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Dave Hill, Humber Fire and Emergency Services instructor, watches over as his students practise a mock rescue and hoist Leigh Williams to safety outside of buildings K, L and M.

Missing student raises concern

Police question the safety of student following disappearance a week ago

by Jenna Rosman
SENIOR REPORTER

Hamilton Police are searching for a Humber student who was last seen Thursday Oct 13.

Jennifer 'Gwen' Graovac, a first-year student in the Funeral Services program who lives on campus, was last seen at her family's Stoney Creek home at 9:30 p.m. last Thursday.

Graovac is about 5'5 and 115 lbs. with short dark brown hair and greenish-blue eyes. She has a tattoo of a woman in a tree that extends from her hip to her armpit and another tattoo of a tree carving on her right calf. She is missing her eye teeth.

Her mother Mary Dykema described her daughter as friendly, outgoing and bubbly.

Graovac left Rez to go home Thursday without any known reason. She has not been seen since.

She took a pink purse, a pink backpack and a white laundry-style bag with clothing. She may be wearing dark clothes.

Det. Denise Lanthier said Graovac may have taken a bus up north but police have no definite leads.

"Certainly based on the conversation that I had with an individual, we believe that she may have been headed in that direction," Lanthier said. "Although the climate and the weather conditions might have discouraged her from actually pursuing that specific area."

Graovac is a vegan and an environmentalist. Police said it is

possible Graovac may be trying to live off the land.

"We believe what we have here is an adult who left on her own accord ... (We want) a phone call from anyone to let us know she's fine," Lanthier said.

Last night police said the case has been turned over to the Criminal Investigation Division.

Chris Lyons, a first-year Guelph-Humber Media Arts student has been friends with Graovac since the beginning of the term. He said she would occasionally talk about living off the land but he never gave it much thought.

"It was a desire of hers (to live with nature)," he said. "But imagine your friend said to you that they wanted to live in the woods, would you take it seriously?"

The two of them would spend a lot of time together in the Residence where they lived.

"She listens to great music," he said. "She listens to (a lot of different) bands."



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Lyons said she was generally happy and in high spirits.

Another friend, Drew Seale, said Graovac had a tremendous love for nature.

"Her whole point (of life) is for the land," he said. "She's very passionate about the environment".

Humber's Vice-President of Administration John Davies expressed concern for Graovac in a written statement.

"At Humber we are very concerned to hear that Jennifer (Gwen) is missing and are hopeful that she will be found safe and well," he said. "Our thoughts are with her family and friends. Humber is co-operating with the police in any way possible."

If you have any information call Det. Denise Lanthier of the Hamilton Police Department at 905-546-2957 or Hamilton Police at 905-546-2963.



University of Saskatchewan researchers discovered that injecting rats with THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, stimulated new brain cells. — Harper's

Toronto top cop talks tough on gun violence

by **nick kyonka**
NEWS REPORTER

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair spoke out against the recent gun violence that has beset the city, during a barbecue last week at Humber's North Campus.

"We're going to try everything we can," Blair said at the event last Thursday. "We've got to try everything we can to get those guns off the street and reduce the violence in our communities."

Gun crime has turned into a much-discussed topic within the city this summer as murder rates continued to climb and innocent bystanders became victims.

"The past few months, certainly through July and August, the city of Toronto did experience a significant spike in gun violence," Blair said. "Some of that violence has occurred in very public settings and put innocent people at risk," he said.

On Aug. 3, the issue was brought to the forefront when four-year-old Shaquan Cadougan was shot during a drive-by shooting.

Cadougan was shot in the Driftwood Avenue area, the same Jane and Finch neighbourhood that has been home to much of the city's gunplay this year. While Cadougan survived the attack, not all victims have been so lucky.

There have been 40 gun-related homicides in Toronto this year, 24 of them this summer.

Blair said despite the number of gun crimes in the city, citizens should feel safe.

"Overwhelmingly the people that were involved in that violence and were victims of that violence were people who were involved in guns and gangs and drug activity in certain neighbourhoods," Blair said. "If you're not involved in those activities then the likelihood of being the victim of a violent crime in Toronto is actually very small."

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— Bill Blair, Toronto Police Chief

This past weekend, however, a TTC bus driver was shot in the face by an assailant aiming for a young man boarding a bus in Scarborough. The driver, Jason Pereira, 41, has lost the sight in his left eye and is recovering in Sunnybrook Hospital.

Blair also said the increase in violence should not be linked to economic issues.

"It is not my experience that poor people become criminals just

because somebody is having difficulties finding work, or even just getting a decent wage," Blair said.

"You have to be very careful in suggesting that these crimes are being committed by young people who are having difficulty getting employment. That's not the case. I want the employment opportunities to be there for our young people, but (crime) is a problem with hardened criminals, not with young people generally."

A report card of the city's socio-economic situation connected the increase in gun- and gang-related crimes to skyrocketing unemployment rates among the city's youth.

The Vital Signs 2005 report said the city's youth unemployment rate reached a 10-year high last year at 17 per cent. The report was released the day after the barbecue at North Campus.

Blair said police have taken strides this summer to combat violence in the city and that they will continue to do so.

"We've worked very hard this summer and I think we've been very effective in disrupting and dismantling the gangs that are responsible for that violence," Blair said. "We've taken a lot of gangsters off the street, a lot of gunmen off the street and a lot of guns off the street. And we are committed to continuing to rid all of our neighbourhoods of that violence."



nick kyonka

Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair answers questions from third year journalism student Jennifer Coward.



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Police Constable Eddy Miranda serves up a hot dog to Jamie Butler, a second-year recreation and leisure student, at last Thursday's barbecue at North Campus.

HSF general meeting wraps up in record time



chris halliday

VP Campus Life Lakeshore Ravjot Chhatwal, HSF President Joey Svec and VP Academic Lakeshore Cameron McKenzie field questions at the HSF's Annual General Meeting at Lakeshore Campus last Wednesday. The meeting lasted eight minutes.

by **chris halliday**
NEWS REPORTER

If you showed up late to last Wednesday's Humber Students' Federation's (HSF) Annual General Meeting at Lakeshore, chances are you probably missed it.

The meeting lasted eight minutes and the HSF struggled to get 50 student signatures on the quorum list so the meeting could start.

HSF President Joey Svec said it was the quickest student meeting he has ever attended or participated in.

"It's hit and miss," Svec said. "Last year the meeting ran over an hour, this year it was a complete miss."

HSF is having trouble getting students to make the commitment to come out and participate at its meetings.

HSF Executive Director Michael Parent said this low level of student interest can make it difficult for HSF to represent the majority of students.

"If we only hear from the vocal minority, it is difficult to base our planning on that vocal minority who may not represent the majority of students," Parent said.

At its meeting last Wednesday, the HSF officially recognized its

newly acclaimed directors and program representatives.

More often than not, these directors and program reps are acclaimed into office because they're the only students who volunteer.

This fall there were four empty director's spots on the HSF's 12-seat board.

Three of those seats have since been filled.

The new directors are Michelle Ruano from the School of Media Studies and Information Technology at Lakeshore, Kerry Judge from the School of Social Work and Community Services at Lakeshore and Chris McNeil from the School of Business at Lakeshore.

All three new directors were acclaimed.

The Liberal Arts and Science at Lakeshore seat will remain empty again this year — it hasn't had a candidate for director in two years.

Correction

In last week's article "Students launch campaign to be heard," the quote attributed to the director of advocacy of the College Student Alliance (CSA) Tyler Charlebois was supposed to refer to the CSA.

This week in Florida, one Walgreens employee stabbed another during an argument at lunch over who would be first to microwave her soup. — Harper's

Police step up job action

by **nick kyonka**
NEWS REPORTER

This week Toronto Police escalated job action tactics against stalled labour negotiations with the city.

Police began a work-to-rule campaign earlier this month after negotiations broke off. Officers started wearing baseball caps and threatened to work on a strictly by-the-book basis. Provincial laws prohibit police officers from striking.

As of Wednesday morning, officers discontinued their regular patrols and will only be on the streets when driving to and from police stations on dispatched calls. They will still respond to all emergency calls.

Sgt. Larry Dee, of 23 Division, said his community response unit would continue to make sure Humber students are safe.

"Our job is to look after the community and schools and we'll continue to do that," Dee said. "We'll still be taking care of the community and going into the schools."

Contract negotiations between the police association and the Toronto Police Services Board

stalled in September when the two sides could not reach an agreement.

One concern for the board is the 3.5 hours of incentive pay officers receive each month. New police board chair, Dr. Alok Mukherjee, said he wants officers to actually work these hours. He said this would help get more officers on the street.

"We are asking officers to work all the hours for which they are

"Our job is to look after the community and we'll continue to do that."

— Sgt. Larry Dee, 23 Division

paid," said Mukherjee in a joint press-release with former chair Pam McConnell last month.

Police Chief Bill Blair said he is sympathetic with the officers, but reminded them they are still needed to protect the city.

"I'm asking the men and women of our service to go out there and do their jobs and do everything they have to do to keep

the city safe," Blair said in an interview with CablePulse 24.

"I understand their frustration with the lack of progress in the negotiations and I'm urging both parties to get back to the table, to get back to work."

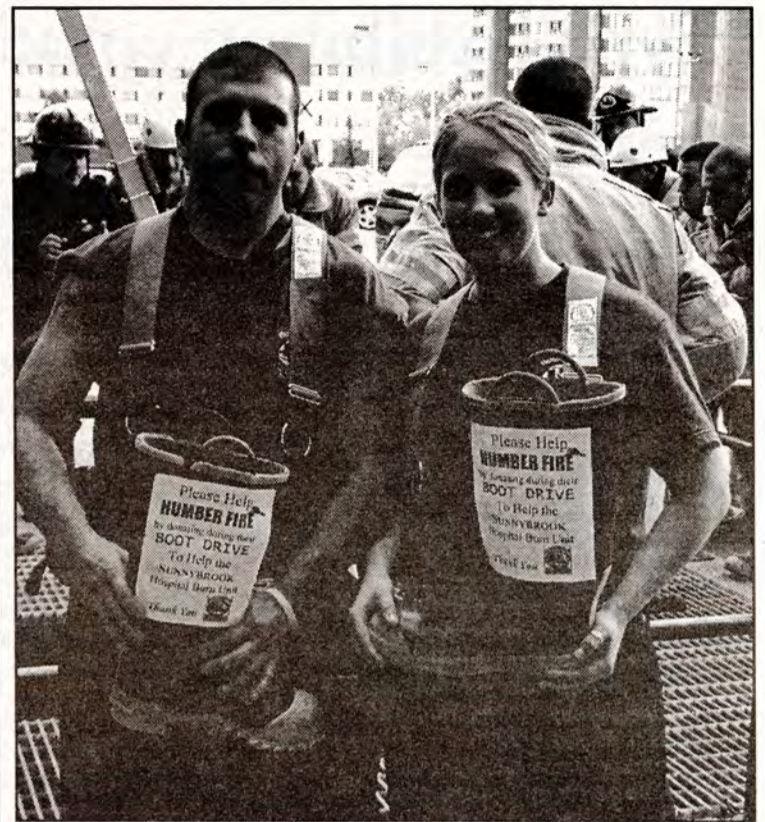
Despite reassurances by the police association, several Humber students are worried.

"Little things still count," said Ashleigh Almeida, a second-year accounting student. "Little things can lead to bigger things and more serious issues."

While many are hoping to reach an agreement through discussions, the board has requested arbitrator William Kaplan to reschedule hearings to the earliest date possible.

At a press conference yesterday, Mayor David Miller urged the police association to resume discussions.

"The police services board has asked the police association to come back to the table to bargain," Miller said at the press conference. "If an agreement can't be reached through bargaining, (we'll) deal with the matters in arbitration as soon as possible."



alexandra demaria

Pre-service firefighter students Peter Temoche and Danielle Bratton show off their charitable spirit. Students from the program are collecting donations for the burn unit at Sunnybrook Hospital. Firefighter students will be circulating around North Campus collecting donations in boots until the end of today.

Capturing disaster's aftermath

by **puja uppal**
NEWS REPORTER

Toronto Star photojournalist Lucas Oleniuk captivated a Guelph-Humber audience as he shared his experience covering the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

In his presentation Monday, Oleniuk described what it was like taking pictures of the "worst conditions" he had ever seen.

He described how he survived a gunfight, and how he managed to capture the despair and misery of Katrina's aftermath amid the stench of dead bodies and treacherous weather conditions.

Guelph-Humber media studies student Krista Woolf found Oleniuk's presentation interesting.

"I thought it was eye opening," Woolf said. "The fact that this wasn't just one picture and it wasn't just one story, it was kind of a whole sequence of events from someone who was right there."

