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JANET GIBSON

## Show us the million dollar minutes

by Patricia Lima

It has been almost five months and the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) has still not released the minutes for its last bi-annual general meeting on Oct. 10 despite numerous requests from the Et Cetera.

At the meeting, HSF members and full-time students in attendance approved the largest student government budget ever at \$1.16 million. But those who didn't attend the meeting are still unclear about how the massive budget was passed or who exactly passed it.

According to HSF Business

Manager Cindy Dragic, the meeting's minutes cannot be made public until they are approved at the next bi-annual general meeting. This will not be taking place until April 5.

This means that the 2000/2001 students who paid for this budget are not able to see how it came into effect until the end of the school year.

When asked whether the large time gap (Oct. 10 until April 5) between the meeting and the drafting of the minutes could allow room for inaccuracies, Dragic said, "I guess. I mean, I didn't create the

system."

In addition to the large time gap, another problem that may cause errors in the minutes is that the recording secretary for the Oct. 10 meeting, Iris Kohler, will not be drafting the final copy of the minutes. Kohler, the former HSF executive assistant, was let go in October.

HSF President Toby Warnell said this would not be a problem.

"We took the minutes that she had," Warnell said, "and they will be completed by one of the staff members ... most likely someone that was at the meeting."

The HSF constitution does not set any deadline for general meeting minutes. There is a deadline, however, for the minutes of each meeting of the Board of Directors. These minutes must be posted in the HSF office and put on the HSF Web site within 10 days of the meeting.

Under the former student government system a general meeting was held once a year, so minutes were only made public 12 months later at the next meeting.

Warnell said that although it has been tradition to release general meeting minutes at the next

general meeting, he will propose a change. He said he would recommend that the constitution review committee set a tighter deadline for the minutes.

"That's something that can be easily changed," Warnell said. "I will approach [the constitution review committee] and say, 'This is an issue that was brought forward and let's change it.'"

However, any proposal to amend the constitution will also have to wait until April 5 to be announced because, like the minutes, it can only be introduced at general meetings.

## More tuition hikes

by Deena Thakib

Humber students will have to dig deeper into their pockets next school year after an approved tuition increase by the Board of Governors on Monday night.

Beginning September 2001, students enrolled in regular, post-secondary programs will pay \$2,074 for tuition, compared to the \$2,033 paid this year. That's an increase of about \$41.

Post Diploma programs will also increase by \$91. Students paid \$2,783 in 2000-01, but can expect to pay \$2,874 in the upcoming year.

The hardest hit students are those enrolled in the two-year Comedy program. They face tuition costs of \$3,450, up \$181. Those in the one-year program will pay an additional \$162.

Rick Embree, Humber dean of Planning and Development, said for certain programs like Comedy, the college must spend more money recruiting faculty. See 'Tuition' on page 3

## Warned about porn

by Dave Ward

Two Humber students were given a strict warning earlier this month for looking at pornography on one of the College's computers. Connie Egan, learning operations manager of the School of Applied Technology, issued a photo call from an offended student who reported the names of two Civil Engineering students who were viewed on the College computer.

"He told me he was offended and wanted to know what I was going to do about it," Egan said. "So I brought the two students into my office and told them they'd be withdrawn from their program if they were caught viewing pornography a second time."

The computer lab policy is posted in every computer room in the College. The policy reads, "No pornographic or other discriminatory material may be viewed in this public facility, including e-mail attachments."

Valerie Sprenger, on-site manager of Information Technology, has further defined what is considered viewing.

"If someone sends you an e-mail attachment with porn on it, you open it and then close it right away, don't click on it, but if you open it, laugh to yourself and then show your friend over to check it out, that's viewing."

Someone is caught looking at porn in a computer lab immediately. If there is a second offense, the student is removed from their program. Sprenger said there is one exception. If the student can provide proof that they are viewing pornography for academic purposes, they will not be penalized. Although a rare occurrence, students taking the human sexuality course in the general education department sometimes look at porn for academic purposes.

"One student was even clued out enough to print a pornographic picture, leaving the image for all to view on the computer monitor," she said. "Besides the obvious offenders, it can be quite difficult to

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# News et cetera

## Mixed reactions over energy rebate cheque

by Sara Mulvihill

The month of February brought a smile to the faces of many Canadians after receiving a cheque from the federal government for heating costs.

Close to nine million Canadians received energy rebate cheque sent out by Canada Customs and Revenue. The "Relief for Heating Expenses" payments are expected to cost the federal government \$1.4 billion.

*"That extra bit of cash is definitely going to help me with my bills this month."*

Thierry Gevaert

The federal government sent out the cheque in order to help people counter the soaring costs of heating. Natural gas prices have more than doubled and so has every other energy source.

Canadians who are eligible for the GST or HST (goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax) will receive the rebate if they filed their 1999 income tax returns and applied for the GST/HST credit.

Under the plan, married and common-law couples will receive \$250 and so will single parent families. Single people with no children will get \$125. The decision to distribute the relief to those who qualified began in October when Federal Finance Minister, Paul Martin, proposed

the idea of providing Canadians with heating cost relief in his mini-budget. Martin announced in early December that the cheque would be sent out by Jan. 31, 2001.

Although nine million people were pleased to receive the rebate, some Canadians feel that the federal government is wasting money by sending rebate cheque to people who don't even pay heating bills. Although Scott Porter, a long-time resident of Toronto, received the \$125 rebate, he is a little skeptical about the plan. "You have to question the policies of our government when inmates and those in nursing homes are receiving those cheque, but not those who deserve it," Porter complained.

The government has not only received criticism from the public; the Liberals have been under fire in Parliament for its methodology. In a recent parliamentary meeting Canadian Alliance MP Randy White confronted the Liberals about flaws in the system. "Why are federal prisoners getting the rebates? [They] haven't paid one cent in bills," said White.

The finance department used the 1999 GST database to figure out which Canadians were hit by high heating costs.

Sarmite Bulte, an MP from the Parkdale-High Park area, defended the public's concern about those who were not suppose to receive rebate.

"The rebate is a one time pay-



JULIE BELL

**Turn up the heat:** rebate cheque added warmth to multi-media student Nathalie Roy.

ment. Prisoners are not eligible for the GST rebate and those who received the payment were incarcerated after they had filed their 1999 tax return," Bulte said. "This is not the government's intention, and departmental officials have been asked for recommendations on how to get the money back."

However, this also means anyone who has died since the beginning of the year will also get a cheque.

Instead of criticizing the government, many Humber College students are grateful for the rebate. Some financially strapped Humber students are celebrating the extra cash in their pockets. Thierry Gevaert, an Electrical Apprenticeship student, is ecstatic about his heating rebate. "I have never been so happy to be below the poverty line as I am this month. That extra bit of cash is definitely going to help me with my bills this month," he said.

## Honesty is the best way to go

by Emily Schneider

If you've ever thought about exaggerating your marks in order to nail that perfect summer job, you should probably think again.

At least that's what some first-year University of Toronto law students discovered after an internal investigation discovered that 30 of them may have lied about their grades to potential employers, and could possibly be expelled.

A long-standing university policy denies employers access to first-year marks but the investigation conducted by U of T's law faculty of first-year students revealed the story.

Although Humber College students' marks are completely confidential, Academic Vice-President Richard Hook discourages students from lying to employers.

"Dishonesty is unethical under almost any circumstances, and to lie is just not a basis on which one should be getting jobs," Hook said.

He also pointed out that Humber has a strong policy against academic misconduct whereby a student may be given zero on an assignment or entire

course when they demonstrate academic dishonesty for the first time. For second infractions, they may be suspended.

Humber Marketing student, Patricia Jordan, agrees that U of T law students should be reprimanded, as their actions reflect badly upon the university.

"They should be suspended. It makes everyone look bad," Jordan said, admitting that she'd be upfront about her marks to an employer.

"It's wrong. It's misrepresentation, basically," said Nursing student Jennifer MacMillan. "I don't think they should be kicked out for it. There should be a serious consequence but I don't know what."

Ironically, in last week's issue of Et Cetera a classified ad was printed offering essay writing research and composition services for a fee.

Hook cautions students from using such services.

"That's academic dishonesty. It becomes a game of academic Russian Roulette. That student may get away with it once, possibly twice, but the faculty at Humber are pretty careful about that. And they are aware and are looking for that," Hook said.

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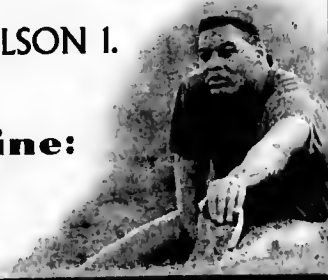
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# J-school students win

by Derrick Milburn

For the fourth consecutive year, Humber students have been recognized for excellence in journalism and design at a ceremony held earlier this month.

Humber students earned eight awards at the 23rd annual Columbia Scholastic Press Awards held in New York, Feb. 15-17. Sponsored by Columbia University, the awards celebrate outstanding achievement in journalism.

"The award is nice because I have never won anything before. But it is also a surprise," said award winner Seanna Murray-Neck. The third-year journalism student earned a certificate of merit for her feature article entitled "A School Bag Full of Back Pain."

"It's a good thing and it will look good on my resume," added Murray-Neck.

Deborah Creatura has also earned a certificate of merit for her in-depth feature "Night Shift," which appeared in the *Summer Et Cetera* magazine.

"I was very excited to find out that I won the award. I had heard about it last year, that people on the *Et Cetera* had won different

awards," Creatura said.

Along with Murray-Neck and Creatura, Dorly Jean-Louis and Catherine Stancel were also awarded certificates of merit for outstanding writing in profiles and entertainment.

Students from colleges and universities across the United States are invited to submit entries in the categories of writing, design and photography in school newspapers and magazines. Humber College is the only Canadian institution to enter the prestigious competition.

Entries were chosen for submission in the fall by journalism instructors Carey French and Terri Arnott, who acknowledges the importance of such awards.

"It's nice because it recognizes all the various things that we do. To place in an international competition is very special," Arnott said.

Humber students were first entered in the competition in 1998.

In that year they earned four awards, the following year six and last year, seven awards. Four of this year's eight awards were given to Humber students for written work.



DERRICK MILBURN

**Winners:** from left to right, Seanna Murray-Neck, Dorly Jean-Louis and Deborah Creatura.

In the design category, two awards were given to students of the electronic publishing program. *Convergence*, written by journalism students and designed by electronic publishing, won second place for contents page design and a certificate of merit for overall design.

"I was thrilled of course for the journalism program to receive the Columbia Awards for the Humber *Et Cetera* and for *Convergence* magazine. But I am particularly thrilled for the electronic publish-

ing program and the students in that program who worked really hard at producing this magazine and making it an award winner," said Nancy Burt, assistant director of Media Studies.

A third design award was also given to a journalism student for a special Internet section in the *Et Cetera*. Rounding out this year's total was journalism student Melissa Mohaupt, who earned a Columbia Scholastic Press Association award for her portfolio of sports photos in *Et Cetera*.

## Sex predator on the loose

by Sara Mulvihill

Police are warning High Park residents of a sexual predator preying on women in local apartment elevators.

On Feb. 19, around 10:20 p.m., a young female was sexually assaulted by a male while alone with him in an apartment elevator in the Québec Avenue and Bloor Street West area.

That same night a woman was sexually assaulted by a male in an apartment elevator in the High Park Avenue and Bloor Street West area around 10:40 p.m.

Due to the similarities of these incidents police believe that the assaults were committed by the same suspect.

"I immediately felt scared. I definitely won't ride in the elevator alone again," Amanda Grahams, a High Park resident said.

Natalie Meditsky, a Humber student, living in the area said, "I get scared when entering the elevator by myself," she said.

Police have described the suspect as an Asian male, between the ages of 17 and 20, 5 foot 7 to 5 foot 10 and a shaved head.

## Porn viewers can be traced

Students must login to terminals

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catch someone viewing porn. They angle the screen away from the middle of the room, put their back to the wall, and hit tab-out if anyone comes near."

Depending on where you are in the school, the chances of being caught viewing porn vary. Some labs in the college require that you enter a personal login name every

"We can trace who has been on what sites, because each student has to login every time they use a computer," he said. "I'd like to see the monitoring changed to a school wide operation because there are some parts in the school where no personal login name is required, making it easier for offenders to get away with it," he said.



DAVE WARD

**Checking out** porn on the Net can lead to trouble at Humber.

time you use a computer. Ennio Firmani, Architectural Technologist at Humber College, said he does background checks in the J-wing every week.

Firmani said there is still a problem in catching the right people, even where the login system is in place. Some students don't log off when they're finished and then

someone else goes onto a pornography site, while the computer records the visit under the login name of the previous student.

"It's like a smoking gun," he said. "If you pick up a gun that was just used to kill someone, you're going to be charged with the offence. The responsibility is on students to make sure they log off when they are done."

Egan said, because the computer policy is posted in every room, it's the student's problem if they are not aware of the rules. Two years ago, a couple of students were expelled for being caught, for a second time, viewing porn on a college computer.

"Last year we had a problem with people downloading pornographic pictures and leaving them as screen-savers on the computer," Egan said. "This is a serious issue because someone could sue the college for impinging on their right to a safe environment or for sexual harassment."

As casual as students may think it is, viewing Internet pornography in the college is extremely risky. Egan said there is no tolerance for second time offenders.

Two strikes and you're gone.

## Tuition fees hiked up

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members. Well-known comedians from Los Angeles have been flown in to teach for one month, which makes the program more expensive.

International students are the only students who can breathe a sigh of relief. Their tuition remains the same.

"[The international students'] tuition is already set high by the government and it already went up by two per cent in the 1999-2000 school year," Embree explained.

### MORE TO COME

According to Embree, last year the province mandated that tuition go up by two per cent every year for five years. Last year was the first of the five.

He said that although the new increase is minimal, students would still prefer no increase.

"Our problem is that costs and salaries are up by four per cent annually. If we didn't increase at all, there would be a problem for the college," Embree responded.

The tuition hike has already stirred controversy at Humber's North campus.

"It just figures, that's all the school seems to do. They put money into upgrades we don't need. They should take money out of our basketball team and put it into our education," Amy Tedford, second-year Public Relations student argued.

### NIGHTMARE DEBTS

"You say that because you're not a sports fan, but like every campus we need to fix up the gym and take care of our sports teams," classmate Sylvia Czepiec, responded.

Students worry about accumulating debt that may haunt them for years after graduation.

"For me, I'm on OSAP and I'm going to feel this when I have to pay it back. Forty dollars could be a lot of money," Erica Allotey, a Business Management student said.

Student leaders, like Humber Students' Federation (HSF) President, Toby Warnell, said the hike was kept down because he and other students have been lobbying the government.

Warnell's advice: "People need to get involved on campus because you can protect students rights and keep the costs down. You can make a difference."



JANET GIBSON

Police cruiser at the scene of the crime on Saturday afternoon.

# Two people shot at Albion Centre

by Janet Gibson

A 19-year-old man has been charged after two people were shot at the Albion Centre Feb. 24.

It was late Saturday afternoon when Steve McCallum and his girlfriend, Val Macintosh, were having a beer in a restaurant at the Albion Centre.

They heard a commotion nearby. Macintosh and her friend, Susie LaRose, who is a waitress at the restaurant, went into the mall to take a look.

They saw four men fighting. One took a punch in the face.

The women screamed, "Call security!"

"Once that happened all these bullets just started going all over the place. Everyone was running and taking cover," said Macintosh. "I ran behind a table. I don't know what I thought it was going to do for me. Then I went to bend down, and I heard a blood-curdling

scream, 'I've been shot! I've been shot!'"

Macintosh ran to the back of the restaurant to find LaRose shot in the foot.

She was treated at Etobicoke General Hospital and later released.

A male was taken to Sunnybrook Hospital with numerous gunshot wounds. He remains in serious condition.

Detective Debbie Harris of 23 Division said the men involved in the incident knew each other.

"Crime has been quite prevalent in Rexdale the last few months with a lot of the shootings that have been going on. We need the co-operation of people who may have information that is important to the investigations to help us solve all the incidences," Detective Harris said.

There have been seven homicides in the Rexdale area in the last

year.

Part-time Humber College student Harish Mehta was working in the Shell self-serve gas station at the corner of Albion Road and Kipling Avenue when a customer asked him if he'd heard of the shootings.

He turned on a tiny television set in the pay booth and watched it on the news.

Mehta, who worked as an architect in India before moving to Canada two years ago, grocery shops regularly in the Albion Centre.

"Obviously it's scary," he said, "People from other cultures come here to live because it's rated number one by the United Nations," he said. "Why do these things take place? What is the reason behind it?"

Charged with attempted murder is Garth Antonio Edgar, from Brampton.

## It's tax season

by Elizabeth Bower

Humber College is reminding students to claim all scholarships and bursaries as income when filing their income tax return.

