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With Humber hockey funding slashed, anxious athletes ponder future cuts.

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Toronto's 10-day carnival of creativity comes to a close this weekend.

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Fantino: Rexdale "relatively" safe

KIRK VILLAMARIN
SENIOR REPORTER

In wake of the shooting that rocked the Humber community, Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino came to Etobicoke to reassure residents of their safety.

"This city is a relatively safe city. This community is relatively safe, but I emphasize relative. I don't think that you can count on the police to be able to guarantee absolute safety in whatever neighborhood or to whatever constituency. We're trying to do our best on all fronts to make sure that everyone is safe here," Fantino said at the Albion Mall.

The visit meant a great deal to a community still dealing with the death of 32-year-old Keino Lewis Trotman, who was shot dead in front of his apartment building on Humberline Drive, just a block away from Humber College.

Homicide detective Rudy

Pasini of the Toronto police said Trotman had never been in trouble with the law and that an attack like this is something almost impossible to guard against.

"You can't protect yourself against this type of attack. This fellow, even if he was vigilant, he had no way of seeing this coming," Pasini said.

After shaking Fantino's hand, Reitman's manager Nina Blaskovic said his visit was very important for the morale of the citizens and for the people that live around Rexdale.

"Rexdale has been a pretty violent place and his presence should make the people here feel safer," she said.

During his speech to business owners and residents, Fantino didn't once mention Trotman's name, but did point out a 20 per cent drop in area crime rates.

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Security guards ousted after complaints filed

LAUREN GILCHRIST
SENIOR REPORTER

Three security guards have been dismissed from Humber College following student complaints of inappropriate behaviour.

In the first of three separate incidents, a security guard was banned from North Campus after taking a student's personal information from a classroom wall and making several harassing phone calls.

Gary Jeynes, director of public safety, was quick to condemn the behaviour and remove the guard from campus.

"It [the complaint] is true through our investigation," he confirmed. "It's totally unacceptable and we do not allow that. That person is what we call NRT [not to return and trespass]."

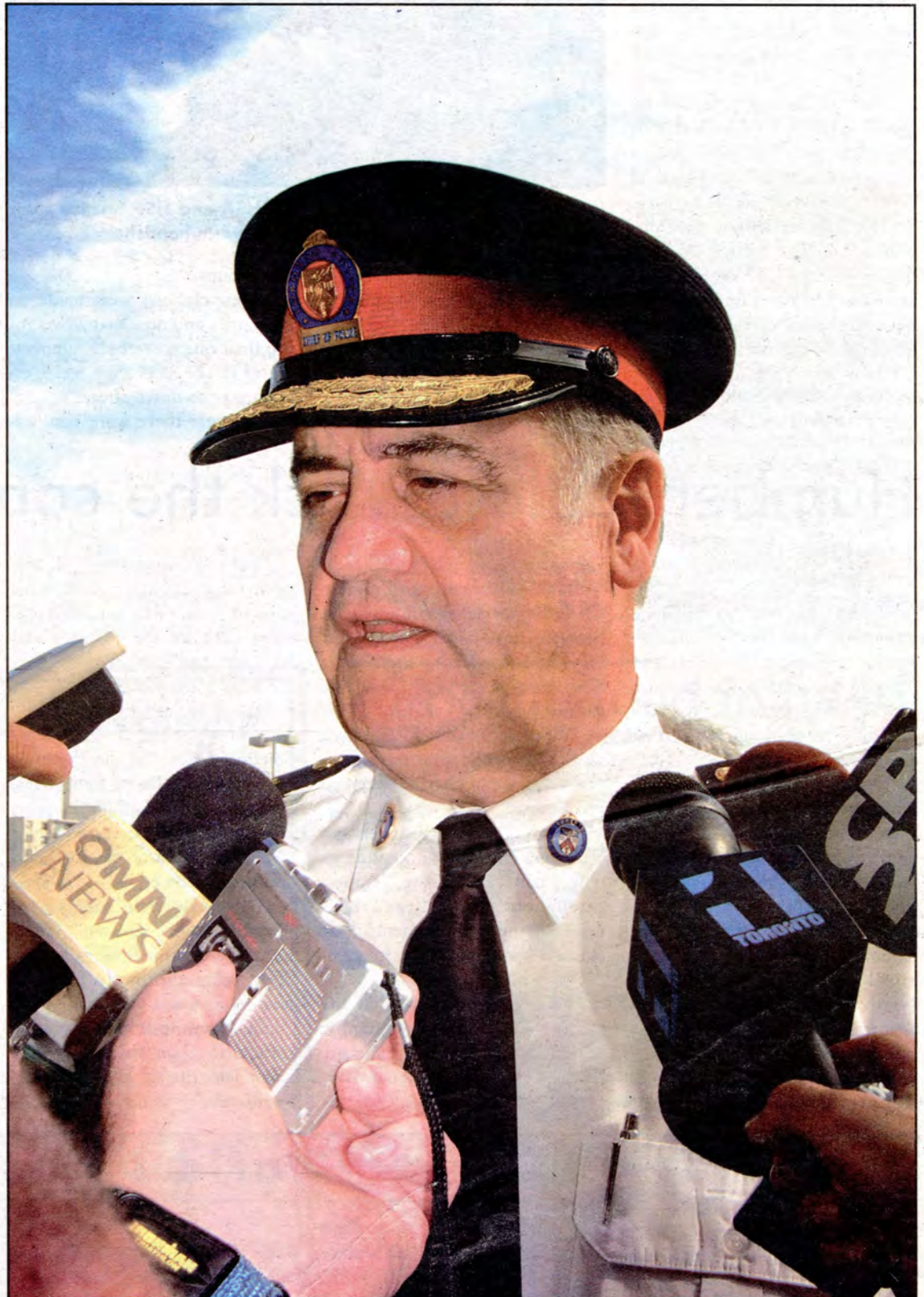
The student, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she is still anxious about the invasion of her privacy.

"I've been having nightmares. I keep thinking he can now find out where I live. It freaked me out a lot. You think they're supposed to protect you," she said.

The same evening, a group of students who were being escorted to the Queen's Plate parking lot said a security guard gave them offensive and potentially dangerous safety advice.

The student who lodged the complaint said she was appalled at the guard's suggestion that, to avoid serious harm in a rape situation, a woman should ask for a clean condom and not resist her attacker.

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Shiho Futaba

Last week's murder near Humber's North Campus has generated a renewed focus on crime in Rexdale. Police Chief Julian Fantino made rounds throughout the community, emphasizing 23 Division's success in lowering rates of crimes like break and enters and sexual assaults.

News

HSF swallows up Guelph-Humber GHSA gives up student government status to join Humber

RANDI BOKOR
HSF REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation (HSF) president Jen Green and the Guelph-Humber Students' Association (GHSA) President James Galloway have signed a memorandum of understanding that ensures HSF is the only student government on campus.