Some of the featured images included dead bodies, destroyed

homes, flooded neighbourhoods in New Orleans, dehydrated citizens and shocked residents. "It was like being in a war zone," he said.



puja uppal
Lucas Oleniuk

Oleniuk described how he had to take cover behind a metal hydro pole when gun shots were fired between two New Orleans residents and Emergency Task Force officers.

During the gunfight, Oleniuk managed to take pictures when officers caught the two suspects. One officer punched a suspect in the face.

Oleniuk shot photos but as he was about to leave the scene, an officer took his cameras. Oleniuk got them back but the memory cards with the "most dramatic pictures" on them were confiscated.

During his six years as a photojournalist, Oleniuk has covered hurricanes Ivan, Rita, and tropical

storm Jeanne. He's won a National Newspaper Award for a picture he took on the coverage of Jeanne.

He has an English degree from the University of Saskatchewan and studied art photography during his four years there. He's worked for the *Saskatoon StarPhoenix*, freelanced for *The Globe and Mail* and has worked for the *Star* for over three years.

He criticized the delayed relief response for Katrina victims. He said "there's no excuse" as to why help wasn't provided earlier especially since he was able to drive into the city on day three.

"I just don't understand it. It's unfathomable to me how people could be left dead," he said. "I can't find a reason. I've been searching for one."

Hurricane Katrina hit the Central Gulf Coast near New Orleans, Louisiana on Aug. 29. It is the most destructive and costly disaster in U.S. history. The death toll stands at 1,277 and the damage is more than \$200 billion.

Hogtown underground Cops target gang members in DVD

by **Jaclyn buck**
SENIOR REPORTER

Toronto Police have set up a special taskforce to track down the gang members, drug dealers and rappers featured in the much-publicized underground documentary, *The Real Toronto*, filmed in housing projects across the city.

"I am prepared to tell you that (the investigation) is not being held at a divisional level, we have specialist units and it would be handled that way," said Mark Pugash, Director of Communications for the Toronto Police, about the criminal investigation being conducted.

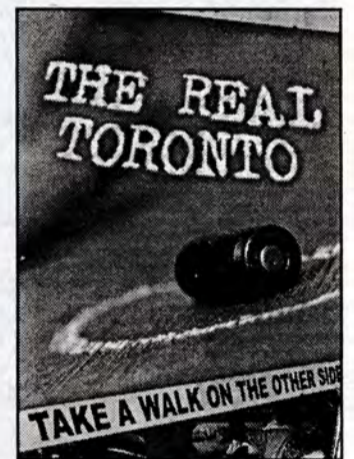
Pugash's comments come after Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair told Citytv police are viewing the video to identify suspects in criminal investigations.

"If we have evidence that indicates crimes may have been committed we will investigate that fully," Pugash explained. "We will go wherever the evidence takes us, and if we have sufficient evidence we will charge people and put them before the courts."

The Real Toronto, a hot-selling underground DVD, allows everyday people to look into the gangs and "violent subculture" of areas stretching from North York all the way to Scarborough. Over the summer 41 people were killed in those areas in gang-related shootings.

Though he is refusing to speak to the press, the director, known only as Madd Russian, warns on the DVD of the crime-infested areas.

"WARNING: This DVD is not meant to glamourize the violence, its purpose is to bring awareness to some of the issues people in cer-



courtesy

The guerilla documentary is selling on the streets for \$10.

tain areas of Toronto have to deal with everyday."

In the video, Madd Russian explores the nine 'projects' or 'hoods' known as some of the major crime areas: Parkdale, Cataraqui, Teesdale, Malvern, Jane and Finch, Black Creek, Scarlettville (Scarborough), Chester Le, and Chalkfarm.

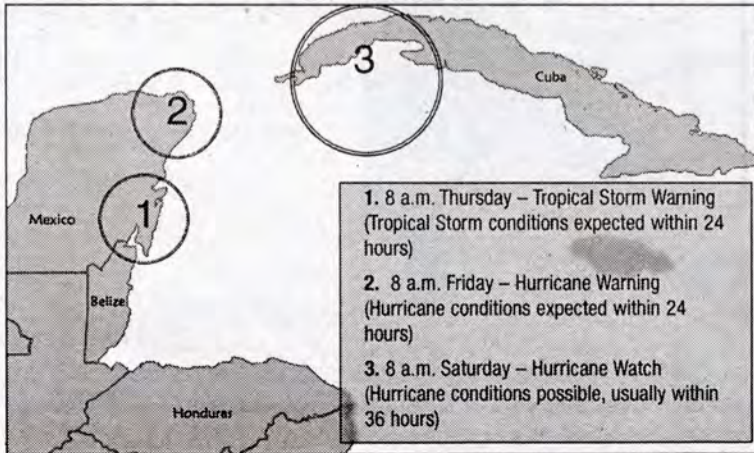
In each area, Madd Russian poses the same question, "What is it like living here?" Most responses are met with the reality of hardship; that no matter which poverty stricken place you live in, you are more than likely going to find the same atmosphere of violence, gangs and robberies.

"You're not really financially stable, it's always on the grind," explained Scartown rapper Califate in a quote from the documentary. "You are always trying to come up with money; normal types of stuff you go through, grinding, hustling, brawling and fighting."

Wilma expected to wreak havoc in Gulf of Mexico

Hurricane Wilma exploded overnight from a tropical storm into a category five hurricane, and is now one of the worst storms on record. People on the Yucatan Peninsula and in the western half of Cuba are preparing for difficult conditions ahead.

It is still unclear if Wilma will reach Florida and the Gulf Coast, but if it does, it will likely have weakened to category three after crossing the Gulf of Mexico. Nonetheless, the National Hurricane Center in the U.S. calls the storm "extremely dangerous." — Leigh Beadon



news

The star of a London theatre production, *Duckette*, has been abducted. The producer fears for Daphne because the pure white Indian duck can't swim. - Reuters

Type Exhibition comes to Guelph-Humber

by **daniel lui**
NEWS REPORTER

The 51st annual Type Directors Club Exhibition made its Canadian debut last week and decorated the Guelph-Humber gallery with award-winning artwork from around the world.

The theme of the evening was to inform and educate students of a contemporary form of art called typography.

David Grieco, a fourth-year business administration student, described typography as a hybrid of various art forms.

"It can be original artwork, photography, or graphic design," he said. "But the commonality is that it has to use text to convey some sort of message. It's got to have a message, whether it's advertising for a product or making a political statement."

Based in New York, the Type Director's show features advertisements for companies like *LIFE* magazine and 20th Century Fox, to art that criticizes the Bush administration.

The business students at Guelph-Humber were also responsible for organizing the event, which featured an open bar

with live music and a red carpet entrance.

"Most of our grade depends on this event," said Jasmine Sidhu, a Guelph-Humber business student. "But when we were putting the artwork on display, we spent more time looking at it because we were so fascinated."

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- Jasmine Sidhu, GH Student

Toby Fletcher, associate dean, School of Media Studies and Information Technology at Lakeshore Campus, said the art was "outstanding".

"Guelph-Humber students are running the event, so they get the experience, and media students can see and judge how their level of typography is to the world standard."

Heather Lowry, advertising and graphic

design program co-ordinator at Lakeshore Campus, said this year's exhibit was the best by far.

"We've brought it up for a few years now," she said. "But this is the first really good mounting we've been able to have because of this great space."

She also said the exhibit will benefit Humber because it will expose the college and the students to a larger, more international art community.

"This shows that we've got it together and we have the show before the Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD) has it downtown," she said. "It shows our dedication to excellence."

But with only a handful of Canadian talent and no artwork from Humber students on display, Lowry said she hopes more student awareness will change the problem.

"I want to encourage our students to enter this show," Lowry said. "We're certainly not as well represented as the European collective or the States."

The Type Directors Club Exhibition will be at the Guelph-Humber art gallery until Oct. 27, and then it will visit the OCAD before heading to the U.S.



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Heather Lowry, Advertising and Graphic Design co-ordinator, says this show will have a positive impact on Humber.

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New rules for HSF club members

by **Jesse cnockaert**
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation has toughened the rules on who can attend meetings of clubs on campus after an incident at a meeting for the Animation Society earlier this month.

Effective Monday, non-Humber students will have to either get HSF approval or be signed in.

"That's the entire problem - that you have non-students, and students who are in the same club, and to us that becomes an issue," said Aaron Miller, HSF program director. "What we have to spell out is the actual clubs and all of their actions are for Humber students. Even if you show up to these things, if you're not a student here, you're really basically trespassing on school property."

There are nearly 50 clubs - religious, recreational, educational - at Humber. Each has different policies regarding guests, but the new rules will apply to all. And clubs com-

prised mainly of part-time students who do not pay student fees may face being shut down, said Miller.

There was a shouting match at the Animation Society meeting on Oct. 5 involving its president, Martin Lichtensztejn, and Renos Louca, a former Humber student. The two had a personality conflict which involved how the club should be run.

Lichtensztejn called security and the meeting broke up.

Lichtensztejn said he is uncertain the Animation society will continue.

Louca said he expects to drop out of the club because of the conflict, but insisted he shouldn't be treated as a trespasser simply because he doesn't attend Humber anymore.

"The reason we worked so well before is because we had part-timers coming in and doing it. They have the time," Louca said. "They can go in early and stay after late. They can do things that students just can't do."

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Speech from throne scores A for apprenticeships

by **sheri bolton**
NEWS REPORTER

The Ontario government's plan to make education mandatory until at least age 18 is already earning high marks from Humber College.

Dalton McGuinty's government announced plans to introduce legislation to create an alternative high school diploma in the Oct. 12 Throne Speech.

The new legislation is an attempt to derail students from dropping out of high school earlier by allowing them to obtain alterna-

tive diplomas from work-training or apprenticeship programs.

"It may be a huge benefit for our trades program because students are encouraged to start the programs earlier," said Barb Riach, associate registrar at Humber.

She said she does not expect the proposed changes to significantly increase enrollment at Humber.

Prospective Humber students over the age of 19 are classified as mature students and do not require a high school diploma for admission. Riach said she is not sure the alternative diplomas will

change the academic requirements of the affected programs.

"We need to see what the new diploma contains," she said.

The government initiative was designed to combat the province's 32 per cent non-graduate rate.

Lt-Gov. James Bartleman said in the throne speech, "Ontario won't give up on its youth. Instead, your government will challenge and engage young Ontarians by making learning more relevant to them."

But there was no new money for education, and no change in the government's policy to

increase tuition costs.

Universities, colleges, training and apprenticeship programs will still receive \$6.2 billion in funding over the next five years, in what the speech called, "one of the most ambitious economic initiatives ever in our province."

The government said it will work to improve educational access for people with disabilities, native people, francophones and people from low-income families.

English-as-a-second-language training is slated to receive more funding, in an effort to help newcomers adjust to life in Ontario.

"Where you start out in life should not determine how high you can reach," Bartleman read in the speech.

Also on the government's list were improving wait times for key medical procedures, closing all coal-fired electricity plants by 2009, regulating electricity pricing, requiring gasoline to have an average of five per cent ethanol by 2007 and protecting consumers from unstable gas prices.

The speech concluded soon after the declaration that the province had reduced its \$5.6 billion deficit to \$1.6 billion.

Working with the HSF an option for all students

by **brigitte kamlavicius**
NEWS REPORTER

Whether you attend Humber or Guelph-Humber, it pays to have a job with Humber Students' Federation.

Each year, the HSF employs about 100 students in part-time positions at both campuses.

Ashleigh Ann Ross, a second-year fashion arts student at Humber

and customer service representative at HSF's North office, said it's great work is so close to class.

Ross added managers are really understanding of school work.

"You just give your timetable to your manager. (The job) just works around your schedule," she said.

Diane Viveiros, HSF services and facilities co-ordinator and Ross's manager, said each year she hires students for positions such

as Student Centre monitors, Food Bank staff, and customer service representatives.

HSF positions pay anywhere from \$8-12 dollars an hour.

Michael Parent, executive director and business manager of HSF, said they try to provide competitive wages to attract the most capable and qualified students.

Jobs are advertised on www.hsfweb.com, at the Career

Centre and on the Humber College section of Workopolis.ca.

Viveiros said both Humber and Guelph-Humber students can apply for HSF positions and are treated equally in the interview process.

Half of HSF's current staff attends Humber and the other half attends Guelph-Humber.

"It's basically like applying for any job, you need certain qualifications," Viveiros said.

"For the customer service representative position, working at the front desk, I would preferably like someone to have had at least some type of customer service job because they're dealing with a lot of personalities, a lot of ethnicities," Viveiros said.

Parent encourages students to keep an eye open for updates on potential HSF part-time positions.

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Neglecting education fails Ontario students

After a decade of toxic relations between teachers and government and the hasty elimination of the OAC year, Ontario now boasts the second highest drop-out rate in the nation.

Nearly a third of the province's students don't finish high school.

Though Ontario may currently be Canada's economic power-house, our drop-out rate is 20 per cent higher than in the Maritimes, where many schools are more poorly funded than ours.