Val LeMoine, supervisor of Humber's PayRoll department, explains that T4A forms were sent out last week, indicating the grand total of income received from Humber College up to the end of the year 2000.

"There is always confusion with students who don't realize they must claim these things," LeMoine said. "But they have received income that has had no tax deductions, so they must claim."

Margaret Antonides, manager of Financial Aid, said she always makes a point to tell students bursaries are taxable when she hands them out. It's also clearly stated on application forms, she said.

Antonides warns that students can't easily get away with not claiming.

"Revenue Canada does get a copy of the T4A's," she said. "So it's just like anything else with taxes, in a couple of years they could come after you for it."

If you haven't received your T4A in the mail, contact PayRoll services.

## Warmer climate forecast for Ontario

by Tina Birak

Climate change may bring hotter summers and milder winters to Southern Ontario said Joan Klaassen, a leading Environment Canada meteorologist.

But don't expect Lake Ontario to become the next Miami Beach. Along with a rise in average temperature, Ontario could expect an increasingly turbulent climate, said Klaassen.

Using general circulation models (GCM) (computer programs that mathematically simulate climate conditions) researchers predicted that a doubling of greenhouse gases (GHGs) in the atmosphere over the next 100 years could force the average temperature in the Great Lakes basin to go up by 4.5°C by 2055.

The increase may seem small, but Environment Canada reports, an increase of 3°C around 1000 AD, a climate slightly warmer than today, enabled the Vikings to settle Iceland and Greenland.

"There is clear evidence from the data and from various data sources that there has been an increase in temperature over the last decade, and that it appears to be continuing," said Dr. Peter Taylor, professor of atmospheric science and applied mathematics at York University.

In the past, climate change happened naturally and today we're still undergoing natural change but data proves humans

are now accelerating the rate of temperature increase and that's a major concern, said Klaassen.

Scientists are uncertain what will happen as a result of warmer temperature on specific geographic regions but GCM scenarios from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and Environment Canada suggest reductions in outflow from Lake Ontario by 23-51 per cent.

A warmer climate won't necessarily make way for palm trees and sandy beaches. Low lake levels would slash Ontario's critical supply of water to municipalities, industries and hydroelectric plants, according to IPCC data.

"Any warming and certainly any increase in humidity is liable to lead to increases in severe weather which would include heavy precipitation, flash floods, droughts, and potential for tornadoes," said Taylor.

Hotter weather would also pave the way for new bugs and diseases associated with warmer climates, and more days when heat stress and poor air quality would negatively affect people's health.

In the year 2000, an estimated 1,900 Ontarians died as a result of air pollution reported the Ontario Medical Association, said Chad Cheng, climatologist for Environment Canada.

But climate change is tricky and although researchers can predict adverse impacts they can predict

favourable scenarios as well.

In Ontario, warmer weather would allow for longer agricultural growing seasons and fewer ice jams in the Great Lakes could extend shipping season.

"People who are analyzing the data are doing their best but there are large levels of uncertainty in the details and predictions," said Taylor. Researchers can't be sure how different chemicals mix and counteract in the atmosphere and what type of feedback cycles we'll experience.

However, researchers are certain the earth is warming up and there will be repercussions. It's

not only important that all countries cut down GHG emissions but adaptation to climate change is crucial.

The Viking colony in the Arctic disappeared about 500 years later, at least in part due to a temperature drop of about one-degree.

Today we have the foresight to slow down and adapt to climate change before it's too late, said Klaassen. Nothing is sacred once climate change starts to take shape, as it will affect every aspect of life in Ontario from agriculture to recreation.

"It's going to be bad for skiing and that's sad," Taylor said.



STACEY ROY

Warmer winters: life will be different in Ontario once climate changes. Scientists expect a rise in the average temperature.

# On Campus *et cetera*

## Paramedics worry after death of child

by Nadia Ranieri

The recent death of a critically-ill 18-month-old baby who paramedics failed to take to a hospital has had an impact on the paramedic profession.

Methusan Vijayaratham's parents called 911 on the evening of Feb. 3. Paramedics arrived at their Scarborough home, assessed the situation and determined that the boy did not need to go to hospital.

Hours later, paramedics were called again to the home. This time the child was taken to Toronto East General Hospital and then transferred to Hospital for Sick Children in a chronically ill state. He died shortly after from bacterial meningitis. The coroner's office is now investigating.

"This is an ongoing investigation that's going to look into the circumstances of the call," said Mike West, media relations spokesperson for Toronto's Emergency Medical Services. "Paramedics are there to make emergency situations better,



SARA MULVIHILL

Recent infant death is currently under investigation.

not worse."

The investigation is being pursued by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Coroner's Office and Toronto's Emergency Medical Services. According to West, the objective will be to look at

how things were done and to determine areas for improvement. It should take approximately two to three weeks to complete.

West could not verify whether a paramedic student possibly had accompanied the EMS crew on that

day.

"There may have been a student on that vehicle," said West, "but they had no role in treating or dealing with the patient."

Dr. Porter, the Deputy Chief Coroner for Inquest in Ontario, said the "investigation will determine if the standard of care was met and will assess whether the physicians had acted appropriately in the situation."

Jamie Rodgers, a former Humber student and Toronto paramedic is concerned that all the negative media attention will have a negative impact on

his profession.

"Nobody sees the 20 minutes we spend on the scene, trying to convince a patient to go to the hospital," said Rodgers. "When we transport a child to the hospital, it depends on the situation." Rodgers insists that

paramedics are very careful in emergency situations.

First-year paramedic student, Dan Sutherland, thinks otherwise.

"They should have transported the patient just to be on the safe side," he said.

Doug Leonard, co-ordinator of Humber's paramedic program, hopes to use this particular case as a learning basis for future paramedic students.

"There are specific procedures that have to be followed," said Leonard, "each patient and their circumstances has to be dealt with individually. There's a whole bunch of professional, ethical and legal spins to this."

Toronto's Emergency Medical Services have come under scrutiny in the past when a similar tragedy occurred almost a year ago.

Joshua Fluelling, a 20-year-old Scarborough native, was turned down from one hospital and transported to another, where the young man later died.

## HSF elections looming for candidates

by Melanie Butera

Student government elections are just around the corner and potential candidates are running out of time as their nomination packages are due by noon today.

Eighteen nomination packages were handed out at the North campus, of which only three were returned by the time the paper went to print Wednesday evening.

Two packages were submitted for candidates running for VP Campus Life North and one was submitted for President. Only eight packages were handed out at the Lakeshore campus.

"We may not have an election in every area," said Cindy Dragic, HSF business manager.

Elections are only held if two or more candidates are competing for a spot. If only one candidate applies to fill a position, he/she is automatically given the job.

Campaigning begins next week and continues for two weeks. Since the Lakeshore campus doesn't begin its break until March 12, most campaigning will take place next week while candidates at the North campus will most likely start their campaigns after the break.

An important part of the elec-

tion process is the Executive Forum, where those running for President, VP Campus Life North, VP Campus Life Lakeshore, VP Administration North and VP Administration Lakeshore, speak about why they think they would be the best representatives for the job. Here, students will also have the opportunity to ask questions.

During election time, students will have the opportunity to vote for president, vp's for their respective campuses and directors of their particular school of study.

Being president is "a full-time job," said Dragic. Therefore, the person who is elected to this posi-

tion must drop down to part-time status if elected. Even though Humber's constitution states that the president is allowed to hold office for two years, current HSF President, Toby Warnell said he will not run again.

The two things he's most proud of are helping to get student government incorporated and successfully lobbying for an open-access computer lab at the Lakeshore campus.

Elections take place at the

Lakeshore campus on March 20 and March 21 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the small cafeteria.

At the North campus, students can vote on March 21 and March 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Concourse.

If all the positions are not filled by representatives, by-elections will be held in the fall to try to recruit new students.

Any full-time student, 18 or older can run for student government.

## Survivor night disappointing

by Jesse Kohl

Caps hosted Survivor Night last Thursday in an attempt to help raise awareness about Humber's upcoming 32nd Annual Blood Donor Clinic.

Television screens played re-runs of the hit 'reality' show *Survivor* for the first part of the night, and once in a while someone in a giant fluffy drop of blood costume danced in front of a table by the entrance.

A sign above touted the words "Who will survive? You decide."

This is the slogan the Blood Donor Clinic has chosen to promote awareness about the annual clinic, which will see the Student Centre transformed into the Australian Outback on March 14.

"[Survivor] is so popular in the media right now, we thought this would be a good way to promote [giving blood]," said Carrie Davis-Sydor, promotions chair for the Blood Donor Clinic.

Members of Humber's Public Relations program organized Survivor Night in hopes that more

people will show up for the blood donor clinic in mid-March.

But despite the re-runs playing overhead while the dance floor boomed, an informal survey showed few people noticed the *Survivor* night theme.

Out of 32 people asked, whether they attended the event because it was Survivor Night, only three said yes.

Most others indicated they had shown up only to get wasted and had no idea there was any theme at all.

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# Average age of Humber students on the rise

by Daniel Russell

Humber students are getting older.

A report completed by Sociology teacher and demographer, Jim Jackson, reveals that the average age of Humber students has crept up over a 20-year period.

In his population watch report from the spring of 2000, Jackson notes that the number of students 24 years of age and older had doubled from 12 to 24 per cent from 1978 to 1994.

In a recent follow up to that report using data collected by the registrar's office, Jackson compares specific age groups' population at the college in 1979-80 with those in 1999 - 2000.

A dramatic increase in the number of students 20 years of age is shown, as well as significant increases in the percentage of students in almost all age categories older than 20 years of age.

Jackson points to today's competitive marketplace as one of the main reasons why the college is attracting older students.

"You have to keep up or you have lost your job. There was a 30-year period of time when technology didn't really change but these days things change quickly

and people need the skills to keep up," said Jackson, a long-time member of the Canadian population society. "They are coming back to get specific skills. They come here to get jobs."

Jackson notes the high rate of Humber graduates who are finding full-time employment.

*"The college needs to find new ways to meet the aging population needs. We need to find out what these needs are."*

- Jim Jackson

Dr. Richard Hook, vice president of Academics, suggested that the age increase can be attributed to the new programs introduced to Humber in recent years.

"Humber now has 35 programs for university graduates and that ratchets up the average age," said Hook. "We have also focused on well prepared students by requiring practical experience in some programs and that would bring the average age up."

With the changing dynamic of the student population the college want to meet the changing needs of its students.

"The college needs to find new ways to meet the aging populations' needs. We need to find out what these needs are," said Jackson.

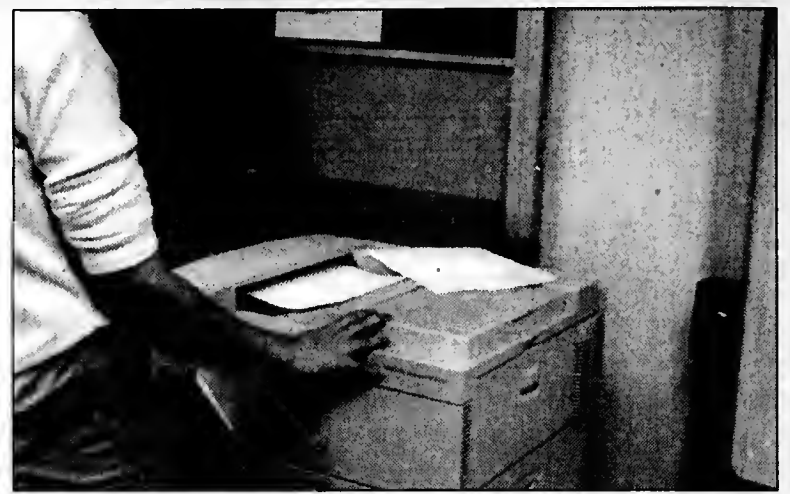
The college currently offers programs such as day care, English as a second language and a strong peer-tutoring program to assist mature students coming back to school.

"Humber tries to maximize the fit of every student into its programs through testing, portfolio assessment and interviews," said Hook.

The Humber Students' Federation (HSF) is also working to make sure that all elements of the student population have the opportunity to participate in its programs.

"We try to make sure that we have a variety of programs and events. We have the health care plan that can be extended to include family members and we are trying to make people more aware of that," said HSF president Toby Warnell.

Jackson said that the student population will continue to age in the future and meeting their needs will be an ongoing challenge for the college.



JENNIFER ZALITACK

*Printing abuse, who's doing it, who's not? That's the question.*

## Printing in SAACnet lab may not be free

by Amy Whittingham

Unlimited printing in the open-access computer lab at Humber's North campus may be coming to an end.

Humber's Information Technology College Committee (ITCC), Information Technology Steering Committee (ITSC) and the SAACnet Steering Committee are looking into changing the current system due to abuse of the printing privileges.

In order to print, students used to have to buy credit that was applied to their account.

Currently students can print as much as they want as part of the IT fee that they pay at the beginning of the year.

Valerie Sprenger, manager of on-site services in the Customer Care Department of Information and Technology Services Division said since the change in printing services two years ago, the number of copies being printed per month has risen from approximately 30,000 to about 180,000 sheets.

"You can guess for yourself how much of that had to be printed and how much of that ... was abused," Sprenger said.

Humber Students' Federation (HSF) is helping to find a solution to curb the problem of printing abuse. To help, they have members on the ITCC, ITSC and SAACnet Steering Committee.

HSF vice-president, Stephen Anastasi said two different options are being discussed - a pay card system and an authentication system.

"Both of them have their pros and cons. If you go with a debit pay card system, a student might print something they didn't want to print ... and they might want credits put [back] on their card." He said a disadvantage with the authentication system is that it would require a little more administration.

According to Anastasi, the school is currently looking at authentication.

Sprenger said there's a large possibility that the authentication system will happen on a pilot basis next fall. Although it may have some cost impact as far as students' storage space, she said she thinks it's a good idea.

"I see it as something that would be good to do because it's not just Humber students abusing Humber printing and Humber student money. Anyone can come and use our labs pretending to be a Humber student."

Sprenger said people in the neighborhood, and from other schools have been caught printing in the open-access lab.

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- Napoleon Bonaparte

# Biz/Tech et cetera

## New technology at Autoshow entices car lovers

by Kris Kauk

The famed Batmobile was in attendance at this year's Canadian International Auto Show and many new cars and trucks shared the same technological advances present in the only car good enough to be driven by the caped crusader himself.

The 2001 Canadian International Auto Show, the largest in Canada to date, ran from Feb. 16 - 25.

Every major automobile manufacturer was in attendance at the show, displaying over 1,000 new cars, trucks and concept vehicles.

The show was held in three separate venues including the SkyDome, the Metro Toronto Convention Centre's (MTCC) North building and the MTCC's South building.

Eileen Kloepfer, a graduating student from the University of Waterloo, filled with the hope of purchasing a new car to start her new life, attended the show and was quite impressed by the new technologies introduced by the manufacturers.

"I can't believe the advancements that have been made. It blows me away to think of what cars were like in the '50s compared to what a car can do now. Outside of the fact that cars can't fly, the industry isn't that far off from cars in *The Jetsons*," she said.

The OnStar system by General Motors (GM) has already garnered much attention in the automotive world and was on centre stage at this year's auto show.

A representative from GM dubbed the OnStar system as "one of the most exciting innovations in automotive history."

Basically, the system is similar to the navigation technology found in many of

payments to cover the operating costs of the service. These costs vary from vehicle to vehicle and add a significant cost to the overall purchase price.

Meanwhile, halfway across the world, German carmaker, BMW, unveiled a new way to look at the interior control panel.

In the Z9 concept car, introduced to Canadians at the auto show, the iDrive operator was unveiled.

The theory behind the iDrive is to reintroduce simplicity in design to the car's interior, limiting the number of knobs and dials to only a handful.

"The iDrive increases the functionality in the car while drastically decreasing the driver's distraction of having to figure out which knob controls what. Everything the driver needs is right at his or her fingertips," said Kevin Marcotte, a BMW representative at the auto show.

The iDrive system consists of a computer screen, located in the centre of the dashboard, and one knob found on the centre armrest.

Various pushes and turns of the knob assist the driver in controlling over 800 functions in the car, from selecting a CD to changing the temperature inside the automobile.

"BMW has taken a step back and shown how simple a car's functionality can be," Marcotte added.

Simplicity has returned to the forefront in other aspects of the automotive industry as well.

With the growing concern in North America of fuel consumption and carbon emissions, new technologies have emerged to combat these problems, while eliminating complicated fuel-alternative vehicles.

One solution unveiled at this year's show, provided car owners with a vehicle that boasts zero emissions, zero noise and zero gas.

The Feel Good Car Company, based entirely in Toronto, refurbishes 1960's model Renault Dauphines, a car with a fun, distinctive look - perfect for the company name.

