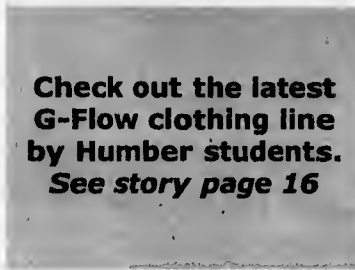




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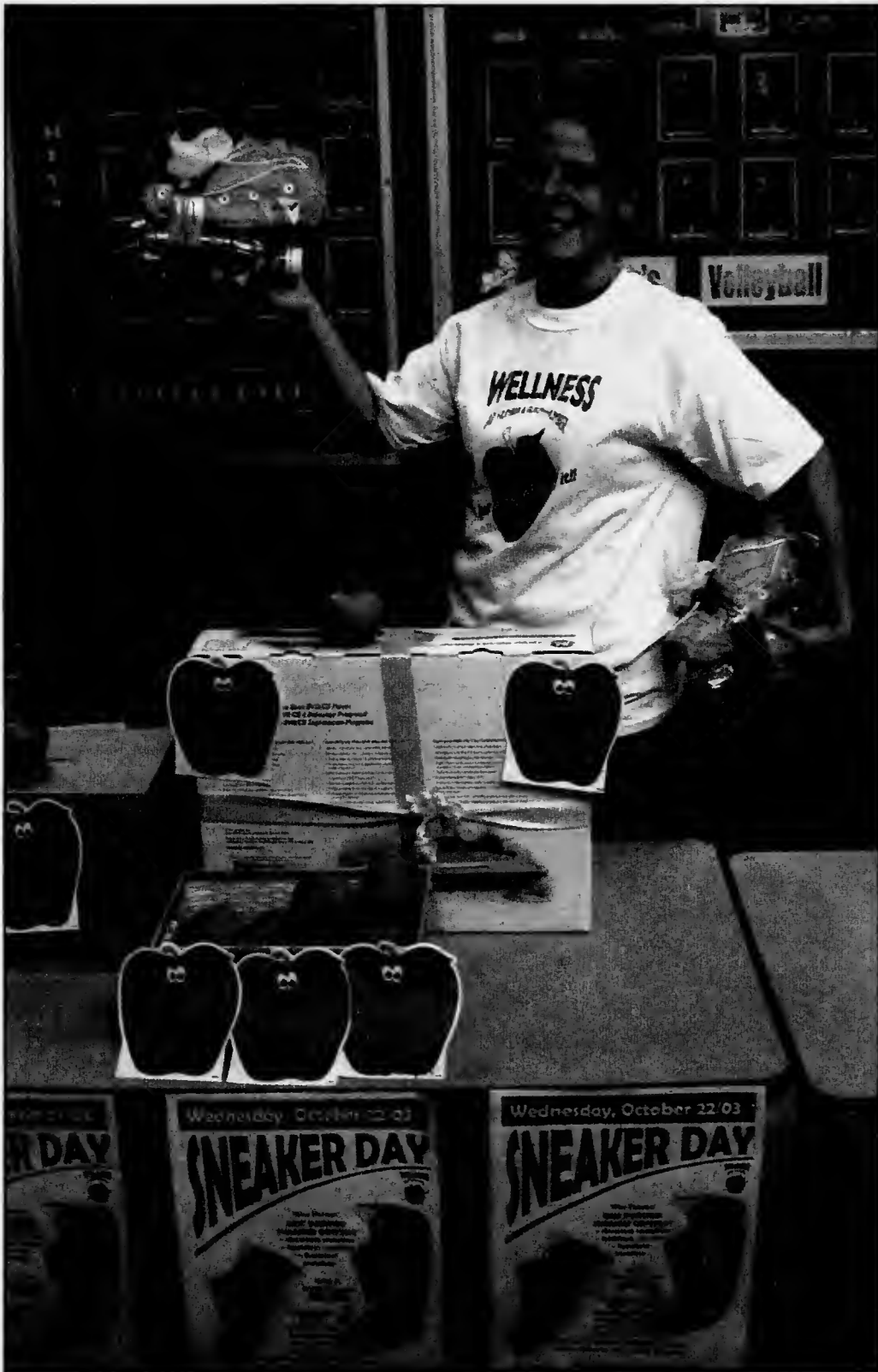


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Sneaker Day at Humber:

Athletic Centre staff were on hand Wednesday to promote health and wellness at the college. Fitness student Erynne McFarland displays some of the entries in the 'crazy looking shoes contest.'

"I promise we are getting better.": Humber's IT chief

By Ben Rycroft

Humber's network defenses have been repelling 16,000 worm and Trojan attacks per day since the September school start-up. And that number does not include the recently launched MS Blaster virus that attacks 700,000 times per day.

With 10,000 "trouble" calls stemming from computer problems users experienced in September, Chief Information Officer Mark Naylor owned up to the difficulties at a recent Academic Council meeting.

Naylor, sitting in the proverbial hot seat over the rough start the IT department has had this year, began his presentation to the 40-member council, with an exasperated, "We are getting better. I promise we are getting better."

The constant attacks on Humber have resulted in nearly 400 infected computers a week, stretching the IT department staff to the limits.

The staff, which Naylor heads, range in number from one to four full-time members a day. They are in constant contact with a dispatcher, who, based on the severity rating created by the IT department, sends them to lend assistance.

Severity level 1 is a major outage, like the Internet shutdown here yesterday. Severity level 2 is a faculty member having a problem with a class program, or a variety of computers at once. And Severity level 3 is an individual user complaint, by staff or student.

However, because of the number of calls for help from levels #1 and #2, the individual user is being left stranded, and 350 calls remained unserved at the time of the meeting.

"I have to admit, not everything works right now. We don't get it right all the time," Naylor explained.

He attributed a great deal of the trouble users have been having to the incoming viruses, but added that SPAM is also a major problem. He estimated that two

thirds of Humber's incoming e-mail is considered to be SPAM.

"There are a couple of filters the administration has in place, but it is really up to the individual user to insert their own filters," he pointed out. "Between SPAM and Blaster, our system was literally choked."

Naylor also pointed to the fact that the school is continually in the process of upgrading its computer labs to one unified standard.

He said during the next few years, Humber will continue to evolve towards a unified "Type A" lab. Each lab would consist of the latest standards of full stereo audio equipment, DVD/VHS video, lighting and computer capability.

As an example of how much Humber's technological needs have changed over the last two years, he pointed to the school's bandwidth use.

"Two years ago we were running on two MB of bandwidth, with plenty of room to spare. Today we are running on 18 MB and our resources are stretched to their limit.

"Our world is a world that is in constant change. We always have to be changing with it to keep up."

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Trick pool player Gerry "The Ghost" Watson demonstrates a trick shot at a pool tournament at Caps. Watson has been displaying his pool playing abilities at Caps since the mid-80's. Watson has done 25,000 shows at various campuses over the past 20 years.

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Lack of Lakeshore bus leaves students bitter

By Allison Moorhouse

Commuting to Lakeshore for class every day has been difficult for students who live at the North Campus residence.

With construction of the Lakeshore residence still ongoing and no plans for a shuttle bus, students have had to find their own transportation to school.

Kelly Jackson, a first-year

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Paralegal Studies student, takes the TTC to get to her classes.

"It's rough," she said. "I have to get up two hours before my class starts."

Jackson said she would like a non-stop shuttle bus from the North campus to Lakeshore campus, but thinks the Lakeshore residence will be beneficial to new students once it's built.

James Presnail, a first-year professional golf management student, doesn't need to deal with the problems of taking public transit to Lakeshore campus.

"I lucked out and get a ride every day," Presnail said. However, he understands the difficulties other students go through to get to class.

"It would be a lot easier for most people if there was a shuttle bus," he said.

Allison Alexander, the manager of Humber residence, said there isn't a shuttle bus available because there hasn't been a demand for it.

"Last year, there was such a low percentage of people, we didn't do it," Alexander said. "We would certainly entertain the idea."

Alexander also said that even though it has been researched in the past, she hasn't been approached by students this year with any commuting problems.

"No one this year has actually asked about it," she said, adding that even if there was a shuttle bus it wouldn't necessarily correspond with a student's schedule and they may be forced to take the TTC anyway.

Alexander said Lakeshore residence will have 418 beds and is scheduled to open next May.

Humber comes up short

By Ben Rycroft

The college's Board of Governors was told this week that Humber may face revenue shortfalls due to a possible tuition freeze and investments "going south."

The Board learned that if the newly-elected provincial Liberal government implements its promised tuition freeze, the school will face what President Robert Gordon called a "financial shortfall."

Humber currently has \$102 million invested in construction projects, a good part of which comes from tuition.

Talks towards a collective

bargaining agreement between Humber and its full-time staff may also hit a snag, with the news the staff pension took "quite a hit."

Despite a 30 per cent rise in the North American stock markets over October, the Board reported that investments on behalf of the pension were still considerably down.

As a result of the shortfall in revenue, the Board said staff may have to contribute a 1.5 per cent increase. Humber is also obligated to match dollar for dollar the 1.5 increase, and at the current rate will be required to pledge \$1 million.

Schools plead:

More money needed for the long haul

By Olga Kirgidis

Local schools hurt by education cuts are optimistic about the new Liberal government, but they aren't looking for a quick fix.

"I'll go the Jerry McGuire route. Show me the money. Show me the goods," said Don Cameron, principal at West Humber Collegiate. "Deliver me something. Don't give me money unless it is rationalized through the system."

Although the Tories did not take dollars away from classroom spending, Cameron said their cuts in other areas of education have cost schools money in the long run.

"In this particular school at one time there were upwards of a dozen caretakers. Now there are six," Cameron said.

"So yes, they did save money on the caretaker's line or on the secretarial line that has been cut back, but on the other side of the coin,

rather than maintaining some of the equipment that was repairable they didn't have anyone to do the repairs. So, it got thrown in the garbage and they had to buy new equipment."

High schools were also faced with the costs of implementing a new curriculum as the OAC year was taken out and all courses were revamped to meet the new standards.

"Although they didn't decrease classroom dollars, I had huge increases because rather than replacing one or two classroom sets of books a year, I had to replace all the classroom books," Cameron said.

History teacher June Kanitz said that some classrooms are still waiting for the textbooks they need.

"You would assume every kid would have a textbook, but that is not the case either," Kanitz said.

"Apparently more textbooks will be coming, but I haven't heard exactly when they'll be getting here, but maybe November."

Kanitz added that on top of the

textbook problem she had to wait for two years to get the leaking roof in her classroom fixed.

She said these kinds of problems frustrate teachers because they don't have the supplies they need to teach and have to figure out other ways to teach the required material.

Kanitz is hopeful about the Liberal's proposed changes to education and sees it as a good opportunity for communication between the province and teachers in the classroom.

"I'm not expecting very much really. I'm just expecting that we could sit down at the table and discuss, and respect each other mutually," Kanitz said. "Before there was no respect. We were not invited

to the table to talk about anything. We just sort of had to react to legislation."

She added that the teachers' union will hold the government to their promises but realizes that the changes will take time.

"They're very aware of the gravity of the changes and the length of time it will take to bring things back, but I know they are very happy and encouraged by the Liberals," Kanitz said.

Although he is optimistic about the Liberal government's ideas for education, Cameron said some of the changes made by the Conservatives have been positive.

Cameron's advice to the Liberal government would be not to make the same mistake the Tories did by dissecting education spending without compensating in other areas.

"I hope they take a long slow look at the schools. And if I were to give them advice it would be don't separate the classroom from the rest of the education," Cameron said. "You cannot impact the positive or the negative on any part of the education enterprise be it the classroom, the curriculum, the maintenance, or the support services without having an effect on students."

"Show me the money. Show me the goods. Deliver me something."



An unidentified Humber student takes a puff, unfazed by the repeal of the pot law. Police have been instructed to resume laying criminal charges for possession.

Re-criminalization can't stop the pot

By Liza Wood

Pot has become a criminal offence again in the eyes of the law, but that hasn't affected recreational marijuana users.

Twenty-year-old Humber student Stewart, who wishes to remain anonymous, said he feels no different now that the law is back, despite already having criminal charges.

"I thought we were getting a step closer (to decriminalization), but I guess not," he said.

Stewart, who usually smokes pot three to four times a day, was charged with possession at the age of 18 after his car was searched by police.

"I thought we were getting a step closer, but I guess not."

Business student Scott Crof, who gave up smoking pot over a year ago says the law is far too strict with marijuana users.

"If someone has a minimal amount of pot, then there is no harm in that," he said. "[Smoking] pot doesn't infringe on other peoples' rights."

"I think people can't be as proud

about it anymore," said Neev, founder of Cannabis As Living Medicine (CALM).

"You can't walk down the street and not get stopped," Neev said. "It's back to where we were a year and a half ago. It depends on the cop and the kind of day they're having."

Even Prime Minister Jean Chretien has voiced his opinion on the drug, though it was partly in jest.

"I will have my money for my fine and a joint in the other hand," Chretien said in a published report on Oct. 3.

Chretien added, however, that he would only try marijuana when it is no longer a criminal offence.

Lack of drills alarms city fire inspector

By Nick Vassallo

Humber's fire drills may not ring alarm bells among students, but it does spark concern with the city's fire inspectors.

Humber holds a drill once a year, meeting the requirements of the Ontario Fire Code, which states that it's mandatory to conduct annual fire drills for supervisory staff.

But Toronto Fire Inspector Napoleon Cortez said having a fire drill once a year isn't good enough.

"It's good to have it done more than once a year," Cortez said. "Each semester you have different people, so it should be done in the first semester, second semester and even in the summer break."

The school's only fire drill so far this semester was staged at the beginning of the month in Building A, but many students said they didn't hear anything and no one was evacuated. The drill coincided with a city-wide Fire Prevention Week earlier this month.

Third-year business administration student Rafaela Garet was surprised to hear that the law required one drill a year, but thinks that's all we need.

"Well, I think it's enough because [most of us know] what to do in case of fires. Like, how hard could it be? Just go to the nearest fire exit and leave."

Public Safety Director Gary Jaynes said the drill was not intend-

ed for students.

He also said fire drills differ from alarms because they are pre-planned events, scheduled to make sure the emergency response team knows what to do.

"It also allows students and other staff to hear what it sounds like," he said. "I have no way of communicating with nine or 10 thousand students that we have a fire drill," Jaynes said. "I'm concerned that the supervisory staff know what to do to insure that students get out. It's a training exercise for the emergency response team."

Jaynes said students need to follow school fire procedures.

"In every classroom there's a sign posted which tells students what to do," he said. "Our greatest problem when we have a fire alarm is persons who don't leave the building. When you hear a fire alarm you leave the building."

