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Fully Clothed star bares all

Member of Canada's Walk of Fame performs at Winter Garden Theatre

Karolina Walczak
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Comedy professor Robin Duke puts her life on stage in the show *Women Fully Clothed*.

"It's all based on our personal experiences. It's all our lives up there. How we think, what we feel, and what affects us," she said.

Duke appears in the show at the Winter Garden Theatre with Jayne Eastwood, Kathryn Greenwood, Debra McGrath and Teresa Pavlinek until Dec. 8.

She said women will be able to relate to the show, but everyone will find it funny. "Our theme is universal. Not just at the identification or relating to something but there is a lot of comedy out there."

Duke began her career at Second City and then moved on to work on the comedy series Second City Television (SCTV) in 1980.

"She knows how to get a laugh out of an audience that is any age."

—Shauna Wilde, comedy student

The SCTV troupe was inducted into Canada's Walk of Fame in 2002.

Duke also spent three years on Saturday Night Live (SNL) from 1981 to 1984, where she and the other writers received an Emmy nomination for Outstanding Writing in a Variety or Music Program in 1984.

Women Fully Clothed started off as a fundraiser show in 2003. "It started with us doing Second City archival sketches," Duke said.

"I just called on these women that I had never worked with but they had all been at Second City and they all inspired me."

After performing at the fundraiser the women knew they wanted to continue to team up.

Duke said they worked well together because they were all at



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Women Fully Clothed cast (inset) and Robin Duke (main) who says she considers Martin Short the funniest person of all time.

different stages of their lives.

After collaborating for nine months and meeting up once a week, they were ready for their first original performance.

"We almost sold out the theatre that night. We were all crying at the end. It was like giving birth," Duke said.

"We had such a great time and had such a great chemistry. We were full of ideas. We knew we had something special after that first performance.

"What I am doing right now is

certainly my favourite thing of all the things I've done," she said.

Pavlinek said although the women are at different stages of their lives they still have some things in common.

"We share a sensibility and a sense of humour," she said, adding she did not know Duke personally before *Women Fully Clothed*, but she was a big fan and grew up watching her on SCTV and SNL.

"I often have moments when I am standing in awe of her on the stage. I still can't believe I am per-

forming with her," Pavlinek said. "She is such a phenomenal comedic talent."

Duke started teaching at Humber for a short time in 2004, for a summer comedy workshop.

"I really enjoyed it. I really enjoyed teaching so I mentioned that to the dean so that if anything ever came up I'd be happy to maybe do this."

She had originally planned to become a teacher when she graduated from the University of Toronto in 1974. Instead she was drawn to

the comedy scene while watching her high school friend, Catherine O'Hara perform at Second City.

Duke said she is happy she got her English degree because it allowed her to teach.

Shauna Wilde, who is in her second year of the comedy writing and performance program, said Duke helps her students understand the audience.

"She knows how to get a laugh out of an audience that is any age. She helps us see what the audience would appreciate," Wilde said.

NEWS

318,500 people a month turned to a local food bank in the province this year, a drop of 3.6 per cent from 2006. — Ontario Association of Food Banks

Food bank can't meet demand

Donations cover only two days worth of goods

Tracey Finklestein
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

The food bank at North Campus cannot alleviate the hunger of those in need, the Humber Students Federation said.

"We provide students and their families with two days worth of food," said the HSF's vice-president of administration, Alan Desimpel. "Humber cannot give food for the entire week because we do not have enough."

Fifteen students are registered with the food bank, a 50 per cent increase from last year. The bank depends on donations from the North York Harvest Food Bank, which helps the college's bank about six times a year when supplies run out.

Despite organized food drives at Humber throughout the year, where students can donate canned goods alongside other nonperishable products, it isn't enough for some according to North York Food Bank director Kate Warwick.

"Even though people come to the food bank they may still be at risk of experiencing hunger," Warwick said. In such cases, HSF refers students who need more than the available amount of food to North York.

The Humber Food Bank has a wide selection of canned food, Desimpel said. The most popular is canned meat and fish, pasta, and rice he said.

"We only carry canned goods," he said. "We cannot carry perishable foods right now because we do not have the facilities or space for it."

Students in need of food must fill out an application listing their income and expenses. Once registered, the student receives an identification number. "The only thing you have to show is that you are in financial need and a Humber student," Desimpel said.

Desimpel added that the college can only accommodate one location right now at North, and even that is stretching resources.

"We do not have the space to have three different stores," he said. "That is one sacrifice we have to make."

The HSF Food Bank is open to students Monday and Friday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For the rest of the week the room becomes the used book store and the Humber Hawk shop, Desimpel said.



Ken Brown

The City of Toronto plans on replacing streetcars at an estimated cost of \$1.4 billion.

Light rail to North gains more steam

City approves assessments, but budget still a concern

Kenneth Brown
NEWS REPORTER

The City of Toronto has moved one step closer to having light rail transit on Finch Avenue, with the Toronto Transit Commission giving the go-ahead for an environmental assessment, according to TTC chair Adam Giambrone. However, the city needs money from the province.

Giambrone said the board gave approval for environmental assessments on new Transit City light rail transit (LRT) lines in a meeting on Nov. 14. He said the contracts have been issued and the assessments should begin by the end of this year.

According to a TTC report, funds totalling \$7.1 million have been included for the assessments to cover the initial work beginning next year. Yet with a four-year outline in place, Giambrone anticipates the province will provide a sizable slice of the money needed for the project.

"We only did it until 2008 because that's when we expect to hear from the province on new funding for the environmental assessments," he said. "The city is not able to go it alone."

Meanwhile, Giambrone confirmed reports that Toronto is in the process of replacing its streetcars.

Ward 1 councillor Suzan Hall said the new streetcars are part of the 2008 budget and their purpose is to address over-crowding and replace old cars.

The new cars are not for Toronto's new light rail systems, she said, but the city plans to purchase more over the next five years as the new LRT lines are built.

Hall emphasized the dates are only projections and could easily change. "You have to realize that construction right now is being proposed for two of the lines to get the shovel in the ground by 2009," Hall said, with the Finch line set to begin late in the year. It will run from Finch Station at Yonge St. straight to Humber College, she added.

Hall wants the LRT line extended to Woodbine Racetrack through Pearson Airport right into Mississauga. She said it's very

important to get people in North Etobicoke out of their cars and onto the TTC, but transit frequency is a major factor.

"I want to see us have the option of getting out of our cars for the sake of the environment, and for the sake of congestion," she said. "The only way we're going to do that is if we get speed, and the only way we're going to get speed is through this light rail."

The estimated cost to replace the existing streetcars is \$1.4 billion Giambrone said, while cars for the new light rail lines are estimated at \$2.4 billion.

The light rail vehicles will be air-conditioned, longer than the existing streetcars, and fully accessible to individuals with physical disabilities.

The earliest Humber students can expect to get off a streetcar at the college is the end of 2011, but it will likely be 2012, Giambrone said.

With the approval of the assessments, Giambrone said the project is on-track, but inadequate funding from the province could quickly derail things.

"If money isn't announced in the 2008 provincial budget, we won't be able to start construction in 2009."

THE SKINNY

Manufacturing meltdown

The Canadian Auto Workers chief economist Jim Stanford told a federal finance committee this week that job losses in the Canadian manufacturing sector could double over the next two years. The union estimates that over 600,000 jobs will be lost — with Ontario being the hardest hit — if energy costs remain high and the loonie remains at or above parity with the U.S. greenback. Canadian manufacturers have laid off or eliminated 300,000 jobs since 2002 but "we have not yet begun to see the consequences," Stanford warned.

—Canadian Press

France alight

Protesters have overrun the streets of Paris once again. Workers from France's state railway service and other public trade unions have been on strike since last week in protest of President Nicolas Sarkozy's labour reforms being pushed through the legislature. Sarkozy was elected to power in May on the promise of radical economic reforms with a liberalizing of the labour market chief among them.

—Reuters

Cold War redux

Russian president Vladimir Putin accused foreign governments this week of sponsoring his opponents in next month's election to weaken Russia and carry out "dirty tricks" against it.

—Reuters

Corrections

Toronto Mayor David Miller's name was misspelled on pg. 2 of last week's *Et Cetera*.

Student Bart Konieczek's name was misspelled on pg. 10

We apologize for the errors.

More than 3,700 Canadians are awaiting organ transplants for kidneys, hearts, lungs, or livers now. Thousands more await tissue replacement. — Health Canada

Open house at Humber



Sean Casey

Prospective students were treated to tours and a little conversation with faculty members at all three campuses on Sat., Nov. 17.

Potential students get warm welcoming

Sean Casey
NEWS REPORTER

All three campuses hosted an open house for future students and their families on Nov. 17.

Humber North, Lakeshore and the temporary Alder Street location of Humber Orangeville took part in Experience Humber. Faculty and students were on hand to offer tours and answer questions potential students may ask.

Mineky Graham, who plans to start the paralegal program in January, found the experience

very helpful. "I think Humber is big and they're very friendly here. The law clerk [faculty] were very helpful and they answered all my questions."

Student volunteers were positioned throughout the school to answer questions and give directions.

