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Front line Afghanistan

Creative photography student Brad Farrow shares pictures and stories from his tour with the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery in Kandahar on pages 10 and 11, part of the Remembrance Day In Focus section.

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NEWS

Depending on the model of car, the cost of impaired driving in Canada can range from 1.9-11.6 billion dollars. These figures don't include social costs. — madd.ca

Award program aims to provide opportunities to troubled youth

Rebekah Williams
NEWS REPORTER

Second Chance Scholarship and Foundation Incorporated, gives students involved in crime another shot at proving themselves worthy of education.

The foundation has given the college two scholarships.

The first is the Gord Martineau award which began in September. Martineau has been a City TV anchor for 30 years and last week won the Gemini for best Canadian news anchor.

The other scholarship is named after Jamaal Magloire, a basketball player and inspiration to youth. The Magloire award is about three years old.

Second Chance president Rick Gosling said naming the scholarships after Martineau and Magloire was to inspire youth to get away from the criminal lifestyle.

Gosling said the only prerequisite is the applicant must have been or is in the criminal justice system.

"In many instances, it's not really a second chance. It's a first chance at getting an education and what so many of us take for granted,"

Gosling said.

Martineau agrees with Gosling that these youth need another chance. "Youth by their very nature are the only hope we have for tomorrow," he said. "If we aren't doing today right then tomorrow is going to be a disaster. You have to encourage young people to take advantage of opportunities that exist."

First-year programming student Morgan Crunkleton said everyone deserves a second chance and these scholarships may turn people's lives around.

"Yes, I do because if they have education they can get a job and make the money they need to stay out of trouble," Crunkleton said.

Second-year pharmacy tech student Laura Middaugh agrees with Crunkleton, "It gives them a chance to better themselves and if they see that there is something different and better than they might not go back to what they did before."

Gosling hopes education will be a means of rehabilitation for youth.

He said reading and informing youth is key to developing successful students.



Rebekah Williams

Martineau understands what it's like to face hurdles in life.

"We try to encourage any child to read and go on to realize that they can be successful. Reading and education is one guarantee of not going back to the criminal justice system."

Martineau said he understands what it feels like to not have a lot of opportunities, because he didn't when he grew up. He had to pave his own way to be successful. "I understand what it's like to have hurdles in the way. I understand what it's like not to have opportunities and not to have any kind of instruction in what you need to do," Martineau said.

Humber received these scholarships as a thank you for the support it has given Second Chance.

"Dr. Gordon was very supportive of our program and the new president has continued in his footsteps," Gosling said.

The scholarships are given annually to one student that applies and meets all the criteria. The amount of money the recipient receives depends on the amount of money Second Chance has received through its annual fundraising.

Martineau hopes he can be a voice for Second Chance and get the word out about the youth who have succeeded.

"I'm trying to do a piece on kids who have gone through the Second Chance Scholarship fund and have made successes of themselves," Martineau said.

"It's a first chance at getting an education and what so many of us take for granted."

—Rick Gosling,
Second Chance president

Linking community and police to stop DUI

Genevieve DeBellis
NEWS REPORTER

Doug Abernethy was inspired to develop a drunk driving program in 2002 after his 15-year-old brother died in an accident caused by an impaired driver.

The program, RAID (Report All Impaired Drivers), allows witnesses to report drunk drivers directly to their local Ontario Provincial Police contingent.

RAID has been introduced in the Dufferin-Caledon riding, where Humber's Orangeville Campus is

located.

"Slowly the program has really started to spread. It started off as a local program here in Orillia. It's starting to spread across the province in different areas with different OPP detachments," Abernethy said.

RAID was created with the hopes of generating awareness and getting the public involved. "Society's attitudes towards drinking and driving have changed a lot over the last few years," Abernethy said. "They view it as the crime that it is and are willing to take action," Abernethy said.

One of the ways that the program gets the word out is through the RAID wallet card. The card gives phone numbers and instructions on how to report an impaired driver. The OPP has helped launch the program and all calls are directed to dispatch.

Sergeant Al Reid of the OPP's highway safety division said the program only focuses on areas

strictly policed by the OPP.

"Whatever the law is if we don't have public support or the public behind us it's going to fail," Reid said. "The reason it's so successful for the impaired driving issue is because drinking and driving is not socially acceptable."

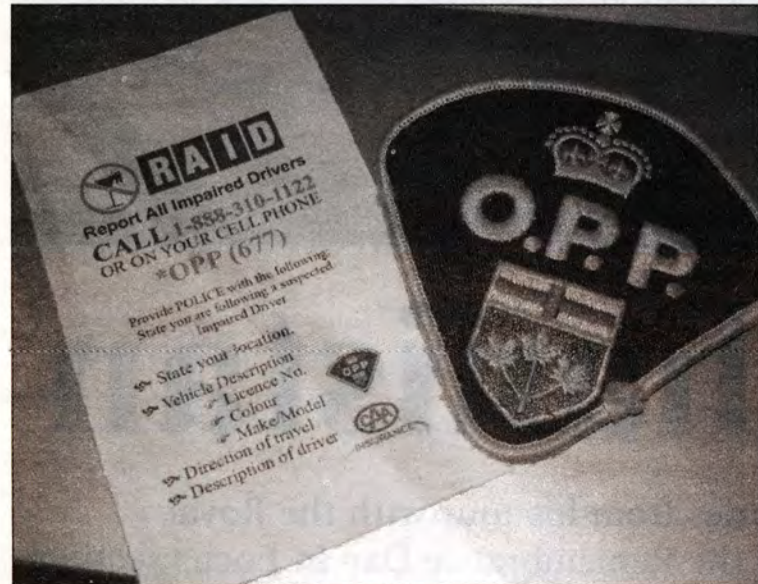
Joe Andrews, director of the Orangeville campus, views the program as useful but can see why some may not want to get involved. "You have a situation where individuals, will only say so much," he said. "I'm not sure if it's the natural inclination of people to get involved."

Andrews said this is unfortunate, but believes that some people may not care about the issue until it directly affects them. "There are those that just feel that they don't have to get involved so why should they?"

Abernethy hopes that the program will prevent any further tragedies from happening. "If it saves one life, it's done its job I believe."

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—Doug Abernethy,
founder of RAID



Genevieve DeBellis

RAID (Report All Impaired Drivers) gives the public a way to contact the OPP directly about impaired drivers.

THE SKINNY

Two-year-old revered

Doctors started performing surgery on Nov. 6 on a two-year-old girl in India who was born with four arms and four legs. The girl absorbed her parasitic twin in her mother's womb. While some tried to use the girl to make money, her parents and others in her village consider her a goddess. There are over 30 doctors performing the surgery.

—cbc.ca

Net proves deadly

A fisherman from Newfoundland died after his boat capsized over the weekend. Dennis Chaulk was caught in his fishing net under water. Chaulk and two other men were taking part in a coast guard training program. The two other men were not injured.

—cbc.ca

Bail for bomb suspect

Abdul Qayyum Jamal is the third suspect in an alleged plot to bomb Ontario government buildings to be granted bail. Jamal has been in custody for 17 months and was dismissed of his most serious charges. He must remain in his home only to leave for medical appointments or court dates. He still faces two charges of participating in activities and getting training from a terrorist group.

—cbc.ca

Correction

Nicole Paulichenko and Cynthia Black were mis-identified in a cutline on the front page of last week's issue.

We apologize for the error.

Of the 4,115,433 units of blood tested since July 2003, 107 units have been identified as infected with West Nile Virus and discarded. – bloodservices.ca

Increase delayed for school's Metropass

Passes purchased elsewhere have increased by \$10

Genevieve DeBellis
NEWS REPORTER

Humber students who buy their The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Metropasses at the bookstore won't see a price increase until the new year.

The TTC fare hike on Nov. 4 will only affect students who bought their November Metropass outside the college.

The TTC and Humber Students' Federation (HSF) have teamed up to provide a discounted pass to students.

HSF President Nick Farnell said, "What we've managed to do is to make sure that for the rest of the semester the pass is still \$87.75."

The new prices will come into effect Jan. 1, when the contract between HSF and the TTC expires.

Discounted student Metropasses

will increase from \$87.75 to \$96 in the coming year. A regular adult pass sells for \$109.

TTC chairman Adam Giambrone said the fare increase is necessary, even though some may be put off by the prices. "I think it will discourage some people from buying the Metropass," he said.

"It's important for students to be able to save a few extra dollars during the month."

-Nick Farnell
HSF president

"And I think the alternative, which would have been cuts to the service would have been a lot worse and we would've lost a lot more riders."

Under the current contract, students who buy the discounted pass will save money on transit for the next two months.

"It's important for students to be able to save a few extra dollars during the month," Farnell said.

Debbie Martin, manager of Humber's bookstore, has 1,700 passes to sell each month and she sees a growing demand.

"We've maybe had a little more requests this time around because of the pricing," Martin said.

When the contract is reviewed in January, Farnell said he believes a greater number of passes will be made available for purchase.

"Absolutely. It's already something we are talking about," he said. "We're definitely thinking about doing a test run of selling more passes, and then see how that goes."



Sarah Pawson

Over 80,000 new blood donors are needed every year.

Students donate to give life to others

Sarah Pawson
NEWS REPORTER

Humber's annual blood donor clinic on Halloween was a success.

One hundred students attended the clinic and gave 77 units of blood.

Each blood donation could help as many as three people in need of surgery and blood products, according to the Canadian Blood Services.

Students recognize that giving blood is an easy way to make a difference in someone's life.

"I think donating blood is a good idea because it helps people in need. Having the clinic on campus is great as well because I know that as a student I don't have the time to visit a donor clinic outside of Humber," said Steve Jones, an electrical engineering student.

Students who donated blood for the first time proudly sported first time donor stickers on their shirts.

"Considering this was my first time donating blood, the time it took was a small price to pay knowing my blood is going to be used to help people," student Lori Johnson said.

According to the Canadian Blood Services, blood can be sepa-

rated into three different components. The red blood cells, plasma and platelets can go to separate patients with varying needs so lives can be saved by every donation.

Lilet Raffinan of the Canadian Blood Services said, "Going through the steps is easy, first we do an iron test to make sure it is safe enough to take blood, then each donor fills out a private questionnaire that confirms eligibility based on general health, and then we check the donor's blood pressure and body temperature."

It takes about 15 minutes to collect one unit, or 450 ml, of blood.

"From start to finish, the process takes roughly one hour to complete. Afterwards donors should not exercise for six hours and should keep drinking plenty of fluids," Raffinan said.

The Canadian Blood Services said 52 per cent of Canadians have needed blood for surgery or medical treatment. About 80,000 new donors are needed this year to build a long-lasting donor base. Nearly 850,000 blood units were collected in 2004-2005.

"Blood is always needed every minute of every day, someone needs blood," Raffinan said.

York Region transit will become most expensive

Eric Lo Maglio
NEWS REPORTER

In the new year, York Region Transit (YRT) will be the GTA's most expensive transit line, charging a \$3 cash fare.

York Region Council approved the fare change Oct. 18.

"It's honestly ridiculous, especially for students," said Rawan Jada, who's lived in Richmond Hill since 1995.

"We don't drive because we can't afford it and now we're being forced to pay higher fares."

Don Gordon, general manager of York Region Transit since its establishment in 2001, said fares count for about 40 per cent of operating costs while the remaining 60 per cent are paid for by property taxes. Fares have increased on a yearly basis since 2001.

"We do a review of the fare structure every year and we have in fact adjusted fares every year," Gordon said. "Frankly, we think that's preferable than having larger one-time increases every two, three or four years. Fares have to be adjusted to reflect our increase in operating costs."

YRT is projected to grow to 18.6 million riders by the end of 2007 and ridership is a key factor in

determining whether or not fares need to increase.

"We've had very healthy ridership increases each and every year since 2001," Gordon said. "We've averaged ten per cent rates every year, but our costs increase because we put so much new service on the road. In 2006 alone, we increased service hours by over 30 per cent. That's a huge increase within just one year."

Approximately 1,135 Humber students live in York Region. Third-year business management student Rajal Pattni is one of them. Pattni uses the TTC and YRT to commute to and from Humber College, and pays two fares each way.

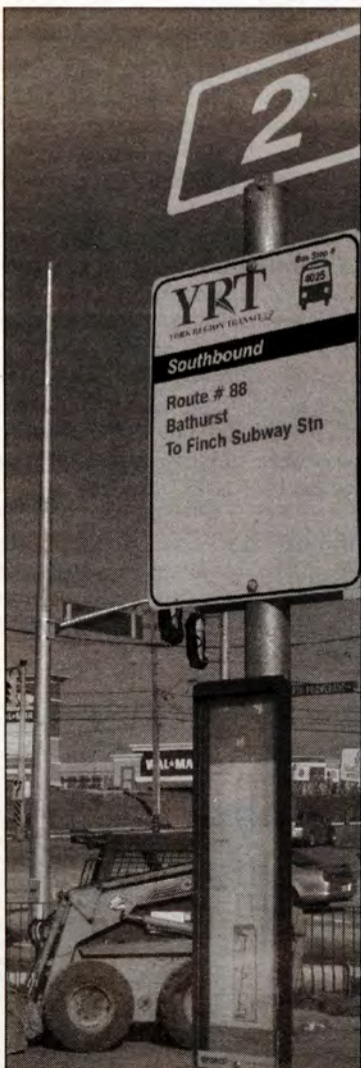
"They increase it every year and I hate that," Pattni said. "I have to pay double fare, anyway. I really don't like the fact that it's going up, especially since I use it all the time."

Tickets and passes for secondary school students, seniors and children remain unchanged.

Vaughan, Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora and Newmarket amalgamated their transit systems on Jan. 1, 2001 to form the York Region Transit of today. In 2001 they charged \$2 for adult cash fare and \$16 for ten adult tickets.

"It's honestly ridiculous, especially for students."

