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## All hats in ring

### SAC election forum draws fans – few and far between

BY COREY KEEGAN  
News Reporter

Elections are usually about issues, debate, and public opinion. But you wouldn't know it at Humber's North Campus.

A crowd of about 50 people gathered to hear candidate speeches and questions in the Student Centre March 10.

There was no clear crowd favourite. Chatter between on-lookers was louder than applause. When it came time for students to ask questions, *Et Cetera* was the sole taker.

Lack of enthusiasm comes as no surprise. In March 1997, only about 500 votes were cast in total at the North Campus.

The election will be held March 16 to 18 (and March 17 to 19 for Lakeshore). There are two North Campus SAC jobs up for grabs, and the student seat on the Board of Governors (BOG).

Nikki Dhaliwal, current SAC vice-president, is running for president. She highlighted her accomplishments as vice-president including the student handbook, which she said was the first to turn a profit in six years. She was also proud of her help in recruiting marketing students to discover what student needs are, as well as the implementation of Students Against Solicitors, and increased club interaction.

Dhaliwal's plans for the future focus on improving the "learning environment". She plans more job fairs and computer software and the possibility of more scanners for SAACnet, a sound stage and DJ booth for the student centre.

Tracy Boyer, founder of the Humber Environmental Action Team, is Dhaliwal's solitary opponent. She wants to give the job a higher profile.

"She (current SAC president Shirley Forde) did as good a job

as could be done, but she was too behind the scenes," said Boyer, who believes the more exposure she can get, the more changes she can make.

Dhaliwal wants to improve things behind the scenes. "I want to restructure SAC, internally," said Dhaliwal. This would include more training for SAC and improved efficiency, to overcome "too much time wasted".

According to Boyer, time is wasted all over the college. "Humber is red tape city," said Boyer. She said she is not satisfied with the service at Humber. "The service here is not good. I want to do something about those lines."

Boyer also thinks students should know how SAC spends student money.

"It's not just fun, there is a political side too," said Boyer. She thinks students should learn more about what SAC has to offer.

Money proved to be the main issue. All candidates agreed that recent student protests organized by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), will have little chance of being heard by the government.

"We cannot influence the amount we get, but we can have a say in where it goes," said Dhaliwal.

CFS is planning a membership drive at Humber in the fall, hoping to get student support for the school's inclusion. Dhaliwal said she will "educate the council" and send mail to returning students to state "the implications of joining such an organization, and why, in the past, Humber has not joined," said Dhaliwal.

Boyer doesn't think protests are a bad thing. "It's only bad and wrong if you don't know what it is you're protesting. First, you can try to change things the 'politically correct way but then (something else) has to be done," said Boyer.

Kenn Bell, a current SAC member, is one of three candidates for vice-president. He focused his



PHOTO BY TRICIA DOUGLAS

Kim Thomson chats with RoxAnne Nicholas-Stringer during the campaign. Vote March 16 - 18 (North), and March 17-19 (Lakeshore).

speech on making students aware of the potential for networking in the various clubs at Humber, increasing involvement among students in residence, and inspiring students to lobby for education dollars.

Jayme Marji, joined SAC this semester as a technology and accounting representative. She would like to make Humber a place "all of us can enjoy coming to every morning." Marji said that good communication can make that goal achievable. Her ideas include equitable workloads for students in similar classes, and more entertainment.

Kim Thomson, a SAC media representative, is the third vice-presidential candidate. She would like to improve College-University transfers, career placements and address problems with OSAP, for the entire school population.

"With the changing demo-

graphics of the school, the needs change," said Thomson.

There are two candidates for the student seat on BOG. Ward Alsop said his qualification lies in helping to organize The League for Innovation art competition, and working at Caps and in residence. On the issue of tuition increases and funding cutbacks, Alsop said it was a "necessary evil", a symptom of a global economy.

"We're not just competing against Toronto anymore ... we're competing against the world," said Alsop.

RoxAnne Nicholas-Stringer is also running for BOG. She wants to let students know what is happening and lobby the board for student interests. She thinks the job requires leadership.

"A leader is someone who has initiative, a self-starter. I have those qualities," said Nicholas-Stringer.

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On Campus

# Humber's profits over the top

BY ANDREW MCKAY  
News Reporter

Provincial cuts to college funding will not keep Humber from turning a modest profit again this year.

Vice President of Administration Rod Rork said the school expects to finish the school year about \$800,000 ahead of budget forecasts. The school made an identical amount last year.

"If I can do a touch better than the \$800,000 (from 96/97), I'll be delighted," Rork said.

Rork said the profits go into a "reserve fund," which the school

uses during the school year when other sources of funding aren't available.

"With the reserve, we can absorb funding changes or losses in revenue without jeopardizing other programs," Rork said. He said an ideal profit range would be about 3 per cent per year.

The profits came from a number of sources. Last year's tuition hike, coupled with an enrolment increase of 2.2 per cent, resulted in a 16.7 per cent rise in tuition revenues over the previous year. And although school administration complained earlier this year that the provincial government

was cutting funding, the school actually received more grant money than last year.

The general provincial grant was reduced by over \$1 million for this school year. However, a new "Strategic Program Investment Fund", which replaced some of the general grant, brought \$1.9 million into the school's coffers.

The school got an extra 33 per cent in conditional grants over the previous year. Overall, grants to Humber from the province increased by \$1.2 million.

While only forty cents on the tuition dollar go directly into

Humber's academic office, all other administrative departments have seen their budgets cut consistently over the last four years.

Payroll for this year is projected to be down almost 17 per cent, while some academic programs have seen their budgets increased dramatically.

The School of Horticulture, Fashion Arts & Design got a 14.4 per cent hike, while Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism got an additional 12.2 per cent.

So where is the rest of the money going? The school is spending \$115,473 on the Ross Human Resource and Financial

Project, which will change software in those departments to avoid the Year 2000 Problem.

A two per cent increase in salary is assumed for each faculty member, while over \$10 million goes into staff and faculty pension plans, insurance, and benefits.

Humber is leaning heavily towards developing alternate revenue streams, other than the traditional tuition and grant paths.

Proposals being studied include charging for lab time and services beyond those provided for a course, and developing a student purchase plan for used laptop computers.

## Taxing times at Humber

BY NADINE CARTY  
News Editor

It's tax time. Do you know where your tuition and education amounts certificate (T2202A) is?

Many Humber students don't because of an apparent computer glitch that has prevented them from properly reaching their destination.

A total of 6500 T2202A forms

were mailed without apartment numbers, and although the registrar's office said "a fair amount" have been returned it's unknown how many of the originals are still out there.

According to Manager of Continuing Education/Student Fees Marilyn Bee, the potentially disastrous problem has already been corrected.

"A fair number of them have already been received, new ones were mailed out on Friday and the post office is aware of the situation," Bee said.

However, one student who called the registrar's office on March 10 was told she would have to wait for the original to be returned before a second copy could be sent out.

## Humber loses one of its finest

BY JOHN CHICK  
News Reporter

The Humber community is mourning the loss this week of a member of the college family.

John Cameron, the former Director of Purchasing Services suffered a heart attack and died while playing in a staff hockey game last Wednesday at Centennial arena. The sudden death of the 59-year old Cameron shocked everyone, including the many friends and co-workers he had at Humber.

"It's hard to believe it happened," explained a somber Pat Kelly, the current Director of Purchasing Services, and a friend of Cameron for 25 years.

Cameron was with Humber College from day one until 1978, when he left to manage a golf course in the Lake Simcoe region. A few years later, he returned to Toronto and began working for Quebecor, the company he was employed with at the time of his death.

Cameron still maintained strong links here at Humber, playing on the Staff Hockey team. His

wife, Jane Smith, works in the Computer Services department.

Cameron's funeral took place March 7, in what was described as a uplifting ceremony.

"What's important now is to remember John and cherish his memory positively," said Kelly, who along with other friends were provided with a special commemoration and grief counselling by by Humber's TERT team, the school's crisis support unit.

Kelly credits the group with helping Cameron's friends see the philosophical side of his death.

"It's really a celebration of his life, and if it had to happen, it could have been worse. He was with his friends and he was doing something he love (playing hockey)."

John Cameron is survived by his wife, Jane Smith, and his three children, David, Ian and Evan. The family has asked that memorial donations be made to the charity of choice.

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# SAC elections : 1998

## President Nominees



NIKKI DHALIWAL

Nikki is the current Vice-president of SAC and has been involved with the council in many ways in her two years at Humber. She is a Business Management student as well as a member of the SAACnet committee. As SAC president she would work on expanding the SAACnet Lab. Dhaliwal said, "individually everyone can't afford to upgrade their computers but through the lab we could possibly offer students these expansions." Dhaliwal was a part of the implementation of the Students Against Solicitors and has created the first handbook to generate profit in six years.

Tracey is currently the Vice-president of the Humber Environmental Awareness Team (HEAT) of which she was also former president. She is a second-year student and currently in Business Marketing. Tracey lived in the student residences for a year and has worked at Caps and also volunteered for council on several events. She thinks that there needs to be more awareness between council and the student body as well as communication. "I think the students do have things to say but no one is asking. My door would never be closed as president," Boyer said.



TRACEY BOYER

## Vice-President Nominees



KENN BELL

Kenn is a second-year multimedia specialist student and is presently sitting on council as a divisional representative for the School of Media Studies. He is the link between council and Caps for events such as the upcoming Humberpalooza. Bell lives in the student residences and also works at Caps experiencing all aspects of the campus. "I feel that networking is very important and that everyone should get involved whether it is be through SAC events or clubs such as HEAT," he said, "Everything I have done for SAC has been volunteer. I think that there should be fair representation of all students."

PHOTOS  
BY TRICIA DOUGLAS



KIM THOMSON

Kim has a been a SAC media representative for two years now and is in the Public Relations diploma program. She has played on the varsity soccer team as well as lived in residence for her two years at Humber. Thomson has helped out with programs such as the League for Innovation. "I want to stress that if it matters to the students it matters to me," Thomson said, "I want to be the students' voice on the council."

BY KIM MARTIN  
News Reporter



JAYME MARJI

Jayme is a second-year Accounting student and has helped out with several SAC events including the Dating Game as well as the Job Fair. Marji joined council this semester as the Technical and Accounting representative.

Marji is looking forward to getting more participation from the student body as SAC Vice-president. "I am a hard worker and I work hard for what I believe in," she said.

## Student Representative to the Board of Governors Nominees



ROXANNE NICHOLAS-STRINGER

RoxAnne is currently sitting on council as a Health Sciences representative. She has been involved in projects including the Humber College Nursing Association and if nominated would work on getting the nursing students networked with other nursing groups from other colleges and universities. Nicholas-Stringer said, "I am a hard worker and have a lot of initiative. If I believe in something I will go the extra foot to see that it works."

Ward has tried to familiarize himself with almost every aspect of Humber. He has worked in residence as maintenance as well as for SAC and Caps. Alsop was the Vice-chair for the League for Innovation art show and has volunteered for other SAC events. "The student governor position requires someone who knows the students and can give it their full attention. I feel I can do this," he said.



WARD ALSOP

## LAKESHORE CANDIDATES

### President Nominees:

Andrew Copland and Sonia Levy

### Vice-President Nominees:

Donny Gillingham and Robin Shukla

# Et Cetera Editorial

## These are taxing times

Anything missing from your life these days?

Tax time has come again for Canada, and some students of Humber College may be wondering where their Tuition and Education Amounts Certificate has gone. As a student, this is the most important piece of information you must submit to the government in order to claim the cost of your education.

Maybe you spent hours looking through your old records, thinking that the College sent it already.

Maybe you made long distance phone calls to your parents or to old addresses, looking for this all-important form.

Or, maybe you took the time to call the registrar's office. The *Et Cetera* did, and what we found was, as Tracy Boyer, currently running for SAC president calls it, red tape city.

A computer glitch? A clerical error? Nobody wants to admit that they have done anything wrong; but the fact is, your T2202A form most likely got sent out without your full address. If you live in an apartment building or a townhome, your apartment number was left off. The registrar's office is now saying that they are waiting for the Post Office to return the forms, so that they can be readdressed, and sent back to you, the student. Tax forms, the government says, should rightfully be in your hand by the end of February.

It is not right that we have to pay our tuition months in advance, face colossal hikes on everything from rez rates to coffee prices, and still be forced to put up with crappy service around the college.

Our editor wants you to know that she went to the Registrar's office and got a reprint of her tax form on the spot, by demanding the service that we all deserve. Oh, and by the way, the desk clerk asked the editor and her colleagues not to tell anyone.

Pass it on.

## Silly lawsuits breed skeptics

A woman is suing the McMaster University Medical Centre for \$2.4-million, because of a painful childbirth. Apparently she asked not to have "any pain whatsoever during labor and childbirth."