Mammoth federal and provincial social spending cuts have seen Canada slip further behind Scandinavian economies that re-invest heavily in their citizens. If Ontario's government were really run like a business – as Harris' government used to proclaim – Ontario would soon be bankrupt due to our abject failure to invest in our workforce's intellectual and physical well-being.

The government's recent throne speech promise to keep kids in school until age 18 will only be effective if students are sufficiently stimulated to want to stay in school that long. A new alternative secondary school diploma, increasing emphasis on apprenticeships and workplace preparation programs may encourage more students to stay in school.

The provincial government also refreshingly intends to refocus on college preparation courses which are often over-looked in favour of university-related fields.

There appears to be an increased political will to acknowledge that favouring academic over technical training is failing to meet the diverse needs of Ontario's students.

However what happens in our classrooms is not the only factor contributing to high drop-out rates.

According to government studies a large factor in determining whether students go to colleges or universities is what level of higher education their own parents pursued.

The Liberals have increased education budgets and signed a four-year contract with Ontario's teachers which effectively ended the perpetual suspension of unpaid extra-curricular activities through work-to-rule strikes.

Teachers who are back to running after-class sports, cultural, political or community activities often save students who are less academically inclined from turning away from school.

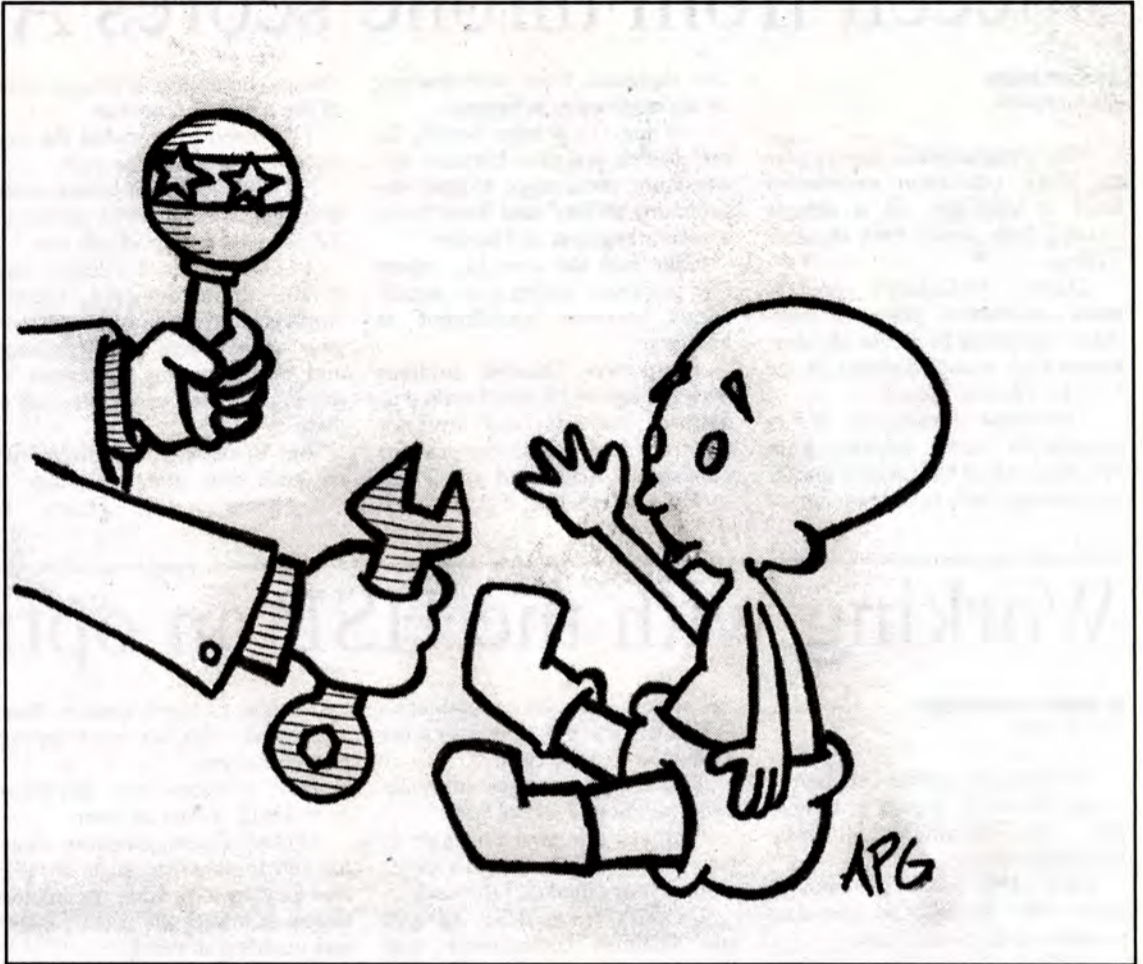
Slashed funding to other support structures that serve our most vulnerable students such as community centres, youth shelters, employment centre have also played a role in young people's disenchantment.

Toronto Mayor David Miller is correct in calling for the repeal of Mike Harris' Safe Schools Act, which he more accurately dubbed "The Unsafe Communities Act." In expelling high-risk students for what are often minor disciplinary problems the Act has exacerbated the city's drop-out rate and gang problems. The Toronto Community Foundation recently released a report stating that although unemployment and crime rates are declining in the general population – jobless youth and crime rates are increasing at an alarming rate.

The Liberal's \$6.2 billion commitment to post-secondary schools is a positive step. It is commendable that the government is encouraging more immigrant, aboriginal, francophone and disabled students to pursue higher education. Increased daycare funding for low-income groups, ESL instruction, smaller class sizes and prioritizing technical training are also encouraging initiatives.

There appears to be an increased political will to acknowledge that favouring academic over technical training is failing to meet the diverse needs of Ontario's students.

Ontario must learn from past mistakes if it does not want to give up on the educational future of a third of its students.

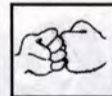


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A tally of sinners and saints at Humber College



To Chief of Police William Blair and his posse of officers for helping out with last week's Public Safety barbecue. It is nice to know that even with the Association's job 'action plan', safety and security is still a priority for police at Humber College. Their presence is welcomed and comforting on campus.



To all the pledges involved in CN tower stair climb. Climbers raised more than \$8,000 for the United Way and make their mountainous trek this Sunday. Good luck Humber.



To the Men's soccer team. They beat Mohawk College Tuesday to clinch first place position in the division for the second year in a row.



To the students who didn't care to take part in HSF's General Meeting. It ended after eight minutes when not enough students showed to participate.



To the smokers of the school who flick their butts despite the numerous ashtrays placed around campus. Forty-one per cent of litter consists of cigarette butts and it's more than a littering problem. The filters contain a slow-to-degrade plastic that pollutes our ditches and in turn our ground water. Think before you flick, guys!



To Billy Crystal, for banning media from covering his appearance with Humber Comedy students.

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"I will write peace on your wings and you will fly all over the world." – Sadako Sasaki became a symbol of peace after surviving the Hiroshima bombing in 1945

Jews and Palestinians, disengaging the hatred



by **rebecca granovsky-larsen**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Every year on Canadian campuses students are confronted with the enduring debate over the Middle East conflict.

As in all conflicts, it seems students are asked to choose allegiances. Does one favour Israel and silently condone the occupation of Palestine – or in siding with Palestine do you risk alienating Israel's supporters? Despite being forced from their homes twice in a generation, my Palestinian friends in Halifax invited Jewish students to meet regularly to assist mutual understanding.

This didn't strike me as a radical move at the time. But in contrast, the level of segregation, hurt and anger that pervades Middle Eastern debates at some of Toronto's colleges and universities is disturbing.

Students do not necessarily need to use megaphones to engage in civil debate. If we want to stop the conflict we need to stop seeing others as enemies.

I once attended a Palestinian march and saw a Jewish teenager dissolve into tears. Too many Jews seem to be hearing German in the Arabic chants and the echo of Nazi boots in the Palestinian demonstrators' feet.

I wish I had spoken to her, because it seems Jews often think that in fighting Palestine they are still killing Hitler – though it is six

decades too late and against a people who were not traditionally our enemies.

My father, who was Jewish, would have been no more able to pick a lone side in this debate than he'd be able to choose between two of his own children. To him the fate of the Palestinian and Jewish people are inextricably intertwined.

As a Toronto-born child in the '30s, it is true my dad raised money for the Israel Land Fund.

It was as natural to him as avoiding Christie Pits where Jews were beaten up – or being one of the small quota of Jews allowed into the University of Toronto's dentistry school.

He also witnessed the government's dismissal of his mother's pleas to allow her remaining fami-

ly refuge in Canada before Hitler invaded Poland.

These early injustices made him understand the need to speak up for persecuted people, regardless of who their abusers were.

As the son of parents fleeing persecution, my father was enraged by the election of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon. He could not understand how a nation of displaced people could elect a man whose own government commission found him responsible for the massacre of 2,000 Palestinian refugees during the invasion of Lebanon.

Despite the past century of warfare, we must not forget that Islam overwhelmingly protected its Jews.

As Jews we must not accept the poverty, daily torture and killings of Palestinians. Nor should we

assume every Palestinian is a potential terrorist.

We cannot continue to prevent Palestinians from gaining sovereignty over a sliver of over-populated land in what has become one of the longest occupations in modern history. The two-pronged guilt of surviving the Holocaust and not living in Israel which Jews perceive to be under seige is pushing North American Jewry to side exclusively with Israel.

What has made life tolerable for Jews over millenia of persecution is a unyielding belief that justice will prevail over oppression.

To truly end the horror of Aushwitz we must seek justice for the Palestinian people. They are linked with our future and must not continue to be punished for our dark past.

Are vaccines the cure to fevers, sniffles, nausea?

The debate begins as people think twice before getting the flu shot



by **Jennifer berube**
LIFE REPORTER

What better way to spend Thanksgiving than sharing a delicious turkey dinner, a nice bottle of wine, and an argument about flu shots with your family.

At dinner last weekend, my oldest brother, Chris, asked me what my story was for the school paper this week. As I looked around the table I noticed everyone's eyes on me – they were actually interested in what I was about to say.

Never had this happened before. Very rarely had I contributed anything of importance to family discussions about careers and life. But now I am a reporter. I'm well informed and hip to current events. I'm in the know.

Confidently I look around the table and I say, "Well family, I wrote about flu shots." Blank

stares. Silence. Then, from Chris, my successful businessman of a brother who I love and admire, "That's boring."

But it's not boring, I try to tell them. There's controversy, intrigue, outrage.

Twenty-five per cent of Canadians contract the flu and more than 1,500 Canadians die each year from influenza. So why is there a debate about getting your flu shots?

Logically Chris believes that if the vaccinations are, overall, beneficial to the general public then why not get it? There is no real evidence that the flu shot actually makes you sick.

In fact, influenza death rates drop 87 per cent in people who get the shot. The vaccination should very well be made a job requirement, especially since it's free.

Each year Chris gets the vaccination through his office, where a temporary clinic is set up. The Adult Immunization Campaign reports that sick leave decreases

40 per cent in people who get vaccines. It is not mandatory in this environment, but Chris says if you're in a position where it's required, like an old age home where viruses run rampant, then you have to suck it up and get the shot.

If you're in a position where it's required, then you have to suck it up and get the shot.

That's his solution – no arguments, just do it. Not only will you be healthier but those who you come in contact with will be too.

My mom, a retired health care aide of 15 years, worked at a nursing home and was required to get the flu shot every year. She is the youngest, feistiest 50-year-old I know and holds strong to her beliefs. She also likes to make them known and was quick to point out that she doesn't think

people should be forced to get the vaccination as so many in the health industry are. She does, however, understand the urgency of getting the shot in her line of work.

Anyone over the age of 65 should receive the shot, especially if they live in a long-term care facility.

Elderly are more vulnerable to disease as their immune systems are weaker, resulting in 90 per cent of flu-related deaths occurring in this age group. Therefore, anyone working in that facility should receive the vaccine to avoid spreading the virus. My mother knows this, she understands this, but hates the fact anyone can force her to do anything.

Since she is still young, healthy and does not work in a medical facility anymore, she refuses to get the shot. It is not so urgent for her to receive it anymore.

Thirty minutes after the initial boring comment, I'm reveling in the debate I have laid out on the table.

In one corner my wise, deter-

mined mother, and in the other, statistic-minded Chris. My mother is reiterating the fact that injecting anything foreign into your body cannot be good for you – a theory held by many.

The influenza vaccination contains mercury, which has been linked to brain neuron damage. The vaccine is made with killed flu virus and grown on chick embryos. It does not protect from any new strains of the virus, which also has people doubting its effectiveness. Despite the arguments, Chris is adamant that this concoction is the cure. Although I haven't been swayed either way, as the conversation ends I am more aware of the controversy within the issue of any vaccination. I agree with both sides, but I have to be honest, I'm still not going to get the shot.