Practical nursing student Kevin Corkum said his program is awesome. "I'm telling everyone that they're going to have a lot of fun," he said.

First-year business administration student Alex Protomanni

was also boastful about his program. "If you're business oriented, it is a great program to be in," he said. "I'm learning a lot of things that I'll be able to put to use once I graduate."

"It's not only things I can use later, it's actually things I can start using now in terms of managing my money and setting forth goals of where I want to be."

Guelph-Humber student Candice Swartzentruben said the morning was the best time to come out.

"It's not too busy and it allows the faculty to have a really good con-

versation with the students, whereas in the past there have been huge lineups and you don't get the information."

Humber is competing for applicants with other Toronto colleges such as Centennial and George Brown, but if the filled hallways on Saturday were an indication of future enrolment, the college registrar's office won't lack for work.

"Everyone has been really nice and welcoming," said visitor Steph Gibbons. "It's a nice school."

Nurses raise organ donor awareness

Amanda Gomes
A&E REPORTER

The Trillium Gift of Life Network teamed up with Humber's third year nursing students to help clear up some misconceptions behind organ donation.

"This is important because people seem to be afraid of donating their organs," said organizer Margot Rykhoff. "People don't realize that there are lists among lists of people waiting for donations."

The presentation took place on Nov. 15 at North Campus between 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Before the presentation began, the hosts asked the audience members to fill out an anonymous survey that tested general knowledge on organ and tissue donations. Audience members learned that one donor can save up to eight lives and every two to eight days, someone in Ontario dies waiting for a donation.

Qin Dai one of the student organizers for the presentation, said many lives could be saved if people were more informed.

"We take the little things for granted. There are people who are stuck in hospital beds, we are fortunate to have the privileges we have today," she said.

After the presentation was over, audience members were asked to fill out the survey they did at the beginning of the presentation for a second time. This would enable the hosts to tally the results and see if any had changed their views.

Privacy concerns keep satisfaction surveys from public eye

Yet provincial results say pupils content with performance of college's instructors

Jeff Wimbush
NEWS REPORTER

Inquiring minds interested in student satisfaction with the faculty do not have access to the college's survey results taken each semester.

The feedback surveys are conducted each semester throughout the college by Humber's professional development department, and address student satisfaction with teachers in different areas.

Complete results from the questionnaires are not available to students because of privacy issues, according to Pamela Hanft, dean of liberal arts and sciences and associate vice-president of professional development.

She said the college would enter-

tain the idea of making some results public if there was enough interest.

"We could look at publishing a summary that covers different schools or the entire college, if students were interested in seeing that."

Lachlan McVie, a second-year industrial design student, said he would like to see some of the findings.

"We could look at publishing a summary ... if students were interested."

- Pamela Hanft,
dean, liberal arts

"Since I take the time to fill it out, it would be nice to see some sort of results," McVie said.

Hanft said once the surveys are collected, an administrator, dean or associate dean, goes through the results carefully looking for any problems that keep showing up in the questionnaires.

If there is a consistent problem, the administrator will work with the teacher to deal with the issue.

"This is very rare at Humber because we have a great faculty committed to doing a good job," Hanft said.

While Humber's own survey results remain undisclosed to students, the results from provincial surveys are made public.

Humber posts the results of the Key Performance Indicators, or KPIs, on its website.

According to those results, the college's student satisfaction report echoed Hanft's sentiments, that students are content with faculty.

Over 85 per cent of the 7,509 students surveyed this semester said they're satisfied with their teacher's subject knowledge, as well as the instructor's performance.

However, while satisfaction with faculty in general is high, only 56.3 per cent of students surveyed said they're satisfied with the level of feedback they've received in the

past.

Tiffany Gerolin, a first-year accounting student at Humber, said her program is more or less what she expected, but was discon-

tent with at least one of her teachers, who didn't seem interested in the learning material.

"Most of the teachers are good," she added.

Jeff Wimbush

Results from the province's college surveys are available online.

NEWS

Sick Kids Hospital first opened in 1875 when a group of 11 women led by Elizabeth McMaster, rented an 11-room home in downtown Toronto. —*sickkids.ca*

Food confidential

Jeff Wimbush
NEWS REPORTER

Wheat Street Deli sandwiches are a thing of the past for students as the only place they are available, the staff lounge, is now off limits to students.

The staff lounge has always had a sign posted at the entrance reading "staff and guests only," but the policy hasn't been enforced until now.

Director of food services, Kim Mantovani, said the reason for the enforcement is confidential matters were being discussed while students are around.

"We're just trying to find a happy medium," Mantovani said.

She added almost everything available in the staff lounge is now available in the food emporium, except Wheat Street Deli.

Second-year radio broadcasting student, Jim Moore, said he is disappointed students will no longer

be allowed in the staff lounge, but he understands the need for a staff only area. "There's a lot of staff at the college and most of the food service is geared towards students. It's nice for staff to have a place they can go to get food quickly," he said.

Moore said he knows he's going to miss Wheat Street Deli. "They're these delicious, huge, hot sandwiches that you can get anything you want on."

Another student who doesn't want to be kicked out of the staff lounge is Sam Novak, a first-year creative photography student. Novak said he likes the staff lounge because it's less crowded and there's more of a variety. "I'm too used to Wheat Street to go back to Pizza Pizza now," Novak said.

Mantovani said the main reason Wheat Street Deli hasn't been moved downstairs to the food emporium is the lack of free space.



Almost everything in the staff lounge is available downstairs. Jeff Wimbush

Dining for a good cause

Meaghan McBride
NEWS EDITOR

Second-year students in the hotel and restaurant management program are holding a semi-formal to raise money for Sick Kids Foundation.

Under the Stars will feature a live jazz quartet, a silent auction, dinner and dancing.

The event will be held at The Royal Ambassador Centre, located at 15430 Innis Lake Rd. It is on Nov. 23 at 6:30 p.m. with dinner starting at 7:30 p.m. and 160 tickets have been sold.

The events organizer Charisse Dave, was inspired to choose Sick Kids Hospital because of the work it does.

"It's been very promising. They do research and provide kids with hope," Dave said.

For more information contact Dave at 647-893-4047.

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Canadians consume approximately 40 billion litres of gas. If the gas tax were enacted consumption would fall by up to 1.9 billion litres immediately. – *about.com*

Taxation changes key to better society

Raymond Andrew de Souza
SENIOR REPORTER

It's possible to have more money, save the planet and ride the TTC for free said Michael Hlinka, the most recent speaker in the Robert A. Gordon lecture series.

On Wednesday afternoon Hlinka, syndicated journalist, teacher and chartered financial analyst, spoke to students about how taxes could be reformed to better reflect the needs of the community and the planet and be used for positive social, economic and environmental goals.

"As an economist, as someone who sort of thinks in these terms, it struck me that maybe the best way to pursue these important social goals was through an economic grounded framework of taxes; penalizing the behaviours that are undesirable and rewarding the stuff that we want to see," Hlink said.

Hlinka presented the audience with documents that outlined the current taxation system in Canada and presented new models that he said would better help the envi-

ronment and provide people with better opportunities for work. This, he said, was possible while at the same time maintaining the revenue governments would bring in.

The taxation model Hlinka presented involved taxing consumption on the federal, provincial and municipal level, instead of the current model which taxes heavily on production and ownership.

"The two biggest single sources of CO2 emissions are the burning of fossil fuels and energy generation," Hlinka said. "Yet we barely tax that behaviour at all. It really makes you wonder."

His plan focused on taking away income, corporate and property taxes and focusing almost completely on placing duties on the consumption of gasoline, energy production and water.

"In short what I'm here to propose to save our planet and to improve our quality of living and standard of life is that with a consumption-based tax system we could raise the necessary revenues and accomplish very important social goals, killing two birds with

one stone."

Hlinka said he believed that his model would take most of the pressure off businesses and citizens and allow them to make money while at the same time reducing the consumption of natural resources.

The model Hlinka said would produce enough revenue for the Toronto municipal government to completely subsidize the TTC, providing free transit.

Towards the end of the lecture Hlinka said that there was one fundamental principle that underlined all he was saying.

"Whether or not we adopt this tax system, it's based on income taxes or property taxes or consumption taxes, it really doesn't change the most important reality. And the important reality is that each of us creates our own reality and the reality that we create is as good as we want it to be. You want your reality to be great you make it great and if it's not great don't look anywhere but in the mirror," Hlinka said.

Sophia Lue, a second year general arts and science university




Raymond Andrew de Souza

Sophia Lue (left) speaks with Michael Hlinka about how higher gas prices might affect those who have to drive to work.

transfer student who attended the lecture said that Hlinka helped her realize how she is actually taxed and helped her think more carefully about the future.

"You say 'you know what I need to be more responsible.' You also

realize that we do have to look at our government. Our government does have to take responsibility for the things that are happening and we need to put people in office that are actually going to speak for us better than we do have now," Lue said.