The HSF and GHSA have been working for more than three years on a plan that would blend the two schools and student associations.

The memorandum would allow the GHSA to run events and activities like any other club in the school and have the HSF fund it.

Humber facilities would be available for GHSA use and both Humber and Guelph-Humber students would be permitted at either school's events.

The University of Guelph-Humber will be treated like any other school of studies at Humber. They will be entitled to have someone represent them at all of the board meetings held by the HSF, according to Green.

Unlike the HSF, the GHSA is not a student government and

therefore can't ask its students to pay fees to the association like the HSF can. Guelph-Humber students must pay the same \$39

only student government on campus."

Galloway, says he is excited for the new venture between the



In the works for three years, the GHSA and HSF finalize their new agreement this past week with a warm handshake.

Humber students pay to the HSF.

"They are a body of students who can represent the interests of Guelph-Humber students but can't do anything to bind their students in any way in terms of a fee," Green said. "The HSF is the

two groups.

A few changes were made on both sides and now that we've got the final one we're both supportive of it," he said. "We feel it's a great way to move ahead."

Last year there were conflict-

ing issues concerning the elections that have been solved with the new agreement. Prior to the elections, HSF was considering whether or not a Guelph-Humber student would be able to run for the Vice President (VP) Administration position.

"The VP administration position needs to have a strong connection with the Humber community and at the time (the HSF executive) thought it wouldn't be compatible with a Guelph-Humber student. After looking at it more thoroughly, we decided it can be," Green said.

Coincidentally, the student who ran and won the position of VP administration for this year is Tyler Burrows, a Guelph-Humber student.

It is hoped that the memorandum will not only unite the HSF and GHSA, but also the students themselves.

"I noticed that sometimes there is tension between the students but I hope that can be alleviated by joining the student governments," Kelly O'Regan, a second-year industrial design student, said,

"We're all here for the same reason."

3 guards removed

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A third complaint arising from a situation in Residence in which Jaynes said "an officer made an inappropriate statement" resulted in a third NRT.

The security guards are employed by Group 4 Falack, a security company contracted out to Humber College.

"I can't fire them from Group 4," Jaynes said, "but I can demand they not return here."

Kristal Barber, a representative from Group 4 Falack, described the action her company will take.

"If it's his first time, he'll be taken off the site, but security guards have three chances until they are fired," Barber said.

When the news of the dismissals broke on Monday, Humber students were shocked to hear of the misconduct.

"Even if he was a student it wouldn't have been right. But as a security guard it's abusing his role," second-year general arts and science student, Angela L'Italien, said of the harassing phone calls.

"He was taking advantage of people through his position," broadcast student Stephen Butland said.

"We dealt with that very quickly as soon as we gathered the facts and information. Not acceptable, not tolerable and they're gone, no questions," Jaynes concluded.

Humber radio to rock the community air waves

DAWN FARRELL
SENIOR REPORTER

With the recent licence approval from the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunication Commission (CRTC), Humber's CKHC 90.7 FM radio is working on getting their air waves out.

On Sept. 13, the CRTC approved the application from Humber to allow them to operate an English-language developmental campus FM radio station on behalf of a non-profit corporation.

Being the only college station available in Toronto, Humber North is the first campus station that has been granted the developmental low-powered licence and is the first radio station in Canada to play 100 per cent

Canadian broadcasting.

Radio Broadcasting Program Co-ordinator Jerry Chomyn has been the station manager for over 10 years and is aiming to have the new frequency 96.9 FM available for next year.

"We're very excited," Chomyn said. "Toronto's the most competitive place in Canada to get an FM license."

CKHC's primary listeners are Humber's faculty and students who can hear the station throughout the college's hallways, though some students don't actually know about the frequency.

"I don't even know what the station is," third year graphic design student Jackie Bernat said. "I don't even know what they play."

Derek Bowlingbroke, a second-year radio and broadcasting student is working on advertisement sales for the college's new 96.9 FM and explains how they are getting the word out.

"Word of mouth is the best way to help get it out there," Bowlingbroke said. "In the making, we have a list of four to five promotions that will get Humber students involved and create awareness in both the hallways and in Residence."

"I'd like to help support the Humber radio station," CAPS bartender John Redhead said. "They play the music I like to hear."

To listen to Humber's radio station live, go to their Media Mix Café site at <http://radio.humberc.on.ca/>



Phil Messina, a third-year broadcast journalism student, spits his first shift at CKHC 90.7 FM to the students in Humber's halls.

United States of America

After devastating Haiti, hurricane Jeanne came ashore in Florida killing at least six. Florida is still recovering from the devastation caused three weeks ago by Hurricane Frances. Jeanne is the fourth hurricane to hit Florida, during this, its hurricane season.

World Digest

Iraq

Two Italian workers were freed in Iraq after spending three weeks in captivity. They were released with a number of Iraqi and Egyptian hostages. British engineer Kenneth Bigley still remains captive.

North Korea

North Korea has declared they have made nuclear weapons out of 8,000 spent fuel rods. North Korean Minister Choe Su Hon said that they needed the weapons as a deterrent against a U.S. invasion.

United States of America

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will start photographing and fingerprinting visitors from 27 different countries upon entry. Those who will be fingerprinted include citizens of the European Union, Australia, Japan, New Zealand and Singapore.

Gym drops \$9,000 on swipe cards

Questions arise over usefulness of spending - locker rooms await upgrades

KIRK VILLAMARIN
SENIOR REPORTER

A minor flaw in the Humber gym sign-in method has resulted in a \$9,000 overhaul.

In the past, if a full-time student wanted to use the gym, the he was just required to show his timetable and college ID and a gym attendant would place a sticker on the ID card.

That sticker would give the student access to the gym for an entire semester.

But, according to Humber President Robert Gordon and Facility Manager Dean Wylie, the "sticker system" doesn't work.

They claim that college graduates and dropouts are easily sneaking into the gym by putting fake stickers on their card.

