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# One man, two spirits



Jaden Pato

Waawaate Fobister struggled with being gay while growing up on an Ojibwe reserve. He is now channelling that experience into a oneman show with rave reviews.

"I grew up on the reserve, which is a different lifestyle from a city. It's poor conditions, almost Third World," said Fobister, a Humber theatre graduate.

"It's not a good place to grow up. If I want there to be a change, I need to be someone who can inspire others."

Fobister embodies six characters throughout *Agokwe*. His first character is the god, Nanabush who opens the play with an explanation of what agokwe is.

Agokwe is when a young boy has two different spirits within his body, one male and one female.

If a boy was considered to have agokwe they would receive a power position within the community,

#### "My culture is dying and I want to bring it back."

- Waawaate Fobister Agokwe creator and performer

such as a shaman or healer.

This was considered a gift in ancient Ojibwe tribes. Fobister has this gift, but he is looked down upon for having it.

Fobister said life on reserves has become very difficult for gay youth.

Agokwe boys used to have a special place in the community, but the First Nations have been influenced by other cultures, and traditional beliefs have been surpassed for those of the majority.

"For me, telling the story of my culture is most important," said Fobister. "My culture is dying and I want to bring it back. My people lost our culture when we were assimilated. I'm a storyteller with a job to tell our story. That's how I see myself."

It may seem like this opportunity just fell into Fobister's lap, but he has had to overcome huge challenges.

Diana Belshaw, head of acting in the Humber theatre performance program, can attest to his struggles. "Waawaate comes from a small northern community. He was the first person to leave the reserve," said Belshaw.

"He was very homesick and the work was difficult for him but he made a decision about what he was going to do and he did it. Not just for himself, but for his community."

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Waawaate Fobister, 23, showcases his play Agokwe, which combines his Ojibwe culture with his sexual orientation.

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Provincial health authorities have issued an alert on shredded iceberg lettuce due to two cases of e.coli that have been found in southwestern Ontario. - 680news.com

### Candidates face-off at Lakeshore

**David Lidstone** 

NEWS REPORTER

The environment and gun violence were two top topics during a series of all-candidates meetings for the Etobicoke-Lakeshore riding.

Conservative candidate Patrick Boyer said the high price of gas was encouraging people to drive less and was forcing companies to develop more fuel-efficient cars.

"We can see that the market is already making the shift because we continue to be a dynamic economy and we are smart about doing the right thing," he said.

incumbent Michael Liberal Ignatieff defended the carbon tax proposed by the Liberals.

"If you leave the market to do it, it's not going to get done fast enough," said Ignatieff.

"We need to make an attack on climate change now. Leaving the market to do it is not going to get it done."

Ignatieff also spoke of assisting ordinary Canadians in becoming more environmentally friendly and getting more funding for public transit.



David Lidston

Ignatieff, left and Boyer share the limelight at candidates debate.

The proposed carbon tax appears to be a platform most parties are pushing for in order to help the environment.

"A carbon tax might work, as Stephane Dion said he's not sure, but I don't think it is the right policy," said NDP candidate Liam McHugh-Russell.

The Green Party had different ideas when it came to the Liberal's proposed carbon tax.

"They would start with a \$10 per tonne carbon tax where as we would say \$50," said Green Party candidate Dave Corail. "The richer companies

on the planet can afford to pay more than \$10 per tonne."

The subject of gun violence was brought up several times throughout the meetings.

"The handguns aren't out there on their own. They're part of the larger picture," said Boyer.

"Until we open up this discussion and deal with the reality of drugs in Canadian society, and the presence of organized gangs that are part of that, it's almost like dealing with a symptom rather than the true dis-

Green Party candidate Corail

agreed but said guns aren't always at the root of the issue.

"Its hungry bellies that feed hatred and anger," said Corail. "That's what we need to address, not just guns, but the root cause of gangs and drug use in our culture which is poverty."

McHugh-Russell said he would like to see more funding for police officers and social programs to keep young people out of drug and gang cultures.

"We need to empower communities, cities and provinces to make an absolute ban on handguns if that's their decision, and that's something that an NDP government would do," said McHugh-Russell.

All four candidates mentioned strengthening the U.S./Canada border as an important step in preventing gun violence with Ignatieff pointed the finger at the Conservatives. "The Conservative government has systematically gutted the gun registry," said Ignatieff.

"The Conservative government has weakened the gun registry which, it seems to me, is performing a useful public safety function. We believe that should be strengthened, not weakened."



Deborah Cooper, OPSEU local union president at Humber.

### Workers strike new deal

**David Lipson** 

A new contract for Ontario's college support workers will bring increased pay, better benefits, and worries for some, says the union's local president Deborah Cooper.

An agreement between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the College Compensation and Appointments Council was passed with a 67.1 per cent majority last week.

About 7,000 workers will receive a three per cent raise, higher dental and vision coverage, spousal and dependent insurance, and a family day.

"It's a decent deal," said Rod Bemister, OPSEU bargaining chair. "Overall I feel okay with it - it's a decent deal."

Five colleges, not including Humber, rejected the deal because of a new clause that allows colleges to create contract support positions.

Contract positions jeopardize job security by allowing anyone to apply for positions normally available to only full-time union members, said

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#### Local

A 37-year-old investment firm vice-president from Toronto is charged with 10 counts of robbery after a string of bank heists in the Golden Horseshoe area. The man allegedly was robbing banks to pay off gambling debts.

thestar.com

#### National

Within a week of its release the do-not-call list had about 2.7 million numbers according to the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission. About 1.3 million of those numbers are in Ontario, while Canada's three territories have 1,600 listed.

thestar.com

#### International

Anti-government protests in Thailand have left one erson dead and nearly 400 injured. Protestors battle with police after they trapped lawmakers inside of the Parliament building on Tuesday.

- nytimes.com

### Orangeville reno pushed back

**David Lipson** 

The Town of Orangeville's director of planning hasn't seen any progress in the construction of the new Humber campus that was slated to begin this year.

"I'm a little disappointed, but I'm still optimistic that things are going to ramp up fairly quickly once that ball gets rolling," said James Stiver. "But again, to be frank, I'm a little disappointed that we haven't seen anything out there yet."

The \$10-million project is now expected to begin in spring 2009.

A new campus has been in the works since the town donated a 28acre property on Veteran's Way in

"People are very excited to see some activity out there - and nothing is happening," said Stiver. "There hasn't been anything on the site, other than a sign going up talking about the future of the campus."

He has not received the applications from the college - which can take four to six months to process necessary to begin construction.

The school is obligated under contract "to start something on the site" by 2008, said Orangeville Campus Director Joe Andrews.

"The reasons for the delays, first of all, were not Humber's doing," he

said. "They had much to do with a lengthy environmental study process that was requested by the Credit Valley Conservation authority."

An assessment was required to ensure construction would not damage protected green space.

The study is now complete and a layout for the first phase of construction is being drawn.

It will be funded by surplus money from the school's budget.

Humber began holding classes last fall in Orangeville in the leased Alder Street Recreation Complex.

"It's been a good beginning," said Rani Dhaliwal, vice-president of finance and administrative services.

She said students at the recreation centre - which has wireless classrooms, a computer lab, fitness centre, and library - are comfortable.

There are currently 150 students enrolled in four programs there.

"Here it's more like a big family," said Belinda Skuta, an Orangeville student and HSF representative.

Humber aims to have students on the new campus by 2010.

But the school will need 400 to 600 students signed up to make the move economically feasible, said Andrews.

"What we are doing is strategic," he said. "The big picture is we have to process this accordingly -we have to do what we have to do."

#### Corrections

On page five of last week's Et Cetera in the story "Liberal stronghold not set in stone" Liberal candidate Kirsty Duncan's name was misspelled.

On page 14, in the story Barbeque to mark the moving of applied technology" it did not specify that only the apprenticeship wing of the Applied Technology School is moving to Carrier Drive. Learning support officer Tina Antunes is uncertain where the remaining money to cover the cost of the Carrier Drive building will come from. The story had indicated otherwise.

The Et Cetera apologizes for these errors.

Ontario is looking to ban anyone under the age of 19 from using a tanning bed in the near future. – thestar.com

# Rez fees hit a high

**Darcie Springall** NEWS REPORTE

A rise in the price of living in residence has left students on campus scratching their heads.

Students choosing to live on campus for the year pay \$5,000 to \$6,000, depending on room size. On top of that price is the meal plan which ranges from \$1,950 to \$3,200. Many in their second year on campus have noticed the increase in the cost from last year.

"I know there has been a substantial increase since my first year, but I don't know why there would be," said Amy Weir, a third-year Guelph-Humber media student. "What rez offers hasn't changed since my first year. There have been very few renovations and they haven't provided anything different or new, like a bus pass."

Alex Kent, a second-year mechanical engineering technology student agrees, "What is so better this year than last year? We should be paying the same as the people who lived here last year."

Dorm-style living has risen \$370 from last year, and the suite-style rooms cost \$420 more.

Aside from the inflating costs of heating, residence manager Gwen teBoekhorst said there are a number of reasons for the increase.

First, Humber has to remain competitive in the market while still profiting, teBoekhorst said.

She added the cost of living in residence is competitive to other colleges in Toronto, and students are getting a good deal compared to living on their own off campus.

"You could get an apartment out there for \$400 a month, but with rez, you have your meals already prepared on campus, you've got a secure lock on your door and a secure facility. You've got onsite laundry and an athletic facility," teBoekhorst said.

Second, the extra money acquired from last year's price hike paid for renovations to the R building this year. This year's increase will go towards renovations planned for S building next year, she said.

Third, the residence has been able to keep both entrances open 24 hours a day, seven days a week by being able to afford to have staff working both desks through the night, allowing students in residence more freedom to come and go anytime, said teBoekhorst.

Although the cost is steep, teBoekhorst said residence is always improving, and is worth the price.

"Living in residence is great because you've got that level of independence you like before you live out on your own, but you're still somewhat taken care of. Plus, the convenience of just rolling out of bed and walking across the parking lot is nice, too."



Lindsay Irvine, fundraising management student, performs her songs at the War Child charity event.

### nove for kids

Alina Sotula

NEWS REPORTER

Lakeshore's fundraising and volunteer program organized a busking charity event to raise money in support of War Child, a non-profit organization that helps children in war-torn countries.