Jo-Anne Crechiolo, Occupational Health and Safety specialist at Sheridan College says Sheridan also has only one fire drill per year. Crechiolo had no comment on when the drill took place, but says students were evacuated.

"Every time the fire drill rings, everyone is evacuated," Crechiolo said. "If it's a test we warn people if we are testing. If the building is occupied and we are running just a test then we let everyone know over our intercom system, so people don't leave the building."

Caps gets evacuated

By Eric Collins

CAPS was evacuated Tuesday night after patrons and employees were caught in a residual cloud of pepper spray.

Around 6 p.m., employees and patrons complained of watery eyes and respiratory problems and were evacuated soon after. Police and the fire department were called, and said the airborne substance was non-threatening. The bottle was either sprayed or broken.

"It seems pretty obvious that this was intentional," CAPS Assistant Operations Manager Gord Hagan said.

The pub lost \$700 in sales.



Have you seen her?

As of press time Wednesday night, Dong-Yue (Cecilia) Zhang was still missing. Police speculate the nine-year-old Asian girl was snatched from her home Sunday night. She is described as thin, 4'11", 70 lbs, with shoulder length black hair and blonde highlights, and brown eyes. Call 1-800-222-TIPS.

Games room jackpot

By Kathleen Yetta

The HSF anticipates an additional \$14,000 in revenue from the games room this year, bringing the total to more than \$60,000, thanks to the double cohort.

Michael Parent, HSF business manager, said the extra estimated revenue is already budgeted.

"We don't specifically assign revenues to particular expenses. All revenues come in and they fund all of the expenses. It's not that when we have \$14,000 extra we say 'let's spend the \$14,000 on this...' it's not that linear. The extra revenue will be spread across all of the departments," Parent said.

HSF is estimating a higher games room revenue because of the age and volume of students visiting the room.

"It is a lot busier than last year. There are a lot more kids in the school, more youth than usual because of the double cohort," Diane Viveiros, HSF services coordinator, said.

"It's not like this extra money is a windfall. If it was a windfall, then that's different," Parent said. "The budget is estimated and laid out a whole year in advance. Our estimates are reasonable to predict that's what we're going to do."

"...let's spend the \$14,000 on this..."

The games room houses 18 arcade machines, five pool tables and four foosball tables.

"We have a cooperative partnership with Chonar, the people that provide us with the video games, and we are always hopeful that we will get cutting edge titles," Parent said.

He added that games room staff do informal surveys asking what

games the students are interested in and then the HSF will try to accommodate the requests.

Staff at the games room say the volume of students has also made the task of detecting counterfeit \$20 bills difficult. Since the beginning of the school year, they have accepted six fake \$20 bills.

Viveiros said staff usually verify whether or not the bill is legit by rubbing it on a piece of white paper. If the ink rubs off, the bill is real.

But imitators have found clever ways around that too, spraying the fraudulent money to bleed ink as well.

"They are always one step ahead of you," Viveiros said. "We are working on getting a device where you scan the bill and it will beep telling you whether the bill is real or not."

She added that they pool the funds from the arcade machines and pool and foosball tables, and then split the money 50/50 with the suppliers.



MuchMusic VJ search coming to the Humber college environment

By John Mammas

Calling all VJs, calling all VJs! MuchMusic will recruit on campus again, and Humber may have the fresh face they're looking for.

The 2003 MuchMusic VJ search kicked off Oct. 7 and will make its way to Humber Nov. 11.

MuchMusic will try something new this year, by setting up stages at colleges and universities across Canada, allowing VJ hopefuls to showcase their talents in front of a live audience.

"Going out to colleges and universities is a way for us to really connect with the fans, and it gives them a chance to be a part of what we are doing," MuchMusic VJ Rick Campanelli said.

Campanelli said MuchMusic is looking for an outgoing person with both a unique personality and a different look.

"They want somebody who knows their music, but not only their music, their pop culture as well," he said. "They want some-

body who could make that connection with the audience."

Second-year business management student Rob Dasilva can't wait for the chance to audition.

"It sounds like the opportunity of a lifetime," Dasilva said. "I've always wanted to do something like this, and now I have the opportunity."

First-year fashion arts student Suzanne Dempster will be trying out for the second time.

"I tried out for it last year, so now I'm like a veteran at this."

The MuchMusic VJ search began in 1995 and has been going strong since.

Past winners include Campanelli, Bradford How and Namugenyi Kiwanuka.

The semi-finalists will have to demonstrate their hosting and interviewing abilities in addition to programming videos and preparing their own throws. They will compete on live television.

For full details, visit www.muchmusic.com/vjsearch.

Spinning for a cause

By Chris Hedrick

Competitors shot and peddled their way to victory last Tuesday as part of a sports Spin-a-thon which raised \$1,700 for the United Way.

Every year, Humber's second-year special events students coordinate a United Way Fundraiser.

"The purpose of the event is to raise money for the United Way and to promote school spirit in the Humber community.

Altogether, we raised close to \$1,700, including sponsorships," Robyn Chew, event organizer, said.

Three sponsors donated money for the fundraiser; Chefero, Lee Sand and Gravel.

The HSF donated prizes.

Participants were required to collect pledges from friends, family, and co-workers. Some participants donated whatever they could in order to take part in the event.

Of the three challenges, the three-point contest drew the largest



The three and a half hour event included a free-throw competition, three-point contest and spin-a-thon (peddling exercise bikes), followed by a barbecue.

crowd of competitors.

"I'm just a basketball fan and it's a competition," Jett Landicho, a radio broadcasting student, said.

This year's theme was Rewind Through Time and competitors were encouraged to dress in retro garb from the 60s, 70s, and 80s.

Popular show inspires Humber contest

By Jordan Neal

Forget *Survivor* and the *Bachelor*, Humber now has its own reality show and it's taking the residence by storm.

Since its launch in October, Residence Idol has become most successful residence activity in the past three years.

The premise is the same as *American Idol*; 10 contestants battle it out in front of an audience

while a panel of judges critique. Votes from the audience then determine which singer will move on, eliminating contestants every week.

Leah McCormack, a senior resident assistant, came up with the concept.

"I thought it was a great opportunity to bring the residence community together," she said.

With everyone working hard to

promote the event the turnout continues to increase.

The first show brought in 10 contestants, an audience of 190 students and 45 votes. Even with two contestants gone, the second show brought in 230 students and 96 votes.

Bart McClintock, an audience favourite, said Residence Idol is a great environment to give students a chance to show their talents.

"It's entertaining to see people come out of their shells," he said.

Residence Idol takes place every Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the residence dining hall until Nov. 12 when the final two contestants will go head to head and a winner will be announced.

The winner will then have the option to move on to the next competition, Humber Idol, in late November.

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HumDesi President Payal Gaglani is all smiles while she brings a little India to Humber.

HumDesi celebrates Diwali

Festival lights up the school

By Priya Ramanujam

The tastes, sounds and culture of India filled the Student Centre Wednesday afternoon as Humber club HumDesi welcomed staff and students to celebrate the Hindu festival Diwali.

Diwali, also known as the festival of lights, is the most well known Indian celebration and is

recognized by Indian communities all over the world.

During Diwali, which lasts almost a month, homes in India light up with tiny oil lamps called diyas and people get together with family and friends to exchange gifts and sweets.

"It's like Christmas," said Mridu Gupta, HumDesi's Vice-president.

She added festivities last for a month and end on Oct. 25.

Many students and staff came out to taste traditional Indian foods such as samosas (a mix of curried potatoes and peas inside a flour shell) and chole puri (fried bread with chick peas).

"I'm glad so many people came out," Gupta said, "because Diwali takes in everyone, not just Hindus."

More visible minorities take seats in provincial legislature

By Peter Armstrong

The new look of Ontario's Liberal legislature may mean policies less favourable to education, but more so for women and immigrants.

Eight of the winners in the Oct. 2 election, all members of the new Liberal government, are visible minorities, up from three in the last legislature.

Twenty-two women, 17 of them Liberals, were elected – five more than in 1999.

"I think it's a great thing to see an increasing number of women being elected," said Chris Zebrowski, 22, a political science teacher's assistant at the University of Toronto. "I don't think that we'll see an immediate impact with the increase of five women, but there

will be a positive, long-term effect with more balanced representation."

The changing face of the province, especially the Toronto

"Fewer teachers mean fewer people to criticize their government...if they don't keep their promises."

area, is reflected in a riding such as Etobicoke North. It has one of the largest populations of visible minorities in the city.

All three main party candidates

for Etobicoke North were of South Asian origin. Liberal representative Dr. Shafiq Qaadri won.

However, fewer teachers and school trustees won their ridings, despite education being a top priority in each party's campaign.

"Fewer teachers mean that there will be fewer people to criticize their government, internally at least, if they don't keep their promises," said Rosario Marchese, a re-elected MPP for Trinity-Spadina and former education critic for the NDP.

Marchese, one of 24 teachers or school trustees elected, will no longer be recognized as an education critic because the NDP lost official party status by winning only seven seats, five shy of the minimum.

Police want to compile racial stats

By Priya Ramanujam

Toronto police may soon be able to gather, compile and publish race-based statistics--once again.

A draft report, proposing Toronto police be allowed to keep records of racial information on both criminals and their victims, will be presented to Queen's Park in the near future, according to Constable Mike Hayles, a Toronto police spokesperson.

Hayles added that the proposal, developed by a joint group of Toronto police officials and board members, was recently presented to various community groups for feedback.

The idea drew strong opposition from many of Humber's first-year Police Foundations students, who study courses such as 'issues in diversity.'

"I don't really think it's fair to [collect race-based statistics], because police shouldn't really make judgments based on someone's colour, race or ethnic origin," first-year police foundations student Chris Dosojos said.

Classmate Mike Dick also opposed the proposal, expressing specific concern about how accessible the statistics would be.

For example, he said if insurance companies obtained race sta-

tistics regarding traffic stops it could mean higher rates for certain groups.

The police foundations program coordinator, Gina Antonacci, agreed that gathering statistics isn't the issue, but that the statistics would be used.

"What we have seen in Toronto is that [racial] information being used in a way that is perhaps irresponsible or potentially dangerous to various groups," Antonacci said.

She suggested the data might be used to tag the entire police organization as racist, or conversely to draw conclusions that a person's race is relevant to his or her criminal activity.

However, police student Cory Lister said the statistics could prove useful under certain circumstances.

"As long as they [statistics] are used in a teaching environment as opposed to an environment that's just going to perpetuate prejudice, it'll allow people to see statistics that show certain people are more prone to certain crimes," he said.

Classmate Danny Semedo argued that no accurate conclusions can be drawn from race-based statistics.

"I don't think you can base things like who speeds and who runs red lights on race," he said.

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4,000 students opt out of dental plan

By Dawn Farrell

For students still wondering if they can opt out of Humber's dental plan, time has run out.

An estimated 4,000 students – out of about 15,000 full time students – got an \$81 refund after opting out of the dental plan before the Oct. 2 deadline.

First-year fitness and health student Luca Occhiuzzi is already covered by her father's plan and was glad she got her refund before the deadline.

"Ninety-nine per cent of my

prescriptions and insurance are covered," Occhiuzzi said.

Humber student Dean Spencer plays on the rugby team and said his coaches advised all the players to stay insured.

"The coaches for the team made sure that we had our own insurance coverage," Spencer said.

"I live on my own in Toronto, so I stuck with this one."

From mailing out pamphlets to having discussions about the plan at orientation, HSF President

Valerie Rothlin said they did everything possible to guide students.

"We passed out the message the best possible

way we could," Rothlin said.

"The only thing that we couldn't

do was get into the classrooms."

Humber extended the refund deadline to four weeks – which was two weeks longer than other institutions in the GTA with similar insurance plans.

The HSF is planning to send out information on the insurance plan with their student federation pamphlets next year.

They suggest all students who are still trying to get their money back from the dental plan should call the ACL insurance brokers with any concerns at 1-800-315-1108.

"We passed out the message the best possible way we could."

Students need sleep to learn, experts say

New study shows that lack of sleep affects students' ability to learn

By John Mammias

If you don't snooze, you lose.

Researchers have discovered that college students who frequently deprive themselves of their much-needed ZZZs, can seriously affect the way they learn.

In a pair of studies that appear in the journal, *Nature*, it is reported that sleep can restore memories lost during the day. It's not just a matter of getting a good night's sleep, experts believe sleep affects the memory-recording process.

"When somebody deprives their body of sleep, not only do they feel sluggish and lazy, they have trouble remembering things and thinking clearly," said Dr. Tommy Hong, a Mississauga-based family physician.

Studies have shown that college students recalled more information after a night's sleep than their counterparts - who had no sleep.

Researchers said the results of their experiments may influence how students learn.

Second-year industrial design student Chris Orwin believes that getting a good night's sleep is crucial when it comes to remembering things.

"I can definitely retain more information if I get at least eight hours of sleep. If I stay up all night cramming, I will not remember half the things I need to," Orwin said.

Hong said the average adult needs eight hours of sleep a night to function properly the next day.

When people do not sleep enough, they develop a sleep debt, he added.

When that debt becomes too large, a person can experience problem sleepiness, sleepiness that occurs when you should be awake and alert. Hong believes many college students develop a sleep debt which over time can even trigger depression.

Sperm and egg donors still paid

Wanking all the way to the bank

By Gillian Brunning

Federal legislation to prohibit paying sperm and egg donors in Canada appears dead.

The legislature may still die on the order paper, as the government awaits dissolution to prepare for an election.

That's good news for Toronto's largest donor clinic, ReproMed

Ltd. Canada, which opposed the plan to limit compensation to only such things as travel expenses.

"If the donor's only direct cost is transportation, they may only get TTC fare for the days [spent donating sperm or eggs], as opposed to the \$70 [sperm donors] receive now," Assistant Clinic Director Cathy Ruberto said.

She said eliminating the fees

would cut the supply of sperm and eggs.

"We surveyed all our donors about the repercussions of losing the payment, and about 80 per cent said they will not participate without compensation," Ruberto said.

Sperm donors, who must be between the ages of 21 and 40, receive \$70 a day. Egg donors, restricted to those ages 21 to 32,

receive \$3,000, after a complete cycle of hormone injections and intrusive surgery to remove the egg.

Roberto said all donors go through rigorous testing before being accepted and fewer than five per cent are approved.

"We surveyed all our donors... about 80 per cent said they will not participate without compensation."

Supporters of the bill have argued that all donors should be treated like those who give blood, receiving no payment.

But, ReproMed notes, its sperm donors must make a year-long commitment of donations.

"The difference between blood donors and fertility donors is purely altruistic," Ruberto said. "Blood donors do not have to make any kind of commitment to regular donations."

