

## Shut out of race

Why Cameron McKenzie  
isn't on your HSF ballot  
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Last Sunday French President Jacques Chirac signed a controversial law that will allow employers to fire employees under 26 without reason — *thestar.com*.



Some students won't need to pick up as much food at the grocery store as they participate in a voluntary fast in sympathy of those starving in the Third World. *andrea damiani*

## Making a difference on an empty stomach

by **andrea damiani**  
NEWS REPORTER

Canadian youth participating in the 30 Hour Famine tomorrow will do what they can to make a difference against Third World poverty.

Saturday night Canadian R&B artist Massari will perform at Yonge and Dundas Square to support the cause.

Other appearances will be

made by Cassie Campbell of the Women's Olympic Hockey team and the punk band The Salads.

The famine is open to anyone willing and aims "to raise awareness about poverty in other parts of the world. The funds go to various World Vision programs overseas for water, hunger and HIV/AIDS," said Jessica Parker, representative for World Vision.

The aid group puts on the fundraiser annually to bring the

issues of poverty closer to home. In a smaller way, students experience what it is like to be hungry and at the same time create awareness and raise money.

April 7 to 8 participants can have strictly water and juice to sustain them for 30 hours.

The funds raised will go to twenty different countries, including Ghana, Cambodia, Sri Lanka and South Africa.

"Anyone can be empowered to

make a difference," said Parker. "Many students are very engaged and they want to have that power to do something."

Culinary management student Doman Francis, 20, didn't agree. "I wouldn't do it. I don't think it could be successful here with how much work we have to do," he said. "It's a good idea but in reality, success wise, staying awake and starving is not a priority."

Through sponsorship of partic-

ipants, \$4.1 million was raised last year and a goal of \$5 million for this year will go to programs that focus on accessibility of clean water, hunger and starvation, and HIV/AIDS.

Even though there is no Humber group participating, students can sign up online or join a group in Etobicoke, like the Humber Valley United Church. For information see [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org)

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## Chin loses in his first byelection

by **Michelle Dipardo**  
NEWS REPORTER

Former Humber teacher Ben Chin lost by a slim margin in last Thursday's Toronto-Danforth byelection.

The journalist turned politician garnered 39 per cent of the vote while the NDP's Peter Tabuns won the riding with 49 per cent.

A year after leaving his TV news career behind to become a senior communications adviser to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Chin was hand-picked by the premier to run in the byelection.

This was Chin's first bid for public office.

"I don't see politics as a career path ambition," Chin told the *Et Cetera* in February. "I'm purely offering myself up to serve the people of Toronto-Danforth as an MPP who is here and who is here for what I'm interested in, which is public education — post-secondary and health education — because those are our responsibilities."

Chin has spent much of his life in the Riverdale area and as a Liberal candidate he was the underdog in the riding, a NDP stronghold since 1963.

The 23-year-old son of a Vancouver millionaire was kidnapped at gunpoint Tuesday morning after being run off the road while driving — [theglobeandmail.com](http://theglobeandmail.com).

# Three-strike policy axes candidate

## Phone records used in court against presidential contender

by **jaclyn newman**  
NEWS REPORTER

Presidential candidate Cameron McKenzie has been disqualified from the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) election.

The decision, which McKenzie called "a very anti-democratic process," comes after he tried to stop the HSF action against him by asking for a court injunction last Friday.

"I was shocked," said McKenzie yesterday about his disqualification. "Our team has been hit every day since day one. There have been so many different things based on no actual proof. The burden of proof is on the person making accusations and there has been no proof of anything. The HSF doesn't respect student democracy here at Humber."

McKenzie made the decision to speak about his case after his appeal of the HSF disqualification was denied yesterday morning.

HSF has an election campaign policy which gives candidates up to three breaches before they are disqualified from the race.

HSF executive director and business manager Michael Parent said "he was disqualified for breach of election policy on three different occasions and when you break the rules three times, according to election policy, you are disqualified."

McKenzie's campaign team's first strike came after he said he was charged with having endorsements on his HSF posters.

"We got our flyers approved by the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) Jennifer Mowbray and the only addition I made was including club endorsements," McKenzie said.

**"It's enough for students to know that there was due cause for the candidate to be disqualified."**

- Judy Harvey,  
dean of students

HSF election policy states posters must be approved.

The second strike against his team came after Kerri Judge, a member of the HSF Board of Directors and a member of McKenzie's team, was photographed at an OPSEU strike rally wearing a button that promoted freezing tuition.

McKenzie's last strike came after he was accused of having help on his campaign by someone unapproved as a team member, something he said the HSF executive tried to prove using his HSF cell phone records.

Michael Parent and Jennifer Mulberry told McKenzie last Wednesday he had his third strike.

After that, McKenzie decided to seek a court injunction and hired Toronto lawyer Glenn Wheeler.

Wheeler and HSF lawyer Chris Stanek made their arguments before Madame Justice Sarah Papp in a conference room at the 361 University Ave. court house.

McKenzie and Wheeler said Stanek introduced McKenzie's HSF cell phone records as evidence he had campaign help from someone not on his team.

"Conclusions were made, based on a number called, about what the nature of the conversation was," said Wheeler. "A number doesn't tell you what was talked about, only who was called, but they came to conclusions based on that."

McKenzie said the phone calls in question were made to a friend during a rough patch in his personal life.

Wheeler continued to say the other strikes against McKenzie were unwarranted.

"Kerri Judge went as a private person to a rally and wore a button," said Wheeler.

The HSF's lawyer Chris Stanek said "I have no comment" when asked about the injunction hearing.

Michael Parent told the *Et Cetera* yesterday he could not comment on the case. He was not a member of the appeals committee,

but did oversee the three-strike process that saw McKenzie and another HSF candidate, Ryan Russell, disqualified from the election. Russell was disqualified during the faculty strike.

Russell who spoke to the *Et Cetera* about his own disqualification for what he said was something "I can't even think about now."

Russell's first strike was, like McKenzie's, for having endorsements on posters.

His second strike was an accusation he made homophobic remarks about another candidate's picture on a poster he was holding.

Russell has disputed these claims through an HSF appeal and confirmed to the *Et Cetera* that he is an active member and vice president of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transexual club (LGBT).

"I was speechless ... it was ridiculous," Russell said of the second strike.

Yesterday Humber College president Robert Gordon said he was aware McKenzie's phone records were brought before the court as evidence but said, "We don't get involved in student run elections."

HSF President Joey Svec, a member of the appeals committee, said, "I can't comment because of the confidentiality agreement and policies. It could get legal - it's bigger than us."

Dean of Student Services Judy Harvey was also on the appeals

committee as a liaison between HSF and Humber staff and called the situation "worse than unfortunate."

Like Svec, she said she could not comment on the outcome of the appeal, but said students should be satisfied with the way things were handled.

"It's enough for students to know that there was due cause for the candidate to be disqualified and policy was followed," said Harvey. "If a student came off the ballot because of an emergency in their personal life, would they want that broadcast? We're trying to protect Cameron."

McKenzie said late last night, "there's been no emergency in my life."

He added students have a right to know about situations affecting their student union.



robina kumar

Cameron McKenzie yesterday.

# Memorial award honours student

by **nicole blake**  
NEWS REPORTER

A scholarship fund has been established to honour outstanding role model and community leader Marci Fenwick, a Humber Lakeshore student who was killed in a hit and run.

"Marci was a person of the highest caliber," said Kawa Ada, residence supervisor. "She exemplified the very best in service to others, and developed meaningful relationships with everyone she came into contact with."

Fenwick, 23, was enrolled in the developmental service program, and was an active member of the campus community as a residence assistant.

The annual award will honour a residence student who is active in the campus community, while also being a role model to fellow

students by showing qualities of spirit, leadership and kindness.

During the memorial service an exchange student spoke about his brief encounter with Fenwick, said Kawa.

"The student had only been here for one semester, and he preferred to stay in his room and keep to himself. He said that although he had only been here for a few short months, he had found a sister in Marci. That's how strongly she connected with people."

The Marci Fenwick Leadership Award will be presented at this year's student appreciation banquet. Fenwick will be the first recipient.

She will be remembered by friends as a funny and truly caring person, said friend Jill Thomson. "She had a very contagious laugh, and I remember so many times



jill thompson

Fenwick was killed in a hit and run Feb. 25.

where you'd be around her and your stomach would hurt from laughing, and you weren't even sure what started the laughter."

Fenwick and her boyfriend were walking home along an unlit road in her hometown of Owen Sound when she was struck by a van. Her boyfriend suffered minor injuries.

## Viewing today for murdered Humber student

by **zoe szuch**  
NEWS REPORTER

Jermaine Brown, the 23-year-old culinary student who was shot to death last week, left a six-year-old son and was expecting his second child, said his father, Frank Brown.

Jermaine's tuition has been refunded to his estate, said Frank.

The viewing will take place today and tomorrow, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at 8190 Dixie Rd.

A service for Jermaine will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Mount Zion Apostolic Church at 6810 Professional Court.

Both the viewing and service for Jermaine are open for Humber students.

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# Humber becomes more dangerous in summer

## Reporter rides along with veteran cop, explores surrounding neighbourhood

by zoe szuch  
NEWS REPORTER

I strapped on a bullet-proof vest, climbed into the passenger seat of a Toronto police cruiser, and took a ride into the seamy side of life at Humber and the surrounding Rexdale community.

For three hours, Sgt. Larry Dee of 23 Division's Community

Response Unit was my guide, providing a cop's eye view of crime and how it seeps into North Campus.

"For Humber College, this is a main thoroughfare," the veteran officer said as we drove along the river in the ravine that connects the school to the crime-ridden Jamestown neighbourhood. "They come down this pathway,

they can go all the way to Jamestown ... and we never know who they are."

The route, he said, is often used by drug dealers, thieves and other criminals.

"Anybody can walk right off the street there and sell drugs, help themselves to a laptop," Dee said. "The customer base for marijuana is huge at Humber. So

why not take the business to the customer ... That's our main problem."

During our ride, Dee pointed to the arboretum, explaining that it becomes a haven for illegal activity, mainly drugs, especially at this time of year.

"That place is just crawling in the summertime with all kinds of stuff going on all night and

everything else. We've got all-terrain vehicles, bicycles and motorcycles, so we're down there all the time," he said.

He also cited problems associated with the campus pub, CAPS. "They are over-serving big time. If you're a waitress and I'm loaded and you're serving me and I come out here and kill somebody, you're in trouble."

Dee has been with Toronto police for more than 30 years. He was shot in the line of duty in 1991 and has been assigned to the Community Response Unit at 23 Division since 2001.

The unit handles complex community issues and "if there is a problem in the high schools, if someone needs to be arrested, kicked out, weapons or whatever we're the ones they call," Dee said.

We drove through Jamestown, a neighbourhood I had only heard about from newspapers and on TV. Jamestown looked long forgotten by the city — with a small outdated recreation centre serving a large youth populace.

*"The customer base for marijuana is huge at Humber, so why not take the business to the customer."*

- Sgt. Larry Dee

Dee took me around high schools that were known for criminal activity as we spoke about youth and gangs, a growing Toronto problem.

The only police action I saw was when Dee stopped a suspicious teen walking in a remote forested area. Turns out the teen had just moved to Toronto from a small town and skipped class to wander around a nearby river.

I had an interesting time seeing Humber through the eyes of the police but by the time I tuned out the constant cackle of noise from the police radio and got comfortable in my bulky Kevlar vest, the ride-along with Dee was over.



Sgt. Larry Dee

Zoe Szuch learns the ropes.

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jaimie kehler

A worker installs new security cameras ahead of schedule.

## Five new cameras installed to monitor North Campus

by jaimie kehler  
NEWS REPORTER

Students can now feel safer while at school, thanks to the installation of six new security cameras on North Campus.

"They were scheduled to be put in during the summer of 2006, but we decided to advance that in light of the recent mugging," said Gary Jaynes, head of campus security.

On the afternoon of Feb. 6, a student was robbed at gunpoint in the main student centre on North Campus. The thief got away with a laptop.

The installation of five new cameras in the main student centre, one in both the games room and E building, is the first step toward heightened campus security. Scattered throughout the communal area near the cafeteria and HSF office, the small black domes are

hardly noticeable. During the summer, the college will review its security plan and consider installing more phones and surveillance cameras where necessary.

"It's a good thing, as long as someone is watching them," said marketing student Karla Mejia, 18.

**"They can watch me if they want ... it doesn't bother me."**

- Jag Grewal, student

Over 60 cameras currently monitor both campuses and transmit directly to various security viewing stations 24 hours a day.

"If there is a person of interest, we focus on them," said Jaynes, who watches the footage along with cam-

pus security. "It allows us to cover a lot of ground quickly."

Still, some students may be concerned that the cameras are an invasion of privacy because they will constantly be watched.

