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Students applaud OSAP changes

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Humber financial aid manager Holsee Sahid said she is pleased with many of the Ontario government's changes to the Ontario Student Assistance Program, including a promise of less red tape for students who receive bursaries.

"It's a win-win situation both for the students and us as well," she said.

The changes will affect how students apply for student access guarantee bursaries, which are awarded by post-secondary institutions to those whose needs go beyond OSAP.

Sahid said the bursary's application process will become simpler this August, although the eligibility criteria will remain the same.

Currently, students looking to qualify for the award are required to calculate a budget and write a letter explaining their need.

John Milloy, minister of training, colleges

and universities, said with the revisions, schools will have to "automatically deliver the funds to students" without requiring them to complete those two tasks.

Sahid said it is up to the ministry to identify and inform the college of who is entitled to the bursary and the college is required to give the additional funding.

Changes are also on the way for loan repayment.

Under the old system, graduates did not have to pay back loans for six months, but interest still accumulated.

But for students graduating as early as September, the Ontario portion of OSAP loans will be interest-free for the first six months.

"Let's face it, this is not the easiest economy so it gives people a cushion while they look for their job," said Milloy.

First-year first-year heating, refrigeration and

air conditioning student Nav Sandhu said he's on board with the government's plan.

"If I get a job and work full-time for six months, I'm sure I can save up," he said.

The announcement also included an extension of the province's current tuition framework, which is a school's ability to raise fees as permitted by the government.

Milloy said schools will continue to be allowed to raise tuition up to five per cent annually for another two years.

That's not all bad news, though – Milloy said with any tuition increase, schools are expected to contribute more to student financial aid.

"We're also going to be working with the institutions themselves and ask that they will now be required to contribute a portion of additional tuition revenue, 10 per cent, to on-campus bursaries and student assistance programs," he said.

Other changes include:

An annual increase in funding for books, supplies and equipment.

An increase to \$103 from \$50 in the amount students can earn per week during the school year before it reduces their OSAP funding.

A \$340 increase in the maximum amount students can receive under OSAP for a two-term academic year.

No graduates will have to pay more than 20 per cent of their total family income towards their loan under the repayment assistance program.

■ see page 13 for more on the federal repayment assistance program



Emmanuel Samoglou

Gibbons, such as this one at the Toronto Zoo, are the focus of society and anthropology professor John Steckley's upcoming children's book.

Prof goes ape for gibbons in new book

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LIFE REPORTER

A Humber prof is writing a children's book to raise awareness for what he says is the forgotten primate – the gibbon.

"I call them the invisible ape because people don't know them," said society and anthropology professor John Steckley. "I wanted to write something that would inform people and get them interested."

Steckley said the gibbon, along with gorillas, bonobos, chimpanzees, orangutans and humans, are members of the ape family and do not have tails – a key feature that distinguishes them from monkeys.

While certain apes such as chimpanzees and gorillas have gotten attention through the work of researchers like Jane Goodall and Dian Fossey, Steckley said little has been done to promote the gibbon.

"There is no great gibbon writer. I don't intend to be the great gibbon writer, but I intend to write one book about them, because it's needed."

The book is a bit of a departure for Steckley, who has focused his career on researching and writing about the Aboriginal people of Canada.

Nonetheless, he said the new subject matter came naturally to him, as gibbons, much like many Aboriginal cultures, are marginalized.

"They're all threatened or endangered and I felt that someone should write about them," he said.

Although the book is still being written,

Steckley is already busy consulting with various publishing houses.

"I want anybody who can read to read it," he said. "It's not for experts."

Beverly Carter, supervisor of animal care at the Toronto Zoo, said she has two gibbons under her watch in the Indo-Malaya pavilion. She said they are wonderful animals to observe and have an amusing appearance.

"When they're moving around, they're great to watch," she said. "Basically flying through the air, leaping from one branch to the next... They have funny little faces."

In Carter's opinion, Steckley's book will improve people's understanding of the gibbon, an animal that shares a common ancestor with humans, separated by roughly 15 million years.

"Anything that you can get out to the public that heightens their awareness of the trouble that the planet is in and if in doing it you bring animals into the mix, then that's a good thing," she said.

Steckley's agent, Margaret Hart of the HSW Literary Agency, said she is optimistic her client's book will be successful since it promotes environmental awareness through a relatively unknown animal.

"Publishers will find this project interesting because it deals with conservation from a new perspective," she said.

"He is somebody with a really creative approach... He's just a very knowledgeable, humanistic guy. He's a good teacher who cares about issues and he's a scholar."

No plans for energy efficient vehicle upgrade

Industrial design program may partner with Toyota to get a Prius to explore different design options

ROMI LEVINE
NEWS REPORTER

Humber has no intentions of replacing the 28 vehicles it owns with energy efficient alternatives any time soon, said manager of purchasing services and sustainability, Emily Eyre.

"Sustainability is a big deal for us. We do lots of stuff, but not a lot in the vehicle arena," she said.

Eyre said when the time does come to buy new modes of transportation, energy efficiency will be considered if it's cost effective.

The vehicles owned by the college range from fire trucks to vans used to transport sports teams and the newest addition to the fleet was made in 2008, said manager of maintenance and operations, Spencer Wood.

Eyre said she doesn't see a need to buy new vehicles any time soon.

"Humber doesn't desire to purchase



Courtesy

The new Prius hybrid plug-in car can be charged by using a normal electrical outlet.

or own a lot of vehicles. For the most part, when we transport students we do it by bus," she said.

"We would analyze what's out there, what's the best way to go."

Program co-ordinator for sustainable energy and building technology Kerry Johnston said a green transformation is necessary but he isn't sure how quickly people will embrace sus-

tainable options.

"I'm not particularly optimistic," he said. "We have all the technology available to make a significant change towards a sustainable future. The big

challenge is changing people's behaviour."

Though Humber may not be following Toronto's green fleet plan – the city's internal mandate to reduce fuel use, fuel costs and emissions of greenhouse gases and smog pollutants – the industrial design program considers sustainability an important part of its curriculum, said instructor and Prius owner, Ken Cummings.

Students from the program have won numerous awards for green automotive designs and have displayed their work at consumer events such as the Green Living Show, he said.

The program also intends to partner with Toyota in order to acquire a Prius of their own to explore different design and packaging capabilities, said Cummings. It is holding off for now due to the lack of studio space.



Courtesy

Students are reminded to drink responsibly at summer parties.

Cottage party at North for alcohol awareness

PHIL HEIDENREICH
NEWS REPORTER

The atrium of the Student Centre at North Campus will transform into a Muskoka-influenced cottage party next week to encourage students to drink responsibly this summer.

The third-annual alcohol awareness event put on by public relations certificate students will feature a northern-Ontario cottage theme; with food, raffle prizes and educational games promoting responsible drinking.

"We want people to be aware that your actions have consequences," said first-year public relations student and budget manager Andrew Bartucci, 23.

Along with next Thursday's festivities, representatives from Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Licence Control Board of Ontario and Arrive Alive will be on hand to spread

awareness of the dangers of irresponsible drinking.

Representatives from the North Campus Health Centre and Toronto Public Health will also be on hand.

"It's important that students recognize not to make alcohol the event when they're having a party," said Health Centre registered nurse Catherine McKee.

McKee said aside from the immediate dangers of excessive drinking, such as alcohol poisoning and impaired judgment, students should also be aware of the long-term consequences.

These can include early dementia, liver problems, kidney failure, impotence and vitamin deficiency, she said.

"It's about drinking responsibly and having a safe summer," said public relations program instructor Nancy Marino Benn.

Scooter trend catches on with students, training now available

PHIL HEIDENREICH
NEWS REPORTER

There will be an increased emphasis on scooters this year in Humber's 2010 motorcycle rider training program, said program manager Andy Hertel.

"It's long overdue," program instructor Lenny Mammoliti said of the new attention to scooters. "In Europe it has been a main mode of transportation and we are behind. I see a huge upswing over the next five to seven years."

