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## Rez under attack by students

by Denise Lockhart  
News Reporter

A survey about better quality living will be handed out in Humber College's student residence after a formal complaint was made to SAC President Steve Virtue.

Students living on the fifth floor of residence took matters into their own hands and tried to help residence become a better place to live. The formal complaint was taken to Virtue earlier this month. He then channeled it to John Mason of the Council of Student Affairs.

Aina Saulite, director of student residences, said the formal complaint should have been taken to residence administration first.

"John Mason and I talked about it. However, I like to hear about things first. The letter to Steve Virtue from students at Humber College residence was dated Jan. 16, the first time I saw it was Monday [Jan. 27]," said Saulite.

"They love the R.A. they have on the floor. I'm surprised we didn't hear through him," said Saulite.

Joanna Pearse, a first-year Travel and Tourism student said, "I feel like I'm living in a jail cell sometimes with all the rules and lack of space we are given."

Erica Burkhardt, a first-year pre-university student agreed and said she would not move back

into residence for a second year.

"They think they can control everything by giving out fines. I've seen fines for using the wrong bathroom, for noise, for beer bottles, even for getting in a minor tiff with a best friend. It is ridiculous!

Students said the administration at the residence does not represent the school in a professional manner and their grievances are not being dealt with properly.

"For the money that is being spent by each student it is intolerable that these complaints have not been dealt with already," Virtue said.

Ryne Taylor, a first-year pre-university student who lives in residence, said, "When I had a problem, they did not want to deal with it, they shoved it aside for as long as they could. I pay a lot of money to live in this place (residence) and problems are everywhere."

However, Saulite said, "Most of the stuff in (the complaint) wasn't concrete, it needed more specifics." She added that she has spoken with SAC member Sven Byl in an attempt to clarify the issues.

Every year, around this time, a residence survey is done, said Saulite.

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Bob Salverda

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# Dews

## Former deputy student premier voted to SAC

by Chris Attard  
News Reporter

The Students' Association Council (SAC) voted in a new member at last Thursday's meeting.

Sven Byl is SAC's newest and youngest board member.

The 19-year-old, first-year General Arts and Science student, has a lengthy list of credits including the once-held title of deputy student premier of Ontario.

"Students get this idea that SAC gets all this money from Humber and just sits around," said Byl. He said he wants to change that image, and show how responsible SAC is to students, especially in residence, where he currently lives.

"I assume he'll be an asset to council due to his past political

experience and positions on other school boards," said Vice-President Shirley Forde.

She did not say if Byl would take the place or responsibilities of a member who was voted off council earlier in the evening.

Currently, there are 17 members on council, and Forde said they could adjust the number at anytime.

SAC President Steve Virtue wouldn't comment if council member Kelly Kennedy was still considered 'in' until the minutes of last Thursday's meeting are made public. He would not even say if Kennedy was the target of the vote to remove a member.

All SAC members refused to comment on what incidents led to the reported expulsion.

Forde did not say if Kennedy was still operating as a council member, but said Kennedy's presence on council "was less than what we expected."

Council has convened nine times since September and Forde would not divulge how many meetings Kennedy missed.

However, she said she received a copy of an inter-office memorandum that stated council will vote on her removal, and upon reading, refused to attend last Thursday's meeting.

Kennedy, a Fashion Arts/Horticulture student, was completing her first year on SAC. She was seated on SAC's special events committee with three other members.



Sven Byl - newest member of SAC.

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The survey includes questions regarding cleanliness, maintenance, food, RA's and rules. She added students have access to a 'maintenance line' to call with complaints about maintenance.

Mason, said residence is a "unique" environment and things need to be done to find a balance.

"We need to balance out the students happiness without disregarding the rules," said Mason. "This year there was the most amount of work done to residence with hopes of making it a comfortable and happy place to live. A lot of maintenance was done over the summer months."

Desiree Curtis, a second-year developmental service student who has lived in residence for two years, said "I feel that the maintenance along with the cleanliness is going down hill."

"I don't want to discount the concerns but there are concerns every year," Saulite said. "We investigate and take action and will continue to improve things."

(with files from Leanne Lavis)

### LAKESHORE

## Weedless Wednesday tips to quit smoking

by Scott Yeddeau  
News Reporter

Fewer people are smoking, but younger people are getting hooked, according to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Pamphlets on the dangers of smoking and tips on how to quit were handed out in Lakeshore's cafeteria last week as part of Humber's Weedless Wednesday. Carbon monoxide tests were also free of charge.

Bill Abernethy, of the Heart and Stroke Foundation, teaches courses to help smokers quit. He said although the majority of adults have quit smoking, more teenagers are taking up the habit.

"Unfortunately, the teenagers are starting at a younger age, 13, 14, 15. They're starting to get addicted at a very early age."

According to a pamphlet by the Canadian Cancer Society, 25 per cent of children aged three to seven have tried smoking, and 80 per cent said they would like to smoke in the future. Overall, there were an estimated 6.4 million smokers over the age of 15 in Canada in 1991.

"Everyone that smokes would rather be a non-smoker,"

Abernethy said. "Why not? Smoking's a nothing thing."

Abernethy said he smoked for 20 years before quitting in 1962.

"I finally decided to quit because it was just stupid. My only regret is that I didn't do it sooner."

He, like most smokers, said quitting was not easy.

"It was very hard. I quit cold turkey because they didn't have programs in those days."

The Foundation now offers programs such as "Countdown", where smokers are gradually weaned off smoking. There are also laser treatments and hypnosis, which are designed to help people quit, although Abernethy concedes there is no magic formula.

"You can't structure a course that's going to apply to everybody," Abernethy said. "So what (smokers) have to do is try anything."

Quitting smoking is very difficult because there is also a psychological addiction, he said.

"When you practice this habit 30-40 times a day for many, many years, it becomes part of your life," Abernethy said. People often have a smoke with their morning coffee, or when talking on the phone. In

his course for smokers, he advised that smokers start breaking the connection smoking has with everyday routines.

The numbers are still staggering. According to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, 48,000 people die each year from smoke-related causes. The SkyDome can fit that many people.

"And a year later, all of them are gone," said Abernethy.

So, is the anti-smoking message catching on with young people?

Abernethy said whenever he goes to schools, he's usually struck by the number of students smoking outside. But when he gives them carbon monoxide tests, he finds that only 5 or 6 students actually smoke regularly. He also said the size of his classes have shrunk from over 30 to just five or six over the last five years.

Quitting is worth the trouble it takes you, Abernethy said.

"It's a great achievement to quit," he said. "I'm proud I had the guts to quit smoking."

If you are interested in any of the courses, The Heart and Stroke Foundation can be reached in Toronto at (416) 961-1091.

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# Protest against begging ban

## Demonstrators marched through downtown malls Saturday in an anti-poverty protest

by Simone A. Brown  
News Reporter

About 100 social activists and homeless people marched through downtown shopping malls in a mass panhandling demonstration on Saturday.

Protestors marched through the Eaton Centre, the Atrium on Bay Street, College Park and along Yonge Street holding cups and asking people for money.

The demonstration was organized by the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty (OCAP). It was in response to Metro police Chief David Boothby, who stated in the Toronto Star that panhandling has become a "nuisance" to downtown shoppers and businesses.

The demonstrators marched through the malls chanting "stop the war on the poor, make the rich poor," and "stop the war on the poor, kick Boothby out."

He said he wanted the government to introduce vagrancy laws to allow the police to get panhandling off the street and to help homeless people find shelters.

The demonstration ended in front of police headquarters with speeches by activists, homeless people and politicians denouncing

Boothby's statements.

Wendy Forrest, an activist at OCAP, said Boothby and the police are waging a campaign against the poor and they intended to fight against it.

"We're out here to get the public's attention and tell Chief Boothby that he really has to back off," she said.

The provincial government's cuts to social programs and welfare have forced people to beg for money on the streets, said Forrest.

Charles Neil, a demonstrator, said the government's cuts have left him with no place to live and

no alternatives but to panhandle.

"The only way we know how to live is to beg for money. Our government has cut back so much that people are coming out to the streets to live," he said.

One panhandler who identified himself only as Mad Max said if vagrancy laws were introduced it wouldn't stop him from panhandling.

"I would just walk around. I wouldn't sit in one spot. I would just walk around with my cup and pan," he said.

Police said there have been increasing complaints against pan-

handlers by merchants who said panhandlers hurt their business and citizens said they feel uncomfortable when asked for money.

Forrest said people should feel uncomfortable when confronted with the reality that there are so many people on the streets.

"The priority should be that people are given enough money to raise their kids and buy food and that people don't have to go out

on the street and beg for money," she said.

John Clarke, provincial organizer for OCAP, said the demonstration was a success. But he said they will hold more demonstration if the police continue their crackdown on the poor.

"I think we've demonstrated that if police continue with this we're going to fight them," he said.



About 100 demonstrators came out last Saturday to protest the proposed ban on panhandling in downtown city streets.

# Reluctant rescue from Lake Simcoe

## Half a million dollars to rescue those stranded when giant cracks formed in ice

by Rebecca Reid  
News Reporter

Hundreds of ice fishers were rescued from Lake Simcoe last weekend when high winds created giant pressure cracks in the ice, stranding them from shore.

The area, over 100 feet wide in some places, began to crack around 2 p.m. Saturday and ran as far west as Barrie and east to Beaverton.

"All of a sudden I saw water all around our fish hut. Luckily, I had a cell phone and called police. I just kept hoping the ice we were on would hold out long enough until rescue crews got to us," Mississauga resident Dave Cunningham said.

More than 100 others had to spend the night on the lake when snow and darkness forced helicopter and boat units to stop rescue efforts until the morning.

"The helicopters came on the scene around 4 p.m. and worked quickly to get people off the lake until 6:30 p.m. when nothing was visible," Jackson's Point resident Ken Brash said.

Of added concern, were people snowmobiling and ice fishing

further out on the lake who were not initially aware of the situation, as well as others who willingly remained not wanting to give up a weekend of fishing.

"The cracks were in towards shore but many people were out in the middle of the lake. Some people didn't want help either. They just wanted to fish. We were hoping things wouldn't get worse out there or those people were in danger. We had already seen a lot of huts and cars go in," Brash said.

Volunteers, including a Salvation Army relief team giving warm food and blankets, stayed throughout the night.

"Our Conference Centre was made available to anyone who was

stranded overnight and needed to sleep and get fed. Some pilots stayed to get rested for the next day. We're glad we were here to help," Major Calvin Collins said.

Ambulances, police, and other rescue units also remained on the scene.

Flares were used to provide some light for those left on the lake.

"One unit had lights that went up in the air about 60 feet and lit the lake like a football field," Brash said.

Exactly how many people were left on the lake until Sunday was unclear, but helicopters were back out by 9 a.m.


York Regional Police were prompted to block off roads after

a van carrying seven people drove onto the lake and the vehicle fell through.

"We're here to prevent anyone from going out there. The ice is still very thin. It looks frozen now because it was covered with snow overnight, but really it isn't. A lot of people have been trying to go down and look at the ice but it's wide open water within a 100 feet of shore so we can't take that chance with lives," Constable Edward Jones said.

Surprisingly, there were no injuries during the weekend.


Rescue efforts continued late into Sunday. Costs of the rescue which included six military and two police helicopters, are estimated at a \$500,000.



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# Humber delegates debate in model UN conference

by Samantha-Jane Weekes  
News Reporter

International security and the expanding global threat of terrorism are just a few of the topics eight Humber students will face next month when they participate in the North American Model United Nations conference.

The annual conference will be held at the International Plaza Hotel in Toronto Feb. 11-16. Delegations from universities and colleges across Canada and the United States will be in attendance.

This year, Humber is sending two delegations, each consisting of four members to the conference. The groups will be representing Sudan and the Ukraine.

Keeping up to date on the current political situations of these countries has been essential to preparing for the four day event.

"The students have to be abreast of what is happening, not only with respect to their country, but to what is happening globally," said Dalcyce Newby, international co-ordinator and international student advisor at Humber.

Newby has been actively involved in getting Humber's delegates ready for the conference and has found the Internet to be essential to that process.

"The key thing is always having

sufficient information about those countries and what is most current; the Internet is a key source because they just can't go via Western papers or sources. You have to get a whole variety to get real insight into what is going on."

In addition to conducting research using the Internet, delegates have also been required to attend weekly information sessions, "to prepare students for what to expect when they go to the conference," Newby said.

Delegates will be expected to caucus and debate issues ranging from the plight of the Kurdish people to the proliferation of biochemical weapons. About 50 people will be in each committee session the delegates attend. There is no room for shyness or hesitancy at the conference.

"You have to be able to respond very quickly. You have to have the political thinking skills, the public speaking skills and not be shy. Once you reach here (conference), you are no longer a Humber student, you are the honorable member of that state," Newby said.

Humber's delegation is equally comprised of men and women from a variety of academic disciplines.

"The backgrounds vary. For

example, if you are a public relations student, you bring an ability to get in front of a large group of people and speak; international marketing, you come from a background where you would have the advantage of having already been engaged in doing research on the international spectre," Newby said.

Until the conference actually takes place, there is no way to predict how well the Humber delegates will perform, said Newby. "It's difficult to say because this is also in addition to their regular course work which is somewhat far removed from UN issues."

Humber delegates will be facing many experienced delegates at the February conference. Many delegates have participated in other UN simulations as well as completed university courses related to the United Nations.



Humber's Help Desk has received more than 1,000 calls since they opened last September.

## Computer Help Desk swamped with callers

by Nadine Carty  
News Reporter

Humber College's Help Desk has been flooded with calls from distressed computer users seeking guidance.

According to Help Desk manager Joseph C. Brazas, the centre has experienced a drastic increase in the number of users since the opening of the new department in September 1996.

"We have received more calls in the past three weeks than we had for the entire month of December," Brazas said.

The Help Desk has received over 1,000 calls to date and is run by three full-time staff, four part-time and one volunteer. They also work with Humber's Network Services people, telephone operators and lab monitors.

"Our technique is something they appreciate. For example, when someone calls with a problem, we not only walk them through it, but we call them back the next day to make sure they are okay," Brazas said. "It works well and people seem to appreciate it."

The Help Desk was developed to help students, faculty and staff with almost any computer-related problem.

Its main purpose is to help users become more proficient with Humber's computer resources. They also offer tip sheets and information pamphlets

about the most common problem areas.

Help Desk operator, Owen Lindo, does everything from taking calls over the phone, answering walk-in questions, and working over the Internet. He said some of the success of the Help Desk is associated with the great working environment.

"It's a great department to work in. Even though it is new, everything usually runs smoothly because everyone really enjoys the job and really enjoys helping people," Lindo said.

They have not experienced any major problems yet, and a survey done by the Help Desk revealed that on a scale of one to 10, users rated them an eight.

Accounting student Jessica Wright has used the Help Desk and was very happy with the way she was treated.

"As a student, you get so used to being treated like a number, it's surprising when someone uses your first name, and really takes the time to talk to you. I did not feel rushed at all and the call back the next day was a nice little extra that really went a long way," Wright said.

The Help Desk is located in H233F and the hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Monday to Friday. Those in need can go over directly, call them at ext. 4786, or you can visit their web site at [www.humberc.on.ca](http://www.humberc.on.ca).

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## Tenth annual student art show

Humber competes against the best from 20 North American schools

by Shalene Holley

News Reporter

The Public Relations students and the Director of Student Activities, Margaret Hobbs, are teaming up once again this year to organize Humber College's Tenth Annual Student Art Show and Competition.

All full-time and part-time students are invited to participate in the competition in February. Each of the top five winners from Humber's art show win a \$200 cash prize and are entered in the 1997 League for Innovation Student Art Competition which features the best artwork by students from 20 North American colleges.

Humber is the only Canadian school in the League for Innovation.

"Although I'm not very artistic, I find [the show] rewarding in that we are creating a venue by which students can participate in something alternative to the usual programming that happens on campus," said Hobbs.

When Humber first started hosting their annual student art show, there were only 37 entries. Last year organizers counted 108.

"We had no idea it was going to blossom like it did and now people know about it, so I'm really expecting [that] it's going to grow," said Hobbs.

After winning one of the five spots at Humber's art show, part-time Continuing Education Art student Gail Martin won an Honorable Mention at last year's



Gail Martin won an Honorable Mention for her painting in The League for Innovation Art Show.