My mother says perhaps when she's older, she'll get the vaccination. One day I may get it too, but for now, I don't feel I need it. My immune system is just fine the way it is, thank you.

How do you feel about mandatory flu shots for people going into the health services?

"says you"



"The shot should be mandatory for everyone because you could get others sick."

-Happiness Modi
Packaging and Graphic Design



"It's your decision. It should not be forced on you."

-Ashlee Lovesin
Science and Technology



"It's not like you have to pay for it. It's free. The flu is contagious, you have to think of others."

-Sandeep Sohal
Packaging and Graphic Design



"Working in health services, you have a chance of getting and spreading it to already vulnerable people. It's important to get vaccinated."

-Preeti Randhawa
Nursing



"It should be mandatory in order to stop the spread of the flu, not only for people going into placements but for everyone."

-Jesus Cruz
Packaging and Graphic Design.

in focus

The Humber Graduate Report indicates the highest median salary paid is in the paramedics field at \$50,491 and the widest salary range is in creative

Humber grad's education has paid off

Networking is key to finding a job

by **anita bell**
IN FOCUS REPORTER

When graduate Neal Dunn, 32, first started at Intercontinental Media, he worked with a budget of \$500,000. Now five years later, he's in charge of a \$2.5 million budget.

Dunn was able to advance in his career thanks to the relationships he built during his advertising-media sales program at Humber.

Currently Dunn is the national account manager for *Investment Executive* magazine, *The Canadian Investment Guide* and the Advisory Technology Show for Intercontinental Media.

"I've been lucky enough for most of my career that I've ended up working with a network of people that get it, understand not only the industry but the way people should be treated," Dunn said. "There are a whole bunch of Humber graduates throughout this industry."

Dunn graduated in 1996 and still keeps in touch with former classmates and teachers even those no longer in the industry.

Barbara Elliot, head of Advertising-Media Sales program was involved with Dunn's last two

job placements at Metroland Printing, Publishing and Distributing Ltd. and his current job at Intercontinental Media.

Elliot kept Dunn informed about job openings in the industry.

"I'd probably see her about three to four times a week, she was really hands on at school and after I graduated," Dunn said.

He said one of the most important things is to build industry relationships.

His advice to students in the Advertising-Media Sales program is to be patient.

"Advertising and sales can't come from being book-smart."

- Neal Dunn, Humber grad

"It's difficult to make the adaptation between what you've learned in school and how that really applies to real life," Dunn said.

He said the best part of Humber's program is the instructors who teach from their experiences.

"Advertising and sales can't come from being book-smart. It comes from being there, working on and building a project," he said.

Close to his graduation Dunn's co-op placement offered him a job two weeks before he wrote his final exam.

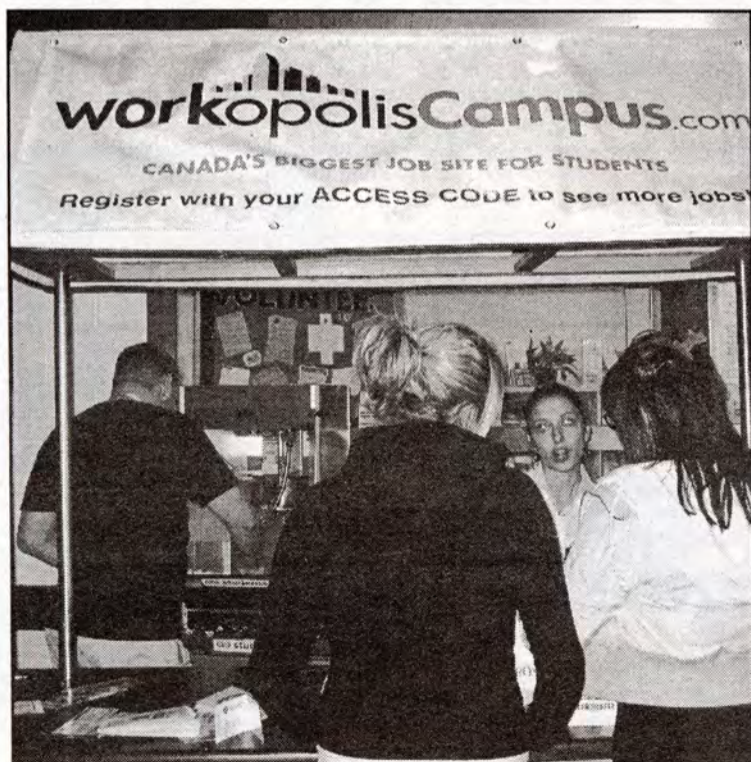
"I accepted and never really looked back," Dunn said.



anita bell

Neal Dunn accredits his past relationships and networking to where he is today. Ten years later Dunn still keeps in close contact with his former teachers and peers to stay informed.

High employment rate for students after college



carmela gentile

Workopolis and other employment centres are available for students to search for jobs after graduation and at school.

by **danielle taylor**
IN FOCUS REPORTER

If you're a Humber student, there's a good chance you'll get a job after graduation.

According to the 2003 Humber Graduate Report, Humber students have an 86 per cent success rate in getting hired within six months of graduation.

Graduate students find employment in a variety of positions, including full-time, part-time, temporary, contract and freelance positions.

According to the report 53.6 per cent of students find full-time jobs in the area that studied.

The Career Centre on campus helps students find jobs by giving them the tools and resources needed for employment.

Karen Fast, Career Centre manager, works with graduate to find placement in their chosen field.

"We have a list of employers that would be a good lead for the student to follow up on. We would prep them to do an information interview with a particular employer and then we might link them to an employer in that case. But it's

more about how to get yourself into an interview situation, what to expect, if you don't do so well, what you can do better next time. It's all that advising and prep work that we do with students."

The centre has many resources students can use free of charge if they need help finding a job.

It offers one-on-one job search advising, job posting's, computer access, free printing, faxing and photocopying, resume tutors, employment advisers, research resources and how-to handout on anything from writing a cover letter to finding a job on the web.

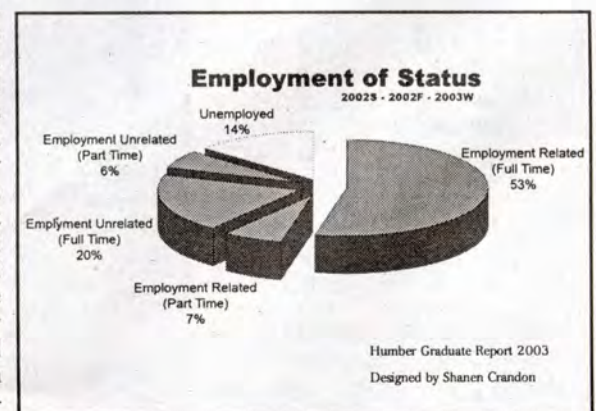
Fast said networking is important and recommended if students want to get a good job after graduation they shouldn't wait. She said they should research the industry they are interested in and touch base with fac-

ulty, past graduates or professionals in the field.

Warren Northey, a first-year business administration student, found his job at the power plant on campus using the Career Centre.

"It's pretty useful. I came in and saw the board and looked at the postings on campus," Northey said. "I looked up at the board and I walked around and went to the different job sites and applied."

Northey has only used the centre a few times because he got his new job the first time he used the service.



photography where grads have reported to be paid between \$15,000 and \$120,000. For more on the report visit www.humber.ca and search Grad Report 2003.

Career Centre helps you prepare for your future

Job searches and resume help is available for all students

by **leigh blenkhorn**
IN FOCUS REPORTER

As the mid-term approaches, students in their final year are noticing what little time they have left to plan for their future after Humber.

But help is available.

The Humber Career Centre can help students obtain the skills needed to gain employment, said Janet Squibb, employment adviser.

"We offer help with resumes, helping you with your cover letters, job searches," she said. "We can even do a mock interview if you are scared before you head out to a real one."

The centre can be a valuable tool for anyone on a job hunt, especially if you are looking to fine tune your resume. Students are able to make appointments, or stop by the centre between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Wednesdays.

Although help is available to all students, the Career Centre pro-

vides special services for upcoming graduates.

"We absolutely recommend coming in to speak to someone before you head out into the world," Squibb said. "You don't have to do it alone, it is best to come in and speak to an employment adviser."

"We offer help with resumes, helping you with your cover letters, job searches."

- Janet Squibb,
employment adviser

The employment advisers can make visits to classrooms at the request of the instructor, but students can come in anytime for one-on-one counselling, or field specific job searches.

One service of particular benefit to graduating students is a pro-

gram that introduces students to those already working in their field.

"It's actually kind of interesting to see who's making good income," Squibb said. She also said it's a good way to gauge how easy it will be to find employment in your field after Humber.

"We hold a lot of events to bring Humber and employers together. We have networking events where we bring in employers and hold meet and greets."

The Career Centre website, www.careers.humber.ca, lists helpful tips and phone numbers and allows students to sign up for their employment list.

"You can add your e-mail account and then we send out an e-mail to you when there is something available in your specific program," Squibb said. "As soon as a job is posted it's e-mailed out to you. It's a great program considering we get about 500 postings a month."



leigh blenkhorn

Employment adviser Janet Squibb encourages students to go to the career centre for one-on-one help with resumes.

Co-op programs calm fears of working in the real world

by **farliche alleyno**
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Desiree Dockery, a former social service worker student at Humber Lakeshore Campus, found a job six months after graduation.

"It was a hard process for me because I would send out 10 to 20 resumes a day to employers and got only a few calls back. Some employers called back months after I applied and I forgot about them. What I noticed is that in my field, people are overworked and understaffed, so they would get about a hundred resumes, look at 50 and throw the rest away. Sometimes it is really all about connections," she said.

Dockery, who is now a social worker who supervises people with brain injuries, dreaded the end of school because it meant she had to start looking for a job.

Humber offers a variety of resources to make the process easier on students, including the grad employment service.

Dockery said the Career Centre pointed her in the right direction to finding a job.

"They sent me e-mails of job postings and I got someone from the Career Centre to help me make a professional goal-oriented resume," Dockery said.

Humber is affiliated with hundreds of companies and businesses that hire Humber grads.

Shawn Austin, a resume tutor at the Career Centre and student ambassador in the recruitment department, said placements give students practical experience and also play a role in the possibility of getting a job.

"What I've discovered through the Career Centre and working as a student ambassador is that most, if not all, the programs at Humber have some sort of a co-op or field

placement. So this is where you really want to get as much experience as you can and also make the best impression possible," he said.

"Co-op is a really good thing. The experience I got from it probably set me apart from other grads who may not have had the hands-on experience that I have,"

Dockery said. "It also gave me a lot of confidence knowing that my first day on the job, I kind of knew what to expect and what to do," she said.

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Doctors have recommended pop-singer Prince, who lives in Toronto, undergo hip replacement surgery to repair the damage of performing in high-heels.

Grads kid around for nomination

Humber alumni's weekly show is up for a Canadian Comedy Award



The comedy troupe, The Sketchersons, won sixth place at the Montreal Fringe Festival this year for its comedy routines.

by lindsay butler
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Grads of Humber's Comedy Writing and Performance program are up for a Canadian Comedy Award for their work on The Sketchersons.

Sunday Night Live features The Sketchersons, a sketch comedy

troupe who write and perform a new live stage show every week.

"The Sketchersons are, in fact, nominated for a second time in the Canadian Comedy Awards," said Bob Kerr, a former Humber student and member of the 12-person troupe. "It's a great feeling."

The Sketchersons will also be performing at the awards, though

it won't affect the outcome of who wins at the event.

"It's more or less an opportunity to show people what we've got. It can be a great platform for showcasing, if the right people show up," Kerr said.

"The improv and sketch shows have been combined into one show this year, and the show will be hosted by former *Kids In The Hall* troupe member Scott Thompson," said fellow Humber grad and comedy troupe member Craig Brown.

The Canadian Comedy Awards and Festival is run by a not-for-profit organization, The Canadian Comedy Foundation for Excellence.

The Sketchersons also recently went to the Montreal Fringe Festival, where they earned a top six spot in the competition with the judges from the comedy show *Just For Laughs*.

Kerr and Brown are joined by fellow Humber grads Holly Prazoff, Gary Rideout, Tal Zimmerman and Gilson Lubin,

along with Grant Cumming, Shannon Beckner, Dan Galea, Inessa Frantowski, Pat Thornton and Nikki Payne.

Sunday Night Live featuring The Sketchersons can be seen every Sunday night at the Poor Alex Cabaret located at 296 Brunswick St. for \$5.

"We'll be performing through October, November, December and January, and on and on and on. We will be taking Christmas and New Year's week off, though," Kerr said.

"We are also doing a show as soon as we get back from the comedy awards, but we don't have a guest booked for that show as of yet, but that's what makes our show amazing - every show, every week is different, and we never really know what's going to happen," Brown said.

