

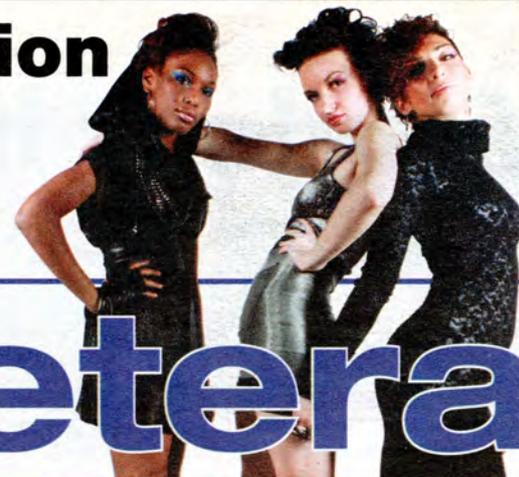


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Backlog stalls Second Career

TESSIE SANCI
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

With weeks to go until the new term, one group of prospective Humber College students are now finding out they will not be attending school in January.

These prospective students applied with the intention of receiving funding by Second Career, but high demand and changes to the criteria mean that many applications are in limbo, said Debbie Falconi of the registrar's office.

Falconi said there are still many students who have been approved for admission but are still waiting to hear on their funding.

The passing of the fee deadline means that many prospective students will not start school in January.

Second Career is a provincial program that began in June 2008 and helps laid off workers by paying for long-term training in high-demand occupations, said Lois Willson, associate dean in the community outreach and workforce development department.

Looser guidelines, implemented in November 2008, led to an overwhelming amount of applicants and a subsequent backlog.

On Nov. 20, the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities announced eligibility would be based on more stringent criteria.

This includes applications that were completed under the more relaxed guidelines but were not yet approved for funding, said Willson.

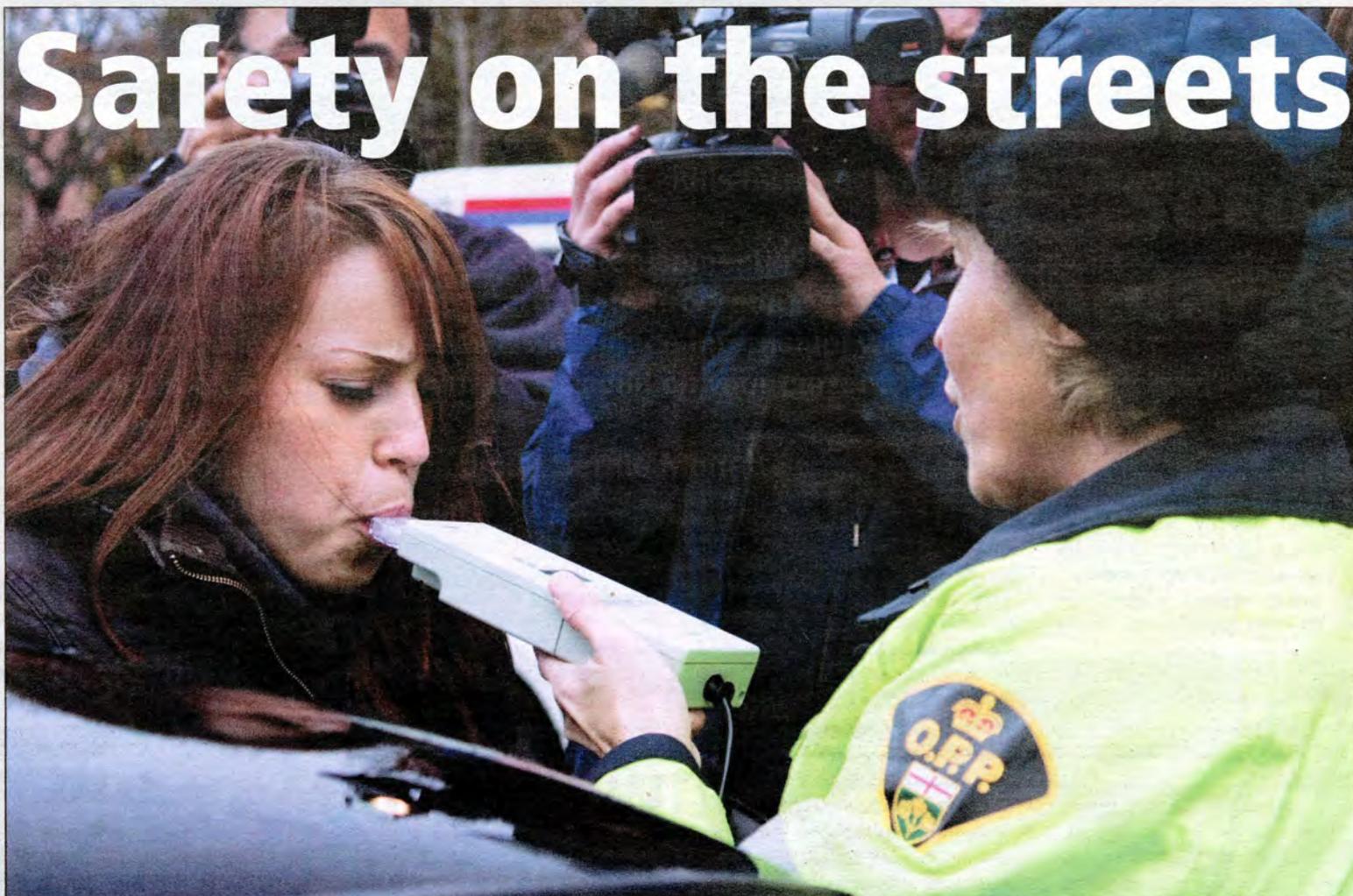
These guidelines will help determine which applicants will benefit the most from the program and who needs help the fastest, said Patrick O'Gorman, a spokesperson for the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

As of Sept. 2009, 9,000 Second Career applications were approved, said O'Gorman.

He said he believes applicants are being told it will take up to 12 weeks for applications to be re-assessed.

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Safety on the streets



Greg Burchell

Humber student, Alison Rheaume, 19, blows into a breathalyzer test administered by OPP Const. Marilyn Reynolds to demonstrate the procedures of a RIDE spot-check program. This year's RIDE campaign, launched Nov. 26, brought police, a local MPP and a radio personality to North campus. Full story on page 4.

Shady specs not approved by HSF

Services director says Humber Optical not invited to campus

TREVOR KOROLL
NEWS REPORTER

Humber students are urged to take precaution after a service offering full-time students free eye exams was found to have no affiliation with the school, services director of the Humber Student's Federation said.

"A lot of the students during orientation are coming up to us and asking us," SieuMoi Ly said, about the service advertised on humberoptical.com. The students told her they had booked eye appointments with a company they thought was in partnership with HSF, she said.

The service's website offers Humber students free eye exams, designer prescription sunglasses, contact lenses and prescription sunglasses. Students can book appointments on the website, as well as a ride to and from the examination. Humber Optical also claims the service will be covered by the Humber Vision Insurance Plan.

"If you're going to these appointments, it's not recommended by us. We don't know this company, we don't know the location. We don't know the services provided to you," said Ly.

The HSF placed posters around the school warning students if they use Humber Optical it's at their own risk.

Humber Optical's website lists Dr. Vinod P. as a staff member but no contact information is provided. Gary Jaynes, director of public safety, said they are reviewing the matter and

have nothing concrete on the subject.

Ly said students are assuming Humber Optical is directly affiliated with Humber College because the HSF held an eye clinic last year.

If you're going to these appointments, it's not recommended by us.

SieuMoi Ly
HSF services director

"We did an eye clinic last year by a company called Super Eye Specs, not Humber Optical," Ly said. "Recently, we've also discovered that they were at Lakeshore campus trying to sign up students."

Walter Sidoruk, the owner of the real Humber Optical at 2321 Bloor Street West, said he has nothing to do with the website or the offer. He said he was made aware of the website when Humber students came in asking for free eye exams.

Sidoruk said he has operated Humber Optical for 20 years and he said someone is operating under his name.

Ly said this isn't the first time a company has tried to take advantage of Humber students. Small-time vendors have come in and handed out flyers to students, she said.

"It looks pretty silly on our end, but it is a company we never invited onto campus," said Ly. "We're doing all we can to make sure Humber students are aware that it's not a service that we're promoting or offering so they need to be a little more cautious with who they provide their information to."

Student haunted by father's murder

Man stabbed while trying to block suspect from coming into his family's Mississauga home in October

JUAN ANTONIO SISON
NEWS REPORTER

Eugenmar Agsaulio, 22, an architecture student at Humber will never forget the night his father Ernesto was killed.

"There are moments when it gets me. One specific example would be when we have daily prayers. I can't really look at pictures of my dad for extended periods of time. I just get emotional," said Agsaulio.

"I tend to see it sometimes," he said. "I'm all right most of the time, but it's always there."

A month after the attack, the Agsaulio family is still trying to recover from their loss.