The scooter trend has caught on in Toronto because of its fuel economy and free parking on sidewalks, said Hertel.

"We've moved our scooters down to the Lakeshore Campus this year to attract some of the downtown crowd," said Hertel. "We're also offering an ML license instead of just the M2L this year."

The M-class license with L condition applies to limited-speed motorcycles such as scooters and mopeds.

The significance of the limited-speed motorcycle's 2005 provincial implementation is that riders are tested on roads rather than parking lots and can acquire a permanent license said an Ontario Ministry of Transportation spokesperson.

Up until now, Humber only offered



Courtesy

Andy Hertel, manager of the motorcycle rider training program.

the M2L, which is valid for a maximum of five years, said Hertel.

Despite the increased emphasis on scooters this year, the primary focus of the program is for people looking to acquire their M2 license for motorcycles once they've passed the written M1 test, said Hertel.

Hertel projects an increase in students this year from the estimated

3,500 last year because of mild weather forecasts and because the province's Drive Test centres were on strike last fall.

The three day program also offers maintenance courses and runs until late fall at North Campus, Lakeshore Campus and the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

world news

Reuters photogs shot dead

The website WikiLeaks.org released a video on Monday showing a group of people shot by an American helicopter in a July 2007 attack in Baghdad. Among those killed were two Reuters photographers, Namir Noor-Eldeen, 22, and Saeed Chmagh, 40.

The New York Times

White supremacist killed

Two workers bludgeoned prominent South African white supremacist, Eugene Terreblanche, 69, to death last Saturday over a wage dispute. The two accused face four charges, including murder and crimen injuria, a charge in South Africa that often refers to racial insult.

CBC

Sleuths expose cyber spies

University of Toronto researchers exposed a China-based espionage group that has infiltrated the Indian government and hacked into a year's worth of the Dalai Lama's emails. The group managed to recover 700 documents stolen from the Indian government.

Toronto Star

25 dead in U.S. mine explosion

The death toll has risen to 25 and four people are still missing in what has become the worst mining disaster in the U.S. for more than two decades. The explosion happened at a Massey Energy Co. mine about 50 km south of Charleston.

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Mayssia Elajami

'The Green Cart' and 'Coffee Del-Art' are some contest entries.

Students name new coffee kiosk at Lake

MAYSSIA ELAJAMI
NEWS REPORTER

Theatre and film production students at Lakeshore Campus have submitted entries for a competition to name a new coffee kiosk located at the newly renovated campus arena.

Manager for Chartwells college and university dining services Katherine Brown said the names entered in the competition will go on Humber's food services page on Facebook and students can vote on the submitted names online.

"Food services had decided to have students name the coffee kiosk because it belongs to them and we want to expose the talent of our students," said Brown.

The kiosk at Humber's Lakeshore Arena cost \$160,000, which includes construction and equipment.

Director of campus services Terry

Kyritsis said the money was funded by campus services and not the school.

"The area is kind of like a café environment," said Kyritsis. "We will be adding more tables and chairs to go with the opening of the media school."

Second-year theatre performance student Meesha Albano entered two names for the competition.

"I submitted two names, 'The Green Cart' and 'Coffee Del-Arte,'" said Albano. "I figured it was a theatre building and the names are related to a type of theatre."

The student who wins the competition will have their name placed under the logo.

"It is our building and it's nice to have our own say on it," said Albano.

The winner will be announced at the end of April.

Busy summer for HSF

JON HEMBREY
NEWS REPORTER

As students anticipate a class-free summer, their newly elected government is gearing up for a busy four months of planning and organizing for the fall.

"Most students see the executives from September to April but what most don't realize is that from May to September is when all the planning happens," said Humber Students' Federation executive director, Ercole Perrone.

He said full-time staff help the new executives get acquainted with the organization during the summer months to determine what sort of policies they would like to enact during their one-year term starting May 1.

HSF also conducts constitutional and policy reviews, creates student handbooks and examines the delivery of services, he said.

Between May and September, the four VP executives, who each earn \$21,000 a year, have their hours increased from 20 to 35 to allow time for the extra work.

President Bryan Tran earns \$35,000 a year and clocks 35 hours per week

throughout the year.

Perrone said HSF – which oversees the health and dental plan, provides legal and financial advice and runs social services like its food assistance program – continues to operate for the 2,000 students enrolled in summer courses but with a scaled down part-time staff.

"We are on campus working hard," he said.

HSF programming director Aaron Miller said much of the summer is spent planning the major events of the year, including orientation week.

"Ideally we'll plan some large, flagship events and book those in June," he said.

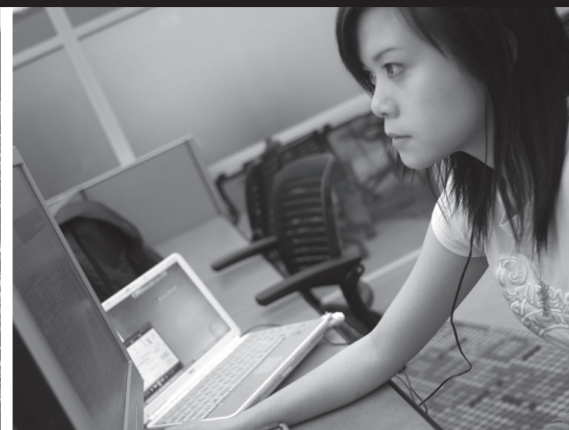
Smaller events, like the recent texting tournament, are usually planned a few months in advance, he said.

Newly elected VP Campus Life at Lakeshore Deniero Bartolini, 24, said he has no definite plans yet but is looking forward to getting down to business.

"I can't think of any other words other than I'm really excited," the second-year international relations student said.

"Obviously it's going to be a lot of work but I can't wait."

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More hunters, fewer jobs

As the school year nears its end, many students are leaving the halls of Humber College, diploma in hand, ready to start a career. They are armed with the knowledge, the know-how and the skills for success. But one thing many are unprepared for are the realities of the job market.

In recent years, much attention has been thrust upon the difficulties of finding a job, with widespread layoffs and cutbacks across the country. While this sparks feelings of worry and anxiety for some, others remain confident and simply repeat the childhood mantra of 'I can do anything.' But it isn't as simple as it seems. The job market is tough.

In the recent provincial budget, the Ontario government invested an additional \$310 million to add 20,000 new spaces to colleges and universities. As well, the province unveiled a plan to aggressively promote Ontario's post-secondary institutes abroad in an effort to attract and (hopefully) retain some of the brightest minds in the world. While the foundation for a successful society is there, these investments leave us with some legitimate concerns: will there

be enough jobs or will the job market simply become oversaturated with overqualified grads unable to find jobs that utilize their skills?

As far as work is concerned, Humber boasts some pretty impressive numbers. According to the college's 2008 Graduate Report nine out of 10 grads found employment within in six months of graduation, this includes full-time, part-time, temporary, contract and freelance positions. It would seem as though Humber grads are set for success. But look a little closer at the numbers and some may be in for an (unpleasant) surprise. These numbers include not only grads who have found work relevant to their field of study but unrelated as well. In many programs, the number of grads finding full-time, related work teeters on the halfway mark.

Before the province concentrates on arming more people with higher education and attracting top minds from around the world, more effort and money should go into job creation. Nobody wants or expects to be the college or university grad behind the counter asking 'would you like fries with that?'

campus advertising

Unwanted: Canadian Forces recruiters

KAVEH KHAZRA
NEWS EDITOR



I've become increasingly aware of the army's presence in my life. I walk by two enormous on-campus ads daily. I have laid out their full-page ads in the *Et Cetera*. Of the past eight issues, six of them have had full-page ads from the Canadian Forces. I am exposed to their television and radio commercials.

Between January 2009 and March 2010, the Canadian Forces have spent roughly \$252,000 on advertisements in Ontario colleges and universities alone.

Let's face it, we live in a world of branding, and when an advertiser decides to invest in a market, there is a method to their madness.