The Canadian Comedy Awards are taking place Oct. 22 at the Wolf Theatre in London at 8 p.m.

For information visit www.thesketchersons.com or www.canadiancomedyawards.ca.

Guelph-Humber fairy tale in Brampton

Media studies student enters local beauty pageant and wins the crown

by cecile hibbs
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

A Guelph-Humber student is living a fairy tale this week after being crowned Miss Brampton 2006 on Saturday.

First-year media studies student Brittany Tkach, was presented with the title, beating out her two other competitors in the Miss division of the competition.

"It felt incredible, it was so amazing, a dream come true," Tkach said.

The pageant, which has been around since 2003, consisted of 15 contestants and was open to all Brampton residents from nine to 25 years of age. Competitors were judged based on an interview they participated in and a casual wear and evening wear contest. Besides the excitement, meeting new people and dressing up like a princess, Tkach said her favourite part of the pageant was spending time with the other girls.

"(The) girls were all amazing," she said.

A competitive dancer for almost all her life, Tkach began her love affair with performing when she was five years old and attended the Mayfield School for Arts in Brampton.

"Right now I'm not dancing and I miss it a lot. Pageants are kind of a substitute for it because they are very similar," Tkach said.

As a first time pageant participant, Tkach said she was surprised to see a small group of women competing in the event.

"There weren't that many contestants in it, I wish there were more. If we had more competitors it would be even better."

But Tkach isn't the first person in her family to win a beauty pageant. Her sister Veronika won Miss Brampton 2004 and was a major influence in Tkach's decision to enter the contest.

Tkach, who has lived in Brampton all her life, said she's happy and proud to be a representative of her hometown, and wear the Miss Brampton crown.

"Brampton has given me so much, now I get to give back to the community. I get to meet a whole bunch of people and act as a representative and I'm really happy to do that," Tkach said.

As the new official ambassador for the city of Brampton, Tkach will be making appearances at social events in her city such as the Canada Day festivities in 2006, the Santa Claus parade, and her personal favourite, BramCare, a multi-cultural festival that celebrates the diversity and culture of Brampton.



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- Brittany Tkach, Miss Brampton and Guelph-Humber student

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Spotlight on Humber – DJ Royale

by jevon griffith
SPORTS REPORTER

Juggling school and rocking crowds across Ontario might be hard for some, but for deejay Royale, it's just too easy.

Roy Padilla, a second-year business administration student, wanted to become a DJ because of his undying love for hip-hop.

"I got into deejay-ing because of my love for the art form and my cousin was a deejay, so he was an influence," Padilla said.

Already with a few gigs under

his belt, Padilla said there's no better feeling than seeing positive crowd reactions whenever he drops the needle on a record.

"I like breaking new records and getting that vibe from the crowd when I'm rocking them," Padilla said.

But he said there are some minor setbacks to his work.

"The only negatives about being a deejay are carrying the equipment and not being able to fulfill popular requests."

But that hasn't stopped him from achieving his goal of

becoming a deejay heavyweight in Toronto.

He's done guest spots on CKLN's Mixtape Massacre, 89.5 FM's Project Bounce, The Sound Check Show and he can be found at the Down One Lounge, located on 49 Front St. E, every Saturday.

Padilla is looking into college radio and has recently released his mixtape titled It's Too Easy.

Get more info on Padilla a.k.a. DJ Royale or book him for an event by e-mailing him at d_mctague@hotmail.com.



Roy Padilla (DJ Royale).



penny graham

Ingrid Saaliste, gallery owner.

The right gallery

by penny graham
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Decades ago, Ingrid Saaliste was a Humber photography student. Now she's the owner of an art gallery.

Saaliste said her time at Humber played a role in turning her budding interest into a career.

"In the early '70s I took a variety of courses at Humber in photography, from darkroom to fashion to black and white."

"I took almost the entire program. I learned a lot from it, and it was what kept my interests going."

Saaliste, who's in her 50s, was a flight attendant before beginning her career as a fine art photographer five years ago. She still does both jobs as well as running the Right Side Gallery, located in Penetanguishene, Ont.

The gallery hosts Ontario artists like Lou Robeteille and Jackie Strure.

Saaliste has been so successful with her art that it's been accepted into several international exhibitions.

"Most recently one of my pictures will be displayed in an international photo contest where 55 pictures were selected out of 2,600 photographs, so I'm really proud of that, and proud that this area has a local photograph that will be exhibited."

Get your Weekly Scoop of gossip

by jaclyn buclik
SENIOR REPORTER

The next time you stop by a magazine stand to pick up the newest issue of *Star* magazine, don't be surprised to see a new face – *Weekly Scoop*, a Canadian spin on Hollywood gossip.

With celebrity gossip being the fastest growing category in magazines these days and no Canadian celebrity gossip magazine on the shelves, Torstar Corp. – the people responsible for publishing the *Toronto Star*, thestar.com, and workopolis.com – decided to take a chance, diversify and accelerate its growth.

"We've gone out and done our homework and found out what Canadian women want," Swan said of the magazine.

Focus groups in Toronto concluded unanimously the female population would replace their current edition of celebrity gossip magazines with *Weekly Scoop*.

Celebrity news weeklies have had a constant increase in circula-



The new issue on sale now.

tion, according to a semi-annual report released by the U.S. Audit Bureau of Circulation, due to the scandalous unions and constant weight-loss of the stars. The consistent action has kept people interested.

Torstar has capitalized on this

popularity and dished out over a million dollars for publicity for the launch of *Weekly Scoop* – a good move to familiarize Canadians with the brand – so they will look for it at newsstands.

Launching Oct. 3, *Weekly Scoop* is the first Canadian glossy celebrity magazine. It features more of the A-list celebrities with a Canadian twist. The focus is mainly on international stars instead of local celebrities, spotted in and around Canada.

"(This) doesn't mean that we are not covering celebrities in global situations," said *Scoop* publisher Kathryn Swan, who was publisher of *MoneySense* magazine. "But it will deal with more content about what's going on in Hollywood North."

Scoop supplies readers with tips to where the stars are shopping, shooting movies, dining and partying, and sources the products so readers can find the products and retailers in Canada.

"Celebrities are driving style and fashion," Swan said. "We are

going to be able to tell women where to get these products in Canadian retailers (or at least cheaper versions)."

However, the magazine is not explicitly Canadian. The only Canadian element on the cover is a header proclaiming 'Canada's Hottest International Celebrity Magazine.' And while one section is named 'Eh Listers,' Swan said they did not want the magazine to appear too Canadian.

For instance, the Oct. 17, issue has a small teaser story on "Brad and Angelina's Alberta Love Nest," but the main feature is a story on young Hollywood actors proclaiming, "Too Hot Too Fast."

These stories are a sure-fire way to reach the target audience, a demographic of women aged 18 to 24. And while men may also be part of the readership, 90 per cent is mainly women. Swan said she is confident it will resonate with Canadian women, and that it will become a mainstay for them.

The new issue of *Weekly Scoop* is on newsstands now.



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British actor Daniel Craig has signed on to replace Pierce Brosnan as James Bond in the next 007 film. Craig will be the first blond to play the famed spy.



Auditions are taking place at 32 stops in 21 Canadian cities. The candidates will be narrowed down to 20 semi-finalists who will then be cut to 10 finalists on national television.

VJ Search coming to Humber

by mark gullherme
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

MuchMusic is bringing its VJ Search contest to Humber College, and it's looking at you to be its next VJ.

Since 1995, Much has held the contest every other year, giving young hopefuls across Canada the chance to land the job of their dreams at the nation's music station. Some former winners include Bradford How, who has since moved on to co-host VH1's *Top 20 Countdown*, Diego Fuentes who is now a VJ for Much's sister station MuchMoreMusic and Devon Soltendieck, the winner of the previous search who remains with Much as an on-air personality.

For the 2006 VJ Search, Much is mixing up the formula and turning the finals of the contest into a prime-time series with nine hour-long episodes and a live two-hour finale to crown Much's newest veejay.

The search, hosted and man-

aged by Much's Aliya Savoni, kicked off on Oct. 3 in Victoria, B.C. and will continue on an eight-week national tour before making its final stop on Nov. 25 in Fredericton, N.B.

Fans can go to MuchMusic.com to keep up with the search and check out photo galleries, video clips and a blog kept by Savoni as she treks across Canada.

"Be yourself and give it a shot. Even if you're nervous, just get up there and do your thing ..."

-Leah Miller,
MuchMusic veejay

The Much veejays are also making special appearances at certain locations.

Leah Miller was live on location for the Edmonton leg of the tour, where fans were eager to get a shot at 15 minutes of fame.

"There's been great reaction from the fans, obviously," Miller said. "I'm going to West Edmonton Mall tomorrow, and the last time we came up we had the best response here in Edmonton, so I'm looking forward to it."

Not only is the VJ Search a chance to have some fun, it's also a shot at an exciting opportunity to work in the entertainment industry.

"Devon Soltendieck was the last VJ Search winner, and if you look

at his career he's done unbelievably well," Miller said. "It's been almost two years and a month ago (since he won). He was (just) interviewing Kirsten Dunst and Orlando Bloom, he just did a *Live @ Much* with Audioslave, he's just doing fantastic, and that's the same with all the other past winners as well."

Miller's already seen some crazy sights on the tour, such as a guy diving into a pool in a mall from the second floor, and a few wannabe-veejays dressed in frog suits. But Miller said the best way to get yourself noticed is to drop the gimmicks and bring your true personality to the audition.

"When I started auditioning, I was just trying to be comfortable and be myself because I think that really translates well on television and people can relate to you better," Miller said. "It's all about connecting with the fans. That's the most gratifying part of the job for me, meeting people and seeing that they really like what I do on TV."

The 10 finalists will be flown to Toronto to stay at the luxurious VJ Search Penthouse, where they will be under constant scrutiny and face challenges that will reveal their personalities, skills and character.

"Be yourself and give it a shot. Even if you're nervous, just get up there and do your thing," Miller said.

The search will be held in the North Campus Student Centre at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 3.

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Fanning a Dreamer

by allan cajllig
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Like *Seabiscuit*, Dakota Fanning and Kurt Russell's new movie is another horse racing movie based on a true story.

Russell plays Ben Crane, Fanning plays Crane's daughter Cale and Kris Kristofferson also stars as the grandfather.

The story is based around the relationship between Cale Crane and her father. The two live on a horse ranch in Kentucky.

Ben Crane works as a trainer and horseman for lucrative horse racing investors. Throughout the movie, he's conflicted with an investment he makes when his horse, Sonador, breaks her leg at a major race.

Dreamer strives to work around the themes of perseverance, adversity and financial struggle, but the script was rushed. If the movie was stretched to two hours, a better story could have been told allowing the viewer to relate to the characters' dilemmas.

Instead, within the 100-minute time frame, there are many scenes where problems are solved too easily and the viewer can't connect



courtesy

with the characters from an emotional standpoint.

The one strong point in the film was actress Dakota Fanning. She is the star of the movie, and comes across as articulate, yet innocent.

Former *Spin City* star Michael J. Fox, who left TV five years ago to focus on his battle with Parkinson's, will guest star on the drama *Boston Legal* later this fall.

What's In Your Headphones?



shanen crandon

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Subway Live with Culture

Keep an eye out for music, art and dance as you Ride the Rocket

by **ethan rotberg**
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

In an effort to get more Torontonians introduced to the arts, the city is launching a 15-month campaign called Live With Culture.

The campaign, running through to December 2006, will showcase Toronto's art and culture. Everything from dance to books will be in focus as the city organizes a wide assortment of activities.

To kick off Live With Culture, this month will feature artwork and performances inside Eglinton subway station in an attempt to bring art to the people. The station will have art installations, dance and music performances and excerpts from books and short films.

Included in this event will be 10 culture cars throughout the subway system devoted to the campaign, with performances such as poetry readings, singers and instrumentalists.

Aerialist Heather Hammond has performed her modern dances

right in the middle of the busy Eglinton station and applauds the city for this campaign.

"I think it's totally needed," Hammond said. "Art is for everybody, it's a part of life."

Hammond has done other public performances such as busking and street festivals, and said this event is great to have in the station because of the accessibility.

"Not everyone can go see art. Some people can't afford to go to museums or other art performances."

Currently the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario are under large-scale expansion and renovation, so it was no coincidence the city decided it was the right time to get Torontonians reacquainted with the city's culture.

"The mayor decided it was time for more money to be put into the arts," said Jen Goodwin, who works for the city as a special event programmer. Goodwin is one of the organizers for Live With Culture and knows how important this campaign is.



erin ruttan

Heather Hammond and Jordana Deveau dance at Eglinton subway station at Toronto's Live with Culture.

"This is huge for Toronto. Art brings communities together. An event like this will also help our artists by getting them more appreciation and hopefully more funding."