Wash it down with 

EDITORIAL

"Alright, brain. I don't like you and you don't like me – so let's just do this together and I'll get back to killing you with beer." – *Homer Simpson*

Trouble's a' brewing

Global shortage of hops threatens beer production

We are a nation of beer drinkers. After water, milk and coffee, beer is the most popular beverage. Canadians spent more than \$6.4 billion on beer in 2003, according to Statistics Canada.

And while the best-selling brands enjoy beer brewed by larger companies like Molson and Labatt, many enjoy beer crafted by smaller breweries like the dozens that are part of the Ontario Craft Breweries.

But there is trouble on the horizon for beer lovers in general and smaller brew lovers in particular.

Across the world there is a shortage of hops, a key ingredient in the brewing process and, to lesser extent, the same is true with malt and barley.

The problem stems from years of huge supply and relatively small demand. As the supply stayed high, many farmers reduced acreage or dropped out of the trade altogether.

Because hops are used only in beer production, hops were not an option in an ever-diversifying world. Add to that a few bad harvests over the years and there's a serious problem.

The supply reduced over the years and now it has reached a tipping point.

As demand continues to rise in this part of the world and abroad in countries like India and China, the current supply is simply no longer adequate.

And while many will face hard times with a low demand it will not be the large breweries and flagship brands that will suffer. It is the smaller brews that will be hurt.

It is the craft breweries and the '24 for 24s' that may not be able to pay the inflated prices for their key ingredients or at least have to raise prices.

The price increase may not be large at first, but things will get worse before they get better for small brewers.

It will simply take years before enough hops are in the fields and cultivated before the supply comes back up to speed.

So until then, raise your glasses, ye drinkers of hoppy microbrews. Support the little guys so that they can weather the storm on the horizon and continue to provide us with that alcoholic drink we Canadians love so much.

The easiest way to save a life

TV shows like *Grey's Anatomy* and *E.R.* portray dramatic surgical rescues every week. In the real world, organ donors can help save lives without the drama.

According to the Organ Donation & Transplant Association of Canada (ODTAC), 4,240 people were on the list for an organ donation in 2006 and 243, or about five per week died while waiting.

Donating organs can save or improve lives. Why not give something that's free to you, something you certainly won't need when you're dead?

Thinking about being an organ donor is an especially good idea for students who want to feel compassionate and charitable, but don't have much money to spare.

Some may feel squeamish about the thought of their organs in someone else's body. Again, when you're dead, you won't know the difference. But the recipient certainly will.

Another worry may be that organ donors' medical attention may be compromised. According to the ODTAC website, doctors will

only refer a patient as a potential organ donor once all lifesaving methods and procedures have been exhausted.

While the decision to become a donor isn't always easy, signing up is. Participants fill out an organ donor card or a registry, and they are always free to change their minds later. Also, family has the final say, so it's an important topic to discuss.

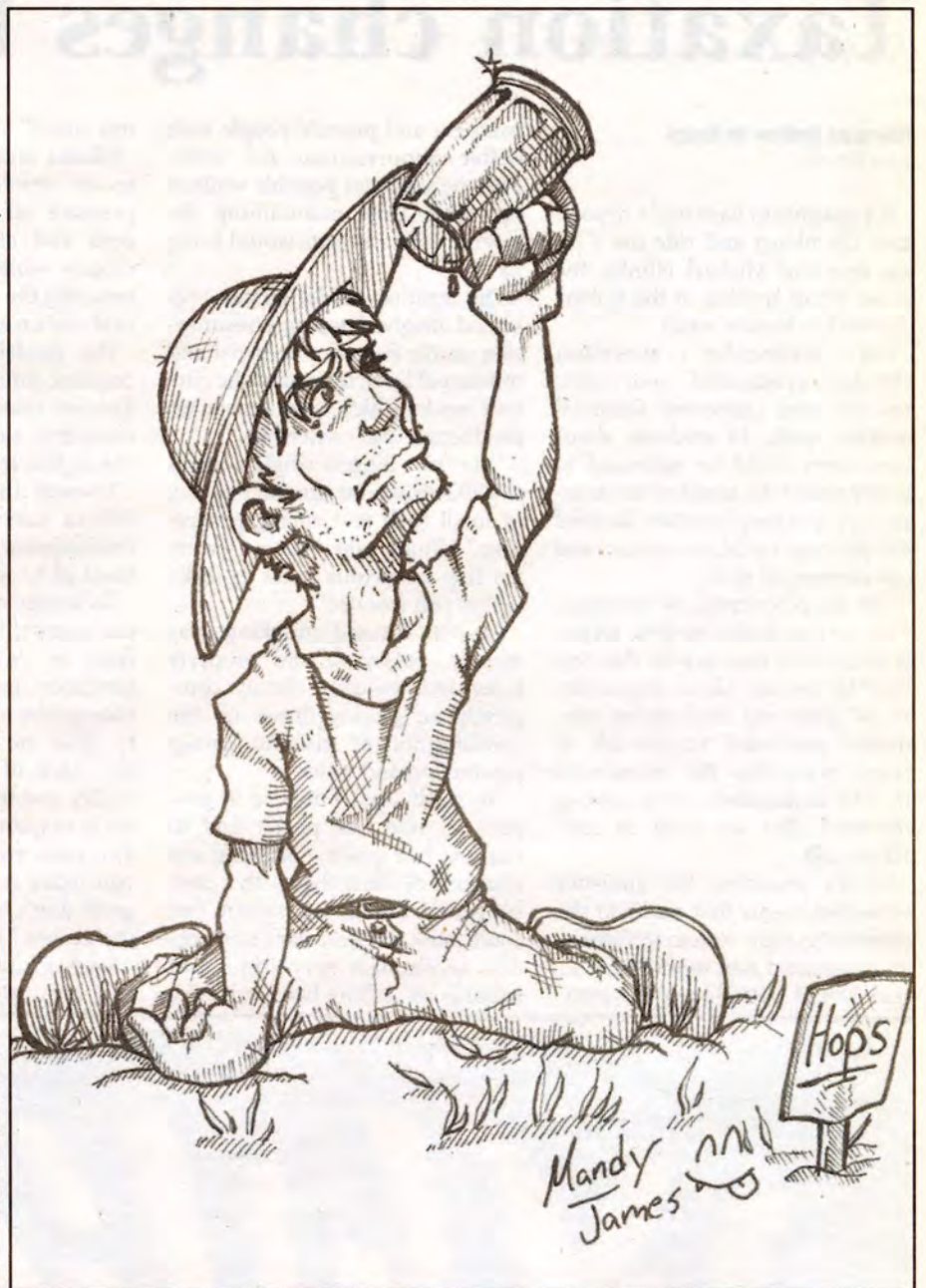
Logically, telling a family member about an interest in donating organs is one of the simplest things a person can do to help someone.

Many students are young adults and haven't started or don't want to think about their own death. But it is something to consider: you have the ability to make a great change in someone's life, even after yours has ended.

It's understandable that realizing one's own mortality is difficult because we are emotionally attached to our bodies.

But rationally, there's not much point in hanging on to organs you won't need.

Logically, telling a family member about an interest in donating organs is one of the simplest things a person can do to help someone.



WORD ON THE STREET

How are you coping with crunch time?

I'm not coping well at all. I'm really stressed. No one's showing up in my classes anymore so it's making it difficult on me.

Sharon Kan 19
Second-year culinary management



Clint Rigby 27
Second-year environmental technologies

Really, I'm doing okay with it. I try to get every assignment done as soon as I can, sometimes on the day of. I tackle it early to get it out of the way.



I'm okay. I've found it to be somewhat crazy. We have essays, tests, lots of stuff is starting to pile up. I'll just say organization is a good thing.

Alla Shamashkin 19
First-year hotel and restaurant management



Kate Kim 25
First-year hospitality

I make sure to have time to eat – have lunch or grab a coffee while studying. We have a huge program requirement to meet twice a week, so it's hard.



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"He that never changes his opinion never corrects mistakes and will never be wiser on the morrow than he is today." – Tyron Edwards, American theologian

Government concern all smoke and mirrors



Raymond Andrew de Souza
SENIOR REPORTER

I'm terribly addicted to smoking. Of all the things I've ever wanted or plan to ever do, quitting smoking will probably take the cake.

Even as I write this, I am eyeing my empty pack and scrutinizing my ashtrays hoping I somehow outed a previous smoke prematurely.

In 2005, there were approximately five million smokers – that's one out of every six Canadians – according to Physicians for a Smoke-free Canada.

I know smoking is disgusting. I'm perfectly aware of the smell, the damage, the cost, the cancer, the emphysema, the potential impotence, but I can't help it. I am addicted.

But beyond all these disgusting things, there's one thing that disgusts me more: the government's willingness to be so openly contradictory with its stance on tobacco.

It claims to be looking out for our health. The provincial government took away the PST on smoking cessation aids and outlawed smoking in buildings, bars, and covered patios.

Cigarette ads have been outlawed and anti-smoking ads have been pasted on packs. So why don't they stop the selling of tobacco?

A study published in the British

medical journal *The Lancet* in March ranked the most commonly used drugs based on the potential for addiction, the damage to the user, and the impact on society.

