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Police probe crossing collision

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A 21-year-old Humber student was struck by a vehicle and seriously injured as she stepped onto Humber College Boulevard where the crosswalk warning light was not working, police said.

Post-grad wireless telecommunications student Rashmi Malhotra is recovering in Sunnybrook hospital.

"I'm doing a lot better, I'm feeling good," Malhotra said.

Malhotra said she had serious head trauma as a result of the collision, though there is no injury to her brain. She is still suffering from a fractured pelvic bone and blood clots in her hands.

Police said the collision happened at about 7:30 last Wednesday night directly in front of the college.

"She had just stepped off the median when she was hit by a van going eastbound on Humber College Boulevard," said Toronto police Sgt. Tim Burrows of traffic services. The driver remained at the scene.

He noted that "the weather conditions were not the most ideal" – rain mixed with snow – and that "the crosswalk was not working."

Last year, 28 pedestrians were hit by vehicles while using crosswalks.

- City of Toronto

Malhotra was taken to Sunnybrook hospital because the initial observation by medics on the scene suggested her condition was serious enough to take her to a trauma unit, said Burrows.

Toronto Hydro spokesperson Tanaya Brucknueller said Hydro was notified of the problem at about 3 a.m. Thursday and that it was fixed later that day.

"We believe one of the fuses blew on the crosswalk," she said.

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HSF presidential contenders Shugufa Kaker and Ramandeep Kaur speak at Tuesday's candidates' debate at North Campus. John Nicholson

Facebook posts pulled

John Nicholson
NEWS REPORTER

Two HSF presidential candidates who deleted comments from their Facebook campaign sites were asked to explain why during a public debate at the North Campus Student Centre Tuesday.

All of the candidates campaigning for positions in HSF were involved in the debates, including presidential candidates Shugufa Kaker, Ramandeep Kaur, Abhishek Tyagi, and Davinderjeet Singh.

First-year journalism student and *Et Cetera* reporter Joana Draghici, 28, asked candidates Kaker and Kaur why they deleted comments from their Facebook sites.

Draghici had printed off the comments before they were deleted.

"I printed the comments that were made. Some of them were legitimate. Please explain to me why a comment like this would be deleted," Draghici asked the candidates during the public question and answer period.

Kaker admitted to deleting three comments from her group's wall, and said it was because the comments were personal attacks. She also said the comment wall of her campaign Facebook group had since been taken down.

Kaur also admitted to deleting comments, and said the remarks were taken down because they were personally attacking her.

Draghici said in an interview after the debates there were personal attacks posted on the discussion wall for Kaker's campaign, but maintained that some of the deleted comments were valid points on political issues.

One of the comments no longer on Kaur's wall concerned the responsibilities of the HSF president, and the need to hold the president accountable for certain large projects at the college, such as lowering tuition, the new campus pub, and the health centre.

"Part of the expectation in post-

ing a wall for a political campaign is that there will be some attacks," said Draghici. "You should expect some hard questions. You've opened yourself to that."

Kaker said she may not have handled things as well as she could have during an interview with Humber TV after the debates. "But those comments that were placed on my wall that I did delete were very hurtful. Like things such as I should be walking the streets of Jarvis. That's completely inappropriate."

In interviews after the debates, both Kaur and Kaker said that they had not been opposed to criticisms being posted on their wall. They also said after the debates that some of the deleted comments posted on their walls could be traced to supporters of other HSF campaigns.

Draghici said she still does not believe her question was answered.

Current HSF president Mike Berg said he thought the candidates did well. "There were quite a few dif-

ficult questions and I thought that they handled it pretty well," he said.

"If you provide that wall, you're opening yourself up to a lot of criticism," Berg said in reference to the candidates' use of Facebook groups in their campaigns.

"A lot of people are going to have legitimate questions and if you give them an opportunity to speak to them about something and then take it away from them you're going to have a lot of questions," said Berg.

The Chief Returning Officer for HSF Jaclyn Ferron said in an email that candidates' Facebook groups are monitored throughout the campaign via a CRO profile created on the site. Campaign groups run by the candidates on Facebook are submitted by the candidates for approval prior to being posted.

With files by Lee Lohr,
Erin DeCoste and Tyler Mason.

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CTV Television Inc. has announced 118 slashed jobs for its A Channel division and the cancellation of certain morning shows. — thestar.ca

THE SKINNY

News hits from Canada and around the world

Speed racer loses car

A 26-year-old Toronto man was caught driving 250 km/h on Hwy. 400 early Tuesday morning. His licence and car have since been revoked. (torontosun.ca)

City workers fired

Nine City of Toronto workers were fired on Monday for supposedly submitting false benefits claims. (torontosun.ca)

Lottery tickets found

UPS courier Paul Neves found a ripped plastic bag containing \$3,400 in brand new lottery tickets at Humber College Boulevard and Highway 27 last week. (thestar.com)

Man risks son's life

A motorcyclist in London was caught speeding at 196 km/h with his teenage son hanging on his back. He's been sentenced to six months in jail. (The Canadian Press)

Free TTC parking gone

A Mississauga resident is petitioning the abolishment of free TTC Metropass parking, which comes into effect on April 1, 2009. (thestar.com)

Cold weather for March

Environment Canada is warning of even more snow and cold to continue throughout March. (thestar.com)

Drugs used in sex crimes

A study from the Canadian Medical Journal says one in five sexual assaults in Ontario involves the victim being drugged before being attacked. (cbc.ca)

Asteroid misses Earth

An asteroid whizzed past Earth on Monday within 72,000 km of the planet, which is one fifth the distance between the Earth and the moon. The rock is approximately 21-47 metres across. Scientists made the discovery Tuesday. (cbc.ca)

Corrections

On page 10 of last week's *Et Cetera* in the story "Executive chef says @#!%* cooks don't cut it in the kitchen", Francesco Loberto's name was misspelled in a cutline. *Et Cetera* apologizes for this error.

Students give to charity

Scott Martin
NEWS REPORTER

Students from the child and youth worker program raised \$600 at Sherway Gardens last Thursday for Purple Day, an event to advocate for victims of child abuse.

Donations were collected for the Gatehouse Child Abuse Investigation and Support Site, a facility adjacent to Lakeshore Campus.

"The Gatehouse is an organization that provides a safe environment for kids if they're in the process of disclosing abuse, and if they're in the middle of an investigation," Jane

Clifton, a program instructor said. "On top of that, they have equipment there so they can electronically record interviews so the kid doesn't have to be going through the story over and over again."

"It's a nice change from being in the classroom."

-Kristen Bonin,
Child and Youth Worker student

The Gatehouse also runs counselling groups for adult survivors of child abuse.

Clifton said the Gatehouse receives no baseline funding from the gov-

ernment or the United Way, so funds must come from donations.

"The awareness part is more important than the money part, especially for the Gatehouse," instructor Charlotte Mahon said.

As well as a chance to advocate and raise money, Purple Day is a class assignment.

"It gives them a chance to advocate instead of just being depressed by the information," Clifton said. "They feel like they're doing something about it."

"It's a nice change from being in the classroom," said Kristen Bonin, 24, a first-year student in the pro-

"It's a good hands-on experience for sure."

-Melissa Oliveira,
Child and Youth Worker student

gram. "Learning about child abuse is one thing, but to go out and promote awareness in public is another."

"It's a good hands-on experience, for sure," said Melissa Oliveira, 22, also a first-year student of the program.

Humber students have been participating in Purple Day for four years, but this is the first year they've advocated in the community outside Lakeshore Campus.

Bonin said the new venue was a success.

"We smile, say 'hello, how are you,' maybe bat our eyes a little, try to draw them in a little, so they'll come speak with us," said Bonin. "People have been pretty responsive."



Child and youth worker students fundraised \$600 for abuse victims Feb. 26. From left, Kristen Bonin, Julie Carney, Melissa Oliveira.

College to get sustainability plan

Administrators say plan will combine with programs to create a more energy efficient campus for the future

Mark Rothen
NEWS REPORTER

The drafters of a new sustainability action plan are hoping to have it reviewed and approved this month by Humber's Academic Council.

The new plan will address sustainability in three areas — social, economic, and environmental," said purchasing services and sustainability manager Emily Eyr, who drafted the plan with maintenance and operations manager Spencer Wood.

The plan has already been reviewed by HSF and is now being reviewed by the administration, Eyr said.

Wood said within the three main categories, the plan would address energy and water efficiency, waste and carbon footprint reduction, social and environmental ethics, purchasing standards, space utilization, and education.

Eyr said she hopes Academic Council — the committee of faculty, support staff, students, and administrators described as "the collective

voice of the college" — will review and approve the plan during their March 12 meeting.

Wood said the plan will help better organize and bring together Humber's current sustainability efforts and set goals for future initiatives.

"We found that although we didn't have a sustainability policy before, we were doing almost all these things already," Wood said.

"We already had a waste reduction program, we already had a whole bunch of energy reduction programs, on the academic side there's the new sustainability program, and there's the centre for urban ecology. "Now we're trying to bring them all together under one umbrella."

One of the fundamental aspects of the plan will be the establishment of "green teams" in each department of the college that will all be led by a steering committee, said Wood.

"Some of those green teams already exist — registration has a green team and the residence has a green

team — but in some of the other departments we still need to develop that," he said.

"One of the goals here is to strengthen Humber's awareness and understanding of sustainability, global citizenship and civil society through learning, research and community service," he said.

"So, it starts to integrate sustainability into the curriculum, and not just with the sustainability program, but across other programs."

Wood said sustainability is more than a moral responsibility.

"If you have a sustainable campus, it's more livable. It's nicer to come to work, for example, in the Guelph-Humber building with its lovely green living wall than it is in something that doesn't have that," he said.

HSF President Mike Berg said the plan is a step in the right direction and HSF will support it.

"I know students care about sustainability," he said.



Toronto Hydro workers fix the crosswalk near North Campus.

Police probe crosswalk incident

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Humber director of public safety Gary Jeynes said this sort of accident "is a very rare occurrence" and suggested students take a few extra seconds to check for cars when crossing streets.

"Traffic services will complete their investigation and provide recommendations to the city of Toronto," said Jeynes.

The warning lights on the sign above the crosswalk are activated when a button at the curb is pushed. "I don't know if she said anything about pushing the button in her statement," Burrows said.

Last year, 28 pedestrians were hit by vehicles while using crosswalks, according to a report by the city of Toronto's website.

Police said the investigation is still ongoing and no charges had been laid by press time.



Toronto Hydro on the scene where Rashmi Malhotra was hit.

A wheelchair-accessible van stolen on Monday from Brenda Baird, a quadriplegic woman in Etobicoke, has been found in a Toronto parking lot. — *The Toronto Star*

Budget leaves single moms scrambling

Students with children applying to school will be hit hardest, says director of campus child centres

Steph Davidson
NEWS REPORTER

Students like Jennifer Schram, who struggle to balance school and raising a child, say they will have another hurdle to face if federal childcare funding dries up next year.

No money was earmarked for childcare in the recent budget.

Director of Humber College Child Care Centres, Bridget Woodcock, said the decision is significant.

"That is a very strong message from the government to say, 'we're not prepared to support child care,' because what it's saying is, 'we're not prepared to support children,'" she said.

The loss of up to 6,000 daycare spots in Toronto means incoming students might not get the money they need.

"Families who currently have subsidy are not at risk," said Woodcock. "Students who will be hit the hardest are students who are applying to school thinking there is child care on campus and subsidy."

Schram, 29 and a first-year practical nursing student, said she relies on the subsidy to afford day care for her two-year-old daughter, Amelia.

"I wouldn't be able to go to school," said Schram. "Even when I was working full-time, the toddler room is \$1,220 a month."

Schram's situation is not unique. Woodcock said students use 25 to 30 per cent of child care spaces on campus.

"Child care makes it or breaks it for them going to school," said Woodcock.

She said approximately 80 per cent of parents receive a subsidy to ensure that every child gets the same level and quality of care. Subsidy amounts are decided through assessments of what each family can afford.

"I'm lucky I got her in when I did, because I'd be screwed," Schram said.