League for Innovation Competition with her painting, "La Canaa".

"It's quite significant that Gail Martin got an honorable mention. The college has never received [one before], so the more participants, the better likelihood we have to place in one of them [categories] this year," said Hobbs.

Students can submit artwork in any of six categories: photography, painting (acrylic), painting (watercolor), two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art and mixed media. The artwork submitted will be judged by six expert jurors from each of the six different categories.

Although Hobbs has only been helping to organize Humber's Art Show for two years, she said she finds the show "very rewarding" and plans to continue with it as long as possible.

"I've had people come to me in the summertime and ask me 'Are you gonna do it again?' well, absolutely, and we'll do it until there isn't a need to do it or people don't want to do it, and hopefully I'll be involved in it, I really enjoy it," Hobbs adds.

Along with the prizes each of the five winners receive, the League also publishes a catalogue at the end of each year displaying all the artwork of the winning artists. Certificates of Merit will also recognize all students whose works are submitted to the competition.

Artwork may be submitted on Monday, Feb. 17, at both the North Campus Student Quiet Lounge (KX101) or the Lakeshore Campus' Athletic Office (A169).

Humber's professionally juried art show will take place from Feb. 24 - Feb. 26 at the North Campus Student Centre and Feb. 27 & 28 at Lakeshore Campus' Small cafeteria.

## Businesses win: North York ditches smoking ban

by Rebecca Maxwell  
News Reporter

A decision by the North York City Council to scrap a controversial smoking by-law may open the door for Toronto businesses facing even tougher legislation.

On March 3, the City of Toronto will be introduced to new smoking legislation that will prohibit smoking in restaurants and entertainment facilities.

"What the by-law requires is that restaurants and entertainment facilities, and basically that is any place that serves food, will be 100 per cent smoke-free," said Dave Harrison of the City of Toronto Department of Health.

Eating places will be allowed to offer patrons a smoking section, however, this section must adhere to strict regulations.

"There is an option that they can put in a designated smoking area but that smoking area must be enclosed," Harrison said.

"The designated smoking area must be separately ventilated to the outside, have requirements on the ventilation rates so that it doesn't become a smoky room and have a negative pressure so that any smoke that is in the room doesn't migrate back out into the non-smoking area."

According to Harrison, a smoking section that is constructed may only comprise 25 per cent of the indoor seating at the facility.

The legislation is sure to please non-smokers and anti-smoking groups who are concerned with the effects of second hand smoke.

"There's really more chemicals

coming out of the burning end of a cigarette than there are going in to the smoker because there is a filter on the cigarette so some of the tar and other chemicals are filtered out for the smoker, but there is more going into the environment," said Sue Hillary of the Metro Toronto and York Region Lung Association.

Harrison doesn't think the legislation will have any adverse effects on Toronto restaurants and clubs. "It hasn't been seen in other municipalities that have imposed stricter smoking legislation," said Harrison.

But a few days ago, North York council members voted to scrap a controversial smoking by-law which prohibited smoking in restaurants before 9 p.m.

Krista Saleh, tobacco prevention co-ordinator for the Metro Toronto and York Region Lung Association, said Toronto restaurants are sure to follow suit.

"No doubt about it. It always happens. It is usually a small percentage of restaurant people that are mobilized and very vocal and they're usually mobilized by the Ontario Restaurant Association which, we believe, has ties to the tobacco industry."

Rick Arsenault, manager of the Keg Mansion and Bar on Jarvis Street agreed many of Toronto's restaurants would appeal the by-law.

"I think they would because it would definitely affect our business. We still get, I'd say, at least 65 per cent of our business from smokers."

On the other hand, Arsenault said having a smoke-free dining area may have a positive side.

"You don't have to worry about the tables not turning because a lot of times if somebody wants a cigarette they are going to leave, so they are not going to sit around for three hours."

Harrison said the controversy over a new by-law is not uncommon. "There was gloom and doom predicted for workplaces that became smoke-free except for designated smoking areas. There was predictions that no one would ever fly again when the airlines went smoke-free."

The smoking issue may become even more controversial if a megacity is formed from the municipalities surrounding Toronto. Each municipality has different smoking by-laws, but the creation of a megacity may mean a complete overhaul of these laws.

"No one really knows for sure, other than the fact that whenever this goes through and if it is a megacity, they are going to need to go through each by-law one by one and evaluate which ones to throw out and which ones to keep," said Saleh.

"We are concerned with getting a by-law through now so that we can give it time to work. Then we can actually talk about the success stories of it so that when consideration of the by-law for the megacity comes around there will be some evidence showing that 100 per cent smoke-free is the way to go."



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## How sports reflect life

"Everything I do now is for Rene."

Those words mean more to Carlos Rogers than anyone else could possibly know, yet some people can't allow themselves to feel for Rogers.

In light of the Dennis Rodman's suspension for kicking a court-side photographer, some people look at the Rogers incident through tainted glasses and their only thought about Rogers and his unselfish ideals is: "so what."

But there were many more people who felt for Rogers and shared his pain.

One 75-year-old man stepped off the elevator at the Raptor's Bay Street office and told whoever wanted to listen that he was more than willing to donate one of his own kidneys to save Rene's life.

Rogers is not a perfect person, nor does he claim to be, but what he has done for his family since he has arrived in the NBA and what he was willing to do for his sister, makes him pretty close to being that way.

His decision to donate a kidney to his sister Rene after her first transplanted kidney failed is not comprehensible to most people and the fact that he would most likely be giving up his NBA career is something only a few can understand.

When he received the news about his sister's turn for the worse (news that Rene didn't want her brother to know, since he is the only person in the family that could donate a kidney), his life took a drastic turn.

He dedicated last Tuesday (Jan. 2) night's home game against Minnesota to Rene, proclaiming his feelings on the white wristband that he always wears; that night it had '4 Rene' written on it in black marker.

Rogers scored 24 points that night, well above his 10.5 point average for the first half of the season.

Rogers has always played basketball for his family.

When he signed his \$14 million contract three years ago, the first thing he did was move his family, consisting of his mother and 10 siblings, out of the ghetto in Detroit.

When most people look at professional athletes, they see someone who is untouchable, almost unreal, fictional. That may be why some people wouldn't allow themselves to care about whether or not Rene lived. But if that is true, those people were so cold-hearted they should not be considered human beings.

That's what Rogers has shown everyone who has forgotten what it takes to be a human being. It reminded us that everyone, no matter the circumstances, is mortal.

## Letter to the editor

I feel a brief point of clarification is required regarding the recent article on food prices. Harvey's and Church's as well as Mr. Submarine offer the same prices on campus as at their other restaurants within the city. The comparison in the article indicating that Harvey's at Humber charges \$2.59 while other Harvey's locations charge \$1.88 is in error since it represents a comparison between Harvey's suggested list price for the burger and the special promotion price. If the burger is available for \$1.88 at surrounding restaurants, then it will be offered at \$1.88 at Humber as well.

Likewise, Mr. Submarine maintains the same price as surrounding Mr. Submarine restaurants. An exception may occur at times when coupons offered by Mr. Submarine, Harvey's, Pizza Pizza or Taco Bell are not honored by the franchises operating within the college.

I apologize for not providing sufficient and clear information for Tricia Douglas during the interview.

John Mason

Director, Ancillary Services and Customer Relations



## Our exploited global village

by Renae Jarrett

Student Services Reporter

When the term "global village" was originally coined, people were excited. The possibilities seemed endless. "It's a small world after all," actually seemed as though it could become reality.

With technology taking us further and faster than we've ever traveled before, nothing was inconceivable. The world was ours to see even without leaving our homes, let alone getting off the couch.

Just think about the events we've witnessed because of technology; the Gulf War, the Waco standoff, the Oklahoma City Bombing, just to name a few. We've seen tragedies of all kinds. I can't help, but wonder, "was this supposed to be one of the benefits of mass communication?" If it wasn't, it certainly would appear to be one of its greatest uses.

Let's be honest, we can't just

be told about events anymore. Now, we must know them inside out, word for word and scene by scene. The O.J. Simpson trial was evidence of that. In fact, with video cameras being banned from his civil trial, an E! Entertainment Television show in the States, hired actors to re-enact the day's events. It's just plain madness and it's only getting worse.

The village is being contaminated with endless and useless analysis and examination. Just look at the little pageant girl who was killed last month, JonBenet Ramsey. Just the fact that she was killed should have been where the story began and ended.

The facts of the case should have satisfied the public's assumed desire to know, but I guess not. If that were true, the only time we would've seen Ramsey in the media is when there was an actual development in the case. But, that would have

been way too little information for the public to handle.

Some legitimate news publications obviously feel that dissecting the child's family history is necessary in order to get anyone to care, listen or gain ratings.

People should know about what is going on in the world, not only to be informed, but also so that incidents such as those can be prevented from happening again.

The truth of the matter is that little children in inner-cities are being killed by violence every day, children who may not be as cute as Ramsey and certainly not as rich, but, they're children with families just the same.

If the issue is violence then let's keep it that way. Plain and simple. If anything is going to be analyzed and examined incessantly, it should be how we're going to stop the violence and nothing more.

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# Plans for Student Centre axed

## SAC proposal to turn courtyard in to a bar stopped by college officials

by Lance Knight and John Chick  
News Reporters

An \$800,000 plan to turn the Humber College Student Centre into a bar has been snuffed out by the college brass.

Students' Association Council (SAC) president Steve Virtue announced the death of the massive project during a meeting held on Jan. 23.

Citing alcohol liability, fire hazards and community concerns, a number of top college officials including president Robert Gordon vetoed the plan which would have called for the much-maligned courtyard area to be turned into a large bar/bistro.

"It's just not going to happen," said Virtue, who backed the plan in the hope of creating new revenue to help alleviate rising college costs.

Virtue had been given direction last August to come up with an idea to renovate the student centre into something useful. The proposed nightclub would have been able to accommodate more than a

thousand patrons.

He said he had hoped the revenue from the bar would help to stop the consistent increase in student activity fees as well as offer a significant amount of entertainment.

Virtue had started the project by working closely with Caps management to forecast budgets and then hired the Cricket design team based in Toronto to come up with a possible plan for the renovations.

Cricket has successfully renovated pubs at the University of Western Ontario and the University of Guelph. Virtue said he was satisfied the plans would have been able to create enough

revenue to cover the cost of building the bar.

"In terms of budgeting, I think we could have done it and done it successfully," said Virtue.

The next concern Virtue and council has is what renovations the centre needs in order to generate some revenue. He would like to see council get permission to build a food service in the student centre.

"There is no food service that we are going to be able to offer because Beaver [Foods] owns the right to provide food service on the campus. The fact that they are right next door, I think would be good for competition. Beaver

might lower their prices a little bit," said Virtue.

He noted any renovations to the student centre that do take place should include building the mechanical necessities to build a bar in the future.

A number of plans remain on the table for the site, including a shopping area and an indoor extension of the arboretum. The centre has long been complained about by the college, for among other things, the presence of rats.

Instead of the new facility, Virtue later said Caps, the existing bar, would likely receive major renovations within the next two years.

# More students dining at the Pipe

by Cheryl Waugh  
News Reporter

Piping in a new era of food services, the food emporium is attracting more students than last year.

John Mason, director of ancillary/customer relations, said there has been an 18 per cent increase in students using the food facilities at Humber.

"It's generally known that when you renovate a facility, usage of that facility should go up by 10 per cent. The fact that it's greater than 10 per cent means we are very satisfied with the increase," said Mason.

Mason said the sales projection of \$4 million set for the new food services is within reach and called it a 'good omen'.

Last year, an average of 1,600 customers a day used the Pipe. This year, the new Food Emporium is serving around 1,900 customers a day.

Harvey's is doing even better. They are showing a 25 per cent increase over last year's Kites restaurant.

Mason said the wide variety of food offered is probably the leading contributor in the increase in students using the facilities. Some students seem to agree.

Barb Phillips, a second-year Travel and Tourism student, said there's a huge variety of food offered at the Emporium and she doesn't see a need for improvement.

"It's not like cafeteria food, which is good. I've yet to taste

everything but what I have I like. I think it's good quality food," said Phillips.

"If people are eating here every day it's bad to always have fried food. I know people who do that. I think it would be a bit better if the food here was a little more nutritional. A lot of it is still deep-fried and greasy," Cathy Michalopoulos, a second-year Recreation Leadership student.

She suggested other methods of cooking should be looked in to.

Both Phillips and Michalopoulos will get the chance to formally air any complaints or desires as both the college and Beaver Foods Ltd. will be conducting surveys on food service and quality.

Beaver Foods Ltd. (owned by Cara Operations Ltd.) manages

both The Food Emporium and Harvey's. The college formulated a partnership with Beaver Foods Ltd. to help with renovations of the food service areas last summer.

Because of the turnover of management from the college to Beaver Foods Ltd. the actual sales revenue of the new food services up to this point is not available.

While, the new facilities seem to be popular with students, Harvey's has been getting complaints from the computer centre.

"We have an on-going problem with cooking aroma being blown back in to the building through an air vent on the roof. It's still under review by an engineering firm," said Mason.

Most complaints about Harvey's from students seem to be the

slowness of service.

Marnie Fast, a second-year Recreation Leadership student, said there's always long line-ups at Harvey's and wishes that both Harvey's and Java Jazz were on the meal plan that residence students use. She also said Taco Bell isn't one of her favorite new features.

"Taco Bell is a pretty big deception. You can only get two choices there, that's it. It's deceiving," said Fast.

The college will be conducting their food service surveys in March. The survey will ask students about food choices; what they like and don't like or if there's something else they'd like to see brought in. It'll also ask students about the quality of the service they're receiving.

## Bacteria found in storm sewers

by Jae Burns  
Environment Reporter

High numbers of bacteria have been found in some of Etobicoke's storm sewage outfalls.

These high numbers (over 1,000 fecal coliforms per 100 ml of water) have led Etobicoke's Works Department to be suspicious of a sewage crossover.

A sewage crossover means that some sanitary sewage is travelling in the storm sewage system.

About 90 Etobicoke residents received notices last week from the Works Department concerning the cross-over and dye testing in their homes.

"When someone goes to the trouble to deliver a letter to your door then you have to also be concerned," said Kevin McGourty, a recipient of the notice.

Dye testing involves putting dye in the toilets and drains of certain homes to make sure that waste water from buildings is travelling in the proper sewage system.

"We sent out a letter to do the dye test to make sure that all these [houses] empty into the sanitary system," said Thanh Le, Manager of Environmental Planning for the City of Etobicoke.

Le told the *Et Cetera* that Etobicoke has two separate sewage systems. The sanitary system collects waste from inside buildings and transports it to a sewage treatment plant where it is treated and released into Lake Ontario. The storm sewage system collects uncontaminated rain water and snow melt which is discharged directly to any water course.

"We do a test at a certain area of a creek and in some areas we have high bacteria counts. That's why we try to go back through the area to locate the source of the problem," Le said.

Le said about 2,500 homes undergo dye tests each year. The current testing is planned for the area between Rathburn and Burnhamthorpe and the West Mall and Etobicoke Creek.

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# Weedless Wednesday goes up in smoke as students fail to butt out

Humber students avoid information booths for national non-smoking week

by Bernice Barth  
Lifestyles Reporter

Humber College's participation in National Non-Smoking Week was a reflection of the nationwide struggle to get people to butt out in Canada.

Weedless Wednesday took place last week at Humber's North and Lakeshore campuses, but received little attention by students.

Humber students sitting directly in front of the display were completely unaware of Weedless Wednesday and National Non-Smoking Week.

The North York Council also seemed unconcerned about National Non-Smoking Week when, on the same day, they scrapped their bylaw that banned smoking before 9 p.m. in public places.

Michael Perley, the head of the Ontario Campaign for Action on Tobacco, told the Toronto Star that the ruling was pathetic and a blow to public health. This was mirrored at Humber North.

"We're hoping to see as many smokers as we possibly can here



Humber's health displays didn't get the turn out they were hoping for on Weedless Wednesday.

and hopefully influence them to stop smoking, or at least get them thinking in that direction," said Sue Hillary, a representative of The Lung Association.

However, most smokers gave the booths a wide berth, said Marg Anne Jones, director of Humber North's Health Centre.

