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Clock ticking on deal to avert strike

Teachers, province still at odds; many facilities will remain open

By Kristen King

OPSEU and the province have not returned to the negotiating table since teachers voted Feb. 17 to strike. Talks between the two sides are slated for March 1 and 2 with a deadline to reach agreement by 12 a.m. March 3. Teachers say they are prepared to form picket lines outside colleges at 8 a.m. that morning.

Meanwhile, as the countdown to the faculty strike date continues, Humber students are concerned about the effect it will have on their school year and financial situation.

A strike would mean students will be out of classes for an indefinite period of time. However, Humber administration assures students they will try to help ease any student hardships.

John Mason, the registrar at Humber College, said that a refund policy has not yet been established, and if a strike does occur the Ministry would give directives.

"If reasonable courtesy is extended on both sides, students can cross the picket line"

"It's hard to anticipate, it depends on the circumstances," Mason said. "In the past a specified amount of money has been divided equally between the colleges, but at this point I really can't say."

Mason said the administration of the college will work hard to communicate all plans to the student body.

Margaret Antonides, manager of student financial aid, said a strike could really disrupt students' academic, financial, and living situations, but is hopeful that a work stoppage can be avoided.

"In the past OSAP has extended the assessment period to accommodate the extension of the semester," Antonides said. "There is funding from the Ministry. It can't support 10,000 students, but we will try to accommodate real hardships," she said.

Melissa McLellan, off-campus housing coordinator, said students living off campus should discuss their situation with their landlords if the semester is extended.

"Extending a lease would be up to the landlord. Generally, they are usually flexible," McLellan said. "Not too many students are in a lease, and the



Sign of things to come?: Humber faculty union pres. Maureen Wall puts together picket signs in her office. Teachers will go on strike if they don't have a deal by March 3.

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Student robbed in violent daylight attack

By Dana Brown

Toronto police will increase patrols and student identification checks at Humber's North campus after a student was attacked, apparently at random, Tuesday afternoon.

The victim, a 19-year-old male, was in the courtyard outside the FX building daycare centre at about 3 p.m. when he was approached by three men demanding money. The student refused and was assaulted

and robbed.

Police were called to the college after the victim reported the incident to campus security shortly after the attack.

Gary Jaynes, director of Public Safety and Security at Humber, said the college is working with 23 Division to find the suspects.

"We think this is a very serious incident and we're co-operating with police with respect to this matter," Jaynes said. "We've heightened

patrols looking for the suspects (and we're working with police to resolve the issue."

After alerting campus security, the victim was taken to the campus health centre. Security was able to retrieve still photos of the suspects from Humber's video system.

The thieves took a cell phone, \$50, a wallet and the victim's jersey and baseball cap.

After robbing the student, the three men met up with two others on-

campus. Police said no weapons were involved.

Det. Sgt. Larry Dee, in charge of 23 Division's community response unit, said that officers will now step up their presence on campus and perform more random student identification checks.

"Because of this, police will now be heightening their involvement in the area and will also be checking

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NEWS



Speaking out: HSF president Valerie Rothlin (left), also head of the CSA, is working with Humber's student strike team gathering student signatures for a petition.

CSA sending petition urging politicians to stop strike

By Michelle Butler

A province-wide student petition sponsored by the College Student Alliance (CSA) is circulating through the halls of Ontario schools in hopes of deterring a potential strike by college staff.

Composed of volunteers, Humber's student 'strike team' has been out in full force since Monday collecting signatures from students who do not want to lose their school year.

Valerie Rothlin, president of both the CSA and the Humber Students Federation is concerned that student opinion is not being taken into consideration.

"This is a potentially serious issue and it is very important that student voices be heard," Rothlin said.

Student associations from the majority of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology have agreed to distribute and collect the petition in order to bring it to Queen's Park in the event a settlement is not reached.

The next scheduled mediation meeting between OPSEU and the province is March 1 and 2, leaving little time to avert the strike.

"We are taking no sides here," Rothlin said. "Our directive is for students not to lose any contact days with college staff as a result of a strike and the more signatures we

collect, the stronger the message."

At the time of publication, Humber College alone had collected more than 1,000 signatures.

"Students are paying customers and just as we put in our money, the government makes an investment as well. The government must take an active role in the situation."

Many Humber students, having already experienced the 1997 secondary school teachers' strike, do not want to have to endure something like that again.

The CSA has also organized a fax campaign enabling student to sign a readymade letter to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Mary Ann Chambers, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities and the local MPP - in Humber's case Shafiq Qaadri.

Rothlin said she believes that students can make a difference. "Humber has the potential to pull in a large number of signatures."

The strike team is running into difficulty collecting as many signatures as they had hoped because they are being bombarded by student questions, something Rothlin said is a good thing.

"The fact that students are concerned and showing so much interest is positive."

The CSA has more information at www.collegestrike.com

Assault on campus

Police step up campaign to check student I.D. on campus

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I.D.," Dee said. "Students should be made aware that if they don't have their (student) I.D., they'll either be asked to leave the school or they'll be charged."

Dee said since police opened an office on campus in January, about a dozen students have already been removed from campus for failing to show proper identification.

Police do not know if the suspects are Humber students, and said that identification checks are a way to ensure that those on campus have a reason to be here.



Police would like to talk with this man. Anyone with information is asked to contact 23 Division at 416-808-2300.

Jeynes said any students approached by anyone should not

argue, but instead comply with what the person wants.

"If anyone is challenged by anyone, wanting money or whatever, then I would certainly surrender what they want," Jeynes said. "Don't get into a fight over it because you don't know what that person's carrying."

Police are looking for three suspects all described as male, black. Two suspects are between 5'6" and 5'11", had corn rows and were wearing dark baseball caps.

Anyone with information should call 23 division at 416-808-2300 or Crimestoppers at 416-222-TIPS.

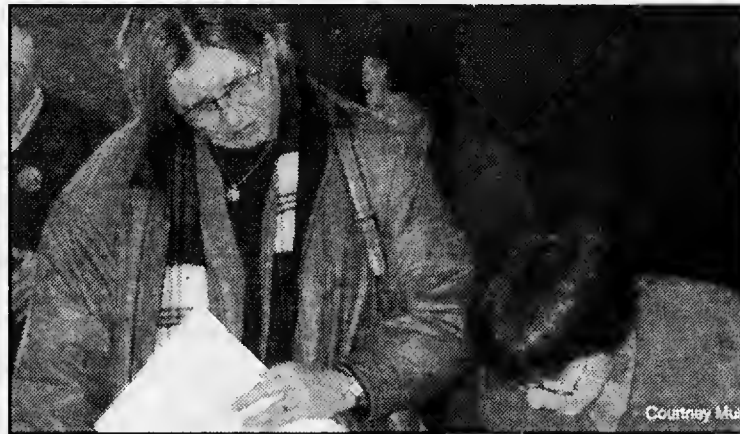
Faculty prepares for strike

Union holds strategy meetings

By Courtney Muir

The Humber College faculty union gathered at Lakeshore campus on Tuesday to discuss strike preparations.

Maureen Wall, president of OPSEU local 562, said the possibi-



Preparations: Maureen Wall (right), Humber's faculty union prez, goes over strategy for the possible March 3 strike.

ty of a settlement between management and the union is dwindling, and although they are still holding out hope for a resolution, faculty is beginning to prepare for a strike.

"The main purpose of this meeting is to get ready," Wall said. "If a strike happens, it is my job to make sure it's as strong, orderly, and safe for everyone - but also effective."

In order to bring the maximum amount of pressure on management, thereby increasing the chances of a

by five to 10 minutes was suggested. Part-time and sessional faculty are not represented by this union and must report to work during any strike, even though classes would be cancelled.

Meanwhile, Barry Van Horne, chief steward for the union representing Humber's 425 part-time support staff, has stated that it will be "business as usual" and that they will respectfully cross picket lines.

But John Huot, a social services worker professor, said causing delays "will send a message that it isn't business as usual on campus."

In the event of a strike, all full-time and partial load members of Humber's local who participate in strike duties for four hours per day will receive strike pay of \$250 per week plus \$40 for each dependent.

While the union does not want students to take sides in the issue, they are encouraging them to write letters to their MPP.

"We're not here to punish students," Wall said. "The stronger we can be, the quicker the resolution."

A second strike preparation meeting will be held at the North campus today at 3:30 p.m.

quick settlement, the union discussed possible strike tactics.

Delaying part-time and sessional faculty from crossing the picket line

CBC will choose student stories to air in March

By Brad Burgess

CBC is accepting submissions from journalism students across Canada for great story ideas.

The deadline is midnight this Sunday to enter "The Right Stuff" competition.

Executive Producer Liz Hughes explained it's an opportunity to be produced on-CBC and to tell the story yourself if selected.

"If yours was chosen, we would hope you'd be able to be the reporter

on it, but we'd supply a producer and a cameraman and an editor if you wanted them. We provide the expertise," she said.

The motivating factor for CBC to host such a competition is the feeling that there are many great stories from many communities that CBC doesn't hear about. Well-known story ideas are also welcome, but in such cases a unique angle is expected.

It's similar to internship programs. Hughes brought this topic up, commenting directly on how the ulti-

mate value interns bring can be overlooked.

"I know that when we have those students here in the summer, the temptation is to make them do [the basic jobs] that we do all the time because that's what we need, but the real value in them is that they come with different ideas," she said.

Aside from reaching students on their website and on air programs, CBC also made contact with faculty members in close to 40 journalism programs across the country. TV

News instructor Mel Tsuji made Humber students aware of the opportunity. He stressed keeping a specific focus and staying away from broad issues more suited to feature articles in newspapers or magazines.

The budget is the same as for any typical story the CBC would produce without a lot of travel expense. However, the CBC is prepared to invest more time in the production where needed to address the learning curves of student reporters.

Hughes hoped to produce one

story from each of the 14 bureaus across Canada, but admits there is likely to be a concentration from Toronto, Vancouver and Halifax where most of the journalism programs are located.

"I'd be really happy if we ended up with 10 great ones," she said.

Winners will be informed as early as next week, with the March 30 broadcast of CBC Newsworld scheduled to air the stories. Radio stories will air on Sounds Like Canada.

Student workers may need to cross picket line

By Dana Brown

Humber students working on-campus may be forced to decide whether to cross picket lines or feel the pinch in their pockets if teachers walk off the job March 3.

Many facilities at the college will operate on a regular schedule in the event of a strike, including the library, bookstore and athletic centre.

And although student workers will not be penalized for choosing not to cross the lines, too many missed shifts may mean financial stress.

Second-year Film and Television Production student Sarah Mousseau, who works at Humber's North campus library, said she would cross the picket lines in order to make her three weekly shifts.

"As a student I support the teachers, but this doesn't directly affect

me," she said. "I'm not part of a union or anything and I need to make money to make sure I can keep going to school... I need to make rent."

Mariama Osmanu-Gumeny, a first-year accounting student working at the bookstore, said she needs to work in to help pay for summer tuition and will cross the picket lines to come in.

"I need to make money to make sure I can keep going to school."

Some students, like Keisha Sholubi, a second-year law clerk student who works at the arcade, will not have a choice.

If the teachers strike, the arcade will be closed and Sholubi will be forced to find ways to make up the lost income.

"[It's] a big blow because the money I make here pays my bills and



Paying bills: Joanna Montanaro, a second-year Guelph-Humber business student, said she feels intimidated about crossing the line, but will in order to work.

my transportation," she said, adding that she may need to ask for more hours at her two other part-time jobs to make up the difference.

Deborah Cooper, work-study coordinator at Humber, said that students will not be compensated for any work absence due to refusing to

cross the lines and make up hours are at the discretion of individual departments.

Security increasing patrols after article on sexual encounters in men's washrooms

By Sean Besner

Humber security has increased inspections around two North Campus bathrooms after learning the rooms may be frequented by users of an online matchmaker for gay men seeking public sex.

Gary Jeynes, Humber's director of public safety, said he told security staff to make more rounds near the D-building and L-building bathrooms listed along with more than 200 other GTA locations on the gay sex website squirt.org.

"We'll have more eyes on campus," Jeynes said this week after a meeting with VP Administration John Davies. But Jeynes added he and security officers are limited in what they can actually do because no one has been caught and no one has filed a complaint. He also stated that the procedure would be no different if claims concerned heterosexual couples.

Meanwhile, traffic hasn't slowed at a message board dedicated to Humber College on the website with several new postings. One is dated

Feb. 24.

But Humber isn't the only institution that has identified a problem on its campus.

Margot Kempton, the building manager at U of T's Innis College, said she has been dealing with what she calls a "rotating problem" for six years.

Kempton added the school has "taken steps to reduce the level of

after hours.

Kempton echoed concerns expressed by 23 division Toronto police detectives who said in an Et Cetera story last week they have few effective tools to crack down on the activity.

"It is [so persistent] because we are so restricted in how we can deal with them. Security cameras in public bathrooms are illegal, renovations are very costly and again the police can only issue warnings unless they get out of hand or get violent so they usually

only get charged with trespassing," she said.

In a police raid in November of last year, eight men were arrested at Innis College, including a 50-year old man, Kempton said.

"At Innis College we are interested in the safety and security of our students and staff, rather than punishing someone for their chosen lifestyle."

"We'll have more eyes on campus."

action [at Innis]."

She said the first step is to alert the police when people are caught in the act, "not to punish them of course, as they usually only receive warnings."

As well, Kempton added, they've been in communication with gay and lesbian groups to seek their input.

Finally, she said, the last step was to lock the doors to the men's room



Still serving: While some food outlets will be closed if there is a strike, some, including the rez caf, will remain open.

Some food services staff will be laid off if strike prolonged

By Robert Smol

With the faculty strike looming, Humber's food services are making preparations.

General Manager of Food Services, Don Henriques, said his office has compiled a list of food outlets that will still be open in the event of a strike.

Henriques said the residence cafeteria, Java Jazz and the Staff Lounge will still be open.

Some of the supplies to keep these three operations going will come from the outlets normally shut

down during the March break.

Suppliers have been notified of the possible strike, Henriques said, adding that any re-stocking will have to be respectful of the picket lines.

Ninety-one members of the food services staff (representing 70 per cent of the total) are scheduled to be laid off during the March Break, and should a possible strike extend beyond that, most will remain at home.

In the event of a strike, Henriques said food services would probably lose about 70 per cent of sales.

Body found near Albion mall

By Russella Lucien

Police found the body of a man on Stevenson Rd. near Finch Ave. and Albion Rd. on Saturday night.

Police responded to the sound of gunshots at 9 p.m. and found Eion Rush, 27, of Malton, lying on the street.

Rush was taken to William Osler Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

An autopsy later determined he died of multiple gun shot wounds.

The police said that witnesses reported seeing Rush arrive at Stevenson road in a blue Toyota Four Runner.

Police are asking the public to call Crimestoppers at 416-222-TIPS or the Homicide squad at 416-808-7400 if they have any information about what happened prior to the shooting.

Strike update

Humber facilities to be open if union strikes

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landlords are usually trying to find tenants for the summer."

Students may also have difficulty in terms of starting summer jobs if the school year is extended.

Karen Fast, manager of career services said a strike could prevent some students from saving money or even getting a job.