She added she believed this is the first time the city of Toronto has had an event of this size devoted

to the arts.

"The subway is underground, and the kind of place where you're in your own zone," Goodwin said. "So it might surprise people while they're commuting, but it will also get their attention."

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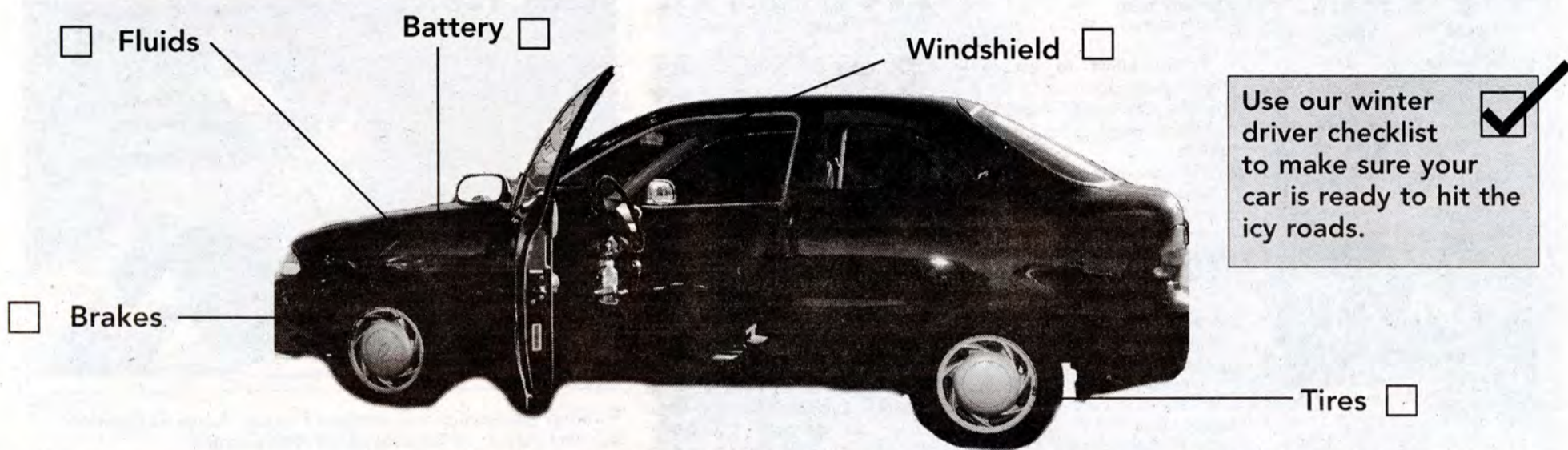
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Biz word of the week: *venture n.* - a business enterprise (like a company or organization) that involves taking some risks in expectation of financial gain.

'Tis the season to winterize your car



by **samantha wu**
BUSINESS REPORTER

You've heard the old saying "in Toronto there are two seasons, winter and construction." Well the autumn chill is in the air, and it's time to prepare your car for the slick favourite time of year.

Snow, ice, hail, slush, salted roads and black ice patches all take their toll on the well-being of your car. Use our winter-riding checklist to make sure your car is roadworthy before the snow hits the roads.

Fluid Flow

"Check fluids in general," said Kathrine Power, manager of public relations for Car Care Canada. "All fluids including antifreeze, coolant, brake fluid. Make sure they are topped up (because it's) a lot harder on the car when it's cold."

Rez Shirvani, a mechanic at Auto Port Automotive in Thornhill, said a 10W-30 golden oil is best for your car in the winter.

Don't forget about your windshield wiper fluid. Make sure you're using an undiluted solution that's appropriate for the season.

"In winter nothing's worse than diluting (windshield washer fluid)," Power said. "There is nothing worse than driving and having your windshield freeze over."

Nicks and stones will break your windshield

You may not have noticed little nicks in the windshield during the summer, but these small imperfections caused by gravel or road debris could grow into large cracks over the winter. Power said cold temperatures may make these nicks grow faster than they would otherwise.

Check out your windshield before below

freezing weather causes expensive damage.

Batteries included

The pre-winter tune up should also include a battery check. Most batteries have a life span of three-and-a-half years and older batteries should be replaced.

"It depends on the battery (how long it lasts)," Power explained. "Heat sucks the life out of a battery, especially after a really hot summer, like the one that we just had. You should check to make sure you have enough juice for the winter season."

Tread carefully

Though it may seem expensive to change up your tires for the winter, proper snow tires with sturdy treading are essential to avoid skidding on icy roads.

"Winter tires are number one," said Ross Barton, a Humber electrical apprentice.

"People in the city don't know the importance of winter tires."

All-season tires may seem like an economical alternative to owning two sets of tires. But Power said all-seasons get harder a lot quicker in the winter time, which compromises their interaction with the road. Snow tires, she said, react better because they stay soft even in cold temperatures.

Stop on a dime

Well maintained brakes are vital to safe winter driving. Brake work should be attended to immediately before the roads become icy and slick.

"If you have regular maintenance checks, then (brakes) will be checked," Power said. "If you don't have regular maintenance, then I would recommend that you go get them (checked)."

with files from **jaclyn buick**

Energy consumers can now go green

Bullfrog Power sells clean energy to Ontarians looking for alternatives



christine flynn

Wind turbines provide consumers with a clean alternative to conventional energy.

by **crae kohne**
BUSINESS REPORTER

Environmentally conscious businesses and homeowners have a new option to use renewable energy, and switching to green power can be as easy as turning on a light.

Newly launched Bullfrog Power sells 100 per cent renewable energy, using wind and low-impact hydropower sources.

"What Bullfrog Power allows people to do is buy (power) and have their money directed towards all-green generation," said Tom Heintzman, president of Bullfrog Power.

Bullfrog utilizes the Ontario Hydro grid to distribute green power, which allows consumers to choose between renewable and conventional power.

"Any move towards renewables is a good move," said Kerry Johnston, program co-ordinator for Humber's Civil Engineering

Technology program. "If that combo works for them and allows them to charge a reasonable price then they should do it."

But going green does cost more. Bullfrog charges eight cents per kilowatt-hour, while current Ontario providers charge between five and six cents. Heintzman said Bullfrog works out to about a dollar more per day.

So far, Bullfrog has managed to create a niche market. When the business launched in September, it had a residential clientele of about 100 people.

"I don't think most people will consider (switching to green power) unless we see some catastrophic event," Johnston said. "For the majority of people, environmental issues are not a top priority."

Some businesses are also switching to Bullfrog Power.

The biggest company to sign on so far is RBC Financial, which converted seven of its GTA branches

to green power.

"RBC believes that sustained economic growth and a healthy environment are inextricably linked," said Chitwant Kohli, vice-president of corporate real estate for RBC Financial.

Bullfrog plans on donating 10 per cent of its profits to environmental organizations, when it actually makes a profit.

"As our business plans works right now, we won't make a profit until 2008," Heintzman said. "This will not be a money-making venture for some time."

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According to Toronto Public Health, the influenza virus historically causes pandemics about every 30-40 years. Pandemics occurred in 1918, 1957 and 1968.

Flu shots to beat the bug

Students debate effectiveness of vaccine

by Jennifer Borube
LIFE REPORTER

As flu season approaches, students and staff are torn between getting the shot and taking their chances on getting sick.

According to Toronto Public Health, an average of 25 per cent of Canadians get the flu each year and more than 1,500 Canadians die from it.

"There is a lot of controversy regarding the flu shot," said Shannon Haller, a third-year nursing student.

"I didn't know people died from the flu. Maybe I'll get the shot now."

- Melissa Winter, general arts student

"A lot of people claim (the shot) makes them sick," said Don Sutherland, a communicable disease investigator with Toronto Public Health. He said the shot does not contain live flu virus and is not capable of creating infection.

He also said people who get sick after they get the shot probably had the virus before. "They could have been incubating the flu virus before getting the shot," he said.

Humber's admissions officer Annie Ico said more than 1,800 Humber students are required to get the flu shot. "It is mandatory for the students in health sciences who are going into a hospital or clinical placement to get the shot."

Students in nursing, personal support worker, paramedic, occupational therapy and early childhood education programs are all part of this figure.

In any health-related field, the employees are obliged to get the shot.

"They are required unless you have extenuating circumstances that give you a way out," Sutherland said. Although he said people in the health field can refuse the shot, they could face consequences including layoffs.

"I do get the flu shot," nursing student Haller said. "And not because it is mandatory for me, but because I think getting the flu shot personally helps me and I have been getting it since high school."

First-year general arts and sciences student Melissa Winter has never had the flu shot. In high school, she heard the vaccination could give people the virus and decided she didn't want to find out if it was true. "A lot of people were skeptical about (the shot)," she said.

Toronto Public Health studies



andrea utter

Toronto Public Health does not administer the shot to people with allergies to eggs, thimersol, neomycin or gelatin because it contains or comes in contact with these ingredients.

have shown that influenza deaths drop by as much as 87 per cent in people who have the flu shot every year.

"I didn't know people died from the flu," Winter said after hearing the statistics. "Maybe I'll get the shot now."

Toronto Public Health flu vaccination clinics are located through-

out the city. Flu shots will be available Oct. 25 to Nov. 30 and again from Jan. 16 to 19. Lakeshore Campus is offering a free vaccination clinic on Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and at North Campus on Wednesday, Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free shots will also be available at the North Campus Health Centre on Nov. 15.

Whisk

Weekly recipes brought to you by Humber's culinary arts students

Developed by second-year student Hop Chau Nguyen and chef Anthony Borgo

Hop's Pumpkin-Raisin Spiced Muffins (makes six muffins)

- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tsp dark molasses
- 2 tsp honey
- 1/4 tsp ground allspice
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1 small handful raisins

1. Mix flour and spices together in medium-sized bowl.

2. In another medium-sized bowl, beat egg and add milk. Then add sugar, molasses and honey. Blend in pumpkin puree.

3. Slowly add wet mix to dry spice blend.

4. When evenly blended, add raisins.

5. Spoon mixture into muffin pan. Bake at 375 F (190 C) for 20 to 25 minutes.

6. Insert clean toothpick to test if it's done - should pull out clean.

threads

your personal style on campus



hazel ong

by hazel ong
LIFE REPORTER

"Dark... but not," is how 19-year old Maryann Blagdon, a first-year multimedia student, describes her personal style.

"My style is totally random. I like lots of black things, lots of shiny metal things and cute stuff," she said.

From looking at her outfit, it's obvious that her favourite colours are black and purple.

"Well, I just braided in purple hair, so I thought, 'Let's wear purple today,'" she said.

Blagdon said she doesn't spend a lot on an outfit, paying a thrifty \$5 for her purple fishnet stockings at Wal-Mart.

Her hexagon vinyl spider web purse was purchased for \$30.

"I got this downtown at Siren - not Sirens," she stressed. "It's a little goth shop on Queen."

Blagdon said her style identifies her. "(Personal style) is important. People can pick me out of a crowd," she said.

A fancy for fashion

Humber students volunteer at T.O.'s designer showcase

by hazel ong
LIFE REPORTER

Humber is making its mark with two of our own taking part in Toronto's L'Oreal Fashion Week (formerly Toronto Fashion Week).

Maria Karman and Nataliya Smirnova, both 19-year old fashion arts students, are volunteers for the various events, creating gift bags, dressing models and greeting guests, among other things.

"I'm going to be putting gift bags together, doing dressing for the fashion shows, helping out all over," Karman said.

Both women snagged the opportunity by e-mailing their resumés to the LFW's official website.

Karman, an aspiring fashion stylist/image consultant, is a second time volunteer for the event.

"I'm really excited. I did it last year. It was really good and fun.

You get to see all the designs," she said.

For Smirnova, an aspiring fashion buyer, this will be her first time taking part in LFW, but her inexperience doesn't curb her enthusiasm.

"I'm very excited. I want to meet some fashion designers, and some of the media," she said.

For fashion career hopefuls, volunteering for an event like LFW is a step in the right direction.

The seasonal event, which is put on by the Fashion Design Council of Canada, attracts designers from all over Canada, fashion media, and fashion-savvy socialites, creating a perfect environment for getting your name out there.

"I'm hoping to network. I want to get to know people, get some business cards," Smirnova said.

Karman added, "I hope to learn more about the industry and meet some interesting people, and meet Canadian designers."

LFW runs from Oct. 17 to 22 at various locations across the city. Karman and Smirnova are encour-



hazel ong

Nataliya Smirnova, left, and Maria Karman, right, both fashion arts students, get involved at LFW.

aging Humber students to take part in the events.

"You can expect to see the diversity of Canadian fashion because we're not very exposed to it. You can see the designers and plus, there's also gift bags," Karman said.

"People going can get some new styles and see what's happening in the fashion world," Smirnova said.