The single mom works in the summer, but said she couldn't be successful in her program if she had to work during the school year.

Parents who are OSAP recipients also have the option of applying for two assistance programs.

OSAP representative, Tanya Blazina, said over 18,000 students used the Canada Study Grant for Students with Dependents and more than \$39,000 was issued through Ontario's Child Care Bursary.

"Even when I was working full time, the toddler room is \$1,220 a month."

— Jennifer Schram, First-year nursing student



Steph Davidson

First-year practical nursing student, Jennifer Schram, watches as two-year-old daughter, Amelia, samples her cooking in the play kitchen at the child care centre at North Campus on Feb. 25.

Student space talkers snag another award

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NEWS REPORTER

The four wireless telecommunications students who made contact with the International Space Station last month were recognized yet again this past weekend.

On Saturday, Gino Cunti, Paul Je, Kevin Luong and Patrick Neelin were honoured at Cloverdale Mall by the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

"I'm proud that I was able to represent Humber and I'm really proud to work with these guys. They're like my brothers. I'm very happy."

— Paul Je, Final year wireless telecommunications student

"I think it's quite impressive for people on the student level to have such an achievement, to contact the space station," said Steve Barnes of OACETT, who presented the team with his association's Certificate of Outstanding Achievement in Communications Technology.

OACETT is the third-largest engi-



Scott Martin

Clockwise: Patrick Neelin, Paul Je, Kevin Luong, and Gino Cunti.

neering association in Canada.

Je said he was proud to receive the award.

"I'm very honoured that we were awarded this award, I don't know what to say," said Je. "I'm not very good at receiving accolades myself, but I'm proud that I was able to represent Humber, and I'm really proud to work with these guys. They're like my brothers. I'm very happy."

The event, held at the fourth annual Government and Community Services Fair, was co-ordinated by Liberal MPPs Laurel Broten (Etobicoke-Lakeshore) and Donna Cansfield (Etobicoke Centre), who were both present at the ceremony.

"We wanted to have this celebration of the accomplishments of these amazing Humber students to really recognize that it's a real gem in our

community that we have Humber College," Broten said.

On Feb. 2, the team became the first college students to make live voice contact with the International Space Station using a communications system built for a school project.

But Cunti said the team's work isn't quite finished.

"We still have a lot to do in terms of preparing reports to hand in about the project in order to graduate," said Cunti. "To say the least, I'm glad I don't have to stay after school late at night till 10 o'clock testing and everything."

His teammate Neelin agreed.

"It's a really great thing what we did here. It looks good not only on us, but on Humber," he said. "I've got a whole semester I need to catch up on now."

HSF candidates vie for votes during final stages of election

John Nicholson
NEWS REPORTER

The student election campaign is entering its final stages with four candidates vying for the presidency in next year's Humber Student Federation student government.

"My platform is pretty simple, and very realistic," said HSF presidential candidate Abhishek Tyagi, who is campaigning on the promise to lower food prices on campus. "I want to work for the students because I am also a student."

All of the candidates for HSF met with students on Feb. 24, taking time to introduce themselves, explain their campaign platforms and lobby for votes.

Each candidate took a brief turn at the microphone and addressed a crowd of approximately 150 students.

"I want the culture of the organization to be a place where students aren't afraid to come in and ask a question," said Shugufa Kaker, another candidate for HSF president and current vice president of campus life. "I'm campaigning on four things: experience, voice, devotion, and change."

Every candidate for the presidency cited food on campus as a key issue in their campaign, though they were all equally clear on their own per-

sonal work habits and love for the school.

"I'm not one of those that says they're done after being elected," said HSF presidential candidate Davinderjeet Singh. "For me, this college is like my home."

Other campaign issues discussed by the candidates included providing help to international students, a lack of student involvement in the HSF and student employment.

"My main priority is employment," said presidential candidate Ramandeep Kaur, who wants to help students find jobs within their chosen fields. "I want to do something different, something new."

Voting starts March 9 and ends on March 13, but candidates are concerned that students might not turn out to vote.

Tyagi mentioned a lack of participation in HSF as major issue. Kaur expressed concern over students knowing where to vote.

"They don't know how to vote, or where to go to vote," she said while discussing student reaction to the campaign.

"I've seen names and heard them, but not this year," said first-year media foundations student Chris Chami, 18, while discussing the HSF candidates. "I'm not really sure what they're about."

NEWS

A debit card scheme at a Whitby gas station has resulted in the arrest of 26 people after they showed up to a bail hearing for friends charged with same crime. — *thestar.ca*

College hosts first traditional powwow

Erin DeCoste
NEWS REPORTER

Members of Humber's growing aboriginal student body presented the school's first traditional powwow at the North Campus Student Centre last week.

"The numbers of aboriginal students are increasing on campus," said Shelley Charles, the college's first el-

"We want to let students know that they have this service."

—Michael Kopinak, residence life and international students manager

der, who was appointed last year.

Humber's Aboriginal Student Services, a new resource on campus which was created last year, presented the powwow Thurs. Feb. 26

"We have been reaching out to students on both campuses," said Charles. "We want to bring people together."

With about 120 aboriginal students

at Humber, the campus still only has limited services and resources.

But residence life and international student manager Michael Kopinak is optimistic the Aboriginal Student Services will build on the success of the powwow.

"We want to let students know that they have this service," said Kopinak. "It is important to all of us to celebrate aboriginal culture, to educate and entertain Humber, and it's also very Canadian."

The powwow featured drumming, singing and traditional dancing.

The loud booming of the drums drew a crowd of more than 60 students, staff and faculty, including children from Humber's daycare.

One of the lead singers, Isaiah Cada, from the featured ensemble, Iron Horse, described the drums as the "heartbeat of our nation."

"I'm honouring traditions," he said.

Humber has been improving services for aboriginal students on campus by hiring Charles, increasing student advising, and the opportunity for students to identify their

aboriginal heritage on the student record system, according to the col-

"The numbers of aboriginal students are increasing on campus."

—Shelley Charles, elder of Aboriginal Student Services

lege's 2007/2008 Annual Report.

The powwow was also an opportunity to educate the college community on aboriginal culture, said first-year funeral services student Brittany Johnston.

"By introducing different cultures, people become less ignorant," said Johnston.

"Learning stops people from assuming, people always assume the bad, and with this they can learn the truth."

Dancers, from Pine Creek, Man., Georgina Island, Ont., and Stony Point, Ont. were dressed in traditional regalia and encouraged the audience to join in.

The children from the daycare did just that.



Erin DeCoste

Alec Bigcanoe wearing a men's traditional regalia and dancing in Humber's first powwow in the Student Centre on Feb. 26.



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Internet content is redefining what makes content Canadian.

Internet content rules under review

Josh Kerr
Biz/TECH REPORTER

With the current trend to move more broadcast content onto the Internet, critics say Canadian content is not represented properly under present regulations.

On Feb. 18, the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission began hearings to determine if Canadian Internet Service Providers should be held to the same content regulations as traditional broadcasters.

"I think that's where we're really failing our film and television industry in Canada," said Michael Glassbourg, the co-ordinator of the film and television program.

While Glassbourg sees the broadcast industry in Canada moving towards the Internet for content, he holds little hope of it making a difference without a change in the way that Canadian content is defined.

Under current regulations everything from news to infomercials is considered Canadian content as long as it is produced in a Canadian studio.

The current round of hearings is being held in Gatineau, Quebec over the next month.

The hearings are not concerned with the how Canadian content is defined. Rather, they focus on how it is reaching Canadians.

Ten years ago, the Internet providers were exempted from any content

regulations by the CRTC.

But since then, the CRTC has started to replace traditional broadcasting as a source of both news and entertainment.

Because of this change, Canadian artist unions are asking the CRTC to consider both content regulations and creating a new media fund. The money would go toward fostering Canadian voices on the web.

"We feel that there are a couple of ways that Canadian content is underrepresented," said David Kinahan of the Writers Guild of Canada.

"I think that's where we're really failing our film and television industry in Canada"

Michael Glassbourg
Film and television co-ordinator

"We're trying to address the one by the creation of the fund," said Kinahan. The Writers Guild is addressing the other, he says, "by suggesting

to the CRTC that they might provide different incentives to the broadcasters to get that material more accessible to their users."

However, many Internet and telecommunications companies oppose any regulation that might see any of their revenues - \$5.7 billion in 2008 - levied to create a new media fund.

"If you are going to try to stimulate growth in that area, then you're much better off letting market forces deal with that rather than additional regulatory burdens," said the communications director for the Canadian wireless telecommunications association, Marc Choma.

The CRTC hearings are set to conclude next Monday.

Turning water to fire

Erin DeCoste
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Student Thomas Marshall is nominated for a US\$5,000 Microsoft-sponsored award for turning water into fire.

The final-year electromechanical engineering technology student has designed and built what's called a "hydrogen production station" as his final-year project.

"We're essentially taking tap water, running it through an industrial process and that gives us purified water," said Marshall. "Then, we run electricity through stainless steel and split it into hydrogen and oxygen."

He explained that the hydrogen separating from the oxygen heats to about 3,600 degrees.

"The flame is about as hot as just under the surface temperature of the

sun," Marshall said.

He said it could be applied to cutting-torches and barbecues that would run on electricity and tap water. It can also be burned as fuel or

"We're a bunch of college students, and if we can do this in our lab, then why is the industry dragging their feet?"

-Thomas Marshall
Electromechanical engineering technology student

used to generate oxygen from water for astronauts to breathe.

William Nicholson and Johann Ritter discovered the process of decomposing water into hydrogen and

oxygen in 1800. Ritter improved Nicholson's experiment and enabled him to collect each gas.

Toronto-born and London-raised Marshall said the idea for a hydrogen production station came to him when he was working at the Bruce nuclear power plant near Kincardine, off Lake Huron. He said he drew the idea on a napkin, then developed the software.

"This is the first time we've ever done this," Marshall said. "It's a real-world project."

He said the process yields a clean but expensive energy source. That could be a major reason big corporations haven't pursued hydrogen electrolysis.

"We're a bunch of college students," he said. "If we can do this in our lab, then why is the industry dragging their feet?"



Thomas Marshall photo

Marshall sketched out the first design for his hydrogen-production station on a napkin at work.

Business program by invitation only

Professor challenges students to take risks with investments

Kimberley Molina
Biz/TECH REPORTER

A new invitation-only course tests students' ability to run a business, taking all the risks and profits involved.

"I was just sitting there over the break or a bit before the break in between the semesters and I got an email," said management student Adam English, 20. "This was an invitation right from Bob Bolf, himself."

Program co-ordinator Robert Bolf said about 80 invitations were sent to students entering their final semester in the business management program with a minimum 70 per cent average.

The course was started by Robert Bolf and fellow professor Paul Pieper. For \$50, each student gets a share in the corporation.

"We didn't think it was going to be a legal company with all these papers drawn up and shares being given to

us and it would actually be standing when we left," said Franco Fazio, 20, a student in the course.

The business, called Ristics, is incorporated in Ontario and has partnered with the campus bookstore to sell customizable hoodies to different programs on campus.

"You wouldn't trust your airplane pilot if they never practised flying an airplane before."

-Robert Bolf
program co-ordinator

The course is a good way of challenging the students by taking them out of their element and pushing their abilities, while attaining some

valuable experience, said Bolf.

"You wouldn't trust your airplane pilot if they never practised flying an airplane before," he said.

Pieper said, "we fully anticipate that we will make some money, some profits that the students will then get their investment back and hopefully even with a return," but stresses that the professors will never take a profit from the business.

The course also allows students to give back to the community. A percentage of the gross sales will go towards providing awards for certain programs and to a charity or student bursary.

"We will create an award, or we will make some funds available as a donation to a worthy cause. So, we are modelling that we are a totally socially responsible business, and we still anticipate being a successful business," said Pieper.

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Finance Minister Dwight Duncan has announced an \$18 billion deficit for Ontario over the next two years. — *Toronto Star*

Transferable skill an asset in new program

Home renovation studies spark interest despite difficult job market, says professor

David Perri
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Even with a decline in the housing market, it hasn't deterred the recently unemployed from enrolling in Humber's new home renovation technician program.