"I'm not going to do anything in a private place," responds marketing student Dan Dabek, 18.

"They can watch me if they want," added accounting student Jag Grewal, 20. "Doesn't bother me."

Paid for by the college, the initiative is meant to offer students a greater sense of safety while at school.

"We have about 12,000 plus persons on this campus. That means 12,000 pairs of eyes," said Jaynes. "The cameras can't be everywhere, so if you see something suspicious, please let us know."

North campus security can be reached at 416-675-6622 ext. 4077, and Lakeshore at ext. 3240.

## Strike refund to benefit drop-outs only

by andrea damiani  
NEWS REPORTER

The deadline for students to prove to the college they need to drop out because the strike affected their ability to finish school is April 13.

For a student to receive a tuition refund for the semester, he must have supporting documentation that he cannot finish the year under the college's revised plan.

For those students in a bind by having to stay longer at more cost, the McGuinty government said in a statement last week it will give more OSAP funding to those who already receive it.

For most, this will equal about \$700, or two weeks, worth more in loans that would have to be paid back.

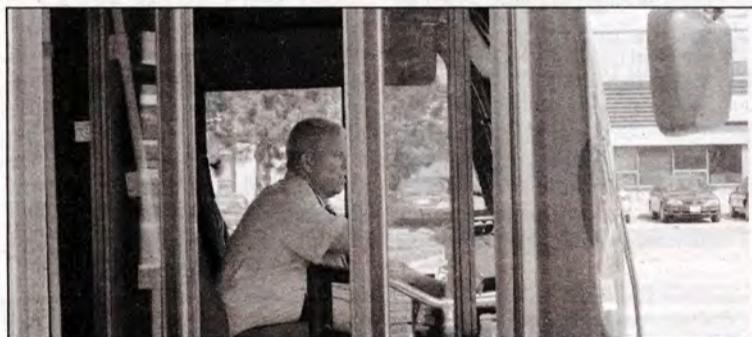
No option was given to students who are also monetarily challenged but do not already have OSAP.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has criticized the policy and the quick deadline, calling on the government to reimburse students for tuition money lost and for other expenses incurred during the strike.

CSF chairperson Jesse Greener said, "The time that students lost during the strike might translate into lost time in the classroom. There needs to be some accounting for that certain degraded education."

It is looking into taking court action for fair compensation to students.

"There should have been a component of grants in the recognition of financial burden on students and their families," said Greener.



robina kumar

TTC supervisor Gerry Clarke, above, and unnamed driver, below, after the incident took place just down the road from campus.

## TTC driver assaulted

by laurel sanders  
SENIOR REPORTER

A TTC operator was assaulted after stopping to pick up a rider at the intersection of Humber College Boulevard and Finch Avenue around 11 a.m. Tuesday morning.

A big purple bruise had surfaced beneath the driver's right eye by the time *Et Cetera* reporters arrived at the scene but the driver and TTC supervisor, Gerry Clarke chose not to comment on the incident.

"Police response was great," said Clarke who took the driver's statement.

Sgt. Brian Beadman of 23 Division said no weapons were involved.

"The suspect entered the bus

and there was a fare dispute," said Beadman. "The suspect whipped a loonie at the victim's face."

Although Beadman was unable to say if a student was involved, the suspect was last seen heading southbound on Humber College Blvd., towards the college.

"Someone might know this guy, it's possible he hangs around the college," said Beadman.

The suspect is described as a slim black male, 18 to 20 years old between 5'6 and 5'8 tall. He wore a three-quarter length black jacket with hood, jeans and a black backpack with a white design.

If you have information call 23 Division at 416-808-2300.

## Contract allows cops to study at Humber

by zoe such  
NEWS REPORTER

A \$3.5 million contract will allow Toronto police officers to receive a Humber diploma or a Guelph-Humber degree while completing police training.

The five-year contract is between Humber College, the University of Guelph-Humber and Toronto police. The program is scheduled to start as early as May.

Chuck Lawrence, manager of training and development for Toronto police, said this type of program is important because "policing is a very complex occupation and you need a grounding in social sciences, law, public administration, psychology, sociology, communication and so many other things."

Toronto police combined its

training needs with a goal of providing higher education to all officers and the contract is the result, said Frank Trovato, co-ordinator of the Police Foundations program at Humber.

He expects other such programs to "quickly spread right across the province if not Canada."

**"Education in itself allows all of us to build bridges."**

- Staff Sgt. Joe Perino

With this contract, officers can earn a justice studies degree from University of Guelph.

Humber College will facilitate in the training of police constables who plan to become ser-

geants and supervisors.

Each year, Humber can expect at least 300 Toronto police officers to train at Lakeshore campus.

"One of our biggest challenges is going to be facility," Trovato said.

"The first priority is to our students and we will never displace them."

The campus may be used for police training from May through August, although other options are also being considered.

Lawrence said the courses will be offered on the weekend and online, which "makes it quite possible for a mid-career professional to really actually achieve an undergraduate degree."

Trovato, an active police training specialist and a Humber instructor, said the classes will be taught by two instructors.

"We're bringing policing to the campus and I think that's absolutely phenomenal, win-win for the students," he said.

Trovato said the contract allows for police officers at any stage in their career to go back to school and get a better education than they already have.

"It also provides a pathway to life-long learning," said Trovato.

Staff Sgt. Joe Perino from 22 Division is currently enrolled in an Ontario-wide model program, created two years ago by Humber and Guelph-Humber to determine whether a contract would be feasible.

Perino said feedback from fellow officers is positive.

"Education in itself allows all of us to build bridges, to cross borders that we wouldn't normally [be able to cross] without education," he said.

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# Mixing fun with work

## A growing multimedia industry is providing more job opportunities in Canada

by marsha casselman  
BUSINESS REPORTER

Students looking for more play than work in their careers will have plenty of job opportunities in Canada's budding videogame industry.

"I'll most likely stay in Canada to work," said Allen Bowman, who is taking the 3D Animation program at Humber. "There are a lot of great game companies here."

"Canada is a hotbed for videogames right now. Economically, the country is doing well, there are good schools, good talent, and a healthy gaming culture," said Cedric Orvoine, spokesperson for Ubisoft in Montreal, most famous for the game *Tom Clancy's Splinter Cell*. He said the company plans to hire nearly 1,000 new people by 2010.

With the advent of 3D animation in games, television, and movies, revenues from digital interactive media is now the fastest growing segment of the entertainment industry. Video game revenues — including PC, online, wireless, and console games

— are expected to double from 2005 to 2009, according to PriceWaterhouseCoopers.

The gaming industry was named a "key sector" in last week's release of the Ontario budget, which announced it would be investing more in small gaming companies.

The Ontario Interactive Digital Media Tax Credit will be raised to 30 per cent from the current 20 per cent to cover labour and marketing costs and encourage companies to hire more young developers.

"There's a lot of interest from young people to enter the industry because Vancouver and Montreal have produced some quality games over the past three, four years which has drawn a lot of attention from the worldwide industry," said Orvoine. "So there's more money injected in the studios here and the government is also pretty active in supporting the industry as well."

Although Vancouver and Montreal house the largest production companies, Toronto is bustling with many smaller upstarts like Pseudo Interactive and Groove



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To compete with the Xbox 360 Sony plans to release its third generation system the Playstation 3 within the next year, Nintendo is also planning its new console the Revolution.

Games, as well as international subsidiaries like Rockstar Toronto.

Koei Corporation, a 25-year-old Japanese company, set up a studio in Toronto last fall.

Carol Nishitoba, assistant manager of Koei Canada Inc., said the Toronto studio is currently running on 30 employees, and hopes to hire at least 100 more people in the next three years.

She said it is looking for people in both programming and animation, both experienced and recent graduates.

"As opposed to people who go to university and study fine arts

who don't actually do or create, with the colleges they've had much more hands-on practice with animation," said Nishitoba. "So from an animation standpoint, we are looking for mainly college graduates."

She said Canadian developers are ideal for international companies, like Koei Inc., who want to tap into the North American and European market for certain types of games.

"For example, games such as *Grand Theft Auto* and first-person shooter games like *Halo* are really big here, but in Japan they don't

do so well. There, they like a lot of role playing and simulation games," said Nishitoba.

The rising demand for Canadian talent, doesn't comfort Bowman, since most jobs are not full-time but contracts for a couple years at most — the time it takes these companies to create one game.

"Job security is definitely a worry for everybody," said Bowman.

"It all comes down to showing their best work. The demo reel says everything. If you're good enough, you'll get jobs"

# A new breed of long haul drivers

by brian bento  
BUSINESS EDITOR

The Canadian trucking industry is looking for a new kind of driver to fill a shortage in the next five years.

To fill the mounting need for drivers, the transport industry is looking toward immigrants, women and a new younger generation of drivers.

"We need young people to come into the industry so we can keep them over a longer time," said Linda Gauthier, executive director of the Canadian Trucking Human Resources Council (CTRHC).

The CTRHC in a report in March 2005 found the transportation industry could not keep up with the growing Canadian economy.

"We have a large number of people moving from the trucking to another area of the transportation industry or leaving altogether," said Gauthier.

Retirement and career changes account for a large part of the industries need with many drivers retiring early, around the age of 45.

But getting into

the trucking industry isn't easy.

"If you're under 21 it's really hard to get in," said Karen Tavener, centre

**"We need young people to come into the industry so we can keep them over a longer time,"**

— Linda Gauthier,  
executive director of the Canadian

Trucking Human Resource Centre

manager for the Humber Transportation Training Centre.

Many trucking companies look for drivers with experience and being under 21 also makes a driver an insurance liability.

Not just anyone can jump into a truck.

"It is a profession. It's just not some-

thing to fill a job," said Tavener. "It takes skill."

The centre is government certified to issue class A drivers license, a big rig license.

But where the Ontario issued test only takes an hour and a half Humber's takes three hours, and focuses on safety.

Many younger drivers are scared from the industry due to the abnormal hours and long haul jobs they are normally given, spending days away from home and family.

Students at the centre usually age from 25 to 45 but not just men.

"We're getting a lot more women getting into the industry," said Tavener. "If you look around at the trucks on the road you'll see more and more females."

The centre has also seen a lot of immigrants, mainly trained professionals from their home countries but whose credentials aren't recognized in Canada, such as pharmacists and engineers.

The Humber Transportation Training Centre certifies about 24 class A drivers every seven weeks.

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# How to be your own boss for a short time

by **james koole**  
BUSINESS REPORTER

All it takes is a ladder, some paint brushes and a bit of business sense — or so it seems.

It's the summer job-hunting season again and the lure of being your own boss might have some students thinking about buying a seasonal franchise like College Pro Painters.

Jeff Hanlan, senior membership co-ordinator for the Canadian Franchise Association, said there is a benefit to a student in hooking up with a franchise such as College Pro. "When someone is buying a franchise, usually they're buying a brand name that's recognized, that's fairly well known within the market," he said.

He also points out it's a good way for a student with limited business experience to get up and running because the company is there to help and the business model is generally well established. "They're usually given an operations manual that sort of gives them an A-to-Z on how to run the franchise," he said.

Hanlan strongly recommended students get legal advice before entering into any contracts.

One lawyer with experience in franchise law is Ned Levitt, partner

at the law firm Gowling, Lafleur, Henderson LLP. He says franchise law in Ontario does a good job protecting investors before they purchase. The franchise seller is required to provide a comprehensive disclosure package including financial statements and contact information for other franchise owners in the area to potential purchasers at least 15 days before the contract is signed.

Levitt recommends calling other owners to see what their experience has been like dealing with the company, and how much money they've made.

As with any contract, he suggests having a professional look things over.

"These student franchises are not usually a lot of money, but they've got to get a little help from a lawyer or accountant, or both, that know what they are talking about," Levitt said. "Unfortunately that raises the bar a bit about what they are going to spend to get into it."

With start-up costs being higher than with a traditional business due to the franchise fee, Levitt suggested students look at College Pro Painters for more than a single summer. "If you are going to go to the trouble and expense to invest in it, you would hope that you are doing it at the beginning so you get two seasons out of it."

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co-ordinator for the Canadian  
Franchise Association



james koole

Franchises like College Pro Painters provide students with the opportunity of seasonal work.

## Taxes the faster way

by **jen wareham**  
BUSINESS REPORTER

For students who want to make some fast money on the Internet without posing nude or playing Texas Hold'em, there is always Quick Tax Web software. No nudity, no gambling, and best of all, it's free.

The software from Intuit Canada, allows users to file their taxes directly to the Canada Revenue Agency, costs nothing for people who earn less than \$25,000 annually, a category most full-time students fall in.

Those who file at [www.quick-taxweb.ca](http://www.quick-taxweb.ca) can expect a refund within about eight days.

"It's a speedy process to file it, send it to the CRA and wait for a refund on your return," said Niaz Nejad, consumer tax program manager at Intuit in Edmonton. She used the program to file her own taxes this year got her refund seven days later.