Jones said that booths received the most traffic from those who did not smoke, but knew someone who did and individuals who had just recently quit.

"I think we reached some people and I like to think we had a

chance to provoke some thought.

Yet, as Jones and many other anti-smoking activists will admit, there are two insurmountable difficulties in trying to achieve a nation that is smoke free: money and influence.

The problem with the non-smoking issue is that both the pro and the anti-smoking sides are equally influential, whether it be at the public or private level and the biggest factor they seem to use is money.

Perley said he is convinced that some North York councillors gave in to pressure from

business people, many of whom lobbied against the bylaw for months, saying it would cost them money.

The councillors who voted to strike down the bylaw aren't the only ones who believed money would be lost. Many people, smokers and even some non-smokers, agreed with them.

"It's like this law with the restaurants. It's a private establishment, so if the guy that owns it wants people to smoke they should let them smoke," explained John Chick, a Humber student. "People are going to lose jobs because of this, things are going to close because they're going to lose business."

At the same time the business sector is arguing they'll lose money with a smoke-free Canada, the anti-smoking groups are saying the non-smokers will pay for the health care costs of smokers. Tobacco related diseases tax the Health Care system and, eventually, the Canadian income.

"The cost of the health care system from smoking, I think, is phenomenal," said Ruth Greer, a public health nurse with the Etobicoke Health Department.

Joan Larmondin, a Humber nursing student in clinical placement at Weedless Wednesday, echoed Greer's opinion.

"Further on down the line they're [the smokers] going to end up with a lot of health problems and it's going to end up costing everybody more money, so the earlier you stop it, the more beneficial for everyone."

On the other hand, smokers

argued that anti-smoking groups and government organizations are wasting the taxpayers' money on campaigns to make Canadians butt-out.

"It's a crock. They're spending money on this kind of thing and really, what it is, is a personal decision whether you want to smoke or not. This isn't Cuba. It's a free country. We should be able to smoke if we want to," said Chick.

Yet even with the freedom to smoke, many adult Canadians seem to be butting out. The statistics for smoking adults have gone down dramatically.

"Twenty years ago, about 70 per cent of the population smoked, now 70 per cent of the population doesn't smoke, so all the education and all the awareness must be doing something," said Greer.

In the long-term overview, the anti-smoking side seems to be winning with adults. But Greer also admitted that as the number of adult smokers goes down, the number of young smokers has increased.

Greer cited the big money of advertisers and peer influence as responsible for creating smokers.

"It's a lot of peer pressure, being cool. The advertisements, are decreasing, but they're still out there. The message is still out there that it's cool and adult-like to smoke and I think that's part of the big reason that kids are getting hooked on it," said Greer.

Jones added that the lower price of cigarettes also contributed to young people smoking.

This is where Weedless Wednesday comes in. If anti-smokers can make younger people quit, as they

have with older smokers, then slowly, their side will win the non-smoking battle. However, Weedless Wednesday was a failure.

"I think it's definitely a good thing to promote awareness because I know there's a lot of smokers at Humber," said Susannah Kilroy, a student in the Public Relations program.

But, as another student, Sean Scully, pointed out: "In order to make somebody quit smoking, someone has to want to quit smoking. Offering a day where you're saying 'It's probably not a good idea to smoke' probably isn't that effective."

**"The message is still out there that it's cool and adult-like to smoke,"**  
- Ruth Greer,  
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# Educational software: 'no boys allowed'



Media City's new software catches young girls imaginations and provides a building block for the future.

by Paul Billington

Technology Reporter

New software is now available just for girls.

"Studies show that girls use computers at an earlier age than boys do," said Margie Mastrangelo, representative for Media City. "The problem is after the age of 10, interest falls off considerably."

Media City's purpose is to keep girls interested in computers up to high school and beyond. Most software for children are violent arcade games that boys naturally take to. Studies show only a small percentage of girls play those games Mastrangelo explained.

Media City's games and software focus on what girls aged six to 14 are interested in, like shopping, make-up and dolls, to get them using computers.

Sensitive to criticism that these programs push girls into traditional roles, Mastrangelo said many eight and nine year old girls aren't interested in math and science.

To get young girls interested in computers, you have to provide programs that appeal to them.

The six to 10 year old age group are interested in very traditional things like dolls, playhouses and dressing up, said Mastrangelo.

"Certainly it would be a concern if girls were using these programs at 16 or 17, just like we would be concerned about them if they were reading the same books as when they [were] reading when they were 8 or 9," said Mastrangelo. They are something a girl eventually grows out of, she noted.

Donna Kawalchuk, the mother of a 7-year-old girl, was impressed.

"Normally all Aaron likes to do is watch television and have her friends over. If programs like these [Media City's] can teach her to be computer literate, then I'm all for it."

The types of programs range from dressing Barbie up in over a hundred different computer generated outfits, to editing and viewing a story the user chooses from a list of beginnings, plots and endings.

The cost of the programs range from \$50 to \$70.

## Where don't you want to go today?

by Chris Attard

Technology Reporter

You may not be hearing Microsoft ask "where do you want to go today?" anymore, for a good reason.

The computer software mega-giant plans to cancel its "where do you want to go today?" ad campaign because Microsoft's corporate office received nearly 800,000 letters, postcards, e-mails and faxes. Most contained one-word messages answering Microsoft's question.

'Chicago,' 'Tahiti,' 'Egypt' and 'the corner of Fourth and Elm' were the some of the only words appearing in such letters.

The fiasco even spilled over to the software's 800 number. Operators who answered Microsoft's calls frequently got people yelling "France" and "The Moon" into the phone and then quickly hung up.

When Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, was asked what they'd replace the popular slogan with, he said in a press release, "You can bet we won't be doing 'who do you want to be today?' anytime soon."

In a recent tour of the Internet, Microsoft still had its slogan running.

# Humber knows where to go

by Bethany Lee

Technology Reporter

Job hunting is getting easier as those seeking employment learn to use the Internet to market themselves.

Humber College hooked up with WorkLink in November, 1996.

Karen Fast, employment advisor at Humber College's Career Services, said using the Internet is "absolutely essential" to job searching.

"I wouldn't have said that six months ago, that's how fast it is moving," she said. "A good majority of employers now have Web sites where they are posting their positions or their company information."

The Canadian Association of Career Educators and Employers (CACEE), Centennial, George Brown, Humber, Seneca, and Sheridan Colleges founded WorkLink in cooperation with Industry Canada.

Fast said that students aren't aware of the WorkLink program because it is a very new program. Some (students) are afraid of the Internet and "students don't think that they need to start applying for summer positions. They tend to wait until March, April and May, when it's too late."

Humber students need to know their username, which is 'hcollege', and their passcode, which is 'bercolor'. One-on-one Web help is available in the library. A demonstration is planned on how to use WorkLink in the concourse by the Humber Room for the week of Feb. 11.

One advantage of using WorkLink is the efficiency of the system, which allows you to see

the postings sooner and potential employers to get your responses sooner.

Students can use WorkLink anywhere and anytime. It can be accessed anywhere there is access to the Web and it covers a wide geographical range of employers.

"Every day there are new jobs added," Fast said. Jobs stay on the system for 30 days.

Students are already narrowing down their search by using WorkLink. Employers who list on WorkLink want workers with certain skills and they are targeting the colleges because of the skills they teach.

Fast said that the colleges and Industry Canada are working to improve the WorkLink system. As of February the system will allow the user to search in multiple job areas, saving the job hunter time. There will also be an e-mail feature which allows applicants to send and receive messages regarding possible employment.

"Printouts from WorkLink are free at Career Services," said Dawn Bryan, Career Services.

Fast said that Career Services plans on marketing WorkLink to Humber alumni, so that they will benefit from the service as well.

There is also Human Resources Development Canada which has an Internet site at ([www.hrdc-drdc.gc.ca](http://www.hrdc-drdc.gc.ca)). Their site is useful as a Job Bank and as an Electronic Labour Exchange which matches people to jobs and jobs to people.

This computer based recruitment tool lets students profile their experiences and qualifications on the Web. They create a mailbox, which allows them to check in to see if any interest has been shown.

A link from this site which is another good tool for students is the National Graduate Registry ([ngr.schoolnet.ca/engine/](http://ngr.schoolnet.ca/engine/)). This site is useful for anyone who has recently graduated or will graduate in the near future. The Registry allows job hunters to profile themselves through academic achievements.

To access Infoseek, one of Humber's search engines, click on 'Find a Job'. Here you will find a variety of useful sites on creating cover letters and resumes, job hunting techniques, interview tips and getting your resume on-line. Be aware that there are many sites that allow students to put resumes on-line.

Fast recommended limiting yourself to associations that have a direct connection with the line of work you are searching for.

Some resume banks charge for

resume submissions. The World Wide Web Resume Bank ([www.careermag.com/resumes/resumebank.html](http://www.careermag.com/resumes/resumebank.html)) charges \$19.50 for an on-line submission of a resume which would run for six months. A person is charged an additional \$12 if a mailbox is going to be set up as well.

Fast recommended using the Internet to its fullest advantage. "Research not only company information, but labor market information so you can read up about different industries," she said. People searching for jobs are relying more and more on the Internet everyday.

"That's the way that companies are recruiting," said Fast. "That's the type of student they want to recruit, people who are up to date on their technology."

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# New MMX chip for die hards only

by Adam Weissengruber  
Technology Reporter

A higher quality sound and video experience is being promised by Intel with the introduction of their new MMX microprocessor.

The MMX (Multi Media Extensions) chip, which has begun to appear in new Pentium personal computers will bring a new level of sophistication to a variety of software, from games to Internet video conferencing.

The MMX chip is identical to the standard Pentium chips currently available except for the 57 new instructions that have been added to the architecture. These will speed up the processor-intensive applications that can bog down some software.

Intel spokesperson Mike Aymar said that with the MMX chip, "The PC experience will be enhanced through a new wave of systems and software that provide such features as life-like color, full-screen video and graphics, real-time animation and manipulation of images, 3D audio and dynamic lighting."

In popular games such as *Quake*, the graphically intensive artwork can slow down the play of the game on slower computers. MMX machines will be able to handle these elements more smoothly. The engineers have incorporated SIMD (Single Instruction Multiple

Data Techniques) technology into the MMX chip, enabling the computer to crunch the large number of computations it takes to run multi-media intensive software with a single instruction. This development helps free up the processor to perform other tasks.

Yung Dai, a salesperson at Compucentre, admitted that it is

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—Yung Dai,  
Compucentre salesman

mostly people interested in playing games who will rush to upgrade to a MMX system.

"Sound and graphics are going to be greatly improved with MMX. People will be really impressed," he said. It will still be a few months before consumers will be able to realize these benefits.

Software has to be written with MMX instructions or it will not be able to take advantage of the chip's capabilities. There is only a handful

of titles written with MMX code and the new office suites like Microsoft Office '97 do not have these capabilities. Dai said that this is just a short-term problem.

"All the large manufacturers, IBM, Dell, are building MMX machines and the next generation of software are being written with MMX in mind."

For those people who have recently purchased a Pentium system and want to get their hands on the latest technology, there is some bad news. Unless you have a Pentium Pro system, you will have to buy a new motherboard to install the chip. Intel plans to make an overdrive chip available in a few months that will allow current Pentium owners to install a MMX chip.

Dai said that now is a good time to buy a standard Pentium if you do not feel the need to play the latest games. "Prices are going to start to drop, quickly," he said.

If you are in the market for a new computer, Dai said you should not expect to pay much more for an MMX computer than you would have paid for a standard Pentium a few weeks ago.

"This chip does not cost any more to manufacture than the previous chip. If someone is trying to sell a MMX machine at an inflated price, look somewhere else," he said.



Intel's new MMX chip will bring new life to computers, especially games.

## A tale of two modems

by Paul Billington  
Technology Reporter

Fasten your seat belt because the information highway just got faster.

Two contenders for your modem dollar have just emerged: 56K modems versus cable modems.

Cable companies have formed a service called Wave. Subscribers to Wave can expect speeds up to 500 kilo bauds per second (kbps), nearly 20 times faster than traditional 28.8kbps modems.

Wave uses coaxial cables instead of telephone lines. Coaxial cables have a wider bandwidth than telephone lines. A wider bandwidth means more information can pass through at the same time than a telephone line.

The downside, however, may prove to be the cost. Eric Brassard, director of Loyalty Marketing for Wave admitted, "some may be initially put off by the cost, \$65 a month, but eventually the cost will come down as more people subscribe."

Brassard said that subscribers have to pay a \$150 hook-up charge because a connection takes both a computer and a cable technician.

Currently, Wave is not available city-wide. According to Wave, they plan to have it available to all parts of the city by the end of the year.

There's also the new 56kbps modem. U.S. Robotics, which is releasing the new modem in February, haven't announced its price yet.

U.S. Robotics new X2-Technology will upgrade only U.S. Robotics 33.6kbps modems bought after Aug. 15, 1996.

"That policy may change, but that's the only U.S. Robotics modem for which you can buy an upgrade," said Sean Campbell, a U.S. Robotics account executive.

U.S. Robotics is the world's largest modem manufacturer with about 70 per cent of the world's market share and the modem most often installed in new computers.

Essentially, U.S. Robotics' policy of not upgrading modems of less than 33.6k means that people who have bought computers with internal 28.8kbps modems pre-installed are not eligible for the upgrade. U.S. Robotics recommended checking your modem type in Windows setup to see which speed and manufacturer yours is before you buy their modem upgrade.

However, if your computer has a Boca Research modem then you're in luck. Their product will upgrade your 33.6 as well as your 28.8kbps modem to 56. The cost to upgrade will be between \$40 and \$75.

Boca Research modems are

second in factory installations to U.S. Robotics. But this doesn't help the vast majority of people who are stuck with their U.S. Robotics 28.8kbps modems.

Computer consultant Mark Palgius said the most viable alternative for consumers is the 56K modem.

"Unless consumers are heavy users of the Internet, Wave isn't worth it. If someone already has a 28.8kbps modem and they don't need the latest technology because they're only using the Internet for e-mail and occasional surfing, I wouldn't recommend a cable modem for him."

Palgius recommended waiting four or five months after the 56kbps modems come out before buying one. "By then, competition will reduce prices by 20 to 30 per cent," he said.

Palgius said that a 56kbps does not mean double the speed of a 28.8kbps modem. He said the purchase is similar to buying a faster car.

"It doesn't matter if your car goes 200km/h if everyone else can only go a hundred. They just get in the way and then you can't go 200 (km/h)." Currently, less than ten per cent of households are connected to the Internet. If a person uses an Internet service provider (ISP) their ISP must also use 56kbps modems."

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# IMMIGRATION

## Humber refugee students tackle many obstacles in the race for education

by Alma Betancourth  
Features Reporter

After fleeing countries facing almost total destruction, surviving wars and escaping terrorist attacks or poverty, one would imagine starting college in Canada would be anything but hard. For refugee claimants, however, both experiences can be painful, frustrating, and in some cases, quite humiliating.

Alexis Sandoval left his native Nicaragua nine years ago. His parents realized his life was in danger and they fled to Canada. Although this country is a totally different place from the tropical land he grew up in, he decided that this was his new home and set off to start a new life. That

meant a new school, new friends and new aspiration, and he said he has many.

When it was time to apply for college, all the colleges he had applied to denied him admission because of his status as a refugee claimant — all but one. He was accepted to the program of his choice at Seneca College.

"I started the semester and I was very hopeful about my future," Sandoval recalled. "I had paid my fees and was getting excellent grades. When the first semester was about to finish, I was called to the admissions office. Apparently they had made a mistake and they were now charging me international student fees. I didn't have that much money, so I had to quit."

According to the Guide to Services and Programs of

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, "a refugee claimant is a person who has arrived in Canada and seeks convention refugee status as defined by international agreement. A claim to be recognized as a refugee may be made at a port of entry and can be made at a Canadian Immigration Centre by someone already in Canada, whether as a legal visitor or without legal status."

Most people claim refugee status when they enter Canada. Their passports and all their legal documents are taken away and are not given back until their situation is resolved. In most cases, they are given work and study permits, but certain limitations are imposed. If they choose to go to school, there is no financial aid or any type of loan available to them because their stay in Canada might be temporary, depending on the outcome of their claim.

Joyce Woodend, associate registrar at Humber College, said that refugees are treated as international students and fees are charged as such.