"If the college is delayed or extended students may have to negotiate with their managers to delay start dates a few weeks," Fast said.

"But generally, employers are fairly responsive."

Fast said students could offer

"This is a good time to research jobs [and] get resumes up to date."

availability on evenings and weekends, to accommodate an extended semester.

Fast said the Career center would remain open if a strike occurs. She encourages students to take advan-

tage of their services.

"This is a good time to research jobs, get resumes up to date, and take a mock interview," Fast said.

If a strike does occur, students are reminded that Humber College facilities will remain open, but on reduced hours, 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Mason said students are allowed to pass the picket lines.

"If students respect the situation of the faculty, and reasonable courtesy is extended on both sides, student an cross the picket line."

For more information visit www.humber.ca/update

Insects threaten local trees

Government pledges money to prevent further infestation of Asian Longhorned Beetle

By Robert Smol

The Ontario government will spend \$1 million to replace trees in areas affected by the Asian Longhorned Beetle.

Speaking at the Humber arboretum last Thursday, David Ramsay, Ontario's natural resources minister said the planting will replace the hundreds of trees destroyed by the beetle.

Insecticides are ineffective against the beetle because it lives deep inside the host tree, and the only effective way to eliminate it is to cut down and destroy all affected trees.

The Asian Longhorned Beetle was first introduced to Canada in wood-packing material.

The beetles lay eggs underneath the bark of the hardwood, and the hatchlings bore towards the centre of the tree. Further damage is caused when the beetles eat their way out.

They feed on the leaves and bark of trees such as maple, poplars and willows, leaving them prone to secondary attack from other insects and diseases.

The area most affected by the beetle is the Thistletown area about six km northwest of the campus. The primary zone straddles the Toronto-Vaughan border.

The containment zone extends to within one-km of the North campus.

Ramsay acknowledged that the



Beetle mania: David Ramsay pledges his support to fight the beetle menace.

recent infestation has been very hard on property owners, and on everyone who enjoys private and public parks and gardens.

"I hope my announcement today will encourage homeowners in both urban and rural areas to report infes-

tations on their property so we can stop these pests before they could do any harm," he said.

Howard Stanley, the representative from the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, which is responsible for inspecting for the beetle,

said that the wood packing material that carried the beetle to Canada five years ago is now subject to higher inspection standards.

However the Ministry of Natural Resources website acknowledges that the rapidly rising number of

importers and goods coming into the country make the new inspection rules difficult to enforce.

Asked if the \$1 million allocated by his government would be enough, the Minister responded that it is only seed money needed to get this program under way.

"I'm hoping that the federal government would put in some money, and we are looking for other local

"I think they have an obligation to help us"

governments to do the same."

Not all the representatives present were happy with the Minister's challenge to other levels of government.

While acknowledging that the provincial initiative is a welcome start, Suzan Hall, the councillor for Etobicoke North, pointed out the fact that if the beetle is contained here in Toronto then it will not affect the lumber industry.

"Therefore I think they have an obligation to help us," she said.

The minister said that once a partnership between the three levels of government and the lumber industry is formed, a program will be designed to compensate the people affected by the beetle.

HSF candidates announced for student elections

By Sam Toman

Much like Christmas or Easter, HSF elections are upon us yet again.

Having submitted the requisite \$25 election deposit and marshalling the necessary 100 signatures and student numbers, the candidates have been announced.

In a battle shaping up to be the Gettysburg of community college elections, North will face South as North campus' Jen Green will go up against Lakeshore campus' Kevin Bagnall for the position of HSF President.

In the category of Vice President Administration North campus, Tyler Burrows will square off against Chris Heywood.

For the position of VP Campus Life North Campus, Joey Svec will go toe to toe with Darcy Rogers.

On the Lakeshore front, Christina Zgela is matched up against Hue Grant for the title of Vice President of Administration Lakeshore Campus.

The job of VP Campus Life is also available at the Lakeshore campus, and Natalie Hakim and Dahab Hagas will do their best to win over

the Humber voting public to get it.

Currently the elections are scheduled for Mar. 16 to 18, but the possible faculty strike could alter that date.

Students will get a chance to get to know the candidates and their policies at three scheduled election forums.

The first will take place at North campus Mar. 10 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. The second forum, for residence students only, will be held on the same day in residence from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.


The last forum will take place at Humber's Lakeshore campus on Mar. 11, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

For the first time ever, students at Humber College will be able to vote online.

Correction


Last week, Et Cetera was informed and printed that provincial environment minister Leona Dombrowsky would hold a news conference in the nature centre on Feb. 20. In fact it was the Provincial natural resources minister who held the conference.

EtCetera regrets the mistake.




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Appreciation awards nomination deadline set for March 19

Students get chance to honour those who make campus life better

By Joanne MacDonald

Nominations are currently being accepted for the Humber Student Appreciation Awards.

These awards honour students who have shown leadership, service or dedication to improving student life outside the classroom. They also serve to acknowledge staff and faculty who have had a positive affect on student life.

Christine Connelly, awards coordinator, stressed that award recipients are selected for going above and beyond their job requirements.

Nominators have to be either full or part time students, staff or faculty of the college. They can nominate anyone who helps the college community through involvement in areas such as: social or cultural events, athletic achievement, or student government.

If the nominee is a student, he or she must meet certain basic require-

ments such as good academic standing.

Nominations must be submitted by March 19, and Connelly says they usually receive around 30 applications. The number of awards handed out each year varies, but is often between eight to 12.

However, there is no way of knowing just how many nominations they will receive this year, Connelly added.

The selection committee consists of six to eight members from the Alumni, Awards, Orientation office, the HSF, and past award winners.

Winners will receive their awards at the Student Appreciation Banquet on April 6.

Nomination forms are available at the Athletic Centre, the School of Media Studies, and the HSF offices at both the North and Lakeshore campuses.

Further information is available at www.hsfweb.com.

By Natasha Marshall

Last semester's home invasion near the college has prompted Humber's off-campus housing service to create a seminar on security issues for would be tenants.

It will take place Thursday, Mar. 25, at 5 p.m. in residence and is designed to inform current residence students about what to expect if they live off campus next year.

A checklist that details acceptable living conditions will be handed out.

Melissa McLellan, off-campus housing coordinator, said the seminar is important because many students do not know what it's like to have a place of their own.

"It's possible when they are looking for accommodations they might be rushed and get rushed into things," she said. "It's important they get the overall picture."

Off campus services can help students with budgeting, how to deal with landlords and the numerous aspects of leasing agreements.

"I know some students get stuck with a landlord [who] is unpleasant and things happen that are unfortunate for the student," McLellan said, "and I just don't think there is any need for that."

This seminar is a first at Humber,

and future seminars may be provided if there is sufficient student interest. Students can register by either

calling 416-675-6622 ext. 7101 or emailing och@humber.ca. Refreshments will be provided.



Knowing is half the battle: Learn to stay safe.

Do your teachers want a strike March 3? No. We want . . .

Quality education

While student numbers have almost doubled, full-time teachers have been reduced by 23% over the past 15 years. Students are in increasingly larger classes, with less class time. Teachers want to preserve limits on numbers of students in classrooms. We want teachers to be available to meet the needs of today's students.

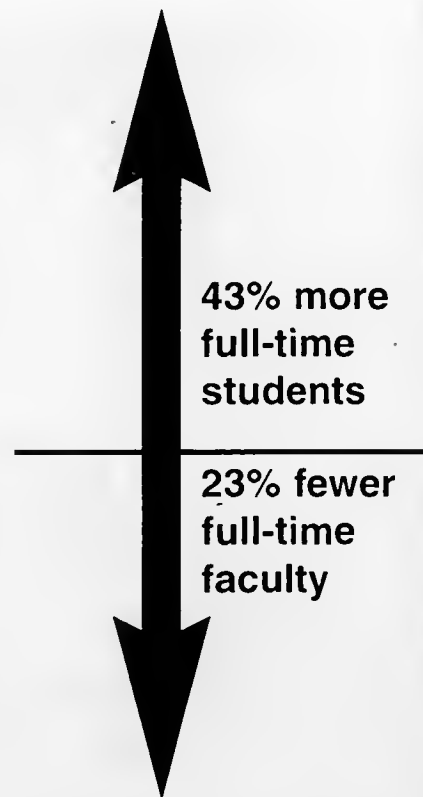
Recognition of faculty work

Over half of Humber's teachers are hired on short-term contracts, paid only for the hours they spend in the classroom. We want to improve their working conditions, and we want to get more full-time faculty jobs. We must also update the workload formula because technology is changing the way we teach.

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Quality education demands attracting the best possible faculty. The management offer we have rejected would see college faculty being paid less than high school teachers. Everyone wants to be paid fairly. Humber faculty are asking only for the recognition that other teachers get.

Find out more about the issues. Ask your teachers, or go to www.collegestrike.com or www.opseu.org for news and for a link to your MPP. Tell your MPP that you want a fair deal that ensures quality education and averts a strike.



What does this do for quality?

News of sex ring concerns members of gay community

Fear that negative stereotyping could damage attempts to raise awareness of gay issues

By Adam Ledlow

Members of the Humber community are concerned about what impact last week's article, about a website listing North campus washrooms as sites for gay sex, will have on students.

Cameron McKenzie, president of the Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transgendered (LGBT) club at Humber, fears that people will associate the group with the sex ring.

"Once people have read the article, I'm afraid the club is going to be looked negatively upon and will be looked at as a sex club," McKenzie said. "People might not understand, and be ignorant and think, 'Hmmm, are they promoting this?'"

But McKenzie would like to set the record straight from the beginning.

"I know that none of our members

are involved in this," he said.

Vice President of Campus Life, Jen Green, was equally troubled after reading the article.

"I'm without words," Green said. "This is not good for the school."

Green said that the sex ring article may once again attach a stigma to the word gay.

"Being gay should be about being proud," Green said. "You should have pride for yourself and this completely takes away from that."

A Humber *EtCetera* investigation discovered that a site called *squirt.org* was organizing frequent gay sex rendezvous at various places in the GTA, including malls, parks and schools.

One of *Et Cetera's* reporters confirmed such sexual activity had in fact, taken place on both York and U of T campuses.



Clearing the air: Cameron McKenzie hopes last week's story won't lead to stereotyping.

Whether any sex acts have actually occurred in Humber's washrooms remains unknown pending further investigation.

Acts or not, the story has raised the ire of students in Humber's gay community.

A gay post-grad student, who did not want to be named, expressed his outrage at *EtCetera's* decision to run what he considered to be a tabloidy

sensationalist article based on urban legend.

"The fact that front page news was given to the salacious toilet sex story rather than the positive things that Cameron is doing down at Lakeshore for Humber's LGBT students is appalling," the 25-year-old said. "It just reinforces the notion that all gays are into seedy, creepy anonymous sex."

Chris MacKinnon, editor-in-chief of the *Et Cetera* says the students have a right to know that this is out there.

"I don't think it drew a parallel between a vibrant gay community and a fringe group that has nothing to do with it," MacKinnon said.

"I understand where people are coming from, but don't shoot the messenger," he added.

Confused about What's Happening with the Faculty Strike?

Want to Know More?

Information regarding the potential Faculty Strike can be found on www.collegestrike.com or hsfweb.com or humber.ca/update

Petitions, to encourage MPPs to do all they can to avert the strike can be found at the HSF North office KX105 or Lakeshore AX101.

Watch for booths and strike crew to sign petitions!



BUSINESS

Job search can be question of ethics

Many students value high salary over company's ethical behaviour

By Jessica Russell

Most Humber students are looking for a job. But a recent *EtCetera* survey has found that few are looking for a socially responsible employer.

In the random survey of 75 Humber students from various programs, 57 per cent said salary and benefits are more important to them than choosing a socially conscious company. Of those respondents, 72 per cent said that if offered a huge salary at a corporation that had problems like sweatshops, they would still take the job.

Only 11 per cent of the students said that a socially conscious company is the most important factor in choosing a potential employer. One student justified such action, saying "my actions alone could not change anything."

Karen Fast, manager of Humber's Career Centre, says companies who post job opportunities for students are screened by the Career Centre but it's usually for ensuring student safety, not the ethical behavior of the company. Fast says she encourages students to research the ethical prac-

tices of companies.

"That's looking at everything from magazine and newspaper articles that might have been written about the company to going on the website and finding out their values," she said.

Business Program Coordinator Laurie Turner says she believes the decision to choose a company is a

"We want to make students aware that there are good practices and bad practices."

personal choice for students. But she also said the responsibility to teach students about ethics lies within the education system.

"As a school, we have to make sure that we discuss these kinds of things in various courses," she said. "Whether a student feels that the use of child labour is important to them, is probably their own personal decision. We want to make sure that they are aware that there are good prac-

tices out there and bad practices."

The business program doesn't have one specific ethics class, but Turner says that the social responsibility of corporations and ethical management skills are discussed in a variety of classes.

"I would hope that students, when looking for a job, would carry this kind of value set with them and be aware through exposure," she said. "We don't give them a check list to ask whether they test on animals or ask whether they use sweatshops, but that certainly comes up in courses, in terms of ethical management."

In response to the survey results, Turner said she knows students are at a stage in their life where money has a certain importance to them. She says as students become more financially stable they will have the luxury to make an ethical choice.

First-year Fashion Arts students Ashley De Filippis and Sabrina Brouillette say there are no classes that teach them how to make ethical choices in the fashion industry. If they have heard anything about a corporation's unethical behavior, it's usually through the news, not in school. They both agree that this topic should be part of their education and they are worried that it isn't.



Heavy subject: First-year Multimedia Design student Patrick Sackey carries a book on business ethics.

"It would be nice to know if we actually discuss the background of companies," Brouillette said. "Let's say that you don't believe in sweatshops and you have no idea about the company you've gotten into. Eventually you're with them for five years and you realize that you don't want to be part of it."

Brouillette and De Filippis say they are worried that they won't be prepared to make these decisions once they are in the work force because of the lack of knowledge about these companies.

Fashion Arts instructor Brian Wickens says that while there is not a

specific course on ethics in the Fashion Arts program, issues about potential employers are discussed in the classroom.

Karen Fast says that even if students ask about a company's track record they might not get the truth from employers. She said the ultimate decision depends on a student's values, rather than the education system.

Students who are interested in finding out about the track records of corporations can visit the following websites: www.corporatewatch.org, www.indymedia.org and www.multinationalmonitor.org.

Corporate behaviour explored in film, book

The issue of socially conscious companies is explored in the documentary *The Corporation*. This Canadian film explores ideas of large businesses being exploitative and pathological. The views of top CEOs and cultural theorists like Naomi Klein, Noam Chomsky and Michael Moore are discussed at length.

The film is derived from the book

of the same name by a law professor at the University of British Columbia, Joel Bakan. He says that the legally defined mandate of a corporation is to relentlessly pursue its own economic self-interest, regardless of the harmful consequences it might cause to others. The book draws the conclusion that if a corporation were a person — which legal-

ly it is defined as — it would be diagnosed as a psychopath.

Bakan says corporate rule must be challenged in order to revive the values and practices it contradicts: democracy, social justice, equality and compassion.

For more information on the film and the book, visit www.thecorporation.com.

Latest trend in cell phones leads to privacy concerns ...