Tobacco surpassed marijuana and ecstasy. While it wasn't the highest (cocaine and heroin topped the list) the research shed light on the arbitrary system that deems one drug to be illegal while graciously selling another to the addicted public, in huge amounts, to the detriment of all.

I've never heard one politician say that maybe we shouldn't sell tobacco because in some cases it's more addictive than heroin or cocaine.

The Smoke Free Ontario Act fact sheet says that smoking costs "at least \$1.7 billion in healthcare annually, results in more than \$2.6 billion in productivity losses and accounts for at least 500,000 hospital days each year."

Still, the government taxes tobacco sales and earns stacks of cash – about \$4.36 billion in 2000, according to Physicians for a Smoke-Free Canada.

In 2001, then finance minister Paul Martin claimed that tobacco tax was a means of discouraging smokers. That's like a drug dealer upping his prices so that maybe some of his customers will go clean.

I've never heard one politician say that maybe we shouldn't sell tobacco, because in some cases it's more addictive than heroin or cocaine.

Not once have I heard someone say that we need to stop selling tobacco because it is the number one preventable cause of disease

and premature death in Canada.

Never have I heard someone suggest that tobacco companies, who are among the most profitable in the world, front some of the cost of our ailing healthcare system.

Of course, to expect radical change would be foolish. It is unlikely that the government will

change the current system. Too many people smoke and too many tobacco companies are too rich.

If our government makes billions of dollars by taxing the sale of a carcinogenic and addictive plant sold by huge corporations, what does that say about our government?

Space invaders, take a few steps back



Daria Locke
LIFE EDITOR

If I had made an entry in my diary last Thursday, it would have gone something like this: "Dear diary, today someone invaded my personal space... again. This woman was sitting so close to me I could feel her breath on my neck. Ugh."

I have never liked people in my personal space.

Unlike a germaphobe, I don't mind being touched. Just please, keep your distance – especially if you are a complete stranger.

I attended a workshop last Thursday and, once there, I selected my end-of-the-row seat carefully.

It was close enough to the front that I figured nobody would occupy the seat next to me. Just to be sure, I nudged the chair over a

little to ensure maximum space around me.

Okay, this may sound like a serious case of obsessive-compulsive disorder. But really, it's just a matter of a comfortable amount of breathing space.

After 24 years, I've learned to hug, albeit not for long – and I almost enjoy it.

I've been told my personal bubble is larger than most, but this woman at the workshop was pushing my limits.

She was so close that her elbow was on my notepad and I could tell she had eaten something with garlic in it for dinner.

This may just be an extreme case of an invasion of space, but it's a constant worry for me.

Each day I spend my days backing up, moving over and changing locations just to avoid those whose bubble is much smaller

than mine.

What irks me most is the line at the grocery store. I'm fully aware that when it is busy, people are forced to stand a little closer together.

But when magazines are touching my back or baskets bumping the backs of my knees, it makes my skin crawl.

According to Edward T. Hall's personal reaction bubbles theory, those living in more densely populated areas tend to have smaller personal space requirements. Culture also is a factor, he says.

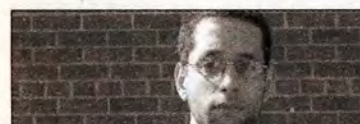
That said, can't we all just stand one arm length apart?

Intimacy is a whole other ball of wax. After 24 years, I've learned to hug, albeit not for long – and I almost enjoy it.

Until I can figure out how to be more comfortable with people crossing the boundaries of my bubble, perhaps I should wear a sign that reads, "Objects may appear closer to this person."

New technology, old contracts

Writers strike for revenue on new media – just don't leave us hanging



Josh Stern
A&E EDITOR

For more than two weeks now, screenwriters in America have put their pencils down, fighting for more money and respect in the industry.

Every time a movie or television show is on screen – whether it's in movie theatres, DVD format or television syndication – money is made and then divvied up amongst the hundreds of employees of each production.

As you move lower down the ladder, fewer and fewer dollars go out. No movie or television show would exist without the writers, yet they are paid embarrassingly low salaries.

As reported last week in the *Et Cetera*, the average guild member earns US \$62,000 a year. That's nothing compared to the millions

the studios make from their product. The writers don't get a penny from any new media content – anything produced for cell phones or the Internet.

With the advent of new technologies, the studios are trying to make these already low paid writers work for free.

By categorizing this new content as promotional material, the studios get away with it, and the Writers Guild of America, the body representing all American writers, has had enough and justifiably so. Imagine you invented a new toy. The first time it was sold, you earned a sliver of its revenue, but after that, all money earned went straight to the toy company?

This strike is important and long overdue. That said, it still sucks that soon all my favourite television shows will disappear.

I may never find out if Peter

Petrelli saves the world, if Michael Scofield breaks out of prison or if Jack and Kate get off the island – at least not this season. It's hard enough waiting week to week, let alone holding my breath for an indefinite pause.

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The studios should soon realize that their writers are indispensable, and they will hopefully come to their senses. There are millions of avid moviegoers and television fanatics just like me who will not sit quietly.

There's a national online movement for disgruntled fans to send truckloads of pencils to the studio CEOs to send a clear, symbolic message.

Perhaps the writers will soon get to use these pencils – more than 150,000 have been ordered – as the groups will reconvene on Nov 26.

Hopefully this time, with a little help from fandom, a fair deal can be reached.



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Almost seven million Canadians over 18 made online purchases in 2005 while slightly over nine million logged on to do some window shopping. — statcan.ca

No purchase necessary

Jenny Cheadle
SPECIAL TO ET CETERA

Tomorrow is International Buy Nothing Day, but for two Toronto retailers it is just as much about not selling as it is about not buying.

A 24-hour moratorium on spending, International Buy Nothing Day was first developed by artist Ted Dave and then adopted by Vancouver-based media foundation *Adbusters* in 1992.

The event involves over 65 countries, takes place in North America every year on the Friday following Thanksgiving, otherwise known as Black Friday — or the most important shopping day in the U.S.

This year it will be on Nov. 23.

"I think we wanted to make a statement," said Steven Fish, owner of eco-friendly footwear store *Left Feet*, located in the heart of Kensington Market.

Though Fish has owned the store for six years, this year will be the first time he closes his store on Buy Nothing Day.

"We're demonstrating that our primary focus isn't

necessarily profitability."

Traditionally, the event has placed pressure solely on consumers, asking them to avoid making purchases in an effort to draw awareness to the worldwide problem of over-consumption.

But storeowners — who have more at stake by forfeiting sales than consumers who merely miss out on purchases — are beginning to set a trend in choosing not to sell.

Fish made the decision along

with business neighbour Natalie Stephenson, owner of fashion boutique *Heart on Your Sleeve*.

"We do make our living selling things," said Fish. "But we're also in the business of ethical retail. I want to encourage people to buy smart."

For storeowners like Fish, profit is not always the primary concern.

"We are all leaving an environmental footprint," he said. "Sometimes it's more important not to buy something."

Students at Humber have mixed reactions about Buy Nothing Day.

Public relations student Gillian Simpson said she tries to not buy anything on Nov. 23.

"It's hard when you drive. You're always going to need to buy gas, or something," she said.

International project management student Corey Norman said, "Buy

Nothing Day should instead

be Buy With a Conscience

Day. What if we all bought green

products, or organic goods?

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into the system but it achieves

a much greater impact."



Natalie Stephenson (left) and Steven Fish

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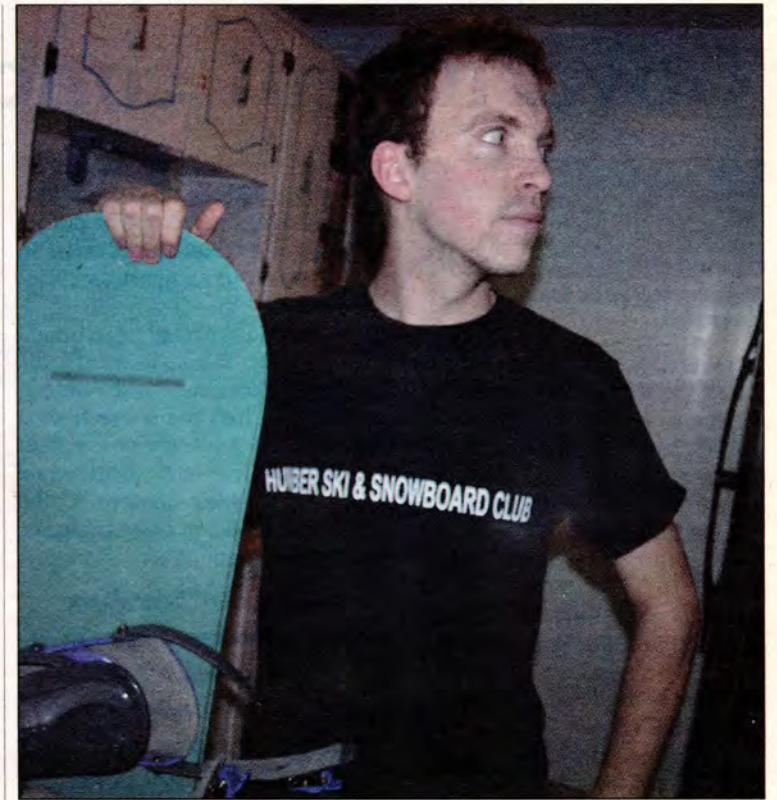
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Sahba Khalili

Logan Ulyott, a member of the ski and snowboard club says he can't wait to hit the slopes at Mont Tremblant.