Remember the woman who sued McDonald's after she spilled hot coffee on herself? Or the person in California suing a restaurant and power company because she bumped into the wall when the power went out in the ladies' room?

Is no one responsible for their own actions anymore?

Canadians smugly insist this madness happens only in the States, but the painful labor case indicates the "sue-'em-for-all-they're-worth" mentality is crossing the border.

While a free justice system is vital, there is a difference between valid accusations and irrational demands for money.

Besides putting stress on already overwhelmed courts, these disputes degrade our judicial system to a level of "but he started it" school yard banter.

In a society where everyone jumps at the chance to cry "victim" and cash in, we are conditioned to be skeptical of even the most unfortunate and abused. The Dionne quintuplets were virtually stolen from their parents and exploited for the profitable gain of the province. Years later, after Ontario made millions from the freak show-style Quintland exhibit and blew their entire trust fund, the sisters want and deserve to be compensated. But, it's not hard to see why they've had such a battle.

We live in a society where everyone is on guard against the "law suit". Doctors are apprehensive about stopping at crash sites and neighbours ask parents for a waiver before allowing children to play in the yard. Governments paying up without a fight is like giving into terrorist demands. If one person gets a bag of money, others will surely find something for which they "rightly deserve" compensation.

If someone can sue a hospital for painful childbirth or win a case for spilling hot coffee on themselves, why the heck not?

IN 1998, WHO HAS THE BEST CHANCE OF WINNING THEIR LAWSUIT?



SUING: MCMASTER HOSPITAL

WHY: HAD PAIN DURING DELIVERY OF BABY

"I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LIKE A WENDY'S DRIVE-THRU."



SUING: PARENTS

WHY: BECAUSE HE'S UGLY

"THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE GENES THEY PASS ON."



SUING: PHARMEX DRUG CO.

WHY: GREW TAIL AFTER TAKING COMPANY'S DRUG

"YOU'D THINK HAVING A TAIL WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS - BUT IT'S NOT."



SUING: BOYFRIEND

WHY: FAILED TO REACH ORGASM

"I HAD A TOUGH WEEK. I NEEDED IT."

BLACKETT

## Why not use the best?

BY NEIL BECKER

In the wee hours of February 20, Canadian hockey fanatics sweated profusely as Team Canada tried to keep their hopes alive for an Olympic Gold Medal, in a shootout, against one of hockey's most dominant goalies.

Canadian coach, Marc Crawford, made a serious error when he benched the greatest scorer of all time, Wayne Gretzky.

If anybody could have scored against one of the best goalies in the world, Dominic Hasek, and restore Canadian hockey supremacy, it would have been the game's all-time best scorer.

Gretzky should have been one of the shooters. He is a clutch performer, with the record for the

most winning goals (21) in the playoffs, as well as holding 61 other scoring records.

It would have been a fitting final chapter in the twilight of a brilliant career, if he had been given this chance. It would also have been a reward for a man who gave up countless summers to play for Canada in the World and Canada Cups.

The hockey fans who sacrificed sleep in order to watch hockey, should have been treated to the drama of seeing Gretzky going in alone on Hasek.

When a gold medal, and reputation as a hockey country is on the line, it only makes sense either to win or go down fighting. With a player who has not only achieved an astronomical 2747 career points, but was also named the best all-time player by *The Hockey News*, we had a chance.

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# Vote against SAC apathy

BY ANDREW MCKAY

Ah, election time at Humber. With an average voter turnout of 4 per cent, our polls create less interest than a super-saver account at the Royal Bank.

And maybe, as we've seen in the past year, voter apathy can turn into SAC apathy. Certainly, our current student government has been ineffective in dealing with the main concerns of students, while spending its budget in some outlandish places. To wit:

- SAC spent \$3000 on a "bonding" trip to Haliburton, where they canoed and tried to roast hot dogs. Meanwhile, over 100 students were left without their prescription refunds when SAC mailed all the cheques back to Moncton because they couldn't find students' addresses.

- SAC had to cancel a winter budget meeting when four members, including Vice President Candidate Kenn Bell, didn't show up.

- Without student input, SAC spent \$8225.95 on ten

picnic tables for the student centre.

- Eight students were removed from SAC after Christmas because of low grades and transfers. That's almost 40 per cent of elected members who didn't complete the year.

- SAC spent tremendous amounts of money on poorly attended, badly publicized Wednesday Night concerts, which drew basically the same residence crowd as would have been in Caps anyway.

While all this was happening, SAC's executive ignored the national Student Day of Action, and let another tuition hike slide by with nary a comment.

Even the little things have been bungled. While Nikki Dhaliwal's campaign poster proudly states she put out the first student handbook in six years to make a profit, students hated it. One student said a main concern is that there's nowhere to write in the thing because of the ads. Is it a daybook or a billboard?

After Christmas, Shirley Forde said, "if students would

forget about what we can't do ... and work on things we can do, everything would be fine."

Well, everything hasn't been fine this year. SAC has become the Student Activities Committee, with no regard for the majority of Humber students who have jobs and families and financial worries.

When you vote next week, remember how little this year's SAC has done that was meaningful. Five of the seven candidates are part of that government. Keep that in mind before you move all the incumbents one step up the ladder. Don't vote for a hat or a poster; vote for the person you would most trust with your money.

As for those who get elected, remember that, whether 50 or five thousand people vote, you are accountable to each and every one of us. Make next year's SAC something worthwhile, fruitful, and important. Make it what this year's SAC didn't even approach: a real student government.

It shouldn't be hard.

## Drunk drivers are killers

BY DARCEY FERGUS.  
AND ERIKA FORD

The drinks are bought, the ice is in the glasses, but something is missing; the designated driver.

"Another drink, another Saturday night" appeared in the February 12 edition of the *Et Cetera* and we had to respond.

The writer must be given credit for having the guts to admit he and his friends drive drunk on a regular basis.

Then he should be given a slap upside the head.

Driving drunk is a preventable crime, and certainly not worth bragging about.

If the picture the writer painted wasn't chilling enough, the tone in which he described it was absolutely haunting.

The writer depicts himself and his friends as "intelligent, university-educated people". Why, then, do he and his friends drive

drunk, Saturday night after Saturday night? He even tells us he and his friends understand the consequences of their actions, and yet they continue to risk not only their lives, but the lives of the innocent.

Maybe the writer and his friends don't really do this week after week. Maybe he just wanted to tell a story and teach a lesson, but, in fact, he told about the harsh reality of too many Saturday night party goers.

Maybe these party regulars wouldn't consider driving drunk, if they had to bury four of their friends, all on one day, because someone decided he couldn't afford the five dollar cab fare home after spending \$50 - \$60 to get drunk.

Maybe Saturday night parties would designate a driver if they had ever held their friend's hand, as she was taken off life support, after she was hit by a drunk dri-

ver. An imbecile driver, who thought the victim's headlights were hallucinations.

Or maybe there is nothing to stop people who insist they are fine to drive.

That is, nothing but a casket.

It will happen.

The odds are a person driving drunk week after week will have an 'accident'.

Do you want the last image your parents have of their child to be you, laid out in a casket, while people say "They did such a good job of her, it looks just like her"? Or worse, a closed casket; because the people at the funeral home couldn't do anything with your face.

But your parents still had to identify you at the morgue.

And, even if it's not you in the casket, it could be someone you put there.

It will happen, but it doesn't have to.

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### Ryerson University

Ryerson security said drug trafficking activity has "skyrocketed."

This winter has been so warm, addicts who usually leave the Yonge and Dundas area, have stayed in Ryerson's "cubbyholes" behind rocks and trees. Ryersonians hope an increased police presence will scare the drug community away.

[www.ryerson.ca/ryersonian/html/crack.html](http://www.ryerson.ca/ryersonian/html/crack.html)

### Pennsylvania State University

Students protested against a retired professor's weekly seminar called Marijuana 101. Students in the program are assigned homework and pop quizzes, but the consequences of enrolling are jail time.

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## Good Canadian

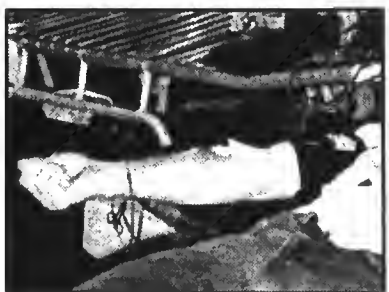


### Toronto blood donors

In a touching outpouring of goodwill and humanitarianism, thousands of Torontonians came to the aid of 13-year-old James MacDonald who was awaiting a donor heart. While the boy is still in critical condition at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, doctors are optimistic that the multiple organ failure he has suffered from since his March 5 operation may be starting to ease.

The tremendous act of kindness occurred after MacDonald's heart gave out after a routine surgical procedure. The boy almost died and required huge quantities of O-positive blood.

Often, it is easier to see the negative aspects of the people around us, but for James MacDonald, the city came out in "the true spirit of giving".



## Bad Canadian



### Eaton's

Eaton's is the spawn of the devil himself.

At least according to people from the Baltic States.

In an advertising campaign depicting "things you can do with your old jeans", the department store placed a drawing showing jeans on a flagpole from a "little-known Baltic State." Needless to say, the ad caused quite a furor among people from the independent states.

For many who come from the Baltic States, their flag was the one thing that they could hold on to during the Soviet and Nazi occupations. The department store has managed to attack the most important symbol of a nation that suffered greatly.

In the time-honored tradition of the sensitive large company showing unprecedented compassion, Eaton's failed.

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# Et Cetera On Campus

## Humber goes to China

Ningbo University, China, and Humber College form an innovative international business administration program

BY NANCY LARIN  
Campus Reporter

This September, Humber will welcome third year students from Ningbo University, in China, to join students in the third year of Humber's Business Administration program.

Humber College and Ningbo University, have forged an innovative agreement linking Humber's business curriculum with a forward thinking university's program.

Michael Hatton, Dean of Humber's School of Business, describes this program as one of the best examples of China/Canada co-operation you will see, actually in place and working. "It's as if Humber has a campus in China, and Ningbo has a campus in Canada. Win-win, that's the reality of this program," he said.

In 1996, Humber and Ningbo set up an international project where Chinese students would study at Ningbo University in Ningbo's first-year business administration program. For second-year, students would also study in China, but four of the eight courses would be given by a professor from Humber, in English. In their third year, students would study at Humber College, in Canada.

At this time, students will graduate with

a three-year Business Administration Diploma from Humber. After a fourth year at Ningbo, students will graduate with a university degree from Ningbo.

"It is a unique program that provides an opportunity for a university education for people not qualified for a regular university program," said Bert Wheeler, a Humber management studies professor, who taught at Ningbo in the 1997 fall semester.

China does not have an alternative post-secondary education to university. Nevertheless, this program does not require students to pass the mandatory Chinese university entrance exams. In a country where each family has only one child, this program is especially in demand. In the first semester of operation (1996 - 1997) 59 students signed up. The following year registration doubled. All signs are that demand will continue to increase.

"There is a huge demand for North American credentials around the world," said Frank Franklin, Chair of International Projects at Humber.

This unique program follows a curriculum set up by Humber College's School of Business.

"The Chinese are very impressed with how Canada, with such a small population, is a member of the G7," said Toby Fletcher, Chair of Management Studies in Humber's School of Business, "and they attribute that



Bert Wheeler's second-year Business Administration students in Ningbo, China, are hoping to get visas to study in Canada, at Humber College this September.

to our education system. This program provides the same education for the Chinese children as we give our sons and daughters," said Fletcher.

Besides learning English, students learn a blend of Canadian business and Chinese business and "there is a high chance of employment for graduates," said Franklin.

He adds that, in addition to the cultural advantages to Canadian students of contact with foreign nationals, "whoever comes to Canada becomes an ambassador to Canada, and will enhance economic and cultural relationships between the two countries."

Although "things don't work (in China) the way they work here," Wheeler found teaching in China to be "a great adventure."

Part of his positive experience lies with his students, aged 19 to 33 years, and the "wonderful" Chinese people.

"The students were very enthusiastic and my relationship with them extended beyond the classroom. They would come over to my apartment to practice their English or teach me how to do a certain type of Chinese cooking," Wheeler said.

Ningbo staff were also happy about Humber's on-site participation in the program.

"If I mentioned something they (Ningbo staff) would go right out and do it," he said.

With a population of over a million, Ningbo is located about 100 miles south of Shanghai at the mouth of the Bow River. Ningbo is a commercial center, with strong ties to Hong Kong and Taiwan.

But, "Some people had never seen a caucasian face before," said Wheeler. "They would stop me in the market and just touch my face or stroke my hairy legs."