"Lots of girls from the program helped out and it ended up turning into an event organized by the program," said Cosgrove. "The event isn't so much a monetary one. It's more of an exciting day for Humber students that can happen again next year."

Lakeshore's event mirrors the War Child event held on the streets of Toronto. The event features 25 popular musicians, like Raine Maida from Our Lady Peace.

Songs are sang about peace to support the charity's goal of working towards a world where no child knows war, said Emma Marie Cosgrove, a fundraising student and organizer of the charity event on campus.

Students contributed to the cause by performing on the street right outside the A building.

Participants were encouraged to donate \$10 to \$20, but the main funds were to be raised at the War Child event itself.

All proceeds will go towards supporting the charity's various initia-

"I'm skeptical about charities. You don't know where the money really goes. With War Child, nothing is hidden," Cosgrove said. "I've been volunteering with them for a while and I like their ideas. They have a very 'why wait' attitude.'

Lindsay Irvine, a fundraising management student and a musical performer for the event, used her guitar case for collecting the dona-

"It's good to raise funds, but this is more about awareness," Irvine said. "It's just as important as how many toonies get thrown into the sad, little guitar case."

Ryan Wichers, a 26-year old Guelph framer, came out to morally support Irvine and looked on as students left encouraging messages of peace on the cardboards displayed in front of the performers.

"I think it's great to raise awareness," Wichers said. "I'm very illinformed. Having to write down little anecdotes gets people thinking."

War Child only has 16 people on staff for all of Canada with most of the charity depending on volunteers, said Cosgrove.

"They are always looking for more volunteers," Cosgrove said.

For more information and opportunities, visit the War Child website www.warchild.com.

Giancarlo Giancola, 18, cabinetmaking student practices safety.

### Safety takes priority in workplace

NEWS REPORTER

The Young Worker Safety Campaign is kicking off Healthy Workplace Month by encouraging students to stay focused on safety.

Accident Industrial Prevention Association is holding conferences across Ontario throughout October and November hoping to raise awareness in the industrial community.

"In 2006, over 11,000 people between 15 and 24 were injured on the job," said Michael Abromeit, vice president of the associations operations and marketing. "We are concerned."

Matt Morgan, a second-year multimedia design and production tech student, said he worked under hazardous conditions while he was employed at a factory.

"We were lifting way more than the maximum weight allowed by employees and we had untrained

temps doing it also," Morgan said. "One of them dropped a metal bar in the wrong place and it hit me straight in the back of the head."

Each worker has fundamental

#### "Young workers have difficulty bringing up their concerns."

-Sarah Wheelan, Young workers safety ambassador

rights in the workplace to protect them from any unsafe practices, according to the prevention association. This includes the right to say no and the right to health and safe-

Sarah Wheelan, the association's young worker ambassador, said students are hesitant to speak up when there's an issue with safety.

Young workers have difficulty bringing up their concerns, Wheelan said.

According to Abromeit, employees

are five times more likely to sustain an injury within their first four weeks of employment due to lack of proper training and the reluctance to bring up concerns.

"Supervisors need to provide a safe working environment and have a responsibility for training and orientating a safe environment," said Abromeit.

Karen Fast, manager of Humber's career centre, said she does as much as possible to protect students in the workplace.

"We're really diligent in making sure jobs we post are legitimate," she said. "We put a waiver or a little warning on each job if it happens to be in someone's house."

The disclaimer provides websites where students can learn their rights and while Humber provides no workshops for young workers, Fast encourages students to access the websites.

Russian PM Vladimir Putin recently released his own instructional judo DVD. The 56-year-old holds a black belt and is a former judo champion. - guardian.co.uk

## North Campus renos on hold



Construction begins to wrap up on the new HSF offices in the Pipe at Humber's North Campus.

Vanessa Federico

NEWS REPORTER

The college's new student government offices will have to wait a little while longer to be unveiled.

Although the offices were scheduled to be done by the end of September, that date has been pushed back. According to HSF president Mike Berg, the renovations will take time.

"The bottom level is coming along very nicely. It should be done, we don't have the exact time frame yet, but we are hoping it will be done very soon," said Berg.

The new office will be larger, and show off a new transparent look with many large glass windows. Berg said he is excited for the new renovations to be complete, and added he feels they will help HSF to further assist student needs.

"Humber wants to increase its enrolment so the office will need to be larger so the HSF team can cater to more students," Berg said.

He said there will be a second phase of the renovations beginning May 1 of next year, that could include the addition of a dental hygienist or a pharmacy.

"We want this to be a one stop

shop for all of the services on campus," Berg said.

Every year, \$5 is taken from each student's tuition and put into an HSF fund. The renovations cost approximately \$1.7 million and cover things like structural work, new sprinkler systems, and heating and ducting.

The renovations have at least one student frustrated.

"There is barely any space to sit and eat lunch with all of the machinery taking up so much space," said third-year engineering student Ashor Lazar. "I also don't agree with the fact that my hard earned money goes towards building a new office for someone."

Second-year architectural student Joseph LoMazzo has mixed feelings.

"I could see myself benefitting from phase two. I, however, don't see how the look of the new offices will really assist me in any way," he said.

The plans for phase two have not yet been finalized. Berg is encouraging students to give the HSF team suggestions as to what they would like to see after phase two is complete.

"We want your input. This space is for you, and we want to know what you want to see in it."

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### Fresh prez plans to connect with students

#### Former GHSA president Mike Berg makes his presence known

**David Lidstone** 

NEWS REPORTER

A new school year brings a new face to the head of the Humber Student Federation.

Mike Berg, president of HSF is happy about his new role, because it lets him reach more students and areas of the Humber community.

Berg, 22, grew up in Dryden, Ont., but was born in Thunder Bay. After graduating from Dryden High School, Berg came to Humber to study public relations. This will be his fourth year living in residence.

"I definitely know the Humber community inside and out," he said. While not working, Berg enjoys watching sports on television. don't have a lot of spare time," said Berg, "but I'm a big sports fanatic."

While growing up, Berg lived close to hockey player Chris Pronger.

"I lived about five houses away," he said. "He was always playing hockey, and I was always playing basketball."

Prior to taking over the top spot as the HSF president in May, Berg was



New HSF president Mike Berg hangs out front of the almost renovated student government offices at North Campus.

the president of the Guelph Humber busy. Student Association.

"I definitely know the Humber community inside and out."

> -Mike Berg HSF president

"I came to the HSF because not only do you get to impact Guelph Humber students, but you get to impact the entire Humber community," he said.

Improvements to the school's infrastructure are also keeping Berg

"We're basically consolidating all our operations into one giant office," said Berg of the new HSF office currently under construction. "It's just phase one of a two phase

Berg spoke about possibly seeing more on-campus services for students although, "nothing's set in stone yet," he said.

John Mason, vice-president of student and corporate services, spoke quite highly of Berg.

"I certainly see Mike as being very dynamic, very student centered and he definitely wants what's best for the students at Humber," said Mason. "He shows the same respect for people working in the library or assisting students at the registrar's office as he does for people in the various management positions. It's great to see that kind of respect for equality."

Berg said he relishes being the voice of the students.

"I love to represent students and while I can't always guarantee I can get the result they want I will certainly do my best," he said.

While Berg was the GHSA president, he got a spot on the HSF board of directors.

"That's how I got my feet wet with the HSF," said Berg. "For the first couple of years that I was in the Humber community, I really didn't work for the HSF, but I gained an appreciation for what they do. I always used to call them 'the well oiled machine".

Compared to the other presidents she's seen since starting work as a customer service representative at the Lakeshore campus HSF office in 2005, Ashanti Samuel said, "In terms of how often he comes down to the Lakeshore Campus to see what's going on, he's the one I've seen the



Law makers in Taiwan are accusing China of being responsible for the 2003 SARS outbreak. They are suggesting SARS was a biological weapon. - news.yahoo.com

### New program goes green

# Sustainable energy industry growing 130 per cent per year

Harrison Tripple

A new sustainable energy and building technology program is creating such a buzz that students have filled up all available slots in its first active semester.

"We were over-subscribed in our first year, which is a rare thing," said Robert Hellier, program co-ordinator.

Hellier said the new program had room for about 60 students which is smaller than average but normal for a program in its first year.

He is working with other professors and experts in the industry to be able to accommodate more students in the future.

"We need to build up our faculty,

and we need to make sure all the courses are ironed out, so I'd say we will have around one or two more years of around 60 students," he said.

Hellier developed the alternative

We were over-subscribed in our first year, which is a rare thing."

> -Robert Hellier program co-ordinator

energy program over the last three years along with a few of the applied technology associate deans.

He said the program is "an interdisciplinary program, so they have skills and knowledge from different areas, traditional areas like architecture, civil engineering, some geosciences and building sciences but their expertise is really in energy efficiency."

Students as well as professors have responded well to the program and are excited about its potential.

"It's pretty exciting, I'm sure we'll

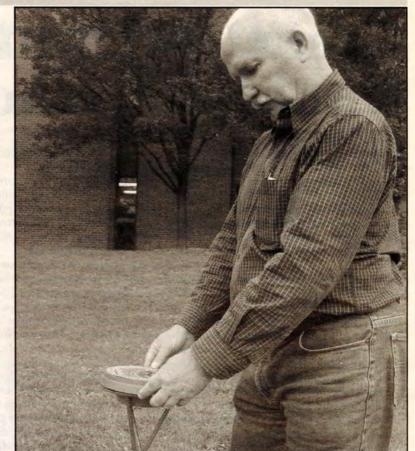
be pushing the status quo," said Michelle Beard, 27, a student and class representative of the new program at Humber.

Bob Marshall is a professor within the new program who has 25 years experience in the industry. He said the industry is growing at a rate of 10 per cent per month and expected to grow 130 per cent per year and that there is a huge demand for new workers.

With Humber's faculty providing expertise and knowledge of the industry, students will have an advantage when they graduate and enter the workforce.

"Where I think Humber's going to be a leader is in the practical applications of solar, wind and building technologies," Marshall said.

According to Marshall, the program has been such a success that a university from British Columbia has expressed interest in and is looking to Humber for guidelines into creating their own environmental program.



Harrison Tripple

Professor Bob Marshall shows off a solar pathfinder device.