The people at Feel Good Cars (FGC) remove the traditional fuel-powered engine and replace it with a completely electrical-powered one.

"We wanted to make a zero emissions vehicle that could be available to Canadians today," said Ian Clifford, president of FGC. "The Dauphine electric cars have taken a technology available for 100 years and turned it into a reality," Clifford added.

The fully electric cars can travel up to 80 kilometres on one charge, or about a typical



KRIS KAUK

Classic models, like the '56 Ford Thunderbird, were compared with this year's model.

day's worth of driving and accelerate up to speeds of 100km/h.

They can be recharged by plugging the car into a typical electrical outlet and fully recharge overnight (approximately six to eight hours).

The price of the Dauphine electric is around \$20,000 (CDN) and is currently available from FGC.

For more information from FGC contact

www.feelgoodcars.com.

The show did not only consist of new technological cars but many classic cars were on display as well.

The 1956 Ford Thunderbird stood alongside the 2002 model to show the tie-ins from yesterday to today.

A stunning 1938 Bugatti, also on display, was formerly owned by the Shah of Iran, complete with the Iranian license plates.

## Need a jerk, rent one

by April Labine

Want to piss off your boss? Want to get rid of that drooling stalker? Want Bill, your mooching pal to give you back the \$30 he owes you for his on-going ad in the personals? RentaJerk.com is the answer to your prayers.

"We don't do it in person and we won't threaten people or stuff like that. Basically, we won't do anything that's against the law, and that's really the only limitation to what we'll do," said Dennis, founder and head jerk at the Toronto-based service RentaJerk.com.

Dennis prefers to keep his last name anonymous when doing interviews because he doesn't think he'll be running RentaJerk.com his whole life.

"I don't want to be Gary Coleman," Dennis said. "I don't want to make a big splash of myself and then wind up back at some joe-job a few years from now."

RentaJerk.com has three basic packages to choose from.

There is the Jerk Express package that goes for \$5 (U.S.) that simply sends your mail to your victim. This is for those of you who enjoy writing nasty, obscene letters but prefer to remain anonymous so that your Bible-study group doesn't find out.

The Just-a-Jerk package goes for \$15 (U.S.). It involves a pre-approved, customized script and a phone call to anywhere in North America up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

Finally, there is the Jerko Supremo package that goes for \$25 (U.S.) and it includes all of the features of Just-a-Jerk with a bonus tape-recording of the call. This will be a delight for those who enjoy indulging in the humiliation of others.

Dennis plans to provide some free content on his site. He wants to move the focus away from the paid service.

Soon he will introduce a new service called Cheap Jerk. It will offer their regular services for free, provided that the scenario is interesting and entertaining.

"The only catch is that we would tape the call like we would with any other call," Dennis said. "And we'd broadcast it through Real Audio for everybody to listen to."

RentaJerk.com will celebrate its second birthday on April 1, 2001. Dennis said that his site receives 100 to 200 calls a week and break-up calls are the most popular request.

Dennis said that for the first six months his site went somewhat unnoticed.

It wasn't until a radio station in Fresno, California gave him a call that he ended up on Cruel.com, a site dedicated to informing Web-surfers about new and nasty sites available. RentaJerk.com still gets most of its business from the U.S.

They have only had one customer from Toronto, and that was Robert Cribb who wrote a column about them in the *Toronto Star*.

"Strangely enough, Canadians kind of brush me aside," Dennis said with a laugh. "You know, like with most other Canadian stuff."

But, according to Dennis, RentaJerk.com has received publicity in the Netherlands, Germany and South Africa.

Regardless of the lack of Canadian publicity, RentaJerk.com is keeping its cyber-head above water.

Dennis said that the service provides full-time employment for about five people and, "it keeps a roof above my head."

So, maybe you might consider getting a pen and paper and starting a list of possible victims and the next time your phone rings, proceed with caution.



KRIS KAUK

BMW unveiled the latest model of the Z9 with iDrive technology.

today's high-end cars. The big difference is that OnStar combines the technology of the navigational system with a direct phone link to personal attentive service.

Three buttons sit on the dashboard. Push one to connect with the Onstar centre, push another button to make an emergency call, the third button is used to disconnect. Altogether, a very simple, user-friendly system.

OnStar representatives can direct lost drivers or can provide a link to roadside assistance for any mechanical problems.

For absent-minded drivers, OnStar representatives can remotely open a car door via satellite if the keys are locked inside.

The system is offered as an option on almost every make and model of GM car from the Pontiac Aztec to the GMC Yukon Denali. The owner simply makes monthly

# Spring Break

"I'm going to Montreal for four days to go snowboarding. We are driving there and staying at Mount Tremblant,"

- Jason Madriaga

## Off-campus search for spring break deals

by Caroline Grech

Humber students looking for affordable getaways for the upcoming Spring Break are often left to their own resources.

Humber doesn't have an on-campus travel agency for students and faculty because the business generated wouldn't support it, said Travel and Tourism program coordinator Al Lobo.

"We have had a lot of people say that we should set up our own travel agency. If a travel agency is going to be here it has to be maintained all year round and it also has to be readily available and visible to the public. I think having a travel agency on-site may not be practical on a campus like this," said Lobo.

According to Lobo, although a number of universities have travel agencies on campus, business is sustainable because more people are travelling.

University faculty do a tremendous amount of research and grant purposes which makes the agencies benefit from being on campus, while college faculty do not, said Lobo.

Lobo added that if Humber were to start their own travel agency through the Travel and Tourism program, there are a number of legal implications to consider.

"If an inexperienced agent forgets to tell a cus-

tommer to bring the right documentation to the airport and that person gets stopped, the school could get sued if that person was not properly informed," said Lobo.

Danielle Ois, the Southwestern Ontario representative for Travel Cuts, said that an on-site travel agency would not be lucrative.

"They [colleges] tend to be a much smaller number of students, that one more centrally located would make much more sense than having one actually isolated on a campus," said Ois.

Although there isn't an agency on campus, Humber's Students' Federation (HSF) provides information on various packages through Temple and Temple Tours Incorporated.

Temple and Temple tours has been working with Humber for 12 years. Approval was given by HSF to be the only tour group on Humber's campus.

All inclusive packages to Acapulco, Daytona beach and New Orleans are all being offered for spring break this year.

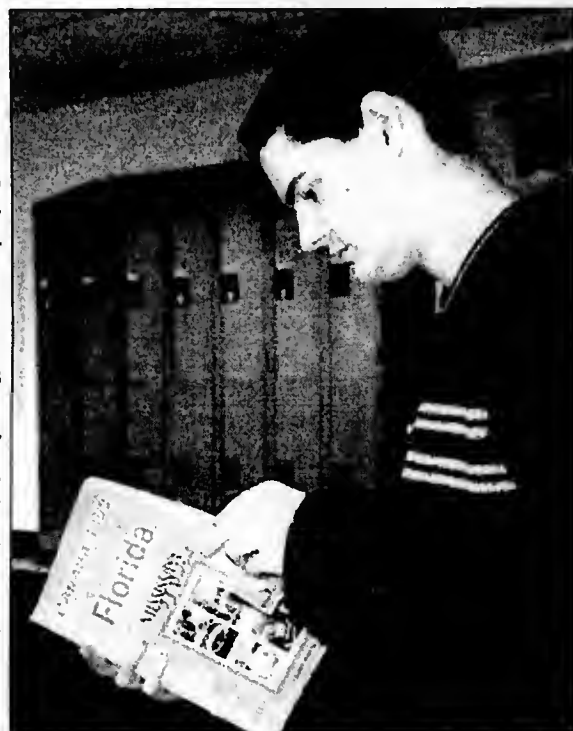
The bus trip to New Orleans is in its fourth year and was added because of the timing of Humber's spring break.

"One difficulty we have had every year due to the timing of the March break at Humber is that the first week of March is always bike week at Daytona, meaning that bikers overrun the area making hotel rates really expensive. Also the majority of students prefer not to be down

there during bike week, so we wanted to come up with an alternative to Daytona," said David Temple, director and co-owner of Temple and Temple tours.

Temple has admitted that New Orleans has been a hard sell because of misconceptions that the weather isn't as nice as Florida or that the city is dangerous, but the response gets better every year.

"We've got about 40 students coming to New Orleans from Humber this year. In total we have about 70 students travelling through us for March Break,"



CAROLINE GRECH

Looking for a deal, Darren Stevenson a Journalism student, flips through a brochure.

said Temple. Not everyone at Humber is making travel plans for this year's break. Some plan to stay nearby for the holidays.

"Actually I'm going to work at taking advantage of the extra hours," said Nadia Conte, a first-year Graphic Design student.

Other students have decided to make their own plans by organizing their holiday through independent travel arrangements.

"I'm going to Montreal for four days to go snowboarding. We are driving there and staying at Mount Tremblant," said second-year Marketing student Jason Madriaga.



## The lowdown on the local hot spots

by Alison McCaffrey

No car, no money, nothing to do. Remember the days when you were young and money wasn't an issue when it came to having fun? Well, get back to those days over Spring break. There are tons of activities to do with little or no money all over the city.

Start with something simple and free, like skating at **Nathan Phillips Square**. The outdoor rink is open all day, every day. Skaters can get to the square by bus and subway, and best of all there's no time limit. If the word outdoor doesn't hit the right spot, try calling the arena in your area for public skating hours.

But why stick to skating? If you really want to get in touch with your childhood, try **tobogganing**. Subdued sliders may want an easy slope, while the crazy carpeters are probably interested in something on the steeper side.

Build a snowman, then have a snowball fight. If playing in the snow isn't up your alley, try bowling. It's a great way to spend an afternoon or an evening before the bar.

**Bowlerama** in Rexdale offers cosmic

and regular bowling priced anywhere from \$2.50 per person per game to \$23 an hour.

Then there's the zoo. It only costs \$13 to get in, and it's open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. **The Metropolitan Toronto Zoo** offers a lot to do in a day, such as watching the monkeys imitate you or venturing through the jungle display. No special events are on next week, but some new baby polar bears should be out for viewing sometime in March.

If you want to have some fun while you learn, the **Ontario Science Centre** is a great place to start. Admission is \$12 and it's open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. The usual displays and interactive games are going on around the centre.

The **OMNIMAX** theatre has four shows playing now, *CyberWorld*, *Island of the Sharks*, *The Greatest Places*, and *To The Limit*. The films cost an extra \$10, but are worth the cash. Two special displays will be up during this week. A **K'NEX** exhibition will open March 3 and will feature some fantastic structures built with the toys.

The other exhibition will take you on a journey through an archaeological dig site.

**Timescapes: Unearthing the Mysteries of Time** has interactive experiences and special demonstrations for all to enjoy.

**The Royal Ontario Museum** is open, and for a fee of \$10 for students with a student ID card and \$15 for adults, you can enjoy some of the special exhibits they are having for over the holiday.

**The Royal Ontario Museum** will have its regular displays up, including the discovery gallery and the hands-on biodiversity gallery. There will be some special exhibitions running during the week, like *Legacy in Gold: Scythian Treasures from Ancient Ukraine*, featuring works crafted mainly in gold. Entrance to the museum is only \$10 with student ID.

**The McMichael Canadian Art Gallery** has three special exhibitions on during the break. The entry fee is \$7 for students and \$9 for adults with a parking fee of \$5 per car. A display of photographs by Thaddeus Holownia called *Extended Vision* will be showing. Holownia's style is unique because he uses an old banquet camera from the 1920s, which was originally made to take pictures of banquets with a panoramic view.

Another display will showcase Elsie Klengenbergs stencil prints on *The Legend of Uvajuq*. The third exhibition consists of illustrations by Clarence Gagnon. The mix of watercolour, charcoal, and other forms of drawing are originals of the illustrations for the novel *Maria Chapdelaine*.

These displays, along with the permanent collection can be seen between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the weekend.

Other galleries, such as the **Museum of Contemporary Canadian Art** in North York, have special displays up during our spring break. This museum is hosting a show of Eleanor Bond's cityscapes.

**The Neilson Park Creative Centre** will highlight the paintings of Karen Hanekop and the photographs of Franklin Peirce in *Africa and Beyond*. Their other showroom will host the works of the Etobicoke Art Group in a show called *The Magic of Prints*.

Whether it's fun in the sun or snow or getting a lesson at a local art gallery or museum, ideas are endless for cheap stuff to do over the break.



*"You never know who is swimming naked until the tide goes out."*

- Alan "G"

*"Dream as if you'll live forever. Live as if you'll die today."*

- Unknown

# The golden gates of Daytona Beach

by Janet Gibson

When Random House Webster's College Dictionary added new words to its list last year, "springbreaker" was not one of them. But that is what the residents of Daytona Beach, Florida call 75,000 college kids from all over North America who invade their coastal city between March 12 to the 31.

The lifeguards and vendors who save their lives and take their money talk about springbreakers with a mixture of anticipation and trepidation.

Captain Don Dickinson is a 25-year veteran with the Volusia County Beach Patrol. He said the biggest problem on the beach is the rip currents.

"It's kind of like a river in the ocean but it heads east, that pulls you out into deeper water. Most people try to fight that current [by swimming] straight back to the beach. It tires them out. We get a lot of drowning that way."

The beach patrol, whose staff are responsible for law enforcement, lifeguarding and emergency medical services, teach ocean goers not to panic if they get in a "rip". The best way out is to go with the flow, swim parallel to the beach and signal for help. Dickinson said it's best to



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*Welcome to the golden gates of Daytona Beach, Florida.*

swim near a lifeguard tower, where signs are posted each day describing water conditions.

Officer Dan Baisden, 48, is one of 100 lifeguards who work the beach during spring break. He said the students are from different backgrounds. "By and large they're well-behaved, everybody comes down here to unwind and relax in their own way."

Emilie Miller is manager of the International House of Pancakes across the street from the beach on Route A1A. Each week during spring break, her restaurant sells 7,200 eggs, 3,200 strips of bacon, 2,400 pancakes and 12,600 cups of coffee.

Her neighbour, Domino's Pizza, sells 50 to 80 pizzas an hour, seven to eight hours a day. Up the street, Liquor Discount Hut empties their coolers every hour.

Business in Daytona goes up by 900 per cent.

Miller has worked beachside for 15 years.

"The negative side of the springbreakers is that they drink too much and get sick too much. Their destruction of property is sad. We had a group from the University of Texas come in and actually push down a wall in between two rooms because they wanted adjoining rooms."

"We have jumpers. They'll get drunk and decide they can fly. They'll try jumping off the balconies whether it's to catch a frisbee or to see if they can make the swimming pool," Miller said.

Officer Baisden called the mindset that leads to fatalities, "when I'm drinking I'm invincible".

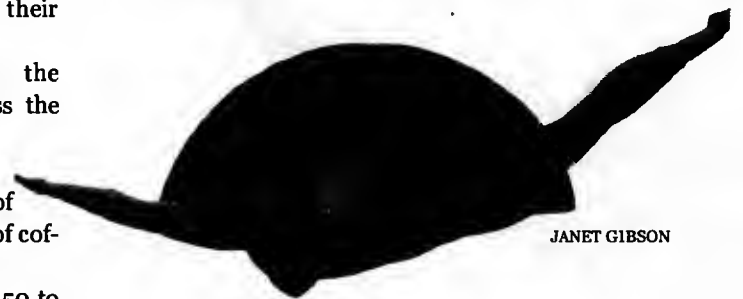
Miller added, "On the good side we have some who come in and do charity work while they're here. They do collections for children's campaigns in their own hometowns. We have college-aged Christian organizations who help homeless people find a meal."

For residents of this laid-back town, spring break is like being in a Beach Boys song 24 hours a day.



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*The International House of Pancakes takes orders.*



JANET GIBSON

## The card of many discounts

*Applying for an ISIC card can save you money this spring break.*

by Emily Schneider

For those who cannot wait for the snow to melt, heading somewhere warm for Spring Break this year is an ideal choice.

Travelling can get expensive, but options are available for students wanting to cut corners on their vacation this year.

Many students book their flights and accommodations through Travel Cuts, an agency designed for students on fixed budgets.

Travel Cuts offers the International Student Identity Card (ISIC), an internationally recognized form of student identification accepted in roughly 100 countries worldwide.

"Every week about five people or so ask for an application," said HSF employee and Advertising and Graphic Design student Tara Guild.

In order to qualify, students must be enrolled full-time in a secondary or post-secondary school. The card costs \$16, and expires after a year.

Included is a booklet complete with discounts like, 40 per cent off Via Rail and 25 per cent off Greyhound travel. It also features restaurants and information on places around the world.

Travel Cuts also offers special promotions during the Spring Break, where students purchase group packages, reducing the cost of travelling alone.

Humber students can apply for an ISIC at the HSF office. The application must be stamped at the registrar's office, and a student must present a valid passport photo.

The ISIC card can also be purchased through the mail for \$17.50, as students are required to pay the postage costs.