Calling all couch potatoes

Sahba Khalili
LIFE REPORTER

Determined to change the notion that winter is for hibernating indoors, Humber's Ski and Snowboard Club, aims to get students off the couch.

Third-year industrial design student Sean Cardiff has been part of the club for three years.

With over 900 members, this club proves it is as good for the heart as it is for the social life.

"Everyone is welcome of all skill

levels and anyone can join. It's a pretty casual club. It's more of a laid back atmosphere, just everyone having fun rather than being competitive because that happens enough at school," Cardiff said.

The group encourages winter activity by organizing various outdoor events for members to enjoy.

"We have a huge event coming up just in the New Year, Tremblant from Jan. 25 to the 27," Cardiff said.

"We're going to go up there and we're getting a hotel for it, and partying it up and then hitting the ski hills."

Mont Tremblant, a ski resort located about 120 kms north of Montreal in Quebec's Laurentian Mountains, has the reputation of a premiere resort with an invigorating nightlife.

Cardiff said the estimated cost of the trip is \$360 per person for the three day trip.

The cost includes all travel and hotel accommodations, as well as daily ski lift fees.

However, some people prefer to be indoors for athletic endeavors.

In the spirit of the holidays, the Toronto Sport and Social Club (TSSC) is offering the Holly Balls Volleyball Tourney this December.

First-year creative advertising student, Neda Mirjabari is an avid volleyball player and league member.

"It's fun because you can create your own teams and name them," Mirjabari said.

"And you can choose your skill level and just go out there and have a good time with your friends and get a great workout in, too."

The TSSC also offers a variety of other sports to choose from like basketball, indoor hockey, soccer and dodge ball.

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"The rooms were very still. The winter sunshine crept in to touch the bright heads and serious faces with a Christmas greeting." – Louisa May Alcott, author



Sahba Khalili

The winter wonderland committee raised money for the event from generous donations and by selling lollipops on campus.

Kids playing in a winter wonderland

Sahba Khalili
LIFE REPORTER

The spirit of the holidays arrives early this season as students organize a fun-filled afternoon for kids in the Child Development Centre.

Eleven students from the tourism and hospitality management program are coordinating the event which will take place on Nov. 28 from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Seventh Semester.

"The theme is Winter Wonderland. It's all about games, like puzzles and painting and memory games. Kids can choose what games they want to play," said Sissy Olivera, one of the team's marketing coordinators.

Olivera said her group has been conducting fundraisers at the school and generated over \$800 for the event. Students sold lollipops throughout the campus for a dollar to provide crafts, food and decorations.

"If we still have money left over, we are going to donate it to the daycare centre," Olivera said.

Tourism and hospitality management instructor Dan Reeves said the event is part of students' course curriculum. He said students are encouraged to plan an event of their choice, raise the funds and execute it in a professional manner.

Students made the invitations for the party. Altogether, 78 kids have been invited.

Marcie Miranda, supervisor of the Child Care Centre, said "because of the by-law about child seats we are not able to take field trips, so it's nice for the kids to take part in a field trip that does not require travel."

Miranda said it's good for the kids to experience a variety of other activities that's not usually offered in their regular environment. "It's a nice way to celebrate some of the holidays, like Christmas, that some of them may not celebrate," she said.

Second-year tourism and hospitality management student Ellana Benoliel, the event's food and beverage manager, said healthy snacks will be provided for the kids to enjoy, including fruit platters, cheese, crackers and juices boxes.

"We have pre-made sugar cookies that the kids can decorate with little candies and holiday coloured icing, and they have a hole in them so they can tie a ribbon through and make them Christmas ornaments if they like," Benoliel said.

She added all of the crafts that her group has put together will be given to the daycare for future use.

"The most fun has been thinking of all the different decorations and crafts for this event. I think the best part is it has really put us all in the holiday spirit," she said.

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I bought a ball last week. I use it as a chair. It tightens your core and increases your balance. It's a mini workout. We've really stepped up the cardio. She got me to do the stairs 10 times, so its like running up 20 flights of stairs. Then we go and do suicide runs.



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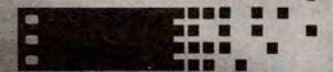
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Donald Trump's *Celebrity Apprentice* contestants were revealed this week including actor Stephen Baldwin and former heavyweight Lennox Lewis. — tvguide.ca

Acting grad shows how he move

Nicole Lane
A&E REPORTER

A Humber graduate is hitting it big with his leading role in *How She Move*, a step dancing movie to be released in theatres this March.

Dwain Murphy, 21, graduated from the acting program in 2005 and has his first lead role as a step dancer named Bishop. The film was shot in Toronto and Hamilton by director Ian Iqbal Rashid.

Murphy started acting in Grade 11 when he decided to pursue it as a career.

"I kind of said, 'If this is what I want to do, if this is what makes me happy, then I'm going to have to put 100 per cent in it,'" he said. "That's what I did, so luckily it worked out for me."

Murphy has appeared in four movies as well as three TV appearances in *Degrassi*, *G-Spot* and *The Wait*, which he recently finished filming for HBO.

Murphy said his success was really surprising at first. "You don't really expect to do good right out of the gates. You think it might happen over time, but everything just sort of sky-

rocketed right after school."

Murphy said entering the acting industry was intimidating at first but said it gets easier with time.

"It was kind of scary and overwhelming. I would be in my dressing room, about to go on set and do lines for a TV show that I used to be watching four months ago."

"He could put himself in other people's shoes and see the world from another's view — and that's what acting is."

—John Bourgeois,
acting program coordinator

Program coordinator John Bourgeois said although success so early in an acting career is unusual, he is not surprised Murphy has done so well for himself.

"Dwain is highly focused, instinctual, has an excellent work ethic and he takes his craft very seriously," Bourgeois said. "He's uncommonly mature for his age, very centred and poised for someone so young, which is uncommon to see in

a relatively green age."

Bourgeois said while Murphy was attending Humber he showed his ability to be empathetic. "He could put himself in other people's shoes and see the world from another's view — and that's what acting is."

Bourgeois said Humber's focus for the acting program is to teach students to be as versatile as possible for various roles.

Second-year film and television student Danielle Petite said Murphy's success boosts her confidence in succeeding after Humber.

"It shows how useful the things we're taught become post-graduation and how talented the Humber faculty are if one of the grads gets a lead role in a movie," she said.

"Having faculty in the business gives the students an opportunity to learn from someone who has first-hand experience in what the students want to become."

Murphy said he hopes to someday "be somewhere on the level of the Will Smiths and the Denzel Washingtons of the world, or maybe even surpass them."



The film looks at the competitive world of stepdancing. Courtesy

Sex toys raise money for Sick Kids Foundation

Greg Coyle
A&E REPORTER

X-rated prizes made for some dirty bingo at CAPS last Tuesday to raise money for Sick Kids

Hospital and GH students.

The event was hosted by Shirley, a man dressed in a pink skirt, red wig and sunglasses. Shirley gave away vibrators, handcuffs and whips to bingo players.

"We get people that come in who don't really know what dirty bingo is," he said. "They think it's just a lot of swearing. But then they get it when they see the prizes I give away."

Shirley raised \$80 for Sick Kids selling raffle tickets and collecting donations in a jar. The raffle winner received a bag of assorted toys.

Bingo card sales went to Guelph-Humber business club DECA U, which organized the event with HSF. The money will be used to send the students to a provincial business competition in January.

DECA U vice-president Natalia Mazour said it's a great way to educate students on a taboo subject.

"We were giving out condoms to say that safe sex is really important," she said. "We are all in college and university, people are having sex, we're just making people more open."

Shirley has been fundraising with dirty bingo for 14 years. He has raised more than \$128,000 for the Humane Society, Sick Kids and the Children's Wish Foundation, among others. Charities have been waitlisted because the demand for Shirley's services is so high.

"I'm doing this for charity, so I don't care what people think," he said. "As long as I'm not hurting

anyone, and it's just like going into Yuk Yuk's for a night of comedy. There's a lot worse out there than what I do. It's just all in good fun."

One of the evening's winners, Amber Herman had been looking forward to the event. "It was great, I was excited all week," said the second-year justice studies student from Guelph-Humber. "My roommates came with me and we were here for a few drinks. I love bingo, and dirty prizes is a lot more fun."

The best prizes were saved for last, including a plastic fist and a bong. First-year multimedia design student Cait McCullough was tied for the fist but lost on the tiebreaker bingo ball called by Shirley.

Despite losing, McCullough enjoyed the raunchy entertainment. "I expected everything to be muted and censored," she said. "I was really surprised they were holding events like this, so I was really excited to come. I'd definitely go again. It's got a little bit for everybody, everybody over 19 that is."