## Committee urges college to be more environmentally friendly

Harrison Tripple

Humber's unofficial environmental committee or "green team" as they like to be called, are challenging students as well as faculty to be more environmentally friendly.

"We need to work with the residences more because the people living there have a direct impact," said Spencer Wood, co-founder of the green team and manager of maintenance operations at Humber.

The green team started out as a

grassroots committee at the Lakeshore Campus about two years ago. Last year it expanded to include the North Campus, and has about 35 members. The main focus of the green team is to become an officially recognized committee by Humber.

"We have drafted a lot of stuff that is now under review. We will be presenting them in the next few weeks for adoption by Humber," said Emily Eyre, manager of purchasing services and sustainability at Humber who is also involved with the green team.

The green team isn't an open com-

mittee to join, but they do accept and encourage ideas from students and the Humber community.

"We are certainly not against anyone who wants to volunteer," said Eyre. "We are hoping to challenge the Humber community to bring their ideas for sustainability to the committee."

The Humber Students' Federation have a seat on the green team so they can represent the students who want to help and have ideas for the committee. The representative for HSF on the green team is Amanda Connolly, vice-president of administration at North Campus.

"They would contact HSF with any green initiatives that they have and we would bring that to the committee, so we are kind of the voice of the students," said Connolly. "It's our job to make sure that students know what's going on and that they have a way to communicate things they'd like to see too."

The green team has accomplished some huge initiatives in its short existence and hopes to keep expanding after being adopted as an official committee. Just last year the team commissioned a chiller plant at North Campus that provides cold water that is used for air conditioning. The plant is the most efficient of its kind in Canada.

"The new chiller plant is 60 per cent more efficient and is saving us over \$100,000 a year in energy efficiency," said Wood. "We had engineers from all over the world come and check out the chiller plant."

# Cameras watching your every move

# School's CCTV system evolving every year

Rose Ditaranto News Reporter

For the past eight years, the closed circuit television security cameras have monitored both the North and Lakeshore campuses.

"Another tool to patrol the campus and retrieve information, in some respects it can act as a deterrent," said Gary Jeynes, head of public safety at North Campus. "Deterrent for people who want to commit a crime, I mean it doesn't stop it, but it helps."

Jeynes said the cameras would cost almost a half million dollars today and are paid for with the school's operating budget and grants.

The cameras pan and tilt on their own or with the aide of a joy stick and can zoom in and out. On a clear day at the school you can see as far as Hwy. 401. While the system has been in place for the better part of a decade, it is evolving every year.

The cameras are fully equipped with night vision and turn the night black and white; the picture is just as good as in the day. They can also take pictures.

When information is retrieved, the computer converts the image into a jpeg. These images provide evidence and can be turned over to Toronto

Police's 23 Division.

There are "several viewing locations throughout the campus," said Jeynes.

The cameras monitor all activity

The cameras monitor all activity inside and outside of the college with the exception of bathrooms and classrooms.

Students seem to be at ease knowing the system exists and many do not consider the cameras to be an invasion of privacy.

"I do feel safer knowing that if something were to happen there would be evidence."

-Robyn Brettel student

"I had no idea there were that many high quality cameras in the school," said Nicole Vigneux, a firstyear interior design student. "I think it's a necessity that there are cameras in public spaces."

"If something happens then people wonder where the cameras were. I mean if you got something stolen or if you were raped, you would want the cameras to be there so there is evidence of what happened," added Vigneux.

Some students say they feel safe knowing there is evidence of what may occur before it happens.

"I do feel safer knowing that if something were to happen there would be evidence," said Robyn Brettel, a first-year decorating student.



Harrison Tripple

Amanda Connolly, HSF's VP of administration, disposes of her bottle using recycling bins put in place by the Green Team.



"Our government rests in public opinion. Whoever can change public opinion, can change the government..." - Former U.S. President Abraham Lincoln

### Green committee would aid school

For the past two years, Humber's "green team" has been operating in an unofficial capacity to make the college more environmentally friendly. The team's 35 members are now looking to be recognized as an official school committee. This is a welcome move and would allow the team to have a great say at the table and help further Humber's green

The green committee's biggest priority should be to work on reducing the school's carbon footprint. So far, the green team has already shown success in getting high-efficient chillers installed at the school for its air conditioning, but where it can have the biggest impact is by reducing the number of people driving to and from school.

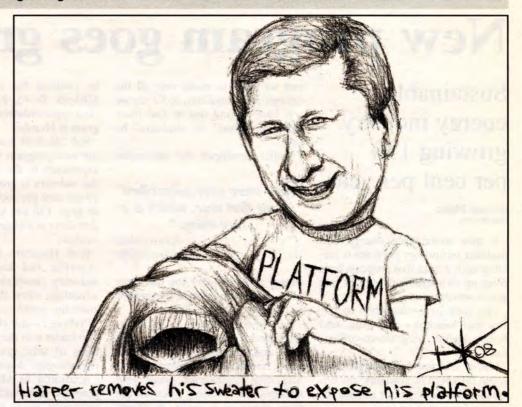
As evidenced by the sea of parking lots surrounding North Campus, many students, faculty and staff rely on cars for their commute. According to Environment Canada, 25 per cent of greenhouse gas emissions in Canada come from transportation. Reducing the number of trips by car to and from school

would help decrease the carbon footprint of the school.

This can be done by encouraging carpooling and by working closely with regional transit organizations to improve public transport to school. Having a committee that can work with governments in an official capacity will help move this forward.

The college administration has shown itself to be quite progressive environmentally. Over the past few years, the school has revamped the power plant to improve efficiency. It has also installed light sensors in classrooms to reduce energy consumption. Recently, the school introduced the OneBottle to reduce the use of plastic water bottles, and the school's cafeterias have switched from Styrofoam containers to biodegradable ones. It also introduced the forward-thinking sustainable energy and building technology program.

These are all welcome moves, and the college needs to continue in this direction. A green committee will certainly help move this for-



### STREET

How do bacteria outbreaks, like listeriosis and E. coli, affect the way you eat?



Nadiya Hrynyk, 28, firstyear hospitality and

"It limits my visits to restaurants. I prefer to cook at home, and I eat less meat."



Alex Kovalenko, 20, first-year computers and networking

"I try to avoid that product. But if it's a big company, people will make mistakes."

D'Loraine Miranda, 17, first-year media studies

"I wouldn't have sandwiches for lunch. I'd find other alternatives to eat."



Zach Montague, 18, first-year justice studies

"When grocery stores stopped carrying the products, it made me nervous. But when I saw the ads on TV, it made me feel safer.'



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### The candidate students should avoid is obvious

On Monday, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Danny Williams brought his Anything But Conservative campaign into Ontario. But Ontarians don't need Danny Williams to tell them who to avoid voting for. The Conservatives, with blunders like their drastic cuts to arts funding and stiffer sentences for youth offenders - but more importantly, with their bare-bones platform released Tuesday - are doing that for themselves.

Students should be especially aware of the Conservatives' shortcomings. Nowhere in the long-awaited Tory platform is there a mention of post-secondary funding. In what can barely be called a nod in the direction of post-secondary students, the Conservatives have announced an expansion of the Registered Education Savings Plan to include charities and not-for-profit organizations.

Environmentalists won't be surprised to find the Conservative platform lacking as well. Keeping in tune with their "stricter punishment fixes everything" mentality, the Conservatives will be raising fines on Corporations that break environmental laws. This corporate measure, weak in itself, will do nothing towards fighting pollution caused by the rest of us. In fact, their plan of action towards greenhouse gas reduction uses 2006 as a benchmark, in contrast to the Kyoto protocol, which uses 1990. The moderate nature of this platform is also

indicative of Stephen Harper's fear of commitment. This is compounded by the fact that the Tories have pulled their divisive Bill C-10. If passed, it would have denied tax benefits to film and television productions deemed obscene by the government. While artists nation-wide are no doubt pleased with that news, it merely highlights the fact that Harper has an agenda, but is afraid of scaring voters away with it.

To be sure, not only are the Conservatives falling short of addressing the key issues, they are not being forthright with their motives, which is in itself a more powerful anti-Conservative statement than Danny Williams can ever make.

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"Every man has a right to his opinion, but no man has a right to be wrong in his facts." - U.S financier and government advisor Bernard Mannes Burach

### Canadian politics not interesting



As a responsible, well-educated and socially concerned citizen of Canada who intends on voting on Oct. 14, I should have watched the Canadian federal debate with enthusiasm or at the very least flipped to it often to check in with the leaders. Instead, like many, I eagerly tuned into CNN to watch the spectacle of American politics in the form of the vice-presidential debate.

Canadian press outlets stopped just short of begging its audience to tune into the federal leaders debate on Oct 2

CanWest's Alex Strachan went so far as to compare the interest in our leaders' debate as on par with interest in the final outcome of CBC's How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria? BBM Canada, which tracks TV statistics, estimates a whopping 716,000 viewers for that June 28 Maria finale – not impressive when you consider the 1.5 million for an everyday episode of So You Think You Can Dance Canada.

I flipped, briefly, to the Canadian debate, 40 minutes into it. The guilt finally got to me. Watching Canadian politicians bicker around a large dinner table was depressing. The moderator seemed to have little

to no control at times; Jack Layton poked fun at Stephen Harper's sweaters, and Elizabeth May's green message was hindered by her desperate need for a blow dryer. The whole ordeal was punctuated by shrill complaints from children all trying to get Daddy Harper's attention. It was unprofessional, unstructured and laughable especially when compared to the sharp backgrounds and well-prepared questions of the VP debate that wooed me away from my own nation's politicians.

This is our country! One of these people will dictate years of Canadian domestic and foreign policy, leading us into what could be the next Great Depression or the next environmental revolution. And yet they couldn't hold my attention for more than four minutes.

"...some were the type who can't look away when they see a car crash about to occur."

The Palin-Biden showdown sucked in viewers by the millions. Some were generally interested and some were the type who can't look away when they see a car crash about to occur. The encounter drew more viewers in the U.S. than the

first Obama-McCain debate, according to early Nielsen Media Research numbers. CP24's unofficial poll clocked 28 per cent of respondents (1070 votes) tuning in to scrutinize Palin's performance and 26 per cent (1002 votes) flipping between the two debates. More people who responded to the poll admitted to not caring about politics (1028 votes) than committing to watching the federal leaders debate (718 votes).