Camera phones banned in college change rooms

By Joseph Phung

Smile, you could be on someone's camera phone.

Amidst rising concerns over people's privacy, Humber's Athletic Centre is taking what it calls the necessary precautions to protect its users.

"We are going to post signs that cell phone use in locker change rooms and washrooms is not permissible in our building," Athletic Director Doug Fox said.

Fox said students are allowed to take cell phones into locker rooms, but use of the phones is prohibited.

This policy applies to all cell phone types because camera phones can look the same as ordinary phones.

"We are not going to be able to

differentiate between a cell phone and a cell phone camera," Fox said.

According to Fox, these signs will be posted throughout the gym area within a week.

More than six-million North Americans bought camera phones last year.

There have been no reported cases of camera phones being used in Humber's locker change rooms. "We're reacting in advance, I haven't seen anybody use a cell phone with a camera in our locker rooms, but we don't want to see it happen either,"

Fox said.

Fox says he would ask anyone caught taking pictures with a camera phone in the change rooms to leave. He would also suspend the individual's membership from the Athletic Centre and possibly present the case to Humber's discipline committee, who may suspend the individual

from coming back to the school. Kester Clarke, an applied technology student at Humber who was playing basketball at the gym, said he doesn't mind if someone brings a camera phone into a locker room. But Clarke said his attitude would change

if the person started taking pictures.

"I would be upset and wonder why he is doing that," Clarke said.

Surprisingly, there are no laws against using a camera phone in a public place, according to Liana Frangipane, a sales rep at Rogers Plus at Woodbine Centre.

"It's not illegal in Canada to take pictures with this phone," Frangipane said.

Last year, more than six million of these phones were sold in North America, according to a recent report on the CTV website.

Even with all its privacy issues, Clarke wants to get a camera phone.

"It's a nice phone," he said. "If I had the money right now, I would get one."

Both Fido and Rogers currently sell these phones.



Smile!: Camera phone users can snap pictures and email them instantly.

New security measures to combat counterfeiters ...

Bank set to introduce new \$100 bill

But Humber food services will not accept the new note

By Lauren La Rose

The buck stops here – for now.

As the Bank of Canada prepares to roll out its new \$100 bill on Mar. 17, Humber's food services department will continue to uphold its policy not to accept large bills, specifically \$50 and \$100 notes.

Don Henriques, manager of Humber Food Services, said this policy will continue until his department has upgraded its detector system and trained employees to identify the new \$100 bill.

"Keep in mind that even with the new bills coming in, the old bills will still exist," he said. "So it's going to take some time to eliminate all old bills, and that could be many years."

The primary reason the policy has

been in effect is the influx of counterfeit bills, an issue Henriques says has had an effect both on and off campus.

"The counterfeit quality has improved quite a bit over the last two years and part of our challenge is being able to identify what's real and what's counterfeit," he said.

Managers at both the Humber bookstore and Caps say their employees have been trained to detect counterfeit bills, and money of all denominations is accepted at these locations.

The RCMP seized almost 225,000 counterfeit bills in 2002, 75 per cent more than the previous year. Of those, almost half of the fakes were \$10 notes, while just over 22,000 counterfeit \$100 bills were passed.

To combat counterfeiting, the Bank of Canada recently unveiled the revamped \$100 bill, following the recent redesign of the \$5 and \$10 notes in its Canadian Journey series.

On the surface, the new \$100 is hard to distinguish from its predecessor. It remains brown in colour and still features former Canadian Prime Minister Robert Borden.



But when tilted and held up in the light, a number of intricate new security features become visible.

These features include a holographic stripe, a security thread, a watermark with Borden's image and a see-through number 100.

The Bank of Canada says that while it will continue to accept the older \$100 bill as legal tender, it will stop re-circulating them.

The Bank plans to issue redesigned \$20 and \$50 bills containing the new security features later this year.

To check out the security features on the new \$100 bill, visit <http://www.bankofcanada.ca/en/banknotes/counterfeit/security/index100.html>.

Security features on the new \$100 bill:

1. On the front left hand side, a holographic stripe reveals brightly coloured maple leaves and numerals "moving."
2. A watermark with a ghost-like image of Borden. The image is seen when the note is held to the light.
3. A security thread on both the front and back with the characters "CAN 100" woven into the paper.
4. A see-through number 100. When the bill is held to the light, lines on the front and back will align to form the number 100.

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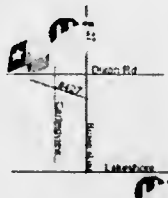


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Money Sense

Choosing the right mechanic translates into big savings

Some repair shops offer labour discounts to students

By Ron A. Melihen

Picking the right mechanic is akin to picking the right partner in life.

If you choose the wrong one, you will be in for nothing but nightmares. But hiring the right mechanic can be easy if you get the right advice.

Before coming to Humber, I worked as a mechanic and saw customers both frustrated with their bills and often unhappy with the work done.

Using a friend's mechanic or even the one your father or mother uses is not always the right solution.

Mechanics are human beings, there to provide a service as well as to make a living. Repeat business and word of mouth is their bread and butter.

When looking for a mechanic, try to find one that has been in business

for at least five years and has at least two licensed mechanics working in the shop. This is important because it tells you the shop will be there for a while and that having knowledgeable staff is important to them.

Make sure their labour costs are in writing somewhere in the shop. Keep in mind that an honest mechanic is up front with his pricing.

Ask about their policies concerning old parts. Do they keep them for 48 hours after removing them so you can be sure the job was done? This is law, but not every mechanic abides by it.

Some shops also offer labour discounts to students with the intention of generating new customers.

Inquire about policies on what happens if the job they performed is not up to your specifications or if the car continues to have the original problem after being serviced. An honest mechanic will be happy to do the job right, whereas a bad one will try to blame you and stick you with the bill.

In the end, when you are ready to go to a new mechanic just remember they are there for you and not the other way around.

Tips for choosing the right mechanic:

1. Make sure the mechanic has been in business for at least five years.
2. Make sure labour costs are where you can see them. Or get them in writing.
3. Make sure staff follow the law and keep the old parts for at least 48 hours.
4. Try to find a shop that offers labour discounts to students. Not many do, so look hard.
5. Inquire about company policies regarding jobs that are not performed correctly.

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Laptops may be ideal for students ...

Students offered discounts on Mac iBooks

By Joseph Phung

For the average college student living off-campus, lugging their much needed desktop computer from home would be quite a chore.

But with its portability and now lower prices, a notebook computer can be the ideal solution to this problem.

What should a student look for when buying a notebook?

Dell Canada Sales Associate Manish Bodeja says students should examine laptops for memory, hard drive space, processing power, screen size and portability.

Price is also important, and one little known bonus is that Apple offers a discount to college and university students on most notebooks and software.

Apple Sales Representative Deejay D. recommends the iBook

line for students looking for a Mac.

Deejay said the iBook 800 model is appropriate for students because it's powerful, clean looking and small enough to take to class.

The iBook 800 weighs just under five pounds and has a 800 MHz PowerPC G4 processor, 256 MB DDR266 SDRAM, 30GB Ultra ATA hard drive, DVD-ROM/CD-R/CD-RW drive, 12-inch TFT display. It also comes pre-loaded with Mac OS X version 10.3 operating system and

and hard drive space.

Students also need to factor in shipping costs. Buying a notebook from Dell requires an additional \$139 for shipping to your home.

Although Dell does not offer any discounts or rebates for college and university students, Bodeja said they are still cheaper than the competition.

"We have no direct store, so we can keep prices lower," Bodeja said.

Mark Molle, Humber IT service delivery specialist, agrees that students looking for a notebook should consider Dell.

"I would recommend the Dell D600 because it's lightweight, and powerful enough for student use," he said.

The Dell Latitude D600 includes a 1.4 GHz Intel Pentium M processor, 128 MB SDRAM, 20 GB hard drive, 24x CD-ROM drive, 14-inch SXGA+ display and is pre-loaded with Microsoft Windows XP Professional. It weighs less than five pounds and retails for \$2,141.

Examine portability and screen size when choosing a laptop.

AppleWorks software.

The iBook 800 retails for \$1,499 CDN on www.apple.ca, but the price drops to \$1,349 with the student discount.

On top of that, since ground shipping is free for orders over \$75, students won't have to pay for shipping unless they want their order to arrive faster.

Students with slightly deeper pockets may want to explore the selection offered at other companies.

According to Bodeja, the Dell Inspiron 1100 notebook is very popular with students.

The Inspiron 1100 weighs seven pounds and comes with an Intel Pentium 4 processor running at 2.4 GHz, 512 MB PC2100 SDRAM, 60 GB Ultra ATA hard drive, 8x DVD-ROM drive, 14-inch XGA display, and is pre-loaded with Microsoft Windows XP Home Edition and WordPerfect Productivity Pack. The total package costs \$1,699.

For about \$500 less, students can pick up a powered-down version of the Inspiron 1100, with a slower processor and less memory



Typing away: First-year Justice Studies student Kelly Lawrence works on her laptop in the Guelph-Humber building.

... but college not equipped

Students encouraged to use Humber's computer labs instead

By Lauren Gilchrist

Bringing a laptop to school is an option for Humber students, yet there are also good reasons to leave it at home.

Ryan Burton, a service delivery specialist at Humber, says while students are free to bring their laptops to campus, they are not feasible in Humber's environment.

"We don't have the infrastructure to accommodate laptops," Burton said.

He said few classrooms are equipped with data ports. Labs do

have ports, but workstations are plugged into them.

He said students are taking apart working machines to make room for theirs. "We would prefer not to see perfectly working machines taken out of service for laptop use," he said.

Burton said "foreign" or non-Humber machines can also cause problems for the network. The reason is that non-Humber machines may not have the latest operating system updates or be inoculated against all viruses. He said Humber is prepared to handle viruses, but a non-Humber machine that is infected is a "tempo-

rary nuisance on the network."

Laptops can be plugged into certain areas at Humber. The learning commons in the Guelph-Humber building (GH 212) is set up for laptop use.

Staff, faculty and students can sign out laptops at the media centre. Gene Carney, a media technician, said laptops need to be pre-booked one week in advance.

But Burton said although using a laptop is an option, most students who need computing access should take advantage of the computer labs. He said if students bring their own laptops to school there are still things they can't do, like print.

"We are encouraging students to use the facilities in place," he said.

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EDITORIAL

Get to the table now

If a contract agreement is not reached by March 3, the OPSEU faculty union, which represents professors at Humber, has the mandate to strike.

Faculty is asking management to hire more full time staff and to reduce teacher workload, among other things. The province is at odds with the union demands.

Here, at the *EtCetera*, our message is clear. Bring the stalemate to an end, come to an agreement and keep classes up and running.

The conflict has come to a standoff, with students stuck in the middle. The possibility of a quick resolution appears bleaker each day. But the two factions need to understand time is not a luxury at this point. Students should not be used as pawns in this game of political bickering.

practical problems

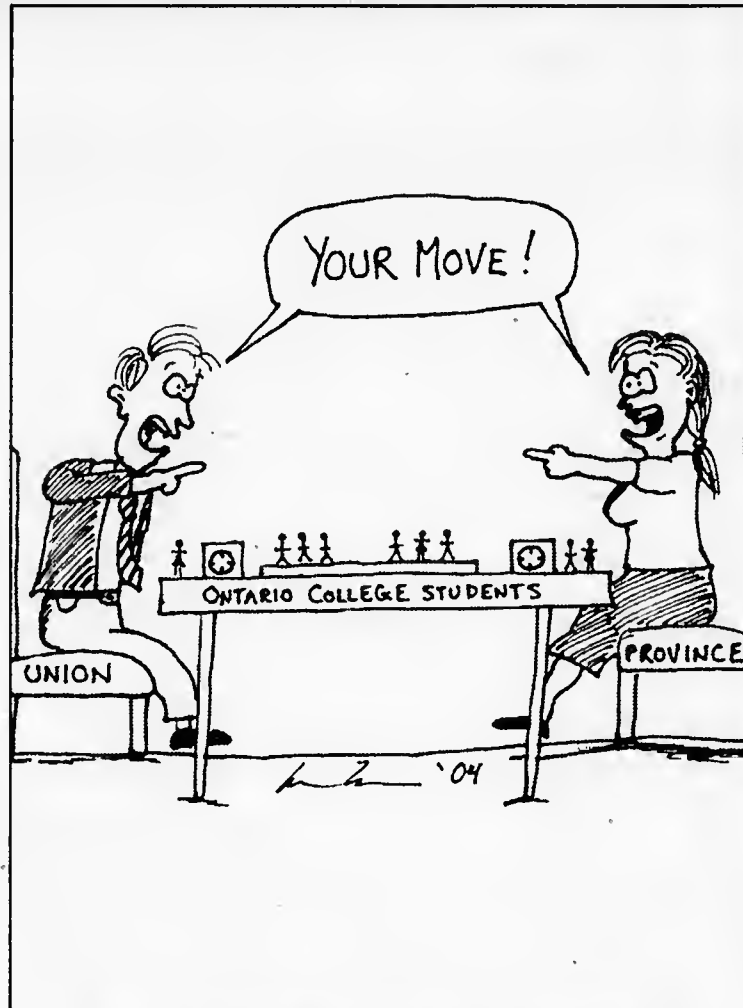
In the event of an extended strike, students may be forced to make up class time by other means. One suggestion is extending the semester into the summer. This is not practical for students whose leases expire at the end of April, when most classes end. Where are these people expected to live?

What about classrooms already booked for summer classes? It would be a logistical nightmare to balance both classes from this semester and those beginning in May.

Another equally unrealistic option is that students may have to attend school on Saturday and Sunday to make up for lost time.

Many students need to work part-time on the weekend to pay for their education. Many also have jobs lined up for May. It would be irresponsible to hold classes at a time when not all could attend.

Negotiations have been set for March 1 and 2. That's not good enough. We demand the two sides go immediately back to the bargaining table and hammer out a deal, pronto. If they do, students can get the education they paid for, without being forced to make unnecessary and unrealistic sacrifices.



Write letters to the editor at:
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Letters to the editor

Student threatens lawsuit against teachers

Dear Editor,

I would like to start off by saying that as a student at Humber College, I have been more than impressed with the quality of education and faculty here at the school. I hope any of my teachers who read this understand that this is not personal or political, but a matter of principle.

With the possibility of a teacher walkout on March 3 and almost 64 per cent of the faculty at Humber, I have begun to question motives and intentions.

If part-time teachers want full-time pay for working full-time hours, then the school should comply. This is only fair. Both sides must negotiate for a swift resolution to this problem,

without a strike.

If a strike were to take place, this would mean that the school year for students will likely be extended into the summer. Students are tired of being used as pawns in some political game.

Many thousands of students in this school and across Ontario will suffer financial consequences. For many students, summer is their only time to work. Full time hours that go towards luxuries like tuition and bills.

Every week that students lose is potentially worth hundreds of dollars. Multiply that by the tens of thousands of students across Ontario, and this amount is potentially hundreds of thousands of dollars stolen from

the pockets of students. These losses translate into a burden on the system, which ends up costing us all.

By striking during the school year, no one wins and strikers end up looking like they are to blame.