"[Refugee claimants] can certainly apply to any program, it depends on which program they're applying for [and] if admission can be granted based on over-subscription. So, because they are refugee claimants, but they have not been granted official refugee status, they would be treated like an international student, so they would pay international student fees and would not be given first consideration if it

is an over-subscribed program," she said.

Gopi Nataraya applied to Humber College a couple of years ago. He had a film degree from his native India. When he applied to Humber, Nataraya was accepted.

"These people at Humber College said that they would charge me international fee. After, I showed evidence that I could stay in Canada forever, then they accepted and they asked me to pay regular fees."

"I didn't have money to study. Without the landed immigrant [documents] I couldn't get a loan or anything. I tried Financial Aid, but they said I should have landed papers," said Nataraya.

"I was lucky," he said. "I only had to wait for two years for the landed documents."

Some people are not so lucky. Thevaka Moorthy arrived from Sri Lanka in 1988, and applied to George Brown College. Since she didn't have any documents, the admissions office asked her to bring a letter from Canadian Immigration to verify that she would get her papers sometime in the future. Immigration officials informed her that was not possible.

"I went to the Catholic Immigration Bureau and explained the problem," Moorthy said. "They faxed a letter to Immigration (Canada). With their help, I received my landed papers within three months. Without these papers,

I would not have been able to go to college."

Due to the high number of claims, Immigration Canada sometimes takes years to process these cases. According to the Guide for Services and Programs, an applicant must make a claim to an immigration officer. It is then referred to a senior immigration officer who determines whether the claim is eligible to be heard before the Refugee Division. If there is a hearing and it is determined that the person is a refugee, he or she is eligible to apply for permanent resident status. If not, the decision may be appealed. It could take months to go from one step to the next. Meanwhile, claimants have to live with the limitations they have been given.

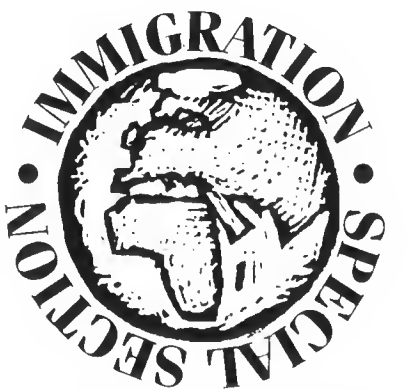
For some refugee claimants, it seems sometimes easier to give up post-secondary education altogether and be happy with any job they can find. For the ones that persevere, it would be nice to know all the frustration and humiliation will eventually pay off.



Jeff Richardson  
Dalcy Newby welcomes international students in room A101.

**CANADIAN IMMIGRATION GUIDELINES STATE:**

**"A refugee claimant is a person who has arrived in Canada and seeks refugee status."**



# Another nation's loss could be Canada's gain

by Rajesh K. Pallan  
Features Reporter

**D**uring these days of recession and cutbacks, the initiative of East Indian entrepreneurs has provided jobs for many people in Toronto and helped boost the provincial economy.

East Indian immigrants, like ANS Taxi Services President Nirmal Singh, have been controlling about 25 per cent of the taxi business for the last 20 years.

"The recession really hurt the business as a whole. We are helping the economy in a lot of ways, taxes, property taxes, business taxes," said Singh. "Moreover, we are serving the public honestly and are also creating jobs for many seekers."

Starting from scratch in 1974, Singh established a taxi business and said he now owns over half-a-million dollars in business assets, including a gas station, an auto-body shop and an auto-repair shop. Singh works almost 16 hours a day, seven days a week and it is through this hard work that he has been able to survive all the challenges thrown at him by

the Canadian economy.

"I came here as a visitor in 1974 and started a job at a gas station for \$3 an hour. In 1978, I started driving taxis and then bought taxis one by one. By 1987, I had 60 taxis, but because of the recession in 1989, I was left with over 30 taxis. Taxi insurance was too high. There are over 100 drivers working part-time and full-time with me and I now own about 42 taxis. I am leasing taxi licences and working with different cab systems like Beck, Diamond and Metro," said Singh.

Many hazards are involved in operating a taxi business, Singh said.

"You can put a brand new car on the road today; probably, tomorrow, it is gone.

Moreover, there is a risk in insur-

ance, as taxi insurance has only third-party coverage. We have to pay for all the repairs also," said Singh.

Taxis are inspected every four months.

"The taxi inspection used to be done by the Ministry of Transportation, but now the Metropolitan Licensing Commission contracted the work to a Canadian Tire franchise. We send our taxis there for keeping up safety standards," said Manjit Singh, a partner in the business.

Many licenced mechanics are employed by ANS Taxi Services in the taxi garage at Gerrard Street. They repair the cabs and keep them mechanically fit and safe for the road.

"I possess an auto-licenced mechanic certificate and also a propane installation and

propane conversion licence. I have been working with ANS Taxi Services since 1992 and their deals are very fair," said Gurmit Singh Dhanjal.

Drivers who are working with ANS Taxi Services hail from different countries but are mainly from India, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

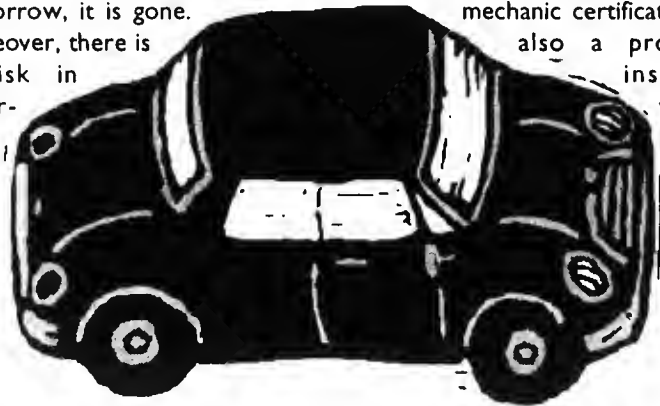
"I pay \$400 a week to ANS. Right now, it is winter time, I make about \$70 per day. On Fridays, I make \$100, approximately. Sometimes, I drive a double shift. It is good to work with them (ANS)," said Ahmed Faizi, an Afghanistani immigrant.

Akhtar Hussain, a recent immigrant from Pakistan, works through the recession as best as he can.

"It is hard during these days, but what else can be done? I feel comfortable working with ANS Taxi Services as I can speak to them in Hindi. I pay \$57.50 to them everyday as rent," said Hussain.

However, Singh prefers providing jobs to students.

"I always try to help students whenever they come to me seeking work in summers," said Singh. "Now, I feel pleasure in helping anybody in distress."



## Humber's Intercultural Centre welcomes students from abroad

by Carlos Puster-Bergero  
Features Reporter

**W**ithin the vast territory of Humber's North Campus, the Intercultural Centre has been exiled to a lonely corner.

The Centre is in Room A101, located past the Information Cubicle by the Registrar's Office.

As *Et Cetera* proceeded to open the door of the Centre and venture in, Dalcyce Newby, the centre's international student advisor, was on the phone with the Jordanian consulate on behalf of a student whose passport was about to expire.

Newby gave the student,

sitting nervously in front of her, the address to the Jordanian consulate in Toronto. She provided him with the consulate's closing and opening times and even took out a road map, carefully outlining the fastest bus route.

Newby had a calming effect on the Jordanian student who appeared to be frustrated at the thought of having to renew his passport.

Before leaving the office, the student opened his wallet and took out his passport photo and handed it to Newby: "That picture was taken after I fought with the soldiers," he said, cracking a mischievous grin.

Coming to study in a foreign country "can be a lonely experience," said Newby.

Many times international students find it very difficult to make friends and need someone who will listen to their concerns.

"The ability to turn to someone

for advice is a key component of the international student's successful adaptation into Humber life," said Newby.

In response to the international students' needs, the centre launched the Humber Friends of International Students Program. International students who register with the program are "buddied" off with another student, who will help the international student in any way they can. This help could be simply showing the student around Toronto or advising him or her on how to improve study habits.

According to Newby, the question international students ask most often is whether there are other students of their particular ethnicity in Humber.

"What really holds us together, and sometimes what holds people together, is similarities and that could be their particular heritage."

Newby said that apart from the coordination of the Friends program, the centre offers advice and

assistance in getting to know Humber and Toronto, Canadian health insurance, immigration and employment information. The centre also organizes a number of workshops for international students dealing with study skills, cultural shock and immigration.

"A substantial number of international students attend Humber on an annual basis separated from their family, country and culture. An international student's centre would provide a focal point for the support and social integration of this diverse clientele," was one of the recommendations made to Humber College by the Task Force on Multiculturalism in March of 1990.

In 1991, the Intercultural Centre became a reality.

Administrators at Humber realized the college is a "diverse institution and will continue to become a more diverse institution."

Right now, Newby estimates there are approxi-

mately 150 international students attending the North Campus of Humber.

Exchange students come to Humber for usually one semester, taking courses that are related to their particular field of study back home. International students attend Humber for the entire length of their particular program.

"Dealing with international students is some of what I do, but not totally," said Newby.

The centre also provides a number of faculty members and administrators with information on specific countries and cultures, as well as providing students desiring to work abroad with global employment information.

The centre also interacts with outside cultural organizations.

For more information on the outreach program or Humber Friends of International Students program, Newby can be reached at 675-6622, ext 4349.

### Requirements for citizenship

- must be a permanent resident or landed immigrant
- must have lived in Canada for three of the last four years
- must be a landed immigrant in two of those years
- must have an adequate knowledge of English or French
- must know the responsibilities and privileges of being a Canadian citizen

### A person cannot become a Canadian citizen if:

- they has been convicted of an indictable offense in the last three years
- they are in jail and under a deportation order

Source: Immigration and Refugee Board  
(416) 973-4444.

-With files from Scott Yeddeau



# Canada is no asylum for foreign criminals

by Ryan-Anthony Trotman  
Features Reporter

**R**obert Shapton, an Industrial Design teacher at Humber, said a refugee claimant has been subjected to "prolonged and indefinite detention under punitive and inhumane conditions."

Complaints against the Canadian refugee process are quite rare due to the high acceptance rate of citizens fleeing persecution from another country.

Globally, Canada is well known as a country with an open-arm immigration policy, except where criminals are involved. This is the reason that the case of Rodolfo Pacificador, who has been in the Don Jail for over five years, is a complex one.

A senior immigration officer, who wished to remain anonymous for fear of job security, described the refugee system as "nothing but a paper process and the acceptance rate is very high."

Any citizen leaving their country of citizenship for fear of persecution and seeking asylum in Canada is considered, by definition, a Canadian refugee. That person must first enter Canada at a border-crossing or an airport and present themselves to an immigration officer as a refugee.

Shapton, a spokesman for Pacificador's family, said Pacificador fled his homeland of the Philippines where he is charged with the murder of Evelio Javier, a political representative of the Philippine province of Antique. He entered the U.S. using false papers and proceeded to Canada under his true identity at the Niagara Falls border on Sept. 29, 1987.

A process of the examination forces the refugee claimant back to the U.S. to await a hearing, as was the case with Pacificador. This created a problem since he used a false identity to enter the U.S., and so he was immediately placed in jail. It wasn't until a week later that he was released from U.S. custody on \$70,000 bail posted by relatives in Canada.

A hearing, which is typically finished within one year, involves the claimant explaining why they are a



The jail cell Pacificador faces if deported back to the Philippines.

refugee. Concurrent with the hearing is a criminal background check, medical examination and determination if this is the claimant's first trip to Canada.

Following a refugee inquiry, Pacificador became a free man in Canada, with the stipulation that he would report regularly to an immigration official.

His life progressed towards normality until four years later when he was arrested on Nov. 12, 1991 by an RCMP officer with an extradition warrant.

The rapid and constant changes to immigration laws led to this disruption in his new life including a treaty ratified in 1990 between the Canadian and Philippine governments. This treaty serves as an international agreement between the countries to allow criminals who reside in one of the two countries to be returned to the country in which they face charges.

Pacificador was placed in the Don Jail to await his extradition to the Philippines, where he stood to face the harsh legal system, a cruel jail and possibly the death sentence. Michael Brown, senior policy advisor for the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada Allan Rock, stated in a letter that the extradition of Pacificador to the Philippines "was justified."

"Mr. Pacificador could not be tried in Canada for an offence committed abroad," Brown wrote. "The alternative to extradition, therefore, was that Mr. Pacificador would not be tried for the alleged murder at all."

Brown also said, "the minister

required that the Philippines agree to the conditions of surrender in the advance. These conditions also included requirements that Mr. Pacificador be brought to trial within one year of the extradition date."

Shapton said in a press release that Rock's assurances are preposterous.

"The Philippines has kept other individuals, facing identical charges in the same crime, in ongoing custody for nine years without trial," said Shapton. "Rodolfo's father, who is facing the same charges, voluntarily surrendered in March, 1995, and has not yet had a hearing."

Deputy Speaker and Edmonton Southeast M.P. David Kilgour questioned the lack of action by Rock.

"It seems unusual for a person to be incarcerated for such a long period of time with no apparent end in sight," Kilgour wrote in a letter to Rock. "It is as if one's life is put on hold indefinitely."

Recent changes have been made to the Immigration Act favoring refugees with criminal records. Claimants who never produced identification upon entry at the border and haven't committed a criminal act for the five years they have been in Canada, are now granted landed immigrant status. Once granted landing status, they are able to apply for citizenship.

Since the law changed late last year, 14,000 refugees have been granted their landed immigrant status and the Canadian government still doesn't know who they are.

Pacificador's honesty to Canadian immigration officials at the Niagara border, led to five years in a Canadian jail and a ticket back to the Philippines, where law officials, hungry for his capture, will surely be waiting to welcome him to his new home — the dungeon that is a Philippine jail.



## Foreign student's tuition fees reach sky's limit

### Canadian education a financial struggle for international students

by Kristan Jones  
Features Reporter

**I**nternational students are paying almost \$9,500 for two semesters at Humber — that's nearly six times the cost of tuition for a Canadian-born student.

Dalyce Newby, international student advisor at Humber, said, "a lot of sacrifices have been made to come here, money is tight in many situations."

Newby said that many (international students) are privately sponsored by family, but some are funded by their government or possibly an employer.

Basil Scott, who is funded by his family in St. Vincent, located in the Caribbean, is in his first year of a two-year accounting program.

There are two different types of international programs at Humber and both for different reasons.

Frank Franklin, chair of international projects at Humber, said, "a Visa student is just another student that happens to come from a different place, whereas my program tends to be more specialized."

Groups are brought to Humber on contract and focus on teacher education or curriculum development.

"Technical vocational education in developing countries is something that

is becoming a high priority," said Franklin.

Scott, who worked in St. Vincent for two and a half years in accounting said he applied to school in England, but chose to come to Humber after hearing from the school in just two weeks.

"The college at home is not very good, plus my boss was educated here at Humber," said Scott.

Annie Ico, international admissions officer at Humber, said, "The admission requirements are the same as regular students, they go through the same process."

Before coming to Canada, international students need to have many documents in order: a valid passport, a medical, proof that they can support themselves financially while they are here and a visa or a student authorization.

"Not everybody needs a visa, but all require student authorization. It is up to the Canadian government who needs a visa and who doesn't," said Newby.

To get authorization or a visa, students have to go to the Canadian consulate in their country. If there isn't them a letter telling them some general information about where the college is located to the airport, making sure they have all of their documents in order, the potential costs in Toronto and to let them know about the International Student Centre.

Scott, who is enjoying his stay here in Canada said, "The culture and the music are a lot different, it's nice, and it's cold."



Prisoners nap on plank beds in a Philippine jail.

# Lifestyles

## Phobias could be linked to your past

by Joanna Wilson  
Lifestyles Reporter

A small black spider crawls on your shoe. Your heart pounds violently while blood rushes to your head making you dizzy. Sweat trickles down your face while you tremble and shake. This is more than a fear of spiders, this is a phobia.

Everyone is afraid of something, whether it be spiders, snakes, heights, or even public speaking. But when the fear begins to overwhelm a person and disrupt their life, that fear becomes a phobia.

Phobias are the most common form of anxiety disorders. A phobia is defined as an excessive and unreasonable fear of an object or situation.

Linda Nasato, a nurse who specializes in mental health, said the reason for the excessive fear may lie in a person's past.