According to the company's information package, the staff becomes familiar with the donors through regular interactions that span more than six months, including an average of 30 appointments and seven blood draws.

"[We require] a minimum of one year of participation with four to five laboratory appointments per month, monthly blood draws, agreements and forms, interviews, a physical exam [and] on-going evaluation of health and disease risk," Ruberto said.

"We view a donor's willingness to commit to such a demanding schedule as further proof of his sincere attitude."

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Alliance and PC merger: Political wedding solidifies choice

Ladies and gentlemen, we are gathered here today to join the Canadian Alliance and Progressive Conservatives in holy matrimony.

After months of backroom meetings, public feuds and accusations of unfaithful negotiations, Alliance leader Steven Harper and Conservative leader Peter MacKay will head for the political altar on Dec. 12.

Card-carrying members of the Alliance and Conservative parties will vote to ratify the merger, which will see the formation of the Conservative Party of Canada.

The Alliance members are expected to be an easy sell, with only 50 per cent plus one person needed to ratify the agreement.

But the Tories need two-thirds approval to merge, which may not come as easily due to strong opposition from MPs like David Orchard and former Prime Minister Joe Clark, who will act like in-laws, stubborn in believing the Conservatives should not marry the Alliance.

Then again, when was the last time someone cared what his or her in-laws thought?

The beneficiaries of this merge will be Canadian voters, who will have one less party to choose from and a common conservative platform for which to vote.

It will also create more political competition, which is always a good thing.

Weak opposition

The federal Liberals have had far too easy a ride thanks to weak opposition during the last decade.

The job of any opposition party is to hold the governing party to a certain level of integrity.

For the sake of Canadians, reneging on cancelling the GST, the billion-dollar gun registry and millions of dollars lost in HRDC fiascos are some of the issues that opposition members should have hammered at day and night.

But who is going to vote for two fractious parties that can't govern themselves, let alone 30 million Canadians?

Let's face it, it doesn't take a degree in political science to realize that grassroots members of these parties have no choice but to vote for the deal.

With the Tories and Alliance both offering similar right-wing policies, vote splitting meant Liberal candidates shot through the middle to huge victories during elections in 1997 and 2000.

After the 1997 general election, the Liberals had 155 seats, the Alliance (nee Reform) had 60, and the Tories had 20.

One would think that it couldn't get much worse than that. But it did.

Healthy politics

In the 2000 general election, the Liberals had 172 seats, the Alliance had 66 and the Tories plummeted to 11, temporarily losing official party status in the House.

Supporters of both parties, including MPs and their leaders, accused each other of splitting the vote in conservative ridings, and wanted the other party to join their ranks.

Once officially hitched, the party will give birth to a new leader.

The front-runner is former Ontario Premier Mike Harris, but Alberta Premier Ralph Klein, New Brunswick Premier Bernard Lord, Quebec Premier Jean Charest, MacKay and Harper are also thought to be in the mix.

Some members of the media have warned that not every marriage is the right decision, and divorce rates are higher than ever these days.

But until the merging partners say 'I do,' the current government will go uncontested.

And regardless of your political views, that is not a healthy thing for democracy.

So, to those who have a hand in this marriage, we say, speak now, or forever hold your peace.



HSF expects the North campus games room will generate more than \$60,000 this year. Patronage is on the rise due to the double cohort.

Our hearts are with you, Cecilia

Our thoughts are with the family of nine-year-old Cecilia Zhang, missing from her parents' home since Sunday.

Kudos to Toronto police for their hard work and endless devotion in their search for this innocent little girl.

Many thanks also to the hundreds of volunteers scouring the streets to find her.

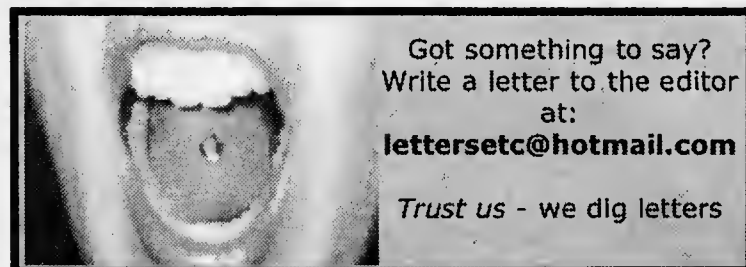
In a city still healing from the Holly Jones tragedy last summer, this is a painful reminder of the anguish that comes with this kind of tragedy.

However, we can not let despair put a damper on any optimism as we pray for her safe return.

Hope exists in the people aiding in the search.

Police are asking everyone to be extra vigilant and aware of anything unusual, and to contact them with any information that could help locate Cecilia.

Our hearts are with you, Cecilia.



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Shafting the NDP means 600,000 voices ignored



By Todd Juriansz

It doesn't make sense that the democratic process we so deeply covet is the same system we maintain so poorly.

Witness the newly elected Liberal Party's move to plant another barrier to democratic representation in this province.

Recently, Premier-elect Dalton McGuinty made it clear that the New Democratic Party would not be given official party status since they were unable to reach the arbitrarily set standard of eight seats in parliament.

This would leave the NDP without sufficient funding to do its job or time during the question period. Fundamentally, the NDP would be

removed from the political process of Ontario, leaving this province with only two voices in parliament, and fewer choices for voters.

In the business sector, more competition translates into a better product and better services for the customer. The political forum is no different.

"The people have spoken when it comes to the NDP," McGuinty said, when asked if he would bend the rules for the New Democrats.

And he's right. The people of Ontario have spoken. Nearly 600,000 Ontario voters checked the box beside their local NDP candidate just a few weeks ago, giving the NDP a healthy 14.7 per cent of the popular vote, but translating into only 6 per cent of the seats in parliament. Denying the NDP full party privileges would be, in essence, to ignore the voices of those who voted for the NDP.

It's a distasteful message to send to an already apathetic electorate.

Obviously McGuinty and the Liberal government have a vested interest in keeping opposition parties out of the political process. Should we allow a governing party to exploit the system in a way that would directly improve their ability to stay in office?

It wouldn't be the first time people protested politicians' power to decide their own fate. Currently 200 randomly selected citizens in British Columbia are participating in a special assembly that could uproot the current archaic electoral process and replace it with one resembling greater proportional representation. Politicians have not been invited to participate in this process.

Without greater representation - including more than two voices in parliament - cynicism about the political process will continue to grow, and the pathetically low voter turnout that we have become so accustomed to in Ontario will continue to plummet.

On a personal note...

Break your bike, hug your roommates



By Jason Bain

Well here it is, a loud and sentimental message to my roommates.

I love you guys. No, really, I do.

And it's not because I am unable to come up with my rent this month. It's not because I haven't done my dishes. It's because you are my best friends. And we have our bikes to thank for that.

I can't guarantee this story will bring you closer to your roommates, but at least it will bring back those fond memories of your first hike and how hard it was to let go.

This past Sunday, my roomies and I ventured out on our bicycles on a cold morning, perhaps as part of our version of TBS (for those who read about Taking Back Sunday last week). Our purpose: to bike downtown one last time before the snow flies.

In Unit 85, not even Star Trek takes priority over a good bike ride. And that's exactly what it was.

Little did I know it would be

farewell to my Supercycle Storm, circa 1996, and the maiden voyage of the reason I cannot even afford to buy a chocolate bar right now, the Supercycle SC1800 - the successor as it will be officially known. Actually, it was the cheapest decent bike I could buy at the Canadian Tire near where my axle finally broke.

It was a long time coming, that's for sure. The Storm had become infamous for its scrap parts and painful memories. I laugh to think I was actually going to ride a brakeless, gearless, piece of metal from grade seven, downtown again. The last time I did it at least the brakes still worked. No working gears though, not on this Frankenstein.

It was hard to let go. Subtle laughter on my behalf to the poor sucker who thought they had a lucky find in the bike racks of the Canadian Tire near Dundas and Runnymede.

So kudos to my roommates, who were expecting me to be the sole lagger on the voyage, to have patience and then consequently lag behind me on the way home.

You only truly respect a man more after seeing him straining to

pedal up a formidable hill. Instead it was I who was pedaling effortlessly, periodically waiting for them to catch up, experiencing what I coined as an orgasm on pedals.

Biking to the foot of the CN Tower, and seeing our bikes locked at its base through the glass floor, rocked my world.

By the time we made out the lights of Martingrove and the home stretch, we were four hurting young men. Well, my only concern was the fact that it felt like my ass had become one with my seat. Thanks to the successor, it was only my roommates who had to deal with various levels of bodily destruction.

But believe me, a good time was had by all.

I love you guys.

Student employment:

To our managers: Be kind to workers



By Sarah Lisi

For anyone who's ever been paid minimum wage to get treated like shit by customers, managers and fellow employees, this column's for you.

Why is it that managers/bosses/etc. always seem to reward the bad employees and never the good ones? Why does the guy who's always late get the same raise as the guy who's always on time?

Companies pay their employees next to nothing to run their stores and then wonder why there is so much internal theft. You can't pay someone \$6.85 an hour to handle thousands of dollars in cash and expect them to stay honest.

The distribution of wealth between top retail management and the underlings is ridiculous. CEOs don't run stores. We run stores. Vice-presidents don't maintain customers. We maintain customers (by plastering on a fake smile when we really want to strangle them). Most general managers don't work on holidays. We work on holidays (leaving our families on Christmas Eve and dragging ourselves off the bathroom floor on New Year's Day).

And what do we get in return? Not a hell of a lot. Pathetic raises, no bonuses, often not even a crew event and most importantly not a thank you, good work, nice job, way to go - nothing.

Sometimes, all an employee needs is recognition for a job well done. Raises and perks are always welcome but at the very least a thank you is in order. Why should an employee go the extra mile and do something special

when no one seems to notice? Why come to work on time every day when other employees don't and no one seems to care? What incentive is there to be a good employee? None that I can see.

There's no demand in the retail sector for "skilled" workers these days. Employers don't seem to mind who runs their stores. If they did, they'd grab a good employee and hang on tight. I think we've all seen first hand the difference between a skilled employee and a nitwit. Yet employers can't seem to make the connection between good employees and successful businesses.

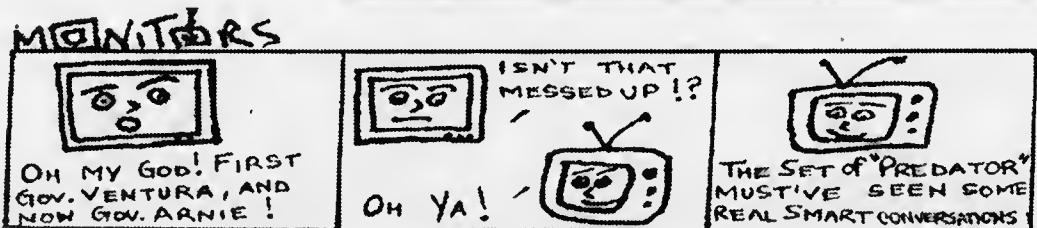
What can we do about this problem? Ideally, we could all quit our jobs and watch upper management scramble to fill our spots. We could let all the stores, restaurants, fast food chains, etc., be run into the ground by a bunch of bumbling morons.

But this really wouldn't change a thing. Already, at least a few of the employees in any given store are a bunch of morons, often including the manager. Other times, they just don't care. Why? Because they're not being paid to.

I'm sick of hearing managers drone on about selling more products, going the extra mile and all that 'the customer is always right' bullshit. You want me to sell more products? Pay me. You want me to smile while a customer treats me like shit? Pay me. Treat me better and pay me like I'm a part of it.

So, the moral of the story is this: If you're not being respected at work, stop being a respectable employee. Do your job and then go home. Don't go above and beyond your title, don't come in on days when you're not scheduled because take it from me, it'll get you nowhere. For the few of you who are treated well at work, consider yourselves lucky.

"You want me to smile while a customer treats me like shit? Pay me."



Band starts search for singer

Still Life, "an alternative to today's alternative music," holds auditions to release new demo

By Crystal Stewart

The members of Still Life have accomplished a lot in their short time together, releasing a demo CD and finding a producer interested in working with them. But before they can go any further they need to find a new singer.

The band that describes itself as "an alternative to today's alternative music" has been together for almost six months.

Although the group mutually parted ways with its lead singer a few weeks ago, the remaining four members are continuing with the music while they look for a replacement.

"We have a bunch of gigs coming up for November, December so we want to have a singer by the end of this month," guitarist Otello Santini said.

The members originally met while growing up near Woodbridge. They only got together recently as some of them had been involved in other bands that didn't work out.

Still Life's drummer, Mike Rumeo, 22, is a first-year student in the radio program at Humber



The guys in Still Life are keeping an eye on their future.

"We want to keep progressing as a band."

College, while Santini, 24, graduated from Humber's engineering program last year. The other members of the band are guitarist Giovanni Bartolomeo, 21, and bassist Adam Trombetta, 20.

Although none of their gigs will be confirmed until they can find a singer, the band already has some dates tentatively booked. Their

demo CD has also caught the attention of Jeff Wardell, owner/producer of The Blue Box studio.

The group started auditioning prospective singers last week, and already had four people interested in auditioning.

Most of the prospective lead singers came through

an advertisement on Overhear, an Ontario independent music website.

The group plans on auditioning everyone who is interested because they need to find the right person to fit with their group.

"We want to give everyone a shot," Santini said. "There's probably more people that are gonna try out."

The group said they've auditioned potential singers by giving them a demo CD and asking them to learn the structure of the songs and come up with their own lyrics.

"We're looking for an original voice, somebody we can work with," Rumeo said. "We need

somebody that's going to have chemistry with us, somebody that's gonna mesh well. That's the reason we're having the auditions."

As for their current plans, Still Life is continuing to write and develop their music. Santini said their music is very progressive and

they strive to put emotion in the music, so it's not repetitive.

"That's kind of our goal; we want to keep progressing as a band. Say if we come out with three albums and someone listens to our third album, we don't want them to recognize the sound."

Humber teacher begins western tour to promote his work

By Sarah Mann

Humber music teacher David Occhipinti will take a week off next month to promote the release of his upcoming CD, *Intersection*.

Three days following the Nov. 10 release, Occhipinti will play gigs in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, Regina and Vancouver with saxophonist Mike Murley, who collaborated with Occhipinti on his last album, *Duologue*, in 2002.

Occhipinti said he's most looking forward to playing in Edmonton and Vancouver.

"I really like Western Canada," he said, while preparing papers for his next class.

Occhipinti enjoys touring across Canada and says he hears good jazz music everywhere he goes.

"The Toronto jazz scene is more vibrant because of the level of the musicianship, but last week I was in Montreal and heard some great music. I've heard some good music in Vancouver too."

Occhipinti wrote all compositions on *Intersection*, which features Murley, bass player Andrew Downing, as well as drummer Terry Clarke, who has played with legendary guitarist Jim Hall.

