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A Close Look at Humber Institute of Technology & Advanced Learning

University of Guelph-Humber opening a celebration of innovation

"It's a winning combination that helps students succeed," said David Trick, Guelph-Humber's Chief Executive Officer at the University of Guelph-Humber's grand-opening celebration in May. The event highlighted the state-of-the-art \$45-million facility and the unique partnership that has made the venture a success.

The only one of its kind, the University of Guelph-Humber enables students to earn a university honours degree and college diploma in four years. The joint initiative between the University of Guelph and the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning is a major accomplishment in the way postsecondary education is offered.

"The University of Guelph-Humber has been designed from the start to connect students to the world outside the classroom," Humber President Robert A. Gordon said while a slate cornerstone was placed in front of the new university, a symbolic completion of the building. Also in attendance were Lincoln Alexander, University of Guelph's Chancellor; Stuart Smith, Chair of Humber's Board of Governors; and Alastair Summerlee, University of Guelph's President. "It is the culmination of years of hard work and careful planning, during which the University of Guelph has been a truly dedicated partner," said Gordon. "We had the never-ending co-operation of our faculty, staff and students."

The University of Guelph-Humber first began offering classes in the fall of 2002, taught by faculty from both institutions. The Guelph-Humber building opened last fall and has been serving some 850 first- and second-year students. The university plans

to have 2,000 students by 2007. "This is a genuinely unique and successful partnership that

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has become a model for education in this province," Summerlee said. "By pooling our talents, we have enhanced opportunities for access and created programs that combine the benefits of both a university and college, balancing the theoretical and the applied. And we do it all in a learning environment that is one of the most innovative in North America."

The four-storey, 133,130-square-foot Guelph-Humber building was financed by more

than \$30 million from the Ontario government's Super-Build fund. It was designed to complement the university's commitment to a learner-centred environment. Most classrooms are designed for small groups of between 30 and 65 students, and the entire second floor is devoted to informal learning. There are also computer classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories, an Internet café, and a plant wall biofilter, a "living wall" that improves air quality and creates a natural source of indoor fresh air.

Guelph-Humber offers programs in business, computing, media studies, early childhood, family and community social services, and justice studies. Last month, the university announced a unique degree completion program in justice studies, a model program it intends to expand to other areas.

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Guests at the University of Guelph-Humber sit before a plant wall biofilter, a living wall that improves air quality, while listening to opening remarks.

Joan Rivers speaks to students at Humber



Joan Rivers – award-winning comedienne, celebrity, 'red carpet' and talk show host – spoke about her career in entertainment with students enrolled in the Comedy Writing & Performance and Television Writing & Production programs when she visited Humber in early April.

Before answering questions from the audience, Rivers was interviewed for the Distinguished Artists series by Lorne Frohman, Director of the Television Writing & Production program. The series is scheduled to air on TVO.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, Joan Rivers made her name on the popular Tonight Show where she was a frequent guest host. Her own talk show was one of the first programs to launch the new Fox Television Network. In addition to a full schedule on the comedy circuit and on Canadian, U.S., and British home shopping networks where she promotes her own line of jew-

elry and beauty products, she co-hosts red carpet specials before award shows with her daughter Melissa.

It hasn't always been easy. "You have to be prepared to

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fail before you succeed," she told her audience. "I worked in a lot of dives early on and I bombed more times than I care to talk about. The trick is to keep working – for the experience and for getting to know what an audience reacts to. You have to believe in what you're doing and, more importantly, you have to believe in yourself. 'Overnight success', for the most part, is a myth. The road to success is all about trial and error – and dogged perseverance."

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Alumnus maintains Humber connection

The fast paced world of industrial design is a captivating one; just ask Darius Mosun, of Soheil Mosun Limited (SML), Custom Fabricators. SML is a family owned and operated business in Etobicoke. Mosun, a Humber Alumnus, is CEO and Chairman of the Board. A graduate of the Humber Mechanical Engineering (Manufacturing) and Business Management programs and a recent inductee into Humber's Wall of Distinction, he takes pride in hiring Humber graduates.

"SML has assembled a unique group of individuals that work together to provide a quality product to our clients. We hire Humber students because Humber gives graduates the "real life" skills that companies are looking for. The practical and theoretical skills they possess give them the advantage over other candidates, regardless of the position," said Mosun. Currently, nine Humber graduates work at SML in various departments. In addition, many employees have taken part-time courses at Humber.