## Dick Smythe talks dirty

BY ANDREW MCKAY  
Campus Reporter

Political correctness is killing radio.

So says Dick Smythe. In four decades of broadcasting and writing, he has seen enough incarnations of the media to know what he's talking about. Speaking to Radio Broadcasting students on March 10, Smythe said the homogenization of the airwaves will be the death knell for AM radio.

"There is a narrowing range of acceptable opinion," Smythe said. "What we need now is somebody to go against the grain, to give somebody the opportunity to state an unpopular opinion."

Smythe cited Holocaust-denier Ernst Zundel as someone who has made a profit from the fight

to limit certain types of speech.

"It scares me. If you would just let Zundel spew his stupid hatred, he'd disappear. Instead, we've made him into some kind of martyr for free speech."

Smythe has been on the air since 1955, and has seen radio go from a medium purely for entertainment to a quick news source and a forum for public thought. He said the factors that kept radio alive through the television and computer ages are dwindling rapidly.

"I'm not getting detail, interpretation, analysis, or opinion anymore," he said. "It's basically a headline service now."

One reason, Smythe said, for limited on air confrontation, is that radio is still a predominately white male-run business.

"Radio gives the white-aesthetic view of the city," he said. "Toronto has something like 70 different languages, but what's on the radio doesn't reflect the community."

He said a solution would be to keep syndicated American shows off Toronto stations. He said while Howard Stern may draw ratings, the money Q107 is paying could be better spent elsewhere.

"Take some initiative; instead of plugging in (to a networked show), develop some local talent," Smythe said.

And what about Stern's show itself?

"I would hope, in an ideal universe, he would have all the freedom to say anything he wants, and people would just totally reject him."

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# Expo for jobs and curriculum

BY GREGORY LEE  
Campus Reporter

Ask them and they will come.  
That's what the School of

Manufacturing Technology and Design did when they invited companies to their second annual two-day Career Expo held in the



PHOTO BY GREGORY LEE

At the Career Expo, students, faculty and staff joined industry to find jobs and help set up the curriculum for the School of Manufacturing and Design.

student concourse, March 10 and 11.

Manufacturers on the lookout for prospective employees collected resumes from technology students as well as other students with job skills that would benefit their companies.

"This year the expo will run over two days to accommodate people's interest in it," said Ken Simon, the director of the School of Manufacturing Technology and Design.

According to Simon, "This is not an event, it is a process of linking students, industry and the faculty and staff."

The process includes a panel of industry people telling his department what curriculum is useful to industry, as well as answering questions from the faculty on the current industry.

Besides hiring students, the companies involved also offer work terms as part of the course and also summer employment.

An example of this is the ABC Group, a Canadian-based auto parts manufacturer with worldwide operations. ABC sponsors a competition for design in which students compete, with judges from the company deciding the winner.

"We look for technicians and graphic designers primarily," said Sulekha Joshi, ABC's Human Resources Manager. "We also look for accounting and purchasing people."

Jim Carroll of Schukra Manufacturing Inc. said the main strength of Humber's technology programs is "Humber's hands-on approach. Waterloo is more theoretical."

Jim Carroll didn't know how many students got jobs through the fair because of the difficulty in tracking down the successful students.

But, Simon said "The fact (these companies are on) campus shows confidence in progress."



COURTESY PHOTO

Steven Mylan has been missing since February 13.

## Have you seen Steven Mylan?

Humber College Business Administration student, Steven Mylan, has not been seen or heard from since the morning of February 13.

He is 5'10" tall, 150 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes. Mylan drives a 1991 black Chevrolet Beretta, plate number 336 ZHX.

If you have seen this student or know where he is, please call Peel Regional Police, 12 division, at (905) 453-3311 or Campus Security at extension 4077.

# Student designs tool for class

Joystick invented by student helps classmates excel

BY ANDREW MCKAY  
Campus Reporter

While people talk about "giving back to their school", a Continuing Education student has actually done it.

Gert Christensen was a Manufacturing/Mechanical student at Humber last semester,

taking an electrohydraulics course. He noticed his classes were not using the most up to date equipment available. So he went back to his job as an electronic engineer at Senett Control, and designed a custom lab tool specifically for Humber students.

"It's a lot easier for the students now to see how the systems work," Christensen said of the joystick-type valve control he designed. "It gives the students a feeling of a more realistic control."

Specifically, the joystick allows

operators to control machinery off site. For example, a crane in a blasting site can be manipulated from a distance, using the device.

"If you're looking through a camera at a machine two kilometers away, it's a lot harder to run it," Bruno Rubinger, the course instructor said. Rubinger, who is also a Senior Mechanical Engineer at Spar Aerospace, said the new lab tool will help all mechanical students at Humber.

"This will augment our explanations of valves," Rubinger said. "It's a more realistic control, so

the students can feel the motion. It's certainly better than what we had before."

Rubinger said most of the students in his course are professionals working in the field for companies like Husky and Injection Moulding. He said contributions like Christensen's make his course more worthwhile and practical.

Rubinger said, "If (every company with students at Humber) would contribute something, the students would come out of the course knowing a lot more."

In the special section "Crazy Careers" a photo of Kokanee Mountain Patroller, Jeff Lougheed, was incorrectly identified as Mike Maio. *Et Cetera* apologizes to Jeff Lougheed for the error.

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## What's Up?

### Gatehouse Pub

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### SAC Elections 1998

#### North Campus

Vote for SAC Vice President and President and the student representative on the Board of Governors in the North Campus' concourse March 16, 17 and 18.

#### Lakeshore Campus

Vote for the President, Vice President of SAC and the student representative on the Board of Governors in the Large Cafeteria at Lakeshore Campus on March 17, 18 and 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Comedy

Come and laugh with Carl Strong in the Lower Cafeteria, Lakeshore Campus on March 25 at 11:50 a.m.

### Students' Appreciation Award

Nominations are open for the prestigious Student Appreciation Award. Recipients may be students, staff or faculty, who enrich the lives of students at Humber College by demonstrating excellence in either social or cultural events, athletic achievement, class activities, student government or special events/fundraising. For more information and nomination forms drop by SAC offices at both North Campus and Lakeshore Campus.

### Humberpalooza 1998

If you think you or your band has what it takes to make it big, why not participate in the second annual Humberpalooza? To enter pick up an entry form from SAC (room KX105 at the North Campus and AX101 at Lakeshore) and return it along with a demo tape or CD and \$20 by March 16. The grand prize winner will enter the 1998 Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) Campus New Music Explosion contest.



# Et Cetera Health

## Pot power

### Medicinal aid or addictive drug?

BY SATHYA ACHIA  
Health Reporter

Terry Parker has been at war with his epileptic seizures since the age of four, when he was injured in a swing accident. But, in 1976, Parker came across something that would change his life forever - cannabis. More commonly known as marijuana or pot, it numbed Parker's pain. It was to become an essential part of his everyday life and a cause for which he would fight for.

"Terry found himself drawn to this strange feeling of freedom, and was elated at his new found relief. It had been many years since he had felt in control of his body," wrote Umberto Iorfida, the President of the National

ensure safety, quality and effectiveness are up to standard.

Fox-McIntyre said that all products to be tested for medicinal use, must be evaluated under three criteria by Health Canada.

"Data must be collected for safety, effectiveness and quality of the product," she said.

Fox-McIntyre said that a clinical trial must run to test the claims of medicinal marijuana and the clinical investigator must be found to be legitimate by Health Canada.

However, this process has never been carried out for marijuana because nobody has approached Health Canada with evidence that the illegal drug really has medicinal benefits.

"We (Health Canada) would welcome submissions to use data for medicinal marijuana," said Fox-McIntyre.

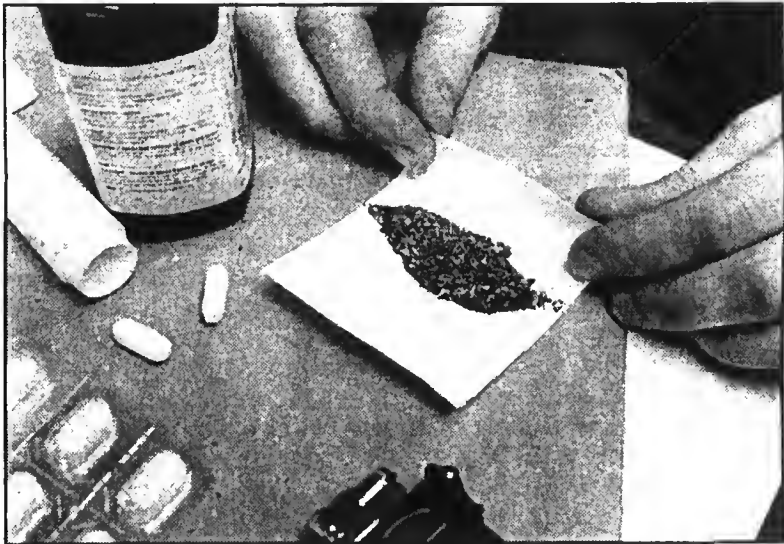


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### Could marijuana become part of your regular medical routine?

Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws in Canada, (NORML). Iorfida is also a close personal friend of Parker.

Iorfida wrote an article titled "Terry Parker: Pot Smoker Extrordinaire" summarizing Parker's struggle with epilepsy and his interest to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes. In 1987, Parker was cleared of the charge 'possession of cannabis sativa' on the basis of medicinal necessity and compassionate use.

According to an article called "Medicinal Use In Palliative Care Medicine", patients suffering from AIDS, cancer, glaucoma, epilepsy and multiple sclerosis have used pot as an appetite stimulant, anti-nausea agent, to control migraine headaches and epileptic seizures.

Bonnie Fox-McIntyre, a Health Canada spokesperson in Ottawa said that Health Canada does not doubt the probable medicinal benefits marijuana has to offer, but the product must go through a systematic process in order to

She also said that the process of obtaining marijuana for testing is obviously difficult as it is a controlled substance. A clinical study carried out under secure conditions is necessary. Fox-McIntyre said that if marijuana was tested in a University lab setting where everything is monitored and under tight security, then clinical trials could be carried out.

Fox-McIntyre said that Health Canada has only had one application under the 'Special Access Program' which is filled out by a doctor for a patient in order for the patient to gain access to a controlled substance, such as marijuana. This application was rejected because the doctor and the patient did not have the required license to possess marijuana that must be obtained through the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Fox-McIntyre also said that securing a supplier for the drug is tricky because it is not guaranteed that the pot won't end up on the streets.

## Overeating: a clinical disorder

BY NOREEN O'LEARY

Health Reporter

David Morgan\* is embarrassed and unhappy about the way he looks.

At 5'7, Morgan's weight has reached as high as 265 lbs. He said his weight has a great effect on how he feels about himself, and that what he eats will often dictate his mood for the day.

"I've been overweight for most of my life," said the 23-year-old York University student. "I didn't actually realize that it was a psychological problem until two years ago."

Morgan is not alone. Food is a necessity, sometimes even a pleasure, but to some it can be a serious problem.

Compulsive overeating is a cyclical disorder that is characterized by uncontrollable eating followed by guilt and feelings of shame about the behavior and weight gain, according to Dr. Michelle Siegel, co-author of *Surviving An Eating Disorder*.

Unlike eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia which are suffered mainly by females, compulsive overeating is found almost equally in both sexes, cite statistics from Toronto Hospital's National Eating Disorder Information Center (NEDIC). However, according to Dr. Jeanne Randolph, the ratio of females to males seeking help for their disorder is six to one.

Morgan is one male who is unable to seek help.

"All I seem to think about is my weight and what kind of food I'm eating," he said. "I go from one diet to another, but nothing seems to work. I never seem to be happy except for the first couple of days I'm on a diet, but as soon as I blow it, I'm back obsessing about what I'm eating and how heavy I am."

"What's terrifying is that when a person goes into a binge, they can lose track of who they are and where they are," Randolph said. "It's a severe stress reaction."

Randolph also said that incidents of alcoholic parents, sexual abuse, physical violence, and the death of a parent before the age of 12 can increase the risk of developing compulsive overeating.

Randolph said overeaters often indulge in one of three common bingeing episodes:

- an altered state of consciousness where the individual is only slightly aware they are consuming food.

- a 'play on your mind' effect where the individual loses attention for what they are doing and instead focus their attention on a particular kind of food. They often can't resume their daily activities until they have consumed the food they desire.

- a driven kind of eating where one eats and eats past the point of fullness and past the point of discomfort.

Some doctors and counsellors believe that compulsive overeating is not taken as seriously as other disorders including anorexia and bulimia.

"The tragic view of compulsive overeaters is that they are gluttonous or lacking will power," said a counsellor for Overeaters Anonymous. "The truth is, obesity can often have much deeper causes. You can't separate the body from the mind in situations like these."

