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Members of the Humber Hawks women's volleyball team celebrate in London after capturing their third OCAA championship in five years. From left to right: Chantelle Zanette, Danielle Ganesh, Alex Steplock, Kris Dowling, Jolande Amoraal, Kristy Goodearle (MVP), Robyn Stafford, Heather Longland, Michelle Overzet, Lindsey Bradbury, Julie Mota and Julie Wasiuk. Players behind: Landis Doyle, Toni Wasiuk, Rachel Dubbeldam.

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Senator Barack Obama and Senator Hillary Clinton faced off Tuesday night in the final democratic debate of the 2008 presidential campaign. - MSNBC

T.O. mayor comes to college

Jeremy Eaton
News Reporter

Toronto mayor David Miller praised the partnership the city has with the college in a speech to media students yesterday.

"We like to work with Humber College as a partner on local projects, in the way we have on the Arboretum," said Miller. "Humber College is very active and I think it should be proud of the way it reinvests in the local community. Humber is one of the leading providers of education and training in the city and Etobicoke."

Miller introduced the students to his Tower Renewal project.

The program aims to energy retrofit concrete apartment buildings that were constructed in the 1960s, '70s and '80s when energy was cheaper in Ontario.

Miller said there are over 2,000 of these buildings in Toronto, with at least 100 in North Etobicoke.

"When you retrofit you create



Mayor Miller said Humber is an important partner for the city.

jobs right here in Toronto," Miller said. "There is a role for Humber College in helping us train people in the skills involved in doing the environmental remediation work. The impact on Toronto emissions will be extraordinary."

Miller discussed a plan to refurbish the Woodbine Racetrack area.

The project aims to use parking lots around Woodbine to create

something beneficial for the community.

"We are taking a race track that is used by some people, in the middle of a neighbourhood that needs rejuvenation," Miller said. "We are using American money to do it. It's an interesting, modern development."

"We are trying to work with North Etobicoke Revitalize Project and Humber on a training system to create more opportunity than simply entry level retail," he said. Miller's impact remained with some students he spoke to.

"It was good," said first-year journalism student Darcie Springall. "He is very charismatic and very popular with the students. He was funny and held my attention. He is not boring like other politicians."

Journalism co-ordinator Mike Karapita and the mayor's director of communications, Don Wanagas, worked together to bring Miller to the Seventh Semester room at the North Campus.

"I think it is important for journalism students to have first hand, real experiences with new makers," Wanagas said. "In this city there is no bigger newsmaker than Mayor David Miller. It's a good experience for the students and it is also a good experience for the Mayor. It is important for the mayor to keep in touch with young people."

The Skinny

• A photo of democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on a 2006 trip to Somalia circulated throughout the media on Monday. The photo shows the senator adorned in traditional cultural garb. Allegedly, the image was released by democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's camp. It is being treated as a smear campaign.

-BBCnews.com

• Highway 400 was closed for six hours Monday night, as a man threatened to blow himself up and sat with propane tanks in his car on the side of the highway. The incident started around 9:30 p.m. and ended just after 2 a.m.

-thestar.com

• A ban on YouTube by Pakistan's government was lifted on Tuesday. The ban went into place over the weekend due to what the government deemed to be anti-Islamic content.

-cnn.com

• Around one-million people in Florida were without power for much of Tuesday, trapping many people in elevators and knocking out traffic lights. A representative for the North American Electrical Reliability Corporation said the power outage was caused by a short fuse in the substation. Most power was restored by nightfall.

-nytimes.com

Fake advertising campaign claimed

Meaning of posters is revealed

Jason Sahlani News Reporter

Over the past few weeks Humber students commuting on the TTC may have noticed advertisements for a new drug meant to sap an individual's ability to think and act for themselves.

"My son used to have his own hopes and aspirations. Now he has mine. Thanks Obay," reads one of the ads.

The ads for the fake drug have been exposed as a viral advertising campaign developed by Colleges Ontario in an attempt to alter the perceptions held by some parents that universities offer a better education than colleges.

"We know colleges have long been perceived as somehow being a lesser option than university and that's simply not the case for every person," said Darrell Neufeld, senior communications officer for Colleges Ontario. "Our aim is to confront and expose the biases some parents have towards postsecondary choices; this campaign puts the issue right on the table."

Neufeld notes that college enrolment across the province is on the rise, with a six per cent increase in enrolment for fall 2007 and four per cent for the upcoming fall 2008 session, but stresses that the number of people retiring in the near future outweighs the number of skilled individuals ready to take their place.

"At a time when Ontario is looking at substantial skills shortages in workers this issue is a serious problem that needs to be discussed," said Neufeld. "Seventy per cent of all new jobs being created require a post-secondary credential and only half of high school graduates are pursuing a post-secondary education."

According to Humber's creative advertising program coordinator, the power of the advertisements is that they are viral in nature.

"Viral advertising is not a new concept and in a sense all ads are viral in the sense that goal of the ad is to create a discussion and get people talking; a virus spreads person to person and that's exactly the goal of a viral campaign, as it is with all advertising campaigns," said Michael Rosen. "But a viral campaign is effective when the exposure generated by the ad exceeds the space purchased by a company or organization to run the ad, and Obay seems to be doing just that."

Neufeld agrees that the campaign has generated a lot of media attention primarily due to the sinister message found in the ads but hopes that the message will not be lost on their target audience.

"Students are getting the information they need to make the decisions about post-secondary," said Neufeld. "The problem is when they go home and discuss it with their parents, who have ingrained expectations about where they want their kids to go; our data shows that parents are an obstacle, a barrier, and that's why we're targeting them."



Erin Lewi

College snow removal deal stays within budget each year.

Perfect snow plan

Erin Lewis News Reporter

Wintry weather has hammered Toronto and clean-up crews around the city are struggling to stay within budget, but not Humber, said facilities management.

"We have a fixed price contract with the snow removal company," said Carol Anderson, director of facilities management. "Some years he might make more money than other years depending on the snowfall. But with the fixed price contract we shouldn't experience any budget issues."

The same cannot be said for the city. Its \$67 million 2008 winter budget had already been substantially cut into due to heavier than usual February snowfalls.

Glenn De Baeremaeker, city councillor and chair of Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, said there is roughly \$40 million remains in the current budget.

"It used to be, 'oh well, this is the most snow we've had in a decade,' and then it was the last 50 years and now it's a record that we've broken," De Baeremaeker said.

In the '90s former Mayor Mel Lastman called in the army to help remove snow. "We seem to be better organized this time and doing the best we can with it," said De Baeremaeker.

Peter Noehammer, director of the city's transportation services, said there are 1,600 staff working to keep roadways and sidewalks clear.

"This is a service we have to provide for the safety of motorists and pedestrians in Toronto," Noehammer said. "At the end of the year, we do have a reserve fund where if we have a milder winter, we put some unspent funds into that reserve and in the heavier winters we may have to draw from that reserve."

The \$11 million reserve fund should be enough to protect the city from a snowy winter, De Baeremaeker said.

And with monitoring systems located throughout the GTA, De Baeremaeker said the system is well prepared for winter storms.

"We are like an army of worker ants making sure that when the snow comes in we clear the sidewalks and we clear the roads," De Baeremaeker said.

CORRECTIONS

On page 1 of the Feb. 14 issue Alan Cross' name was misspelled,

On page 1 of the Feb. 14 issue, Paul Rusesabagina was misidentified. He was the manager of Hotel des Mille Collines.

On page 3 of the Feb. 14 issue, Chelsea Saldanha's name was misspelled.

On page 11 of the Feb. 14 issue, Roselyn Kelada-Sedra's name was misspelled.

On page 12 of the Feb. 14 issue, Lindsey Bradbury's name was misspelled.

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir told Muslims to boycott Denmark because of reprinted cartoons depicting Prophet Mohammed. - www.theglobeandmail.com

Wide net cast for job seekers

Program expanded for international students

Amy Leitner News Reporter

Ontario's Provincial Nominee Program (OPNP) has announced changes that will benefit international students looking to live and work in the province, but Humber students may still find the job hunt challenging.

"There are approximately 800 international students here," said Dalyce Newby, Humber's international student adviser. "The revisions to the pilot OPNP will be fairly positive for Humber students. But there are still many restrictions and the requirements are high."

One significant change made to the program is now students from across Canada can have equal opportunity when applying for jobs in Ontario, said Michel Payen-Dumont, media relations officer at the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration.

"Before the changes, the program applied only to students in Ontario," he said.

Another important change, according to Payen-Dumont, is "international students will no longer be restricted to the program's occupation list, which used to be limited to only 20 occupations such as health, education, and manufacturing."

The program was launched last May and allows employers to recruit individuals who are newcomers to Ontario.

"The problem for Humber stu-

dents is that they are not given much time to obtain a post-graduate work permit," Newby said. "Because of the 90-day limit to get one, students may find it difficult to find a job that meets their standards."

Prateek Thapar, 21, a secondyear business administration student from India, says Humber does well at offering extra help for students who want a job after graduation.

"The career centre has experts who provide help in making perfect resumes and cover letters," Thapar said. "The best thing is that they don't make it for you, but refine what you already have."

The career centre at Humber provides help to international students.

"Whether it is regarding transferring to a university, or looking for a prospective job, the career centre played a major role in solving many of my problems and answering my questions," Thapar said.

"My teachers are always willing to assist me when I need extra help," said Gina Kuo, from Taiwan, in her second year of business management. "I work part-time at the International Centre here at the North Campus and it has been a great opportunity in helping me learn to speak more fluent English."

Payen-Dumont said the changes will make it easier for international students to get permission to work in the country.



Justin Robertson

Dr. Gwynne Dyer says the environment is in grave trouble.

Journalist says climate war is now

Justin Robertson
News Reporter

Canadian journalist Gwynne Dyer captivated faculty and students during a lecture at Lakeshore, arguing ways to cut 80 per cent of greenhouse emissions by 2030.

Dyer, who has also worked as a columnist, broadcaster and speaker on international affairs for more than 20 years, mentioned that colleges need to get their act together in terms of the way they use energy.

"The way information on climate change gets incorporated into courses, discussions and political activism is important in terms of educating the students," said Dyer.

The lecture, aptly titled The Climate Wars, was part of a college initiative called The Robert A. Gordon Lecture Series, which began eight years ago.

Humber president John Davies said the series was implemented to create an opportunity for broader issues to be discussed and to help build a community of scholars.

"What I like is the fact that the president, teachers, students are all part of the audience. It brings the academic community together," said Davies.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) predicts that the average global temperature will be between 2 degrees Celsius and 6.4 degrees Celsius, by the end of the century. In the lecture, Dyer argued the time to reduce greenhouse gases is much

less than what their data has shown.

"We live in an energy intensive world and it's hard to stop what are doing," said Dyer. "The denial of climate change is over and we have to start looking for different ways to cut emissions."

The basic premise of dealing with global warming dramatically in a short time frame proved to have an impact on Davies in terms of what he learnt from Dyer and how dire the issues were that he raised.

"It was very unsettling to listen to the different scenario's that were raised," said Davies. "It caused me to really think about what I personally can do in terms of reducing carbon output, in my life and in the broader college sector."

Throughout the lecture Dyer made some damning statements of how violent situations involving nuclear weapons could arise as a result of changing rainfall patterns and cautioned that real emergency measures will have to be put in place to buy us more time to cut emissions that affect us all.

"It doesn't mean a radical change of lifestyle. What we need to do is achievable," said Dyer. "Right now our climate is positioned as students would be at mid-terms. There is still time for us globally to improve before the final exams."

Dyer, who is working on his book Climate Wars, set for release later this year, identified students as an important group who should take an active role in voting in the right people to help cutting emissions.

"Its' going to be an interesting ride for the next 20 years."

Candidates get quizzed

Fiona Collie

Students had the chance to ask candidates in the Humber Students' Federation elections about their concerns surrounding campus life during Electionfest, held at the North Campus students centre Wednesday.

The six presidential candidates sat at two tables answering questions submitted before the event began as well as a few questions after the initial debate on everything from the cleanliness of women's washrooms to how to bring students from all three campuses together.

Financial issues, from bursaries to tuition accountability and food prices, were on the minds of many students.

"I will work with every supervisor on campus to revise prices on, one the food and, two, on books," said candidate Samuel Anyanwu.

A greener campus was also an issue raised by students at the event and the candidates themselves.

"The world is going more green and I honestly believe that Humber should be at the forefront of that," said Kirsten Liddell.

Although the crowd began to thin out over the course of the two and a half hour event students were still around to ask questions to the vice-president administration and campus life candidates.

Questions from students about transportation issues left administration candidates, a little unsure but they were confident they could help students with the problem.

Tamika Jarrett said she is sure "there's a committee for that purpose" and to represent students she would join that committee and ensure their voices were heard.

For the three vice-president campus life candidates the lack of diversity in events and clubs were concerns raised by students.