"Phobias are more common in adults, but the root of the problem may be in their childhood," said Nasato. Some phobias are linked to bad experiences. A person who has been in a car accident may be so afraid of getting hurt again that they will avoid cars and driving all together.

There are three types of phobias.

- People with specific phobias fear animals, thunderstorms, heights, water and enclosed places

- Social phobias which are very common, include fear of public speaking and performance anxiety

- Agoraphobia is the fear of going outside or of open spaces.

According to Cheryl Palmer, a nursing teacher at Humber, more women suffer from agoraphobia than men. Palmer said there are many theories based on this.

"The most prevalent theory about agoraphobia is that women traditionally had been at home and [now] in modern times they seem to be out of the house and that can cause anxiety," said Palmer.

Panic attacks are common among people with agoraphobia and other phobias which cause high anxiety.

"Most people who have panic attacks describe them as feeling like they are going to die," said Palmer.

Panic attacks occur when a person doesn't react to their "fight or flight" mechanism, perceiving it as a threat. All vital signs, such as heart rate and respiratory rates increase and the pupils dilate. The person is then stuck in a state of readiness and can't confront the object or situation.

"Your perception narrows towards the object," said Palmer, adding that a person can become so focused on the object that they don't realize or hear what else is going on around them.

Social phobias tend to be more common among people with low self-esteem and who are hypersensitive to criticism, said Nasato. They avoid eating or speaking in public in fear that someone will see their hands shake or hear their voice tremble. Dating and parties are often avoided as well.

Blushing is common with social phobias because blood pressure increases.

"Under stress, we have [several] body symptoms that will show," said Nasato who added sweating and shaking are very common reactions.

**"Most people who have panic attacks describe them as feeling like they are going to die"**  
-Cheryl Palmer, nursing teacher at Humber

According to Nasato, a person can have an attack by just thinking of the feared object.

So, is there a cure? Psychiatrists say the most beneficial method to help someone overcome a phobia is through systematic desensitization. This is a gradual behavior therapy process where an individual is slowly introduced to the feared object by a series of steps.

Andy Spiece, a social worker at Reconnect Mental Health Centre in Etobicoke, said relaxation methods are what he uses the most to help people cope with their phobias.

Relaxation techniques begin with closing your eyes or looking away from the feared object.

"If you don't like looking at something, close your eyes," said Spiece. "Eighty-five per cent of our stimulus comes visually to us."

Spiece also stressed the importance of breathing.

"If you take control of your breathing by taking a deep breath, holding it, breathing out, it tells the body to relax," said Spiece. "It is a very powerful stimulus."

Spiece said that if you are still feeling tense, squeeze your fists or bend your arms then relax them. This tensing and releasing of the major muscle groups in the body is called progressive relaxation.

The most common reaction to an attack is to lose control. That is why these methods are taught so that the person can learn to control their fear.

Nasato helps a group of people who have agoraphobia who get together to talk about their fears and anxiety.

"Group therapy is helpful because knowing that other people have the same fears decreases anxiety," said Nasato.

They talk about panic attacks and the physical and emotional reactions that occur in the body. They eventually learn to control those feelings by talking with others and by participating in different behavioral therapy programs.

"The group understands that this is a problem and they are willing to try and fix it," said Nasato.

Medication is used in many severe cases but behavioral therapy is the first method used before drugs are introduced. Spiece said the best place to begin your treatment process would be with your family doctor who can refer you to a psychiatrist if the condition is serious.



Overcoming your fears may not be as hard as you think. With a bit of relaxation and therapy, climbing to the 15th floor will be a cinch!

## New club to promote South Asian heritage through cultural shows

by Rajesh K. Pallan  
Lifestyles Reporter

A new club called the Indian Students Association (ISA) has been launched at Humber.

The ISA is a non-profit club that aims at boosting South Asian culture and heritage.

"We have a specific purpose. We want to do something for our cultural group as other cultural groups are doing for theirs," said Gurpreet Basra, vice-president of the association.

The group held its first meeting on Jan. 10. In the future, the association plans to hold meetings twice a month.

"It was a brief meeting explaining our principles. We

want to bring back the same enthusiasm about it as exists in Ryerson and York," said Vijay Verma, a business student.

The Students' Association Council's (SAC) rules are that students wishing to form a club or association would receive sanctioning. New clubs must submit a package on or before the second Friday of February.

"The ISA will submit its package to SAC for seeking its sanction. We don't want religious connotations to hamper our aims," said Kaush Nanubhai, treasurer of the association.

The club's objective is to demonstrate "unity" and "tolerance" through cultural shows.



Nabeel Dar, president of ISA said he believes the club will help unify students.

"We are planning a cultural show on April 4. We will display our cultural mosaic through this event," said Nanubhai.

The main features of the cultural pageant will be skits, a fashion show, dances and songs to enlighten students of other communities about South Asian culture.

"We try to get connections with other people. It is nice to get together and share our traditions and values," said Basra.

The cultural show will meet SAC's requirement of being available to all Humber students.

"It is a good move towards unifying the students at Humber and to see everybody work together to organize different

events. It is really great for the South Asians to learn [their] whole culture and understand one another, a lot better through group activities," said Nabeel Dar, president of ISA.

The ISA plans to organize an Indian "Jam", three Hindi Movie screenings and an appreciation picnic for its members.

"What it is trying to do is to bring everybody together. First, we had the Punjabi Cultural Society which catered to people from the Punjabi culture only. The ISA has a neutral name which opens doors for all the cultures and religions from [a] South Asian background," said Shahzad Shah, executive advisor of ISA.

# Exotic pet sanctuary fights against extinction

by John King

Lifestyles Reporter

The "Trespassers will be eaten" sign does little to prepare visitors for the strange collection of species that await them at Bear Creek Exotics.

While exotic pets may be a trendy hobby for some, Werner Ebner has taken it a step further. When the 54-year-old contractor learned the extent of animal exploitation, he decided to make a difference in the battle against extinction.

Bear Creek is a backyard animal sanctuary on the tenth concession in Essa Township. Ebner started the mini zoo more than six years ago when he purchased a few white-tailed deer. Now, his wooded acreage may play an important role in preserving the Siberian tiger.

"I've always loved animals," said Ebner. "One thing led to another and here's where I ended up."

Among Ebner's jungle menagerie are three Siberian tigers, two jaguars, a lion, two cougars, two wolves, three deer and a black bear cub.

"These animals are kept in clean spacious pens," said Brad Hutchinson, vice-president of the Ontario Humane Society of Barrie. "They all seem to be in excellent condition and are obviously well looked after."

By sharing his animals with as many people as possible, Ebner said he hopes to increase public awareness to both their beauty and their plight.

The two full grown Siberian tigers, Tara and Taj, are already local celebrities. The docile 180-kilogram females have appeared in promotions for Cathouse, Bell Canada and IGA. Proceeds from these engagements are absorbed by the daily upkeep of the animals and the campaign to save the dwindling population of Siberian tigers, said Ebner.

Due to the high demand on Asian black markets, Siberian tigers, as well as many other species, are threatened with extinction.

Some Asians believe that powdered tiger bones and penises have medicinal and aphrodisiacal qualities.

The lucrative poaching trade is still thriving in many countries where limited resources and sheer magnitude of area to be patrolled often render conservation officials ineffective.

Studies by animal protection agencies indicate that as few as 200 Siberian tigers remain in traditional homelands of Russia and northern China, while about 400 live in captivity.

"Besides making people more aware of the tiger's situation, my

biggest hope is to start a breeding program," said Ebner. "Eventually, I would like to re-introduce the cubs that are born here into the wild."

Zar, a six-month-old male Siberian, is Bear Creek's hope for the future. With shrinking wild populations, events of inbreeding are too common and the input of pure bloodlines from captive tigers will help in preserving genetic diversity. Some zoos are taking steps to freeze sperm and eggs from animals like tigers and techniques for artificial insemination and invitro-fertilization are being developed.

"The only way to stop the inbreeding is to put new stock out there," said Hutchinson. "If you can repatriate a domestic population with the existing wild population, the species will definitely become stronger."

Bear Creek Exotics plan to construct a breeding compound later this year that could see the sanctuary producing tiger cubs within the next three years. Each female is capable of producing an average of four cubs per litter.

Repopulating from captive stock is a very viable possibility. While Siberians in the wild are documented as living for only about 10 years, those that are raised in captivity, such as zoos and sanctuaries, often live to 20



Six-month-old male Zar is future hope for endangered Siberian Tigers.

years. Essa Township by-laws have no restrictions pertaining to exotic pets and there have been no complaints from Ebner's neighbors, said Brenda Seguin of the county clerk's office.

In fact, most of the animals' food is supplied by area farmers in the form of unmarketable livestock and poultry. Ebner's passion has spread to others as well.

A neighbor, Terre Cole, who often helps out at Bear Creek, has already managed to accumulate a few species of her own, including

a Rottweiler; a blind, pot bellied pig; a tiger cub and a Japanese snow monkey.

Tara's next promotion will be an opening at the 400 Flea Market in Innisfil for Rand Aluminum of Alcona at the end of January. Rand has indicated that it will be donating a portion of future sales to Bear Creek Exotics.

Visitors are welcome at Bear Creek and there is no charge for admission, although donations will be accepted. For further information call 1-705 721-4730.

# Reptiles — trendy pets for the nineties

by Andrea Gordon

Lifestyles Reporter

Reptile enthusiasts from all over Ontario met January 19 for the fifth annual Metro Toronto Pet Show held in Etobicoke.

Tables lined with a large variety of snakes, lizards, frogs, and turtles were on display and for sale as the general public moved through the room at the Royal Canadian Legion on Lakeshore Road. Although the majority of viewers were breeders or previous reptile owners, veterans of the show agreed to a growing increase of reptile ownership in the area.

Owner of Port Credit Pet Shop, Grant Crossman, related the growing interest in reptiles to a pace of today's lifestyle. He said he believes people are looking for alternative pets that require less maintenance in order to suit their

fast paced lifestyles.

"Unlike cats or dogs, reptiles only require serious attention two or three times a week and because they're nocturnal, by the time [the owner] comes home, their pet is awake and active."

A Ball Python and 24 different cornsnakes live along the back hall of Brian Bedard's home in Courtwright.

"I've got one that's like a kitty cat. I open up the cage and it comes out and looks at me as if to say 'Aren't you going to pick me up?' I put it in my hand and just sit there and watch T.V., and it goes between my fingers [like] the figure eight and I move one finger back and forth. It's my therapy," he said.

Part-time employee at the Port Credit Pet Store and fellow reptile enthusiast Peter Jankowski owns two other reptiles which enjoy a different habitat. Bubba and Beuford are two iguanas who share a bedroom with their owner in his small apartment. One corner of the room is taken up with a large tree, a hibiscus, and a hanging Boston fern.

A couple of vegetarians, Bubba and Beuford spend most of their time eating the leaves off the plants and sunning their rough, green skin under the warm rays of UV lighting that Pete had installed especially for his pets. This type of lighting is necessary for iguanas to help them absorb calcium and maintain strong, healthy bones.

The cost of creating a suitable habitat is reasonable. The major expense is the actual purchase of the reptile. There are few variations in the cost of reptiles between pet centres.

Due to their small size and friendly personality, Cornsnakes are considered to be a good beginner snake for inexperienced reptile owners. Cornsnakes range from

\$65 to \$125. Ball Pythons grow up to four feet and cost approximately \$95. Boa Constrictors sell for over \$150, with the Emerald Tree Boa being the most expensive at \$700. Lizards fall in a similar price range from \$27 up to \$800.

J.C. Herpetological Supply is a small, Ontario company which caters to the reptile industry. The founder, Jeff Carson, represented his company at the Toronto Reptile Show with a display of paraphernalia ideal for creating a unique habitat for any reptile. A reptile enthusiast since the age of 12, Carson now owns over 70 snakes, "lots of lizards," mice and rats.

"A lot of people [want] captive born specimens now as opposed to years ago when everyone didn't care if it was captive born or wild caught," Carson explained. "Wild reptiles usually arrive loaded with parasites. They're probably not eating, they go into shock and they die."

A captive-born reptile can be expected to live for 10-15 years, if well cared for.

With one arm hidden under the muscled body of a large female python, Steve Jones summed up the issue of cost.

"It all adds up. The initial cost can be quite high, but once you're set up that's all," he said. "But then again, a good quality dog can cost up to \$1,200 for a pure bred."

The cost of food is a long term deduction for reptile owners and a main attraction for those with limited budgets. Due to their slow metabolism, a snake may only consume a meal once or twice a week. Depending on the size of the snake, their weekly meal may consist of one mouse (\$1/ea.) or a large rat (\$5/ea.). Most captive born snakes are trained to accept freshly killed or frozen food. All snakes will eat live food, however, Jankowski doesn't recommend it because

"the food can bite back and injure your snake."

The decision to become a reptile owner is a large responsibility, especially for the inexperienced. Although the animals are less time consuming, attention and knowledge about a new pet is required.

"The [main] problem with reptiles is they can hide their illnesses. By the time you realize they're sick, it's too late," Jankowski said. Even if it isn't too late, the availability of veterinarians who are experienced in reptile care is extremely limited. The closest veterinarian is at Guelph University.

Owners are forced to rely on their own knowledge to identify when one of their pets sick. Cabinets are crammed with a variety of magazines detailing each of Jankowski's reptile pets. He referred to himself as an "info junkie".

Beuford repays his owner's kindness by running down from his tree perch every other morning and sitting on Jankowski's head.

"Attraction of an exotic specimen altogether is what really draws people into the reptiles," Carson said. "It's something new, something different. It's a lot more exciting than the average cat or dog."



Reptiles are low maintenance pets for people with fast paced lifestyles.

Janet Sawyer

# SAC sacks Feminism day

SAC ignored Feminism Day, claiming they weren't aware the day would clash with Weedless Wednesday

by Kris Scheuer  
Lifestyle Reporter

Feminism day at Humber has come and gone with no events and most students haven't even noticed.

Stelios Kypri, SAC's special events director, said "We have to talk with the health centre because they have ideas and events as well. We weren't aware that [Weedless Wednesday] would coincide with the day we had chosen for Feminism day. The course was already booked by the Health Centre."

The other issue is defining what feminism is. How do students participate in an event when they aren't sure what it's about? According to Longman's Dictionary of Contemporary English, feminism is "The principle that women should have the same rights and chances as men."

Students' impressions of what feminism is differs depending on their views and experiences.

Katherine Porritt, a second-year business management and financial services student, said, "If you are a strong individual that's all

that matters. I wouldn't let some guy talk about girls negatively. Maybe I am a feminist in a way. It's about knowing who you are."

Not recognizing feminism and not wanting to be considered a radical can have an affect if a student considers herself a feminist or not. However, the idea of the radical feminist is only one of many varying types because all women are not the same.

Pharmacy student, Kristen Bradley said "I'm not a feminist to the point where I'd go out and cause a riot. I used to think of feminism as some woman going crazy. I don't think that now. I am more educated about [feminism]."

Lesley Mitchell, a facility planning student said, "I think of Helen Gurley Brown [former editor and creator of Cosmopolitan magazine] and of women marching up and down the street and of lesbianism. Feminism has been given a bad name. I don't know that much about it. I am a feminist to a certain extent. It's not that I don't believe in equal rights, I do, but I don't go out and protest."

When students think of feminists not all of them conjure up the extreme of women protesting all the time. Facility planning student, Suzanne Betcke, said, "I don't think of the women who are radical. I think of the everyday women because those are the ones I can relate to in my life."

Some of the issues that the everyday woman may deal with are work and family related.

Mitchell said, "If you are trying to raise a family the costs of daycare really inhibit you from going back to work."

Betcke said that it is usually the woman who makes sacrifices in her work for the sake of her family. "My friend is located closer to home, so she can still be near to the kids if need be."

When asked what they would have liked to see on Feminism day, students couldn't think of anything. Mitchell said, "They [SAC] designated that day as feminism day, so they should have done something."

SAC is planning events for health week in February. Kapri said these events will encompass feminism day, which will include everything from mental, emotional and physical well-being.