"We will have about a 50-50 split," the program's coordinator, Guy Morrison said.

High school graduates and laid-off workers coming through the Ontario government's "second career" initiative, enrolled in the course starting

in Sept. 2009. The class is expected to have at least 80 students, he said.

"We will have about a 50-50 split."

—Guy Morrison
home renovation technician coordinator

Workers formerly employed by the automotive industry make good candidates for retraining as home renovators, said Joe Tomona, associate dean of applied technology.

"If you can measure and cut and fit and tighten and loosen, those are fundamental mechanical skills that are transferrable. So they may do quite well here," he said.

In bad times "people don't buy and sell their homes anymore, so they turn to renovating or upgrading their own homes," he said.

"People will still need to make repairs to their home regardless of the economic situation," said plumber apprentice, Lorenzo Malta.

The program's popularity may

have been aided by the federal government's home renovation tax credit, which was announced in last month's budget, Tomona said.

"People will still need to make repairs to their home regardless of the economic situation."

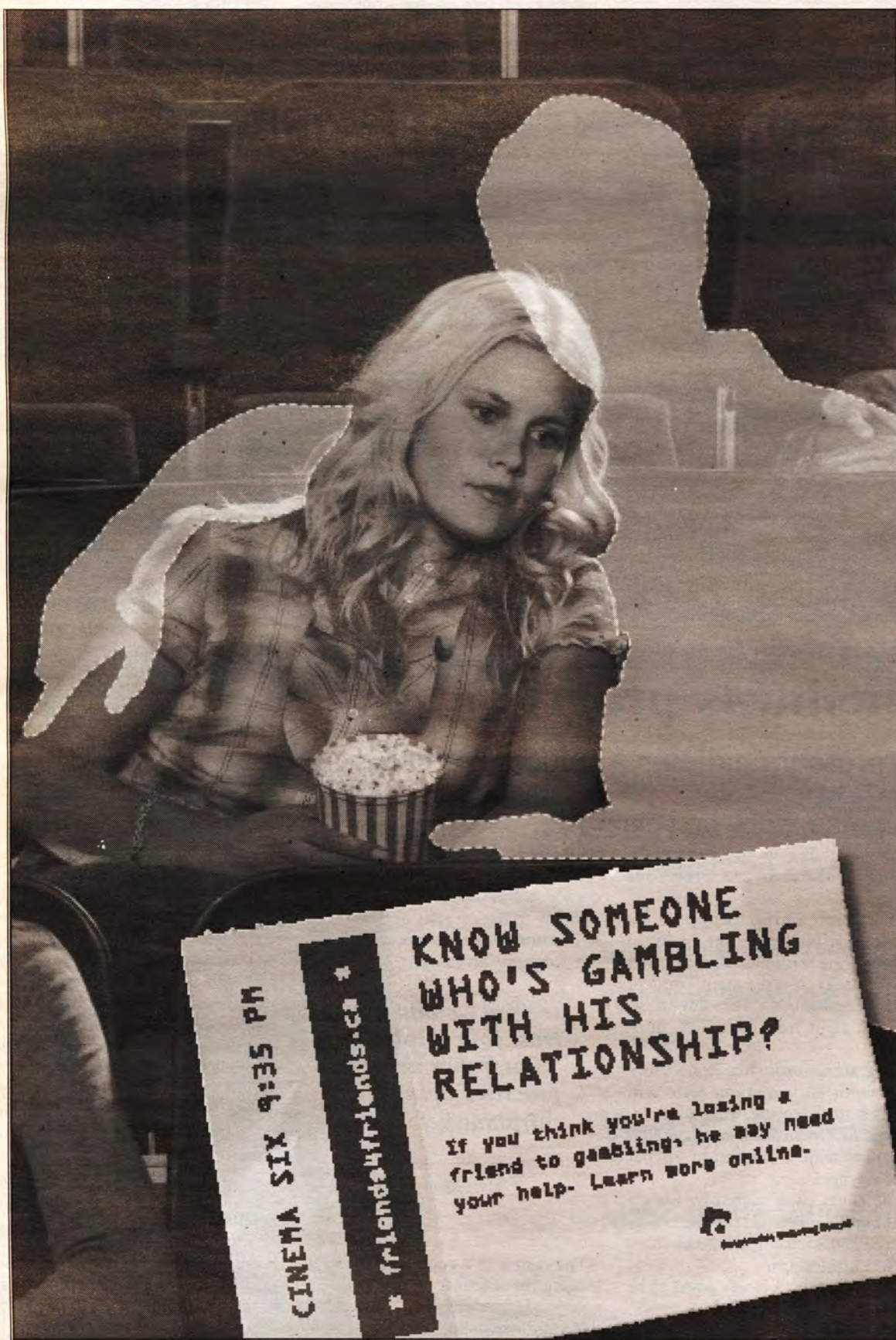
—Lorenzo Malta
Humber plumber apprentice

"It's just really flukey timing," he said.

The renovation technician program has been in the works for about two years and the government's "timing was just perfect," said Tomona.

The new rebate can give home owners up to \$1,350 back on renovations worth between \$1,000 and \$10,000 done before next Feb.

"I'd rather see it off income tax," Morrison said. "Then everyone will have their money in their pocket."



Michael Sutherland-Shaw

Pro golf management students Ed Clarkson, Kyle Dixon and Iain Reston attended Toronto's golf and travel show this weekend.

Full swing ahead

Michael Sutherland-Shaw
NEWS REPORTER

Even in tough economic times, Humber's professional golf management (PGM) students should have no difficulty finding employment, according to the program's co-ordinator Ray Chateau.

"It has forced a reduction in labour costs for courses," Chateau said, adding that job opportunity for PGM graduates have not been affected by the economy.

PGM students are more focused on the industry, explained Chateau. Students also have a larger window of availability to work, which gives them an edge in securing a job.

Since its inception in 1995, the PGM program has seen steady 50-55 students enrolling per year.

One way Chateau makes sure everyone in his program gets a job is through a yearly job fair. There students are able to secure co-op positions with a number of golf courses in the GTA, said Clarkson.

"It's a perfect step in the right direction coming to Humber," said second-year student, Ed Clarkson.

"Humber gives us pretty much every opportunity possible to find jobs in the GTA," said Clarkson, who believes working for the right people

and paying your dues is how you become successful in the golf industry.

"The upper year students did not have any problems getting a job following graduation," said Clarkson.

With the experiences learned at Humber, second-year student in the program Iain Reston said, "you can become a general manager down the road or become a tech representative. It's not only geared at becoming a golf professional. You can take in so many other ways."

Chateau explains there are no differences between private and public sector for job opportunities.

Both Clarkson and Reston currently work in the private sector, and both agree that PGM graduates can work in either.

But in general, graduates of the program prefer to work the private sector because they have a better chance to work for professionals.

"I've hired at least one person a season from a PGM program since I started six years ago," said James Sheppard, director of golf at Tangle Creek Golf Club in Barrie, Ont.

"We're hiring the same numbers we always have," said Ryan Chatwin, associate manager of golf operations at Taboo Resort, Golf & Spa in Gravenhurst, Ont.

COMMUTER LIFE IN FOCUS

Personal computer shipments are expected to drop to 11.9 per cent – 257 million units – in 2009, according to technology research group, Gartner Inc. – CBC.ca



This week the In Focus section looks at issues specific to students who attend a commuter college. The section features stories about the TTC and entertainment in or around the college.

Reasonably priced food close to college

Lucas Meyer
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students looking for alternative eating options close to Humber can visit the Shanghai restaurant across the street at Humber College Blvd. and Highway 27.

“Chinese food is always popular with students,” said Steve Yee, assistant manager of the 30-year old restaurant. “It’s good food and the price is very reasonable.”

A main draw for students looking to save money and eat plenty is the all-you-can-eat-buffet priced at \$6.99 during weekdays, \$9.99 on weeknights and \$10.99 on weekends.

The buffet ranges from chicken balls and pepper beef to wonton soup and breaded shrimp. It includes salad and desert.

“For the students, the chicken and rice are very popular,” Yee said. “We like to have a good range and bal-



Lucas Meyer

Waiter Jake Mulat stands by the buffet at the Shanghai restaurant.

ance of healthy food and fast food.” Restaurant staff encourages students to eat at its restaurant between classes because of the venue’s close

proximity to the college.

Second-year radio broadcasting student Dean Granville, 20, said a variety of food choices is important.

“Eating on campus, it’s usually pizza and fries over and over,” he said. “Having a place across the street, you definitely want variety at a good price.”

Approximately 10 per cent of the customers at Shanghai restaurant are Humber students, which leads to restaurant promotions at the college including coupons, a booth at orientation week and providing food to campus vendor Gourmet Express.

“We would like to see more, but because of the money on the student cards, it may make them a little reluctant,” said Shanghai manager Will Chan. “But aside from the good food and good price, we’re happy to provide some entertainment like sporting events on our big screen TVs.”

One such event, which is being organized with a group of Humber students, is an outing at the restaurant for UFC 96 this Saturday.

Developers to move forward, exec says

Jackie Paduano
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students who complain about a lack of entertainment and long commute to North Campus won’t have much to moan about once the \$1-billion Woodbine Live complex opens within the next couple years, said area councillor Rob Ford.

“It will turn Rexdale into Rosedale and be the tourist centre of Toronto, like a Disney World,” Ford said, noting he helped forge the partnership between project developers Woodbine Entertainment Group and The Cordish Company. “People in the area won’t have reason to go downtown anymore.”

The 50-acre entertainment, retail and hotel complex will include shops, restaurants, a 16-cinema multiplex, concert hall, clubs, pubs, and an outdoor skating rink in winter, according to development plans.

“We’ll eventually get a subway or LRT running up there, which will no doubt benefit Humber’s commuter students,” Ford added.

Woodbine Live is moving forward despite the economic slowdown, said Garth Essery, Woodbine Entertainment Group vice-president of property development. The complex will create employment opportunities and a greater sense of community for Humber students, Essery said.

“Many part-time jobs and co-op opportunities will be made available to students,” he said. “In terms of entertainment, it’ll be part of the fabric of the community, open and accessible for students to take advantage of.”

Both Essery and Ford said they are optimistic construction will start this summer following the approval of site-plan applications and agreement conditions with the city.

John Mason, Humber’s vice-

president of student and corporate services, agrees Woodbine Live will expand options for nearby employment and entertainment, but said the college continually works to provide activities for students.

“The location of Humber North is definitely isolated from downtown,” he said. “But our social spaces are heavily utilized and HSF is redesigning the student centre to give students more variety and events over the next year.”

Mason said students could enrich their college life when they participate in the services currently offered.

“Athletics, weight room and recreational sports are very popular,” he said.

“Varsity is an active component of campus life with many winning teams, and students in residence have a number of activities throughout each semester.”



Adrienne Coling

Students exit the 96 Wilson bus, one of two direct Humber routes.

TTC service improvements make an impact, HSF executives say

Adrienne Coling
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Increased efficiency on bus routes that serve North Campus and the promise of a new light rail system makes commuting to campus easier for students, said Humber Students Federation executives.

“For a commuter campus like Humber, it is imperative to have a system that is functional, available and consistently reliable for our many students and staff members that use the service,” said HSF president Mike Berg.

The TTC has two routes with direct stops at North Campus – the 96 to Wilson subway station with express service at peak times and the 191 highway route to Kipling station now offers service every few minutes with later running times.

The improvements have had an increasingly positive impact for the college over the past few months, Berg said.

“To have the 191 offer frequent service has made a significant impact to not only student’s educational careers, but also their extracurricular involvement,” he said. “It’s easier for students to now get involved on campus even later and get downtown more easily.”

Berg said he’s interested to see the evolution of the light rail system and

how it will affect Humber students.

According to the TTC’s official proposal for the Transit City project, this expansion will create seven light rail lines to replace slow, overcrowded buses such as the 36 Finch West, which had a ridership of 15 million in 2006 and is projected to serve 24 million by 2021.