What I am proposing is if a strike takes place, then, as students we should seek to collect these financial losses back from the people responsible for taking them in the first place.

While other students are sitting on the beach drinking margaritas on their break, I will be contacting lawyers in Toronto to see who would be interested in working possibly for free, representing students in a class action lawsuit against the teachers union responsible for placing students in this situation.

It is clear that all students here want to complete the school year within the allotted time agreed upon. I hope that the teachers do, too. This is why they must wait until the end of the school year to strike so as not to hurt the students where it hurts the most, our pocket books. If not they should prepare for a 'class action.'

A student election will be held soon. I urge everyone to exercise their right to vote. But before you do, ask your candidates what they will do about this situation.

Students and teachers, if you want more information, or if you have any suggestions, feel free to e-mail me at markluciani@yahoo.com.

Mark Luciani
 1st year design

Public Opinion

Compiled by Mindy Lampert

Rachael Smith

2nd year fashion arts



"I'd rather be here in May than have to come in on weekends. We are putting on a

fashion show that has to go on April 15. We'll have to continue production while on strike, without the teachers help."

Danica Davis

1st year ECE



"I'm not going to have any weekends to spend at school. The teachers should

find ways to make up for lost time that fits into our schedule, not theirs, straight up."

Brian Stewart

1st year film and TV prod.



"I have a lot of equipment at home to work on my assignments. My only real

concern is the cost. Will I have to pay more to stay in residence in May and for an extended meal plan?"

Lisa Quintero

2nd year ECE



"The teachers' strike would affect our placement and any plans we may have in May. Some

of us can't come to classes in May or on weekends because we have other plans."

This week's question:

In the event of a faculty strike, are you willing to make up for lost class time into the month of May and possibly come in on weekends?

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OPINION

The gay marriage controversy

Everyone has the right to get married



Brookes Merritt

Depending on your feelings concerning gay marriage, Gavin Newsom is either a pioneer or a rat.

Newsom is the new mayor of San Francisco.

Last week he defied state law by removing the gender references from local marriage forms. He said that San Francisco's marriage regulations violated the state Constitution, which he said "leaves no room for any form of discrimination."

Denying same-sex couples the right to marriage is discrimination.

If Newsom's bold move is regarded by conservative critics as a political stunt, it must be regarded by liberals as an impassioned stirring of the civil rights pot.

How can a country that fought so passionately against racial discrimination turn a blind eye to discrimination based on sexual orientation?

The arguments against civil marriage for same-sex couples are just as hollow as the fear and intolerance that foster racism and bigotry.

Traditionalists oppose same-sex couples' use of the term "marriage," suggesting they adopt another definition of their union: by identifying same-sex couples as distinct, we're further separating them from the rest of us - separate is not the same as equal.

If George W. Bush, with his proposed Constitutional amendments really wants to protect the "sanctity" of marriage, he should investigate why so many of us have affairs, and why over half of all marriages end in divorce.

Unless they're blaming those issues on homosexuals, I don't see how wedding same-sex couples could damage the "fragile sanctity" of marriage any further than hetero-

sexuals have already.

Sanctity must be found and honoured within a marriage; it cannot simply exist because it is imposed extrinsically.

Present-day attitudes against same-sex marriage in the United States are reminiscent of the bans that once existed against interracial marriage.

"Same-sex marriages hurt no one"

In the late 1940's, 90 per cent of the American public agreed with the U.S. courts' refusal to marry interracial couples.

Sound familiar? Guess what California did:

They ignored the ban and started legally marrying interracial couples in 1948, shaming the rest of the states for their hypocrisy.

"The statement was clear: In

California, equal means equal.

By 1970, the U.S. Supreme Court had fallen in line. Hopefully, 50 years later, acceptance still lies with patience. Patience that 2008 will see a democratic nominee who can re-order the Supreme Court.

Same-sex marriages hurt no one, but divisiveness over the issue is harming us all.

When Bush opposed same-sex marriage during his State of the Union address, he spoke with the same fervour as when he reaffirmed his commitment to the war on terror.

Marriage rights for same-sex couples ensure they be given the same social support other couples receive: things like equitable health coverage, parental status, property rights and insurance compensation.

If the American government is lumping homosexual couples into the same category as terrorists, I suggest it's time they scrutinize not its marriage customs, but the sanctity of its civil rights.

Pop culture junkie

A night to remember?



Nick Rapp

The Academy Awards, airing this Sunday, is one of the great American spectacles.

The ceremony contains all the glitz and glamour of a fashion show and more false emotions than a made-for-TV movie. From the red carpet saunter to the presentation of the final awards, the Oscars are the quintessential American experience - individual triumph, mass defeat and the myth of populism all dressed up in European couture.

I, like millions of others, will be glued to the television for every moment of the mind-numbing broadcast.

guilty pleasures

I can try to defend the Oscars by saying the awards matter as far as box office and DVD sales go. It is true a film can be helped greatly by a victory or even a nomination but unless you're part of the industry, this is really meaningless.

For the rest of us, the ceremony is simply the guilty pleasure of people watching without having to leave the house.

Where else can one get the type of intrigue the Academy Awards provide?

Sometimes you may have to sit through three or four hours before a surprise comes. But at least you can say you saw it live.

No one wants to be the guy at the water cooler who doesn't know which film captured the award for best short film (animated).

personal favourites

Not since *Dances With Wolves* in 1990 has my favourite film of a particular year won the best picture Oscar. But for some reason I hold out hope every award season that the academy will honour the most deserving film.

This year, even though the evening is bound to end in disappointment, I'm praying Sophia Coppola will walk away with the director and picture awards for *Lost In Translation*. In reality, it is doubtful that this wonderful little film can defeat the juggernaut that is *The Return of the King*.

No matter what happens on Sunday, I know a year from now I will go through the same painful process again. Pulled back in by America's greatest melodrama.

Gordon needs to speak up



Kim Cunneyworth

Dear Dr. Gordon,

As I sit here writing this column, it is exactly one week before the beginning of our reading week.

It is supposed to be a time when students are planning vacations, making arrangements to visit their families and planning homework and assignments for the second half of the semester.

Instead, we find ourselves worrying about the potential looming strike.

Please don't misunderstand me; the faculty has my full support over the issues on the bargaining table. I know through experience with unions and strikes, there is absolutely no way for you or anyone to predict how long this strike may last or if it will even materialize.

But the lack of communication from your office to the students, the ones most affected, is frustrating at the very least.

Already I am losing class time because students are asking faculty what is happening and this turns into a class discussion. The information we are receiving from faculty is con-

flicting and troublesome.

In a two-day period, different faculty members have told me the following:

1) "The semester will continue as normal when the strike ends, but will extend into the summer."

2) "As per Humber's president, the school week may be extended to include Saturdays and/or Sundays." When students expressed that they cannot attend weekend classes we were told, "oh, then you have the option of retaking the class in September."

3) "The maximum length of the strike will be four weeks - then the government will force us back."

4) "Evening classes will be taught. Picketers won't be in full

"Communicate to us what might happen"

force in the evening so you will only have a minor delay at the parking lot entrances."

5) And probably the most troubling: "Yes, there will be a strike, you students will NOT be returning after reading week, watch your local news channel to keep informed." How can this teacher accurately predict at this time what will happen on March 3 when the provinces other 8,500 teachers, counsellors and librarians have no idea if they will be walking

the picket line?

Mr. Gordon, I know contingency plans are being organized, my question is: Why is there no official information being passed on to students?

Let us know what may happen in the event there is a strike; how will it affect night classes, what will happen when the strike ends?

Communicate to us what might happen and the alternatives that we as students have. Post information on Humber's website. This way, students will have access to accurate and reliable information. Thank you.

My message to students:

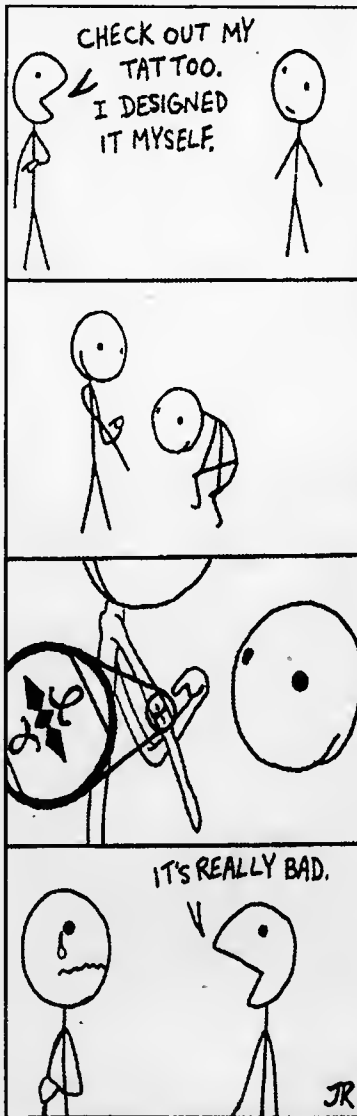
I know this is a very troubling and upsetting time. I realize a strike will have a significant impact on many of your futures.

I truly empathize with all of you but remember this is just one of many obstacles you will have to face over the course of your life.

There will be many times when events beyond your control will dictate the course of your existence. You may get fired, employers may close operations, you may fall ill, you may or may not get a promotion, and, yes, there may be a strike of Ontario's community college faculty. It is not the end of the world.

As I tell my 7-year-old son, crap happens and you deal with it. Stand up for yourself, and speak your mind. I just did.

Reality Control with Brad & Nick



LIFE

Splitsville for Barbie and Ken

43-year-old relationship fizzles and flops while fans wonder who will get Malibu beach house

By Erin Howe

Alas, it was not meant to be. After 43 years, America's plastic power couple, Barbie and Ken, have called it quits.

Spokespeople for the pair at Mattel Inc. announced Feb. 12 that the once inseparable twosome have decided to part ways.

A new "Cali Girl" line of dolls will not include Ken and there is no indication that he will return in any of the future Barbie series.

Applauding the break-up is Margaret Matsui who owns and operates Mississauga-based My Favourite Doll, a mail order business for doll collectors. The decision to separate was a good move, she said, and would bring Barbie into the twenty-first century.

"Barbie and Ken were never married and they will never be married," she said. "I would say that [breaking them up] in today's society, would be a lot easier than 10 years ago. . . children today are much more used to separation and divorce."

But Barbie will not be without a man for long. According to Matsui, Mattel will soon introduce Blaine, an Australian surfer, as part of the "Cali Girl" line.

According to the website for toy industry giant, Mattel Inc., Barbie was created by Ruth Handler in 1959. Named for Handler's own daughter, the toy gave little girls a teenage

about the separation.

Funeral Services student Joan Currie insists that Barbie is a hussy.

"I like Ken and it bothers me that they're breaking up," she said.

Currie grew up with Barbie and estimates that her childhood Barbie collection exceeded 600 pieces.

"I had stupid amounts of Barbie toys. I had the car, the couch, the jeep and the hair salon," she remarks. "I [still] get a Barbie every year."

No word has come from either Barbie or Ken since the split, leaving the public to speculate about reasons for their break-up.

Sae Park, also a funeral services student, suggested that Ken's molded-on underwear might have influenced Barbie's decision. "She has-

n't gotten laid in like, how many years?" she said.

"I think it's a good thing. She's got to move on. It's been too long."

Park's expression then changed and she wondered aloud: "If Barbie can't keep her man, then who can?"

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alternative to the baby dolls so common at the time.

It was in 1961 that Barbie first met Ken on the set of a television commercial, the press release said. They quickly became an item and were joined at the hip until now.

But not all Barbie fans are happy



Chris Hedrick points to music as one of the main inspirations for his sense of style.



A weekly look at Humber style.

Name: Chris Hedrick

Program: Journalism, 2nd year

Describe your style in one word. Vintage. I wear a lot of second-hand stuff.
Name three essentials in your wardrobe. Dress shirt, pair of Dickies and belt with a big buckle.

Worst thing someone said about your wardrobe? I was told I looked like Shaggy's little brother. It was at Yuk Yuk's when I was in the unfortunate position of sitting upfront where the comedian could see me.

One thing you would never be caught dead in? Pink shirt.

What does your style say about you? Fresh, not afraid to take any chances.

How important is your style to you? Pretty important, I think. I like to look good. . . if I do look good.

What's on your fashion wish list? Probably a new pair of Docs. These ones I have on are looking kind of beat up.

What's the next big thing in 2004? Adult underoos.

Who's your style icon? I'd like to say Adam Brody (Seth Cohen on the O.C.) but I think he's copying me.

Think you've got the look or know someone else that does? Contact us at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4514 or drop by the newsroom (rm L231).

Compiled by Jelani Lowe



The wedding that never was: Barbie leaves old flame, Ken, behind as Mattel prepares to introduce her new boy toy, Blaine the Australian surfer, this spring.



Moisturizer for men: Amer Mohammed, a first-year graphic design and packaging student, samples a moisturizer. Even though the number of skin-care products for men is growing, some guys still feel shy about buying their own.

Getting under his skin

More and more skin-care options are being developed and marketed with men in mind. That's right ladies, they do have a thicker skin.

By Abigail Avila

The science of soft skin is no longer just for women. If you find your moisturizer disappearing faster than normal, check with the men in your house. Men have now caught on to the secret of healthier skin through moisturizing.

And, James Whittall of Men Essentials, an online retailer of men's skin care products, says the market keeps getting stronger.

"It's just been growing beyond our expectations," he said.

equal rights

Sandra Marinus of the Dermatology Laser Centre at the Women's College Health Sciences Centre, has also noticed a spike in the trend.

"Men are more and more aware of skin care through their wives or girlfriends," she said.

"I think that we as a society are accepting of things and men and

women are being viewed as equals."

"Men now realize that they can have good skin like women so they are taking the steps to do so," she added.

It's not just that men use moisturizer. They're using moisturizer for men. A man's skin is different from a woman's, so men must choose the right type of moisturizer for their skin type.

"Men's skin is much thicker than women's and the pores in

men's skin are much larger. This means they produce more oil on their skin than women do. So men's moisturizers tend to be very light on the oil additives or oil-free. They also tend to be fragrance-free," Whittall said from his office in Gatineau, Que.

Fitness and Health student Fab Cautti admitted to moisturizing his usually dry skin. "I like it because it's

fragrance-free and it works."

But don't worry ladies, there won't be line-ups or crowds at your local cosmetic counters.

"Men don't normally walk to the cosmetic counter to purchase their own moisturizer," Whittall said.

"I have no idea which brand I use. My mother usually buys it for me." Cautti said.

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his girlfriend.

"I know what brand I use but my girlfriend is the one who buys it for me when I run out," he said.

"Ninety-eight per cent of the people that shop on our site shop for themselves and I think part of the reason why they are so open to buying from us is because we are online and there is a certain level of anonymity."

Whittall added.

Changing Times

"Like women, men want to look younger and healthier and this is reflective of our times. Twenty years ago men did not care as much about their appearance," Marinus said.

But men are avoiding the frilly packaging and fruity scents.

"Men don't like the heavy florals like those in women's moisturizers," Whittall said.

"I think they buy products from the salon because the packaging is pretty universal. It's not too feminine or too masculine," said Tara Trdin from the Civello Salon and Spa on Queen St.