Quick Tax Web is not the only option. There are other free online alternatives to meeting the filing deadline at the end of this month, and finding

them is simple.

On the CRA website at [www.cra-arc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca), users can click on Netfile, which is the e-transmission service provided by the government for a list of registered software and instructions.

Netfile requires users to select commercial software for preparing their tax returns, and Quick Tax Web is one among a list of 15 downloadable and web applications available for both Macs and PCs.

Other free options for those short on change include Cute Tax Online, T1Filer, and UFile. Humber also has Profile, a free tax software available in the labs for its students.

Another popular no-cost alternative involves recruiting friends and family to the job.

Jasbir Sidhu scored free professional advice. "I went to an accountant in Brampton." The second-year ECE student said her tax expert was a friend.

"My parents do them for me," said first-year business student Tyler O'Brien who hasn't started worrying about them yet. "But I plan to get them done."

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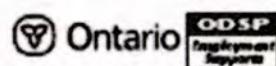
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# editorial

"In a time of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act" — George Orwell, British born author of the classic novel 1984.

## The time for action is now

As the HSF election voting period comes to a close, controversy plagues the process.

If you were a student, and hoping to vote for Cameron McKenzie, then you would have noticed his name was no longer listed on the ballot. You would have also noticed he was no longer on posters around the school.

McKenzie was suspended from the election but his suspension was never brought to the students' attention.

We, the students, were never informed of the suspension even though we pay the bills for the HSF. Student government exists only to represent our view, so it seems clear that we should have knowledge of something which could affect the way our views are expressed.

The HSF has two identities. It is a corporation but also a government. These two identities ultimately contradict each other. A corporation relies on confidentiality and secretive tactics when dealing with a situation like this. These tactics protect the corporation from lawsuits or other legal situations.

A government on the other hand relies on transparency and openness. A perfect government should inform its public of situations which could affect either the voters or the constituency. It is unconscionable that students were not informed about McKenzie's suspension.

McKenzie told us but was only able to tell us after he had exhausted all avenues of appeal. An amazingly undemocratic rule in these student elections dictates that just speaking with the press will get a candidate withdrawn from the race. For smaller infractions, it's three strikes and you're out.

HSF executive director Michael Parent confirmed that McKenzie received three strikes though two of them were high and to the right and should have been called as balls.

The first call, a clear mistake by his party, had to deal with prior approval of posters and pamphlets. That is strike one.

The second, an incident involving a campaign member wearing a but-

ton at a faculty union rally. The button read 'Freeze Tuition' in bold letters and 'Decrease Tuition' in smaller letters. The HSF took this button as proof of membership in an outside organization, which is against the rules. This rally was free to anyone and because we live in a democratic state, we all have the freedom to wear a button promoting our own views. How does this make McKenzie's campaign member a member of an outside organization? And how is a button worn by a campaign worker a violation by McKenzie and the rest of his team? That was 'strike two'.

The final call was unsubstantiated. He was accused of speaking with a person who was not a member of his campaign about campaign strategies. HSF's executive director Michael Parent brought the phone records to McKenzie's attention. We all know what a phone record shows: number called and length of time spent talking to that number. How do these two things show McKenzie was speaking to someone about campaign strategies? All they show is he was speaking to a person for a certain period of time. No evidence of an outside helper whatsoever. That counted as strike three.

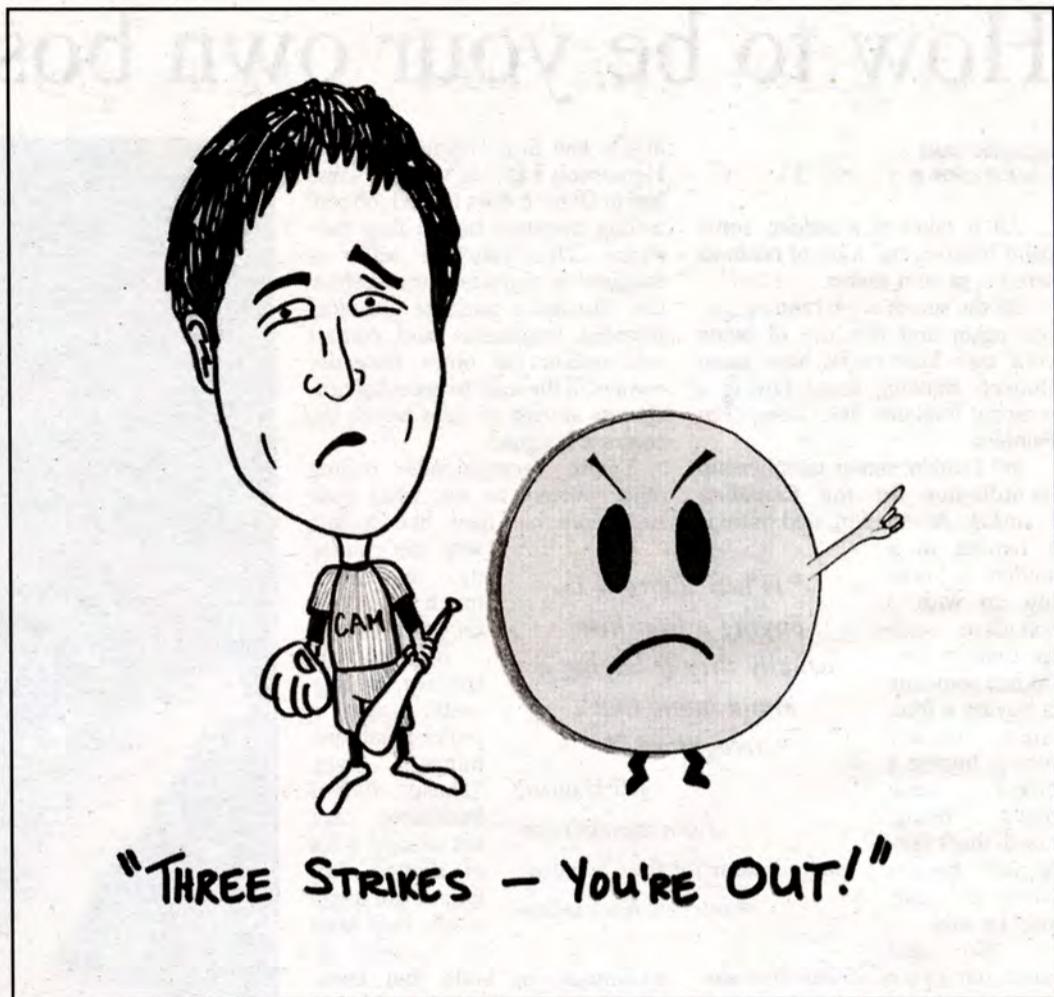
If you were reading along closely, you might wonder if these three calls sound like or even look like violations in a reasonable and fair election? One does, but the last two don't.

That's what McKenzie thought and he appealed. A committee made up of two HSF executives and one Humber senior administrator threw out McKenzie's appeal. McKenzie's court appeal for an injunction was also denied.

All of this happened away from the eyes and ears of the people who pay this organization to represent them.

McKenzie was not even permitted to tell his story until it was all over.

Now it is up to Humber students to decide if this should be the end. We must speak up and demand questions to be answered and demand a proper election to take place.



## PROPS & BURNS

To everyone participating in the 30-Hour-Famine to raise money for impoverished countries.



To the oncoming prospect of an income tax refund.



To the Blue Jays for winning their season opener against the Minnesota Twins.



To the person who assaulted a TTC operator at Finch and Humber College Boulevard on Tuesday.



To Ontario's colleges for only providing a refund to students who had to completely drop out of school due to the strike.



To the vandals that toppled 182 tombstones at the Park Lawn Cemetery, showing no respect for the dead.

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**"The problem with people who have no vices is that generally you can be pretty sure they're going to have some pretty annoying virtues" — Elizabeth Taylor.**

# Get grandma and grandpa off the road



by **lauren wasley**  
LIFE EDITOR

There is an old threat gaining new attention on the road. It is not drunk drivers, or street racers — it is seniors.

It is true young people are responsible for a large percentage of car accidents, but what is often overlooked is a rapidly growing age group responsible for an increasing number of accidents.

While many experts say the leading cause of accidents among youth is reckless driving, that is rarely the case for the elderly. What impairs senior driving is often related to health issues like dementia.

Dementia is a deteriorating disease of the brain, which can affect memory, judgment and concentration. The most well known type of dementia is Alzheimer's disease.

A 2004 study entitled *Driving and Dementia in Ontario* published in the *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*, said by 2028 there will be nearly 100,000 elderly drivers with dementia on the road, more than triple what it was in 2000.

Besides dementia, slower reflexes and poor eyesight are also factors to take into account.

In 2003, an 86-year-old man drove through a farmer's market in California, killing ten and injuring dozens more in a case that made headlines and opened many eyes to the issue. The man later admitted he may have stepped on the accelerator instead of the brake.

According to the Ministry of Transportation only the seniors

with signs that they may pose a road safety risk are required to take a road test.

The province of Ontario is taking great measures for our safety by testing those that appear senile. They should follow the same logic with criminals — only arrest the ones that look guilty.

The Canada Safety Council reported that drivers over 80 are the fastest growing group of drivers and that seniors are involved in a disproportionately high number of accidents.

Ontario does take one precautionary measure as part of a small effort to keep unfit elderly off the road, by having a senior driver renewal program.

This program makes drivers 80 and over complete a vision and knowledge test every two years.

There used to be a mandatory accompanying road test but it was discontinued after protests by senior groups.

The effectiveness of the program is questionable, as there are still many elderly driving cases in Ontario making headlines.

In 2000, an 84-year-old Burlington woman hit and dragged a pedestrian for almost a kilometre, killing her.

She later claimed she never noticed the body after it was discovered on her driveway.

Age is not the issue here, it is ability. If health problems affect one's ability to control a vehicle, then that control should not be given.

The opportunity to drive is not a fundamental human right. It is a privilege. But if this privilege is endangering human lives it should be taken away.

# Passport legislation a good move



by **julie broadbent**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Traveling may become a thing of the past thanks to proposed U.S. legislation that will require anyone coming in and out of the U.S. to carry a passport.

The original legislation is old. I remember hearing about it on my way back from Bahamas last year at this time.

"Everyone entering the United States will need a passport by December 2006," screamed the lady on TV.

I remember thinking, "Man, that's only a couple of months away!"

Apparently I wasn't the only one who was thinking that way, because the passport office in the mini plaza up the street from me was crowded with four-hour lines. All people waiting to pick up their passports so they wouldn't forever be stranded in Canada.

Thanks to the commotion, the legislation known as The Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative would not become effective until Dec. 31, 2007, giving people living in Canada, Mexico and other countries time to apply for a passport without having to miss a day of work while standing in line.

According to the legislation, everyone entering the U.S. by air or sea travel must have a passport by Dec. 31, 2007. To cross the border it is extended until Dec. 31, 2008.

Although why they would have two separate dates to enter the same country is beyond me, I believe U.S. President George Bush has made his first positive contribution to America since coming to office. It only took six years.

Many people believe the legislation will negatively impact travel between the U.S. and Canada and hurt the economy.

I think this should have been done right after 9/11.

The previous attacks on the U.S. make it clear the country is a target for terrorism. Of course the presi-

dent is going to stand up for his country to keep it safe. The only way to do this is to monitor what and who is coming in and out.

Stephen Harper met with Bush in Washington for two days to discuss the possibility of dropping the legislation in fear it will stop Americans from visiting Canada due to the difficulty of getting back into their own country. Bush said no.

It isn't hard to get a passport. The form can be found online and mailed back within ten business days. Seems like a lot less work than people make it out to be.

Fact is, it is not safe for a country to just allow anyone in, so why should they? This law will not stop businesses or travelers from entering Canada, it will only help to stop crime and terrorism.

Although I am a proud Canadian I take the Americans' side on this issue. I think our friends across the border have every right to ask for a passport and this initiative should be carried out through the world. Not just for the safety of Americans, but for everyone.

# Toronto 'crazies' are keeping me sane



by **janet bougie**  
ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

Before I ever lived in Toronto I used to come for a day here and there, just to walk around by myself. I enjoyed that I could disappear into the crowds with ease.

And then I moved here. It only took a few days for that enjoyment to turn into exasperation. It never crossed my mind before that this is actually how Toronto is all the time.

I was okay being invisible in Toronto 'the city', but I don't like being invisible in Toronto 'my home'.

I walk down my street in the morning and smile or say hello to

the occasional stroller that I pass but it's rare I get any acknowledgement.

Most times their gaze is so fixed down or ahead, I'm almost a little impressed with their mastery of apathy. Almost.

Confused, discouraged, and a little lonely, I confided in my friend Jenn, who grew up here.