Mosun also maintains a connection with Humber stu-

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dents. This year his company developed a competition for third year students of Humber's Industrial Design program. The students, vying for a cash prize, created designs for a bathroom accessory for a prominent hotel chain.

Humber now offers a bachelor's degree in Industrial Design, and Mosun has this advice for students eager to break into the field: "Understand to the best of your ability, the various manufacturing processes involved behind the design of your product. Have passion about your designs and be prepared to work hard. In the end there is no better career satisfaction than seeing a product you designed on the market for everyone to see and enjoy".

Awards and Achievements

Humber Journalism publications receive international awards

Humber's student newspaper, the *Humber EtCetera*, won a Silver Crown award at the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) awards ceremony in New York City this spring. The Journalism program also won a total of nine Gold Circle Awards for various student magazines.

"The Journalism program allows students to get the experience they need to succeed in the real world. Winning awards is great because it shows the progress we are making. The faculty encourages us every step of the way," said Chris MacKinnon,

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current Editor of the *Humber EtCetera*.

The CSPA acknowledges journalism students from all across North America, with newspaper and magazine awards for everything from overall design to photography. Last year Humber's Convergence magazine won the College Media Advisor's (CMA) Apple Award for Best General Inter-

est Student Magazine in North America. Humber has won 26 CSPA awards and is the only Canadian college or university to win for the past six years.

Young musicians invited to perform in The Hague

The Senior Jazz Combo of Humber's Community Music School has been invited to perform at the 2004 North Sea Jazz Festival in The Hague, Netherlands in July. Members of the group, ages 14 to 17 years, are part of Humber's outreach program for youth and music.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for this group of young students, they will have the chance to be a part of one of the largest jazz festivals in the world. The invitation is a testament to their talent and their commitment to the music," said Cathy Mitro, Director, Community Music School.

Founded in 1974, the North Sea Jazz Festival attracts approximately 100,000 attendees and features over 100 top jazz artists on 16 stages. Ten slots are reserved annually for applications from high schools, colleges, and universities. According to festival organizers, submissions this year were highly competitive.

Humber faculty translates lost native language book

Dr. John Steckley, faculty

member in the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, is the author of *De Religione: Telling the Seventeenth Century Jesuit Story in Huron to the Iroquois*, which will be available online in August. This is Dr. Steckley's fifth publication in five years.

School of Applied Technology students win at Skills Ontario

Students from Humber's School of Applied Technology won ten medals (four gold, five silver and one bronze) at the 15th Annual Ontario Technological Skills Competition in Waterloo in May. Students from across the province had the opportunity to showcase their talents and test themselves against industry standards.

The School also received a prize for best booth. The main attraction at the booth was the "live" production, through the use of a plastics injection moulding machine, of a CD holder designed and developed through a unique manufacturing educational initiative called Neptune. Over 2000 CD holders were produced on site and given away; inside each CD case was a specially produced CD on the making of Neptune. The "real life" experience of seeing the designs translated into finished products provided invaluable lessons and understanding for the students.

President's lecture series encourages debate

Each year at Humber, President Robert A. Gordon invites thought provoking speakers to inform students, faculty and staff on community, national and international events, and create an atmosphere that encourages discussion. Two well-known writers visited Humber this spring.

In February, celebrated military analyst and journalist Dr. Gwynne Dyer presented a lecture on his new book, *Three Projects and a Few Funerals*, due out this spring. His presentation

elicited hard-hitting questions from students and faculty. Dyer is a recurring speaker at Humber and he has a clear purpose in speaking to students. "It is the duty of a journalist to have a conversation about his subject matter," said Dyer. "I need feedback, and this is a conversation that needs to happen. It is part of the democratic process." Dyer's last book was *Ignorant Armies: Sliding into War in Iraq*.

Writer Erna Paris presented, *Seeking Justice: The Struggle for Human Rights*, at the Humber

North Campus in March. Paris is the recipient of ten national and international writing awards, including a gold medal from the National Magazine Awards Foundation. Her six literary and non-fiction books, include *The End of Days: A Story of Tolerance, Tyranny, and The Expulsion of the Jews from Spain*, which won the 1996 Canadian Jewish Book Award for History. Her most recent work, *Long Shadows: Truth, Lies and History* won the Pearson Writers' Trust Non-Fiction Prize.