Ditto for his friend Dante Costantini who started using moisturizer because of

Got some beauty secrets? Tell us at (416) 675-6622 ext. 4514 or visit us in the newsroom (L225).

No place to run, no place to hide

Spas no longer considered a get-away for ladies only

By Pegah Aarabi

Women treating themselves to a day at the spa may have to make room in the hot tub for their significant others. Men are learning to appreciate the benefits of spa treatments.

According to Sherri Doak, owner of Cocoa Spa in Newmarket, a new spa that caters to couples, spa treatments that allow men and women to share the experience are becoming increasingly popular.

"We have a double treatment room available where couples can be together during their treatments. It allows men to relax and enjoy the experience because they are with their significant other," Doak added.

Doak listed facials, pedicures and massages as a sample of the treatments that couples can indulge in.

skepticism

Not everyone is so excited. Some women are skeptical about a couples spa because they not only wonder how they will convince their partners to come, but also worry that they will lose out on having the experience all to themselves.

"I would rather go to a spa by myself because that's my time for me, where I can relax without my boyfriend bothering me," Business Administration student Kyle Shaffer said.

But Doak explained a shared spa experience has an added element of romance that will entice even the most hesitant couple.

romance

"We offer a couples retreat package where the couple can unwind in one of our outdoor hot tubs, return inside for a rain shower and then retreat to their private massage room for a 60 minute massage," Doak said.

"Couples also love the chocolates served all day in our lounge that goes along with our spa and chocolate theme," Doak said.

Cocoa's retreat package costs \$230 per couple.

Cocoa's tandem service is also available for friends looking for a relaxing day together.

Around town

We dug up some other spas in the city that offer packages for men:

- The Village Spa
2901 Bayview Ave.
- Johnny Cupello and Assoc.
2326 Bloor St. W.
- Totto Spa
2271 Quenn St. E.



First-year Multi-Media Productions student, Sean McLeary, enjoys a round of video games every now and then.

Arcade holds firm grip on students

Addictive games have students coming back for more

By Andreea Denes

Michelle Elliot is a self-confessed addict.

Her addiction is not to heroin or cigarettes, but is one that plagues its victims by sucking the coins right out of their pockets.

"I am an arcade junkie," the Humber marketing student said.

Elliot said she spent all of her money in the Games Room last semester, but it was worth it since she is now a much better player. Getting to this point cost about \$50 a week.

But she's not alone.

Justin Horner, is a senior marketing student and a Games Room employee. He appears to know everyone in the room quite well.

"It seems to always be the same people in here," Horner said. "They love it and they can spend hours playing."

At a quarter per game, video games might seem like a safe and affordable past-time. But, Horner says the average patron spends over an hour in the game room every day

of the school week. And that can get quite expensive.

According to Diane Viveiros, HSF service coordinator, the Games Room brings in about \$1,000 per week.

Jay Haddad, professor of psychology at Humber, pointed to a similarity between video games and heroin.

"The addiction substance varies, but the addictive properties are the same," Haddad said. "Video games

seem to be harmless on the surface because they can be turned on and off. The difference is that they start to perme-

ate people's thoughts and that's where the addiction starts."

The arcade habit is going very strong at Humber.

Overly excited and very eager to get her video game fix, Elliot's eyes frantically scanned the room for the next worthy adversary.

"I don't really care who I play with, I just put my money on the table and anyone is welcome to take on the challenge," she said.

Hunt for full-time sends nurses down south

By Marco Aguiar

Humber nursing students are applying for jobs south of the border despite a lack of nurses in Ontario. But it's not the mighty American dollar that's driving them away.

When Amber Galbraith and Katie Roebuck entered Humber's Bachelor of Nursing program three years ago, they said that they had misconceptions about nursing jobs in Ontario.

"When you hear nursing shortage you think, 'Oh, gee. I can get a job. This is great,'" Roebuck said. "What you don't realize is that it's part-time or casual."

part-time

According to the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO), almost 45 per cent of registered nurses work part-time. However, Ontario has the second to lowest number of RNs per capita in the country: 67.6 RNs per 100,000 people, well below the national average of 74.3.

Unless the current situation changes, both Galbraith and Roebuck said that they'd be looking for jobs in the U.S. The Ontario College of Nurses reports that more than 6,336 licensed Ontario nurses were working outside the province.

"It's demoralizing for everybody," said Pat Fors, first and second-year BN program coordinator. "There are casual positions available and part-time positions, but if they're paying for rent and living in Toronto, which is fairly expensive, they need full-time."

Still, Roebuck remains hopeful. "This is what I've wanted to do for a while," she said. "I tend to be optimistic that something will happen."

hope

And there is hope. During the provincial election, the Liberal Party promised to hire 8,000 nurses in the next four years and raise the proportion of full-time nurses from 50 per cent to 70 per cent. But so far, nothing has been done.

"I think it's too early to say," Galbraith said. "So far they haven't fulfilled their promises, but they haven't been in power that long. I guess I'm kind of an optimist. I'll just hope and wait."

At a press conference held by the RNAO, New Democratic Party MPP Shelley Martel urged the provincial government to keep their promises. She was joined by Humber graduates Christine Weeden and Heather Bryan, who spoke of their difficulties finding work in Ontario.

"I wanted to work in Ontario, but I do not regret my decision to leave," Weeden said about her acceptance of a full-time position in Connecticut. "I have no plans to return to Canada until registered nurses are offered full-time jobs and significant changes are made to support nursing grads."

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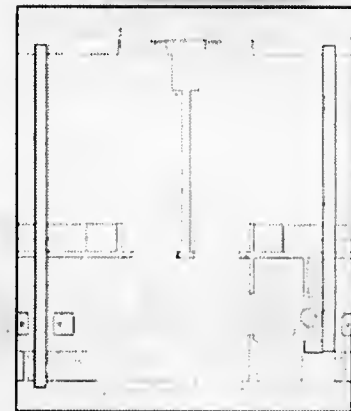
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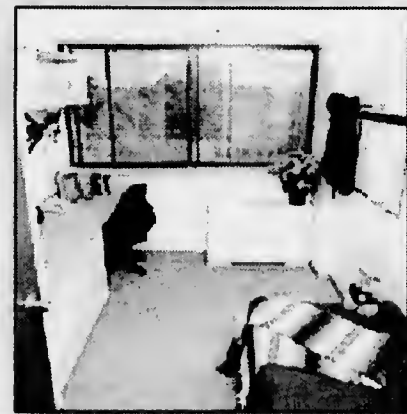
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ARTS

Moving portrait of a native artist

By Jasmin Sandhu

Lorne Cardinal lounges outside the Artwood Theatre, taking the last few drags of his cigarette.

The actor says that theatre students should come see his newest production, just so they understand how essential movement training is for an artist.

He says that it's important that students incorporate traditional disciplines such as clowning and mask work into their repertoire to bring their characters to life. "Abstract movement, especially, is a great place to launch a new character from," Cardinal said.

And he would know.

Cardinal has been a working actor in Canadian and American theatre, film and television for years. He is perhaps most recognized for his contributions to CTV's *Corner Gas* and APTN's *Renegade Press.Com*.

He is currently in rehearsals for his latest venture with the Native Earth Performing Arts Company, Canada's oldest and most successful Native focus Theatre Company.

As a principle artist in *The Artshow*, he plays a gamut of characters, from a colour pigment to Norval Morrisseau, the Father of Woodland Art.

"Various formats are involved in bringing this production to life: dance, art, music and movement," he said. "That's why I encourage all young performers to diversify their interests, learn and develop their capacities in all areas of life and the arts."

The Artshow celebrates the life of Odawa artist, Daphne Odjig. The play is an autobiographical journey into her past, present and future.

Norval Morrisseau and Pablo Picasso, two artists she greatly admired also make appearances.

"Daphne's a huge fan of Picasso, there's a sequence in the play of an exhibit that never happened that includes pieces by Daphne, Morrisseau and Picasso," Cardinal said. "It's more of a homage to these artists because she respected their work so much."

Cardinal hasn't met Odjig yet, but is hopeful that he will on opening night.

"Daphne's a great role model, not just because she's a talented artist who happens to be a visible minority, but because she was one of the first to gain incredible success in a field dominated by men," Cardinal said.

The Artshow begins its run, Feb. 26 at the Artwood Alternative Theatre. See www.nativeearth.ca for more details.



Simon of Cyrene (Jarreth Merz) helps Jesus (Jim Caviezel) carry his cross in a scene from *The Passion*.

The Passion burns on and off screen

By Adam Ledlow

Mel Gibson's *The Passion of the Christ*, a film about the final 12 hours of Jesus Christ's life, has set religious controversy aflame.

This flame seems to reignite every time a film is made about Jesus. *Jesus Christ Superstar* (1973), *The Last Temptation of Christ* (1988), and Monty Python's sacrilegious farce, *Life of Brian* (1979), are among the more recent films to stir up religious groups.

In the case of *The Passion*, the main source of controversy stems from what critics call anti-Semitic content in the film.

Some feel the film portrays the Romans, specifically Pontius Pilate, as the reluctant executioner of Christ, whereas the Jews, led by high priest Caiaphas, are portrayed as a blood-thirsty mob demanding his execution.

Gibson defended the film's position as consistent with the New Testament, in a recent interview with Global Catholic Network.

"This film collectively blames humanity [for] the death of Jesus," Gibson said. "Christ died for all men for all times."

The film has also taken heat over its vivid scourging and crucifixion of Christ.

Gibson has staunchly maintained his position that he worked to keep the film as historically accurate as possible, even if it meant turning a few stomachs.

Pastor Rick Buck of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Barrie, who will see the film with a group of ministers today, said he has faith the film will accurately reflect the scriptures.

"We have sanitized both the birth of Christ and the death of Christ," he said. "We've sort of made it into this

nice pretty little thing...and the truth is, that's so far from reality," he said. "The historical-theological portrayal of Jesus' death is a very gruesome, painful, suffering event, which is what *The Passion* is all about."

Robert O'Meara, a film and television professor at Humber College, says that any film on the life of Christ will spawn controversy.

"We're dealing with basic religious beliefs and, when you challenge these, we all put our backs up," he said.

Bart Testa, senior lecturer of cinema at University of Toronto, says that

interpretations on Jesus' life and death always risk a backlash because so many people hold the biblical

"This film collectively blames humanity [for] the death of Jesus."

story of Christ as sacred.

"Most movies are fiction and people believe in the truth of Jesus. In the case of *The Last Temptation of Christ*, fundamentalist Christians were all up in arms. In the case of *The Passion of the Christ*, fundamentalist

Christians are all in support," Testa said.

Some commentators have credited the debate as a media-driven force to increase ticket sales.

"I find that in these cases very often the controversy ends as soon as the film comes out," Testa said. "It's like the people have actually been trying to prevent the film from being released and in this case have not succeeded."

The film was released at unusually high numbers for an independent film at nearly 150 theatres across Canada and about 2,800 theatres in the United States.

Students rally for child abuse victims

Jazz concert aids The Gatehouse

By Julie Senatore

Members of the Humber music program stretched their hearts and vocal chords last Friday night to help benefit a local organization.

Music students formed bands in just two weeks in order to raise money for The Gatehouse, a safe haven for abused children. They were asked to perform by some of Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation students, who, following a course requirement, organized the charitable event.

Mary Grace Franchino, one of 17 organizers, says the jazz theme works with this particular charity event and utilizes the jazz music program at Humber.

"Certain charities and events

don't go well together," she said. "Some people thought doing a battle of alternative bands would be a good idea, but then we thought if we have alcohol with it, we were going to mix a big group that might not suit The Gatehouse."

The evening began with the sultry vocals of Lina Quesada. The Humber student is used to singing Latin and jazz songs at venues such as the Comfort Zone.

"The audience was paying attention and they seemed really into it, so it was really good," she said.

angel eyes

The 22-year-old sang jazz classics such as "My Funny Valentine" and "Angel Eyes" for the faculty members, sponsors and friends who filled round tables circling the stage. Lina also showcased her creative side with

"You're so Beautiful," a song she wrote. The inspiration for the song, she said, came from an old crush.

The 45-minute set of Campbell's Quartette, also won an enthusiastic response.

fever

Featuring the powerful vocals of first-year Humber music student, Melissa Campbell, and the instrumental wizardry of the three band members, the quartette performed songs such as the Etta James classic "At Last," the infamous jazz hit "Fever" and Jann Arden's "You Don't Know Me."

The event pulled in almost 100 audience members.

If you are interested in donating to the charity or are thinking about hosting a fundraising event visit their website at www.thegatehouse.org.

Glorious Egypt comes to ROM

By Lara O'Brien

A sleek, seven-foot lion greets visitors as they enter the land of Osiris.

The Royal Ontario Museum's latest exhibit, *Eternal Egypt: Masterpieces from the British Museum*, is a celebration of over 3000 years and 30 dynasties of Egyptian art.

"The exhibit depicts some of the richest pieces from every dynasty," said Dr. Sallama Shaker, Egypt's ambassador to Canada.

The exhibit coincides with the 50th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Canada and Egypt.

"It is important for the exhibit to be at the ROM because there are 120,000 Egyptian Canadians in Toronto alone," Dr. Shaker said.

With more than 144 pieces, viewers are given a window into the British Museum's collection.

"It plays more like an art gallery display since it is chronological," assistant curator of the exhibit Roberta Shaw said.

ROM co-founder Dr. Charles Trick Currelly participated in the excavation of some key pieces on display back in the early 1900s.

"There were two major Egyptian exhibits across the North American Continent and both were offered to us," Shaw said. "But we took the British Museum's because the pieces were connected to us through Currelly."

Even though the ROM is in the process of expanding, they are still committed to bringing in large-scale exhibits.

"[The] last time we renovated we lost quite a few members because we just weren't putting on blockbuster shows," Shaw said. "This time

around, we are making sure that doesn't happen by bringing in the best of the best."

The exhibit highlights intricately painted mummy masks and numerous statues.

Not to be missed is the gold room, where precious jewellery inlaid with glass and lapis demonstrates some of the finest Egyptian craftsmanship.

All the pieces have come from the famed British Museum, which is currently remodelling parts of the building. After their stay at the ROM, the pieces will move onto Victoria and Montreal.

Eternal Egypt opens this Saturday and runs until June 6. Admission is \$12 for students.



Courtesy

Two of 144 pieces in the exhibit



Courtesy

The spectacular mummy mask of Satdjehuty

The agony and ecstasy of dance

They make it look effortless but as the curtain falls the strain takes its toll



An 8-year-old Viv Moore at ballet class.

By Sonya Burnett

A young girl draped in white lace sweeps across the stage in pink ballet shoes.

Dry ice creates a dream-like illusion as she pirouettes to centre stage slowly, gracefully and gently lowering herself to the floor. The soft sounds of the piano and violins gradually fade as the red curtain begins to lower.

The show is over for the night but it is never really over for the beautiful young dancer who lies motionless on stage.

Whether on or offstage, ballet dancers live a lifestyle that constantly stretches them to be the best. Behind the grace is a lot of grit, behind the elegance a lot of pain, and behind the confidence a lot of fear.

Just ask Jolanta Oko, a graduate of Canada's National School of Ballet.

Oko said students of prestigious dance schools are generally high achievers. "You have dancers at such a young age, competing for spots in shows."

