missed their enrolment mark.

Another issue, Andrews said, is funding.

"It has been difficult for Orangeville primarily because funding has been provided to other campuses, but

Orangeville is very specific and needs very specific funding to support it," said Andrews.

The Orangeville campus would ideally like to receive more than \$21-million in funding, but changes to the scope of the building plans could affect how much funding the government will bestow, said Andrews.

"We may be looking at a modified build plan [that hasn't yet been released] and that really depends on the dialogue we have with the federal MP to see what kind of funding we can secure," Andrews said.

Meetings occur as often as possible, with the inclusion of the college president and Conservative MP David Tilson for the Dufferin-Caledon riding, but little can be done while Humber awaits any sort of decision, said Rob Adams, mayor of Orangeville.

Adams said that frustrations over the delay are felt in the town, but he remains optimistic that Orangeville's relationship with Humber will only strengthen given time.

"Humber has made great roads into building up the cohort," said Adams.

"Regardless, Humber has become a real part of the Orangeville fabric."



PHOTO BY KRISTIN ANDREWS

The bin was installed during the holiday season and has been left for students and staff to continue to donate.

# Donation bin a big success

**KRISTIN ANDREWS**  
Lakeshore Reporter

Lakeshore campus staff and students have embraced a clothing donations box that was first installed during the holiday season.

"My goal was to get as many items as we could before Christmas because, statistically, people donate more during the holidays than any other time of the year," said Magno Goncalo, residence front desk co-ordinator. "As soon as students started coming back, it took us one week to get that box filled... it's been another two weeks and the box is almost filled again."

The box belongs to the Oasis Movement, an organization that helps

people recovering from alcohol and drug abuse reintegrate into society.

"We basically deal with people who have gone through treatment and need to find a way to get back into the workforce," said associate project manager Nestor Papachristos.

Oasis offers an intensive eight-week personal benefit program where individuals come to learn basic life skills and how to stay away from drugs and alcohol. It has been doing this for 20 years and helps approximately 170 people get back to work every year.

"Because of the location of the box, anyone who comes into our school will know that it is there," said Goncalo. "I think it says a lot about our community that people are willing to

help each other out."

Shirley Carmody came to Oasis in September 2002 as a client and started working as a bookkeeper in 2003.

"I had a problem with alcohol and it was recommended by the treatment centre I went through to come to Oasis and do the pre-employment program," said Carmody.

Carmody said Oasis gave her confidence that she would find a job at the end of the program. She is now Oasis's executive director of program management.

"Everyone wants to be productive and you lose a lot of your self-confidence when you're going through addiction," she said.

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COURTESY GlobalMedic  
Humber graduate Rahul Singh has received many accolades for the work he does abroad with his charity GlobalMedic.

## Paramedic graduate gets Order of Ontario

Humber alumnus Rahul Singh has risked life, worked in over 30 nations

**HELEN SURGENOR**  
News Reporter

Humber graduate Rahul Singh has a habit of putting his life on the line to help strangers in one of the most devastated places on earth.

"Haiti was a real, real rough go," Singh said about arriving there two days after the 2010 earthquake. "They were still pulling people out of the rubble when we got there."

A frontline paramedic in Toronto, the class of '93 Humber alumnus is also the director of GlobalMedic, an international aid organization he founded, receiving the Order of Ontario last month.

He created GlobalMedic after a series of personal hardships.

Singh's marriage broke up in the mid-'90s leaving him "broke, grumpy, balding, and dumped," so he travelled the world.

While travelling, a chance meeting in a Nepalese bar led to a job training medics in the Himalayas and his first deployment to an international disaster.

Singh found the work fulfilling, but the operation was cut short due to a lack of funding.

"I came out to meet the guys in charge and we stayed in a five-star hotel. We went out for a \$20 pepper steak meal and this was supposed to be an aid company that's saying 'we've got no money to give people rice,'" said Singh.

He returned to Canada and suffered another tragedy with the death of his best friend.

Singh started the David McAnthony Gibson Foundation (a.k.a. GlobalMedic) to honour his friend's memory and hoped to continue his work abroad without the ostentatious

administrative expenses.

Today, he has lead operations in more than 30 countries, working with teams of volunteer first-responders, many of whom are members of his alma matter.

"It's funny, you wouldn't even know they're a Humber grad until you get to chatting on a plane or in the back of a pick-up and then it comes up," said Singh.

Since founding GlobalMedic, Singh has received prestigious recognition, including the Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce's 2006 Humanitarian of the Year award and now the provincial Order.

"It's a proud moment for Humber College to have one of our graduates go on and do such good work, regardless of the accolades he's getting," said Lynne Urszenyi, co-ordinator of the paramedic programs.

In the same spirit, Singh said, "At the end of the day, I don't think they're giving me an award personally. I think they're giving an award that recognizes the great work that our people have done."

Urszenyi said that Singh is a guest lecturer on campus every year and he encourages students to get involved with GlobalMedic in order to gain experience and give back to the population.

Second-year paramedic student Laura Hawryluk became interested in the agency after Singh's lecture this fall, but she acknowledges she cannot get involved with GlobalMedic right now because she's still a student.

Instead, the 23-year-old and several other students are running a food drive this week in association with GlobalMedic, collecting cereal donations for a school breakfast program in Toronto.

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## Report questions pension reform

**JESSY BAINS**  
Biz/Tech Reporter

Increasing the age of eligibility for old age security from 65 to 67 may not be necessary, according to a report by parliamentary budget officer, Kevin Page.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper suggested the change would be necessary to compensate for the projected rise in cost of OAS from \$36-billion in 2010 to \$108-billion by 2030, but Page's report suggests otherwise.

"Our conclusion is that we have a sustainable fiscal system at the federal level," said Page. "We don't see the current system creating a fiscal problem."

Page said increasing gross domestic product will offset the increased costs of OAS in the future and the debt to GDP ratio will remain at the current level.

"We're not saying the government should not look at changes," said Page. "There should be a rich debate, governments do have policy choices."

Page also said the government knew that the country would be fac-

ing economic challenges before cuts to GST were made in 2006.

"The government knew at that time we would be dealing with economic situations," said Page. "Cuts to the GST could easily have covered the cost."

Page said younger generations need to be more mindful that there will be fewer workers while the older generation needs to ensure they are not passing on a lot of debt.

Kirsty Duncan, Liberal member of parliament for Etobicoke North, said she is opposed to the idea of raising the OAS eligibility.

"It is absolutely reprehensible," said Duncan. "I don't know why the Conservatives want to attack seniors."

Duncan said the proposed changes are unnecessary in light of Page's report.

"The parliamentary budget officer has made it clear that the economy is strong and that this is a false crisis," she said.

Voters were misled since the Conservatives never mentioned they would make cuts in the last election campaign, said Duncan.

"The government has an intergenerational responsibility," said Duncan. "We have to consider our children and our grandchildren."

Saadiya Abdul, 18, a first-year cosmetic management student, is not happy about the idea.

"I don't think that's fair," said Abdul. "I feel upset that we have to pay [into the system] and we would have to work an extra two years and that sucks."

## Mortgage rates to stay low

Good time for prospective homebuyers, experts say

**DIPA HAQUE**  
Biz/Tech Reporter

Mortgage rates in Canada remain low despite an increase by several major Canadian banks last week.

Bank of Montreal sparked a mortgage price war between banks last month when it offered a temporary 5-year, 2.99 per cent loan – the lowest rate in recent Canadian history.

"Mortgage rates are tied to the bank's funding costs which change from day to day," said Mark Hamill, a Royal Bank of Canada representative. "Our long-term funding costs have gone up considerably due to global economic concerns, and while we have held off in passing on these rate changes to our clients, it is now necessary for us to increase this mortgage rate."

"It was a bit disappointing to see them go back on it, but I believe it was always known that this offer would be temporary," said John Manley, an architect who's been looking for property in the Rexdale area. "But even the recently raised mortgage rates of 3.39 per cent for a four-year fixed mortgage and the five-year special fixed rate of 4.04 per cent are also very reasonable."

Maleeni Ramkhalawan, a salesperson at Empire Realty Group, said it's best to take advantage of the low rates now.

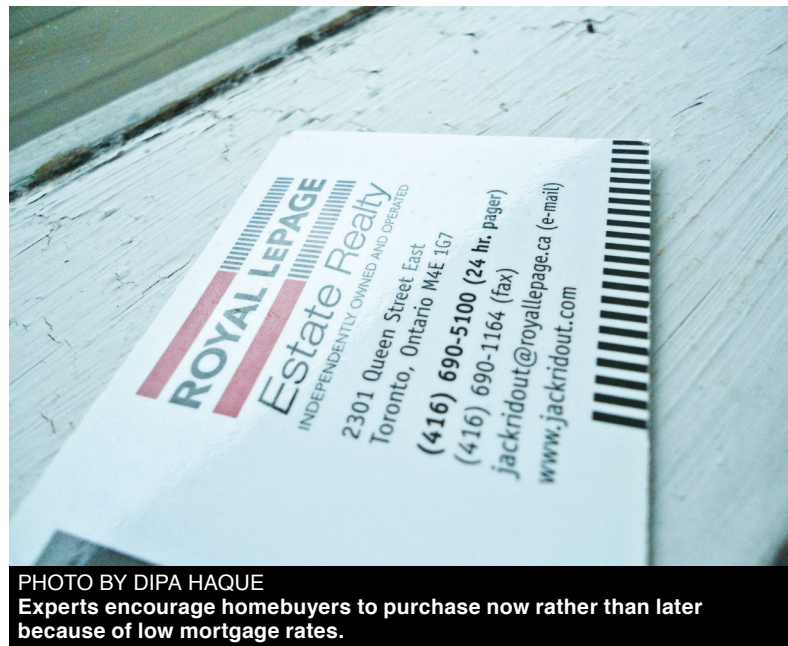


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Experts encourage homebuyers to purchase now rather than later because of low mortgage rates.

"It is a good idea to buy a home now because prices are going up every year by approximately four to six per cent. Based on statistics from the last 30 years, prices have gone up at a small but steady rate," said Ramkhalawan.

"Recent graduates should buy if they can put aside for a mortgage on their income and, of course, if they

can make a down-payment and closing costs," said Ramkhalawan. "They should buy a home for the monthly amount that it will cost them in renting."

Ramkhalawan said that recent graduates should keep in mind what they can afford and recommended condos because of their affordability.

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## Golfers want tax breaks for business

### Writeoffs for green fees only fair, MPs say

ANDREW SCHOPP  
Biz/Tech Reporter

Businesses that receive a tax deduction for hockey tickets used to entertain clients should receive the same benefit for golf, said people in the golf industry and some MPs.

"To me it's just a matter of fairness," said professional golf management co-ordinator Ray Chateau.

"If you can write off tickets to Leafs box seats at the Air Canada Centre, I don't see why you shouldn't be able to write off a corporate golf event in which you are bringing your customers or your clients and using it as part of your sales and marketing strategy."

Nova Scotian New Democrat MP Peter Stoffer is a member of the All Party Golf Caucus, a group of 22 MPs who are lobbying for the federal government to allow tax write-offs for green fees, a privilege which the government scrapped in 1971.