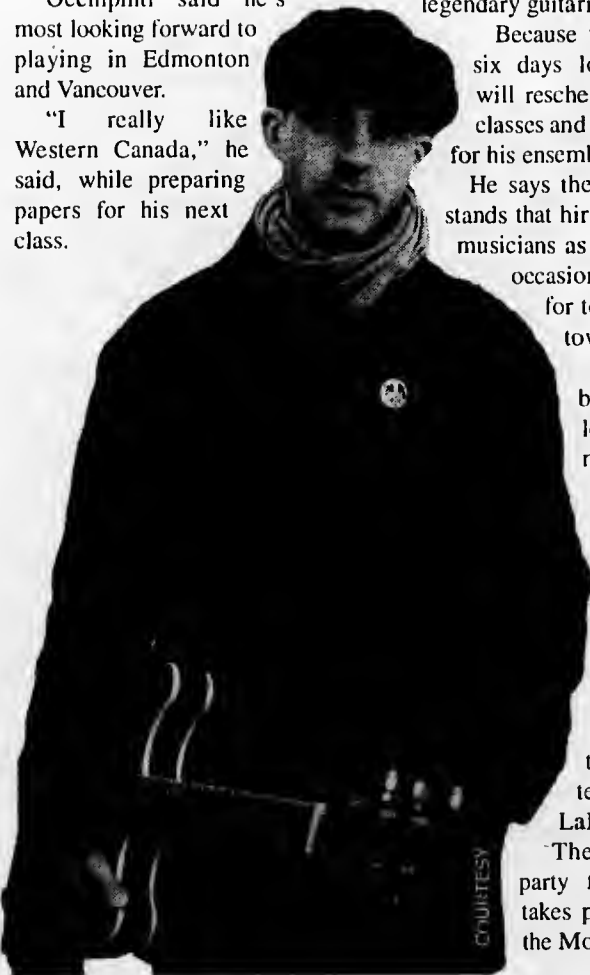
Because the tour is only six days long, Occhipinti will reschedule his missed classes and find a substitute for his ensemble practice.

He says the college understands that hiring professional musicians as teachers means occasional interruptions for tours and out-of-town gigs.

"I think because they're looking for great musicians, it's pretty much a given that they'll play," he said smiling.

"By great musicians I don't mean myself. I'm talking about teachers like Pat LaBarbera."

The CD release party for *Intersection* takes place Nov. 10 at the Montreal Bistro.



Good quality acting makes watching *Radio* worthwhile

By Louis Campos

Radio can best be described as another feel good movie of the year, joining the likes of *Bend it Like Beckham* and *Whale Rider*.

People may roll their eyes at the thought of having to sit through yet another heart-warming movie about overcoming adversity, but *Radio* offers great performances and writing.

Mike Rich, the writer of *Finding Forrester* and *The Rookie*, creates a story based on real life events about the mentoring rela-

tionship of South Carolina High School football coach Harold Jones (Ed Harris) and a mentally-challenged man nicknamed Radio (Cuba Gooding Jr.).

There's no problem with the film's focus on Radio trying to teach everyone humility, but the filmmakers could have focused on other social concerns like racism.

Then there's director Michael Tollin who seems to be in a rush to have *Radio* accepted in the community. Characters start off hating the guy, and the next moment they're in love with him.

The only other problem is James Horner's insipid score. It's overdramatic and ruins certain moments in the film.

Besides these few problems, it's the performances that really drive this film. Harris outshines everyone with an understated and humble performance.

Gooding gives a better performance here than in his last few movies, especially in his scenes with Harris.

Despite the clichés and the abundance of sweet moments, *Radio* is a movie worth watching.

Can violence be a rational option?

New documentary gives insight into 1970s terrorist group

By Sarah Mann

Before al Qaeda and Sept. 11 were household terms, a group called The Weather Underground terrorized the United States during the early 70s, fueled by their outrage over the Vietnam War and racism.

The members, now middle-aged and living different lives (although one former member is serving a life sentence for a hold-up gone wrong), are the focus of a documentary film by Sam Green and Bill Siegel called *The Weather Underground*.

The White House was spared a violent attack on Sept. 11, but 30 years earlier it was bombed in the middle of the night on Feb. 28, 1971 — by The Weather Underground. Although the blast harmed no one when it tore apart a ground-floor bathroom, it

did strike fear in Washington and around the country, triggering calls for tighter security and a swift crackdown on anti-war radicals.

The film's extensive archival material, including photographs, film footage and FBI documents, is interwoven with modern-day interviews to

For those of us who either weren't alive, or need reminding, the audience is shown footage of Vietnam, including the videotape of a cold-

and rage, but not the violent ideology it bred, understandable.

Green and Siegel decided to make this documentary in 1998 because they both felt very strongly that it was an important topic for young people to learn about.

In a statement, Green and Siegel said the goal of the film is not so much to give answers but to raise questions. They hope to encourage a broad debate of some of the most important issues of our time by exploring the subject with balance and depth. Can violence ever be justified in the pursuit of social change? How does society define violence and terrorism?

If we are to have any hope of creating peace and justice in the future, Green and Siegel say there must be a real and open discussion about the current terrorist attacks and the issues that they raise.

The Weather Underground runs until Oct. 26 at Bloor Cinema.



During the post Vietnam war era, The Weather Underground terrorized Americans, including an attack on Washington.

The "Weathermen" rationalized militancy as the only remaining option left to combat a violent, unjust system that was using violence more and more.

trace the group's path from its first violent confrontation with police in Chicago to when it successfully broke acid-guru Timothy Leary out of prison.

blooded military execution of a Viet Cong soldier, an image usually seen as a still photo. The footage was part of a grisly Vietnam montage that helps make the frustration

Radiohead's fans take top priority over stage show

By Shawn Loughlin

A jam-packed crowd at the Skydome erupts as Radiohead explodes into one of the crowd's favourites. Singer Thom Yorke bounces around the stage but suddenly stops and yells for the band to stop playing.

Something has caught the notorious lazy eye of the lead singer.

A young fan has passed out and Yorke

screams for security to come and help the fan. It is obvious that Radiohead cares about their fans.

Yorke then continued *Myxomatosis* with the rest of the band seamlessly, like they hadn't even stopped playing.

"I hope it wasn't something he took," Yorke said, updating the audience about the fan's progress between songs.

Though fans had to wait an additional two

few left disappointed.

As fans entered the Skydome for the sold-out show, they were bombarded by signs asking that they refrain from moshing and crowd surfing. This request came directly from the band itself.

Montreal-based DJ Kid Koala warmed up the crowd until eventually the lights went down, and the appearance of Radiohead made the fans

"I hope it wasn't something he took."

months to see the band after their show this past summer was cancelled,

go wild.

From the opening ballad to the final note of the second encore, every song was accompanied by a light show providing a backdrop for the band, casting beautiful shadows around the arena.

Radiohead cares for its fans. Thom Yorke proved that during *Myxomatosis*, when the well-being of the fan took priority over what was happening on stage.

What's Up

Opening Friday: Cuba Gooding Jr. overcomes adversity in his new movie *Radio*

Saturday: Christian rockers MXPX bring the Lord's good word to the Kool Haus

The Thrills are going to pump up The Horseshoe Tavern with their electric brand of energized rock

Nickelback clones, Puddle of Mudd, come clean at The Government

Sunday: Echo & The Bunnymen hop their way into Toronto for a show at the Palais Royale

Tuesday: Tony Hawk's Boom Boom HuckJam takes on the Air Canada Centre with a visceral attack on skateboards, motorbikes and BMX bikes

Jerry Only, the "only" original member left in The Misfits, is bringing his new version of the Hallowe'en-tinged punk rock band to The Funhaus

Wednesday: Help Underground Operations blow out the birthday candles at their second birthday party featuring Protest (the) Hero, closet monster: and Bombs Over Providence

Arboretum honours years of service from contributors

By Marjorie Lamperein

A memorial ceremony was held last Sunday to honour outstanding contributors to Humber College's Arboretum.

Sid Baller, the superintendent in charge of the 25 acre green space located behind Humber College, sees the arboretum as a fitting reminder of the hard work done by a few individuals.

"We wanted to pay tribute and recognize their foresight and commitments. They have played a big role in the construction of the arboretum."

Although the ceremony is the first of its type, Baller said he hopes it will become an annual event.

One of the memorials is for Casey van Maris, a former teacher of the college and founder of Landscape Ontario, who died in 1997. His work was recognized through a memorial plaque placed at the entrance to the arboretum.

"This garden, Casey's Corner, reflects Casey's life in making a difference and leaving a legacy for generations to come," said Tony DiGiovanni, a Landscape Ontario executive director and a former Humber student and colleague of van Maris.

An oak tree was dedicated to Richard Hook, the VP of academics at the school who will retire Nov. 1.

Hook was part of the original management team that developed the arboretum.

"It's quite wonderful. A long



People came out to commemorate individuals who dedicated their time and effort to improve the Humber Arboretum over the years. A memorial was named in their honour.

time ago, this was just a field. It's nice to have a tree recognizing my contribution," he said.

Helen Skinner, a former advisory board member, has long support-

ed and promoted fundraising for the arboretum and dedicated an oak tree in his memory for his continuing support of her contributions.

The Humber Arboretum first

opened in 1977 and is maintained by Humber College students and staff, along with the city of Toronto and the Region Conservation Authority.

Career conference a success

By Christina Arico

Humber's second annual career conference saw a huge boost in attendance this year, most likely

because its services were free.

"Last year we only had 23 register for the conference, probably because there was a charge," career centre manager Karen Fast said.

This year the \$20 charge was dropped and attendance nearly quadrupled with 96 students signing up. The change came after feedback given by students at last year's conference suggested that interest would be higher if they didn't have to pay.

"We build on feedback from the evaluation forms to learn how to market ourselves better," Fast said.

The conference included one-on-one sessions with a career coach as well as a mock interview, resume critique and 10 minutes of coaching.

"We help people strategize so they can achieve their goals," career coach Janet Squibb said. "We also try to figure out what brought them here so we can find what their ultimate goal and dreams are."

"You have to find where your heart is. Some people wear the same hat for 15 or 20 years. If you can't see yourself doing that job, you got to get your head out of the box."

Several Humber students found the conference to be a valuable experience.

Rosita Carobelli, a part-time Humber student, thought the seminar was well-organized. "I was very impressed with all the speakers," she said.

Speakers included clothier Harry Rosen, accompanied by his

company's national recruitment manager, Carm Fazio-Adile, and representatives from Freedom 55 Financial, Canadian Tire and RBC. Discussions included tips on successful career changing strategies.

"The best way to get a job is through networking," Fazio-Adile said.

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Buy Now

By Jason Pushee

28 Days Later

From director Danny Boyle (*Trainspotting*) and writer Alex Garland (*The Beach*) comes *28 Days Later*, released this week on DVD. The movie focuses on survivors of a deadly virus that's threatening human extinction by turning its victims into zombies. The DVD, available for about \$27, should not disappoint. Special features available on the disc include the highly anticipated alternate ending along with director's commentary and the making of the movie.

Commandos 3: Destination Berlin for PC

The latest release in the Eidos Interactive *Commandos* series *Destination Berlin*, is a great buy for fans of the series or gamers looking for a war strategy challenge. Loosely based on missions from WWII, players direct a group of elite forces to defeat the Third Reich. Eidos manages to put out yet another amazing action strategy game this year for a price tag of about \$60.

Pass On Buy

Wireless Router

Using a wireless router to network your computers could be a huge security risk. Hackers can break into a network in less time than it takes to install the router. Even a half decent attempt at securing a network with encryption is a small hurdle for the experienced hacker to conquer. Sticking to the less expensive wired router may take more planning to install, but avoiding online paranoia seems well worth it.

Kobe Bryant Jersey

The only defence Los Angeles Lakers Kobe Bryant will be relying on as the basketball season kicks off next week is that of well paid lawyer. The star guard is facing a sexual assault charge that could land him a life sentence. Will Kobe go the way of the former football star, Rae Carruth, who is serving 19-24 years for murder, or will he be exonerated like O.J. Simpson? It's a question jersey buyers may want to consider before forking over the cash for the substantial price tag.

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What the heck?

It's often hard to explain what goes on in the human brain but most folks have the presence of mind to keep from putting it on eBay.

By Brian E. Wilkinson

Whatever you do, don't ask for any explanation of the odd things found on the four-year-old website, 'What the Heck?', as the answer, more often than not, is disturbing.

Whattheheck.com was originally intended to be a forum to talk about anything and everything.

When that met with a complete and spectacular failure, the site began to cover items for sale on the Internet auction site, eBay.com and this time, the webmaster struck gold.

To give users a taste of what they can find on the site, some of the items include several human souls, a kidney, the sun, a pen shaped like a piece of poop, a piece of french toast nibbled by Justin Timberlake, ghost droppings, a phallus, a shrunken head, an egg, snow (not guaranteed to be frozen upon delivery) and a glass eye... and that's just a small sampling.

Dan Lewis, the site's owner and creator, admits that when he bought the domain name he really didn't have much of a plan.

"I put up an odd eBay auction listing on a lark and the eyeballs started to come," he said.

The website cautions users to have a sense of humour about the content on display.

"This section has stuff that could be

offensive. Surf at your own risk. This page isn't meant for children, the humour impaired, or those who fail to grasp sarcasm."

No, really?

One listing deals with a 17-year-old boy's virginity and is a particularly popular spot to visit on the site.

His only request is that no one over 60-years-old bid on his auction. It would seem that even the desperate have standards of some sort.

"If you know you carry an STD, please do not bid," he asks. "I think I am desirable if I can find the right woman (or man, I'm willing to experiment)."

It seems likely the final bid of \$10 million dollars was not honoured.

If you think that's unusual, wait until you see the auction put up by a couple in Orange County, Florida. They offer corporations the right to name their unborn child.

The couple figured that a company could get a lot of media mileage out of the student and use the cash to send their unborn child to college.

After all, who wouldn't want a name like Kelloggs, Xerox, or Compaq?

It sound appealing: "Just imagine the God-like power this will give you over a human being and this investment is a sure fire way to make money."

The final bid was a little over \$152 US. Not enough for college, but it will buy a monogrammed bag for the kid.

Whattheheck.com makes no money at all and is done simply as a labour of love by the creator to show off how delightfully sick and twisted the world can be.

Lewis said he doesn't have to do much to maintain the site beyond putting up links for the strange and unusual, but that has been enough to catch the attention of news organizations, like the BBC and the Washington Post.

"Our core audience is anyone with a sense of humour," Lewis said.

"Lucky for us, that's mostly everyone."