The truth is students and youth in general are prey for the army. They are popping up at our job fairs, Facebook pages, video games, movies, sporting events and iPhone apps.

A 2009 study of military branding towards youth brings up an interesting change in marketing techniques. There was a shift to a more

aggressive approach as the peaceful side of military life that was previously highlighted was alienating would-be soldiers who interpreted the brand as boring.

Two years ago, the University of Victoria in British Columbia had enough and successfully pushed to ban the Forces from their job fairs. The group, Students Against War, had protested their presence, arguing the army is a tool of the exploitative capitalist and colonialist state. The forces have yet to promote on their campus.

Living in a democratic society, students must have the choice to join the forces if they want to and advertisers must have the ability to freely advertize. But to suffocate a certain demographic by marketing in most of the forums they are involved in is overwhelming and, in my opinion, can make the advertiser look desperate or greedy.

I understand that there is a need to protect our homeland, but to spend hundreds of thousands of our tax dollars to target youth is unsettling. And students at UVIC had similar feelings and did something about it. I'm not sure why so many students at that specific university protested, but I would like to see more students and youth voicing their opinions and standing up to take action for their beliefs.

cartoon



full day kindergarten

Peel needs more all-day schools

TANISHA DUVERNEY
SENIOR REPORTER



In 2010 all day kindergarten was put into effect thanks to the provincial government.

All day kindergarten has many parents jumping for joy. No more daycare means money in their pockets in time for the post-recession recovery.

The Toronto Sun reported that Premier Dalton McGuinty released a list of almost 600 schools in Ontario that in September will offer full-day learning.

However, for parents on my block, it looks like it's back to the recession for us.

Of 235 schools in Peel, only 20 have been chosen to offer full day learning.

Last week when I went to register my son in kindergarten for September, the receptionist at Cardinal Newman Catholic elementary school told me this school was not chosen to offer full-day learning and I should try another school a couple blocks away.

Unfortunately this is the only option in my district school zone.

I could take my son to the school down the block, but full day kindergarten runs on a first come first serve basis with people living within the school zone granted top priority. And the school bus does not pick-up or drop-off in my area.

This makes full day learning not an option for my son this year. Not only do I have to deal with a waiting list to get into the only full day

school in the Bramalea area, but I also have to find someone to drop him off and pick him up from school. Frankly that is not an option for me right now.

Staff at the Peel District School Board said the ultimate goal is to have all schools turned full day by 2015. They said the government allotted enough money to fund only 20 schools in Peel Region this year. Money for more schools will be provided over the next five years.

I think this is ridiculous.

Out of 235 schools within three major cities, how could the government only fund 20 schools? That is less than eight per cent.

I understand this is the first phase and the government is unsure of how everything will pan out but for me and others in my situation, this is not fair.

The province should have funded at least a quarter of the schools

As well it should have put a temporary bus route into action for the people living outside of the district area.

My house is across the main road from the school. It's about a three minute drive away and an extra bus route travelling from my area across the main road could have saved a year of daycare expenses and a lot of hassle for everyone in my area.

If McGuinty is going to spend millions of dollars hiring new staff, funding after school programs and improving the education system through other initiatives, he should have extended the funding to provide a bus route that could help get more children to school.

So it looks like this will be another year of digging for dollars in order to afford daycare.

I guess I will try again next year and hopefully by then Cardinal Newman will offer full day

Et Cetera poll

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Alumnus helps orphans

Embassy members learn about volunteer work at Easter service

EMILY ENGLISH
LIFE REPORTER

Humber's student church, The Embassy, welcomed back former member and grad Rob McCurdy to speak about his work with an organization that rescues orphans in Uganda.

"There's a big problem with AIDS, malaria and the results of civil war in Uganda and as a result, a lot of kids have been left as orphans," said McCurdy, who graduated from the computer engineering technology program.

McCurdy has made two trips to the African country in the past two years, with the organization Watoto.

McCurdy said Watoto builds villages for children, placing them in homes of eight with an adoptive parent. He said this is often with a Ugandan woman, who has also lost her family.

"The whole reason I went there is because I fell in love with these kids," said McCurdy.

The organization also works with the children to form choirs that tour across Canada, the United States and Australia.

McCurdy discovered Watoto after

“There's a big problem with AIDS, malaria and the results of civil war and as a result a lot of kids have been left as orphans.

Rob McCurdy
Watoto volunteer

the choir performed at his church in Toronto.

"I was emotionally affected by them, as a lot of people are. After that experience, I started learning about the organization and thought, man, I'd really like to go."

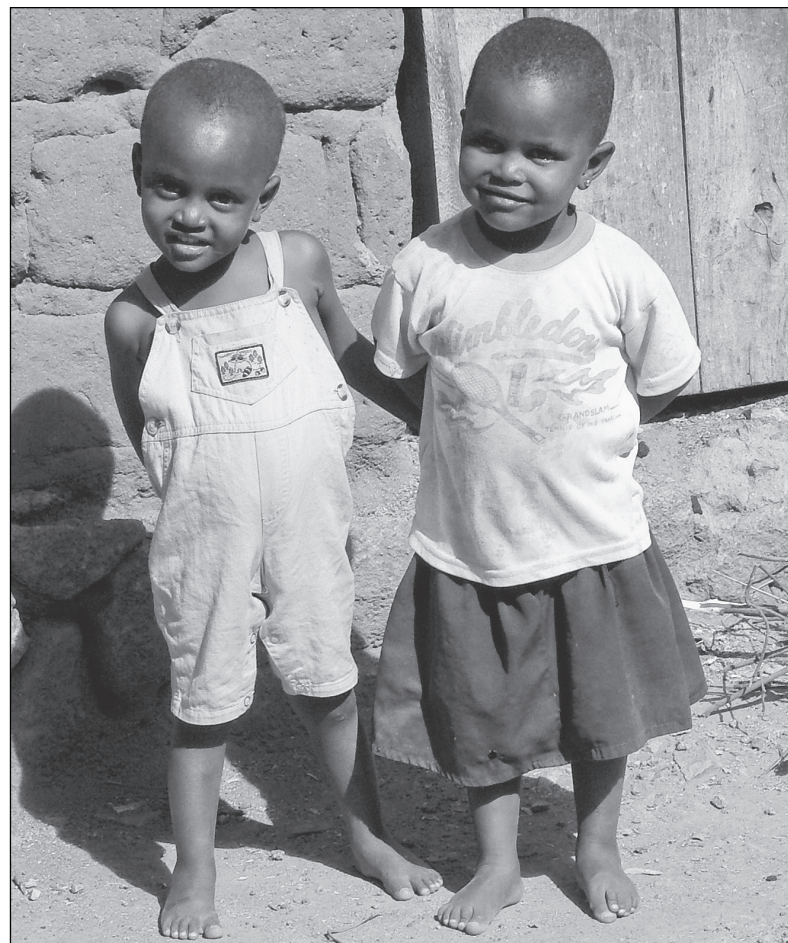
McCurdy spoke to Embassy at its Easter service on Monday about his experiences visiting and helping to build homes and classrooms for Ugandan children. The Embassy holds services every other Monday night in the Student Centre.

Rev. Len Thomas is the college chaplain and McCurdy's friend.

"The idea of what the group has done relates to the idea of what Easter is really about," said Thomas. "It involves sacrifice taking place, but then there's victory and hope that come out of it."

McCurdy said he is planning his third trip to Uganda to work with Watoto and wants to form a group to help organize fundraising initiatives.

"We chose him to come share, because we collect offerings at Embassy and give all of it to a local charity and Watoto certainly qualifies for that," said Trevor Gingerich, minister of the Embassy church.



Courtesy

The Watoto organization provided these children with homes.



Courtesy

About 350 students and faculty participated in last year's five kilometre Fun Run.



Courtesy

Last year's participants get warmed up before walking or running the course.