-Rawan Jada,
YRT rider



Eric Lo Maglio

YRT anticipates up to 18.6 million riders by 2008.

NEWS

In June, Privacy International assessed the privacy practices of selected online services, rating Google as more invasive than Facebook or Microsoft. — PI Group

Privacy watchdog rails against TTC

Jennifer Conley
NEWS REPORTER

The Toronto Transit Authority is feeling some international pressure over its proposed surveillance system.

According to Privacy International, a U.K.-based advocacy group, the TTC doesn't have enough evidence to support its argument that video and audio surveillance on public transit systems reduces crime.

According to the Privacy International's complaint, the organization believes that the TTC's proposed surveillance system violates the federal Privacy Act that puts limits on the collection, use and disclosure of information by public institutions.

According to reports, the installation of up to 12,000 new security cameras will be completed by June, unless the project is pulled by the Ontario Information and Privacy Commissioner's Office. Privacy Commissioner Ann Cavoukian is investigating Privacy International's complaint.

TTC Chairman Adam Giambone refused to comment due to the ongoing investigation. However, according to Toronto

councillor and transit commissioner Suzan Hall, the new video system's intent isn't to spy on citizens.

"I supported it for basically being able to identify a person when something goes down."

She cited recent shootings as an example of why she voted in favour of the proposal.

Hall said that the video surveillance would only be used when crimes are reported. The new cameras will take up to 1.5 million photos annually on buses, streetcars, subway trains and stations. Costs are estimated to be between \$18-21 million.

The advocacy group's formal complaint claims the benefits of the system would be "marginal" while posing a significant threat to users' privacy.

"I think it's a great idea," said first-year business student Samantha Seebalack, 18. "I mean violence does happen on the bus. I remember a little girl was shot and almost lost her sight."

"Bus drivers get abused also, not just people on the bus and unfortunately we live in a society where some people just lose it," said second-year accounting student Steve Louren. "That's exactly why we should have cameras in our transit system."



Sarah Pawson

"It was fantastic," said club founder Jason Mckechnie. "I've never felt something as phenomenal."

First jump team takes to the sky

Nine students armed with six hours of training and plenty of adrenaline

Sarah Pawson
NEWS REPORTER

Jumpers of Humber's first ever skydiving team took their inaugural flight over Cookstown last weekend.

Nine brave students took their lives in their hands as they jumped solo out of a Cessna 182 aircraft travelling at speeds of over 130 km/h.

At an altitude of 4,000 feet, training played a huge role in dealing with nerves said industrial design student David Norton.

The Sky Hawks received six hours of rigorous instruction the previous weekend.

"I felt the training session was very in depth," Norton, 18, said. "When we got up there, we knew exactly what to expect."

"Safety is our number one concern. We all want to go out there and have fun but training is an important aspect to this sport," said Skydive Toronto instructor Sylvie Weaire. "This isn't a sport to be taken lightly, it is serious and concentration is a must."

With anticipation building over the six-day wait between the practice and plummet, the Sky Hawks were eager to jump.

Twenty five students participated in the training session, while nine

actually jumped.

"Once I looked at my instructor's altimeter I was pretty pumped, I wanted to get the hell out of that plane and get it done," said engineering technology student and club founder Jason Mckechnie, 19.

"The butterflies increased at 4,000 feet for sure," said Scott Matheson, 19. "Especially when you're next in line to go and you're right by the door when it's open," added the engineering technology student.

Onlookers at the drop zone watched as two students at a time came floating down.

"It was quiet the rush. The view was spectacular," Norton said.

With winds at a mild 5 km/h, the ride was smooth sailing.

The intensity of the first jump was over, but the adrenaline was evident for hours afterwards.

"I had adrenaline blaring through my body all day, it was fantastic, I've never felt something as phenomenal as landing from jumping out of an airplane," Matheson said.



Sarah Pawson

Mckechnie and fellow Humber Sky Hawk, "Juice" Thompson.

The Smokers Pot



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The average age of video-game users is now 30 years old, accounting for 47 per cent of all game sales in the U.S. – Entertainment Software Associates

Canada plugs into the pros

Professional video game league makes first foray northward

Mike Melanson
NEWS REPORTER

Technology enthusiasts and gamers alike converged on the Direct Energy Centre last weekend to experience the first Northern Digital Expo.

The exhibition featured the Ford Major League Gaming Canadian Open, the first professional video game tournament of its kind in Canada.

The Expo hosted a range of new media technology demonstrations, such as a new head-set cinema system as well as a range of new video games.

Toronto Raptors' star Chris Bosh made an appearance on Saturday, playing *NBA 2K8* with fans and

autographing an Xbox 360 for an *NBA 2K8* competition winner. Toronto Maple Leafs' Kyle Wellwood was also on hand on Sunday, playing *NHL 2K8* and *Halo 3* with gamers.

The event featured live music from Protest The Hero as well as Alpha Galates.

Yet it was the Ford Open that most gamers were there for. The expo marked the world's most widely known professional gaming league's first expansion into Canada since its debut in the United States in 2002.

The Open included a four-on-four *Halo 2* tournament for a prize pot of \$50,000, as well as tournaments for *Gears Of War* and *Rainbow Six: Vegas*.

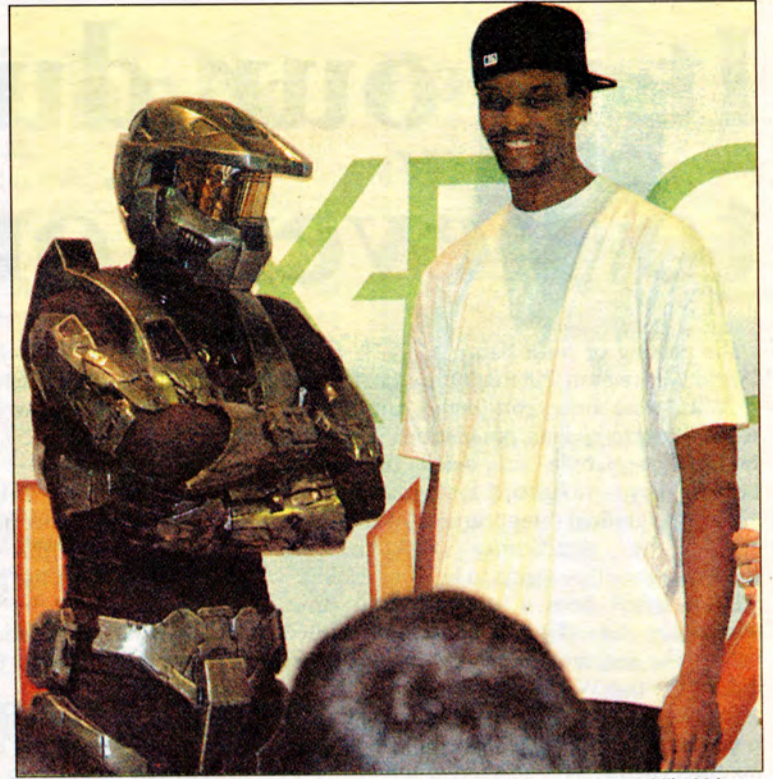
According to Orillia's Celeste Anderson, 18, more widely known by her gamer alias, Bittersweet, the expansion of the league is cause for excitement.

"A lot of Canadian players couldn't make it down to the States, you got to take a plane, you got to take a bus or drive. It's so much money just for Canadian players to compete in the U.S., plus you've got to have your passport to cross over now," Anderson said. "But now it's in Toronto, where all kids can go. It's like an hour or two away."

Gaming enthusiast Matt Archer, 23, said while major professional sports have much larger markets, last weekend's Canadian Open was just the beginning.

"Obviously Major League Baseball has like 100 something years on MLG in terms of the ability to grow its fan-base, but almost every kid now plays video games of some sort when they're growing up, and that's the grassroots level," Archer said. Anderson, one of the top two Canadian female gamers in the MLG, agreed.

"It's only going to get bigger."



Mike Melanson
Halo 3's Covenant imparted some hard-won gaming guidance to grateful Toronto Raptors all-star Chris Bosh on Saturday.



EDITORIAL

"Nonviolence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind. It is mightier than the mightiest weapon of destruction devised by the ingenuity of man." – Ghandi

It is our duty to never forget

The passing of John Babcock, the last First World War veteran will mark the end of an era.

Wars were once considered honourable, when harm to civilian populations was minimal, when people supported the troops because they were fighting for a greater good.

With the gradual disappearance of these veterans, the significance we give to Remembrance Day seems to be diminishing.

There hasn't been a war in recent times where the Canadian people have united behind the government and its troops, as they did for the two World Wars.

Today's conflicts don't have the same impact – perhaps because there is no common goal, no exact enemy.

Veterans aren't viewed in the same light as they were 60 or 80 years ago.

Back then, soldiers were heroes fighting for freedom and liberty, battling an evil foe who tried to trample the rights of his neighbours.

But in Afghanistan there isn't really an end in sight.

The troops are supposed to be there to make peace, but for how long? Is it working?

This war won't end with the capture of a city or the victory of a battle.

It is more likely to just fizzle away when Canadian troops are pulled out and brought home.

There will be no D-Day, no climax in the conflict and therefore no true victory.

The veterans of this war will not be honoured like those in the past.

As the number of the Second World War veterans dwindles, so does the importance of Remembrance Day in the eyes of Canadians nowadays.

With support for wars such as Afghanistan being fairly low, it will be hard for Canadians to celebrate something that they truly didn't believe in.

It is our duty as Canadians to honour every soldier fighting for our country, no matter if the war is glorious or not.

These people put their lives on the line for our freedom, and the freedom of those who cannot fight for themselves.

They deserve to be remembered; they must not be forgotten, no matter what.

Surveillance as vehicle for safety

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is planning to put security cameras in each of its buses and subway cars.

Concerned Torontonians immediately jumped to criticize the idea, claiming an infringement on their privacy.

The cameras are being installed to help solve crimes and potentially discourage criminal activity.

According to the *Toronto Star*, TTC chairman Adam Giambone said the footage would not be monitored, only police will have access, and most large transit communities across Canada already have similar systems.

Like anything else, if the government were to abuse the surveillance or use it incorrectly, then citizens would rightly be upset.

Some may say surveillance on public transit would open the doors to more cameras in public places.

The argument stands that increased surveil-

lance is putting us one step closer to an Orwellian world.

But more monitoring would suggest more security.

People who have nothing to hide should have nothing against this.

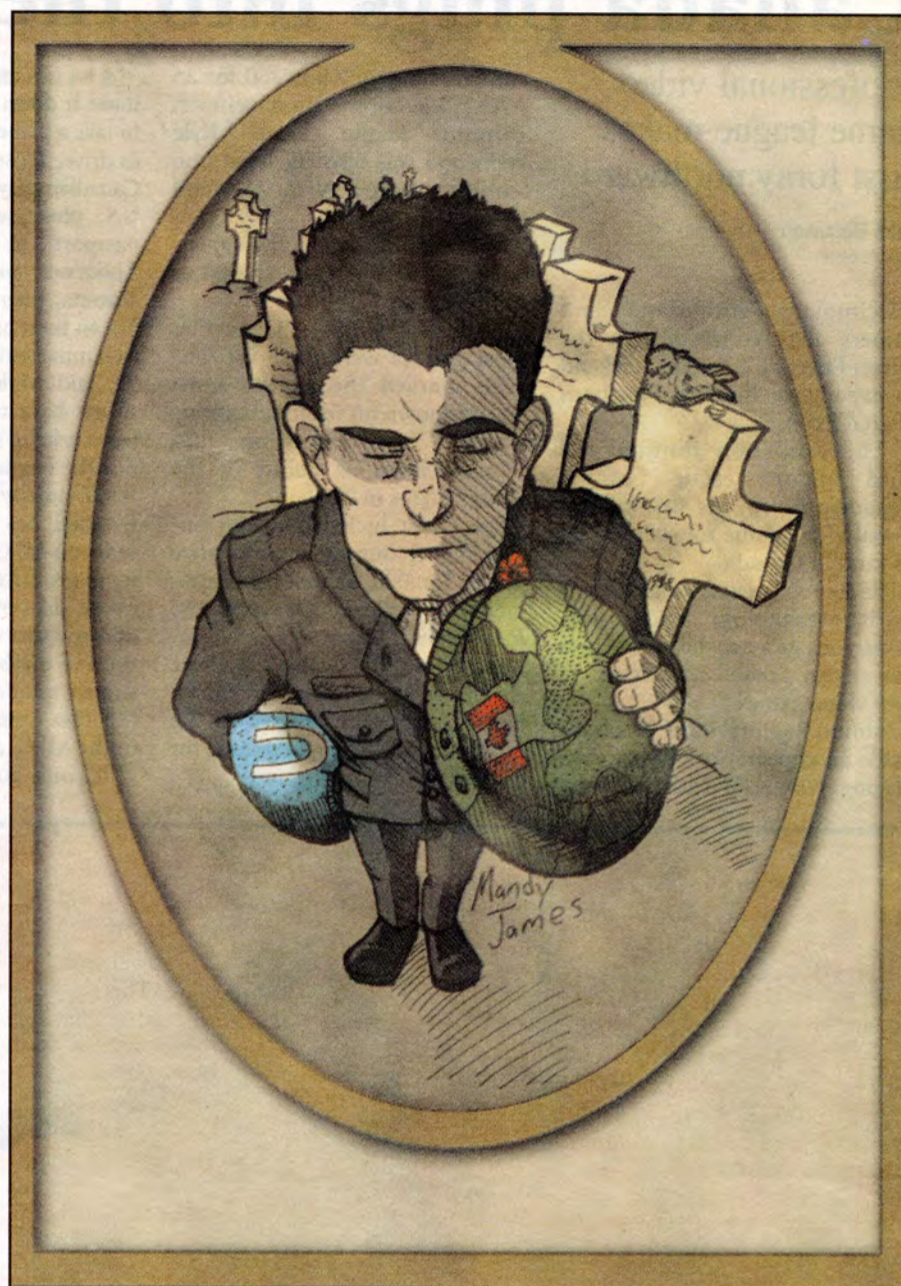
Maybe Nick Brown, the 21-year-old who was stabbed and killed on a train between Kennedy and Victoria Park stations earlier this year, could have looked forward to a safer ride had his attacker known he would be caught on tape.