All pictures are from actual eBay listings. From top right going clockwise:

- A 17-year-old's virginity: Opening bid was \$10 US, ending was \$10 million US
- PDA made of butter: Opening bid was \$50 US, ending was \$105 US
- Austin Powers' monkey double: Opening unknown, closing... priceless
- Grow-your-own-cow-seeds: Opening bid was \$1.50 US, closing was \$1.50 US
- Motion sensor frog: Opening and closing bids were \$8.99 US
- Name my baby (TM): Opening bid was \$9.99 US, closing bid was \$152.12 US
- Hotdog wrapper from Superbowl XXXIV: Opening was \$0.5, closing was \$1.50 US

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Insurance rates increase

Government cuts could help, but insurance companies skeptical savings will be short lived

By Natalie Campbell

The recent rise in auto insurance rates has many first time buyers scrambling to find the best deals.

Much debate during recent provincial election had a strong focus on lowering skyrocketing auto insurance rates, but insurance companies are saying government legislation will not help the consumer in the long run.

Future Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty has promised motorists a 10 per cent cut in insurance rates within 90 days of his swearing in.

Derek Fee, a senior media specialist for State Farm, said these benefits may be short lived for drivers who face difficulties receiving insurance.

"If it harms the industry, smaller carriers will go out of business, creating a crunch in insurance availability," Fee said, adding that rates may increase at smaller companies to keep them in business.

According to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, insurance rates

have increased 15 per cent this year alone.

There are ways drivers can save money whether rates are cut or not.

Policy discounts can depend on a range of factors including a driver's age, gender, road experience and even school grades.

Premiums are based on many things such as type, colour and age of the vehicle, the driver's record and the type of desired coverage.

Gail Walton, an account representative with Allianz Insurance Company of Canada, said certain cars have higher premiums than others.

"It's based on the [likelihood of damage] of the vehicle, availability of parts and the cost of parts. Some cars will crumble (when hit) . . . some cars are like tanks and will have little damage," she said.

Rob MacFarlane, a State Farm insurance representative said there are other factors that increase the overall price of auto insurance.

"One of the major factors is fraud, mostly to do with staged

accidents. A lot of lawyers and physiotherapists are in cahoots with each other," MacFarlane said.

McFarlane claims that companies offering auto insurance are actually losing money due to the rise in claims activities. His branch alone has paid out over \$2.5 million this year in auto insurance claims and has frozen car insurance due to the loss of profits.

McFarlane said that accident benefits are the reason insurance premiums keep rising. This is due to the fact that accident benefits do not have deductibles. The insurance company pays the entire damage and covers all medical expenses under accident benefits.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada estimated an 84 per cent increase in accident benefit payments from 1997 of \$519 million to 2001 of \$955 million.

Drivers in Ontario are required by law to have liability insurance. The legal minimum liability coverage is \$200,000, but most companies want drivers to have \$1 mil-

lion worth of coverage.

Accident benefits are a part of the liability coverage, therefore making it legally mandatory. It covers medical costs, rehabilitation and income replacement to the

driver or immediate family member, including when an insurance holder is a passenger or a pedestrian.

With Files from Ashley Molnar

Optional insurance coverage

Collision: Covers accidents.

If the driver is not at fault, he/she pays nothing. If the driver is at fault the driver has to pay the deductible that he/she agreed to on his/her contract with the insurance company. It also covers the driver of the car that was hit.

Comprehensive: Covers fire, theft, vandalism and damage done to glass.

The driver has to pay the deductible that is applied to all claims under comprehensive. This means that the driver will have to pay a maximum amount of money before the insurance company covers the rest. Car insurance deductibles are usually about \$300.

All Perils: A combination of both collision and comprehensive.

This allows for one set deductible price for both collision and comprehensive. When you buy them separately the deductibles will be different.

To compare auto insurance rates visit www.quotes-car-insurance.com

Drivers get ready to face winter weather

By Robyn Wilkinson

Weather reports forecasting flurries means it's time to get your car in to the shop to prepare it for the cold days ahead.

Winter weather can wreak havoc on your car if it's not properly equipped and can result in costing more money than is necessary.

"Check your antifreeze level," John Tomasone, owner and operator of Automotive Maintenance, said.

"If it's too low it can crack your (engine) block in the winter."

An engine block can become like an ice box in the frigid weather, and can cost around \$1500 or more to fix, according to Automotive Maintenance mechanic Andrew Raffin. Repair costs depend on the make and model of your vehicle.

Raffin also said to check the vehicle's tires. Making sure they have good tread is important, especially during winter months, to keep you from sliding all over the roads.

Tomasone advises switching to winter tires in the cold months, especially in towns further north that tend to get more snow.



Vehicle owners are advised to check with a professional. Mechanic John Tomasone inspects a truck's front wheel brakes before putting on snow tires for winter driving.

He also suggests checking windshield wipers to make sure they're not leaving streaks, a hazard if you cannot see clearly. Drivers should also make sure the right type of windshield washer fluid is being used.

"You need to have the proper kind of windshield washer fluid, because it's designed not to freeze to your windshield in cold weather," Tomasone said.

Tomasone also recommends checking a vehicle's battery to make sure it is sufficiently charged during cold weather. In some cases, when the battery is too cold, the engine will not receive enough power to start.

"Doing little things to maintain your car now can save you hassles in the long run," Raffin said.

Tires: The crystal ball for a car's condition

By Mark Pereira

Checking a vehicle's tires could save drivers hundreds of dollars in repairs and greatly improve gas mileage.

A disciplined weekly habit of checking your tires can tell you a lot about the current condition of a vehicle and help to avoid an accident or being left stranded.

According to tire expert Trevor Wade, under-inflation is a major problem, that causes premature wear to the outside of the tire. This problem is typically found on cars that are driven aggressively, because too much force is placed on the tire edges and not enough on the centre. A decrease in gas mileage is a sign of under-inflation, since the vehicle is forced to guzzle more fuel in order to roll its weight.

"If you find one side of your tread shows more wear than the outside, or vice versa, this could be the cause of many suspension problems like poor alignment or worn ball joints," Wade said.

The opposite occurs with over-inflation, which causes the tire edges to lose contact with the road and puts a lot of unnecessary force on the middle section of your tire. The centre of the tread balds, making it prone to bursting.

The sticker on the inside of

most driver side doors tells the vehicle's recommended tire pressure.

Flat spots are another concern, occurring when there is severe wear in one specific place on a tire.

"A flat spot will often create an imbalance that can be felt in the steering wheel, especially at higher speeds or during hard braking... making the tires unsafe," Wade said.

Flat spots are more prone to cars without ABS brakes and are a result of late panic-braking, excessive tire squeal and skidding with the wheels locked up.

A professional tire shop might be able to fix this problem by shaving the tires to make them even again if there is plenty of tread left.

"Smooth bald spots on the tire between the edge and the centre of the tread might indicate a wheel that's way out of balance. Most front wheels out of balance are generally easy to feel, but sometimes the rear wheels are overlooked," Wade said, adding that drivers should get their tires balanced by a professional.

Swelling and bubbling are subtle signs of damage from deep potholes and road debris.

If your tires display any of these signs, have the vehicle inspected for tire safety.

Getting there is half the battle

Heavy traffic frustrates students

By Colleen Rousseau

It's Monday morning and you've got a day of mid-terms and presentations to look forward to. But they become the least of your worries. Getting to school itself is a much bigger problem. Even if the first part of your journey is a breeze, you're sure to soon be hit by Humber gridlock.

Battling traffic like this, makes even the hardest school day seem like a piece of cake. Particularly when over 10,000 Humber College students need to travel the same roads as they make their way to class.

The most recent study of the Humber College area was done in 2001, and statistics show that thousands of cars travel between two key intersections in a 24-hour period.

Between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2001, about 85,600 vehicles passed between Rexdale Boulevard and Finch Avenue each day. This is almost double the traffic that drove between Finch and Hwy. 407, which averaged at 46,700 vehicles a day.

Of course, these roads are usually just a small portion of one student's drive to school. Depending on where they're departing from, and their means of transportation, students travel various routes to get to Humber and often spend a lot of time on the not so open road.

"Depending on traffic and stop lights, it normally takes me between 10 and 15 minutes to get to school," said Umar Khan, a first-year business administration student who drives to Humber from Mississauga.

Khan takes local roads to Hwy. 427, then Hwy. 27 north to Humber College Boulevard.

"I like how it doesn't take me long to get there, but once I'm at school, the left turning lane and parking is what slows me down."

Unfortunately, not all students have access to a car, and must instead rely on public transit to get them to classes on time.

"Getting there usually takes me about an hour, and coming home is closer to an hour and a half," said Crystal Langley, a first year business student at Guelph-Humber, who also lives in Mississauga but

doesn't drive.

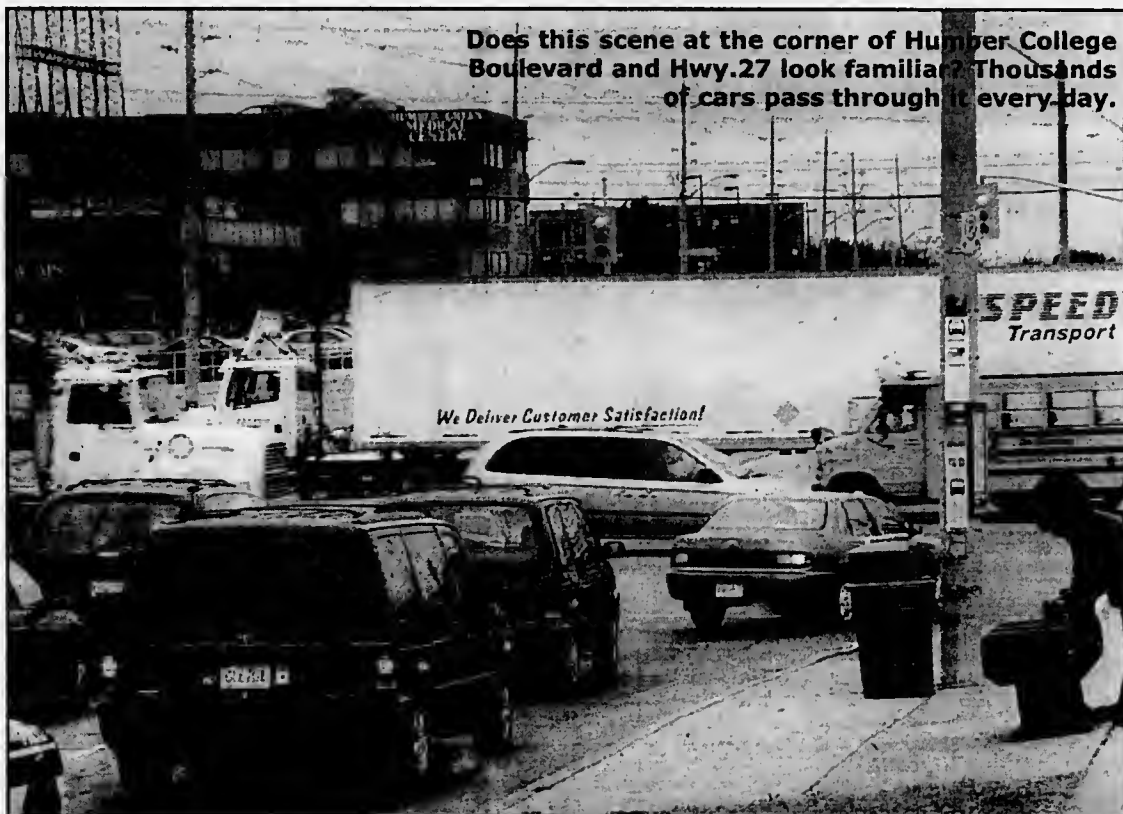
Even though she departs from the same area as Khan, her mornings start much earlier. Langley's route involves a bus ride to Islington station, a brief one stop subway ride, and another bus ride from Kipling station, up Hwy. 27 to the school.

"The worst part is definitely the subway ride. You can't even relax for five minutes before you have to get off again," she said.

To top it all off, Langley pays two fares (\$9) each way because she's switching between Mississauga and Toronto transit.

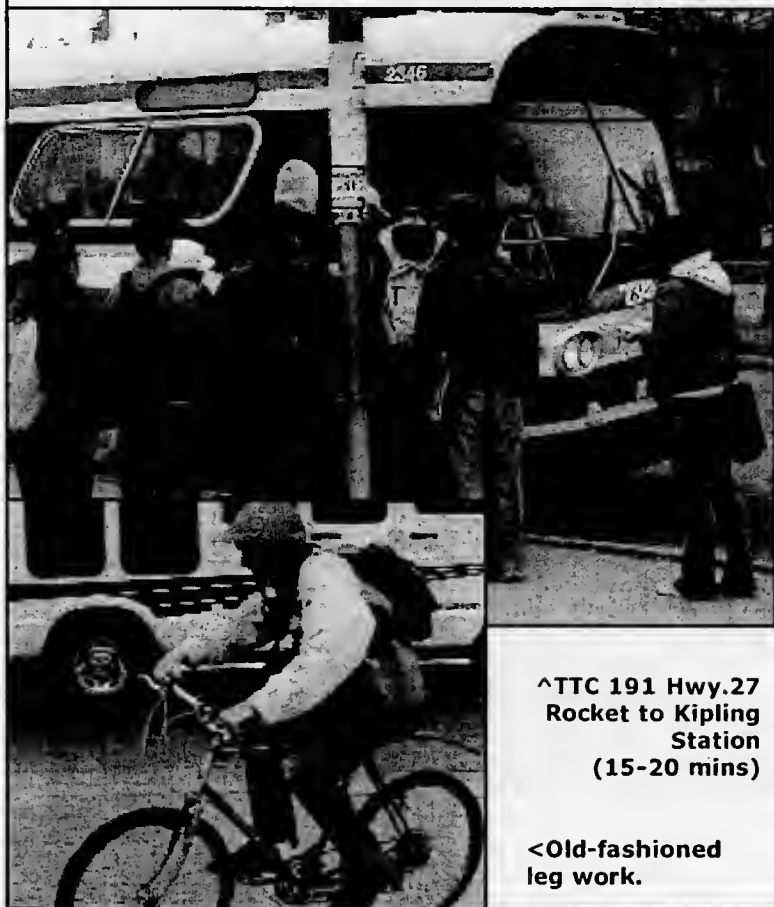
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Does this scene at the corner of Humber College Boulevard and Hwy.27 look familiar? Thousands of cars pass through it every day.

Method in the madness: here's the routes and the ETA



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York Mills
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(45-60 mins)



>GO Transit to
Yorkdale
Station
(15-20 mins)



>Brampton
Transit #11 to
Shoppers
World
(about an
hour)



>Mississauga
Transit #22 to
Westwood Mall
(15-20 mins)



^TTC 191 Hwy.27
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Station
(15-20 mins)

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leg work.