Peel Regional Police said the suspect arrived at the Agsaulio residence Sunday Oct. 25 in Mississauga south of Dundas and Mavis searching for his estranged wife who was staying with the Agsaulio family. Ernesto was blocking the suspect from entering the home when he was stabbed. The suspect was subdued by witnesses and arrested when police arrived. Ernesto Agsaulio later died at the hospital.

Eugenmar said his whole family was home at the time including his sister who is visiting from Germany.

The family erected a memorial where Ernesto's favourite seat on the couch was.

"Every time I come over he'd always be there, reading the paper," said Eugenmar's girlfriend Janet Park. Park



Juan Antonio Sison

Eugenmar Agsaulio (right), a second-year Humber architectural technology student stands with his girlfriend Janet Park (left), by a photo of his father Ernesto who was murdered on Oct. 25.

said Eugenmar's mother Belinda place a small amount of food at the memorial during meal times.

"It's like they're saving a place for him whenever they eat," said Park.

Park, said she couldn't believe her boyfriend's father was murdered.

"That was the biggest shock to me, I thought it was something else. It just didn't make sense that they were at the police station, so it couldn't have

been a heart attack," said the third-year nursing student at the University of New Brunswick.

On the night of the murder, Eugenmar called his friend Edward Nguyen for a change of clothes. Nguyen has known Agsaulio since kindergarten and described his friend as "broken and devastated."

"I've known them for 18 years, I didn't know what to say," said

Nguyen, a graduate of the mechanical engineering program at Humber. Nguyen attended elementary, high school, university and college with Eugenmar.

Eugenmar said his mother "couldn't live without my dad, so she's taking it pretty hard. I guess I didn't give her enough credit because she's showing a lot of strength right now."

Eugenmar said his father was his

mother's first boyfriend.

After three weeks Eugenmar said he returned to one of his part-time jobs. He said he preferred his warehouse job at the time because "it's not really personal, it's solo. You pick the items – you do things by yourself."

The following week he went back to his customer service job. "Main reason being I didn't really want to talk to people right away."

While police cordoned off the Agsaulio home as a crime scene, the family stayed at a relative's place in Mississauga.

Park said her boyfriend has a lot of strength but recalls an emotional moment a few days after the attack.

She said Eugenmar retrieved his laptop from his house and brought it back to his relative's house. When the computer turned on, he became emotional.

"It resumed to a video he wanted to show his dad, an hour before it happened," said Park.

"He became depressed, it was something he wanted to show his dad but he never got a chance to show it to him," she said.

"In a way I'm trying to move on with my life but at the same time it's ignoring the fact that it did happen," said Eugenmar.

The family is having a small memorial in early December, 40 days after Ernesto's death.

Willie Ching, 55, of Toronto, is charged with first-degree murder.



CSI building opens

Henri Berube, co-ordinator of the police foundations program stands in one of the new crime scene simulation studios.

Humber's Centre for Justice Leadership had its grand opening on Nov. 30, but students will have to wait a little longer before using the centre's state of the art criminal investigation studios.

The new centre is located at 3120 Lake Shore Blvd. West, across the street from Lakeshore campus. The building features a court room, interview rooms, crime scene recreation and forensics studios.

The use of the studios will begin in January 2010 said Berube.

The facilities are "fantastic, state of the art," said Berube. "The intent is to show students the full range of the judicial process from a police viewpoint," he said.

Berube said the new studios help put into practice what students used to learn in theory.

Real crime scene investigators are "scientists, not police officers," said Berube. But the facilities help bring an understanding and knowledge into the "real world of policing."

In the future, Berube hopes to incorporate acting students into the court room and crime scene studio. Berube said the intent is to make it "real within a controlled world."

TREVOR KOROLL

White ribbon wall to honour victims of Montreal Massacre

KAYLA CARD-FORBES
NEWS REPORTER

Dec. 6 marks the 20th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre and Humber students are doing their part to remember.

For 45 minutes on Dec. 6, 1989, an enraged gunman roamed the corridors of Montreal's École Polytechnique and killed 14 women before killing himself.

Students from the postgraduate fundraising and volunteer management program put together a wall of white ribbons to display at Lakeshore campus.

The ribbon wall is the first time Humber has formally remembered those killed and injured in the Montreal Massacre.

Ken Wyman, program co-ordinator of the postgraduate fundraising and volunteer management program, said the campaign is a good initiative.

Sharon Naidos, fundraising and volunteer management student, said, "I'm a big believer that the power of enough small actions will cause a big

effect."

Lauren Jensen, fundraising and volunteer management student, said white ribbons are normally sold to help raise money for the cause, but that is not the focus of the display.

"Part of the job of a fundraiser is to raise awareness of a cause," she said. "And the most important issue is to bring awareness to young people of domestic abuse, how prevalent it is and how many are affected by it."

Jensen said she is proud to be a part of the white ribbon campaign at Humber.

"I think it's very important that Humber recognizes this day and acknowledge it," she said since the events occurred on a college campus.

The wall of white ribbons will be on display until Dec. 9 in the F building at the Lakeshore campus and ribbons will be handed out during the lunch hour in the cafeterias in the A and H buildings.

"When you wear a white ribbon, you pledge not to condone, allow, or accept domestic violence in your life," said Jensen.

Corrections

In the Nov. 26 issue of the *Et Cetera* in the story called "Fines for fake schools in full effect" Krista Seggewiss' name was misspelled. She works for Ontario Association of Career Colleges.

In the same issue on page 5 in the story, "Orangeville to offer interior decorating" the following errors were made.

The student survey named in the story targeted 2,500 Grade 11 students.

The projected student population at Orangeville campus for fall 2010 is 300.

In the same issue, on page 1 in the story called, "Campaign to peg tuition to inflation", the last sentence was cut out. Visit www.humberetc.com for the full story.

In the same issue on page 10 in the story "Blackface still a racial mockery" sports editor Septembre Anderson's name was misspelled.

The *Et Cetera* apologizes for the errors.



Colton De Gooyer



Amy Shields



Angelo Elia

Power went out at North campus at about 12:46 p.m. on Nov. 27, cancelling day classes and shutting off the exhaust system at Harvey's, setting off the fire alarm.

Blackout at college sends students home

KRISTOPHER REARDON
NEWS REPORTER

Day classes were cancelled on Nov. 27 because of a power outage at North campus.

"It all unfolded in about 35 minutes," said John Mason, Humber vice-president who consulted several others before making the decision to cancel day classes.

At 12:46 p.m. the power went out across North campus and surrounding community due to a hydro vault fire on Westmore Drive.

Some students were caught with their pants down.

"I was in the washroom at the time and almost pissed on myself," said Raffi Ayson, a first-year HVAC student. "I went back to class and people tried to continue working for a few

minutes before we left."

At 1:24 p.m. the announcement was made through the P.A. system cancelling day classes.

"I consulted with the director of facilities resources, Gary Jeynes as director of public safety and, depending on the circumstances, with Pamela Hanft who is associate vice-president academic," said Mason. "It seemed pretty reasonable to expect that the power would be off for at least two and quite possibly four hours."

Mason made the decision with information he got from Toronto Fire Services and Ontario Hydro. The decision hedged on inner classrooms that have no natural lighting and classes that are computer intensive. It just isn't practical to offer classes when there isn't hydro, he said.

Nine minutes after the announce-

ment came over school speakers, power was restored. Mason said he stands by his decision.

I was in the washroom at the time and almost pissed on myself

Raffi Ayson
First-year HVAC student

"On that basis it was still the right decision, but of course in hindsight one might wish that it had taken me about 15 minutes more to make a decision," said Mason. "It makes it more difficult now for most students and faculty to make up the lost time in the

sense of covering the course content."

Security patrolled the hallways moments into the outage to assure the safety of students, said Gary Jeynes, Humber's director of public safety.

"We were told it was going to be a prolonged period of time," said Jeynes. "So a decision was made to shut down the remainder of the day classes."

Security continued to check on students who were bunched in the hallways as everyone tried to figure out what was going on.

The power outage caused the exhaust system at Harvey's to shut off which set off the fire alarm.

"There was nowhere for the fumes to escape so it just came through Harvey's," Jeynes said. "That's why the fire department were here."

The school notified police and the

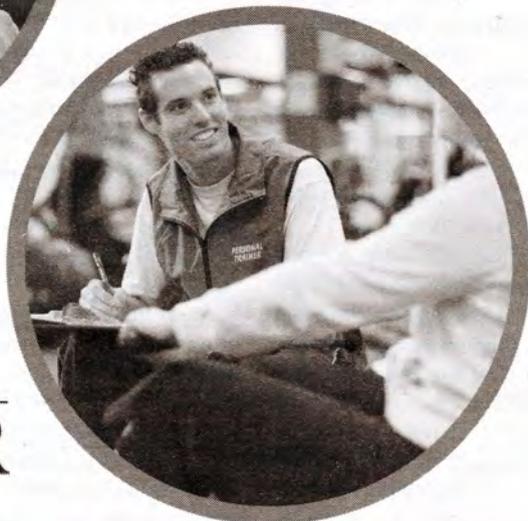
transit companies that service the North campus to prepare for the mass exodus of students.