"In 1971, golf was excluded along with yachting and hunting lodges. It was considered an elitist sport," said Stoffer.

"Right now if you're a business and you wish to entertain your clients, you can take them to an Ottawa Senators hockey game or you can take them to the orchestra. You can claim 50 per cent as a business deduction for entertainment purposes. If they want to take them golfing, they should be able to claim that just like the others. All it does is allows businesses another option to entertain their clients," he said.

Compared to gold seats at a Maple Leafs game, which cost more than \$200, golf can provide a more cost-effective means for businesses to entertain clients.

"The average round of golf costs roughly \$40 a game for four or five hours entertainment. That's pretty low-cost entertainment, don't you think?" Stoffer said.

Some Canadians, however, are wary of the proposed initiative and argue that businesses should cover their own entertainment costs.

"If the business is correlated with golf, then yes," said Josie Minasalvas, 19, a human resources student at Humber. "But if it's just a way of showing appreciation towards your clients then it should come out of the business' pocket."

"Some people don't like it because they think it's another tax break for the rich which isn't true at all," said Stoffer. "As a New Democrat, the last thing I would do is give a tax break to the rich. All I'm asking for is equality in this regard."

## Euro students on rise at Humber

BASIL REHAN  
Biz/Tech Reporter

Economic uncertainty and increasing efforts to brand Canada as a post-secondary study destination may be contributing to a growing number of international students coming from Europe.

"We're starting to see a steady increase in European enrolments, but the reason why is speculative at this time," said Tania Spoljaric-Sherwood, Humber manager of international recruitment and market development for the Middle East, Europe and South and Central Asia.

Since 2007, Humber has experienced a 150 per cent increase in the amount of students enrolling from European countries, according to registrar data.

Humber has been more active in reaching out to European students in

recent years by sending staff to more fairs and exhibits on the continent, said Spoljaric-Sherwood.

Students have a wide range of motives for choosing to study in Canada, but generally they are most concerned about connectivity between the program and employment opportunities after graduation, she said.

"I think there are a lot of incentive options in place that both the province and federal government have implemented that provide great incentives and motives for students to come and study here," said Spoljaric-Sherwood.

Incentives include a one-to three-year work permit granted upon graduation, transitional services to assist students to adjust to life in Canada and increased opportunity for citizenship and immigration.

"Studying in Canada is cheaper than back home and I think I'll probably have better job opportunities here



PHOTO BASIL REHAN  
Zachary Cave, an international student from Leeds, England, chose to do his undergraduate degree in geology at the University of Toronto.

when I've graduated," said Zachary Cave, 21, an international student from Britain at the University of Toronto.

Between 1998 and 2008, the number of international students in Canada from Europe fell by nearly eight per cent according to Statistics Canada. Ontario experienced a comparable decrease in numbers over the same period. But since then the number of European students studying in Ontario has

increased from seven per cent in 2008 to eight per cent in 2010 and 2011.

Tanya Blazina, team leader of media relations at the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges, and Universities said while it is too early to measure the impacts of the European debt crisis on international enrolment, European countries have been included in Ontario's international marketing strategy.

## Household debt growing in Canada

ANDREW RUSSELL  
Biz/Tech Reporter

The household debt to income ratio is on the rise in Canada, said financial experts.

Bank of Canada president Mark Carney has warned that the percentage of household debt to income reached an all-time high of 153 per cent in the third quarter of 2011.

"What Carney is talking about is that [Canadians] have to stop being such over-the-top consumers," said Brian Quinlan, an accountant with Campbell Lawless LLP in Toronto.

Quinlan said it's important to distinguish between the different kinds of debt, such as student loans and high-interest credit cards.

"Consumer debt, spending money on things like big screen TVs, cars and electronics, is the biggest problem," Quinlan said.

Low interest rates have made it possible for Canadians to live beyond what they can afford.

"People used to save up before going on vacation or buying that new SUV. Now the attitude is to spend now and pay for it later," said Quinlan.

The Bank of Canada warns that when interest rates rise, debt repayment can be a difficult hurdle.

"The best way to start is with a budget," said Julie Hauser, communications manager for the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada (FCAC) in Ottawa. "A budget is part of what we call a reality check that helps [students] look at

the bottom line - what they owe, how much they have coming in, and how interest is applied."

The FCAC offers an online resource called financial basics, to help post-secondary students with their finances.

A 2011 press release from the College Student Alliance said student debt is over \$13,000 for nearly half of college students, and the average undergraduate university debt exceeds \$26,000.

"It's never too early to start talking to a financial planner," said Humber financial aid officer Daniel Castillo-Sanchez.

"We try to talk to students early about life after school. It can take months for students to find employment [after graduation] and start repaying their loans," said Castillo-Sanchez.

The Humber Students' Federation offers one-on-one consultations to help students with money management problems ranging from monthly budgeting to OSAP repayment.

"Most students don't know where their money is going," said Frank Rizzi, HSF financial director. "Things like housing and transportation are usually fixed. The biggest problem for students is the entertainment budget."

Students who are heavily indebted usually have two thoughts, said Rizzi - the question of how long it will take to pay off or whether they should claim bankruptcy. For people choosing the latter, it's important to remember that even bankruptcy does not absolve a person from repaying their student loans.



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# Chorale group interprets Book of Negroes in song

KOLLIN LORE  
A&E Reporter

Canadian author Lawrence Hill's *The Book of Negroes* has triggered such a popular response over the three years since it was published that new, creative ways of expressing the tale have been appearing across Canada - most recently as a sung version at Toronto's Royal Conservatory of Music.

"It's interesting - my publicist found a quote in a press release from someone who said that it should be sung," said Brainerd Blyden-Taylor, artistic director and founder of the Nathaniel Dett Chorale.

*The Book of Negroes* is a survival tale chronicling the lives of African peoples through the eyes of a woman. It tells a tale from their enslavement in the U.S. to their escape to Canada and their eventual return to Africa in the 18th century.

The chorale performed last Tues-

day at the conservatory's Koerner Hall to excerpts of the novel, read aloud by Hill.

Canada's first ensemble dedicated to Afrocentric music, the chorale was formed in 1998 and named after African-Canadian composer Nathaniel Dett (1882-1943). Dett's dedication to the cause of black music granted him international renown.

"Nathaniel Dett was a famous African-Canadian composer, and to have a black man write an essentially exquisite piece of Canadian literature, it's just nice to have those two things come together," said Jenna Burke, 26, a Humber jazz alumna from Brampton who has been singing alto in the chorale for two years.

The novel is inspired by a historical document of the same name, which records the lives of 3,000 African American slaves whom escaped to Nova Scotia during the American Revolution.

Despite its historical content, the

book was published in the U.S. under the title, *Someone Knows My Name*, which caused controversy.

"There are people of African heritage who will shy away from certain realities," said Blyden-Taylor. "There is nothing wrong with the word Negro - not a single thing wrong with Negro."

Hill, who calls himself a pragmatist, interprets the change of title in a different way.

"It was frustrating at first, but I've come to understand over time it's a question of understanding the weight of words in other countries," he said.

The novel will also be acted out in a film adaptation, still in development, to be directed by Canadian Clement Virgo. Hill will be co-writing the screenplay.

"We're in the middle of the job right now and it's quite exciting," said Hill. "It's a good opportunity for me to write a screenplay and see the range of people that read the story expand."

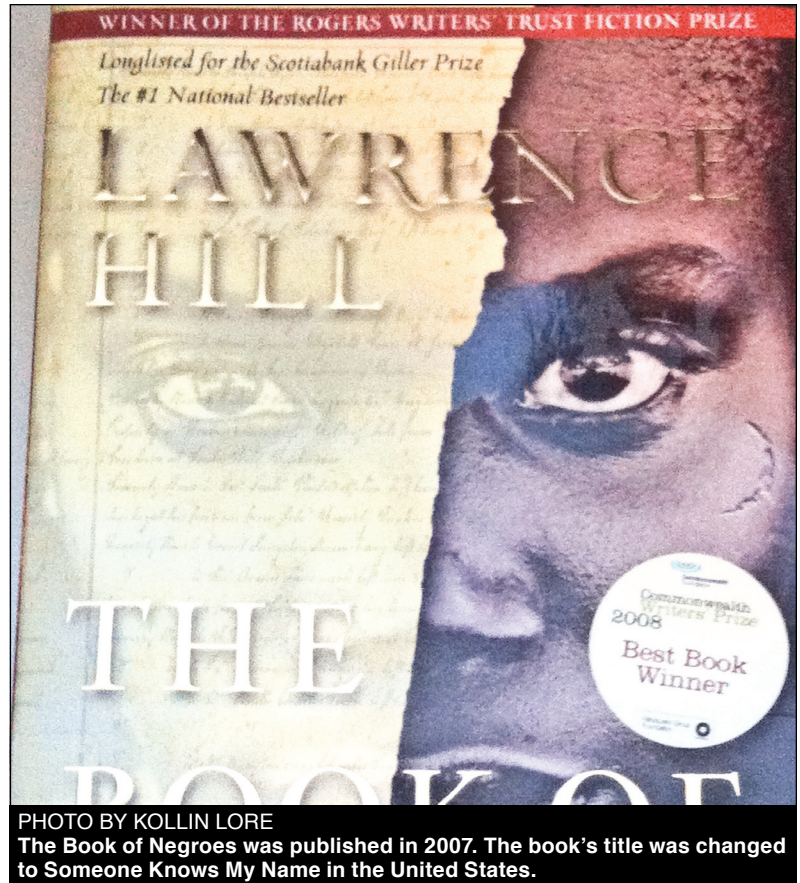


PHOTO BY LISA GILLAN  
Donlands and Mortimer share a seat at the Drake Underground. Band members (from left to right): Ben Harney, Edwin Sheard, Johnny Spence, Steven Foster, Carmen Elle and Ewan Kay.

# Molson beer commercial helped Humber band rise

LISA GILLAN  
A&E Reporter

The six-piece independent pop rock group Donlands and Mortimer released two new songs online last month, and is expected to soon release a full-length album.

"We've recorded it and we're just in the process of mixing it right now," said Steven Foster, a former Humber student who plays drums and shares vocals.

Members said they would like the stars to be aligned a certain way for the release date.

"We're waiting 'til Jupiter is in the seventh house," said Johnny Spence, who plays keyboards.

The band opened for Toronto-based Ohbijou at the Drake Underground Feb. 8.

The band, named for an East York intersection, hit television across the continent in 2010 with their song "Starboard" in a commercial for Molson '67.

Four of the group's six members have been, or currently are, music students at Humber.

Other band members include Carmen Elle who plays guitar and shares vocals and Ewan Kay who plays trombone.

"I had a great time and I treated it as a musical boot camp. That's why I went [to Humber] - because I really wanted to get strong," said Ben Harney who plays bass in the band.

"For those of us who went to Humber, I think it really helped bring our game to the next level," said Foster.

The band has been playing throughout Ontario and Quebec over the past

two years and hopes to expand their travels in 2012.

"We've got six people and we're all pretty busy with other bands as well," Foster said.