Frustration at the pumps for students

By Zoë Hamilton

Students on a budget have to consider expenses such as books, tuition, food and rent, but for those who drive, the most variable of costs comes from filling up the gas tank.

Constantly changing gasoline prices cause headaches for stu-

dents trying to budget for transportation. For example, on one day gasoline could be 66.9 cents, and then within days skyrocket to 75.8 cents a litre.

Liz Daymond, a second-year fashion student at Humber, travels from Burlington every day and spends approximately \$60 a week on gas.

Daymond budgets about \$500 a month for school expenses, but has to find extra money to fill up her VW Beetle.

"I work about once a week and that's how I pay for gas," Daymond said.

She also uses an Esso Extra card, collecting plenty of points because of her commute.

"I frequently use them to get free gas or, if I'm feeling hungry, free Tim Hortons," she said.

Most oil companies have similar cards, but none offer special discounts for students.

Some of these points are transferable. Esso points can be used at the Bay and Petro points can be used at Sears.



GFlow clothing line, launched in 2000, is really taking off. Celebrities like Saukrates, Methodman, Kurupt and Chocclair are among clients.

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Humber student gets on the go with the GFlow

By Trisha Richards

Twenty-one-year-old Mike Marfo is only in his first year of Humber's fashion arts program, but he is already the CEO and product manager of his own clothing line.

GFlow was launched by Marfo and three friends three years ago.

"We all wanted to work for ourselves and have something we could look back on and say, 'we did this,'" Marfo said.

The young entrepreneur and his friends currently design T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, hats and accessories, like headbands. They hope to expand into clothing such as sweaters, pants and track suits. Future plans include men's and women's formal wear.

But clothing is just the tip of the iceberg for GFlow.

"Obviously, we have to establish ourselves first," Marfo said. "But eventually we plan to start organizing events for youth so they can stay off the streets [and] open a youth centre where they can do things that they're interested in."

The group would also like to eventually open up restaurants. "Basically anything we can pretty much get our hands into, we'll look into," he said.

According to Marfo, the word GFlow is meant to have a personal meaning to each individual, but still represent the larger community as a whole.

"GFlow is basically a way of life. The 'G' could stand for guy or girl, or whatever you want it to mean for yourself. Me and my partners all come from different backgrounds, portraying the diversity of Toronto. This is a perfect example of the meaning behind GFlow. It's a representation of our home, Toronto, and the diversity of culture," he explained.

The GFlow name is growing and drawing the attention of celebrities, he said.

"Saukrates, a Toronto rap artist, is a big supporter of ours. He's not our official spokesperson, but we give him our clothes all the time for promotion. We've given our clothing to Methodman, Redman, Kurupt, Brassmonk, Kardinal,

Chocclair. We don't force them to take it. The fact of the matter is they know about our clothing line," Marfo said, adding that GFlow isn't targeted to a specific group.

"Our clothes are not just strictly a hip-hop clothing line, so to speak. It's a clothing line for everybody. It doesn't matter if you're into hip-hop or rock or any other type of music. As long as you like our clothes and the meaning behind it, it's for you," he said.

Despite the success of the clothing line, some people believe that GFlow has a connection to gangs and certain neighbourhoods, but Marfo is quick to dispel these myths.

"Our clothing line has no affiliation with any gangs or neighbourhoods. We're trying to show a positive image of what youth can accomplish when they put their minds to it," he said.

To find out more information about GFlow clothing, call the information line at 416-680-9743, or check out the website www.gflowclothing.com.

Teacher translates language to love

Veteran teacher has taught more than 5,000 students throughout her career

By Cheyenne Morin

Being an international student can be tough unless you have the support of a teacher who really loves to teach.

Linda Maloney, coordinator of and teacher of the English as a Second Language program has made a difference in the lives of new Canadians.

Since 1987, Maloney has been teaching beginner and remedial English skills to new immigrants at Humber. She was recently promoted to coordinator of the Remedial and Developmental Communication program.

Since beginning her career, Maloney has taught over 5,000 students, and she says they are the most rewarding part of the teaching experience.

"I really want students to know

and to understand in a small way how important it is to really love your work and to have some sense that I really care about them personally and what I am doing. I think that, in the classroom, you really are a role model."

A Boston native, she said that it was fate that brought her to Humber.

"I sent out resumes to Centennial and the other colleges in the GTA, and I got a response from Humber telling me to come in for an interview. I came in just before Christmas and it was a wonderful gift because I had been in Canada for four months and had no day-job. I got a six-week contract and it was renewed every six weeks. So I actually ended up spending 10 months here."

Her career path began when she chose to pursue her love of

languages. She majored in both Russian and French at Boston University, then went on to complete her Masters degree in Slavic languages and literature. After completing six years of post-secondary education, she moved to Europe and began teaching English as a foreign language to German natives.

"I actually learned German in Germany. I only spoke a few words when I went there. I think that particular learning experience for me was really important to my work here because I was really able to feel from the inside out what it was like to become a part of society and the culture," she said.

Maloney also lived in France where she spent a year as a nanny. Maloney says she really found her calling when she moved to Canada

and began teaching English as a second language to new immigrants.

"Coming here and teaching immigrants, I realized that it was a whole new motivation for the students and for me because this was the key to a whole new life for them. Teaching language is a way to help people really learn to understand each other."

Humber has a basic preparatory program - English for Academic purposes (EAP) at the Lakeshore campus. This program is a full-time course for students who want to enter post secondary studies at a college or a university.

"They really learn the skills that they need for academic life, like note taking, listening, reading, grammar and paragraph writing," Maloney said.



Linda Maloney has been teaching ESL at Humber since 1987.

Looking at the future

By Michelle Milligan

From psychics to candles to oils, the recent ESP Psychic Expo at the International Centre housed over 80 psychics and 11 vendors who help patrons shed light on the future.



Giovanna, a third generation psychic who has practiced for 16 years, says she enjoys the industry and loves to participate in the psychic shows.

"This is a great show. You've got a lot of good readers in here. A lot of people are really well established, and some are still new, kind of getting the hang of things," Giovanna said.

She has been participating in the show for six or seven years, and always loves to share her psychic talents.

"I feel like I've put people on

the right track, given them a little bit of peace of mind. What I do is confirm what people feel," Giovanna said.

Lynda Bancroft's booth, Devine Creations, carried an assortment of hand-made stone jewelry, healing wands, pendulums and incense.

"My suggestion to people when they are looking for a stone is to get something that will help them in their daily life," Bancroft said. "We look then at what properties are of that stone.

You'll find that's probably what you need in your life right now."

A few booths down from Bancroft, Geraldine and Aaron Branch, worked at their

aromatherapy and psychic booth, The Light Centre. Geraldine is a third generation psychic with

many specialties in the business. "We sell candles, oils, incense...all for a specific purpose. We also charge them with energy," Geraldine said.

"I can charge a specific candle, given oil and incense, that will affect what they want.

The scent helps us to channel our thoughts towards what we want."

Geraldine says she and her husband love doing shows and sharing their products with others.

The psychics and vendors weren't the only ones who enjoyed the expo. Visitors praised the people, products and booths.

"I think it's excellent. I try to come to it every year," Jean Leadbetter said. She was there to have a reading done.

Leadbetter's daughter, Crystal, praised the experience and prefers the past lives readers.

"I just find it interesting that we might have past lives," she said.

Whatever one's psychic tastes are, there was something for everyone.

"I can't count how many skeptics I've made believers. I've lost track over the years. I've taken many skeptics and made them hardcore believers to a point that they've come to see me regularly every six months," Giovanna said.

Spinning Wheel rolls by the ROM

By Shiho Futaba

The first annual Sikh Film Festival attracted many moviegoers to the Royal Ontario Museum last weekend.

The Spinning Wheel Film Festival was organized to encourage film students and young directors to create films from a Sikh point of view.

"One of our main goals is to raise awareness and educate the general public on who Sikhs are," committee organizer, Birender Gill, said.

Next year, the festival will offer grants for those who producing Sikh-related films.

Twenty-seven films were selected out of 100 submitted from all over the world, and were showcased at the festival.

The opening gala on Friday featured Sikh music and dance at the museum, attracting hundreds of people, followed by an Australian documentary, My Mother India.

There were also several seminars held with experts in Sikh history, story telling, films and heritage projects.

After Sept. 11, Sikhs have been the target of social hostility across North America, and Gill says "another goal of the festival is to raise the pride within our community."

However, even non-Sikh Torontonians were excited.

"Toronto is a great city for a film festival, so I think this will be another good one," film festival frequenter Craig Dymoid said.

For more information, visit www.spinningwheelfestival.com or call (416) 586-5549.

Fabric junkies itch for stitch fix

Quilting, sewing and needlework are an addictive hobby

By Marco Recouso

Have a stitching stash? Then you'd be right at home at the 16th annual Creative Sewing and Needlework festival that took

place at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

With a variety of lectures and workshops, enthusiasts had a chance to learn and practice techniques, ranging from machine

embroidery to knitting.

Those in attendance could also take a piece of the show home with them, thanks to the vast majority of booths devoted to the art of quilting.

For most quilters, the art form turns into a life-long addiction.

"I don't smoke, but I'm a fabric junkie. You have to have a stash," registered nurse Sandra Ashwood said. "Quilting is relaxing, stress relieving. I sit and do it even in the car. I'll be quilting forever."

Joy Paolozza, owner of the Olde Silver Thimble Quilt Shoppe in Whitby, has seen her share of quilting addicts.

"Sometimes people don't buy anything, they just come to feel the fabrics."

It can be quite a costly fix, according to quilter and homecare nurse Linda Lance.

"I sew quilts and I've been doing it for 30 years. Your paycheck goes to fabric," she said.

"When you come down to the show, it's just like someone going to play bingo."

The passion for quilting varies from person to person. For some it's the fabric and the colours, and for others it's a chance to design something that will last forever.

"It's using the pieces you have in the present to preserve memories for the future that can be passed down from generations," Paolozza said.

The quilting community has expanded far beyond the traditional women gathered at the kitchen table sewing blankets and jumpers to artists who convey themselves with patches of fabric and thread.

Ana Kirkham of the Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival, understands the vision involved in making quilts.

"They have an artist's statement. There's something in mind when they put it together. It's using fabric as a medium."



Diane Ratnik Cooper and Ana Kirsham represent the 8th Annual Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival at the Creative Sewing and Needlework Festival.

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JJ Muggs taking care of business interest

Pubs score with theme

By Steffani Mowat

Humber College students are finding another place to party when line ups at Caps are discouraging.

Located at the Woodbine Mall, a short 5-10 minute walk from the North campus, JJ Muggs offers entertainment as well as a place to hang out.

From firefighter night, to amateur strip night, to mud and Jello wrestling, wet T-shirt contests, bikini contests, and more, JJ Muggs has something for everyone who has a wild streak.

Daniel Hardstaff, a third-year business administration student at Humber gave Caps a chance, but had more fun when he left and went to JJ Muggs.

"Muggs was much better, it has a nice atmosphere," he said.

However, Caps certainly still

has it's fans.

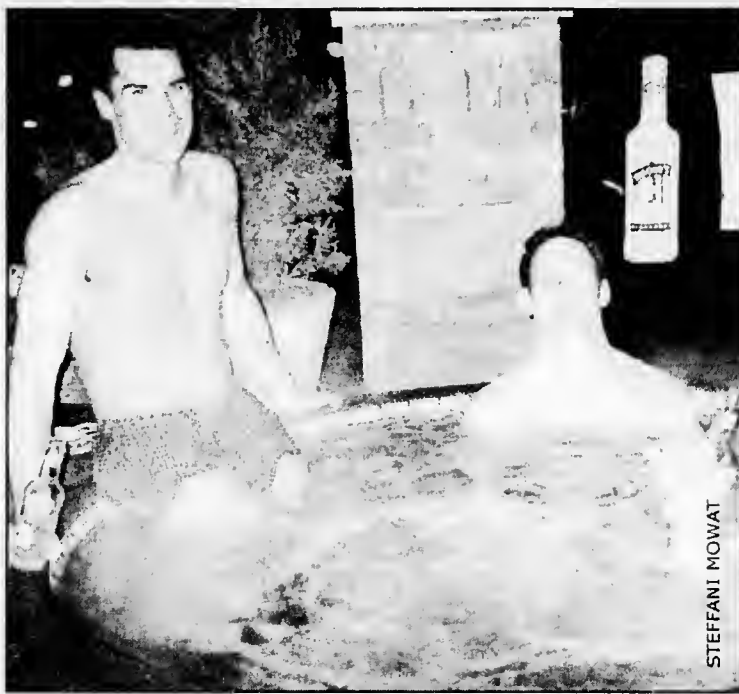
"The Maxim girls brought me here. I'm gonna stay here all night," Darec Rogers, Industrial maintenance student said.

Adam Dixon, a third-year Industrial Design student, said the "hunnies" are what brought him to Caps last week.

If the opposite sex is what encourages you to go out on Thursdays, both Caps and JJ Muggs offer an equal amount of available people.

Neither Caps nor JJ Muggs have a cover charge for Humber students (with the exception of Caps on some rare occasions) and both try to deliver a theme night every week.

Tonight, check out Caps for their Sinners and Saints Singles Night pub, or go to JJ Muggs and experience their Wet Dreams night.



JJ Muggs, as well as Caps offers theme night for students.

Is it worth it for men?

Researchers produce new contraception

By Chris Riddell

Intravenous contraceptives have allowed a greater amount of sexual freedom for women, but will men reap the benefits if they have their own?

Australian researchers have developed a new contraceptive for men. The drug is administered intravenously and lasts for three to four months. It contains a combination of female hormones and acts by eliminating testosterone production and replacing it with a mixture of testosterone and progesterin, the female hormone.

The Australian researchers discovered no side effects, but students are skeptical.

"I find that hard to believe," Josh Pound, a first-year paramedic student said. "There's always side effects."

Steve Strui, a first-year chemical engineering student, agrees but also raises some other issues.

"I'd want to know the side-effects first. The second thing is how long does it last. The third thing is how much does it cost," Strui said.

However, Strui said that a contraceptive for men could be good.

"I think enough of my buddies would do well to be on it," he said.

But on the other hand, first-year chemical engineering student Florence Tewoghade said it could inspire men to be underhanded about taking it.

"The guy can lie about being on the pill, then he impregnates you [and] runs."

Either way, in the future, you just might see these male contraceptives offered in a doctor's office near you.

What's Up

Big Night Club

Event: Oct. 24, at Caps.