For more information, visit torontofashionweek.ca.

According to Canadian Blood Services the average person has about five litres of blood in the body. Approximately 2.7 litres are required per patient donation.



adam trinh

Catharan Rowe, a donor for 20 years relaxes after giving blood at Square One in Mississauga. Canadian Blood Services needs more young people to donate. Humber hopes to increase the number of units donated from 63 to 100 at next week's clinic.

Roll up your sleeves to give

Humber's blood bank open for students on Halloween

by karalee agar
and adam trinh
NEWS REPORTERS

Canadian Blood Services is coming to campus to collect donations from staff and students.

This is the third consecutive year for the blood drive, which has been organized by fourth-year nursing student, Hussein Jaffer.

Jaffer said he has been donating since he was 17, which is the minimum age for a donor. "It is important for staff and students to get involved and support those who are in need of blood by contributing," he said.

According to Canadian Blood Services, there is a need for new donors as the amount of donations have decreased from last year. "The

hardest part about blood donation is getting new people to donate," said Marilyn Deachman, an RN working for Canadian Blood Services. "We have regulars who donate frequently, but a lot of people are afraid."

Carolyn Wiggans, a clinic supervisor at the Square One, Mississauga blood bank has some words of advice for students who are worried about the risks of donating.

"When I'm speaking to students who are unsure whether they want to donate or not, I let them know

that it is a safe practice," she said. "And that each unit of blood donated saves three people's lives."

Canadian Blood Services requires that donors are between the ages of 17 and 61, of healthy weight at least 110 lbs, have not gotten piercings or tattoos within the past six months, or dental work done in the past 72 hours so that there is no risk of disease transfer in the blood.

Barbara Cuthbert relies on blood donations. She suffers from myelodysplasia and aplas-

"When I'm speaking to students who are unsure whether they want to donate or not, I let them know that it is safe practice."

- Carolyn Wiggans,
clinic supervisor at
Square One blood bank.

tic anemia. She requires blood transfusions every two weeks and has received 72 units of blood to date.

"Donors are absolutely needed. Without blood donors I would not be here," she said.

The blood bank will be open on the North Campus from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. outside the Lecture Theatre.

Humber's goal for this year's drive is to raise 100 units of blood during the five hour span, compared to last year's 63 units collected.

"This year we hope to raise the bar and make the clinic bigger and collect more blood," Jaffer said.

Staff and students are encouraged to book an appointment to donate by contacting Jaffer at humberclinic@look.ca.

What's goin' on

Until Friday, Oct. 22

L'Oreal Fashion Week

Spring 2006 collections showcasing Canadian designers. At Muzik, on the grounds of the CNE, 15 Saskatchewan rd. Tickets are \$50.

Friday, Oct. 22

Everything to do with Sex Show

Exhibits, stage shows, seminars, erotic art. At the Automotive Building, Exhibition Place. Tickets are \$17 to \$30. For more information visit EverythingToDoWithSex.com.

Until Saturday, Oct. 22

International Festival of Authors

Alice Munro, Zadie Smith, Candice Bushnell, John Irving, John Ralston Saul, and more. Readings at various times throughout week. At the Harbourfront Centre, 206 Queen's Quay. \$15 regular admission. Free for students.

Saturday, Oct. 22

Rock Paper Scissors World Championships

Toronto hosts the fourth annual event at the Steam Whistle Brewing's The Roundhouse, 255 Bremner Blvd, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23

Women in policing

The Toronto Police Recruiting Unit is holding an information session at Humber's Lakeshore Campus for women interested in a career in law enforcement. Starts at 10 a.m., 3199 Lake Shore Blvd. W.

CN Tower stair climb

All money raised at the Enbridge CN Tower stair climb will be donated to the United Way's social and health service agencies. To enroll, email Sonia Tessaro stessaro@hsfweb.com.

Vintage Fashion

Seminar on buying, wearing and collecting vintage fashion. 10 a.m. to noon. At the Royal Ontario Museum, 100 Queen's Pk. Tickets are \$57.

Thursday, Oct. 27

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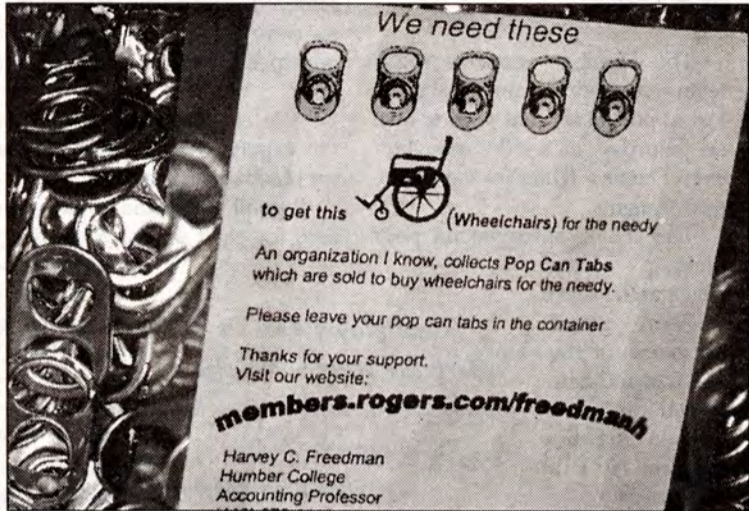
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In a ratings survey by Nielsen Media Research in the last week of September, 2005, *CSI* was the the number one watched show with 4,095,000 viewers.

Pop tabs for wheelchairs



alexandra mazzuca

Accounting profs have collected over 1,000 pounds of pop tabs and are encouraging students to keep them coming.

by alexandra mazzuca
NEWS REPORTER

A Humber professor is asking students to donate their pop can tabs for persons in need.

Harvey Freedman, an accounting professor at North Campus, has

collected pop can tabs for the past five years. Freedman gathers millions of tabs before sending them to the recycler where they are weighed and exchanged for cash. The money saved is thrown into a large pot which goes toward the purchase of new wheelchairs.

"I put a small container out and raised 30 pounds of tabs. I remember being at 970 pounds and thinking, when are we going to hit 1,000?" Freedman said. "One and a half years later we reached our goal of 1,000 pounds. Seven months later we did it again."

Although some websites argue Tabs for Wheelchairs fundraising is a hoax, Freedman said the process is real and fulfilling.

"I have responded to two different groups on the matter and explained our situation. They haven't responded back to me. However, it hasn't stopped the donations," Freedman said. "A friend of mine, Sheldon McLean, represents the legion that donates the money for chairs."

After purchasing their very first wheelchair in 1989, McLean and the legion he is a part of continued to collect tabs and help those in need.

"Last year we bought 100 chairs. This week we reached 650 chairs," McLean said. "We generally give the chairs away to veterans and community members who are in need."

The Humber Students' Federation has placed a container in its office and put up flyers encouraging students to donate.

Carol Smith, another Humber accounting professor, helps Freedman and McLean by gathering tabs from schools in the Newmarket area.

"It's just such a great cause,"

Smith said. "I collected the pop cans left over from the schools' pizza lunch."

McLean and Freedman will give an information booth set up by the HSF office tomorrow from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Students who want to help can donate tabs at North Campus in the HSF office and in E205 and F221.

Society's obsession with death echoed on campus

Hit crime shows attracting youth to Humber's funeral program

by ashley turner
LIFE REPORTER

Hit TV shows are getting students more interested in courses in pathology and funeral services — and many for the wrong reasons, according to a Humber College professor.

Jeff Caldwell, program co-ordinator for Funeral Services Education at Humber, is trying to dispel misconceptions these shows portray to its viewers.

"With shows like *CSI* and *Six Feet Under*, we've had the number of applicants go up because of that," Caldwell said.

He said ideal applicants should be more compassionate, not morbidly fascinated with death.

"Students should be compelled by their desire to help others in their time of loss to celebrate life that is lived."

Caldwell has viewed *Family*

"With shows like *CSI* and *Six Feet Under*, we've had the number of applicants go up because of that."

— Jeff Caldwell, funeral services program co-ordinator

Plots twice and said the show is extremely inaccurate.

"You have to maintain professionalism. Our people do transfers in three-piece suits," he said after watching the show and seeing directors and assistants transferring bodies in jeans and t-shirts.

Myriam Nafté, author of *Flesh and Bone: An Introduction to Forensic Anthropology* who teaches forensic science at George Brown College, said our fascination with death has always been an essential part of entertainment.

"We have it on TV, everywhere, anywhere. Cartoons, prime time, blood and gore everywhere. It is nothing to have someone being shot in the head, or raped or beaten. We're completely familiar with it."

Nafté gives forensic TV shows the boot.

"I can't watch *CSI* or any of these other crime programs. They're inaccurate and I don't even want to see it," she said of the show's scientific inaccuracies.

Contrary to countless autopsies that are performed on *CSI*, former Sunnybrook Hospital pathologist Dr. Tadaaki Hiruki echoed Nafté's sentiment, saying he rarely does autopsies anymore.

"In truth, autopsies represent a small and ever-shrinking part of a pathologist's workload these days," Hiruki said.



ashley turner

Humber's funeral services co-ordinator, Jeff Caldwell, warns students that the program is not like what they see on TV.



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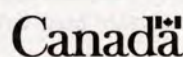
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"For the most part, with the possible exception of me, I don't think anybody goes out to try to hurt somebody." - Jeremy Roenick

Women's rugby team shows no mercy



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Humber's women's rugby team took no prisoners against Fleming in the 40-0 win on Saturday.

by **Justin Holmes**
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's rugby team rebounded from a shutout loss to pitch a shutout of their own on Saturday, in a 40-0 slaughter over Fleming (Peterborough campus) Knights.

The Hawks shrugged off poor kicking, and unfavourable weather – including bursts of rain and hail and hammered out four tries in the first half and four in the second.

Rookie scrum half Janiffer Rios notched three tries but was quick to share the spotlight. "It was definitely a team effort," she said. "One player doesn't carry the team – it's the whole team that makes it happen."

Charlene Riedler opened the scoring early with a try, followed by Danielle Spierenburg, Charmaine Ward, Alicia Winters and Courtney Byrne.

"I'm happy," said head coach

Todd Russell, downplaying the score. "Tackling was enormous... we were able to take advantage of our speed, especially on the outside."

"We can definitely play better. I'm expecting bigger things when we meet a tougher opponent."

Russell admitted that going zero for eight on conversions was "something we need to look at in practice," saying it was a matter of fine tuning.

Rios also looked forward to working out the kinks in the team.

"I think that we played very well together, we're starting to get to know each other," she said. "I see a lot of talent on the field... we're going to stick together for a few years."

The big win follows a 19-0 loss to York on Sept. 28.

The women play their first game at home Sunday, hosting schools across Ontario in the new Humber Open Tournament.

"One player doesn't carry the team – it's the whole team that makes it happen."

- Janiffer Rios, player

Golf team prepares for CCAA championships

Looks to defend as Canadian national champions this weekend at Fox Glen

by **Kyle Rutledge**
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The Humber men's golf team heads to Windsor this weekend looking to cap a strong season with an impressive fifth title at the nationals.

The Hawks head into the CCAA finals at Fox Glen as heavy favourites for winning the tournament the past four years. According to coach Ray Chateau, Humber's biggest challenge will come from Durham College which handed Humber its only defeat of the year at the provincial championships.

"With at least four solid players daily, we should have what it takes to beat Durham," said golfer Mike Zizek.

The team started off the year with a victory at an NCAA tournament in New York and added three OCAA tournament victories as the year progressed.

Chateau is looking to third-year student Lee French to lead the team at the nationals. French has been with the team for two national championships and finished second individually last year.

Zizek hopes to overcome his rough play at the beginning of the season by defending his individual championship at the nationals.

Team rookies Clinton Rayfield and Ryan Willoughby have been hot all year. Rayfield has been the most consistent player on the team all year and Chateau said, "He is a rock we know will be solid".

Rayfield responded to his coach's comments by saying, "As a rookie I didn't set any goals for the year, I just let things happen." Willoughby won the Fanshawe tournament this year.

At the last tournament of the year, Humber finished fifth as a team but were without their top two players as one was injured and the other unavailable to play.

When asked if they are ready to repeat at the nationals, Rayfield said, "Absolutely, we have a very deep team with no stick out players." He added no one on the team wants to lose to one another.

The nationals is a 54-hole tournament and takes place from Oct. 19 to Oct. 22.

Hawks rugby stung by Seneca

by **Justin Holmes**
SPORTS REPORTER

Sophomore scrum half Troy Barron isn't letting last Wednesday's 19-14 loss to the Seneca Sting men's rugby team get to him.

"We will meet them in the finals."

Seneca held on to its five-year undefeated record, leaving the Hawks waiting for their revenge in the playoffs.

"We have the strongest defence in the league," Barron said. "We played a hard game. Our biggest fault was discipline."

Coach Carey French sang a similar tune.