The disorder can also result in physical problems such as heart ailments, mobility problems, or

diabetes.

"I have to visit the doctor regularly just to make sure that my weight isn't harming me in any way," said Morgan. "That's the reality of my situation."


Clinical observations have found that compulsive overeating runs in families and that individuals who come from families where there is an overemphasis on food or how much someone eats, are particularly vulnerable.

Randolph said that overeaters must then find someone to confide in, stay away from diet programs, and begin to change areas of their lives that make them feel devalued or victimized.

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## Smart drinks are all the rave

Guarana concoctions are popular beverages at raves

BY HEATHER AVERY

Health Reporter

Smart drinks are the new legal drugs available at raves, but are they really all that smart? At 3 to 5 bucks a pop they should not only taste great, they should also carry a kick that will keep you dancing.

The active ingredient in these drinks is called guarana. It is a herb that has been used for hundreds of years by Brazilian Indians as a general tonic for the body, source of energy, aphrodisiac, and protectant from malaria, bowel complaints and dysentery. These days it is being used for a variety of reasons including weight loss, as a smoking deterrent, for endurance based athletics, as a mood elevator, and delaying sleep.

According to William J. Kellar, Ph.D., professor and head of the Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmaceutics division at the Northeast Louisiana University School of Pharmacy, a beverage made from guarana can pack three times more caffeine than a regular cup of coffee.

Guarana drinks are very popular in Brazil, maybe even more popular than cola in our society. Guarana syrup is used to manufacture the drinks. Pepsi has released their own version of the beverage under the name "Josta". It has a lot of caffeine - 58 milligrams per 12 ounces. Regular Pepsi has only 37 milligrams.

Recently guarana has inspired new trends with younger generations. Smart drinks are becoming more popular as the rave scene moves out of the underground. Spencer Walsh, a Humber student in the radio program has tried smart drinks.

"It tasted very, very sweet," said Walsh. "I didn't like the flavour, it was pure sugar with a little bit of fruit. I wouldn't buy one again unless I was really thirsty at a rave that didn't sell water."

Greg Close, an avid rave goer had a different opinion.

"I think that they (smart drinks) taste all right, sometimes they are kind of watery. They soothe me after I have been dancing a while, I would definitely

buy one again," said Close.

Some makers of these products claim that guarana has mind expanding effects. Close and Walsh both agreed that this wasn't the case:

"I felt no after-effects at all," said Walsh. "I didn't notice anything."

"I didn't get any special kick out of it," said Close. "I don't remember feeling the caffeine."

What about the legality of the drug? It is sold at raves, but so is ecstasy, pot, hash and acid. While the later stimulants are illegal, the Metro Toronto Drug Squad contends that guarana is not.

"Wake-up pills are basically the same thing," said Constable David Vicars. "If caffeine was illegal I would be in trouble!"

Constable Vicars remembers when a colleague of his went to a rave and found that they were selling a suspicious red liquid. He took it in to a lab and had it tested, there were no illegal contents just a lot of caffeine. Guarana was probably the active ingredient.

While the caffeine content may scare you a bit, Jackie from Golden Harvest Health Foods said, "Caffeine is actually something that the adrenal glands need."

But she cautioned that, "Some people need less and some people need more."

Guarana is not for everybody. If a Coke gives you the jitters, use common sense and stay away from guarana.

In the meantime if you want to find out more about the herb, you might have a hard time. Even though the U.S. has rated the drug as g.r.a.s (generally regarded as safe) a spokesperson from the Canadian Health Association said that there is no information about the herb in their records. Six out of seven health or herbal stores contacted did not even know what the herb was.

The greatest source available on the subject is the internet. Various articles on guarana warn that it can alter blood sugar levels, so diabetics should take precaution. Articles on the net also advise those with high blood pressure or a heart condition against using the herb. Finally those who have difficulty sleeping are put on notice that the amount of caffeine in the herb is enough to keep most people awake for a long time.

## Surviving assault

BY DANA JAMES

Health Reporter

Sexual assault is a touchy matter.

Women and men should be very leery of people around them. Even people they know.

Three different people, sexually assaulted Melissa Donald\* throughout her childhood.

"It happened with my mom's second husband, with the guys at school and with my neighbor's daughter," said Donald.

The sexual assault started happening when Donald was six years old.

"I was too young to understand what was going on, but at the same time I was brought up in a strict Pentecostal environment where sex was considered bad. I was told that if I said anything he would hurt my mom and my sister or I would be shipped off and never see them again," said Donald.

According to a pamphlet put out to college students by The Sexual Assault Team and the Mississauga Hospital, if someone threatens to hit you, hurt you or your friends or pets, or themselves if you don't obey them, it could be a sign that you are or are going to be sexually abused and you should get out of the relationship or situation.

Although the assault with Donald's stepfather never included intercourse it did involve unwanted touching and being forced to perform sexual acts on him and therefore was sexual abuse.

"We deal with eight to one hundred cases a year. We deal mainly with the victims who are over 16," said Jim Moores, an Investigator Analyst for the Metro Toronto Sexual Assault Unit.

Moores investigates sexual assaults when the offender is unknown. Two years ago he was involved with the investigation of a rape at Humber College. A girl was assaulted on the path to the Woodbine Center. Moores helped find the attacker.

**"You can't think every strange man is a sexual offender."**

— Const. Jim Moores

"On most campus' there is sexual assault where the offender is known to the victim. You can't think that every strange man is a sexual offender. The vast majority of men out there are good men who respect women, then we have a few that are not the norm," said Moores.

As a police officer, Moores suggests that women should be aware of their surroundings and not be afraid to take extra precautions like using the buddy system or calling for a security guard to walk you to your car if it's dark out and you're on campus alone.

Penny Ecclestone, a registered nurse and Health Counsellor at

Humber College said, "We think it can only happen in dark alleys but .... it happens in a house with someone they know." Ecclestone also said, "You have to look at this as an issue of power and control and it doesn't matter how beautiful you are it can happen to anybody."

When a woman who has been sexually assaulted or date raped goes to the College Health Centre Ecclestone said "I don't know if we advise them as much as listen. For most people it is just good talking about it. We ask them if they want to make a complaint and ask them if they want to continue talking to a counsellor. We also let them know the resources in the community. We do advise them to get checked for STD's and if it's very recent they might want to take the morning after pill to avoid pregnancy."

Donald repressed memories of her assaults until last year when she started having flashbacks and reoccurring nightmares.

"I was being forced to deal with what happened to me. I couldn't block it out any more," said Donald.

Unfortunately Donald didn't have anyone with whom she felt comfortable talking. When she tried to tell her mother what happened, her mother refused to believe the truth.

"My mother didn't want to deal with anything from the past. Maybe I simply waited too long," she said.

Donald is turning 27 in a month and has finally met a man she feels comfortable with for the first time ever. Just recently Donald lost her virginity.

"It was hard. I was very lucky because he has been, and I have a feeling will always be, sympathetic and concerned about my feelings. The first time I was shaking so bad he stopped and basically held me all night."

Donald has a tough time dealing with her assault. "Even when you want it to happen you shut down emotionally because you're scared even though he made sure that I knew that I had the power to say 'No.' And when I said 'stop' he did immediately and didn't try to do anything until I said okay."

Donald has dealt with her anger through the martial arts. It has given her strength back.

"It has given me a lot of self confidence and friends who have been very supportive. It has given me a lot more trust in guys. Most of the guys at the club give me hugs and I'm not comfortable with physical contact. It has made me realize that I can be touched in a non-threatening way," said Donald.

The Sexual Assault Team and the Mississauga Hospital warn women that they can't always avoid sexual assault or date rape but there are things that can be done to prevent it. They say 85 per cent of sexual assaults happen between people who know each other.


\*name changed to protect identity.

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# Et Cetera **Lifestyles**

## Traffic ticket remedy

**Paralegals may offer offenders free advice but they're not for everyone**

BY **JOHNA WARE**  
Lifestyles Reporter

Being pulled over to the side of the road by a policeman is a frightening experience, even when no violation or crime has been committed. What would you do if that same policeman handed you a ticket?

According to statistics from Pointts Peel, clientele records reflected to January 1998 that 81 percent of males and 19 percent of females of all ages are charged with violations under the Highway Traffic Act of Canada. These statistics are relative to the Brampton based office on Advance Drive.

When heading home with a traffic ticket, it is common to panic. This is a natural reaction when caught on the wrong side of the law.

There are people in various paralegal organizations dedicated to assisting drivers reduce demerit point liabilities, preventing convictions on your record and helping prevent high insurance rates.

The organizations you should take note of are those qualified paralegals who have been a part of the court system, such as a previous justice of the peace, police officer or prosecutor. These employ people with the expertise in handling charges under the Highway Traffic Act and motor vehicle related criminal charges.

Noel Lien, at Save Your Points, advises anyone looking for representation and help to be careful when choosing a representative.

"There are people who were plumbers or tow truck drivers who have found their way into the business. It is important for

you to find a knowledgeable person, someone who knows the laws and the court system."

Most organizations will offer a free consultation to help you understand your situation fully and to become aware of the problems you may face.

However, paralegal services are not for every one.

Catherine Friars, vice president of Reliable Lock and Safe said, "I went to Pointts after my accident because I was innocent of the careless driving ticket I received, but I refuse to pay \$500 for representation when I did nothing wrong."

Friars defended herself and the charges were dismissed.

Jay Williams, a Humber Graduate, was not so lucky representing himself in court. Williams was charged with careless driving and received a three month suspension of his licence and a \$165 fine.

Jennifer Woods, a Sheridan student used these organizations. The paralegal in charge of her case was able to plea down her

speed on her ticket which also lowered the penalty of demerit points on her licence to a minor violation under the Highway Traffic Act. The ticket was then forgiven by her insurance because it was her first ticket.

Bill Burd, a paralegal with Not Guilty, an organization established in 1985, said, "we offer a free consultation to explain what we can do, the violation itself. It's like an interview and it is their decision to use our services or not. All fees are discussed. Rates and fees are dependent on the offense and the court location," said Burd.

**"I went to Pointts after my accident, ... I refuse to pay \$500 for representation when I did nothing wrong."**

**—Catherine Friars**



PHOTO BY TRICIA DOUGLAS

**It is a natural reaction to panic when caught on the wrong side of the law.**

"Our maximum fee for minor violations is \$350 and the maximum fee for a major violation is \$550," said Stephen Parker, president of Pointts Peel.

"It depends also on the location of the court and where the violation took place. I will travel to any where in Ontario to New York State. The farther away, the larger the fee," advises Lien, sole proprietor of Save Your Points.

Minor violations include speeding tickets, failure to share the road, backing on the highway, driving without a seat belt and improper passing.

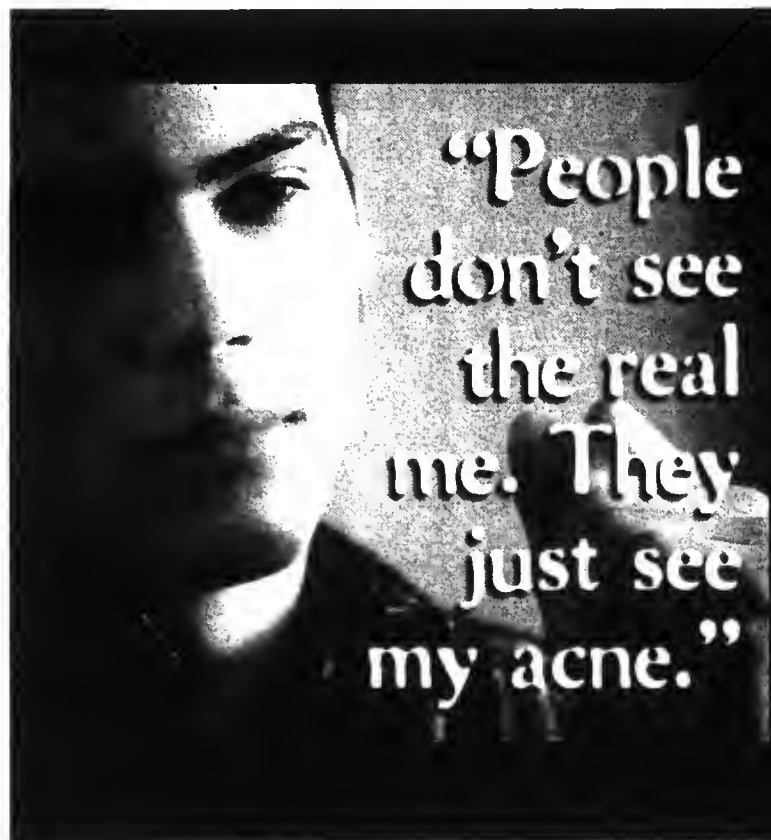
Driving the wrong way on a one way street, disobeying a police officer's signal,

failure to report an accident to the police and others, are other minor violations.