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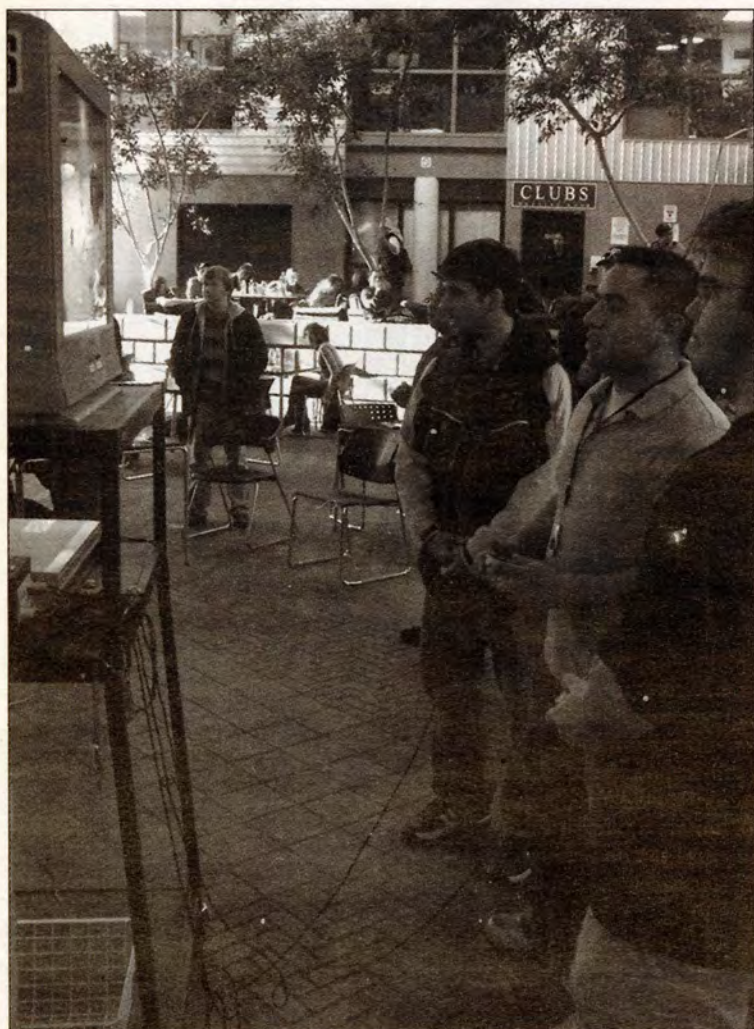
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The dirty prizes promoted safe sex while raising money. Greg Coyle

Mario, the famous plumber from Super Smash Bros., was named after Mario Segale, the then landlord for the Nintendo of America office. – www.neatorama.com



Kyle Baron

Andrew Matthews (middle) plays some Super Smash Bros.

Stress free gaming

Kyle Baron
BIZTECH REPORTER

Big screens lit the faces of gamers in the Student Centre last Wednesday during Gaming Day, an event hosted by the Press Start Children's Foundation (PSCF).

The charity provides video games and toys to children in order to relieve their stress in hospitals, shelters and youth centres.

Students who made donations could casually play or play to win prizes on old and new video games from Super Smash Bros. to Wii Sports.

Director of fundraising for the PSCF Andrew Matthews said it began in 2005 when three friends were eating a KFC dinner.

"We decided you know what? Let's just stop dreaming it and start doing it, putting our money where our mouth is," Matthews said.

He explained that gaming is a great way to de-stress "when you have tons of projects and tons of tests for school or when work is bogging you down you can throw in a game and relax for a half an hour to an hour.

"That little bit of relax time is all you need to kind of take your mind off of everything."

Matthews said they chose to raise money for stress relief rather than diseases which typically earns more attention.

"As far as researching cures for diseases and all that stuff, there's tons of money going into that," he said.

"But we were looking at hospitals and kids' stress relief and there's not enough money going into stress relief in hospitals, so that's what we hope to provide with video games."

Electromechanical engineering student Evan Zimmerman was able to strut his stuff in Smash Bros. against several competitors during casual play.

Zimmerman said the event was a great way to draw attention to the cause. "It's good for collecting money and getting gamers together."

Prizes for the various tournaments included games, posters and T-shirts.

The prizes were donated by HSF and the manager of Woodbine Mall EB Games Fabian Viana.

Viana donated over \$200 in video game prizes for the event and the Guitar Hero 3 tournament earlier this month.

"The whole point of video games is just to have a good time," Viana said.

"It's like reading a book, a novel. We have just a very interactive story. So whenever I see people playing video games in a hospital I think it's awesome! It keeps the mind going, and I think that's what counts."

According to Matthews, events like Gaming Day typically raise between \$300 to \$500 at Humber and between \$500 and \$600 at Guelph-Humber.

"It's always a blast," he said. "This whole school is just great for what we do."

Students take a cue for life

Clinton Hosannah
A&E REPORTER

Trick shot pool entertainer Gerry Watson wowed students with an array of billiard tricks during a performance in the game room last Wednesday, Nov. 14.

Watson started off with some basic tricks, offering some tips for the crowd of about 30 students.

"Always hit the ball in the centre when you're taking your shot," Watson said. "Make sure to keep your body perfectly still throughout the follow through."

He used pool cues as props, paper bags to create obstacles, and even used a student to balance a ball on a chalk piece that the student had in his mouth and then hit the ball with the cue ball to get it into the pocket.

Liberal arts and science student Ryan Leblanc said he enjoyed the tricks and would like to see the show again next year. "I usually watch trick shots online or on TV," Leblanc said.

He said he has played pool for a year and a half but doesn't think he's ready to challenge Watson, unlike some of the other students.

The first challenger was Chris Alimurung, a second-year wireless and telecommunications student who had the chance for a rematch from last year's defeat to Watson. He lost to the expert last year.

Although he put up a good fight

Alimurung took a second loss at this year's event, but Alimurung said the game could have gone either way.

"It's just set up. I know if I miss he could get a run. The pressure was not that much."

Watson has played pool since he was 12 and started his career playing in international tournaments.

"I used to play on what was called the Camel Pro Tour, 96 of the best players from around the world," Watson said. "I ended up the top Canadian two times in a row, which was in the top 20 over-

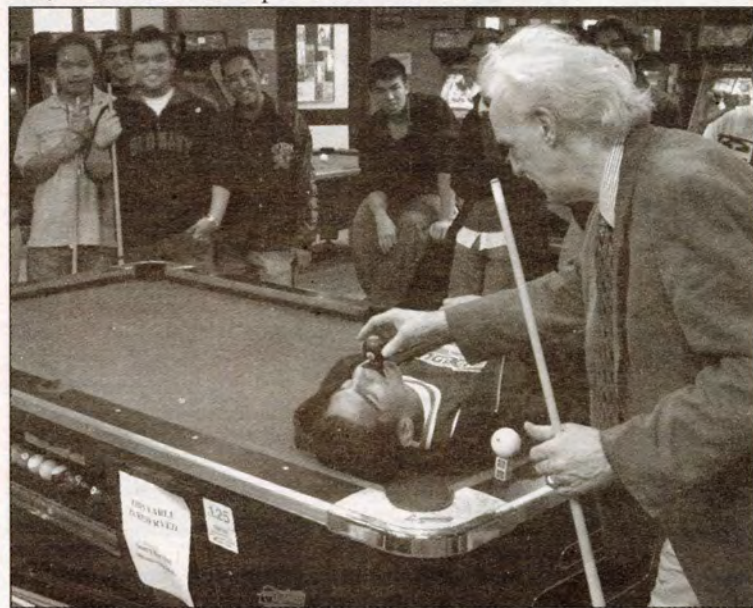
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Watson gave that all up to perform for crowds. He has done shows for colleges, nightclubs, army bases and more.

"I did 120 shows in 90 days, 18 shows in one week. College at noon, two bars at night, college at noon two clubs at night," he said. "It's crazy. I can't do it anymore."

Watson ended the show with a personal message to students.

He wants all the students to have some balance. He said everyone should have fun, but do their work as well.



Clinton Hosannah


Watson shows off his finely honed skills to a crowded room as a brave student waits for the dangerous shot to be made.

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Giving an old drink a new twist, herb and fruit infused beers are set to become a major trend for brewers facing dwindling sales of ales. — *beveragedaily.com*

Price of hops jumps

Raymond Andrew de Souza
SENIOR REPORTER

A global shortage of hops, the bitter-tasting agent in beer, could mean the end of the 2-4 for \$24, said Jamie Mistry at Cool Breweries in Toronto.

Mistry said some of the smaller breweries like his own will have to increase their selling price because of the increased cost of production.

"I'm going to have enough hops for one more brew and then that's it. What I do right about now is I tend to write my bid for contracts for hops and no one's gotten back to me yet," Mistry said.

"I'll be able to get hops, I'll just be paying through the nose for them and I might be using different hop varieties."

Larger breweries should be able to maintain their production quotas since they buy their hops in

bulk on contract, but it is the smaller breweries that have to worry, he said.

Hops, which was first added to beer in the 11th century, is primarily used in beer production and has seen a steady decline in cultivation over the years. This has many hops suppliers and beer brewers worrying about their supply.