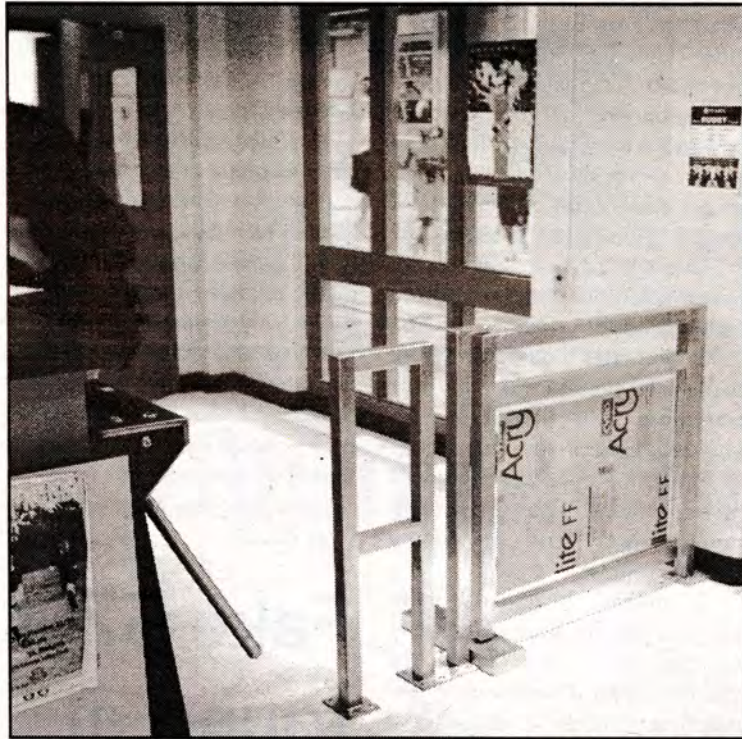
"We have so many people who want to use our facilities now. We have to restrict it to the Humber family," Gordon said. "If you have a whole bunch of outsiders playing basketball every afternoon or using the weightlifting equipment, using the treadmills, it's a bit of problem," Gordon said.

Wylie added that students who quit their program can no longer keep using the gym until the end of the semester.

"If you're in the middle of a semester and you drop out as a student, your card will no longer activate the system," Wylie said.

This claim of system abuse is substantiated by a source who wished to remain anonymous.

According to the source, who graduated from the college two



Cheyenne Morin
The new system is meant to reduce long lines and wait times.

years ago, he found away to get a sticker on his card over the summer.

"I worked out several times during the summer. Now, I guess I won't go," he said.

This is why Humber's gym has switched to a swipe system like the ones used at the YMCA, Bally's Total Fitness and other health clubs, Wylie said.

According to Wylie, the swipe system will be updated weekly, and this is bad news for students who drop out late in the school year.

Gordon agrees with such a

system. "You lose your privileges here, if you're not a student. It's pretty simple to me."

Only students and those who pay for a monthly membership will be using Humber's gym now, Gordon said, adding that the price of the swipe system isn't too expensive.

"We spend millions on renovating buildings, changing labs, so \$9,000 is not a lot in that context," Gordon said.

But, some don't see the money as a good use of College funds. Business management student, Pablita Thomas, said the \$9,000

invested in the swipe system could have been easily used to improve the gym.

"\$9,000 could have gone a long way. It could have gone to upgrading the bathrooms. The change rooms need more space for the varsity teams. There isn't enough space," she said.

Thomas also commented on the discrimination of use against students who drop out. "The update of this is pretty useless. If you're a student and lets say you drop out of class, you still paid for your program and that should still allow you to use the facilities in the school."

The swipe system, now in place, was to be installed before classes started but only arrived recently

"They were supposed to be installed at the end of August," Wylie said. "But it was sitting at the dock. So we just have to finalize the system"



Cheyenne Morin
Stickers are out. Swipe is in.

No bailout for OHIP and HSF health coverage

LAUREL SANDERS
QUEENS PARK REPORTER

Humber students are feeling the pinch as OHIP won't be saved by the \$41 billion Ottawa pledged earlier this month for medicare.

Starting in November, the provincial government will no longer pay for three "less critical" benefits: eye exams, chiropractic and physiotherapy services.

"That's an example of a two-tier system," Carol Glonet, health centre manager at North Campus said. "Wealthier people can afford it, and people on smaller, single incomes aren't going to be able to."

The health plan available to students through the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) does not cover eye exams, chiropractic and physiotherapy services.

"If we have to refer students to physiotherapy, they'll have to pay out of their own pockets," Glonet said.

One student who needs regular physiotherapy is JulieLyn Anderson, a regular face around campus. The single mother with a chronic spine problem volunteers in the career centre, nature centre and arboretum. She will have to do exercises on her own, but go to a doctor, instead of a physiotherapist.

"It sucks to have to go the doctor for your followups," Anderson said.

President Gordon and the "new" student

Special Report

MAGDALIN MENDOZA
STUDENT LIFE REPORTER

Humber President Robert Gordon declared at his President's Breakfast that the school was dealing with a new breed of student.

One who is confident, privileged and has a rampant desire for instant gratification.

In a recent interview, an Et Cetera reporter sat down with Gordon to discuss his view on this "new" student.

"I see them as more liberated, in some ways more confident. But, in other ways, not so. There is a certain amount of masking confidence."

"But I am sure, in fact, that there's a lot of insecurity. Peer

pressure, demands of society, and the exposure to the urban

life and sex all contribute to the masking. We live in a much more liberal permissive society that I didn't have growing up."

And, it's pressure that Gordon attributes much of these new attitudes to.

"I think they feel more pressure. They're under pressure by parents to do well and make money because it's a very competitive environment out there. I find that, therefore, they are more insecure. More pressures, More problems."

"I just think it's not that simple to be young with the pressures that are on them, so in a way I have a great deal of empathy for young people."

Gordon isn't the only one

who has noticed the change.

Radio Broadcast professor Joe Andrews, who has been teaching at Humber for 16 years, said he too has noticed a difference in today's student.

"I think that when we look at the students of today versus 16 years ago, that the biggest difference is the issue of respect. With the new student you have to almost earn it," Andrews said. "It's unfortunate it isn't given initially, as it once was."

Andrews adds that technology has contributed to the instant gratification

"They don't have cell phones available the student body has now—the accessibility and speed of computers are different than what they expect."

Hurricane fund in need

LAUREN GILCHRIST
SENIOR REPORTER

The Caribbean relief fund still desperately needs donations from the people of Grenada who were struck hard by hurricane Ivan.

"We're doing a lot better than last week for sure," Kamimura Alexander Caribbean Culture Society (CCS) president, said.

Alexander added that although donations are increasing there remain many items the people of Grenada need. "They need hardware, hammers, nails, waterproof matches. Anything to

rebuild places," she said.

The CCS has a contact who is connected with the Grenada consulate helping to get the donations to the right place.

A benefit dinner is also in the works. No date has been set, but Alexander said it will be within the next two months. Alexander added that many other colleges and universities are also holding relief campaigns for hurricane victims and

hopes they can all come together with the CCS for one large benefit dinner.

Donations are dropped at HSF.



Lauren Gilchrist
For a first hand account of the disaster see pg. 12

News

Fantino cites lower crime in area

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"It's just a remarkable turn around that has taken place here

and some of it has to do with projects that have been put in place dealing with gangs and

guns," Fantino said.

Police superintendent for 23 Division, Ron Taverner said now more officers patrol the area, but not due to Trotman's shooting.

"People that go to the police college are deployed to these areas and we were lucky enough to get some extra officers out of the last recruit pass," he said.