Major violations include failure to remain at the scene of an accident, dangerous driving, impaired driving and similar violations that generally fall under the Criminal Code of Canada, rather than the charges under the Highway Traffic Act.

"Pointts Peel has defended as many as 175,000 people over 12 years and carries a 93 per cent success rate for demerit point reduction and the dropping of charges," Parker said.

With a 90 per cent success rate, Lien said that anyone in the business worth using will have a similarly high rate of success.



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# St. Patrick strikes again

Haul out your best green clothes and get ready to drink lots of green beer

BY AMY TYSON  
Lifestyles Reporter

It's time to dig out those green clothes once again. St. Paddy's Day is not far away.

For many people, Irish or not, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate with lots of Irish music and green beer.

"We get together and get drunk," said Chris Hall, 23, a Humber Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning student, who comes from an Irish background. "It's just a day to party.

"I have a friend who goes to Boston every year to go to his uncle's pub and have a private party. They get drunk and re-live the old days."

While he doesn't go all out and dress in green completely, Hall said he usually wears green socks and underwear.

You don't have to be Irish to enjoy St. Patrick's Day just as much as the Irish themselves.

Jack Saeed, 33, owner of a retail clothing store, said he will probably go to his uncle's Irish pub, The James Joyce Irish Pub, on Bloor at

Spadina.

"We drink, sing songs. They have live Irish music and Irish lager on tap," Saeed said.

Tabi Mughal, 24, assistant manager of a clothing store, said she has worn green on March 17 since high school.

"I wear green but I don't wear those 'Kiss Me, I'm Irish' buttons. They're so tacky!" said Mughal.

Mughal said that she often gets into the spirit of the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

"When I was in university, (on) St. Patrick's Day, I went to the bar at school. They had a band playing Irish songs. It was fun to grab some of that atmosphere," Mughal said.

Humber's own pub will also be celebrating St. Patrick's Day.

Steve Portt, manager of Caps, said he hopes to have a good turnout at this year's St. Patrick's Day night.

"This year will be the judge. We've never had (a pub night) on a Tuesday, so this will be a draw," said Portt.

Caps will have the usual green beer flowing for St. Patrick's Day, and maybe even a few promotions.

"We're working on a promotion with a beer company right now," Portt said.

Caps will open at 8 p.m. on

March 17 for an all-ages pub night.

In conjunction with the Thomas Caffrey Brewing Co. when you purchase a pint of Caffrey's Irish Ale at Caps, you get to keep the glass and a chance to win a trip to Chicago for St. Paddy's Day, or a Caffrey's jacket.

So, what is St. Patrick's Day all about?

It seems as though no one can really pinpoint the exact events that lead up to March 17 being named St. Patrick's Day.

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated to honor Patrick, Ireland's patron saint.

For years, he worked as a missionary. Many legends say that Patrick drove snakes out of Ireland by beating his drum.

What no one really seems to be sure of is when he was born and when he died. Some articles say that he was born about AD 385 and that his original name was Maewyn. His reported date of death ranges between AD 461 and AD 493, March 17.

Much of who or what St. Patrick seems to be Irish folklore and can't be confirmed.

St. Patrick's Day was originally a Catholic holy day, but now, it has become a non-religious holiday.

Irish tales say that the three-leafed shamrock, or three-leafed clover, was what St. Patrick used to explain Trinity. Patrick used it to represent how the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit could all exist as separate elements of the same entity.

The Toronto St. Patrick's Day parade is on Sunday, March 15 and starts at noon. The parade starts at Bloor Street and St. George, and ends at Queen Street and University.



PHOTO BY TRICA DOUGLAS

Steve Portt, manager of Caps, pours a pint of Caffrey's Irish Ale. Other Irish beers served at Caps include Guinness and Kilkenny.

## St. Paddy's Day web sites

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/1465/stpat.html>

<http://www.aitech.ac.jp/~iteslj/quizzes/1b/stpat.html>

<http://www.marlo.com/st-p-mad.html>

<http://www.m1.medialinx.ca:1245/features/stpatrick/stpevents.html>

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<http://www.gospel-net.com/releases/st-pat.html>

<http://www.1adventure.com/Ireland/stpat/history.html>

<http://www.aoh.com/index/stpat.html>

<http://www.compucast.com/stpat.html>



# Get rid of those unwanted guests

BY JOHNA WARE  
Lifestyles Reporter

It sounded like a fishing reel being cast in the large empty attic. Homeowner Amanda Webster went up the stairs to investigate the noise. She entered the attic cautiously and, as she turned, a small bat whizzed out from the ceiling towards her. She screamed, shut the door and quickly made her way down stairs.

"It was frightening. I thought it was only a cricket in my attic, not bats," said Webster, a new homeowner in Brampton.

Webster soon discovered the problem was larger than just one bat. Jessica Holditch, Wildlife Consultant with AAA Wildlife Control, told her that she had about 100 to 200 bats inside the attic walls.

She will not be able to get rid of them until they wake up in the spring.

Then she will have to renovate the walls, because over at least the past six years the wall has gone black from bat saliva and has begun to deteriorate.

Wild animals in the home can cause a great amount of damage if they are not caught immediately.

R + J Wildlife Removal of Mississauga said it's not uncommon to have wild animals try to make their own home in yours. The most common animals are raccoons, rabbits, birds, squirrels, bats and skunks. The rare animals include opossum, snakes, lizards, and ground hogs.

Homes at a slightly higher risk for animal infestations usually back onto rivers or forests where the animals are more likely to be close and less afraid of people.

Throughout his childhood, David Ellis, an Ottawa University student, lived near the Humber River and has learned many tricks for safely and harmlessly ridding his home of wild animals.

"Animal control was very helpful. One trick I found handy with squirrels was to make a path of peanut butter and crackers from the one room joined to the outdoors," said Ellis.

When removal companies are called, the fees are set with a one-year, no animal return guarantee.

"We do not harm the animals. We simply remove them with live traps or by hand and catch pole," said Mary Johnson, owner and operator of R + J Wildlife Removal. "After the animal is caught we take it away and let it go in the parks and suburbs."

The time of year when animals are most likely to be a problem is during the March and April spring season.

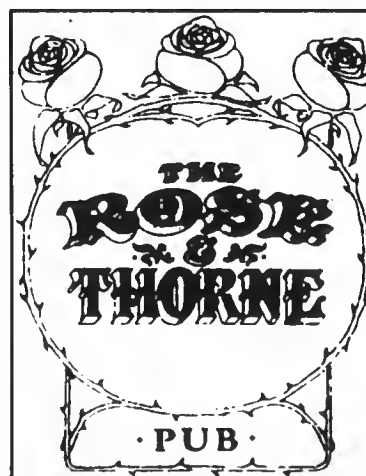
But helping relocate the furry little critters doesn't come cheap.

Last spring Cheryl Spring found a skunk liv-

ing in her garage.

"They set up a live trap using pieces of orange and when they came to pick up the animal, it cost me \$200," said Spring.

According to Holditch, the \$239 cost includes hands-on service including removing the animal, fixing and sealing of the damaged area and a one-year guarantee that the animal will not return. Holditch also points out that bats are a protected species and when they are removed a one way door is used and the bats are collected and let go back into the wild. The door is then removed and the hole is sealed.



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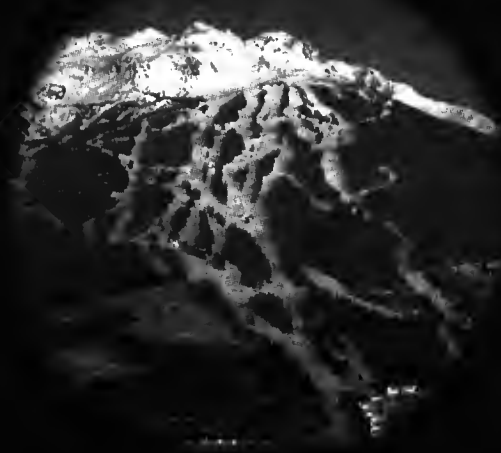
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# Aviation program soaring

Tuition to Aviation program a whopping \$42,000 for six semesters

BY GREGORY LEE  
Technology Reporter

Some Humber College business students are getting their careers off the ground even before they graduate, literally.

These students belong to the two-year Flight and Aviation Management program offered at Lakeshore campus. The program combines a business diploma with an aviation license.

A major concern of students in the Flight and Aviation Management program is the cost. Unlike most other courses at Humber, there are no government subsidies. Students must pay the full bill, \$42,000, over the six consecutive semesters. OSAP is available, but students can only get a maximum of \$28,800.

This is a serious hurdle for prospective students.

"It's an advantage for students too since we have smaller classes," said Bob Connors, the director of the Flight and Aviation

Management program.

The program has been running since 1995 when Rick Kloepfer, owner of the Toronto Flight Centre (TFC), approached Humber about a program that would prepare students with management skills for ground operations of a flight business as well as give potential pilots another option after a career in flying.

"By and large, the majority of commercial pilots work in small community-sized businesses. And whether or not you have the title of 'manager' you are in fact the front line in customer service day to day. So having business training makes some sense. Humber is the first to combine this training," said Connors.

**"It's an advantage for students since we have smaller classes."**

**-Bob Connors**

The business side of the program includes courses in accounting, marketing and management,



PHOTO BY GREGORY LEE

A Piper Aztec, one of the planes students practice on at the TFC.

all of which have an aviation angle to them.

"This past year the program beefed up the curriculum to 74 class hours of business now," said Connors. "Initially, it (aviation business training) will help you to be a better business pilot in the sense that you'll know about customer relations and understand the context of a flying school and of a charter airline. You'll also know what the rules and procedures are. So to an employer, you'll be more valuable from the outset."

Students learn to fly on TFC's

fleet of aircraft which include six Katana DA 20s, two Cessna 172s, and a Piper Aztec to gain multi-engine experience.

A Transport Canada approved flight simulator is also available for use at TFC's Toronto Island home. Here, the students gain flight time and receive ground school instruction.

During the program students earn their commercial licences with a multi-engine rating. In their last semester, students can opt for one of two ratings, Instructor or Multi-Engine International Flight Rules (IFR).

## Student investment club 'fantastic'

BY CATHERINE MATHEWSON  
Business Reporter

When it comes to investing, knowledge is power.

More and more, students are becoming interested in investing, but without the proper education they risk losing their money.

The Hart House Investment Club (HHIC) at the University of Toronto educates nearly 140 members on how to invest wisely and make informed decisions about the stock market. Students learn how to manage a portfolio

through an extensive library of investment-related books, guest speakers, a basic investor's guide and a Dow Jones Telerate stock quotation system.

"The club is based around education. We want to educate members to invest wisely," said HHIC President and Secretary, Glen Martin.

The HHIC doesn't recommend that students invest in certain stocks or funds. However, members are free to air their views at the Traders' Circle, a discussion group which gives students the opportunity to analyze and research stocks.

The HHIC has been in operation since 1985 and is open to all Hart House members. Other than the staff advisor and a chairperson from the field, the club is student run by a 12-member executive.

"I think it's vital at the college and university level for students to start learning about investing and it's really important to start investing as early as possible," said Martin. "Each person has to prepare for themselves, because they're not guaranteed a comfortable retirement otherwise."

Jim Crysdale, president and CEO of Elliott & Page Ltd., a mutual fund and pension company, recently spoke to the HHIC. Crysdale was very enthusiastic about the idea of student investment clubs, "I think it's fantastic," he said.

Very few universities and colleges have a club of this type, but the need for students to be educated about the stock market may produce more investment clubs. Martin advised students not to shy away from asking for advice.

"Most people (investment professionals) in the field will want to speak to the club because most people enjoy their job and want to explain how they made it in the field," said Martin. "Major financial companies will provide speakers."

In addition to education about investments, the club offers a great opportunity to learn about how the economy is affected by world events, jobs in the investment field and the future.

Every HHIC student may not become a multi-millionaire, but they have made the first step towards planning for their futures.



PHOTO BY CATHERINE MATHEWSON

Crysdale answering questions.

### Wicked Web Sites

**HART HOUSE INVESTMENT CLUB**  
<http://www.campuslife.utoronto.ca/groups/hhic/>

This site features links to other investment sites and e-mail addresses of the executive of the club who'll answer questions on how to set up a student investment club.

**NATIONAL ASSOC. OF INVESTORS CORP.**  
<http://www.better-investing.org>

Learn how to set up a student investment club and get answers to FAQs.