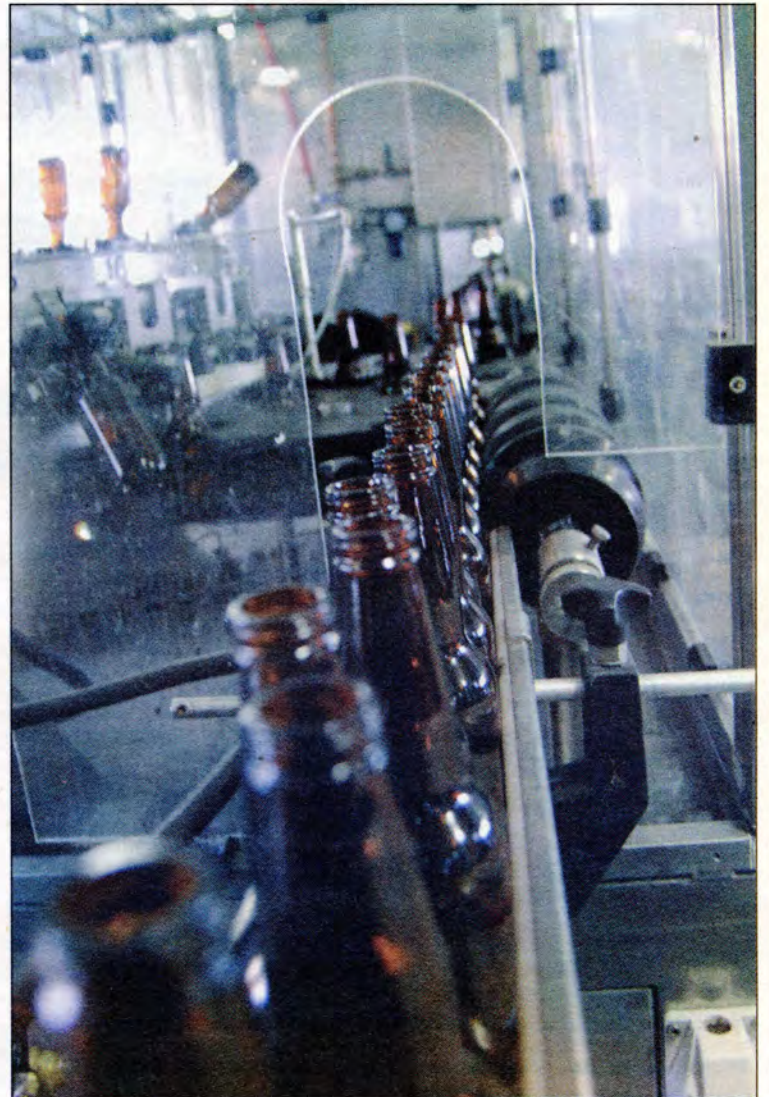
According to a report by Ralph Olson, owner and manager of Hopunion, a hops distributor, the shortage is the result of decades of surplus production which allowed many farmers to reduce their crops or pull out all together.

High-quality hops are known to come from Germany. While other countries produce hops of comparable quality, Mistry said production has significantly fallen worldwide.

In Washington state, for example, there were 1,200 farms cultivating hops in the '80s, and now there are now only about 75.

The increasing consumption of raw resources by countries such as China and India will increase the demand for this commodity already in short supply.

"I don't think you're going to see much of the 2-4 for \$24 left. It's just not feasible," Mistry said.



Jackson Hayes

Hops are usually added in the production of beer during a boiling stage where their aroma and bitterness is released.



Jackson Hayes

Processed hops (seen above) are made from the female flower of hops plants. This plant is in the same family as hemp.



Navreet Dhillon

Students got to show off and sell their wares including sock monkeys and novelty buttons last week in the Student Centre.

Entrepreneurs sell wares

Navreet Dhillon
BUSINESS REPORTER

Last Thursday's Vendor Day featured 18 student-run vendor booths selling goods ranging from kitschy baubles to upscale body lotions.

Second-year media foundations student Megan Oquias was selling jewellery, buttons and monkey sock puppets.

"This is pretty much a chance for us to show our stuff," she said.

Another vendor, second-year computer programming student Omkar Paradka, was selling his mother's homemade body lotion.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase the products we have," he said.

The Humber Students Federation (HSF) started planning the event in October.

"The purpose of this Vendor Day is to give students here a chance to promote their business that they may have or just make some extra cash," said Kimberly Daniels, HSF service manager.

Except for their own cost of production, student vendors did not have to pay to participate.

"C'mon, students always need money, so there's no reason for us to make them pay more," she said.

How to get away this season

Students can take advantage of holiday travel deals

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Locations in the United States have been the most popular travel destinations since the dollar reached its high, said Nuno Alves, an advertising coordinator for Flight Centre, a travel agency in Toronto.

"Destinations we've been advertising are Florida, Orlando... that kind of Miami area," he said. "California has also been pretty popular, just because it's been so much cheaper to fly there."

Cruises are also becoming more popular with students because they are cheaper than booking a hotel.

"Royal Caribbean has cruises that are more student-based," Alves said. "It's not the older clientele."

The high dollar is also good news for students wanting to travel within Canada.

Tourism management coordinator Anna Kulinski predicts that because less American tourists are coming to Canada, the cost of domestic travel will decrease.

"I think what you will see is lower hotel rates," she said. "You will have less Americans driving in."

Kulinski said students planning a trip outside of Canada should book through a travel agent.

Travel agents have to charge service fees, online doesn't cost you anything."

Alves stressed the importance of having a valid passport before beginning a journey. "I would always say travel with a passport

no matter what," he said.

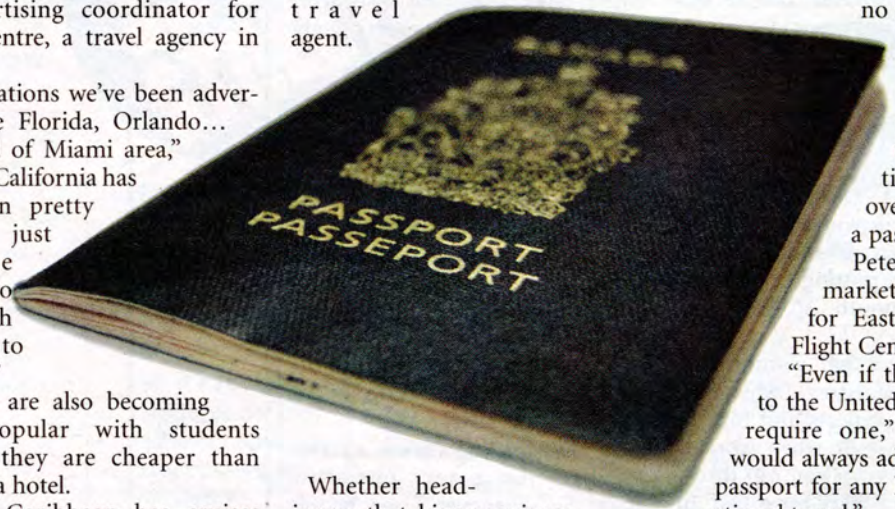
"Countries do change their regulations, sometimes literally overnight, so get a passport."

Peter Martens, marketing manager for Eastern Canada's Flight Centre, agreed.

"Even if they are flying to the United States they'll require one," he said. "I would always advise getting a passport for any kind of international travel."

Students should apply for passports as early as they can. It can take around two weeks to process an application done in a Passport Canada office, and the website warns about the possibility of long lineups. Applying by mail can take around six weeks.

Ensuring applications have been filled out properly is key to avoiding delays.



Whether heading south, taking a cruise or travelling internationally, "a travel agent will give you a better rate," she said. "Travel agents have access to consolidator rates that are not available to consumers on an online basis."

Trips within Canada can be booked online without a travel agent, she added. "For online domestic or transporter airfare you can research online and most

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Pleasure without pollutants

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BUSINESS REPORTER

Some sex toy manufacturers are going green because of concerns raised by harmful substances in many of their products.

Companies have been using phthalates — chemicals used in some plastics to make them softer and more flexible — in products such as vibrators.

They can be found in items like shower curtains, raincoats, cosmetics and toys and are responsible for the smell often associated with new cars.

According to Greenpeace Canada's website, phthalates are harmful to the environment on many levels, from the manufacturing process through to disposal.

"We always suggest phthalate-free stuff to our customers," said Anna Lee, assistant manager of Stag Shop in Mississauga, an adult-oriented store. "They really

care after we tell them about all the benefits."

Marco Elos, a second-year marketing student, said pollutants shouldn't be a high priority when choosing a sex toy.

"People should buy what's pleasurable," he said, adding when consumers shop for dildos, "they aren't thinking of the environment."

Environment Canada has added phthalate to their toxic substance list. Health Canada has also proposed legislation that would prohibit the use of certain phthalates in the manufacturing of children's toys.

This follows other government health organizations around the world, including all of Europe and California.

Jill Deegan, a former employee at Seduction Love Boutique in Toronto, said there are some adult toy companies that take being environmentally friendly and

user-safe to the next level.