The only people who talk to you are the muggers and the crazies, she blurted. If some stranger said hello to her on the street she'd clutch her purse a little tighter and walk a little faster. And so to avoid the occasional crazy person, she avoided everyone.

I suppose growing up in the big city that mentality gets ingrained in you, which is too bad, because it's impossible to meet people here.

Except for the crazies. She was

right about that. The only people who talk to me are the crazies. And it's probably, as Jenn warned, because I actually look at them. They talk to me because I acknowledge them, and I'm appreciative of them because they'll talk to me.

And I don't mind. I embrace it. Last week while waiting for the bus an older man started telling me about his ability to predict the arrival of the next bus. Bicycles, however, threw him off. He was noticeably disturbed when his three minute prediction for my bus was off. He'd been at the same stop all afternoon and my bus broke his streak.

Weird? Yeah. Crazy? Maybe.

But it was the best part of my day. Maybe his too. Funny how harmless a little interaction can be.

# Says You!

What do you think about the requirement by the U.S. to provide a passport when crossing the border?



"It doesn't have a personal inconvenience for me because I don't travel across the border a lot."

— Dan Underwood, 20, Architectural Technology



"I always bring my passport with me anyway."

— Tamsyn Boodoo, 22, Bachelor of Nursing



"I don't think it's a hassle."

— Randy Farrar, 23, Design Foundation



"I think it's a good idea. It keeps track of people a lot better."

— Paul Hayden, 39, Cabinet Making



"I don't think it's going to make a difference."

— Carolina Yousaf, 20, Law Clerk

# arts & entertainment

The MuchMusic VJ search has been narrowed down to the final four. You can currently log onto [MuchMusic.com](http://MuchMusic.com) to cast your vote for the station's newest personality.

## MTV Canada boasts Humber College talent

### Comedy grad is one of seven hosts joining Canada's newest music TV station

by **saida ali**  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

By day, Humber comedy grad Gilson Lubin is a far-from mild-mannered television host on MTV Canada's MTV Live. By night, he kills the crowds as one of Canada's funniest comedians.

"In the beginning, when people would say 'Gilson, you should get in to comedy,' I honestly didn't know what they were talking about," says Lubin while sitting in the front entrance of the Masonic Temple, MTV Canada's new home, and his new workplace.

"When I heard about being a comedian I was like 'well, I can mop a floor OK, I'm not great at it'. I thought they meant a janitor."

Originally from St. Lucia, Gilson moved to Toronto's east-end at the age of 10.

As a child, Lubin says he was a shy nerd and couldn't understand what it was about him that his family and friends found funny.

"I remember they would always laugh whenever I got upset about something, not seriously upset, but whenever I had a rebuttal for something."

**"Just work,  
work, work."**

- Gilson Lubin,  
MTV Canada host

Even now, as a successful comedian, Lubin says he isn't sure how he fell in to comedy.

Lubin says it's a little weird doing comedy, simply because he doesn't find that many things funny.

"I'm actually a very serious person and here I am doing comedy. It's so hard to laugh sometimes because it's just like shouldn't we be doing something about this? But since we can't do anything about it, I think that's why comics tell jokes. Things are so beyond our control and immediate means to do anything about it, we just laugh it off."

Lubin says comedy school helped him break into working in film and television.

"I think comedy is one of the

strongest ways you can do anything," says Lubin. "You become so solid, you get to learn about yourself, you get to learn how to deliver lines and scenes. You become so solid, you get to learn about yourself."

In 2001, Lubin became a full-time student in the Humber College Comedy Performance and Writing program at the Lakeshore campus on a full scholarship.

"I had done a little bit of stand-up before I went to Humber. I started stand-up in December of '98 and had just started to make a little bit of a name for myself; not getting on the regular Monday nights and not getting paid or anything like that."

Lubin says the comedy program played a big role in earning those Monday night spots.

"(At Humber) we had improv, we had acting classes, we had stand-up comedy, we had writing classes, we had so much and I can apply so much of that to what I'm doing now."

Gilson says he owes a lot to comedy teachers Alan Guttmann, and Larry Horowitz, among the many coaches at Humber's Comedy School who helped him.

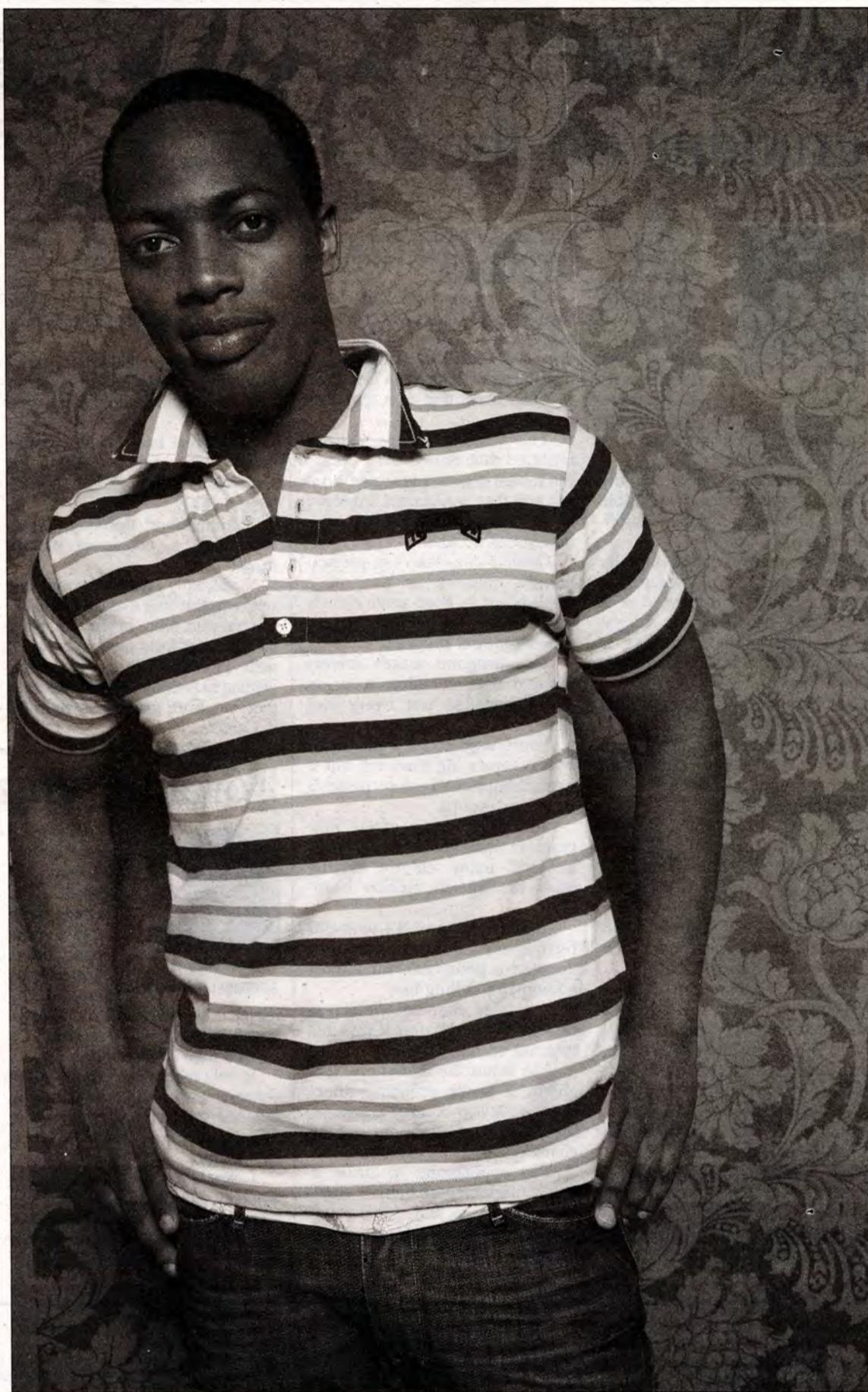
Since graduating in 2003, Lubin has been nominated for the Phil Hartman Award and has won numerous awards, including Chicago's Laugh Across America and a Canadian Comedy Award for funny newcomer.

Lubin also won the Spike the Mike Competition at the prestigious Just for Laughs Comedy Festival in Montreal which included a development contract with Spike TV.

At Spike, Lubin wrote scripts and show ideas for various programs on the network.

"I think two of the ideas got pushed and they ended up using the information from some of the ideas. Some of the ideas they had similar concepts to it so they just meshed them together. I wrote one called *Real Men 101*, and there was one about interventions. I think I pitched the idea of me going around as an athlete or being an average athlete and go trying to take on real athletes or other regular people."

As for film and television, Lubin played "Mover #1" in the



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You can catch Gilson Lubin performing his comedy at Yuk Yuk's in Kingston on April 13 and 14.

2005 action film *Assault on Precinct 13* (starring Ethan Hawke and Laurence Fishburne) and has also filmed his own Comedy Now Special.

This year, Lubin became the one of seven hosts on the recently launched television station MTV Canada.

"I think they just liked me for what I was doing," Lubin says about how he got his latest gig.

"I liked the idea that they were going to be doing a show that would be talking about real issues that people deal with, things that affect our generation. It was going to be based on a younger generation getting to have their say and getting their

voice heard and I thought that was really exciting. And my stand-up revolved around that anyway so it was terrific."

While the one-hour program boasts two well known comedians, Daryn Jones and Jessie Cruickshank, Gilson's role is closer to comic roots.

"Daryn's a really funny guy but they do push me in that direction a little bit more, but not without my consent. They definitely pitch it to me first and that's awesome. You can respect someone when they want to find out whether or not you're interested in doing something before they ask you to go out and do it."

Transitioning from being a cre-

ative writer to an on-air personality wasn't very hard for Lubin because, he says, at MTV creative input is always encouraged.

"MTV is really big on us being ourselves and pitching our own ideas and trying to be involved as much as we'd like to and being encouraged to find ourselves even more so. This is a great place to work right now."

Lubin's advice to his fellow Humber comedians is to think forward and continue to practice honing their craft.

"Do it 24/7," says Lubin. "Just keep plugging away. Every stand-up set has to prepare you for your next set. Just work, work, work."

Head over to AOLmusic.com to stream more than 30 upcoming CD releases. Some of the artists featured include Morrissey, The Flaming Lips and Protest The Hero.

# Whose film is it anyway?

by kelly anderson  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Audience participation and almost instantaneous film shooting and viewing it on screen aren't components of a usual night at the movies.

The Neutrino Film Project Toronto is a unique idea that takes a group of improvisational comedians and actors, four camera crews and topics imagined by audience members to create a one-of-a-kind movie.

The project has flourished in Toronto for six months, but the real credit goes to the New York City founders who created it back in 1999, and since then other American cities have jumped on the Neutrino bandwagon.

The cast and crew started out at the Drake Hotel with the audience. Two randomly selected audience members suggested with "muffins" and "hoodies," as the two recurring subjects for the story lines.

The audience was then left to watch the 60-minute movie unfold mere moments after it was filmed, with the technical crew streaming the movie for viewing.

Special guests for the night were MTV Canada, who had a camera crew and hosts Gilson Lubin and Diane Salema, who were the actors.

Also in the house was one of the original eight New York creators of the Neutrino Project, Kurt Braunohler.

In an interview he said that an improv comedy troupe was the foundation for the Neutrino video project.

"The level of improv in Toronto is very high," said Braunohler, who enjoyed performing in Canada.

He also made sure to point out what is the basis for good improvisation.

"It's when the audience can see a person how they truly are without any filters," he said.

While the idea is good, the execution sometimes left a bit to be desired. The crew must immediately edit the film to present it to the audience, and this leads to technical difficulties.

Four story lines were acted out, and one recurring story had no sound that seemed unintentional, and then appeared as if the actors were just going to go along with a silent storyline.

One story line followed a seedy meeting of two strangers in an alley nearby with a planned exchange of muffin recipes, which escalated into a vengeful death by tarts.

While this may not be the stuff of serious movie making, it had its funny moments until it became a bit obscure with the tarts.

The story that was consistently funny involved two spies who are

about to meet the mysterious contact "Panda." The spies' plan becomes botched when the bumbling spies mistake Gilson Lubin as their Panda, instead of Diane Salema.

Carmine Lucarelli, David Ivkovic and Jen Radomsky can be credited with producing the Toronto Neutrino Film Project, but it was a rapport between executive producer Radomsky and the New York City creators in 2003 that inspired the importing of the original to Canada.

Lucarelli said that the Toronto version has been a monthly event since it began six months ago.

"We're kind of like a franchise," said Ivkovic, "and it's been good, with an average of over 50 people in the audience."

Lucarelli had hopes for an upcoming project being filmed in a more recognized spot.

"I want to do one in Citytv's parking lot, like a giant party," he said.

Catch the next Neutrino Project on May 7 at The Drake Hotel Underground.