Taverner advised students to never walk alone after dark and to use the buddy system.

"It increases your chances of being safe. Be aware of your surroundings and know what is going on around you," he said.

Taverner complimented Humber on its initiatives in community safety with its Safety Escort Program.

"Humber College in my opinion one of the best community colleges in Ontario or in the country when it comes to implementing safety initiatives," Taverner said.

The Safety Escort Program allows students to be walked anywhere on campus and driven out to their parked cars at Queen's Plate.

However, with last week's fatal shooting Humber students living in the area say this crime has given them a whole new perspective on the safety of the community they live in.

"It's very unsettling. It's so close to home and so close to the college. You really don't expect something like that to happen here," Norah Anshah, a first-year public relations student, said.

An off campus expansion of the walk-safe program has been considered, but rejected. Humber Students' Federation (HSF) staff have said HSF will continue to look into this program.

With files from Kristen King and Olga Kirgidis



Shiho Futaba

Toronto Police Chief, Julian Fantino, shook hands with Rexdale area residents at Albion Mall located at Kipling and Finch Aves.

Theft costs bookstore major cash

Store losing thousands, despite drop in "shrinkage"

JASON BOWSER

CRIME AND SECURITY REPORTER

Despite a drop in theft, the Humber bookstore still lost \$2,000 to \$5,000 in revenues over the last two years.

The loss is due to stolen merchandise or "shrinkage," something that used to be a huge problem three years ago, Derek Maharaj, Humber associate director of ancillary services, said.

"I think that the actual amount of shrinkage has gone down to about 10 per cent of what it was originally," Maharaj said, adding that the loss was "substantially more a few years ago."

According to store manager, Debby Martin, students have been required to check their bags for many years, but it was only

two years ago that staff members were posted at the front door to check receipts.

"I don't have a problem with it," Paula Bartley, a business student, said.

Bartley mentioned that since the bookstore started asking students to check their backpacks and bags every year, she had gotten used to it and understood the need to stop people from stealing merchandise.

During the first month of each school year, students have been required to check their bags at the concourse rather than inside the store.

Martin said that they only implement that procedure during the first two and a half weeks of the opening semester because of



Olga Kirgidis

Second-year Guelph-Humber students Rowan Pryce and Nicole Ryan get their receipt checked after shopping at the bookstore, just one of the ways the store deters theft.

the high student traffic in the store.

If all bags were dropped at the door during this period, she said, too many people would end up accidentally taking someone else's belongings.

Maharaj said they would be following the same formula as last year by having greeters at the door to check receipts. "It's going to be as smooth as it was last year," he predicted.

Fake \$20s found at Humber

ROBERT MOLELLA

CRIME AND SECURITY REPORTER

Counterfeit money on the rise at Humber College has the school looking to further safeguard itself.

Toronto police responded to a report of phony \$20s on Sept. 27 found by a food services worker.

"They get the paper and get a fancy copy machine and it's good enough to get by a few people," Don Henriques, general manager of food services, said.

According to police, production of lower denominations has become more prevalent in recent years. Before then, it was mainly \$50 and \$100 bills being reproduced.

Police believe these lower denominations of counterfeit bills are less likely to be checked than \$50s and \$100s, making them harder to detect and more likely to reproduce.

"We have machines that can detect it by holding the bill in front," Gary Jeynes, Humber director of public safety, said.

Jeynes added Humber provides seminars through the Bank of Canada to its cash workers to help them identify any counterfeit bills.

On Aug. 25, the Bank of Canada introduced a new \$20 bill with the latest in anti-counterfeiting features, including a holographic stripe, watermark, security thread and a see-through number.

The bank just introduced a new \$100 bill in March, and is also planning on releasing new \$5 and \$10 bills in the near future.

Beneath the Surface



Olga Kirgidis reports

Crime makes victims of us all. Just ask the family of Keino Lewis Trotman, the 32-year-old man gunned down in front of his home at 30 Humberline Dr.

According to Toronto Crime Stoppers, the number of people coming forward with tips has increased across Toronto, especially since they've implemented online tipping to draw in more students.

Despite the effort they're putting forth to make tipping easier, completely safe and anonymous, there are still some people who refuse to come forward.

Support from the community is vital in cases like that of Trotman. He was shot down in plain view of many surrounding homes and two large apartment buildings. Someone had to see something.

The most common excuse used by those who stay silent, despite the continuous violence in this area year after year, is fear of retribution or being identified.

Although these fears are understandable and justified in some instances, it should not be the deciding factor in whether or not to come forward, especially when it comes to acts of violence.

We all have a moral obligation to do what is right and to ensure that we don't have to walk the streets of Rexdale, or any Toronto community, in total fear.

The Crime Stoppers program, run by a group of community volunteers, allows people who call in a tip to remain completely anonymous.

When you call or submit a tip online you are given a number to identify your tip. They don't subscribe to caller I.D. and Crime Stoppers says its website is as secure as one you'd use your credit card on. They won't ask for your name, number or any other personal information.

After a few months, you can call them back with your I.D. number and find out if your tip has led to an arrest.

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Walk to support autism research

LAURA SMITH
STAFF REPORTER

Humber students are encouraged to sign up for the first annual charity walk to benefit Jake's House for Children with Autism.

"It's a really great cause and we'd like to get as many Humber students involved as possible," Jake's House representative, Shelly Foster, said.

The event, titled Jake's House Run for Fun, has been organized in association with Humber College and 23 Division

police.

Close to 20,000 Canadians are affected by autism, a neurological disorder that begins in childhood, affecting communication, social and creative abilities.

Proceeds from the event will go to support the charity and autism research.

The walk/run will take place Oct. 3 at



the Humber Valley trails, located behind Humber's North Campus. The 2km family walk will start at 9 a.m. and the 5km competitive run begins at 10 a.m.

The day will also include some fun activities for kids, like jumping castles, magicians and

amusement rides. Participants and spectators can also enjoy a barbeque with

food donated to the event by Humber College.

"It will be a fun day for everyone involved," Foster said.

The cost is \$25 to register for the run and \$20 to register for the walk. Participants who raise more than \$100 will have this fee lifted.

Anyone interested in taking part in this event can register online at www.runningroom.com or get a pledge sheet and register by calling Jake's House at 416-247-5253.

Getting involved

Take Back the Night

Date: Sat., Oct. 2, 2004 Time: Community Fair and BBQ at 6:30 p.m., rally at 7:30 p.m., and march at 8:30 p.m.

Location: Lakeshore Area Multiservice Project (LAMP), 185 Fifth St., S, Etobicoke.

For more information call Toronto Rape Crisis Centre/Multicultural Women Against Rape at 416-597-1171 or e-mail trcc@web.net

CIBC Run for the Cure

Date: Sun., Oct. 3, 2004 Time: 10 a.m.