**MOVIE MISTAKES**  
[http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/E\\_Sandys/homepage.htm](http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/E_Sandys/homepage.htm)

Find out the mistakes in your favourite movie. For example, in the *Titanic*, in the beginning we see about 20 dogs. But, when the ship's going down, we never see one damn dog. Where'd they go? Inquiring minds want to know!

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A regular guest panelist on the *Howard Stern Show*, Jackie the "Joke Man" has a web site with hundreds of the nastiest, wickedest, and filthiest jokes you've ever heard. Most of them can't be printed here. But here's a joke cleaned up from Jackie's site: It's been said that Albert Einstein used to masturbate a lot. Of course when he did it, it was a stroke of genius.

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# Entertainment

## Beach party blowout

Molson hosts a winter escape complete with free beer and flying female frilly's

BY ANDREW MCKAY  
Entertainment Reporter

The problem with having a beach party when it's minus 15 is it takes so much longer to get a good tan — even longer when it's inside, at night.

No sand? We'll fake it. No volleyball? Ditto.

Smash mouth & Third Eye Blind are playing? I'm listening.

Free beer? I'm there.

Molson threw one of its infamous Beach Parties at the Docks on Tuesday night, an invitation-only affair for contest winners and bar staff. Humber came out well represented, with many people turning it into a road trip.

Everybody was draped with a lei as they walked in. Next, the important things: two free pizza tickets, and two beer tickets. Paydirt.

Of course, the first beer disappeared while I was waiting in the pizza line, but c'est la vie.

The decor left a lot to be desired. The room was festooned with cute little paper goldfish and an enormous pink flamingo that was bigger than my apartment. The only things that looked sum-

mery were the gaudy Hawaiian shirts the Molson reps were wearing. I don't know about the summer, but the cool, refreshing breeze off the lake isn't so refreshing when the windows are letting in drafts that would make a penguin shiver.

On stage, the band Fat was playing. They sounded like Twisted Sister and Run DMC got into a bar fight with James Taylor and the guys from Stryper.

The crowd, not quite drunk, did that concert thing where you stare at the band like aliens have landed in front of you, and you're not sure if

they're the good aliens or the bad aliens.

Fat finished up pretty quickly, which led to a huge bar — and bathroom — run. I took the opportunity to get my own "Beach Party postcard" made with Molson's digital

camera.

Smash mouth was the highlight of the night. They hit the stage just

"Smash mouth is awesome. Buy the CD, invite your friends over, and make a night of it."



Tarantino movie, seven people would get shot and three more would kiss during every song. Their hit Walkin' On The Sun got a good reaction, but their coup de grace was a jazzed-up version of House of Pain's Jump Around that smoked anything Fun Lovin' Criminals has ever done.

The set flowed well, and at 8:55 the first pair of panties hit the stage.

Red.

Frilly? Lacey? Not sure.

At 9:05, the first guy fell down.

Drunk — wearing water wings.

Smash mouth is awesome. Buy the CD, invite your friends over, and make a night of it.

The second set break sent even more people to the bar, doubling up on the beers which cost \$4.50 at this point. My meagre income left me wandering around, watching the unnerving phenomenon of 2500 people hitting the "I think I'm Drunk" phase at exactly the same time. Especially this guy who looked like Washington from Welcome Back, Kotter who was playing a haphazard game of human pinball as he rushed for the bathroom.

Fortunately, before the fights could start, Third Eye Blind came on.

The band's single, Semi-Charmed Life, was introduced as the most-played song in the world in 1997.

That says something about the band; I'm just not sure what.

If you liked that song, I mean REALLY liked the song, you'd love Third Eye Blind. Every song sounds the same.

Vocalist Stephan Jenkins, who I think is also Jakob Dylan, made up for the singular aspect of the tune with a boatload of attitude.

After the third lightly-received song, he admonished the crowd by saying: "Hey, we drove a long way to be here."

Alas, the revellers were now tanked to the gills, and the band was an afterthought.

Not wanting to be stuck in a coat check line behind 2500 off-balance drunks, I started towards the door. As the band played their super-duper hit song, somebody next to me said, "Didn't they already play this?"

My last task for the night was to scam the Molson rep out of a cab voucher so I wouldn't drive home. Wobbling back and forth, I fixed my eyes directly over his right shoulder, and tried to look queasy.

He bought it and gave me carte blanche approval to go anywhere in the city.

Little did he know: I was sober, with no licence and I don't have a car.

## Rusty well oiled at Warehouse

The band put on a smash performance at the Warehouse

BY HIMANI EDIRIWEERA  
Entertainment Reporter

There was nothing rusty about last Saturday night's concert at the Warehouse.

Rusty, the Toronto-based quartet, rapped up a series of concerts put on by several bands during Canadian Music Week (CMW).

The Warehouse was definitely the place to be during CMW's

closing night as fans of all ages showed up to see, not only the much anticipated performance by Rusty, but Groovy Religion and Bran Van 3000 as well.

Rusty, formed in 1994, includes Ken MacNeil (lead vocals), Scott McCullough (guitarist and vocals), Jim Moore (bassist) and John 'Fatboy' Lalley (drummer).

"It's fabulous," said Moore, referring to the bands success. "We're having a great time."

All four members of Rusty have played with other well-known bands, including

Econoline Crush, Bootsauce, Skydiggers, the Doughboys, and Groovy Religion.

Their new CD, *Out Of Their Heads*, was released on March 10 with the first single, Soul For Sale, already receiving plenty of air play.

"Music is the international language of love," said Lalley, explaining the bands rising popularity throughout Canada and the U.S.

Lalley, coincidentally, is also the drummer for Groovy Religion, one of the other bands that opened for Lalley about

being in two bands. "I want to keep doing that."

Mahabir also explained, "the boundaries are limitless. You can do lots of things with yourself if you don't set any limits."

Lead singer, Ken MacNeil, belted out a tune for adoring fans last Saturday.

PHOTO BY ROB DUTCHIN





# Chicago "razzle dazzles" Toronto audiences

**Broadway musical simple, yet effective in its Toronto debut at the Princess of Wales Theatre**

BY DUSTIN DINOFF  
Entertainment Reporter

Chicago has Toronto singing. As Humber took a well deserved March break, the Toronto company of the Tony Award winning musical, *Chicago*, was gearing up to take the stage at the Princess of Wales Theatre on February 26.

The musical takes place, fittingly enough, in Chicago, where Roxie Hart has murdered her lover after being dumped. As the case becomes a sensation around the town Roxie, basks in the limelight of the media and becomes a full-fledged celebrity. Yet Roxie is in constant fear that another case will come along and overshadow her own.

The amazing thing about *Chicago* is that, unlike most of the other big American musicals in Toronto's theatre district, it remains simple, but just as entertaining, if

not more so, in comparison. There are no huge sets moving in and out of the scene and there are no explosions. It was hard to believe the same theatre was home to the spectacle that was *Beauty and the Beast* only a few months ago.

*Chicago* relies purely on the strength of its jazzy score and its incredible cast of characters,

Mary MacLeod and Obba Babatundé light up the stage in Tony Award winning Broadway musical *Chicago* at the Princess of Wales Theatre.



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including the talented Charlotte d'Amboise who delivers a funny and energetic performance as the scheming Roxie Hart. She is complimented by Donna Marie Asbury

reasonably corrupt defense lawyer, gives the strongest performance of the play. In fact, he's so likable as Flynn that it's easy to forget that he's also a villain.

One interesting surprise in *Chicago* is the appearance of Michael Tucci (Sonny in *Grease: the Movie*) as Roxie's pathetic husband, Amos, whom she has wrapped around her little finger.

Sure he was in *Grease*, but who knew that he could really sing?

The dance portion of *Chicago* is adapted from the style of Bob Fosse, *Chicago's* Broadway director and choreographer, and for a musical with no set, back drops or explosions, *Chicago* keeps the scenes moving successfully throughout with some top-notch choreography by Ann Reinking.

Our generation may not be able to appreciate a musical like *Chicago*, not only because it lacks the explosions, but because it may be too simple for those who are constantly looking for more on stage.

Still, the simplicity of it all is quite refreshing and that's what makes *Chicago* a real showcase for talent and a great night out at the theatre. The only problem is the production won't be around for much longer — it runs at the Princess of Wales Theatre until April 26.

who plays Velma Kelly, another murderer who uses her waning fame to launch a relatively unsuccessful career in Vaudeville. The two actors work extremely well together with an infectious chemistry that reaches the audience.

Obba Babatundé, who is hilarious in the role of Billy Flynn, Roxie's

# Crossing over the alternative edge

BY BRIAN PASCUAL  
Entertainment Reporter

Okay folks, let's be honest with ourselves.

We all know that "alternative music" is the biggest oxymoron floating around pop culture right now, but no one seems to want to admit this.

That's where Alan Cross steps in.

As the afternoon-drive DJ on 102.1 The Edge, and host of the nationally-syndicated radio documentary show, *The Ongoing History of New Music*, Cross knows what he's talking about. Being a self-described "hunter-gatherer" or 'pack rat' type of musicologist doesn't hurt either.

With his new book, *Over The Edge: The Revolution and Evolution of New Rock* (\$19.95), Cross tackles the dilemma of defining just what alternative music is these days, while compiling a collection of tidbits and little-known facts that he's become known for finding.

*Over The Edge* points out that "alternative music fans" simply have to come to terms with the fact that their music has saturated the mainstream. Cross pinpoints the success of Nirvana as the catalyst that started it all, paving the way for artists like Smashing Pumpkins, Pearl Jam, and Nine Inch Nails to begin redefining the

music industry.

So Cross takes it upon himself to create a new definition for the music he loves.

It would probably be unfair to give it away right now, but the fact that Cross takes an entire paragraph to accomplish this says a lot about alternative music. It's just too varied and diverse to be contained in one sentence.

It comes as no surprise, then, when you flip through *Over The Edge* and are hit over the head by the dizzying number of facts Cross has to offer. In a genre where variety reigns, material is never at a shortage.

From Origins of 101 Band Names to Ten Musical Scandals to A Guide To Hidden Tracks on CD, Cross

takes his reader on a guided tour through his encyclopedic mind. In the section titled Nine Bad Career Moves, you can read about the five drummers that preceded Dave Grohl before Nirvana hit it big. It's Pete Best all over again for any Beatles fans.

*Over The Edge* is clearly for the ultimate "new rock" or "modern rock" or "alternative music" fan. It's about wanting to know more than just the band's name and what's the "hit" from their CD.

The best part of Cross' book is his introduction. Titled "What's

With Music These Days?", it speaks to the alternative music fan who might feel a little disillusioned with the fact that just about any average Joe might be listening to the same music as them on their headphones.

Cross never says this is a bad thing. He simply points out why alternative music is no longer the alternative, and what its future is.

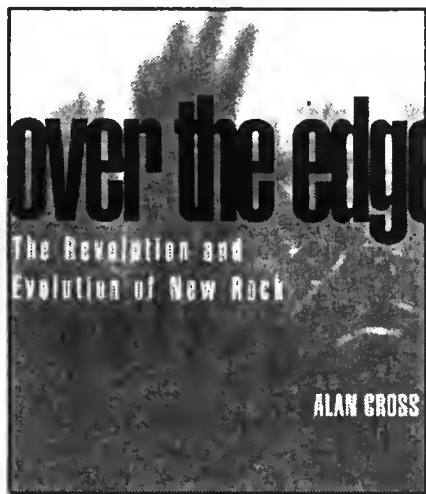
Gone are the days when being a fan of the genre was like being a member of some exclusive club.

And although some fans object to their favorite groups becoming so popular, they can take solace in Cross' book. It's his little attempt at offering the alternative music fan just that little more space they so desperately want to cling on to.

The book is full of information

only die-hard fans will ever want to know, and that might be just what will separate music lovers from now on. Rather than distinguishing between different types of genres, it's time to start distinguishing between the fans.

And Alan Cross' book can be the starting point.



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# Club promotes unity through music and dance

BY BRIAN PASCUAL  
Entertainment Reporter

Stop for a second and listen to what your school sounds like.

Everyday the same noises seem to fill the hallways, right?

Listen again. There's something new there.

It's the sound of the Disc Jockeys and Dancers of Humber College Club (DJHCC) trying to spread its name around campus. It's a relatively new club, but its members are eager to take their philosophy to the student body.

Sitting across from the club's president, Swayn Tseng, the optimism and excitement in his voice is impossible to ignore.

But you can't blame him for smiling — his club is underway, and its potential is limitless.

"Our club's goal is to promote Humber College as a unified school to unify everybody from different races and cultures," said the 23-year-old Hotel/Restaurant Management student. "We don't care about your color, race or religion. We're focused on whether you have the same love as we do."

That love is music and Tseng is passionate about its ability to bring people together.