"Frankly, we outplayed them," French said. "Territorially it was even, if not slightly in our favour."

If the numbers have anything to say, both French and Barron are right.

Andrew Wilson scored a try and Evan French converted a kick to tie up an early lead hammered out by the Sting.

Shortly after, rookie fullback Adam Chianello kicked the ball up field, recovered it and ran half the field for a try. The score was 14-7 for the Hawks after another conversion by Evan French.

That lead held until late in the second half when Seneca took the

lead with a try and conversion.

They would later score another try for the win.

The loss brought Humber's points against average up to 9.6 – still well ahead of the closest team (Georgian, 12.3). Humber is second only to Seneca in total points scored.

Dropping Humber's last home game has them on a two game skid, but coach French remains unshaken. "You can't take anything from that. Those were our two best games."

"Discipline is getting better. They weren't chirping at each other, we were supporting each other," he said. "I thought the boys played very well."

"Every game we're playing better."

The Hawks wrap up their regular season on the road against Conestoga on Saturday. The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association (OCAA) championships takes place the following weekend.



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Humber's league-best defense almost helped them to an upset win, but late life from Seneca kept their streak alive.

"I've KO'd guys verbally. I've got one of the most vicious knockout punches with the tongue of anyone on earth." – Recently retired hockey player Brett Hull

Mike James, who? Mike James

Journeyman guard now wearing Raptor colours after shocking trade with the Rockets

by **garth simmonds**
SPORTS REPORTER

The Raptors have finally rid themselves of a Rob Babcock project gone wrong and they hope this is the beginning of a turnaround for the franchise.

After Rafer Alston was traded to the Houston Rockets for journeyman Mike James, people were praising Babcock for shipping Alston to the Rockets. The Raptors swung the deal on the opening day of training camp, leaving fans unsure how to react.

"When I found out I was pretty shocked. I mean, I knew he wasn't a good fit here but why wait until

the start of (training) camp? They should have traded him earlier," said Jamie Willis, a third-year liberal arts student at Humber.

"They could have given him a chance to prove that he changed."

Babcock signed Alston to a six-year contract worth more than \$24 million, a move he was heavily criticized for and one that left other NBA general managers smirking. Alston has never been a starting point guard in the NBA, but after putting up career numbers with Miami Heat last year, the Raptors made Alston their number one target during the previous off-season.

A season of clashes with play-

ers and coaches forced the Raptors to abandon a player they thought would be their point guard for the future, but the move does have some nice long-term ramifications.

Babcock unloads the remainder of Alston's huge contract

James has this season and next left on his contract, while Alston has five years remaining. James' contract will end in 2007 along with Jalen Rose and Morris Peterson, giving the Raptors all the

money necessary to re-sign Chris Bosh to a long-term deal.

Cole Jaworski, a second-year liberal arts student, said the trade was necessary for the Raptors to become a better team.

"He was unhappy and didn't want to be here. We need some type of team unity to be competitive," Jaworski said.

James is a solid veteran point guard who averaged 11 points per game and almost four assists per game last season with the Rockets. The Raptors are James' sixth NBA team after stops in Boston, Miami, Milwaukee, Detroit and Houston. Although he has been traded a few times, he's still considered a valu-

able player.

According to Eric Smith, a Humber College grad and now the Raptors' NBA colour analyst for the FAN 590 radio in Toronto, the trade will benefit the Raptors.

"Babcock got a similar guard who may be as good offensively but he's a definite upgrade defensively," Smith said.

"Team chemistry may improve as well. Plus the fact that Toronto now saves a pile of money (and two years) is huge."

The Raptors have four more pre-season games before tipping off the regular season Nov. 2 at home against the Washington Wizards.

Swirsky on the Raptors

by **jevon griffith**
SPORTS REPORTER

Toronto Raptors commentator Chuck Swirsky is banking on a good year from the Canadian ball team, but he'll have a tough time convincing Humber's basketball fans that the Raptors will be anything more than underachievers.

Still, Swirsky remains optimistic. "I can't predict the wins and losses, but they're headed in the right direction, finally, with a plan as far as the youth movement," Swirsky said about the team's plan to stock less experienced players.

"I think a lot depends on the continuing development of forward/center Chris Bosh, and then with the rookies involved. Hopefully the veterans will buy in to what the club's doing."

Third-year business administration student Jeris Damon, however, said he feels all hope is lost for the Raptors.

"I'll be shocked if the Raptors make any kind of noise this year because I truly believe they're not going to do anything," Damon said.

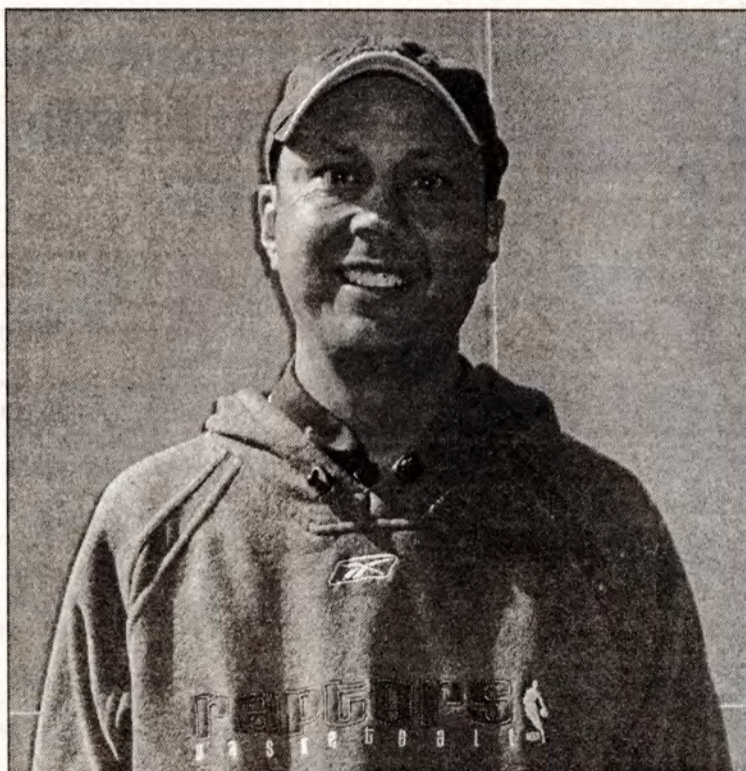
Second-year business administration student Roy Padilla also isn't too keen on supporting the Raptors this year because of their lack of star power.

"I'm not looking forward to watching the Raptors this season because they didn't really make any big off-season trades," Padilla said.

As of press time, the Raptors traded point guard Rafer Alston to the Houston Rockets for another point guard in Mike James.

The Canadian ball team also acquired guard Jose Calderon from Spain and drafted Croatian point guard Roko Ukic, small forward Joey Graham and power forwards Uros Slokar and Charlie Villanueva.

The latter two were drafted to fix one of the Raptors biggest problems in rebounding, a problem the Raptors have been trying to assess for three summers now.



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The television voice of the Toronto Raptors, play-by-play man Chuck Swirsky, always shows support for the home team as he sports his Raptor gear.

Luckily for the Raptors, they just might have enough forwards to carry the workload.

In Bosh, the Raptors have a 6'10" potential superstar who may be the future of the team and the NBA.

In Aaron Williams and Pape Sow, the Raptors have two guys who'll work hard at crashing the boards every night.

But in Rafael Araujo, Swirsky said he feels the deliberations are still going on.

"The jury's still out on Araujo. Do I think he's going to be an All-Star player? Probably not, but right now, my hope is that he'll become a serviceable big man in the league," Swirsky said.

Another problem the Raptors face this year for the first time since 1997-98, is the absence of a

superstar player.

With Vince Carter in New Jersey playing some of the best basketball of his career, all fingers point to veteran Jalen Rose to be the leader of the squad.

And hopefully for the Raptors sake, Rose will want to carry the team on his back.

Helping him with the load in the back court will be Alvin Williams, who hopes to contribute in some fashion after being sidelined with injuries, and Morris Peterson, a veteran player who will need to continue to improve his stats of 19.7 points per game from a year ago.

Chuck Swirsky and the Toronto Raptors begin their regular season on Nov. 2 against the visiting Washington Wizards at the Air Canada Centre.

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"I just want them to keep bringing guys on and I'm going to strip them of their health. I bring pain, a lot of pain." – Retired boxer Mike Tyson

Soccer team finishes first in division

by robert acton
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber entered Tuesday's game one point behind Mohawk in the race to be crowned West Region regular season champions.

But in order to be successful they needed a big game against the talented team from Hamilton.

And Humber got exactly that in a commanding 4-0 win.

Mohawk came into the game undefeated with a draw against Sheridan College, the same team that spoiled Humber's undefeated campaign last week.

Midway through the first half, Kwame Osei got Humber on the board with a quick strike to beat the Mohawk goaltender.

In the second half, Osei quickly added his second goal of the game, blowing past the Mohawk defence-men and putting one top corner to make it 2-0.

Cameron Medwin made it 3-0 after a strange play saw the mid-

fielder break in all alone and score, while Mohawk defence stood still, thinking the play was ruled offside.

Medwin added some late insurance for Humber to make it 4-0.

After his two-goal performance, Osei was humble about his incredible offensive season thus far.

"I attribute my goal scoring to the midfielders, I can't do anything without these people sending me the ball," Osei said. "This is the best game we have played so far and if we can keep this up then I think we have a chance to go far."

Assistant coach Jason Mesa, who won a national championship in 2001/02 as a member of the team, looks at this game as a stepping-stone to playoff success.

"The team needs to build on this win, keep the momentum. They gotta play the way they did today, moving the ball around, keep it simple basically. As long as they do that, I can't see why they won't move on to provincials," Mesa said.

Although last week's loss to Sheridan was an obvious disappointment for the club, head coach Germain Sanchez said he believes in hindsight it may have actually helped his team.

"The loss served as a message for our team. It took something like that to happen for us to realize we needed to play better," Sanchez said.

The club got the message as it traveled to Sudbury on Saturday and put on an offensive clinic, with a punishing 6-0 victory.

With Tuesday's win, coach Sanchez is happy the team is coming together at the right time.

"We are doing a good job at peaking at the end of the season," Sanchez said.

As for the playoffs, Sanchez's strategy is simple.

"All the teams are good but it all depends on how we play, not how they do," Sanchez said.

The quarterfinals are at Humber this Saturday at 2 p.m.



Humber's defenders kept the Mohawk players stifled throughout their impressive 4-0 victory on Tuesday. matt civak

Shutout win brings women's soccer team closer to playoffs

by matt duman
SPORTS REPORTER

The varsity women's soccer team inched one step closer to securing a play-off spot with a 3-0 win on Sunday over the Cambrian Golden Shield.

Humber's goals were scored by Jessica Fletcher, Ashley Glumac and Connie Tamburello, while the Hawks defence and goalkeeping held Cambrian scoreless.

"The team is peaking right now," head coach Vince Pileggi said after the game. "The new players are comfortable in their positions and the whole team is playing as a unit."

The win gives the Hawks some breathing room in the fourth and final playoff spot, but doesn't secure it.

The Hawks need a win or a tie in their final game of the season against third place Mohawk to lock up a position in the playoffs.

"We definitely need to keep our focus and keep up this play," Pileggi said. "We want to be in control of our destiny rather than depend on another team losing."

The Hawks have shown some real character this season. After starting the season 0-2, the team has won four of its last five games including its last three in a row.

"I'm proud of our team. They didn't let a slow start get them down, they just kept working hard to get better and reach their goals," Pileggi said.

If the team wins or ties their upcoming game, the play-offs will start this Saturday at a time and location to be determined.

Hazing way out of hand

by hentley small
SPORTS EDITOR

An athletic tradition of humiliation has finally crossed the line with news of two extreme hazing incidents coming out this week.

McGill University in Montreal has cancelled the rest of their varsity football season Tuesday after the investigation of a complaint by a rookie.

The 18-year-old alleged he was sexually assaulted during Rookie Night Aug. 27 by one of the veteran players on the team with a broomstick.

"The investigation shows that the event did involve nudity, degrading positions and behaviours, gagging, touching in inappropriate manners with a broomstick, as well as verbal and physical intimidation of rookies by a large

portion of the team," interim provost Anthony Masi said in a statement on the university's website.

In the Ontario Hockey League, Windsor Spitfires general manager and head coach, Moe Mantha was suspended after a hazing incident on the team bus Sept. 9 and an incident at practice on Sept. 28 according to the league's website.

Humber athletic director Doug Fox said hazing is not allowed at the school and team captains can be suspended if it takes place.

He pointed to an incident a few years ago with the soccer team running down the halls in diapers as a catalyst to eliminate hazing and instead teams have a rookies versus veterans challenge night.

"We have a zero-tolerance policy for hazing," he said. "We want to treat (rookies) with respect."

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