I'll cast my vote on Oct. 14, but part of me wishes I could give it up for a legitimate say in the U.S. election. And I can't tell if that's shameful, or if it's how other Canadians feel as well

### Cyclists deserve more road space in Rexdale

After living off of College Street all summer, it is a shock to come to school and see the complete lack of bicycles here at North Campus.

The suburban development design has a distinct lack of support for pedestrianism. Lots of curving streets with few sidewalks and less-accessible transit promotes car usage. If Rexdale's infrastructure was improved by the construction of bike lanes in the area, many residents, not just Humber students, might find it easier to leave their cars at home.

Finch Avenue and Martin Grove



Road are slated for possible bike lane development, as well as a small section of Humberline Drive. But City Hall's plan to add more than 450 kilometres of bike lanes by 2011 is ridiculously behind schedule – with only 90 kilometres constructed over the past seven years.

Although suburbs might not seem like priority placement for bike lanes, consider what bike lanes have done downtown.

Cyclists flock to bike lanes. The City of Toronto reports an average 23 per cent growth rate of cycling ridership along routes once bike lanes are introduced. Seventy four per cent of people said they were uncomfortable riding on streets without bike lanes and 15 per cent said they don't ride to school because the roads aren't safe.

Without dedicated lanes, suburban cyclists must decide whether it is safer to weave between pedestrians on sidewalks or take a chance on the streets with drivers who don't generally have the experience of sharing space with bikes like downtown drivers do.

"...bike lanes are just as needed here as they are downtown."

The only progress Rexdale has seen so far is the TTC's recent outfitting of the 191 Express and 46 Martin Grove buses with bike racks. This seems like it would allow cyclists to traverse the suburban bike-wasteland around North Campus. But considering that both routes originate from Kipling Station, the improvement is rendered almost useless since bikes aren't allowed on the subway during rush hours.

Since City Hall is so far behind schedule, it doesn't seem likely we'd see more advancements around here any time soon without a visible demand for new infrastructure in Rexdale. Local cyclists will have to take the initiative to convince City Hall that bike lanes are just as needed here as they are downtown.

### Concerts need less flash

#### People should remember live shows not electronics



There was once something to be said about concert memories. Being able to say, "Yeah, I was there, I saw it in person and it was amazing." However, people have been spending too much time and effort at concerts trying to take photos and videos, which ruins other people's experience.

Once, five years ago, cameras were outright banned at concerts. Tickets would state, "No cameras /videos/recording devices allowed," and people would listen, for the most part anyways.

Admittedly, I once had a few rolls of film pulled out of a camera at the Kool Haus by security guards. But now everyone and their moms are spending more time trying to make sure they get that perfect shot or great sound. Making sure someone doesn't move into their video as they record their favourite song to put on YouTube the minute they get home with a caption like "OMG!!!!!!! MIKA WAS AWESOME!!! I AM

SOOOO IN LOVE, I DON'T NEED TO LIVE ANYMORE."

"How many people have digital cameras/cellphones out there tonight? ... You know what, YouTube can't own everything."

-Billie Joe Armstrong Green Day frontman

The constant flash of cameras at shows disturbs everyone, not just audience members. "How many people have digital cameras/cell-phones out there tonight? Lets put them away. You know what, YouTube can't own everything," said Billie Joe Armstrong of Green Day at a Pinhead Gunpowder concert in February. This emphasizes that not only do cameras at concerts annoy other people in the crowd, but also the artists on stage. Take Rancid, for example, who rarely allow photo passes for press.

Armstrong isn't the only musician speaking out. James Hetfield from Metallica also recently spoke out at a concert at London's O2 arena. "Put those fucking cameras away, put your phones away. Let's enjoy the show okay?"

Going to a concert always sounds like a better idea to me then sitting at home watching *Married With Children*, but, when the best view I have is watching the four inch screen being held by the person in front of me, a live DVD at home suddenly seems more appealing.

Cameras never caught Ozzy Osborne biting the head off of a bat. People saw it and now it's a memory, something that a select few people who were there got to see first hand. When Alice Cooper threw a live chicken into the crowd at the EX, there wasn't a video of it on YouTube. These are all memories only certain people can say they saw and others can just hear about.

So leave the cameras at home, put away your cellphones and enjoy the show. Dance, jump, shake, boogie, do whatever you want to do at the concert to have fun, but have fun. Don't stand still all night to make sure you don't ruin your video of Metro Station's "Shake It." You'll end up having more fun, I assure you.



To the Las Vegas jury who finally sent O.J. Simpson to jail.

To Nicky Arsenault for her quick thinking to use her bra to stop the bleeding of an unconscious man outside a Calgary night club on Oct. 5.

To Japan for inventing a robotic suit that will help people with mobility issues walk.

To Quebec for allowing the Canadian-made electric ZENN car to be driven on Canadian roads starting this weekend.

To the penny for costing more than its worth to produce.

To the vandal(s) who spray-painted the homes and cut the brakes of the cars of Liberal supporters in the St. Paul's and Parkdale/High Park ridings.

To the food safety board for quietly removing the rule that meat-processing companies had to report incidents of listeriosis.

To Stephen Harper and the Conservatives for wasting tax payers money by creating a narcissistic bobblehead doll named "Steve" to promote tourism.

# NEWS

The Toronto Stock Exchange lost almost 1,000 points on Monday and Tuesday. The TSX has lost about one-third of its value from its high in June. - thestar.com

# How to cast your ballot

Miguel Agawin News Reporter

Elections Canada is requiring voters to provide proof of identity making the process longer for Muslim women who choose to wear the niqaab, a veil concealing most of the face.

Elections Canada said those who will not remove face coverings at the poll can still vote provided they swear an oath proving their identity.

Only a small percentage of women wear the niquab, said Abeer Parkar, 19, a first-year media studies student at Guelph-Humber.

"My face is my ID," she said. "I need people to see me."

Amina Chirwa, 19, a first-year fashion arts student, said she respects Muslim women who wear the niquab.

"I'd like to do it but I don't want to be an outcast," she said.

The ID requirement became mandatory last year following the Quebec by-elections when the Elections Canada Chief Electoral Officer, Marc Mayrand, refused demands from the government to enforce veiled voters to show their faces.

"Poll officials have always had the authority to ensure that they are satisfied as to the eligibility of the elector," said John Enright, elections Canada spokesperson. "In September 2007, the Chief Electoral Officer simply reminded poll officials of their duty."

Some agree that individuals should be able to vote but still maintain their religious beliefs.

"I think people should have the right to follow their tradition and customs," said Lynn Newhouse, Humber residence manager.

Elections Canada said voters with face coverings become like any other elector after swearing the oath and still require an ID with a photo, name and address, or two pieces of ID: one that shows their name, the other their address.

Those without proper ID can still vote as long as they have a voucher. The voucher must be a registered elector living in the same polling division and must swear in oath confirming the person without ID is really them. An elector can only vouch for one person.

Elections Canada said students living in residence can register in that polling division (Etobicoke-North or Etobicoke Lakeshore) with an ID showing a name and an Attestation of Residence which validates residence at the campus.

Students can vote Oct. 14 in residence at North Campus or at the 20th Street School across the street from the Lakeshore Campus.



The unstoppable Oprah has found herself in some trouble as allegations of abuse at her School For Girls in Africa hits the mainstream media. - www.hollyscoop.ca

### Play explores journey of a native gay man

Fobister strikes a pose for the audience in the play Agokwe.

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The play focuses on two young male characters, Jake, a powwow dancer, and Mike, a hockey player.

They discover their mutual attraction towards each other but are forced to separate, which leads to tragic circumstances.

"It is powerful and beautiful," said Muriel Miguel, a professor at the Centre for Indigenous Theatre.

"A magnetic performance. It really was two-spirited," said Miguel.

'Waawaate is a transparent performer," said Belshaw.

You always know what is going on in the play and inside Waawaate. He's young, but he has an inner wisdom that has sustained him."

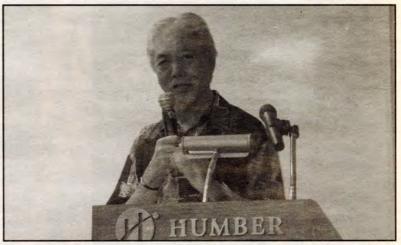
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-Muriel Miguel Professor, Centre for Indigenous Teatre

Agokwe was created two years ago in Buddies In Bad Times Theatre's PrideCab workshop.

It allows people to interact with Toronto's queer community while learning about creating, performing and producing shows.

The play runs until Oct. 12 at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre mainspace. For more information visit www.artsexy.ca



Bestselling author of the Jade Peony and former Humber professor Wayson Choy talks about his life and reads from his soon-tobe published memoir Not Yet in Humber's community room.

### Best-selling author inspires students and faculty to be positive

"I was raised by the right

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**Melissa Sundardas** 

A&E REPORTER

Luck is a driving force in Wayson Choy's life and he encourages everyone to search for a positive force within their own lives.

"If you don't have a theme for your life yet, notice that you are still here and whatever has happened to you, you have survived and you probably do have a theme if you would just think about it," said Choy, a best-

selling author and former Humber professor.

Humber's In community room on Sept. 30, Choy shed light upon many lessons, while sharing stories about his life and reading from soon-to-be published memoir, Not Yet.

To an audience of students, faculty and friends Choy described growing up during hard times in Vancouver's Chinatown.

He said he was raised by elders of the community, who told him countless stories that stuck with him throughout the years.

"I was raised by the right people who spoke to my imagination and taught me things that had to do with the kind of wisdom I would not understand until I was old enough,"said Choy.

"I looked back and realized, 'woah as that ever interesting and important," he said.

Choy went on to describe his two near-death experiences and what they meant to his writing.

"Life is a story," said Choy while talking about what kept him fighting for his life during his two heart attacks and thoughts of suicide during his adolescence. "It's very important to know what happens next and I wanted to know what would hap-

In becoming a writer, Choy said he realizes he doesn't know anything unless he writes it.

'I only discover what I know from writing. It's almost like a deeper kind of medication that allows me to think out what I need to understand and then I hope the reader will feel that I've understood a few things."

With Not Yet, Choy hopes to make a lasting connection with his read-

"I'm hoping for a lot of people to understand that though my experiimagination and taught me ences may seem different to them, it's one that everyone will have on would not understand until their own terms and here's one example of how somebody came through it," he said.