And maybe not. But isn't it worth a try?

If the footage is used properly, then what's the difference between riding a bus with a video camera and running into a police officer on the subway?

Why are we expecting any sort of privacy in public spaces?

Be concerned when the government suggests putting cameras in our cars and condos.



WORD ON THE STREET

What does 'support our troops' mean to you?



Daryl Wakunick 19
First-year media foundations

It means to morally support them, and just always keeping in mind that there's fighting happening right now.

Jasmin Doub 20
Second-year visual art and design



Nowadays, I think most of the causes are kind of stupid. So I support the troops themselves but not the bigger fight. I'm not for war but I don't talk smack about it either.

We should remember all the people who fought in war and we should try to be peaceful in our lives. To do this, we wear a poppy to show that we care.

Steven Huang 25
Second-year business management



Niguel Pivott 19
First-year game programming

It's not that I don't care but I haven't really given it much thought. You just got to represent by wearing a poppy on Remembrance Day, to remember all the fallen soldiers.

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"Truth is one forever absolute, but opinion is truth filtered through the moods, the blood, the disposition of the spectator." – Wendell Phillips, U.S. abolitionist

Confessions of a germaphobe



Jackson Hayes
SENIOR REPORTER

When you shake my hand, I make a snap judgment about the type of person you are.

I rate your character by how firmly you grasp my hand and the eye contact you make.

Yet lately, another thought has come to mind about the handshake: deep inside our brief and sweaty clasp, all the disgusting filth you have touched since the last time you washed your hands is being wiped onto my clean skin.

My name is Jackson, and I am a blossoming germ-a-phobic.

It started out small - flushing urinals with my clothed elbow or avoiding greasy spoon-type restaurants.

But now these mild behaviors have started mutating - not unlike the bacteria on your fingers right now - working their way into my everyday routine.

I use the same knife, fork and spoon at my house and keep them separate from all the other cutlery.

I open doors with the sleeve of my sweatshirt and I turn off taps with paper towels.

When I pay with Interac, I use the corner of my bank card to punch in my PIN because the thought of touching the keypad that a thousand grubby fingers have handled is enough to make me sick.

The clinical term is Bacillophobia or Misophobia,

which is a fear of germs, bacteria or being contaminated.

And with myriad of germ-killing agents filling pharmacy store shelves, apparently I'm not the only one who has succumbed to this latest craze.

Bacteria are small. On average most species of have diameters of 0.5 to 2.0 microns.

And while there are plenty of good bacteria, like yogurt, cheese and some light beers. There is a whole host of bad bacteria, like tooth decay, salmonella and Anthrax.

I do what I can to fight this scourge of little invaders. I regu-

larly wash my hands, I use alcohol-based hand sanitizers and avoid sweaty people at all costs.

Some of you might scoff at my paranoid behaviour and think I am just another Howard Hughes in training.

But have you touched a doorknob today? Fecal matter and E. coli can live on some doorknob surfaces for two hours.

Did you wipe your kitchen counter with a dishrag last night?

A June 2007 study by the American Hygiene Council found an average of 134,630 bacteria per square inch on that cloth.

How about all of the cash in

your wallet?

A study this past September by the Consumers' Foundation in Taiwan found nine of the 12 bills studied tested positive for Staphylococcus aureus, a pathogen that can cause anything from minor skin infections to meningitis.

We live in a world full of things that can harm us, but it's only some of us who fear the little things we can't see.

Considering how interconnected our lives are and how we share public places like cafeterias and bathrooms, is it too much to ask that you wash your hands?

No value south of the border

The hassles of shopping in America aren't worth the savings



Andrea Bennington
IN FOCUS EDITOR

The Canadian dollar is skyrocketing, causing snowbird shoppers to race to the States for savings above and beyond the generally reduced American prices.

A friend recently invited me to make such a trip. Great, I thought. I like shopping and who doesn't like finding a bargain?

But little could prepare me for the trip that included over two hours of waiting at the border and the hordes of people in the

outletmall once we arrived.

The biggest shock may have been the plethora of Ontario license plates in the parking lot - clearly people with the same idea we had. You'd think they had never seen a mall before.

There was box-store after box-store, many sporting huge discounts on everything from outerwear to chocolate to cosmetics.

There was a sense that everyone was there for precisely the same item and would circle like vultures to get it.

Store employees looked appropriately glazed over, while they herded people into the change-rooms like cattle.

This was not about necessity but pure unadulterated consumerism. Why buy? Why not?

After the hassles of driving, waits at the border and delays at the till, I question whether we really saved much at all in the process.

A recent Evironics research study found that one in four Canadians are chronically sleep-deprived, so with our desire to pack more into less, it would seem that our greatest commodity is actually our time.

As we concluded our shopping adventure, I wondered why we are spending so much time, energy and money on goods we can probably do without in the first place.

As we pulled past customs, the overwhelming feeling wasn't one of joy at finding a couple of good deals but rather of exhaustion.

Patriots on track



Rob Hergott
SPORTS EDITOR

Can the New England Patriots make history this year in the National Football League and finish the regular season unbeaten? You bet they can.

The team has yet to suffer a defeat in its nine weeks of play and has become the most feared and dominating franchise this generation has ever seen.

No team has ever won four Super Bowl titles in one decade, but many have come close.

The Pittsburgh Steelers in the '70s, the San Francisco 49ers in the '80s and the Dallas Cowboys - with star QB Troy Aikman in the '90s - were all crowned champs three times over.

Amazing, consistent play has earned many teams a dynasty title throughout the years.

The New York Yankees, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Montreal Canadiens are all dynasty franchises in their respected sports, but the Patriots will soon set the bar even higher.

So far, they're beating up everybody they face.

They'll ride that momentum right to the Super Bowl and definitely be crowned the best dynasty franchise in modern day American football.

Suffering our consequences



Evan French
SPORTS EDITOR

So the world is heating up.

We're living through some of the warmest days on record and scientists and politicians alike are telling us if we don't act soon, the damages will be irreversible.

A recent climate report gave us about 15 years before we really start to notice the effects. Even George W. Bush has admitted that the climate crisis is a reality.

For the sake of argument, I'll assume the science is correct and the world is in fact warming.

But I for one am not running out to plant trees.

The world is an unfair place. Five per cent of the population controls 95 per cent of the wealth. Many parts of the world still live in near Stone Age conditions, and it's been the prerogative of rich,

advanced nations to keep it that way.

Harvard professor and economist Lawrence Summers said the biggest problem with global warming is the affect the develop-

Before we get ahead of ourselves trying to save the human species, we should first decide if it deserves to be saved.

ing world will have on the climate.

As these countries grow they will spew more and more industrial pollutants into the atmosphere.

But how can we tell them to curb pollution when the West was allowed to pollute unhindered for 100 years? It seems like a case of the pot calling the kettle dirty.

The idea that we can save our skin by first saving the planet seems like Disney magic to me. There are huge inequalities on our planet that are the cause of our problems.

A person living in Basra is going to have fundamentally different needs from a person living in Toronto.

In certain parts of the world, people are wondering if they will be alive next week, let alone 15 years from now.

Before we get ahead of ourselves trying to save the human species, we should first decide if it deserves to be saved.

We've had thousands of years to figure a way to live in harmony with each other, yet war still exists all over the planet.

It's said that there are enough canned goods in North America to feed the whole planet four times over. But people are starving right now.

Do you think mankind has made the grade? As a species we've existed like a virus, incessantly gobbling up all the resources and giving nothing back, other than harmful gases.

Global warming is mother nature's only way of getting rid of us.



TO THE WRITERS GUILD OF AMERICA FOR TAKING TO THE PICKET LINE IN AN EFFORT TO DEMAND MORE MONEY FROM NETWORK STUDIOS.

TO THE TELEVISION ACTRESS HAYDEN PANETTIERE FOR CONFRONTING JAPANESE FISHERMAN ON THEIR YEARLY DOLPHIN SLAUGHTER.

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Canadian soldier Lieutenant Colonel John McRae wrote the famous remembrance day poem *In Flanders Fields* December 1915. – <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca>

Between the crosses

Paying respect to fallen soldiers

Meagan Dodds
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Ninety-three years ago, young people just like those here at Humber were studying, dating, and planning their futures when a war broke out. They gave up everything to fight. Many never came back.

"Even if you only look up one person and think about what that one person went through. You can then imagine that times over a million Canadians who have served. We have lost 116,000 to various conflicts including the current one in Afghanistan," said Janice Summerby, media relations advisor for Veterans Affairs Canada.

"If I'm thinking of a World War II veteran, someone who is in their 80s, they are really concerned with who will remember them when they are gone," Summerby said.

"It's up to all of us to assure them that we will always remember them and what they gave up. They gave up so much. They put aside plans for marriage, family, and education. They put everything aside for their country," she said.

"I really hope it will affect them (students) more and more. I cer-

tainly know on a one-on-one basis that the youth we've been involved with that we've taken on trips with veterans have been extremely affected," said Summerby.

However, she said that those individuals have an advantage over other people in this generation.

"They have the advantage of that close connection and contact with veterans. In some cases, we've taken them to the original battle sites with the veterans where they have lost their comrades and where the cemeteries are. So, it's a very moving experience and then they are able to come home and share this experience with students and friends and that's really helpful," Summerby said.

She said it is important for every Canadian to find a way to personally honour all those men and women.

"That may involve putting themselves in the shoes of a young person who, back in their day, went to serve their country for values that were very strong to them," Summerby said.

Johnathan Vance, a history professor at the University of Western Ontario, published a book entitled *Death So Noble*. The book is partly about Remembrance Day but also about war memorials and veterans organizations.

He said that while he thinks everyone, no matter how old or young, is affected by Remembrance Day, some grew up during a time where they weren't really taught the importance of the day.

"I think there is an enormous

variety. There are some that are hugely affected by it. I think that the generations that are in university now when through public school at a time when it wasn't really relevant," Vance said.

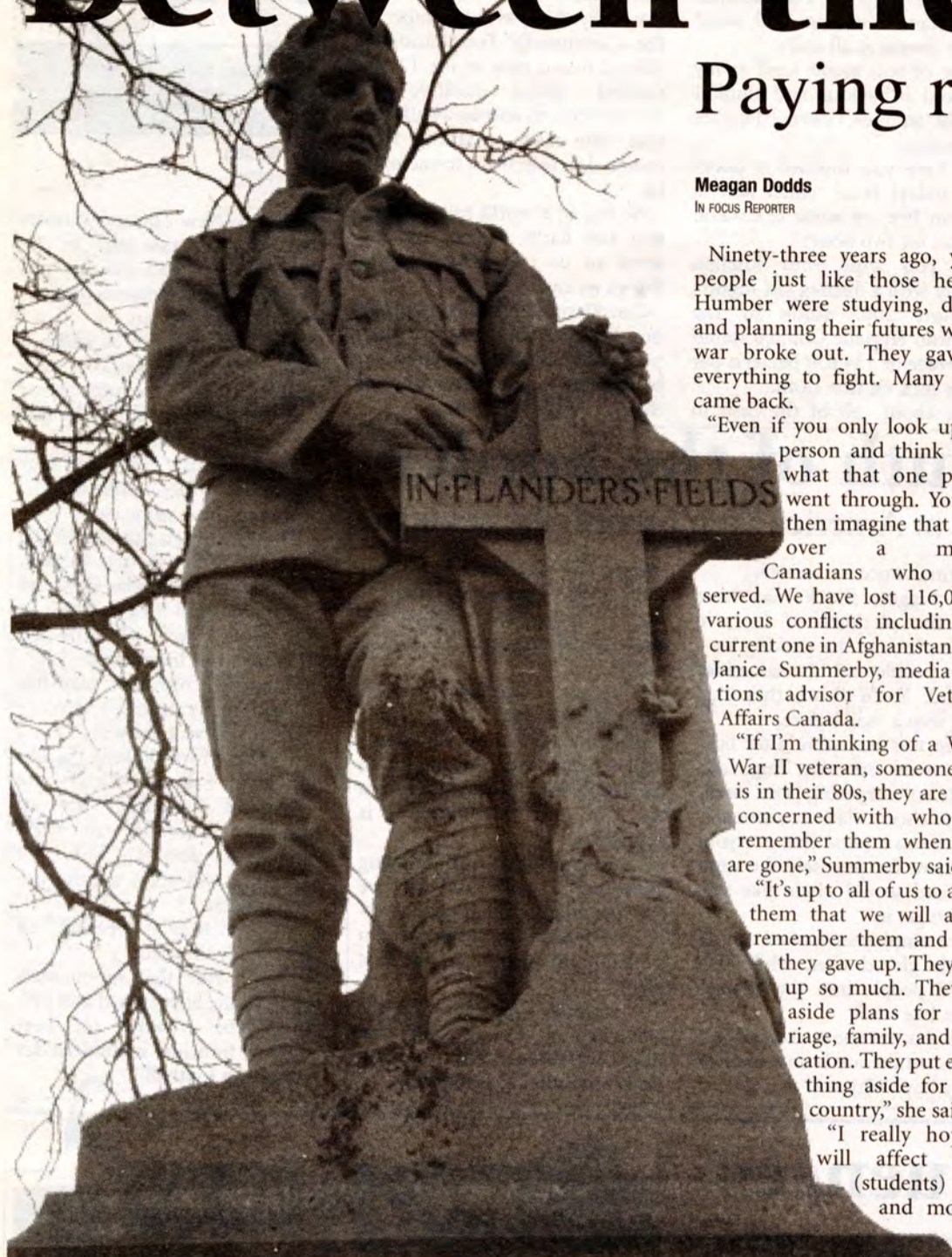
"They have been brought up not to value it as much. But what I see that is going on in public schools today, I see that they are being taught much more in terms of the value of Remembrance Day," he said.