Location: Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. W., Toronto.

For more information visit CIBC's website at www.cibc.com

Rising to the Top

Date: Sun., Oct. 24, 2004 Time: 9 a.m.

Location: CN Tower, 301 Front St. W., Toronto.

Visit the HSF offices at either North or Lakeshore Campuses to register. For more information, please contact HSF Communication Director Sonia Tessaro at 416-675-6622 ext. 5496.

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Editorial

Student safety should come first in college

Former Humber College student, Tanya Dunnill, left Humber after one year at the North Campus to attend Georgian College in Barrie. The reason why? She felt unsafe in the Humber College area.

While at Humber, she believed walking across the street to her house off-campus regularly required her to be equipped not only with her cell phone, but also her trusty pocket knife, after her roommate was beaten up on the corner of their street.

When she applied from Owen Sound to attend Humber, Dunnill was not informed of the crime rate or safety status in the neighbourhood, nor did she receive any information on the escort program Humber now offers.

Students attending Humber from outside the GTA need to be informed about the community in which they will live during their academic career.

What the school is doing to prevent and protect students from falling victim to violent crime should be discussed in orientation sessions. The existing safety measures the school already has should also be outlined at this time.

As well, such information should also be flagged in the course calendar and on the Humber website.

educate students

The off-campus housing staff should also educate students who choose to rent off campus and offer information on the escorting service and how to stay safe.

Students will make their own decisions on how safe they feel in a certain school, but if Humber is up front about community concerns and their solutions, then students will be more prepared.

Humber Students' Federation (HSF) has repeatedly expressed concerns about student safety and deserves both student and administration support to continue discussions on how to reduce the danger.

It is important not to give in on this issue. The community offers the college housing opportunities for students, and if students are deciding against Humber due to safety related problems, then both the college and the community lose out.

If the college is willing to advertise the housing opportunities in the area, then it should also be willing to help ensure the safety of the students living there.

Students working late in the library should not fear their walk home. Nor should athletes leaving an evening practice. Nor should students working on a project until the early morning hours.

Fear for our personal safety should not be a part of the college experience.

Ban on donations may lead to underhanded deals

Some Toronto city councillors want to place a ban on all corporate and union donations towards a candidate's campaign fund during municipal elections.

Councillor Michael Walker, who has been the ban's most vocal proponent, says special interests have far too great a hold on city council.

This issue has come to the forefront in the wake of an inquiry into why an exclusive

computer leasing contract was given to the firm MFP. The deal, which was supposed to cost the city \$43 million, ended up costing \$102 million. MFP lobbyist Jeffrey Lyons openly admitted to scoring tickets to various events for many city councillors. The public is now understandably questioning whether such activity is a symptom of a larger problem of influence peddling.

While such a ban on corporate



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Non-Leaf teams not supported enough by local fans



SEAN CUNNINGHAM
STAFF REPORTER

Recently I attended a Blue Jays game at Skydome. The game was competitive and the home team kept it close until the end. Yet the twenty thousand or so fans in attendance seemed to sit on their hands and didn't get involved in the game. One of the biggest problems with sports fans in this city is that unless it's the Maple Leafs or possibly the Toronto Rock, people who go to the games are just there to be seen, not to cheer on their team.

Now I'm not saying that fans need to be crude or cruel towards opposing players, but I do think that fans need to be passionate about all Toronto teams, not just the Leafs. If you go to a Raptors game all you see are people in suits having business meetings, arriving 15 minutes after the game starts and leaving a half hour before it ends, not even caring who won the game. After all, once the business deal is closed, the company can write the whole thing off as a business expense.

I understand the price of tickets or the cost of parking downtown might keep the hardcore fan away, but I believe it would be better to have passionate fans rather than just businessmen with deep pockets.

I guess what I'm trying to say is that ownership needs to realize it is just as important to have fans that care about your product, as it is to have corporate boxes sold. All fans need to make their voices heard, especially at the games.

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Opinions

Malvern and Rexdale: Truly dangerous areas or strictly media exaggerations?

Community not ghetto ... Rexdale area too scary for this student



PRIYA RAMANJAM
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

At-risk. Troubled. Disadvantaged. Whenever my neighbourhood is mentioned in the mainstream media it has become as common to have those words attached to it as to have "sponsorship" and "scandal" attached to Liberal.

Frankly, I would like it to stop. I don't live in the Humber College community, although, I am aware the media uses many of the same words to describe this area. I live clear across town in Malvern, located in the north-eastern part of Scarborough.

It is high time the media stop hammering false generalizations into the naive minds of unknowing information absorbers.

I've lived in Malvern my entire life. Whenever I share this with someone, there is usually a pause, then a look of shock and then the individual blurts out a variation of, "aren't you scared?"

Of course, I then turn to them, shrug and reply without hesitation, "Of what? I'm not scared. I've lived there all my life."

Now, I usually have these conversations with people who have either never set foot in Toronto's east end or they've been to one of Scarborough's malls only to shop. So where did they draw the conclusion that I, as a resident of Malvern, should be scared? Beats me... I don't want to throw out any accusations, but, ahem, the media, ahem ...

For example, on May 13, one day after Toronto police busted 65 members of a street gang referred to as "The Malvern Crew," (as for the accuracy of the gang's name, I won't go there) a headline appeared in one of the city's four major dailies. It read, "Mafia movies influence gang, Malverns love *Godfather* flicks, rapper videos, police say."

How is it that 65 people, not all of whom were Malvern residents I might add, are busted for drug trafficking, weapons possession and counterfeit fraud and all of a sudden over 40,000 hard working, tax-paying citizens are

in line to be the next *Godfather*?

I, personally, have never watched a *Godfather* movie, and rap fan that I am, hate most rap music videos these days.

A simple "police say" is not enough for the paper to wipe its hands clean of the situation. The phrase is not a direct quote; therefore, the editors could have made a much more conscious decision when choosing the headline and avoided such a sweeping generalization.

I am not claiming to be Miss Popularity. However, of all the people I know, just about everyone between the ages of 18-27 are either attending full or part-time school and/or holding down a job - and no, not as a street pharmacist either. What makes us troubled, at-

risk, disadvantaged or better yet, aspiring to be part of mafias? I'll leave it for you to decide.

In fact, many of the

people I know are young entrepreneurs. I know people who have founded their own clothing lines, graphic design companies, record labels, talent agencies and charitable organizations. And get this - all these people are from Malvern, or the 'Vern as we so proudly call it.

Don't get me wrong, I am fully aware Malvern has its bad apples. We have had our fair share of crime, shootings, robberies, assaults, and break and enters: there's no denying that.

But from my understanding of crime in Toronto, no area of the city is much different. It is rumoured that the business district downtown is ridden with white-collar crime, but tell someone you live there and I'm sure you'll get a different reaction than if you said you live in Malvern.