Some students are eager and can't wait to get a copy of Choy's new book.

"I liked his last book and after hearing more about his life today, I'm looking forward to reading about it in more detail in Not Yet," said Mark Hou, a second year Guelph-Humber business administration student.

Even those who are familiar with Choy's life story and have heard him speak before walked away with something inspiring and helpful.

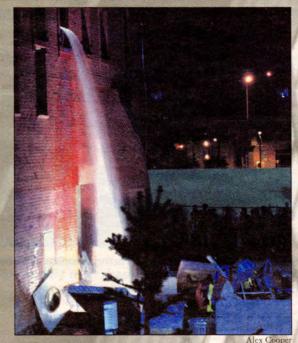
"There's always something you can learn from really great teachers," said Humber philosophy teacher Wendy O'Brien, who has worked and been friends with Choy since 1992.

His words resonated with her, leaving a lasting impact even after she left the Humber room,

"I'll walk away going 'yeah I'd better remember that today when I go into my class"."







Overflow by Michel de Broin in Liberty Village.

# Nuit Blan

Carolina Maira and Ronda Collins
A&E REPORTERS

Nuit Blanche, also known as "that cont porary art thing," attracted over a mil spectators into downtown Toronto last we end. The city's core was divided into the zones of interactive and immense works of for the night.

Giannina Warren, a representative Toronto Economic Development, Culture Tourism, said she was proud of the one-nionly event.

"This is a signature event that showed diversity, talent and innovation," said War "It puts Toronto on the map."

As dusk came upon the city streets Saturday, the third annual event, sponsore Scotiabank, kicked off with open for exhibits as well as projects created by curators hired by the city.

Artist Amanta Scott asked her audience create its own installation at her exhibit, what a prison bed, pillow, blanket and other stard items were provided, and then arrangly passers by.

"The whole debate – the people's debatewhy they choose and object, why things we be included, why they wouldn't, is fasci ing," said Scott.

The event ran till dawn Sunday and featu over 150 exhibits by more than 750 artists



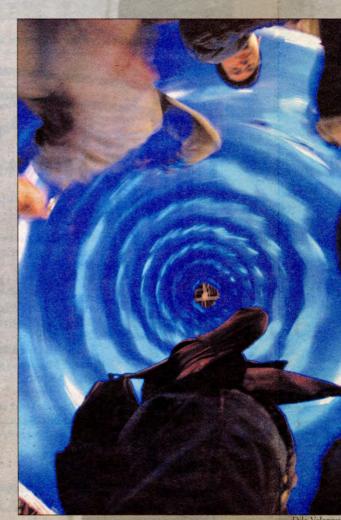
A Dream of Pastures by Mitchell F. Chan & Brad Hindson at the AGO.



Dandyberry by Danny Shaddick & Rodrigo Marti in Liberty Village.



Alex Cooper



Into the Blue by Fujiwara Takahiro at the Eaton Centre

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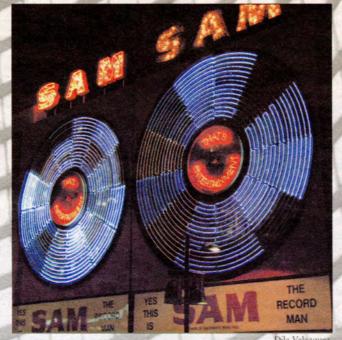
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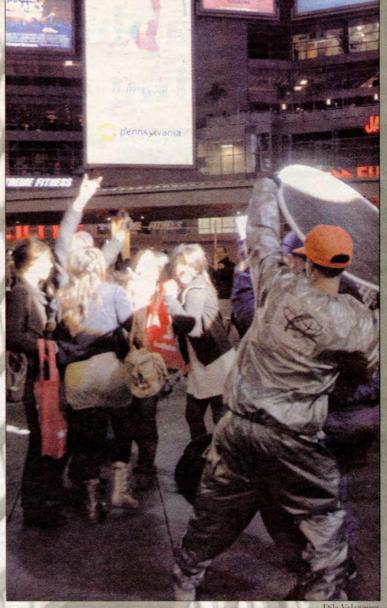
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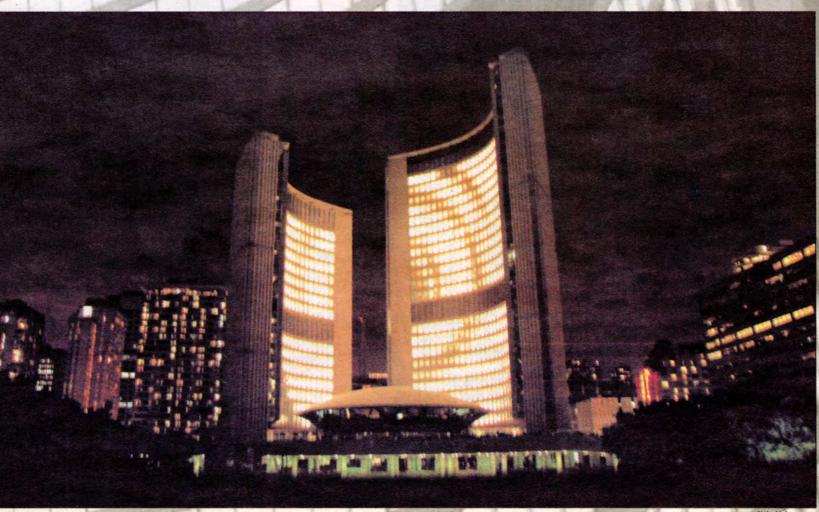
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Sam the Record Man on Yonge Street.



Fifteen Seconds by Daniel Olson at Dundas Square.



Stereoscope, 2008 by Project Blinkenlights at Toronto City Hall.

Dila Wazquez

on Centre.



Playboy bunny Holly Madison confirmed on Oct. 7 that her relationship with Hugh Hefner has ended but she will still be on its TV show, Girls Next Door. - US Weekly

# Photographer credits theatre program for helping to find her life's passion



Melissa Haye

Angela Martin, photographer for online magazine, Fashion Weekly, began her own freelance photography company after going through a myriad of college programs.

Graduate is thriving behind the lens and on location

Melissa Hayes

A&E REPORTER

It took Angela Martin a while to figure out she wanted to be a photographer.

The 23-year-old Guelph-Humber grad studied every stream under the school's Media Studies program before emerging this past spring with a BA in Image Arts. Now, she runs her own freelance photography company, AYM Photography. She's also featured regularly in the web publication, Fashion Weekly, as well as FASHION magazine.

"It's a big mix of jobs, which is so great because you're never bored," said Martin, who just finished shooting The Toronto Film Festival for the Canadian Press.

At the end of October, FASHION is sending her to cover Toronto's L'Oreal Fashion Week, a week-long

fashion event which showcases designer's latest collections.

Martin has been shooting main spreads for the online magazine, *Fashion Weekly*, since June.

The magazine's stylist and PR agent, Ainsley Graham, said she specifically asks for Martin on shoots.

"She's a really good photographer, she's very talented and on set she's very professional."

Martin also works freelance, photographing weddings and portraits.

"I think, ultimately, to be a happy person you have to love what you do."

> -Angela Martin Photographer

Eventually she'd love to work for a major fashion publication.

"I think everyone who's a fashion photographer says their goal is to have their work in *Vogue*," she said. "You'd be stupid not to get excited about that."

David McCammon, who taught Angela in her third and fourth years, said he saw potential early on.

"She was very creative. She brought

a lot of creativity to assignments."

Martin had been studying theatre at Sheridan College, taking time away from Guelph-Humber, where she had already tried her hand at journalism and public relations.

Studying theatre helped her uncover her passion for taking pic-

"I documented it through photography without even knowing that that's what I was going to end up doing," she said.

Martin then went back to finish her degree at Guelph-Humber at an accelerated pace.

"I took literally first, second and third year photography courses all in that period of one year," she said. "But once I got into third year and finally had motivation and a push to do something creative and something that I love, I started to thrive."

It took some time, but Martin has found her niche.

"I think, ultimately, to be a happy person you have to love what you do."

Martin's ever growing collection of work can be viewed on her company's website, www.aymphotography.com, as well as in the various publications she works for.



### Write Shoot Edit





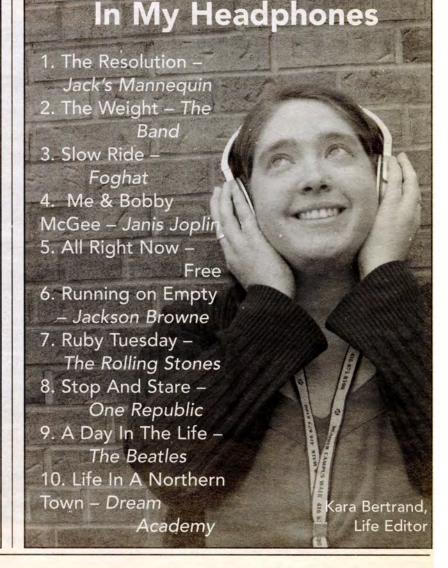


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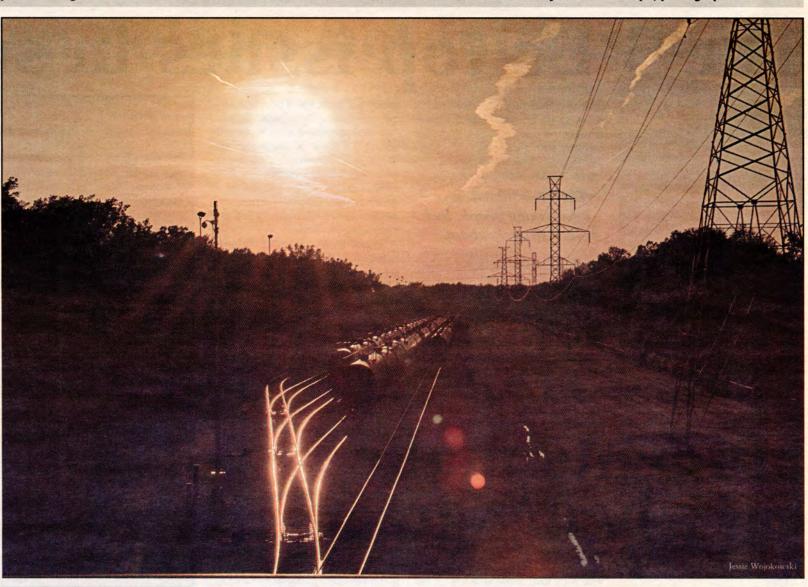
"Photography has the capacity to provide images of man and his environment that are both works of art and moments in history." - Cornell Capa, photographer

#### **Shutterbugs**

The Et Cetera is proud to showcase the photographic talents of Humber's students. This week we had two contenders for Photo of the Week.