## Feminism can take many forms, including:

- 1. Cultural Feminism:** Working to build a woman's culture. Believes that women are inherently kinder and gentler than men
- 2. Liberal Feminism:** Works within the structure of the mainstream to integrate women
- 3. Marxist/Social Feminism:** Oppression of women ended by overthrowing capitalist system
- 4. Material Feminism:** Women liberated by improving their material condition
- 5. Pop Feminism:** Grinds men under its heel and admits no wrong for women

From femterms website by Cindy Tittle Moore:  
<http://www.unc.ac.za/unpdepartments/religious-studies/femterms.txt>



Paul Venter

## Attack of the Killer Onion Rings

### Cholesterol: The Real Deal

by Jackie Christie  
Lifestyle Reporter

Everybody has cholesterol. Everybody needs it, but too much can lead to heart disease, which is the number one cause of death for both men and women.

According to A Quick Guide to Cholesterol on "How to Lower Your Cholesterol", cholesterol is a waxy, fat like substance, classified as a lipid, that is found in all tissues in humans and other animals. Foods from animal sources (e.g. eggs, meat, poultry, fish, dairy products) contain cholesterol, but foods that come from plants do not.

"Cholesterol is necessary for the cells in your body, but you don't need to consume any more cholesterol to stay healthy, because your body makes all of the cholesterol it needs after infancy," said Jennifer Granger, a registered nurse.

How much cholesterol you have in your blood is influenced primarily by diet, heredity, and metabolic diseases, such as diabetes. Smoking and lack of exercise can also cause, or contribute to high cholesterol levels.

The National Cholesterol Education Program recommends that you limit your intake to an average of no more than 200 mg of fat daily. Eat less red meats, especially ground beef and fatty processed meats like sausage and hot dogs, and full-fat dairy products like whole milk, regular cheese, ice cream, and butter/margarine, by replacing with olive or canola oils will reduce the risk of heart disease. If margarine is used it should be used as a liquid or in "tub" form. Hard "stick" margarine contains the most fatty acids, which have also been linked to heart disease.

According to a Medical Dictionary on "Cholesterol," a person is at high risk for high cholesterol if there is a family history of premature coronary heart disease, cigarette smoking, hypertension, low level of high-density lipoprotein, diabetes, history of stroke, or severe obesity.

"To protect yourself against high cholesterol and its harmful effects, the best thing to do is to establish an ongoing relationship with a good doctor," said Granger.

Granger said cholesterol can be prescribed by a doctor if a person has high cholesterol. It usually isn't prescribed to those whose cholesterol isn't too much of a problem or to those who are younger. "Know your blood cholesterol level. If your number is above 200, talk to your doctor and dietitian, and choose foods low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol," said Granger.

# Winter driving - the safe way

by Corey Schacter  
Lifestyle Reporter

After the first of many snow-storms, people were reminded to use more caution and common sense when driving, especially after they slid off the road or rear ended the car in front of them.

"I would say at least 40 per cent of people could have avoided an accident had they been more careful," said Victor Viele, assistant manager at Viele Brothers Body Shop.

Many people fear winter driving. One look at the flakes outside and they stay inside. "For a lot of people they learn to drive in the summer, and they'll take a road test in the summer, so the first winter storm that comes along they have this 'I can't do this,' (attitude) and the reason they say that is because they've never done it," said Sandy Collins, an instructor controller for Young Drivers of Canada in Newmarket.

For people afraid of winter driving, a few lessons can help them overcome their fears.

Collins said the 30-year-old Skid Control School located at 576 Bronte Rd. in Oakville, specializes in such training, and can help inexperienced drivers master winter conditions.

The skid school offers a course, starting at \$235 for a day, which covers three topics. "The first is on skid control, the second on emergency braking, and finally, instruction on how to avoid getting into these situations all together," explained Doug Annett, operations manager for Skid Control School.

Eighty per cent of the school's clientele are corporate, but as Annett explained, "we get people who want to improve their driving skills and we get teens usually sent by their parents for better training in slick conditions."

Many will find the price a little high, but as Annett said, "For the corporations, it's



Don't get ditched, drive safely to avoid costly accident repairs like this separated bumper.

not a problem. For the others, they should consider what it would cost to repair their vehicle after a collision.

Collins said, "Every accident that's out on the road ultimately is a case of driving too fast."

Lack of education is another key factor in most winter accidents. "More people should be educated about their car. Many people have anti-lock braking systems and don't know how to use them," Collins said.

Many people neglect their tires and usually don't do anything about them unless a mechanic tells them to. However, driving with bald tires on slick roads, mixed with speeding can be fatal. Inspector Rod Williams of the Ontario Provincial Police said, "tread-wear is a significant factor when driving on snow, slush or wet roads."

To help people get through the many storms yet to come, Collins offered a few driving tips. A common cause of winter accidents is lack of control during turning. "If you're not using gas during your turn, you're free wheeling, which means you do not have control of the vehicle. You have to bring the speed down enough so that when you go into that turn, there's a little bit of gas, your foot is on the gas pedal, not coasting."

"You have to be prepared to either not go on the road or if you do go on the road, you have to leave enough time and space to deal with those conditions safely. Collins gave this additional advice, "make sure your car's fluids are topped up and prepared to deal with the conditions. Most importantly, slow down."





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10 p.m.

### Saturday

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9:30 p.m.

### Sunday

Cameron House:  
Kevin Quain (blues/jazz)  
9:30 p.m.

### Monday

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### Tuesday

Montreal Jazz:  
Joanne Boackeen  
9 p.m.

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hop/Indie)  
9 p.m.

Han Solo (Harrison Ford) confronts a digital Jabba the Hutt in the new *Star Wars Special Edition*.



## Blown away by Lucas' revamped *Star Wars*

by Luke Hendry  
Entertainment Reporter

They did it again — not like we should be surprised.

After years of hype and anticipation, the first episode of the *Star Wars Trilogy Special Edition* opens Jan. 31.

The media and a few fortunate fans were able to see it at a special media screening Jan. 18 at Toronto's York Theatre — and they weren't disappointed.

"One of the things that *Star Wars* definitely created was giving us a reason to scream and yell while watching the movie," said Rick McCallum, producer of the *Special Edition*.

The next two hours must have set a record for the most screaming and yelling during a film. Whenever a scene — old or new — or special effect hit a nerve, the cheers went up.

The *Special Edition* concept began when creator George Lucas and others at Lucasfilm began trying to think up an event to celebrate the Trilogy's 20th anniversary. Lucas wanted to re-release the films one after another within a few weeks of each other, allowing audiences to see them like the old Saturday matinee serials which inspired them and which the films closely resemble.

Lucas also had another reason for reviving the films: "I wanted to preserve the Trilogy so that it would continue to be a viable piece of entertainment into the 21st century."

"There were various things with which I was never satisfied," he said, "special effects shots that were never really finished, and scenes I was unable to include due

to lack of money and time."

The revamped film looks incredible. The colors are better, the sound incredible, and the special effects are vastly improved.

The two drawbacks: those who have been tuned into the rumor mill among fans and on the Internet won't find as many surprises and a few of the effects may not be as believable as some would like.

The computer-generated imagery (CGI) effects are the most obvious change in this version. Most of them are excellent, but in a few places they aren't totally con-

back, effects are once again state-of-the-art and the film is at last the way it was envisioned.

The result is essentially the same great film that keeps surprising you with subtle and not-so-subtle changes.

Though the visual changes are the most obvious, they are not the only ones.

The soundtrack is unbelievable. Sound designer Ben Burtt returned as a consultant for the *Special Edition*.

After being hired for the original film in the mid-1970s, Burtt

entire soundtrack, adding some new sound effects and beefing up the old ones.

"If there was an extra line of dialogue or a change in sound effects, it is here in this new mix for the *Special Edition*," said Burtt.

The result is a film that, according to Lucas, has "a range of sound that's been impossible to achieve, until now."

"Spaceships will now be heard going over your head," Burtt said. "We also added really low frequencies that will shake you during explosion scenes and spaceship pass-bys."

So, with its updated soundtrack and special effects and neglected scenes finally included, *Star Wars* has returned.

This current episode, officially titled *A New Hope*, will be followed by the new editions of *The Empire Strikes Back* Feb. 21 and *Return of the Jedi* on March 7.

As if that wasn't enough, Lucas, Burtt, and the team of magicians are already working on three new episodes set years before the originals, slated for a 1999 release.

All in all, the *Special Edition* is just what Lucas had always envisioned: a chance for some of the biggest fans — who weren't even born when the films debuted — to see the saga as it was meant to be seen, in a theatre.

"They really have missed the excitement, the electricity, that goes through an audience," said Lucas.

"It was designed as a theatrical experience," Lucas explained. "It is very important to the overall enjoyment of the film that it be big."

Big doesn't begin to describe it.

**"They really have missed the excitement, the electricity, that goes through an audience ... It was designed as a theatrical experience. It is very important to the overall enjoyment of the film that it be big."**

- George Lucas, creator of *Star Wars*

vincing. The trick is to convince yourself that these are real, to go along with the illusion and just enjoy the new scenes.

But while the CGI may not hold up in some cases, these cases are outweighed by other shots, which are just plain mindblowing.

Most of the CGI work is completely believable — especially during the final space battle — and received whooping and amazed gasping from the audience.

Background shots have been modified, and transitional scenes created from scratch. Scenes originally cut for the video versions are

spent a decade working on the saga, but is now enjoying the revival.

"Coming back to it now seems very fresh and exciting. I wouldn't have expected that," Burtt told *Et Cetera* in an exclusive November interview. "You can sort of recapture the thrill of doing it, and therefore, as it was in the first films, if it is exciting to do it, that comes across to the audience."

"It's not often you get a chance to do something which sticks in the culture," added Burtt.

He and the rest of the sound crew digitally remastered the

## Quote of the Week

**"He [Steve McQueen] must have made that before he died."**

-Yogi Berra, referring to a Steve McQueen film

# Chatting with Our Lady Peace

by Cliff Boodoosingh  
Entertainment Reporter

Sometimes a nice peaceful chat is in order to get things straightened out.

The boys from Toronto's own Our Lady Peace (OLP) thought so and invited the college and university press to a web chat to introduce the Jan. 21 release of their sophomore album, *Clumsy*.

The intention was good, but the result was, well, clumsy. Things didn't work out via the Sony web site on Jan. 8, but OLP answered all 100 questions the next day from their rehearsal studio.

In addition to learning that Conan O'Brien (they appeared on his show early last year) "is really tall" and "Max is a prick," OLP gave us some insight into their activities since releasing their 1994 debut album, *Naveed*.

That album has sold over 500,000 copies in North America.

Singer Raine Maida, guitarist Mike Turner, drummer Jeremy Taggart and new bassist Duncan

Coutts, who replaced Chris Eacrett in the fall of 1995, have now performed more than 500 times and they said this is reflected in their music, especially in their live performances.

A relentless touring schedule saw them open for rock giants such as Robert Plant and Jimmy Page, Van Halen, Sponge, The Ramones, and most recently, Alanis Morissette.

It also provided them the opportunity to experiment with new tracks for the latest album.

The first single, "Superman's Dead", released in mid-December, attempts to parallel the loss of the original Superman with the loss of innocence in today's youth. It also provides ample evidence that Maida's lyric's haven't wavered one bit.

He sings: "Alone I'm thinking/ why is superman dead/is it in my head/we'll just laugh instead."

Similarly thought-provoking is "Hello Oskar", a song about a fictional character with schizophrenia

suffering from the pressure and confusion that the public has with the disease. "Over there well he's wandering/is oskar there is oskar alright/was never cool not allowed to fit/he never knew what he liked over there he's the rubberman," Maida delivers with reserved intensity.

The other nine songs on the album are equally satisfying. Most notable are "Automatic Flowers", "4 am", "Car Crash" and the title track, "Clumsy".

Whether this is a better album than *Naveed*, as the band said, remains to be seen.

Time will tell if the new songs can top captivating and crowd-pleasing tunes such as "Starseed", "Hope", "Supersattelite" and the inspiring "Naveed", not to mention "Needle and the Damage Done", a Neil Young cover that remains a concert favorite.

OLP, incidentally, assured their fans that the next album will be released by the year 2000.

Do you think Conan knows?



From left to right: Duncan Coutts, Jeremy Taggart, Raine Maida, and Mike Turner.

## Sultans of sex

by Christian Kluszczynski  
Entertainment Reporter

Shonen Knife loves 'em. Echobelly's Sonya Madan sang with them. And they put on the best rock 'n' roll show on the planet—just ask anyone who's ever seen them. But, for Ireland's Sultans, that's all in a day's work.

The release of their third album, *Good Year For Trouble*, was a month late, after HMV and Virgin record stores in the U.K. refused to stock it because of its "offensive" artwork, which featured explicit images of bondage and Sado-masochism.

This album is a complete change from the Sultans 1993 debut, *Casual Sex in the Cineplex*. It's still as energetically hook-laden as any Sultans release, but there's a harder edge, a sort of new found maturity in the songwriting.

"I think our new sound is much more suited to the North American market," said Sultans' drummer, Morty McCarthy. "Our kind of music isn't flavor of the month in the U.K. and we're really anxious to get a chance to prove ourselves across the water where there seems to be a better appreciation of decent rock music."

But, recent problems with the Sultans' record company, Arista, have delayed a domestic North American release of the album.

"Every band wants to be treated like lords by their company, but that doesn't happen very often," said McCarthy. "It's annoying to see all these crap new bands getting loads of money spent on them. Why don't they give it all to us lovely Sultans boys? We can't even afford to bring our girlfriends to the movies anymore."

Joining McCarthy in the Sultans are singer Niall O'Flaherty, guitarists Sammy Steiger and Pat O'Connell and bassist Alan MacFeely.

The Sultans, formerly Sultans of Ping, who were at that time formerly known as Sultans of Ping f.c., made quite an impact when they played Toronto for the first and last time in 1994 at the University of Toronto's Blind Duck Pub.

O'Flaherty verbally assaulted many in attendance in an attempt to rouse a "boring" crowd. It did not work. Many concert-goers later lodged complaints to campus police about his behavior. Soon thereafter, a warrant for O'Flaherty's arrest was issued. There were reports of him exposing his genitals.



Sultans singer, Niall O'Flaherty, at 1994 U. of T. Blind Duck Pub gig.

The next night, O'Flaherty was up to his old tricks again, repeatedly shoving a microphone down the front of his vinyl pants.

After the show, a 54-40 roadie could be eyed picking up the mic with a glove and dispensing it in the garbage.

O'Flaherty vowed never to return to Canada.

"You people need a good rock 'n' roll kick up the ass' according to Niall," said McCarthy. "He hates everywhere, so it's nothing personal."

McCarthy implied what a crowd has to do to give the Sultans a kick.

"A lot of Swedish people in the audience at our CMJ gig in New York got naked," McCarthy said. "Which was quite amusing."

## Dion and Tragically Hip lead Juno nominations

by Bernice Barth  
Entertainment Reporter

The 26th annual Juno Awards kicked off on Wednesday (Jan. 29) with a Toronto media conference to announce the 1997 nominees.

Topping the list were French-Canadian diva Celine Dion and the rock band The Tragically Hip with six nominations each. Four nominations also went to Bryan Adams who has 15 Junos already. Five-time Juno winner Alanis Morissette, newcomer Amanda Marshall, Cape Bretoner Ashley MacIsaac and L'Orchestra symphonique de Montreal, directed by Charles Dutoit, got three nominations each.

New to the Junos this year is an award category called the International Achievement Award. The recipients for this award are Celine Dion, Alanis Morissette and Shania Twain. This award is to honour the their world wide popularity and achievements.

The Canadian Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (CARAS) also announced Big Sugar, I Mother Earth, Rush, The Tragically Hip and The Watchmen

as the five nominees for The North Star Rock Album of the Year.

Jazz was the word for the 1997 Canadian Music Hall of Fame Inductees. Guitarist Lenny Breau, arranger-composer Gil Evans, trumpeter Maynard Ferguson, woodwind player Moe Koffman and Grammy winning band leader-musician-arranger Rob McConnell cleaned up in this category.

Another notable award to be presented is the Walt Grealis Special Achievement Award for 1997. The recipient is Dan Gibson, who not only founded the internationally-distributed record label Solitudes, but also pioneered environmental sound recording technology.

The Juno Awards take place at Copps Coliseum in Hamilton, on Sunday, March 9. Performers at the show will include Terri Clark, Paul Brandt, Ashley MacIsaac, I Mother Earth, Moist, Amanda Marshall and Celine Dion. CBC Television will broadcast the ceremonies live at 8 p.m. You can access the Juno Awards online at [www.juno-awards.ca](http://www.juno-awards.ca)

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# T.O. band a-hHead of the game

by Vince Asselstine

Entertainment Reporter

The Toronto-based rock trio hHead are usually happy go lucky

guys, but when their music took a backseat to prostitutes and bonbons, they transformed into shrewd businessmen.



hHead gets busy as their popularity rises.

Lead singer Noah explained, "Our manager at the IRS label spent all his money on hookers and gummi bears, so we left."

All ties have been severed with IRS since 1995. hHead is now represented by the Handsome Boy record label.

The lineup features Noah on vocals/guitar, Brendan on bass guitar and Jason Ray on drums. The band has released their third compact disc entitled *Ozzy*. Noah's explanation for the CD's name is simple: "To pay homage to the rock god (Ozzy Osbourne). And, it's cute."

Noah described their music as "kimono dragons sauted in oyster sauce." Odd answer but the fans seem to like the flavor of the music.

According to a Handsome Boy promotional sheet, hHead has sold 15,000 copies of *Ozzy* in Canada since its release in November.

They have had a strong local following since the success of their debut CD *Fireman* in 1992.

One of their fans includes Johnny Rzeznik, lead singer of the famed Goo Goo Dolls. Rzeznik wore a hHead T-shirt while performing on the David Letterman show. The Goo Goo Dolls and the Stone Temple Pilots are just a few of the bands they've played with.

"They (STP) were an okay bunch of guys, but they fought a lot," Noah remembers.

Although they've got some great publicity locally, their exposure to

the general public is limited. Noah attributed this to the unwillingness of many local radio stations to play their music. He is quick to mention that their videos often appear on MuchMusic, however.

Noah's dream tour would be to visit India. Surprisingly enough, hHead has radio play in that country. A family member took their CD to a station in India and the response was overwhelming.

hHead has decided to be flexible with the promotion of *Ozzy*, but rumors of touring persist.

## Toronto feasts on "Air"

by Rita Salerno

Entertainment Reporter

Michael Jordan is coming to Toronto, not as a Raptor, but as a restaurant owner.

With the 1996-97 basketball season in full swing, the world's greatest point guard will be opening his own "unique" restaurant/sports bar and entertainment complex downtown this year.

Located at 276 King St. W., centre court of Toronto's theatre district, Jordan's landlord will be none other than "Honest Ed" Mirvish, the district's founding father.

"I look forward to welcoming Michael Jordan and his restaurant to Toronto and to the theatre district," said Mirvish. "Michael is a superstar and a wonderful person. His restaurant will bring even more excitement to our neighborhood."

The 12,000 square foot complex seats up to 350 people and it will feature a sports bar "that's a cut above the standard offered by most sports bars."

In addition to the family dining area, Jordan's restaurant will feature a fully equipped children's entertainment complex, complete with video games, mini basketball

courts and other child-oriented activities.

"We believe the family orientation of our restaurant will reflect the spirit and values that Ed Mirvish has helped establish in the theatre district," said Wayne Novak, president of Michael Jordan's Restaurant Toronto Inc. "We couldn't have hoped for a better location or a better landlord."

The walls will be decorated with Michael Jordan memorabilia, and the restaurant will contain a souvenir shop, fully stocked with Michael Jordan paraphernalia.

The sports bar will be equipped with a big screen, satellite reception TV and a mini-television studio to facilitate interviews with visiting sports and entertainment celebrities.

The concept of the restaurant-sports bar is based on the original Michael Jordan Restaurant located in Chicago, which has been operating since May 1993.

"Michael Jordan symbolizes excellence on and off the court," said Novak. "To do his reputation justice, we are making sure that every component of this project is first class and first rate."

The menu will consist of various "half-time" appetizers such as;

"slam dunk" burgers and "moon shot" pizzas. Jordan's will also offer a somewhat fancier fare "to cater the tastes of the after theatre crowd," including roast "fowl shot" chicken, prime grade steaks and a large selection of desserts and crepes.

The restaurant, which began construction in June 1995, will be in direct competition with the Planet Hollywood restaurant, which is being constructed on Front St. Other sports bars located in the downtown area, such as Wayne Gretzky's on Front St., and Don Cherry's sports bar on Blue Jay W. will be competing for hungry customers.

"Toronto has always been a major sports center," said Novak. "But with the arrival of the Raptors, this city has embraced basketball as never before. What could be more appropriate than to have the sport's greatest star establish the finest sports bar and restaurant in the city?"

To ensure Jordan's participation in this project, which has been in the works for two years now, it was essential that it reflect his personal views, explained Novak.

"Michael is a remarkable human being, completely dedicated to excellence. He is also a man totally devoted to his family, and that's why there is such a large family component to this project," said Novak.

The official date of the restaurant's opening has yet to be released.

However, Jordan's place will share the site with Old Ed's restaurant, occupying the lower level formerly known as Ed's Chinese and Seafood.

"Making this concept a reality has been a dream of mine for a long time. I can't think of a better place to make it happen than Toronto," Jordan said at a press conference held in Toronto last year.



Michael Jordan's Restaurant will soon be tipping off in Toronto.

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# Smart girl on 'Stupid Boys'

by Bernice Barth  
Entertainment Reporter

Susan Swan's, *Stupid Boys Are Good to Relax With*, is a refreshingly unique collection of stories which pushes the envelope of what readers expect from fiction.

In addition to winning award writing fiction, Swan is a journalist and an assistant professor of Humanities at York University.

Swan's writing is known for constantly breaking new ground and challenging the unseen rules of fiction writing. *The Last of the Golden Girls* (1989) elicited both gifts of flowers from some readers and obscenity charges by two other persons (Swan was fully cleared by officials).

"I was writing about sex in a way I hadn't seen written about," said Swan of the controversial novel.

With *Stupid Boys Are Good to Relax With*, Swan once again challenges the medium in which she writes and the readers in the process. In a recent interview, she said of her current work:

"It's a short story collection which takes some risks with the form. I

know it's quirky, it's not what many readers will expect."

The first half of the book is the Gutenberg Stories, which alludes to the Gutenberg Printing Press and is written in the conventional, or "old", short story style.

The second section is *Cyber Tales*, a collection of unusually short stories told by historical fig-

ures, like Gertrude Stein, Queen Elizabeth, Hannibal the Great and Marilyn Monroe, to one another in a chat room over the Internet.

Swan described the structure of her book as a "left brain-right brain book, where the first of the stories are in the literary-traditional, coming from someone like Alice Munro, and the second batch are belonging more to flash fiction, post-card fiction."

These two sections, juxtaposed with each other in the book, compliment one another and make the reader look at each half in ways that they might not have otherwise.

After the realistic, traditional Gutenberg Stories, *Cyber Tales* hits readers with the new kind of world that is evolving in the here and now.

"I was after thoughtfulness about our situation at the end of the century.

"You know, here we are with one foot in a new medium and technology, like the Internet, and our other foot is back in a historical literary tradition. And, I don't know what's going to happen next, but to me that's kind of where we are culturally in time and space," said Swan.

There are different genres of short stories, like a coming of age tale, dystopian fiction and epistle fiction. The characters range in age from small girls to women in their 90s. The stories take place all over the globe in small towns, big cities, cyberspace and a future world.

The tones belonging to the narrative voices change from wistfulness all the way to ironic sarcasm.

The diversity of *Stupid Boys Are Good to Relax With* is also reflected in the body of Swan's work which ranges from a gothic novel (*The Wives of Bath*) to performance work (*Unfit For Paradise*).

"Every book is a surprise and a discovery for me. I can't seem to do the same thing twice. I don't know why that is, it's a function of my personality," said Swan.

There is a loose historical time line to the collection of stories in *Stupid Boys Are Good to Relax With*, a kind of cultural history of women. The first story, "Sluts", is about a young girl, Julie, who is trying to define herself in a world where there are only mothers or sluts.

Julie wants to be neither type of woman and, as a result, is confused about her identity.

The last story in the collection, "The Man Doll" takes place in the year 2103.

The story involves an old woman named Aphrid, who makes a robot doll named Manny for her

friend Helen so that she "would never have to listen to her litany of grievances against the male sex again". The story is a celebration of independence, not only for women, but for all individuals in the world.

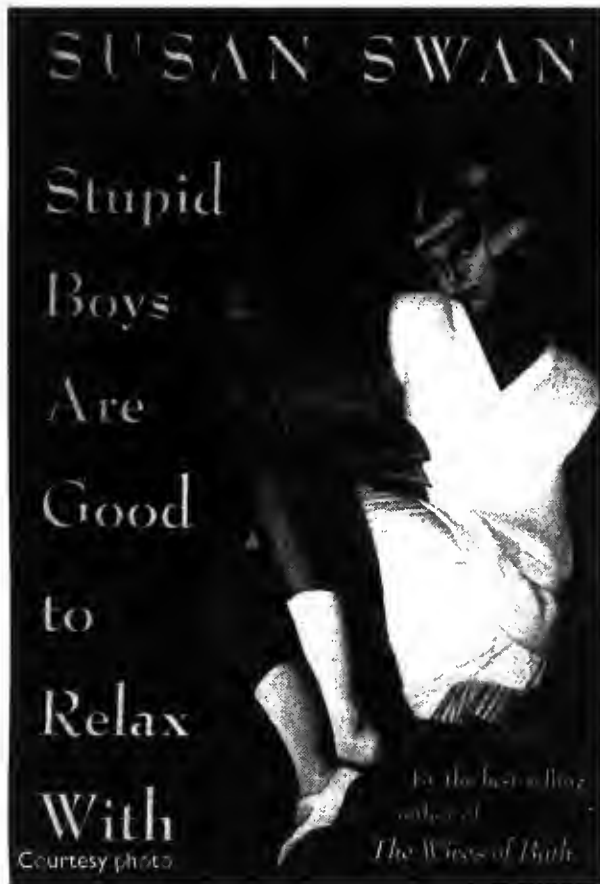
Swan acknowledged that she arranged the stories in this pattern. "After I did all the stories, I did arrange them, I guess to fall into a kind of arc so you start with a young girl and end with an older woman, so there's a kind of chronological thread to it."

In addition to the short stories there is *The Stupid Boy Handbook*, which informs the reader all about stupid boys because, "the ways of stupid boys can take most girls, on the average, a lifetime to learn—if they are lucky". Reading this book will make you laugh out loud and read passages again, to yourself and your friends.

Swan herself has been changed profoundly by her own book, wondering how it will influence her next piece of fiction.

"I know that since writing this book, something in me as a writer has changed, that I don't feel as bound by form as I used to. I'm not sure how it's going to express itself," she said.

This kind of fiction—sophisticated, entertaining and thought provoking—is the best kind of all. Swan's *Stupid Boys Are Good to Relax With*, is bound to be a best-seller.



Susan Swan is the expert on dealing with stupid boys.

# Teacher's book captures the '50s

by Jennifer K. Hamoen  
Entertainment Reporter

Some authors write a story to make a statement or to imply some sort of moral, but Antanas Sileika intends to make us laugh with his second book *Buying on Time*.

Antanas Sileika teaches English at Humber but his accomplishments go beyond the walls of the college. Sileika's portfolio includes works in "Reader's Digest" and writing comedy and drama for CBC radio's Morningside. At times he hosts "The Arts Tonight" He has also written a novel called *Dinner at the End of The World*.

*Buying on Time* is a collection of linked

short stories which follows an immigrant family living in Weston, a suburb of Toronto, during the 50's through to the late 70's. This was the time when suburbs were rapidly replacing rural areas.

Though Sileika grew up in Weston, he insists that his stories are not autobiographical. In fact, he dedicates the book to his kids and the subtitle reads: "None of this is true, all of this is true."

The stories find their roots in anecdotes over dinner conversations, and self-experiences.

"You pick little incidents of your life and you get to work on them," he said.

For example, he highlights a character named Ramona who is mirrored after a woman he knew years ago, who is always "dressed to the nines" but landed herself in debt for thousands of dollars.

But Sileika insists that he relies mostly on his imagination when he writes.

"Most writers lives are quite boring," he said.

In his book, Sileika tries to capture what life in the 50's was really like. "What I was trying to do primarily was grab the sense of the time. This is what it felt like, this is what it smelled like."

Credit cards did not exist. "Buying on Time," meant that people would put money toward an item and when they paid for it they could take the item home.

The immigrants in the book are called DP's (Displaced Persons) because many came to the suburbs not knowing that there were many unknown rules of behaviour.

For example, in one of the stories, a character swears a lot, which was considered very taboo at the time.

Through many of the stories, Sileika attempts to illustrate "the humour that happens when different cultures rub up against each other."

Many immigrants at the time felt they were looked

down upon. Thus their attitude was to "beat the pants off the locals," Sileika said. Many of these people came from places where they held distinguished positions in professional fields and were now working in car plants. But these people still wanted to be seen as intellectual, Sileika explains.

Humor can also be found in the fact that in the fifties, things were changing so rapidly. It was the beginning of consumerism. In one of the stories Sileika indicates how people were buying a tv and carrying it home in a wheel-barrel instead of buying a car.

Canadian publishing company The Porcupine's Quill, has set *Buying on Time* for release on March 18, with an open reading at the Rivoli that night at 7 pm.



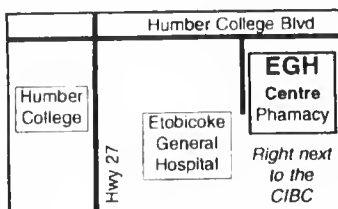
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# Sports

Soccer Volleyball Basketball Hockey

## Women embarrass visiting Mountaineers

by David Critelli

Sports Reporter

The road warriors were back as a receptive home crowd came to cheer on the unbeaten Humber Hawks women's basketball team.

Fresh off a lopsided victory over the Niagara Knights, the Hawks were set to face the 1-5 Mountaineers from Mohawk College.

After booming player introductions and warm applause from the assembled audience, it was time to get down to business.

The women Hawks started right where they left off. Good defence and a technically sound

offence helped them reel off nine straight points to open the game. Constant pressure on the ball frustrated the Mountaineers and led to countless early turnovers.

Achieving success with the full-court press, the Hawks kept control of the ball and the clock. Weaving intricate offensive plays involving all members of the team, they quickly took complete command.

With five minutes left to play,

Humber had the game well in hand, by almost doubling the understaffed Mountaineers 47-24.

Using their quickness and size, the Hawks out-hustled and out-played the depleted visiting squad. At half-time, the score remained lopsided as Humber claimed a 55-28 lead.

The home team continued their intense play through great hustle. Good composure in all phases of the game led the Hawks to score 12 straight points to open the half.

Solid rebounding and stingy defensive schemes proved to be too much for the Mountaineers.

In the end, the women Hawks showed their superiority by playing a sound game. Capitalizing on each opportunity, the women won by an impressive 100-51 score and improved to a perfect 10-0 record.

Four players registered double figures, highlighted by forward Tanya Sadler's game high of 30 points.

Heather Curran and Shane Ross, both centres, helped out with 14 and 10 points respectively. Point guard Melissa

**"This was the best game of 1997, we did a great job."**  
-Head coach Jim Henderson



The women's basketball team was back on the court for practice Tuesday night after an impressive 100-51 thumping of the Mountaineers. Tanya Sadler led the way for the Hawks with a game high 30 points, while Heather Curran and Shane Ross chipped in with 14 points each. The Hawks travelled to Fanshawe for a game last night, and take on Durham on the road on Feb 4.

McCutcheon contributed 13 points.

Learning and improving upon past games, Head Coach Jim Henderson was pleased with the squad's effort.

"This was the best game of 1997," he said. "We did a great job."

Tanya Sadler, noting the team's confidence, said, "Once we made that first basket, we knew (the

game) was ours."

Pointing to good transition and fast-paced action, Heather Curran said, "Compared to the last two games, we did much better."

## Time runs out on Hawk comeback

by Vince Versace

Sports Reporter

The Habs vs. the Leafs, Cowboys vs. the 49'ers, or Lakers vs. the Celtics - these match-ups are always colossal because of the great plays and the immense will to win are always assured.

You can now add the Humber Hawks vs. the Sheridan Bruins, courtesy of last Wednesday's thriller at Humber. The Bruins prevailed 78-76 over the Hawks in a game which went down to the buzzer.

Heading into the game, the Humber Hawks were ranked third in the nation, Sheridan was ranked fourth.

"It was a great game to sit back and enjoy. We could have

executed a bit better near the end," said Assistant Coach Dave Deaveiro.

With eight minutes left in the first half, Sheridan was leading by seven points.

Humber erased that deficit in five minutes with a 13-4 run and the see-saw battle began.

The first half ended with Sheridan holding a slim 32-31 lead.

The next half consisted of a dazzling array of baskets and impressive shot-making by both teams.

Rowan Beckford played one

of the strongest halves of basketball any Hawk player had this year. He scored 21 of his team-

high 23 points in the second half, helping him receive Humber player of the game honors.

It seemed whenever the Hawks made a tough shot, Sheridan would march down the court and respond with one of their own. In the end, Sheridan's constant penetration inside and low post isolation was their key

to victory.

"We should have fronted up on them, but we didn't and that hurt us," said Humber guard

Chuma Nwobosi.

Adrian Clarke had 14 points while Al St. Louis and Jason Daley had 12 points each.

With five minutes left in the game, Jason Daley fouled out but the Hawks still played hard without him.

The drama began with 39 seconds left. Patrick Nelson, a recent addition to the team, hit two foul shots, pushing Humber ahead 75-74.

Sheridan stormed down the floor and nailed a lay-up to regain the lead at 76-75. With 22 seconds left in the game, St. Louis sank one foul shot and tied up the game at 76.

With three seconds left on the clock, Sheridan jumped ahead by two, causing the gym to erupt

with noise.

But Humber had one last chance at getting the ball down the floor.

They broke Sheridan's press and got the ball to St. Louis for one last shot, from the top of the key. St. Louis got his high arching shot off at the buzzer.

The crowd went silent and watched. The ball hit the back of the rim and bounced out.

Sheridan fans roared in victory as Humber fans threw their hands up in defeat.

However, there wasn't anything shameful about losing a game as close as this one, according to Deaveiro.

"We played a great game," Deaveiro said. "We just didn't win."

**"We played a great game, we just didn't win."**

-Assistant coach Dave Deaveiro

### sports quote of the week!

Houston Rocket power forward Charles Barkley on the new Houston law that requires topless dancers to remain three feet away from bar patrons:

**"Oh man, I want to be traded."** -Toronto Sun JANUARY 28, 1997

Et Cetera

# Ontario women best bet for hockey gold

by Andy Devlin  
Sports Reporter

Eight of Ontario's finest hockey players have cracked the Team Canada roster for this year's Women's World Hockey Championships, to be held in Kitchener later this year.

Following last week's training camp in St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, 20 players have earned the right to wear the maple leaf at the upcoming event, with most Team Canada members being veterans of previous world championship teams.

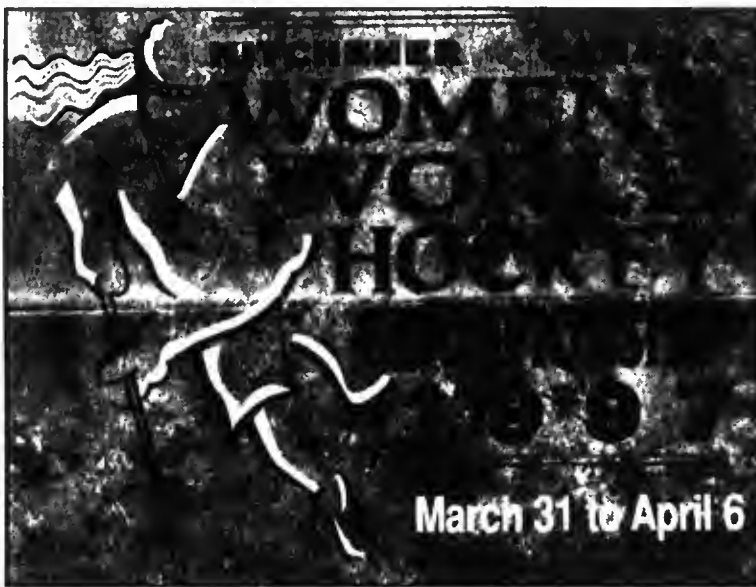
"It's a great feeling," said Geraldine Heaney, a defensive star with the North York Aeros, and a three-time world champion. "Every year it gets harder and harder to make the team. The calibre of players just keep getting better."

"Now all the players will

return to their club teams," said Fran Rider, chairperson of the World Hockey Championships. "They'll get back together as a team for a short training camp in Barrie about one week before the championship."

The tournament is scheduled from March 31 to April 6, with most games to be played in the host city. Other tournament games will be played in Brampton, Brantford, Hamilton, London, Mississauga and North York.

Squads from the United States, Finland, Russia, Japan, Norway,



Switzerland, China and Sweden will challenge the Canadian squad, a team which has won three straight world titles. The tournament is the launching pad for next year's Olympics in Nagano, Japan,

with the top five finishers from Kitchener joining the Japanese host team in what will likely be one of Canada's best bets for Olympic gold.

But despite winning three straight World Championships, the Canadian National Women's Hockey Team still lives in relative obscurity in the eyes of sports fans.

"We would certainly like to see more media interest in the sport," Rider said. "We're also always fighting for more money too, but now we have some major corporate sponsorship to

help us out."

According to Rider, at least \$10 000 for the event was shelled out by Dare Cookies, Revlon and the Toronto Maple Leafs each. The event will also be supported by Nike, a major sponsor for the International Ice Hockey Federation.

"We also appreciate assistance from the premiere Canadian Hockey Association sponsors including Air Canada, the Royal Bank and The Sports Network. Even Don Cherry and Imperial Oil have teamed up to pitch in," Rider said. "The Don Cherry Sweepstakes will be a great fundraiser."

Prizes for the contest include a pair of Cherry's personal seats at Maple Leaf Gardens, a personal visit with Don Cherry and Ron MacLean, and \$1 000 worth of gas, among other valuable winnings.

## Brampton, Mississauga set to house OHL teams

by Andy Devlin  
Sports Reporter

Fresh off the heels of Etobicoke's Ice Sports Arena's grand opening, Brampton and Mississauga have commenced plans for new arenas. They will be the respective homes of their future OHL franchises for the 1998-99 season.

The Brampton facility will be located on the north west corner of Highway 410 and Highway 407, while the Mississauga complex will be located on Matheson Blvd., across from the Iceland Arena.

"It's going to be a dynamite facility," John Rydzewski said of the Mississauga complex.

Rydzewski is the director of planning and administration for community services for Mississauga. "It will be a multi-sport activity centre and the main rink will have a seating capacity of 6,300, including box seats."

Ellis Don Construction, the company who built the SkyDome and the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts will build the Mississauga facility at a cost of \$41 million.

"It will feature the main rink with three adjoining ice surfaces," said Lou Hack, a senior designer for Ellis Don Construction. "The facility will also have some free standing retail buildings and

there's the possibility of a hotel on site."

Other plans for the 70 acre parcel of land include a field house, a soccer pitch and basketball courts. The Mississauga Sports Alliance (MSA), headed by hockey personality Don Cherry, will pay for the facility with the help of a city loan worth \$10.5 million.

According to Rydzewski, the loan is to be paid over 15 years



This artist conception of the new Brampton facility was used in the SCI presentation to Brampton City Council.

with a \$6.8 million balance in the last year when MSA has the option of paying it out in full or turning over 30 per cent interest in the complex to the city.

The Brampton complex will sit on a 50 acre lot and will also incorporate three additional sheets of ice.

"We anticipate starting construction in June," said Rob Beatty, sports supervisor for community services in the City of Brampton. "Stadium Consultants Inc., (SCI) are designing the facility to have a seating capacity of 6,000. SCI also designed General Motors Place in Vancouver."

However, a contractor is still to be chosen for the new complex.

St. Michael's College was also awarded an OHL franchise during the league's expansion and for the next several years the team will play out of Varsity Stadium in Toronto.

"I can't see sell-outs every night, but I don't think any of the expansion teams will have trouble filling those seats," said Herb Morell, the director of administration for the OHL. "With the average OHL ticket costing about \$10, they should be fine."

Morell also noted that television contracts have helped to market the league, while population growth in Brampton and Mississauga are also key to the league's speculation that the new clubs can survive.

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# Indoor soccer season kicks off on wrong foot

by Jeff Richardson  
Sports Reporter

Humber's men's soccer team went undefeated, but they still missed the play-off round at the Adidas Indoor Soccer Classic at Richmond Green this past Saturday.

The Hawks drew an early match against a much weaker Ryerson team at 9 a.m., but many of the Hawks failed to show up for the game which ended in a scoreless draw.

"It's not a big deal," said Hawks Coach Germain Sanchez. "I knew it was going to happen, that some guys were going to be late because of the location of the place."

It didn't look like the Hawks would have enough players (five players and a goal keeper), but in a surprise move, Hawk Assistant Coach Vito Colangelo suited up and played for Humber.

"He [Colangelo] did a better job than some of our forwards today," said Hawks forward Marco Frasca.

## Humber vs. Ryerson

The first game was a wide open affair with both teams trading scoring chances.

Because each game lasted 25 minutes and the games were played with shifts on the fly, Ryerson took advantage of their larger bench to take it to the Hawks.

The first good scoring opportunity came with 14 minutes to play when a Ryerson player and Hawks keeper Adam Morandini went 'mano-a-mano' with the shot zooming high and wide.

With six minutes to play, Hawks defender, Luigi Della Rovere, had a great scoring opportunity in front of the Rams net, but the Hawks got caught by a fast break that ended with the Rams player deking the Hawks keeper and losing control of the ball with an open cage.

Humber took a late penalty and were short handed for the final minutes of play, but both keepers took advantage of the smaller nets and the game ended

in a scoreless tie.

## Humber vs. Carleton

Carleton went into the game against Humber with a win over Brock in their opener and was in first place in the division with Humber two points behind in second.

For the first ten minutes of the game, both teams seemed content to play for the tie.

Then, with about 12 and a half minutes to play, Hawks keeper Adam Morandini hit Stan Buicemi with a pass that sent him in all alone and his shot was tipped out by a diving Carleton keeper.

With about seven minutes left in the game, the referee failed to call a penalty when Hawks forward Gianpiero Groe was pushed to the ground in front of the Humber bench.

After not getting a penalty call, the Hawks seemed let down and handed a couple of good scoring opportunities to Carleton.

But with just two and a half minutes to play, Hawks newcomer Stan Buicemi deposited a long range shot past the Carleton keeper giving Humber its first goal of the tournament.

Carleton brought its goal keeper up as a third defender and mounted a last minute attack. With about a minute to play, Hawk Luigi Della Rovere lobbed a shot over the keeper which went wide of the net.

Humber now had one win and one tie, while Carleton fell to one win and one loss. Each team had one more game to play.

## Humber vs. Brock

Brock went into the game with a loss against Carleton and a tie against Ryerson leaving them out of the hunt. However, Humber needed the win to guarantee them a birth in the semi-finals and a tie to get a chance at the wild card spot.

Humber played poorly for the first half of the game and with 15 minutes to go Brock scored to take the lead. Brock made it 2-0 with ten minutes to go when Humber failed to pick up a Brock attacker who converted on a low



One of the numerous Humber scoring opportunities is thwarted by the Ryerson Rams goalkeeper. Humber was eventually ousted after finishing with a 1-0-2 record.

shot that found the back of the net.

The Hawks looked to be all but out of the game and if not for their OCAA all-star keeper, Adam Morandini, they would have been.

Then with about four minutes to go, Hawks Enzo Zeppieri rifled a low shot from about 15 feet out that found the net and cut the score in half.

The Hawks continued to fight back and Zeppieri had two good chances just blasting both shots high of the Brock net.

Finally, with about two minutes to go in the game, Hawks striker Rob Marcucci evened the score and the game ended in a 2-2 tie.

After the Brock game, the Hawks had to sit and watch the rest of the games to see if they would go on to the semi-finals.

Carleton recorded a 2-0 shutout over Ryerson to finish a point ahead of the Hawks gaining three points for both of their wins.

The Hawks had to wait and see if five points would get them into the semi's hoping that George Brown and Windsor University would finish in a tie, but George Brown squeezed out

a 1-0 victory to give them six points and the semi-final berth.

"We beat [Carleton] and then they're the team that advances so that first game really hurt us," said Hawk striker Gianpiero Groe. "We should have beat Ryerson."

The Hawks, who have been holding practice every Monday since the outdoor season ended, found another talented player in Stan Buicemi who tallied the winning goal against Carleton and played well throughout the tournament.

"It's more fun to be out there and decide everything on your own," said Buicemi. "If people would have showed up early and everything was more organized we would have been [in the semi-finals]."

The Hawks will play in a tournament at Montreal's McGill University during the first two days of March.

On Feb. 6, the Athletic Centre plans to retire the number of all-star goal keeper Adam Morandini.

In the championship game, York University barely edged out rivals Carleton 3-2 and captured the Adidas Indoor Soccer Classic Tournament.

# Lakeshore impresses at tourney

by John Wright  
Lakeshore Reporter

Humber's Lakeshore hockey team had two solid performances at the college extramural student hockey tournament last Thursday and Friday at Seneca.

On Thursday, they faced off against Sir Sanford Fleming in a rough and tumble match which saw them win 5 to 3.

Humber racked up 20 minutes in penalties during the game and continually rolled over Fleming's defence.

Coach Sonya Herrfort said she thought the team played well, but wasn't impressed with the quality of the referees.

"We got some bad calls due to the inconsistency of the refs, but we didn't let it slow us down any," said Herrfort. "We've got a good bunch of guys on the team this year that work well together and are really good at

capitalizing on the other team's mistakes."

Scoring for Humber were Eddie Keating who had a goal and two assists, Chris Redpath had two goals, Matt Marxer and Donny Billingham both had one goal each.

Humber's second test came on Friday afternoon, where they met Sheridan head on.



Lakeshore gets caught on a 2-on-1 break.

Humber jumped out to an early lead with two quick goals in the opening minutes of play and it looked as if they would run away with the game. Unfortunately, before another offensive attack could mount, a Humber player was hauled down and seriously injured after about four minutes of play.

By the time the game got back under way, Humber's momentum was lost and Sheridan scored and then eventually tied the game with a minute and 27 seconds left to play.

Humber had a good opportunity to score in the dying seconds, but couldn't capitalize on it and the game ended in a 2-2 draw. Humber goals were scored by Eddie Rebelo and Billingham.

Injured player Laurence Saindon is recovering nicely from the vicious hit he received during the game and should be back on the ice soon.

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## Men's Basketball Central Region

	GP	W	L	FOR	AGT	PTS
Sheridan	4	4	0	364	306	8
Durham	5	3	2	391	337	6
<b>Humber</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>6</b>
Centennial	4	2	2	299	335	4
Seneca	5	2	3	351	364	4
George Brown	4	0	5	302	384	0

## Women's Basketball

	GP	W	L	FOR	AGT	PTS
<b>Humber</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>20</b>
Durham	8	7	1	565	375	14
Seneca	8	5	3	604	455	10
Fanshawe	9	5	4	553	477	10
George Brown	9	3	6	491	558	6
Mohawk	8	2	6	344	531	4
Niagara	8	2	6	358	504	4
Redeemer	7	0	7	263	596	0

## Men's Volleyball West Region

	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
<b>Humber</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>
Cambrian	10	7	3	26	16	14
Niagara	7	5	2	16	11	10
Georgian	7	4	3	16	15	8
Mohawk	9	4	5	19	17	8
Seneca	8	1	7	8	22	2
Redeemer	8	0	8	4	24	0

## Women's Volleyball Central Region

	MP	MW	ML	GW	GL	PTS
Cambrian	8	8	0	24	2	16
Georgian	8	5	3	18	13	10
<b>Humber</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>
Seneca	5	2	3	9	10	4
Centennial	7	1	6	6	19	2
Confederation	5	0	5	1	15	0



## Athletes of the week



**Rowan Beckford**

**#55, Forward**

Rowan was selected the West team MVP in this year's OCAA Men's Basketball All-Star game. He also had a terrific game with a 23 point performance against Sheridan.



**Tanya Sadler**

**#40, Forward**

Tanya was selected the MVP of the OCAA Women's basketball West All-Star game. She scored 30 points against Mohawk.

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