"I actually play in a jazz group called Tesseract with a lot of people from Humber," said alto saxophonist Edwin Sheard. "It's actually exclusively Humber students."

Along with numerous other projects, all six members of Donlands and Mortimer also perform together as the hard rock group Dick Sanchez.

"We're known as the Noah's Ark of cock rock because there's two of every instrument," Foster said.

Dick Sanchez is slated to perform at the Drake Underground Feb. 16.

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# Razzie Awards nominate worst 2011 films

SARAH RIX  
A&E Reporter

Humber's Bad Movie Club may need to update its must-watch list once the Golden Raspberry Awards, a.k.a. The Razzies, announce this year's nominees for the worst in film on Feb. 25.

"There are bad movies and then there are terrible movies that just shouldn't be made," said Royel Edwards, 21, president of Humber's Bad Movie Club.

While Hollywood's finest are lauded at the Academy Awards for their contributions to cinema, every year the Razzies honour the best of the worst. It has grown from a 1981 living room ceremony in Los Angeles to a highly anticipated award show.

"We're dissing people who got paid 10, 15 or 20 million dollars to make fools of themselves," said Razzie founder John Wilson, a copywriter, publicist and author. "For that kind of money, they ought to be able to join us in the laughter."

About 700 media-insiders, entertainment industry workers and movie fans will vote on categories such as worst picture, director and screenplay.

"I think Adam Sandler has the inside track for worst actor," said Wilson in reference to the 2011 comedy *Jack and Jill*, which features Sandler playing the two title roles. "He may be nominated for both characters."

Should Sandler show up to accept,



PHOTO BY TRACY BENNETT, COURTESY CTMG  
Adam Sandler played both Jack and Jill in the 2011 comedy and is expected to receive Razzie nominations for his portrayals.

he would be following Halle Berry and Sandra Bullock's lead after they nabbed Razzies for performances in *Catwoman* and *All About Steve*.

"It would be the frosting on the cake if the actor dressed in drag to claim the worst female actress trophy," said Wilson.

"I haven't heard anyone say go see Jack and Jill," said Michael Glassbourg, Humber's film and television production program co-ordinator. "Why in the

world would you ever think it was going to be good?"

Other pictures that could receive nominations include *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn*, and *Transformers: Dark of the Moon*.

Glassbourg said he is hesitant to celebrate bad cinema and believes the Razzies are a "waste of time and energy."

"Interesting films are being made all over the world," he said. "It seems a shame to focus on the worst simply be-

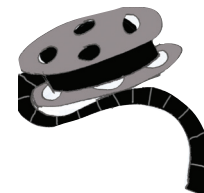
cause stars are in them."

For Wilson, the Razzies serve a valuable purpose during tense economic times.

"The reality is such that we desperately need to have something funny in the world," he said. "It's not a slap in the face, it's a banana peel on the floor."

Humber's Bad Movie Club meets Fridays at 6 p.m. on North Campus. The Razzies will be presented in California on April Fool's Day.

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1. Jack and Jill
2. Bucky Larson
3. Breaking Dawn P.1
4. Transformers: Dark Side of the Moon
5. New Year's Eve
6. The Smurfs
7. Atlas Shrugged Pt. 1
8. Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked
9. The Human Centipede II
10. Big Momma's Like Father Like Son

## Hot Docs 'ignites' crowd-funding

SHARON TINDYBWA  
A&E Reporter

Hot Docs has this week launched Doc Ignite, a crowd-funding program that will help Canadian documentary filmmakers raise money and engage with audiences.

Crowd funding here allows members of the public to financially support a film in progress in return for various incentives from the filmmakers.

"Crowd-funding has taken off in general in North America but certainly in the States with the success of Kickstarter, IndieGoGo, RocketHub and several other sites" said Elizabeth Radshaw, Hot Docs forum and market director. "This notion of individuals being a part of something that is bigger than themselves was certainly one inspiration."

Another inspiration behind Doc Ignite was a desire to build on the relation between filmmakers and audiences.

"This is a way of connecting people," Radshaw said. "We have always had a great audience at Hot Docs and they come out in droves and this is just an extension of being able to create the relationship between filmmakers and the audience."

Ken Wyman, co-ordinator of Humber's postgraduate fundraising program, said relationships are key when it comes to fundraising.

"Relationships are one of the abso-

lute core principles when it comes to fundraising," said Wyman. "The core of fundraising is people giving to people. When they know who the filmmaker is they are more likely to give to a project."

Filmmakers selected to participate in Doc Ignite will run campaigns around specific costs such as post-production.

Audiences are encouraged to follow a project and pledge their support.

"For audiences this is a real rallying call," said Radshaw. "You are no longer a passive enjoyer of media - you are participants and this is a way to invite you to interact with filmmakers."

People who pledge support for a project will receive benefits from the filmmaker and from Hot Docs.

Lynsey Olins, a film and television production student at Humber, said the fact that Doc Ignite offers audiences benefits in exchange for their support is compelling.

"In order for us to get something, we have to give something back," said Olins. "While it would be great to just get free money, it is great that we are able to offer something back to the audience as well."

Six films will be showcased by Doc Ignite over the year with only one project running at a time. The first project *How to Build a Time Machine* launched on Feb. 13. Filmmakers can apply now for the five remaining spots.

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TIME: 8 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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**SUN 19** Simple Plan @Air Canada Centre.  
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The Canadian pop-punk band hit the stage w/ special guests: Marianas Trench, All Time Low & These Kids Wear Crowns.

**MON 20** Family Day @Canada

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These Celtic-punk rockers w/ special guest Frank Turner hits the stage for their St. Patrick's Day Tour 2012.

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# Canada on the stand

First Nations children on reserves receive less support, Aboriginals allege in Ottawa court



**LAURA BOOTH**  
News Reporter

The government of Canada is being taken to court this week in a historic battle waged by the Assembly of First Nations and the non-profit, First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada (Caring Society).

The case, which started in 2007 as a complaint to the Canadian Human Rights Commission, is now being taken to the court system. It is alleged the Canadian government provides less child welfare funding to children on-reserve than off.

"It shows a longstanding pattern of underfunding that the government has provided," said Andrea Auger, a program coordinator at the Caring Society. "It's not just child welfare. It's also education, health care and things like that."

According to a 2010 report by the Canadian Centre of Policy Alternatives, Aboriginal populations in Canada are disproportionately represented amongst the poorest of Canadians.

"There is probably about a hundred other communities out of the 630 First Nations that are in dire straights in terms of housing. We've also got probably 40 per cent of First Nations that have trouble with water advisories or actually have no running water at all," said Carolyn Bennett, MD, MP and Liberal critic of Aboriginal Affairs and northern development.

Bennett cited the remote northern Ontario reserve, Attawapiskat, as an example of the poor living conditions many reserves face. "The problems in Attawapiskat are just a sample of some real problems, mainly in remote and rural communities."

In 2006, the median income of Aboriginals was 30 per cent lower than that of the rest of Canadians. The report found that while the income gap between Aboriginal people and the rest of Canada decreased slightly between the 1996 and 2006 census, if current trends continue it will take 63 years to close the gap.

The federal government has long maintained that "status Indians" in Canada receive a number of special rights and exemptions under law and that their living conditions are an important priority for Ottawa. A federal auditor was sent to Attawapiskat during the recent financial crisis with the presumption that funding mismanagement was a possible contributor to the difficulties.

The report found an exception to the disparity in income for those Aboriginal peoples who attained a university bachelors degree. In these cases, the report found that the income gap decreased by thousands of dollars.

"Education is our buffalo. Whereas in the past the buffalo was in the prairies, was the sort of key to their economy and their success, I think everybody sees that education is the key now," said Bennett.

Through the Post-Secondary Student Support Program, the federal government allocates funds

to offset tuition, travel and living costs for eligible First Nation applicants. According to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, those interested must apply through the local First Nation organizations for consideration. Although this program does offer an advantage to native youth, a 2007 government report pointed out the program is underfunded.

Shelley Charles, elder and manager of Aboriginal student services at Humber, said in her experience, she found that Native peoples generally earn less than the rest of Canadians - even when both hold similar degrees. She added that more Aboriginals generally go into college rather than university, as it tends to get them into the workforce faster.

According to the 2010 report, eight per cent of Aboriginal peoples in Canada have a bachelor degree in comparison to 22 per cent of Canadians. In addition, 32 per cent of Aboriginal peoples do not have a secondary school diploma.

While the 2010 report concedes education is a major component to financial success, it alone is not a "silver bullet." It adds that a more holistic approach is needed and this "...starts by acknowledging the legacy of colonialism [that] lies at the heart of income disparities for Aboriginal peoples."

The Assembly of First Nations and the Caring Society are asking people across Canada to be a witness to the court case this coming week.

"It's called the 'I am a witness' case and we are encouraging people to be a witness," said Auger. "We're not asking people to choose a side, we're asking people simply to just watch the case to decide for themselves whether or not they think discrimination is occurring against First Nations kids who live on reserves."

The appeal was scheduled to be heard in court this week and broadcast on the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network.

The case against the government, no matter the outcome, will be an important moment in Canadian history for Aboriginal peoples.

"It seems like the relationship that's been going on for generations might not be as mutual as we had agreed upon in the beginning," Charles said.

The Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, John Duncan was unavailable for comment and the department was unable to make a spokesperson available.



PHOTO BY SAMINA ESHA  
Union Station was filled with volunteers to collect 5,000 tokens for Youth Without

**"Forty per cent of First Nations have trouble with water advisories or have no running water."**

**-CAROLYN BENNETT, MP**

Going to school, a factor can be pricey for some.

Recently, the TTC cost \$104 for post-secondary students, or \$1,248 per year, or \$104 per month, or \$1,512 annually.

Now consider being asked to search your empty pockets.

The annual event, Feb. 10, tries to ease the lives of Toronto's homeless youth. Volunteers from Tokens 4 Change to search for homeless shelter.

"It was a success for the cause and wanted to thank Figueroa, vice-president of the Humber Students' Federation."

"We are working hard to provide one year of shelter for an entire year," Figueroa said to raise awareness that homeless youth live at levels of socio-economic hardship, religion and sexual orientation.

Transportation manager Murray said, "It's a big deal done for the needy youth."

Mayor Rob Ford said it's a complex issue.

"There are no quick workable solutions that we can offer our vulnerable residents. We need a balance between providing shelter and respecting their needs and respecting their rights as citizens," Mayor Ford said. "My policy staff is consulting with staff and the Toronto Police to find a delicate balance."

Major John Murray said he's been in the Army, perceived as an ongoing matter. Each organization serves approximately 100 Canadians who face all sorts of challenges every night, Murray said. "We need hope and help to the soldiers who are lonely, lost, fearful and in need of one to trust... Opportunity to assist with shelter options."

In a similar note, the manager at Youth Without Home said in the picture: a third of Ca-

# Up to 2,000 youth are homeless any given night in TO



Volunteers during the Tokens 4 Change fundraiser on Friday, Feb. 10, as it aimed to raise money for Youth Without Shelter, a north Etobicoke youth shelter.



**SAMINA ESHA**  
Senior Reporter

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are between the ages of 16 and 24.

Leroux said in any given year, approximately  
10,000 youth in Toronto will at some point need  
safe shelter.

"In any given night," she said, "we estimate  
there is between 1,500 to 2,000 youth who are  
homeless in Toronto."

Leroux said the largest contributing cause for  
youth homelessness is abusive homes.

"We estimate 90 per cent of the youth we see...  
have left abusive homes or come from an environ-  
ment of poverty," she said. "We try to provide a  
complete circle of care."

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Youth Without  
Shelter has 50 beds and 30 additional emergency  
beds. The shelter supports youth between the ages  
of 16 and 24 on both a short and long-term basis.  
The shelter's care is expansive  
as it offers safe refuge, food,  
immediate needs, clothing,  
counselling and skill-based  
workshops.

"It's about helping the  
youth achieve their goals and  
move toward their independ-  
ent life. They are the future  
of our community," Leroux  
said. "So we are merely in-  
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The City of Toronto web-  
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ever, at least 4,390 people  
were homeless or sleeping in  
shelters that night, 8 per cent  
of whom were younger than  
21-years-old.

Scott Parish, founder of  
Tokens 4 Change, said the  
event is a small step towards  
a big cause.

"One part of it is to collect  
money from the community  
and to support the transporta-  
tion aspect of it. But that is  
only a piece of what we do.  
The other big objective of

Tokens 4 Change is engaging volunteers," some of  
which are youths from the shelter, Parish said.

Tokens 4 Change partners with students from  
high schools, colleges and universities across the  
city.

"We invite students to learn [and] raise aware-  
ness," said Parish. "It's about the transportation,  
it's about the shelter and ultimately it's about the  
youth."

In 12 hours, each volunteer school took over  
different stations as they performed or handed out  
pamphlets while raising donations.

"Last year, in one day, we raised over \$30,000,  
which was the most coverage the shelter had ever  
received. It was a successful first year," Parish said.  
"This year we are in 25 locations and we are well  
ahead of our goals and sponsorships."



PHOTO BY SAMINA ESHA  
Last year's event raised over \$30,000, while this  
year's event gat hered an staggering \$67, 500.



PHOTO BY SAMINA ESHA  
Volunteers are mostly high school, college and university  
students from across Toronto.

# Houston, we have a problem

When we lose a widely admired celebrity, as we lost pop artist Whitney Houston on Saturday, it's easy to fall susceptible to reflecting on what we'll miss most about that star. It is as if the past opens itself and invites us to recall all the positive and artistic contributions they made, the impact they had on our culture. For a moment in time, it seems the world joins together to collectively reminisce, mourn and lament the loss of an iconic figure.

While there is nothing to say against mourning anyone's death, the fact that it is a celebrity should not change the way their legacy is viewed. The mourning has to be done in some context. There's a natural inclination to honour these stars' accomplishments and put them on the proverbial pedestal – even if we had enjoyed tearing them down over years prior.

When performers who travel a similar path of substance abuse and also succumb to an untimely fate, but are not of the superstar status of a Houston, there's a sober second thought that comes with their passing.

That perspective should not be lost due to the level of a person's celebrity status upon their death. The best way to respect a fallen celebrity's life should be by honouring their accomplishments, while also acknowledging their faults.

Without denying any of their talents, somewhere in the commotion of shock and sadness we tend to forget the

parts of them that reminded us they were as vulnerable to the same vices and pressures as any non-celebrity.

Many stars cope with depression, alcoholism, drug abuse, abusive behaviour and other problems that also afflict the common person. At times they fall victim even more easily than the ordinary person, thanks to the intense pressure of public scrutiny in the form of the media and paparazzi.

During these vulnerable moments in their lives, it's easy for the media and society as a whole to cast judgment. People point fingers and rub celebrity noses in celebrity faults by criticizing, shaming and publicizing their every move. The gossip rags dig up dirt on Lindsay Lohan with every new court appearance she makes, and deride Britney Spears for everything she does.

It's actually quite similar to the way media treasured the opportunity to lambaste Houston for every fall from grace, including her stints of addiction.

Yet in the wake of a celebrity's death, especially a premature one, some superstars are able to evade the disparaging reputation they left behind. Their faults are all but ignored, their talented accomplishments alone taking centre stage. Maybe to make ourselves feel better, these blemishes we laughed about are glossed over as if they never existed.

Michael Jackson was virtually beatified following his sudden death, given

saintly status by many of the same who decried the King of Pop for all the unproven allegations that had come his way. People were not allowed to make mention of the years of his downfall because it was suddenly not acceptable to remember what had become of the man who once ran the Pop world.

As Benjamin Boles in *Now Magazine* put it: "This is pretty much the entertainment industry in a nutshell. While you're alive, they will ignore and enable your very serious problems, and then when you succumb to those issues, they'll mount lovely musical tributes and act like no one saw the inevitable coming (and certainly couldn't have done anything to stop it)."

Media outlets of all types dive into memorials and tributes. Social media platforms are flooded with pining individuals lamenting the "tragic" loss of someone who, under a circumstance such as death, can now rightfully be touted as nothing short of amazing. Sweeping statements alluding to their remarkable impact on the entertainment industry are usually made while their unflattering behavior gets swept under the rug.

Houston, for instance, was known to have struggled with drug and alcohol abuse over the past decade. Between the drugs and her volatile relationship with R&B singer Bobby Brown, good-girl status became tarnished as the tabloids had a heyday smearing her reputation.

But if this is society's track record, if these are our actions and they will never change, at least the mourning can be done appropriately. Such was the case with singer and songwriter Amy Winehouse, who was guilty of pushing the limit with substance abuse. Winehouse was a terrible tragedy, an amazing talent gone far and far too soon. And that is how she was portrayed.

Heath Ledger was another tragic ending. While *The Dark Knight* may have received slightly more praise than the already impressive movie deserved, it was done to honour the memory of the young man. But all this was done within reason, and without trying to mask that this was a tragedy brought about by some personal demons.

This is mourning with some rational perspective, not denying the slights and jokes made at these stars' expense. The celebrity may have made an impact on your life through a song you share with a loved one, or an acting role that takes one back to days gone by, but that does not mean the reasons for their fall are untouchable. They are as unfortunate as they are educational, a life lesson of just how far things can go out of control. Out of respect we should acknowledge these shortcomings, not hide them away.

Whitney Houston will surely be missed. Her talents were nothing short of incredible. But it is a sad story, and that is also worth remembering.

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## HUMBER QUOTED

### What will you remember Whitney Houston for?



"Her music. And her being with Bobby Brown."

Melissa Deeder, 28  
First-year media studies

"Her in the 80s. I was a teenager then and knew her in her big years. The drugs came later. It took me a while to grasp that was going on."

Nella Morra, 42  
First-year personal service worker

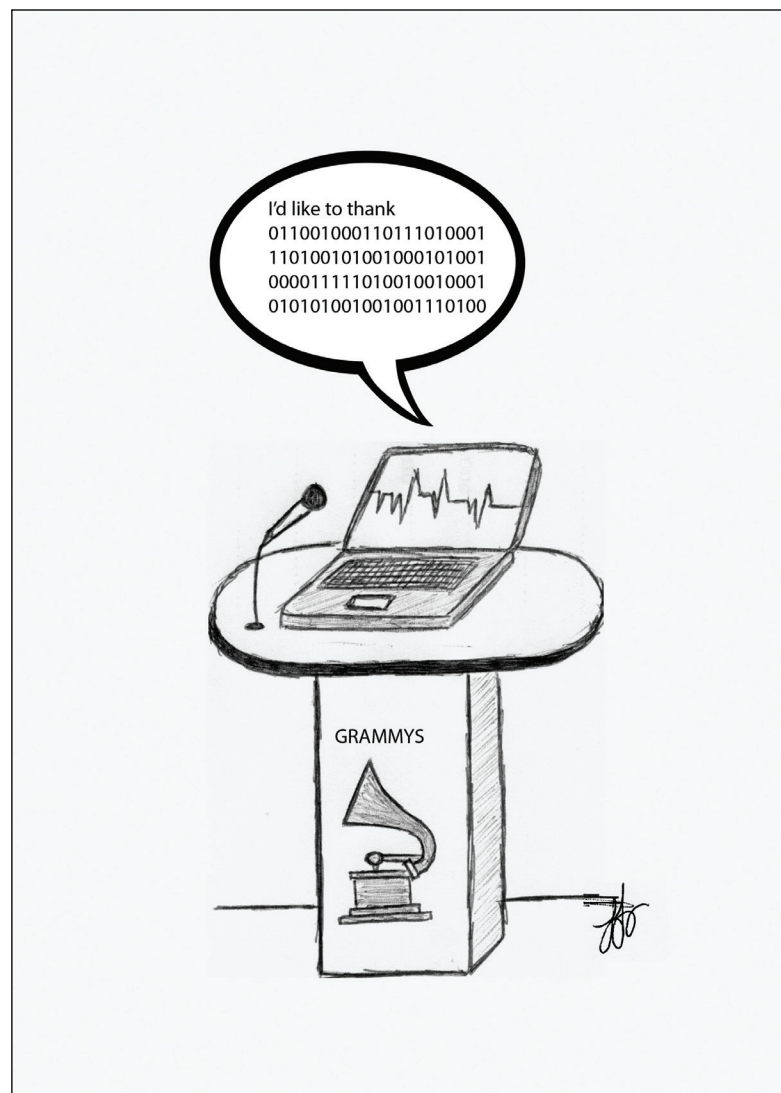


"In high school, her music was always background music. It takes me back there. Whitney Houston equals high school for me."

Renee Wilson, 42  
Humber media studies instructor



## Editorial Cartoon





Gameplay footage from the latest entry in the CoD franchise.

## Call of Duty drags video games down

Still a mammoth seller, the first-person shooter game is lifeless and unoriginal



JACOB GALLO  
Sports Editor

Guys! I have some really shocking news! A new *Call of Duty* game was just announced last week! Would you have ever guessed?!

The old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" can be applied to the over-the-hill *Call of Duty* series in more ways than one. When *Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare* came out back in 2007, it was a landmark game, building upon the foundation that the first three games had set. Since then, however, the game developer Activision, which killed the *Guitar Hero* and *Tony Hawk* franchises with similar oversaturation, took that saying to a new level and has been indirectly killing the game industry as a whole; pumping out a "new", stagnant game every year.

*CoD* isn't the only series guilty of releasing the same game over and over again, but it's certainly the most prominent.

While the series has become the antithesis of good video games, it has seemingly come to represent gaming as a whole. The series captures all that's negative about video games: redundancy, unnecessary controversy, nonsensical violence, lifeless storytelling, and an overall lack of emotion. The games don't stick, which is what a good video game should do. Aside from sale figures, the games aren't memorable in any way.

So for the last *CoD* release, I use the term "new" in an extremely loose manner because the only thing that's different about it is the name. An-

nual releases from *CoD* have dragged down the once innovative, now repetitive-but-lucrative first-person shooter genre, and the people who flock out to buy these games don't even realize they're playing essentially the same game released the prior year.

Quantity has now superseded quality and that, in turn, is killing the game industry. I'm all for making a quick buck, but not for the price of soullessness. What's good for the business of video games is not good for the industry itself. Game developers who spend time thinking of fresh, innovative plots, characters, what-have-you, get killed because they don't sell. Examples: Bizarre Creations - coincidentally a branch of Activision - who made *Project Gotham Racing*, *Blur*, etc., was killed last year because they couldn't find a buyer for the developer.

With video game sales in the decline since 2008 - a 34 per cent decline in January 2012 alone, which is more than double what video game analysts predicted - the most recent *CoD* game still topped sale figures, with only a slight dip in numbers.

So why do the *Call of Duty* games continue to sell at such extravagant numbers, raking in billions of dollars? It's baffling that these games continue to sell in excessively large amounts despite how bad they are.

The games themselves have horribly bland, unoriginal story lines which can be completed in relatively no time at all. The most recent couple of games have had similar settings and plots, with the only differences being the maps and the odd character change.

"Oh, but, Jacob," I hear people say. "The multiplayer is great!"

But why invest \$60 into a new game just to use the use the multiplayer component? What's wrong with your last copy of *Call of Duty*?

Activision keeps releasing a *CoD* game year after year, and it continues to sell in heaps. If the series continues to sell the way it is, we are potentially destined to a video game world of nothing but *CoD* clones. Nobody wants that.

So for everyone going out to buy the "new" *Call of Duty* game this fall, have fun paying for your second copy of last year's version of *CoD*.

## Finally a big Grammy nod for electronic dance music



KELLY GABEL  
A&E Editor

Every year I look forward to vegging out in front of the television to watch the Grammys and every year I watch musicians from the top of the charts claim their golden gramophones. But this year I was taken by surprise when one of my favourite dubstep artists, Skrillex, was up for not only one, but five awards - including best new artist.

There's no denying the overwhelming popularity dubstep -- an electronic

dance music with a powerful bass line -- has had over the past year. However, the question still remains: does electronic music deserve to be nominated in the same category as Adele, the Foo Fighters and Kanye West? A year ago I would have disagreed. But, now I turn my bass up and nod in favour.

One would think acts such as Nicki Minaj or Bon Iver would be more deserving of the best new artist award, but for me it made complete sense that Skrillex was a contender and took three Grammys last Sunday.

He has collaborated with the remaining members of The Doors, for starters, and also remixed hit songs by Lady GaGa, Avicii, and Benny Benassi. The alternative metal band Korn recently collaborated with the 'king of dub' on their new album.

"The music business, at least in the rock world, has been really stale," Korn lead singer Jonathan Davis said in a recent issue of *Rolling Stone*. "It's like there's a certain formula you have to follow to get on the radio, and songs all sound the same," he said.

Music is changing. The stubborn pessimist in all of us may refuse to be-

lieve that a laptop could ever compare to the talent of a wailing Gibson Epiphone or the clever wordplay of a lyrical genius, but the truth is genres such as dubstep are on the rise.

Skrillex's mix of unheard sounds and the ultimate "drop" (bass tone) have made him one of the most sought after re-mixers. His latest EP, *Bangerang*, peaked high on U.S. charts.

You'd have to be living under a rock to not realize that electronic dance music isn't just associated with neon colours, ecstasy, and partying until the break of dawn anymore. Whether you want it or not, everywhere you turn, house music is in your face. It's taking over airwaves, filling clubs and even selling out massive concert venues.

Although I still have great appreciation for more traditional bands, I'm constantly searching for new and different sounds. Electronic music has caught my ear with its trademark heavy bass and catchy beats.

As for the Grammy Awards, electronic music may have only won within its own categories, but it certainly created a lot of buzz. It's official: electronic dance music is now mainstream.

## Catholic schools have right to decide what's acceptable



ALLIE HUNWICKS  
Senior Reporter

There has been a great deal of discussion recently surrounding the Catholic school board's decision to create "Respecting Differences" groups as the answer to curb the bullying of students in their system - with emphasis on homosexuals.

Despite the somewhat obvious knee-jerk reaction to vilify the already maligned faith-based system, there may be some merit in defending the right to practice one's faith and respect the central tenets that it is built upon.

Let me begin by stating that I am a practicing Catholic. By no means does this imply that I am a "good" Catholic. I frequently take the Lord's name in vain, engage in pre-marital sex, and occasionally imbibe excessively. However, despite the extremely pleasant nature of these transgressions, it is an accepted fact that they are frowned upon by the Roman Catholic Church,

and that if one chooses to engage in them, it is their responsibility to redeem themselves in the faith by practicing the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Sounds totally archaic, right? But that's not the point. I choose to embrace the traditions of my faith, and accept the fact that I may be "punished". No one has to be a Catholic. So it appears rather unseemly for certain groups to decide what is acceptable and unacceptable within the central tenets of the system. The Vatican states that "the marital union of man and woman has been elevated by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament. The Church teaches that Christian marriage is an efficacious sign of the covenant between Christ and the Church (cf. Eph 5:32)."

Now, whether you agree with this or not (I don't, for the record) the fact of the matter is that it's a holy sacrament within the Church. Would anyone walk up to the priest during communion and say, "Hey Father, I'd prefer pizza today?" It's probably not something that would cross your mind, simply because that sacrament doesn't smack of liberal-leaning pre-rogative.

A 2004 study in the *Journal of Pediatrics* stated one in seven Canadian children between the ages of 11 and 16 have been bullied. This is an unfortunate reality which certainly finds amongst its numbers those bullied because of their sexuality. Despite this, there seems to be no call to enforce a "pick and choose" mantra that deteriorates an already beleaguered church.

If you don't believe in the teachings, don't be a Catholic. It's that simple. Or, if you want to pick and choose, accept that not all are going to like your choices.

To be perfectly fair, one must note the fact that the Catholic school system in Ontario is publicly funded, and ergo should accept that getting in bed with the state would require some secular acquiescence. However, it seems to belie the point of having a Catholic school system if the underlying criteria of practicing the faith are violated. One might question the notion of sending one's child to a school system that they take great offense to the teachings of.

The second point that I believe merits touching upon are those who take issue with the word "differences." At what point did being different have such a negative connotation? We do our society and future generations a great disservice by attempting to homogenize our cultures and social construct. Rather than try to sweep all that under the proverbial rug, wouldn't it be more productive to celebrate and acknowledge difference, thus creating a culture of understanding?

Sacrifice and subjection are two values that no longer hold an honourable place in our society. Perhaps if we taught our children that there is a great deal to be earned through sacrifice and through the acceptance of whichever faith one chooses to adopt, we may, in the future, reveal a generation of individuals who are firm in their values, fair in their understanding of others, and open and willing to accept the consequences of their decisions.

# Mature students helped to adapt with orientation

**SHAZIA ISLAM**  
Life Reporter

Mature students who attend orientation sessions at Humber adapt well to campus life, according to the Humber Help survey.

"In orientation, we offer a session for students 25 years or older," said Pirom Houth, co-ordinator of the orientation and transition program. "In connecting students to other support systems, it's been proven to help them become more successful at school."

Houth said many of Humber's students come from a lifetime's worth of education and experience.

"It can be kind of daunting, especially when you're coming back to school after five years, 10 years, and you feel you're the only one who feels

older," he said.

The orientation team offered several workshops in September, January and May to help mature students manage their on-campus and off-campus commitments.

"In the sessions, we talked a lot about services, time management, peer tutoring and money management, which is a huge one," Houth said.

The social aspects of campus life were equally important, he said.

Bokeime Edet, 34, a first-year esthetician and spa management student, said she really enjoyed the chance to meet other students at the orientation barbecue.

Edet is a mother of two young children and said it is not always easy to combine that major priority in her life with her schoolwork, but said Humber offers good support services and encourages a sense of camaraderie among all students.

Houth said the orientation team plans to organize more socials in the future.

Paul Barbieri, a second-year paralegal student, said he never went to post-secondary after graduating from high school nearly 30 years ago.

"Everything's computerized these days," he said. "I got support from the paralegal program co-ordinator, who made me feel more at ease."

Barbieri said his wife and three grown children gave him a lot of encouragement as he made the transition from running his own business to becoming a student.

"It's gotten easier, but in the beginning, I thought I was too old for this,"



PHOTO BY SHAZIA ISLAM  
Bokeime Edet, 34, a first-year esthetician and spa management student.

he said.

Barbieri said he did not participate in the orientation events, but was aware of many of the services available to him like the Career Centre.

Houth said the survey measured

how satisfied students felt in their overall experience at Humber.

He said, "Those who attend orientation score approximately five to 10 per cent higher than those who don't."

## TO THE NINES

What is your favourite place to shop?

"I like shopping at SVP Sports, because they have a great selection and good prices."

What is your favourite item of clothing?

"I don't really have a favourite item, but I like dressing formally."

What wardrobe staple do you think everyone should have?

"Whatever they like. It comes down to their own sense of style"

**Rakesh Kumar, 22,**  
travel and tourism program.

BY HENJI MILIUS



# Warm winter, fake snow

**KAITIE FRASER**  
**NEETU THIND**  
Special to Life

As Reading Week approaches, Humber students thinking of a ski or snowboard getaway must consider the effects of an unusually warm winter.

High temperatures and low precipitation has forced Ontario ski resorts to rely almost exclusively on fake snow to keep runs covered, said Collin Matanowitsch, public relations specialist at Blue Mountain, a major ski resort in Collingwood.

Making the snow is a difficult process for smaller resorts, said Linh Nguyen, Uplands Golf and Ski snowboard co-ordinator.

"There were a few days in January that were pretty cold and we were able to make quite a bit of snow," said Nguyen. "But the snow base is nowhere near what it should be."

To create snow, temperatures need to be below freezing, the water source needs to be very cold and humidity levels need to be low, said Nguyen.

Resorts keep the slopes covered with fake snow on warm days, but even beginner skiers and snowboarders find difficulty adjusting.

There is a night and day difference between real and fake snow, said snowboarder Ryan O'Toole, who has been boarding for less than a year.

"Real snow is nice because you're able to carve, move and do a lot of things that you're not able to on fake snow as easily," said O'Toole.

Blue Mountain hosted the LG FIS Snowboarding World Cup this February, with participants coming from 25 different countries around the world.

"It's the first time we've hosted a competition on this level," said Matanowitsch. "It took a lot of preparation to get the hills just right for racing."

Despite the conditions, there are still skiers and boarders determined to hit the slopes.

Humber international student advisor Matthew O'Keefe organized two successful ski trips for international students this winter.

The trips were designed to enhance the Canadian experience for international students, O'Keefe said.

"A lot of the international students have never seen snow and have never

tried skiing or snowboarding. It's something we offer them to broaden their experience while they're here," said O'Keefe.

There are no more trips scheduled this year, but trips by the international student department will run next January and February.



PHOTO BY NEETU THIND  
Skiers coming in from the icy slopes at Blue Mountain in Collingwood.



# Varsity athletes: low cash, poor food choices

**HEATHER VANANDEL**  
Life Reporter

Time and budget restrictions can leave Humber athletes on the road for games and tournaments searching for nutritional value within a clutter of fast food menus.

"Our athletes don't have time to do any preparation for things. They are requested to go to class and be at practice for 10-20 hours a week," said Doug Fox, Humber's athletic director. "And a lot of our players just don't have any extra money."

Ontario College Athletes Association (OCAA) permits colleges to give athletes a maximum of \$25 per day to help subsidize food costs during away games.

This often means sports teams stop at "grab-and-run kinds of places," said Jim Bialek, Humber's athletic manager.

Though not the healthiest option, it is usually the only option available.

"Some players do not have a nickel to their name," said Bialek. "We have to ensure they will not pass out."

The athletic department is working hard to help students make healthy choices despite their limiting restrictions.

"I try to help them understand it is best to try and stay balanced," said Theresa Arnini, Humber Athletics' high-performance co-ordinator. "Try



PHOTO BY HEATHER VANANDEL  
Humber basketball players enjoy some pre-game Timbits.

to get in six meals a day and choose healthy snacks."

Arnini compiled a list of some healthy fast food choices available at restaurants the players frequent that would meet their diet requirements.

This includes any of Subway's "six grams of fat" subs on whole wheat and Wendy's Jr. Burgers, excluding the Double Jr. Bacon Cheeseburger.

"I looked at caloric intake, grams of fat, how much protein you were get-

ting and what the carbohydrate intake was and I started narrowing it down to what choices athletes should think of when choosing," said Arnini.

Kelly Nyhof, 20, a women's volleyball player at Humber and an OCAA

**"A lot of our players don't have extra money"**

**-DOUG FOX, HUMBER ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

all-star said that although it is difficult, she always tries to get something healthy such as water and a salad.

For weekend trips, the athletic department will try to get kitchenettes at the local accommodation so the players can buy groceries and cook instead of eating out, said Fox.

"Any place we can do that, we do," he said.

The OCAA says it decided on the amount of money athletes should get based upon what the association thought was fair and affordable for all Ontario colleges.

Blair Webster, executive director at OCAA said, "We have not heard anything about that not being enough money."

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# Recent tragedy has some students rethinking cruises

**ERIKA PANACCI**  
Life Reporter

After the Costa Concordia ran aground last month off Giglio, Italy, North campus students express mixed reactions about travelling via cruise ship during reading week while a Toronto travel industry representative says her boat business hasn't been affected.

"I'm a little worried about going on my cruise during Reading Week," said 20-year-old Andrea Guglielmi, psychology major at Guelph-Humber.

"Being so close to the recent accident, it could easily happen again,"

she said. "The captain went against his oath and abandoned his ship and I can't help but think, 'What if he was guiding my cruise ship?'"

But not all students share Guglielmi's feelings.

Steven Tonello, 21, a Humber business management student, plans to take a road trip during reading week, but said the recent tragedy in Italy would not dissuade him from going on a cruise.

"I would still go on a cruise because it was an unfortunate accident that doesn't happen often," he said.

The tragic nature of the events aboard the Costa Concordia does not seem to have affected the cruise

industry at this point, as people continue to travel overseas by ship, said one travel agent.

"We are still booking cruise vacations, as we regularly would, if not more," said Michelle Green, agent at the Travel Network. "We book all kinds of cruise lines that people have gone on many, many times and are not concerned about what happened with Costa."

"This is when we book a lot of cruises for Europe in the summer," said Green. "People book cruises a year in advance because there are all kinds of booking bonuses, so they can save with discounts or special perks."



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Coral Princess Cruise Ships dock in Acapulco.

# Lack of sleep tied to poor academic performance

**GUILIA FRISINA**  
Life Reporter

As midterms begin to loom at Humber College, one of the first things students drop is often the thing they need the most: sleep.

"Our study showed that the average college student scored lower in their 8 a.m. class than any other class," says Kimberly Cote, a psychology professor who conducted a study at Brock University about the consequences students face when they fail to get enough sleep.

"They need about eight to nine hours of sleep as opposed to the average 7.5 hours an adult needs," she said.

According to Cote, sleep deprivation is becoming a big problem within a wide age group, but young adults are particularly affected.

"Between working, school and their social lives, sleep just isn't a priority," said Cote. "We also found that people of all age groups are affected by the use of technological devices late into the night and college students are definitely part of this problem."

For Alyssa Gosine, 20, a first-year Humber ac-

counting student, making her 8 a.m. class is not only challenging, she also finds it very difficult to concentrate that early.

"I work at a coffee shop part-time and combined with my studies, I just have too much to do," said Gosine, "I find it really hard to concentrate during the day and I would say my grades are lower in my morning classes."

Sabrina Khan, 20, a first year cosmetic management student at Humber also knows firsthand what it's like to function on very little sleep. She does her homework in the evenings and averages about six hours sleep a night.

"I'm always tired during the day," said Khan, "I work as a waitress and I get home at 10 p.m., so I do my homework then."

Some like fourth-year kinesiology student Ginoy Wright, 22, say working while studying is his only option.

"I'm just trying to scrape by," said Wright, who averages five hours of sleep a night. "I do most of my homework in the evenings because my days are jammed packed with work, school and other responsibilities. I definitely feel tired."



PHOTO BY LAURA BOOTH

# Bullying also an issue in post-secondary settings

**LAURA BOOTH**  
News Reporter

Acts of bullying and campaigns against it have dominated media headlines for months.

The Ontario government responded last November by introducing Bill C-13, the Accepting Schools Act, which will return to the legislature for a vote in the next session later this month.

"[It] built in a number of pieces to ensure the school environments are not just safe and secure, but also accepting and inclusive for students," said Ken Jeffers, gender-based violence prevention co-ordinator with the Toronto District School Board.

The bill introduces tougher consequences for bullies in secondary school, including expulsion and the funding of bully prevention training for staff.

However, bullying does not just occur at the secondary level. According to Ashley Da Ponte, first year hospitality management student, bullying occurs even in her program.

"There's a lot of bullying that goes on, especially in hospitality and culinary. You've got to have the chops to cut it or people are pretty mean. We've had people throw hissy fits and throw cel-

ery at people," said Da Ponte.

Matt Little, who is a part of a unique online campaign at Centennial College called Stop Bullying now, said that post-secondary bullying can sometimes be more sophisticated.

"It does evolve a bit when you get into the post-secondary where the traditional pushing kids into lockers and stealing lunch money isn't quite what you see," said Little, the co-ordinator of security investigations and training at Centennial.

While he admits that legislating an end to abusive conduct can be helpful, he believes it's how authority figures address acts of aggression that will have the most meaningful outcome.

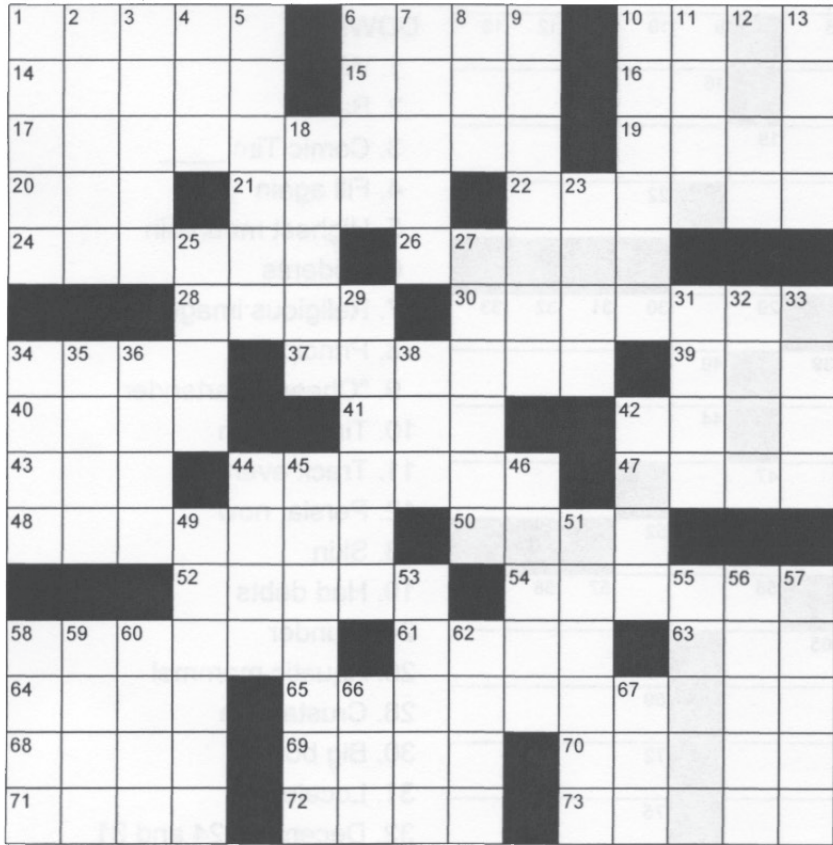
Reflected in Humber's Residence handbook and human rights policy, the college has no tolerance for abusive behaviour - specifically mentioning acts of cyber-bullying, harmful pranks, and discriminatory behaviours as counter to fostering an inclusive environment.

"I think the teachers at Humber are all pretty set on keeping it a safe environment. Yeah, I think they nip it in the bud. Like if they see it they definitely do make comments or correct it right when they see it," said Da Ponte.



PHOTO BY GIULIA FRISINA  
A Humber student catches 40 winks in the North campus library.

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### DOWN

1. Broad tie
2. Skiing hill
3. Yule visitor
4. List abbr.
5. Seesaw
6. Haul
7. Out on \_\_\_\_ (2 wds.)
8. Recent (prefix)
9. Musical compositions
10. Pencil rubber
11. Wander
12. Aroma
13. Transmitted
18. Bicycle part
23. Closed
25. Gulp
27. Changes for the better
29. Conditional release
31. Work for
32. Rewrite text
33. Disney clownfish
34. Extend over
35. Jazz's \_\_\_\_ Fitzgerald
36. Mongrel
38. Adult male
42. Departs
44. Hat edge
45. Lassos
46. English noblemen
49. Functional
51. Girls
53. More pleasant
55. Hooded snake
56. Mete out
57. Malicious looks
58. Short play
59. Artist \_\_\_\_ Warhol
60. Glance
62. Fasting time
66. Corporate VIP
67. Anger

### ACROSS

1. Plus
6. Sunbathes
10. Greek mythology figure
14. List of candidates
15. Butter's rival
16. Was a passenger
17. Immaculate \_\_\_\_
19. Stratford-on-\_\_\_\_
20. Make a choice
21. Swarm
22. Affirm
24. Taunted
26. Wash
28. Enclose
30. Actress \_\_\_\_ Stapleton
34. Large truck
37. Most feeble
39. Fruit punch
40. Stopper
41. Rushed
42. Bleak
43. Bottom-row key
44. Light-haired
47. On top of
48. Not artificial
50. Shopper's delight
52. Warning signal
54. Scoundrel
58. Spicy sausage
61. Misfortunes
63. Madrid cheer
64. Door handle
65. Easy to reach
68. Revered person
69. Young adult
70. Blooper
71. Youngster
72. Arrange
73. Chairs

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**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 21 - Feb.18

All your plans will come to fruition this week-KIDDING! Haha, ah....actually all hope is totally lost for you, sorry.



**PISCES**  
FEB.19- MAR.20

Grenades are not landscaping tools, unless you have a yard full of boulders. But why would you do that again??



**ARIES**  
MAR.21-APR.20

Congrats, you're the only one who will have a decent week. Feel free to gloat.



**TAURUS**  
APR. 21- MAY 21

Check your pockets.



**GEMINI**  
MAY 22- JUNE 21

If you try to fail, and you succeed, what have you done?



**CANCER**  
JUNE 22- JULY 23

Do what you want! Honestly, it's cool, you've officially been given permission by a mystic space crab.



**LEO**  
JUL. 24- AUG.23

Avoid your own cooking this week.



**VIRGO**  
AUG.24 -SEPT. 22

Your best intentions turn into an ill-advised innuendo - that still somehow produces sexy results. Nice!



**LIBRA**  
SEPT. 23- OCT.23

Look closely in your shoes.



**SCORPIO**  
OCT. 24-NOV.22

Are you sure you are where you think you are?



**SAGITTARIUS**  
NOV. 23-DEC.21

Beware your mother.



**CAPRICORN**  
DEC. 22 - JAN. 20

Something nice WILL happen to you, but it will end disastrously. Try to act surprised.

## Whose hair is it?



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# Reading Week exploits



**Marcello Nalli**

Rec & leisure, 2nd year, 21.  
 "Definitely looking forward for a little break from school. I work at Pro Teach Baseball Academy."

**Jahmee Lahstewart-Bennett**

Paralegal, first year, 24.  
 "I'll be doing most of my assignments, studying and just trying to do quick reviews..."  
 "Taking care of my sons, partying, going out, a lot of clubbing."



**Genesis Anne**

Early childhood education, first year, 20.  
 "I am planning to visit some of my friends from high school and a little bit of reading and studying."



**Ranpreet Randhawa (Right)**

Police foundations, second year, 22.  
 "I'll probably spend the first weekend getting school work out of the way."

**Justyna Kaczor**

Police foundations, second year, 22.  
 "I think I will work a lot because I need to make some money for university."



**Nicoy Robinson**

Finance management, first year, 21.  
 "I'm just trying to have fun. Go to the club with my boys. See some ladies."



**Jermaine Stephenson**

Multimedia, first year, 20.  
 "Study. I have some assignments coming up that I need to get completed. I'll be working on those."



**Kristen Hunter**

Public relations, first year, 22.  
 "Babysit my puppy. My parents are going house hunting in Florida. So I'm stuck with the dog all week."

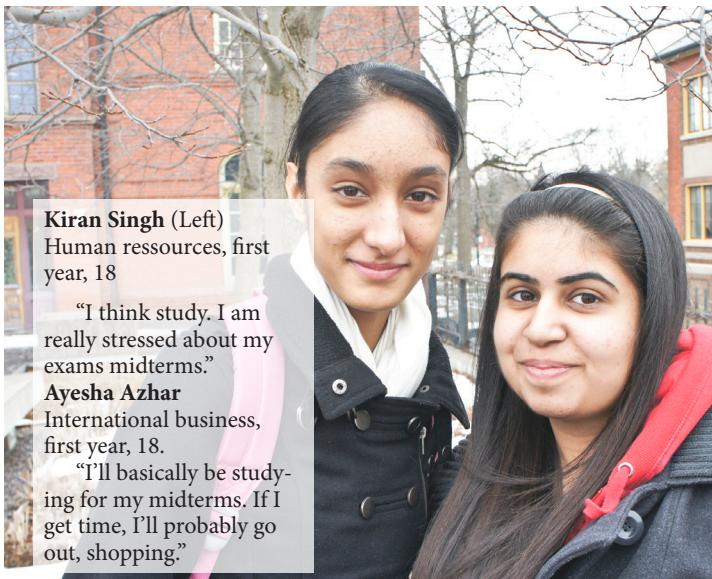


**Piotr Wuselak (Left)**

Advertising media sales, first year, 18.  
 "Planning to head out (of) the city I guess, probably up north."

**Jack Lucenay**

Advertising media sales, first year.  
 "I am going to Quebec. I'm going to see my girlfriend for a little bit."



**Kiran Singh (Left)**

Human resources, first year, 18.  
 "I think study. I am really stressed about my exams midterms."

**Ayesha Azhar**

International business, first year, 18.  
 "I'll basically be studying for my midterms. If I get time, I'll probably go out, shopping."



**Brett Kelly**

Public relations, first year, 24.  
 "Clean my parents house, play snow-pitch, go wedding dress shopping with my friends."



**Lyzann McClure**

Interior decorating, first year, 24.  
 "I am going to Mexico. Two of my girlfriends and I wanted to go on a trip."



PHOTO BY SASHA LINDSAY  
Middle blocker and right side hitter Andre Brown goes in for the kill against the Sheridan Bruins.

## Men's volleyball Hawks improve record to 16-1 after back-to-back wins

SASHA LINDSAY  
Sports Reporter

The Hawks remain undefeated in 2012 following wins over the Mohawk Mountaineers on Feb. 8 and the Sheridan Bruins on Feb. 10.

The Hawks now have a 16-1 league standing and remain in first place in the OCAA West.

Humber won the first set 25-17 against the Mountaineers, with defensive libero Andre Smith building momentum with solid serves and an ace.

"The coach told us to stay focused on what we had to do as a team and individually to win the game," said Smith, 21, a second-year fashion arts student.

The Hawks dominated the play, taking the second set 25-12. The Mountaineers fought back and claimed the third 27-25, but setter Derek Quinn stepped up with four aces – the highest number on the team – to help the Hawks win the fourth set 25-19.

Despite winning the game, Quinn still wanted to accomplish more against Sheridan.

"It would be nice to go back to our ways of winning three straight sets, so hopefully we can accomplish that."

And accomplish that they did.

The Hawks swept all three sets against the Bruins by scores of 25-19, 25-20 and 25-20.

Right side hitter Terrel Bramwell was unyielding in the offensive zone, leading Humber with fifteen kills.

"It was a solid win for our team to end our home games for the 2012 year," said Bramwell, 21, a first-year tourism and hospitality student.

Hawks head coach Wilkins gave credit to the Bruins.

"They're still struggling to get to the playoffs and had to win, so they put forth a great effort. I thought our guys played well. We stayed in control of the match and controlled the pace," said Wilkins.

With the last regular season game fast approaching, Humber setter Mark Mullen has confidence in his team going into the postseason.

"I think our team's rolling right now. I think going into the playoffs, we have the team that can win," said Mullen, 22, a third-year business administration student. "We just have to stay composed and work hard for the next four weeks. This is what we play for all year. The fun part's coming, we're pretty excited."

The Hawks visited the Niagara Knights last night, check the details at [www.athletics.humber.com](http://www.athletics.humber.com).

## Women's volleyball looking forward to OCAA championships

SHANNON O'REILLY  
Sports Reporter

Should things stay the course, the Humber women's volleyball team will finish first in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association West, earning a bye to the provincial championship in Barrie on February 23-25.

"Half the battle is just getting to the provincials," said assistant coach Dean Wylie. "Anything after that is just gravy."

Humber currently sits first in the OCAA West with an eight-point lead over second-place Fanshawe Falcons, their only loss of the year coming to Cambrian in tournament play.

"I would anticipate, if everything works out, Nipissing will have to play these guys in the semi-finals," said Wylie, referring to the provincial match up. "We'll let Nipissing worry about Cambrian and hopefully we won't see either of those teams until finals."

The last six years Humber has played the Nipissing Lakers for the OCAA championship, winning gold all but once.

"Nipissing is consistent and when they're playing well, they're a tough team to beat," said Wylie. "A' game versus 'A' game, I like our chances, but we have to play our game and if they bring their's, it's always going to be a

great match. If it goes to game five, it's almost a coin toss."

Despite losing gold to Humber for the past four years, Nipissing's head coach Marc LaRochelle said he's not trying to avoid a rematch at the provincials.

"We never look to avoid them but we have some work to do first," said LaRochelle. "I think they're a very good team and they execute well under pressure. You have to play really well against them and limit mistakes."

Humber regularly faces teams in its own division, but Wylie said they'll be prepared to face teams from the East division as well.

"We absolutely scout the eastern division," said Wylie. "When we know who we're playing in the first round, we'll go watch that game so we'll know our first opponent."

Libero defender Teresa George, 23, a final year paralegal studies student, said it's too late in the season for the team to make any significant changes to their playing style.

"It's about us, our mental focus, our hard work and our dedication," said George. "Our practices will be hard, more intense and forcing us to give it all we have now. Some changes may be learnt, like different blocking against different teams, but other than that it's all about what we want to do."



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# Men's indoor soccer team loses in university game 2-1

**MATTHEW SMITH**  
Sports Reporter

The Humber Hawks' men's indoor soccer team lost a full-field exhibition game on Feb. 12 against the University of Toronto's Varsity Blues by a score of 2-1.

Even though they lost, Varsity Blues head coach Anthony Capotosto said he was impressed by the Hawks' play.

"They're a quality team and we're looking to have them back again," said Capotosto.

"We were lucky to get those breaks near the end and I think our fitness level had a bit to do with it."

Capotosto had his team train with a strength and conditioning coach since early January.

"We train here (Varsity Centre)

twice a week and we play on Sundays, plus we do exercises in the gym," said Capotosto. "We play 11 a side every Sunday."

Hawks assistant coach Michael Aquino said that the purpose of the game was to give his players an opportunity to play 11-on-11.

Indoor soccer is normally played with six against six players whereas full-field play rises to 11 per side.

"They (Blues) got the two goals but I think overall, we played well," said Aquino.

"The point of the game was to get a lot of guys into play so I was happy with their performance."

Playing with sideboards is something Aquino isn't a fan of, which is why the Hawks didn't enter the George Brown Invitational that took place

over the weekend.

"That invitational was previously scheduled at a different facility and then it got changed so then we opted out," said Aquino. "I don't want any of my players subjected to getting injured in a sport that shouldn't have boards in the first place."

Hawks goalkeeper Peter Koumoulas, 25, a first-year civil engineering program, said playing with boards is like playing on a pool table.

"There's no stoppages, not even for a goal kick," said Koumoulas. "Having boards just speeds up the game but more injuries occur so we want to move away from that type of play."

The Hawks will be looking for a third consecutive tournament win this weekend as they enter the Sheridan Invitational on Saturday.



PHOTO BY MATTHEW SMITH  
The Hawks tried to keep the ball out of their defensive zone but the Varsity Blues offensive pressure prevailed as U of T team beat the Hawks 2-1.

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## Women's volleyball remains flawless with two more wins

Team is unimpressed with own play over the weekend

**ANDREW MILLICHAMP**  
Sports Reporter

The Humber women's volleyball team has only one game left standing between them and a perfect regular season. The Hawks improved their record to an impressive 17-0 Friday, defeating the Sheridan Bruins 3-0 at home in a game that was a lot closer than the score indicated.

Head coach Chris Wilkins was unimpressed by the 26-24, 25-10 and 28-26 sets.

"We did enough to win tonight. I think we took a match off," said Wilkins. "I think we won because we had better athletes but we didn't play like the better team."

The Hawks seemed to play down to the level of the Bruins, who are 7-10 on the season. Wilkins said the Hawks "got lucky," and that playing at that level is unacceptable.

Wilkins said he has "a bright group of girls and they know that putting out that kind of performance isn't going to get us the gold. The girls know we need to be better."

Hawks assistant coach Dean Wylie was blunt about the game.

"If we play like we played tonight we won't go too deep into provincials," he said.

Wylie said the Hawks need to dictate the pace, which has been an issue for them all

year. "We got lulled to sleep tonight by a team that was okay," said Wylie.

Michelle Overzet, middle/outside hitter, said it was more of a mental issue regarding the team's play.

"I don't think it was anything to do with the opposition - it was more in our heads," said Overzet, a food and beverage student. "We just got in a funk and couldn't pull ourselves out of it."

Overzet was looking forward to the Hawks' next game Wednesday night in Niagara (see details at [www.athletics.humber.ca](http://www.athletics.humber.ca)).

"It's an opportunity to show what we really have and finally play as a whole unit and not individuals."

With a perfect regular season within reach, Wilkins won't let the Hawks look past Niagara.

"They're a team that's [going to] be at the OCAA's so we're going to have to be ready for them," said Wilkins. "It's how we enter the playoffs that's important."

Earlier in the week the Hawks beat the Mohawk Mountaineers 3-0 on sets of 25-7, 25-13 and 25-23.

The Hawks are aiming for a fifth straight gold at the OCAA championship, which takes place over reading week.

# Men's volleyball confident of three-peat

Hawks star trio carries sense of 'dynasty' in pursuit of team's third consecutive OCAA crown



PHOTO BY SASHA LINDSAY  
From left to right: Right side hitter Terrel Bramwell, head coach Wayne Wilkins, right side hitter/middle blocker Andre Brown and setter Derek Quinn pose after last home game of the season, a win against the Sheridan Bruins.

**SASHA LINDSAY**  
Sports Reporter

The Humber Hawks have won back-to-back OCAA championships in men's volleyball, and they are on the hunt for a third in a row in 2012.

Head coach Wayne Wilkins is confident that the entire Hawks team, ranked first overall in the nation, has what it takes to win provincial gold.

Wilkins outlines the three positions necessary in a volleyball lineup to help accomplish the three-peat and believes Humber has the top players in those positions today.

"You need a great quarterback, which is the setter and Derek Quinn does a great job," he said. "You need that one guy that can score and there's Terrel Bramwell."

"Andre Brown controls the middle and because he's so big, he blocks and offensively adds points," Wilkins said. "That's like the perfect triangle of players that you need to have in order to be successful."

All three players acknowledge the value of the team and their personal skill set, with the humble Quinn elaborating on his chief position.

"My role in the team is almost like the quarterback," said Quinn, 21, a fourth-year justice studies student. "I set the plays and let my team do the rest. We're a well conditioned team and we're one of the more fit volleyball teams."

Brown, 21, a third-year business administration student, carries an imposing 6 ft. 9 in. stature, and a tenacious drive to win.

"I'm essentially trying to be perfect in life and in everything that I do, for myself and teammates," said Brown. "My height is intimidating to other teams and is also a key factor to me being great at my position."

Bramwell boasts a 45 inch vertical and is also a member of Canada's indoor volleyball team. With such a remarkable jump height, he is immediately noticeable on the court.

"My vertical helps me in being a more successful hitter and that's the strongest part of my game," said the 21-year-old first-year tourism and hospitality student. "Being able to play with guys on Team Canada has helped with my play."

As the defending OCAA champions, pressure exists and maintaining focus is vital.

"It gives a lot of pressure but it takes pressure off when we know that we're

a good team, and we keep reminding ourselves of that," said Quinn. "As long as we play our game, the pressure is on the other teams to beat us."

"With our hard practice, we just have to keep our heads on straight and focus on our goal," said Bramwell.

The Hawks hope to be the first men's volleyball team in Humber history to win three straight championships in a row.

"It's an entirely different thing to win three in a row. It would be a great feeling to do so," said Brown.

The Hawks plan on sticking to their game plan while continuing to work hard throughout the playoffs.

"I know that the guys are going to be prepared. I know that they're going to be ready to go out there and work hard," said Wilkins. "I think that every team we'll face has to bring their A game."

Wilkins, a former Humber player himself, is viewed as a volleyball expert and a compassionate individual by his players.

"Our coaching staff is by far the best in the league. They're here to see us do better in life and support us through whatever we do," said Bramwell. "I can see that they really care about their athletes. They show it every year."

The team also sees itself paving the way to legendary status through its winning ways.

"I believe our team is a dynasty because we've accomplished so much in the past couple of years in this league," said Bramwell. "Even though we've had new people come to the team, the foundation is still the same. We have a family oriented base around us."

The tight-knit family the team has formed has kept them grounded, despite constant praise from peers and opponents.

"I would compare us to the Miami Heat," said Brown. "I would be Dwayne Wade, Terrel would be LeBron James and Derek would be Chris Bosh."

Brown's comparison to the Heat is based on player personalities on court, with Bramwell offering further insight.

"They're a powerhouse in the NBA and everyone talks about them around the league no matter what," said Bramwell. "They're sort of similar to our team because we have exciting players, a lot of fans come and support and watch us. We like to think that we put on a show every night that we're on the court."

OCAA championships are Feb. 23-25 in North Bay at Nipissing University.

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## STANDINGS

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## MEN'S BASKETBALL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEN'S VOLLEYBALL WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

1. Humber 26 Pts.
2. Sheridan 24 Pts.
3. Algoma 24 Pts.
4. Mohawk 22 Pts.
5. Fanshawe 22 Pts.

1. Fanshawe 30 Pts.
2. Algoma 28 Pts.
3. Sheridan 22 Pts.
4. Humber 20 Pts.
5. Lambton 16 Pts.

1. Humber 32 Pts.
2. Nipissing 32 Pts.
3. Mohawk 24 Pts.
4. Fanshawe 20 Pts.
5. Redeemer 20 Pts.

1. Humber 34 Pts.
2. Fanshawe 28 Pts.
3. Nipissing 26 Pts.
4. Niagara 20 Pts.
5. Sheridan 14 Pts.



PHOTO BY JESSE THOMAS

Hawks forward Atissa Cronk makes an acrobatic play with the ball under the net.

## Hawks win doubleheader and extend winning streak

JESSE THOMAS  
Sports Reporter

The Humber women's varsity basketball team extended its winning streak to four games after picking up two wins at home this weekend, defeating the Sault Cougars 67-43 and the Algoma Thunder 57-39.

"Whenever you go up against the league leaders and perform like that it's great," said Hawks head coach Ajay Sharma. "When it comes down to it, I feel like we can compete with the best in this league."

The Hawks played ferociously on defence, limiting Algoma's shooters to a lowly 13 of 38 from the field, and holding them to 39 points – their lowest output of the season.

"Our defensive game plan was set and we had great matchups today," said Sharma. "The team did a fantastic job limiting the chances of their best players."

Algoma got off to an early lead but Humber tightened up and took an 11-point lead into the half, building a 44-30 lead after three quarters of play.

"I have to give credit to Humber, it is really hard to play here," said Algoma head coach Ryan Vetrie. "They played tough defensively and we couldn't score."

A big key to the Hawks' success was winning the battle on the boards and collecting second-chance opportunities.

For Algoma, the loss snaps a 10-game win streak - this

was only their third loss of the season, and their second defeat at the hand of the Hawks.

"It was a huge win for us today," said Humber forward Kaitlynn Paulley, 22, a fashion arts student who was named Humber Player of the Game. "Ever since the Sheridan victory our team has been on a roll. We have more confidence in ourselves and we know we can do big things."

In their first game of the doubleheader, the Hawks walked all over the Cougars, getting scoring from 12 different players. But despite the victory, coach Sharma didn't think his team was at their best.

"It's good to get the win today," said Sharma. "You don't ever want to take a loss, especially at this point in the season."

Humber caught the Cougars playing a shallow two-three zone defense that offered the Hawks' shooters some open looks, and they did not hesitate to take advantage.

Humber guards attempted a season high 24 three pointers, hitting 10 and shooting 42 per cent from the field.

Humber guard Jordana Mazzei, a business administration student, hit a season high five three-pointers, finishing with a game high 17 points for the Hawks.

"I felt comfortable shooting the three today," said Mazzei. "I was in the zone and coach kept encouraging me to shoot." Mazzei was honoured as the Hawks player of the game.

With the two wins, the Hawks improve their record to 10-5 and remain in fourth place in the West.

## Men's basketball team wins at buzzer

JAVED KHAN  
Sports Reporter

The Humber men's basketball team continued their dominance over the OCAA West division with two big wins over the Sault Cougars and Algoma Thunderbirds this past weekend.

Both games were hard fought, but the Algoma game was a memorable one loaded with excitement. The Hawks, down by 7 points with less than a minute to play, rallied and claimed a buzzer beater win.

Last week's OCAA athlete of the week, Mark Perrin, hit a three-pointer with no time left on the clock, giving Humber the slim 72-70 victory.

"We wanted to move the ball and get everyone involved on that last play," said Perrin, a second year health and fitness student. "And when the ball got reversed to me I took the shot and it went in."

Algoma held a 68-61 lead with 44.6 seconds left and the crowd looked deflated, but the Hawks continued to scrap and amped up their defence.

"Coach told us to keep fighting [in the last 44 seconds] and to get quick baskets," said Mike Dvorak, a fifth-

year sport management student. "Algoma helped us out a bit by missing a couple of free throws down the stretch. I can't believe we pulled it out."

Algoma played really tough defence and their top scorers produced for them on both ends of the court throughout the game, but they just made some mistakes when it mattered most.

"It was a tough game with great battles," said Algoma head coach Thomas Cory. "We didn't capitalize on some of their mistakes and they capitalized on our mistakes."

"I know a lot of people thought it was over in the final 44 seconds, but I told my guys that there is a lot of time to play," said Cory. "Now our focus is getting healthy for the playoffs."

This weekend was also Humber captain Mike Dvorak's 24th birthday.

"There is no better gift than securing first place in the West conference," said Dvorak "Now we're going into the playoffs on a high note."

Humber also defeated the Sault Cougars 92-54 on Saturday, allowing them to rest a lot of their starters in the second half to provide fresh legs for the Algoma game.

The two wins solidified Humber's spot at the top of the West division and also extended their OCAA leading winning streak to 11 games.

Along with the two wins, Hawks guards, Jeremy Alleyne, a fifth-year business marketing student, joined the 500-point club and Akeem Sween, a fourth-year general arts student, joined the 600-point club.

"If it wasn't for my teammates, I wouldn't be in the 600-point club," said Sween.



PHOTO BY JAVED KHAN

The Hawks extended their winning streak to 11 games with two wins this weekend over Algoma and Sault. Jovain Wilson of Algoma takes the shot.