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Double the power of your generosity and invest in Humber students

For a limited time, the Ontario government will match every dollar given to support Humber financial aid endowment funds. Gifts and pledges to Humber, as part of the Ontario Student Opportunity Trust Fund Endowment Campaign, will help to preserve Humber's reputation for excellence through:

- Bursaries for students with financial need, and
- Awards for outstanding student academic performance.

Donations will help to promote student success. For more information on the Humber Student Opportunity Trust Fund, please visit www.humber.ca/donate.



"When I received a bursary from Humber I felt that the Humber community had expressed confidence in my ability, and I've worked hard to be a worthy recipient."

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HUMBER TELEVISION PRODUCING AND WRITING (TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCE) PROGRAM



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"Our programs have been designed to meet the emerging demands of employers for strategic skills, including critical thinking, communications, computer expertise and leadership," said Trick.

Further information on the University of Guelph-Humber is available at www.guelphhumber.ca.

The ceremonial placement of the datestone for the University of Guelph-Humber.



Humber President Robert A. Gordon and Jack MacDonald, CEO of The Compass Group Canada, join faculty of the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism at the signing of a letter of intent for their new Strategic Alliance Partnership. The partnership includes an opportunity for Compass to name the School's new culinary theatre demonstration and small quantity kitchen lab.

Humber student wins best CD cover design

Humber Graphic Design student Kristin Messina won best album cover design for the student released CD, *Everything Must Change*. "I am still in a state of shock. More than anything, I am grateful for the opportunity to do this. It has been such a great experience," said Messina.

As part of the Graphic Design students' school project in their typography class, they were asked to create a mock-up of an album cover and then were encouraged to submit it into the contest. "We try to incorporate as much "real work" as possible into our students' classes, and enthusiastically welcome projects with other Humber

programs and clients in the industry," said Heather Lowry, First Year Co-ordinator of Advertising & Graphic Design.

It took over six hours for Denny Christianson, Director of the Music program, to decide on the winning design. "It was her design that I kept coming back to. It seemed to project what the title and the content of the album was all about," said Christianson.

When asked how she came up with the theme for the CD cover, Messina stated, "The concept of the album cover was inspired by the title *Everything Must Change*. I wanted to find a simple way of showing change, and still have it relate to jazz. There are a lot of instruments that come to mind when I think of jazz, but

the piano is the one that really stood out in my head. So I started changing the shape of the piano keys until I came up with a design I felt symbolized change."

Messina hopes to get into editorial design; there is something about the field that inspires her. "I feel like this is a starting point for me. This is the first of my designs to go to print. This experience is something that will stay with me, and go wherever my career takes me."

For more information on the Advertising & Graphic Design diploma program, please contact Heather Lowry, First Year Co-ordinator at 416.675.6622 ext. 3089.



New Humber Jazz CD

Nineteen of Humber's top music students were chosen to be part of a monumental jazz collaboration featuring a standard big band with a jazz singer. The CD, *Everything Must Change*, was released this spring. The student produced CD is now being sold at the Humber Lakeshore Campus bookstore and the Music department.

For more information on the CD or the Music program, please contact Denny Christianson, Director, Music program at 416.675.6622 ext. 3327.

Merv Griffin to produce series featuring Humber Comedy students

Merv Griffin and Merv Griffin Entertainment (MGE) have signed an exclusive agreement with the Humber School of Creative & Performing Arts to create and produce a television series around students enrolled in the Comedy Writing & Performance programs. Griffin and Ernest Chambers will executive produce the weekly series which will follow the progress of selected students. MGE is also developing a feature film based on the School's unique curriculum and programs.

"We're thrilled about discovering the only college of its kind, and even more excited about bringing the real drama

"bringing the real drama behind the laughs to television"

behind the laughs to television audiences," said Merv Griffin.

Joe Kertes, Dean of the School of Creative & Performing Arts at Humber, sees this as an excellent opportunity. "Humber is delighted to be developing the project with Merv's company. It's unusual for a college to be working with a Hollywood producer and agent, but it's even more unusual for a college to offer a program in Comedy Writing & Performance. What we say around here is that we can't make you funny, but we can make you funnier," he explains.

Visit www.humber.ca/creativeandperformingarts for further information on the Comedy Writing & Performance program.