Vance looks at Remembrance Day as something that is very close to his heart.

"I look at Remembrance Day very personally. I have people from my family, grandparents and great uncles who served and died and I think that's what gives it its immediacy for me. I can put personal faces to what I am thinking about on the 11th," Vance said.

Humber offers along with various other history courses, a course entitled *The History of War*. John Elias, general education program coordinator, who helped design the course, said he thinks that it is a very important and relevant course that students have the option to take.

"Students don't take history anymore. There isn't really that historical memory. Things that are so obvious to me, students just don't know about it. We felt it was important to have a course like that. Students will become aware of the past. The theme is relevant in terms of war, but they end up getting a lot more," Elias said.



Meagan Dodds

Ceremony commemorates lives lost

Tiffany Thompson
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Chelsea Saldanha
SPECIAL TO ET CETERA

Remembrance Day ceremonies will be held tomorrow at 10:45 a.m. in the concourse at North Campus and in the H Building at the Robert A. Gordon Learning Centre at Lakeshore Campus.

Dean of hospitality, recreation and tourism, Alister Mathieson, will lead staff and students to the ceremony at North Campus.

"There is an element of sadness and an element of reflection," Mathieson said. And I think that people wish the world was at peace."

Humber's music class will close

the ceremony by playing the Last Post, Mathieson will pipe out *Shoals of Herring*, a tune traditionally played when soldiers returned from war.

Master of Ceremonies Carey French, journalism program coordinator, will give his observations on war and Canada's current peacekeeping missions. North Campus chaplain, Rev. Len Thomas, will then lead in prayer.

"I think that it's important just in terms of the fact that you get up everyday and are thankful for the things around you," French said. "It is about remembering all those people who made sacrifices and are still making sacrifices."

"One of the things that we ought to be thankful for is that there are

people, who on our behalf, on a daily basis get out there and fight the good fight for the rest of us," French said.

"It is about remembering all those people who made sacrifices and are still making sacrifices."

- Carey French, journalism program coordinator and master of ceremonies

David Lui, a member of Humber's faculty professional development office for more than 30 years, said he has attended most of the Remembrance Day services.

"I think it is meant to remind people, because we often forget what our country has done in the past," Lui said.

For many years, children from the North Campus daycare centre have attended and participated in the ceremony.

"I think that's a great idea for young children to be aware of Remembrance Day," Lui said.

Childcare services director Bridgette Woodcock said children from the daycare centre will be participating in the service at North Campus this year by singing *O Canada*.

"A few years ago, the veterans that were sitting at the front had noticed that the children knew all the words to *O Canada* and they were fascinated and kind of

touched by this young group of children who were participating," Woodcock said. "And after that we were invited to play a more active role."

"I think it's meaningful to people when you see kids as young as five and six, up there with the veterans celebrating Remembrance Day together," she said.

At Lakeshore Campus, Peter Mayberry is organizing the events which will be similar to those held at North Campus.

"Humber's been recognizing Remembrance Day ever since Humber became a college," Mayberry said. "I think it's an obligation that we show respect for what is done before and what we'll continue to do on behalf of this country."



"I have learned that the more one sees in battles, the less likely they are to speak about it." – James Bradley, author of the bestseller, *Flags of our Fathers*

Veterans differ on benefits

Rock de Vera
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Veterans are getting special benefits for their service in the Canadian Forces.

"We want to thank our veterans for their service in the military the right way," said Veteran's Affairs Canada spokesperson Will Garner. "We don't want them to feel neglected after serving their time."

Veterans receive health care packages including medical, surgical and dental care, prosthetic devices, home adaptations, and supplementary benefits such as travel costs for examinations or treatment, and pension plans.

"I think it's great," said Korean War veteran John Sikes. "The health care provided comes in handy when you have to get new teeth."

As well, veterans also receive long-term care that provides them with access to a bed in a long-term care facility at no cost.

"I think that's good for us old guys," said Sikes. "I think it's a right trade off for protecting Canadian civil liberties."

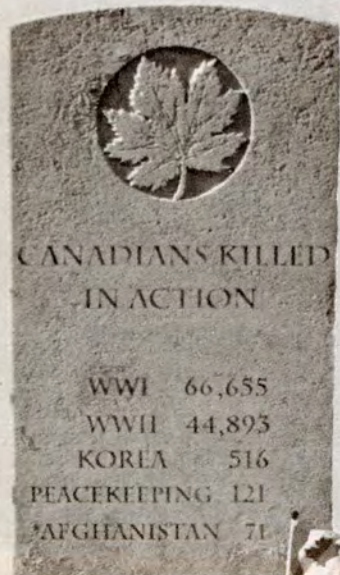
Pam Laine, a first-year English student, said veterans deserve more than what they are currently receiving. "Give them free gas or something," she said. "I think it's important to honour soldiers."

However, there are critics who say that the loss of a family member will never amount to something that the government can issue in programs and benefits.

"Families who have lost their loved ones over war, there's never enough compensation," said war veteran John Franco.

Franco said they should be exempt from tax paying. "If the natives can get it, why can't veterans get it?" he said.

"I think the government is trying to reward them but I don't think it's enough."



Whitney Stinson

Community members in Kingston, Ont., held a memorial for fallen peacekeepers last week at Bayridge Alliance Church.

Warring with the word peace

Whitney Stinson
IN FOCUS REPORTER

After hundreds of Canadians participated in anti-war protests last month with the Canadian Peace Alliance, the federal government reiterated support for keeping the troops in Afghanistan until 2011. This action is making some wonder if Canada has lost track of its role as peacekeepers.

Mark Leith, a war and peace professor at the University of Toronto, thinks Canada has forgotten its way.

"Our presence in Afghanistan is contravening our concept. Our peacekeeping role has been pushed

aside," Leith said.

"The Conservatives have got us in Afghanistan and it's inconsistent with our role as peacekeepers. Other missions have been more vigilante, going into Afghanistan we've joined a so-called war of terror."

The peace alliance organized protests in 22 Canadian cities last month. They were objecting to Canada having 2,500 soldiers posted in southern Afghanistan, where 71 have been killed since 2002.

Canadian military combat engineer Dean Fleet said the phrase peacekeeping can be misleading.

"That's a completely false image and is damaging to the military.

We peacekeep, but the public gets the wrong idea of what that is. You can't stand between two forces and be unarmed," Fleet said. "Peacekeeping is good, but you need forces to peacekeep."

Lt.-Col. Ron Bell served on Operation Argus last year in Kabul, Afghanistan. "The Canadian public doesn't fully understand the nature of the world," he said. "Some parts of the world are pretty nasty. The Canadian public thinks of themselves as keeping peace, sometimes peace has to be made, not kept. And that involves fighting on occasion."

Ryan Graceffo, 26, a first-year design foundations program stu-

dent said he views the Canadian Forces as a failsafe in case a situation in a country heats up. They should only use violence as a last resort, he added.

"It's a positive thing we're viewed as peacekeepers," he said. "It sets us apart from any other military. We're not there to kill or destroy. People see us with a welcoming attitude."

As he looks ahead to the future, Leith said he can only hope the federal government takes care with their decisions.

"I really hope we resume that role of peacekeepers," he said. "Peacekeeping is not about self-interest, it's about mediating."

Book chronicles soldiers' stories

Zack Rhodes
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Journalist Christie Blatchford paid tribute to Canadian soldiers with her new book, *Fifteen Days*.

The book delves into the lives of real troops and their long, hot days in the Afghan desert dodging bullets and building friendships.

"These guys are so compelling and so upfront and so accessible that I figured if you can't write a good book about Canadian soldiers than you can't write a good book about anything," said Blatchford.

While her generally conservative opinions are well known and in the past have been pro-war, Blatchford doesn't let her feelings delegate the book's direction. Although she admits that while writing she "went against every instinct I have as a columnist" in terms of what to include, she let her subjects tell their own tales.

"I didn't want to further politicize these guys. Canadian soldiers

go where they are told to go by their government and the rest of us back home can debate the merits of what they're asked to do but I think it's unfair to politicize them," Blatchford explained.



Zack Rhodes

Christie Blatchford also writes for the *Globe and Mail*.

"My own views on Afghanistan are well known. I'm supportive of the mission and I think it is a worthy and noble cause. I thought I would be cheapening their sacrifices if I talked about my own per-

sonal opinion."

Over the course of a year speaking with and spending time with soldiers, military personnel, their families and friends, Blatchford built a rapport with her subjects.

"I think they found it cathartic to talk to somebody, anybody," she said. "I guess it was easy for them to talk to me. They had some basic level of trust that I was well-intentioned, but more than anything I think that they were just ready to talk."

Blatchford said the stories took an emotional toll. "Every time I talk about this book, I start crying. And I did while writing the book," she said.

"In every other chapter there was a point where I threw my hands down and just sobbed for a few minutes before I'd start writing again," she said, but added that the experience was ultimately rewarding.

"Whenever I come back from Afghanistan, I'm always a little bit better a person," she said.

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Remembrance Day



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Images of war

Livia Fama
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

Last year, creative photography student Brad Farrow witnessed something of a Remembrance Day miracle in Afghanistan.

He was a bombardier with the Canadian Forces, on a mission in a scorching, bone-dry corner of Kandahar province.

"We were told it hadn't rained there in seven years," said Farrow. "The first day we got rain was Nov. 11."

Farrow, 22, was just 17 when he decided to follow in the footsteps of his father Larry by joining the army. A Guelph native, Farrow joined the artillery infantry in his hometown and began two months of basic training in Meaford, Ont. in 2002.

He was anxious to see action when he began a six-month deployment in Afghanistan with E Battery, 2nd Regiment, Royal Canadian Horse

Artillery in August 2006.

Although joining the Canadian Forces was his lifelong dream, leaving home wasn't easy for Farrow – or his mother, Elaine.

"You have to accept that people make choices," she said. "It's their life, not yours."

Mother and son maintained regular contact. "He'd call whenever he could to let me know that he was okay, but it was very stressful."

Farrow says his time in Afghanistan was a feat of physical and mental endurance. "I wanted to see if I could do it, if I could withstand those conditions," he said. "You don't really know what you're capable of unless you test yourself."

Long before that November rain, Farrow's first test came as soon as he stepped off the plane.

"It was really hot, about 50 degrees in Kandahar," he said. "I drank seven litres of water the first hour."

Farrow also had to get accustomed to his new surroundings. "When we first arrived at the base

there were sea containers everywhere," he said. "It was just dirt, dusty roads, a lot of brown, and heat shimmers everywhere you looked."

"The first time I heard explosions, I thought 'what's going on?'" Farrow said. "I got used to it pretty quickly."

It wasn't long before Farrow's artillery unit was engaged in combat against the Taliban.

He experienced close calls during these battles. In one instance, his rank received word its infantry section was engaging the Taliban and had run out of ammunition.

"We had to put down a wall of artillery fire while they were extracting," Farrow said. His rank continued firing for an hour while the infantry section was brought to safety. "We got to perform what we were there to do," Farrow said. "We saved friends and it was a good feeling."

When a mortar exploded near their armoured vehicle, Farrow volunteered to take the place of his shaken co-worker.

"I just got in there right away," he said. "I hesitate."

In mid-November, shells landed 50 m from Farrow, and just five feet from a homestead who narrowly avoided being stung with shrapnel.

He admits such moments of bravery were tempered with fear.

He recalls an instance when a truck exploded the back of a convoy carrying two friends. "I was 10 to 15 minutes waiting to hear if they were okay... were just heart-wrenching," he said.

For Farrow, these experiences are part of his Remembrance Day personal.

"Young people need to remember what happened and what mistakes were made," he said.

Asked if he thought he might never see his friends again, Farrow confidently shakes his head. "It was a rush," he said. "I had a lot to do – it wasn't my time yet."





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Future in Afghanistan

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We have to have patience. It's not going to be fixed in a day or two.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai
- CTV News

It's going to take 10 years or so just to work through and build an army to whatever the final number that Afghanistan will have, and make them professional and let them meet their security demands here.

Gen. Rick Hillier
- CTV News

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Canada should build on its accomplishments and shift to accelerate the training of the Afghan army and police so that the Afghan government can defend its own sovereignty. This will not be completed by February 2009, but our government believes this objective should be achievable by 2011.