Neutrino's comedians and actors film, edit and screen a 60-minute flick within a couple of hours.

kelly anderson

## Congratulations Graduates!

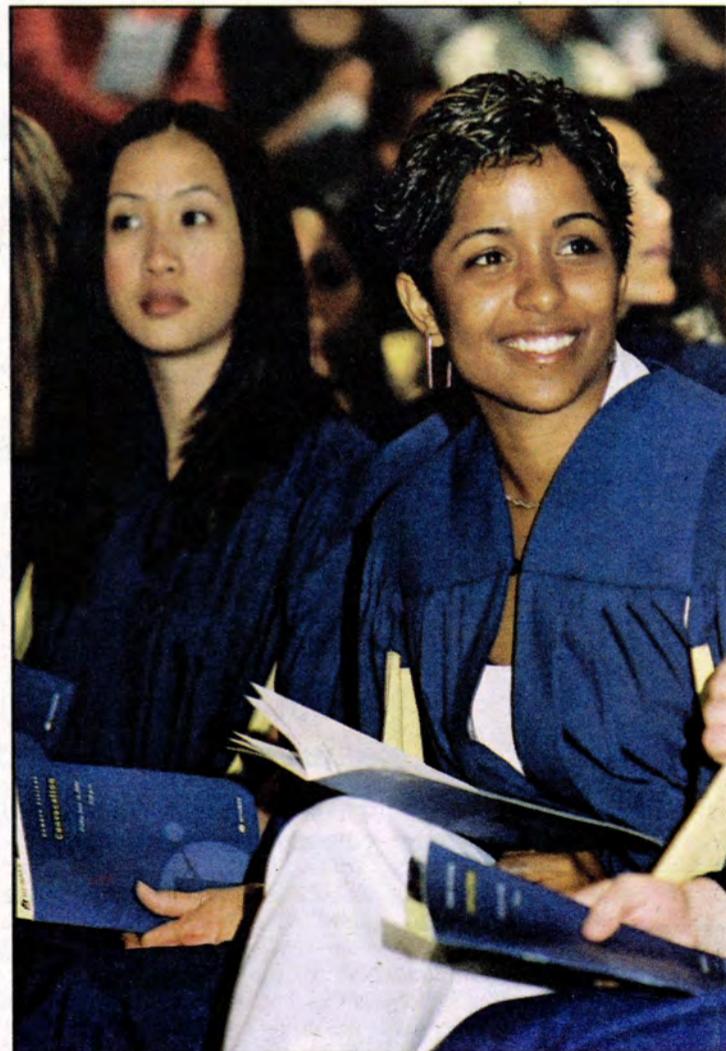
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# arts & entertainment

Thom Yorke has compared writing for Radiohead's new album to that on *OK Computer* but has declared the lyrics will be even more terrifying — *NME.com*.

## Up-and-coming indie acts take Lee's Palace under control

by crissandra ayoso  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

A few signature red lights spot lit up the front of the stage at Lee's Palace as death disco outfit controller.controller meekly illuminated the stage.

The performance got off to a good start with the entrance of drummer Jeff Schevens wearing a cape and a skull mask. But the show was a little rocky with the time constraint because of backed up opening bands starting late.

Controller.controller ended up coming on about 40 minutes late, compromising the usual live energy the band radiates. Schevens' technical difficulties further slowed down the pace due to a drum kit reassembling between songs.

Concert attendees were forgiving, understanding the unpredictability of a live show. "It was pretty good," said controller.controller fan Randi Bergman, a Ryerson fashion student. "It's been better, I feel, but it was good."

During the small lengths of

down time, delightful and soft spoken lead singer Nirmala Basnayake filled in the silence by serenading the crowd with some ad-libbed vocals.

Guitarist Scott Kaija scrambled around the stage like a rock 'n' roll firecracker mid-performance.

The Toronto indie rockers opened their set list with Tigers Not Daughters, and performing Poison/Safe, PF and Magnetic Strip and encoring with The Raw No, all from their album X-Amounts which was released late last year. Tracks

from their 2004 debut EP History were not forgotten, performing Disco Blackout, Watch and the title track.

The show's openers Track Dirtyz, also from Toronto, projected an unsuspecting audience with a rap/rock performance that opened and closed with a blues sample. Presenting, as the group put it, "something new," the band's act was a bit of a mismatch for the crowd. However, the group didn't lose the crowd's interest.

The other opening act, Kids on

TV, entertainingly stunned the crowd with its neon green and black spandex outfits, colourful vivid pornographic images playing on a wall-size screen and a lead singer busy destroying a keyboard with a hammer while singing on stage.

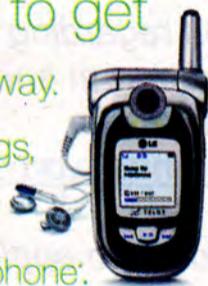
Sounding somewhat like the Beastie Boys, lead singer Chris Mills went wild with bursts of energy and ultimately ended up in just his underwear and a pair of knee high socks by the end of the show giving Schevens' cape ensemble a run for its money.



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## In review: *Memoirs of A Geisha*

by lina toyoda  
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The mysterious and exotic world of a geisha is brought to life with visionary beauty in *Memoirs of a Geisha*.

The story stays faithful to the bestseller by Arthur Golden about a fictional geisha who lived in the famous Kyoto district of Gion before the Second World War.

Every scene was visually stunning, including the impressive set designs of old Japan and the colourful tapestries of silk kimonos and flowing fabrics.

It begins when a penniless widowed fisherman sells his daughters in Kyoto. Nine-year-old Chiyo (Suzuka Ohgo) is sold to a geisha house as a servant girl, who if elegant enough, will be trained to be a geisha.

The house is run by a business-minded mother (Kaori Momoi), and its ruling top earning geisha, the vindictive Hatsumomo (Gong Li). Chiyo quickly befriends Pumpkin, a girl about her age who is already there when she arrives.

The lead male character is the chairman (Ken Watanabe), who first meets Chiyo as a child.

As she grows into beauty, Hatsumomo becomes increasingly threatened for dominance of the house.

Later in the film, Hatsumomo's rival Mameha (Michelle Yeoh) offers to take the young girl under her wing. Chiyo is renamed Sayuri as an apprentice geisha, and is now played by Ziyi Zhang (*Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*) who embraces her new role.

The English-speaking film is hindered by the heavy accents of the actors, which makes it sound unnatural. The language is written for actors who are fluent in English, and it didn't seem believable with the missed pronunciations, making the words sound read and forced.

It is a sugar-coated Hollywood version of an exotic and enticing world, for an audience who wants to see beauty, sex, and tradition woven together with drama, beauty and romance. This is done exceptionally well.

Marshallis' *Memoirs* is a rich and beautiful portrait, visually stunning like his work on *Chicago*, but lacks the depth of truth.

# College Student Alliance

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## What is the College Student Alliance?

The College Student Alliance (CSA) is a member-driven association, representing student governing bodies at post secondary education institutions throughout Ontario. This means that the CSA is able to represent all its members on nearly every government committee and task force relating to post secondary education within Ontario. The Alliance represents the interests of more than 100,000 full-time college and university students across Ontario.

The main purpose of the CSA is to strengthen the role of student governments in Ontario by coordinating the advocacy efforts of its members and providing leadership and guidance on key issues.

## How does the CSA help post secondary students?



CSA helps through representation on a number of committees and task forces dealing with postsecondary education, as well as direct communication with the government, key staff members within Ontario's post secondary education institutions, agencies, and other organizations. The CSA addresses student concerns regarding tuition fees, financial assistance, transferability of academic credits and other issues that affect post secondary students in Ontario.

## Recent CSA Initiatives

- Keeping student associations and students informed about timely issues
- Federal and provincial election awareness
- Ensuring that student associations' right to exist was included in the New Charter of Colleges of Applied Arts & Technology
- Advocating for increased credit recognition and transferability for students
- Increasing per student funding in Ontario to the national average
- Organizing the "Student are Not Pawns" Campaign
- Setting up the [WWW.COLLEGESTRIKE.COM](http://WWW.COLLEGESTRIKE.COM) website to provide students and concerned Ontarians with timely, accurate and unbiased information during the faculty strike
- "CAP TUITION NOW" a campaign to urge Premier Dalton McGuinty and Honourable Christopher Bentley, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, to cap tuition fee increases for the 2006-2007 academic year
- "Fund ME Now" petitions sent to Premier Dalton McGuinty and Finance Minister Greg Sorbara regarding the under funding of college students



The Humber Students' Federation is a proud members of the CSA.

# photo special

"The voluntary approach to corporate social responsibility has failed in many cases" — Canadian environmentalist and author David Suzuki.



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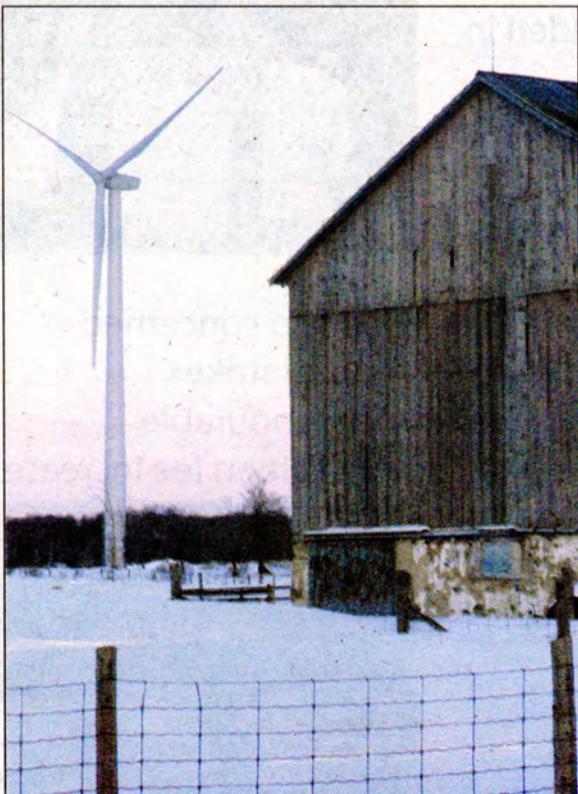


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Final year journalism students were given the task of creating a photo essay of a current concern. These photos were included in Christine Flynn and Aaron Jacklin's assignments.



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When you are born, you cry, and the world rejoices. When you die, you rejoice, and the world cries — Tibetan Buddhist saying.

This week...

# Death



karen mackenzie

While most grave markers include a person's name, date of birth and date of death, those of unidentified bodies are simply etched with a number.

## Any John or Jane Doe given proper burial

Where over one hundred unidentified people end up after they die

by karen mackenzie  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Of the 20,000 deaths investigated annually by coroners across Ontario, the identities of some bodies remain a mystery. These nameless are eventually buried in cemetery plots without a name.

"There's always going to be a certain percentage that remain unidentified," said Jeff Arnold, manager of Forensic Services for

the Office of the Chief Coroner (OCC) in Toronto.

Most bodies arrive at the city's morgue with a "presumptive identification" gleaned from personal effects or witnesses, Arnold said. Relatives are then notified, and formal identification will usually take place via the OCC's closed-circuit camera.

Failing that, a scientific investigation begins in tandem with police.

"We start with basic identifiers," Arnold said, citing such factors as presumed age, gender, height, weight, tattoos, deformities, unique features, and scars. Investigators will also look for internal clues, such as surgically implanted devices — pacemakers, or prosthetics, like artificial hips.

"These are pretty unique features. Sometimes these devices will have serial numbers," Arnold said.

The remains may also be fingerprinted and the teeth X-rayed, to be checked against information in databases such as the Canadian Police Information Centre.

*"At least the person doesn't go into the ground without having a word said over them."*

— Graham Bell,  
funeral director

"A lot of people (victims) who are involved in a murder have a criminal record," Arnold said.

But sometimes, he said, nothing matches, adding there are in excess of 100 unidentified files in his office. After all pertinent information has been taken down, something must

be done with the remains.

While skeletal remains are easy to package and store at the morgue, they don't have the capacity to keep intact bodies.

That's when the city is called. "We usually kick in when the coroner phones us," said Brenda Nesbitt, Toronto's director of social services. "We have an obligation that the municipality is responsible for the burial arrangements."

Her department handles about 200 "coroner's funerals" a year, she said. The majority are for people who have no family or friends to claim the body, but a small percentage are for unidentified remains.

They wind up in a standard casket, lined with grey cloth, said Graham Bell, director for Trull Funeral Homes in Toronto, who said the city pays him the regular rate to conduct about one such

funeral a year.

"We are privileged to have the opportunity to care for people who have passed away, and no matter if they have finances or not, they deserve the same amount of care," Bell said, adding he often reads from a book of services as the casket is lowered in the ground. "At least the person doesn't go into the ground without having a word said over them."