Laura Hinnikson from the North campus test centre said students who were taking tests at the time of the power outage were able to finish their testing but those in line were asked to wait until Saturday or Monday.

"Some people in our lab were writing a test and were pretty angry about it," said Donald Bachinski, 22, a first-year film and television student.

Students doing tests on computers had to be deferred until another day to retake their tests as well. Those students, which were nervous about being delayed, had notes attached to their tests telling teachers that they couldn't write their tests on the specified day because of the power outage.

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Humber hosts start of holiday RIDE campaign

TAI DUONG
NEWS REPORTER

Police vehicles lined Humber College Boulevard outside of North campus on Thursday, Nov. 26 to kickoff the holiday Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) campaign across Ontario.

York regional police Sgt. James Slykhuis said spot checks make people more aware of police presence and reduce incidents of drinking and driving.

"We will not tolerate drinking and driving throughout the festive season," Slykhuis said.

The event at Humber, "gives us an opportunity to show the type of ve-

hicles that will be used for the RIDE program," said Slykhuis.

Humber president John Davies said this is the third RIDE event the college has hosted.

Anne Leonard from the Arrive Alive Drive Sober campaign, and Mary Purnell, a woman who lost her son to a drinking and driving accident, spoke at the event which began at 10:30 a.m.

Gary Jaynes, director of public safety, said Purnell's story was something he would remember for the rest of his life. "One careless mistake can change so many people's lives so quickly," Jaynes said.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2007 there were 75,513 impaired



Colton De Gooyer

Police performed RIDE spot checks on Humber College Boulevard outside North campus Nov. 26.

driving incidents in Canada.

Shagufa Kaker, HSF president, and John Davies, president of Humber, also spoke during the event in the student centre.

Having the event at Humber helps spread the word to students so they can influence their parents and friends not to drink and drive, Davies said.

During a RIDE stop drivers are

asked questions and checked for any type of illicit drug, including marijuana, Slykhuis said.

"We have officers that are specifically trained to detect that," said Slykhuis. "They're called drug recognition experts and as a result of a battery of tests they put the person through, they're able to determine what classification of drug they've been using whether their ability to

operate is impaired or not."

Slykhuis said police also use their senses and behaviour cues to determine if someone is using drugs.

Jaynes gave advice for anybody with a friend who may drink and drive.

"The best you could do is take the keys out of their hand and make sure they get in a cab, get home safely and resume your friendship the next day," said Jaynes.

Local bookworms pessimistic about Amazon's Kindle

JUAN ANTONIO SISON
NEWS REPORTER

Amazon's second generation electronic book reader, the Kindle, has arrived in Canada, but many readers still prefer the look and feel of a paper book, said Antanas Sileika, director of the Humber School for Writers.

"I know of zero people who intend on buying a Kindle," said Sileika. "Will writers buy a Kindle? I don't think so. We aren't a nation of early adopters."

According to Amazon.com, the reader can store up to 1,500 books and has wireless 3G networking built in. This allows users to download books from Amazon and subscribe to various newspapers and magazines.

Cynthia Good, program co-ordinator of creative book publishing at Humber, purchased the first generation Kindle in May 2008 before it was formally released to Canada. "I still like to hold a book. I like turning pages. I love the physical feeling of a book," said Good.

Debbie Martin, North campus bookstore manager, said she shares Good's sentiment of the feel of paper.

"I like to read a novel when I go to bed, I like the feel of a book," said Martin. "There's always a person that wants to cozy up with a book before they go to bed. I can't see them cozying up with their Kindle as easily."

The Kindle costs US\$259 and can only be purchased through Amazon.com for Canadian customers. A US\$30 import fee and taxes also apply.

"Price wise I don't think they're there yet - for those that are looking

for a cheaper version," said Martin.

"Customers feel that an e-book should have a real lower-end price compared to a physical text book, but that's not the case. E-books cost 60 to 70 per cent of the cost of a text book, so the savings really isn't there yet," she said.

Good said the Kindle will not usurp the place of books anytime soon, but publishers will need to adapt to the possibilities electronic readers offer.

Good has 28 years of experience in the book publishing industry with 20 of those years spent at the Canadian branch of Penguin publishing.

Good said she wants electronic readers to offer more than what's already available in a book such as animations, audio and videos.



Courtesy Amazon.com

The Kindle e-book reader sells for US\$259 on Amazon.com



Lisa Gent

The transportation ministry gets many 407 billing complaints.

Government cannot deal with 407 issues

KYLE GENNINGS
NEWS REPORTER

Drivers have been flooding the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) with complaints about the 407 Express Toll Route (ETR) highway, said Bob Nichols, senior media liaison with the ministry.

"The MTO receives between 70 and 100 calls per week relating to 407 ETR billing issues," said Nichols.

However, any issues with the 407 ETR cannot be handled by the MTO because of the 1998 Highway 407 Act, which gives the owners of the 407 ETR control over the collection and enforcement of tolls, which can include license plate denials.

"People with complaints should call the 407 ETR or e-mail them," Nichols said.

Frank Klees, Conservative MPP for Newmarket-Aurora and transportation critic, said the situation is unac-

ceptable.

"Quite frankly, I think that the fault here is with the ministry for not holding the 407 administration to account," said Klees.

The 407 was privatized the Conservative provincial government in 1999 and a consortium of companies signed a 99-year lease for \$3.1 billion.

Klees said the province should treat the owners of the 407 ETR as they would any other business. "The provincial government needs to hold the 407 ETR responsible like any other business that harasses their customers using third party collection agencies."

Second-year fashion student Joanna Wright uses the 407 frequently and hasn't had any issues with the 407.

"I use the 407 because of the light traffic flow, the better road conditions and shortened driving time to my destination," said Wright. She said she has never been incorrectly billed.

Second career students in limbo

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Falconi said that the ministry has guaranteed that within the next few weeks, it will process the applications of those students wanting to start school in January 2010.

The problem is that the deadline to pay admission fees was Nov. 18.

"What we are asking is that the colleges recognize the situation and try to provide as much flexibility in terms of deadlines as possible," said O'Gorman.

"Some people may miss the deadlines and will have to look at a future start date," O'Gorman said.

Falconi said that flexibility is an option for applicants whose programs still have space.

Most of the applicants in wait-listed programs, "have been withdrawn by now," she said.

Falconi said it is an unfortunate situation.

"This is the same process we use for all students, not just students with Second Career," she said.

Alicia Griffon, 32, a second-year hospitality management student, said she is happy that her Second Career application was approved quickly, late last year, before these problems arose.

"To have an opportunity like this and to actually take it, I think only good things can happen," she said.

Entrance smoking ban not enforced

Security doesn't have enough staff to keep doorways clear of second-hand smoke, says public safety director

JON HEMBREY
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

Humber security said it has limited means for enforcing a new policy prohibiting smoking within nine metres of all entrances.

Gary Jeynes, director of public safety, said security can do little apart from asking smokers to move away from doors.

He said his staff of 50 cannot police the 130 doors on campus along with other security duties. "I don't have the staffing."

"Any person has the right to enforce" the entrance smoking ban, Jeynes said, including staff and students.

The policy was approved by the Humber's health and safety committee over the summer and signs were posted in September.

The change was "prompted by a concern for the general health and well-being of all people within our environment," said Rani Dhaliwal, vice-president of finance and administrative services.

The school wants to keep the doors clear of cigarette smoke, she said.

Devon Tyrrell, 19, a first-year cu-

linary skills student, said the rule is "a good thing if you want to avoid second-hand smoke."

So far, the policy has been "sort of hit and miss," said Spencer Wood, maintenance and operations manager at Lakeshore campus.

There is "still an educational piece to go along with it" to make people aware of the new rule, he said.

Stephanie Couto, 21, a first-year interior decorating student and smoker, said she has never been told to move by either security or other students.

"Maybe they should put up markers" so people know where to smoke, she said.

The new rule has also created a nuisance for staff who have to clean up cigarette butts spread over a larger area, said David Griffin, manager of maintenance and operations at North campus.

"The problem used to be concentrated, now it's everywhere - a 50-foot radius," he said.

Jeynes said things have come a long way despite the problems. "I was here years and years ago as a student so I can remember smoking in classrooms, so think about that one," he said.



Jon Hembrey

Jackie Spencer, a second-year creative photography student smokes by an entrance to L building at North campus. She said she's never been told to move away from an entrance while smoking.

Faculty strike vote scheduled, talks to resume

RACHEL YAGER
NEWS REPORTER

The Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB) has scheduled a strike vote for the Ontario college faculty's union for Jan. 13.

Bargaining is set to continue in the meantime, said Orville Getz, president of Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU) Local 562, which represents Humber's faculty.

Members of the union, including Humber's faculty, will have the opportunity to vote for or against a strike.

Faculty have been working without a new contract since the old one expired on Aug. 31.