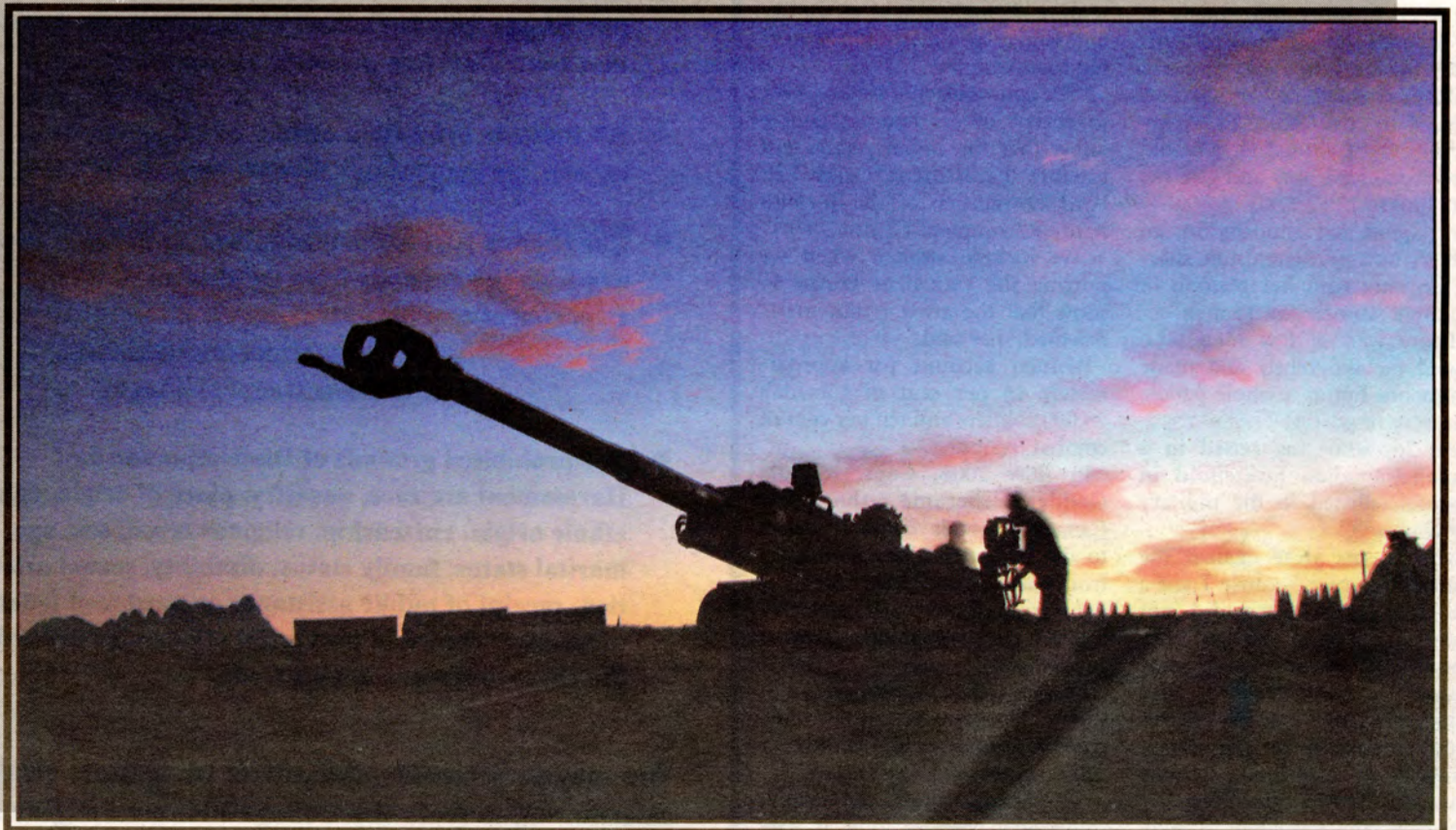
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For the upcoming *G.I. Joe* motion picture, the traditional 'real American' heroes will be changed to a politically correct global strike force. — www.foxnews.com



Raymond Andrew de Souza

Activists hit Toronto's streets against the war in Afghanistan.

Shooting down the stereotype

Tracey Finklestein
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

Although Cpl. Claudine Lee was accepted by fellow Canadian soldiers during her time in Kandahar, she faced hostility from many of the Afghans she was there to help.

"For the locals to see a woman in uniform is shocking," recalls Lee, now with the Toronto Army Recruitment Centre. "They would stare at me for hours and give me dirty looks."

Lee spent six months in an artillery unit in Afghanistan, sharing housing with her platoon of two other women and 15 men.

"There were a few men who treated me differently and made comments, but as a whole people were very respectful."

Lee, 26, who was raised in a Korean-Canadian household in Toronto, enlisted in the military five years ago.

"My parents were against me joining the army because I am a girl," she said. "They did not understand that the military evolved and nowadays everything is equal."

The Canadian Forces now allows women to take on combat roles, a change from when they were only allowed to take support roles.

In 1989, the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal directed the

armed forces to remove employment restrictions based on sex.

"Women were shunned and harassed when they first entered the military," Lee said.

The Canadian Forces now require all soldiers take a two-day harassment-sensitivity course during basic training.

"The course teaches soldiers how to accept others and let people know that the military does not tolerate harassment," said Sgt. Ford Cowalishen of the Toronto Army Recruitment Centre.

"We include women when we portray the Canadian Forces to show that the army is not male-oriented," Lee said.

Women account for approximately 16 per cent of Canada's 79,000 soldiers and ten per cent of combat troops.

In May 2006, Capt. Nichola Goddard became the first Canadian female combat soldier to die in battle. The 26-year-old from Calgary was killed when her light-armoured vehicle was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade west of Kandahar.

The Canadian Forces does not differentiate between sexes when deciding who goes into combat or fills any other job, Lee said.

"In Canada, women can be anything they want as long as they qualify," she said.

Marshalling in protest against military action

Raymond Andrew de Souza
SENIOR REPORTER

While Canadian soldiers are fighting and dying to bring peace and stability to Afghanistan, some Canadians are fighting a different battle at home — ending the war and bringing the troops home.

Sid Lacombe, the national coordinator of the Canadian Peace Alliance and organizer of the Troops Home Now rally on Oct. 27, said while soldiers may be going to Afghanistan with good intentions, their presence is actually worsening the situation.

"We don't believe the war in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq, the war on terror in general is the main focus and we're opposed to the whole lot. It's become an absolutely horrible situation that has created much more misery for the people who have been invaded than what the US would have had us believe before hand," Lacombe said.

"We've never had a beef with individual soldiers. Soldiers don't make the decisions to go to war. Politicians make the decisions to go to war. The individual soldiers just do what they're told,"

Lacombe said.

With the recent announcement by General Rick Hillier that Canada could be in Afghanistan for ten more years, people like Lacombe wonder why the Canadian army is there at all.

"Politicians make the decisions to go to war. The individual soldiers just do what they're told."

— Sid Lacombe,
Canadian Peace Alliance

Captain Aida Gabriel, the diversity and public affairs officer for the Toronto recruitment office of the Canadian Forces, said Canada is there as part of the International Security Force Alliance with 52 other nations, with a mandate to assist Afghan President Hamid Karzai with securing and rebuilding his country.

According to Cpt. Gabriel, Canadians have every right to speak up for what they believe but people are misguided when they

speak against the military.

"We are doing as we are told. And who tells us what to do? Someone like you who votes, everybody else who votes, everybody else who puts the government in place," Gabriel said.

"The Parliament in essence controls and delegates the actions of the military. We are just an acting body. So when people have their opinions on the military they're not rightly directed because it should be an opinion towards the Parliament."

While Lacombe said the troops should come home, he also said that the meaning of Remembrance Day is lost in the war against terrorism.

"Remembrance Day used to be about the victims of war and essentially being used to make sure that no war like that would ever happen again and no world wars would ever happen again," Lacombe said.

"And now unfortunately it's being used as a 'ra ra support the troops' position. Essentially taking the substance of Remembrance Day, which is 'never again,' and turning it into 'let's go to war.'"

A Humber for All

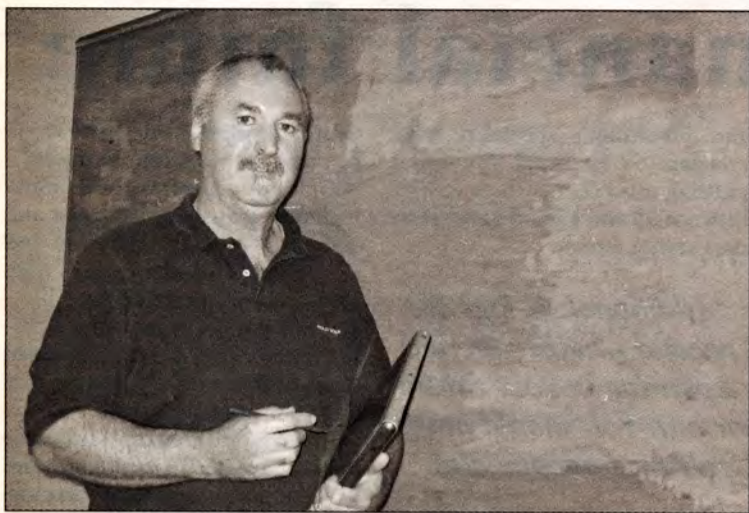
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John Smylie

Humber professor Richard Mitchell uses a projection screen and tablet PC instead of a chalkboard to present his lessons.

Variations on a blackboard

John Smylie
BUSINESS REPORTER

Math and science professor Richard Mitchell created a system consisting of a tablet PC and a projection screen to help deliver his notes and lessons to students. This innovative system that takes the place of the traditional blackboard has recently been in the spotlight.

"I haven't picked up a piece of chalk for over a year," said Mitchell, who's been a professor at Humber for the past 23 years. "It's been really exciting."

Mitchell has not only won one of Humber's Innovation Awards earlier this year, but also a 2007 Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College. He has also been invited to the 2007 Conference on Information Technology Nov. 11-14 in Nashville.

According to the league's website, it has over 800 post-secondary member institutions from 14 countries as members, including Humber.

A tablet PC offers the mobility of a laptop computer but has touch screen technology and uses a stylus or digital pen instead of a mouse. This allows the user to handwrite or type on a keyboard to input text.

"It's like an electronic blackboard," he said. "It's referred to as pen-based learning technology."

He uses a combination of different programs, including EverNote and Microsoft's PowerPoint to enhance his lessons. By blending the different programs with a tablet PC, Mitchell is able to deliver professional, organized notes.

Other benefits include being able to go over every step of a math problem in detail, use different coloured 'chalk,' and being able to change numbers or equations on the fly.

"I also have a lot more space than a typical blackboard," he said. "I don't have to erase things. I can

just scroll down and keep writing."

Students can follow along on their laptops as Mitchell posts all of his lessons in a folder on the Humber network.

He said he is pleased with his students' response. "They are showing up, participating, and getting good marks."

"It's very interactive," said Greg Siedlak, Mitchell's student. "It gets the point across, but in a much more interesting way."

The first-year computer engineering technology student also said he liked how Mitchell was able to go step-by-step through equations and add extra audio and video material.

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— Richard Mitchell, professor

Mitchell said he enjoys teaching two of his favourite things. "I love technology and love challenges."

Mitchell thanks his colleagues for the support, especially Jane Dearing, manager of technology architecture for Humber's IT services, and Pam

Hanft, dean of liberal arts and sciences. "It's like a family here," he said.

Dearing said despite the learning curve involved in using tablet computers, they can be very beneficial in the classroom environment.

She said on top of the instructor's presentations, other benefits of using a tablet PC include making it easier to collect and mark electronic copies of assignments and easy note taking for students. Mitchell is not the only one using this technology at Humber. Select classes in the industrial design program in the school of applied technology have been using tablet PCs and more recently, the business school began using them.

Mitchell said he would enjoy mentoring other instructors wishing to incorporate his system with their teaching methods.

On Friday he welcomed Mohawk College instructor Brian Shaughnessy into one of his classes to demonstrate the use of the technology.

Alcohol tax tanked

Raise a glass to city council, the booze tax is smashed

Kassina Ryder
BUSINESS REPORTER

The decision about whether to put a five per cent municipal tax on Toronto's alcohol sales was put to rest last week.

"The only other thing that might happen is if councillors who aren't members of the executive committee decide to pull it out and take some action on it," said Shelley Carroll, Toronto's budget chief. "But that's highly unlikely."

Taxation of alcohol sales is one of the powers granted to Toronto in the City of Toronto Act, implemented in January last year.

According to a council report released in October, a five per cent tax on alcohol sales at liquor, beer, and wine stores would make the city about \$44 million. However, three enduring problems make the tax unfeasible, and one might be against the law.

First, since the tax would only



Kassina Ryder

Paul Dygon is happy alcohol prices are not going up.

apply to sales within Toronto, citizens could easily avoid it by purchasing alcohol outside city limits. Second, the Liquor Control Act requires alcohol prices to be the same throughout Ontario. Pricing alcohol higher in Toronto than anywhere else in Ontario could be illegal, according to the report. Third, the high cost of administering the tax is a barrier.

Also, the federal government issued a report to city council stating it would add its own taxes on top of the municipal levies.

"If we added five per cent tax onto the bottle they were going to consider it part of the cost of the bottle and they would tax the tax as a result," Carroll said. "It's a very short report and the last para-

Current level of taxation

Beer

\$0.28/L to Canada; 12% to Ontario



Wine

\$0.51/L to Canada; 12% to Ontario



Spirits

\$1.66/L to Canada; 12% to Ontario

Source: Centre for Addictions Research of BC

graph talks about how the federal government had the intention of taxing the tax and we said 'okay we're done'."

Second-year mechanical engineering student Paul Dygon is glad to hear there won't be another tax on alcohol any time soon.

"We're already taxed too much on it," he said. "In the States we pay \$18 for a case of Canadian and here we're paying \$47 and all of that is taxed."

Dodging the tax would have been simple even if the tax had been put into operation, Dygon added.

"I would have bought it outside of city limits, I'd stock up, go to the States and bring a whole bunch back."

Be the jukebox hero in your rec room

Christopher J. Fry
BUSINESS REPORTER

Millions of Eddie Van Halen wannabes have been practicing chromatic scales and power slides in preparation for the latest installment in the *Guitar Hero* video game franchise — and now it's here.

That's right, the game's creator Neversoft is back with *Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock* and if you've ever played any of the *Guitar Hero* games, you're going to love this one just as much, if not more.

However, if you've never had the chance to live out your inner rock star dreams with the help of *Guitar Hero*, here's a little history.

The first one was released in 2005 and received much acclaim from fans and critics.

Both groups fell in love with the game's guitar controller and were amazed how easy it was to play songs, even for people who have no experience playing a guitar. They see what they have to play represented on the TV screen by coloured notes that correspond to the coloured buttons on the guitar controller.

With the success of the first *Guitar Hero*, *Guitar Hero II* and *Guitar Hero Encore: Rock the 80's* were released the following year.

The latest version is being heralded as the best of the series, which has sold a combined 5.9 million copies.

The soundtrack is by far the best of any of the

previous games. You'll be able to shred away on the wireless Gibson Les Paul to modern day legends like Weezer, The Beastie Boys, The Killers, Rage Against The Machine, and Tenacious D. If you're into classic rock you'll love the contributions from legends like Alice Cooper, Kiss, Foghat, The Rolling Stones and The Who.