Only two cemeteries in the GTA — Beechwood Cemetery in Vaughan and Duffin Meadows Cemetery in Pickering — accept unidentified bodies, which are buried in a single-level plot, with a granite or bronze marker etched with a number, said a spokesperson for Beechwood Cemetery.

Careful records are kept in case someone turns up to claim the body, but that rarely happens, she said.

# in focus

Due to the scarcity of funeral plots, the average cost for a Japanese funeral is \$40,000 US, the most expensive in the world. — Wikipedia

## The highs and lows of funerals: what dying costs

by **beth macdonell**  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

People who worry about the financial costs of dying don't have to. Everyone can afford to die. Some can just afford to better than others.

"We don't turn anyone away," said Bradley Scott, general manager of R.S. Kane funeral home, and who has worked in the business for over 20 years. Scott said when it comes to organizing a funeral, or the funeral of a loved one, deciding what you want done with the body, is like purchasing any other product or service.

"It's entirely based on your wishes and wants," said Scott, who helps manage over 1000 funerals a year. "If you want a Mercedes Benz, it's going to cost you a lot of money, if you want a Chevrolet, it's not going to cost you as much."

The law in Ontario states every deceased person must have a rigid container to hold the body. "That is

literally the only requirement that people have to abide by," said Scott. "It can be a \$200 pine box, or it can be an x number of thousands of dollars for a solid bronze casket or solid mahogany casket," he said.

Scott said that while the financial aspect to the funeral services industry is important, what is equally important, he said, is for people to remember they are caregivers first who look after an important part of society. One way funeral homes address the financial costs of death is by having payment programs in place so families can pay for the funeral over a negotiated time period.

"For example," said Scott, "if they can't access the person's bank account, they will often take whatever the family can give."

People who already receive social assistance can have socially assisted funerals that the city will pay for, said Scott. Part of his job is to help family members needing

this service to go through the necessary procedures and application process.

In other cases it's a matter of understanding people and talking out the financial details with the family. "People walk in sometimes and say they don't have any money," said Scott. "You saying you have no money is a different statement than me saying I have no money." The way to approach this situation, he said, is for the funeral home to offer services and products that make sense to their financial capabilities.

In 2005, the Funeral Board of Ontario said the average cost of a funeral was almost \$4000. But the

funeral service is only half the cost, and burying the deceased can be more expensive than the funeral, said Scott.

Choosing a burial site and the kind of monument one would like varies according to the desires of the deceased and the family, said Paul Aquaviva, who is the Assistant Manager at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, located South of Yonge and Davisville. It is one of the oldest Cemeteries in Toronto.

Sadly, when it comes to where you want to be buried it's a bit like real-estate, said Aquaviva. "416 properties are definitely more expensive than 905 properties," he said.

Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, pianist Glen Gould, and Nobel Prize Winner Frederick Banting are among the buried at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Families such as the Masseys and the Eatons also rest there.

Despite some of its more prominent residents, there is space available for anyone at a wide range of costs. "People's options are very broad," said Aquaviva. Prices can range from a simple adult cremation for only \$450, but there are also crypts, and indoor mausoleums with marble fronts starting from just under \$10,000. "It really depends on the family wishes," he said.



beth macdonell

It's more expensive to get buried in the city than the suburbs.

## Honouring the dead

From vultures to icing sugar, death rituals vary a lot

by **vakis boutsalis**  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The old cliché goes that death is the great equalizer. But while everyone is certain to die, not everyone ends up six feet under.

Canadians generally bury their dead in cemeteries, but there are other customs practiced around the world that honour the dead.

In the Tibetan Sky Ritual corpses are laid out in the open and a priest and sage, a pair known as the tomten, proceed to remove the skin. The body is dismembered and left outside for vultures, which are considered female goddesses. Tibetans who participate in this ritual believe that the soul has already entered into the afterlife and so the body is left to other important creatures.

In southern Africa it is customary in some circles for the bereaved to shave their heads on the day following a funeral. Hair is considered to be a source of life, and shaving it is symbolic of death. As the hair grows back, life is re-

born and strengthened.

On the first two days in November, Mexicans observe La Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). A joyous occasion, this holiday is held to celebrate the memory of all who have passed away. Altars are made in homes and

**The body is dismembered and left outside for vultures, which are considered female goddesses**

offerings of candles, skull shaped candies and various foods are put out to entice spiritual visits. Graves are also visited and cleaned by relatives.

When Hindus are on their death beds water is poured into their mouths by the eldest son or some other family member. The water is supposed to come from

the holy Ganges River, if possible, and the pouring is accompanied by prayers and chants. These chants are meant to comfort the dying and his or her family. The corpse is cremated as soon as possible.

For followers of the Bahá'í Faith — a relatively new religion that emerged in the Middle East — the body is considered a sacred temple, and cremation is strictly forbidden. The deceased are wrapped in a silk or cotton cloak and placed in a coffin made of crystal, stone or hardwood. Because the body is treated with the utmost care, the burial ground must be located no more than one hour away from the site of death.

In the Greek Orthodox church, a funeral service ends with relatives of the deceased handing out sitari — small pieces of wheat covered in icing sugar — as a way of honouring the dead. This ritual is repeated in church 40 days after the day of the funeral, and then again every three months after that until the one-year anniversary of the death.

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"Go on, get out! Last words are for fools who haven't said enough!" — Karl Marx to his housekeeper when asked if he wanted his last words recorded.



beth macdonell

Fellow RAs put images on Marci Fenwick's door as a tribute.

# Mourning death can take many forms

by beth macdonell  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Coping with death can be harrowing, but with the right support and a few actions to commemorate the loss, people can work through their grief.

Krissy Pengilley, 25, an E-business student and senior residence assistant at Lakeshore Campus, has had to deal with the recent tragic death of her floor-mate and fellow resident assistant (RA), Marci Fenwick. Marci died Feb. 25 when she was struck down by a hit and run driver in her hometown of Owen Sound.

"It was a shock," said Pengilley, adding she didn't feel the full force of her loss for days.

Pengilley said she coped with the loss of Marci with the help of the people around her.

Talking, being together with other RAs, and taking time to grieve are activities she said help her cope with the grief.

Everyone on Marci's floor made the choice to work through the grieving process together. All the RAs at Lakeshore decided to have a memorial at Humber to say

goodbye to their friend and fellow student. Faculty, administration, and students all joined in the commemoration. RAs also made a collage, scrapbook, and a slide show with pictures to Marci's favourite songs, so that those who knew her could celebrate her life. As a more permanent reminder of their friend, the RAs bought charms for necklaces that represented their favourite parts of Marci's character.

Humber has been affected by other deaths in recent weeks. Culinary arts student Jermaine Brown was murdered March 27. Former Humber accounting professor John Stammers died after an incident on the picket line at Centennial College with a motorist during the faculty strike.

Andrew Poulos, a counselor at both Humber's campuses, said it's hard to cope with sudden death.

"The first reaction is often intense shock and disbelief, and that can go on for a while, the next step is to go on and to grieve that loss and to realize that your life won't be the same, and that its not forgetting people," he said.

Poulos is part of Humber's Tragic Events Support Network

(TESN), a committee of counselors, instructors, and administrative staff to help students looking for emotional support when tragic events occur.

"It might helpful to talk to friends or a family member, writing about it, journaling it, these are all activities that might help people who don't want to talk to a counselor," said Poulos

"Ultimately it's important to grieve the loss, and it can be done differently according to different people," said Poulos. "If we don't, for each additional loss we experience that we haven't processed, (the losses) sort of piggy back onto the current loss."

Another way to deal with loss is by ritualizing it. A funeral or some kind of ceremony can be very helpful. "It gives people the opportunity to acknowledge the impact this person had on them," said Poulos.

He said to deal with grief in stride. "It's not like an equation. The other thing about grief is it's not linear. You can have a couple of good days, and then out of no where there can be a flash of profound sadness."

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## Support services for mature students

Older students have specialized needs

by maria papadopoulos  
LIFE REPORTER

Support services, including a new club, are being offered to mature students at Humber College.

The club, started in January, is offered at both campuses. It helps mature students meet other mature students. It offers services such as stress management courses, which discuss tips on how to balance home and school.

In September, the club will be promoted at the clubs fair to bring awareness to mature students about the special services offered to them.

Catherine Wilson-Cheverie, a counsellor at Humber, says the club is important because it allows students to build a support network and lets them know there are other students going through the same things.

According to Humber's official website, a mature student is a person who is at least 21 and has not graduated from secondary school with the required credits, or has not previously attempted any post-secondary studies and has been away from secondary school studies for at least two years.

Mature students deal with the apprehensions of time management issues, financial strains and balancing work and school.

Wilson-Cheverie recognizes the issues facing mature students.

"The whole aspect of coming back to school is really challenging. People who have been out of school for a long time feel like it's going to be hard to be a student again and come into a large

educational institution that has quite a number of people that are significantly younger than them in their classes," Wilson-Cheverie said.

The programs that are offered to mature students are part of a pilot project conducted by Wilson-Cheverie within counselling services. Their goal is to discover how best to serve this unique group that enters Humber each year.

In September, January and May, in addition to basic program orientations, mature student orientations are offered at both campuses. These orientations are geared towards students 25 and older, that have been away from school for a while. During the orientation, entitled *Returning to Learning*, services that aid mature students are discussed.

Many current and former mature students appreciate the efforts that are made to accommodate their special needs.

"Sometimes I feel out of place at Humber because I am not as young as most of the students here and so I feel that these solutions for mature students are very welcome and useful," said Margaret Croix, 28, business student.

Humber graduate of the teaching english as a second language program, Konstantinos Papadakis, 30, wishes the club had been around when he was in school.

"I would have felt more at home and less apprehensive about familiarizing myself with the campus and the facilities offered if I had been provided with these special services for mature students."



ashleigh smollet

High student insurance rates can make driving an unaffordable luxury for young people.

## Auto insurance caters to younger crowd

by ashleigh smollet  
LIFE REPORTER

Cars represent fun, independence and freedom to students. Unfortunately cars also come with huge insurance costs.

According to [www.young-money.com](http://www.young-money.com), the average student will spend between \$3,600 and \$13,800 a year on insurance, depending on the car, driving record, age, city and province where the vehicle is operated.

"I had one accident, so they raised my insurance cost \$1,000, even though the crash wasn't my fault, and I didn't get a ticket or get charged or anything," says Chris Berito, 20, a second-year business management student at Humber.

Fortunately, somebody is making it easy for students to save money on car insurance.

L'Union Canadienne, a Quebec-based insurance company, has started BLINDE — a car insurance service specifically designed for people aged 16 to 24.

The service was designed after L'Union Canadienne conducted a study to learn more about the needs and concerns of Canadian youth.

According to [youngmoney.com](http://youngmoney.com) car accidents are the leading cause of death for people aged 18-24.

These accidents are also one of the major factors leading to high insurance costs for this age group.

Insurance Bureau of Canada said in a press release, "Insurance companies consider a number of aspects when determining an individual's premium."

**"We believe that young people are careful drivers who have increasingly spotless driving records. They have specific needs which we, as insurer, must take into account,"**

— Patrick Ratté  
vice-president of marketing at  
L'Union Canadienne

The key ones are type and age of vehicle, whether you use your car for pleasure or business, where you drive, how far you drive, your insurance claims record, other drivers in your household who use your vehicle, and your driving record."

However, BLINDE doesn't agree that all young people should be penalized as a result of the careless and irresponsible driving of others their age.

"We developed BLINDE, a particularly innovative program, because we believe that young people are careful drivers who

have increasingly spotless driving records. They have specific needs which we, as insurer, must take into account," says Patrick Ratté, vice-president of marketing at L'Union Canadienne.

BLINDE offers young people a very competitive rate guaranteed for two years, along with a roadside assistance program and gas rewards for good drivers.

However, there are 134 companies in Canada that offer auto insurance.

Shopping around to try to find the best possible quote is a very important aspect of obtaining car insurance.

An insurance broker will be able to look around to different companies and find the lowest price for the amount of coverage that you need.

To get a quote, you simply need your full name and address, the make and model of your vehicle, your recent driving infractions (usually up to six years), what the vehicle is used for, and if there is any type of anti-theft device in the vehicle.

If you're able to save money on car insurance, you'll be able to afford more nights out at the local pub. Just be sure to leave the keys at home!

For a step-by-step guide to car insurance, visit [www.abc.ca](http://www.abc.ca)

For more information on BLINDE, visit [www.blinde.ca](http://www.blinde.ca), or call 1-888-T-Blinde.

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# Website created to warn women of cheaters

by **kathryn hudson**  
LIFE REPORTER

Students looking to avoid the heartbreak of dating a cheater may have found an online ally.

Launched five months ago, dontdatehimgirl.com is a free service that allows women to post pic-

said Tasha Joseph, the site's creator and a columnist for *the Miami Herald*.