Right – This photo was taken by Jessie
Wojokowski, a Humber photography student, just before the sun set over the train tracks in Sarnia's Chemical Valley. According to Ecojustice, a Canadian environmental law organization, 40 per cent of Canada's chemical plants are located in Sarnia.

Below – Sports reporter
Jennifer Gordon attended
an open tryout for the
Toronto Raptor's D-League
affiliate, the Idaho
Stampede. About 80 hopefuls from as far away as
Texas showed up at North
Campus last Sunday and
Monday to get a step closer to their NBA dreams.





#### **Attention Shutterbugs!**

Think you can do better?

Submit your digital photos for the Et Cetera's Photo of the Week.
Include your full name, age, program and contact info (email & phone number) in an email to :

humberetc2008@gmail.com Deadline: Every Monday at 9am



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## IN FOCUS Election Issues

Younger adults aged 19 to 24 are 1.2 times more likely to engage in non-voting activity than older Canadians aged 45 to 64. - www.statscan.ca

## The 3 E's top issues in survey

**David Lipson** SENIOR REPORTER

Students care about the three E's, economics, eduation and the environment.

Humber second-year journalism students conducted an election poll at five locations at North Campus on Sept. 18.

Out of 123 students, 30 said the environment is their top election issue, 29 said the economy, 28 said education, 19 said health and welfare, nine said gas prices, seven said Afghanistan, one person said crime.

Paul Adams, executive director of EKOS Research was asked to comment on the students poll.

'Generation Y are frustrated by a political system that's been unresponsive, and they don't see themselves in it," he said. "And the environment is one issue young people feel very strongly about."

"The environment is one issue young people feel very strongly about."

-Paul Adams **Executive Director of EKOS Research** 

In term of party affiliations, 50 out 146 students prefer the Liberal Party, 25 prefer the Conservative Party, 13 prefer the New Democratic Party, 18 prefer the Green Party, and one person prefers the Bloc Quebecois.

"We think what's happening in this

group is almost like a post-ideological phenomenon," said Adams. "These people don't necessarily adhere to some of the traditional ideological differences that characterize the baby boomers."

He said the 18-24 age group, or generation Y, support parties, such as the Greens, who eschew left and right wing ideologies.

Traditionally, Humber students come out in low numbers to vote in school elections. Only 6.7 per cent of students voted in the 2007 HSF elections.

Will they flock to the polls for Canada's 40th General Election?

Out of 151 students, 91 are registered to vote, 53 are not registered, and seven don't know if they are.

Out of 148 students, 90 will vote, 45 will not, and 13 don't know.

Crime 1 Afghanistan 7 Gas prices 9 Health and Welfare 19 Education 28 Economy 29 **Environment 30** 

Students at North Campus are concerned about going green, keeping money in their pocket and their education than Canada's role in Afganistan, their health, gas prices and crime.

### Students make it easy being green

R.J. Riley

In Focus

For Troy Dettwiler, the environment is the precursor to life.

"We live in the environment, we need the environment to survive," said Dettwiler, the president of the Environmental Awareness club.

"The more we let the environment fall apart, the bigger the effects are going to be," said early childhood education student, Sam Penney, 19. "It's important we tackle it now so it doesn't get out of hand."

Students ranked environment number 1 in the poll.

The election is about leadership and when it comes to the environment, "most of us tend to be bystanders unless there is someone

who can take leadership," said Sid Baller, superintendent of the arbore-

"We're going to have to continue spending money on ways to purify, on ways to fix the things we've done to the environment," said club member Penney.

Carla Hutt, 20, a Guelph-Humber business administration student, said "At the rate that we are going, it will not take long for the environment to collapse.

Voters are now demanding their leaders follow through with their environmental promises.

"There is more pressure on politicians to provide a green option or a green agenda, one that sustains the current economy," Dettwiler said.

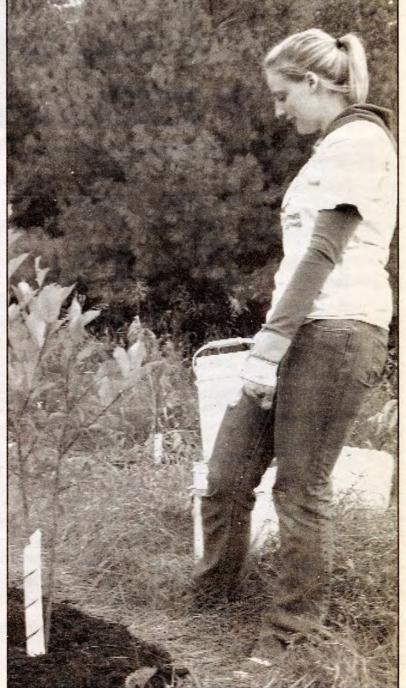
However, students feel the problem for parties will be keeping their green promises in the face of a reces-

"Once push comes to shove the environment is usually the first to go," said third-year film and television student, Paul Clow.

But Baller said the environmental concerns far out weigh the economic crisis, and if left unchecked the effects could be far more detrimen-

"Passivity simply will not work anymore, we have to be willing to pay a certain price, and that's not just financial, it involves time and commitment," he said.

Those people who realize the reality of what we're talking about will not be shaken by this temporary turn down, the issues will not go



Brittany Kuenemon, 19, club vice-president, takes a break after planting one of many trees in last weekends firs



Students of the Humber Environmental Action and Awareness Club plant trees this past Saturday.



A recent Canadian Press/Harris Decima poll put the Conservatives at 32 per cent support, down nine points from their high point this campaign. - The Star.

### 'F' for political parties, platforms

**Leslie Wilks** 

Many political parties are putting education on the backburner in the federal election, but Humber's vicepresident of finance and administrative services, Rani Dhaliwal, said it should be in the foreground.

"Clearly education is such an important initiative for any country and its development," said Dhaliwal, "but frankly the environment and economy have risen to this year's election front."

Students ranked education as third in importance in a poll conducted by second-year journalism students. Natasha Maksimovic, 19, a second-

year business marketing student, said education is an important issue, but she doesn't believe the politicians will spend too much time addressing it.

"They're probably preoccupied with other things," said Maksimovic, adding students are "at the bottom of the list."

She said this may have something to do with the poor voter turnout amongst students.

According to Elections Canada, in the 2004 federal election, an estimated 37 per cent of those between the ages of 18 and 24 voted- the lowest percentage of any age group.

Maksimovic said since students

don't vote, the politicians think they don't care.

Dhaliwal believes post-secondary education is the building block of our economy, adding whichever party is successful in the election has to make it a key component.

"More work has to be done to ensure there is accessibility there and it's affordable," Dhaliwal said.

All of the major political parties' platforms include initiatives to make post-secondary education more accessible to all.

Promises range from lowering tuition, to creating more scholarships, to lowering interest rates on student loans, yet some students remain skeptical on whether any of the parties will deliver.

'Even if they do say it, I don't think it will make a big difference," said Masoud Rajabi, 28, a second-year paramedic student.

He said when he was in university five or six years ago there were promises "for tuition decrease- and it keeps going up."

Jennifer Stoddart, 18, a first-year Guelph-Humber business administration student, said she doesn't think education should be at the forefront of the election.

"People dying and living in poverty" is a bigger concern, Stoddart

### Students worry as economy plummets

Alana Gautreau

The recent economic downturn has left Mathusha Maheson wondering if she will find a job upon grad-

The justice student said, "It seems like as the U.S. has their issues Canada follows in their footsteps and it's not fair.'

Two weeks ago, several global financial institutions including Lehman Brothers, filed for bank-

**Canadians** 

**Afghanistan** 

rebuild

Adrienne Middlebrook

ruptcy and Merrill Lynch was bought out by Bank of America.

In response, the United States House of Representatives signed off on a \$700 billion bail-out intended to come to the financial aid of the U.S. economy.

"We do so much trade with the U.S. that if things are not going well there of course we will suffer," said Pierre-Pascal Gendron, professor of economics and business degree program co-ordinator.

But Michael Glassman, 23, is not

too concerned with finding employ-

Glassman, a Guelph-Humber accounting student in his final year of studies, said, "Whether or not your company is making money you still need someone to write your statements."

Maheson is not alone in her unease though. In a poll conducted on North Campus, the economy was ranked the second most important issue in the federal election, behind the environment.

Each of the candidates has a policy that pertains to the economy.

"Whether it's unemployment or promoting business or controlling interest rates, everyone addresses it, said Glassman.

Nonetheless, he said economics will factor into his voting decision.

"It's interesting when you watch the U.S. campaign, the focus has shifted back to the economic crisis in spades," said Gendron. "At the end of the day I think Canadian voters will be more sensitive to that."

Tom Wicks, 18, a gunner for the Canadian Forces is slated to go to Afghanistan next year.

"I think people don't care because it's been going on so long," said firstyear paramedic student Tim Read,

Canada's role in Afghanistan ranks

low on a scale of what students are

concerned about because more stu-

dents are concerned with issues such

as the environment and the econo-

"The economy seems to be in the forefront of people's minds right

now," he said. students voted Humber Afghanistan to be the sixth of seven issues in the upcoming federal election-just ahead of crime.

"I think Canada should invest in Canada before it invests in other countries," said Scott Vshott, 19, a first-year multi-media student. "We need to build more in northern Canada and expand in this giant country.'

Canadian troops have been in Afghanistan since 2001, working alongside British and American in the south of the country.

Second-year creative photography student Brad Farrow, 23, went to Afghanistan last year and witnessed the conflict first-hand.

"I think it's necessary for the Canadian troops to be there," said Farrow. "What Canada is doing there is trying to teach the Afghan people to fend for themselves. We are getting rid of the Taliban and

troops, fighting the Taliban presence teaching the Afghanistan army and most of Canada's military forces in police force how to maintain the country."

> "The idea is to eventually bring stability to Afghanistan," said Guelph-Humber philosophy professor Greg Narbey. "The mission Canada is participating in is a NATO mission authorized by the United Nations in order to reconstruct the country."

> Stephen Harper plans to withdraw

Afghanistan by 2011 while NDP Leader Jack Layton says his party would immediately withdraw the

"There will still be Canadian troops there if we withdraw, we just won't be playing an active combat roll," said Narbey.

Despite Canada's efforts, many remain skeptical as to why we are still in Afghanistan.

### **Paying** to be healthy

Nicole McIsaac

Although Humber students ranked health care fourth in importance in an election-issue survey, Lenore Duquette, a University of New Brunswick nursing professor, said health care should be a concern.

"Students may be healthy now, but eventually they will need to be taken care of," Duquette said.

Second-year paramedic student Rob Volpe said it should have been number one.

"Health care is an area that people cannot support themselves, they need government assistance," said Volpe, 22.

There may be more pressing topics for students, but "a family doctor is always better than a clinic," he said.

According to Statistics Canada, 15 per cent of Canadians do not have a family doctor, something all parties are looking to improve in their platforms.

Anyone who makes more than \$20,000 a year pays an Ontario Health Premium between \$5 and \$73 per month, according to the Ontario Ministry of Finance.

These taxes are used to fund the rising costs of health care as the population increases.

While this may not apply to most students, it one day will.

There has been a gradual move to privatized health care in our country, according to a 2006-2007 Health Canada report.

Private clinics are popping up, allowing those who can afford it to jump to the top of the waiting list for procedures, the report said.

Already physiotherapy has been moved out of hospitals and must now be paid for by the individual, or insurance, the report said.

Duquette said this situation is not satisfactory, "if you can afford it you're fine, if not you're out of luck.'

Students need to realize that if health care is privatized they will have to pay for it," Duquette said.

If our health-care system becomes privatized, like it is in the States, there will be huge numbers of people who are not covered, said Duquette.

Deb Scottmcgarva, a third-year nursing student and mature representative of the Humber Nursing Society, said we need to guard our health care system as a



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Tim Cork speaks to North Campus students on Oct. 1.

### lapping students' success

**Matthew Garcia** 

Attitude and giving are more than just inspirational buzzwords, career mentor Tim Cork told students and faculty during presentations at Humber last week.

Cork, president of NEXCareer Inc., opened his presentation by saying, "Life is 10 per cent what happens to you, and 90 per cent how you react to what happens."

The event at North Campus' E135 theatre, sponsored by Business School Dean Alvina Cassiani, aimed to give practical advice for the professional world and life in general, said Wanda Buote, director of professional and continuing education.

Tram Do, a first-year aesthetician and spa management student, said she attended because she didn't like her scheduled class, but enjoyed the presentation "It was really great, I learned a lot," she said.

Cork went over some of the main ideas from his book Tapping the Iceberg, which promotes having a positive attitude and networking effectively.

Cork also had practical asides, like being careful of what shows up on one's Facebook page, since employ-

ers often search it before hiring. Cork said the "golden nugget" of the presentation was a focus on giving. Finding out what's important to other people and common ground is vital for successful networking.

Cork added a personal touch, telling attendees one Halloween he dressed up as Batman and wore the costume the entire day, from dropping his kids off at school, to being pulled over by police and finishing with playing jokes on his co-work-

"The point? Don't take yourself too seriously in life, because nobody else does. Have some fun, but be serious about what you do," he said.

### Students discover Explore Design

the ones

#### Two-day convention helps lure potential high school students

Mike Nasmith

Thousands of high school students swarmed the Metro Toronto Convention Centre last week for Explore Design, an event for colleges to showcase their design programs to future students.

This event is to recruit Grade 12 students, to get the ones interested in design," said Glenn Moffatt, industrial design teacher at Humber. We promote the school and promote the programs of the school that are strictly design programs."

Explore Design brought over 40 schools and businesses together from across North America to display their programs to over 5, 000

qualified high school students, according to the event's website, www.exploredesign.ca.

Other programs represented at the event were visual communications, interior design,

built environment and new media. Maha Albustani,

interested in design." a faculty member, helped staff with interior design booth. She said, along with promoting interior design programs, she was hoping to get students to come to the program's open house at Humber. She also let stu-

dents know what they would need to

bring in their portfolio to beconsid-

ered for admission.

The most popular aspect of the exhibit was an interactive display students were constantly trying out.

Eric Leong, a fourth-year industri-

al design student, "This event is to recruit said the interactive display consisted of grade 12 students, to get a tablet PC laptop, which students could first draw on

-Glenn Moffatt and then later see Industrial Design teacher their creations displayed on a large monitor.

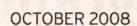
> "We have the tablet so they can try out the type of technology we use to create designs." said Leong, "Students feel very enthusiastic about it, they just can't get off it," he

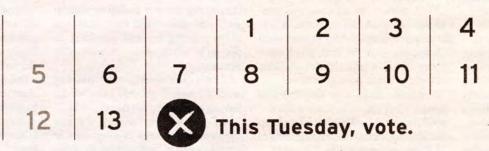
added he was hoping to highlight sketching and technology to the students stopping by the booth.

Besides having to compete with other colleges in Ontario for students' attention, Humber's booth also had to battle with schools from Buffalo, Denver and Atlanta, as well as the Art Center College of Design in California, which Moffatt said is one of the world's most prestigious design schools.

Despite the competitive nature of the event, there are tangible benefits to Humber's participation.

Sarah Jane Brimley, manager for student recruitment, said around 30 students admitted to the design program last spring had visited Humber's booth at last year's event.





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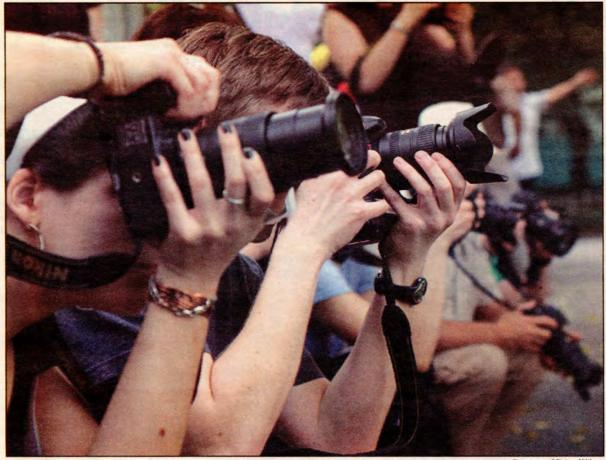
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Ouston of Daise Wilson

Creative photography students embark on their trip to Vietnam, poised for new experiences.

A child peers out at the camera from the shelter of its mother.

### Photography adventures in Vietnam

Maggie Cameron

LIFE REPORTER

Last May, 21 final-year creative photography students embarked on a Vietnamese journey, capturing images of their intimate encounters with locals and wild adventures through the landscape.

On what program co-ordinator and trip leader Neil Fox described as "adventure travel," these students packed up their cameras, their malaria pills, and their courage to tour almost the entirety of Vietnam in 16 jam-packed days.

"I'm not a very adventurous person at all," said Dejana Savic, a creative photography student who went on the trip. "In 16 days, I did more crazy stuff than I've ever done before."

Sleeping on mats on the floors of people's homes, or in luxury accommodations with silk robes, the group traveled every day, capturing images of Vietnam everywhere they went.

Fox said there was quite a difference between rural and predominately tourist areas of Vietnam.

"We spent a lot of time in the northern part of the country, where they're not used to seeing tourists at all," said Fox. "We had little old ladies coming up and touching all the girls' white skin. It was really amazing.

"But if you're in a very touristy area, the people get very jaded about having their picture taken."

The group was moved by the opportunity to take photographs in remote villages untouched by slews of tourists.

Savic, who would one day like to be a photojournalist in places like Africa, said visiting these small remote communities in northern

Vietnam gave her a great opportunity.

"I finally got to start to shoot the kinds of things I wanted to shoot," she said.

Brian Wilson, another student who went on the trip, said, "I'm totally inspired now to visit places that are not very touristy. It was neat to see how people lived in the small villages"

The Vietnam trip was the third adventure Fox has taken his students on. He has just announced that the next trip will be to Morocco, where students will be hiking into the Atlas Mountains, doing a camel trek into the Sahara desert, visiting the Moroccan city of Marrakech and then traveling down the coast, learning to surf on the way.

"Morocco is growing in its popularity as an adventure travel destination," said Caitlin Currie, Flight Center travel consultant. "It boasts such drastic landscapes, and Marrakech is a huge and vibrant city."

Photographs taken by the students in Vietnam will be displayed in an exhibit at the Joseph D. Carrier Gallery in Toronto in March.

#### Music can heal the soul

**Angel Khattra** 

LIFE REPORTER

The sweet sounds of the acoustic guitar or piano have been used to heal ailments, and music therapists like Tamara Leszner say music can also heal the soul.

"It's very rewarding to see people who can't even remember their daughter's name remember songs from year's past," Leszner said. "It's quite remarkable."

Leszner works mainly with children who have developmental needs such as autism or Down syndrome. By using music as a medium, she is able to reach children on a different level.

"Music therapy is the use of musical intervention to achieve non-musical goals," said Leszner.

She has children pick a partner, with one child playing the instru-

ment while the other holds it.

"I have parents who are just in tears when they watch because it's just amazing for them," she said.

Integrating music into a child's routine gives them a sense of calmness and stability, said John Danquah, a second-year early childhood education student.

"Children, when they hear music, it just stimulates their mind," he said. "When the day's been rough, just put on music."

Musicians also find playing music on stage to be therapeutic.

Terry Lukiwski, who plays trombone with the band Crusader Rabbit, reflected on how music has played a role in his life.

Even with the flu, he said playing his music made him feel better.

"The great thing about music that I find is that it's a never ending process," said Lukiwski.

#### Muslim students keep faith for Ramadan

**Angelica Samad** 

LIFE REPORTER

For Muslim students at Humber, September marked not only the beginning of a new school year but also the start of Ramadan.

Ramadan is a month long period where Muslim people fast and pray five times a day and abstain from thoughts like greed and slander.

Second-year design foundation student Emine Alan, 19, said that the hardest part of Ramadan was not being able to have coffee.

"Sometimes I have class at eight in the morning and not having coffee makes it harder," she said.