"I do realize that there aren't a lot of clubs here that cater to the different cultures," Trishann Fuller said. "I do want suggestions on what's good for you because what I think might be best for you might now be what's actually best for

While the applause was not always loud, the event did interest many students and influence their voting decisions.

"Pretty interesting, because you see who is well-prepared and who isn't and if you look hard you can see those who are in it for selfish gain and who's there to make a difference," said second-year business administration student David Hopson, 22.

Kierra McMillen, 19, a first-year fashion arts student said, "I probably wouldn't have even voted before and now I just might."

End of an era: Castro steps down

Christina Commisso Jason Sahlani News Reporters

Former Humber student Guio Jacinto says she is happy to see Cuban President Fidel Castro go and his brother Raul step in.

"I am glad he stepped down," said Jacinto, a former Humber student now studying social and political thought at York University.

"It is time for someone else to continue with what the Cuban Revolution stands for, and hopefully Raul will do better to foment popular, local forms of democracy."

In a statement published in the Cuban Communist Party newspaper Granma, long standing President Fidel Castro resigned as leader of the communist country.

Cuban Parliament named Raul Castro the nation's new President on Feb. 24. Castro temporarily transferred power to Raul, 79, on July 31, 2006, after undergoing intestinal surgery.

"Some say he is more of a hardliner than Fidel, others say he is more open to working with the U.S.," said Jacinto.

The prospects of Cuba making radical changes to the government are slim. One of the first moves Raul made as president was naming Jose Ramon Machado Ventura, (a 77 year-old who fought with the Castros in the 1950s), Cuba's deputy leader, passing over Carlos Lage, 56, who advocated reforming Cuba's ailing market system in the 1990s.

"I don't see a lot changing to the political scene in terms of having a multi-party system, but if Raul Castro does introduce substantial market reforms into Cuba, I will bet relations with the U.S. will start up again," said Jacinto.



Four hostages have been released by Colombian left-wing FARC rebels as part of a deal brokered by Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez. - www.bbcnews.com



Fiona Collie

L to R: Mike Berg, Samuel Anyanwu, Rosemarie Ditaranto-Ivascu, Kirstin Liddell, Warren Lindsay.

Possible presidents weigh in

Fiona Collie Jeremy Eaton News Reporters

From money to communication, four of six students running for Humber Students' Federation president have very different ideas about what will work best for students on all three campuses.

Mike Berg, 21, said his previous experience as GHSA president gives him the know-how to improve academics at Humber.

"For me, because I have a background of academics, I have a real passion for advocacy in terms of academics," said Berg, a media studies public relations student at Guelph-Humber.

Berg plans to act on this by "increasing communication between staff and students."

Part of the president's job is to set the budget and allocate funds for that year.

Kirstin Liddell's love of working at the HSF office led to her decision to run. While the third-year public relations student, 20, has many plans for Humber, financial aid is central to her campaign. She said "making more bursaries available to students" is her priority.

Rosemarie Ditaranto-Ivascu, 20, a first-year journalism student, said teamwork will create a safe and enthusiastic learning environment.

"If I were president you would be put first. There would be no more me or I, we would become the ultimate team."

When asked about the conflict of interest between journalism and

politics, the candidate is vocal about continuing her studies, despite the fact that as an HSF executive she would be unable to report for any school media.

Journalism program co-ordinator Carey French says, "You cannot do the two things, it's clearly a conflict."

Making Humber a better school is what inspired Warren Lindsay, 21, to run for HSF president, he said.

"I have been a student for a few years now and I get how things are run, and I want to make my difference on campus," said the second-year business marketing student.

The other two students running for HSF president, Samuel Anyanwu and Trudy Ann Powell, did not respond to interview requests by press time.

Lakeshore's candidates say what matters

Fiona Collie Jeremy Eaton

Vice-presidential candidates for Lakeshore Campus have many ideas about how to improve student life, from a wilder frosh week to program networking. But one of the most important things they stress to students is to voice concerns and vote.

"Don't complain about it, vote. Vote and let your voice be heard," said Alicia Johnson, 23, a secondyear business administration student.

Johnson, a candidate for vicepresident administration, said she wants "to make sure students are more aware of the services available to them."

Bryan Tran, 23, a first-year business administration co-op student, is running for vice-president administration for the experience and because he likes to help people.

One of the ways he plans to help students is to "improve cafe services at Lakeshore Campus."

First-year business administration student, Elias Nabutete, 28, another candidate for vice-president administration, wants to be a positive influence and create "a stronger HSF in terms of being more visible to the student body and having greater interaction," through program based clubs.

Program-oriented events are also important to Jeff Wood, 23, a first-year public relations student running for vice-president of campus life

Wood said he would use surveys to target programs and find out the specific needs of students.

The main priority Wood wants to accomplish is "to find a way to get more people involved and getting more people to come out to events," regardless of what program they are in.

For second-year business administration diploma student Shugufa Kaker, 20, it is all about the parties at Humber.

"I want to make sure the students at Humber have a great time next year. This means more licensed events at Lakeshore, more big name artists and a bigger, crazier frosh week," said the vice-president campus life candi-

Voting for the elections begins March 3.

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North contenders want change for next term

Fiona Collie News Reporter

North Campus vice-president administration and campus life candidates express their goals for their desired positions.

Praveen Pirati, 22, third-year business administration student, said he wants to be an HSF executive to make a difference for students.

"My number one priority is letting students know what benefits are available to them," said the vice-president administration candidate.

One of the benefits Pirati wants to emphasize is the chance for a fair appeal with academic grievances.

Amanda Connolly, 20, third-year media studies public relations student at Guelph-Humber wants students to know about HSF and what happens with food services.

Connolly said she wants to "try and organize an online database so people can see what's in the caf. that day."

She said students should be able to see online where they are spending food money to better budget and to make sure they are not over-charged.

Iqbaljot Singh Bhambra, 22, another candidate for vice-presi-

dent administration, wants more accessibility outside school walls.

"I want to improve parking, make it more available and maybe cheaper," he said.

Too many people have to pay on a daily basis to park, Bhambra said, which is unfair and expensive for students.

Students want to be involved in campus events but often cannot participate because of their schedules, said Aynur Duzgeren, 20, a candidate for vice-president campus life.

The third-year justice administration student said she wants to solve this problem by having "something going on throughout the school year. A frosh week every week."

While Trishann Fuller, 20, a business management student running for vice-president campus life feels the job's salary is not bad, making sure that students are satisfied with campus events is her priority.

Fuller said that she wants to host "events that would cater to the diversity on campus."

Candidates who did not respond to interview requests by press time are Prabhpreet Singh, a vice-president campus life candidate, and Tamika Jarett, a candidate for vicepresident administration. An experienced Austrian diver was eaten by a shark 50 kilometres off of Florida's coast while diving during a shark feeding frenzy. - www.sunsentinal.com

Police seek women recruits

John Bkila

Lakeshore hosted a Toronto Police Services mentoring session to recruit more women to law enforcement careers.

"We're pioneers in this type of outreach in that these sessions are geared solely towards women as potential applicants to our service," said Staff Sgt. Riyaz Hussein, who is in charge of recruiting for the force.

The session, held last weekend, was the fourth Toronto Police have held for women at Lakeshore.

"Last year we hired approximately 70 women," said Hussein. "So we're just continuing with our success of getting some great applicants out of sessions like these.'

During the first part of the session, women were given general information concerning the practical aspects of the requirements of joining Toronto Police, what the testing is likely to be and what the overall application process is like.

"This is what we conduct in our police headquarters twice a month," said Hussein. "In this instance, we've brought it into the community and tailor-made this one just for women."

The second part of the session showed what they could expect during the physical testing portion



John Bkila

Physical testing is a major component of joining the Toronto Police Force. Here recruits engage in a 3.2 kilometre shuttle run.

of the application process. It included an obstacle course and a 3.2 kilometre shuttle run.

Hussein promoted the unique value of the session, "Let's face it, traditionally policing has not been an occupation that has been regarded as oriented towards women," he said. "We want to encourage policing as a viable career for women and

that's something we've been progressive in doing.

Of the 24 women who attended the session, few were from Lakeshore's Police Foundations Program.

"Because of the nature of our program, students are already aware of the fitness testing and selection process, so they don't usually attend," said Henri Berube,

co-ordinator of the program.

The partnership between Toronto Police and Humber is evident. "I refer students who excel in the program to the staff sergeant, who then get assigned to a recruiter," Berube said.

Hussein said while other police services have tried to run sessions like these, they have only been successful in Toronto.

In the last two years, the staff sergeant said they hired more female police recruits than any other municipal service in all of Canada.

"We're very progressive with our recruiting methods," said Hussein. "We're out there within the community looking for the best and the brightest, rather than waiting for them to come to us."



Candidates Trudy Ann Powell, Tamika Jarrett, Trishann Fuller

ection time

Jon Sufrin

Some students are still unfamiliar with HSF, but current president Nick Farnell said voter turnout for the upcoming Humber Student's Federation election is expected to double last year's.

"Last year we brought in about 6.5 per cent," he said. "This year the feeling is way, way different, I can tell you that for sure. We're definitely anticipating about double."

A general increase in student involvement combined with the youvotehumber.ca website is responsible for the expected increase, Farnell said.

"They know when to vote, they know why to vote, they know who's running and what they're standing for."

Sornia Asher, 20, a second-year bachelor of nursing student, is hopeful that she will find an ideal

candidate this year. "One that has a vision and a way to accomplish that vision," she said. "Someone that has a set goal with something set in mind."

But some students say the school could do a better job informing them about the HSF election.

"I don't know who's running," said Mae Aeiorto, 20, a first-year practical nursing student. "I don't know where it's posted."

Other students are too busy to worry about the election.

"I don't really have the time to spare to research all the information," said Alisia Clarfield, 20, a second year law clerk student, adding that she is swamped with "work, family issues, lots of homework at the end of the day, lots of deadlines."

Many students agree that casting a vote during the voting period, March 3 to March 7, is important.

"It gives you a voice and power of choice," Asher said.

A Humber for All

Humber wants to remind you that

- All members of our community are entitled to participate fully in College life free from any barriers that contribute to a poisoned environment
- We strive to promote a culture of inclusiveness among our increasingly diverse community
- Our Human Rights/Complaint Process Policy is readily available in hard copy from the Human Resources Department or online at

http://humanresources.humber.ca/ downloads/HumanRights.pdf

The prohibited grounds of Discrimination and Harassment are race, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, religious creed, sex, age, marital status, family status, disability, sexual orientation, receipt of public assistance or pardoned federal offences or record of provincial offences as defined by the Ontario Human Rights Code.







You may seek confidential advice on matters related to harassment and discrimination from the College's Human Rights Advisors at Extensions 4948/4425 or from a Union Steward, Counsellor, Nurse or the HSF



An Afghan journalist working for CTV has been designated an unlawful enemy combatant and is being held without charge by U.S. military. - www.thestar.com

Candidates offer up varying ideas for new HSF budget Fiona Collie dent. Second-year student in the court Mike Berg said the budget should shouldn't be printed on a bus but it

Part of the job as Humber Students' Federation president is setting the annual budget, and this year's candidates have a variety of ideas on how the \$5 million should be spent, from bursaries to lowering the cost of food in the cafeteria.

I want to take something from the budget and decrease the price of food," said Rosemarie Ditaranto-Ivascu, a first-year journalism stu-

Samuel Anyanwu, a business administration finance management student, is more concerned about accountability.

"Every money that goes out of our funds will go out to our campus and students on campus."

While the budget may be \$5 million, a large portion of it is already designated towards things such as dental, healthcare and other services on campus.

Despite this, Trudy Ann Powell, a

and tribunal agent program, believes there are other ways money can be found in the budget for bursaries, such as cutting the salaries of HSF executives.

Other candidates are not quite as radical.

"When I've spoken to students most people seem happy," said Kirsten Liddell, a third-year Guelph-Humber media studies and public relations student. "I'm not going to re-vamp the budget."

be a team effort in terms of decision making from all parts of the government.

"The Board of Directors should have input," he said.

While the candidates have different ideas about how the money should be allocated, they all agreed the budget should be available to the public.