"And then I thought it would be great if it was online, sort of like how the FBI keeps its most wanted criminals in a database."

The database contains almost 1,500 profiles, several in the Toronto area, with thousands still being added to the system.

Women have been waiting for a tool to help avoid serial-cheaters, said Joseph, citing the free service's over 500,000 registered members.

"Of course men don't like it," said Joseph. "What guy wants to be outed as a cheater on the Internet? But I think the main reason that men are upset about it, is because women have finally found a way to warn other women about these cheating lying men."

The concept is entirely based on the honesty of the female members. Joseph says when sub-



Courtesy

**Joseph created the cheaters website only five months ago**

mitting the profile of a cheater, women sign an agreement that published material is truthful.

Joseph stresses that this curbs

thoughts of undue revenge among women, and avoids any legal liabilities against the website.

Not all women feel empowered by the concept, however.

"I think this just adds to the stereotype that girls become catty when they get dumped for someone else," said Stephanie Malley, public relations student.

"Obviously no one likes to get cheated on, but I think that this is just making women look bitter."

To level the playing field, Joseph has also set her sights on female cheaters.

Slated to go online this month, dontdateherman.com is hoping to

provide men with the same kind of database — warning off lying ladies.

As the controversial website's popularity continues to rise, logging over 600,000 hits a day, some students are wary.

"I think that it's all gone too far, what happened to getting to know someone through old fashioned dating?" said Stephen Wong, a public relations student.

"I can't imagine searching some online database to get inside info before going on a date. You just have to get out there and find out the hard way if someone is right for you."

**"Of course men don't like it, what guy wants to be outed as a cheater on the Internet?"**

— Tasha Joseph, dontdatehimgirl creator

tures and profiles of cheating men "I just thought to myself, wouldn't it be great if there was a way that a woman could find out if a guy was a cheater before she dated the guy or invested any time in him,"

# Health benefits of chocolate

by **jen wareham**  
BUSINESS REPORTER

Only modern mania for wellness could create a society where a chocolate bar can be found in the health-food aisle of the grocery store.

At least that's what is happening in the United States.

Mars Inc., the chocolate giant that makes M&Ms and Snickers, is marketing CocoaVia as 'heart-healthy,' stating it promotes cardiovascular health.

To back its claim, Mars cites a 2004 paper presented to the American Heart Association that demonstrates CocoaVia, rich in flavanols which have blood thinning effects, "could effectively and safe-

ly reduce cholesterol" in adults.

But it's not as easy for food producers in this country to make a similar case. "Health Canada makes it very difficult to make a claim on being a 'healthy' food," said Ally Cooper, a marketing brand manager at Parmalat Canada, which markets products like Astro Yogourt and Balderson Cheese. "You will see products called 'healthy choice' and 'healthy attitude' exactly for that reason."

"In order to combat this challenge, marketers get creative. Even in hair-care products you'll hear that a lot, 'healthier-looking hair' for example."

So how do Canadian businesses earn the right to market their products as healthy? "The 'health

check' symbol, which the Heart and Stroke Foundation basically sells to (businesses) that qualify, is one way that products can gain that 'healthy' perception," said Cooper. To qualify, marketers must prove the product is either fat-free or low-fat.

"But note — on the [product's] packaging, in mice-type, there is always a disclaimer which says that the health check program is supported by the brand financially," she added.

"To market chocolate as a 'health' food, you would need to focus on some point of scientific finding ... that says consuming a certain percentage of chocolate per day helps your heart," said Cooper.

Ramona Rea, senior science officer with the heart and stroke foundation, identified several benefits consuming flavanols.

"It lowers blood pressure which is a good thing. Another is that it makes the platelets less sticky, and the platelets are the cells of the blood that initiate clotting. So if they are less sticky they are less likely to clump up in your blood vessels. And blood clots of course cause heart attacks and strokes."

But, she said, while dark chocolate contains flavanols it also contains "a lot of sugar — so there are a lot of calories."

Too many calories, said Rea, can lead to weight gain. "Obesity is a risk factor in heart attacks and strokes, and obesity itself can raise blood pressure. So then you're eliminating the good effects of dark chocolate if you eat too much of it."

Yet Rea confessed that she likes to see studies that support the idea that chocolate is a healthy food.

"Every time I read something that touts the beneficial effects of chocolate I copy it and put it my chocolate defence file."

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Spring bling is all about colour if you ask 21-year-old first-year culinary arts student Andre Costa.

"If I had a sugar momma I'd get her to buy me a technicolour dreamcoat," laughs Andre.

Andre's leading Humber into summer fashion with his unique style. For him, fashion is something to play around with and not take too seriously.

He describes his look as Mike Weir, meets Tiger Woods and Jack Black.

For Andre, Winner's is the spot to find high fashion bargains. His summer tee was from Boathouse — a skateshop in downtown Toronto.

He says to keep accessories simple and pay attention to your feet. "I spend most of my money on pants because they're disgustingly expensive. And shoes, because you can't wear white shoes with black pants." Andre says the hot, new summer styles to look out for are pinstripe pants, spinning belts and big glasses.

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## Despite cosmetic procedures, skin damage is not reversible

by **cristina del zotto**  
LIFE REPORTER

Experts urge people to use sunscreen everyday to prevent future skin damage.

"Sunblock like titanium oxide or zinc oxide has physical blocks that create a protective glare on the skin, while sunscreen is a chemical block that has to bind to the skin and cause a chemical reaction that takes 20 minutes to work," said Woodbridge dermatologist Dr. Gail Nield.

"Too many people put sunscreen on just before they go outside, so for that first 20 minutes they're not protected and can burn within 15 minutes."

Nield said if a person takes 15 minutes to burn and uses a product with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15, that person can stay in the sun 15 minutes for each unit of the SPF value that works out to 225 minutes, or just under four hours of sun protection.

"If you're outdoors and sweating, then it's washing off a bit, so if you start with a SPF 30, it will go down to an SPF 15."

What sunscreens have been doing for years is offering protection from UVB rays that cause melanoma skin cancer and sunburns, however until recently, only sunblock has offered protection from the sun's UVA rays that cause premature aging, and irreversible skin damage, said Nield.

"The B stands for burning and A stands for aging," added Nield.

"UVB does not go through glass windows but UVA does, and I see sun damage on people like drivers who are sales people and all the left side of their face is more damaged with sun."

Although new cosmetic procedures can help reduce the appearance of damage to the skin, no sun damage is completely reversible said Toronto medical esthetician Bosa Djordjevis.

"There are a number of things you can get from sun damage. The most important is skin cancer, but a lot of people get hyper-pigmentation, a discolouration of the skin which causes large, dark blotches known as sun and brown spots," said Djordjevis. "It's very rare, but some people also get hypo-pigmentation which is white spots instead of brown."

One of the most effective ways to repair — but not prevent — sun damage is through photo-facials or skin rejuvenation, she said.

"It's an intense pulse light that goes through layers of the skin and targets the pigmentation and draws it out of the skin. You would need multiple treat-

ments to reduce the appearance and it may not remove it completely."

Trying to repair sun damage costs anywhere from \$350 to \$450 a treatment with a minimum of at least three sessions, said Djordjevis.

The only real protection from the sun is sunscreen, added Djordjevis.

"I can't remember ever using sunscreen, and when I have used it, it was too greasy. If it was less oily, I would use it more. I don't want to get skin cancer," said Bobby Iozzo, a Humber College graduate.

"Other than skin cancer, I don't know what else the sun could do," added Iozzo.

Everybody looks better with a tan, anyway."

**"Too many people put sunscreen on just before they go outside, so they're not protected and can burn within 15 minutes."**

— Dr. Gail Nield,  
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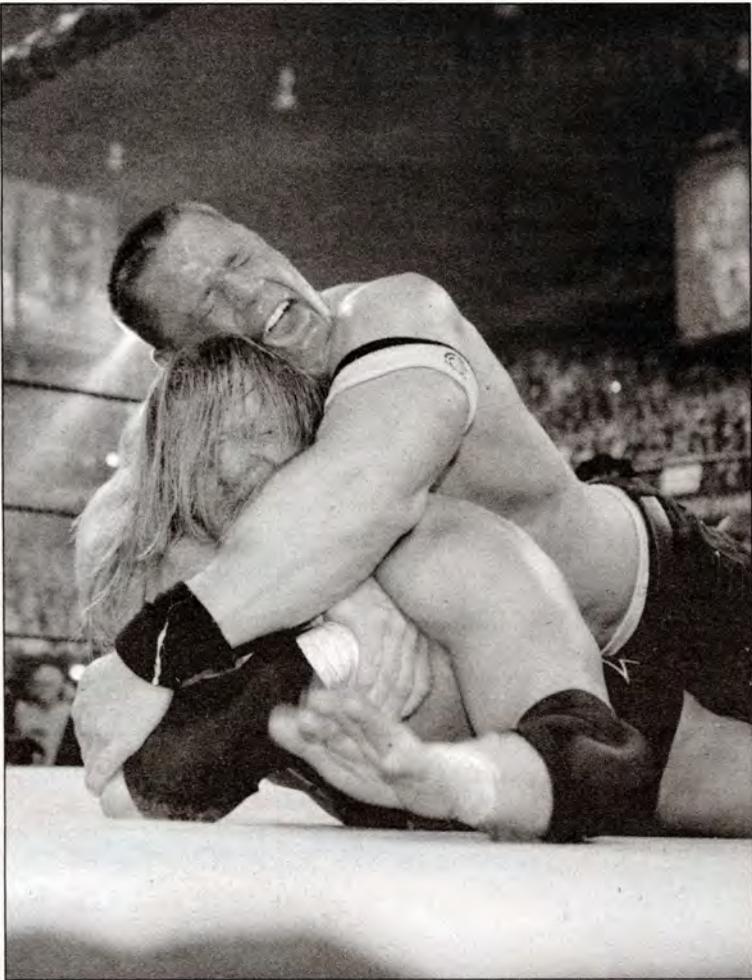


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WWE Champion John Cena looks to retain his title as Triple H is set to tap out.

# Van Dam takes on world title

by rui gomes  
SPORTS REPORTER

The career of Rey Mysterio hit a high last Sunday as he captured his first World Heavyweight Championship on professional wrestling's biggest stage, Wrestlemania.

The 5'6" 165-pound wrestler prevailed in a Triple Threat Match against Randy Orton and the former Champ Kurt Angle.

"I wasn't sure Rey was going to win," said Hector Mercado, a 25-year-old wrestling fan. "But with the way they had been building him up since the death of Eddie Guerrero, I certainly knew it was possible."

Mysterio was a very close friend of Guerrero, who died tragically on Nov. 13, 2005, a day before he was expected to reclaim the World Title. Since then, Mysterio has achieved much success including winning the 30-man Royal Rumble that earned him the title shot at Wrestlemania XXII.

In the main event, the self-proclaimed 'King of Kings' Triple H challenged World Wrestling Entertainment Champion John Cena. The once popular Cena was booed as the majority of the crowd favoured long-time villain Triple H. But Cena retained the title forcing Triple H to tap out of the STF submission hold.

Shawn Michaels destroyed WWE owner Vince McMahon in

a no-holds-barred match. The biggest highlight saw Michaels place a trash can over McMahon's head, roll him onto a table, climb up a 20-foot ladder, and jump off with an elbow drop crashing through McMahon and the table.

Rob Van Dam grabbed the briefcase to win the Money in the Bank Ladder Match that featured five other men: Matt Hardy, Bobby Lashley, Fit Finlay, Intercontinental Champion Shelton Benjamin, and 16-time world champion Ric Flair.

"He has proven to me over the last several months that he can take a hell of a beating," said Van Dam, of the 57-year-old Flair. "He's in great shape. He's a very, very tough man for any age."

Van Dam made his return at the 2006 Royal Rumble after a torn ACL kept him out for over a year. But last Sunday, he was at his best, which included a five-star frog splash off the top of a ladder.

Now, 'Mr. Money in the Bank' has an opportunity to win his first world title any time in the next 12 months.

"Out of everyone in the WWE, Rob Van Dam is the most deserving of a main event push," said Ed Drumheller Jr., an 18-year-old fan. "Let him carry the show, and you've got ratings! It's time to start out every show once again with the 'R...V...D' chant."

Winning the world championship is the dream of any pro-

wrestler. Van Dam envisions winning his first world title in a hardcore environment.

"That's where I thrive, that's where I climb ahead," he said. "Take all the wrestlers in the dressing room in one big hardcore (match) beating the snot out of each other with everything available, RVD would be the one left standing."

Van Dam said he first became interested in professional wrestling around the age of 15 when he met the likes of Hillbilly Jim, Andre the Giant, and the Killer Bees at a live event.

"I never even thought of it before then," Van Dam said. "But once someone told me that I could do that, I believed in it and I just never really thought of anything else. I just focused and I directed my life towards making that happen."