HSF vice-president of administration Amanda Connolly said she wants more routes added to the area in the future to serve more students.

“It would make so much sense to have some more routes going to different areas in the GTA,” Connolly said. “Who knows if it would ever happen, but a bus from Humber to Union station, for example, would be so effective and I’m sure lots of students would use it frequently since many students live or work downtown.”

Humber student Chanel Anderson, who uses both Brampton Transit and the TTC, said she’s pleased with available TTC options.

“When I do go downtown, it’s great to have the 191,” Anderson said. “It’s cheaper and faster than a lot of other options to get around.”

While a direct bus route downtown might be convenient, more buses would add to the congestion subways and streetcars are there to eliminate, she added.



File photo

Pictured above is an artist’s rendering of the \$1 billion Woodbine Live complex to be built beside the Woodbine racetrack and casino. Officials say they hope to begin construction this summer.

IN FOCUS COMMUTER LIFE

City council in Abbotsford, BC is asking residents for feedback on Greyhound's proposed cancellation of a connecting commuter route to Vancouver transit. — canada.com

Athletics building at least five years away



First-year justice studies student Chris Montesano, 21, makes a save while practicing with his intramural team. Intramural participants would have more space with the addition of a new building.

Graeme Steel

Graeme Steel
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Proposed construction of an athletic facility dedicated to recreation on North Campus would solve the growing demand for space, said Humber's athletic director.

"The idea is to build a field house that accommodates a lot of different things, so then you've got 16 to 18 hours a day for recreation sports," said director Doug Fox, noting ultimate frisbee and cricket among the games that could be played under one roof. "Right now, we're really limited as to what we can offer."

With intramural, recreational activities and varsity sports all competing for gym time, Jennifer Maclam, campus recreation co-ordinator, said she can't plan extracurricular events without conflicts.

She said a new building would help the department in several ways.

"Scheduling would be a lot easier because you don't have to schedule around equipment rentals," Maclam said. "You're not scheduling around set-ups for games, you're not setting up around weekend tournaments, it would be wide open."

A formal request for desired development projects including the field house was tabled a year ago by Humber's athletic department.

Fox said things happen quickly when funding is there but with a lack of space and \$4.5 million already

committed to athletic centre renovations, his proposal has obstacles to overcome.

"We've given suggestions to build on stilts over a parking lot so it doesn't take away from parking, or using a hill and building something on an angle on the hill so it's not useable land for something else," Fox said.

Humber vice-president John Mason took the request to the planning committee, but doesn't foresee anything happening soon.

"It would be about a five-year window before such a structure would be considered," Mason said.

A new facility would provide additional flexibility to the seven varsity sports teams that now practice from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. when the gym is available.

"If our basketball team plays on Wednesday and our volleyball team plays on Thursday, well, the volleyball team would like to practice on Wednesday night, but there's no gym space," Fox said, noting the field house request is based on the success of Lakehead University's \$5.6-million hanger.

Mike Gonder, a 21-year-old business administration student from Orillia, said the facility would suit all students who use athletic facilities.

"I think it would benefit both varsity and campus rec because it would create two separate worlds," he said.

Prof says North Campus not perfect stage for performing arts students

Teri Pecoskie
IN FOCUS REPORTER

While Humber's student federation hosts several events to entertain commuters between classes, it's unlikely students at North Campus will see any performances from the talented musicians, comedians and actors studying at Lakeshore.

HSF programming director Aaron Miller said the federation's efforts to bring the School of Creative and Performing Arts students to North Campus are met with resistance.

"One of the biggest shames of the operation of the HSF in terms of our entertainment programming is that we don't get a lot of support from the schools in general," he said. "Program co-ordinators might not necessarily see the HSF activities as a good use of their students' time, so they don't help us."

Vice-president of Campus Life North Aynur Duzgeren agreed.

"We encourage them to get involved," she said. "But it's the same answer every time. We do our part.

They have to step up."

Duzgeren said it's unfortunate creative arts and music students don't play a bigger role at North Campus since getting involved in campus life is a way to develop social networks important for post-college success.

Denny Christianson, director of Humber's music program, said the HSF's claims are untrue.

He said the School of Creative and Performing Arts has offered to put on performances, but the events rarely get past the planning stages.

"I tried to put together a Christmas concert and nobody could find a space or time where we could connect with enough students, so it fell through," Christianson said.

Organizing performances for North Campus isn't a priority for creative and performing arts instructors because past events have often been poorly attended, he said.

"We brought bands up to North Campus and nobody came," he said. "It takes a lot of co-ordination to do that. Your kids miss class to go up

and do a concert and nobody goes. It was basically totally ignored."

Christianson agreed student networking is important at a commuter college, but said fostering relationships by performing at North Campus wouldn't be useful for his students.

"How would that benefit my students?" he added. "As a college, our mandate is not to make a good time for everyone between classes. Our mandate is to deliver a solid educational experience."

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Fare hikes expected, but nothing set

Pattie Phillips
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber students who rely on the TTC can expect fares to remain static this year despite recent calls for a price increase by a city councillor.

"To be honest, I'm not really expecting anything to come from this," said Etobicoke Centre councillor Doug Holyday. "But I think the logic needs to be presented."

Holyday proposed a 20-cent fare hike last month to generate extra revenue for the TTC — money that would otherwise come from city reserves. The TTC has set a recommended base-budget of more than \$292 million for 2009 — \$92 million of which comes from additional city subsidies to replace old provincial funding.

Holyday said he doesn't disagree with subsidizing the TTC, but he questioned the city's funding plan.

"To what level do you do it?" Holyday said about Mayor David Miller's plan to use more tax money for subsidies than in the past.

Holyday said provincial funds from last year's budget surplus afforded this year's subsidies, but this year's expected deficit could eliminate funds.

A TTC fare hike is inevitable with rising operating costs, but "it's better to have two smaller increases than one big one," he added.

Councillor Suzan Hall (Etobicoke North, Ward 1) said she believes 20 cents is a large increase for any rider.

"This year, when things are as depressed as they are, isn't the time to increase fares," Hall said.

Councillor Rob Ford (Etobicoke North, Ward 2) said he doesn't see a need for an increase, adding it would harm riders with no alternatives.



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Golden Hawks build dynasties and longevity

Over the past decade, the Humber women's volleyball team has taken a stranglehold on the OCAA competition by claiming six titles. While sustaining a decade-long dynasty can prove hard to maintain, success of this nature can often open the floodgates to athletes looking to claim that elusive gold medal.

Last Saturday, the reigning OCAA champion Humber Hawks women's volleyball won back-to-back titles by defeating Nipissing Lakers in a predicted intense championship match. The win was the sixth volleyball championship title in ten years for the Hawks and with that, a dynasty within the OCAA world of volleyball has been clearly established.

Even though in sporting circles championship titles represent success on paper, in an *Et Cetera* interview with the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's (OCAA) marketing and communications co-coordinator Lindsay Bax, said maintaining a dynasty is a huge challenge in itself and teams eventually run out of steam.

Bax said as nice as dynasties are, they come and go quickly—citing the Sheridan men's volleyball team as a case in point. They managed to win six championship titles in a row and a staggering 11 from 16 seasons, but have not won a championship medal since 1994.

"Different generations come through the college ranks," said Bax, adding dynasties are hard to sustain because of the different crop of players each new year presents.

However, Humber's women's volleyball coach, Chris Wilkins, believes winning back-to-back championships was a big step for the team. He insists that within their own realm of university sports over the last ten years, the Humber Hawks have shown they are the most dominant program in Ontario.

"When you have teams that win one year and are not around anytime after that, it shows maybe it was just one of those years. If you win year after year consistently, it shows there is an ongoing development with the athletic program and that there is a constant work ethic being implemented," Wilkins said.

Dynasties not only shine a spotlight on the college and the sport itself, it creates another level of competition. One of the goals for the Humber Hawks this year is to be back-to-back champions, which raised the level of intensity and drive to win.

To maintain a championship team and streak over a decade seems impossible to even fathom, but with the right drive, motivation and program direction success will ultimately breed success.



Photo: Mike Marshall

Health month the right step forward

Tucked in between Black History Month in February and Alcohol Awareness Month in April, March is time for nutrition to shine. This month's logo is *Stay alive. Eat like a champion*. As the obesity epidemic continues to plague young Canadians, it's clear the staying alive part hasn't hit home.

Deaths caused by obesity nearly doubled between 1985 and 2000, accounting for nine per cent of deaths in Canada. According to a 2006 report by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, unhealthy eating, overweight and physical inactivity may be responsible for 30 per cent of cancers in the developed world.

Obesity has surpassed the realm of problems or concerns. It is now considered a world-wide epidemic. The World Health Organization, which refers to the escalating global epidemic of obesity as 'globesity', estimates there are more than one billion overweight adults globally, of whom at least 300 million are obese.

WHO experts say obesity should be regarded as today's most prominent neglected health problem.

As early as the mid-90s, nutrition experts have pointed to this epidemic and urged Canadians be active and eat healthy. Yet, as the number of overweight Canadians continues to rise, it seems as though this fight may be too heavy to handle.

Students need to be at the forefront of this battle. The numerous activities offered in the activity centre, coupled with the upcoming

expansion of Humber's gym facilities give students more than enough opportunity to get some regular exercise into a daily routine without leaving the campus.

A growing number of students have joined a protest against Chartwells high prices and poor quality on campuses throughout North America. This is encouraging for students looking for healthy choices. If a healthy option is twice the price of a Harvey's combo, voice your opinion. Demand change from your student union or college administration or avoid cafeteria options all together by bringing a meal.

There are numerous fingers to point when it comes to the alarming rise of overweight individuals in North America. Large portion sizes and 'desk jobs' seem to be the more popular culprits. A stressful lifestyle is coupled with the 'no time' excuse for many. Yet in the end, it falls on the shoulders of the individual to make change.

Nutrition month is not only for the overweight. Obesity affects everyone. A 2005 report on the epidemic estimated that in 2001, obesity cost Canadian tax payers \$5.1 billion in direct and indirect costs associated with the disease. Direct costs include the cost of hospital care, drugs, physician care and care in other institutions.

When it comes to maintaining a healthy weight, there is no quick fix. But students can use nutrition month to take a step in the right direction.

WORD ON THE STREET

Are you on the Twitter bandwagon?



Fadi Jolad, 19,
general arts and
science, 1st year

"I think it's good because it can help us know how a person's feeling at a certain time. You can just look at Twitter and just realize how their mood is. How their status is."



Neziha Abdulwahab, 20,
law clerk, 2nd year

"No, I'm not. I just don't really have time for it. There's so many other things out now, cell phones to Facebook to e-mail to messengers."

Tiffany Gerolyn, 20,
accounting, 2nd year

"No. I'm old fashioned. I like face to face or on the phone. It's kind of creepy—the people who stalk you on those places. I used to have Facebook—random people try to add you and I had no idea who they were. It's just creepy."



Emine Alan, 21,
design foundation, 1st year

"I don't know what it is. I don't want to have an account for it. I'm just not really good with that stuff. I just don't like publishing myself out there."



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At least twelve men attacked Sri Lanka's cricket team using rifles, grenades and rocket launchers on Tuesday. Six police officers and a resident are dead. —Globe And Mail

Student politicians should face hard questions head-on



Joana Draghici
NEWS REPORTER

I was surprised when rushed and told to stop asking questions by HSF executive director, Ercole Perrone. But this time I'll take it as a compliment because it means I was doing my job as a journalist.

This is when it started getting heated at the HSF North Campus election debate when I started asking two of the presidential candidates, Kaker and Kaur why they were deleting legitimate questions posted by students on their HSF presidential campaign groups on Facebook. Not to mention Kaker's confrontational and unprofessional attitude, and Kaur's obliviousness towards the issue, when answering my questions.

If you start a public forum to promote your presidential campaign on a site like Facebook, with the intention of giving students the opportunity to ask questions, it is your responsibility to answer those questions if they are legitimate and not offensive. Both Kaker and Kaur were naïve to think that such a forum would not leave the door wide open to per-

sonal attacks.