The entire line of products from Big Teaze Toys, a California-based company, is not only phthalate-free but also free of latex, lead, and other heavy metals.

Vancouver-based O'My Products was awarded a 2007 Best New Product Award by bestnewproducts.ca in a Canadian consumer survey. O'My Products offers an entire line of water-based, all-nat-

ural personal lubricants that are naturally flavoured.

Other environmentally-friendly toys in the adult market include solar-powered stimulators for women and vegan condoms.



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Second half surge sees Hawks beat Fanshawe

McNee scores team-high 18 points in win

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The men's basketball team upped its record to 4-0 on Nov. 13 with a 66-61 squeaker against defending OCAA champions, the Fanshawe Falcons.

Trailing by 16 and shooting just 25 per cent from the field at the half, the Hawks' undefeated streak appeared at an end.

"We were absolutely terrible in the first half, almost like a junior high school team," said assistant coach Ajay Sharma.

Head coach Darrell Glenn expressed his displeasure with the sluggish start.

"We have a recurring problem here," Glenn said. "We don't play like this when we're on the road."

A bright spot for the Hawks during an otherwise bleak first half was the play of Jadway Hemmings, who finished the game with 15

points and a team-leading 7 rebounds.

"Jadway Hemmings answered the call," Sharma said. "Jadway raised the level and with that everyone else came along."

The second half saw Glenn change his team's defensive

"We were absolutely terrible in the first half, almost like a junior high school team."

Ajay Sharma,
assistant coach

attack to apply full-court pressure, a move that stifled the Falcons' attack.

"Basically it was just a man-to-man defence," said Jeremy Alleyne, a first-year Hawk guard. "We just out-hustled them."

Bolstered by the tenacious defence, the Hawks broke out on an 18-7 run to start the third quarter.

With the Hawks still trailing by 2, Mike Dvorak got an opportunity to even the score at 49 from the free-throw line.

The second of two shots rimmed out, only to be grabbed by Mark McNee, who stepped back and drained two of his team-high 18 points, giving the Hawks their first lead since the score was 3-2.

"He picked it up and started to compete much better," Glenn said of McNee's 18-point performance, 13 of which came in the second half.

The Falcons bounced back one last time before Jose Araujo, held scoreless throughout the game, drained a shot from beyond the arc with fewer than four minutes to play.



Mark McNee (20) made eight out of ten free throws and five field goals while leading his team to victory over the Falcons.



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Women spiking to top spot

Juanita Horan
SPORTS REPORTER

A battle of the top two ranked women's volleyball teams squared off at Humber this past weekend.

The Hawks continued their undefeated streak winning three sets of a five set match against second ranked Nipissing.

The women won the first set 25-21, the second set 25-23. Then lost the third set 19-25 and the fourth set 23-25, but came back in the fifth set after being down 7-1 to win 15-11.

"We played a dangerous game tonight," said head coach Chris Wilkins. "We allowed the team to get back into it and then we climbed back ahead again."

He added the team's "willingness and leadership" helped them prevail in the fifth set. He also added Nipissing is a good team that pushed the Humber women to win.

"We had the opportunity to put them away and we did not take advantage of that," Wilkins said. "We waited until the fifth game to do that."

The women lost control of the match and stopped communicat-

ing as a team in the second and third sets.

"When we stand around we become a beatable team," he said.

Kris Dowling, star player of the game, said the team has a history of slacking once they win two sets in a row.

"We need to work really hard in the third set just like we worked hard to win the two sets before," she said. "We need to get that out of system for the rest of the season."

Robyn Stafford, second year photography student, agrees the team needs to stay consistent when finishing teams off.

"We did well but we could have done better," she said. "We started playing as individuals. We have to learn to stick together the whole game and play our hardest every point."

On Friday night, Humber swept the Canadore Panthers in three straight sets at home in the Athletic Centre.

"Regardless who's on the other side of the net, we always play at our level," said team captain Rachel Dubbeldam. "We know that our A game against any other team's A game in the league, is

pretty much a guaranteed win. It just depends on how we come out and play."

The match broke down by the first set with a score of 25-23, the second set 25-9, and the third set was 25-16.

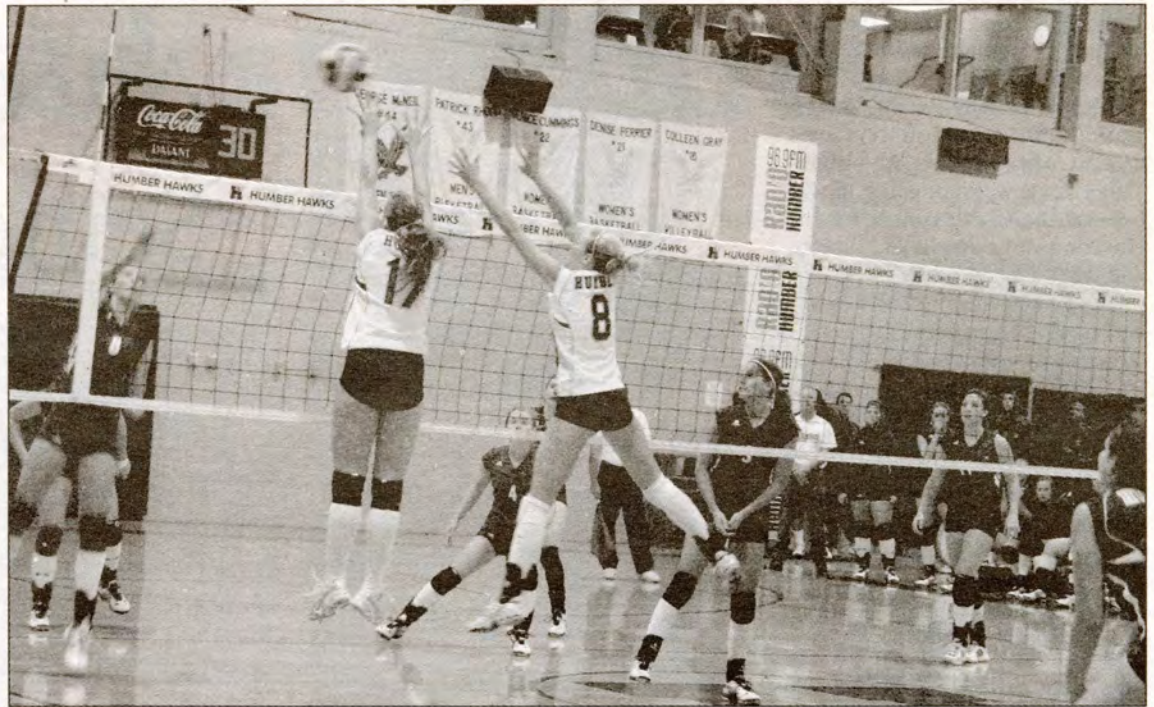
"In the first game we were not

really focused enough, passing was not happening so therefore we can't run our offence," Dubbeldam said.

"We just needed to get over that and recognized it for the second and third game. Over all it was a win," she said.

The team could have put in more effort in the first game but it's hard work paid off in the second and third sets, Wilkins said.

"I said to them they have to put in an honest day's work for an honest day's pay," he said.



Julie Wasiuk (17) and Landis Doyle (8) in top form. Doyle earned five blocks and 12 kills.

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Ontario runs away with medals

Juanita Horan
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's runners fuelled Ontario's success at the Nationals cross-country meet at Nordic ski track in Grande Prairie, Alberta. The men's team captured the gold, while the women's team walked away with the bronze.

"We had a really strong Ontario team," said cross-country team captain Mike Scipio. "At provincials I knew we were going to win because the fourth runner for the Ontario team came in 28 minutes, and that is fast."

Scipio came in 12th in Canada against 93 other competitors.

Bruno Moreira, Matt Curtis, Wes Correa, Josh Wood, Andrew Rupoli, Amanda Pryde, Cynthia Black and Lisa Lee were the other runners representing Humber.

This was Pryde's first competitive season running with the team.

"The whole experience of going to Alberta was huge," she said. "I am the 16th fastest runner in all of Canada...I did really well and I am grateful."

The runners faced challenges in below freezing temperatures, snow, hail and ice.

"By the time we were crossing the finish line giant flakes of snow came down," said Black, second-year fitness and health student. "It started somewhere in the girls' race to sometime in the guys."

After fighting to go to the Nationals, Correa did not let Humber down.

"He had his best performance all season long out of all of our Humber athletes, which was absolutely amazing to see, as the men ran through a 'mini snowstorm,'" said head coach Monique Haan. "He also dropped about two minutes from his National time from last year to this year...demonstrating that his commitment and hard work to practices definitely paid off."

Correa said there was friendly competition within the team, which made them faster as a whole.

"My goal for next year is to get under 30 minutes in time at pretty much every meet and win the provincials as a team, we want to get that gold back," he said. "I think we are a gold calibre team."

Scipio, who will not be returning next season because he is graduating this year, agreed it was a good season.

"I think I stepped into a leadership role as captain this year," he said. "I think Humber is known for developing runners and making them awesome athletes."

"Our coaches are really good with that," he said.

Scipio said most runners shaved time off last year's totals.

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