Class organizes fun run

Participants donate non-perishable food for the HSF's food bank

BRONWYN ROWSELL
LIFE REPORTER

The organizers of the fifth annual Humber Fun Run are expecting a high turnout this year.

"Last year there were 350 people in it," said Chris Gadreau, 21, event organizer. "This year we expect more."

The run is organized by second-year fitness and health promotion students. It takes place next Thursday at 11:45 a.m., and starts in parking lot four at North Campus.

"When you're a student, it's hard to find the time to be active," said Gadreau. "This is a great opportunity to grab some friends, get outside and walk or run the course."

Event organizer Martin Wysocki,

26, said the five kilometre course is the perfect length for people to enjoy and not worry about being competitive.

“This is a great opportunity to grab some friends, get outside and walk or run the course.

Chris Gadreau
Fun Run organizer

"It's about getting involved with health promotion, getting some exercise and helping a good cause," he

said. "We don't want people to feel they have to race and win."

There is no registration fee, but participants are required to bring one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Humber Students' Federation's food bank.

Event organizer Rick Dean, 25, said students can register on the Facebook group called 5 km Fun Walk/Run, or search for a video on YouTube explaining the details, under Humber Fun Run.

Sponsors Power Bar and the Running Room will give out gift certificates and water throughout the race.

Gadreau said they want to get students and faculty active. "They have a chance to get some air and get away from the books."

Graphic design grad plunges into fashion

NOEL GRZETIC
LIFE REPORTER

A Humber advertising and graphic design graduate is taking his skills to new heights, with the launch of his own men's clothing line.

Corey Kilmartin, 29, introduced his line named Claim at a Las Vegas trade show in February and is now working on the spring line.

He graduated five years ago, but said the concept is something he has been thinking about for eight years.

"It started as a pet project," he said. "More of a T-shirt, extreme sports and skateboarding venture."

Kilmartin said he became serious two years ago and decided to take his idea in a new direction, creating men's upscale contemporary clothing, focusing on clean lines and subtle tones.

The collection consists of print graphics and dress shirts.

"This was the best market for me to get my foot in the door, seeing as my background was in graphic design," said Kilmartin, who designs all the clothes himself.

After the trade show, Claim was booked with a store in Los Angeles and Kilmartin is in discussion with several other stores in the U.S.

Kilmartin's former teacher Dawn Lambert said she is not surprised to have one of her graduates in fashion design.

"If you are good at design, it wouldn't be that big of a switch," said Lambert. "You just have to learn a new set of tools and programs."

Program co-ordinator Heather Lowry said with the rising popularity

of graphic printing, some graduates are heading into fashion.

Kilmartin said design has always been a part of his life, although he never thought of pursuing it seriously until after high school.

He said he applied to Humber, because his friends told him the program was strong. He said he was not disappointed.

"In two years it took me from horsing around on my Apple computer, to full-fledged, high-end designer," he said.

Next year's spring/summer line will feature six new styles with additional colors, V-neck T-shirts and linen button-down shirts.



Courtesy

Claim model sports grad Corey Kilmartin's T-shirt design.

Dinner raises money for trip

CATHERINE LABELLE
NEWS REPORTER

A sweet fundraiser makes an educational adventure possible for a group of students.

A three-course chocolate-themed dinner and silent auction is taking place tonight at the Humber Room for \$45 per person.

Proceeds raised will help send students on a two week study at sea program offered by the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism, said tourism management program co-ordinator Mary Lendway.

Participants in the program will cruise the Caribbean, attending lectures and workshops focused on the history, politics and culture of the countries they visit, she said.

Students will also volunteer at an orphanage in Grenada, helping paint and update the facility, while delivering school supplies to children, said Lendway.

"It's a way of giving back to the world."

So far, the dinner has sold about 60



Catherine Labelle

Culinary student David Borello learns to work with chocolate.

of the available 100 seats.

The dinner includes wine that has been paired with the predominant flavours in each dish, said wine professor Ramesh Srinivasan.

A Mosel Valley Riesling with good acidity and wonderful fruit flavours will pair nicely with a salad served with potato crusted goat cheese and chocolate raspberry vinaigrette, said Srinivasan.

The main course of chocolate and coffee rubbed braised short ribs will go nicely with an Australian Barossa Valley Shiraz, which can stand up to the meat, he said.

"Because of the originality from where these grapes are sourced, they

definitely impart a black pepper and a dark chocolate complexity."

The dessert has a multitude of intermingling flavours which would pair nicely with a Muscat de Beaumes de Venise, said Srinivasan.

"The Muscat grape is naturally sweet and you get aromas of lychee and orange blossoms."

Chef professor Doug Smith and three students will prepare the dessert tonight.

When working with chocolate, a chef can be creative, but needs to be patient and organized, said Smith.

The reward is savouring the chocolate itself, he said.

"It is loved by almost everyone."

Ambassadors help newcomers settle

PAM BAL
LIFE REPORTER

Humber exchange student Tomona Haneda, 21, said she didn't know anyone in Canada and was nervous when she arrived in Toronto from Japan last August.

The first people she met were two international ambassadors from Humber. They picked her up at the airport and took her to her residence.

Haneda, a hospitality and tourism management student, said this was very helpful because it made her feel more comfortable.

"Before I came here I thought I could adjust to another culture, but after I came here I found many difficulties to adjust, to make friends, even to eat western food everyday," said Haneda.

"I was shocked by the culture. I was homesick. I would go to the International Centre and they gave me advice."

Haneda said speaking with international ambassadors helped her adjust to life in a new country.

Amit Chhabra, 26, an international ambassador at Humber's International Centre, was also on his own when he came here from India.

The second-year computer and network support technician student, said the International Centre helped him make friends and the students he met were also feeling lonely and homesick.

"It was easy to connect with them," said Chhabra.

Director of the International Centre Wanda Buote said student ambassadors "show leadership examples and help support students."

"We hire them from different coun-



Pam Bal

Tomona Haneda, 21, exchange student from Japan.

tries, so that we have more resources to help us."

Buote said the centre offers airport pickups for students moving straight into residence.

"We pick them up and take them to their accommodation and help them settle in, so that they're not totally stressed out," she said.

Chhabra is one of the ambassadors who meets students at the airport and shows them around residence.

An estimated 300 new international students will join Humber in May, some of which will likely get picked up by international ambassadors.

Chhabra said the ambassadors are there for the international students.

"We're a connection between Canada and them."

Banquet to celebrate outstanding students

JESSICA LABERGE BLAKELEY
LIFE REPORTER

Humber's annual Student Appreciation Awards Banquet will recognize students for their achievements on Monday.

Forty-two students were nominated by faculty and fellow students.

A committee of past winners and faculty will choose this year's winners.

Director of Athletics Doug Fox has nominated many students during his time at Humber and said they need to show certain qualities.

"It really has to be someone who's exceptional," he said. "It's someone who does a lot of things outside the box that are not part of their job or part of their academic responsibilities here."

Victor Gravili, 20, is a second-year public relations student and the promotions chair for this year's banquet.

Gravili won an award last year for his work as the president of the Lake-

shore Residence Committee.

"Being nominated and winning the award last year, it was a great feeling," he said.

The great thing about the banquet is the focus it puts on student achievement, he said.

Humber grad and new media communications specialist for the Office of the Registrar Nick Farnell is also a past award winner.

Farnell was nominated for his work as Humber Students' Federation president in 2007.

"It was a little bit different for me because I was actually the MC so they kind of kept it a little bit quiet from me," Farnell said. "It was a little bit of a surprise that way."

"It's absolutely incredible to be recognized for something that you've been spending a lot of hard work doing," he said.

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Pisces
 Feb. 19 - March 20

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Virgo
 Aug. 24 - Sept. 22

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Aries
 March 21- April 20

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Libra
 Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

When you stare into the abyss, stop. Staring is rude.



Taurus
 April 21 - May 21

It is better to be feared than loved.



Scorpio
 Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

The only way to get rid of a temptation is to embrace it.



Gemini
 May 22 - June 21

Love conquers all things except the unconquerable.