Negotiations have been ongoing but talks broke off again on Nov. 30.

The union came down in salary demands and management came up a little bit, Getz said.

College management proposed an eight per cent increase for four years and the union proposed 7.5 per cent for three years. "They wouldn't accept that and that was basically it," said Getz.

"Management is focusing their attention on the affordability of the contract," said Getz.

Nancy Hood, vice-chair of the

management bargaining team, said "The colleges remain committed to negotiating a settlement, but it has to be an affordable one"

Hood said the union's proposal will cost the colleges \$218 million.

"The union's proposals are just simply unaffordable," she said.

Ted Montgomery, chair of the OPSEU negotiating team, said the union changed positions on staffing and workload, but management said the costs were still too high.

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Nancy Hood
Vice-chair of the management bargaining team

"We had a position on the table that said 75 per cent of teachers should be full time - they said that's too expensive," said Montgomery.

At the Nov. 30 meeting, management gave the union a list positions they wanted the union to withdraw from, said Montgomery.

"We certainly would be content to



Jordan Maxwell

Orville Getz is the president of Humber faculty's union.

withdraw them, but there's got to be some discussion," he said.

"They'll only talk about a very limited number and even then, their talk is the union has to give in to their position," he said.

The union revised their position and asked the college to make all reasonable efforts to have as many full-timers as possible, he said.

The union and management will go back to the bargaining table to negotiate for two more days on Dec. 14 and Dec. 15, which may solve a number of things, said Getz.

"If it looks like we're moving ahead with negotiations, we'll probably go ahead and schedule some days in January for negotiations, which might preclude the strike vote then," said Getz.

In March 2006 college faculty went on strike for about three weeks.

Part-time union vote challenged

JORDAN MAXWELL
NEWS REPORTER

Part-time support staff in Ontario colleges are still waiting for the results of a vote to determine if they will join the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU).

The vote took place in October at Ontario colleges, including Humber.

Orville Getz, president of OPSEU Local 562 which represents Humber's faculty, said the Colleges Compensation and Appointment Council (CCAC) is challenging whether OPSEU followed all applicable guidelines to hold the vote, so the ballots have not been counted yet.

The main issue is if 35 per cent of part time support staff signed cards in support of the vote, which is a requirement, said Leonard Marvy, a solicitor at the Ontario Labour Relations Board (OLRB).

The CCAC filed a disagreement indicating there were more part-time support employees than indicated by OPSEU, according to CCAC documents.

Don Sinclair, executive director of the CCAC, said that their list of part-time employees differs slightly from OPSEU's list.

The contracts of some workers may have expired before the vote took place, making them ineligible to vote, said Getz.

Also, some of the cards may have

been signed over a year after the application was filed, voiding them under the Colleges Collective Bargaining Act, he said.

Getz said that a decision on this matter could take months.

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Goal is to do no harm

With the recent investigation into animal cruelty charges at the Toronto Humane Society (THS), the focus seems to be on the policies and procedures that differ from the Ontario Society for the Protection of Cruelty to Animals (OS-PCA) and not on the animals themselves.

The president of the THS, Tim Trow, was arrested Thursday, Nov. 26 along with chief veterinarian, Steve Sheridan and three other senior officials of the society after the police and the OSPCA raided the River Street building.

A group of journalists was allowed to tour the facility on Nov. 27 and were shown a cat that died after being stuck in a live trap for up to a year – without food or water.

The animals deserve more. They deserve a leader who will protect them, respect their lives and do what is necessary when they are sick. Whether that is ensuring they get proper medical care and pain medication or putting them down when there is no hope left.

Much of the media coverage has been about the euthanasia policy in place or the financial status of the society.

But the focus should be on the horrible conditions the animals were allegedly kept in and the health of these helpless creatures.

The THS should be a safe haven for animals without homes, one where they are not put in danger, where they are not left to die in cages.

Also, society expects this of the THS. People drop off animals there hoping that they will be looked after and if necessary, put down.

How we treat our animals – big or small, wild or domestic – shows the true nature of our society. And a society that leaves animals to die in cages or to suffer treatable conditions is not a healthy, sympathetic or humane one.

Rather than debate which group is doing a better job, we should be looking at what we as a society are doing for our smallest creatures.

suicide stats

Transit safety first

MIGUEL AGAWIN
ART DIRECTOR



November was a tumultuous month for the TTC – the announcement of a fare increase, its management on token hoarding and the fiasco that shut down the Yonge line for an evening rush.

The Toronto Transit Commission has been forced to release subway suicide statistics from 1998 - 2007 under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. According to a Toronto Sun article on Nov. 27, TTC spokesperson Brad Ross confirmed 11 deaths this year – bringing the total deaths to 161.

This statistic suggests one subway suicide per month.

A proposal to install safety barriers in 2002 was rejected because it was too costly, however, funding isn't the problem.

According to the Ontario initiative, MoveOntario 2020, \$17.5 billion will be invested towards making rapid transit more efficient.

Transit City, a provincially and federally funded TTC plan to increase service with new light rail transit routes, also has an approximate \$10 billion price tag.

There is also evidence millions of dollars are lost whenever suicide occurs.

According to the Canadian Association of Suicide Prevention, suicide deaths and attempts cost the economy over \$14.7 billion annually and there are 1,000 suicides in Ontario every year.

CASP also estimated between \$433,000 to \$4.1 million is the cost of suicide death per individual and an average of \$850,000 of direct and indirect cost per suicide. The value factors in the potential years of life lost, income level and effects on survivors. On its website, CASP also said the estimated cost of attempted suicide ranges from \$33,000 to \$308,000 per individual, depending on hospital services and rehabilitation required and the family disruption that ensues.

Ross said the TTC is currently applying Automatic Transit Control, a computerized system that can stop a train at a specific point in the platform, along the Yonge/University line and the future Spadina line to York University – the entire project costing \$800 million. This will also increase efficiency, bringing the current two to three minute headway between moving trains closer. Ross said the TTC is conducting a feasibility study to retrofit the platforms, a project that will cost about \$10 billion.

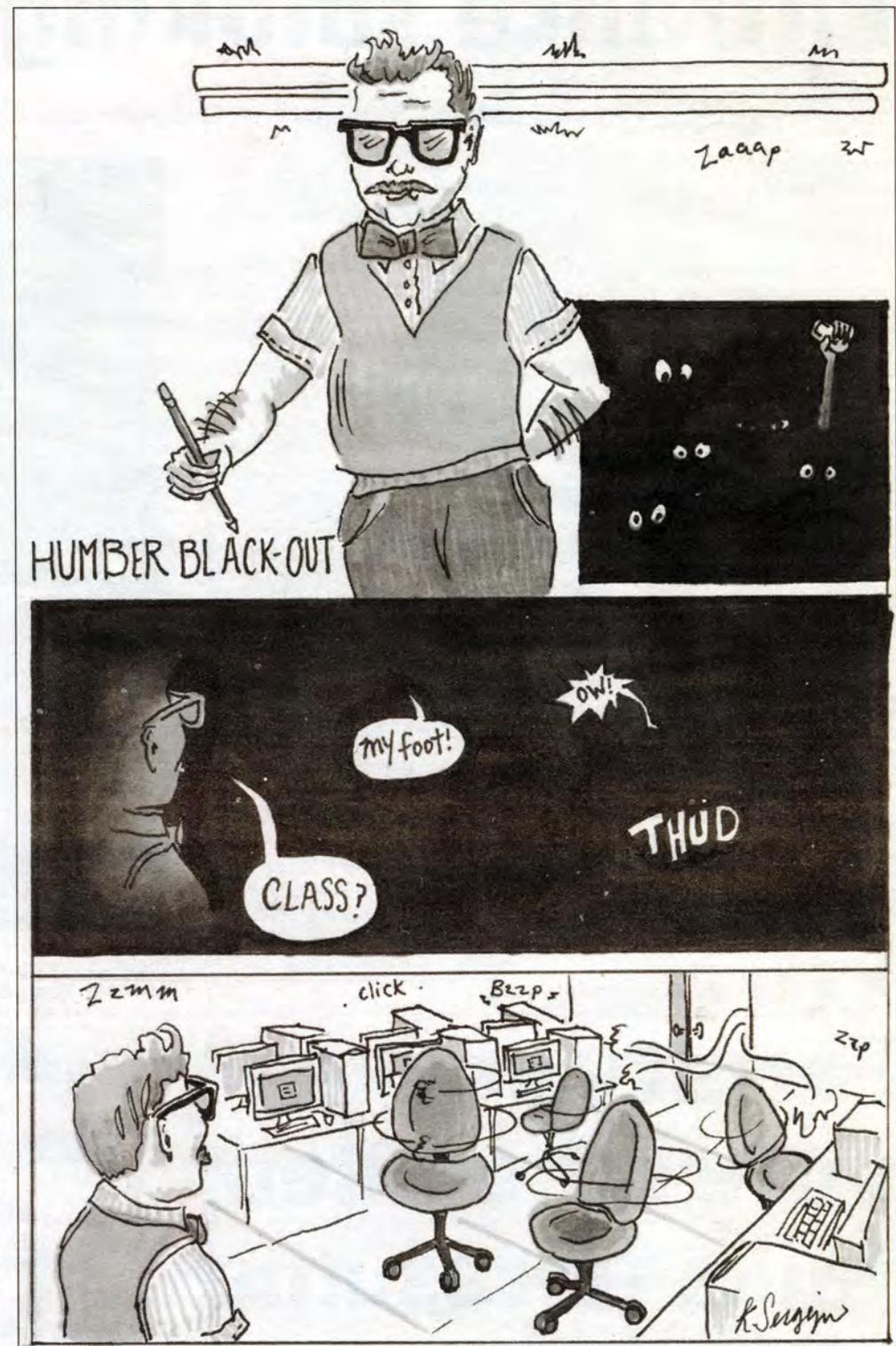
Ross said the TTC is also studying barrier feasibility but anything forward from that will come after 2011.