Additionally, the creators added a few more tricks to the game by enhancing the career and co-op career modes. In career mode your character works his or her way up through the ranks, starting with a backyard show, and eventually battling the Devil in a showdown to obtain guitar legend status.

The coolest addition to the game is the battle mode, where two players, either physically in the same room or over network play, face off.

It's a lot like the pro-face off mode in *Guitar Hero II*, but there is no starpower to earn, only attack power, which allows you to throw a slew of attacks at your opponent like broken strings, difficulty up, amp overload, broken whammy bar, double notes, lefty/righty flip, and the dreaded death drain.

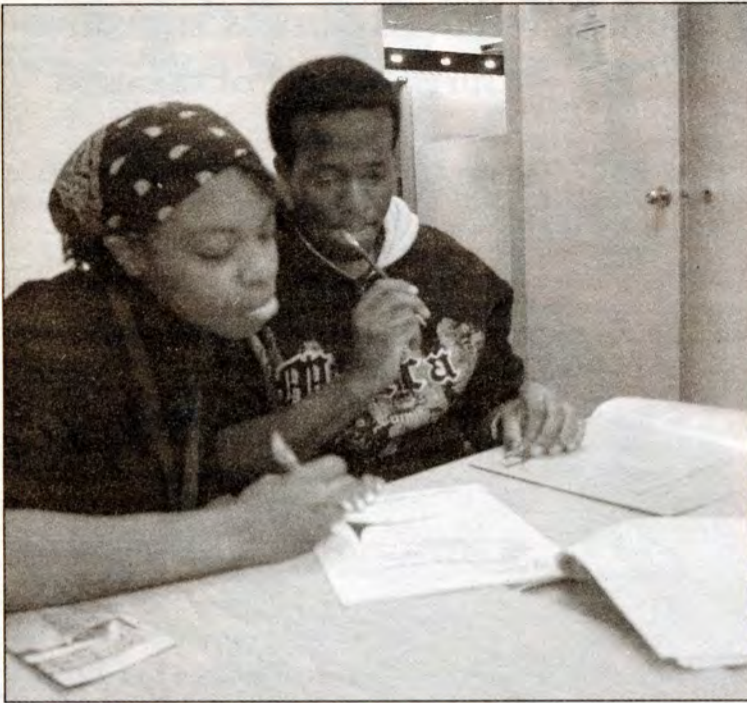
One major issue for Wii owners is that a second controller is not sold separately for two player modes. Currently, the guitar is only available with the purchase of the game.

Guitar Hero III: Legends of Rock, which was released on Oct. 28, retails for \$89.99 for both the Playstation 2 and Wii consoles and \$99.99 for the Playstation 3 and Xbox 360 systems.



"Becoming wealthy isn't a matter of how much you earn, who your parents are, or what you do, it's a matter of managing your money properly." – Noel Whittaker

Learning to secure a financial future



Raymond Andrew de Souza

Ashley Prescott and Jason Brown have started thinking about the future and saving money to invest in their life together.

Raymond Andrew de Souza
SENIOR REPORTER

Jason Brown, a part-time business management student and Ashley Prescott, a first-year film and television student want to put a down payment on a house within six years.

They attended one of three Freedom 55 financial seminars called "How to turn \$25 a month into \$1,000,000" at the HSF office on Monday.

"I'm taking the time to look at my money and see that post-secondary education is an investment in my own self," Prescott said.

"I have to look at what other investments I can make in myself so that when I graduate or by the time I look at the steps in life, like marriage and retirement, I can be secure financially without always living from paycheque to paycheque."

The seminar was lead by Frank Rizzi, a financial security advisor

and investment specialist with Freedom 55 Financial. According to Rizzi, most clients come to him between 35 and 45 and have yet to start saving money.

"Additional savings are needed whether there is a pension in your future or not. You should never rely on someone else."

—Frank Rizzi,
financial advisor

"I think the big reason for not starting is that no one taught them or told them to do it sooner," Rizzi said.

"Additional savings are needed whether there is a pension in your future or not. You should never rely on someone else."

According to Rizzi, helping students is helping the future. Students need to "manage any debt possible," and not get into

debt if possible. "You just have to be proactive with your finances."

Topics discussed at the seminar included managing expenses and savings, as well as a question and answer session that dealt with investing and personal inquiries.

According to Brown, the seminars were useful and explained some of the risks of investing that might turn people off.

Brown and Prescott said their plan to save for the house includes working hard, managing finances and considering riskier stock options.

"We don't want to settle. We want to work hard and actually achieve something so we can look back and say we didn't wait for it to happen. We didn't procrastinate. We dealt with it as soon as we could deal with it so we actually earned it," Brown said.

"You have to look at yourself like you're your own island. How are you going to govern yourself? You have to grow up," Prescott added.

Wishing for laughs

Sahba Khalili
LIFE REPORTER

Students served up a giggling gala last Friday to put smiles on children's faces.

Eleven second-year tourism and hospitality management students hosted a comedy club night in Seventh Semester to raise money for the Toronto chapter of Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The event, which was a school project, included a buffet-style dinner.

Second-year tourism and hospitality management student, Ashley Duncan said she was quite pleased with the turn out.

"I think we have accomplished so much in such a short amount of time and we should be proud," Duncan said. "Just to see a smile on a kid's face really makes it worthwhile."

Humber comedy students donated their funny bone to the cause.

The first man to take to the stage was Doug Pumpkin, a second-year comedy writing and performance student.

The self-professed "thinking

man's comic" lit up the stage with jokes about David Suzuki, hybrid cars and Hurricane Katrina.

Fellow funny men Dave Merheje and Ryan Denee also got the crowd fired up with their comedic personas.

Jorge Whiteman was the guest speaker and is an official wish granter for the foundation.

Whiteman has spent the last four years working with the charity.

During that time, he said he has been fortunate to make many dreams come true.

Among those he has granted is a 14-year-old boy diagnosed with Duchenne's Syndrome whose wish was to be on *The Simpsons*.

"Some just need someone to read bedtime stories to them and that's what my group does. All get their wishes," Whiteman said his work puts his life into perspective.

"Everyday you see these things and you stop complaining about your own life. When you see these kids whose lives are so restricted, it really makes you grow up," he said.

Students raised more than \$600 for the charity.



Sahba Khalili

Clockwise, from top left to right: Ashley Duncan, Karin Kim, Christy Fasundes, Katerina Ivanova and Nicole Harripersaud.

STUDENT BODIES

The Et Cetera Fitness Challenge

Now in week 8, Alyssa is seeing and feeling the results of her hard work, and others are noticing too. Her weight loss has become more evident since she began changing her eating habits.



Alyssa Winfield
Starting weight: 180 lbs
Current weight: 172 lbs
Weight loss to date: 8 lbs
This week: 3 lbs

"I'm really re-working what I eat. I have friends who won't go to Harvey's so I won't go. Changing what you're eating is really important."

"I've lost weight this week. I had somebody come up to me today and say 'you're really losing weight'. It's hard to juggle workload at school and working out."

I think I'm getting more motivated lately. It sucks because there's not much time, but I really want to do it.

I'm a big fan of Thinsations. They're awesome because I'm eating healthy, and when I'm craving something sweet, I just have one of those."



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Nutrient-rich H₂O making a splash

Waters infused with vitamins may seem like a good idea but students should think twice before drinking

Mandy Ross
LIFE REPORTER

Vitamin-enhanced waters are growing in popularity and may soon be available at Humber.

Marketing and public relations co-ordinator for Humber's food services Michelle Gillingham said students may be able to buy the drinks for about the same price as other higher end drinks, but should drink them with caution.

"Because labeling laws are very relaxed in North America, students should take it upon themselves to look into the ingredients of the drinks," she said.

Shannon Munkley, a naturopathic doctor in Toronto, said the waters have a high sugar or artificial sweetener content.

"The sugar content in some of the vitamin waters is almost as high as the sugar content in a can of Coke. They are by no means healthy," Munkley said.

Munkley said the sugar in vitamin waters is horrible for the body's immune system and only offers a small amount of health benefits to students.

"Even if students don't take vitamin supplements, I would still caution against drinking vitamin-enhanced waters."

Souha Mourad, a pharmacist at Vibrin Drug Mart in Mississauga

said the vitamin drinks are processed and wouldn't supply the daily recommended amounts of vitamins students need.

Mourad said the liquids are useless for students who are relying on them as their only source of vitamins.

"Sugar-free vitamin waters complement what nutrients students get from food and actual vitamin supplements."

"Because labeling laws are very relaxed in North America, students should take it upon themselves to look into the ingredients of the drinks."

– Michelle Gillingham,
public relations

Students buying the waters for energy should be taking the Chinese herb ginseng, and a multi-vitamin with B12 on top of the waters, she said.

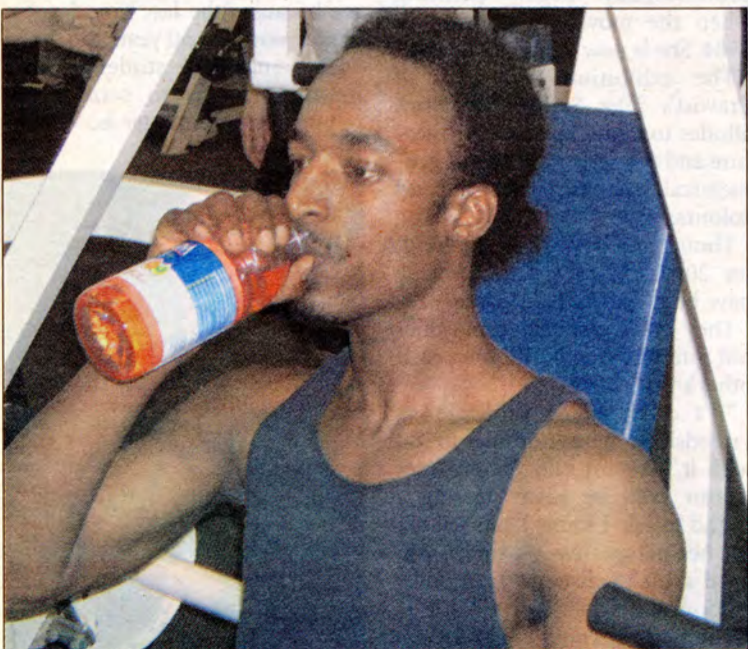
Students are also better off drinking the stuff that comes out of the tap. "Regular water can't interfere with other vitamins or medications students may be taking. Pure water cleans out the system," she said.

Emilia Waitz, a first-year fitness and health promotions student said she started drinking the vitamin waters because she heard they were healthy and energizing.

"I think they're good. They give me the nutrients I need."

Waitz said everyone in her family likes the beverages and they would be a popular seller at Humber.

"Students would buy the vitamin-enhanced waters at Humber because they are energizing."



Mandy Ross

Alfie Chambers, a second-year nursing student, says drinking vitamin-enhanced water helps him during his workouts.

Get with the Program

Celeste da Silva
LIFE REPORTER

Meet second-year industrial design student Dave Norton.

Q. Why did you choose this program?

A. "I chose this program because I am interested in the design field, particularly automotive and product design."

Q. What exactly does your program entail?

A. "We learn about art history, we learn about different styles of design to try and understand and grasp concepts and use them in our designs. In first year we learned how to draft and now, in second year, we are going into computer aided drafting. We basically learn how to draw into perspective, we learn how to fabricate and how to do mould making etc."

Q. What is it about your program that you enjoy most?

A. "I enjoy the drawing/sketching, the model making and the computer aided design part of the program, as well as the Photoshop part of it. Another great thing about this program is that it is a degree program, so at the end of my four years I will receive a degree in the course as opposed to a diploma, which is great."

Q. When you graduate, what kinds of jobs can you expect to get with this kind of program?

A. "We can get jobs in automotive design and

product design. Automotive design is the road I'm thinking about taking, but I'm also kind of interested in product design because it's a wide variety of products. I can design chairs, doorknobs, everything."

Q. What skills would someone need in order to be successful in this program?

A. "You have to have an artistic ability and you have to be able to communicate well verbally with others. This program is more about teamwork than it is about individuality. You have to have that creative aspect and also be familiar with physical mechanics and have some grounding in computer aided software and drafting."



Celeste da Silva

Dave Norton hopes to own a design business.



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Master Chef kicks off tour

Dane Cook brought his all to the popular event

Nicole Lane
A&E REPORTER

American comedian Dane Cook kicked off his Rough Around the Edges tour in Toronto last Friday hoping the energy he is used to receiving here would serve as momentum for the remaining 24 shows.

"I've got a pretty vast fan base that for many years has supported me from the north," Cook said. "I just have an affinity for Toronto."

Using a venue as big as the Air Canada Centre is not usual for stand-up comedy, but Cook felt that such a large audience is fitting.

Spectator Jen Straine, 25, thought that the size of the crowd was great. "He has a lot of fans and he knows that, so I think it's just natural for him to do such a big show."

Straine loved every aspect of his material, admitting she didn't stop laughing the entire time. "Even when he did do the old jokes, he did them a little differently," Straine said.

Cook described the tour as "a bit of a best of" show, an evolution that goes back to the sillier nature of his CD *Harmful If Swallowed*.

"It's 90 minutes of some of the best stuff that I could possibly come up with over the last couple of years. Even returning to some of my roots with *Harmful* and *Retaliation*," he said. "It uses my entire repertoire to do the best show that I can."

Fan Mark deBoer said that even though Cook performed many of his older skits, it was still entertaining.

"He put a different spin on them so it wouldn't be boring for the die hard fans," he said.

"I liked how he started with the new material because we've already heard all the punch lines of his old jokes."

"It was funny when he did the Kool-Aid Man bit and brought the people from the audience up."

Cook pulled two males from the crowd to perform the bit, which he referred to as the first on-stage comedy duet.