Sagittarius
 Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

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Courtesy Cindy Yeung
Peach Berserk, a women's clothing boutique, is located in downtown Toronto, in the fashion district on Queen Street West.



Courtesy Cindy Yeung

Fashion arts students can have their prom dress design custom made at the Peach Berserk.

Local prom dress design contest open to students

RUTH YATEMAN
A&E REPORTER

Fashion arts students have the chance to design a prom dress as part of the Peach Berserk spring fashion design contest.

The first of its kind for the Queen Street boutique, the competition is open to elementary, high school and post-secondary students.

Second-year fashion arts student Holly Chappell, 20, plans to use Latin American revolutionary Che Guevara as a major inspiration for her design.

"He inspires me because of his ideas, his intelligence and his drive," she said.

Chappell hopes to create a flirty and fun design resembling the trademark military fatigues Guevara was known for wearing during the Cuban revolution.

Owner Kingi Carpenter said the contest is a way to expand the boutique's creativity.

"I feel it's a way for us to get out there in the community more."

Three prizes will be awarded, with first place taking home a custom made Peach Berserk dress constructed from the winning design.

Three judges will choose the winners, among the judges is online personality Casie Stewart.

"Peach Berserk has the best prom

dresses, and I thought this contest was something that I really wanted to be involved with," said Stewart.

Carpenter said the judges will take into account the fact the contest is open to such a wide age range.

"The winning design will be something that the judges find interesting and different, it's all about going with that gut instinct," said Carpenter.

Stewart said she's looking for something unique.

"I like when people aren't afraid to show their own personality and style."

The contest deadline is next Thursday and the winners will be announced April 22.

Reading project launches in T.O.

RYAN CHARKOW
A&E REPORTER

Students in Humber's book publishing program will have the opportunity to work on launching the Ontario: Read It Here initiative.

The by-product of a partnership between Project Bookmark Canada and Open Book Toronto, the program is dedicated to preserving Canada's literary history by placing signs near places made famous by Canadian authors.

Currently only one bookmark sign exists in Ontario – next to the Bloor Street viaduct and features an excerpt from Michael Ondaatje's *In The Skin of a Lion*. Students will be responsible for scouting new bookmark locations and compiling information for a website.

Project Bookmark founder Miranda Hill said she is excited to be working with Humber students.

"These students really want to be involved with books, so they

seemed like the perfect group of people to work with Project Bookmark," she said.

Over the next two years, eight more bookmarks will be unveiled across Ontario, with locations to be determined.

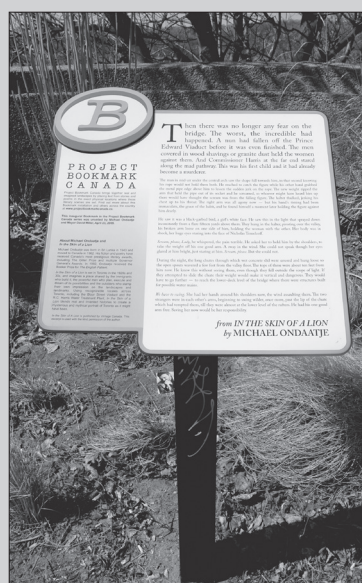
Executive Director of Open Book Toronto Amy Logan Holmes – whose company will be managing the online component of Read It Here – said students will be an integral part of the initiative.

"Students will be visiting the locations of the new Project Bookmarks and will be writing about the author, the book and the location," she said.

"Humber has such a solid program and they're going to bring so much to the project in terms of content, insight, and marketing."

Hill said the idea for Project Bookmark came to her while walking with her children.

"I started to read great literature about the same places I was walking around," she said.



Ryan Charkow

Students will scout new locations for bookmarks.

Jennifer Murray, who teaches marketing in the book publishing program, said she is looking forward to working with Read It Here. "It will definitely be another exciting element for the students to work on during the program," she said.

Murray said students will develop a marketing plan for the project and will offer four internship positions over the next two years.

Spring fashion show celebrates launch of North Campus spa

ALEXANDRA TOMASZEWSKI
A&E REPORTER

Fashion arts students are partnering up with spa management students to organize an end-of-term fashion show next Thursday to help kick off the opening of the North Campus spa.

The fashion show will exhibit students' glamour photography, as well as spring designs from Ryerson students and mini collections from up and coming Toronto designers.

Fashion students will focus on the planning and preparations of the event.

"We don't design the clothes or model, we're involved in the business of fashion," said Leilani Kalaw, 19, second-year fashion arts student.

To help finance the event, students thought up a number of fundraising initiatives, including a movie night, a raffle, bake sales and a pub night.

"We need to raise as much as possible," said Diana Sisto, fashion events

planning instructor and co-ordinator of the event.

"Staging and lighting are major costs when putting on a show. We are catering the event; there will be a cocktail reception. Hair and makeup is an expense, and we've hired some professional models as well."

Linx will host a fashion-themed pub night tonight, which will include a raffle, giving students a chance to walk away with Blue Jays tickets and OPI products.

"We're going to have a signature drink that night and the entire theme is going to be fashion," said second-year fashion arts student Aleida Conradson, 20.

Students are hoping for a full house at the show on April 15, when the models will stomp the runway in the newly renovated A building at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

"Planning this show is our debut into the fashion world," said second-year fashion arts student Shane Walters, 20.

Juno nod adds to grad's success

ANDREW SUTHERLAND
A&E REPORTER

Music grad and jazz pianist David Virelles says being nominated for another Juno award doesn't mean he's reached the pinnacle of his profession.

"The sole reason I got into music was because I love music, I wasn't looking to get recognized. Things like this help move your career, but that doesn't mean that you're progressing musically," said Virelles.

"I don't see myself ever reaching a point where I am satisfied musically."

Virelles is nominated for best contemporary jazz album alongside Humber professors Neil Swainson on bass, Barry Romberg on drums and band leader Kirk MacDonald on saxophone.

Virelles has played on two Grammy-nominated albums, as well as multiple Juno-nominated albums.

"I've played on at least three or four Juno-nominated albums with Jane Bunnett, two of which are Juno-winning," said Virelles.

Virelles came to Canada at the age of 16, and since then he has won nu-

merous awards, including the first ever Oscar Peterson award, presented to him at Humber.

"David has done so much in so little time, he is an absolutely beautiful pianist," said Kirk MacDonald.

In 2008, Virelles released his first album as a band leader, entitled *Motion*.

Though it didn't receive any award nominations, he doesn't begrudge the success of other musicians he's played with.

"I get very excited for the leaders, most of the time these people that I've played on the record with are my friends, it makes me excited," said Virelles.

"He's really an incredible and exceptional talent," said Barry Romberg.

"He's onto some cool stuff; he has a really unique voice on his instrument which is refreshing."

Virelles said the inspiration for his music isn't limited to other musicians and he draws insight from all aspects of life.

"I get inspiration by visual arts, from geometry, from nature, from writers, from movies, and from people."

Music venue opens by Kipling station

The Rockpile offers a line-up of local bands, food and a unique atmosphere

MAEGAN MCGREGOR
A&E REPORTER

Humber students can eat, drink, dance and receive a get-out-of-jail-free card at The Rockpile – a new venue located near both North and Lakeshore campus.

The owner, Dominic Tassielli, is the former owner of the Big Bop Concert Hall on Queen Street West.

... I knew there was a need for a good venue in the Etobicoke area.

Dominic Tassielli
Owner, The Rockpile

The venue, which once was Bert and Ernie's restaurant, has been completely renovated with a prison theme.

"We wanted to make it like the TV show *Oz*, we have a real electric chair, bars on the walls and a place where people can take their own mug shots," said Rockpile booking agent Steve Haeg.

Located on Dundas Street West,

near Kipling subway station, the club opens April 10, with a full menu available on May 15.

Haeg said the venue is hoping to attract Humber students with pub and club nights every Thursday.