The TTC needs to address this safety issue and should have done it sooner. It doesn't stop with just suicides – platform barriers will prevent possible attempted murder like the one that happened in February this year at Dufferin station, where three people were pushed and two actually fell onto the tracks.

Some have suggested slowing trains at such a speed so when it arrives at a station it will have the time to halt and avoid jumpers. This will only slow the service down and transfer the economic cost of congestion, \$2.2 billion per year according to the province, from the roads to the rails.

Applying barriers will also avoid costly dis-

cartoon



Results from last week's poll:

Should the college give students regular updates on talks with faculty union?

Yes - 96% (66 votes) No - 3% (2 votes) Don't know - 1% (1 vote)

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ruptions like treatment for operators or others who would witness deaths in front of them. Even though one suicide per month can be considered rare, it's still an avoidable loss of life and it can happen to someone close and dear to you.

While investing in transit can only create positive effects for any community, safety should always come before efficiency and economics. Money's not the problem – just the allocation of funds.

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The group of Taiwanese exchange students meet once a week up until their Dec. 9 performance to prepare and rehearse.

Taiwanese festival brings culture to life for students

SHANE KALICHARAN
LIFE REPORTER

Students can take a trip to Taiwan without leaving campus on Dec. 9 in the North campus concourse.

A group of Taiwanese exchange students from the Kaohsiung Hospitality College in Taiwan are putting together a show to let Humber know what Taiwan is about.

Cecilia Parkes, the organizer of the event and a faculty member in the

hospitality recreation and tourism program, said the students are able to put a show like this together because they've participated in running events before in Taiwan.

Michael Shen, MC of the event said the purpose of the show is to educate students on the Taiwanese culture.

"Most people don't know where Taiwan is. We want more people to know what Taiwan is about."

Shen said there will be activities at the event such as origami, a silent art

auction, a tea ceremony and a bamboo dance where audience members are encouraged to join.

Yandro Rodriguez, an international student at Humber, said the event is a great idea.

"It's good that they are proud of their culture and showing it to everyone," said Rodriguez.

Alex Trung, a Taiwanese student, said he can't connect to the event because he does not have much interest in his own culture.

"It's good for them to network but I can't find myself relating to this event."

Parkes said there is a plan for a second Taiwanese event in the winter semester.

"We also have a dinner event on Feb. 4 at the Humber Room. There will be a Taiwanese dinner as well as a show with traditional Taiwanese bamboo dance."

Keeping the dead alive on Facebook can help people cope, counsellor says

Some students believe social networking sites help them through the grieving process

SARAH JACOB
LIFE REPORTER

Last Halloween marked the ninth anniversary of the death of 19-year-old Tanika Parmar's mother.

Parmar said she dealt with her mothers' death through the company of very close family and friends instead of turning to other electronic methods, such as Facebook, for support because death can be harder to cope with when a lot of people know about it.

"I wouldn't want to put it all out there. I think even if I had Facebook when my mom died, I wouldn't have made a group."

However, Parmar said she's come across some memorial pages on Face-

book before. One she remembers in particular was for a guy she went to elementary school with who died from leukemia last year.

"Everyone was saying how he was a really nice guy and was always helping people. There were a lot of people telling stories about him. It was nice," she said.

Shane Walker, a Toronto District School Board counsellor, said social networking sites can really help people who have lost someone close to them.

"Everybody's connected. Everybody knows about it. Everyone can give their thoughts and help each other through the tough times, even if they don't really know the person who died," he said.

Former Humber student Francisco Quinonez, 19, used Facebook to deal with the loss of his older brother Frank, who was walking home on train tracks when a re-routed via rail train struck him two years ago.

Quinonez said Facebook helped him plan the funeral and choose the pallbearers and ceremony readers.

"I got to post the funeral details and in the end, over a thousand people attended the funeral. If it weren't for Facebook I don't know how so many people would've been able to find all the information."

Quinonez said he received an outpouring of support on the social networking site.

"Many people messaged me with stories of how they can relate or

just to say sorry. But the people who would tell me their own life tragedies helped a lot and it's people who I wasn't even close to. The connection between them and me helped me cope so much."

However, Walker said not everybody is comfortable with discussing the death of a loved one by Internet. "It depends on the person. If the person wants to share, then yeah, it's okay but if they don't feel comfortable promoting it on a website, then they shouldn't do it."

Walker said if people feel comfortable having memorial websites then they should, only if it helps ease their minds.

"Anything that helps you grieve the loss of somebody is helpful."

Preparing vehicles for winter a must, says ministry

SHANE KALICHARAN
LIFE REPORTER

With Toronto's first snowfall on the way, preparing cars for winter driving is important says ministry official.

Bob Nichols a communications representative from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, said he recommends drivers take the proper steps to ensure their safety and the safety of others when commuting on snow-covered roads.

Nichols said drivers should always be cautious while driving and ensure that their vehicles are in good condition before taking them out.

"These things may seem like common sense but it saves lives."

Nichols suggests keeping a safety kit in the vehicle that contains items like a small shovel, non-perishable foods, antifreeze, blankets and matches.

Josiah Keeshig, a computer-programming student said he thinks people should take necessary precautions and if they choose not to they will pay the price.

It's a sentiment echoed by many on campus.

Anton Lozowsky, 20, first-year media foundations student, said it's important to make proper preparations for winter.

"It's better to just take the time and make sure you're safe. You never know what can happen," said Lozowsky.

On Nov. 2, the Ministry of Transportation revised their handbook on information and tips they recommend for safe winter driving. The handbook can be viewed at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/winterdrive/winterdrive.shtml>.

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Humber grad draws celebrity attention
with new design **by Emary Johnston**

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Humber fashion arts graduate Cathleen Carey's CC clothing line is a hit with celebrities such as Chrystina Sayers of *Girlicious* and Jayde Nicole of *The Hills*.

Carey says she is inspired by an American designer who shares her initials, Carl Coneye. Carey keeps a picture of a Coneye design as her motivation.

"It was a black and white picture of the denim suit. I cut it out and to this day it is still on my bulletin board at home," Carey says. "If you ask anybody else in the industry where they get their inspiration from, they would probably give you a big name that's popular on the runways. Carl Coneye has a lot to do with what I'm all about and what I'm doing today."

Carey graduated in 2006. This past summer, her line was featured in a talent/fashion show called 106&York, produced by HighClass Corporation, a business and marketing that helps people get their start in their chosen profession. Carey also has the attention of Canadian rap star Drake. According to Carey, some of her designs were used in his first video, *Replacement Girl*.

Carey says she was also involved with the Remix Project, a course that helps young entrepreneurs. At the same time Carey was at the remix project, she received a call from a clothing line called Brazen Hussy.

"I got the job with them like that," she says,



"You can be inspired by anything. Just being around positive and motivated people is always a good thing for an entrepreneur."

-Cathleen Carey



Carey's line can be purchased by contacting her through her website at www.cathleencarey.com



snapping her fingers. "They really liked my stuff. They saw that I did my own line and they were so awesome about helping me with that," Carey says. When she got the job, she was still perfecting her craft and was flattered and touched that the people at Brazen Hussy thought her stuff was good enough to be sold in their store. "That's when I learned how important it is to support people and have an open mind in this business," Carey says. Second-year fashion arts student Katrina Wa-

terton says she finds Carey's story inspiring. "I think it's a huge inspiration to all current fashion art students because it is such a cut throat industry," Waterton says. "Words can't describe how amazing it is to hear that she has made it big - it gives me a lot of hope." "You can be inspired by anything," Carey says. "Just being around positive and motivated people is always a good thing for an entrepreneur."



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Prof's poetry labour of love

MELANIE KERR
A&E REPORTER

Sandy Pool, a Humber English professor, will release her first book of poetry on Dec. 6.

The work, called *Exploding into Night* is being published by Guernica Editions as part of the First Poet's Series, a full collection from poets 35-years-old and younger. Pool said she never considered publishing her work, but sent in the piece on a friend's recommendation. "Guernica Editions decided to publish it and that made me believe that it was actually good enough," she said.

Pool teaches a writing skills course specifically for funeral services and nursing students as well as two levels of communications courses.

Pool said she started writing poetry in high school where she submitted a piece to a writing competition through the University of Guelph and said she was lucky enough to win.

"That was my first published poem. It was a very embarrassing angst-teen poem and it was published in a small journal," said Pool. She attended a winner's ceremony where she was able to read with more established writers like Thomas King, author of *Green Grass, Running Water*.

Exploding into Night is a narrative poem written in different voices about a murder which took place in the Parkdale area of Toronto in 2005.

"The basic story is about a woman who was

murdered by her husband. I think it was very strange for Torontonians and the story really inspired me to write the book," said Pool.

The woman was an acquaintance of Pool's and the news of the death shocked her.

Elana Wolff, Pool's editor at Guernica Editions, said the book went through a lot of incarnations before getting to this point.

"Sandy submitted her first poems to me two and a half years ago. The final work of *Exploding into Night* is very different from the first submission."

Wolff said the process of editing the book was a positive experience for her.

"I think very highly of Sandy's talent and have had a very gratifying though challenging experience in working with her on this book."

Madeline McCrie, staff member at the Writing Centre at Humber's North campus and president of the book club, said sometimes poetry can be difficult for readers because most people find it inaccessible.

"They don't really know how to talk about it," she said.

McCrie said the Writing Centre would be open to showcasing books by Humber faculty in their book club. She said having an author that students know might motivate more people to come to the book club.

"They would already know the author, so they would maybe feel more comfortable talking with them about writing and the writing process," she said.

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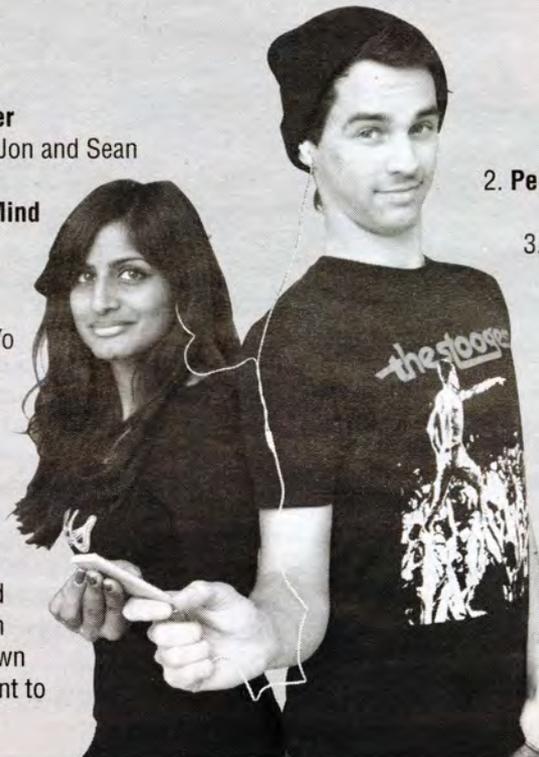
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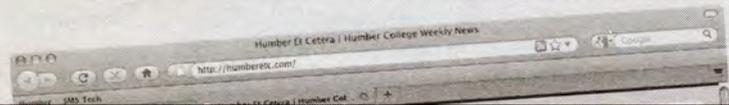
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Lending a helping hand on vacation

NATASHIA FEARON
IN FOCUS REPORTER

A group of 34 students and group leaders are volunteering their time and labour in the Dominican Republic and Mississippi next year on an alternative reading week trip, said Angela Spine, residence life co-ordinator.

"It's a great way to give back to the world – to help those that don't have the same blessings as you have," she said.

Spine said students will travel to Mississippi in February and assist Habitat for Humanity by building homes for victims of Hurricane Katrina, which destroyed thousands of houses in the area in 2005.

Students travelling to the Dominican Republic will assist a company called Orphanage Outreach by teaching English in local schools and caring for children.

"We do get a little bit of time to see wherever we're visiting. Maybe a day or so to do a little bit of tourist stuff, but the majority of the focus is the volunteering," said Spine.

She said trips can cost students up to \$1,700, which includes stay, food and flight. "We do organize fundrais-

ing and that helps subsidize some of the cost for the students."

Jensen Andrews, 20, third-year early childhood education at Guelph-Humber, will be going on the Dominican Republic trip. She said she's counting on it being a positive experience.

"I hope to learn a little more about myself and have an impact on someone else's life there," Andrews said.

"It'll be hard to leave the kids I get to know after a week," she said. "That will probably be the hardest part."

The program began last year when a group of students travelled to New Orleans to help build houses. "It was definitely life changing," Spine said.

Kyle Miller, 22, second-year broadcast television and videography student, said going to New Orleans last year was a great learning experience.

"It was all good," Miller said. "I don't think there was anything I didn't like."

Miller said he stayed in a school that was restored after being destroyed by a flood when Hurricane Katrina hit.

"It's not a five-star hotel, but you learn a lot about the area and the culture," he said.

"We experienced the New Orleans culture, the food and the music. It's



Courtesy Angela Spine

Nine Humber students and two leaders travelled to New Orleans last year to help build homes.

probably one of the coolest things I've ever heard."

Darryl Rose, 19, general arts and science university transfer student, said he wouldn't spend his spring break

building houses – he'd rather rest. He said if he had a choice between an all-inclusive spring break and an alternative spring break, he would choose to vacation in Amsterdam.

But students who went wouldn't change the experience.

It's a "once in a lifetime thing," said Miller.

Saving money is as easy as setting up a direct deposit, bank rep says

AMY DOUGLAS
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students have a lot of expenses that can make saving hard. There's tuition, books, bus passes or parking passes that all have to be paid.

But, with the help of careful money planning and tools to help, it doesn't mean that travelling is out of the question, said David Basilio, a financial services representative at TD Canada Trust. Basilio planned for a trip of his own to Mexico in his final year of university.

Basilio said that students have plenty of options for financial help available to them such as lines of credit, loans, visas and their personal savings. Every person's saving needs are different, so Basilio encourages talking to a representative to find the right option.

"It is important for students to experience and learn about the world they live in. It's a big world and there is a lot to learn outside of the classroom," Basilio said.

Katie Harris, first-year funeral services student, is going to Chile over the Christmas break for a wedding. While Harris' parents helped her with the plane ticket, she worked for most of the summer to earn spending money for her two-week vacation.

She said that saving on a student's budget isn't easy, but that the trip and experience is worth the scrimping.

"I think everyone should have the



Amy Douglas

Seeing a tropical coastline does not have to be just a dream.

experience of going different places," Harris said. "Having pictures and being able to talk about it and just seeing different cultures – I think it's really important when someone's growing up."

Basilio said there are a number of options available to the student who wants to travel. "Students can set-up pre-authorized payments which withdraw money on certain days to their savings account," he said. "They can open up tax-free savings accounts which allow them to deposit money and gain interest tax-free."

As well, Basilio said, TD offers a program available called Simply Save. The program transfers money from

a chequing account to a savings account every time a student makes an ABM withdrawal or a direct debit purchase.

Susan Mcguire, Michener Institute graduate, backpacked around Europe on her own dime in her second year. It was a great trip she said, but one she had to save for, which is about buying only what you need and less of what you want.

"It becomes in part about some of those lifestyle choices, probably with saving money. Who needs Tim Horton's everyday," said Mcguire.

"You don't have to go out and drink every night, all of those things are really expensive."

Travel agent says planning saves hassle

KYLA SERGEJEV
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Hafize Artan, third-year ECE student at Guelph-Humber, knows all about the complications of travelling in a foreign country.

"My mom and I have the same name – on our ticket it showed a Mrs. Artan and a Miss Artan," she said. "We took a plane from Toronto to Munich and from there we were taking a connecting flight to Turkey. Because our names are the same they wouldn't let us take the flight."

Artan said her travel agent now has to send their tickets individually to avoid this confusion.

"It was really hard in Germany, because their accents were so thick we had trouble understanding them and they didn't understand us," said Artan.

Artan's is only one example of problems people can encounter when on vacation.

When a company called Conquest

Tours went out of business, a lot of people unknowingly continued to book online through that company, said Pina Zanelli, Sears travel agent.

Some travellers were stranded, others had trips cancelled with no promise of a refund.

"They came to Sears Travel in hopes of getting their money back," she said, "but we couldn't help them because they didn't book with us."

Zanelli said agents are a smarter booking choice.

"The thing about the internet is it's not very reliable," said Zanelli. "You could book the wrong dates or something may be happening at the hotel that you didn't expect."

Zanelli said agents can tell if there is construction or a problem at the hotel or resort they are looking at. Agents also have access to reports detailing facilities written by consultants.

Using a travel agency provides added security, said Zanelli. "It's all about having a name to stand behind when things go wrong."

Zanelli also encourages purchasing travel insurance.

"OHIP will only cover what the cost would be in Ontario," said a representative at OHIP. "If you were to break your leg in the United States and it costs \$300 and in Ontario it costs \$100, OHIP would only reimburse \$100 and the rest you would have to pay for."

The cost of insurance is dependent on age and destination and it applies anywhere out of the country.



Students dream of backpacking the world

Freedom and adventure are what students say entice them to travel overseas with little more than a bag on their back

LANCE HOLDFORTH
IN FOCUS REPORTER

When Jack Kerouac's book, *On the Road*, was published in 1957, generations of people became inspired to travel and 52 years later the ideals of backpacking still encourage a sense of adventure. Humber students have also caught the adventure bug.

"I think it's one of those things you have to do when you are young," said Anton Lozowsky, 20. "I think it's the sense of freedom and the sense of exploration."

Lozowsky, a first-year media foundation student, said a lot can pass you by without even knowing it.

"What's the sense of staying in the same place your whole life?"

Charlie Lay, 21, a second-year architecture and technology student, said his desire to travel is about his heritage first and adventure second, he wants to see his homeland's culture first-hand.

"I've always wanted to go to Asia backpacking," he said. "I want to go

to Cambodia. It's where I'm from and I have never been to my homeland."

Lay said there are a lot of things he'd like to experience.

"I think I'd ride an elephant and drink from a coconut," Lay said. "I heard in Cambodia if you want to drink from a coconut a guy will climb a tree with a machete and cut one down for you. It doesn't get much fresher than that."

He said backpacking is a way to see the world around us and experience things outside our daily lives.

While students in Canada dream of crossing the ocean, students from overseas come to North America with nothing but a backpack and a laptop.

Brian Gardhouse, operations supervisor for Moose Travel Network, a Canadian adventure bus company affiliated with the Global backpackers' hostel in Toronto, said he notices a lot of student travellers arrive in the summer months.

"I think Canada in general gets a lot of people from the English-speaking countries like the U.K and Australia."

Gardhouse said he has noticed a larger amount of younger travelers coming to the country in recent years.

"I would say about 60 per cent of people who show up here would be students," Gardhouse said. "I notice a lot of younger backpackers coming in around the high school equivalent of where they come from."

Josh Jackson, 23, second-year film and television, said backpacking is something he has always wanted to try.

Jackson said he would like to backpack around Europe, notably Belgium and Switzerland.

Jackson said while many people travel to one place and do routine things, he would like to take a different approach.

"I would do it just to be able to see the non-tourist spots and stay in a different place each night," Jackson said.

He said he thinks it's the idea of spontaneity and new direction people find intriguing about backpacking.

"I think it's the freedom to explore, it's an adventure."



Lance Holdforth

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A marriage made in heaven?

Study of possible merger between college and university sports groups expected April 2010

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The Canadian Interuniversity Sport and Canadian College Athletic Association say the time is now to make a formal investigation into how the two organizations can best work together.

Humber athletics director Doug Fox was contacted because Humber has a fairly high profile. He said he sees a merger between college and university sports organization as inevitable.

"We've been kind of going in that direction where we have some combined championships," said Fox. "The RCGA runs a combined golf college and university championship, badminton is starting to do that. So you're starting to see some of those things."

After soliciting a request for proposals in early September, the CCAA and CIS considered seven applications to develop a feasibility study and business plan for the strategic alignment of the two governing bodies with Sport Canada funding the study.

The Montreal-based LBB Consultants was awarded the contract and have begun the study, which is scheduled to be finished by April 2010.

CIS Director of Operations Tom Huisman said there is no limit to what the feasibility study might conclude.

"As part of this there could be an outcome where there is a full on migration of both those jurisdictions into one," said Huisman. "The possibilities are somewhat endless."



Jennifer Conley

The CIS and the OCAA have hired a consultancy firm to look into the possibility of a union.

CCAA Executive Director Sandra Murray-MacDonell said there are a variety of ways a closer relationship with the CIS can help both organizations.

"We're not just looking at competition, that is only one aspect. There is also the ability to market post-secondary sport in Canada," said Murray-MacDonell. There is "the ability to attract sponsorships and corporate partners with the overall numbers that each organization has. Administratively, we can look at streamlining office and job descriptions and look at more developmental type things

with regards to long term athlete development and working with national sport organizations."

Both Huisman and Murray-MacDonell said the timing is right because the nature of education is changing in Canada.

"We are losing a lot of our member schools that are looking for access to the CIS," said Murray-MacDonell.

Similarly the CIS has faced the possibility of some of its institutions moving into the NCAA with Simon Fraser University applying for NCAA Division II status.

"In Western Canada so many of the

colleges have degree granting status and their academic program offerings are changing," said Huisman. "The time is right to take a good long look at what the opportunities might be."

LBB Consultants will be using surveys and interviews with key informants that both organizations have put forth to provide a well-rounded perspective on potential relationships between the two organizations.

"We're trying to get a broad perspective with large and small institutions represented," said Murray-MacDonell. We want "our Anglophone

and Francophone institutions represented, and a variety of geographical locations represented."

For CCAA schools, Murray-MacDonell said that interest in a partnership would differ depending where you look.

"If you talk to some institutions there is a real desire to be connected with the CIS whereas if you talk to other institutions they really don't want to push that agenda, they're willing to partner to a certain degree but not willing to push the full merger," said Murray-MacDonell.

Fox said while Humber enjoys playing the universities at any chance they get, Humber's support for a full merger of the two sports governing bodies would depend on the structure of the new league.

"I love the CCAA, I love competing against colleges, we all have the same kind of programs. It's going to be very difficult competing with large institutions that have full kinesiology programs, huge resources, five years of eligibility," said Fox. "If they just designate you as division three because you're college, I'm not interested, I'd rather have our own identity at that point."

While all appears to be progressing well early on, that may not last forever.

"I think the university presidents at some point are going to get involved saying they're not academically the same and they shouldn't be put together," said Fox. "That's been their argument for years. It's a very traditional organization."

Coaching brothers team up to give back

Men's and women's volleyball coaches run annual charity toy drive to put gifts under Christmas trees

MATTHEW LOPES
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's volleyball teams have bumped, set and spiked their way through the season and now they're taking a break and giving back to the community just in time for the holidays.

Chris and Wayne Wilkins, brothers and coaches of Humber's men's and women's volleyball teams, will be giving children a memorable holiday season this year. They have teamed up with their players to gather toys for children.

"I think the players really want to give back, they just don't know how exactly to do that, so we give them that opportunity and they feel good about it afterwards," said Wayne.

Wayne, the coach of the men's volleyball team, and Chris, host a Christmas party for their teams where each

player donates a toy for underprivileged children.

Chris said the annual Christmas party usually produces enough toys for about 15 families with children between the ages of eight and 12.

"Every member of the team has a \$20 budget but they usually spend more than that," said Chris. "We do a Secret Santa among both teams where the players buy a toy for one another that they think they would have liked as a kid and it's funny. One year the guys bought each other Barbie dolls and it was a good laugh."

At the end of the Secret Santa gift opening, Chris said all the toys are gathered up and brought to Chalk Farm Public School where the toys are given to kids from low-income families. "We realize that a lot of families have more than one child so we aim for toys that are enjoyable for all the kids in the family," said Chris.

The annual charity is not organized by the Humber athletics department but athletics director Jim Bialek said that's what is so great about the toy drive.

"The key to this package is that the teams took it upon themselves to do this. That's the real charm behind the whole thing," said Bialek, who has known the coaches for years and said they organize the toy drive because they care about their communities.

"The Humber men's and women's volleyball team's would also accept any new and unused toys that Humber students would be willing to donate. Please bring them down to Dean Wylie at the athletic department to help make a kid smile on Christmas morning," said Wayne.

So if you feel like giving back this holiday season, the Wilkins' toy drive is a great way to do just that.



Robin Stafford

Wayne (above) and Chris Wilkins have teamed up for their annual holiday toy drive.

Pucksters ice their foes at home tourney

Hawks goalie posts shut out in championship final vs. Fleming

JEFF BLAY
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber North's extramural hockey team claimed victory on Nov. 27 after winning four out of five games in a two-day tournament at the Westwood Arena in Etobicoke.

Garret Bambrough got the game-winning goal in the championship game against Peterborough's Fleming Knights, taking a pass from defender Jeff Chandler. Goalie Mike Karagianis got the 1-0 shut-out.

The Humber campus recreation department played host to several out of town college teams in a tournament that took place from Nov. 26-27.

Teams travelled from all over the GTA and beyond – St. Lawrence came from Kingston and Cambrian from Sudbury.

Humber veteran and assistant captain, Garret Bambrough, led the team through its games, and was happy to be involved in the league for another season.

"It's good hockey, and at least we still have the opportunity to play at a college level," he said. "Last year we had high expectations, and this year we had lower expectations and just

wanted to have fun – and it paid off."

Besides his game winning goal, Bambrough was one of the leading scorers for Humber North throughout the tournament. Veterans Scott Creighton and Matt Hughson played a crucial role in leading the team to victory.

"We played a high-paced game. The lines seemed to be clicking and as a result we're putting pucks in the net," said Hughson.

Rookie head coach and former Humber captain Brett McCully, was also happy with his team's effort.

"They played well – played both ends of the ice, and all four games we won a different leader stepped up," said McCully. "Our goalie, Mike Karagianis, and all of our lines played a full 60 minutes. It was a great effort."

Both the Humber North women's team and the Lakeshore men's team were beat out in the semi-final rounds – with Lakeshore losing in an exciting shootout.

Humber North qualified to play in the year-end championship. The next tournament will be a three-on-three tournament in January hosted by Fanshawe College.



Uwais Motala

Women's basketball coach Denise Perrier (centre) is only one of two women's coaches at Humber.

The X-chromosome factor

CCAA encourages women to take leadership roles with teams

MICHAEL PRESTIA
SPORTS REPORTER

Of the 10 varsity teams that sport the Hawks logo, only two of them have female head coaches – Denise Perrier for the women's basketball team and Monique Haan for the cross country team.

Perrier said that as a female coach, she offers a unique style of leadership to the women she coaches.

"More than just being a coach I think that I'm a counselor, a psychologist and a parent at times," she said.

Perrier's players said that women coaches might be better suited to lead women's sports teams.

"A woman coach understands that guys and girls are different mechanically in the way they play," said Aycha Hamaoui, a member of Perrier's women's basketball team.

Sandra Murray-MacDonell, the executive director of the OCAA, oversees the female apprentice coach

program which is meant to encourage more women coaching in college sports.

A survey shows that of the 23 who have participated in the four years of the program, 39 per cent are still working as a CCAA apprentice coach, while 57 per cent have moved on to assistant coaching roles within the CCAA.

"We're trying to provide some positive role models and give women incentives to get into the area of coaching with their male counterparts," said Murray-MacDonell.

Sheilagh Croxon, a consultant at the Canadian Coaching Association, said there are reasons why women have not filled the amateur coaching ranks.

"Women leaders tend to focus more on building teams through collaboration," said Croxon. "It's just a different leadership style which I think in high performance is equally effective

in terms of producing results."

Croxon said the problem is not limited to sports.

"We're trying to solve a problem that society hasn't figured out yet," she said. "In all professions we see that women will step away from high intensity jobs at a certain point in time for other reasons."

In the summer, Sport Canada published a study in the summer of 2009 with recommendations as to how to raise women's coaching numbers.

"More full time paid positions specifically targeted for women coaches would definitely force national sport organizations, universities, colleges, to hire more women," said Croxon.

Perrier said it is an individual's decision to make a commitment. "I'm not going to make any excuses because you can get active and you can get involved," said Perrier. "I've done my certification and made sure that was my personal goal."

Athletes must stay positive in front of the press

Facing the tough questions is just a part of the game – just ask a Hawk, or a Leaf

JUSTIN MILLERSON
SPORTS REPORTER

Just like the teams and players at the professional level, Humber athletes must deal with the pressures of talking to the media during their season, after big victories and tough losses.

"I think the media can be hard on players when they are off," said women's basketball coach Denise Perrier. "When the tough questions are

asked, it's good to stay positive and be in good spirits. There are things to be firm about – but never negative."

It is not uncommon for a coach or athlete to speak negatively to the media and most times it's out of frustration, but athletic director Doug Fox said it's unacceptable to be negative.

"Critical things about coaches and teammates should never be talked about," said Fox. Team morale is extremely important for success. I see

that (Maple Leafs' coach) Ron Wilson is critical towards his players – I can't imagine that anyone likes to play for him."

Media training for Hawks is not offered at Humber, but Fox makes all athletes aware that students, such as those in journalism and broadcasting need to be dealt with throughout the season.

The Maple Leafs, who have started their season with just seven wins in

25 games, have had to talk to critical media all season long.

Toronto Maple Leafs forward, Nikolai Kulemin has faced pressure from the media first hand having a slow start on the stat sheet this year.

"We have been losing, so the media has been tough. (Alex) Ponikarovsky has helped me this year with the media," said Kulemin at a Toronto Marlies game on Nov. 28.

Humber rugby player Matt Water-

man, 20, has not experienced what an NHLer has to from the press, but he said he understands that media is tough will always be tough on a popular team.

"I've never had a reporter badger me, but if there was a case, I wouldn't lash out like some seen on television. Class is a big thing for me, so I would just simply tell the reporter to stop, or say 'next question,'" said Waterman.

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KNIGHTS UNDEFEATED

The Fleming Knights men's basketball team is off to its best start in its history. The team is 10-0 and sits atop the OCAA eastern conference.

HUSKIES MUSHING ALONG

The George Brown Huskies' women's basketball team is devouring the rest of its provincial competition so far this season. The team is 7-0 and has outscored its opponents by 211 points/

BALLERS BEST OF THE WEEK

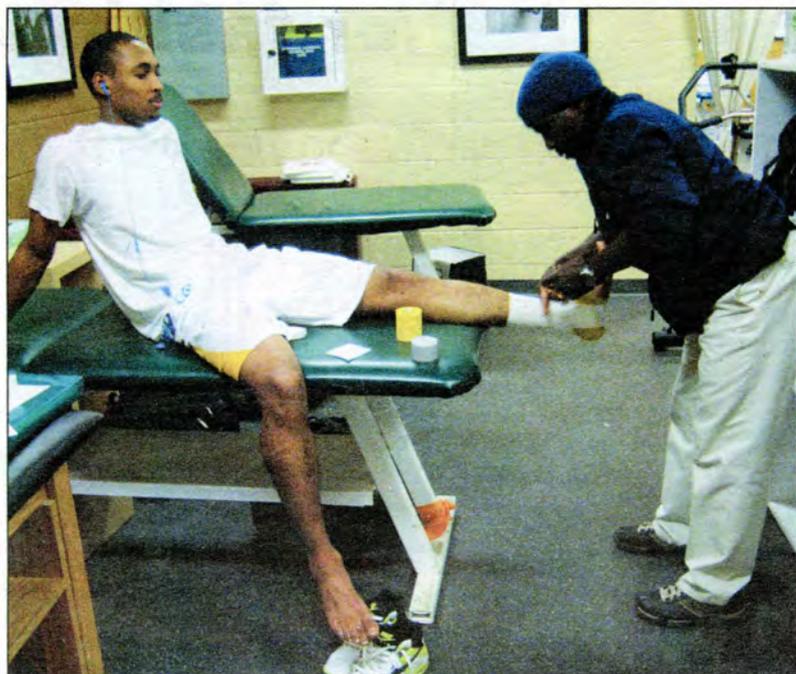
Huskies basketball player Chantal Gray was named the OCAA women's athlete of the week. Jovain Wilson Cutting of the Fleming Knights took home the men's honours.

LADS AND LASSIES HEAD INSIDE

The 2010 OCAA indoor soccer season commences on Jan. 23 with the St. Lawrence invitational tournament. Both women's and men's teams will hit the pitches.

HURRY HARD TO BRANTFORD

OCAA curlers will hit the sheet for the first time on Jan. 31 when Mohawk College hosts the Hap Holman Spiel.



Jason Novick

Therapist Molon Bromfield tapes up b-ball player Kern Lewis.

York therapists earn their healing stripes with Hawks

JASON NOVICK
SPORTS REPORTER

In order to complete the requirements for their degrees, students in York University's kinesiology program double as therapists for the Hawks.

Marcelo Cuenca, a fifth-year student in York's kinesiology program, is in his second-year as an athletic therapist. He works with the Humber's men's volleyball and women's soccer squads.

Students in the first year of the program work with the York Lions' varsity squads, but second years are usually assigned to other schools' teams.

Cuenca's ultimate goal is to work for a pro team. "I have no real sports preference," he said. "But my dream job is probably Toronto FC, because I love soccer."

He said the aspirations of others in his program include pro sports, semi-pro sports, or working in clinics.

Molon Bromfield, a York University student therapist in the same program as Cuenca, works with the men's basketball and rugby teams. While he is trained in everything from basic first aid to life-saving techniques, he said his style is to try and prevent injuries

from happening in the first place.

"I do as much as I can," Bromfield said. "I try to get them involved in a dynamic warm-up, and of course after practice - cool down. Also, there's a fitness program that we have. It involves a little bit of weightlifting, and they're encouraged to do that at least three times a week. Outside of that, I encourage them to eat healthy, rest well and spend some time working on flexibility."

Through all the injuries he has suffered, second-year Hawks rugby player Mike Muto recalls the pain of injuring his ribs during a game against Mohawk the most. But he said the therapists were there to help.

"They were able to put a compression pad on and wrap me up to hold my ribs back to where they're supposed to be," he said.

Muto said therapists are important to the teams.

"They help us all the time; I'm in the athletic therapy clinic three times a week," he says. "They do everything to help us get better physically."



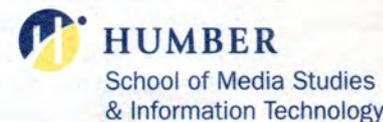
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