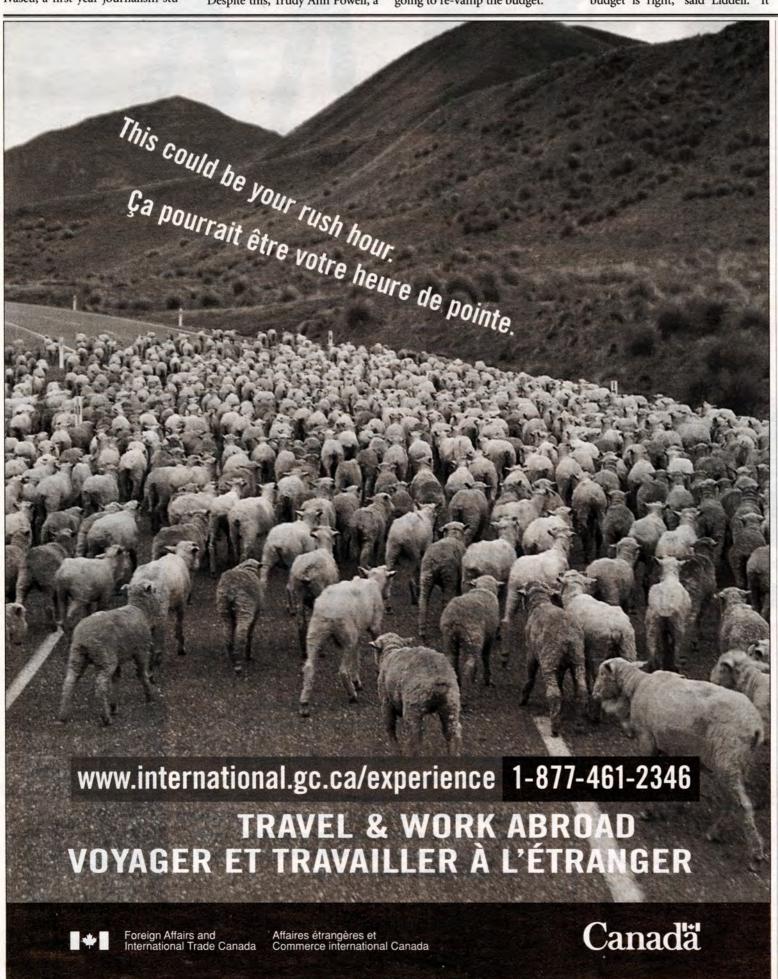
"I honestly feel that it's student money and I think a broken-down budget is right," said Liddell. "It should be available to students."

Anyanwu said he would be willing to show individual students who came to the HSF office the budget but does not believe that it should be published or broadcast

in its entirety.

Berg said, "There has to be a financial record."

The sixth presidential candidate, Warren Lindsay, could not be reached for comment by press



Mixed reactions to federal budget

Alex Cooper

NEWS REPORTER

There is "a ring of an opportunity missed" in this week's federal budget, said Humber president John

He is disappointed in the lack of a national skills agenda and the lack of investment in infrastructure.

"Infrastructure would be great for business and that affects students too in terms of getting jobs," he said.

He added he was pleased there was an investment in student grants.

The budget commits \$123 million over four years to streamline the Canada Student Loans Program and \$350 million to a new Canada Student Grants Program that replaces the Canadian Millennium Scholarship Foundation, which expires next year. Funding for both takes effect in 2009.

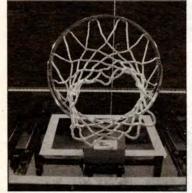
Tyler Charlebois, director of advocacy for the College Student Alliance, the advocacy organization that represents HSF, said he is optimistic with the budget.

"It's got money in it for post-secondary education. It's got money around financial aid," he said. "Now, that money doesn't come until 2009-10 and there are a lot of sources of vagueness around the structure of many programs but there's room in there for us to get in there and massage the fine details.

Rob Savage, a spokesperson for Colleges Ontario, the advocacy organization for Ontario's colleges, said the colleges are generally dissatisfied with the budget.

"The budget failed to address the issues around capacity and the need to really invest in the colleges themselves," he said. "There's support for students, which helps address the supply side, but in terms of meeting the demand for new students the budget hasn't really made the investment into colleges for the infrastructure."

Asian Rural Life Foundation says it has received evidence a U.S. aid worker and her driver, kidnapped a month ago in Afghanistan, are dead. — www.cnn.com



New funding opens activities.

College will open up to community

North Etobicoke communities can expect the college to play a big role after the provincial government's announcement that \$66 million more will be invested to expand after-school programs in communities that need it most.

"I'm really pleased to see that the funding for after-school programs that was once taken away from high needs areas is now being funded by the current government," said Humber president John Davies.

Davies said the campus operates in one of the neediest communities in the province and is also one of the biggest institutions in the North Etobicoke area.

As a member of the mayor's advisory panel, he said there is a push by the panel for a more systemic approach of helping communities by forming partnerships with other colleges and organiza-

"As a college we are really focused on educating the community through programs like homework clubs, pathways to education, re-mix program, pro-tech initiative. They are all about helping kids from an educational perspective," said Davies.

Up to 500 priority schools have been identified as part of the planned expansion, which will give those communities better after school access, said Derek Luk, spokesperson for the premier's office.

The William Osler Health Services Centre, located at the Etobicoke General Hospital, is the only outside organization that uses the college gymnasium after hours on a regular basis. Dean Wylie, faculty co-ordinator for the athletics department, said they have been renting the facilities for the past 12 years.

Patients suffering from mental and social challenges are part of a student-based active living association, said Wylie. "They attend the college at least twice a week and take part in activities such as badminton, volleyball and table tennis as part of a day release program."

Student sees tragedy first-hand

NEWS REPORTER

Humber graduate Kristin Pristupa is eager to speak out about the devastation landmines can cause after witnessing it firsthand during a six-month internship with Mines Action Canada (MAC).

"It's still a very prevalent issue," said Pristupa, an International Project Management graduate. While working with the Zambian Campaign to Ban Landmines (ZCBL) as a program officer she assisted with building the capacity of the organization. "Having been on the ground and having seen it first-hand, it's become a personal issue for me."

One of the areas that still needs work is assisting victims of landmines. In recent years, only about one per cent of landmine funding goes to victims' assistance, according to Alexandra Leroux, a program support officer for MAC. In its 2007 report, Landmine Monitor estimated there were 473,000 survivors worldwide.



Landmines are still a problem in the world, despite UN clauses.

Pristupa saw some of the victims' assistance provided in Zambia's capital, Lusaka, where six Angolans were brought in from neighbouring refugee camps to obtain prosthetic legs and receive physiotherapy from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

"I had an opportunity to see the

impact that the landmines actually had on these gentlemen, but also the perseverance of them," she said. "Their lives were torn apart, they're missing a leg, living in a camp, but still had a smile on their face, with hope their life will turn to normal someday.'

After meeting them, Pristupa says she understands the need for increased funding for victims. "It's critical for the government, with assistance from the international community, to provide victim assistance to any Zambians or refugees from neighbouring countries who've been injured by landmines," she said.

About 80 countries still have landmines in the ground or in stockpiles, she said. Some, including Zambia, have been fairly successful at dealing with the situation, but she admits there are snags.

"There are hiccups, especially as delays in funding. But the government of Zambia appears to be committed," she explained. "Having signed the Landmine Treaty, their obligation is to demine and be mine-free by 2011."

To celebrate and raise awareness of the issue, MAC is coordinating the Canadian Landmine Action Week (CLAW) from Feb. 24-March 1.

"We need to focus on how we can get Canadians involved again," said Leroux. "A lot of people think this is an issue that's in the past."

FOR THE ATTENTION OF ALL HUMBER **STUDENTS Notice of Election**

Student Representative to the

Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

An Election will be held during February/March/April 2008 for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. All Humber students are eligible for nomination. The term of office for this position is September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009. The basic requirements of this position are to:

- Attend scheduled Board meetings (once per month, in the evening, from September through June).
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- 6. Maintain communications with his/her electorate.
- 7. Be prepared to act as spokesperson for his/her electorate on issues and concerns as they arise.

More information about this election will be provided in the weeks ahead.

Val Hewson Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors Phone ext: 4102 or email:val.hewson@humber.ca

DITORIAL

You have to take risks. We will only understand the miracle of life fully when we allow the unexpected to happen. - Paulo Coelho, author

Student government could do with more transparency

On Feb. 27 Humber media studies students were fortunate enough to meet with Toronto Mayor David Miller who discussed Toronto's Agenda for Prosperity, some local hot spots for North Etobicoke residents, the Tower Renewal program, and a new website for Torontonians to estimate their carbon foot-

After the mayor finished his speech, students from all of Humber's media outlets the Humber Et Cetera, Humber TV, and Humber Radio for questions - were invited to ask questions.

While it was great to hear Miller reach out to students and discuss some of the positive initiatives being done around the city for the environment, the urban landscape, and local residents, a slightly strange and rather worrying contrast can be made here.

That same day, in the student centre, which is just adjacent to the Seventh Semester room where Miller was speaking, an HSF election

debate was taking place.

While the floor was completely open to students speaking with Miller, the question and answer period with the HSF presidential candidates attests to the lack of transparency within this college's student government. Miller also visited the newsroom where student journalists had a chance to talk to him in a one-on-one setting. Many took him up on the opportunity.

By contrast, in the student centre, students had to write down questions that would be placed in numbered envelopes. Candidates would then pick a random envelope and answer only that specific question, leaving out the valid concerns of other students.

This system would be effective had there been a room of 500 eager voters vying for their questions to be answered, but in a room of 150 students - where only 50 at the most were paying close attention - the lucky envelope seems ludicrous.

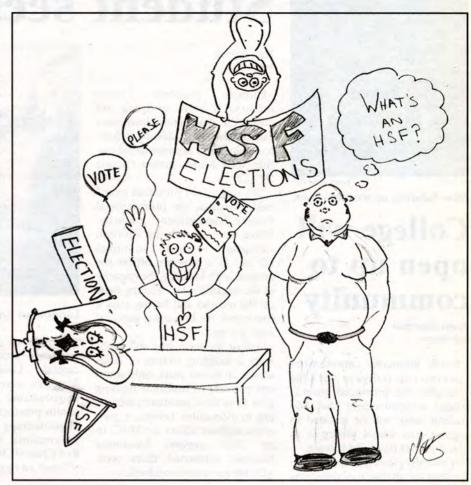
Wouldn't it be easier to just have an open floor in the student centre and give everyone the opportunity to ask a question?

Then again, HSF needs to spend its \$5-million budget somehow, and having people on payroll to put questions in envelopes is the perfect way.

How is it that an elected official to the biggest city in the country feels comfortable answering student journalist questions that could potentially put him between a rock and a hard place (like some of them actually did) but a student government that clocked a 6.7 per cent voter turn out last year has a pseudoscreening process for student concerns?

Perhaps this lack of transparency and openness is the reason, along with the oft-cited commuter school phenomenon, that Humber students are so disconnected from

their government.



HSF runs invisible campaign

The HSF student elections are just around the corner. Unfortunately for both students and candidates, the campaigning period officially began Feb. 18 (the first day of reading week) during which candidates applied for positions in the student government which manages a \$5 million budget.

According to current HSF President Nicholas Farnell, reading week, although officially part of the campaigning period, is generally used as prep time for students to get their faces out there.

You'd hardly know there was an election looming aside from a few posters around campus. What's worse, the posters appear to be missing photographs of several candidates. How are students expected to familiarize themselves with those hoping to be the leader of student government when they don't even know what the candidates look

In the United States and Canada, election campaigning has traditionally been put on the back burner during holidays because politicians assume that their voters have other, more important, issues to attend to and they're right.

Reading week, while not an official holiday, should be treated as one by the HSF and should not commence the launch of the HSF election campaign period.

There is something more than a little unsettling about student government beginning an election campaign during a week when only a handful of students - potential voters - are around

Farnell told the Et Cetera that candidates typically miss a lot of class during the campaign period and this is one of the reasons why campaign period begins during reading

Nevertheless, it's a good thing campaigning spills over into this week as well.

Farnell says he is aiming to double the voter turnout from a meager 6.7 per cent last year but with half of the campaign period occurring when no students are around, it might be easier said than done.

He's a really awesome guy. He does lots of activities for students.

David Eagles,

First-year conmunity integration through cooperative education program

Monique Majdan, 21 First-year court and tribunal agent

His name is Nick Farnell. I've seen him around, he seems like a good HSF president. I know he's resigning this

Absolutely nothing. I come to school like once a week if that but there could be more advertising with what they do. lan Johnstone,

First-year travel and tourism



Chris McDonald, 24 First-year horticultural apprenticeship

Not a clue. I've been in the school for 8 weeks in an apprenticeship program. I know they're campaigning now and that's about it.

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I hope that people will finally come to realize that there is only one 'race' - the human race - and that we are all members of it. - Margaret Atwood

Geriatric film stars are making a comeback

Dickson
Managing Editor



Harrison Ford, Sylvester Stallone and Matt Damon walk into a bar. Bartender says, "What'll it be lads?" Ford glances over at Damon and says, "I just wrapped production on *Indiana Jones* IV but I'm already getting in shape for my next role, so better make it a water." Bartender shakes his head, "How 'bout you Rambo?" Stallone: "Eh yo, I'll take some raw eggs, some Pepto, a little banana puree, sheep's tongue and can you get that into a syringe for me?" Bartender pauses, "So no alcohol?"