New Forensic Social Work program a first in Canada

Beginning in fall of 2004, the Humber School of Social and Community Services will offer the first Forensic Social Work Graduate Certificate program in Canada. This program will afford those who already have a degree or diploma, an opportunity to specialize in this area of social work by taking courses on a part-time basis.

"We anticipate that this program will be of special interest to professionals who are working with criminal offenders in various capacities, professionals who regularly deal with the courts, and those who work in the area of child protection and custody and capacity assessment. Standard social work degree programs do not specifically prepare students for this kind of work," said Dr. Patricia Spindel, Program Co-ordinator.

The Forensic Social Work program has four streams: child protection, corrections/probation and parole, forensic mental health, and custody and capacity assessments for the courts. It is unique in that it was developed with the assistance of a broad range of professionals working in the forensic social work field. Courses such as Mental Health Issues in Child Protection, Working with Sex Offenders, Assessing Parenting Capacity, and Court Documentation and Testimony will be offered beginning in September, and also running in the winter and spring semesters. All courses will be taught by an expert in the field. Interested individuals may take individual courses or complete the full, ten-course certificate.

"There is a phenomenal void and desperate need for education, training and collaboration in this area, not just for social work but also the allied disciplines," said Michele Choma, senior social worker in the Specialty Clinics, Law and Mental Health Programme at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health. "The level of excitement that I have encountered when talking about this project with administrators, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, community workers, probation and parole, and others is palpable."

Representatives of numerous agencies and organizations involved in forensic social work form the advisory committee that developed this program, including: the Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies, Corrections Canada, Toronto Area Probation and Parole, an Assistant Crown Attorney, the Chief Child Advocate for Ontario, and the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, to name just a few. "We are excited to have these very qualified professionals, with high levels of expertise, developing and teaching these courses. This is an opportunity for students to learn from the best!" said Spindel.

Those wishing to take courses in the new Graduate Certificate in Forensic Social Work program should contact Judy Mislán 416.675.6622 ext. 3352 judy.mislán@humber.ca or Dr. Patricia Spindel ext. 3255 patricia.spindel@humber.ca for an admissions kit.

New Job search program for experienced workers

At Humber's Centre for Experienced Workers (CEW), *New Tools-New Rules* is a unique three-week employment program for persons 40 years of age or older who are job ready. It provides an atmosphere where participants can problem-solve common employment challenges and learn how to use computers for their job search. Facilitators provide information and guidance to groups or individuals to prepare participants to obtain employment, identify training options and achieve personal success.

"Finding the CEW was the best thing that happened to me. With the help and encouragement of the staff of the Centre, and my new-found technical

and business skills, I was able to put together a killer resumé. It impressed more than a couple of recruiters, one of them being my present employer," wrote one successful client.

Humber offers job search programs, funded by the Government of Canada's Human Resources and Skills Development department, through Employment Resource Centres, Job Finding Clubs, Career Exploration Centre, Centres for Foreign Trained Professionals and Trades-people, and a Centre for Experienced Workers.

For more information, please e-mail look4work@humber.ca or cew@humber.ca.



Nature Centre caters to kids of all ages

"The Humber Arboretum Nature Centre is a fabulous tool for teaching children of all ages about the world around them," said Barb Fox, Program Co-ordinator. "Kids think animals like snakes, frogs and deer are exciting, and when they see them for the first time it is very special."

The Centre is host to over 15,000 visitors annually. Programs offered to school groups range from the simple and popular Nature Walk to specialty programs such as Maple Syrup Harvesting, Snowshoeing and Orienteering. The programs complement current curriculum guidelines for each grade level.

"Our class is doing a unit on weather, so this visit gives the students a chance to put their knowledge to work. The children have a great time here," commented teacher Elizabeth Van Duyvendyk, whose fourth grade class from Timothy Christian School in Etobicoke took part in a Centre program.

The Nature Centre offers

nature themed birthday parties, March break and summer nature camps, and Girl Guides and Scouts badges programs. These programs provide children with the facilities and knowledge to discover the wonders of the different ecosystems at the Arboretum.

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A partnership between Humber, the City of Toronto, and Toronto and Region Conservation, the Nature Centre gives visitors of all ages the opportunity to experience nature right in the city.

For more information on the Nature Centre, please contact Barb Fox, Program Co-ordinator, at 416.675.6622 ext. 5009.