Along with the lack of coffee, Alan said sometimes she only got a couple hours of sleep due to going to bed late then getting up early for the first prayer, Fajr.

Fozia Tariq, 20, also a second-

year design foundation student, has taken part in Ramadan for the past 11 years. Growing up, Tariq, like many other Muslim children did not have to take part in Ramadan because of the toll it takes on the body.

"The majority of the youth are doing a good job."

-Soogra Hack

Sunnatul Jamaat of Ontario

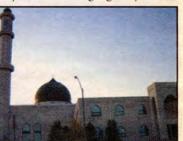
The past month was a challenge for her but she said it was all about self-control.

"It's really different from back home," she said. "You need to be careful about what you do."

Soogra Hack, of Sunnatul Jamaat of Ontario, a Scarborough mosque, had suggestions for students to have a successful Ramadan every year. "Keep praying five times a day, keep your body clean and pure. Read the Qur'an at the start of the month and at the end you should be done," Hack said.

She said she is proud of the Muslim youth she witnesses.

"They keep up with prayer and school," she said. "The majority of the youth are doing a good job."



Angelica Sar

The Islamic foundation of Toronto is one of the oldest Muslim groups in Canada.

Research has found that eating a handful of nuts, or a couple of tablespoons of peanut butter, five times a week can lower your risk of Type 2 diabetes. - Healthzone.ca

## Club fair shows variety

Erica Cassar

LIFE REPORTER

This year's club fair was overflowing with excitement as students showcased both new clubs and old

The student lounge was packed with fancy booths boasting powerpoint presentations, bristol boards, and music.

Anime club group member, Stephen Chiu said his club already had events planned for the year.

"We have an animation convention and some fundraising events, such as an eating contest," Chiu said. "The rest are secrets."

Some of the clubs such as Amnnesty International are new to Humber, but some have been around for years.

"Amnesty International club has been around since 1961," said club executive, Younis Mohamed. "It's an old club with 2.2 million members that fights for human rights."

The club hopes people will listen to what they have to say.

"At our group meetings we write

letters to express our concern about how people are being treated unfairly in the world," said group member, Andrew Huang.

Another club that also has events planned is Lifeline Christian Fellowship.

"We have been on campus for 15 years," said club member, Chris Oudy.

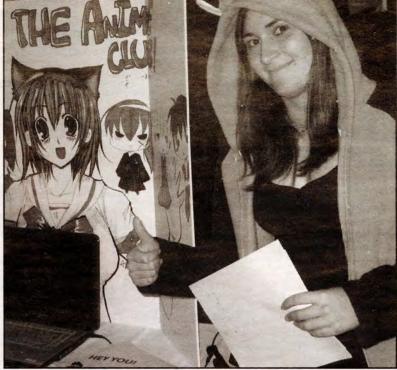
"We have two main events, first is the Embassy which is like a youth group or church service and the second is links which are book studies."

Programming director, Aaron Miller said if you want to start your own club, students should pick up a club package.

"It's an easy process," said Miller. "A lot of times students think it's going to be time consuming."

Registering a club involves filling out three pages; this includes who the club executives are, what the club is about as well as signatures from 20 students interested in the club.

Students interested in joining any clubs should visit www.hsfweb.ca.



Erica Cassar

Anime club member, Ruth Colalillo shows off her booth at the annual club fair that took place on Oct.1 at the student centre.

## Fall fashion inspired by '80s



Model Kylie Meyermann shows off this fall's trendy fashion.

Maddie-Jo Tillapaugh

LIFE REPORTER

With fall's blossoming colours, this season's fashion calls for vibrant hues as students shop for new low budget, 80s inspired wardrobes.

"The colours to wear this season are grey, mustard yellow, rusty orange, and burnt red," said Yorkdale's H&M supervisor, Lydia

Humber's fashion program advisor, Anna Centurione said H&M is a good place to find the latest trends because the store recreates their own versions of what is in designer runway shows, and they will sell the new trends a month or two later.

She said top designers don't release their cat walk clothing until 12 to 18 months after their runway show.

"By the time celebrities are wear-

ing the designer's clothing, it is out of style," said Centurione. "H&M, Zara and Aldo work really fast so they have the trends right."

The new fashion trends for young women are loose, oversized, masculine looking shirts.

Shoulder pads are also making a comeback, said Centurione.

Model and Guelph Humber public relations student, Kylie Meyermann, said tight pants are in as well as tight bottoms with layered shirts

Centurione recommends that individuals copy the trends that are currently being shown on the run-

"Wear next year's clothing now,"

"I have noticed many designers trying to connect with the earth, bringing a more rural nature feel to every piece of clothing."



Mannequins showcase the '80s inspired trends for this fall.

### Students clueless in the laundry room



Early childhood education student, Kimisha Street does some laundry in her building.

Tanish Du Verney

As students become independant, they may realize they lack certain elementary skills such as laundry.

According to residence manager, Gwen teBoekhorst, many Humber students arrive on campus without a clue how to do laundry.

A recent national survey done by Ipsos Reid said over 1,000 Canadian homeowners said 65 per cent of "Keeping clean is hard to do when dry room. They ruin clothing due to guessing games with stain removals.

Students usually get laundry tips from their families or they take their clothes home on the weekends," said teBoekhorst.

According to the study, approximately 21 per cent of Canadians "rely on tips such as using club soda or lemon juice."

Canadians are clueless in the laun- working with wine, blood and tomato juices," said Humber culinary student, Dylan Violo.

He said he soaks his clothes in bleach and hot water for 10 to 15 minutes before washing with deter-

Dealing with stains may be a challenge for students, but with patience, stains won't get the best of them, said teBoekhorst.



Students bake goods to support child abuse prevention.

### Purple day raises money

Tanisha Du Verney

LIFE REPORTER

To promote child abuse awareness month, students from Lakeshore Campus hosted their fourth annual Purple Day fundraiser on Oct. 7.

This year's event was held in memory of Erin Reed. Reed, who was passionate about child abuse awareness, died last year in a car accident.

Reed's parents created a fund in her memory and donated the money to a child abuse prevention agency called Boost. Humber's child and youth worker students' funds will also contribute.

The money donated will be used to build a playroom for abused children in Peterborough, where Erin Reed passed.

Jane Clifton, co-ordinator of the child and youth worker program said Purple Day is organized by second-year child and youth worker students.

"Every year Humber raises approximately \$2,000 for Purple Day," Clifton said.

Boost supplied stuffed animals, Tshirts, hats, baked goods and prizes that were sold at the fundraiser along with baked goods and Maple Leaf tickets.

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## SPORTS

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From left - David Szestopalow, Ryan Willoughby, James Castle, Brett Pearl, Mike Zizek, Ray Chateau, Doug Fox, and Mark Hoffman.

### Men, women tee-off on foes

Maciej Chabelski

Humber golfers dominated at the Ontario College Athletic Association Golf Championships played in Cornwall last week.

"It wasn't that big of a surprise," coach Ray Chateau said. "We're an experienced, veteran-laden team. It was expected."

The men shot a combined score of 588, while the women shot a 303.

Mike Zizek, James Castle, and Brett Pearl swept the top three in the men's individual results.

"I was happy to see Pearl get up there and win the bronze," Chateau said. "As for Mike, he's probably the best player in the country."

Maggie Trainor and Shauna Wilde won silver and bronze in the women's individual competition.

### Rugby team soaring Haigh

Improve record to 2-1

Jennifer Gordon

The Hawks beat the Seneca Sting 33-12 last Thursday thanks to a great performance from fullback Graham

Warren Lindsay opened the scoring just minutes into the game.

The Hawks went on to score another three tries before the half was over, including three successful converts from Haigh.

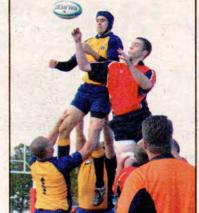
Head coach Carey French was animated on the sidelines for most of

"Good defence, you Hawks, I'm proud of you," he said.

Humber had a disappointing start to the second half as it allowed the Sting to score on its first try.

The game ended on a high note with Rob Lefler scoring his second try of the season.

Still, the real star of the game was Haigh, a first-year radio broadcast



Mark Falkinson goes up high.

student.

In three appearances, Haigh has scored 30 points and has been Humber's top scorer in all three

Despite his success, Haigh said that it's challenging being Humber's go-

"I've never been on a team where I've done all of the kicking," he said. "It's good that they've put a lot of faith in my abilities."

Haigh said the younger players on the team are performing well.

"There are a lot of good hands in the back," he said.

This was the first meeting between Humber and Seneca since last year's OCAA championship gold medal game, which the Hawks won 30-13.

"Seneca were a powerhouse in rugby for a long time," French said. They've won more championships than any other college."

The Hawks host the Georgian Grizzlies on Friday.

### Hawks dominate on pitch

**Robert Coccia** 

SPORTS REPORTER

The men's soccer team took another stride towards clinching homefield advantage for the playoffs with a 6-0 thrashing of the Lambton Lions at Valley Field last Sunday.

Leading scorer Andrew da Silva once again led the charge with a pair of goals as the Hawks propelled themselves into first place in the Ontario College Athletic Association Central West division.

Michael Sousa scored the lone goal of the first half in the 21st minute.

The Hawks attack came alive in the second half, proving too much for Lambton's defence.

Da Silva scored his first goal in the 53rd minute.

A minute later he rifled a smooth back heel pass from Alex Janjic into the top right-hand corner of the net for a 3-0 lead.

Kevin Roscoe, Endri Begaj, and Daniel Albert scored a goal each to complete the rout.

The win was Humber's fourth in seven days, having also beaten Redeemer, Niagara and St. Clair in the past week.

Lambton head coach Angelo DiMuzio was visibly upset at his team for their sluggish performance.

"We had guys out last night getting hammered the night before the game," he said.

"Our poor goalie was getting no help from his team today.

The Hawks now sit atop their division, three points ahead of the Sheridan Bruins, although the Bruins do have a game in hand.

"It's a very big game for us if we want to get home-field advantage for the playoffs," head coach Germain Sanchez said of the Oct. 8 game against Sheridan.

Orlov agreed with his coach.

"If we prepare the way we have been all season, we'll have a good chance," the midfielder said.

"It's the most important game of the season."

The Hawks will finish the regular season at Mohawk on Oct. 15.



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