The professional way of approaching a public forum would have been posting a disclaimer. It would have taken them no longer than two minutes to write and show realistic expectations of the content that would be posted.

If you start a public forum to promote your presidential campaign on a site like Facebook, with the intention of giving students the opportunity to ask questions, it is your responsibility to answer those questions

Perhaps in a fairytale somewhere on the other side of the rainbow there exists a world where political candidates frolic hand-in-hand through green pastures with all their enemies, unquestioned and unaccountable. Since we live in the real world, where it's understood that political leaders are judged on their ability to answer tough questions, it's almost too convenient for HSF presidential candidates to think that they can be exempt from this truth. Let's be realistic, part of political

campaigning thrives on character assassinations. Take a look at the last U.S presidential election for example. John McCain's Republicans aired some pretty misleading and nasty commercials against Barack Obama. One was about Obama going to the gym instead of visiting with U.S troops. Another had Obama stating that Iran is a tiny country and therefore, not a threat. These were comments taken out of context and used as a campaign tool.

Take a look at the last Canadian election commercials and how Stephan Dion was slammed for not being a good leader. The same thing happened to Dion when the Liberals, NDP, and Bloc tried to form a coalition a couple months ago.

Finally, take a look on YouTubeTV shows like The Daily Show with Jon Stewart or even political cartoons in newspapers. They all criticize people in political roles. Get used to it. Regardless of who gets elected as president they will face students that are going to ask hard questions and even make personal attacks – there's no delete button in the world outside of Facebook.

Humber students inform yourselves well before voting away a \$34,000 pay check to your next HSF president.

The trade deadline hype is much needed



Evangelos Tzaras
SPORTS EDITOR

A yearly phenomenon has just come and gone in the NHL. Some call the media hype behind it excessive, I call it necessary.

The lead up to yesterday was full of rumours and speculation. Sports super network TSN even had a ticker counting down the days, hours, minutes and seconds to leading to that holiest of holy days, the NHL trade deadline. Canadians love it, but Americans just shrug their shoulders and wait for their favourite NFL or NBA draft day.

Driving around last weekend, and being the talk radio fan that I am, I was amazed, but not surprised at the amount of advertising AM 640 and the Fan 590 did for their own trade deadline shows. The hype it seems was not limited to television.

It wasn't always like this. Once upon a time, before the advent of the 24-hour sports channel, the trade deadline was a quick list at the side of the sports section, or a quick 30-second spot on the 6 o'clock news. Now expect at least 40 hours of live coverage from the gang of four: TSN/RDS, Sportsnet, the Score and NHL.com.

That's right 40 hours of beloved TSN analyst Bob McKenzie talking into his Blackberry.

Last year saw NHL.com amass an impressive 16,953,053 page views

for its trade deadline spectacular. That gave them an increase of 26 per cent from its numbers in 2007, and a whopping 62 per cent better than the average February day. For Canadians its just gets better and better.

In the U.S. sports giant ESPN rarely offers round-the-clock live coverage on trade deadline day for the big three of U.S. professional sports, the NFL, MLB and NBA. Down south they like their draft days, and that's what ESPN gives them.

With the Toronto Sports media bursting at the seams, the NHL trade deadline hits at a perfect time, filling the void between a gruelling 82 game schedule, and the looming playoffs.

The NHL trade deadline is more proactive and thus more enticing to Canadians and highly covered by Canadian sports media. Over the past three years team general managers have made an average of 25 trades every deadline day.

Since 1980 the trade deadline has seen 374 trades, involving 676 players, and 225 of those trades have included draft picks, 19 first rounders, 41 second round and 46 third round picks.

It's a buffet of action and considering the ratings, the media coverage offered is what Canadian hockey fans want.

Giving Canadians another reason to watch and talk hockey doesn't take much arm twisting. And a day like yesterday that saw so many players switch teams it's likely the NHL and this day of unofficial rest and sick day in Canada will continue to draw in the hockey minions.

Nurse-led clinics a positive step



Rock De Vera
COPY EDITOR

represents over 30,000, doctors told the *Toronto Star* that the move was a step in the opposite direction and that the new strategy is not unproven.

On average, a family physician makes nearly \$130,000 to \$180,000 a year, according to the salary disclosure statistic posted on The Ministry of Finance's website. And most doctors make their money on a fee-for-service basis. This means that the more patients they see, the more money they make.

So if the function of the nurse clinic is diverting patients away from the ER, then that would mean some doctors are losing money. Not only that, the nurse practitioner clinics would also provide a competition to family physician run clinics since they have the potential of taking clients away.

Doctors need to realize that the nurse-led clinics are a positive effort on the government's behalf. It will help reduce, on average, a four-hour wait time spent in the ER to a mere hour by diverting patients with minor health injuries like ear infections and ankle sprains to the nurse clinics. It is not a competition to retrieve more funds. It's not about

making money either.

If doctors have to suffer a pay cut, then let them. At least those 1900 people in Sudbury will get the help they deserve. I'm not advertising the nurse-led clinics by any means, but we can't let something as trivial as our own financial gains deter us from fixing the problems. It's not about trying to uphold what's in place because, clearly, whatever system in place is not enough. It's about trying to come up with new ways of assisting that same system so it doesn't fail.

I share the growing enthusiasm for nurse practitioner led clinics. These clinics provide an alternate way of giving care to those in dire need. The plan fills a void that has been plaguing Ontario for years.

I can't say that the new initiative is the answer but I can say that it has had a tremendous impact in the community. In Sudbury the first nurse practitioner led clinic helped nearly 2,000 people without a physician since its birth in late 2007. I can only hope that the government will continue to create more initiatives like this.

Kisses & Disses

To the Spanish prime minister for accidentally dropping the F-bomb in a speech to promote tourism.

To the Canadian baseball team for giving third basemen Corey Koskie another shot, despite his two-year battle with post concussion syndrome

To pop-star Britney Spears for climbing back on her horse and touring the world, yet again.

To the Ontario government for raising minimum wage from \$8.75/hour to \$9.50/hour.

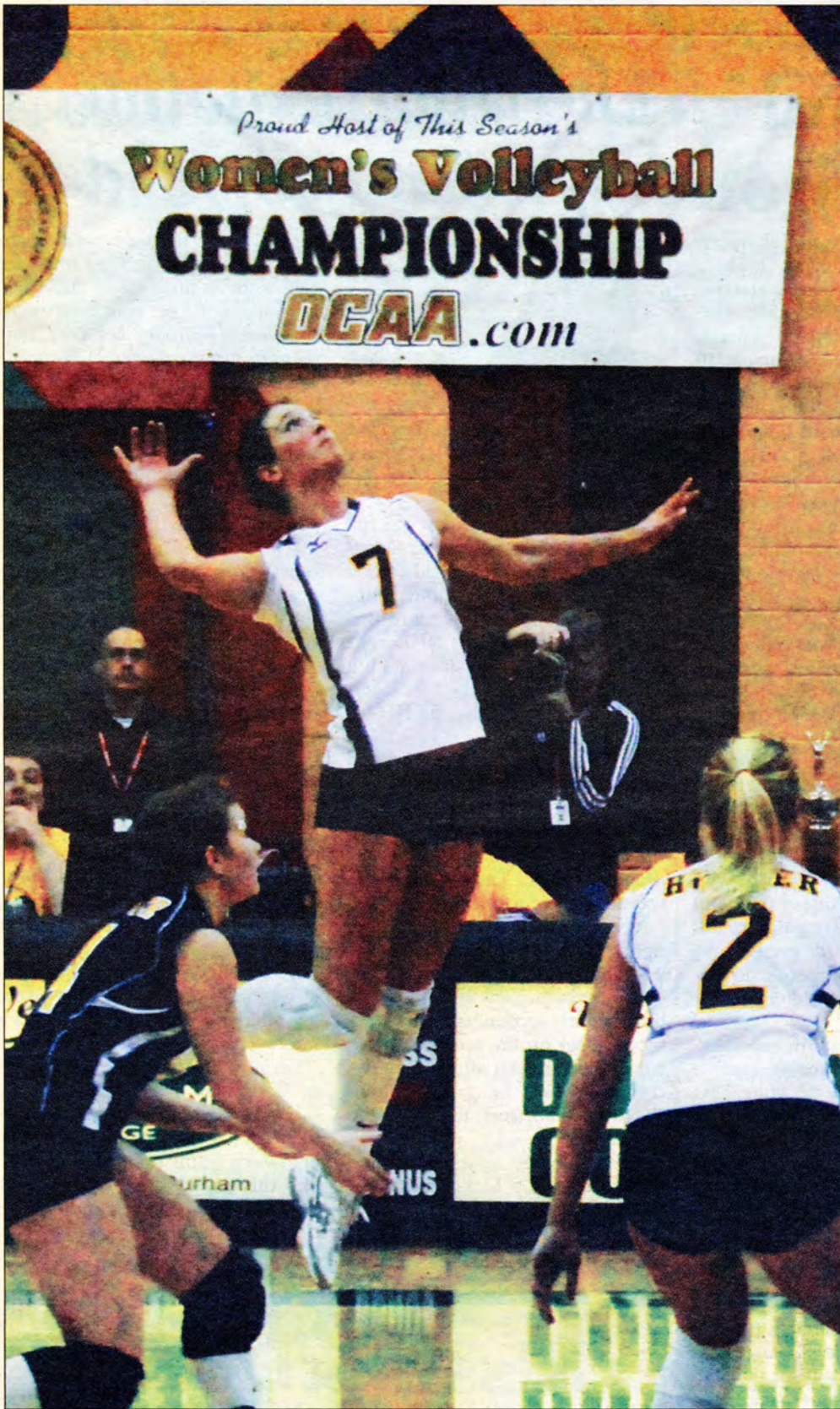
To Prime Minister Stephen Harper for saying Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan can never be defeated.

To baseball free-agent Manny Ramirez for declining a two-year, \$45 million offer from the L.A. Dodgers in these uncertain economic times.

To Britney Spears for not being the worldwide draw she once was before her meltdown.

To passenger airline Ryanair for thinking about charging passengers one pound for using toilets during flights.

OCAA VOLLEYBALL CHAMPS



Mike Marshall

Kris Dowling goes up for a kill in the championship game against Nipissing.



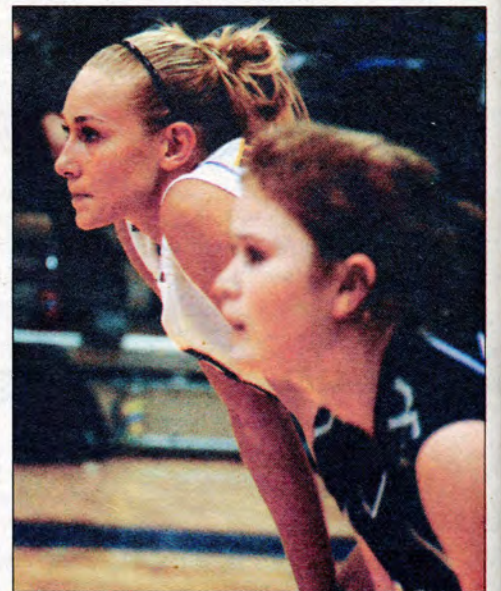
Mike Marshall

Michelle Overzet and Alex Steplock defend against the Nipissing attack.

Glowing with Gold

The women's volleyball team beat Ontario's best to cap off an undefeated season, winning the OCAA championship. The team plays for the national title March 12 to 14 at Nipissing.

Photos by Mike Marshall and Justin Rydell.



Justin Rydell

Landis Doyle (back) is OCAA player of the year and an All-Canadian.



Mike Marshall

Emotions were on display as the Hawks repeated as OCAA champions, winning 3-1 over Nipissing.

Women look to win 1st national title for Ontario

Head to Nipissing March 12 to 14

Mike Marshall
SPORTS REPORTER

OSHAWA – The best women's volleyball teams in Ontario couldn't stop the Hawks' march to a perfect OCAA season and a second straight provincial championship.

The Hawks beat arch-rival Nipissing three sets to one in the Ontario Colleges Athletic Association final last Saturday at Durham College here to win their fourth title in six years.

"We worked so hard this whole year," said rookie Kendra Trodd, who had a game high 24 digs in the final. "We had an undefeated season (23-0) but it truthfully didn't matter until we won."

Next week, the team travels to Nipissing's home gym in North Bay for the national championships. Competition will be fierce from: Nipissing, UBC Okanagan, Red Deer College, Collège François-Xavier-Garneau, Mount Allison, and two wildcards – Grant Macewan College and Vancouver Island University.

Though no women's team from Ontario has ever won national volleyball gold, the Hawks hope to learn from recent disappointments.

"Last year, going into nationals, we weren't prepared as well as we could

have been," head coach Chris Wilkins said. "This year we're going to make sure we leave it all on the floor."

Last weekend, the Hawks defeated Loyalist in straight sets in their OCAA semifinal, to set up the fourth straight final between Humber and Nipissing.

"We were just so excited, we didn't give them much of a chance," said tournament MVP Michelle Overzet, who was snubbed as an OCAA all star and led the Hawks with 18 points against the Lakers. "We were pumped."

A rabid crowd of Humber and Nipissing fans on hand for the gold medal game – complete with body paint, thundersticks and a duck call – watched the Hawks storm to a two set lead, winning 25-16 and 25-18.

When the Lakers rallied in the third, 25-17, coach Wilkins told his team to start getting OCAA player of the year Landis Doyle more involved in the action.

"After that, Landis had three or four big kills and kind of turned things around," Wilkins said. "When the best player in the province starts playing like that, no one is going to stop her."

The Hawks cruised to a 25-19 championship victory.

Banquet honours the best v-ballers in the province

Justin R. Rydell
SPORTS REPORTER

OSHAWA – Middle Landis Doyle held court in Oshawa last week at the OCAA's annual volleyball championship banquet, dominating in all major categories.

Co-captain of the women's volleyball team, Doyle captured OCAA player of the year honours, along with provincial first team all star and was honoured as an all-Canadian.

"I feel very flattered and I did not expect this," she said. "It is good for Humber as we often do not get recognized individually because we have such a strong team all around."

Co-Captain and outside hitter Rachel Dubbeldam as well as setter Alex Steplock were also honoured with first team all-star awards.

Coach Chris Wilkins was OCAA coach of the year for the fifth time and was nominated as CCA national coach of the year for the second time.

"To be chosen as coach of the year amongst all these great coaches is an honour," said Wilkins.

Hawk Middle Michelle Overzet, although not honoured by the OCAA

for her strong play at the net, commanded the respect of the volleyball program.

"We would put Michelle against any player in the province" said Athletic Director Doug Fox.

Men's co-captains Paul Kemboi and Brendan Wong were also presented with all-star awards.

"The job Kemboi and Wong did with a rookie-laden team was remarkable" said men's coach Wayne Wilkins.

Kemboi led the team in kills, aces, and blocks and is a first team all star at the outside hitter position; while Wong is a second team all-star for middle position.

"With injuries this year, Brendan was an unsung hero," said Fox. "He was remarkable at many different positions this year."

Fox also commented on Doyle's performance throughout the year.

"Landis was due to become all-Canadian," said Fox. "This is a big night for Humber."

This was the first time in her career that Doyle was selected as all Canadian after being controversially skipped over last year.



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Kristen Smith

Arborist apprenticeship students Mark Carroll (left) and Patrick Gerard practice their skills on trees.

Arborist students take own initiative to raise finances

Kristen Smith
LIFE REPORTER

Students Jona King and Chad Bolger are putting money into their own program's hands by raising cash for the first student-funded bursary.

King and Bolger are organizing Arborfest, hosted by the arborist apprenticeship program with prizes and music at CAPS on Tuesday March 10.

"We're going to make a lot of money and give it to someone else," said King.

Tickets are \$10 for students in the program and free for students from other programs, who are welcome at the event and encouraged to make donations.

They hope to raise \$500 to put to-

ward creating a bursary, which a future Arborist student will use to help pay for the \$600 tuition and equipment cost.

The students were inspired to have the fundraiser by co-ordinator Mark Graves, who was talking about setting up a bursary for students in future years, said Bolger.

"The idea of a bursary was brought up to us and this seemed like a good way for everyone to contribute," said Bolger.

The students, instructor and co-ordinator will all decide what the criteria will be to determine who receives the bursary.

"It's a way for the students in the program to contribute to the future of the program and build it up a bit,"

said Bolger.

The Humber Students Federation has donated a pair of Leaf tickets and there will be arborist equipment as door prizes donated by agriculture companies in the community.

The band Chinese Food will play at CAPS. Miles Peart, Arborist Apprenticeship student and Chinese Food's bassist said the band plays rock 'n' roll.

The program had not planned on setting up the bursary until next year, but Graves said with the fundraiser, the bursary can get to students faster.

"I thought it was fantastic that these students were taking it upon themselves," he said.



Kristen Smith

The arborist apprenticeship program is a practical and hands-on program running for 20 weeks.

Graduate a finalist to become Canada's next plus size model

The winner gets a modelling contract and \$2,500 shopping spree

Cathleen Yoo
IN FOCUS REPORTER

After 20 years, graduate Sonia Farquharson is realizing dreams can still come true as a top 10 finalist in Canada's Plus Size Model Search.

Farquharson's goal of being a model brought her to Humber in 1985 when she enrolled in the fashion and cosmetic management program.

Being a model was a dream Farquharson had given up on after being told she would need to lose more weight to make it in the industry.

"I attempted to diet, but eventually I had to accept that I would never be very thin and accepted the way I was. I ended up focusing on getting a regular job and diving into my art," said Farquharson, who creates visual art in her spare time as a tool for advocating for multiculturalism.

The contest winner, announced on March 18, will be chosen by a panel of judges and will win a modelling contract and a \$2,500 shopping spree at Addition Elle or Penningtons.

Farquharson saw a Facebook group for Canada's Plus Size Model Search, the first of its kind in Canada and decided to join.

"I said to myself, 'this will be my last chance at modelling.'"

Farquharson received the good news while at work and just two days later was being flown to Montreal for a photo shoot with fashion photographer, Max Abadian.

Farquharson's boyfriend, Theron Butterfield has always thought of his girlfriend as beautiful and said the competition is a recognition and acknowledgement of that.

"I attempted to diet, but eventually I had to accept that I would never be very thin and accepted the way I was."

— Sonia Farquharson, top ten finalist

Farquharson is also 15 years older than any other finalist, and is not letting her age stop her from achieving her modelling goal.

"For me this would be a dream come true and for everyone to see that you don't have to be a size six to be a model," said Farquharson. "I'd like to represent those women out there that are average size and women that are older."

"I think it's fantastic that she entered a contest that sometimes people say it's really for young people," said Trudy Crane, vice-president

of Marketing for Addition Elle and Penningtons, the main sponsors of this contest. "We left the age wide open because there's so many beautiful women and age does not have to be a factor."

And this contest has even sparked a renewed interest in the profession.

"Even if I don't win I think I will pursue the modelling part time," said Farquharson.



File Photo

Farquharson says she won't let anything stand in her way.

Controversy has arisen in the U.S. as a fertility clinic has announced "designer babies" – which can help expectant parents control their future children's genetics. – CTV

Health dean hopeful of success of new clinics

Alicea Knott
LIFE REPORTER

Humber nursing students will get an edge within the health profession due to 25 nurse practitioner led clinics set to open in Ontario, said Kathleen MacMillan, dean of the school of health sciences.

"We say in nursing degree programs that we're producing people who have a range of opportunities in the healthcare system," she said.

The new clinics opening around the province will feature specially trained nurses who undergo an advanced master's level training in their field, allowing them to treat, diagnose, and prescribe medications for patients. This has created a space for nurse practitioners to give primary healthcare to patients, a role traditionally held by physicians.

"There are all kinds of communities that don't have any access to primary care, and this is an opportunity for nurses to provide that care,"

– Kathleen MacMillan, dean of health sciences

"We have some students who come into our degree program that have expressed very clearly from the outset their goal is to go to graduate school and become a nurse practi-



Alicea Knott

Kathleen MacMillan, dean of the school of health sciences, was one of the leaders in bringing nurse-led clinics to Ontario.

tioner," she said. MacMillan also said roles such as these are important for students who want a future in the healthcare system.

"It does make a difference, because it's another career opportunity," she said.

The new clinics will help alleviate the problem of not having enough trained healthcare providers to go around, said Jane Sanders, executive director of the Nurses' Practitioners Association of Ontario.

MacMillan said there are many patients in Ontario who have not seen a family physician in almost eight years, because of location, aging doctors and fewer students choosing to practice family health.

"There are all kinds of communities that don't have any access to primary care, and this is an opportunity for nurses to provide that care," said

MacMillan. One of the most important factors for success of the nurse practitioner led clinics is co-operation between nurses and other medical professionals, said MacMillan.

"Within the school of health sciences, we have quite a big agenda here on teaching students about inter-professional collaboration and client-centred care, right across all of our programs," she said.

The clinics open in two waves, with the most recent openings in Windsor, Sault Ste. Marie, and Thunder Bay.

Jonathan Cava, 22, a first-year student in the registered nursing degree program with the University of New Brunswick, said he sees the benefits of the clinics.

"I think it helps the physician shortage that we have right now," he said.

Students turn to web for help with finances

Holly West
LIFE REPORTER

Students needing a hand with budgeting and financial planning will soon get help directly on the college's website.

"A practice budget calculator will be available on humber.ca where students can plug in their expected expenses and work out how and where they need to adjust spending," said Holsee Sahid, manager of financial aid.

There are a host of sites on the Internet that allow you to plan your finances but Humber's calculator will put you in touch with monetary resources such as bursaries from HSE, links to part time jobs on campus, and other cost-saving measures like the health and dental plans.

"Students finances are personal, as such they don't like to share what they don't have or what they are spending on so this application may assist them with their financial goals," said Sahid.

Elena Jara, educational co-ordinator at Credit Canada, said budgeting can be intimidating, especially with its negative connotations, so re-education is key.

"Having a budget allows for greater control rather than creating limitations," said Jara.

"Any way you can maintain and keep your finances on course will make you more aware of what you spend and how you spend it," said Sanjay Gandhi, Humber's associate director of financial planning.

Gandhi said making and sticking to a budget with a review every month to ensure you aren't overspending or

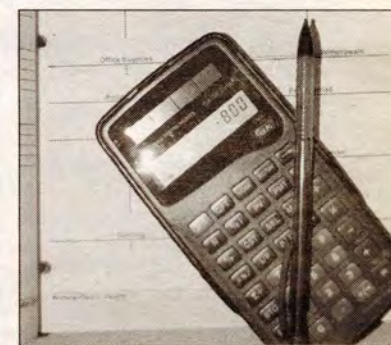
miscalculating variable expenses.

If tracking your cash purchases is a challenge, other applications are available such as tweetwhatyouspend.com, which utilizes twitter.com's functionality.

"The site is a cash tracker. It seeks to answer the question 'what happens to your money in between runs to the ATM,'" said Alex Ressi, the founder and lead developer of the website. "Other sites help trace plastic purchases but cash can be more elusive."

Currently, Credit Canada offers a money budget tracker called Piggy-pal where financial goals can be set and a per diem limit can be created, which can then be saved to your desktop. Any updates to this tracker can be made via your cell phone and will reflect on your desktop.

Unlike other resources currently available, Sahid said when Humber's practice budget calculator is officially launched, students will have the ability to directly connect with financial resources geared specifically to help them succeed with their financial goals.



Holly West

Students must learn to budget.

Food service manager says campus menu healthier

Lee Flohr
LIFE REPORTER

Students concerned about fatty foods sold on campus should not worry, as food service providers said they are ahead of the June 2009 deadline to voluntarily reduce the amount of trans fat.

"It was a move brought on by our parent company, Compass Group, about two years ago," said food service manager John Thompson. "We've expanded our menu a lot to include healthier selections since then."

Fresh food prepared in Humber Room is also following suit. Menu-creator Leonhard Lechner said all of the food prepared in the fine-dining room is trans fat free. Like food services, they decided to change their oils to ones with low amounts of trans fat about two years ago.

"We cook from scratch here," Lechner said. "Our customers are more health conscious than ever."

However, neither Humber Room

or food services would confirm if the changes made to their menus was a result of the call to voluntarily reduce levels of the dangerous fat or their own decision.

The changes campus food comes on the heels of the announcement by public health of their intentions to investigate trans fats in Toronto supermarkets and restaurants at the end of January. As well, the two year campaign, which asks food distributors to voluntarily reduce trans fat content on both supermarket shelves and restaurant shelves, is set to end this June.

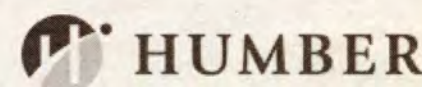
Preliminary results released by Health Canada last month, show 90 per cent of restaurants tested are within the voluntary limit, which suggests trans fat content not exceed five per cent of the total fat content. At Humber, culinary students are already on the healthy bandwagon. "Chefs are not only chefs anymore," Lechner said. "They are required to be nutritionists too."

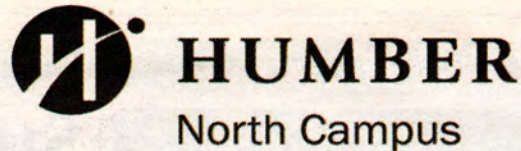
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for the

Student Representative

to the

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An Election will be held during the months of **March and April 2009** for the position of Student Representative on the Board of Governors of Humber College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. All Humber students are eligible for nomination. The term of office for this position is **September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010**. The basic requirements of this position are to:

1. Attend scheduled Board meetings (once per month, September through June).
2. Attend other Board-related events and activities as required.
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5. Receive no compensation, other than out-of-pocket and travel expenses.
6. Maintain communications with his/her electorate.
7. Be prepared to act as spokesperson for his/her electorate on issues and concerns as they arise.

Nominations Packages can be picked up during the period **Monday, March 2 through Friday, March 13, 2009**

from

**The President's Office, North Campus
Room D 167 (Val Hewson)
Ext. 4102**

**The Principal's Office
Lakeshore Campus
Room A 116 B (Ian Smith)**

Completed Nomination packages

must be submitted to either of the above offices during the period
Monday, March 16, through 3.00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2009

Voting will take place on **Tuesday, April 14 and Wednesday, April 15, 2009**

*For more information, please contact Val Hewson, President's Office, Room D 167, North Campus.
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For the answers to this week's puzzles go to www.humberetc.com

GAMES

Fashion and technology have converged in Britain, as the latest 'It bag' comes complete with a built-in DVD player and 7-inch screen, among other features – *Toronto Star*

Sudoku

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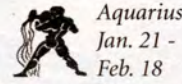
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Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 18

Make an effort to volunteer your time and help those less fortunate.



Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20

Call up a relative from out of town and take a few minutes to catch up.



Aries
March 21 - April 20

Don't worry – you'll get the hang of your new routine sooner or later.



Taurus
April 21 - May 21

Feelings of frustration with your commitments in life will soon ease.



Gemini
May 22 - June 21

Take up a new hobby, like going to the gym or playing an instrument.



Cancer
June 22 - July 22

Don't let rough economic times discourage you from job hunting.



Leo
July 23 - Aug. 23

Treat a friend to an evening out or to a coffee during the afternoon.



Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 22

Don't let an altercation with a colleague or close friend get you down.



Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Be creative and re-arrange your living space. Change can be a good thing.



Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

With midterms taking place, be sure to remain positive, smile and enjoy.



Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Stop putting off what you could do today and just get it over with already.



Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Do away with the shyness that overwhelms you and be confident.

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- Knoll
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- Sand hill
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- Tent site
- _____ West of Hollywood
- "The Diary of _____ Frank"
- Rock's _____ Clapton
- Film legend _____ Hayworth
- Christmas carol
- The Orient
- Poker stake
- Sickness
- _____ water
- Comes in
- Tramp
- Legendary stories
- Occurrence
- Heart artery
- Vulture's claw
- Movie fish
- Injury mark
- City transportation
- Rose stalk
- Dog's cry
- Blasting letters

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- Greek vowel
- Talk back
- Sailing
- Manservant
- Wood source
- Colony
- Mexican water
- Green sauce
- Walk nervously
- Metal corrosion
- Impressed utterance
- Eternal
- Stupid
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- Loony
- Tibetan monk
- Severe
- Wind dir.
- Yearly publication
- _____ Grande
- Large trucks
- Actor Sean _____
- Tiny insect
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- Moral
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- Billion years
- English river
- Sunbathes
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- Actor Richard _____
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- Picnic crashers
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- Skating jump
- RR stops
- Scornful sound
- Floppy

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Bi-Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 25th
 11am, H Caf
 (Lakeshore Campus)

Agenda Includes Approval Of:

- Election Results
- Budget
- Financial Statements
- Confirmation of Auditor

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Robert De Niro, Justin Timberlake and Van Morrison joined Jimmy Fallon on stage for his first night hosting NBC's *Late Night*. — Yahoo!

Vietnam photos showcase country's beauty

Septembre Anderson
A&E REPORTER

Recent grads and alumni of the creative photography program have unveiled their work from a trip to Southeast Asia at a Toronto gallery exhibit called *Through the Eyes: Vietnam*.

"It's a great turnout," 23-year-old Humber creative photography graduate Zachary Zukowsky said at the show's opening last Sunday. "We've had the chance to talk to a lot of interesting people who have told us how much they love our work."

The exhibit at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery runs until March 31. Spread across three floors, it features the work of 21 students and alumni who made the 18-day journey through Vietnam last year.

It's the second straight year the program has shown its work at the gallery and the third time it has organized an overseas trip for its students and grads.

"I've been on the last three trips," said 28-year-old Jessie Francaville, who graduated from the program in 2004 and also went to Israel and Ecuador. "And this is probably the largest show that we've done in the past three years."

The images of Vietnam include scenic views of mountains and lakes, photographs of lush plants and portraits of the people.

"I look at these pictures, it's like



Exhibit attendees view a photo of a young Vietnamese girl. The exhibit takes place all month at the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery.

memories," Vietnamese immigrant Hong Pham said after viewing the photos. "You can bring all that and make a man born there happy. That's the beauty of these pictures."

All photographs are for sale with prices ranging from \$175 to \$750 framed with proceeds going to each student photographer.

For their next adventure, creative photography students will be visiting Morocco on April 27.

These trips are a graduating class option and are paid for by the students. The trips are estimated to cost more than \$4,000.

Humber faculty member, Neil Fox, began organizing the overseas

tours as a learning and bonding experience when he realized increased instructor responsibilities and class sizes were having negative effects on student-teacher relations.

Zukowsky said he admires Fox for and arranging the trips.

"He doesn't have to, but he puts in the time and effort to plan a trip that

not only he would really enjoy but that he thinks the students would enjoy," said Zukowsky. "He doesn't just want to show us an amazing time photographically, but he wants to show us a great place where we can have great experiences with new cultures and also have an adventure trip."

Student short film headed to Cannes Film Festival

Lauren Brunetti
A&E REPORTER

A group of third-year film and television students will be submitting their short film to the Cannes Film Festival.

They are hoping to have the same success as two Humber students who won last year.

The students became motivated to submit the 14-minute film because of the positive feedback they have received, said director and third-year film and television student, Michael Laicini.

"A grip on our set came up to us and said that we had re-inspired his belief in student filmmaking," he said.

"Our goal was to make a movie that anyone could enjoy."

—Michael Laicini, student director of *Detective Mark Waters*

Detective Mark Waters is about a modern day cop who wishes he was a detective and conceptualizes these fantasies in a film noir context.

Laicini said he wanted the movie to appeal to a wide range of people.

"Our goal was to make a movie



The cast and crew of the film, *Detective Mark Waters*. The film has been submitted to Cannes 2009.

that anyone could enjoy. We wanted it to be a film that would put a smile on anyone's face."

Editor, Lee Harris, said the pro-

duction was smooth sailing right from the beginning. Besides working within a budget and filming for four days, the team worked ef-

ficiently. "There really wasn't any stress and it was a change of pace for student filmmaking," he said.

Eva Ziemsen, film and television

production program co-ordinator, praised the film and expressed high hopes for it at Cannes. "The team is very strong and it is a very polished short film. It would be a great achievement for them to win the competition."

Humber graduates, Richard Fung and Katrina Bolletta both won awards at the festival last year. Bolletta, won in the Best Documentary category for editing the film, *Le Dernier Endroit*. Fung also won for the distinguished documentary category for the film, *My Universe*.

Both Laicini and Harris said they believe that the film and television production program has helped them with the success of their film. "The program has a brilliant structure. The quality of audio and video equipment at the school has also helped make the film a success. It's a relief that the quality of equipment doesn't get in the way of our education," said Harris.

Dedicated to the search for new filmmaking talent, Cannes presents about 15 short and medium-length movies from film schools around the world.

"I have no idea what its chances are but I hope at the very least the judges are charmed by our film," said Laicini.

"Do you Realize?" by the Flaming Lips was named the state of Oklahoma's official rock song. - *Tulsa World*

Database connects actors and directors

Kat McMorro
A&E REPORTER

A new database initiated by first year film and television production student Andrei Vexler will make it easier for student actors to get connected with student filmmakers.

"I'm trying to create a collaboration between the students on all three Humber campuses," said Vexler, who started the Humber Student Film and Actors Guild, that welcomes the registration of student actors regardless of their previous experience. "There are a lot of students that want to act here at north, but they don't know who to talk to."

As part of their end of year project, first-year student filmmakers from the North Campus have to produce a five-minute short. But the creative and performing arts programs are located at the Lakeshore campus, which Vexler said makes it difficult for directors and actors to connect.

"Last semester, we were acting in our own stuff, but we are not actors," Vexler said. "We are filmmakers."

"I think this will definitely be useful..."

-First-year film and television student,
Nadir Rahman

Being in a collective of performers like the guild might also help encourage aspiring actors to join unions like the Alliance of Canadian Cinema Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) said Chris Faulkner, public relations officer of ACTRA.

"Being part of a union is helpful when trying to get the big jobs which pay better," he said. "A student who is a member of ACTRA and graduates from a post secondary acting program can use their degree or diploma towards one of the six credits needed for full membership."

Nadir Rahman, a first-year film and television student, said the idea of the guild is a good one.

"I think this will definitely be useful for us as a resource," Rahman said. "Anything that can make our lives easier is great."

Dylan Atkinson, a film and television production student, might not need to use the database, but still likes the idea behind it.

"I always use my friends in my films," he said. "So I never have a problem finding actors, but it's a very good idea."

With the film industry getting bigger, Vexler said more doors are opening up for everyone. "This program has opened up so many doors. There are hundreds of positions I didn't know about. It's been quite a trip!"



Stephanie Skenderis



Stephanie Skenderis

Steel Drum Hu (Hulan Pierre), left, and Pan Man Pat (Pat McNeilly) bang out the tunes as part of the steel-pan drum show event.

Steel-pan drum show ends Black History Month

Stephanie Skenderis
A&E REPORTER

Black History Month went out with the bang of steel drums last week.

The steel pan drum show in the student centre of North Campus ended four weeks of events that included an appearance by award-winning Canadian spoken-word artist Dwayne Morgan, the screening of a documentary by filmmaker Martine

Chartrand and a photo exhibit that featured a tribute to U.S. President Barack Obama.

Humber Student Federation director of programming Aaron Miller, said the lineup was designed to give students a good representation of black history.

"It's difficult to encapsulate everything, but if we do a few small things we can get students aware and thinking."

Miller said the steel-pan drummers were saved for the wrap-up last Friday because it's something students can sit back and enjoy.

Drummer Pat McNeilly, who goes by the stage name Pan Man Pat, explained that the steel drum evolved out of African drums and called his native Trinidad the birthplace of the steel band.

He also said that up to 120 musicians can play steel drums at once.

Natalye James, 28, a second-year fashion arts student who moved to Canada from Grenada in 1996, said she came out for the show because it reminded her of home.

"You can learn a lot, and it's fun and something new," she said. "I hope other people will take a liking to it. I hope the kind of history it will bring will be something for them to understand."

The minimum wage is going up.

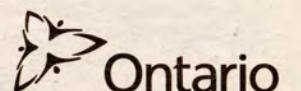
If you're an employer, here's what you need to know.

	General Minimum Wage	Students under 18 and working not more than 28 hours per week or during a school holiday	Liquor Server	Hunting & Fishing Guides: for less than five consecutive hours in a day	Hunting & Fishing Guides: for five or more hours in a day whether or not the hours are consecutive	Homeworkers (people doing paid work in their home for an employer)
Current wage rate	\$8.75/hour	\$8.20/hour	\$7.60/hour	\$43.75	\$87.50	110% of the minimum wage
Mar. 31, 2009 wage rate	\$9.50/hour	\$8.90/hour	\$8.25/hour	\$47.50	\$95.00	110% of the minimum wage

On March 31, 2009, the general minimum wage will increase to \$9.50 per hour from the current rate of \$8.75 per hour.

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illScarlett rocks the house in free CAPS show

Kati Mason
A&E REPORTER

Students piled into CAPS last Wednesday night to see illScarlett in a free concert that was hosted by the Humber Students' Federation.

illScarlett beat out three other artists – Jully Black, Dragonette and The Stills – in a vote that selected which band would play the free show.

"I think it's the first time we've ever won something," said lead vo-

calist Alex Norman before the concert. "Feels great. Like I say – losing is for losers."

All joking aside, Norman said he, and the other members of illScarlett, were honoured that Humber students chose them to perform over the other artists.

With a sound that blends pop, rock and reggae influences, illScarlett started out touring the Greater Toronto Area, playing small venues

like bars and rock clubs. However, the band would eventually break out and begin playing large outdoor musical festivals like Edgefest and the Warped Tour.

The band members said they approach performances the same way whether it's a big venue like Downsview Park or small venue like CAPS.

"Any show's the same. You play all the same," said Norman, adding, "You try to reach as many people out

there as you can."

Their show at CAPS was proof that their mentality, along with their in-your-face sarcastic attitude, has attracted hoards of dedicated fans.

"I listened to them when I was younger because they started in Mississauga and that's where I'm from," said Guelph-Humber media student, Brittney Ellis.

Norman said he enjoys performing for college students.

"It's just cool because most of the people who come to see us at colleges are generally our age."

Aaron Miller, program director for HSF, announced at the show that while there was a great turn out for the vote for illScarlett, he hoped students remembered it was practice for the upcoming HSF elections.

"If there is anything more exciting than illScarlett, it is student elections," he said.

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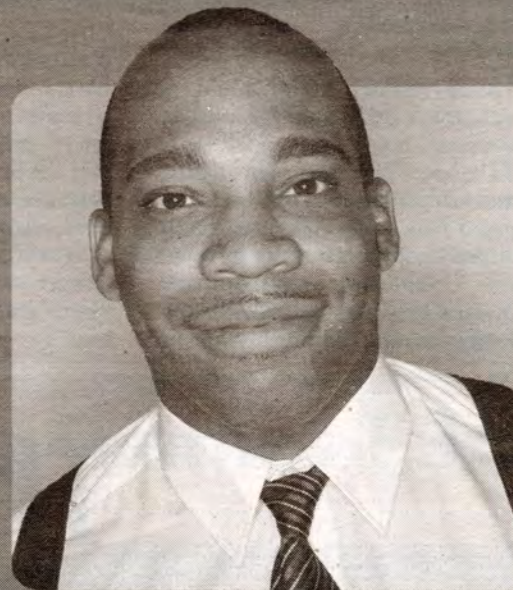
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Giller Prize nominee to appear at book club meeting

Jessica Brooks
A&E REPORTER

Giller Prize nominee Anthony De Sa will speak at the writing centre's book club meeting tomorrow in room GH 202 from 12 to 2 p.m.

"Humber has always been a tremendous support," said De Sa, who graduated from Humber's creative writing program. He has since gone on to receive literary acclaim for his 2008 book, *Barnacle Love*. "I think it's important to meet the readers and it's neat to see that the world I've created in the book resonates with their own experiences."

Dean of liberal arts and sciences, Paula Gouveia who went to high school with De Sa, said he is a role model for Humber students.

"You get so much more out of the author's book when you can discuss it in a group."

—Book club organizer,
Erin Robinsong

"It's also good for students to see what being associated with Humber can do for you and what doors it opens up," Gouveia said.

Franco Jamieson, co-ordinator of the writing centre, and an organizer of the book club said reading is a solitary experience, and the goal of the book club is to turn reading into a community experience.

Erin Robinsong, a Guelph-Humber English student, is organizing the event with Jamieson. She, a writer, said she finds the experience of hearing an author's interpretation of their own work is beneficial for her understanding of the craft.

"There is so much talent in Toronto," said Robinsong. "You get so much more out of the author's book when you can discuss it in a group."



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SPORTS

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Men's b-ballers streak seals semi-final birth

Sandy McLachlin
SPORTS REPORTER

Despite trailing early, the Humber men's basketball team is moving on to the championship round of the provincial playoffs after defeating the Fleming Knights 96-88 in the quarter-finals last Saturday on home court.

"They scored eight baskets in a row at the beginning but we have good leaders on our team and they kept everyone together and we came out with the win," said forward Jeremy Alleyne.

The Hawks were led by leading scorers Daviau Rodney and Akeem Sween who both chipped in 18 points. Veteran forward Jadwey Hemmings came close to a double-double with nine points and 12 rebounds.

The win sets up a semifinal contest Friday against Niagara at Algonquin College in Ottawa. The other semifinal is between Algonquin and Algonquin College.

The winners play for the OCAA championship on Saturday.

The 96 points the Hawks put up against Fleming tied a season high.

"We were able to get into a rhythm offensively," head coach Darrell Glenn said, "but they didn't put the pressure on us that we've seen all

season. They kind of relaxed because they had two guys that played 40 minutes and I think those guys didn't necessarily have the concentration or energy to play solid defence."

The Hawks dominated the boards with 15 more rebounds than the Knights and scored 50 per cent of their shots from behind the three-point line.

"We've been practicing really hard and sooner or later we were going to get a shooting game like that and I'm glad it happened today," guard Daviau Rodney said after his Hawks knocked out the visitors from Peterborough. "We try to take each other's head off in practice and it transfers to the game."

The win helped the team move past last year's disappointing early exit from the playoffs, when they lost to St. Lawrence-Kingston College in the quarter-finals.

"It's nice to get that monkey off our back," Glenn said. "This really is traditionally the hardest game to play."

Alleyne said he believes the Hawks will be ready for their semifinal against Niagara.

"I'm expecting the same intensity, energy and collective effort from everybody," he said.



Hawk forward Raymond Munier climbs on top of a Knight for an easy deuce versus Fleming.

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Hawks guard Patricia Cole fights for the ball against Seneca.

Alex Brien

Women hoopsters eager to learn from rookie mistakes

Alex Brien
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's basketball team finished off its season last Saturday with a quarterfinal 62-48 road loss to undefeated Seneca College.

Head coach Denise Perrier was impressed with how her team — which finishes 8-7 on the season — and how they conducted themselves throughout the year.

"Overall I'm proud of the girls, I thought they really worked hard and it's been a great season," Perrier said. "It's a very young group, so there's a lot of room for growth and that is something we're really looking forward to next season."

Perrier was optimistic about next season, as all of two players on this year's squad are rookies.

"The majority of the squad could be back if they put the time and the effort into it, but there's no guarantee they will all want to return," Perrier said. "We will go over what the girls need to focus on in the off-season in order to come out

stronger next year."

Humber guard Maria Suriani, a rookie who aims to return next season, feels that this year has been a positive learning experience on the court.

"We're a young team, it's that simple," Suriani said. "We did better than other rookie teams, five out of eight teams in the playoffs are out of our conference, so considering all of that we did pretty well I think."

Suriani remained hopeful for future success in a Hawks jersey.

"I think next year we're going to be strong," Suriani said. "Pretty much all of us are coming back one girl who was supposed to be on the team this year will hopefully be with us and a good addition to the squad."

Rookie forward Trisha Taylor was also looking forward to competing.

"This year we grew a lot as a team but sometimes was frustrating as rookies playing against teams who had already played with each other," Taylor said. "There's lots to look forward to next year."

Soccer star David Beckham will get his way and stay at club A.C. Milan. He will stay at the club until the end of the Italian season and join the Galaxy in July. — *theStar.com*



Scott Rennie

OCAA champ Wong gets his point across before Nationals

Badminton looks for national gold

Scott Rennie
SPORTS REPORTER

Raymond Wong can become the first Hawk badminton player to win a medal in national badminton championship when Humber hosts the country's best this week.

Wong entered last year's tournament in New Brunswick, as the provincial champion, but ran up against an incredibly competitive singles pool.

"The top four beat the crap out of each other, they were all equal," said assistant coach Mike Kopinak.

Wong went undefeated last season, and was the only person to defeat eventual men's champion Dan Kai, but ultimately finished in fourth place.

"That singles event was a blood-bath rather than a badminton event," said Alf McGuire, who's been overseeing CCAA badminton for 14 years.

Wong's strategy going into the tournament isn't complicated.

"I've just got to be very focused for these games and just do my best," he said.

And he's looking forward to his home court advantage. "Having the fans here should pump me up."

Joining Wong in the singles category is his brother Mark, the provincial bronze medallist.

They'll be up against the reigning champion, Kai, from the North Alberta Institute of Technology in Edmonton, and the top players from British Columbia and the Atlantic Canada.

Rounding out Humber's representation are OCAA gold medalists

Footy lads and lasses get serious

Alison Brownlee
SPORTS REPORTER

The bright lights and synthetic turf of the Ontario Soccer Centre in Vaughan will welcome the Hawks men's and women's indoor teams for the regional playoffs come Monday.

"At any time we can play any team and we have to beat them," said Germain Sanchez, head coach of the men's team. "We should be able to qualify at regionals."

With no regular season play in indoor soccer, OCAA indoor soccer teams apply to regionals in order to qualify for the provincial championships.

In its last regular season tournament, Humber lost 1-0 to Sheridan after a heated shoving match broke out.

"Marcelo (Coppozolo) on Humber's side got a little excited in the last few minutes," said Tony Silvestri, Sheridan's head coach. "But that's usually what happens in those high intensity games - tempers flare."

Sanchez said Humber's reputation as champions may have put extra



Alison Brownlee

Practice makes perfect as men's soccer prepare for regionals.

pressure on his team.

"Our team and our players are used to winning a lot, and when things don't work out, or another team does a little better, there's some frustration."

At regionals, the top two teams will advance to provincials on March 26-27, also at Vaughan.

"For the last eight years it's been Sheridan and Humber in the top two at regionals, and it's probably going to be the same this year," said Silvestri. "It's just a matter of who's going to come in first, and who's going to come in second."

The women, who swept their last tournament, are also under pressure to perform well, said defender Nicole Carvalho.

"We have a rep that we have to

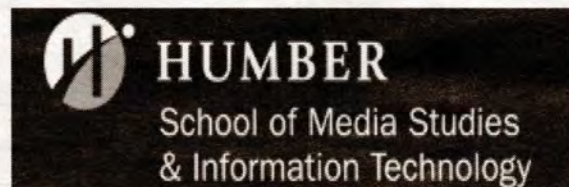
keep up. Going into regionals, we're the team to beat in that tournament, so other teams are going to come out hard to beat us. So we have to keep it up."

Defender Halley Green said her team will not rely on its past successes, though.

"We're kind of confident, but we also can't underestimate any one that we're going to go up against. We still have to come out strong and play our game if we're going to win."

Both the men and women teams will play Centennial and Georgian at regionals, but each looks forward the Humber-Sheridan match-up.

"Sheridan always comes out hard and they give us a good game, so we've just got to step up," said Green.



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