"We are hoping to work closely with Humber," said Tassielli. "We were under a lot of pressure to find a new venue once we knew the Big Bop was closing and I knew there was a need for a good venue in the Etobicoke area."

Haeg said the opening night will feature 10 local bands, including Futures Past.

"We wanted to have an opening night that was indicative of exactly what made the Big Bop so famous, a full line-up of local bands for local people. No big names," said Haeg.

Mark Kelso, head of the percussion department of Humber's school for creative and performing arts, said venues willing to take on young or unsigned musicians are hard to find.

"It has always been a struggle to find a place to play in Toronto."

Haeg said they hope the Rockpile will be a place for students to party and hopefully have the ability to work with some Humber student bands.



Courtesy

Public relations grad Jessie Sulidis, 25, works in in the Toronto area after graduating in 2007.

Grad busy after *The Bachelor*

MIRANDA ANTHISTLE
A&E REPORTER

While public relations grad Jessie Sulidis didn't win the heart of a reality television bachelor, she's accomplishing a lot more off-screen by helping worthy causes.

"I've been getting invites to help out at different charity events," said Sulidis, 25, who wasn't chosen to be the potential wife of bachelor Jake Pavelka.

"I'm involved in the Miss Universe pageant in June where I'll be doing the models' makeup, as well as modelling. I'm also doing a fashion show for breast cancer awareness in October."

Sulidis was one of 25 women looking for love on ABC's *The Bachelor: On the Wings of Love*, which ended

last month.

For people who think Sulidis participated in the show to get 15 minutes of fame, she dismisses it as ridiculous.

"I had dignity and didn't act crazy or do anything controversial," she said.

"I stayed true and had the right intentions. For me, there was no 'cool factor' to it."

She currently works full-time at her family's business, the Cosmetic Company, and said she one day hopes to run it.

"I plan events, throw seminars and do presentations, all of which ties into the skills I learned through the PR program," said Sulidis who graduated in 2007.

No stranger to the spotlight, she has acted in films such as *Disney's*

Camp Rock 2 and was Miss Molson Indy Canada and Miss Molson Indy Toronto in 2004.

Classmate and friend Sabrina Paniccia said Sulidis was always down-to-earth, despite her acting and modeling achievements.

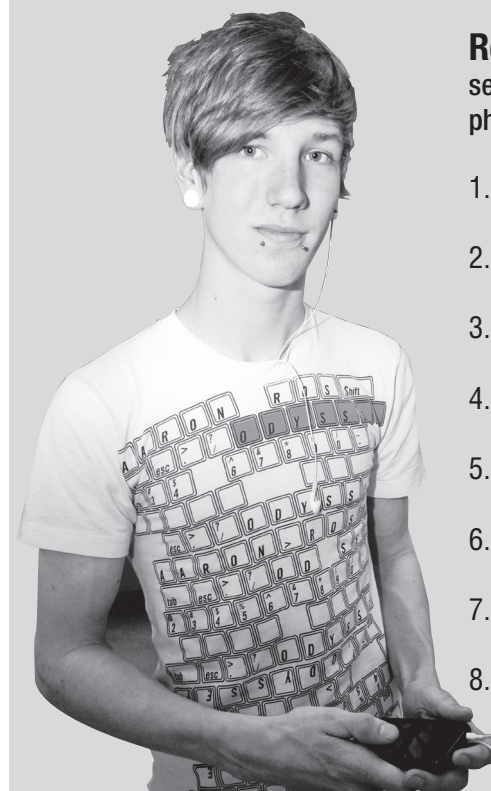
"All throughout college Jessie was really nice," said Paniccia. "She's a confident, beautiful person both internally and externally, and definitely not one of those people who lets popularity get in the way of her focus."

Public relations professor Trilby Bittle remembers Sulidis as very effervescent and commended her for appearing on reality television.

"I think it's utterly fantastic. To do something like that takes a very special person. I always applaud anyone who takes different pathways and that certainly is right outside the box."

What's in your headphones?

Interviewed by: Maegan McGregor



Rob Seymour, 20
second-year creative photography

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Rise Against
2. **Still Fly**
Devil Wears Prada
3. **Bury Me Within It**
Modest Mouse
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Event draws women to male-dominated trades

Technical programs promoted to high schoolers

STEPH SPRENGER
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Young women and girls will get a chance to learn about trades and technical vocations at an event hosted by Humber's North Campus next Tuesday.

"Construction trades like welder, electrician, framer, are still mostly men," said Humber's associate dean of trades Joe Tamona. "The stereotypes, while they are loosening up, are still there."

Many of Humber's trade and technical programs can count the number of female participants over the last 10 years on one hand.

"You can almost name them all," says the plumbing program co-ordi-

nator, Richard Snowdon.

Presentations by faculty in electrical engineering, plumbing, robotics, landscaping and other traditionally male-dominated programs will explain the skill-sets required for the programs and offer hands-on activities, like soldering.

"It's that seeding idea," said Ron Dorcas, who represents the York Catholic District School Board, who has sent junior high girls to the event for years.

"We want to give these young ladies the tools to make decisions about their future," he said.

The event features a panel of female Humber students who will share their experiences in male-dominated programs.

Magda Horbacz, the only female student in her automation and robotics program, is participating in the panel.

"I remember on my first day in the program, I got into class and someone was like 'Oh I think you're in the wrong class,'" she said.

Since then, she said, her experience has been positive.

Terrie Greco, faculty for the landscape technician program, said female enrolment in her program has grown dramatically over the last 15 years. In her field, employers are eager to add women to their jobsites.

"Employers really like having women as employees," she said. "They've said this countless times at job fairs, they've said this in emails when



Steph Sprenger

Magda Horbacz is the only woman enrolled in her program

they're looking for students."

Greco added employers find having both men and women working

together enhances the culture of the workplace.

USB 3.0 on the way

Faster transfer speeds for large files among benefits of new technology

SANGEETA PATEL
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Humber students can look forward to blazing fast data transfer with the advent of the USB 3.0, said Information Technology program co-ordinator Rob Robson.

"We are moving towards a digital lifestyle," Robson said. "The size of the data we are dealing with is much larger than before."

Robson said the USB's 4.0 gigabytes per second transferring speed moves the technology towards a more reliable buffering system.

"What takes 33 minutes to transfer with USB 2.0 will take about three minutes with USB 3.0, and that's time we can spend doing other things, rather than waiting for files to transfer over."

The affordability of the USB 2.0 makes them an attractive buy, said Robson. But USB 3.0 may not have

the same advantages.

Students need computers with a compatible USB port and will probably also need an adapter, said IT specialist Jason Webster, adding changes to the external shape allow for faster speed, but also make it incompatible for use with USB 2.0 devices.

"With this faster speed there may be new potential applications for these drives. Imagine that you could go to the video store and instead of renting a DVD they gave you a USB stick," Robson said.

But Ryan Burton, manager of client services, said students should be aware of some hardware limitations when using the new devices at home or school.

"Driver issues could become a problem for some as their peripherals, like scanners, cameras, burners and hard drives, may not be supported by the existing vendor when they upgrade," he said.



Jane Sponagle

Karen Hamilton-McKinnon shows off some of the cheap meals available at Gourmet Express.

Campus deals abundant

JANE SPONAGLE
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

Cash-strapped students can pamper themselves, have a few pints and eat gourmet meals on campus if they know where to go.

The Humber Spa offers a number of services and better prices than what is available in downtown Toronto, said Antoinetta Perretta, Humber Spa manager.

The spa charges \$40 for one facial session in a series of five sessions, compared to industry rates of \$100 to \$250 for the same session, said Perretta.

"When you're comparing \$40 times-five or \$100 times-five, there's definitely a huge savings for our clients," Perretta said.

A manicure and pedicure combo at

the spa is \$32 plus taxes, while downtown a pedicure alone could cost \$50 to \$100, Perretta said.

Nail care products, like OPI nail polishes, are also cheaper.

"I believe our cost is \$11 which is a little bit lower than what you would find in retail," Perretta said.