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## Tips for springbreakers

*Guidelines for your spring break trip to the sunny beaches of Daytona*

1. Wear sunscreen with an SPF rating of 30 minimum.
2. Don't drink on the beach.
3. Travel in a group at night.
4. Tip the waiters who make \$2.13/hr.
5. Don't wear snakes around your neck. Leave them in the cage.

### GETTING THERE:

By air: The Flight Centre guarantees the lowest fares and may have weekly specials. Royal Airlines has flights to Orlando for \$445 return.

By bus: Greyhound has four buses daily. Transfer in Buffalo or Detroit. Takes about 40 hours. Bus stops every 4-5 hours for meal breaks. Costs \$373.32 return. Buy a Canada Pass two weeks in advance for \$189 return.

### ACCOMMODATION:

Can also check CAA Florida guidebook. Other guides available in library or bookstore. There are many motels not on the beach which are cheaper, including some near Daytona Airport and the I-95.

### Where to find the information

#### SPRINGBREAKER WEB SITE:

daytonabreak.com, lists hotels, events, clubs, etc.

#### DAYTONA BEACH WEB SITE:

daytonabeach.com, has extensive accommodation listings72.

# Editorial

## How minutes can turn into six months

The students who paid for this year's \$1.16 million HSF budget won't get a chance to see how it was approved and who approved it until the minutes are released in April, six months after it was passed.

The meeting took place at the Lakeshore campus on Oct. 10 but those students who weren't there, have no idea how the largest student government budget was approved, or who approved it.

And presumably most of them won't care by April 5 at the next general meeting when the minutes are set to be released.

By that time it will be too late to address any issues or objections about the approval

of the budget.

More importantly, most of the budget may be spent by then, so any discrepancies in the minutes will be hard to reconcile.

By not publishing the minutes of the general meetings until six months after the fact, the HSF becomes less accountable to students – those same students who pay for the student government.

Leaving the minutes for such a long period of time gives room for inaccuracies and inconsistencies when they are finally made public, not to mention the fact that the recording secretary from the Oct. 10 meeting no longer works for HSF.

There is no reason at all why the minutes cannot be made public in the weeks following general meetings.

HSF has a mandate to publish minutes from Board of Directors meetings 10 days after the fact. In these meetings the directors discuss things like upcoming HSF events for Black History Month, raising IT fees and alcohol awareness events, among other things.

On the other hand, the minutes for meetings that pass a million dollar budget are held for half a year.

There is no HSF mandate that says that the minutes for general meetings must be

made public by a specified time. These meetings cover things like approving financial statements, approving amendments to the Constitution and passing the annual budget. HSF can sit on these minutes until the next bi-annual meeting.

HSF President Toby Warnell said the issue has been brought to his attention and it will be addressed at the next general meeting. Thanks, but by that time it will be too late.

HSF must come up with a new plan if they are to be a responsible student government. It is just not responsible governing to produce minutes that are six months old.

## Take a hike

Learning to love the concept of debt should be a new course added to the college curriculum.

Tuition is going up again.

With the Board of Governors decision Monday night to hike tuition up another 2 per cent, next year's students are looking at a increase for most programs.

The hardest hit by this are the comedy students, who won't be laughing for very much longer. Since the college is spending more money recruiting faculty to teach in the comedy program, the students are looking at an increase of \$181. Ouch, now that's not funny.

International students are the only ones that won't see any changes, for now.

Accumulating debt at college is far too easy especially with parking fees at Humber that are significantly higher than other colleges in the Toronto area, tuition hikes that are set to happen every year for the next five years and textbooks that cost so much it leaves you wondering where the gold pages are hidden.

The money that is gathered from this increase is partly distributed to student bursary funds, emergency student loans and other areas where the col-

lege is feeling the financial squeeze.

So, the trick is, after you apply for the Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) to pay for your tuition, or you empty your life savings account, you can apply for a bursary or emergency loan to get your money back – that's how it works. Some of us are paying off one debt by applying for another.

Debt and interest are words that students know all too well. And despite the tremendous workload and the essays and exams that are a part of college life, some students are finding the most stressful part of college is the financial burden it places on the rest of their lives.

Instead of enjoying the whole post-secondary experience, students are being forced to work part-time jobs that sometimes requires them to miss classes, and spend every spare minute wondering how to get out of their financial problems.

But it's all in the name of education, a phrase you'll be repeating to yourself every time you take a trip to the bank.

So what's the cost of a good education? Don't answer just yet, wait a year, it will change.



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*"But for one shining night, Pat Thornton, comedy student, first time stand-up and all-around gutsy guy, was the king of comedy in Toronto."*

— See King

# Opinion *et cetera*

## No defending U.S. Anti-Ballistic Defense plan

The slogan, "if you want peace, you must prepare for war," represents the political philosophy behind the recent American campaign to build an Anti-Ballistic Missile, or ABM Defense System. Modern political realists believe war between nation states is inevitable, therefore to ensure peace, a nation must build its military force.

Although George W. Bush and his government are realistic when they say they need to protect the continent from attacks by terrorists and rogue states, building an ABM Defense System will make the United States, and the rest of the world, more vulnerable to

nuclear annihilation.

The Cold War is proof that problems arise when two super powers adopt "realistic" ideologies. When you add to the equation, an arsenal of nuclear weapons powerful enough to blow the world up 10 times over, having more nuclear warheads than your counterpart makes no difference.

It was precisely for this reason that the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty of 1972 was created. The \$60-billion ABM missile defense system that President Bush plans to build, violates the agreement.

The treaty is based around the principal of "Mutually Assured Destruction" — that the nations

involved will prevent a nuclear war from happening. In other words, as long as nuclear retaliation is possible, launching an attack would be like committing suicide. Building an ABM defense shield would destroy the delicate power balance provided by a state of "Mutually Assured Destruction".

If the United States builds a defence system that can pick off any incoming nuclear warheads, there will no longer be the safety check of Mutually Assured Destruction.

The chances of an arms race occurring would be extremely high if other nations like Russia



Dave Ward

and China were to feel threatened by an imbalance of vulnerability.

The advantages of the "peace through military strength" theory are that it defends a country, it also provides negotiating power. Through this, a country can avoid being forced to accept agreements it doesn't like, and it helps to avoid

coercion by threat.

The disadvantages are that it takes away other countries' security, there is temptation to attack other countries, security may involve attacking other countries before they attack you, and more importantly, when two nations adopt this view it results in an arms race.

Building Anti-Ballistic Missile Defense Systems will not make the U.S. any safer.

The imbalance of vulnerability will create more paranoia and distrust among other countries, which could possibly cause a rise in state-organized terrorist attacks and an arms race.

### King of comedy for a night

Our lives are full of little victories.

If you're lucky enough while rooting around Hogtown, you may get to see one. I did, and it was beautiful.

It's New Talent Night at Yuk Yuk's, where aspiring comics cut their teeth and pedal their wares to an oft-times discerning audience, housed in darkness and home to a great many anonymous hecklers.

In a back hall, eager wannabes pace and pulsate, gesticulate nervously and talk and talk and talk among themselves. Misery loves company, and the same is true for anxious amateur comedians.

"Where's John Moses? Where the fuck are you?" says host Jack Norman, in a last-ditch attempt to summon the next performer to the stage. He has left the building, missing his spot.

This creates that most

anomalous of all things, a highly coveted open slot on a crowded amateur night.

Enter Pat Thornton, a 24-year-old studying comedy at Humber. He is sitting in the front row, quiet and unassuming. When Norman asks him if he would like to fill the slot, he accepts the challenge.

With balls of steel and a natural rhythm to his act, Thornton tore through his impromptu set with all the professionalism of a seasoned veteran. The crowd was in hysterics as he ripped on everything from famous last words to Britney Spears to the art of stand-up itself.

What made the whole scenario remarkable was that this was one of the first times Pat Thornton had ever been on stage.

Jack Norman ordered the audience to give the rookie a standing ovation, and they gladly obliged.



Patrick Maloney

Even Mark Breslin, the man who founded Yuk Yuk's, walked up and shook Thornton's hand. It was beautiful.

The Mississauga native just walked on stage and killed, getting even more laughs than L.A. based expatriate Kelly Dixon.

Nothing says Pat Thornton will be the next Richard Pryor.

In this world of chuckling cutthroats, there are absolutely no guarantees. But for one shining night, Pat Thornton, comedy student, first time stand-up and all-around gutsy guy, was the king of comedy in Toronto.

Now, that is what I call a victory.

### Drinking yourself stupid

In Ottawa, a drunken Russian diplomat plows his car into two women, killing one and seriously hurting another. He claims diplomatic immunity and escapes to Russia, as yet unpunished.

In Barrie, a 50-year-old receptionist is charged with driving home drunk after a party and successfully sues her employer for responsibility, claiming he shouldn't have "let" her drive home drunk.

These are the cases that make the news, but there are hundreds more that don't, and I've heard every single one of them. For ten months, I worked at the Back on Track Remedial Measures Program; which the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) requires all impaired drivers in Ontario to take. In December 1999, there were fewer than 25 registrants. In December 2000, there were over 300.

The program costs \$508.25, and that's in addition to a minimum \$1,000



Joanna Cravit

fine and \$100 reinstatement fee. It is amazing what some people will do to get out of paying the fee. We had several people claim medical reasons for not taking the program.

One woman told us she couldn't attend because she has terminal lung cancer, carries a 50-pound oxygen tank with her at all times — in addition to portable dialysis every three hours, insulin injections every three hours, and a blood glucose monitor.

My boss politely agreed that she could not sit through the session, and wondered why she would even want a driver's licence in the first place

The woman agreed she probably didn't and we never

heard from her again.

Honest mistakes happen. People get convicted, and they really didn't know they had to take the program. But some people have entirely the wrong attitude. We had one woman call to try to get her daughter out of taking the program. Her 15-year-old had three criminal code convictions: drinking underage, driving without a licence and driving impaired — and she's trying to get her out of it?

We had another cheerful-sounding client who was confused about his date of suspension. Seems he had two suspensions: one for driving impaired, and one for driving while under suspension. Which date did we want? He was driving while under suspension, driving impaired, and doing it poorly enough that he was caught by the only cop for 5,000 kms?

Bad enough to drink and drive, but worse to avoid responsibility. This March break, drive soberly, because these are the people you'll be sharing the road with.

### Word On the Street We asked Humber students what they were planning to do for Spring Break. Here's their word.....



Jennifer Brewer  
Hospitality Management  
first-year

"I'm going skiing for a few days at Whistler with my family."



Adam Uttley  
Media Foundations  
first-year

"Hanging out with friends and puffing a few."



Liz-Ann Augustino  
Photography  
first-year

"I'll be working and I'm thinking of going to New York."



Andrew Burr  
Civil Engineering  
third-year

"I'm going skiing in Banff, hoping to find some."

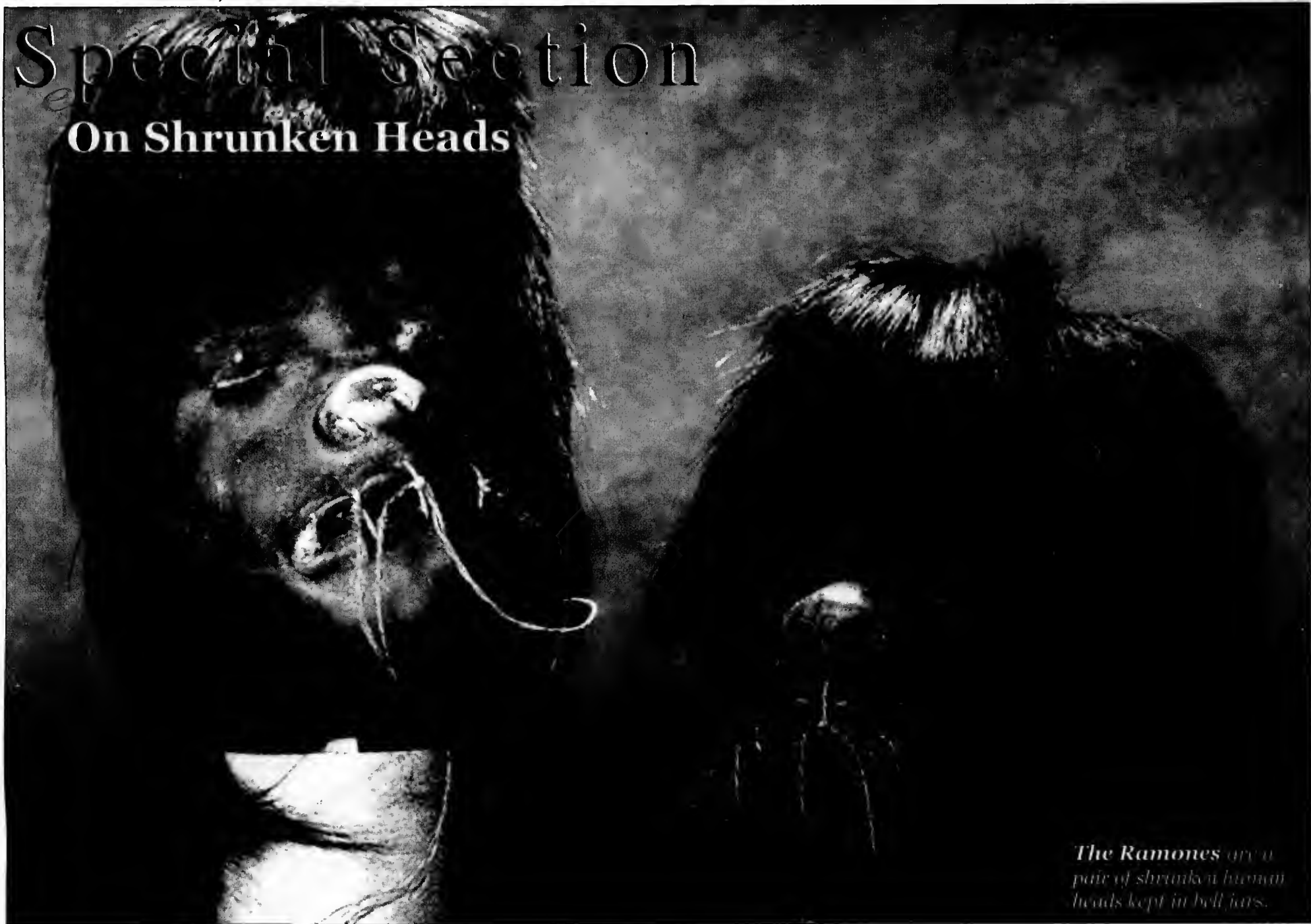


Jamie Bauckham  
Business Management  
first-year

"Nothing much, I'm going to sit on my thumb and hum."

# Special Section

## On Shrunken Heads



*The Ramones are a pair of shrunken human heads kept in bell jars.*

COURTESY

# Collector of strange customs

by Jessica Markoff

The elevator reaches ground level and the door slowly slides open. There's no turning back. Standing inside the elevator is the curator of curiosities. He's of medium build and dressed in black. His eyes are dark and mysterious — his smile, friendly and curious.

He extends his hand to greet me. "Hi. I'm Bill," he says. Our hands lock and our eyes meet. The elevator stops at the top floor and the door slides open revealing a small circular room. The walls are sponge painted in muddy orange. Scarecrow-like figures, tribal war shields and antique chairs line the perimeter of the room.

Bill is hesitant to use his last name to protect his collection from theft.

He strolls through the entrance way into an office filled with bookshelves and filing cabinets.

A large desk covered in file folders and directories takes up a

## It all started with a search for tribal hallucinogens

good portion of the room. Carefully mounted on walls also painted muddy orange, is a vast and diverse collection of tribal spears, swords and clubbing tools made of wood, stone, and metal. It's the kind of stuff you'd only see in books.

While Bill searches in his filing cabinet for something, the odd

decor scattered about the room keeps my eyes dancing from object to object; a knee high dinosaur replica, a model ship from Jules Verne's 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, a model of an iron-clad ship from the Civil War, a stuffed alligator, and plain skulls randomly placed on the bookshelves, are but a few of the

oddities worth mentioning.

He finds what he was looking for, and the tour begins.

Bill wanders about the office and into to the hall. He says there was a dark time in his life when he had to come to terms with a near death experience.

"About six years ago, this [collecting] started when I travelled to Peru and Ecuador because I was interested in various tribal hallucinogenics that could open the window to the out of body experience," he says. "After that, I became engulfed in [the Shuar tribe]. I started collecting books and writing a film script about the tribe."

In Ecuador he sampled a drug called ayahuasca while staying with Tukupe, a former Shuar warrior, who's now a healing shaman. Tukupe is known to have killed more than 20 people in battle. He admits to being present while heads were shrunk, but denies practicing the ritual himself.