2003 Halloween

Bash: Oct. 25, at 3rd Floor Reillys, prizes for costumes, doors open 8 p.m., 19 and up, \$5.

Saint Paul's Annual

Bazaar: Oct. 26, at Hwy. 27 and Dundas street, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Vampire Hunter D

Bloodlusts: Oct. 29, at media centre screening room B, 6:30 p.m.

Sock it to feet

By Angela Homister

Trade in your running shoes for lotion and extra socks because winter is coming, and it's time to prepare your feet for the cold and snow.

People often don't realize the impact cold and especially wet weather has on their feet.

Running shoes are not the safest bet for protecting feet against frostbite and other winter foot woes.

Podiatrist Allen Frankel, said that a well-insulated shoe is the best defense against the winter elements.

"A thin shoe that's made of plastic is not going to protect the cold from coming in," Frankel said, also cautioning against wet socks.

He added that people don't realize that when their socks get wet, there's a potential for frostbite.

"If you happen to step into a puddle and, even if it is a warm

boot, it's a wet boot regardless of how insulated it is," he said.

Frankel's top five tips for winter foot care are:

1. Wear a well insulated shoe—Look for boots that indicate what temperature they are made for.

2. Good thermal protection—Wear socks that are made of a strong and warm material, such as wool. Spend the extra money for higher quality socks.

3. A dry environment is a good environment—Use foot powder on your feet after having a shower. This is an excellent preventative measure for feet in the winter. You want to avoid the problems, not wait until they have arrived!

4. Use a good foot lotion—You have to know your feet to use the right lotion. If you have dry feet, find a lotion that will moisten the skin. If your feet tend to sweat, look for a lotion that will keep them dry.

5. Use a pumice stone—This

will help keep your feet in good condition. It's another good preventative measure.

If in need of winter options, Kevin Beck from Aldo, in the Woodbine Mall, said the types of winter shoes they sell vary.

"We're buying everything from square toe, pointy toe to rounded toe. Everything is in this year," Beck said.

He added that the pointy-toed boot is most popular.

"What is really in style is not so much the winter boot, but more of the dressier boot is what's in fashion right now for men and women," Muzamil Younus from Transit shoe store said.

Although, he said the most popular boots being sold at his store are the classic boot with a squared toe and heel.

"If you're protecting your hands, be as kind to your feet. That's a good rule of foot," Frankel said.

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Humber EtCetera

Soccer teams advance

Next stop: provincials

By Geoff Rohoman

The Humber College men's soccer team kept its undefeated season intact on Sunday, beating the Royal Military Paladins 1-0 in a quarter-final playoff match.

Humber's record is now 7-0-1 at the conclusion of the regular season.

The win secured the Hawks a spot in the provincial championships for the eleventh straight year. The tournament will be held at Ottawa's Algonquin College later this week.

Despite horrible field conditions, Humber was able to control most of the game and keep the ball in the RMC half.

"We played excellent," Head Coach Germain Sanchez said, "the first half especially. We played very well."

The Hawks started the game on the attack, but Matt Paleschi's free kick was stopped by a diving Paladins goalie in the 13th minute.

In the 24th minute, Cameron Medwin's shot from just outside the 18-yard box sailed inches over the net, and in the 30th minute, Chris Turner just missed the near post on the redirection of Medwin's free kick.

Humber put one past the Paladins goalie in the 33rd minute when Mehmed Mehmedoglu rifled a shot from outside the 18-yard box and into the top corner of the net.

The brilliant goal was celebrated with Mehmedoglu running down the sideline and sliding chest down across the grass, much to the crowd's delight.

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity," Mehmedoglu said after the game.

Humber continued to dominate in the second half, but because of the poor field conditions at Valley Field, none of the Humber opportunities resulted in goals.

In the 57th minute, Paleschi's cross found the head of Kwame Osei, but the redirection hit the crossbar and was cleared out of danger.

The 83rd minute saw Osei on the attack again, this time in close to the net, but he shot the ball just over the crossbar.

Humber was able to fight off a late surge by the Paladins to secure the win.

Mike Silva recorded another shutout for the Hawks, while making several key saves in the process.

This year's OCAA championship will be held on artificial turf, a far cry from the horrendous Valley Field.

"The artificial turf should be to our advantage," Sanchez said. "We hope that it will help us."

Humber will open the tournament against Algonquin (6-1-1), which won the national title last year.



Vito Del Duca, shown here earlier this season, will lead the Hawks against Algonquin at the OCAA championships this weekend.

Women's team rides streak to OCAAs

By Phil Messina Jr.

The Humber Hawks women's soccer team is heading to our nation's capital to compete in the provincial

championships this weekend.

The Hawks defeated the Royal Military Paladins 3-0 in their playoff match on Sunday and have extended their winning streak to

eight straight games, sending them to the OCAA championships to face Algonquin, which is in second place in the OCAA's East Division at 6-1-1.

The winning streak has erased the memories of Humber's opening game loss, from which the Hawks have never looked back.

"I think this was by far our best game of the season," coach Mauro Ongaro said.

The Hawks dominated the game and were communicating more effectively than in recent games this season.

"Every game our communication is getting better," Joanna Kontonikolas said. "It's making a huge difference on the way we're playing, and we're getting much better."

The Hawks started the game off strong and got on the score sheet early when forward Emilee Barrington dropped a pass to Sonia Furtado at the two minute mark.

Furtado made no mistake and booted the ball over the Paladins goalie and into the back of the net.

Humber continued pressing and made it 2-0 in the 12th minute when Barrington took a long pass

from sweeper Anna Tripodo and put it past the Paladins' keeper.

In the 63rd minute, Dorothy Aniuk received a pass from Furtado and beat the keeper on the far side from 20 yards out.

By the third goal, the Hawks were in flight and the outcome was never in doubt.

"Our chances in Ottawa look good, but we just have to keep playing the way we are."

"We moved the ball around really well," Kontonikolas said. "We were not in any rush to score and the goals came."

The team now heads to Ottawa to face a strong Algonquin squad tomorrow.

"Our chances in Ottawa look good but we have to just keep play-

ing the way we are," Natalie Achim said. "The teams up there are going to be really strong and they're a lot stronger than what we've faced so far this season."

The Hawks like their chances heading into the weekend after outscoring their opponents 19-3 over their eight game winning streak.

"Our defenders are very strong," Ongaro said. "Defence is probably our strongest part of the game and I think as a team we are playing well defensively."

The Hawks ended the regular season last Wednesday with a 5-1 victory over the Mohawk Mountaineers.

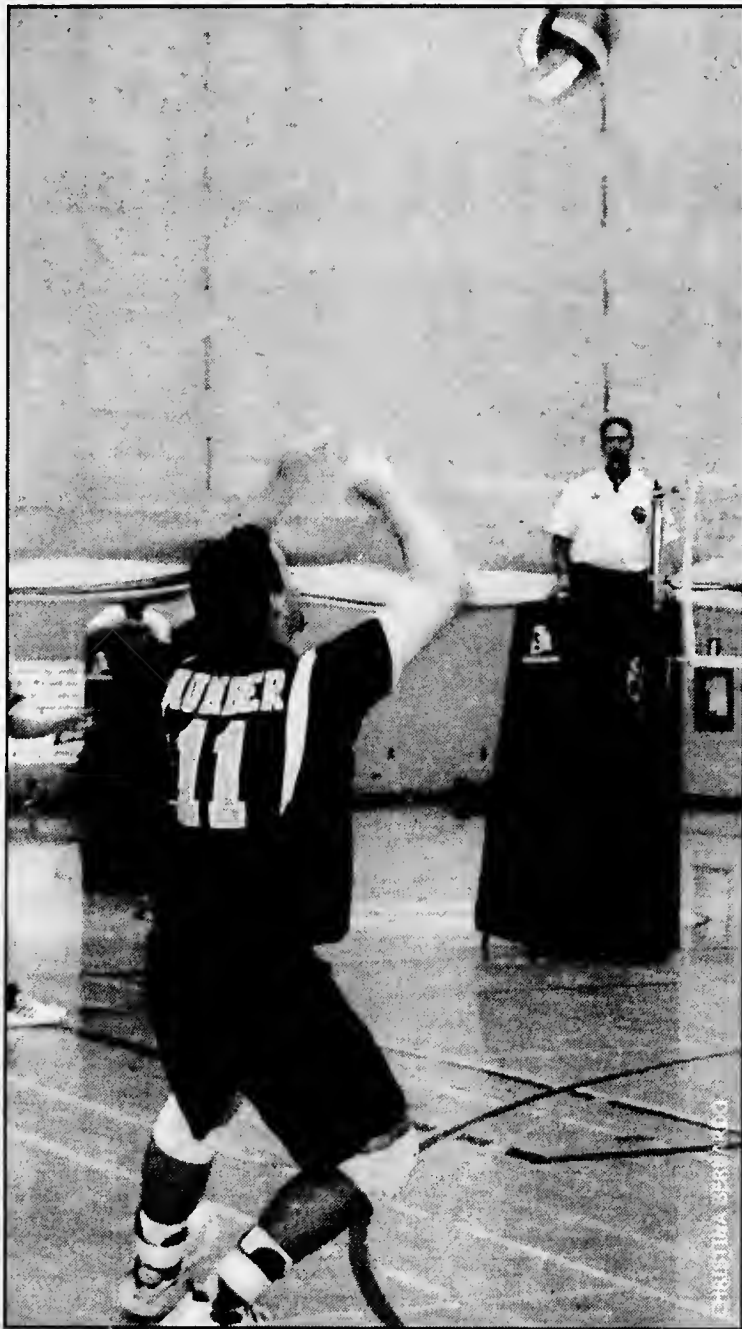
Forward Sandra Coelho scored three first half goals in an 18 minute span, giving her five goals on the season.

"I'm really proud because I've never done that for Humber before," Coelho said of her hat trick. "But the most important thing is we got the win and we're playing extremely well."

Rookie Stacy Khanna scored her first goal as a member of the Hawks and Aniuk added another in the Humber victory.



Humber's women's soccer team will play Algonquin in the OCAA semi-finals this weekend in Ottawa.



Humber's men's volleyball team hopes to rebound from a disappointing semi-final loss at a tournament recently.

Men's volleyballers lack Killer Instinct

Lose tournament semi-final match against Niagara College

By **CHRISTINA BERNARDO**

The frustration was evident after Humber's men's volleyball team lost to rival Niagara College in semi-final games at the Durham tournament last weekend.

Durham College hosted the annual men's volleyball Killer Instinct Cup, which was comprised of 12 of Ontario's most competitive volleyball teams.

Being the first place team in pool B, it seemed as though the Hawks were ready for the Knights, but Humber couldn't handle the strong serves by Niagara and lost both games by scores of 25-19 and 25-18.

Richard Wittemund, a second-year player, said it's possible that a loss of focus contributed to the team's loss.

"I don't know if it was focus or not but we did a lot of unforced errors, that was the main thing. We just [made] errors we shouldn't be making."

Humber played its first match against Algonquin College tying at one game each. The Hawks fought hard in the next two matches

against Mohawk and Sir Sanford Fleming (Peterborough), winning all four games.

The Hawks' fourth match was against Royal Military College with Humber winning 25-18 and 25-20. The Hawks looked confident on the court despite making a few mistakes.

In the match against Loyalist

Wilkins said some of the players are starting to show their full potential.

"I thought Darryl played well. He's been playing well in practice, so he did a great job this weekend. I think Brad is coming along as well, he's gotta continue to work hard."

He also said that Wittemund and Sokol Sakrama, who was named Tournament All-Star, also had a strong weekend.

Even though Humber finished third in Ontario, Wilkins thinks they are not a third ranked team in the province.

"I think we're number one, number two. We should have played in the finals, there's no doubt in my mind. But we have a constant pressure problem. We [have] to consistently put pressure on [opposing] teams."

Wilkins said his team needs to start pressuring themselves to perform

"They're old enough now that they should be able to handle that pressure. Unfortunately playing in the finals in an Ontario championship or nationals is gonna be pressure. They're gonna learn to take it, they're gonna learn to handle it. I'm gonna continue to put pressure on them."

The Hawks hope to exert that pressure next week against the George Brown Huskies.

"Some guys tried, some guys didn't. ...you gotta try as hard as you can."
Coach Wilkins

College, the Hawks split the games one apiece, 16-25, 25-8, with Humber heading to the semi finals against rival Niagara Knights.

According to head coach Wayne Wilkins, the team's overall effort wasn't what it could have been.

"Some guys tried, some guys didn't," Wilkins said. "Every time you get an opportunity to play or get an opportunity to get on the court, you gotta try as hard as you can."

Show goes on after U of Guelph dance-off cancelled

Dance team dazzles crowd with halftime show during Humber-Guelph basketball game

By **Shannon Henry**

The crowd was hyped during halftime at the President's Cup men's basketball game last week at Guelph University.

The scheduled dance-off against the University of Guelph failed to happen after the university dancers didn't show up.

"I was kind of looking forward to a dance-off to start the year," said Louis Campos, a

second year dancer.

The dance-off cancellation didn't stop Humber's dancers from putting on a show during halftime of the Guelph-Humber basketball game, which was played in front of over 100 people, including a throng of Guelph-Humber students.

"We were very strong, although we had the nerves of a first performance," team director Katie Hagan said. "We got through it really well."

"We were awesome," added Tina Maksie, who danced for the Hype for her first time.

The Hype dazzled the crowd with their hip-hop flavoured routine, while they danced to R&B singer Mya's new hit, 'Like...Whoa.'

The Hype will perform at men's basketball, volleyball and hockey games in preparation for nationals in February.



The Humber Hype perform during halftime of the Humber-University of Guelph basketball game last week.

SHANNON HENRY

Hawks perform Jekyll and Hyde

Men's hockey team strong in win against North Country, poor in loss to Geneseo State

By Eric Collins

It was a tale of two cities this weekend for the men's hockey team as they played two games in two nights.

The Hawks played Friday night in Geneseo, N.Y. against Geneseo State University and were at home Saturday night to host North Country Community College from Lake Placid, N.Y.

The difference in the skill of the opponents was obvious as Humber was beaten by a score of 9-3 by Geneseo and won by the same score on Saturday night.

The woes on the road trip started early as the Hawks showed up just twenty minutes before the scheduled game-time because of logistic problems attributed to the athletics department.

"The New York trip was disappointing to say the least," Hawks head coach Joe Washkurak said. "Getting there late definitely didn't help."

Despite the fact they had only 20 minutes to get ready, the Hawks came out flying in the first period and got a goal from Chris Mei at 4:10 of the first period.

Geneseo dominated the play from that point forward as they took advantage of the Hawks inexperienced defence by scoring two unanswered goals towards the end of the first period.