I welcome everyone to come to Malvern on any given day. In the morning you will see children hurriedly making their way to work. In the afternoon you will see the recreation centre abuzz with excitement and the roads fill up with people commuting home. At night you will see elderly couples taking evening walks. You will not see bullets flying, armed robberies or assaults in progress. And if by any chance you do, please remember that one person does not define an entire people.



BRETT WALTHER
MANAGING EDITOR

Welcome back, Humber students!

In traditional Rexdale style, you've been greeted with a hail of bullets just steps from this fine institution. You should take comfort knowing that even though there were witnesses to last week's shooting on Humberline Drive, no one's volunteered to speak with the police yet. We wouldn't want you to think you were in one of those petty neighbourhoods full of old gossips, would we?

Flak jackets are a hot item this season anyway, so just slip one on before you're out the door and you'll be just fine. So long as you don't forget to walk with a buddy. And don't walk after dark. And don't stray from the main routes. And remember to keep your cell phone charged with 911 on

speed-dial.

Frankly, I've had enough of this.

Living in Rexdale is akin to being trapped inside a rapidly deflating balloon. With each new crime that's brought to your attention, it feels as though something's closing in around you, leading to a kind of claustrophobia.

What you're feeling is your sense of security shrinking around you until you run the risk of living in fear, even if you're not entirely conscious that you're doing so.

It's that nagging warning bell that goes off in your head when you realize you need milk or cigarettes at ten o'clock at night and even though the convenience store is just down the street, you know you simply can't go. It's passing Martin Grove and being unable to prevent yourself from conjuring up mental images of last year's violent home invasion.

There's a tangible sense of fear that permeates this community and unfortunately I don't have the

solution. I applaud those in the community who are actively taking a stance against crime, and I wish them all the best in their crusade against what appear to be insurmountable odds.

I share a common sentiment with the members of these groups, primarily that we shouldn't have to become used to this.

I don't want it to become second nature to glance over my shoulder or carry my keys defensively when walking to my car in the parking lot of this very college. Neither do I want to live in a place where the constant, lingering threat of crime has restricted my freedom to the point where I feel victimized without even having been the victim of a crime.

However, instead of doing something to actively fight violence in North Etobicoke, I'm taking the easy way out.

I'm packing up my freedom and moving downtown.

So long, Rexdale. It hasn't been fun.

Public Opinion

Does Rexdale deserve its bad reputation?



"I don't think it deserves the rep because crime and violence is found everywhere."

- Alexis Vigar,
Radio Broadcasting



"Humber has gained its negative rep but by talking to students a positive rep will hopefully be gained."

-Rina Colavecchia,
Fashion Arts



"It is located in an area known for crime so it's going to have a bad rep."

- Alex Bournazakis,
Accounting



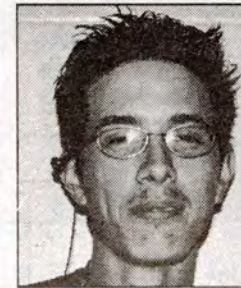
"Every part of the city has good and bad parts, some are just more publicized."

- Samantha Nicanovich,
Business Admin.



"It just happens because of the media coverage."

- Jolande Amovaal,
Fashion Arts



"I think if you mind your own business and stay out of trouble, you're fine."

- Darren Schaff,
Multimedia Design

Life

Vegetarians strike back Are colleges meeting the needs of students?

MELANIE RAPOSO
STAFF REPORTER

A growing percentage of college students are cutting the meat out of their diets and opting for more fruits and vegetables.

But are college food services meeting the needs of these new vegetarians?

People become vegetarians for many different reasons including health, environmental, economic, ethical and religious ones.

A recent survey by the National Institute for Nutrition revealed that more than 500,000 Canadians consider themselves vegetarians and this number continues to grow each year.

According to Dietician of Canada (DC) and the American Dietetic Association (ADA) a well-planned vegetarian diet can be a healthy alternative to eating meat.

Vegetarians are five per cent less likely to die from cancer than non-vegetarians. Vegetarian diets also help prevent heart disease, lower blood pressure and in some cases eliminate diabetes.

Diana Fiorini, a business student at Humber, has been a vegetarian for 10 years. Last semester she lived mainly on grilled cheese sandwiches and salad in residence.

"It's a lot easier this year because we have kitchens in our

rooms so I make all of my meals instead of eating in the caf," Fiorini said.

"It was hard because the hot dinners are usually not appealing (to me) at all."

Humber students have a variety of food facilities they can go to, including Harvey's and The Food Emporium which features The Market Grille, Pizza Pizza, Under Wraps, Mr. Sub, Country

Harvey's, Mr. Sub, Pizza Pizza, Williams Coffee Pub, vegetarian options are a part of our menus."

Despite this, some vegetarian students are still not satisfied and say there should be more variety.

"I don't think they provide enough choices," Fiorini added. "If you are a big salad fan the salad bar is awesome and there's a lot to eat there, but for dinner there isn't much to eat."

Other students feel the veggie meals at Humber like pasta, potatoes and veggie pizzas are packed with too many carbs.

Still a healthy vegetarian diet should contain complex carbs, as they are beneficial for health, weight and energy levels. However, too much of a good thing can become a bad thing.

This year the food services department introduced vegetarian Stackers sandwiches. Grilled vegetables with hummus, portobello, tofu and artichoke mozzarella are some of the new fillings.

Customers can also choose from Ciabatta, Focaccia, 12 grain and Rye breads to complete their Stacker sandwich.

Friday is World Vegetarian Day, a day designed to bring awareness to the ethical, environmental, health and humanitarian benefits of a vegetarian lifestyle.

'I don't think they provide enough choices.'

Kettle Soups and Raw Power Salads, to name a few.

"In our food services outlets across campus, we offer a selection of vegetarian foods with nutritional value," Don Henriques, Humber's general manager of food services said. "We have our very popular Raw Power salad bar, veggie stir fries, veggie wraps, pitas, soups, pasta bar, fajitas, and at the various branded concepts such as



Cheyenne Morin

Humber offers a variety of different restaurants and fast food locations with vegetarian selections, one being the Humber Room.

Defining the Vegetarian

A vegetarian is someone who avoids all animal flesh, including fish and chicken. There are also lacto-ovo-vegetarians who eat both dairy products and eggs (the most common type of vegetarian diet.) Then there are vegans (pure vegetarians), who do not eat meat, fish, dairy products, eggs, or any other animal product.

Humber Room offers fine dining Restaurant gives hospitality students practical experience

MATT DA SYLVA
STAFF REPORTER

Humber students without cooking skills who are tired of

cafeteria food only have to look as far as the Humber Room.

Located on the first floor of the E building, the Humber

Room is a "really good casual restaurant with huge value," says Richard Pitteway, manager of the establishment.

Aside from two managers in the serving area and two chefs in the kitchen, the restaurant is completely run by students. Culinary students make the food and hospitality students serve it.

Chef Rudi Fischbacher said the Humber Room is not only focused on teaching the students, but also pleasing the customers.

Only fresh, highgrade meats from government approved suppliers are used, Fischbacher said.

Samantha Pointer, first-year Fashion Arts student, said she eats in the Humber Room on a regular basis.

"I love it, you pay the same as you would in the caf but you get a full, gourmet style meal."

Pitteway said the prices of meals are so low some days they don't even break even, but any profits made go directly back into the programs.

There's no dress code, but shoes and shirts are mandatory, jokes Pitteway, and students are welcome to bring their families.

Fischbacher would like students in residence to know their meal cards are accepted in the Humber Room where they can order an appetizer, main course and dessert for as low as \$15. Not a bad price, for the quality of food you get.

The Humber room is open Monday to Friday for lunch from 11:45 to 1:15 and for dinner on Wednesdays 6:15 to 7:45.

For reservations call 416-675-5012 or just show up during business hours.



Matt Da Sylva

The Humber Room, located on the first floor of the E building, offers five star food at two star prices along with great service.

Test Your Canadian Knowledge...

A hamburger found only in Canada is the

- Louisbourger
- iceberger
- Amherstburger
- banquet burger

Which of the following words for school supplies is unique to Canada?

- pencil crayon
- Duo Tang
- scribbler
- all of the above

A slang term for a beer belly is

- Labatt muscle
- Sleeman's muscle
- Kokanee muscle
- Molson Muscle

The Et Cetera is giving away a Canadian Dictionary worth \$59.95 from Oxford University Press to the person who has the right answers by Oct. 4 at 5 p.m. Please e-mail your name, address and phone number to etcetera_life@yahoo.ca.

Watch and meditate

EVA FRAGISKATOS
STAFF REPORTER

Students stressed with school work - and who are interested in healthier remedies than beer - can fill their bodies with spirituality.

That was the message during a Sept. 22 screening at the National Film Board Mediatheque, on John Street.

Concentrate and reflect

The star of the show was *Psychyl*, pronounced "cycle", a collection of four DVDs that blend morphing visual images, accompanied by mesmerizing music. It's an example of something called "binaural beats," which affect brainwaves to help induce a relaxed and meditative state.

Psychyl was produced by a Toronto-based company that calls itself db - for the first initials of visual artist Debra McEachern and multimedia artist-composer Brent Alan Plain.

"We've been working on this for the last couple of years and we initially wanted to create a song out of visual artwork," McEachern said. "When we combined it with the type of music we were using, we found it really calmed us down."

The binaural beats are meant to encourage a "theta state," when you are very relaxed, somewhere between sleep and conscious," Plain said.

An amazing creation

The four DVDs in the *Psychyl* series are: *The Bright Seed*, *Birth of Planets*, *The Sea of Life*, and *Inner Island*. The DVDs creators say they've received positive feedback at several screenings.

"For some, the first time they see it, it's stimulating because so much imagery is happening and their brain is trying to study it," McEachern said.

But each video affects people in different ways. Some have even found the images disturbing.

The *Psychyl* DVDs will be sold in alternative health stores and selective art shops. For more information visit the website at www.psychyl.com or call 1-800-867-3281.

Part 2 of a 4-part series that looks at two students managing their money In dire need of a budget

ALICIA MEAHAN
STAFF REPORTER

Sheelagh McLellan's and Matt Fisher's spending habits became clear this week, as they splurged on items important to them - clothes and DVDs.

In last week's edition we compared the budgets of McLellan, 19, a paralegal studies student, and Fisher, 18, a media foundations student.

McLellan splurged a little this week, buying clothes from the two retail stores she works at.

"I definitely spent more this week than I usually would, but I think I deserved it. Between

working at one store and training at the other, I haven't had a day off work in two weeks," McLellan said. "Plus, the stuff I bought was 25 per cent off and 50 per cent off from the stores I work at."

In one week, McLellan spent about \$11 on take out food and \$123 on clothing. This, plus her rent, Internet, metropass and phone bill, will exceed her monthly budget of \$700.

But McLellan said she isn't too worried this month because she has worked so much, so she knows she'll have enough money to pay her bills.

Fisher's expenses were different. He spent \$5 on bus fare, \$30 on a DVD, \$20 on food and \$25 at the National Lifeguard Service, which will help him become a lifeguard when the school year is over.

Fisher turned out to be the more practical shopper for the week, only spending about \$80, as opposed to McLellan who spent \$134.

Margaret Antonides, manager of Humber's Financial Aid, says variety of different bursaries are offered to students looking for assistance.

"We're here to help the students stay in school, not to drop out...but we have to use it (money) wisely, and the student has a responsibility," she said.

About 45 per cent of Humber students use the Ontario Students' Assistance Program

'Plus, the stuff I bought was 25 per cent off and 50 per cent off from the stores I work at.'



Dawn Farrell

With little money it is hard to get by, especially when your expenses are much higher than your income.

(OSAP.)

Financial aid is the place students should go with problems filling out OSAP forms, or for any other OSAP-related problems.

Antonides recommended students should not only depend on their OSAP money.

"There's only so much OSAP's going to give you, and we tell [students] it's not going to pay all their expenses," she said. "It's a supplement to your own resources, so you need to have something, either your family or yourself, to contribute to your own education."

Financial aid also directs students to Humber's work study

program to find a job that caters to their schedule. The students can work for between \$8 and \$10 an hour, for a maximum of 24 hours per week.

The on-campus jobs are in areas such as computing and network services, residence, peer tutoring, student recruitment, facilities management and various office positions.

Students who are seeking financial aid can go to the Registrar's Office in D129 at the North Campus, and A118 at Lakeshore.

The Career Centre is located at H107 at the North Campus, A120 at the Lakeshore Campus.

Lend a brotherly, or sisterly hand

EVA FRAGISKATOS
STAFF REPORTER

September was Big Brother Big Sister month and this year Humber played its part by encouraging students to become volunteers.

Gary Nurse, manager of marketing and communication of Big Brother Big Sister of Toronto, (BBBST) said although college students are not the only volunteers they recruit, they are definitely the most qualified and within the age group.

"They have more flexible schedules, can be more interactive and more fun," he said.

By volunteering, students get a chance to give back to the community and to develop a relationship that may lead to a lasting friendship, he added.

The BBBST is in need of volunteers in North Etobicoke and North Scarborough.

Big Brother Big Sister of Canada (BBBSC) has been around

for 80 years providing children aged 6-16 years with one-on-one support and friendship.

Little brothers and sisters involved in the program are usually children who may experience social, emotional, family or school difficulties, and whose life circumstances put their future at risk, Humber alumni Harry McAvoy explained.

McAvoy is also a big brother. The organization provides different types of volunteering activities making it easier to get involved.

The in-school mentoring program, for example, matches an adult mentor with a child. The two will then choose a time to meet in school each week.

The e-mentoring program, links the child by e-mail to an adult mentor. They also meet in person a few times. E-mentoring is not as time consuming because volunteers can stay in touch either from home or work.



Courtesy

Big brother Eddie O'Toole was recognized in 2004 as the big brother who brought outstanding change in Jonathan

"Time used to be a big issue with me being a volunteer but with e-mentoring it is much easier and time is no longer a main concern," McAvoy said.

To kick start a month of activities, the BBBST spent a day at a

Blue Jays game in August. They have also held numerous other activities including the Soap Box Derby, where the big and little brothers and sisters work together to produce a memory that last a lifetime.

Life

If it isn't safe sex, it's no sex at all

Students exploring their sexuality are reminded to steer clear of STDs

LATOYA WILLIAMS

STAFF REPORTER

With the 2004/2005 academic year in full swing, students are gearing up for tons of homework, eight o'clock classes and...safe sex?

Many Humber students are away from home for the first time and can become lonely and stressed, which can lead to irresponsible decisions about sex. Many are also oblivious of the risks they are taking by not practising safe sex.

Carole Gionet, manager of the Humber health centre, said a lot of students do not use protection. She also said many students come in to be tested for sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and pregnancy.

"Most guys won't use condoms if their girlfriend is on birth control. They have this misconception that the only STDs are chlamydia and gonorrhea," Gionet said.

A lot of young men and women may feel that if they do not have these diseases they are safe and can have unprotected sex. However, there are other STDs such as herpes, hepatitis B,



Chris Riddell

Condoms are one of the best ways to keep yourself clean while doing the wild thing.

syphilis, and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and autoimmune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) that are just as dangerous.

According to www.spiderbytes.ca HIV/AIDS is one of the biggest killers in the world today and protecting yourself by using a condom during sex is only half the battle to fight this disease.

Lucky for students, Gionet said, the Humber health centre offers many services. The centre helps young adults make wise, responsible decisions because stu-

dents may get caught up with believing the misconception that becoming sexually responsible is not "cool."

"I think just having to make those decisions about sexual activity and protection are what causes students to participate in risky sexual activity," Gionet said.

The health centre offers a variety of things from birth control pills at reduced prices, pregnancy testing, STD testing including HIV, the emergency contraceptive pill, Pap tests, health coun-

selling and free condoms, Gionet added.

Students who are not from Toronto may have a harder time making wise decisions about sex. If they feel lonely and isolated they might try almost anything to fit in and be accepted, Adrienne Bairstow, program co-ordinator of Toronto's teen sex information program (TSIP) said.

"Toronto's a big city and can become intimidating, and going to college and living on your own, I imagine can be stressful," Bairstow said.

Students sometimes don't realize their options when it comes to being sexually active, she added, and they have the responsibility to protect themselves.

"I think it's a good idea to let them know about what options are available, and have them communicate with their partner," Bairstow said.

The teen sex information pro-

gram, affiliated with The House, a teen community health centre, is a peer-to-peer mentoring program where people can phone in anonymously or talk through MSN chat sessions and receive non-judgmental advice and counselling on STDs, contraceptives and pregnancy from youth their age. They can also buy birth control pills at some of the lowest prices in the city.

"The TSIP is a great program because it's anonymous, confidential and provided by youth," Bairstow said.

"A lot of the time people are intimidated by doctors and it makes them feel more comfortable to talk to someone younger," Bairstow added.

The Humber health centre is open from Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

For information on the TSIP you can visit their website at www.spiderbytes.ca or call 416-961-

'I think it's a good idea to let them know about what options are available.'

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Family for the future

Students look for true love to tie the knot

MONIQUE WILMOTT

STAFF REPORTER

Humber students aren't rushing to the altar, but marriage is on the minds of many.

"I want three kids by the time I'm 35," first-year business student Paul Tamburri, 25, said. "But before anything I want a large wedding in a Catholic church and a huge reception in a hall."

In a survey conducted with 50 Humber students it was revealed

that on average most students want to be married by age 30 with two children. This is a far cry from 1973, when the average age of first-time marriages for women was 23-years-old, according to the www.standard.com. The average age rose slightly in 1983 to 24 and is currently on the rise again going up from 28 last year.

Wedding planner and Flow 93.5 reporter Spira Fearon, 28, warns couples that it's not just about a story-book wedding.

"I don't see why couples are in a rush to the altar, it's good that students want to wait. Often people forget that a wedding lasts for one day, but your marriage, that lasts forever."

But business student, Tennica Hamilton, 21, spoke with high hopes about her walk down the aisle.

"I can't wait to get married," she said. "I don't want to be married until I'm 35 and I really don't know when I'm going to have kids, but I want to get married and I'm going to."

However, love, marriage and

children are not on the minds of all Humber students. Some say that once you find that special person, you don't need a wedding to show the world that you're in love.

"No, I don't believe in marriage," photography student Aaron Noel, 25, said. "I think marriage is a sham. I just want a giant party announcing that I found my soulmate."

According to Statistics Canada, the divorce rate was 40 per cent in 2002.

"The divorce rate has risen because a lot of couples don't know how to maintain a relationship," Fearon said. "Whether married or not, couples need to communicate. Communication is key."

But the divorce rate, as high as it is, doesn't concern everyone.

"I would never marry someone who I wasn't completely in love with," Tamburri said. "And I'm not getting married to be divorced...I'm not going to run away from marriage because one day I might fall out of love."

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Calgary student stays at Humber

REBECCA PAYNE
STAFF REPORTER

Coming to a new school is always daunting, but for Calgary native Martin Bell, the move to a new school on the other side of the country was more than just a change of scenery.

"All my friends were moving and I was the only one who was

going to stay in Calgary when I heard back from Humber two weeks before moving in," Bell said.

Bell, a first-year architecture student lived in Vancouver and Montreal before moving to Calgary.

Bell drove all the way here and got a rude awakening having only

driven in his laid-back western hometown.

"It is so different than Calgary. Here [Toronto] you have to be an aggressive driver or everyone will cut you off. People are always honking at you," he said.

"There's a lot you have to be aware of here. The first day here I was on the 401 going towards the

427, but then I got in the express lane and I missed the 427. We don't have expressways in Calgary; the biggest road is six lanes."

Another change for Bell is going to a large school.

"Everyone knew each other's names [in Calgary]. If you didn't show up to class, the teachers

were calling you on your cell phone. Here, the teachers don't even know your name," he said.

The biggest challenge for Bell is living on his own for the first time.

"Having no curfew is so different, I'm out 'till three every night. You have to remember to go to class sometimes."

News you Can use



Lauren Gilchrist gets answers

Q: I want to go on the birth control patch. