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Throne speech plan to boost int'l student enrolment

Davies waiting to hear what Ont. budget brings

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Humber President John Davies said the college could meet the provincial government's goal of increasing international student enrolment by 50 per cent over five years if Queen's Park provides the necessary capital.

"Can we grow that amount? The answer is yes," Davies said. "I'm an optimist in terms of government funding."

The McGuinty government's throne speech on Monday pledged to "aggressively promote Ontario post-secondary institutions abroad" to meet its goal.

Its five-year plan also promised to add 20,000 spaces for domestic students at all Ontario colleges and universities.

This is in addition to the increase of spaces designated for international students.

Davies lauded the increase, but noted the government previously acknowledged a shortfall of spaces for the more than 50,000 applicants to post-secondary schools in the GTA alone.

"It's a start," he said of the proposal. "But it will have to continue year after year to meet the kind of pressure that a college like Humber is facing."

As is customary, the throne speech, an outline of the government's agenda to begin a legislative session, did not provide specifics on funding. That usually appears in a budget, expected later this month.

To accommodate any flood of new students, Humber's campuses would require major construction projects, said Michael Hatton, vice-president of academics.

"Humber needs more space, more buildings, more classrooms, more labs to handle the number of applications we currently have," he said. "We need to grow dramatically to provide top-notch facilities for the number of applicants coming from Ontario and from outside Ontario as well."

Of its 21,500 full-time students, there are about 2,000 from 80 foreign countries.

They pay an average of \$12,000 per year in tuition, and roughly another \$12,000 if they live on campus.

Hatton said these high tuition fees – Ontario residents pay an average of less than \$5,000 tuition and \$8,000 to live in residence – feed the college's coffers but they alone can't "solve problems related to Humber's need for infrastructure" at all three campuses.

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Courtesy

Humber professors Hilario Durán, Mark Kelso and Roberto Occhipinti are nominated for best contemporary jazz album.

Profs earn Juno nods

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Humber is jazzed over all the nominations it has scored for Canada's top music award, the Juno.

"It made me smile when I heard of all the Humber faculty nominated," said Denny Christianson, director of the music program.

Seven jazz artists who teach at Humber – and one program graduate – are among those up for the awards to be handed out on April 17 in St. John's, Nfld.

Those competing for best contemporary jazz album are: Hilario Durán, Mark Kelso and Roberto Occhipinti for *Motion* by the Hilario Durán Trio; Kirk MacDonald, Neil Swainson, Barry Romberg and David Virelles for *Songbook Vol.1* by the Kirk MacDonald Quartet.

Guitarist Rik Emmett is vying for instrumental album of the year, for *Trifecta*.

In addition, "almost 30 other faculty members are nominated for their involvement in various albums for things like production," said Christianson.

Durán, a Cuban-born pianist and composer, has previously won two Junos and been nominated three more times. But this is the first nod

for the trio that was formed nearly a decade ago.

"We have been playing together for years, travelling all over the world," he said. "We're a great team."

This is the third nomination for MacDonald, a saxophonist whose 1999 album, *The Atlantic Sessions*, won a Juno for best mainstream jazz album.

"It feels fantastic to be nominated for a Juno, especially because jazz music doesn't have a visible Canadian industry," said MacDonald, a woodwind professor at Humber.

His pianist, Virelles, came to Canada from Cuba when he was 15 and was awarded the first Oscar Peterson prize in the jazz program at Humber.

"The faculty at Humber is amazing and it is a great environment for young musicians," said Virelles, who graduated in 2003 and now lives in New York.

Humber musicians have won at least 25 Junos from roughly 120 nominations, Christianson said.

"We have one of the most extraordinary faculties in the country," he said. "We have almost an unfair advantage. Humber should be very proud."

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Courtesy

This is the third Juno nomination for woodwind professor Kirk MacDonald.

Prez ends tenure with promises half fulfilled

JON HEMBREY
NEWS REPORTER

During last year's election, Humber Student Federation president Shugufa Kaker promised to make the organization more student-friendly, a goal she said she has accomplished due to workshops with staff.

"I let them all know what I wanted to see here were smiling faces when students come in," she said.

HSF executive director Ercole Perrone said this made an impact and was an important success. He said full-time staff often "lose sight of the human focus" of the organization over efficiency and process.

Kaker, whose \$34,000-a-year position ends on May 1, also promised to build a windmill, unify all campuses, and increase the frequency of TTC buses.

"I think I've done a pretty good job although there are areas where I could have done more, particularly with the TTC," she said.



Jon Hembrey

Kaker thinks she has done a good job as HSF president but says she could have done more.

Improvements to bus service would have required a detailed study of the number of students who travel on each route, but Kaker said she did not have enough staff to carry it through.

She said the HSF board of directors passed a motion in favour of a windmill last semester, but the idea was stalled by Humber's sustainability committee – implementation was

dependent on "budgetary restrictions and getting the rest of the school on board."

Improving unity meant increasing her presence on all three campuses,

said Kaker, adding she went to Lakeshore "a lot", but only visited Orangeville twice.

Kaker also pointed to initiatives not in her campaign like bringing student issues to representatives of the provincial government and raising the interests of students in the re-design of L building at Lakeshore.

With the next president earning \$1000 more than Kaker, students may wonder how to check on the promises made by their elected representatives.

Unfortunately, campaign literature and platforms are not kept after the election, said HSF communications director, Natalie Bobyk.

However, she said students can attend HSF board meetings and speak directly with student representatives.

Kaker encouraged concerned students to get involved.

"You have every right to ask us any question as to what promises we've made and what we've kept," she said.



Catherine Labelle

If the Humber River Valley becomes part of the southern Ontario greenbelt, the area surrounding the arboretum will be protected from potential development.

Greenbelt extension may include college

CATHERINE LABELLE
NEWS REPORTER

The city's proposed expansion of southern Ontario's Greenbelt may include Humber's North Campus arboretum.

"Humber needs to engage students to a greater and greater extent around environmental initiatives and the inclusion of the Humber River Valley in the southern Ontario Greenbelt will certainly give us an increased number of ways to do that," said academic vice-president, Michael Hatton.

Since the majority of the arboretum is a conservation area, the bulk of the land, particularly waterways and flood plains, is protected against

development, said the arboretum director, Melanie Sifton.

Outside of these areas, development may be possible, the expansion of the Greenbelt would add an extra layer of protection against potential development, she said.

The Greenbelt will not only keep developers away, but it will raise awareness of nature as an interconnected system, said Sifton.

The west branch of the Humber River travels through the arboretum, running essentially in the college's backyard, she said.

From Humber, students can walk or bike many kilometres along the river, connecting to a multitude of amazing natural areas where they

can catch a glimpse of a wide array of birds, plants and mammals.

"The Greenbelt is 728,000 hectares of protected land, both environmentally sensitive and agricultural land, that wraps around the greater Golden Horseshoe," said Jennifer Story, from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation.

The expansion would add 90 kilometres of waterways, from where the waters begin all the way down to Lake Ontario, Story said.

"The Greenbelt legislation is extremely significant and important for the city of Toronto and builds on our tremendous legacy of environmentalism," said Mayor David Miller.



Catherine Labelle

The Greenbelt is 728,000 hectares of protected land.

world news

OPP Constable killed

The Ontario Provincial Police will hold a funeral on Friday for the officer who was shot and killed near London, Ont. Const. Vu Pham was shot on duty during an attempt to stop a vehicle near the community of Seaford.

CBC

Another faulty Prius

A 56-year-old driver in the state of New York sustained non life-threatening injuries on Tuesday when the 2005 Prius she was operating crossed a busy street and smashed into a stone wall. It was the second straight day a Prius attracted media attention

Reuters

Inuit TB rate at catastrophic high

The rate of tuberculosis among Canada's 55,000 Arctic Inuit people is very high and much more has to be done to fight the lung disease, activists said on Wednesday. A public health agency says 88 cases of tuberculosis were reported among the Inuit in 2008.

Reuters

Google won't censor in China

Google stands behind its decision to stop censoring search results on its Chinese site. Google acknowledged the decision would stand even if it means closing its offices in China, a senior executive told a U.S. Congressional panel on Wednesday.

Reuters

Corrections

In the March 4 issue of *Et Cetera*, in the story 'Students get a break with free tax software,' on pg. 15 reporter Dan Blackwell's name was misspelled.

Et Cetera apologizes for the errors.



Andrew Ardizzi

President John Davies has high hopes for the provincial budget.

Davies positive about fed budget

ANDREW ARDIZZI
NEWS REPORTER

The new federal budget could significantly benefit Humber students that do research programs for various companies, said Humber president John Davies.

The budget proposes to increase federal funding for its college and community innovation programs, nearly doubling its initial \$18-million investment in 2008 to \$30 million.

Some of that money could be funneled to applied research programs which partner Humber students with industry, Davies said.

“Our basic motivation is to get people jobs,” he said. “Our students get to be more innovative and become more employable, and they get employed by the companies they do applied research in.”

He cited a partnership between Humber and Toronto-based Darcor, which manufactures casters for everything from hospital beds to office chairs.

“There’s a successful business who has benefitted by contacts with our industrial design degree students who helped them with a design for a braking system for casters,” said Davies.

These programs offer students opportunities to work with companies on new research and development projects, gaining invaluable hands-on work experience, said Davies.

Dean of the School of Applied Technology Denise Devlin-Li said such endeavours keep Humber linked to industries, so companies know what Humber students are capable of, and may eventually hire them.

“I think it’s important for colleges to be seen as able to work with industry to solve issues and problems,” she said. “The closer partnerships we have with industry means our students will have skills to match what industries need.”

Director of finance Sanjay Puri, said it’s difficult to project the logistics of Ottawa’s pledge to increase applied research funding until the Ontario government’s budget is unveiled later this month.

“We have to wait for the provincial government and their guidelines to come through before we know exactly how much money they are committing to post-secondary education,” he said. “The devil is in the details, but from a concept point of view it means great things if it materializes.”

Throne speech plan boosts int’l student enrolment

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To increase the number of foreign students, Humber would also have to step up its recruiting in other countries, said Wanda Buote, director of the international centre.

Humber currently employs three recruiters, primarily working in India, China, South Korea, Japan, and the Caribbean.

Another key feature of the throne speech was a government commitment to establish Toronto as a global financial centre.

Mayor Miller encourages youth involvement in politics

Worked with college on community outreach projects since 2006

GREG BURCHELL
NEWS REPORTER

David Miller urged students to actively participate in politics and social justice issues and make their voices heard, in what could be his last talk at Humber before his post as mayor of Toronto ends in December.

“I want to encourage you to use your energy to truly get involved because it makes a difference,” Miller said. “If you don’t vote, you don’t get involved, you don’t fight for what you believe in, it can disappear overnight.”

Miller was elected mayor in 2003, but his relationship with Humber and its students took off when Don Wanagas became director of communication for Miller and a journalism instructor at Humber in 2005.

Since 2006, Miller has visited the school every year to speak to students in the journalism program.

“He’s very serious about reaching out to young people – this gives him the opportunity to keep in touch,” Wanagas said.

“Every time Humber interviews me, they win an award,” said Miller. “I get interviewed all the time and nobody else wins awards,” referring to awards from a Columbia University competition won by broadcast journalism students in 2008 and 2009.

Miller has also worked with Humber on projects involving the area around the school’s North Campus, including the Finch light rail transit line that will bring rapid transit to the campus, job training initiatives like the ProTech community centre in Rexdale, which provides access to high-end media equipment and the planned Woodbine Live job training facility.

“We’ve got a whole process of engaging Woodbine in trying to train local people for good, decent jobs, and Humber’s right at the table trying to do that,” said Miller.

Humber President John Davies is a part of Miller’s community safety panel, which looks to help youth at risk of gang violence in Toronto’s 13 priority neighbourhoods, including North Etobicoke, the area surrounding North Campus.

“Part of Humber’s mission is outreach to the community,” said Davies,



Greg Burchell

Mayor David Miller sports his new Humber College hoodie.

adding Miller’s plan has helped build new community centres and sports facilities.

Miller said he hopes to continue a close relationship with the school after his time as mayor is over.

“I respect Humber very much, I

think it does a terrific job – the students are smart, full of energy, hard-working, and I don’t know exactly how I’ll stay involved, but I hope to.”

WITH FILES FROM MEG BANKS

tional reputation for stability,” Davies said. “We came out of that tremendous banking problem better than anybody and Humber students will benefit from that.”

While the government’s policy could see the business school – the college’s largest with approximately 6,000 students – continue to grow, there are no immediate plans to add programs or increase enrolment, said Peter Madott, associate dean of business.

“Our strategy is not developed on a reactionary basis,” he said. “These are things we plan based on long-term

trends in the marketplace.”

Although the government has promised more students – at home and abroad – an opportunity for a post-secondary education, not everyone involved was impressed.

“I was disappointed to hear that no measures were announced to help current students,” said Hamid Osman of the Canadian Federation of Students. “Students are paying the highest tuition fees and graduating with high debt. And, if they’re graduating with high debt, it’s hard to help out the economy.”

Posters tarnish elections

MEG BANKS
NEWS REPORTER

Some candidates in this week's Humber Student Federation election think a new campaign rule has turned the election into a beauty contest.

"It's an explosion of posters everywhere," said Stephanie Butler, running for VP Administration at North Campus. "It's a bit of a popularity, beauty contest sometimes."

The new rule means for the first time candidates have been given free rein on their posters and where to put them up.

Butler said the rule made it hard for candidates to get their point across.

Presidential candidate Bryan Tran, who is the current VP of Campus Life for Lakeshore, was part of the team to introduce the change, but said the new rule is unfair.

"You shouldn't have an advantage just because you have more access to print stuff," he said.

"It just doesn't make sense."

Tran said he preferred the old system, with HSF-created posters that promoted platforms over pictures. "Then you don't get these stupid, waste of paper, 20-foot things that don't give you any information, it's just someone's face," he said.

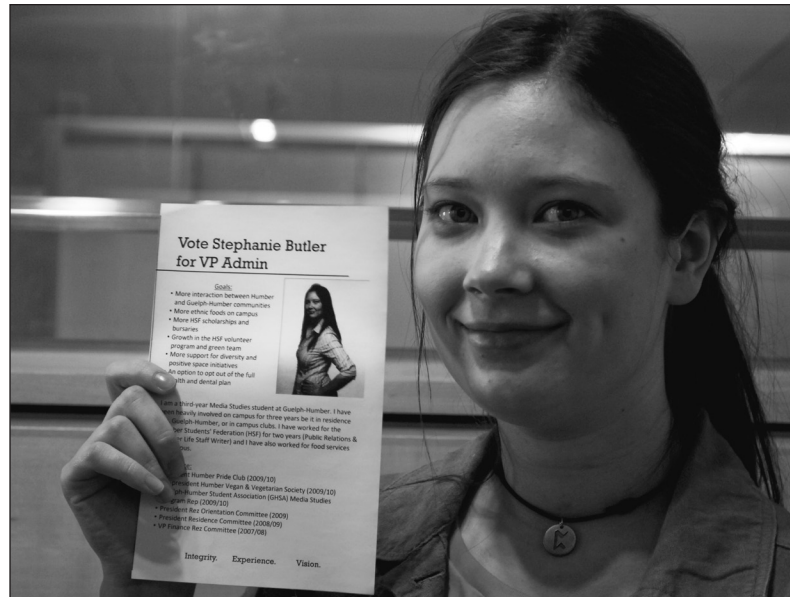
In the past, candidates provided a picture and a written profile to the

HSF, which would be printed and posted in designated areas. This year, candidates can post whatever they want, wherever they want, without HSF approval.

HSF executive director, Ercole Perrone, said the decision to change the policy was based on discussions with past candidates.

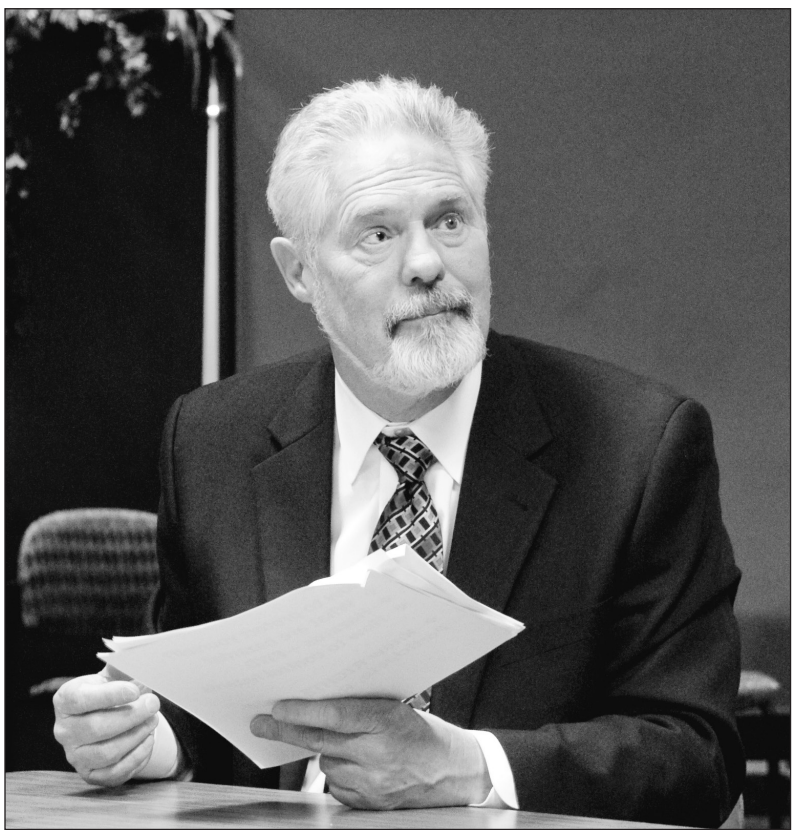
"There was a willingness to allow the candidates to express themselves perhaps a little more freely than the policy had allowed them to in the past," said Perrone.

He said he hoped the visibility of the posters will get students to the voting booths this week.



Meg Banks

Stephanie Butler shows off her flyer for the HSF elections.



Scott Money

WSIB's Ray Smith tours the province promoting worker safety.

Safety advocate gives students a taste of reality

SCOTT MONEY
NEWS REPORTER

A blind worker and workplace safety advocate warned Humber students about the dangers of workplace accidents during a talk organized by the Career Centre.

"All in one second my life changed and I don't want that to happen to anyone else," said Ray Smith, a community outreach specialist at the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB).

Smith lost his eyesight 20 years ago when he was working as a janitor in a factory.

A large, broken piece of wood struck him in the eyes after falling backwards while lifting a box of garbage, he said.

"All I had to do was wear my safety glasses back in 1986 and I wouldn't be

here."

Smith is touring the province promoting safety to students and discouraging the reckless attitude of young workers.

"Young people often get injured because they have the attitude that it will never happen to them, I'm working to dispel that," he said adding the majority of almost 80,000 WSIB injury claims filed every year in Ontario are from young workers between 15 to 24.

Smith also said there were 39 traumatic fatalities for young workers under 25 years of age between 2004 and 2008.

Culinary arts instructor, Frank Formella, said workplace safety is an important part of all students' training.

"Students cut and burn themselves all the time," he said.

Dave White, advanced construction

instructor, said "Unfortunately young people have an attitude of invincibility."

"Thankfully, in the five years I've worked here, we have never had someone injured that required medical attention in here," he said.

Career Centre manager, Karen Fast, said she would like to see more students attending talks like the one given by Smith.

"This is something that all students should be listening to," Fast said.

She said she hopes to continue building a relationship between Smith and the college in an effort to promote workplace safety on campus.

"We are planning on partnering the college with Ray so that we can spread the word on worker's safety and hopefully get Ray back here on a larger scale," she said.

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Lack of space not an issue, VP says

ROMI LEVINE
NEWS REPORTER

A large increase in applicants to post-secondary schools leaves Ontario colleges scrambling for ways to accept more students, but Humber will be able to accommodate the influx come September, said John Mason, vice-president of student and corporate services.

"Applications for Humber College are approximately 13 per cent ahead of last year," said Mason. "I believe that we will have sufficient space to address most of the demand."

Senior communications officer for Colleges Ontario, Sally Ritchie, said the increase in college applicants is linked to the economic downturn.

"People are seeing a strong link between college education and a meaningful career," she said.

Director of advocacy for the Col-

lege Student Alliance (CSA), Tyler Charlebois, said the provincial government has a responsibility to help colleges accept as many students as possible.

He said the CSA has been encouraging the government to expand the access and affordability of colleges because it will benefit the province in the long run.

"There's a large return for the individual to get educated, and a large return for the government in terms of the individual's ability to pay taxes and to use less social programs and social assistance."

Mason said he is sure the provincial government will be paying attention to the needs of colleges.

"I don't think it's been off their planning radar in any way, shape or form," he said.

At Humber, Mason said there is available space for more classrooms.



Romi Levine

Common areas will be crowded with increased enrolment.

Expansions of buildings like the Athletic Centre and the spa management facility at the North Campus as well as shifts in program locations to

places like the Lions Arena at Lakeshore Campus will allow for new classroom spaces, said Mason.



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universal health care

Premier Danny Williams must explain his medical tourism

"It's my heart, my choice."

This was the explanation given by Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams on why he opted to go to Florida for a heart procedure, rather than have it done in his home province.

Few would argue the premier has the right to choose what he does to his body. But as a political leader he is accountable to his province and owes them, and the rest of the country, an explanation.

The symbolic meaning of his decision is undeniable.

As the premier, Williams is privy to a great deal of information about the ins and outs of the health-care system. He knows where it excels and where it flounders.

The premier of a province should make it his duty to provide the best care for all. Yet his decision implies the best care is only available to those with the income and resources to seek it out.

If Canada's system is not good enough for him, why should it be for anyone else?

Initially Williams claimed the minimally invasive heart procedure he required was not available in Canada. However, his office quickly back-pedaled when the media discovered that

surgeons in Ontario are considered world leaders in valve repair. *Maclean's* reported that two Canadian physicians wrote the 'how-to' paper on valve repair last year.

Long wait times have been the traditional complaint with Canada's universal health-care system, but this should not have been a factor in Williams' decision. Several media outlets have reported the wait would not have been more than a few weeks.

Williams may have had a perfectly logical reason for going to Florida for the operation. One would assume Williams carefully weighed his options before opting to pay a great deal of money to leave the country. However, he has remained mum on his reasons, simply quipping that he didn't hand over his right to seek out the best care possible when he entered politics.

These words make one think he does not have faith in the quality of health care available in Canada. It revisits the old private-public debate and does little to instill faith in the effectiveness of our system. Not to mention it evokes issues of trust in a premier who seems to believe his standard of care should be different from everyone else's.

The public deserves answers, and it is about time Williams starts providing them.

cartoon



HSF election

Accountable government can not work without your vote

A year ago, HSF Executive Director Ercole Perrone told the *Et Cetera* that candidates for the HSF executive have a bad habit of making campaign promises they can not deliver on.

The candidates, he said, tend to promote projects that fall outside the scope of what the federation can accomplish.

In the past, candidates have promised heated bus stops, windmills and to increase the frequency of public transit to the school, to name a few. But as reporter Jon Hembrey found out (page 2), plans like these can easily fall through.

It is not all bad news though. The 2009-2010 executive brought services such as an on-campus pharmacy and free legal counselling to the college, two successful initiatives that candidates lobbied for in last year's election campaign.

The lead up to this year's vote was no different, with candidates padding their platforms with promises – some more realistic than others.

From eye care and campus unification to after-parties and the creation of bizarre classes, candidates assured students they would bring change to Humber.

Once the final ballots are tallied and a new

executive takes its place at the helm of the students' federation this spring, the *Et Cetera* strongly encourages this new team of leaders to continue to set tangible, realistic goals and to act on the promises made in their campaigns.

The incoming HSF executive isn't the only one with something to live up to, though. Strong governance hinges as much on the actions of the electorate as it does the actions of elected officials. For a democracy to function at its best, there must be checks and balances on political leaders, something that is sorely lacking on many campuses today.

For this reason, the *Et Cetera* also pleads with Humber students to get involved and become engaged in school politics. With two days left to get to the polls, you still have a chance to become part of the democratic process by exercising your right to vote. Just remember, the election is only the beginning.

Attend HSF meetings and forums. Ask your leaders questions and demand answers. And finally, hold the individuals you vote for accountable for their campaign promises, despite how difficult they are to accomplish.

quoted

What is your good luck charm?

Daniel Salenga, 22
1st year hospitality
tourism

I have my dog's tag. She passed away last March so I just keep it with me.



Shannon Manna, 24
1st year law firm
admin

I have a giant coffee mug that's shaped like a cows butt. Before a test or when I have papers due I drink my coffee out of that mug.



Catia Torres, 20
1st business adminis-
tration

I have a lucky penny. I got it from work – someone left it for me.



Stephanie Valente, 19
1st year massage
therapy

If I'm studying for a test and writing notes I always make sure to write the test with the same pen. I learned it on Arthur. And my necklace, I wear this to every soccer game.



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relationships

Separated parents' new partners bring fear, conflict

Introducing someone to your child can be as hard on your ex as it can be on the child and should be done with consideration

TANISHA DUVERNEY
SENIOR REPORTER



Divorce and separation can be a difficult situation for anyone. Beginning a new relationship or getting re-married can be hard to deal with not only for your ex but for your children too.

Recently I have been put in this situation. My child's father and I broke up and he moved on to continue a new relationship with someone else.

I was enraged that he had a new girlfriend. However, my main concern was I did not want this girl involved in my son's life.

According to an article written by child therapist Sara Dimerman, *The Dating Game*, one of the concerns that come up when counselling parents and children through a separation is introducing a child to a new partner.

I must admit that I am guilty of being the parent who was unable to emotionally detach herself and accept that my child's father had moved on. I refused to acknowledge his new girlfriend as an important part of his life and ardently expressed how I felt about our child being around her.

I threatened him; I had many emotional outbursts and pretty much made a complete fool of myself just to try and prevent something which he made seem as simple as two people meeting. It wasn't that simple to me.

Many parents feel as though bringing a new lover around a child is no big deal. "My kid is young he doesn't understand."

However, registered social worker Lisa Sigel said that while a young child might not be able to verbalize, they can definitely understand who is in their home, who is in their life and who they see on a regular basis. Even toddlers can still feel that someone might be taking away their parents.

Replacement is one of the biggest fears many parents have when their children are getting involved with a new relationship. I felt this way myself. What if my child likes her and wants to go to her house rather than be home? What if she hugs and kisses my son and tries to be his mother? And what if he lets her? I have already lost my family and now I have to sit back and watch my ex start a new family with our son and his new girl.

After evaluating my situation I realized I was being selfish and I, like many other jealous parents, made the situation about me and my feelings when it was not about me at all.

Marriages fall apart on a daily basis; the divorce rate is through the roof. So if you fall into this category you should expect and accept the fact your ex will eventually find someone else and that person will be a part of your child's life as well.

How soon you choose to introduce your children into a new relationship is at your discretion, but Dimerman suggests children get enough time to get used to their parents being apart.

I take full responsibility for being an immature, insecure, selfish mother enraged with jealousy. But now I have grown up and realized when I chose to end my relationship with my child's father, I chose to accept that he can be with whomever he wanted. As long as the new person coming in has the best of intentions, understands what our child may be going through and does not push our child into anything that is too stressful, then the introduction should be fine.

The child has already been through loss and separation from their biological parent, and bringing someone else into the equation is going to be difficult, said Sigel.

Both parents need to trust each other's judgment and be in tune with the signs their children give off.

public transit

Route 11 rat maze needs replacement, not better bait

R.J. RILEY
SPORTS EDITOR



For the past three years, my trek to school using Brampton Transit has been unnecessarily long.

Every day my ride kicks off at 7 a.m. with a 10-minute wait at Trinity Common Mall for the No. 5 bus to leave.

Once we've left the mall, it takes 45 minutes, though the Brampton Transit schedule says it should take 35, to connect with the infamously busy Route 11 at Goreway Road and Steeles Avenue. The wait to transfer to the No. 11 bus is 15 minutes and when the bus does show, it is full.

The standing-room only tour winds its way through the Kenview Road industrial area, then takes Finch Avenue West, (away from Humber College) before returning to Steeles Avenue.

The driver waits five minutes at the Humberline Avenue and Albion Road intersection for more people to cram into the already over-stuffed bus.

Finally, the bus leaves to make a left on to Finch Avenue, this time heading east. It is now possible to catch a whiff of that burnt toast smell that covers the area around Humber College's North Campus.

It happens once you smell that smell.

The bus passes the campus.

It trundles along Humber College Boulevard and goes out of the way heading south on Highway 27 and circling back to Humber, like a mouse in a maze.

It is clear the route needs to change. Brampton transit riders need a bus that goes directly to Humber College without circling it first. They need an express bus that skips the industrial tour.

The City of Brampton accepts rider suggestions via email at transit@brampton.ca and I sent a suggestion proposing just that.

But so far, Brampton has decided to go a different route. It's called Züm.

According to Brampton Transit's website Züm is a "City of Brampton initiative that will introduce Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services along the City's key north-south and east-west corridors."

This means Brampton Transit plans to add express buses that only stop at major intersections along key routes. The 11 is one of them.

Great! The only stipulations? The BRT bus will follow the same route and it will not take effect on the 11 routes until 2012. And that's far too long.

Change is needed now, not two years from now.

I encourage you to contact Brampton Transit with your suggestions.

Maybe we can make the powers that be at Brampton Transit move faster than their buses do now.

Et Cetera poll

What are you doing for St. Patrick's Day?

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Results from last issue's poll:

Have you started looking for a summer job?

Yes(24%, 5 Votes) No (33%, 7 Votes) I already have a job (33%, 7 Votes)

Not planning on getting one (10%, 2 Votes)

pass fail

To Sandra Bullock, for graciously accepting her Worst Actress Razzie for *All About Steve* before winning her best actress Oscar for *The Blind Side*

To Dalton McGuinty, for pledging to add 20,000 spots for post-secondary enrolment and boosting foreign enrolment by 20 per cent

To U.S. Republican Senator Roy Ashburn, for having the courage to come out and admit he is gay

To the Colorectal Cancer Association of Canada, for tastefully and entertainingly educating the public with its touring, walk-in colon model

To Iraqi's demonstrating democracy with a massive estimated voter turnout of 62.5 per cent, not including those who voted early or from abroad

To Mother Nature, for giving us warm, sunny, spring-like weather this week

To Steve Martin and Alec Baldwin, for hosting a long, painfully unfunny Oscar ceremony

To OSAP, for expecting students to survive on a meager \$7.50 a day for food

To Ashburn, for hypocritically fighting against gay rights for years

To *The Early Show* co-host Harry Smith, for planning to distastefully educate the public by broadcasting his own colonoscopy

To those trying to interfere with the election by setting off bombs and causing disruption, resulting in 38 dead and 89 wounded in Iraq's capital

To meteorologists, who warn winter isn't over yet and there are more cold, snowy days on the way

Et Cetera wants to know what you think

We appreciate letters or emails expressing your opinion on issues covered in the paper.

Reporting the news is not a one-way street. Hearing from our readers is important to us and debate will bring more depth to the news we report. Think we're missing out on the real issues at Humber? Have we not told the whole story? Let us know!

Send us an email at etc.humber@gmail.com

Student parents have on-campus option for break

PAM BAL
LIFE REPORTER

Humber students who have children could face challenges during March break, said Liz Sokol, coordinator of Humber's counselling services.

"It's primarily around the children being off and having to sort out arrangements for your kids," she said.

One solution is a day-camp offered by the Humber Arboretum for children aged five to 13 next week for \$190.

Camp director Vicki Griffiths said she doesn't get a lot of students' children at the camp.

"Not too many students, but more children of staff and local kids too," she said.

Griffiths said the camp can take 40 children during the break and also offers early morning and late afternoon care.

Ivette Paraskevopoulos, a continuing education student at Humber, works full time and has two children.

For March break, she said she made arrangements for her mother-in-law to take care of her four and seven-year-old children.

"The difficulty for me is to find the time to drop them off and pick them up," she said.

"The problem is if they're off for the week and you're supposed to spend time with them and you're not able to do it."

Sokol said there is no easy answer when it comes to balancing school with family life.

"Some people feel like they're being pulled in 50 directions, some people feel like they have no space and they're being squeezed."

Sokol said it's a matter of making priorities.

"It may be working less hours, it may be the kids one night a week go-



Courtesy

Children at the Humber Arboretum camp take a break from winter activities to decorate treats.

ing to a babysitter," or taking turns babysitting with another parent, which would give you one night to do

a lot of homework, she said.

Sokol said to make arrangements ahead of time.

"If you haven't prepared in advance and it catches you off guard, it's going to be stressful."



Emmanuel Samoglou

The Spring 2010 edition of the Book Club will be next Thursday.

Club reads instructor's novel

EMMANUEL SAMOGLOU
LIFE REPORTER

Humber's spring Book Club will read and discuss *Natasha and Other Short Stories*, a nationally recognized novel by a Humber instructor.

Written by English instructor David Bezmogzgis and nominated for a Governor General's Award, the novel focuses on the experiences of "a family that moves here from the former Soviet Union to this part of Ontario," said Laurie Graham, organizer of the Book Club.

"It follows a character named Mark Berman through childhood up until young adulthood as him and his family negotiate how to get along in this new culture."

Graham said the club is an excellent opportunity for Humber students to expand their perspectives through reading.

"I think that is the ultimate thing, to breed empathy, and to encourage more moments for empathy, through reading," she said.

Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences Paula Gouveia said she

is excited about having Bezmogzgis' writing featured as part of the Book Club.

"He started teaching for us last semester," she said. "Students really appreciate his creative style, and he loves to teach and write."

Gouveia said participants have the opportunity to discuss the novel directly with the author and with a variety of people from across the college.

"What we've had is faculty, staff, people from the library; students who are coming from courses who are interested in reading these books, or who have read them themselves, without us ever even saying anything. And then they just want to come meet the person who has written it."

The founder of the Book Club and the co-ordinator of the Writing Centre Franc Jamieson said collectively discussing a novel can broaden one's horizons.

"When they hear what other people have experienced in the book they're surprised, or it confirms what they have felt, or it gives them new ways of thinking about the characters."

Strategies needed for study success

Counsellor says seek help when overwhelmed by stress

BRANDI DOUCETT
LIFE REPORTER

Students need to develop strategies for studying and coping with the stress of exams, said a Humber counsellor.

Liz Sokol, at counselling services, said the pressure of midterms can exacerbate the on-going stress in students' lives.

"We can teach students how to relax and discover the cause of their anxiety, whether that be academics or not," said Sokol.

"Stress is like pouring water into a glass - if you keep adding water, the glass will eventually overflow."

Meagan Cooper, 21, a first-year

visual and digital arts student, said she uses repetition and mnemonics, rhymes that help you remember things, to study for exams.

"Last semester I left studying to the last minute and after getting my marks back, I knew I could have done better," said Cooper.

"I learned that I needed to use specific strategies to help me do well on my exams."

Cooper said it has taken her a few exam periods to figure out the strategies which work well for her.

Peer services facilitator Nicollette Sarracini said the peer tutoring office becomes busy right before midterms and final exams.

"If we're unable to accommodate

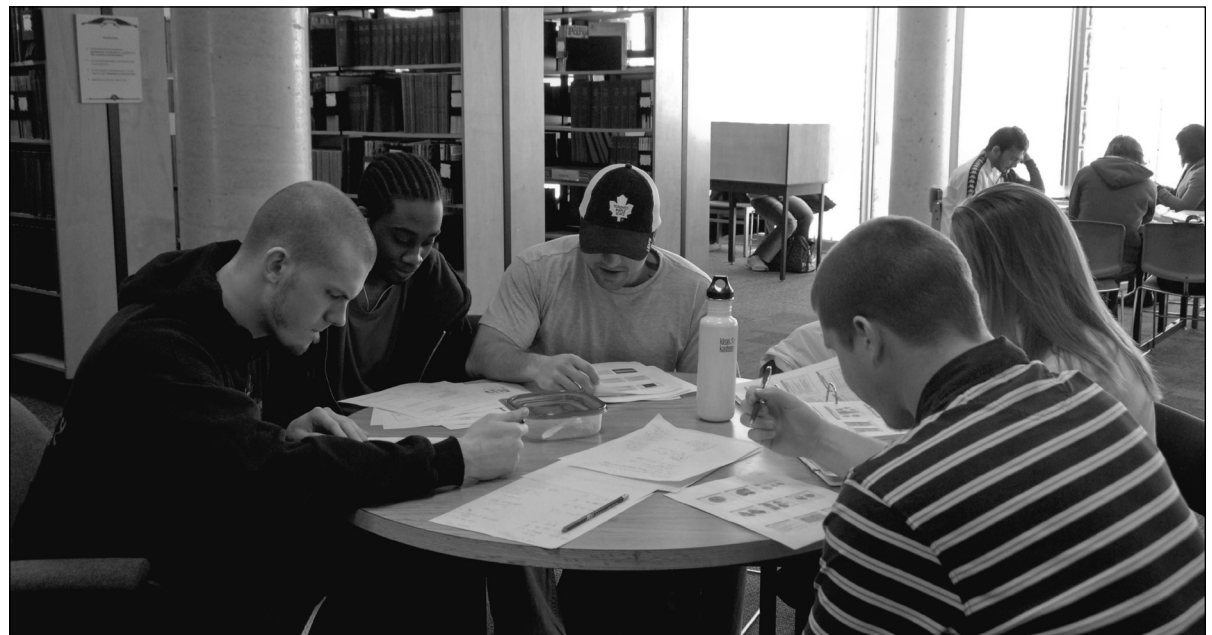
students before midterms then we try to set them up with a tutor afterwards on a more regular basis for the rest of the semester," said Sarracini.

"It's so important for students to identify when they are feeling unsure or foggy in a course and act on it right away."

She said students need to take ownership of the fact they are struggling and realize they need help.

"Sometimes the hardest part is just taking that first step and realizing you need a peer tutor or that you need to meet with a counsellor," said Sarracini.

Sokol said it is never too late to speak with a counsellor, even at the end of the semester.



Brandi Doucett

Second-year health and fitness students study for a midterm in the North Campus library.

College exhibit blooms at garden show

MEHREEN KHAN
LIFE REPORTER

Students in Humber's landscape technician program will compete next week in Canada Blooms, Canada's largest flower and garden show.

"We started working on this over a month ago, and so far, it's been really fun," said 19-year-old Lucas Allen. "It's good to get hands on work."

The second-year students designed a garden under the supervision and guidance of landscape program co-ordinator Harry Chang.

"We tried to incorporate multipurpose fea-

tures in the garden that accommodate children and adults," said Chang.

These include a wooden potting bench, which doubles as a chalk board for children and a splash pad which can also be used as a patio.

Landscape faculty member Terrie Greco said Humber has a good reputation at the exhibit.

It's a good show of what our students are capable of and what they are learning in our program

Terrie Greco
Faculty, landscape department

"It's a good show of what our students are capable of and what they are learning in our program."

Humber's exhibits win awards every year since the program's inception, said Canada Blooms general manager Gerry Ginsberg. Last year it won awards for the best educational garden and best floral display.

Humber is the only educational institution with a full garden display at this year's show.

The theme of this year's Canada Blooms show is "passions."

"Our image is the pink peony that gives you the flavour of spring, and a celebration of spring coming to Ontario and Canada," Ginsberg said.

Humber's garden will feature white and pink daffodils, white crocuses and white azaleas, and rotadendrums of various colours.

The exhibition, which opens next Wednesday, runs until March 21 at the Direct Energy Centre and will include more than 25 gardens.



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- Interpretation
- Goals of the HSF
- Eligibility, Removal and Effects of Removal of Student Representatives
- Eligibility, Removal and Effects of Removal of Directors
- Regular Meetings of the Board of Directors
- Composition of the Executive Committee
- Meetings of the Executive Committee
- Hiring Committee
- Governance Review Committee
- Service Standards Committee
- Amendments by the Board of Directors
- Deposit of Securities and Bank Accounts for Safekeeping
- Financial Accountability of the Humber Students' Federation
- Signing Authorities

Visit www.hsfweb.com for the full list of changes being made.

Please contact Kristen Arcega (vpadmin.lakeshore@hsfweb.com) or Ercole Perrone (eperrone@hsfweb.com) with questions.





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Mark Breslin, president of Yuk Yuks and co-founder of the Humber comedy program, speaks at the Great Canadian Laugh Off.



Courtesy

The crowd roars with laughter at last year's Great Canadian Laugh Off at Yuk Yuk's in Toronto.

Yuk Yuk's laugh off competition a great opportunity for comics

PATRICK FALLER
A&E REPORTER

Humber comedy students have a chance to jump start their careers and win a \$25,000 grand prize at Yuk Yuk's Great Canadian Laugh Off, March 26-28.

Jeff McEnery graduated from the comedy program in 2005 and won Canadian comedy's largest prize in 2006.

"Winning the contest got me noticed by Yuk Yuks. It was the beginning of my career. The prize money was pretty great too," he said.

"I love the Laugh Off now. It's super-hot crowds and great comics.

Since I've won I get to sit back and enjoy the drama," McEnery said.

Yuk Yuk's president and co-founder of the Humber comedy program Mark Breslin said winning the Laugh Off can be a turning point in a comic's career.

"The prize money can make a big difference in a comic's life. Often it allows them to quit their job and focus on comedy full-time," said Breslin.

"It is the biggest prize for comedy in this country."

Many of the competition's previous performers have gone on to accomplish great things.

"We know that no single event or individual effort makes a comic's ca-

reer. They need a lot of different successes and each performer is trying to build a wall," Breslin said.

"Winning the Laugh Off makes for a mighty nice brick."

Jess Bennett, public relations coordinator for the Laugh Off, said the performances are a great time, regardless of the comic's skill level.

"You see a lot of success stories," she said. "And sometimes you see a comic crash and burn on stage. That's pretty entertaining too."

Bennett said comedy students who want a great networking opportunity should attend the event.

The finals will be on the Comedy Network this summer.

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Top model comes to North Campus

30 participants will be chosen for fashion arts final assignment

MIRANDA ANTHISTLE
A&E REPORTER

The fashion arts program will offer 30 Humber students the chance to experience a professional photo shoot and receive high resolution images for their personal modeling portfolio.

This year's final assignment is dubbed Humber's Next Top Model, a title inspired by the popular television series America's Next Top Model, said second-year fashion arts student Jasmine Davis.

However, she said that unlike the television show, the project is not a competition.

"I thought the title would create a buzz and generate interest. We want people with fresh faces who have little experience, but who would like to build their portfolios," said Davis.

The models chosen are assigned to a group of students who are designated as art directors, makeup and hair stylists, prop and set designers and



Miranda Anthistle

Ashley Ellis uses her previous modeling experience to strike a pose and practice for Humber's Next Top Model competition.

wardrobe stylists.

The models are chosen from a look-book filled with photos of the poten-

tial models, said second-year fashion arts student Kayla Arseneau.

For those interested in taking part

in the photo shoot, Arseneau said she created the Facebook group, Humber College Model Search 2010, which lists all the necessary contact information to participate.

The group already has more than 150 members and is open to all aspiring models, not just Humber students.

First-year fashion arts student, Ashley Ellis, said she decided to try out for the project because it would be a good experience to add to her existing portfolio.

"I've done some modeling outside of school, but I never thought I'd do it in school so I'm really excited about this chance," said Ellis.

The project gives both parties a opportunity to not only network with industry experts, but to also expand their respective portfolios.

The photo shoot takes place March 27-29 and April 3.

Submissions are accepted until all 30 models are chosen.

Music grad's album nominated for Juno

MAGGIE CAMERON
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber grad Emilie-Claire Barlow's album, *The Very Thought of You*, is nominated for vocal jazz at this year's Juno Awards.

The Toronto-raised star said she always knew she wanted to be a musi-

cian, but it was her time at Humber that taught her what she needed to learn in order to succeed.

"I wanted to learn theory and arranging so that I could impart my ideas in my head, to the musicians I was working with," she said.

Barlow began her career at a young age, lending her voice to multiple

voice-overs, radio jingles and television commercials.

She formed her first jazz quartet in her last year of high school and in 1996 she became a Humber student.

Barlow started her studies in vocal jazz and then moved onto theory and arranging.

She recalls one of her instructors, Shelly Berger, encouraging her to get out beyond the classroom.

"He could start every class by asking who has got gigs. You can learn things in the classroom, but it's nothing like being out there doing gigs," said Barlow.

Berger said his former student is exceptional.

"Her success is great, for sure," he said. "She's successful because she's smart and she works hard and she's talented."

Barlow is working on a record scheduled to be released in October.

Fourth-year jazz student Nathan Dell-Vandenberg said hearing about the success of former Humber students, like Barlow, is encouraging.

"It makes me a little hopeful that someday I'll make it in the jazz business," he said.

Barlow urges Humber music students to "get out there and hustle and get some gigs. Start playing and keep playing."



Courtesy

Canadian jazz singer and voice actress Emilie-Claire Barlow.

Workshop series provides students with advice on how to get published

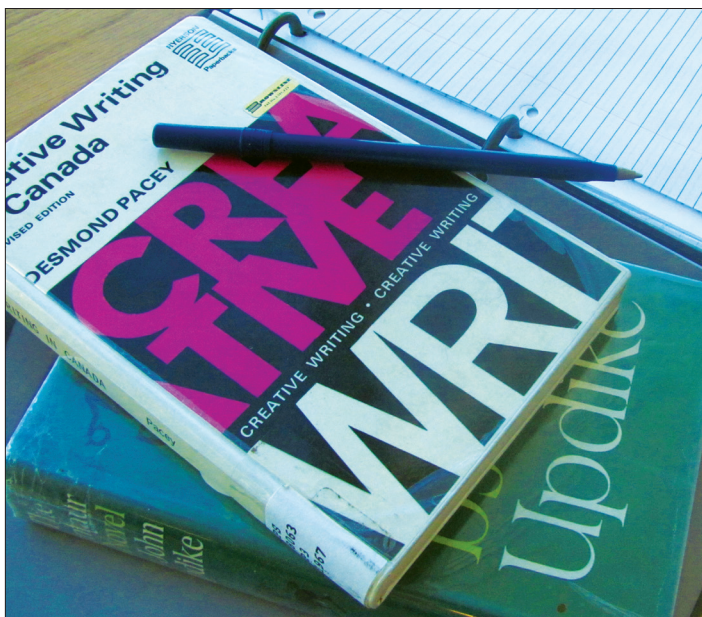
PATRICK FALLER
A&E REPORTER

Aspiring writers can get advice on how to get published when Humber faculty members Cynthia Good and Jennifer Murray present a workshop called *The Insider's Guide to Getting Published*.

The event will be held on March 11, 18 and 25 at the Yonge and Eglinton branch of the Toronto Public Library.

"Our workshop teaches people how to make themselves stand out and to pitch themselves to a publisher or an agent," said Murray, former director of marketing for Penguin Canada, who now teaches marketing in the creative publishing program.

"I teach students how to take control of their own careers and handle their own self-promotion. Cynthia Good covers the workings of a book publishing company, how to write a



Brigitte Truong

The Insider's Guide to Getting Published is being held at Toronto Public Library's Yonge and Eglinton location.

query letter, the role of agents and self-publishing."

Good is head of the creative publishing program and also has a considerable background in business.

For 20 years, she was president and publisher of Penguin.

Natalie St. Pierre, assistant in the creative publishing program, said the

workshop will give participants an inside view of the industry, regardless of their writing experience.

"We help those who don't know where to start and don't know how to get established," she said.

"It helps lay the groundwork for these authors to understand the publishing world in Canada and have success in it."

Evadne Macedo, author of *The 29th Day: A Novel* and publisher of the literary blog *Evadne Macedo on Writing*, attended the workshop last year and said it was very beneficial.

"The course taught me how to get my book published and stressed the importance of having an online presence," she said.

"It gave me the impetus to move forward in my career.

"I feel very strongly that if I hadn't gone to the workshop none of my success would have happened."

What's in your headphones?

Interviewed by Andrew Sutherland

Tim Martinez, 18
first-year multimedia design and production technician

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Sergio Mendes
2. **Bedrock**
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Nikki Yanofsky
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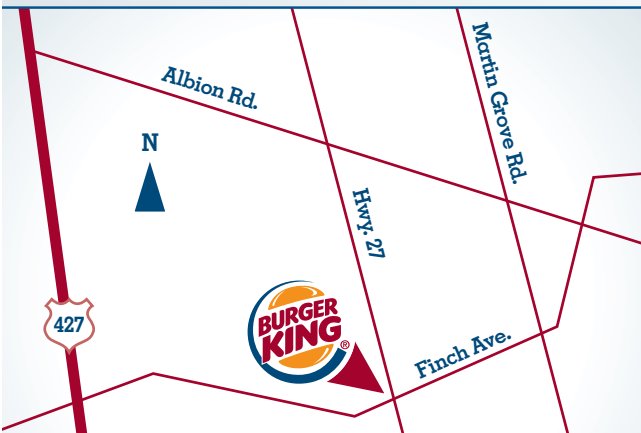
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Queen West's Big Bop shut down after it was bought out by an upscale retail furniture store.

T.O. music venues fading away

Aspiring artists having hard time finding places to jam

MAEGAN MCGREGOR
A&E REPORTER

The sudden death of a handful of Toronto's famous music venues is leaving independent young bands without a place to cut their teeth, said Mark Kelso, head of the percussion department of Humber's school for creative and performing arts.

"The music business has always been in a recession, it has always been hard to find places to play, especially as being an independent musician or band," he said.

The lack of venues for unseasoned musicians is largely due to places such as the historic Big Bop concert hall and nightclub closing down, as the further gentrification of the Queen Street West area continues.

Shane MacPherson, a graduate of the Humber music program, played

at the Big Bop numerous times.

"With the Big Bop gone, it is going to be hard for new bands to find a place to play. Until you are more developed, not a lot of places will give you that kind of chance," said MacPherson.

The Big Bop was an iconic venue for alternative music in Toronto. It closed its doors Feb. 1 to make way for an upscale retail furniture store.

Scooter Brown, who has worked as a bouncer at the Big Bop for nine years, said he feels like the club helped raise him, as he has been going to shows there since he was 14.

"It was one of the only places in the city that you could see a young garage band on their first gig and they totally suck, and through playing shows you watch them get better," he said.

Kelso said clubs giving unsigned musicians a chance to play is impor-

tant to learning their art form.

Brown said the closure of the Big Bop marks a huge loss, as it was one of the city's only venues to foster young musicians when few others would.

The Big Bop is not the only venue struggling to avoid the gentrification in the area.

Kelso said that the historic Rex Hotel on Queen Street West has had many offers for the building.

Funhaus and 360 were two other clubs that did not survive the buy up's on Queen Street West.

"At some point everyone has their price," said Kelso.

"There are many places in Toronto that are anchors for every genre of music, they have a shelf life and close down but something else will always open up."

Lakeshore Campus showcases first aboriginal Pow Wow

MIRANDA ANTHISTLE
A&E REPORTER

Dancers, hand drummers and the Tall Pine Singers will be performing for free at the Humber aboriginal powwow — the first of its kind — at Lakeshore Campus on March 25.

The Pow Wow, called Namebini Geezis [meaning snow-capped moon in Ojibwe], will also have native artisans and artwork.

"By having this Pow Wow, we're making the culture more accessible," said Amanda Murray, a Saul-teaux originally from Pine Creek First Nation, Manitoba.

"Our hope is that Humber students will come forward and take part in events that support and promote native culture."

Murray is a fancy shawl dancer and attended the first of two powwows hosted by aboriginal student services last year at North Campus.

"Pow Wows are a chance for ab-

original people to gather and celebrate their culture and to socialize through song and dance," said Murray, who now works as the assistant in Humber's aboriginal student services youth and elder mentorship program.

Isaiah Cada, an Ojibwe-Mohawk, has participated in two Humber Pow Wows and will sing on the hand drum at this month's event.

"It's a way to keep the culture going, to show everybody that native people still exist," he said.

The Pow Wow will have a traditional opening with prayer and ceremonial songs.

Performers and dancers wearing traditional aboriginal regalia will surround the host drum.

Ojibwe-Mohawk elder, Shelley Charles has organized cultural events like Pow Wows at Humber for the past three years.

She said this month's Pow Wow is a way to reach out to native students at Lakeshore and to inform the rest of the college community about the contributions made by aboriginal people.

"It's important because it's a casual way for students to see and experience native music and dance," she said.

"It's also a way to dialogue with each other, to have that opportunity to meet other native students on campus."

Students can attend the Pow Wow, which starts at noon in the Student Centre.



Miranda Anthistle

Amanda Murray in the aboriginal student services office.

Winner of earth-friendly art show will move on to international competition

BRIGITTE TRUONG
A&E REPORTER

One lucky and talented winner of the Earth Matters art show will represent Humber at the League of Innovation — an international college art competition held for the first time at Humber this year.

Five jury members will judge the submissions from Earth Matters, which promotes the improvement of community colleges in North America and around the world.

"Some of the best in show pieces are going to get put into the competition and that's something that is nationwide, with all community colleges. This is really an amazing opportunity for students to get involved and have

their work seen," said Earth Matters' vice-chair, Ryley Murray, 25.

"I hope they have a real sense of pride in Humber and in what their students have to offer for their artistic qualities and be able to look back on the show and be proud of their community for pulling it off," she said.

All of the promotions and marketing are all sustainable and the PR team is using 100 per cent recycled paper for the show.

"We aren't handing out any type of flyers and we are doing everything virtual this year," said executive of promotions and marketing, Morgan Duffy, 22.

"It doesn't have to be students from photography or visual arts; it can be anybody in any program," she said.

"Full-time or part-time, we encourage students from all three campuses."

Visual and digital art instructor Diana Meredith said the nature theme is a good way to spread awareness.

"Green is an up-topic right now because of the state of the earth," said Meredith. "The more people who are thinking about green in every aspect of life whether that's in art, technology, or garbage systems they're designing, the more aware we all are about it."

Second-year visual and digital arts student Rob Faulds, 20, has begun his submission piece.

"I'm really enjoying the theme this year," he said. "The piece I'm doing has a few black and white images that will capture still life and nature."

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Students design novel leg brace

Device helps those with diminished leg function

MAGGIE CAMERON
SENIOR REPORTER

Lars Kristjansen is surrounded by intricate looking gadgets, a white board covered in math equations and his three project partners; two hard at work, the other fast asleep in front of his computer.

These are the electromechanical engineering technology students that have endured endless sleepless nights working on Kristjansen's brain child, an automated leg brace for people with diminished leg function.

What they're working on is a class requirement, but this team takes their work seriously. Kristjansen, along with Milad Saidmohammadi, Evan Zimmerman and Christopher Davis, make up the "E-knee project" team. They are the only team in Neal Mohammed's electromechanical engineering technology program to receive a research grant from the college to help support their work, and they need the money to develop a highly technological leg brace.

"Automated knee-ankle-foot orthotics exist already," said Kristjansen. He explained that a regular leg brace allows one to bear weight on their leg without it folding, but because these braces are so stiff it is difficult to walk properly.

"What we're doing is building a locking mechanism that is variable. There is nothing on the market like it. Plus, we're putting really smart control into it," he said.

Kristjansen and Davis explain how the leg goes through a very complicated series of motions as it takes a step.

"We're building an automated locking mechanism that has sensory feedback, and is controlled by a micro processor that will allow the knee to lock and unlock during the different phases of gait," said Kristjansen.

Program co-ordinator Neal Mohammed said his students are making very good progress.

"I am very pleased to be working on such an interesting project that can one day help folks in need of this type of technology," he said.

The team spent the first semester designing, and are now hard at work building, machining and programming.

"We're at the stage now where we're just kind of just getting some of the components together and understanding their principals," said Kristjansen. "Our goal for the end of the semester is to establish proof of concept, in that it doesn't have to be sexy, it doesn't have to be functionally light or too quick. It just has to show that the concept works."

Saidmohammadi said some nights the team spends long hours at school, and then go back to Kristjansen's lab to work late into the night.

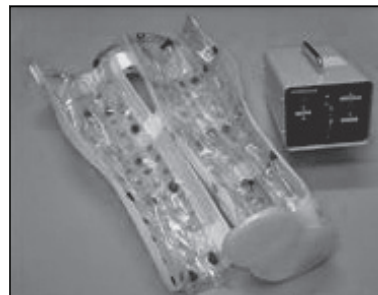
Davis said the team has become friends over the course of the semesters.

The entire team agrees the work they're doing is rewarding, using their interests and expertise to hopefully one day change someone's life.



Maggie Cameron

From left: Zimmerman, Kristjansen, Davis and Saidmohammadi.



Courtesy

Some of the devices crafted by Kristjansen's company.

Future bright for telecommunications grads

STEPH SPRENGER
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The launch of new mobile phone companies in Canada, coupled with last week's throne speech mandate to relax regulations in the telecommunications industry, is good news for grads from Humber's wireless telecommunications program.

"If there will be more companies coming in, there will be more opportunities and there will be more jobs," said wireless telecommunications co-ordinator Muhammad Khan.

Canada's mobile network industry opened up to competitors last year when Wind Mobile, owned by Egyptian company Globalive, successfully bought wireless spec-

trum covering most of the country and launched in late November. New companies Public Mobile and Mobilicity are preparing to launch in the spring.

"These new networks need building, and that is opportunity for us," said Hemant Shah, a wireless telecommunications student who is graduating in May.

To accommodate the growing demand for telecommunications technicians, Humber's program is expanding.

"Three or four years ago we used to have a class of 30 students, now we have 85 to 90 students," said Khan.

The program is actually over capacity, sharing lab space with Guelph-Humber, but it is six months into the process of getting new space to accommodate at least 160 students

There will be more opportunities and there will be more jobs

Muhammad Khan
Telecommunications co-ordinator



Steph Sprenger

Students Kaler Navjot Singh and Bajwa Marsimranjeet Singh.

– the average number of applicants they receive per session.

"We should have the new space within six months to a year," said Khan.

The key performance indicator for the program records over 90 per cent of students getting jobs six months after graduation.

"Many job opportunities are going to open in this wireless area," said wireless telecommunications student, Harshvandan Panchal.

"Any job involving wireless we can

do – troubleshooting, technician or technologist – so a lot of opportunities are coming to this field."

And the opportunities are lucrative. Program co-ordinator Muhammad Khan said that entry-level jobs as a technician range from \$18 to \$23 an hour, depending on the job, while jobs designing wireless networks start at \$28 an hour.

"And there's lots of overtime," added Khan.

"With a few years experience, they get a lot more."

Low hotel rates mean high savings for travellers

SANGEETA PATEL
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber students planning a quick getaway or vacation should consider booking soon to take advantage of low hotel rates.

February and March traditionally see low corporate travel and lower prices, said Paul McCabe, hotel and restaurant management program co-ordinator.

"Rates are still coming down because of the recession," he said, "and they're probably not going to go back up until 2011."

Rates for hotels in New York are lower now than they were last year, said McCabe.

A room that was about \$360 in November can be \$180 now, which is a great price, he said.

But Linda Chao, an international recruitment manager who travels often, said she found prices have gone up elsewhere. "We travel a lot to China, India, Taiwan and Russia, which are all very expensive to travel to usually," she said.

"We haven't found that rates are going down at all, and we do check rates at on-line sites."

Rates over the summer months will also be interesting to watch, said McCabe. With the strong Canadian dollar, passport restrictions and the recession, business from the United States might be weaker than usual, leading to bargain prices in Ontario.

Nathania Bron, the athletics co-ordinator who organizes rooms for the school teams, said students might want to take advantage of group rates to get the best discounts. "Usually if you can get a large enough group together, hotels will offer you some sort of perk like free parking or a complimentary breakfast," she said.

Even with the lower rates offered by hotels, McCabe said that customer service will stay at the same levels.

"The margins are going to be very tight, but hotels will still have to offer things like concierge and bellhop services because customers will remember that when they book rooms in the future," he said.



Sangeeta Patel

Professor says booking rooms now will save students cash.

Social media guru connects with prospective students

JANE SPONAGLE
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber's new media communications specialist doesn't want anyone to think it's his job description to sit on Facebook all day.

Former HSF president and Humber grad Nick Farnell has other duties that include traditional web design and building presentations to send out with Humber's recruiters, but this time of year, Farnell said he is busy replying to prospective students' comments on Facebook and Twitter about being accepted into programs for the fall.

"When we see something like that

usually we send 'Have you thought about taking a tour of Humber? Here's how to take a tour,'" Farnell said.

He said Facebook is an important tool for communicating with students.

"I always have a couple projects on the go, but in between projects I just jump on, post a photo album, answer a few questions or direct them to the right places," he said.

With more than 5,000 fans, Humber is the college with the most Facebook fans in the country, Farnell said.

"It's kind of nice to see that Humber students are that engaged, that they're that proud of where they go

to school that they'll jump on here," Farnell said.

Recruitment manager SarahJane Greenway said she sees social media as another level of customer service.

"Instead of someone having to go to the website or call us or email us, if they see we have a presence on Facebook or Twitter they can just ask those questions and we can answer them right then and there."

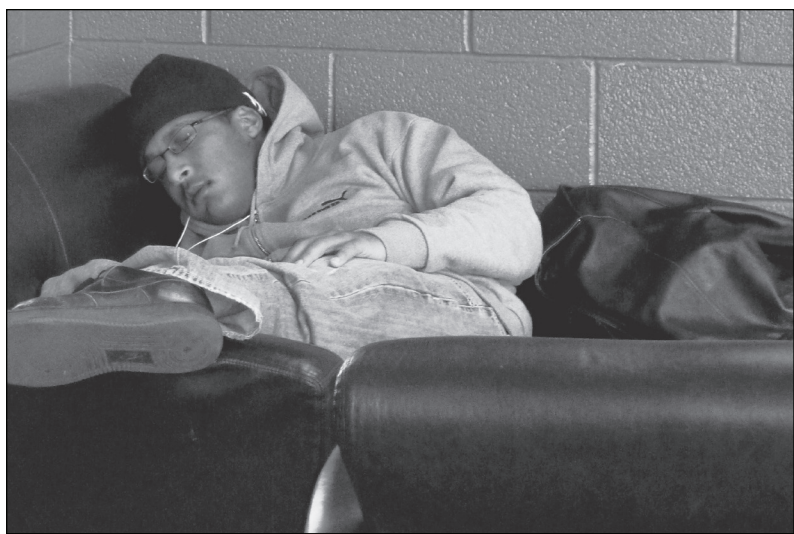
Mel Carrey, 21, a public relations student, recently posted an event on the Humber Facebook fan page.

"As soon as Humber College put up their pages, I joined immediately just to connect to people with the same interests as me and my school."



Jane Sponagle

New media communications specialist Nick Farnell at his desk.



Charmaine Kerridge

Sleep deprived Humber student takes naps in the L wing.

Sleep-learning just a dream, experts say

CHARMAINE KERRIDGE
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Sleep-learning, a popular movement from the 50s and 60s, is regaining popularity, but Humber staff say students looking to absorb a semester's worth of material should be leery of the technology.

Shivon Raghunandan, a counsellor with student services, said she would rather students learn the old fashioned way.

"Using tapes, the actual essence of learning is missing," Raghunandan said. "I worry that the actual process of learning – reading, note taking, absorbing abstract information – all that would be missing and that is learning itself."

Internet marketing firms sell sleep-learning CDs that claim to help people learn by embedding information into their subconscious while they sleep.

Pillows that have speakers wedged inside them and CDs that let the mind absorb information while the body is at rest are among the products listed on websites devoted to the technology.

"It would be too easy if it worked," said Thom Herrmann, a psychology professor at Guelph-Humber.

"Bad ideas never die. They just come back in another way."

The phenomenon of sleep-learning, also known as hypnotic learning, was a fad that was popular 40 years ago, but it was proven to be ineffective for retaining information, Herrmann said.

None of the many sites selling the sleep-learning CDs disclose that researchers have discredited the learning process.

"Your brain is wired so that you've got to tune out what's around you to fall asleep," said Barry Baichoo, a technician in the sleep lab at Toronto General Hospital. "White noise will keep you awake. When there is any disturbance you will not go to sleep or sleep is not maintained. So you either sleep or learn, not both."

Students are encouraged to use the school's resources to manage information overload.

"We can offer students learning strategies," said Raghunandan. "We can refer students to learning skills counselling to learn strategies of how to learn effectively."

Students getting stiffed by landlords

Many still in the dark about rent reduction

DAN BLACKWELL
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The Federation of Metro Tenants Association has received a large volume of calls from students complaining their landlords aren't honouring their rent reduction notices, hotline co-ordinator Geordie Dent said.

"What that means is they're lying to tenants, harassing or obstructing tenants, and that's against the law," he said.

The notices, mailed to 130,000 Toronto residents – 14,515 in Etobicoke – notified tenants that their landlord's property tax was lowered, and that they are entitled to reduced rent, typically ranging from \$5 to \$30 a month.

"We get a lot of students that call our hotline," Dent said.

"A lot of students probably wouldn't believe a rent reduction letter if they got one."

Students are at particular risk, Dent said, because they're often first time

renters and tend to take landlords at their word.

"Students have a little less experience enforcing the law, I wouldn't even call it naivety just a lack of experience," he said.

For Humber students seeking free legal advice on a tenant dispute, lawyer Jeff Fortinsky is available once a week at the Humber Students' Federation office at North Campus.

"People come to me with all sorts of landlord problems," Fortinsky said.

"I try to give them what the practical answer is and what the legal answer might be, and where they can go to get assistance with that."

University of Toronto housing officer, Ali Shahabuddin, said students have to advocate for themselves when it comes to housing complaints.

"First of all they have to contact the landlord and request information," Shahabuddin said.

"They are within their rights to know if they did receive a rent reduction."



Dan Blackwell

Many entitled to lower rent.

Although Shahabuddin said many students are unaware of their rights, that could change towards the end of the school year.

"I imagine as soon as the tenancies are either at the point of being vacated or at their maturity date, we'll probably get more students inquiring about it."

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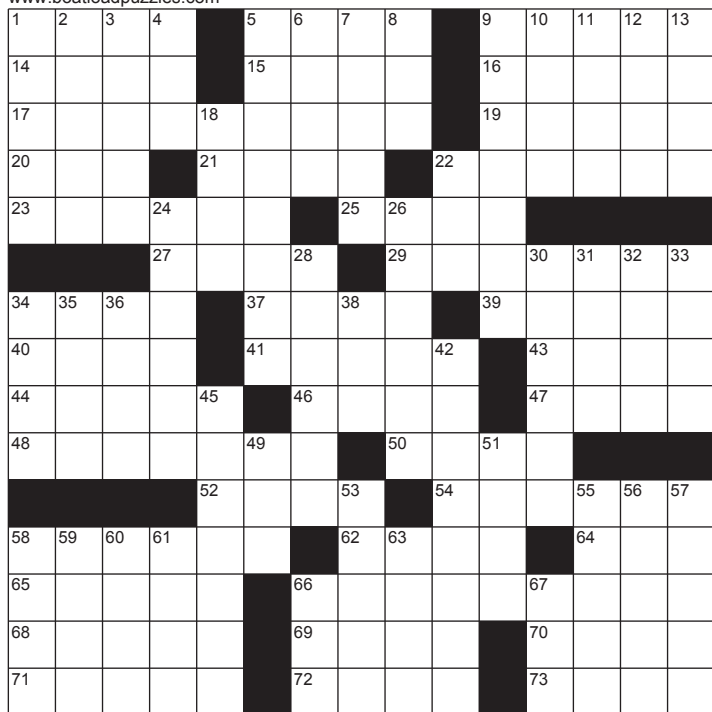
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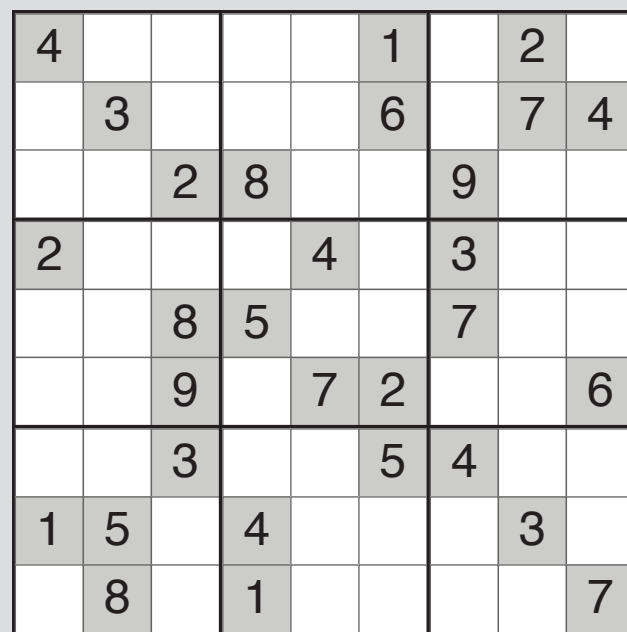


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Women No. 1 at regionals

Women's indoor soccer team dominates tournament while eyeing provincials

JESSICA GOGGIN
SPORTS REPORTER

VAUGHN – The women's indoor soccer team found its scoring stride Monday sweeping through the OCAA regional's to move on to the provincial championships later this month.

"We finally proved that we could hit the back of the net," said forward Keyla Moreno, who had three goals in the three matches. "That is definitely something we have been struggling with."

The women scored 10 goals throughout the tournament and had a 4-0 shut out against Confederation, before 3-1 victories over Georgian and Sheridan.

Joanna Alexopulos also had three goals in the tournament at the OSA Soccer Centre.

"I was surprised to score today be-

cause I usually never score. I really wanted a hat trick, but it just didn't happen," said Alexopulos.

Goaltender Rose Ormeno said, "we're starting to connect more and physically and mentally we are prepared. We just need to stay confident."

The Hawks, as reigning gold medalists, will be favourites at the OCAA championships March 25-26 at the OSA Soccer Centre.

Head coach Vince Pileggi said he feels the girls have really stepped up their game.

"After today's tournament the girls proved they were strong defensively and offensively," said Pileggi, "The competition will be a lot stiffer at the championships so between now then they need to focus on staying healthy and keeping fit and we should be able to do well."



Christine Tea

Mid fielder Bianca Barbieri carries the ball down the field.



Christine Tea

Mid fielder Brian Alcantara is held up while rushing the ball down the playing field.

Fight breaks out on pitch

Regional tournament game between the Hawks and Grizzlies ends in fight after Georgian player spits on Humber's coach

REMY GREER
SPORT REPORTER

VAUGHAN – A brawl during the indoor soccer regional playoffs here last Monday puts the Hawks at a serious disadvantage when it seeks to defend its title as provincial champions later this month.

The melee erupted with about eight minutes left in the match, with Humber leading Georgian 2-1 at the OSA Soccer Centre.

"It was a harmless play," said Hawks captain Andrew DaSilva. "The ball went out to the side and our coach (Germain Sanchez) threw the ball back in. The (Georgian) player was going after the ball because they were losing. He didn't get the ball and he spat at our coach."

"We all took it as very offensive, just a lack of respect, so we all lost our minds."

The Hawks on the pitch confronted the Georgian player, who backed away, but the rest of the Humber squad came off the bench and stormed the field. The fracas went on for well over a minute.

"Some of our players were trying to defend my honour – it was one push after another," said Sanchez, "and they got into pushing, fighting and people trying to break it up."

The coach added, "The instigator was on their team but there's no way I will excuse the reaction from our team either."

No one was seriously injured, though a Georgian player was seen with a severely swollen face.

Officials quickly huddled and decided to end the match with no winner being declared.

They also disqualified Humber from playing its final match of the tournament, counting it as a loss. Still, with a 5-0 win in its opening match against Confederation, the Hawks qualify for the OCAA championships March 25-26 at this same venue.

The more significant punishment is the Hawks are also disqualified from its first match of the provincial tournament, meaning the team will enter round-robin play with an 0-1 record.

Hawks assistant coach Jason Mesa said the penalty was too severe.

"It could have been just the one game suspension, so it wouldn't affect us going into the provincial tournament," he said.

Women's volleyball team representing Ont. in CCAAs

HEATHER ALFORD
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's volleyball team has dominated Ontario and now has its eye on conquering Canada at the national championship tournament being held this weekend at Outahais in Gatineau, Que.

The team's ability to win its first match against the fourth seeded Vancouver Island Mariners in tomorrow's game will improve its chances to advance to the final four.

"You win that first match, you put yourself in a positive position," said

sports information director Jim Bialek.

"Ontario teams have not been able to win that first match since Humber hosted nationals six years ago."

In 2004 and 2006 Humber made it to the final four, a position it hasn't reached since.

Despite being doubted from the beginning of the season, having lost many of its veteran players, the Hawks, ranked fifth in Canada, are going to nationals with fight in its game.

"A lot of people said Humber's not that strong this year and that they've

got a lot of new girls playing and they're a young team so they might not be at nationals," said assistant coach and former player Heather Longland.

"We showed them that we deserve to be there by winning provincials."

The Hawks' game plan for this year's nationals is simple: there's no pressure so go out swinging.

"We're still a hard team that's going to fight with everything we have," said OCAA all-star and rookie of the year, Kelly Nyhof.

The Hawks placed fifth in its last two national appearances.

"I think any success at the nationals," said Bialek, "has to be termed a success."

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Jim Bialek
Assistant athletic director

This year, though the ultimate goal is to make it to the podium, the team is excited just to be back on the national stage.

"There's always going to be teams that are going to be challenging, you're always going to have to strive to beat them," said OCAA all-star and libero Kendra Trodd. "But if we play our game and still lose, I'll still be happy as long as I know that I gave everything that I could, and the rest of the girls gave everything they could."

Ice men shoot for hat trick in Alliston

JARED LALONDE
SPORTS REPORTER

Both the Humber North and Lakeshore men's hockey teams are looking to triumph tomorrow in the last extramural tournament before the provincial finals.

Neither team has played since Feb. 5, when North was crowned champions at a tournament hosted by U of T Scarborough.

Going into tomorrow's Georgian Shootout in Alliston as the top seed in the OCAA power rankings, North is looking to ride its momentum to a third straight championship.

"This tournament means a lot," said North coach, Brett McCully.

"We want to remain the No. 1 seed, which might mean an easier road in the provincials."

As winners of their last two tournaments, North won't be making any drastic changes for tomorrow's tour-



Jared Lalonde

Goalie Mike Karagianis makes a save at the U of T tournament.

ament hosted by Georgian College, said McCully.

"We're going in with the same group of guys," said McCully. "We may play around with our second and third lines, but our guys have played well together. We'll be in the finals."

"We played sloppy in our last tournament," said North forward Garrett Bam-brough. "But I'm confident we can pull off another win."

Brett McCully
North coach

Lakeshore however, has a lot to prove.

"We want to win this one," said Lakeshore coach Josh Davison, whose team enters tomorrow's tournament in seventh place overall. "We have a few returning players, who are really dedicated to the game. This is an im-

portant tournament for us."

With an impressive showing at U of T Scarborough, Lakeshore made it to the semifinal before losing to North in an epic 5-3 battle.

"Our power play was terrible," said Davison, who has revamped Lakeshore's special teams. "We need to drum up some new plays and take advantage of our chances early on."

Davison said with players like Michael Beaudesne and Mike Dillon playing some of their best hockey, Lakeshore will be a formidable force to compete against.

"We have been working hard on our penalty killing," said Davison. "We've switched up some lines, and I think we have a good shot in our division."

With both teams on a hot streak, there is a chance that tomorrow's tournament final will be an all Humber affair.

Season ends for hopeful hoopsters in Barrie tourney

MICHAEL THOMAS
SPORTS REPORTER

BARRIE – The Seneca Sting sent the Hawks women's basketball team home early from the provincial championships after a heartbreaking defeat.

The Sting took a one-point lead with 2.1 seconds left in the quarter-final game and despite scratching and clawing in the final seconds, as they had all game, the Hawks came up short.

Humber guard Maria Suriani tossed up a shot from half court before the final buzzer sounded, only to see the shot fall short and the game end 50-49 in favour of the Sting.

Although the crowd was won over by Humber's resilient play, head coach Denise Perrier noted missed chances in the teams first game of the playoffs.

"We had opportunities to win it and we didn't capitalize," said Perrier. "We competed at times but we didn't shoot well and we had lots of careless turnovers."

Humber hit only 28 per cent of its shots and committed 21 turnovers.

While coaches and players were shaken by the loss and disappointed with the way they played, Sen-

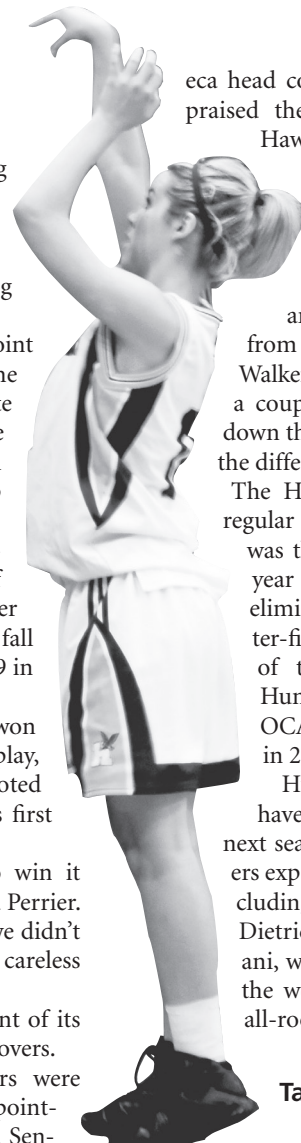
eca head coach Craig Walker praised the pressure of the Hawks game plan and style of play.

"We expected lots of pressure from the Humber guards and lots of shooting from their guards," said Walker. "There were just a couple plays we made down the stretch that were the difference."

The Hawks finished the regular season 11-3. This was the second straight year the squad was eliminated in the quarter-finals at the hands of the Seneca Sting. Humber last won the OCAA championship in 2005.

Humber looks to have a veteran team next season, with all players expected to return, including guards Rebecca Dietrich and Kayla Suriani, who were named to the western conferences all-rookie team.

Michael Thomas
Taylor Smith



We want to remain the No. 1 seed, which might mean an easier road in the provincials

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Kyle Hall

Men set to kill nationals

Team looks to bring provincial luck to CCAAs

KYLE HALL
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's volleyball team will have to battle through a difficult draw if it wants to rewrite history by winning Humber's first medal at a national championship.

"I'm not happy with our draw. I think it's a farce," said head coach Wayne Wilkins. "But unfortunately there's nothing I can do to control that. However, I still think there's an opportunity to come away with a medal."

The Hawks (17-2) have their first game today against UBC Okanagan Heat (17-1), which lost its only game during the B.C. provincial championship and needed a wildcard to secure a spot at nationals.

"They're gonna be a good team," said Wilkins. "We've got two No. 1 ranked teams facing off in the first round. But they're beatable."

If the Hawks can pull out a victory over the Heat it will likely face the No. 1 ranked team in the country, Quebec's Limoilou (18-0), in the semifinals.

Humber lost to Limoilou in three sets at a tournament earlier this year, but the Hawks were missing starting setter Derek Quinn, who was suffering from mononucleosis.

The Hawks have four previous appearances at nationals, with their best finish coming in 2005 where they came fourth, losing in the fifth set of the bronze medal match 15-13 to Thompson Rivers University from B.C.

"The season's not over yet," said starting middle Matt Isaacs. "This is when we should be peaking. This is when we work the hardest."

Humber sports information director Jim Bialek said this team may be superior to the 2005 squad.

"This is a more complete team. Wayne has a few more years experience and every time you've got the best player on the court you're a real threat," said Bialek, referring to Humber's all-Canadian, Terrel Bramwell, who possesses Vince Carter-like athleticism.

The championship is hosted by Grant MacEwan University, in Edmonton, and runs through the weekend.

Top: Isaacs fakes a step-around while setter Derek Quinn uses the distraction to set the ball.

Bottom left: Setter Derek Quinn makes a back set. Bottom right: Terrel Bramwell skies an attack.



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Daviau's golden weekend

Tournament MVP rushes home, helps deliver child, scores 20 points in finals

JONATHON BRODIE
SPORTS REPORTER

LONDON— Hawks' basketball guard, Daviau Rodney, had a monumental day last Saturday, as he watched his first child being born in the morning then helped the team take home OCAA gold and was named tournament MVP that night.

"I don't think a word can explain the events that happened," said Rodney.

"I mean it was just an enormous feeling having the baby, becoming an MVP, winning the gold, and just being able to celebrate with my teammates."

Rodney was awakened at 3:30 a.m. by coach Darrell Glenn, informing him.

Kaitlynn Pauley, manager of the women's basketball team and mother of Rodney's child had gone into labour.

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I don't think a word can explain the events that happened.

Daviau Rodney
Guard

Rodney and Glenn then rushed to William Osler Health Center in Etobicoke for the birth.

"I just really kind of told him to relax," said Glenn. "I asked him a lot about how he was feeling and he was pretty calm about the whole situation - he did a really good job."

Rodney said Glenn's advice was invaluable to him.

"We had a really good talk in the car about kids and advice on everything, and emotions, and all that," said Rodney. "It was actually really good bonding for me and him."

Rodney said he wasn't worried about not making it in time for the OCAA gold medal tip-off.



Jonathan Brodie

Guard Daviau Rodney cuts down a souvenir after claiming OCAA championship.

"I knew I was going to make it back for game time," said Rodney. "After the baby was born I felt so blessed and the next thing I wanted to do was play the game."

Rodney finished the championship victory against Fanshawe with a game high 20 points and shooting 8-for-12 from the field earning him the provincial tournament MVP.

"I expected Daviau to have a big game regardless of sleep or no sleep," said teammate and forward

Jeremy Alleyne, "that's just how good of a player he is."

Rodney said he wants his newborn son, Jayce Nehemiah Duvaar Rodney, to be involved in many sports.

"At the end of the day it's what he likes and if he likes basketball then it's something we can share, but if he likes soccer, baseball, football it doesn't really matter, as long as he wants to do it then it's fine with me."



Charlie Lay

Yip and Wong celebrate their victory.

First gold in badminton

HUMBER SPORTS

Mixed doubles pair Raymond Wong and Renee Yip won Humber's first ever badminton national gold medal after beating the defending champions at Edmonton's Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT) last week.

Wong, a former national bronze medallist, and Yip, making her nationals debut, defeated last year's champions Joey Vandervet and Sinead Cheah of NAIT in a nail biting semi-final match on Friday. The two then routed Alberta's Concordia College pair of Jake Perry and Grace Box in Saturday's final.

The honour wasn't handed to the Hawks, dropping two of their first three matches on Thursday. But the two came into Friday with a new plan.

"Our confidence was a lot better on the second day, we thought of a game plan for each team and started to execute it all the way through each match," said Yip.

The pair won both of its matches on Friday morning beating Vancouver Island University and King's College, before the afternoon semi-final, where the pair's momentum put them over the top.

Assistant coach Mike Kopinak said the pair got stronger as the tournament went on. "There was concern on Thursday over not moving on at all, so those early wins on Friday were big," said Kopinak.

"We only wanted to win gold, and we started believing in ourselves, and knowing we could actually do it and really wanting it was what we needed," said Yip.

Wong made his third straight appearance at nationals, where his experience proved to be vital.

"It helped, but I was still nervous before matches, once we started to play though I didn't think about it," said Wong.

"Ray is a master of learning as matches develop, and once we made it through to the semi's he took his game to a new level," said Kopinak.

"Raymond's really happy that he was finally able to win gold, but to be a national champion at only 18-years-old and in her first year like Renee, that's really special," said Kopinak.

Yip and Humber's Charlie Lay were named all-Canadians, and Hawks head coach Lam Trinh received national coach of the year.

Men's b-ball team set sights on nationals

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LONDON – The Hawks men's basketball team repeated as provincial gold medallists earning a spot in the national championships in Alberta next week.

"It's a great feeling when you put so much work into something and you actually accomplish it," said Humber centre J.R. Bailey, who was selected to the western conference and tournament all-star rosters. "It's tough to do that in any facet of life, so it's nice when it happens."

The national championship game last Saturday against host Fanshawe – the only team to

beat Humber in the regular season – was tight from the opening tip-off but the Hawks proved to be too strong in a 59-48 victory.

Daviau Rodney led the offensive attack for Humber with a game high 20 points while Bailey added 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Fanshawe gave up 15 points off turnovers and went 1-for-12 from behind the three point line, key factors to Humber's win.

"They were an unbelievable opponent," said Humber head coach Darrell Glenn, "and the two previous games to get to this point were very difficult. So you really appreciate it and you feel like you really accomplished something special."

The Hawks beat Fleming 52-41 in the quarter-finals and Sheridan 61-50 in the semis.

"One thing we have and always will have is heart and we know that we will die before we lose," said Rodney, chosen as the tournament MVP. "I think Ontario is a very, very strong division. People don't think that we're as strong because we haven't won nationals in such a long time."

The Hawks travel to Calgary for the national championships starting March 18.

"This year I feel like we have to go all the way," said Hawks' guard Michael Acheampong. "We have the team to do so and I think this year should be the year."