In the second period, the defensive woes continued for the Hawks as they gave up

three quick goals; all within two minutes of each other.

The Hawks' determination and attitude underneath Washkurak shone through as they scored two quick goals one minute into the third period. That would be the last chance for the Hawks, however, as Geneseo went on to score four unanswered goals en route to the 9-3 win.

Penalty trouble also contributed to the loss with Humber spending over 56 minutes in the penalty box.

"We were undisciplined," Washkurak said. "That was the main thing. We really hurt ourselves. We are a team that could have competed with them but some of our better players took some bad penalties and it took us out of the game."

Hawks goaltender Nick Grainger was heavily criticized in the Geneseo media having given up nine goals but there were many factors against him including the late arrival and the 51 shots that he faced.

"There are a couple of goals that I would wish that he had back and he would tell you the same thing," Washkurak said. "I wouldn't agree with criticizing a guy like that though. It is tough for a goalie in this situation. We got there with ten minutes to get ready and no time for mental preparation. I thought he was outstanding in the first period."

It was a mirrored situation for the Hawks on Saturday night in front of their own crowd

as they dominated from the beginning of the game.

"We played hard right from the drop of the puck," Washkurak said. "I am really happy with the effort."

Jamie Chikoski and Seth Gray both scored two goals in the nine-goal effort by

the Hawks in front of a crowd that increased in attendance from earlier pre-season games.

The Hawks host the Peter Maybury Invitational Cup this weekend with games on Friday and Saturday night.

Games will be held at Westwood Arena, a few blocks from Humber.



Ken Sousa wins the draw against a Geneseo opponent on Saturday. The Hawks lost to the New York team.

Drop 29-12 decision to Niagara College

Rugby win streak ends at three

By Kristine Hughes

The Humber men's rugby team's three game winning streak came to

a screeching halt on Wednesday, losing 29-12 against Niagara College.

It was not Humber's day from

the beginning, as a late referee held up the game's start for 45 minutes. The high wind was also a factor, turning the game into what Coach Carey French called a "10-point game," meaning those who played smart with the wind would win by 10 points.

"We were putting the ball in the air when the wind was going to carry it. [It was] poor decision making," French said.

The loss was a team effort, as French pointed out to the players. Tackling, usually one of Humber's strong points, was their number one problem in the game against Niagara.

The players were either tackling too low or not finishing their tackles at all. Captain Marc Freer said the missed tackles were the only flaw in Humber's loss.

To correct the mistakes, French said at practice this week the team will be back out learning to tackle all over again.

"The things we wanted to work

on, we did," French said. "We got penalties down, presented the ball, we were going in and getting clean ball. It was just missed tackles. Everything else was all right except for a few plays on us."

"It was probably the worst game we've played all year."

Turnovers were also a huge problem for the Hawks, said Humber player Dean Spencer, who didn't mince words about his team's performance.

"It was probably the worst game we've played all year," he said.

Humber had another injury

scare with OCAA All-Star Steve Burkholder going down with an injured leg in the second half. Luckily for Humber, Burkholder will not be joining other key players on the sidelines.

Dave Jones, one of the more prominent rookies, is back from a leg injury. But Dale Essue, who was averaging two tries a game, is still out with an injured arm.

"I want to get back in by next game, definitely by playoffs," Essue said. "I consider myself a big part of the team. I'd love to be there to help out with the playoffs."

As the Hawks focus on securing a playoff berth for the end of October, French told the team to consider this loss a humbling experience.

"There is always another day boys, and we will have our day," he said.

The Hawks next game is Sat. Oct. 25, the regular season finale, when they travel to Kitchener to play Conestoga at 1 p.m.



Humber's rugby team practices in preparation for its game against Niagara College. The Hawks lost 29-12.

Raptors hope for better results

Beasts of the East?

By Luis Henriques

Though the pre-season is only half way done, the Toronto Raptors seem to be on the right track to making an appearance in the playoffs.

The Raptors are sporting a 4-1 record so far, beating such dominant teams as the Minnesota Timberwolves and the Detroit Pistons.

Their early success can be attributed to some of their new acquisitions over the summer, along with their new, defensive-minded coach Kevin O'Neill.

"I like the way we are shaping up," O'Neill said on the Raptors' website.

"We're only halfway through and there's still a ways to go. I like what I've seen from our team."

O'Neill has implemented a defence-first mentality directed towards running the clock down and getting a better look at the basket, which should result in less turnovers and more wins.

Rookie Chris Bosh is showing fans why the Raptors selected him fourth overall at this year's draft.

During their 90 - 76 victory over the Timberwolves, Bosh led the Raptors in scoring with 16 points and collected seven rebounds.

The rookie from Georgia Tech leads the team with most minutes played and has averaged 17 points per game, along with about seven rebounds per game, during the pre-season.

Bosh has been impressive on the defensive end, leading the Raptors in defensive rebounds and blocks.

The only Raptor to score more points than Bosh is Vince Carter. Fans are hoping he can avoid another injury-plagued season and can return to his exciting self, as he did during the summer in the Olympic qualifying tournament.

Milt Palacio, a free agent signed over the summer, has also looked sharp over the pre-season, averaging more than 11 points and about

three rebounds a game.

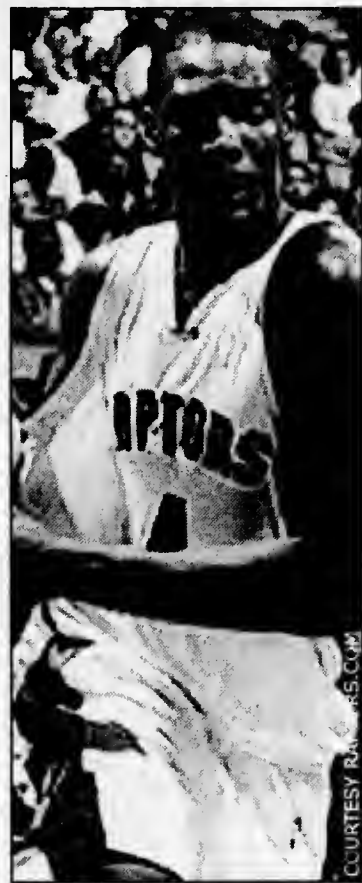
A nice surprise has also been the play of Jerome Moiso. The energetic forward has been great defensively, hauling in 10 rebounds with three blocks, good for second on the team. Moiso's hard work and intense style of play has seen him start the last two games for the Raptors.

The Raptors also added leadership on and off the court by trading Lindsey Hunter to Detroit for veteran Michael Curry.

Although the Raptors' record has taken a dive for three straight seasons, winning only 24 games last year, this season looks promising.

With a healthy Carter, a rookie who looks like he is ready to handle the pressure of the NBA, much-needed depth on the bench and a coach who is committed to defence, they are likely to be a legitimate threat in the Eastern Conference.

"I like the way we are shaping up. I like what I've seen from our team."



Rookie Chris Bosh is one of the new faces on the Raptors this year.

Border Patrol

By Josh Grunberg

Tighter restrictions at the U.S. border caused an unexpected delay for the women's volleyball team as they were making their way to Michigan for a tournament.

All-Star Elizabeth Salas, who was born in Mexico, arrived at the border with a valid U.S. visa and documents proving she was a landed immigrant in Canada.

But her passport had expired a few days before and border officials said she couldn't enter the country without it.

Salas and head coach Chris Wilkins pleaded their case for over an hour, while the rest of the Hawks waited on the team bus.

"The whole time I figured that something could be done," Salas said. "Chris was trying, but the guy just said, 'I'm sorry sir, there is nothing I can do.'"

"I wanted to play. I was pumped. I thought all along that something would be worked out," added Salas, who took a bus back to Toronto.

The team continued on to Kalamazoo, and finished an impressive third out of 10 teams, the Hawks' best result ever in that tournament.

"I called them to find out how they were doing, and I heard they were doing very good. It's good that they can win no matter what."

The Hawks also played without veteran Lesley Westervelt, making the results even more rewarding considering they were playing against NCAA division II schools.

"It's a coach's dream to know that at any one point they can come in and play at that level," Wilkins said. "Experience is the only thing that separates the role players."

The Hawks will be in Oakville this weekend, competing in their first ranked tournament of the year.

This time, Salas and Westervelt should be ready to go.

Salas said she will be prepared the next time the team heads south.

"You've got to make sure you have everything in order, because if you don't they won't give you a chance. I think I better get my citizenship as fast as I can."

Got some time? Why not head over to Westwood?



Assistant athletic director Jim Bialek is encouraging students to check out the exciting Humber hockey games.

By Chase Kell

Humber students are being encouraged to help support the men's varsity hockey team, which has seen mediocre attendance during recent home games.

"It's really good hockey, it's not too far, and there's a bar here," assistant athletic director Jim Bialek said.

"We also have giveaways at the door, free rez nights and the shoot for cash."

Humber entered Saturday's game against Lake Placid's North Country Community College following Friday's road trip to Rochester, N.Y., where approximately 1500 people came out to watch as Humber took on Genesee Community College.

"The players go and play in front of hundreds of people, and come back to play in front of only 50," Bialek said.

About 150 people attended Saturday's game, an average turnout, according to Bialek.

"If we get support from the students, that's terrific," he said. "A big crowd can and will influence the game."

The Hawks play Carleton University tomorrow night in the Peter

Maybury Cup, with a potential second game on Saturday depending on Friday's results.

"That gives two separate nights for people to come out and support the team," Bialek said.

The remaining hockey schedule is available in the Athletic Centre.

"It's really good hockey, it's not too far, and there's a bar here."

Four straight wins



The play of Brad Kerfoot was one of the reasons the Hawks secured their fourth straight national title.

Men's golf team now setting their sights on RCGA tourney

By Andrew Hopkins

With expectations growing every year, the Humber Hawks men's golf team has finished another perfect season.

Every year the competition intensifies, but the team seems to have a knack for shooting low when it counts, in the final round.

With a warm-up tournament shortened due to weather, the team of Lee French, Brad Kerfoot, Ryan Lamb, Jason McGrath, Ryan McInerney and Steve Smith were still confident heading to provincials.

At the OCAA championships hosted by St. Lawrence College, the Hawks were aiming for their fourth straight title and didn't disappoint. They came away with gold in the team event while Kerfoot won silver and McGrath won bronze in the individual competition.

"OCAA was a good warm up

for nationals, more importantly it tested our minds and hearts," McInerney said. "The conditions were terrible to say the least and expectations placed on us didn't make it any easier."

The Hawks' next big test was the CCAA championships, hosted by Georgian College.

The weather was the total opposite of what the team experienced at OCAAs and they took advantage of these conditions, winning the team event, with Kerfoot and McInerney winning silver and bronze respectively in the individual competition.

"This group of guys on this team have so much talent and so much desire to win competitively that I knew we would not let this one fade away," Kerfoot said.

Coach Ray Chateau said the team was the deepest he's had during the current streak of championships, and they needed this depth to win.

"This team in my opinion faced

much stiffer competition at the nationals than the previous two teams," Chateau said. "It is more difficult the longer you are the champion."

Seeing the Hawks come together over this short season in such an individual sport is something the team should take pride in.

"There isn't a big enough room in the world to fill all the heart of this year's team," Lamb said. "And

I am thankful to have such an awesome group of friends and companions."

With Kerfoot, McGrath and McInerney graduating, the team will have big holes to fill next year.

Before that, the team will compete at a tournament run by the Royal Canadian Golf Association in May, where university and college teams test their skills against the best in the country.

"We came second last year," coach Doug Fox said. "That would be a highlight for us to beat all universities."

"That would be a highlight for us to beat all the universities."

Gryphons soar over Hawks

By Jesse Grass

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team suffered a 79-65 loss to the Guelph Gryphons in the President's Cup last week at Guelph University.

The Hawks were ahead by one

point at the break, but came out flat in the second and just couldn't get anything going.

The Hawks spread the ball around, hit some good shots and played well defensively in the first half, but turnovers kept them from taking a big lead and allowed the

Gryphons to surge ahead.

"I was disappointed with the way we played in the last 12 minutes of the game," Head Coach Mike Katz said. "Momentarily we broke down, and our foul shooting was awful."

One encouraging aspect for the team was the play of Roger Scott.

Though fouling out, Scott led the team in scoring with 13 points and also pulled down eight rebounds in the loss.

Dejvis Begaj drained eight points with nine boards, Shane Dennie had eight points with five boards and Jon Joseph also added eight points.

Kyle Julius led the Gryphon squad with 18 points, hitting a couple of clutch three pointers late in the game.

"They made a couple of shots to take the lead and we didn't prepare ourselves enough on defence," Katz said. "It's not going to get any easier for a while. All in all we competed for 30 minutes and then we just broke down."

The Hawks' next action is this weekend at the Raptor Invitational Tournament at Humber.



Despite a strong first half, the Hawks were unable to hold off the Guelph Gryphons during President's Cup action last week.

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Stats & Standings

Final standings for OCAA Men's Soccer

<u>East Division</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>GF</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>GD</u>	<u>GPG</u>
Seneca	8	7	0	1	22	28	6	22	3.5
Algonquin	8	6	1	1	19	27	3	24	3.4
Durham	7	5	1	1	16	19	6	13	2.7
Royal Military	8	5	3	0	15	16	11	5	2.0
Centennial	8	4	3	1	13	23	10	13	2.9
St. Lawrence	8	2	6	0	6	12	17	-5	1.5
Fleming	7	1	4	2	5	6	25	-19	0.9
Loyalist	8	1	6	1	4	10	34	-24	1.3
La Cite	8	0	7	1	1	5	34	-29	0.6
<u>West Division</u>									
HUMBER	8	7	0	1	22	19	3	16	2.4
Fanshawe	8	7	1	0	21	30	8	22	3.8
Sheridan	8	4	3	1	13	10	11	-1	1.3
St. Clair	8	3	2	3	12	11	12	-1	1.4
Mohawk	8	4	4	0	12	15	14	1	1.9
Conestoga	8	3	3	2	11	22	18	4	2.8
Redeemer	8	3	5	0	9	10	17	-7	1.3

Final standings for OCAA Women's Soccer

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Algonquin	8	6	1	1	19	37	4	33	4.6
Fleming	8	5	2	1	16	28	7	21	3.5
Royal Military	8	5	3	0	15	10	16	-6	1.3
Seneca	8	5	3	0	15	30	14	16	3.8
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Redeemer	8	5	2	1	16	10	5	5	1.3
Lambton	8	4	3	1	13	7	7	0	0.9
Cambrian	8	2	5	1	7	10	18	-8	1.3
Mohawk	8	1	5	2	5	9	13	-4	1.1
Conestoga	8	1	5	2	5	5	16	-11	0.6
St. Clair	8	0	7	1	1	4	21	-17	0.5