Stallone: "No time for boozin', only killin'." The bartender turns and notices Damon, "So I guess you want a Shirley Temple eh boy?" Damon: "Well I just finished the *Bourne* trilogy, and seeing as I won't be revisiting that for at least 15 years better get me the biggest keg of Guinness you can find and I'll take the 10-stack of molasses pancakes off your breakfast menu please." Stallone and Ford look at each other, "Kids these days."

So what's the moral of this story? If you're a young Hollywood action star, you better get that franchise series out of the way early so you can enjoy your 40s and 50s in relative unhealthiness before it's time to pull out the ol'

fedora, knife and running shoes again in your 60s.

2008 is quickly turning into the year when aging action stars return for glory after years away from the camera. The trend really began last year with the return of John "Yippee Ki Yay" McLane in Will You Just Die Already 7. Even Rocky Balboa decided to grace the silverscreen once more.

Stallone, who surprisingly scored box-office gold with his sixth Rocky pic, decided to keep the geriatric train rolling well into 2008 by revisiting another old friend named Rambo. Two hundred and forty on-screen deaths and a lame script later, Rambo was yanked from theatres last week in England

for fear it would not bring in enough revenue after sluggish box office sales.

According to the *UK Times*, the move was unprecedented.

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"Owing to commercial reasons, Odeon has made the decision not to screen the film Rambo across its cinemas in the UK," the theatre told *The Times*.

It's OK Sly, one out of two rehashed franchises isn't bad, but please don't make another *Cliffhanger* or *Daylight*. Actually, go ahead and make it. It would be nice to see someone other than Lindsey Lohan or Eddie Murphy win all the Razzies next year.

While Stallone soldiers on and the Oscar wave diminishes, all the hype now surrounds the ultimate ageless action hero, Indiana Jones, who makes his return to the big screen after a 19-year absence in Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull on May 22.

Fans have already been drooling over the new trailer for weeks. It looks good, but either Sly's got 65-year-old Ford on the raw egg diet or Speilburg has pulled off some serious movie magic to make Indiana Jones appear incredibly spry. Regardless, the film will likely bring in massive figures and baby boomer nostalgia will carry on well into the summer.

So enjoy those pancakes and Guinness now Matt Damon and don't worry about that middle-aged paunch Jason Staitham — you'll both kick butt again, but you'll have to wait a long, long time to do it.

TB screening is necessary

Timmerman A&E EDITOR



Until recently, tuberculosis was thought to be a page in the history books. TB has claimed millions of lives since the mid 17th-century, until antibiotics were finally discovered in the 1960s, putting an end to the sanatoriums built especially to house those afflicted with the disease.

Unfortunately TB never left Canada. *The Star* reported that of the known 1,613 people affected by the disease, a quarter of those are from in or around the GTA. Star reporter, Megan Ogilvie, wrote Ontario is the only province without a centralized system of tuberculosis clinics.

Toronto is one of the preferred destinations of many new immigrants, some of whom may come from countries where TB is still a concern.

Another highly infectious disease, SARS, hit Toronto in 2003 and doctors and nurses were praised for their hasty action in quarantining suspected cases. However, a lapse in transmissions relaxed the protocol for personal protective equipment and subse-

quently regenerated a whole new breed of SARS patients. Not only did our health care suffer but tourism plummeted, causing devastating economic loss.

TB has claimed millions of lives since the mid 17-century, until antibiotics were discovered in the 1960s.

The similarity between these diseases is that they both made their way into Canada from abroad. Canadian law requires that immigrants over ten years old receive physical examinations and chest X-rays to screen for active tuberculosis. But the symptoms for this disease (coughing, feeling tired, weight loss, chills and lack of appetite) can often be misdiagnosed.

There needs to be more healthcare workers who specialize in diagnosing tuberculosis. Children who are under the age of ten should be tested as well as those with weak immune systems.

Travelers have a duty to protect themselves and other citizens as well. If people are visiting countries where there is risk of disease, they should have a thorough health check done at the border.

For those who fear they may have tuberculosis, or already have it and are living in Toronto, then the few tuberculosis clinics that are available should be centralized. The three clinics that are downtown would be better set around the GTA – Vaughn, Scarborough and Etobicoke – so they may be more accessible.

More should be done to combat a disease the World Health Organization says affects one third of the world's population.

Instead of pretending the problem will just disappear, we need to step up to the plate finally and fight TB once again, hopefully for the last time.

Return of TV means less time with friends





Sometimes, a lengthy vacation makes you realize that you can't go back to the way things used to be. A few weeks ago, picket lines dis-

solved and storylines improved as members of the Writers Guild of America ended their four-month strike. As the writers returned to their computer keyboards, networks promised new episodes of popular shows. A resolution was found, television was back, and things will soon return to normal.

The truth is, I'm not ready for television's glorious comeback. Wasn't life without it kind of nice?

Will I have to schedule phone calls around my girlfriend's fondness for a one-hour medical drama?

Instead of planning my Thursdays around new episodes of *The Office* and *30 Rock*, I formed a band and organized rehearsals for those nights. Instead of cutting our phone conversations short for *Grey's Anatomy*, my girlfriend was able to talk to me without any McDreamy distractions. And instead of leaving the dinner table to watch the latest installment of *House*, my parents could eat their chili at a leisurely pace. When we

all lost interest in television, we gained more interest in each other. Since my brother and I had less

to do in the evenings, we found time to shovel the driveway together. And if we really needed to enjoy some visual entertainment, YouTube was a short click away.

While it might have been a scary thought at first, the absence of television turned out to be a pleasant extended vacation. Now that we're back from our trip, I'm not sure what to expect. Will my band break up because Steve Carrell is back in my life? Will I have to schedule phone calls around my girlfriend's fondness for a one-hour medical drama? Will my parents gobble their chili and then suffer heartburn as they run to catch the opening credits of *House*?

While I'm happy that the writers found a resolution, I'm not ready to resume my position as a couch potato. I'm going to try and ignore the glowing box in my family room, and I urge you to do the same. Instead of easing back into your favourite spot on the couch, take your buddies out for a latenight tobogganing session, plan a summer adventure with your significant other, or dial an old friend after tracking him down on Facebook.

And when you find out about new episodes of *The Office*, please keep this information away from me. The temptation is just too great.

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TO MICROSOFT FOR BEING FINED US \$1.35 BILLION BY THE EUROPEAN UNION FOR KEEPING COMPETITORS AT BAY THROUGH THEIR HIGH PRICES.

TO THE MANY POTHOLES THAT HAVE SURFACED ALONG ONTARIO HIGHWAYS THIS WINTER CAUSING ADDED STRESS TO DRIVERS.

According research done by Elections Canada, in the federal election in 2000, young voter turnout was approximately 25 per cent. - www.elections.ca



It is time to vote for the people who will be part of the Humber Students' Federation next year. So in this issue, In Focus examines what HSF has planned for the election.

The stories on the following pages also looks at the six colleges in the GTA to find out how the HSF stacks up with the other student govern-

Despite being one of the two schools with the largest population and the highest student fees, HSF had the lowest rate of voter turnout for 2007.

(Only data for voter turnout from Seneca College's election last year was not available at the time of publication.)



HSF and candidates for this year's elections are using different tactics to get students interested in voting on March 3-7.

Push on to attract more students to ballot box

HSF hopes initiatives will boost turnout

Roselyn Kelada-Sedra IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students' Humber Federation is gearing up to attract more voters for next month's elec-

Current student government leaders say they're trying to overcome historically low voter turnout due to being a commuter school and young people's apathy.

Ercole Perrone, HSF executive director, said average that turnout for HSF elections has been six per cent.

"It's not Humber issue," "It's a he said. youth issue."

Voter turnout in municipal, provincial and federal elections is conspicuously low in the 18 to 25 age group, he said.

Last year's turnout was 6.7 per cent, which is better, "but obviously not something we're extremely proud of," said Perrone.

HSF president Nick Farnell said part of the problem is Humber is a commuter college. "There are a lot of students who just don't spend a lot of time here."

So, HSF has opened a night vote

on March 3 for students whose internships and assignments keep them off-campus during the day.

Perrone and Farnell said HSF has been working hard to boost voter turn-out for elections March 3-7.

'We're trying to drive them toward what's important enough to get them to spend that 40 seconds and vote," said Farnell.

HSF is running free lunches, concerts and movie nights to get

students involved. They vote for they want to eat and the kind of music they want to hear.

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thing if I vote."

Five student officers, including Farnell and four VPs - for administration and campus life at North and Lakeshore campuses - work with a budget of \$5 million annually to support approximately 18,000 full-time Humber students. So far, Orangeville Campus hosts

about 60 students and does not operate its own branch of HSF.

Perrone said the budget is 100 per cent for student use. "The student officers tell us what to do with the funds," he said. "It's my job to facilitate that."

The budget is posted online, so anyone can see how their student activity fees are spent.

Farnell said that a public budget is one of the commendable aspects of being a College Student Alliance member.

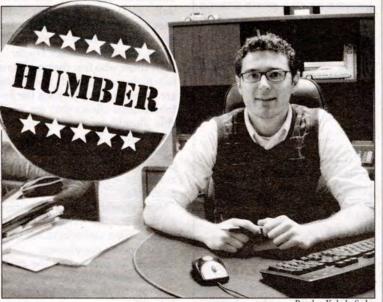
'We're part of a well-run, wellrespected organization that actually changes things," said Farnell, who is a first-year rich media student and a 2007 graduate of the industrial design program.

His term, during which environmental responsibility has been a top priority, expires May 1.

He said he's confident that with so many candidates campaigning until March 3, twice as many students will vote.

First-year marketing student Khalida Abdul, 23, said she doesn't vote because she doesn't know much about the candidates.

"I'm not too aware of it," she



HSF president Nick Farnell hopes to double the number of students who decide to vote in this year's elections.

Get the word out

Humber Students' Federation elections are set to take place, so candidates have been trying to spread awareness about the organization and the importance of casting a ballot.

"I think a lot of students aren't aware of exactly what HSF is or does," said Amanda Connolly, who is running for the vice-president of administration at North Campus. "I think anytime you're involved in some capacity with your school, you can only benefit from the experience."

For Greg Narbey, a liberal arts and science professor, voting is one of the most important acts for a free and rational person.

"Not participating in the HSF elections is the equivalent of handing over your money to a perfect stranger to spend as they wish," he said.

Full-time students pay \$272 each year to HSF as part of their tuition

Narbey said the vote is an opportunity to get students to pay attention to HSF and what it offers.

"HSF needs to market itself like any other organization," said varbey. In a world that is fiercely competitive for people's attention, the HSF election itself can represent one of the best ways of raising its profile and encouraging greater student participation."

For Connolly, HSF is what makes school enjoyable.

"Like the slogan says, 'HSF gives Humber life' and we should all want to be a part of that," she said.



In 1970, the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18, with the 1972 general election the first year 18 to 20 year olds were able to vote. - www.elections.ca

Extra week to cast votes at George Brown

Diversity expected to be issue in upcoming election

By Livia Fama IN FOCUS REPORTER

The George Brown College Student Association wrapped up a two-week preparation period for its student elections Feb. 14.

We pretty much focus on voting," said Andrei Nilicea, deputy returning officer. "We do that by

means of the out-Last year, out of reach team which George Brown's are students who 12,000 full-time students James Campus. work for us parttime, that's how about 2,000, we promote it and we want to or 16 per cent, voted. make sure that

everything runs smoothly." Promotion is kept simple and consists of handing out flyers, classroom speeches and candidate debates at all of George Brown's three campuses: Casa Loma, St. James and Ryerson.

George Brown's elections will take place March 4-14, which is seven days longer than the HSF

"We're expecting the votership to be higher this year because a lot of the big, important positions are vacant," Nilicea said.

Last year, out of George Brown's 12,000 full-time students about 2,000, or 16 per cent, voted.

One of the hot issues this year expected to be brought up during the George Brown candidate debates is diversity.

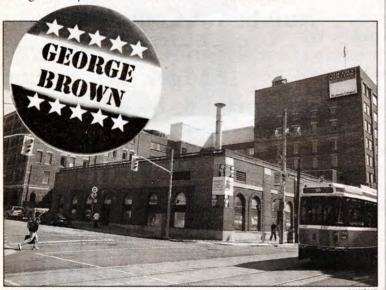
"It's a big issue," said Yemi Thomas, president of finance at the St.

"The perception is that we're not inclusive enough, so this is a huge

part of our campaign platforms."

First-year Humber public relations student and election candidate Jeff Wood suggests getting students' attention by approaching them face to face.

"I think if you actually get someone to stop and look at you it makes a bigger impact than if people just see a bunch of flyers here and there," said Wood, who is running for vice-president of campus life at Lakeshore.



George Brown's St. James Campus is one of three in the city.



Sheridan voters use paper ballots, not electronic ones, to create a real voting atmosphere.

Making the doubledigit mark at polls

Locations and campaign strategies among reasons for election success

By Cecily Van Horn IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber Students' The Federation could benefit from campaign strategies used by the Sheridan Student Union to get greater participation in student elections.

"We've got one of the best campaigns and we believe that a smart strategy is the best way," said Chris Ali, Sheridan's student government president.

"We had 17 per cent of our population vote last year," he said. 'Most other schools struggle to hit the double-digit mark.'

That rate is more than double the percentage of voters that were recorded at Humber's elections

"We had 6.7 per cent, which is just above Ontario's average rate," said HSF president Nick Farnell.

Sheridan and Humber are members of the Canadian Student Association, one of two national boards of student governments. The Canadian Federation of Students is the other. Both colleges also have three campuses.

Sheridan has two campuses in Oakville and one in Brampton and has a student population of 15,000 full-time students.

Ali said Sheridan strives to create a positive and enthusiastic atmosphere for its students during the election period. The nomination process runs from Feb. 5-20, and campaigning is from Feb. 21 to March 10.

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-Chris Ali president, Sheridan Student Union

"We connect well with our students and have a high turnout rate because of the demographics," said Rosana Filipe, vice-president of Sheraton's Davis Campus in Brampton.

These demographics include where Sheridan is located and that it is not considered a commuter school.

"Some strategies such as posters, debates, speeches and more are a large contributor to the positive successful outcomes

Sheridan's students' union," said

"We have a craft design team that works around the clock to create posters and ads for the campaigns," said Ali.

"We use paper ballots as opposed to electronic ones," he said. "It helps to create a better voting atmosphere."

Ercole Perrone, executive director of HSF, said they will use electronic ballots set up through the SRS accounts.

Ali said that informing students where the money is being spent is important to Sheridan's student government.

"Fees are \$55 per semester for a grand total of \$110," said Ali.

"The budget is delivered and printed in our school paper and we have copies available to students in our offices and it is presented yearly at the annual general meeting," he said.

The election for Sheridan's upcoming academic year is scheduled for March 11-12.

'We are excited to see the positive outcome of our hard work and we hope for good results when it comes time for the students to vote," said Filipe.



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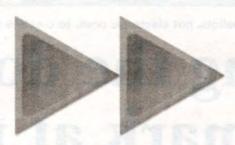
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Originating from the ancient Athenian custom of casting votes by using pebbles, the word "psephology" is now the study of elections. - www.elections.ca



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What's up on other campuses

Durham College



Population: 6,100

Number of Campuses: Two

Fees paid: \$95 a year **Budget:** \$1,000,000

Voter turnout: 22% (January

2008 elections)



Centennial College

Population:

12,000

Number of Campuses: Four Fees paid: \$200 a year

Budget: \$1.2 million **Voter turnout:** 8% (2007 elec-

tions)

Seneca College



Population:

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Number of Campuses: Four

Fees paid: \$80 a year Budget: \$7.5 million

Voter Turnout: 2007 n/a

VP CAMPUS LIFE — LAKESHORE YOUR CANDIDATES



Shugufa Kaker

One goal. One passion. FUN!

My name is Shugufa Kaker and I am running for Vice President Campus Life at the Lakeshore campus. I have been working with HSF Events for the past year and I've had a blast. That was what inspired me to run for this position.

To be short and sweet, here are a few things I would like to do next year:

- Have more licensed events at Lakeshore. This is for those who like to partaaay!
- Bring in more well known artists. Recognizable artists of all kinds.
- Supersize frosh week! Yes! That means a longer and even more intense frosh week! I also want to hear from all the students. I know there are a lot of great ideas out there and I want them! Let me hear your voice and I will try my best to make it happen. The party starts with your vote!



Jeff Wood

Humber College is what you make of it. As VP of Campus Life, I will show you that there is more to Humber than just getting your diploma. You have to look at the entire student experience when you get into something like this and find ways for it to be beneficial to every type of student. You have to find a healthy balance between work and play, together we can achieve this. I am a leader. I know what it takes to get the job done, and done well. I want to accomplish specific things, and start something that lives on through the years. I want people to feel like they are actually a part of something more than what the classrooms have to offer. My experience with organizing events and being apart of numerous student activities will make make me an asset to HSF and the entire student body. It's easy to hear people, it's another to listen. I am actually interested in what you have to say. I want to help you, I want to make a difference. Let me be your voice! Let's build a better Humber together! If you know what's good, vote for WOOD!





"The world is very different now. Man holds in his mortal hands the power to abolish all forms of human poverty, and all forms of human life." - John F. Kennedy.



A full page colour ad promoting Humber appeared in the most recent university review of Maclean's. While two other colleges advertized, Humber was the only one to have a whole page in an issue focused on university performance.

Humber is a regular advertiser with the magazine, said Sonja Chilcott, an account manager at Maclean's.

An ad similar to the one Humber had in the Feb. 18 University Review issue costs \$17,485.

"We have a few education issues throughout the year, so lots of colleges and universities tend to advertise in those issues," said Chilcott.

Maclean's targets post-secondary institutions for these advertisements, by contacting the schools and letting them know one of its university issues is coming up, said Chilcott.

Humber also started marketing through Facebook with an official "Future Humber Students" group where prospective students can ask questions about admis-

Cambridge, said she finds this type of direct interaction from the college helpful.

When I was in high school we had college reps come to my school and that was when I first heard about Humber," she said, "and a Humber student ambassador called me and answered all my questions about applying and the school in general.'

Ben Lavrysen, a 17-year-old business-marketing hopeful from Listowel, agrees.

"Word-of-mouth has been the most influential form of advertisement for me so far," said Lavrysen, "and Facebook has been kind of helpful as well."

Bennett and Lavrysen both agree that, although direct advertising through magazines or similar venues can catch their attention, they don't find it influences their final decision.

'You can't really let advertisements win you over for this type of stuff," said Lavrysen, Choosing the right school for you is more important than a pretty picture."

\$70G to study hate

BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The Somali-Canadian Alliance of Etobicoke says Muslim women aren't being treated fairly in the working world.

"Muslim women with hijabs absolutely experience hate crimes and discrimination," said president Osman Ali.

This February, the alliance received a \$70,000 provincial grant to study the causes of racial hate crime.

Ali said the grant request was prompted by Somali community members who complained about being discriminated against and claimed they were fired from jobs because of their religious wear.

"Somali women, even those with Canadian graduate degrees, apply for jobs online and are interviewed on the phone," said Ali. "They have no accent."

But when women go for final interviews and meet prospective employees in a "nice dress" and hijab, they are told the job has been taken, said Ali.

Ali said he hopes to enlighten the community of the intolerance Muslim women face.

Humber chemical engineering student Maliha Shaikh says she finds students are more curious about her hijab.

"People actually think it's interesting and they ask about it," said Shaikh, 19. "I explain to them what it's all about."

Shaikh said that it may be a safety issue for some companies. "I think it's wrong. People should be free to express themselves."

"It's not just us Somalis. Other Muslim communities, Canadian-born Muslims, face this," said Ali.

Shaikh said she agrees that Muslims have been targeted more since 9-11.

"In every religious group, there are extremists. You can't generalize every person based on what one person did," said Shaikh. "There are wonderful Muslim people out there. Islam means peace and submission."



Chelsea Saldanha, 23, feels comfortable in Humber's halls.

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Apprentice office much appreciated

Andrew Tomkinson

Humber's Apprenticeship and Skilled Trade's department had an open house on Tuesday to reveal renovations to the office, which were made in response to a growing staff and student population in the field.

"This is a good start, but it is only a start," said Humber president John Davies. "We present our future as a full-scale, full-service polytechnic and this encompasses apprenticeship quite clearly; it does now and it will continue too."

Electrical apprenticeship proco-ordinator Mike Auchincloss, who also was the designer behind the renovations, said the office was entirely outdated.

"We went from a one-star to a

five-star," said Auchincloss. "We have a nice front-end now where people can see us because a lot of people don't know that there is apprenticeship at Humber."

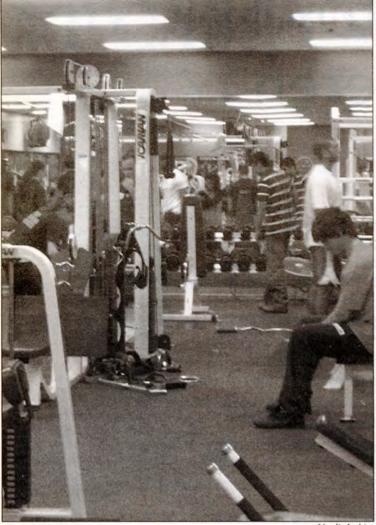
Auchincloss said the newly designed space is essential to reflect the 25 to 30 per cent growth of students every year in the program, and will gave a face to this growing department.



Program co-ordinator Mike Auchincloss poses proudly in front of his latest office design.



An explosion at the Porche 911 plant in Zuffenhausen killed two workers and halted production on the automaker's most popular model – the Globe and Mail



Natalie Jenkins

Most students prefer a real gym to online workout technology.

Let's get digital

College will offer online workout to bolster student exercise routine

Natalie Jenkins

Humber Athletics is keeping up with new online work out technology, while maintaining conventional services at the gym.

Online workouts are the new high-tech solution offering people the ability to work out from their living rooms. "We don't feel it will take business from our personal trainers. Our personal trainers are booked up," said athletic director Doug Fox. "Any way that you can get people to do exercise is obviously beneficial. We are totally in agreement with the concept."

Humber Athletics created an online fitness test pilot in November. They endorse online workouts as a supplement to ingym workouts and plan to offer their own programs to students and staff in the fall of 2008.

"You'll be able to download and do it when you want to do it. We won't be charging for the programs. We are trying to look for new ways to service students and staff," said Fox. "We'll probably produce it in the off-season, during the summer. It's not something we have time to produce during the school year."

Humber Athletics aren't worried about online workouts stealing

their personal training business.

'There's not as much a relationship with the client and they still have to make the decision to do it," said Fox of the new technology.

"The trend is still personal training. There is that little extra bit of motivation that you can't let someone down. When clients start to breakdown they have someone there to help them through it."

Leanne Henwood-Adam, fitness coordinator at Humber said online workouts give people who are stuck at their desks a chance to get up and move but agrees with Fox about the importance of a human instructor.

There are always going to be people who want the one on one training, you can't beat it," said Henwood-Adam. "When you're watching a video you can't always catch that you aren't in the right position or if you have the wrong posture."

The online workout companies admit nothing beats a well qualified, certified personal trainer at a reputable gym.

"If you have access to it - do it," said Pascale Vandenbroucke of www.workoutsondemand.com. "Many of our clients do both: They train with their trainer once or twice a week and then to supplement the program use our videos."

Greenbelt grows

Mike Nelson BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber's new Orangeville campus will soon announce its construction plan including several environmentally friendly features, said the director of Orangeville Joe Andrews.

Some of the more dramatic initiatives, such as wind turbines and solar panels are being considered, said Andrews.

"Until the master plan is formalized, they are just ideas," he said.

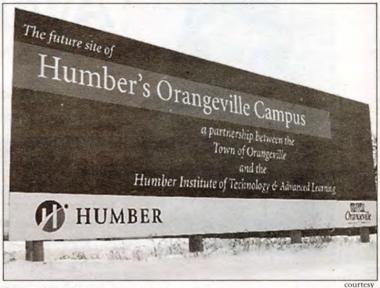
Among those ideas are: well-insulated triple-plane windows, automatic sensors and dimmers for the lighting and a parking lot without curbs that is designed to drain water directly into vegetation, said Bruce Bridgeford, the director of capital development at Humber.

Humber has given \$10 million for its construction and there has been talk of the environment from the get-go, said Andrews.

Energy conservation in the construction of new buildings is very important to the people of Orangeville, said deputy mayor Warren Maycock.

"Anytime we partner with anybody we try to insist that as part of our partnership, we make facilities as environmentally friendly as possible," he said.

The site will be built on a previ-



The other North Campus will utilize green building methods.

ously undeveloped area.

"Because it's in a sensitive area, Humber College had to get the OK from the Credit Valley Conservation Authority," said Maycock.

The authority, which tries to protect natural environments, is concerned primarily with site drainage, plants and parking lots, said Bridgeford.

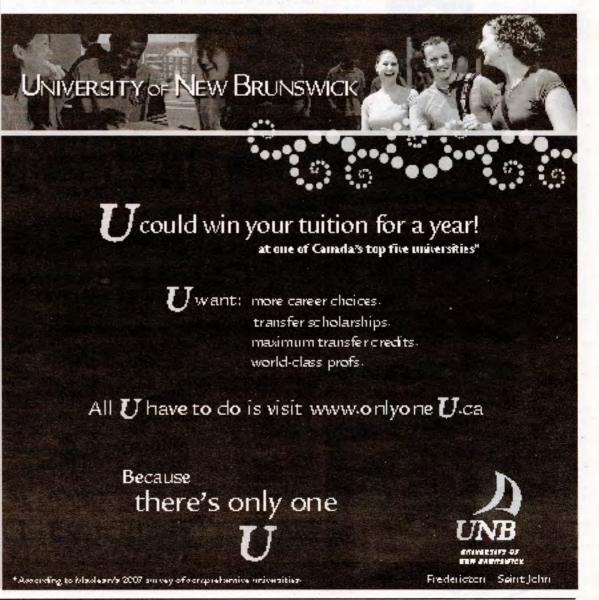
The Orangeville community is very excited about the green oriented construction of the campus, said Maycock.

"One of the exciting parts of the

location at Humber College is that it's right beside a nature area in town," he said. "The people of Orangeville are very excited that Humber is going to program their cultural classes to be there and involve the nature area into the campus."

Maycock said that energy conservation is beneficial for all stakeholders involved.

"It may cost a little bit extra money in the short term but in the long run it saves thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars," he said.



VP CAMPUS LIFE — NORTH YOUR CANDIDATES



Aynur Duzgeren

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Guelph-Humber Event Exposure: All campus events given to the GH president to distribute to all students and making the atrium another spot for events.

Concerts of Your Choice: Providing a list of artists/performers for the students to vote on that Humber is willing to bring.

My experience at Humber made me realize what YOU! The student life wants from Campus Life!

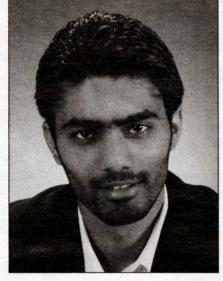
Allow me to make my plans become a reality! Count on me to give you what you want!



Trishann Fuller

Do you participate in school activities?
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Prabhpreet Singh

Hi.

I am Prabhpreet Singh, A second semester business Admin student in humber.

I am standing for the post of Vice president, Campus life, in the upcoming HSF elections.

As someone once said," No dream is too big." And I have a dream of making my college number one college in terms of campus life and recreation activities. I have a plan for all this.

- I will organize more multicultural events than before in Humber.
- I will at least manage 2 hours in week for student to have an open talk with me.
- I will do my best to make the Humber north campus the best campus for the students.
- I will make an increased effort to become the voice of the students in north campus.
- I will look closer at the problems faced by the all students.

But for this I need your support. I need your vote. I need you. Even a single vote can make a difference. So please vote for me on 4 to 6 of March.





VPADMIN—NORTH YOUR CANDIDATES



Iqbaljot Singh Bhambra

•Platform not submitted



Amanda Connolly

In my three years on campus, Humber has become more than where I go to school; it has become a part of who I am. As Vice-President of Administration I hope to instill the same passion in others by listening to the concerns of my fellow peers and working to create a positive experience for everyone.

More recently, I have become a part of the HSF Public Relations team where it is my job to inform students of events and information that is important to them. Working as Vice President of Administration will allow me to continue to be a proud voice of the students and of HSF.

Balancing work, school and a social life is something all college and university students face. Entering my fourth year at Guelph-Humber I have that balance down to an art. That's why I know I will always be able to fulfill my role as a part of the HSF Executive.

No matter what I am involved with be it school projects, part-time jobs, even extra-curricular activities, I am always dedicated to completing that task to the best of my ability. That's why when you **vote for me**, you are voting for a job well done.



Tamika Jarrett

Tamika Jarrett says:

I am always thinking of ways to help meet students at their points of need. There is more to college than paying tuition, attending classes, and purchasing textbooks and supplies. Humber offers a variety of services that help make a student's college experience smoother, brighter, and very worthwhile. I want students to be aware of these services that will benefit them as a student and relieve some of the stress and pressure that each of us face. I want to do more than just thinking. I want to actively play the role of your voice. Whatever the concern, whatever the issue, you can trust that there is someone who is ready and willing to listen, to act on your behalf, and to go that extra mile: that someone is me, Tamika Jarrett.



Praveen Pirati

Platform not submitted





Between 2001 and 2005, the Toronto Census for the Metropoliton Area said the city attracted an average of 107,000 international immigrants each year. - www.toronto.ca

'Everyone wants to be a gladiator'

Imma Morcinelli Life Reporter

Students will get the chance to flaunt their brute force and talk smack at the HSF event, Humber Gladiators.

"It's going to be very similar to American Gladiators," said Aaron Miller, HSF programming director. "We're going to get students to be the gladiators and some to be contestants. They'll compete in different events and the winner will win a prize."

The event will be taking place on March 12 at the North Campus and March 13 at the Lakeshore Campus.

The selected gladiators and contestants will be chosen based on an application process, and so far, the response has been overwhelming.

"We're looking for people who have the charisma and right atti-

tude," said Miller. "They don't have to be big weight lifters or anything like that. And we have a ton of people who have applied so far. Everyone wants to be a gladiator!"

Slobodan Djurdjevic, a fourthyear justice studies student at Guelph-Humber, is no stranger to competitions. Last November, Djurdjevic walked away \$1,000 richer after winning Humber's version of the reality show *Big Brother*.

When he heard about this event, Djurdjevic jumped at the opportunity to play gladiator for the day.

"It involves physical abilities and anytime you encourage a healthy lifestyle it's a benefit," said Djurdjevic. "And since I really liked the gladiators show I thought I would join. It'd be a good event for the school."

The idea of Humber Gladiators was inspired by the revival of the hit '80s television show, *American Gladiators*, which is once again airing on NBC.

Its debut in 1989 matched amateur athletes with the show's own gladiators in contests of strength and agility. Brian Gadinsky, senior producer of *American Gladiators* from 1991-1993, is excited about the revival of the hit television series.

"It's a fantastic concept that's timeless," said Gadinsky.

Miller agrees.

"It's the whole retro factor. Some of the stuff that people remember as kids they like to see again as adults," said Miller.

Humber Gladiators will take place in the Student Centre at the North Campus and in the H building at Lakeshore.



Students have the chance to live the dream of being a Gladiator.

Bowling raises funds for rape crisis centre



The marketing team is confident it will beat the journalism team.

Natalie Escobar LIFE REPORTER

Students will participate this Saturday in a bowl-a-thon to raise money for the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre/Multicultural Women Against Rape (TRCC).

Established in 1974, the TRCC uses education and activisim to assist women who have been affected by sexual assault.

"This is the fifteenth annual bowla-thon. It came about for desperate needs for fundraising," said Barb Davis the coordinator of the bowl-a-thon. "Last year the bowl-a-thon brought in \$143,000 in one day of bowling, which is huge, and this year our goal is \$150,000."

There are two Humber student teams participating this year, made up of journalism and marketing students.

"I believe it's really important not only the student's participation, but also the joining of young people to the bowl-a-thon. The more we can raise awareness among this group, the better," said Eduardo Procaci, a first-year marketing student. "Young people are the main target of sexual assault and sometimes they don't even know they are being attacked. If they are aware of what sexual assault constitutes, it is a lot easier to eradicate it."

Don Wanagas, journalism instructor and bowl-a-thon participant explained that it's not about the bowling, but the importance of the charity. "I think our team alone raised over \$1,200 last year. So we are looking to do more this year," he said. "I think it's an important charity. I think anything we can do to support families is great."

The bowl-a-thon has turned into a friendly competition between the two teams.

"I know how journalists can be tough and very competitive, and this competitive side of the bowl-a-thon makes the event even more fun and exciting. But I believe that in the end the mighty team of journalists will write a brilliant text about how they were beaten by the creative team of marketers. Jokes aside, what really matters is that all teams are united to help TRCC reach its goals," said Aranha.

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Get with the Program

Name: Steve Rinaldi

Program: Firefighter Education

Q. What made you interested in being in this program?

A. Well I guess I could say it's been a life long dream to be a fire-fighter. It's been a long time coming and the Humber program is a good start. It's something that I have always wanted to do and I'm just really happy and excited to be here.

Q. What have you learned in your program?

A. I've only learned the basics so far. This is the second week and I already feel like it is going to be a rewarding yet intense course.

Q. What do you like about your program?

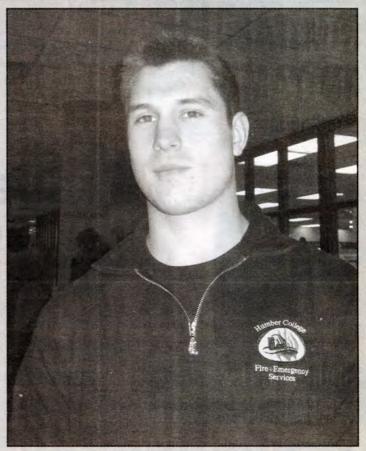
A. I think the best thing about the program is the unity shared by me and my fellow firefighters. This will set us up for a great career. I also like the professionalism involved in the work that is to be done.

Q. What do you hope to achieve with your diploma?

A. I think it's pretty obvious, I hope to become a firefighter.

Q. Has the program surprised you at all? How?

A. It's pretty intense, and it's a really tiring course. I look forward to what the program entails and I think there are many surprises up ahead.



- Photo and interview by Natalie Escobar

In 2005, 55.2 per cent of Canadian female students had summer jobs, compared to 47.9 per cent of Canadian male students. — Statistics Canada





Svitlana Protas, 37, and George Sayegh, 35, provide advice to their younger classmates.

At school for a reason

Mature students show dedication and help their classmates

Andrea Iseman LIFE REPORTER

Humber's mature students are more committed and passionate than younger students, according to Muthana Zouri, program coordinator of the school of information technology.

"For mature students, coming here is by choice," he said. "All the students coming have made a commitment for success.'

The Ontario college graduate certificate programs, such as those which are technology-based, have the highest number of full-time students over the age of 35. Eighteen per cent of enrollment population is 35 and older, compared to diploma programs, which only hold three per cent.

Zouri said this is not surprising because most of the older students leave their jobs, countries and families to upgrade their education and earn a better living.

They are all coming with a background, seeking better opportunities," he said. "They have to make sure this is what they are looking for, because it is a choice for life, not experimental."

Lynda Hausman, a teacher in the post-graduate enterprise software development program, said mature students come to class, concentrate and do the work.

"They are here and have a vested interest here," she said. "Usually you just see high school kids playing video games on the comput-

Teaching both older and younger students in the program has never been a problem for Housman because students can compare experiences and share insight.

"They have an open mind," said enterprise software development program student Svitlana Protas,

37. "They want to learn from us, and are more funny and relaxed."

Protas also said that younger students sometimes ask her for tips on how to use the programs and on how they manage to complete everything on time.

Classmate George Sayegh, 35, said he felt the same way and added the different backgrounds everyone has is a positive thing, and does not create conflict between students.

"I like it because it is a family here," he said. "We are in a humorous environment and are getting more experiences."

Career Centre advises beginning job search

Silvia Valino

Summer employment may be on the bottom of the priority list at this time of year, but students who want to secure a good job need to start looking now, says the manager of the Career Centre at North Campus.

"They should have started in December," said manager Karen Fast. "If they haven't started yet, then I would suggest now - immediately."

The best paying, senior jobs in all sectors are usually posted at the Career Centre as early as December, said Fast, and as the months pass, so do the jobs.

"All the best jobs go first, so if you wanted to be a supervisor, they hired the supervisors in December, January, February," said Fast. "And then those supervisors then hire the staff."

Fast advises students to look for jobs related to their academic programs, which will give them the credentials they need to attract employers when they begin their careers.

"Related employment looks phenomenal on your resume," said Fast. This is my biggest tip for students."

The Career Centre offers resources to help students begin their search, like resume assistance, mock interviews, and access to job listings, photocopiers and a fax machine.

Job recruiters have also become a regular sight near the campus' main entrance.

Recently, Peter Kinch, superintendent of Lambton Golf and Country Club Ltd. in Toronto, visited Humber for the day to get an early start on hiring for the spring golf season.

"I like to do all of my hiring early," he said.

Kinch, who is hiring for kitchen staff, food service, maintenance and retail positions, said he has been pleased with student enthusiasm, and he even gave job interviews and hired people on the spot during his day at Humber.

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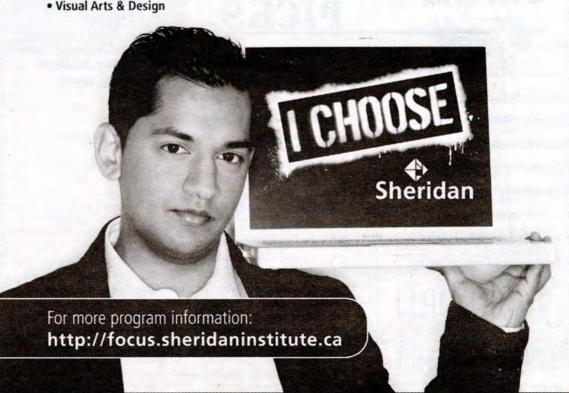
What was the inspiration for your outfit today? rolled out of bed this morning and wanted to find something really comfortable.

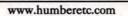
Where did you get everything from?

My lace-up boots are from Rudsak collection. My necklace is from Courage My Love in Kensington. My T-shirt is vintage it's my stepdad's from the 70s.

Photo and interview by Bryanna Brown

Each week, Threads highlights personal style on campus







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I sort of have a love affair with my work. Many of us work far too hard and we don't put enough value in the epicurean, sensual part of life. - Kim Cattrall



African dance troupe, Aya Collective, got interactive by inviting students up to the stage to try and mimick some of their sashaying moves.

Students get a taste of tradition

Tracey Finklestein

An intense shakedown from an African Caribbean Dance Troupe provided the finale to HSF's events to mark Black History Month.

"Toronto is a multicultural city, and Humber is a reflection of multiculturalism," said dancer Roshanak Jaberi.

"It is important for everyone in the city to have an understanding and educate themselves about different cultures that exist so we can all live together."

troupe, The dance Collective, wowed the crowd with three traditional African pieces from Guinea and one from Ghana. Aya is a Ghanaian symbol that means strength."We focus on traditional African dance and afrocontemporary dance," said Jaberi. HSF served Caribbean food, such

Teach English

Overseas

as sweet potato, chicken and rice, to provide students with incentive to attend the event. "Whenever we do events in the afternoon it is always hit or miss, but free food always attracts students," said Aaron Miller, events coordinator.

Miller collaborated with a talent agent in Toronto to book Aya Collective.

"He told me about the performers and I thought it would be something the students would be interested in," he said.

After the performance, a few students went on stage to learn a traditional African dance.

"To have procession and two dancers on stage with a professional sound is entertaining," said Obed Fiadzinu, Aya Collective's manager, "and the performance is interactive, so it grabs peoples' attention.

Jaberi and her co-dancer, Lua Shayenne, started the group about a year ago and together they have 20 years of experience.

The traditional African dances were presented with an ensemble of live drums by Vladimir Nikolic, Aplha Barry and Mohamed Diaby.

"Mohamed Diaby is a world renowned drummer who grew up in Africa," said Jaberi. "All of the drummers are professionals working in the city and abroad."

The group developed out of the desire to create innovative dance routines and collaborate with different artists.

"It is a chance to introduce the audience to a different style of dance many are unaware of," said

The group uses its performances as an education tool in order to create a more tolerant community.

Humber students have been more involved in Black History Month events this year than in previous years, Miller said.

"HSF has done seven different events throughout February for black history month, which is a record for HSF."

Next generation of jazz stars at Humber

Cytlalli Ruiz-Chapman

Aspiring musicians from 19 different high schools across Ontario met at Lakeshore Campus over reading week to perform for The Next Generation Jazz Festival.

Each ensemble was judged by three members of Humber music

The process gives students the opportunity to receive feedback from professionals and to hear other bands, said Terry Clarke, the drummer of The Don Thompson Quartet.

"Kids are starting to listen to jazz again through fusion and electric music, and we encourage them to go back and listen to where it all came from," he said.

The Don Thompson Quartet, a Canadian staple in the jazz scene, performed a professional jazz concert for the students in attendance.

"It gives students a rare opportunity to hear professionals play and see what they can do," said Phil Dwyer, the sax and piano player for the band. "What we are trying to do is provide some inspiration and show the students what can happen if they work hard and stay dedicated.

The main purpose of the performance and subsequent judging is to inspire younger students and help them figure out what they need to do next if they decide they want to be musicians, said band leader, Don Thompson.

"What we would like is for some of the students to listen to the performance and think 'I would like to do that myself," he said, "If any of these kids who watched us play think, 'man, I would like to be able to play like that, then it has been a success.'

The judging is meant to be positive so as to encourage the young musicians to keep working and strengthen their talent.

"I've been an adjudicator a couple of times, and it can be enjoyable. The first time I judged I didn't know you were supposed to be nice. I thought we were supposed to tell them what we really thought," Thompson said. "I wasn't invited to adjudicate for another fifteen years."



The Don Thompson Quartert encouraged kids to keep playing.

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Alicia Johnson

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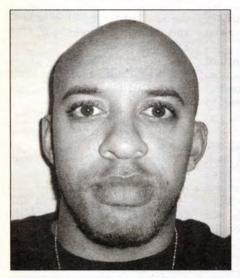
My name is Alicia Johnson and I know I would be the best choice for the next Vice-President of Administration at Humber Lakeshore.

I currently work for HSF and I have seen how I can improve student services at Humber. I want to help you access all the services and resources possible to make your time at Humber successful and memorable.

A helping hand makes the world of difference. Whether you have a problem with the computer labs or you are having financial problems because of school, I am here to help see you through it. The door will always be open.

Make sure your two cents are heard Vote!

Please vote for Alicia Johnson for VP of Administration.



Elias Nabutete

My Campaign Platform focuses on improved the governance and running of the HSF and student body institutions, while maintaining and improving Humbers Standard of Education and Services, through;

1) A More Visible HSF.

A Dynamic HSF focused on student engagement for and within the student body through;

A) Orientation: HSF College wide and program level involvement through program representatives, making students aware of HSF programs and services available to all students.

B)Constant Auditing Of Student Services, by frequent evaluation of student services through the KPI, Student opinion and direct inspection to maintain quality and cost effectiveness, while making improvements and additions where needed.

2) A Stronger Student Body.

I aim to achieve this through;

A) A Program/ Club initiative, promoting interaction between new, old and graduate students, along with Program representatives for career development, advice and future networking purposes.

B) Social-Cultural groups, addressing Humbers Multi-Cultural Student body focusing on;

(1) An international students' forum to voice and mediate student concerns while promoting awareness of opportunities and events outside daily class schedules.

2) Language-culture based clubs promoting second language studies a valuable tool in any career field, while promoting greater cultural awareness, networking and constructive interaction within the bi-lingual cultural groups themselves and the entire student body.



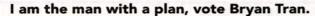
Bryan Tran

Hey Lakeshore Students,

Thanks for reading this poster. My name is Bryan Tran and I am running for the office of Vice President of Administration because I want to help improve your student experience here at Humber Lakeshore. I am friendly, approachable, and very openminded. I also manage my time well, and am very hard working. I boast a 93.2 GPA from first semester, and will have no trouble balancing my academic workload and the duties of the VP Admin.

I feel that our cafeteria services here at Humber Lakeshore are severely lacking, in both the quality of food and the quality of service delivered. We deserve to get what we pay for, and I will fight for improved cafeteria services. Better food, better service, and better prices. I also feel that environmental responsibility here at Humber Lakeshore is a priority, and I will do everything I can to promote sustainability and to keep Humber green.

You can always contact me via email at tran.bryan@gmail.com Additionally, I have a website you can check out at http://bryantran.squarespace.com/









The Spice Girls played their final show Tuesday night at the ACC, performing to a sold-out crowd of 20,000 screaming fans. - www.theglobeandmail.com

'Gratitude' brings release

The founder of the Humber School for Writers addresses World War II

your first child."

Robert Sassano

The Dean of the School of Creative and Performing Arts has released a new novel set in the ravages of World War II.

"It feels like giving birth to your

child," first Joseph Kertes said about his book, Gratitude.

The book is set against the horrors of World War II, detailing the struggle of the Jews in

Hungary as well as the circumstances that brought together a group of people.

"It asked a lot of good questions," said Barbara Berson, senior editor at Penguin Canada, the book's publisher.

Kertes is the founder of the Humber School for Writers and has already received several awards, including the Stephen

Leacock Medal for humour.

He read a few paragraphs from the novel during a Humber Writers' Circle event last week.

"I feel great about the Writers' Circle. It tells you how successful your writing is," said Kertes.

Berson was also present at the circle and, along "It feels like giving birth to with Kertes, assessed numer--Joseph Kertes ous manuscripts. Dean, School of Creative and "I think it's Performing Arts good for writers have their

work edited by

publishing professionals," said Berson. "If there is a script that is promising then we would consider

In terms of the release of Gratitude, Berson sings praise.

"I love the book. It's ambitious and enthralling. It was very lyrical," she said.

The book will be available at the campus bookstore March 26.



Music students toured the U.K., attending workshops and performing during their nine day stint.

Students shine abroad

Jay Vallis

Humber's Jazz ensemble spent its reading week traveling and performing in the U.K. This marked the first time a Humber jazz group has gone overseas in 30 years.

"The school in recent years has reached a level of international recognition, which is unsurpassed in its history," said Denny Christianson, program director of Humber music.

The students spent nine days on tour and before each performance took part in joint workshops as an educational component of the

trip. The ensemble, formed in September, has 21 members who range in age from 19-23.

"They are a wonderful bunch of young people," said Christianson, 'and I think they will be a wonderful face for Humber College to take over and represent us abroad."

Lauren Falls traveled with the group, playing the upright bass. She said the group had been preparing for the tour since October, but did not know what to expect from the trip. Falls was looking to gain experience on the road while traveling with a band.

"I was looking forward to play-

ing and just the travel in general and seeing different parts of England," she said.

Before reading week the group had just finished playing with singer Kurt Elling as part of this year's Artist-in-Residence event.

The ensemble will tour Quebec in March and then head to Ottawa in May.

They will round up their tour with a two-day recording session for an annual album.

Christianson is proud of the group and said they are already playing at a professional level.

"We have a wave of talent here like I've never seen before," he said.



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Samuel Anyanwu

Platform not submitted



Mike Berg

Mike is a third year Media Studies-Public Relations student at the University of Guelph-Humber. Since arriving on the Humber campus, he has been actively involved with several school clubs and organizations and is always looking for ways to give back to the school and community.

Why should you vote Mike Berg for HSF President?

Experience: Current President of the Guelph-Humber Student Association

- (Was previously Vice-President of Academics)
- Current Director on HSF Board of Directors (Guelph-Humber Rep.)
- Two years as a Student Senator at the University of Guelph
- Former Resident Assistant at Humber College North Residences
- Three years as a Pre-Orientation Program Leader at Guelph-Humber

Mike's substantial leadership experience demonstrates his unyielding passion and ability to advocate on behalf of students. He always has students' best interests in mind and he continuously strives to find ways to provide more services for them.

Effectiveness: Mike has a proven track record for working hard and getting results. He is always the first one to lend a helping hand and prides himself on going well above and beyond to make each project truly memorable.

Experienced and Effective Leadership: Vote Mike Berg for HSF President.



Rosemarie Ditaranto-Ivascu

If I were president YOU would be put first. There would be no more ME or I for we would become the ultimate team. Humber is students and the students will become my only priority. My goal is to achieve an affordable, fun, safe, informed and enthusiastic learning environment for the everyday student. I want Humber to work for us and not the other way around. If you vote Rose for president you will live the change. I will push for a greener school, lower bus fares for students every day, make York Transit bus tickets available for sale in the bookstore, make it simple for students to get involved in HSF even if only on a volunteer basis, find more convenient ways for students to be informed on school events, increase fundraisers and help more people in need in our community, and finally I will be your voice Humber and I will hear your needs. My only wish is to help you, the students and my only dream is to see this unfold in my time of reign. I will pick up where Nick left off and continue in making our school a better place.

Vote Rose for President.







In Six Nations Rugby action last weekend, Wales defeated Italy 47-8, Ireland defeated Scotland 34-13 and England beat France 24-13. - www.rbssixnations.com

OCAA winner is served

MVP Kristy Goodearle leads the way despite a wrist injury

Pat Lovgren

Capping a dominant regular season, Humber's women steamrolled their way to the school's third Colleges Ontario Athletic Association volleyball championship in five years at Fanshawe College in London this past weekend.

"I think we played great. I'm so proud of all of them," head coach Chris Wilkins said. "It was an overall team effort. We definitely came together at the right time.

The Hawks dropped only one game on their way to the champi-onship and got better with each passing match.

"The girls wanted it so bad, but at the same time I think once we won it there was more a feeling of a relief," Wilkins said. "This was just one of the goals we had at the beginning of the year. The next step is the nationals in Calgary.'

The Hawks opened the tournament defeating Cambrian College in three straight games and followed it up with a spirited win over the hosts from Fanshawe the following night.

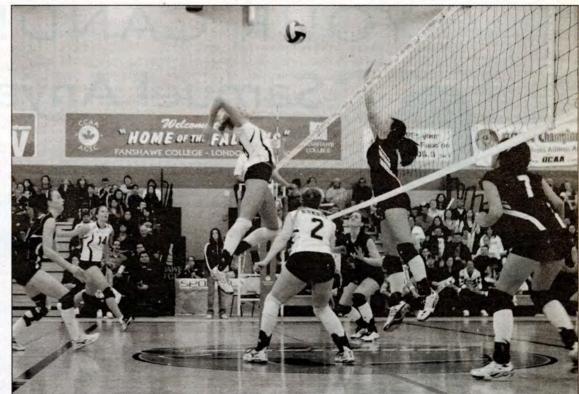
The finals saw the Hawks take the floor against their rivals from immediately Nipissing after Humber's men's team had won the bronze medal.

Feeding off the energy of a packed gym, which included a large contingent of vocal Humber supporters, the Hawks dominated and won the match in three straight games.

Refusing to let a wrist injury suffered early in the final get the best of her, tournament MVP Kristy Goodearle led the way registering 17 kills to go along with eight digs.

"It's been a huge goal of ours," Goodearle said after the victory. "We've been working hard for this and wanting to go to the nationals all year, and it feels great to get the job done.

Although the Hawks came out of the gate slowly in their first two games, they were more than able to recover and closed out their matches



Landis Doyle displays her jumping and right arm flexibility during the Hawks gold medal win.

in convincing fashion.

We just kept riding the wave, we just kept getting better and better as the tournament went on," Goodearle said. "Adrenaline may have just gotten the best of us at the start of the first two games, but once everyone settled in, we picked it up and played really well.'

Coach Wilkins pointed back to the final game of the regular season, a loss to Nipissing that served as both a wakeup call and a rallying point for

"I think the turning point came after that last game. We didn't play together. We decided after that game that we had to play for each other and give a different kind of commitment and that's what happened. Over the weekend what you saw were all 14 girls working as one."

"It's been a tough year for the team, everyone's been forced to make sacrifices so we could become what we are," Wilkins said. "We know we have 14 players who can play on any team in Ontario."

Up next for the Hawks are the CCAA playoffs which are being held at Mount Royal College in Calgary from March 6 to 8. Humber has never won a CCAA women's volleyball championship, but Wilkins is confident his team has a great chance at the title.

"We did well when we played out west in our tournaments over the Christmas holidays. Out west the teams run faster offences, so we're going to have to work on our blocking and defence."



The Humber cheering section flexes its vocal muscle.

Footy lads down George Brown to win tournament

Evangelos Tzaras

The men's indoor soccer team sent a message to the rest of the province as it went undefeated, winning the Feb. 16 Sheridan Invitational.

The message was loud and clear to rival George Brown as the Hawks beat them twice, once in group play, and then shut them out 2-0 in the final.

Sanchez Coach Germain beamed with pride, as his team reminded the rest of the league that Hawk men's indoor soccer is a force to be reckoned with.

"We showed them that we are right at the top again, and I think we are going to be ready for regionals, and then hopefully provincials."

Rookie Joe Ottorino was strong offensively for his side and the team put in a dominating defensive performance, allowing only two goals in five games.

"We have been preaching defence. Defence wins games,

and our defence and goaltending was solid," said Sanchez.

The women's team didn't fare as well. It stumbled out of exhibition tournament play over the

"We showed them that we are right at the top again. We are going to be ready for regionals"

> -Germain Sanchez Men's head coach

The women Hawks were no match for the seasoned university teams at the University of Toronto Invitational and were unable to advance past the group stage of play for the second straight tournament.

Coach Mauro Ongaro tried to put the outcome into perspective.

"In terms of results, you know you're disappointed, but you got to remember what the long term goal is and that's to do well at regionals and provincials."

For co-coach Vince Pileggi, the university teams were of a different calibre.

"A lot of the university teams have more experience than we do. They have girls in their third, fourth and fifth years, and we have girls right out of high school," said Pileggi

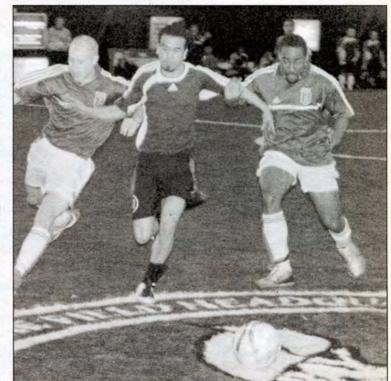
Defender Bonnie Romolo agreed.

They are definitely a lot more conditioned than us. I know that a lot of them practice six times a week and we practice once a

Pileggi believes that his team will need to improve their offensive creativity if they are to gain positive results.

"I think that sometimes when you can create some offence, when you can create some chances that ultimately will be your best defence."

Next for both squads will be the Colleges Athletic Ontario Association regional tournament this weekend.



Striker Rasheed Houf takes on George Brown's defence.

PRESIDENT YOUR CANDIDATES



Kirsten Liddell

My name is Kirsten Liddell and I am a very hardworking and understanding person. My entire life I have always taken leadership roles. During my previous jobs as a Head Manager, Student Ambassador and Customer Service Representative I have represented Humber and its students a countless number of times. I have worked hard to get to where I am and have never forgotten all the lessons I have learned. As President of HSF, I want to focus on changing the many issues that students have. For example, providing students with more bursaries, weekly financial consulting, adding more couches in the student centre and eliminating all Styrofoam in the cafes. Above all, I want students to know what is available to them and how much the HSF can help. As a Customer Service Representative at HSF I meet a large number of students and love helping and assisting them. I want to continue to do this and offer all of my hard work to you by being President of HSF. Please join me and make changes that may seem small but define a larger picture. That larger picture is your life and your happiness as a student



Warren Lindsay

Platform not submitted



Trudy-Ann Powell

I am TRUDY-ANN POWELL. I am currently in my 2nd year of the Court and Tribunal Agent program. I am a passionate observer of any political process. As the previous Student Representative on Humber's Board of Governors, I am confident that the experience I have gained, has given me the essential skills to take the reign as HSF President. I feel that as a student it is important to participate and steer the direction of HSF. I strongly believe in empowering students, making information accessible to them, and including them every step of the way.

As your PRESIDENT:

- I will advocate for more bursaries for students which includes International Students.
- I am willing to work with students to address any academic, social and educational issues.
- I will promote diversity and multiculturalism on campus and acts as a support for all
- I will work with service providers (Chartwells) to ensure they provide good, healthy and affordable food on campus.
- I will ensure that Humber remains inclusive of all students despite sexual orientation, race, religion or gender.
- · I will run a transparent and accountable student government.
- I will build on the current Green initiatives on campus.
 Help keep me involved, VOTE FOR ME because:

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Before the NHL trade deadline was reached the Leafs traded Wade Belak and Chad Kilger to the Florida Panthers for various draft picks - www.nhl.com

Ray of perfection

Maciej Chabelski

Raymond Wong, fresh off of last week's gold medal at the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's (OCAA) badminton championships, is getting ready for the national championship held in New Brunswick on Feb. 28.

"I'm nervous for sure," the firstyear Humber recreation and leisure services student said. "Coach (Paul McGarr) keeps telling me to get a lot of sleep and to relax, but it's hard."

Wong, 20, was named February's athlete of the month by the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA).

He won three single's tournaments

in January, without dropping a set in the process.

"I'm really happy about that honor," the native of Hong Kong said. "It's my first year, and I've already won a big award like that."

His latest success came at the provincials where he beat James Didiodato from Georgian College in straight sets to win the gold medal.

Wong does not feel any pressure to maintain his perfect provincial record at the nationals.

"If the perfect record stays, that's good," he said. "When you are on the court, you aren't thinking about it. It's only before the game that I get worried about the record."

To fight off these nerves, Wong's pre and post game rituals revolve around calming himself down.

"I listen to the kind of music that quiets me down," he said. "I'll stretch during that time and think about anything but the game."

That's not to say that Wong does not scout his opponents in advance. He's already marked Richard Liang, single's champion of the British Columbia Colleges Athletic Association, as the player to beat.

"Going into the tournament, you have to know who the players are and Richard from BC is a good player," Wong said. "I'm ready to go."

Wong's recent success has also altered his badminton aspirations. Reluctant to commit to a professional career just weeks ago, Wong's success may have changed his future plans.

"I'll think about it after the CCAA's," he said. "It's something that I may want to do after all."



Anarchy in front of the Humber goal against Seneca College.

Girls check out

Ryan Lavender SPORTS REPORTER

KITCHENER - Despite keeping pace with the physical nature of the Conestoga College women's hockey tournament the Hawks couldn't beat the host team, losing 3-1 in the semi-

"All the games were really close," said Humber Center Katie Graham. "We just didn't get the bounces we needed."

One bounce which Graham did have go her way involved blocking a slap shot with her foot against Seneca College.

"It's not going to heal anytime soon so it's a good thing this is probably our last tournament," she said of the Feb. 15 tournament.

With Graham out of the lineup for the semi-final against Conestoga, the Hawks were continuously changing line combinations, to try and gain a spark on the offense, but it was not enough.

The Hawks had opened the tourna-

ment in the win column by defeating Fanshawe 2-1.

The second game for Humber was lost in the final minutes as a powerplay goal led Seneca College to a 4-3

While the tournament was officially non-contact, the games saw plenty of physical play by all teams. There's always a bit of contact even

though it's extramural," said Humber coach Rick Bot. "There were some bad calls on both sides, but it's just the emotion of the game."

"This is a very physical tournament," said Graham. "The refs started letting things go and it got very physical."

According to Humber's goalie however, the toughness displayed during the Conestoga tournament was similar to many of the games the Humber women have played this year.

"They've all been pretty rough this year," said Humber goalie Laura MacLachlan. "One game against Sarnia was very, very rough, and the refs were horrible."

Raymond Wong has a perfect season within his grasp.

OCAA bronze medal Boys battle to

Amy Kuzyk SPORTS REPORTER

LONDON, Ont. - The men's volleyball team captured a bronze medal at the provincial championships last weekend, overcoming a disappointing semifinal loss to the Algonquin Thunder.

"It felt nice to win the bronze considering we didn't really show up like we planned for the semifinal," said setter Daniel Shermer. "But to be able to shake that off and come out the next day - we wanted to win a medal, and we did.

The Hawks lost their first set to the Fanshawe Falcons in the bronze medal game, but came back to win three straight 25-20, 25-15, 26-24.

"Fanshawe is the type of team that really comes out hard," said coach Wayne Wilkins. "But they have a hard time sustaining that energy, and we showed that we could.

After winning their quarterfinal game against the Trent Excalibur, the Hawks had to face the

Thunder, who were ranked second in Ontario coming into the tournament. While they lost in three close sets, left side Jordao Casimiro said playing a team of Algonquin's calibre will serve them well come

"Playing the Thunder really gives us some confidence in pressure games, stressful games," said Casimiro. "It's a look into what we can expect at nationals."

The Hawks soundly defeated the Cambrian Golden Shield on the way to the bronze medal game against Fanshawe. Bobby Anderson recorded 13 kills, and Paul Kemboi had 16. Both contributed two serving aces.

The Hawks now look ahead to nationals, held at Humber March 7-9. As host team, the Hawks have a bye into the tournament, but feel much more confident with the affirmation of a provincial medal.

"We set a new bar for ourselves, a new standard, a new expectation, based on how well we played in that game against Fanshawe," said Shermer. "It was great to play that game before nationals."



Daniel Shermer sets up a kill during the Hawks' OCAA bronze medal win against Fanshawe.



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Big wins set the stage for provincials

Kelly Roche
Sports Reporter

SARNIA — The Humber Hawks dazzled in their back-to-back road victories, ending the regular season with a 16-2 record and earning a bye into the OCAA championship.

Humber smoked the Lambton Lions 79-39 on Feb. 16, after beating the St. Clair Saints 71-53 in Windsor the night before.

Against the Lions, Mark McNee poured in 16 points which included an emphatic dunk.

Roger Scott finished with 15 of his own and is now the Hawks' leading go-getter heading into the OCAAs averaging 13.5 points.

The Lambton game was highscoring for Humber, who took a commanding 50-24 lead at halftime

"It was good to see that the bench got a chance to play," Scott said.

"Everybody got to be in the game

and show what they can do and win to end the season." The Lions never stood a chance, netting just 15 points in the entire second frame.

The Saints game, however, was competitive. Hoskins Kangu had a three-point shootout, hitting five of eight and scoring 17 points.

In the first half, the Hawks nailed just 10 of 29 from the field and turned the ball over 13 times.

Humber went into the locker room with a slim 26-25 margin.

St. Clair started the second half with a 7-0 run, taking a 32-26 lead.

In an unconventional move, all of the starters except for Jeremy Alleyne were either benched or played minimal minutes from that point.

Mike Dvorak came off the bench to shoot 50 per cent from three point range, for 11 points.

Jessie Simmons, a rookie, contributed 12 points and five boards.

"Whenever your [jersey] num-

ber's called you just have to be ready to step up," Simmons said.

"Everybody coming together as a defensive unit gave us a segue to be successful in the second half."

Head coach Darrell Glenn said he went with the line-up based on the bench's consistent effort in the first half.

"We thought we could create a lot of mismatches and get wide open shots, which we were able to get," he said. Glenn had nothing but praise for Simmons.

"I thought he was terrific tonight," Glenn said.

"He's a really good player in transition. That's where his strength is and we're going to have to find ways to utilize his strengths a little bit more."

The Hawks will have the opportunity to do that this weekend. The OCAA championships start today and run until March 1 at Mohawk in Hamilton.



Valle Dasha

Mark McNee slams two of his 16 points against Lambton.

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