"Everyone wants to be the best. It's amazing the combination of physical stress on your body and the effect it has on your mind."

These effects can be both damaging and enlightening. One of the most damaging is the reticence many dancers feel about expressing themselves verbally, she said.

"In ballet you can't speak up, you have to hold a lot inside," she said. "When you are told to do something in ballet, you do it. If

you can't...you find a way to do it."

But on a positive note, Viv Moore, a professional dancer and teacher at Humber College said when words are not needed dancing can be a wonderful form of expression.

"It's my way of communicating. If I couldn't dance, it would be horrible," she said.

Moore also tackles one of the greatest fears dancers face. "What do I do when I can

"People think, oh my God, I can't keep doing this for the rest of my life...but you can."

no longer dance?"

Having danced since she was four, Moore says that it's not a concern for her, that she can go on until she is 100. "People think, oh my God I can't keep doing this for the rest of my life...but you can."

Having danced professionally for years, Moore recalls a myriad of interesting experiences, including one that still makes her laugh.

"I remember this one time, being a part of a dance group in Calgary. I was on stage wearing a tiny, gold skirt. I did a kick and the skirt came right off and landed in a man's lap. That was embarrassing!" she says.

Although dancing can have its light moments, it is not as much about fun as it is hard work, most of it grueling.

For example, dancers always have to worry about their weight and staying in shape. They monitor their diet very carefully and put in countless hours of practice.

"The stronger you are and the harder you work, the less likely you are to get injured," Oko said.

Neil Sochasky only started dancing at 16, when his sport coaches suggested he take dance to improve his form and skills. He said the stereotypes associated with male ballet dancers can be very difficult to overcome.

As a male athlete for years, he knew ballet was considered a feminine activity.

"It used to be a lot worse than it is now. [These days] people don't assume that I'm gay. They may just find it weird that I'm a guy in dance," he said.

So while an audience is in awe of the "effortless" grace and beauty unfolding on the stage before them, it is, in fact, only through a lot of physical, mental and emotional effort that such a flawless performance is achieved.

As the roses land on stage and the audience stands in ovation, the dancer's mind is full of thoughts of how she'll improve her performance tomorrow night.

The drive to be better never ends.

IN REVIEW

FLICK IT



The Passion of the Christ--dir. Mel Gibson

Betrayal. Suicide. Violence. Blood. Gore. Executions. If these can be stomached, all can be seen in *The Passion of the Christ*, released yesterday.

Mel Gibson worked with a team of theologians, historians, linguists, and an international cast and crew in order to create, what is arguably, the most accurate account to date of Jesus' final 12 hours on earth.

The film begins with Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and traces his arrest, trial, and execution.

While sitting through two hours and seven minutes of Latin and Aramaic may sound painful to some, the words play a secondary role to the intense graphics.

For viewers who believed Christ died for their sins, the film can be very heavy-handed and wrought with guilt - a visual reminder of his great sacrifice.

Regardless of one's faith, the film remains an emotionally exhausting yet moving piece unlike anything else Hollywood has offered in years.

--Adam Ledlow



Eurotrip--dir. Jeff Schaffer

Eurotrip isn't really that funny and maybe that's a good thing.

Missing from this transcontinental teen sex romp is the usual frat-boy posturing, antagonistic bravado and the requisite chugging of semen that punctuates movies aimed at this demographic.

Instead we get four caring, but clueless, high-school grads fumbling their way across the continent in search of culture, Absinthe and of course sex.

You'll probably catch yourself chuckling as you follow the adventures of 'predictable' Scotty (Scott Meehlowicz) as he scours Europe hoping to find and declare his love to his nubile German pen pal Mieke. But there are no real gut-busters here.

The movie does have some good shocks though. Near the end, a young German boy draws a Hitler moustache on his face, then begins 'heiling' and gossetepping around his parents apartment. And, in true European fashion, there are as many penises as there are breasts.

--Sam Toman

HEAR IT



America's Sweetheart--Courtney Love

After a fairly successful stint as a rocker turned actor, Courtney Love is back with her first solo album, *America's Sweetheart*.

This edgy and raw album is typical Love with loads of emotion and screaming off-key vocals.

The first single, "Mono," begs the listener to question whether or not the modern rock revolution is dead. Judging from this particular tune, it just might as well be. Love fails to make a connection with her audience and the song sounds empty, even hollow at times.

However, she does manage to come back with the bold and brash track "Sunset Strip." Love performs vocals and guitar with such power and confidence that it is impossible not to belt out the lyrics with her.

The verdict is still out on this CD. Most Hole fans will identify enough with Love to support her so-so solo attempt. But one can only hazard a guess if she can attract new listeners to her unique brand of in-your-face music.

--Liz Byers



Who will cut our hair when we're gone--The Unicorns

It's been a struggle for Canadian bands that don't meet the typical Tragically Hip sound or the ever-burdened swash buckling, Celtic sound of the East Coast.

But lately indie bands, like The Unicorns, are butting their pointy horns through the can rock glass ceiling. Their playfulness and wit echo Stephen Malkmus and endearing lyrical qualities of the Magnetic Fields. Adorned with a variety of instruments, from pennywhistles to clarinets, The Unicorns are an enigma of low-fi lullabies and charming inside jokes.

Who will cut our hair when we're gone? is a fun filled album that takes the listener on a whirlwind. Starting with a track called "I don't want to die" and ending with "Ready to die," it reeks of schoolboy cockiness, telling the listener you are now complete because you have finished the album. Though released in late 2003, his album could be one the most pleasant surprises for new listeners in 2004.

--Jessica Russell

To Do List

A week's worth of excitement to help you squander your time

Thursday, February 26

Barenaked Ladies

- Air Canada Centre

No, we don't mean Janet. We were referring to that funny band. You know, the guys that sing "If I had a million dollars", "You should be my Yoko Ono" etc, etc. Still interested? Tickets are going for \$49.50 to \$59.50. Yeah, come to think of it, maybe we would rather see Janet

Friday, February 27

A Lot of Laughs...For a Toonie

-The Auditorium, Lakeshore Campus, 8 p.m.

Humber's second year comedy students will be risking all to erase your stress and start reading week off with a cleansing laugh. Reward the comics with loud gaffaw.

Saturday, February 28

Rome and Jewels

-Elgin and Winter Garden Theatre
Rome and Jewels

DJ's, spoken word poetry and urban dancers are featured in this hip-hop adaptation of Romeo and Juliet. In this version we move from Verona to the urban streets where B-boy, Rome, is in pursuit of his true love, Jewels, an invisible character who represents bling bling. Tickets \$25 to \$75.

Sunday, February 29

Academy Awards

If you have the good sense to avoid the whole shebang, you'll get all glammed up, catch the first 20 minutes, and then skip out for some dancing and romancing. By the time you return, they'll be announcing the big boys.

Monday, March 1

Average Joe: Hawaii

Season finale, 10 p.m.

After Larissa's shallowness was burned into Fredo's voyeuristic eye last week, it's hard to image what sleezy could be left for the grand finale. Perhaps surfer boy Gil will rival Jim's idiocy, or Brian from Boston will shock Larissa with his own blow-up doll. If nothing else, a week of built-up hunger will finally be relieved when Larissa's burning secret is revealed.

Tuesday, March 2

The Bedroom

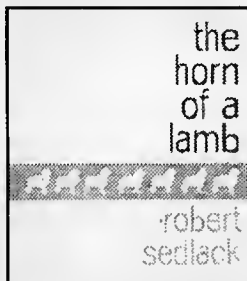
Stay home all day. Eat greasy food. Catch up on your favourite soaps - we hear things are heating up in Salem. Sleep, sloth and ignore those mid-term assignments. It's reading week, after all.

Wednesday, March 3

The Living Room

Didn't you just read Tuesday's to-do?

BOOK IT



The Horn of a Lamb--

Robert Sedlack

In his second novel, *The Horn of a Lamb*, Robert Sedlack offers a protagonist who is proud, determined and just happens to have lived with a brain injury for the past 19 years. Once a star player for the Brandon Wheat Kings, a junior hockey team in Alberta, Fred Pickle now helps his uncle raise sheep, in rural Manitoba.

While the injury ends Fred's professional hockey career, it helps to authenticate his life. No longer the arrogant hockey star, his sincerity anchors the community and endears him to even the most cynical reader.

Working with themes of Canadian identity and American expansionism, Sedlack creates a moving portrayal of a man's connection to the land and the sport he cannot live without.

Robert Sedlack is a graduate of the Humber School for Writers' correspondence program. His first novel *The African Safari Papers*, was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Award for Literature (2001)

--Hayley Stephens

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IN FOCUS

Indoor air quality a growing concern

Testing necessary to measure toxic air contaminants in classrooms/offices to prevent 'Sick Building Syndrome'

By Brett Walther

The term Air Quality Index has become a staple of Toronto's summer smog reports, but experts warn that the air indoors can be just as hazardous to your health.

Although Canadians spend an average of 80 to 90 per cent of their time indoors, air quality at home, work and school is often overlooked and can lead to a condition called Sick Building Syndrome (SBS), says Brian Stocks, air quality manager for the Ontario Lung Association.

"By and large, people do tend to think outdoors first," Stocks said. But Stocks said efforts to make buildings more energy-efficient by sealing them tightly have inadvertently trapped dangerous contaminants including carbon monoxide, formaldehyde and carbon dioxide.

Thelma Green, manager of the air quality division of the Fredericton-based Research and Productivity Council (RPC) said sufferers of SBS report a wide array of debilitating symptoms.

"They may develop a headache, lethargy, sometimes nausea and sinus trouble," Green said. "When they leave the building at night or on the weekend, they recover. When they go back the next week or the next day, the symptoms return."

Carbon dioxide is the major culprit behind SBS, Green said. "People exhale carbon dioxide and if it's not being removed as quickly as it's generated, it can build up and cause headaches and lethargy."

Despite the dangers, there remains no specific legislation controlling indoor air quality in community colleges and workplaces in Ontario.

Director of Public Safety Gary Jaynes said that in the place of specific government legislation, Humber College has adopted indoor air quality guidelines based on the standards used by the Ministry of Labour. He said measures are in place to ensure these guidelines are met. "We do an annual check each year, involving the safety committee and facilities management."

testing

Facilities Manager David Griffin, described the annual air quality survey as a form of audit. "Basically what we would do, is pull out as a management group, a couple of rooms in every building on every floor. We would go around with a device and measure CO₂,



Breathing in: Humber students surveyed said indoor air quality at Humber was not on their list of major concerns.

temperature, relative humidity, stuff like that."

Results of the audit are then compared to the Ministry of Labour standards. If levels of carbon dioxide are found to be high (the maximum recommended level is 800 parts per

million), an investigation would look at contributing factors and corrective action to be taken. Griffin said there is procedure in place for faculty to raise concerns about indoor air quality at Humber. "If they had a concern, they would call ext. 4444 and then a report would be made with respect to the concern and the facilities people would address it."

"The complaints this year are down dramatically from where we were last year," Griffin said. "But that may not be a fair comparator in the fact that there were a lot of places that were under construction last year."

One of the problems with complaints about air quality is that what may appear to be symptoms of sick building syndrome can be the result of something else. Griffin said a report to his department that a student in a

classroom is feeling fatigued is not necessarily due to poor air quality.

Most of the complaints Griffin receives concern classroom temperature, which he says is difficult to manage.

"The reality is, this is a huge building and mechanically, there's many devices that contribute to the comfort of people," Griffin said. "We have to make sure they're all working, and that's the challenge."

Chris Way, a first-year paramedic student, said indoor air quality is not a major concern of his while at Humber, nor was it a concern when he worked on the 47th floor of a closed office building.

"Controls on modern buildings are perfectly acceptable," he said, but added that older buildings may not meet the same standards. "They need to be applied retroactively. We need to clean up the older buildings."

Belinda Sutton, spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Labour, said employees are protected by the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA).

"An employer is required under Section 25(2)(h) of the OHSA to take every reasonable precaution for protecting a worker from health and safety hazards, including those resulting from indoor air quality problems in workplaces," she said.

Employers are expected to improve the workplace indoor environment by following indoor air quality standards and guidelines established by Health Canada.

Although the OHSA applies to schools as well as workplaces, the degree to which its protection extends to students remains a grey area.

regulations

In a 1999 report, the environmental organization Pollution Probe recommended that the government of Ontario recognize the importance of healthy indoor environments by assigning one of the ministries either of education, labour, health or environment with the authority and resources to take leadership. Five years after that report was issued, spokespersons from the ministries said legislation pertaining to indoor air quality at schools and community colleges still does not fall under their respective jurisdictions and were unable to identify whether any such measures existed.

Jill McDowell, a city of Toronto health promotions consultant, who worked on the report for Pollution Probe, said not much has changed. She says since 1999, Health Canada has developed the Tools for Schools program: a preventative approach to addressing indoor air concerns that can be applied to educational institutions. "It's not mandatory, though," she said, adding that the program merely suggests guidelines rather than enforcing them.

Of note:

Symptoms of sick building syndrome:

- headaches
- dizziness
- runny noses
- itchy, watery eyes
- scratchy throats
- nausea
- lethargy
- inability to concentrate
- respiratory infections

Source: Health Care Health and Safety Association of Ontario

Indoor air contaminants include:

- Carbon dioxide
- Carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen
- Inadequate temperature and relative humidity
- Volatile organic compounds generated by photocopiers, carpets, painting, chemical usage/storage
- Formaldehyde, given off by new carpets, paints, furniture, etc.
- Moulds and fungi, found in humidification systems, wet insulation or in carpets, drapes and furniture which have suffered water damage
- Dust, particulates and fibres (including asbestos)

Source: Research and Productivity Council

Tools for Schools program checklist:

- Avoid eating/drinking in classrooms
- Look for signs of vermin infestation
- Reduce excess moisture (condensation on cold surfaces)
- Maintain a temperature between 20 and 24 C
- Maintain relative humidity between 30 and 60 RH
- Ensure adequate ventilation
- Identify unusual odours
- Assess the floor, walls and ceiling for signs of dampness/mould
- Minimize the storage of materials and supplies

Complete guidelines are available online at www.he-sc.gc.ca

Source: Health Canada

Compiled by Brett Walther

"This is a huge building and, mechanically, there's many devices that contribute to the comfort of people."

Gay activists vow to carry on the fight

Same-sex marriage tops the agenda

By Jessica Padykula

Same-sex marriages are now legal in Canada, but the struggle is far from over says Humber's Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgendered Club (LGBT).

Club President Cameron McKenzie said starting this March, the club will focus its attention on this sensitive issue in an attempt to educate students.

"Same sex marriage is much easier now that it is accepted in Ontario and British Columbia, but still difficult due to the traditional view of marriage upheld by many people," he said.

McKenzie said religion and pressure from family also play a major role in society's acceptance of young, same-sex couples contemplating marriage.

One couple who know the difficulties of same-sex marriage first hand are Kevin Bourassa and Joe Varnell, the first gay men in North America to be married.

The two were officially married Jan. 14, 2001, at the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto and have since become full time activists for equal marriage.