"You don't know how good that made me feel. That was kind of scary!" Cook told the audience.

With his films *Good Luck Chuck* and *Dan in Real Life* recently released in theatres, as well as another on the way, it seems a bit crazy to be starting a new tour.

Cook said he has been burning the candle at both ends a bit, but loves what he does and plans to rest next year.

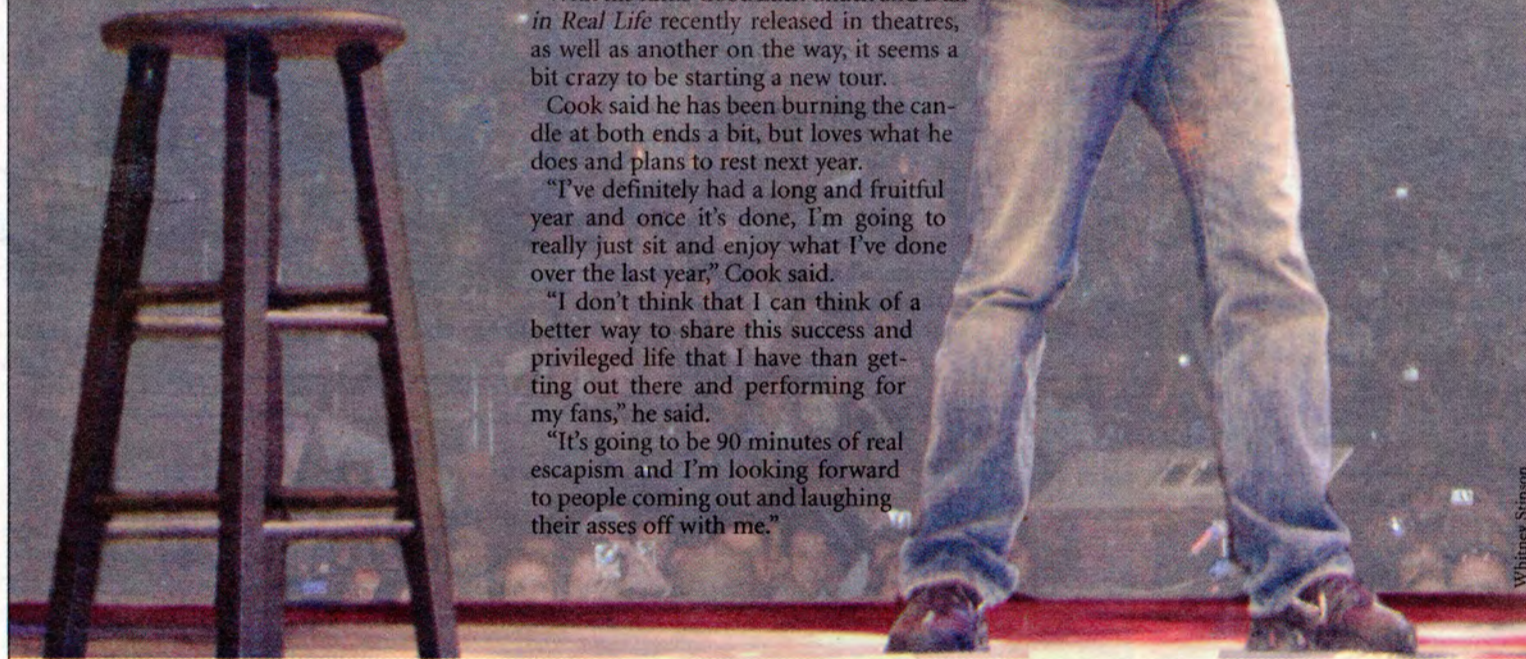
"I've definitely had a long and fruitful year and once it's done, I'm going to really just sit and enjoy what I've done over the last year," Cook said.

"I don't think that I can think of a better way to share this success and privileged life that I have than getting out there and performing for my fans," he said.

"It's going to be 90 minutes of real escapism and I'm looking forward to people coming out and laughing their asses off with me."

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— Dane Cook, comedian



Whitney Simpson

Ernest goes to school

Karolina Walczak
A&E REPORTER

Renowned producer and writer Ernest Chambers received an honorary degree from Humber last Saturday.

The School of Creative and Performing Arts recognized his 45-year career in the entertainment industry at the convocation ceremony.

Dean Joe Kertes said it was an honour to have Chambers receive this award. "He's been a friend of ours for a number of years. He took a real interest in our comedy program and he's been advising us as to which way to go with the program."

In addition to his leadership in the comedy program, Chambers has also brought in some of his colleagues such as the Smothers Brothers to come speak to students about their careers.

Chambers said the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour was one of his biggest accomplishments. He had produced the variety program and said it was unique because "it was the first time there was social satire that was successful on television."

He read about the comedy program at Humber in the *New York Times* and wanted to create a reality show about it.

"Having worked with a lot of comedians I know most of them are crazy," he said. The Lakeshore campus was once a mental asylum, which Chambers thought was "just perfect."

He has written and produced for Frank Sinatra, Bill Cosby and Carol Channing among others.

Some of his recent work includes the TV series *Men Are from Mars and Women Are from Venus* and the Dennis the Menace movies.

At the convocation ceremony Chambers told the graduating students he is just as excited as they are because "the last time I got a degree was over 50 years ago."

He reminded students how important it is to seize every opportunity no matter how small it may seem.



Karolina Walczak

Ernest Chambers produced *The Merv Griffin Show*.

Fire ignites painting and strong friendship

Heather Senoran
A&E REPORTER

Unlike their natural counterparts, the fire of Frances Patella and the water of Dominique

Prevost only serve to ignite each other's art.

Patella creates her unique landscape images by combining photography and painting onto one canvas.



Heather Senoran

Frances Patella (left) Dominique Prevost at their GH show.

Born in Italy, the High Park resident has been painting for 25 years and also teaches photography at Downsview Public School.

Patella said she wouldn't be able to choose between painting and photography. She said she creates her artwork as mixed media which gives her the flexibility to do both of her passions at once.

For the past five years, Patella has been documenting controlled burns that take place every year in High Park.

The burning of the fields is safely executed by Urban Forestry to get rid of pests and unwanted plant invasions.

"I go every year and shoot during the fire and up to a week after the fire," she said. "It's beautiful. I love fire and always have. I'm just drawn to it."

Unlike Patella, Prevost said she prefers water over fire. "I'm drawn to transparency and movement. I like clouds and dust."

The Quebec City native said she

has been an artist all her life but professionally began painting when she moved to Toronto in 1984. She is now living in Oakville.

The exhibition was part of Prevost's Tiles Series. Her work alludes to landscape and architecture and the series is a mix of geometrical shapes, patterns and colours.

Though their work is different, for 20 years, Prevost and Patella have been "partners in crime."

They make sure friendship does not interfere when critiquing each other's work.

"It's called being professional. Friendships have nothing to do with it," Prevost said. "Sometimes it can even be easier having a friend to ask. I know I can ask her for her perspective. At times, you need a bit of distance from your work. You need a new eye."

Their Constructive Landscape exhibition was displayed at the Guelph-Humber art gallery from Oct. 25 to Nov. 2.

A wartime diary of illustrations sketched by Second World War prisoner Robert Buckham is on display at the West Vancouver Museum. – www.metronews.ca



Courtesy Michael Dawson

Creator Michael Dawson poses with a film challenge poster.

Filmmakers work round the clock

Amanda Gomes
A&E REPORTER

Filmmakers have the chance to showcase their talent at the upcoming Toronto Film Challenge (TFC) on Nov. 24.

In its sixth edition, the competition will test 30 contestants' filmmaking abilities, challenging filmmakers to compose a short flick in 24 hours.

Second-year film production student Elijah Marchand said he is thinking about gathering a group of friends and entering the challenge.

"They are looking for creativity in the shortest period of time," Marchand said. "It gives filmmakers a taste of what challenges are like and the process of making a film."

Contestants range from students or aspiring filmmakers to people who own production companies. Experience is not a factor when it is time to pick the winning video. Filmmakers are judged on their talent and the film content.

"It is a unique opportunity for filmmakers to showcase their work," said Kim Aasen, the event's publicist.

Executive producer and creator Michael Dawson got his break from a Vancouver film challenge and found it was a memorable experience.

Dawson said Toronto needed a similar competition to assist aspiring filmmakers and spent the majority of 2004 creating the TFC which debuted in 2005.

On top of showcasing their talent, the contestants have a chance to win prizes ranging from \$15,000 to \$25,000.

"I strongly believe this is a fantastic opportunity for young filmmakers to have a voice in the community," Dawson said.

Dawson recently wrapped up the filming of his short film *Air Apparent*, which was shot in Toronto. He is working on his next project set for release in January.

"As a filmmaker you shouldn't question yourself," Dawson said. "Go with your gut instinct."

Head of percussion keeps the beat

Kyle Rindinella
A&E REPORTER

With musicians like Ron Sexsmith, Matt Dusk, Pete Townsend and Weird Al Yankovic on his resumé, Mark Kelso has brought years of experience to Humber as the head of the percussion department at Lakeshore.

Born in Northern Ireland, Kelso grew up in a musical family. Both his father and grandfather were drummers. At 12 Kelso was taking lessons and tips from his father

and by 13 he knew he wanted to follow in his father's footsteps.

Kelso is also a 1983 Humber alumnus. He called his time at Humber "a great and thriving environment. It was great to be in a community with other players."

Since then Kelso has become a force on the Toronto music scene, not only as a percussionist but also as a singer, producer and composer.

He was originally asked to teach private lessons for six hours a week by the former head of percussion

Roger Flock. Kelso was promoted to the head of the department after Flock left.

Kelso said that since returning to Humber three years ago, he has started to take out the orchestral component of the program, and made it more drum-kit oriented.

"In today's musical market, drummers need to play all kinds of different things. It is fun to play small jazz clubs when you are 18 to 20, but when you are older and have a family, you need to be making money...playing drums, not

working in a car factory," Kelso said.

Second-year drum student Chris Ryan said Kelso teaches students to be drummers in the real world, playing different styles.

"He teaches us that there are different styles of music, especially in Toronto," Ryan said. "It is the reality of the music business. His playing encompasses everything that he tries to pass on to us through teaching."

"When you hear Mark Kelso play, you hear the afro beat, the funk, the jazz, it is all there. He is really diverse and sensitive to the people around him. He is a really great player all around."

Kelso enjoys playing live at The Lulu Lounge and The Rex, a small jazz bar on Queen Street West. "You can play whatever you want and it will get respected."

He also plays in the Humber Big Band which he said keeps him on his toes. "It is a great opportunity but it is an experience every drummer should do at least once. It is a lot of pressure."

Even though Kelso has worked with many artists such as Gowan, Bonnie Raitt, Mary Wilson from the Supremes and Shania Twain, he said his favourite collaboration was with Gino Vannelli, an Italian-Canadian singer and drummer. Kelso said to play with Vannelli you have to be a world-class drummer. "I loved his music at age 18, and 20 years later I got to play with him," Kelso said. "It brought me back to my youth."



Kyle Rindinella

Mark Kelso marches to his own drum teaching a range of drumming techniques at Humber.

Show freaks students

Sideshow performers pass up the pizza for crickets, maggots and rubber chickens at CAPS

Greg Coyle
A&E REPORTER

Devil's Night at CAPS had more screams, thrills and terror than Halloween itself with a performance by stunt group The Great Orbox Sideshow.

"Our role as entertainers is to entertain, and I think as people start to become more popular, they forget that," Orbox said. "All we ever try to do is go for laughter, it's just how you get there in the meantime, whether you disgust them first or not."

The group performed incredible, yet nauseating stunts such as hammering a nail into Orbox's nose, eating crickets and hot dogs covered in maggots, and escaping from a straight jacket.

Co-performer Sweet Pepper Klopek goaded the crowd as the jacket was being tied up. "What's the difference between Toronto

girls and garbage? Sometimes garbage gets picked up," joked Klopek.

One Armed Bob joined the show when Orbox asked him to be a roadie nearly two years ago. "It's a terrible job. It hurts, it sucks, but you're building a name for yourself and, eventually, more money will come."

Four years ago, Orbox was accidentally set on fire at one of the shows but said he doesn't fear pain. "Failure, that's what I've always been most afraid of."

First-year accounting student Sarah Miller, 21, enjoyed the unusual form of entertainment.

"It was pretty creepy," she said. "Some of the things they did, I'd never do them. It was like watching *Jackass*. My favourite part was the condom coming out of the guy's nose. I've never seen something go through both nostrils before."

"My favourite part was the condom coming out of the guy's nose."

– Sarah Miller, accounting student

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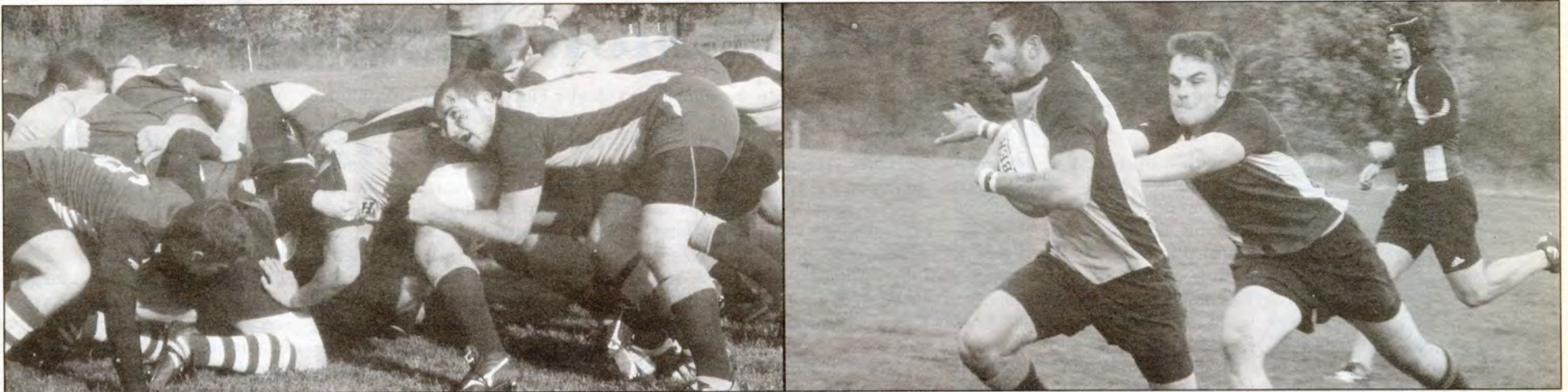
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Which new Fall TV show do you like best?