New residence at Humber Lakeshore Campus

If you have passed the Humber Lakeshore Campus at 3199 Lake Shore Boulevard West over the past year, you may have seen the new student residence building. The residence features single "suite-style" rooms, fully furnished with semi-private baths and kitchenettes, as well as TV and study lounges, community cooking facilities and laundry rooms. The building will include a 3,500 square foot campus bookstore, and an adjoining athletic centre.

Student residences at the Humber North and Lakeshore Campuses have customized living conditions for both women and men that promote healthy living. Themed floors are available for groups of like-minded students and include: a wellness floor, an alcohol-free floor, and the living and learning business floor (dedicated to students in the business program). There is a monitored entrance with a 24-hour reception desk, security guard, on-call staff, live-in administrative staff,

and resident assistance on each floor. There is also regular security patrol.

"Residence is a great way to make the transition to college life."

"Coming to college was an adventure since I had never lived in a city before. Residence is a great way to make the transition to college life. What better way to meet people than to be living with other college students?" said Melissa McLellan, third year Public Relations student.

For more information on the residence at the Humber Lakeshore Campus please contact Lynn Newhouse, Residence Manager at 416.675.5000, or visit www.residence.humber.ca.

SNL, SCTV veteran joins Humber faculty

Come September, when **Robin Duke** joins the faculty at the Humber School of Creative & Performing Arts, students enrolled in the Comedy Writing & Performance programs will have an opportunity to study with a veteran of *Saturday Night Live* and *SCTV*.

In addition to her work on the popular television hits, Robin Duke has appeared in numerous films including *Groundhog Day*, *Multiplicity*, *Stuart Little*, *Stuart Little 2*, *Club Paradise*, and *Hostage for a Day*. Other television credits include work on *Boston Common*, *North of 60*, and *Monk*. She is also the voice of Joyce on *Bob and Margaret* and of Penny on *George and Martha*.

As faculty member, she'll join an impressive group of writers and performers including, among others, Joe Flaherty, Lorne Frohman, Melody Johnson, and Larry Horowitz.

For further information on Humber's Comedy program, contact Madeleine Matte at 416.675.6622 ext. 3446.



Humber hosts emergency exercise

"Humber, the largest training centre in Ontario for emergency response personnel with the combination of prospective police officers, firefighters, paramedics and health care professionals, is a fitting host for an emergency exercise," said Dr. Robert A. Gordon, President of Humber. On April 30, 2004, Humber and the University of Guelph-Humber welcomed the Toronto Police Service, along with Toronto Fire Services and Emergency Medical Services, to the Humber North Campus as the venue for their exercise. The purpose of the exercise was to test the City's Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Response Team, along with the Incident Management System, under a Unified Command operation.

The event was an opportunity to review emergency preparedness planning as part of Humber's commitment to providing for the welfare and safety of its students, staff and visitors.

Conference services at Humber

Are you planning a conference, gala event or a business trip to Toronto? Humber's conference services department offers full-service corporate meeting rooms, state-of-the-art training facilities, and a 20,000 square foot athletic centre that can be used for trade show conventions. And from June to September, student residences are rented to the public.

"...the meal was delicious and the facilities were great"

Clients find that the facilities, paired with Humber's catering services, leave a lasting impression. The catering department has served corporate functions as large as 2,000 and groups as small as four.

"We thoroughly enjoyed our luncheon - the meal was delicious and the facilities were great," said June Linton, Canadian Wildlife Federation.

If you would like more information, please contact Pat Tait at 416.675.5027, pat.tait@humber.ca or <http://events.humberc.on.ca>.

Commissioner of Emergency Management for Ontario announced at Humber

Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Monte Kwinter, announced the appointment of Dr. James Young to the newly created position of Commissioner of Emergency Management for Ontario at Humber on April 30, 2004.

"Dr. Young's appointment addresses the need for an overall leader responsible for planning for and responding to all emergencies in Ontario," said Minister Kwinter.

For the past 12 years, Dr. Young was the Chief Coroner for the province of Ontario. He also played an instrumental role in Ontario's response to the SARS outbreak.

"Ontario has faced a number of challenges over the last few years," said Dr. Young. "My job will entail working with the provincial government and across all other levels of government to ensure we are prepared for all possible emergencies, however caused."