Bourassa said their pastor wore a bulletproof vest during the ceremony because he feared for his life, that's how unacceptable same sex marriage is in some circles of faith. "The pastor called his family the night before to say goodbye," Bourassa said. "He didn't think he would



For better or worse: Though now legal in Canada, same-sex marriages still face opposition from religious groups.

survive the ceremony."

Bourassa recalls the moment he walked down the aisle and saw that over 80 news organizations were there to cover the event. "That's when we realized we had the opportunity to use our experience to advance our cause," he said.

Bourassa said he and his partner are fighting that fight from the inside, since they are part of a church.

"We got married in a church, and our church is fighting on our behalf," he said. "We believe our opponents have the right to express, but not impose their beliefs on others."

The two have worked tirelessly to

further the acceptance of same sex marriage, but Bourassa knows there

"He called his family the night before to say goodbye. He didn't think he would survive the ceremony."

is still a lot of work to be done. "Same-sex marriage is now legal in Canada, but not all provinces are adhering to that legislation," he said. "The authority to impose that new legislation stops at the

Ontario border."

Michael Shore, first-year landscaping student, said same-sex marriage shouldn't be an issue anywhere. "Marriage is about love, not about two people of different sexes being in love," he said. "The issue shouldn't be same-sex marriage. It should be that people are not accepting of it."

Bruce Walker is a lawyer who works with same-sex couples from all over North America and Europe hoping to get married. He said although it is wonderful, marriage is not a step for young people to take lightly. "Just because you

can, doesn't mean you should," he said.

"It is a privilege to be able to marry, so we have to be careful not to take it for granted," he said. "We have it, but it can still be taken away."

One of the bigger hurdles for same-sex couples remains religion. It is very hard for people to accept or come to terms with something that goes against their faith. Both McKenzie and Bourassa cite this as a major snag in same-sex marriage becoming an acceptable practice.

Humber's North campus will soon be sporting posters on this contentious issue courtesy of the LGBT club, in an effort to raise awareness in the student body.

Marriage rate drops

Fewer couples tie the knot

By Laura Kloet

While same-sex couples have been flocking to Ontario to get married, the number of heterosexual unions across the province and the country has dropped significantly.

A Statistics Canada report released last November, shows that after the jump in marriages at the start of the millennium, Canadians are again shying away from walking down the aisle.

A total of 147,634 couples tied the knot in 2002, down 6.8 per cent from 157,395 couples in 2000.

The report says the decline resumes the downward trend seen throughout the 1990s. The number of marriages rose in 1999 and 2000, but the level reached in 2000, the highest in five years, may be due to couples choosing to marry at the start of the new millennium.

Fewer people are getting married, and those who do are older, have already lived together, and are more

likely to get divorced. Statistics Canada found the average age of brides was 31.9 years old in 2002, up 2.6 years from 1991. The average age of grooms was 34.4 in 2002, an increase of 2.6 years from 1991.

"I don't think I will ever get married. I see marriage as an old tradition that doesn't really fit into today's society."

David Popenoe is director of the National Marriage Project, an organization concerned with the future of marriage and its role in society. Popenoe says the figures reflect the growing individualism in our culture.

"The problem in thinking about such efforts is that the 'post-nuclear' family trend of our time is closely linked to such well-known and seemingly entrenched phenomena of the modern era as affluence,

secularism and a strong emphasis on individualism," Popenoe said. "In other words, to reverse the family trend would require a massive shift in cultural values."

Popenoe believes that marriage and stable families remain the building block of society and should be strengthened with pre and post-marriage courses. He says marriage is good for health, finances, parenting and sex lives.

According to the Strategic Counsel survey commissioned by Focus on the Family Canada, 79 per cent of Canadians, ranked

"maintaining a good, stable marriage" as the most important or second-most important priority in their lives.

If the current marriage rates persist, 33 per cent of men and 27 per cent of women will never marry.

Diane Janson, a first-year ECE student, said she thinks times are changing. "I don't think I will ever get married. I see marriage as an old tradition that doesn't really fit into today's society."



I do: Partners Kevin Bourassa and Joe Varnell married at the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto in 2001 making them the first gay couple to be married in North America.

SPORTS

Hawks knock off champs

Men's v-ball hungry for provincial gold



Perseverance: The Hawks are seeded third in the eight team provincial championships. They beat Loyalist to advance.

By Mark Ilcyszyn

There will be a new men's volleyball champion in 2004, after the Hawks eliminated the Loyalist Lancers from advancing to the playoffs last Saturday in a must win game for both teams.

Humber's mediocre season was all but forgotten with a three sets to one victory against the defending provincial champions.

"Mentally, we were not there. But I give Humber credit. They played extremely well," Loyalist Coach Ryan Cuddy said.

Humber responded well to an early five point deficit in the first set

to come back and take a one to nothing game lead.

"This win is a credit to our entire team. They stuck to the game plan and focused on passing, service reception and serving tough," an ecstatic Hawks Coach Wayne Wilkins said.

The key was not allowing Loyalist to go on any sustained runs.

"Every time Loyalist went on a run, we got them with a side-out," Wilkins said.

Though the victory was a team effort, Hawks star middle Rich Wittermund's performance was outstanding.

Earlier in the week, Wittermund suffered a third-degree ankle sprain. His status for the game was question-

able, but some treatment and ankle taping before the game allowed him to play.

"The ankle was hurting me in the warm up and during the game, but I put the injury in the back of mind and there was no way that I was not going to play in this game," Wittermund said.

Wilkins praised Wittermund's competitiveness.

"Rich's performance was the epitome of courage. He sucked it up and was a warrior. This just goes to show how much he has matured and developed over the years."

Humber also saw great performances from Sokol Hakrama and Bobby Randhawa. Hakrama's precision setting allowed Randhawa to kill many balls.

But the effort against Loyalist was not about individual performances, but rather a total team effort, and Randhawa echoed that sentiment.

"We played an excellent match today and it was a team effort. Every person on the team had a job to do, and they did their job," Randhawa said.

The win against Loyalist was a huge momentum boost for a Humber team that is peaking at the right time, as the OCAA championship begins later this week at Seneca.

A confident Humber Coach Wilkins was asked about his team's chances at the Ontario championship.

"I expect to play in the finals on Saturday night at the OCAA's, we have the talent and ability to win that tournament."

Sports Rap



Mark Ilcyszyn

The problem with baseball

With the trading of perennial all-star and future Hall of Famer Alex Rodriguez to the New York Yankees, the problems in baseball are just getting worse. The cost of the Yankees infield is more than some team's entire roster in the major leagues.

Ever since the strike in 1994, baseball has had a difficult time drawing fans back to the stadiums.

The NFL is the pinnacle in sports at the moment. Year in and year out, all 30 teams have an equal shot of winning the Super Bowl.

Major League Baseball has not been so fortunate, with the same teams winning the World Series every year. Baseball has been fortunate that a couple of Cinderella teams like Florida and Anaheim have defied the logic that spending money in baseball wins you championships.

The highest team payroll in the NFL in 2003 was a little less than \$86 million, paid by the New Orleans Saints, who finished a disappointing 8-8 this season, failing to reach the playoffs for a second consecutive season.

The Super Bowl Champions, New England Patriots, have a payroll of less than \$75 million. The NFL league average of total team payrolls in 2003 is more than \$70

million.

But back to what is truly wrong with baseball, at the end of the 2003 MLB season, the New York Yankees had the highest payroll in the league spending just over \$150 million on their roster.

This is ridiculous and finally fans of the sport are starting to speak out about the issue. Hall of Famer George Brett told the Kansas City Star in an interview: "Really, how can you compete when somebody is spending \$80 or \$90 million more?" He added "the only thing you can do is catch lightning in a bottle like Oakland or Minnesota."

To make this point at a more local level, the Toronto Blue Jays had a wonderful off-season without significantly raising their payroll. The Jays acquired some much needed pitching help in Miguel Batista, Pat Hentgen and Ted Lilly and locking up 2003 Cy Young winner Roy Halliday to a long-term contract extension.

At this rate instead of looking towards competing for a playoff spot, the team will be hard pressed to repeat last season's 85 wins.

While the Yankees spent just over \$150 million on their payroll in 2003, the Blue Jays spent just over \$51 million. I am not one for math, but that is a difference of \$99 million.

One could easily imagine what the Jays could assemble with that additional money. When MLB negotiated their collective bargaining agreement with its players, they instituted a luxury tax for teams willing to spend over an extremely soft salary cap.

The Yankees will pay the tax which will in turn be redistributed amongst the poorer teams in the league.

But this system has not worked, and it will not work anytime soon. As a result, the game that I love is inching towards a slow death.

Ladies' v-ball flying high with confidence

Lady Hawks finish regular season undefeated 14-0, head into playoffs tonight as number three seed

By Josh Grunberg

The women's volleyball team is flying high heading into the playoffs, which begin tonight at Seneca College.

Last Thursday, in their final regular season match, the Hawks showed no mercy on the visiting Sheridan Bruins pounding them 3-0 (25-7, 25-6, 25-13).

The win capped a perfect 14-0 season.

"It was something we had hoped for, that's for sure," Hawks Head Coach Chris Wilkins said of the undefeated season. "I've been hard on the girls at times, but they worked hard all year. I like undefeated seasons, but I like championships

more."

The Hawks came out strong against Sheridan, overwhelming them with their powerful offence and taking advantage of the smaller Sheridan team.

Combined with very few errors on the Hawks defensive side, this made for an easy win.

Hawks middle Kirsty Goodearle finished with 21 offensive points and was named player of the game.

Goodearle was the league's second highest scorer averaging 4.4

points per game totaling 132 kills, 34 blocks and 24 service aces. Rookie Amanda Arlette finished sixth with 3.8 PPG, registering 115 kills, 10 blocks and 25 service aces.

"We were fantastic tonight, one of our best games all year"

"We were fantastic tonight, one of our best games all year," Wilkins said. "I like the way we are playing. We are coming together at the right time. We look good, but we have to work hard."

Between the first and second games, Humber Athletic Director Doug Fox recognized four Hawk vet-

erans in a short ceremony. Lesley Westervelt, Kirsty Goodearle, Heather MacKenzie and Alex Romano, all playing in their final career regular season home game.

While Westervelt appreciated being thanked for the dedication and hard work she put forth the last four seasons, it was she who was all gratitude.

"It hit me. You realize that it's your last home game. But there is so much more I need to give back to them than they need to give to me," Westervelt said. "I need to thank Chris, Dave, Caroline and Doug. I think they deserve congratulations for helping us. They aren't just coaches, they are also friends."

On Monday, the playoff seeds were announced. As expected, the Hawks are ranked third despite an unbeaten regular season.

The Durham Lords, the only other

perfect team in the province, is ranked first. The Cambrian Golden Shield finished 12-2, taking the second spot.

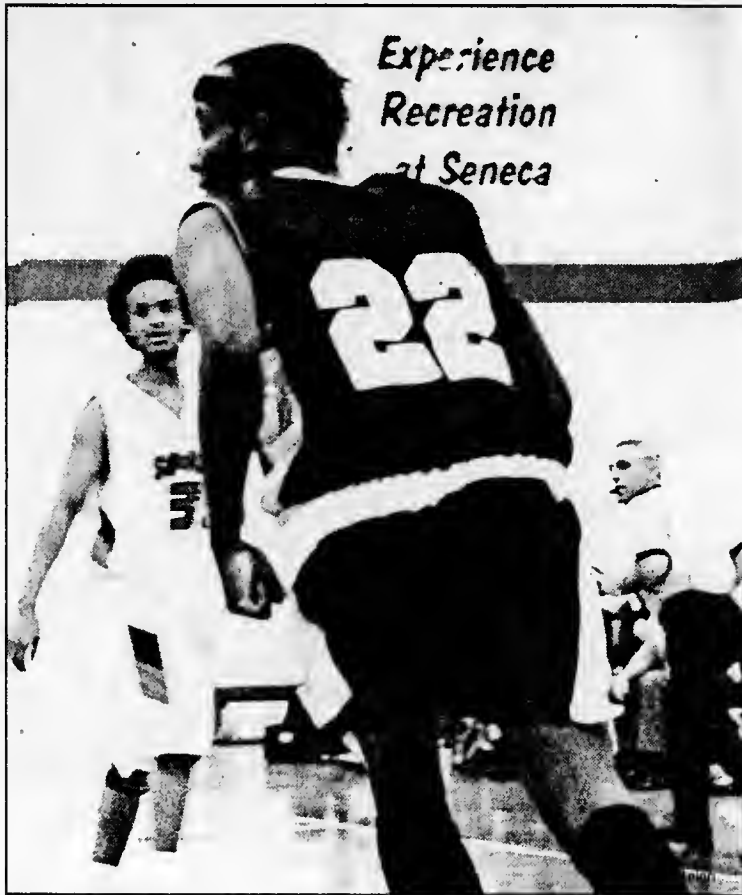
Humber will play the Algonquin Thunder at 8 p.m. tonight at Seneca College, the site of the provincial championships.

"With an undefeated season, we are going in on a high and I'm very optimistic about winning," Westervelt said. "Anything less would be heartbreaking."

Regardless of the outcome at the provincials, Humber is automatically guaranteed a spot at the National Championships since they are the host team.

The tournament (Mar. 11 to 13) will feature top teams from across the country. For ticket and tournament information call the athletic office at 416-675-5097.

Men's b-ball prepares for playoffs



Hustle: Hawks veteran Shane Dennie (above) is one of a few players expected to lead Humber in the playoffs. He averaged 13 points during the regular season.

Hawks finish second in division, will play winner of Lambton and St. Clair at home on Friday night

By Branko Belan

The men's basketball team finished the season Tuesday night with an uninspired thrashing over the Seneca Sting.

It was a fairly easy win for the Hawks, winning 73-51.

"It was a bad game. We were playing the last-place team," Coach Mike Katz said.

"We're getting ready for the playoffs now," he added.

The Sting was not in the game, trailing at halftime by 19 points.

Seneca tried to stay with Humber early on, hitting shots from the perimeter.

But the Hawks pulled away once the Sting shooters went cold. Humber took control on the glass and forced Seneca into several turnovers.

Many of Humber's players saw action Tuesday night, as the team now prepares for a playoff game tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

They will play the winner of Lambton and St. Clair.

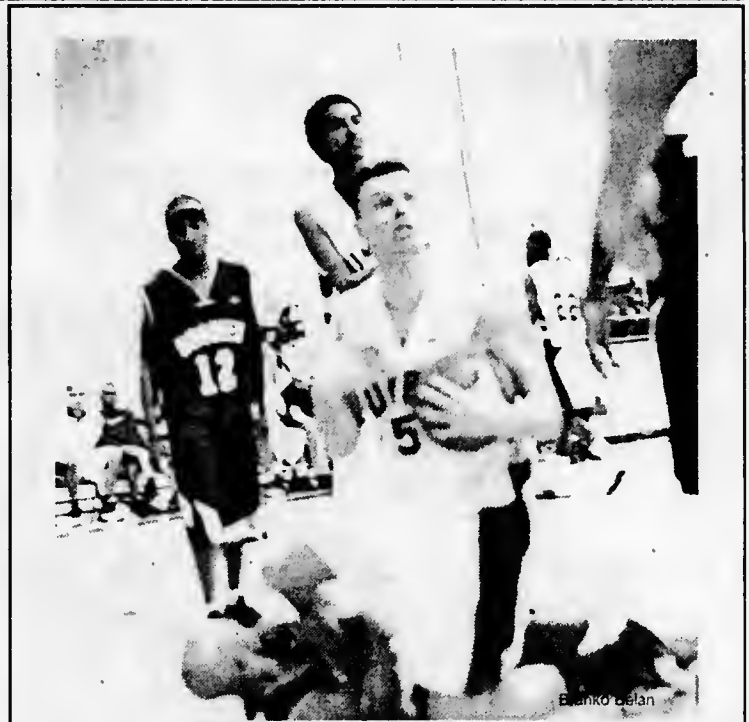
Over the weekend, the Hawks had some mixed results, losing a close game on the road last Friday night to

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Who me? Humber regular season leading scorer Dejvis Begaj will be a force to reckon with in the provincials.