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SPORTS

The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association's male athlete of the week was given to Adam Chianello of the Humber Men's Rugby team. – www.ocaa.com



Tonya Raymond

Finishing the regular season 7-1, the team had the lowest points against with 27 and scored the most with 288. Now the Hawks find themselves in the finals.

Shutout win in semi-final match

Tonya Raymond
SPORTS REPORTER

The Hawks rugby team won its semi-playoff match against the Fleming Peterborough Knights 27-0 this past Sunday.

After a default win to end the regular season, Humber started off strong in the first ten minutes of the half searching the ball, and it saw Adam Chianello score his first try of the game.

"I let the team help me out, they get me the ball and I do the rest but if it wasn't for them I wouldn't score," said Chianello.

Fleming gained some momentum as Humber lost its push.

Despite Fleming's hard work, it was not noticed on the score sheet. Each time the Knights looked to get a break the Hawks answered with jaw dropping tackles.

As the Hawks were dishing out hard hits they were receiving them as well.

Andre Rose-Green went down with an injury to his leg but was able to stay in for the last ten minutes in the first half as Humber jumped to a 17-0.

In the second half, Fleming had one last chance to get going. Rose-Green was hurt and the Knights attacked with hard tackles. Head coach Carey French had no choice but to take Rose-Green out.

"He could have probably stayed on longer but if we had kept him on longer then we may not have had him for next week," said French.

Later in the second half, two more Hawks were hurt, James Thompson and Matthew Stanfield joined Rose-Green on the sideline with injuries.

Rose -Green had confidence his team would come away with the win without him.

"It's hard for me because I feel I got to be on the field to contribute but the guys have been working all year long, I felt a little more comfortable, more than normal, knowing that I could come off," said

Rose-Green.

"The way they played was exceptional. I think they started playing better when I came off but as captain it's awesome to see how my team responds with me off the field."

The Hawks responded without three key players. The substitute players came in and did their part while scoring ten more points in the second.

The Hawks want to work on defence, fitness and the technical aspects of their game as they get set to face rival Seneca Sting this Saturday in the gold medal game.

In the regular season Seneca beat the Hawks 6-5. Despite the one

point loss, the Hawks are not worried about the match up.

"We use that loss as a motivator and hopefully guys take that as a personal grudge against themselves. You get mad that you lost but at the same time it's a very strong weapon," said Rose-Green.

French said not a lot of adjustments need to be made when facing off this weekend.

"I don't think we have to do anything different than what we have been doing."

Rose-Green added, "It will come down to playing rugby...I don't think any team could stand a chance against us if we play our game."



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The Ontario Colleges Athletic Association women's team of the week was given to the Humber Hawks Volleyball team. — www.ocaa.com



Esteban Castellanos

A powerful drive by Lynden Drayton Barrow seals the win.

Unbeaten start

Esteban Castellanos
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's basketball team kicked off their season on the road with solid back-to-back wins this past weekend.

The victories came over the Algoma Thunderbirds University-College and the Sault College Cougars.

Mark McNee led the way for Humber with 19 points as the Hawks won 63-55 over Algoma Friday.

It was not an easy win as the Thunderbirds were led by forward Vyron Phillips who scored 27 points on the Hawks. But it wasn't enough as the rest of the team only shot 30 per cent.

"It's kind of frustrating when shots just aren't falling," said Phillips. "All of a sudden a two-point lead goes to a 10-point lead."

With similar statistics in rebounding, shooting and turning

over the ball, the game could have gone either way, but the Hawks did not let it slip away.

The Hawks' second game this past Saturday was against a Cougars team which is rebuilding, leading it to have a much shorter bench and line up.

The Hawks struggled with turnovers in the first half.

Then third-year player Jose Araujo lashed out at his team with five minutes left, challenging them to not beat themselves.

"Second half we answered my challenge," Araujo said.

He really stepped up his game, leading his team with 20 points and every player on the team scored at least one basket.

In the second half the Hawks outscored Sault by 33 points to take the game by a score of 97-55.

The Hawks blistered the score sheet with a 61.9 per cent from the field and 55 per cent from three-point-land.

New hockey talent

Brandon Geobey
SPORTS REPORTER

There has been recent talk about 17-year-old John Tavares being the next 'Great One.'

In the summer of 2005, Tavares was drafted into the Ontario Hockey League allowing him to participate as an underaged player. He was the first player to be drafted at 14.

"He's a great hockey player, solid kid. I've played against Tavares for a couple years now, the past two years we've been playing on the same team," said Oshawa Generals forward Dale Mitchell, who is a Toronto Maple Leafs prospect.

"I give him a lot of respect, he's 17 with the hype of being the next Great One, that's huge. He handles it pretty well, he's just your regular 17-year-old kid."

The OHL all-star has recently

been involved in talks with the owners of the American Hockey League's Toronto Marlies. The possibility of signing a deal allowing Tavares to skate for the Marlies the upcoming season is in the air. Tavares said the chances of making an NHL team line-up if he were drafted in 2008 would not be likely.

"The experience of that would be great, I would get the chance to play with NHL players and hear advice that would only help me to be a better player," Tavares said.

When asked about the pressures of being in the limelight at such a young age, especially in the category Gretzky was in, Tavares laughed.

"For sure, it's a great accomplishment, but it doesn't affect me or my game at all. I just stay focused on what I have to do and make sure I do it."

Tough loss turns focus

Jamie Griffith
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's volleyball team was not able to get the win, despite a strong start into the Humber Cup Tournament last weekend.

The team lost in the semi-final match to the Fanshawe Falcons.

The Falcons went on to lose in three sets to the Mohawk Mountaineers, who won the championship.

The Hawks dominated round robin qualifiers, winning nine of a possible ten sets.

Its only stumble in the qualifiers came on Friday night against the Algonquin Thunder. After squeaking by with a three point win in the opening set, Humber lost the final set 25-12.

"We were within four or five points in that second set and we just didn't capitalize," said head coach Wayne Wilkins. "Had we pushed just a little harder, we potentially could have overtaken it and won two straight."

He added there was nothing his team should hang their heads about.

"I thought they had a great weekend. To get nine points (set wins) and to be tied for first place in the entire tournament says something."

Wilkins said the loss was a learning experience for his squad.

"We had to be a little more focused in that second set," he said. "There's no time to rest in a two game set."

On Friday, the Hawks won their games against the Seneca Sting and the Durham Lords.

Saturday's early games against the Loyalist Lancers and Cambrian Golden Shield also resulted in wins.

One semi-final match saw the Hawks and Falcons square off, but neither team was able to dominate.

The Hawks managed to pull away in the first set winning by five.

The second set began close knit, but unlike Humber it saw Fanshawe increase their court intensity. This was seen by a huge three player team block which got their bench, and the Falcons' women's squad watching from the bleachers, onto their feet cheering. This play led Fanshawe with confidence and the win in the second set.

"I think we had trouble matching

their intensity, said captain Steve Eichhorn. "We just let up a bit."

Both sides could not control the third set and the Falcons prevailed 15-13.

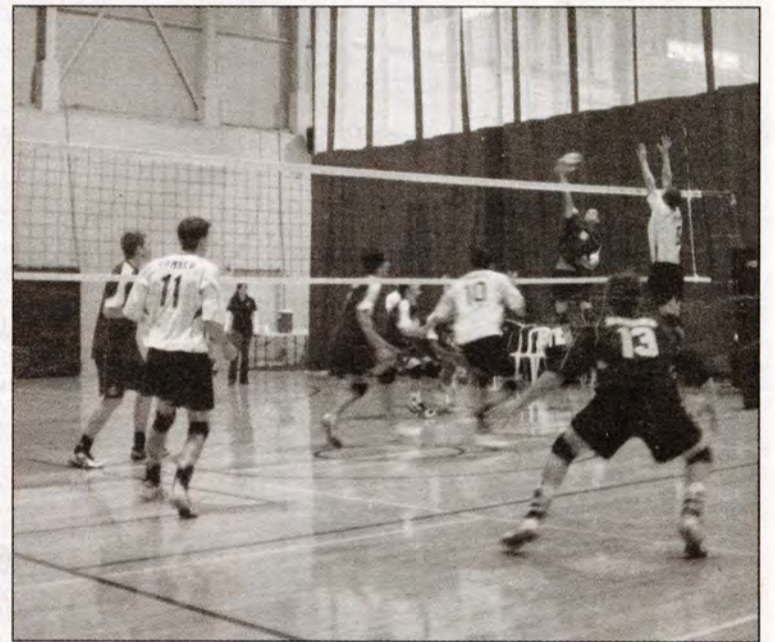
"That was a great match," Wilkins said. "To win or lose 15-13, you can't ask for better than that. Other than a win, I guess."

Wilkins said the match was decided in the second set loss.

Eichhorn feels the team has made great strides.

"We've been working so hard in practice, and it's been translating on the court," Eichhorn said. "We've already had a lot more success this season than last, we're on the right path."

The focus for the Hawks now turns to the regular season.



Jamie Griffith

The Humber men show their solid defensive play.

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James Shea

Hitting the pine wasn't enough for the women in the end.

Late steal stays Hawks

James Shea
SPORTS REPORTER

A steal by the Algoma Thunderbirds with less than two seconds left squashed the Hawks' women's basketball team's chances for a season opening win this past weekend.

Despite jumping out to an early 8-2 lead and a 29-21 lead at halftime, the final score saw the Hawks on the losing end of a 67-65 decision.

"We started off the second half sluggish. We need to work on our communication," said Hawks guard Meghan McPeak.

The Thunderbirds were led by guard Lara Stilin, who finished with 24 points, 17 of those coming in second half.

Thunderbirds head coach Thomas Cory said his team was fortunate to get the win.

"We played with poise, which was good to see. But the main thing is that we stopped turning

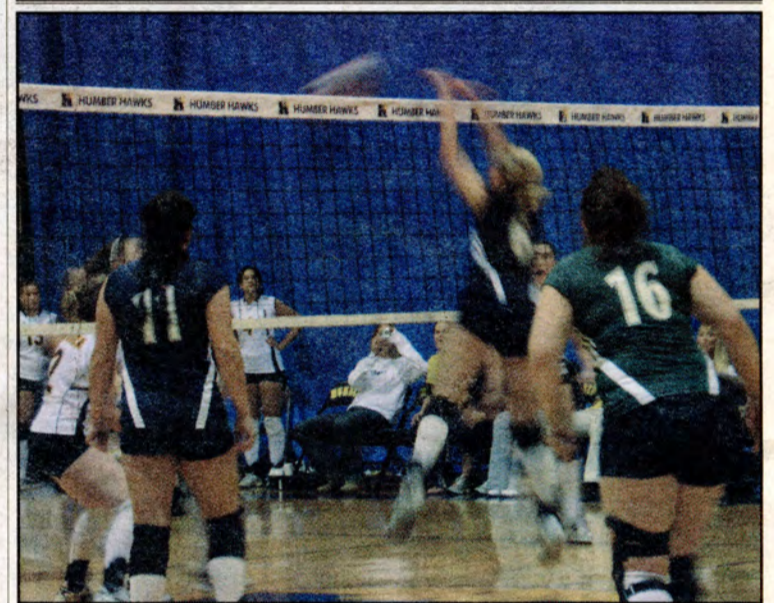
the ball over in the second half."

Solid play led by forward Holly Goodard, good defense by Megan McPeak and a hot shooting hand by forward Shauna Prior all contributed to the game's narrow margin.

But shooting 45 per cent from the free-throw line inevitably cost the Hawks.

"We had the opportunities to win the game, it just didn't happen," said head coach Denise Perrier. "We didn't give up, and we fought hard, but we weren't executing our offense."

The Hawks now look to get back to an even record on Nov. 13 at home against Fanshawe.



Tyler Brooks

Strong play around the net contributed to the win.

Women's v-ball comes out on top

Tyler Brooks
SPORTS REPORTER

Capped by an MVP performance by Landis Doyle, the women's volleyball team captured the 2007 Humber Cup last weekend from defending tournament champions, the Nippissing Lakers.

"Our goal was to be in the finals," Doyle said. "We just had to take it one game at a time."

Doyle said she appreciated her most valuable player award but said the award could have gone to anyone on the team.

"We were more consistent than we've ever been and were finally coming together as a team," she said.

The twenty-fourth annual tournament saw ten teams from the Ontario College Athletic Association vie for top spot.

"The team who wins here usually becomes the OCAA gold or sil-

ver medalist," said assistant athletic director Jim Bialek. "It is one heck of a measuring stick."

Hawks head coach Chris Wilkins said it was a win the team needed to get. Nippissing defeated the Hawks earlier this season in a similar tournament final showdown.

"The team who wins here usually becomes the OCAA gold or silver medalist."

-Jim Bialek, assistant athletic director

"It was important for us to know we could beat them," he said.

The women entered the tournament's playoffs in top spot after spiking their competition against Seneca, Cambrian, Algonquin, Durham and Loyalist.

Wilkins said he was impressed by his team's consistent play, as they had not been defeated in a single set throughout the event.

The Hawks showed strong play at the net, with strong blocking from both Rachel Dubbeldam and Robyn Stafford and powerful smashes coming from Doyle.

"We knew we had to set our mark," Doyle said.



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