Thirsty students can also get a bargain by heading to LinX for a cheap draught.

LinX manager Chris Shimoji said Monday through Wednesday LinX offers drink deals.

"Monday after 8 p.m. it's \$1.25 for a seven ounce pint. On Tuesdays, \$4.25 domestic pints and on Wednesdays it's \$11.25 for a domestic pitcher," said Shimoji.

"Also on Wednesday, if you have a connection card we also have a deal on food. It's 15 per cent off food."

Gourmet Express also offers deals on packaged meals and cuts of meat prepared by the culinary arts students.

"On Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays because we're trying to get rid of some stock, as well as clear things out, we usually put things on sale, but in general it's cheaper than campus for a full meal," said Karen Hamilton-McKinnon, retail operations co-ordinator for Gourmet Express.

Food ranges from meat lasagne to lamb racks, appetizers and baked goods, said Hamilton-McKinnon.

"There's a menu posted on a weekly basis. Prices depend on portions they put in," said Hamilton-McKinnon.

Near the end of the week full-meals are available for as low as \$2.75.



Sangeeta Patel

The new USB 3.0 can transfer files at 4 gigabytes per second.

Game design sees first grads

Final project could lead to work with major developers

DAN BLACKWELL
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

This month the first graduating class of Humber's videogame programming students could see their final projects land them a job at their favourite game developer.

The three-year program started in 2007 and to graduate, students must program a game on their own for a final capstone project.

"The idea is that you can take this out to an employer and say this is a thing I did entirely on my own, and the kind of thing I can do for you, so give me a job," said program co-ordinator Rob Robson.

"There are jobs out there, there

are game companies looking for new employees," said Robson, adding he thinks their grads are the type of employee companies are looking for.

Graduating student Amadeo Bonanno's game, Flying Clod, features a man being flung into a building using touch sensitive controls. He said the inspiration came from his love of flash games.

"I always love casual games where

you have nothing to do," he said.

While Bonano hopes to land a job working at PlayStation developer Naughty Dog, he isn't opposed to a little entrepreneurship in the meantime.

"I already have a game for the Xbox arcade in mind," he said.

"There's a PlayStation game called Burn Zombie Burn, so it's like that type of game where you just go around killing monsters."

You can take this out to an employer and say this is a thing I did entirely on my own

Rob Robson
Videogame programming program co-ordinator

Fellow graduate Bramwell Su said he hopes his game Red Hood and The Fiends of Nevermore lands him a spot at developer Ubisoft, and is honoured to be among the first graduating class.

"It's very cool because it's the first time they've had the program, so it's nice to be the first representatives of Humber," said Su.

The student designed games reflect how videogame programming courses are evolving along with technology, Robson said.

"In something that's computer based there is always fairly rapid changes," he said.

"We continue to modify the program to the demands of the industry."



Courtesy

A still image from Bramwell Su's game Red Hood.

Plan will make OSAP repayment easier for students

CHARMAINE KERRIDGE
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With the new Ontario Student Assistance Program repayment assistance plan announced by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities on March 29, student loan repayment will become more affordable for cash-strapped Humber grads.

The Ontario government aims to reduce monthly repayments to levels grads can "reasonably afford."

"This new change has to do with the repayment of loans," said Patrick O'Gorman, spokesperson for the

ministry. "So whatever your debt is, you would not be paying more than 20 per cent of your family's income."

The plan comes into effect in May and replaces the interest relief program, which forgave interest accrued on loans.

However, students and grads will face larger debt as the McGuinty government also raised the cap on the maximum amount of debt students can accumulate for a two-term academic year by \$300.

"Before, you would only accrue \$7,000 per year in debt," said O'Gorman. "Anything you received

after the \$7,000 would be converted to grants. That has now risen to \$7,300."

It is the first increase on the cap in 12 years, he said. Despite repayment assistance, loan repayment can still seem overwhelming.

"OSAP is a burden," said Chantal Byfield, 21, who is graduating from

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Patrick O'Gorman
Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities Spokesman

justice studies at Guelph-Humber.

"They should make education more affordable and not about debt. Even if you get a good job, OSAP's holding you back."

Working with the Students Loans Centre, grads can find an affordable repayment amount, said Nicole Hammond Bonich, the re-

gional representative for the National Student Loans Centre.

If loan repayment assistance is not pursued, then regular loan charges will become due six months after graduation and interest will start to accrue on the balance owing, said Bonich.

She advises students to register for the repayment assistance plan.

"Every six months you have to have an income audit done," said Bonich. "As long as you have that loan, you can keep reapplying every six months for the Repayment Assistance program."



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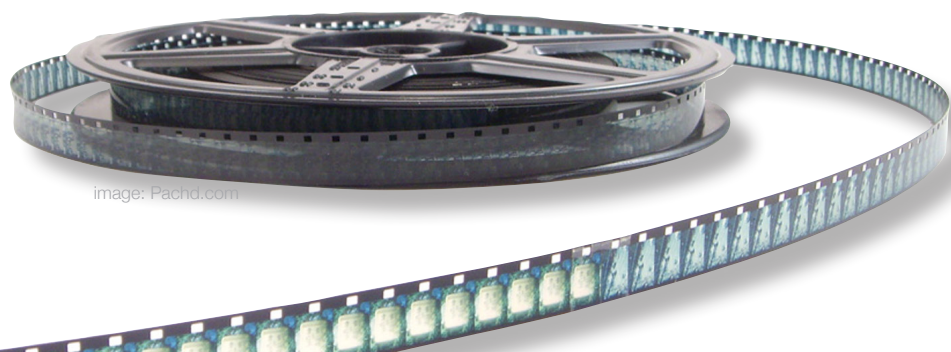


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Front lines to sidelines

Volleyball coaches teach skills and determination from playing experience

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It's become a tradition with the women's volleyball team: former players come up through the ranks to become coaches, bringing with them a wealth of knowledge to bestow upon the current team, said head coach Chris Wilkins.

Humber athletic director, Doug Fox, has watched the team's progress and said its success can be attributed to its experienced and dedicated coaching staff, naming Wilkins who has been head coach for the past 14 years.

"It starts with Chris," said Fox.

"Certainly you've got, in my mind, the best coach in the league and we've added pieces to the puzzle with Dean (Wylie) coming over from the men's program and Heather (Longland) and Rachel (Dubbeldam) adding their expertise."

Assistant coach Wylie has been by Wilkins' side for the past eight years.

"Dean and I have known each other for 20 years. We played together and came through the system together," said Wilkins.

"I try to surround the program with



Heather Alford

Coaching staff from left: Dean Wylie, Heather Longland, Rachel Dubbeldam and head coach Chris Wilkins have all risen in the ranks from players to leaders.

people that believe in the same beliefs I have and Heather and Rachel both have that mentality. They played for me for five years, they've won championships and they breathe winning. They understand what it's about so it's a very easy transition."

The most recent additions to the coaching staff are former players Longland, who has been assistant coach for the past two years, and last year's team captain Dubbeldam, whose coaching debut was this year.

Being former players, not only do all four coaches have years of volleyball experience under their belts, they've fostered a strong relationship with each other which has been essential to the team's accomplishments.

"We win by committee and we coach by committee," said Wilkins.

"There's never an 'I' mentality in our organization. The coaches run ideas off each other and the four of us make decisions together."

Players appreciate their coaches' exceptional commitment.

"Dean takes us out to do one-on-ones and there are a lot of teams that might not have that opportunity," said Hawks captain Teresa George.

"Even Chris will take off work or go into work later to come and help us. Having coaches that are willing to do that is huge for success because it makes you want to do better."

NCAA taps Ont. b-ball talent, says Doug Fox

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Basketball talent at Humber isn't what it used to be as the NCAA has swooped in to recruit local players looking to fulfill their hoop dreams.

In the 1990s, the Humber men's

“They're giving kids the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and be discovered.