"Music is a language that everyone can understand universally," he said. "We're trying to show people what music can do for each other."

The DJHCC is actually a strong network of contacts that Tseng has built up over the past few years. Aspiring DJs at Humber can join the club and take advantage of the professional DJs who have offered their knowledge and services to Tseng's club.

"We have them in the group to help other people," said Tseng, "so it's not just me and my VP that have experience, it's also other DJs who will be helping others out to teach them about the industry."

This outside help is perhaps

what is most appealing about the club — there are professional DJs on hand to provide their sounds and their services and, the DJHCC takes it a step further.

"We have promoters and we have people from the music industry like BMG Distributing," said Tseng. "Right now we're trying to get Chrysalis and Virgin to help support us."

BMG offers the DJHCC free giveaways to help promote certain gigs or jams held by the club.

"They help us promote our own people, as well as theirs," Tseng said. "We feel if they're going to help us promote, we're going to give something back in return."

The club's dynamics is set up in a way that its members can only benefit from being a part of it and Tseng hopes this will lure future members.

"We're trying to show that teamwork is a part of our organi-

to joining the club.

"How we operate," said Tseng, "is that the amount of work you put into us, we will put back into

**"Our club's goal is to promote Humber College as a unified school to unify everybody from different races and cultures."**

—Swayn Tseng

you. Sometimes twice as much."

What the DJHCC ultimately offers is an opportunity for current and aspiring DJs to put themselves out there and into the industry. Tseng's web of contacts ensures that everything you will ever need can be found at his club.

"We're going to give you all the contacts and as much promotion as you need — free of charge," he said. "If you need to buy new equipment, we'll find you the cheapest price. We'll provide you with music, lighting, flyers ... whatever you need."

A few of the DJs in the club have already performed at various clubs throughout Toronto, including Studio 69 and Club Atlantis. Tseng is also hard at work showing Humber students what their own people are capable of doing. He is currently trying to

convince Caps to hold a DJ Night on Friday's to promote the DJHCC's talents.

Knowing there would be regular weekly showcases might entice more people to join. Anyone interested can contact Swayn Tseng at (416) 753-8708 and leave a message.



PHOTO BY BRIAN PASCUAL

Tseng sees music and dance as tools for communication.

zation. In order for the club to work everybody has to contribute."

But the team is still in its fledgling stage with membership hovering around 20 people. Tseng is hopeful this number will change as students interested in becoming DJs begin to realize the upside

## Abubakar remembered and honored at the Bamboo

BY TRICIA DOUGLAS  
Entertainment Reporter

A benefit to honor Tarig Abubakar, founder and leader of the Afro Nubians, will take place this Saturday at the Bamboo Club.

Abubakar created one of the

most successful pan-African bands in Canada and lead the way for fellow musicians and countrymen to be heard. He was killed in a car accident on January 26 while on his way to board a plane back to Toronto.

The tribute will be a fundraiser

in which proceeds will go to support Abubakar's mother and family who currently reside in the Sudan, his native country.

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**...apathy plagues this college**

and makes derogatory statements regarding student government and the actions of the student leaders.

As a former SAC North President,

I've heard all the complaints which students present as to the effectiveness of the student leaders. Do these complainers realize that they, in fact, put the perceived ineffective leader in his or her position? Not voting is as good as voting. Every time a student decides not to vote, the success ratio of the more popular, not necessarily the best, candidate increases.

Student Government leaders may not be the ones who can change the cost of tuition, parking, or food prices; however, they do have an influence on many other areas that touch on these important issues. For example, each year SAC must decide on whether to increase the amount of money they receive from the non-incident portion of your tuition fees. This decision directly impacts on your tuition fees and also influences other incidental fee collecting areas.

Now instead of complaining, why don't you go to the SAC office, and find out if SAC intends to increase their portion, and if so,

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why? SAC uses their fees to provide many student services. Some examples

are: a Drug plan that reimburses up to 80% of the cost of prescriptions, providing health care on campus through the Health Centre, providing free legal aid, providing scholarships and bursaries through their donations, and donations to student computer labs. There are many more services SAC offers that are not used to their full potential because students don't know about them.

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Loreen Ramsuchit, 1998 CSA CRO

**Do you read the SAC bulletin boards?**

# Sports

## One down, one to go

**WBB team wins gold at Provincial Championships, and are now set to take on Canada**

BY ERIKA FORD  
Women's Basketball Reporter

It has been said over and over this year, but never has it been as sweet as now. The Women's Basketball Team has won another two games, and with them, the OCAA gold medal.

The women beat their competition in the fashion they perfected during the season - total annihilation.

Although the provincial title doesn't come as a surprise, none of the luster is lost from the trophy.

"It feels awesome. There are no words to describe how amazing this feels," said co-captain Heather Curran.

Ontario's Final Four was made up of the George Brown Huskies, the Fanshawe Falcons, the Seneca Scouts and Humber.

Humber's first draw was George Brown, a team they had beaten by 21 and 55 points this season.

Humber came out with the intensity and energy that kept them undefeated this year. From the tipoff it was obvious GB would not even be a small speed-bump on Humber's road to the OCAA title.

The Hawks were all over both ends of the court; stealing, rebounding, passing and scoring easy, uncontested baskets.

At half-time the score was 44-5. Midway through the second half GB went on a scoring spree, netting seven points.

The slaughter ended a few minutes later with the final score of 77-17. Tamara Cummings was named Player of the Game. Missy McCutcheon has 14, Aman Hasebenebi had 12 and Tanya Sadler had 11.

In ceremonies the day before the tournament, McCutcheon was named to the OCAA Second Team All-Stars. Hasebenebi and Sadler were named to the First Team All-Stars, Sadler was also named an All-Canadian for the second straight year. Coach Jim Henderson was named Coach of the Year.

Humber met their cross-town rivals, the Seneca Scouts, in the gold medal match, and for the first time this season, the women showed fear.

"Everybody was nervous. It took us awhile to get all the jitters out, then after that we were fine," said Hasebenebi.

The first half was slow and sloppy as both teams shut their opponents down offensively. As always in a game between the Hawks and Scouts there were plenty of fouls.

At the end of the half, the Hawks had their lowest and tightest game of the year, 28-19.

During half-time the Hawks must have eaten their Wheaties, drank their Gatorade, and tightened their Nikes, because they came out and slammed the door to the gold medal in Seneca's face.

Humber slowly and steadily pulled away from the Scouts. But when they felt the gold practically around their necks they simply shut Seneca down offensively, still adding to their score.

The Hawks were smiling and laughing on the court. The bench was standing and cheering, and Humber's fans were singing goodbye to the Scouts.

When the final buzzer went off the Hawks rushed the court jumping, screaming and crying. They won the OCAA title by the score of 60-39.

"We deserve this. We've worked hard to get here,"



PHOTO BY ERIKA FORD

**Jubilant members of the Women's Basketball team celebrate on the court after winning the OCAA championship last week.**

Hasebenebi said.

Before the women had cut the mesh from the basket (which was delayed until after the men's championship), thoughts had already turned to the Nationals. Hasebenebi said she is looking forward to the competition.

"Now we have to think there's teams like us out there. We have to see what the west has. The games are going to be good," she said.

Coach Henderson said there is

no specific preparation they can do.

"We can't get ready for particular teams, because we don't know who they'll be. We can just maintain our defence and keep up the intensity," Henderson said.

The Nationals are March 12-14 at Seneca College. The Hawks will meet seven of Canada's best teams. Rookie Nicole McLean has a message for the competition.

"Click. Click. Reload," she said.

## Hawks play their wild card

BY AILA Y. ALI  
Men's Basketball Reporter

They're going, no they're not, hey wait...they're gone.

The fate of the Humber Hawks Men's Basketball team was decided March 9. They got on a plane heading west to Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, Tuesday night.

Landing the only wildcard place in the country for a second time and seeded fifth going into the Nationals, the Hawks have a chance to bring back the gold.

"If anyone can lobby for the wildcard spot, Doug Fox is the best man to do it," said Assistant Coach of the Sheridan Bruins, Nicky Davis.

With a 9-3 record after regular season play, Humber College was considered a strong candidate for the wild card spot. For one, their record is better than last year's 5-5, when the Hawks went on wild card and ended up losing in the semi-finals to Durham.

The first ranked Sheridan Bruins with a 12-0 record, were

the ones to shut off the house lights on the Hawks in the Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) basketball championships held at Centennial College. It was a close game in all aspects. During the last two regular season outings against the Bruins, the Hawks have been defeated by no less than 10 points.

With higher stakes this time, the Bruins clipped the Hawks 69-63 in the upsetting final five minutes. Although the six points on

the scoreboard did not lie, they did not tell the whole story either. Missing only one of six foul shots, All-Star Hawks guard Jeremy Murray contributed team high 18 buckets.

Despite losing the game, everyone in the Hawks nest was proud with the teams' effort, including Coach, Mike Katz. "I think it was a great basketball game. We came up short, but we had a great game," he said.

Hawks forward James Ashbaugh, still coming back from

an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury suffered in November, explained why they lost.

"Forty-seven seconds and six points. We played a hell of a game, but every game there has to be a loser," said Ashbaugh.

Unlike the Hawks who are jubilant about going to the nationals by any means possible, the wild card was not the route Sheridan coach, Jim Flack wanted to take.

"No wild card. We started this year playing with everyone doubtful we could make it to the finals," said Flack.

Flack was asked about Humber's team and if they were the monkey on his back to defeat. "Monkey? They were the gorilla on my back," he said.

The Hawks take to the hardwood at Grant MacEwan College March 12, in a longer journey than they had hoped for but with the gold within arms reach. The National Finals take place on March 14 at 8 p.m.

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# A whole new ball game

BY ALDO PETRONE  
Women's Volleyball Reporter

Humber Women's Volleyball scored big at the National Championships in Sherbrooke over the break despite the team not winning a medal.

The championships turned out to be a learning experience for the rookie squad.

It was the first time they attended the nationals and they immediately saw how good the next level of competition was.

Despite placing sixth in the eight-team tournament, coach David Hood explains the simple fact about the championships.

"This is the best of the best across the country and we were a little intimidated, we didn't know what to expect," said Hood.

Quebec and Alberta sent clubs that have years of national experience. They were too dominant for a Humber squad that has played only Ontario competition.

"Even the Christine Rudics have never played at this level. In Ontario she stood out, but here there are teams full of Christine Rudics," continued Hood.

Rudics is the 6'2" OCAA all-star, Humber's best player. She was also named to the national all-star team this weekend.

The team however played extremely well against strong teams from B.C., Alberta and Nova Scotia.

## HUMBER VS OKANAGAN VALLEY

Their first match was against fourth ranked Okanagan Valley from B.C. Fifth ranked Humber lost in five grueling sets, 12-15, 15-7, 10-15, 15-13, 11-15. The loss eliminated Humber from winning the gold medal since the championship was in tournament format.

Okanagan was a taller and quicker team that matched well against Cindy Ross and Christine Rudics. They also had better hitters at every position on the court and a deeper bench.

Assistant Coach Chris Wilkens best described the match.

"It was an up and down, string of points game," he said.

Wilkins, however, was clearly frustrated because he and Hood could not make any adjustments to Humber's game plan after losing the first set.

"We couldn't pass the ball and when you can't pass the ball you can't make any adjustments," said Wilkins.

Humber had trouble passing the opponents serve to the setter, who in turn couldn't set the ball for the kill. Setter Caroline



PHOTO BY ALDO PETRONE

Lindsay Anderson comes up with a huge dig during Nationals.

Fletcher had an off day as well.

This allowed Okanagan to take advantage of a weak Humber middle attack, allowing the middle defender to move to the outside and form a triple block to stop Humber's outside power position.

However, Humber battled right to the end. In game four they were down 13-2 before scoring 13 unanswered points to win the set. In game five they were up 4-1 before Okanagan took the lead and ultimately won the match.

## HUMBER VS SAINTE-ANNE

Their second match was against Sainte-Anne from Nova Scotia. Humber easily beat up the eighth-ranked team 15-0, 15-11, 15-2.

Humber was taller and

stronger than the Sainte-Anne squad. It took all of 12 minutes to complete game one and Sainte-Anne scored their first point in the match when trailing 3-0 in game two.

"We worked hard for an entire year and we had to remember all the sacrifices we made to get here and we couldn't forget that," he said.

## HUMBER VS GRANT MacEWAN

Humber's final game was against Grant MacEwan City College from Alberta. The third-ranked team beat Humber 6-15, 12-15, 15-8, 11-15.

MacEwan was similar to Okanagan, but better, with strong, tall players and a deep bench that Humber could not handle.