In the past, the Shuar were a head hunting clan known for their

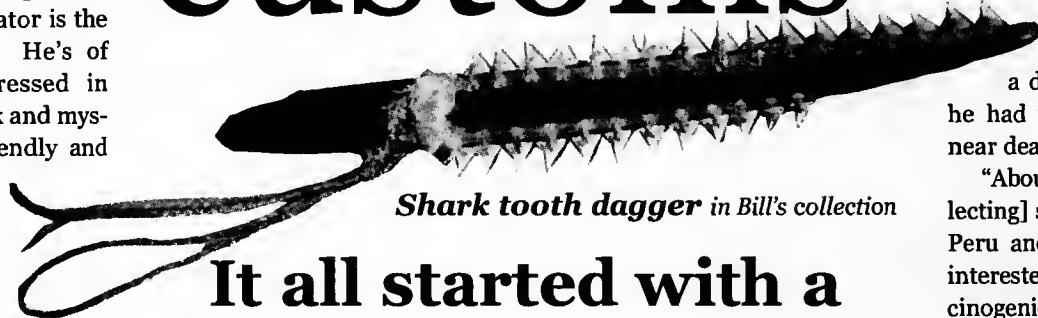
unconquerable ferocity in battle and infamous ability to shrink the heads of their enemies to the size of a person's fist.

Bill stops in front of the second of two glass cases filled with decorated skulls, mummified heads, and tiny orange-size faces kept in museum bell jars: There they are. The shrunken heads, 13 of them! Their eyes and mouths are sewn shut with jungle fibers, some with long hair, others with short. Each of their leathery expressions and facial features is unique, much like those of the living.

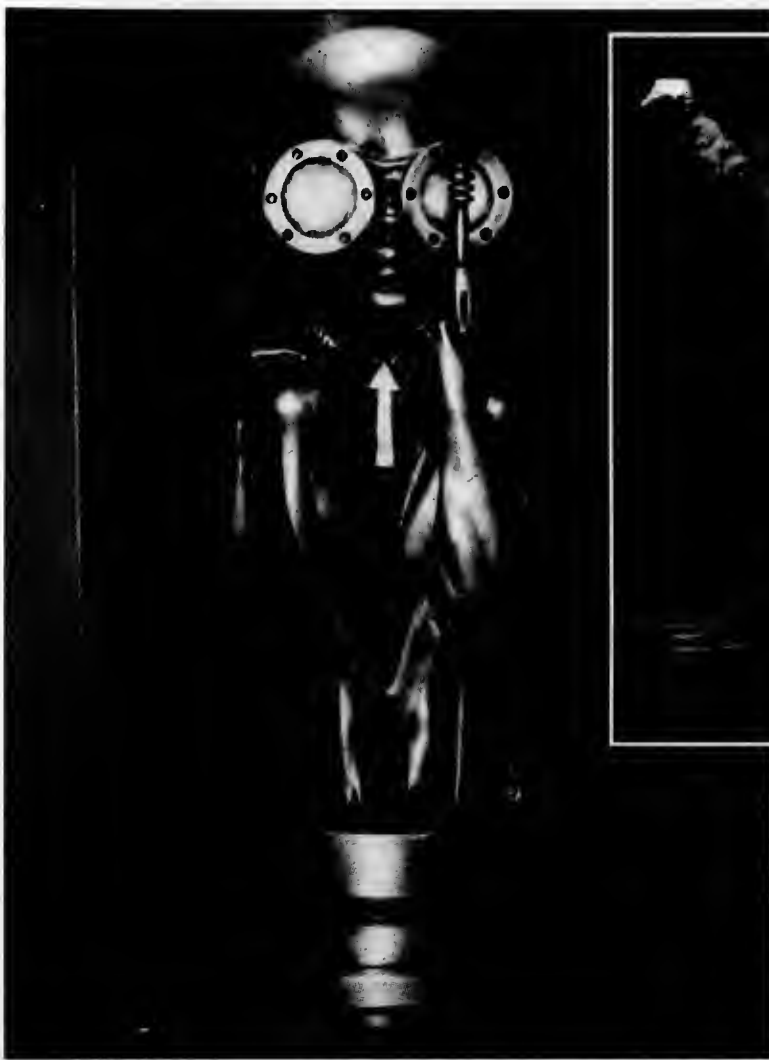
"Shrunken heads fall under the category of tribal art," says Bill. "It's probably one of the weirdest but most interesting forms of mummification because the person is still identifiable. If you knew these people in life you'd probably recognize them in death."

He opens the glass case and pulls one of his beauties from its jar. The expression of fear is captured in the head's facial features. But, there is no scent of decay.

It's a fate worse than death, explains Bill, as he points out the facial tattoos that are still visible on the leathery face. The Shuar believed that by taking the head of their enemy and shrinking it, they would capture the soul inside so it could not haunt their ancestors in



*Shark tooth dagger in Bill's collection*



JESSICA MARKOFF



COURTESY

**Left:** Birthmachine Baby, a metal casting done by H.R. Giger on display in Bill's house; **Above:** Part of Bill's shrunken head collection. He owns 13 in total. He just sold one to Korn's vocalist.

the afterlife. The Shuar called them Tsantsa.

"Supposedly there's still a trapped soul in each one of these heads," says Bill.

When tourists, explorers and exploiters visited the jungle, the shrunken heads from the Shuar tribe became a collectable curiosity. People began requesting shrunken heads and would trade one musket per head. However, outsiders learned the recipe for shrinking heads and soon the counterfeits started coming out of Ecuador. They were, indeed, real human heads, but they were being taken from morgues and were not the work of the Shuar tribe.

"Let me show you what I mean," says Bill, as he bolts towards his bathroom and turns on the light. The walls are covered with framed pictures from floor to ceiling. He pulls a small cartoon from the wall. The illustration depicts the Tsantsa craze of the '40s. There are three characters

standing in an alleyway, a tourist couple and a shady man offering them a shrunken head. The man turns to his wife and says "I'm sure of it Harriet. It's that nice Mr. Bently we met on the tour."

Bill hangs the picture back on the wall and walks back to the glass cases in the hallway. After a brief history of how he acquired each shrunken head, Bill moves on to the head hunting weaponry and histrionically demonstrates their use and explains their origins. His knowledge of each piece shows the time and effort that he has spent learning about his collection. He dashes back to his office and returns with a book to show the weapon on the wall matches the picture in the book.

"Half of collecting this stuff is knowing where things came from," says Bill as he pulls a dagger from the first glass case. The edges are lined with sharp sharks teeth. A cannibal tribe in the Gilbert Islands of the South Pacific used

the weapon to sever the Achilles tendons of their catch so they could not escape.

"This dagger belonged to a man who owned a silver mine. He sold his entire collection, which was over 100 pieces, in the '70s because his six-year-old daughter had been kidnapped and he needed to pay back a \$2 million ransom loan. I still have the newspaper article. It's interesting to know how many times the artifact has changed hands and where it has been."

ing to Bill it still smells rank and hasn't finished rotting. Another, is the head of an Egyptian woman who was from a wealthy family, which is identifiable because her face is covered with gold leaf. "She died of natural causes while in her early '20s," says Bill. He had her carbon dated and CAT scanned.

"In order to live with this stuff," says Bill, "you have to truly believe that when you're dead you're gone. The body is just a shell, it's just like a turtle's shell whatever was in it is

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- Bill

Bill's interests in South Pacific tribes stemmed from his obsession with the Shuar. He began to study and collect other human trophies from around the world.

"This one here," says Bill, pointing to a full sized human head with the skull still underneath the skin, "is from a tribe in Peru and it's between 500 to 600 years old."

The scalp and face were removed from the bone, mummified and then placed back over the skull.

Bill continues showing off his favourite heads from around the world. Some are the heads of a tribe's ancestors, which are decorated with clay and shells. Others are simply skulls that tribal warriors have carved their names (using symbols) into and would carry while hunting or in battle to use the power of their ancestor or enemy. But it's the mummified heads and hands wrapped in cloth that stand out - one of them is kept in a bell jar, because accord-

now gone." With over 50 heads and skulls in his house it is obvious that he is speaking truthfully.

"We put ourselves on a pedestal but really we're just another species going through the motions," says Bill, who admits that death isn't an easy concept to understand.

Descending the stairs to the second floor, more tribal weapons are mounted on the walls. A skull rack, full of blackened skulls (some with the flesh still on) from Borneo, hangs in the corner of the room. Bill explains that the rack would have been mounted in a hut, and blackened from the smoke when cooking. In the hut, the tribesmen would sit around and tell stories about their battles and the heads they'd taken.

There is a black, truncated 19<sup>th</sup> century hearse against the wall that has been converted into a salt-water tank stand. A saddle used by Wild Bill Hickok in the show Wild West, filmed in Niagara Falls in 1872, sits on a stand beside the fish

tank.

From room to room, up and down the stairs, his house is a museum of curiosities that captures the eye and the imagination for hours.

It's been six years since Bill's obsession began and his life has changed dramatically since then.

He's in the process of signing a one year contract with a company that will be profiling tribal head hunting cultures of the world. He's also recently purchased the Niagara Falls Museum, Canada's oldest, built in 1859. And six months ago, he sold one of his shrunken heads to Jonathan Davis, lead singer of Korn.

Now, Bill works as an art dealer, travelling to tribal art shows and auctions around the world. There are but 40 or 50 dealers in the world who trade in the type of art that he is drawn to.

Sad but true, half of the artifacts Bill owns are not on display in Canadian museums. "It's mostly because we don't have experts who specialize in South Pacific tribal art and so they won't put it out on display," says Bill. "There is a policy on displaying native human remains and it's mostly the trophy heads and shaman tools that are sensitive issues."

It's mainly private museums where some of the world's most interesting yet taboo art of primitive tribes are displayed.

"Maybe someday I'll have my own private museum, with all this stuff in it. Who knows?" says Bill.

Bill has a Web site that showcases his virtual museum - [www.head-hunter.com](http://www.head-hunter.com).

### HOW TO SHRINK A HEAD

- Kill your enemy, cut off head.
- Run and hide somewhere safe.
- Make a vertical slit at the back of the head up to the crown and peel the skin from the skull.
- Throw the skull into the river.
- Turn the face inside out and scrape out the fatty tissue.
- In a pot of hot water, add chinchipi juice and simmer head for about 2 hours.
- Pin the eyes and lips shut. Then sew them together.
- Take hot stones and place them in the head cavity. Rotate the head to keep from burning the meat.
- Facial skin must be continuously worked and molded to maintain the original shape of the facial features.
- When the neck cavity is too small for the stones, pour hot sand into the head completing the shrinking process.
- Hang the head in the smoke of a fire to dry and cure it.
- Wash head and polish.

- Bill



COURTESY

**Left:** Bill travels all over the world to study tribal culture; **Above:** Tukupe is a Shuar Shaman from Ecuador.

# Life & Health

*et cetera*

"Nature will eventually rebuild the natural nail beds after prolonged abuse."

- Dr. Charles Leneck



JANINE GOOD

Artificial nails can harm your nails. Left; the natural healthy set of nails. Centre; the popular trend of wearing acrylic. Right; nail growth is stunted after using false nails.

## False nails can do damage

by Janine Good

Many women who feel their nails do not grow or look perfect, get artificial nails applied at their local beauty salon. While they improve the look of their hands, false nails do far more damage to the natural nail below than many women realize.

Artificial nails come in many different materials ranging from acrylic, fibreglass, silk, porcelain, or gel overlays. Of all the varieties, acrylics are the heaviest, require the most maintenance, and have the most health risks.

"Most of the time artificial nails are fine for women to apply to their hands," said Dr. Charles Leneck, dermatologist in Downsview. "But acrylic nails are applied with a sticky substance equivalent to crazy glue. This substance contains a chemical, Methyl Methacrylate (MMA), which can soak right through the false nail to the natural nail beds and loosen the natural nails."

The process in applying acrylic nails involves mixing the powdered acrylic with MMA, the liquid bonding material, into a paste. This substance is then rubbed over the nails or the artificial tips. When the paste hardens, the surface is repainted and shaped either in square or round tips. As the tips grow naturally with the nail, fills are necessary, which involves filling the gap between the acrylic and the cuticle.

"MMA can also cause long-term problems," Dr. Leneck said. "If acrylic nails are applied regularly, the poisons in the chemical can be absorbed in the bloodstream once underneath the natural nail beds."

More women get acrylic nails since they are assured

their nails will not break after a few days. However, if a nail is knocked or removed, the natural nail underneath will get pulled away from the nail bed before it's pulled from the acrylic overlay.

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- Dr. Charles Leneck

"I refuse to do acrylic nails since the bonding material smells bad, they cause permanent damage to natural fingernails, they are far more expensive than other false nails and they require far more maintenance," said manicurist Alexandra Jackson. "Artificial nails are an OK alternative if women feel their nails are not OK naturally or they won't grow, but fibreglass, silk, or gel overlays are far safer."

Besides the various health risks, acrylic nails are expensive. For a complete set of tips, and a manicure, the cost is roughly \$50-65 depending on the manicurist and if you go to a commercial outlet or private home business. Once the tips grow out, a fill is needed and they cost around \$25-30 roughly every three weeks. Silk and gel overlays range from \$30-35 for a full set and \$20 for fills, and fibreglass, \$40-45 for a full set and \$25-30 for a fill.

Other damages caused by prolonged wearing of acrylic

nails include loss of nail growth, yellowing of the nail, loss of natural cuticles, skin infections, soft brittle nails that constantly break or develop ridges and an increase in hang-nails.

"I had one lady have such a bad reaction to acrylic nails, that once I removed them, she had no natural nail beds since the acrylic ate them away, and she has permanent fungus growing instead of her nails," Jackson said. "Acrylic nails are gross, and if one day, you decide you want to grow your natural nails, it might not be an option anymore if you have them on too long."

Jackson said she prefers to apply fibreglass nails for her customers, "I use fibreglass nails because they give the nails a more natural look, they don't need to be filled every three weeks, they are cheaper, and they don't contain any harmful chemicals."

Colleen Carrie, computer and business specialist at Nortel Networks said, "My nails were much weaker and didn't grow after having false nails. I wouldn't pay to have them again unless I was going to a special event like my sister's wedding."

According to Statistics Canada, Canadians on average spend approximately \$1.8 billion in nail care each year.

If acrylic nails were worn for a long time, some recommended ways to help reconstruct the nails include weekly manicures and daily coats of medicated nail hardeners.

"Nature will eventually rebuild the natural nail beds after prolonged abuse," Dr. Leneck said. "But if the nails are coated in medicated hardeners enriched with calcium and protein, the strength of the nails will dramatically increase over time."

## Helping save lives

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*"People start finding that when they start exercising, when they start moving, they have more energy."*

- Leanne Henwood

*"I'm lucky because my doctors helped me get through the initial shock, and I can still lead a normal life."*

- Jennifer Pazonette

# Stay in shape while at home



ALEXANDRA CYGAL

*Climbing the stairs at home is an easy alternative to step class at the gym.*

by Alexandra Cygal

People don't need an expensive gym membership, an elaborate home gym, or even a lot of time to stay in shape.

Humber's Fitness co-ordinator Leanne Henwood said there are many simple exercises people can do at home that can keep them healthy.

"People start finding that when they start exercising, when they start moving, they have more energy," Henwood said.

"They sleep better at night, they generally feel better, and it helps with stress, which is great for students."

Henwood said that when people don't have the energy to do anything after a long day of school and work, they should just force themselves.

Exercise makes people feel better and more energized. If there is a lack of motivation, grab a friend and do things together.

Many good exercises can be done around the house; instead of weights, use cans of food; climbing stairs at home replaces a step class at the gym; kick aside the coffee table for push-ups, sit-ups, and lunges; intensify any exercise by using a piece of cheap elastic tubing.

Don't underestimate the power of the simplest activities, like jogging or walking.

"Power walking is one of the best exercises that you can do because anybody can do it," Henwood said. "Unless you have a disability where your legs aren't functioning, everybody can walk. So if you have the



PAMELA GOLDFRICHT

*One and two and ... use some of the furniture in your house to do some heart pumping push-ups to help get the blood flowing and to get yourself in shape.*

ability to walk, then why not utilise that?" Power walking, however, requires good foot placement on the ground. The proper way to step is on your heel and then roll to the toe. You'll get a greater workout if you swing your arms, but don't exaggerate it.

*"Power walking is one of the best exercises that you can do because anybody can do it."*

- Leanne Henwood

Henwood said that many people make the mistake of adding weights to their hands while they're walking. If someone is just beginning, this isn't such a good idea, because it can throw off their natural gait, pressuring certain joints.

Walking can get intensified once the person gets comfortable with their routine. Mark the distance of your daily walks from

your house to the corner store, and time yourself. The next day, try walking the same distance, but quicker. This will build up endurance, and make better use of time.

Jogging and running are more intense and provide a higher cardiovascular workout. People with knee injuries or joint pains should stick to walking because there's less impact on the knees.

"The Ministry of Health has put out guidelines saying you should try to accumulate 60 minutes per day, of what they call healthy active living," Henwood said. "And that is not the purposeful exercise, when you decide to come into a gymnasium and do a class or workout. It just means getting up and moving around, not being a couch potato. Doing things around your house, things that people don't even think of, like house cleaning, vacuuming, dusting, gardening, planting flowers, mowing a lawn."

# Arthritis may be in your joints

by Charlotte Brown

Contrary to popular belief, arthritis is not something that affects only the elderly.

According to Connie Alcampo, co-ordinator of the information line at The Arthritis Society of Canada (ASC), more than four million Canadians have some form of arthritis.

The Arthritis Canada brochure states that approximately 30 per cent of these cases are diagnosed in people between the 18 and 30.

"Younger people should be aware. Arthritis tends to affect women more than men, although the percentage difference isn't very much," Alcampo said.

Alcampo said there are over 100 different types of arthritis.

The most common forms are osteoarthritis and fibromyalgia. The first is a degenerative joint disease where the cartilage that covers the ends of the bones in the joints deteriorates, causing pain and loss of movement. The second causes pain in the muscles, ligaments and tendons often resulting in loss of sleep.



CHARLOTTE BROWN

*Arthritis causes pain in your joints.*

Osteoarthritis affects one in three Canadians and fibromyalgia affects one in 10 Canadians.

All types of arthritis are accompanied by joint and muscle pain, a key detail in defining the disease. The pain is usually a result of inflammation of the joint lining. Inflammation is the body's natural response to injury.

Jennifer Pazonette, a former Humber

College student, said that she was shocked when she was diagnosed with reactive arthritis.

"I couldn't believe that the swelling around my knees could develop into arthritis," Pazonette said. "I was stunned that someone at my age could be affected, but at least it explained the stiffness and the excruciating pain that I was feeling."

The ASC stresses that there is no specific reason why arthritis occurs. It could possibly be caused by previous injuries, repeated stress, flu-like symptoms, or it can develop because of heredity or old age.

Alcampo said it's important that a person visit their doctor if they have any concerns about arthritis. In order to be diagnosed, a doctor will have to take some tests. These tests may include urine or blood samples, joint or pressure point tests, and/or x-rays. She also stresses that there is no known cure.

Alcampo said the best way for people to cope with arthritis is to not let it take over their lives. Pain

can be dealt with using an over-the-counter pain reliever or with a prescribed pain reliever, and surgery is an option for many forms of arthritis.

According to the ASC it is important for people to deal with their emotions and avoid any unnecessary stress. The key is to exercise regularly and eat a healthy balanced diet.

"I'm lucky because my doctors helped me get through the initial shock, and I can still lead a normal life," Pazonette said. "I just have to be a bit more careful, but shouldn't everybody?"

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"If you've got a time machine, why don't you just go back [in time] and kill Austin Powers when he's sitting on the crapper or something."

-Scott Evil (Austin Powers)

## The Voice is on the rise in Canada

by Lauren Ferranti

I wasn't wearing black leather pants — though there seemed to be a silent dress code that obligated the women there to cover their asses in as tight and shiny a material as possible.

The event, a CD release shmoozing shindig for some artist I had never heard of, was held at the Esplanade's Bier Market in Toronto.

I was offered my first drink from a man balancing several pints on a tray. I would have been foolish to refuse, especially since I didn't have to hand over one of my precious beer tickets in exchange for it.

There was a stage that was set up as though someone would be performing. Of course, this wasn't just a gorge-on-grease fest on Universal Music's tab.

It was a party to introduce to Toronto's music industry elite (and me), to their newest musical discovery.

His name is Russell Watson, but he's more commonly known these days as The Voice.

He is a 27-year-old cocksure fellow from Manchester, England, which would explain the free Boddington's (Manchester beer) that accosted me at the door.

In 1999 in Manchester, Russell Watson was tapped on the shoulder as he per-

formed at a hotel gig.

He spun around to meet the Manchester United Chairman Martin Edwards. That night he was asked to sing Nessun Dorma, the famous football anthem, for Manchester United's games, and the rest as they say...

From that fateful '99 night, he has performed at a long list of English football and rugby games, and at the Wembley tennis matches in the summer of 1999.

Since the UK release of his debut album *The Voice* last September, Watson has held top honours on the classical music charts as well as the number five position on the UK's pop chart.

In the eight months since its release, the album has outsold Boyzone and Britney Spears in Britain and has reached double-platinum status in the UK with over 700,000 copies sold to date.

Now that the Voice is loose in Canada, Watson's handlers are confident he will rise to the top in no time.

"He is an ordinary guy who has been given an extraordinary talent, and an even greater opportunity to bring his brand of Opera to the world. It's Opera with attitude. It's Opera with style," said Rick Dunlop, Director of Classics and Jazz at Universal Music Canada in a company memo.

The former factory worker is being hailed as "The People's Tenor", a more accessible type of classical music.

If you wish opera had just a little more edge, a little more attitude, keep your ears perked for the Voice. Though the only thing "edgy" about Watson's style is perhaps that he is a bit younger than all the others.

His voice is captivating, I realized as I watched him standing tall on the edge of the stage, belting out the voice. The Universal Music people, scattered around the room had stars in their eyes.

One had his fist clenched, punctuating the air with every rise and fall of Watson's voice.

After a more studied look, the stars in their eyes actually began to look like dollar signs.

Sure, there really isn't anyone around



COURTESY

**Tenor** Russell Watson is the Voice. He is the United Kingdom's best-selling operatic tenor.

like Russell Watson right now and I'm sure he will appeal to the same crowd who can't get enough of Andrea Bocelli.

He only captivated me for so long before my attention wandered.

Another sausage roll? Don't mind if I do.

## Celebrating the Fifth of July at Humber

by Michelle DaCruz

Uncomfortable seats and an unorganized ticket booth could not dampen the stellar opening night performance of Theatre Humber's *Fifth of July* at the Lakeshore campus on Feb. 21.

Lanford Wilson's 1978 play about a group of former college activists and family members who reunite in Missouri on Independence Day was executed brilliantly with bang-on acting, exceptional directing and beautiful stage design.

Out of the eight cast members, certain actors shone particularly bright. Jefferson Guzman, as the main character, Kenneth Talley J.R., delivered a realistic portrayal of a dou-

ble amputee Vietnam War veteran. His movements were so convincing that at times they were painful to watch. Guzman's antagonistic rapport with his sister June, played by Erin Beckenhauer was lively, and his coy vulnerability in the arms of his gay lover Jed, played by Karrenga Edwards, was persuasive.

Maeghan Fennell portrayed Kenneth's niece Shirley Talley famously. As a 13-year-old going on 30, Fennell was fresh and hilarious. Fennell's genuine comedic talent radiated throughout the play, for instance in Act I, she takes on the role of a crazed fan that has a heart attack at the mere sight of her future famous self.

Earlier in the play, with a Lolita-like candidness, Fennell confesses to one of the unsuspecting male guests that she has noticed his long-ing looks, but is sad to say that she could never marry him for the sole reason that if she did her name would become Shirley Hurley.

Fennell's deliberately dramatic antics bounced perfectly off the other actors and transformed her into a teenager who is searching to find her own identity and understand her roots.

They say there are no small actors only small parts, and with one of the smallest parts in the play, Stephen Gallant, as the hippie composer Weston Hurely, was flawless.

Gallant delivered his incredibly timed one-word punches through a drug-induced fog. Watching Gallant stare into space and grin at the ceiling while the other actors sparred was superb.



MICHELLE DACRUZ

**Left to right:** Yvonne Wallace, Stephen Gallant, Maeghan Fennell, Jefferson Guzman and Karrenga Edwards.

Designing a set for a 19-room farmhouse could be a daunting task for anyone, but not for set designer, Stephen Degenstein. The front of the house was angled in such a way as to appear sprawling and deep. The construction of arched doorways and mock stairways inside the house, to the weather-stained front and back porches was realistic.

Also an acute attention to detail, like a well-worn sweater slung casually on a desk chair, and beach towels hung over a porch railing were essential components to a lived-in family home.

A few opening night jitters and superb timing were a testament to the phenomenal directing by Kyra Harper. *Fifth of July* runs until March 4 at Lakeshore campus. For less than the price of cover charge at your favourite club, the play is a bargain and should not be missed. For ticket prices and show times call (416) 675-6622 ext.3421.



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- Principal McGee (Grease)

*"Your ego is writing cheques your body can't cash."*

- Stinger (Top Gun)

## New releases from Buena Vista Pictures



### Big Trouble

The film, starring Tim Allen, Rene Russo, Stanley Tucci, Tom Sizemore, Jason Lee and Heavy D, is based on Pulitzer Prize-winning humorist Dave Barry's best-selling first novel *Big Trouble*.

### Bubble Boy

Jimmy Livingston (Jake Gyllenhaal) is a normal teenager except for one thing - he lives in a bubble. He was born without an immune system and has lived his life in a manufactured world provided by his well-intentioned but misguided mother (Swoosie Kurtz).

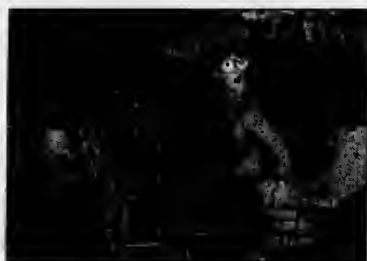


### Corky Romano

Corky Romano (Chris Kattan) is a good-natured veterinarian who goes undercover as an FBI super agent to save his long-lost father (Peter Falk), an underworld crime lord who has just been indicted by the Grand Jury.

### Atlantis: The Lost Empire

In Walt Disney Pictures latest animated epic, adventurous and determined museum cartographer Milo Thatch (voice of Michael J. Fox) leads an expedition to find the underwater empire of Atlantis.



### The Count of Monte Cristo

This film is based on Alexandre Dumas' classic story of an innocent man wrongly but deliberately imprisoned and his brilliant strategy for revenge against those who betrayed him.

### The Princess Diaries

Shy Californian teenager Mia (Anne Hathaway) is shocked to learn that she is a real-life princess. Her formidable grandmother Queen Clarisse Renaldi (Julie Andrews) shows up to give Mia "princess-lessons".



### Monsters, Inc.

Walt Disney Pictures and Pixar Animation Studios presents Monsters, Incorporated, the largest scare factory in the monster world. James P. Sullivan (John Goodman), a massive blue furry horned monster is one of the company's top Scareers.

# Humber grad a natural on stage at Yuk Yuk's

by Patrick Maloney

Is that your daughter? Oh she's *Ipretty*," said stand-up comedian Jason Rouse, talking to an audience member through his newest stage prop - a hand puppet dressed like a nun.

Suddenly this kind, soft-spoken nun morphed into a demonic, perverted sex-kitten. "She looks like she sucks cock," Rouse rumbled, to uproarious laughter.

While his stage act may seem shocking at first, it's Rouse's originality and unwavering willingness to go over the edge that has put the Hamilton native on a fast track to comedic success, culminating with a recently aired special on the Comedy Network, and a tryout with Saturday Night Live.

"It went really well," replied the cool and relaxed Rouse, when asked of the SNL audition. "It was quite a cool experience and I'm hoping to make something from that and we'll see what happens."

Rouse, 29, graduated from Humber's fledgling Comedy Program in 2000, and said the school helped immensely in his development as a performer.

"[The program] was a really good experience," said Rouse just before a performance at Yuk Yuk's Super Club. "It strengthened comedy muscles that I'd never really exercised before."

Rouse is nothing if not original. He has a distinct comedic energy and relies on the kind of material that would make even Lenny Bruce blush. Euphemisms for the male and female genitalia find a home in Rouse's act, and expletives of all kinds gain an acceptably humorous ring when spouted by the immensely talented comic.

"I think there's a lot of line-ups and I'm standing in my own line," he said, explaining his comedic style.

Mark Breslin, founder of the Yuk Yuk's comedy empire and the father of Canadian comedy, has been involved with Humber's Comedy Program since its inception five years ago, and is excited by how it is developing.

"There have always been ways of teaching comics comedy before, but never in a comprehensive way," he said. "There'd be a little course here or a little course there, but I loved the idea of doing it comprehensively."

Breslin and Joe Kertes, the Dean of the Comedy Program, both acknowledge that there were a lot of naysayers at the beginning, but the program is quickly gaining international respect and acclaim.

Aspiring comics from all over the world are clamouring to get into Humber.

"I'm getting e-mails everyday from Americans asking about the

teachers] supply you with all those skills."

"The teachers have great connections, so we can get spots anywhere in the city," said first-year student Matt Richardson. "One drawback is that you've got a whole bunch of class clowns in one place, and it's not a great learning environment sometimes, but I like it."

In the Toronto comedy scene,



PATRICK MALONEY

Jason Rouse shows off his hand puppet techniques to an audience member at Yuk Yuk's.

program, and we had one from New South Wales, Australia today, begging to get in," said Kertes.

"I've never believed that you could teach somebody to be funny, but I think you can teach somebody to be funnier," said Breslin.

*"One drawback is that you've got a whole bunch of class clowns in one place."*

- Matt Richardson

"What you can do is you can teach them the skills and techniques that they might find on their own, but might take them years and years of trial and error."

A trend away from blackboards and notebooks is what gives the students in the course a more practical education and arms performers like Jason Rouse with additional, invaluable skills.

"You need to know everything and be good at everything," explained Rouse. "The more skills that you have, the more opportunities that you're gonna get ... [the

the program is making a difference.

Pat Thornton, a Humber Comedy student, recently performed a successful impromptu set at Yuk Yuk's, and got more laughs than some veteran professionals who performed later that evening.

"I love it every time I go up," said the 24-year-old Mississauga native. "I wasn't really prepared to be on tonight, I usually get a little more psyched up when I know that I'm gonna be on."

Jack Norman, who hosts New Talent Night at Yuk Yuk's, agreed with Breslin and Kertes.

"Obviously, it's doing something. The program has probably brought out [Thornton's] talent a lot quicker than it would have if he had just started on amateur night," said Norman. "To just jump up there and have the best set of the night? It's great."

"I think the goal is to turn this into the Juilliard of Comedy," revealed Breslin. "I think people from all over the world eventually will want to come to this school if they want to learn comedy."

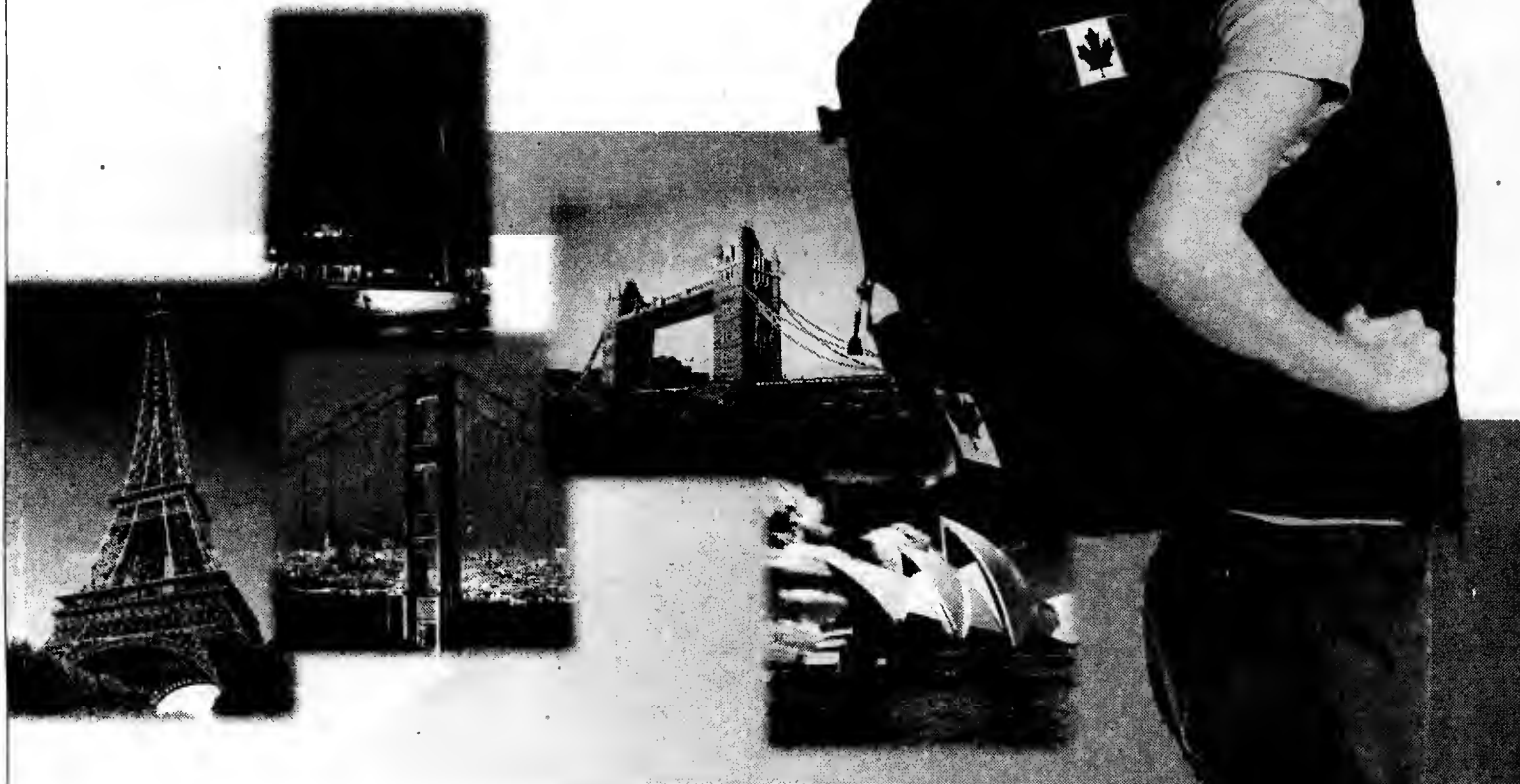
"Invention, my dear friends, is 93 per cent perspiration, six per cent electricity, four per cent evaporation and two per cent butterscotch ripple."

- Willy Wonka

I just would have liked to have been there to watch how you rationalized sleeping with a yuppie-head cheeseball on the first date.

- Troy (Reality Bites)

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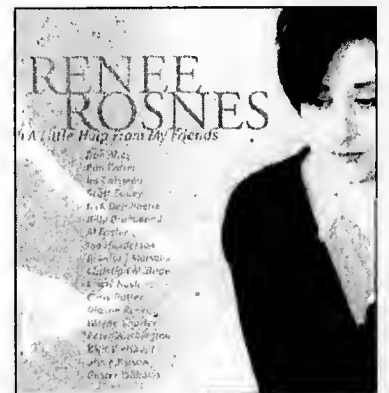


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## Juno winner releases new 'best-of' CD



by **Carcia Campbell**

Canada has generated many talented musical artists, but Juno-award-winning Renee Rosnes is a creative pianist, producer, collaborator, and a mood setter for happiness, sadness and definitely romance.

After a career spanning 10 years, Rosnes has recorded with jazz artists Ron Carter, Al Foster, and many others to make a "best of" recording with live versions, alternate takes and unreleased masterpieces.

The CD is named after a Beatles hit, *With a Little Help From My Friends* which is covered by Rosnes.

Rosnes is very proud of the CD and had a reason for naming it after the Beatles classic.

"All of the musicians included on this compilation are not only some of the finest but also cherished friends who have contributed to my growth as a person as well as a musician. I am proud to have been in the studio and on the bandstand with every one of them," she said.

One track that stands out is, *I've Got You Under My Skin*, recorded with conductor and arranger Robert Freedman. The song, made famous by crooner Frank Sinatra, is taken to a different level using jazz beats and a string format while keeping the tune happy and lively.

Jazz is easily seen as relaxing music for those who want peace and quiet, but Rosnes displays jazz in a way that goes with any mood.

*Lazy Afternoon* is a gem with vocals by Dianne Reeves, one of jazz's best, and an astounding piano solo by Rosnes. The two artists easily play off each other and make the music really come alive as if they were giving a live performance.

*With A Little Help From My Friends*, is a great CD for a romantic candlelight dinner.

**Look for the next issue of the  
Humber Et Cetera on March 15.**

Humber's men's volleyball team sets OCAA point season record with 948.

Humber's women's volleyball team brings home silver losing to Cambrian in OCAA final, 3-1.

# Sports et cetera

## One short of throne

by Randy Cooray

The Lady Hawks volleyball team overcame insurmountable odds at the Ontario Championships claiming the silver medal at Centennial College.

Humber College Athletic Director Doug Fox, who was present at the final, said the team played through a lot of adversity and said the season was an absolute success.

"There was one point at mid-term that I thought we weren't going to make the playoffs," said Fox. "To come back and become silver medallists is a major accomplishment."

The Hawks' power, and tournament all-star Barb Legiec, was disappointed not to claim the gold, and said the team could not dominate during the end of each set.

"We made small errors that hurt us during very crucial times of each game," said Legiec. "Probably after 20 [points] we made too many errors that hurt us and we just let them have the 25th point."

Setter Laura Solski said the team wasn't taking the chances they did throughout the season. She believes they were waiting for Cambrian's mistakes which never came.

"We were playing too safe and too cautious," said Solski. "We didn't hit that hard and weren't that confident to finish."

Their quest for gold was denied after losing to rival, Cambrian Golden Shield, 3-1 (21-25, 25-17, 22-25, 17-25). At the end, Head coach Dave Hood said he was extremely proud of his team, believing they had their best year ever.

"We had to play with heart



RANDY COORAY

**Breakin' it down:** Lady Hawk power spikes it past Cambrian defence, but not enough times for a win losing, 1-3.

and desire ... We were the underdogs, we had nothing to lose and the girls have worked right through to the beginning and wanted to win, I couldn't have been more proud!"

Shield's Crystal Thomas, tournament MVP, said the Hawks were just as strong during the season believing this match, like the two in the regular season, could have gone either way.

"It was a great match and they put up a really strong fight," said Thomas. "We played really strong, they played really strong

and we were just lucky to come out on top."

Fox believed the turning point for the Humber's season was the addition of power Lindsay Bax just after the Christmas break, which helped elevate the team to a championship threat.

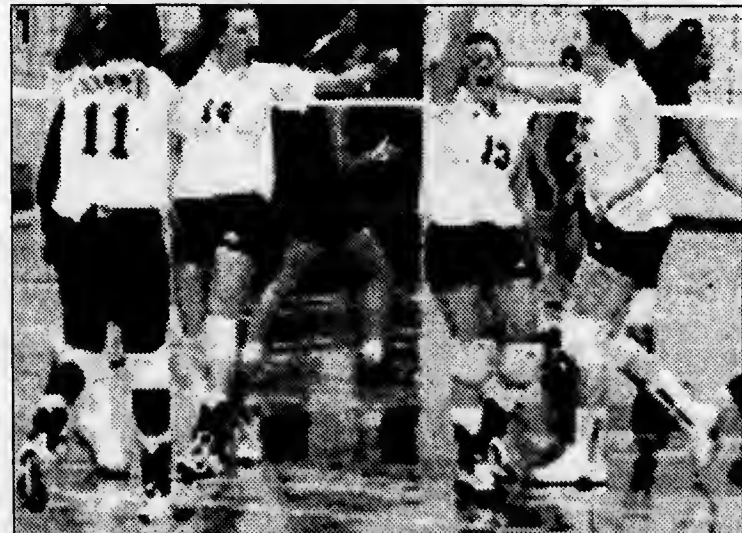
"We won a couple of tournaments after [Bax] got here and the hard part was they were under the gun playing 'must-win' games since early January and this was a lot of pressure," said Fox.

"I was afraid they would burn out but they got through that and continued on, so it was a great season."

Throughout the year, the Lady Hawks suffered adversity, losing two players for the year while gaining one. Hood said his team never gave up.

"It is easy to coach a team of unbelievable athletes because you know they are going to succeed," said Hood.

"This is a group of people, that did not know each other in the beginning of the year; we were not working very well; all of a sudden we started to gel and we worked hard. That is something that everybody on this team has to be proud of!"



RANDY COORAY

**Cheers despite loss:** It was cheers all around in the face of defeat against the No. 1 ranked Cambrian Golden Shield

## V-ball crown lost to times

Head coach, Wayne Wilkins, blames miscommunication on nearly missing match

The men's volleyball team bowed out early from the Ontario Championships over controversy dashing their championship hopes. They finished fifth in the tournament.

The team rushed to play their game at Seneca College after Humber's team officials were informed by tournament organizers that they were late for a 10 a.m. matchup with the Redeemer royals in the consolation semi-final match.

The team itinerary indicated the game was scheduled for a 12 p.m. start.

The Hawks faced a two set penalty if they were not able to begin the match at the scheduled time. Although they only arrived at Seneca at 10:30, The Hawks were not assessed the penalty. However, they weren't allowed to warm-up.

Humber was eliminated by the Royals 3-2 (25-23, 25-19, 25-27, 19-25, 15-12.).

Hawks' Middle Bart Babij said nothing could be done.

"It was tough to come out of bed and rush to school and play right away, but we are a strong team and we knew we could fight through it. We tried our best," said Babij.

The pain of Saturday's mix-up was added to Friday's loss to the Loyalist Lancers, in a game that put Humber out of gold medal contention. After the loss, Tim Ryan maintained a positive attitude although he knew it was his last shot at gold.

"I am going to hold my head up high. I am still a Humber Hawk and it was a fantastic year," said Ryan. "We lost, but we can't always win."

Lancer's power Matt Hrayanyk said the battle with Humber was the best he was involved in.

Throughout the match neither team trailed by more than four points.

Supporters for Hrayanyk's side was the determining factor.

"We had a lot of alumni. desires crashed to an end after loss.

Our girls team came in and cheered hard, we had players' girlfriends, parents," said Hraynyk.

It was the biggest crowd I ever played in front of and probably the highest point of my career so far."

The season may have ended abruptly for the Hawks, but looking back on his year, Head coach Wayne Wilkins had nothing but positive thoughts.

"We had a great season and we have been through a ton of adversity," said Wilkins. "You show me another team in Ontario that can come back and have a setter [Mark Southasa] return after three weeks from a torn ACL (Anterior-Cruciate ligament).

That is almost the closest thing to a miracle. They played their hearts out and I had a good time."

After the Humber Cup earlier this season, Wilkins expressed some displeasure.

"My team is the best in Ontario, and the referees suck!" said Wilkins.

Though he didn't criticize officiating this time around, he still believes the Hawks are number one to him.

"I said we we're the best team in Ontario and I still believe that," said Wilkins.



RANDY COORAY

**D-destroyed:** Humber's championship

*Humber is host to the OCAA men's hockey championship, March 2-3, 2001.*

*Second place Humber vs. third place Seneca, Friday. Sudden death format will determine champion.*

*Lady Hawks edge out Seneca Sting by four to complete the perfect season.*

# Hawks skate into championship on high

by Jason Thom

The final game of the men's hockey season against the Cambrian Golden Shield on Saturday night meant nothing in the standings but a lot to Humber goaltender Duane Crocker.

"I was nervous, since it was probably my last game for Humber and in this rink I wanted it to be something special. I didn't want to get blown out or pulled in the second period," Crocker said of his 32-save performance against the Shield.

Despite the lack of effort from Cambrian, Joe Washkurak's Hawks showed no remorse in shelling the first place team 6-1.

"It was a bit of a no-hitter out there to a certain degree and a little more like shinny hockey but we wanted to send them a message and not let them get any momentum coming into here next week."

The Hawks are hosting this weekend's single knockout tournament. They have lost only one of their eight regular season games at home which has team captain Chris McFadyen confident.

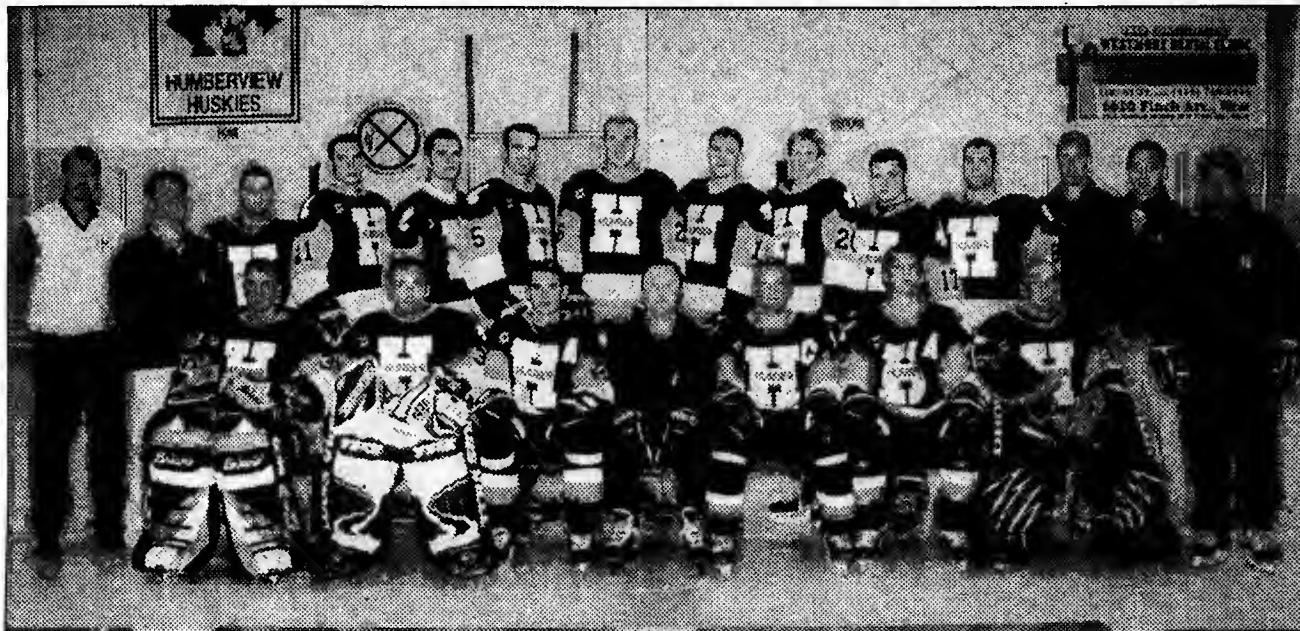
"We're definitely pumped about that and we feel that we can beat anybody on this rink," McFadyen said.

Shawn Kane started the scoring spree just over five minutes into the game with a high snap shot into the roof of the Cambrian net to make it 1-0.

The teams went back-and-forth from then on until late in the frame when J.J. Dickie scored his second goal in his second game back from a suspension by tipping a hard low point shot from veteran defenceman Marc Hobor with the man advantage to make it 2-0.

The Hawks out shot Cambrian 15-13 with Crocker looking his best all season long despite this being his first game he'd played in since a loss to Fleming three weeks ago.

The game continued to crawl until the end of the second period until D.J. Marchese potted his fifth of the year to put Humber up by three at the end of 40 minutes.



COURTESY

**Say Championship!** Humber's men looks poised to win the championship at home after annihilating Cambrian Golden Shield, 6-1. They hope the next photo they pose for will be with the OCAA championship trophy.

Humber totally buried Cambrian with two goals in the first six minutes of the third as Colin Gillespie scored and often-injured Chris Pugliese went end-to-end and put the rubber into the roof of the net for one of the most exciting goals of the season and a 5-0 lead.

But after stopping 28 saves Crocker was beaten by a screened point shot to put an end to his hopes of securing a shutout in his final game.

It was emotional, it really was," Crocker said. "I got a little pissed off when I lost the shutout but it was pretty good way to end my career here."

Washkurak praised his veteran caretaker of the cord cabana for his on-ice play on the night and they way he has handled backing up the young Terry Gilmer.

"He's been very professional the way he's gone about his business with Terry taking over in the second semester," Washkurak added. "It was good to give a win like that in his last regular season game here."

Dickie scored yet another goal to make the final 6-1 and to bring Humber's record to a solid 10-5 on the year.

The Hawks are riding a 4-game winning streak going into the championship tournament and have had 40 shots or more in the last three games and a combined 19 goals.

"You said that before and it's true, we're on a roll at the right time," McFadyen said.

"We know that it's not over but right now everyone's enjoying the feeling and making sure we carry it into the playoffs and hopefully into the nationals."

## OCCA HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS PREVIEW

**Cambrian Golden Shield**  
1st place overall  
11-4 record

The Cambrian Golden Shield have compiled a 6-1 record since the halfway point of the season and lead the league in goals



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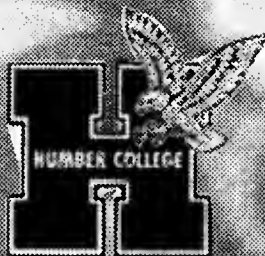
scored with 93.

They also have the league's leader in goals and points in Wayne Theriault who potted 17 goals and 19 assists for 36 points on the season.

The Shield's offence doesn't end there as they have three other players in the top six of scoring with Shawn Denomme, Darryl Shworchinski and Tim Morin. Cambrian takes on the Sault Ste. Marie Cougars in first round action and the Shield have outscored Sault 15-6 in their last two meetings and won the league series 2-1.

**Humber Hawks**  
2nd place overall  
10-5 record

The Hawks are riding a four-game winning streak into the tournament and have received stellar goaltending from second year goaltender Terry Gilmer. Much of that success is due to Humber's blue line which is one of the biggest and quickest in the league.