Hawks put forth poor effort

Women's basketball stung on road by first place Seneca

By Rishi Lal

The women's final regular season basketball game had more false starts than an Agatha Christie novel.

Tuesday night's game between the Hawks and the Seneca Sting had first place up for grabs and a first-round bye in the upcoming playoffs.

With so much at stake, it was perplexing to see how poorly the Hawks played, losing 52-40. Maybe it was the fact the game was delayed 40 minutes after Humber's bus was stuck in a traffic jam on the 401. Or perhaps it was Seneca's suffocating defence.

"The delay had no affect really," Humber player Aleisha Colquhoun said. "What ever happened on the court happened on the court. There were no other factors other than our lack of intensity and the fact that we expected to win rather than playing to win."

The opening half was an exciting and rugged affair. Every inch of the court was fought over. Seneca opened on a 6-0 run before Humber responded, taking the lead 12-9 at the nine-minute mark. Both teams however, missed easy lay-ups and wide-open shots throughout the half due to the aggressive nature of play. The half-time score was 21-20 in favor of Seneca.

And then it all went wrong for Humber.

The Hawks scored only five points in the opening 11 minutes of the second half. Still the Hawks had a chance to win. With the score 37-33, and five minutes left to play, Humber came unglued. Seneca went on a 6-0 run, fuelled by two consecutive Hawks turnovers, effectively putting the game out of reach.

Humber looked out of sync for much of the second half. The coach hinted that this could partially be blamed on a lack of conditioning.

"We weren't ready to play, plain and simple," Hawks Head Coach Denise Perrier said. "We had a lot of opportunities to finish. We hit everything front rim, so that might mean it's a lack of conditioning or maybe its from not being intense enough. I don't know?"

The Hawks shot an abysmal 19 per cent from the field in the second half and finished the game shooting 23 per cent.

"I think we were looking for contact or if there was contact and the ref didn't call it we got pissed off," Perrier continued. "We're a young team and we're not used to that. Seneca's more of a veteran team and an aggressive team. They took it to us today."

The lady Hawks first round opponent is undetermined. Regardless, they play at home Friday night at 6 p.m.

"We're getting ready for the playoffs now"

the Centennial Colts, costing them first place in the division and an automatic berth at the OCAA championships that will be held in Kingston next week.

They played their final home game on Saturday against George Brown, looking to put forth a strong performance and that is exactly what they did.

Both teams came out running the floor and traded baskets in the early going. But Humber slowly started to pull away, taking a 10-point lead into halftime.

MORRIS Spence and Dejvis Begaj played their final home games for the Hawks and were named co-players-of-the-game.

George Brown played a physical game, fouling a lot and the Hawks were able to take advantage, shooting well from the free-throw line.

"We kept with some of our same principles and we came out strong after the loss last night," Hawks player Samson Downey said after Saturday's game.

"We really turned it around. We rebounded well and played good defence," Begaj added.



Head Coach Denise Perrier: "We weren't ready to play, plain and simple. We had a lot of opportunities to finish. We hit everything front rim, so that might mean it's a lack of conditioning or maybe it's not being intense enough."

Hawks end season with a win against their first round playoff opponents

Humber faces Seneca Sting in best of three playoff series

By Brett Standen

The Humber Hawks manufactured an amazing third period comeback last Wednesday in order to beat the Seneca Sting in the final second of the game.

Humber was down 4-1 entering the third period, when Seth Gray injected some much needed life into his team by scoring two quick goals bringing the Hawks within one.

With under a minute remaining and goalie Nick Grainger on the bench, defenceman Matt Neely redirected a blast from the point into the twine and tied the game at four. With Seneca still reeling, forward Steve Nobili turned an odd man rush into a buzzer beater to win the game.

"Hopefully we can build on this coming into the playoffs and make this the first step in a long road ahead," Nobili said. "I think our depth and our leadership shone through today."

While Nobili as well as the rest of the Humber team was ecstatic with the win, Seneca Coach Jim Wells couldn't believe his eyes.

"I'm really disappointed. I don't think that final goal was a goal. Regardless, you win some and you lose some," Wells said. "We match up well and it's always a good battle when the two city teams meet."

The night before Humber's spectacular comeback win, they suffered a disappointing loss at the hands of Fleming.

"Against Fleming we were a very undisciplined hockey club and tonight we simply found the will to



What you lookin' at Meiday? Humber defenceman Chris Mei gets caught looking the wrong way. Humber goes into the playoffs strong after an up and down season. The Hawks who ended the regular season with a 9-6 win/loss record are looking to get past their first round opponents, the Seneca Sting. Humber beat Seneca in the first round last season 2 games to 0.

win. That was the major difference," Humber Coach Joe Washkurak said.

Humber now gets set to face off against their foes from Seneca in a playoff battle that should entail plenty of intensity.

"We expect nothing short of a battle," added Washkurak. "I think ultimately it will come down to goaltending and who wants it more. It should be a hell of a series."

Both teams will be squeezing their sticks a little tighter when they meet in the playoffs.

"It's definitely going to be an exciting series and should be a lot higher tempo than it was tonight," Neely added. "I think we need to build off [this victory] for next week."

The two teams have already met three times this season with Seneca winning twice.

"Seneca will bring us a tough challenge but I think we can rise to it," Nobili added.

Humber will have Captain James Rodak back after missing the last

game with a minor injury.

Forward Jamie Chikoski who suffered a broken wrist last semester will take part in the warm up and decide from there whether or not he will play. Both the coaches, as well as players, would love to have his presence added to the lineup.

"It would be great to have those two guys back in the lineup," Neely said. "They are our leaders and we will benefit in their return."

"With Rody back and possibly Chi [Chikoski] I think that should

give us that extra jump we need," Washkurak said.

Humber will again wear their all yellow third jerseys which have brought them a lot of success in the past.

"They must be lucky and we will probably wear them here Saturday night. We haven't been beaten in those sweaters too many times," Washkurak said.

Humber hosts Seneca this Saturday at 9 p.m. in game two of the best of three series.



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Humber men's indoor soccer team still undefeated

Despite missing three starters, bench comes up big to lead Hawks to victory at Sheridan

By Chris Daponte

Despite missing several key players, the men's indoor soccer team went undefeated last Saturday to win the Sheridan College tournament.

The Hawks dominated the one-day event, allowing only one goal in five games.

"We were missing three of our starters," Assistant Coach Cesare Tripodo said. "But everyone did a great job of filling in, especially our rookies."

Humber breezed through the round robin, defeating their opponents by a combined score of 6-0. Their biggest test came against Sheridan in the semifinal. The Hawks fell behind 1-0 early in the game, but fought back to win 2-1 in one of the most entertaining games of the tournament.

"Our guys showed great character to come back in that game," Tripodo said.

The team carried its momentum into the final where they blanked George Brown College 3-0. Vito Del Duca, who ended a personal scoring drought by netting the team's first two goals, led them.

"I was feeling really frustrated until the last game," Del Duca said. "But I'm glad I could show my leadership and score two clutch goals. They couldn't have come at a better time."

Michael Aigbokie also had a strong tournament, scoring three goals.

But Tripodo said that the success was the result of a complete team effort.

"We played great defence," he said. "We really tightened up in our own end, and on a small field, that's what we needed."

Next up for the men is the regional tournament on March 8 at Vaughan Soccer Centre.

"Our guys showed great character..."

Women's indoor soccer team wins second tournament

Hawk's striker Emilee Barrington led Humber scorers with five goals and gives team lift going into the March 8 regional tournament

By Chris Daponte

The women's indoor soccer team won its second consecutive tournament last weekend, edging out Durham College 1-0 in the final.

"Durham has been our nemesis for the last two years, so it was a g

Mauro Ungaro said. "Our girls raised their game to a very high level."

Humber went undefeated through the round robin, despite having only eight players.

They beat host, Sheridan College in the semifinal to secure a berth in the final game.

Sir Sandford Fleming Coach David Mitchell was impressed with

Humber's level of play. "They are a very good team. They ran us into the ground," he said.

Striker Emilee Barrington led the Hawks with five goals in the tournament. Sonia Furtado was also an offensive powerhouse and defender Natalie Achim was solid at both ends of the field.

Ungaro praised the play of his defenders and midfielders, saying they did a tremendous job of shutting down their opponents.

"Every one of our players left it all out on the field," he said.

"This was an excellent stepping stone for the regionals."

The regional tournament takes place March 8 at the Vaughan Soccer Centre.

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Faculty strike won't stop women's v-ball event

Mazda's 2004 national women's volleyball tournament a go at Humber

By Josh Grunberg

Just a few days left. The big sign outside the Athletic Centre counts down the days until the 2004 Mazda Women's Volleyball National tournament starts at Humber.

The Canadian College Athletic Association awarded the school the right to host the event two years ago.

Humber hosted the Men's Basketball National Championships two years ago and the positive feedback from that event aided Humber's bid.

Doug Gellatly, the executive director of the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA), said that, while hosting the tournament is a big job, he is sure this tournament will be successful.

"They (Humber athletic staff) are able to generate a lot of interest within the college. They have an excellent athletic department and staff that lead it," Gellatly said. "They have a lot of things going for them as a host that contribute to the success of the event."

Hosting the event will cost athletics about \$45,000, and while Humber Athletic Director Doug Fox doesn't expect to break even, he is not concerned.

"We aren't trying to make a profit. This is all about the athletes," Fox said. "When we get more sponsors and grants, we pour that all back into the players."

Regardless of a potential faculty strike, the tournament will go ahead as planned.

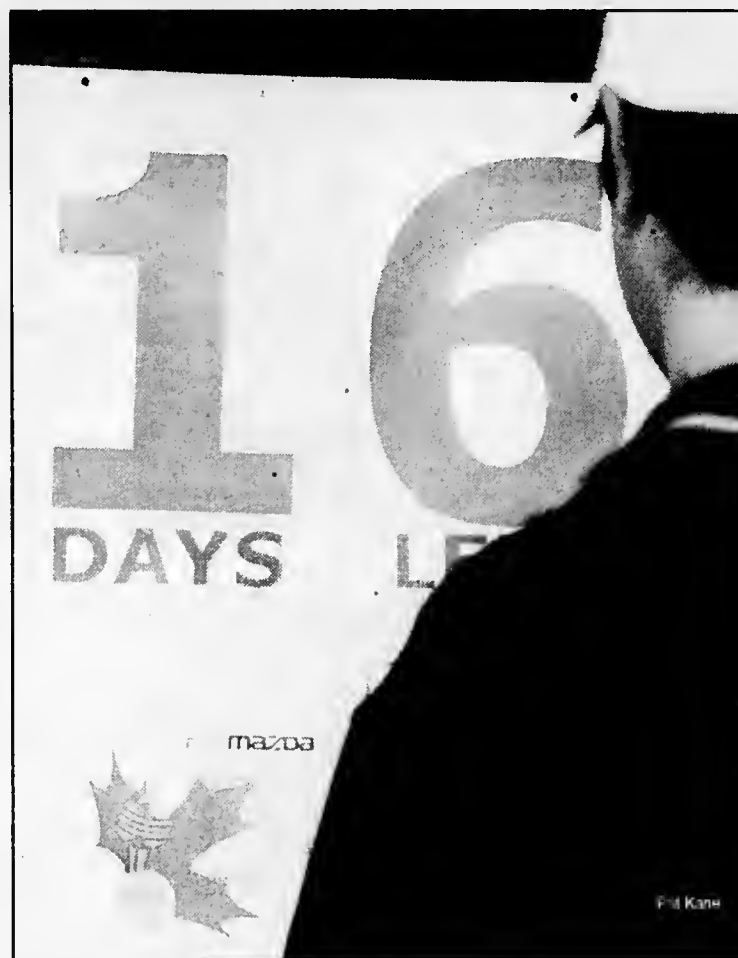
However, Fox said if there is a strike it will greatly affect the tournament's attendance.

"The difficulty will be if students aren't here," Fox said.

The Humber Hawks are scheduled to play their opening match of the tournament on Thursday Mar. 11 at 8 p.m. Their opponent has not yet been determined.

All in attendance at the Hawks' first match will be offered a yellow Humber t-shirt to wear to support the team.

The tournament runs from March 11 to 13. Tickets for the event are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students per day or \$10 for a tournament-pass.



It's in our court: Shortly after spring break, the women's volleyball team will play against the best community college teams from across the country in the 2004 Mazda Women's Volleyball Nationals. For the first time, this prestigious tournament will be held at Humber.

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Top (left): Second-year fashion student, Stephanie Parps, has blond hair with a streaked pony-tail. She could have the arm of her unborn twin stemming from her head and she'd still be sexy.

Top (middle): Kimberly Gentles has her curlies in a bun.

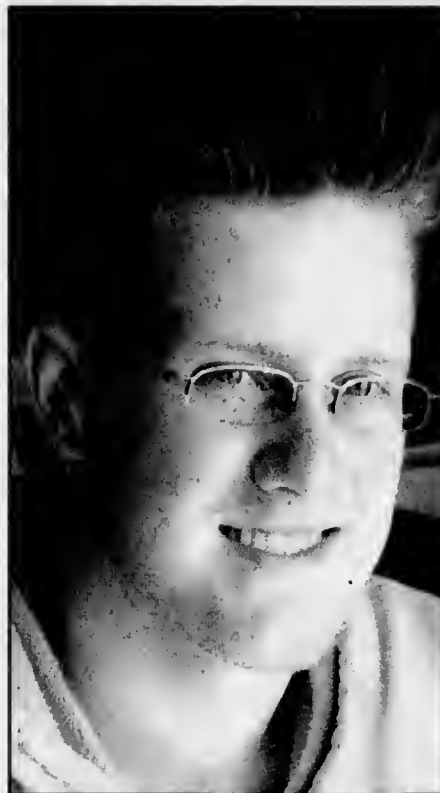
Top (right): Radio student, Joseph Montesano, looks even better when he's on air.

Center (left): This is Ryan Butchereit. He's cool because ALL of his hair is spiked - not just the tips.

Center (right): Nicole Iannuzzi goes for the butterscotch look. Those few hairs that slightly hide her left eye make us melt.

Bottom (right): First-year Design student, Nicholas Masci, hides his hair under a mesh hat. He'll tell you he doesn't care about his appearance, but we all know that he took an hour to make those raggy locks poke out from under his cap.

Bottom (left): Kadesha Spence rules.



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