Humber played at the top of their game as Ross and Rudics had strong performances. Starter Lindsay Anderson took two shots off the head on two separate rallies to keep the ball in play.

Despite the loss however, coach Hood puts a perspective on Humber's performance at the Nationals.

"This was a new thing for us, but we saw the next level and we know what we have to aspire to and what our next goal is," he said.

Compared to other teams, it is clear that Humber will have to recruit one or two tall players over the off-season and lighten the scoring load off the backs of Cindy Ross and Christine Rudics. The two scored almost all the points for Humber over the three games. This would also allow the coaching staff to work with a deeper bench.

The rookie squad however accomplished so much over the season, winning the OCAA and being considered one of the best teams in the country. Their experience at the Nationals will make Humber a favorite to win it all next year.

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# Hawks wage cold war

Hockey team stick together to run unbeaten streak to 14 games

BY NEIL BECKER  
Men's Hockey Reporter

Hawks forward Richard Wand was on fire last Thursday night. Notching two goals and adding an assist, Wand lead the Humber hockey team to a nailbiting 3-2 victory in a rough affair over Shoeless Joe's at Ice Sports Arena.

The win bumped the Hawks '98 unbeaten streak to 14 games, however, towards the end of this one, the game almost got out of control, looking like a scene out of the movie *Slapshot*, with everybody fighting. Even Hawks goaltender Jeff Allen was involved.

"There were two guys on my guy, so I jumped in. I don't get to play that much, so when you get a chance you want to be there to back your teammates," said Allen.

During the first 20 minutes, the Hawks made quick line changes while playing dump and chase hockey. After successfully killing off a penalty, the Hawks seized the momentum. They grabbed the all important first goal thanks to

some Mario Lemieux-like stick-handling by Richard Wand in front of the opposition's net. Forward Kevin Hole fired a perfect pass to Wand who gave the old 'how's it goin' to the goalie, by faking left and going right before putting the biscuit low into the cage.

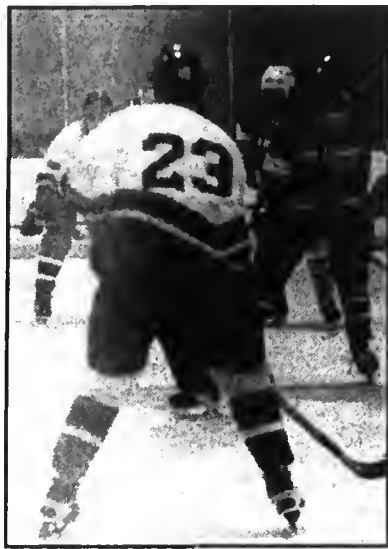


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Richard MacKenzie (23) of the Hawks waits for a pass during Humber's 3-2 last week.

"Kevin got the puck up to me. I saw the goalie going one way, and I went the other, putting it in the net," said Wand.

Frustration was displayed by Shoeless Joe's in the final minute

of the first, when Hawks' Captain Jeff Bain went down in a heap near the end boards after being hit in the mouth by a stick. Even though he did lose a tooth, the gutsy captain showed his heart and soul by staying in the game.

"Bainer skated into him. His stick went into Jeff's face," said Hawks Coach Paul Masotti.

During the second period, the play opened up as both teams played a run and gun style by going end to end and trading scoring chances. Humber went up 2-0 at 5:05 of the second period, when rookie forward Steve Knowles showed his soft hands around the cage by tapping in a centering pass.

"It was a great play by Silvio (Arrone). I was driving down hard to the net. Silvio fed the puck right on the stick and it went into the net," said Knowles.

After Shoeless Joe's caught Humber running around in their own zone for a few minutes, the Hawks got another goal which would prove to be the game winner. Forward Iliia Martinovich lugged the puck into the opposition's zone on what seemed like an innocent rush. That play resulted in forward Richie Wand tipping home a laser slapshot from Jeff Weicker at the point.

The shutout bid ended when the Hawks defence let Scott Martins get behind them. Martins skated in alone on a breakaway before putting on the deke and sliding the puck past Duane Crocker.

The third period saw Hawks coach Paul Masotti make like Mike Keenan by pulling his number one goaltender Crocker in favor of backup Allen.

"Jeffrey has been working hard at practice. I wanted to give him some ice time. Especially with playoffs coming," said Masotti.

Early in the third period, Hawks rugged defenceman Blake Mitchell was taken down in his own end by a Shoeless Joe player, touching off a brawl.

"The guy two handed me. He asked me if I wanted to go. The other guy blind sided me," said Mitchell.

According to Coach Masotti, "It was hard for our team to keep their composure with all the stickwork."

The middle of the frame saw Shoeless Joe's scoring to narrow what was once a comfortable three goal lead to 3-2. With about one minute left in the heated game, the opponents pulled the goalie, but could not muster the tying goal as the Hawks won this one 3-2.

"We have a fast team. One of our strengths is speed and forchecking. The way to utilize that is to work off their mistakes. It forces us to play as a team," said Masotti. "We did that tonight and it showed."

The Hawks finish their regular season on Thursday, March 12, when they play at 7:15 at Ice Sports Etobicoke.

# Injury bug leaves soccer team short

BY JOE SILVA  
Women's Soccer Reporter

The Women's Indoor Soccer team failed to capture a berth into the OCAA Championship at the West Regional tournament held March 6 at Redeemer College.

The Hawks needed to finish in the top two spots to get a shot at a provincial title, but finished in third place after a heart-breaking loss to the Niagara Knights in what was a do or die game for both teams.

Both Niagara and Humber were deadlocked at one win, one loss and had the same number of goals for and against. Only one goal would be needed for either team to advance, but not a single player was able to score in the two 20 minute periods. The game was decided in a shoot out.

Niagara was able to score on their first shot and that goal was the eventual game winner. Hawks coach, Vince Pileggi, expected a spot in the top two, and was disappointed with the end result.

"It was disappointing that we came here expecting to qualify for the OCAA provincial tournament and left empty handed," Pileggi said.

at the George Brown Tournament, re-injured the same ankle and was forced to miss the remainder of the day.

Hawk offensive threat, Filomena Aprile, missed the entire second half of the first game with an uncontrollable nose bleed. The end result was a 2-1 loss to the Condors.

Humber then faced the Redeemer Royals and beat them 1-0. The highlight of the game came in the second half when the Royals were awarded a penalty shot. Goalkeeper, Angela MacDonald got a piece of the ball preventing a possible tie.

The last game against the Knights was probably the most exciting game in the entire tournament. Both teams had ample opportunities to end the game. The Knights hit a goal post and a crossbar late in the second half. The Hawks had the game won when Jennifer Morris had an open net, but she shot the ball just over the crossbar.

Injuries struck again as Carrie Francis suffered an ankle injury which forced her to leave the game, leaving Humber with no reserve players to man the remaining shifts.



PHOTO BY JOE SILVA

One of the few remaining healthy Hawks goes after a ball during the team's failed attempt to qualify for the OCAA championships.

The team finished in second place at the George Brown Tournament only two weeks ago, so it is not at all surprising Pileggi felt that way.

The coaching staff's decision on the five shooters used in the shoot out was simple.

"We really didn't have much choice. We used the only five healthy bodies we had," Co-Coach, Mauro Ongaro said.

Ongaro couldn't have been more right. The Hawks started the tournament with only seven partially healthy players and finished the day off with four injured players when it was all said and done.

The injury bug bit the team in their first game against the Conestoga Condors. Natalie Jones, who injured her right ankle

The rest is history.

The Knights advanced to the OCAA Provincial Tournament along with the Condors, while the Hawks ended their season.

Aprile, somewhat dejected, said she felt that the Hawks should have been able to win the last game.

"We had so many shots on net, but nothing would go in," she said.

Cynthia Affroh felt the team did relatively well considering all the obstacles the team faced on that day.

"We played really well considering we suffered some injuries and didn't have a full team," she said.

Aprile can't wait until next year. Next year, she said, the result will be different.

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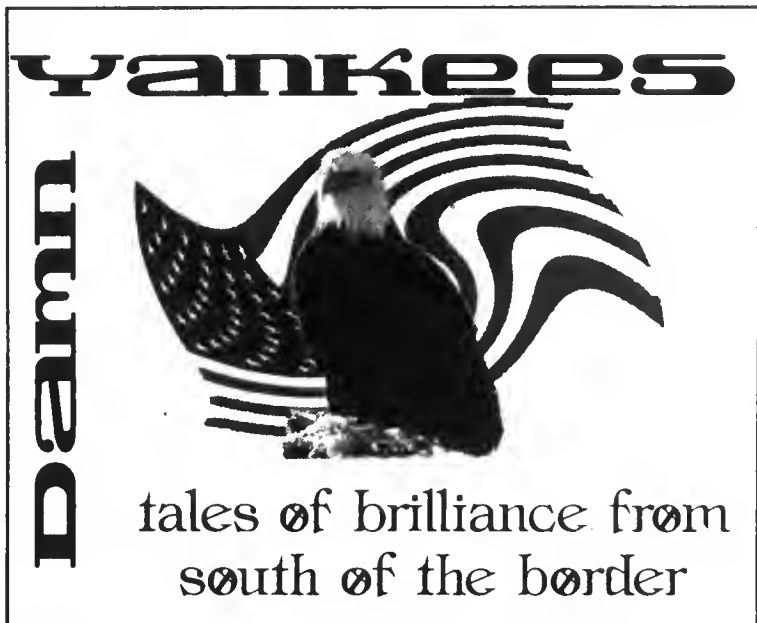
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## Killer Goldfish

1998 Darwin Awards Nominee

January 29, 1998, was a fateful day for Michael Gentner. Imagine if you will, a group of four young studs sitting around bragging about the fish they had swallowed. And picture the chagrin of this 23-year-old man, who found his stature diminishing as it was revealed that he personally had never chomped a live fish.

Michael seized a 5-inch fish from a nearby aquarium and attempted to swallow it. Unfortunately, it became stuck in his throat. After giving him a few minutes to make good on the dare, his three friends finally realized that more than the fish was flailing around. They contacted emergency services and explained that Michael had a live fish stuck in his throat, and was having trouble breathing. When paramedics arrived, they observed the fish tail still protruding from the victim's mouth. They were unfortunately not able to resuscitate him.

Akron, Ohio police said it was unlikely that murder charges would be filed. Apparently, if friends dare you to leap off a bridge, and you do it even though you cannot swim, you're not a victim of homicide - you're just a Darwin Awards contender.



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only saying stuff worth repeating

What's another word for thesaurus?

- Steven Wright

What a terrible thing to have lost one's mind. Or not to have a mind at all. How true that is.

- Dan Quayle  
Former V.P.

Did you ever notice when you blow in a dog's face he gets mad at you? But when you take him in the car he sticks his head out the window.

- Steve  
Bluestone

So, you think you're a chick magnet, do ya?



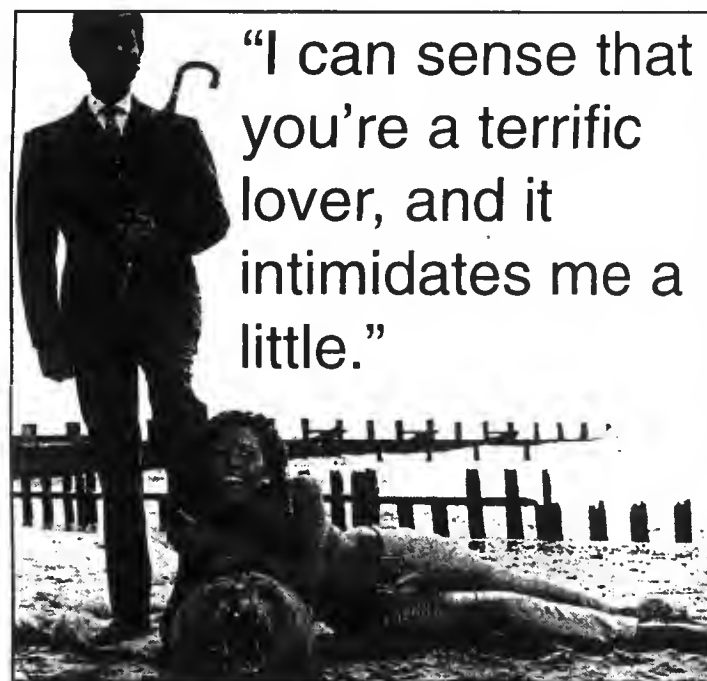
"I'd marry your cat just to get in the family."

"Inheriting eighty million bucks doesn't mean much when you have a weak heart."

"My friend over there wants to know if you think I'm cute."

"The voices in my head told me come talk to you."

"How about you and I go back to my place and get out of these wet clothes."



"I can sense that you're a terrific lover, and it intimidates me a little."



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