Trained by the original Sheik, Van Dam's big break came under the tutelage of Paul Heyman in the mid-1990s with Extreme Championship Wrestling. There he held the television championship for a record 23 months. In July of 2001, he debuted in the WWE.

"I'm motivated by the energy that the fans give me when I'm walking out to the ring, during my match, and when I'm walking back," Van Dam said, when asked why he continues to put his body on the line. "That's something I count on, something I rely on."

## Sideline



Janet Bougie

### Memorial Gardens, dead at 57

A little piece of hockey history is set to die this month, and it will likely fade into memory with very little fanfare.

Last week, the OHL's Soo Greyhounds played their last game in their 57-year-old Memorial Gardens. The arena is set for demolition as the city's new sports and entertainment centre nears completion in the lot next door.

To those outside of Sault Ste. Marie, the passing might seem insignificant. It is just a building, and it is just the OHL. But this is one of the oldest OHL arenas left, topped only by 'The Barn' in Windsor.

This is the place where a pimply-faced teenager named Wayne Gretzky started wearing number 99. Ron Francis played here. The Espositos played here.

This is where, in the early '90s, in their incredible third straight trip to the Memorial Cup, the Hounds won. From national names to local legends, this place has a privileged history.

Half of how much you like a sport has to do with how you experience it, and I grew to love hockey in the dim dankness of the Gardens.

The rink was cold and the seats hard, with the many layers of chipped paint always in some

shade of blue.

And you could smell the ice — when you walked into that arena, it smelled like hockey.

Nothing was fancy and nothing was flashy.

But the Gardens has long ago fallen into a state of disrepair. On the outside, concrete is cracked and chipped; on the inside, long wooden benches that run the length of the rink look like they've been slowly sliding into centre ice for years.

The smell of ice, ammonia, sweat, and damp cement mixed in with french fries and Italian sausage. This was the environment that made hockey real.

Indeed, the new arena, will in time, collect its own legends and lore. But it won't ever be the same. The Gardens is one of the last grassroots arenas in the OHL and NHL, and when it dies so will part of the hockey experience. The ACC, the Hershey Centre ... whichever new rink you watch your games in, the atmosphere is markedly different. It's too bright. It's too flashy. And it's too comfortable.

But I guess that's the hockey experience the majority of fans now know and love.

Not me.

I'm glad I had the Gardens.

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# sports

"I dunno. I never smoked any Astroturf." — Tug McGraw when asked whether he preferred grass or Astroturf. McGraw is the former pitcher for Mets and Phillies

## This week in sports

### April 1

Toronto Maple Leafs beat Buffalo Sabres 7-0 as Toronto Marlie, Ian White, 21, scores his first goal with the Leafs. Darcy Tucker goes 15 games without a goal.

### April 2

Rumours start to circulate that Eric Lindros may be finished with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Jose Contreras of the Chicago White Sox signs a three-year, \$29-million contract.

Toronto Raptors lose fourth game in a row. Player Chris Bosh is still out with a thumb injury.

### April 3

The Florida Gators win the NCAA title after defeating the UCLA Bruins 73-57.

Buffalo Sabres beat Toronto Maple Leafs 3-2, placing the

Sabres in their first playoff spot since 2001.

Karrie Webb wins first LPGA Tour Major of the year. She takes home \$270,000 (U.S.)

Canada wins 5,000 meters relay at World Championships Track, Speed Skating.

The Fifth Masters Golf Tournament begins in Augusta, Georgia. They will take place until April 9.

### April 4

Boston Red Sox Roger Clemens, a seven time winner of the CY Young Award considers retiring.

Toronto Blue Jays beat the Minnesota Twins 6-3 in home opener. They played to a sold out crowd at the Rogers Centre.

Montreal Canadians go onto a seventh win in a row- beating Boston Bruins 5-3.



The new rules came into effect as the Maple Leafs played against the Phoenix Coyotes at the Air Canada Centre where they lost 4-3, after leading 3-0 in the first period. rui gomes



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## New NHL rules get positive feedback

by rui gomes  
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As the NHL regular season nears its end, new rules have made this season enjoyable to watch.

Many experts believed attendance and television ratings would plunge after the one-year lockout.

"They've been better than expected," said Sherali Najak, senior producer of Toronto Maple Leafs broadcasts on Hockey Night in Canada. "We're (drawing) over a million and I think our average is up a few percentage points."

In fact, average attendance around the league has actually seen a slight increase from when they last played in 2004.

According to the NHL, the lockout was necessary to ensure the survival of a 30-team league. The league restructured its Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with

the players to include a \$39-million salary cap, which has given small market teams the opportunity to compete.

The new CBA brought about several rule changes in an attempt to make the game more entertaining for the fans.

"I think the new NHL rules are a positive thing," said third-year nursing student Shannon Haller. "More skill is exposed by taking away the centre red line."

Other notable changes included the size of goaltender equipment, which was reduced by about 11 per cent. Goaltenders have also been limited behind the net in where they can play the puck, restricting the abilities of the New Jersey Devils Martin Brodeur and the Dallas Stars Marty Turco. The offensive zone was expanded as the blue line was moved out two feet and the goal line was moved two feet closer to the end boards.

The biggest change to the on-ice product was the elimination of tie-games.

"Shootouts are exciting to watch, especially when your team wins," said Steve Tauro. "As long as they don't use them in the playoffs, I'm in favour."

The league will revert back to the traditional five-on-five sudden-death overtime when the playoffs start next month.

A crackdown on hooking and holding infractions has resulted in more powerplay opportunities. This season has been an adjustment for the players as well as the broadcasting networks.

"The flow of the game is tougher to get with all the penalties being called," said Najak. "Viewers like it and we're on board with it."

The NHL's real test will be to continue its strict officiating throughout the playoffs.

"Raise the urinals" — Darrel Chaney on how management could keep the Braves on their toes. Chaney was 21 years old when he joined the Cincinnati Reds.

# Humber's athletes will shine this Friday

by aaron bronsteter  
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber Colleges athletics department will host its annual awards ceremonies tomorrow night. The event will honour the college's top athletes.

**The badminton team** is a new addition to the college's varsity lineup and competed in an array of exhibition tournaments.

**Female MVP candidates:**  
Ann Castro, doubles silver medalist, Merle D'Souza, doubles silver medalist, Jolande Amoraal, individual silver medalist.

**Male MVP candidates:**  
Galen Chang, doubles silver medalist, Lam Trinh, doubles silver medalist.

**The men's basketball team** was able to win the OCAA Championship for a second year in a row under coach Darrell Glenn by defeating its regional rival, the Sheridan Bruins.

**Rookie of the year candidates:**  
Jose Araujo, provincials MVP, Jadway Hemmings, OCAA all-star, Jonathan Tyndale, OCAA rookie of the year.

**MVP candidates:**  
Jadway Hemmings, OCAA all-star, Jonathan Wyse, OCAA all-star.

**The women's basketball team** had a successful regular season, finishing with a 15-1 record. The team would later suffer a heartbreaking overtime loss at provincials.

**Rookie of the year candidates:**  
Kristina Harse, Camilla Joan Ocampo.

**MVP candidates:**  
Erin Chamberlain, all-Canadian, OCAA all-star, Sarah Moxley, OCAA all-star.

**Cross country** is another new addition to Humber's growing varsity sports assembly.

**Female MVP candidates:**  
Nicole Paylichenko, fourth place at Loyalist invitational, Natasha Szauter, top-fifteen runner provincially.

**Male MVP candidates:**  
Colin Murray-Lawson, provincial individual gold medalist, national silver medalist, Mike Scipio, top-fifteen runner provincially.

**The men's golf team** left provincials with a silver medal and lost the nationals by a single stroke leaving it with a tie-breaker bronze medal.

The women sported an entirely new team and walked away with the provincial bronze medal.

**Rookie of the year candidates:**  
Hillary Salvian, Ryan Willoughby.

**MVP candidates:**  
Lee French, Clinton Rayfield, Hillary Salvian.

**The rugby team** earned its second provincial final four berth.

**Rookie of the year candidates:**

Harry McLean, Andre Rose-Green, OCAA tournament all-star  
**MVP candidates:**

Troy Barron, OCAA all-star, Andre Rose-Green, OCAA tournament all-star, Andrew Wilson, OCAA all-star.

**The men's outdoor soccer team** finished in first place with a 7-1 record and the men's indoor soccer team won its sixth consecutive championship and its ninth in ten years.

**Rookie of the year candidates:**

Sherwin Emmanuel, Joseph Feijoo.

**Outdoor MVP candidates:**  
Houdou Dene, Cameron Medwin, OCAA all-star, Kwami Osei, all-Canadian, OCAA all-star.

**Indoor MVP candidates:**  
Mike Agiboke, tournament MVP, Mike Marchese, tournament all-star.

**The women's outdoor soccer team** finished with a 4-3-1 record, while the women's indoor team

won the provincial bronze medal.

**Rookie of the year candidates:**

Jessica Fletcher, Holly Goddard.  
**MVP candidates:**  
Connie Tamburello, Anna Tripodo.

**The men's volleyball team** qualified for the championships and lost in the bronze medal game while sporting its new core.

**MVP candidates:**  
Fred Lee, Mike Smith, Tarun Swaroop.

**The women's volleyball team**

was ranked number one going into the season and showed why by winning all five provincial invitational tournaments and finishing 13-0. The team fell short in the bronze medal game nationals.

**Rookie of the year candidates:**

Kris Dowling, the team's lone freshman.

**MVP candidates:**  
Amanda Arlette, tournament all-star, Perfection Powell, tournament MVP, Alex Steplock, tournament all-star.

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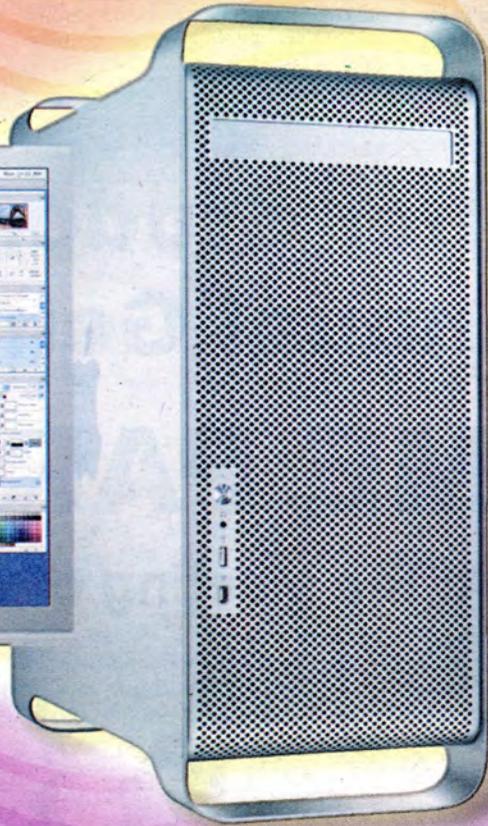
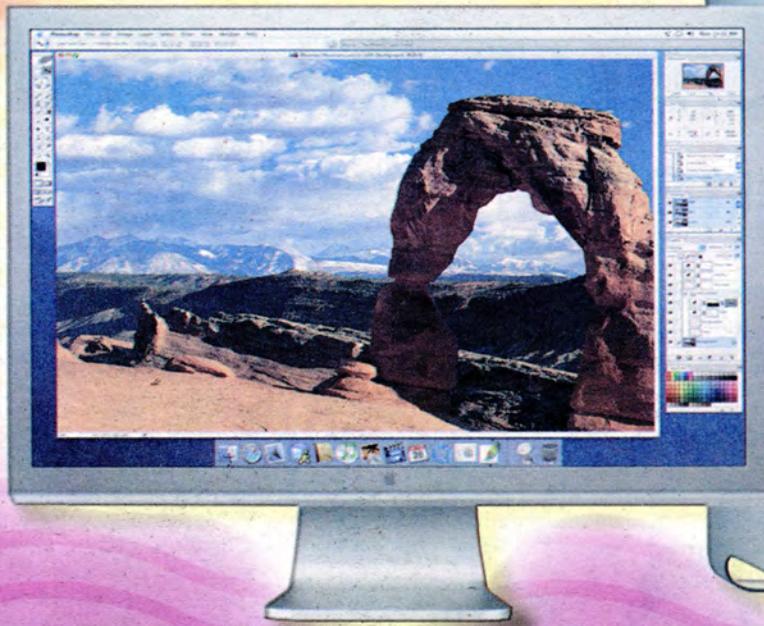
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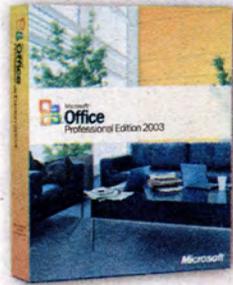
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