James DePoe
Varsity basketball co-ordinator

basketball team won six consecutive provincial titles and five straight national titles. But since then, the talent hasn't been the same, said athletic director Doug Fox.

"Ontario was a pretty well-kept secret until about 15 years ago," Fox said. "Humber was used to getting players that would have been eligible today for Division One (NCAA) schools. But, we haven't had that level of player for a while as a result of the

NCAA recruiting them down south."

Fox said, when it comes to choosing post-secondary education, American and Canadian universities come before Humber.

"We're that third cousin who's just trying to keep afloat," he said.

But, it's impossible for Humber to compete with the high-powered NCAA because they're a "machine," said varsity basketball co-ordinator James DePoe. "They're always on the hunt."

"We also don't have near the amount of money they offer for scholarships," he said.

Humber's athletic scholarships are based on league rules, said Fox.

"Our athletes can only get a maximum scholarship of \$1,000 for first year, \$1,200 for second year, \$1,500 for a third year, and \$2,000 for a fourth year. That's barely enough to make an impact on someone who needs to move into residence and pay tuition," he said. "But in the States they offer them full scholarships. We're looking at about \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. We just can't compete with that."

Darrell Glenn, head coach of the men's basketball team, said Humber also can't compete with the exposure students get playing in the NCAA.

"They're giving kids the opportunity to fulfill their dreams and be discovered. We can't waste our time chasing students who are set on that one goal of making it big."

"They all have a dream," said DePoe. "The NCAA will give them the right exposure and from there, they're all just chasing the big dream of playing in the NBA."



Kyle Hall

Hawks setters Eichhorn (left) and Quinn warm up at practice.

Summer training takes to the sand

Coach says players can stay fit playing beach volleyball during the off-season

KYLE HALL
SPORTS REPORTER

Hawks head coach Wayne Wilkins is encouraging the men's volleyball team to head to the beach this summer.

"Beach [volleyball] is an absolute recommendation," said Wilkins. "One of the issues we have with big middles is mobility, and beach forces them to practice that stuff outside of practice and drills."

There are only two players on a beach volleyball team and a beach court is only slightly smaller than an indoor court, so players are forced to cover a lot of area.

This is important for tall middle players, like Humber's 6-8 Andre Brown, for improving quickness, said Wilkins.

"It's like subliminal training," said Wilkins, referring to techniques indoor players learn by playing on the sand without being aware of it.

"Beach volleyball forces you to play an all around game, where indoor is more specific with specific skills," said Hawks setter and veteran beach player Stephen Eichhorn, who made

the finals of two Ontario Volleyball Association beach tournaments last summer.

Hawks assistant coach Elie Shermer has really been the catalyst for trying to get players out to the beach. His family owns Beach Blast, an indoor beach volleyball facility in Toronto, and Shermer has many years experience playing and coaching beach volleyball.

"The workout itself in the sand is beneficial for cardio and jumping," said Shermer. "From a training standpoint alone, beach is very important."

Shermer said that "guys like Andre (Brown) and Mack (Robertson) should be playing beach," referring to two of Humber's rookie middles, because they have the most to gain by working out in the sand and improving their ball handling skills.

In addition to encouraging his players to play beach volleyball, coach Wilkins will be running two training camps over the summer and having practices once a week.

The Hawks men's volleyball team won the provincial gold medal and finished fourth at nationals this year.

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Cheer squad looks for new leader next season

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Varsity Humber cheerleading is looking for a new head coach after a mutual decision was made between the cheerleading program and the

athletic department resulting in the coach's resignation.

Tara Grozier started the team seven years ago and has been a part of the program up until this semester.

"Apparently, the direction I was taking with the team wasn't what the

team and the athletic department wanted," said Grozier.

Team captain Katie Myhaluk, 20, said the team will focus on perfecting and maintaining moves, while having fun practices with a lot of team bonding for the rest of the semester.

As for finding a new coach, co-captain Katja Helmer said, "we have made a flyer that we are circulating around cheer clubs in the area looking for a new coach."

Helmer, 19, said the team is looking for someone who is dedicated and



Courtesy

This year's cheerleading team poses for a group photo.

“Coaching Humber cheerleading was one of the highlights in my life and I wish them the best

Tara Grozier
Former coach

will push them that extra bit.

Athletic director Doug Fox said, "we will hire the new coach in May and it will be a decision made between myself and the captains so the team gets a coach that can move them in the right direction."

Grozier said she isn't bitter about the decision, but doesn't know if it was the best decision they could have made.

"Because I was part of the program for so long, I'm going to miss the team. Coaching Humber cheerleading was one of the highlights in my life and I wish them the best," Grozier said.

Grozier said she hopes whoever runs the team next year has the knowledge and experience to do well because she wants to see the team win some competitions.



Christine Tea

Coach Lam Trinh (far right) enjoys all around victory at regionals.

Badminton coach helps in community

ROB SYKES
SPORTS REPORTER

In his first year as head coach of the Hawks badminton team, Lam Trinh has been decorated as provincial and national coach of the year, after his involvement in developing the game throughout the Toronto area.

"Humber had a great year and that definitely had a hand in him winning the award, but it had a lot to do with how he's been growing badminton," said the head of Canadian collegiate badminton Alf McGuire.

After playing for Humber in 2006, Trinh, 36, was an assistant coach for three years before becoming head coach this season. He has been involved in badminton for even longer.

Trinh, a resident of Scarborough who works in Humber's marketing and communications department as a digital communications co-ordinator, began playing badminton in high school after immigrating to Canada from Vietnam at 12.

"He knows everybody in badminton around here," said assistant coach Mike Kopinak.

Last year, Trinh ran two summer

badminton camps and said, "most who attended were from different communities and clubs that I know, so I rented some club space and it went well. There are already people asking about this summer."

Running camps and training players one-on-one has led to a lot of networking, with recruiting for Humber a top priority.

"Lam's been out there talking Humber up when he goes to these clubs, he's the reason that Raymond (Wong) came to Humber, and once we had that solid foundation, the rest fell into place with Mark (Wong) coming here too," said Kopinak.

Since arriving at Humber, the Wong brothers have collectively won two provincial gold medals, two provincial bronze medals, a national bronze, and a national gold.

Trinh said the best part of recruiting and coaching is not winning provincial and national gold medals, but seeing players improve.

"For me, seeing a player improve is the biggest fulfillment," said Trinh. "You feel like they're advancing and doing better, and you helped them get there."

Wong may rule sidelines 2010-11

Badminton star ponders taking coaching position after great season

ROB SYKES
SPORTS REPORTER

Badminton star Raymond Wong is returning to Humber next fall, but his future as a Hawk is uncertain.

During his three years at Humber, Wong won two provincial gold medals, a national bronze in men's singles and a national gold in mixed doubles this season with partner Renee Yip.

Wong said he recently decided to prolong his marketing program into the fall, and is considering continuing his badminton career at Humber.

Team captain Charlie Lay said he believes Wong won't be able to stay away from the court if he returns. "I think he's really coming back, he's just

keeping us in suspense."

This year's national gold medal victory has assistant coach Mike Kopinak believing Wong's fire is back, and he may revisit men's singles play.

"He was telling me that if he comes back, he wants to get his fitness levels back up and if he's going into this he wants to be going full steam or not at all," said Kopinak.

"If I put in an effort, like at nationals, I can still be as good as I was a few years ago," Wong said.

Time, however, may be a factor in Wong's comeback.

"I instruct at Mandarin Badminton at the Mandarin Golf and Country Club in Markham about 40 hours a week, plus school, so I might be too

busy to play," said Wong.

Kopinak said Wong's experience could lead to coaching at Humber if he doesn't play, an idea Wong embraces.

"If I'm here and not playing, I'd definitely want to help out with the team and help coach," said Wong.

"I think he would be a great coach," said Kopinak. "He gets along with everybody, and he knows the sport better than anybody."

"With Ray around we're all better players," said Lay. "People tell me I've improved over the years and I think it's because of playing and practicing with Ray."

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