Humber has three lines that are all an offensive threat and will also have all their injured and suspended players back in the line-up for the playoffs. However, the Hawks lead the league in penalty minutes and must keep their tempers in check in order to be successful. With many key players leaving after the season, the Hawks hope to bring a championship back the Humber.

**Seneca Sting**  
3rd place overall  
8-6 record

The defending champions have struggled since the beginning of the second semester with a 2-5 record. The Sting use a fast break offence that score them as many as goals as they give up.



Seneca have a balanced attack but their success relies heavily on the strength of the goaltending they get.

The Sting only beat Humber once in regular season play and couldn't solve the Hawks Terry Gilmer in their last match-up which they lost 6-1.

**Sault Ste. Marie Cougars**  
4th place overall  
7-8 record

The Cougars narrowly made it into the championships but won some key games down the stretch to make it in.



Paul Godfrey leads the team in scoring and is second in league scoring. Sault takes on their northern rivals in the first round and have beaten the Shield only once this season.

As the underdogs in the tournament, the Cougars will have to play their best hockey if they hope to make it into the gold medal game.

compiled by Jason Thom

Ducati's Superbike world championship team cost the company \$9.59 million.

OCAA Championships are this week for both men's and women's basketball teams.

Canadian Ron Fellows led his Chevrolet C-5 Corvette team to win the Rolex 24-hour endurance race.

# Perfected season

by Patrick Campbell

If you're not already aboard the bandwagon, you better hitch a ride.

The Humber Hawks' women's basketball team finished the 18-game regular season with an undefeated record and a surefire feeling that the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association Championship is almost a sure thing.

In her inaugural season as head coach, Denise Perrier has led the Hawks to first place and a spot in the OCAA semi-final game. Perrier took over for former Head Coach Jim Henderson who left the team last year, handing the reigns over to Perrier who had been assistant coach.

The undefeated squad reeled off 18 straight victories against provincial teams, but what's more surprising is that they're ranked thirteenth in Canada, a statistic that seems highly underrated.

The Hawks won their final game of the season last Wednesday night, disposing of the Seneca Sting in what proved to be the toughest test of the schedule.

The Hawks finished the schedule with four of their last five games at home, and some convincing wins along the way. The Hawks needed one game to secure their undefeated season and Seneca was their prey.

The Hawks started off sluggish, while the Sting nailed their first few shots, taking an early lead 8-4. The Sting continued to hit important shots, going on a run of five points, while the Hawks struggled, falling behind 20-14. The Hawks shooting became sparser making the deficit that much deeper.

Seneca hit a quick three-pointer while the Hawks managed to pull together a run of five before the half came to a close. Humber's defense, which was strong throughout the entire season, began to fold, allowing Seneca to spark a run of seven points to finish the half ahead by 13, 44-31.

"We started the game off with a zone defense," said Head Coach Denise Perrier. "Other teams had success against them and we hoped to have the same intentions."

After some inspirational words in the change room, Perrier's squad started the second half off with a bang, dropping 10 straight points to pull within five, 45-40. The usual Hawk's team that came to play had returned.

Humber continued to claw their way back into the game with a short run of six. Seneca tried to pull away but the Hawks' defense forced turnovers that led to fast break baskets, allowing the top team in the OCAA to close the gap and take a three point lead with mere minutes left in the game.

Humber switched to a conservative style and preserved the win down the stretch with some key foul shooting and quick transition baskets. The Hawks pulled off a come-from-behind victory, taking their storybook season to the bank, with a 69-65 win.

The Hawks' attack was led by forward Filomena Aprile who finished with 19, while the third leading scorer in the province,



PATRICK CAMPBELL

**Holding the key:** Lindsay Higgs is up front with a Seneca Sting blocking off the passing lane. Behind, Filomena Aprile, jostles in key.

Beth Latendresse solidified her place in Humber history with an 18 point performance. Co-captains Lindsay Higgs and Elaine Morrison chipped in with 15 and 14 respectively.

"We are a physical man-to-man team, so we don't usually play zone," said Perrier. "[Seneca] picked us apart right away, but once we changed to man-to-man, it was a different game. We got a little lazy, but we didn't lose our composure and we didn't panic. This could be the team we meet on the weekend [OCAA championships]."

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Leafs get Tampa Bay lightening defencemen, Maxim Galanov for leftwing, Konstantin Kalmikov.

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# Season Statistics

## Men's Basketball

**Ontario Central Region:**  
Final League Results and Team Standings

Team	GP	W	L	FOR	AGT	3FG	FT%	PF	PTS
<b>z-Humber</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1237</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>26</b>
y-Sheridan	15	11	4	1138	1013	51	64.6	238	22
x-G. Brown	15	9	6	1214	1143	65	68.0	271	18
x-Seneca	15	7	8	1074	1138	80	67.1	290	14
Centennial	15	4	11	1087	1223	73	58.3	255	8
Durham	15	1	14	853	1119	46	56.3	267	2

## Women's Basketball

Final Team standings

Team	GP	W	L	FOR	AGT	3FG	FT%	PF	PTS
<b>z-Humber</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>930</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>70.0</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>36</b>
y-Mohawk	18	14	4	1261	986	43	59.2	272	28
x-Fanshawe	18	13	5	1192	951	48	55.6	265	26
x-Durham	18	12	6	1097	985	76	61.6	301	24
x-Seneca	18	11	7	1177	986	49	54.0	312	22
x-Georgian	17	7	10	978	999	35	60.7	271	14
G. Brown	18	5	13	862	1140	37	55.1	317	10
Niagara	17	4	13	924	1104	48	54.9	233	8
Redeemer	18	4	14	875	1124	8	54.5	281	8
St. Lawrence	18	1	17	739	1223	39	52.8	260	2

## Men's Hockey

Final Team standings

Team	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	PIM	GAA	PTS
z-Cambrian	15	11	4	0	93	51	308	3.40	22
<b>x-Humber</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>3.53</b>	<b>20</b>
x-Seneca	15	8	6	1	68	63	263	4.20	17
x-Sault	15	7	8	0	79	86	439	5.73	14
SSFleming	15	5	8	2	66	94	299	6.27	12
Conestoga	15	2	11	1	55	91	341	6.07	6

## Women's Volleyball

Team Standings from OCAA tournament

Team	Place	Record
Cambrian	1	3 0
<b>Humber</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2 1</b>
Seneca	3	2 1
Algonquin	4	2 1

## Men's Volleyball

Team Standings from OCAA tournament

Team	Place	Record
Niagara	1	3 0
Loyalist	2	2 1
Seneca	3	2 1
Redeemer	4	2 2
<b>Humber</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1 2</b>

z-clinched first place in region   y-clinched bye to championship   x-clinched play-off spot

# Almost an athlete

This past year I made my first collegiate volleyball team ... sort of.

I was the men's volleyball reporter for the Humber Et Cetera. I was responsible for letting the school know how well the Hawks did.

When I was told that I was a sports reporter for the paper, I blew a collective sigh of relief knowing that I would be involved in something that interests me—actually it is the only thing that interests me.

However, when I was told that my main concentration would be on volleyball, I was slightly frantic. It was a sport that I knew very little about; after all volleyball doesn't get the publicity that hockey gets in this country.

My first interview was with assistant coach Dean Wylie who would have a grieving widow rolling on the floor in laughter. Since this was the first interview that I would get published, naturally my tape-recorder batteries died.

For some reason, my note taking was actually better than usual, and my first story was printed.

Wayne Wilkins would be the one person who was still a mystery. He would be the most instrumental to my success on as a successful volleyball reporter.

I left messages on his cell-phone but would get no response. When our paths crossed during the selection process my interview went well and he helped out with quotes.

I was introduced to the squad and was given a two-question quiz in front of all his players at a restaurant in Oshawa. That day the team captured the tournament bronze and two more successful interviews were under my belt. Then it happened.

The Humber Cup was an exhibition tournament with the Durham Lords, Loyalist Lancers and the Cambrian Golden

Shield the competition. During the final, Wilkins received a yellow card.

In the interview he said rather curtly, "We are the best team in Ontario and the referees suck!" My string of impressive interviews went down the toilet ... so I thought.

It was rough, and I knew it would not be the team's favourite piece. Even worse is that the story was hung up on the team-room wall.

But after a somewhat awkward moment after the next game, the relationship with the team improved. The coaches were great, the players were great and the team was great.

We're literally the best team in Ontario. The final result may not reflect that, but they were that damn good.



**Randy Cooray**

My stay with the Et Cetera is only one year (if I pass everything). But one thing is certain, I'm through with covering men's volleyball. I may not have been a player but being there game-in and game out including the road trips is something I will never forget.

Here is to 'Dirty' Carter, Chris, Bart, Jeff, Mike, Scott, Denny, Tim, Steve R., Mark, Dean, Steve C., Amy, Nate and especially Wayne -- the best team in Ontario and, yes, the referees suck!

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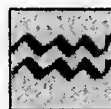
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"How come Andrew gets to get up? If he gets up, we'll all get up. IT'LL BE ANARCHY."  
 - Bender (Breakfast Club)

# Bizzartifacts *et cetera*

## What's your sign?



**Aquarius**  
 21 January - 18 February

You muster up the courage to ask out a special someone who caught your eye working out in the gym. Be careful of this smooth dog or pretty pussy ... cat. They take baths with their grown siblings and like to bring strangers home to play with their dolls.



**Pisces**  
 19 February - 20 March

Backwards thinking makes you irate. Confront your devil's advocate and teach him to think twice before advising you to take your post in front of the oven. Might I dare suggest a hoof to the groin region daily might change his tune?



**Aries**  
 21 March - 19 April

An obsession with chocolate chip cookie dough sends your life into a tailspin. You can't get enough of its cold chocolate chips and the sugary, doughy chunks. It's even interfering with your sex life - which forces you to wonder, is your sex life that great in the first place?



**Taurus**  
 20 April - 20 May

Life is short and so are you. So keep your goals within your reach or you'll fall short in everything you do. And ignore all the short jokes because no matter what you do, complaining and fighting for respect won't get you a thing, because you'll get your butt kicked every time.



**Gemini**  
 21 May - 20 June

You know the expression you are what you eat? How about dogs look like their owners. Bow wow!



**Cancer**  
 21 June - 22 July

Your school success depends on your sharp mind but you're dull as rubber. Enjoy your week off and recover so you can save yourself from flunking the year. Don't fool yourself any longer, you're sinking fast.



**Leo**  
 23 July - 22 August

One cent, five cent, 10 cent, dollar. You're losing money faster than you can say, put your nose to the grind stone. But don't think working at McDicks or good ol' Timmy's is working hard. If you do, you're certainly not a gambler and you deserve to lose all your cash.



**Virgo**  
 23 August - 22 September

You will have an accident that might alter your life forever. Best advice you can listen to is, "If you fall out of a tree, seek help immediately!"



**Libra**  
 23 September - 22 October

Anxious for some nuki nuki, try some saki saki. It will make you feel Eh OK. It will heighten your senses, give you the ability to do backflips and rid you of paranoia. it won't do anything to ease your sex drive but I'm a prophet, not God, so figure it out for yourself.



**Scorpio**  
 23 October - 21 November

You find a quiet spot and ponder the mystery of the universe and realize that you know squat. Confronted with this realization you decide that all you need to know you can get from *The Simpsons*.



**Sagittarius**  
 22 November - 21 December

You finally realize that everyone is really laughing at you and not with you. Asking your sister to the high school prom was probably not a good idea.



**Capricorn**  
 22 December - 20 January

This week you will finally admit that you really like new country music and you wish your girlfriend would scream Billy Ray when you're doing the horizontal square dance.

## Movie Trivia

1. In the movie *Space Balls*, what flavour does Lonestar use to jam Dark helmet's radar?
2. What was the name of the foreign exchange student that lived with grandma and grandpa in *Sixteen Candles*?
3. What was in the case in *Ronin*?
4. What did Morgan Freeman in *The Shawshank Redemption* say is the most dangerous thing to have in prison?
5. What was "Baby's" real name in *Dirty Dancing*?
6. What does Julia Roberts want to lay like in *Pretty Woman*?
7. Who thinks Joe Pesci is a clown in *Goodfellas*?
8. According to John Travolta in *The General's Daughter*, what do you have to do with people before you have sex with them?
9. In *Dead Poet's Society*, what does Robin Williams' character ask his students to call him?
10. What is the song Tom Cruise sings to Kelly McGillis in the bar scene of *Top Gun*?

- Answers
1. Raspberry
  2. Long Duck Dong
  3. Contents were never revealed
  4. Hope
  5. Francis Houseman
  6. Broccoli
  7. Ray Liotta
  8. Boil them
  9. O Captain, my Captain
  10. You've Lost That Loving Feeling

## Say What?!?

"That's what I like about these high school girls, man. I get older, they stay the same."  
 - Wooderson (*Dazed and Confused*)

"Here's the deal, I'm gonna take Sam against his will and straighten him out because I truly believe that if we can get two women on the Supreme Court, we can get at least one on you."  
 -Vicky (*Reality Bites*)

"What interesting china! Why it looks like young men playing leap-frog. Is it Greek?"  
 - Mrs. Kelly (*The Birdcage*)

"Welcome to my kingdom! I will bed you all before the night is through."  
 - Dave (*Ski School*)

"We're on double-secret probation, whatever that is. We can't afford to have a toga party."  
 - Hoover (*Animal House*)

## Photo of the Week



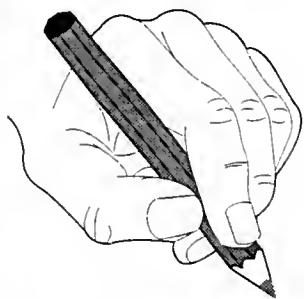
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Holy hot wheels Batman! The Batmobile showcased at this year's Autoshow.

# HSF <sup>HUMBER</sup> students' FEDERATION

## Student Government Elections 2001

The following is a list of voting dates for the upcoming student government elections:



**Lakeshore Campus**  
**March 20-21**  
**9:00am - 6:00pm**  
**In the cafeteria**

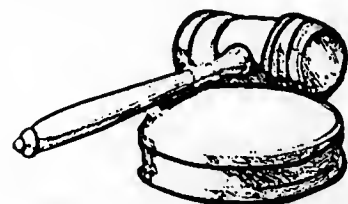
**North Campus**  
**March 21-22**  
**9:00am - 6:00pm**  
**In the concourse**

Be sure to cast your vote!

## Bi-Annual General Meeting

On **Thursday, April 5, 2001**  
the Humber Students' Federation (HSF)  
will be holding its

**Bi-Annual General Meeting** at the  
**North Campus** in the  
**Student Centre** at  
**3:00pm.**



We encourage members of the Humber community to come out and participate.

## Cultures Week

The Humber Students' Federation is encouraging one and all to celebrate Humber College's diversity.



On the week of **March 19-22** stop by the **Student Centre** and take in food, music and dance from around the world. Also, enter one of the many contests to win cool HSF swag!

**STUDENTS WANTED** to perform during Cultures Week! If you are interested, please contact Lise Janssen at the HSF for an audition before **March 9** by email at [ljanssen@hsfweb.com](mailto:ljanssen@hsfweb.com) or by phone at **146-675-6622 ext. 4411**

## So You Want To Be A Rock Star

The HSF is hosting Humber College's fourth annual "**Campus Music Search**", battle of the bands. Artists of all genres are eligible to enter. Five or six finalists will be selected with each receiving a consolation prize and an opportunity to perform in CAPS. The overall winner will walk away with **\$500** and entry into the all Ontario competition. For more information, please drop by one of the HSF offices located in **Room KX105** at the North



Campus or **Room AX101** at the Lakeshore Campus. All submissions must include a demo CD or cassette and are due no later than **12:00 noon on Monday, March 19.**

## HSF Service of the Month

The Humber Students' Federation is excited to welcome Student Image photographers to Humber College. The photographers take a wide range of quality custom portraits of graduation Humber students. We at the HSF congratulate all graduates for their hard work and effort! Student Image photographers will be on the campuses taking graduation photos on the following dates this month:



### North Campus

Mon. March 19-Thurs. March 22 9:00am - 4:30pm  
 Fri. March 23 9:00am - 3:30pm

### Lakeshore Campus

Tues. March 27-Thurs. March 29 9:00am - 4:30pm.

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To advocate on behalf of the membership of the Humber Students' Federation, to protect the quality of education and student life at Humber College of Applied Arts and Technology, to improve and increase the services provided to students of such College, and to promote student participation and awareness.

**The Humber Students' Federation is a student owned and operated corporation, whose greatest asset is the students themselves.**



*HSF President Toby Warnell and Stephen Anastasi HSF Vice President-Campus Life North present an award to Humber College President Dr. Robert Gordon.*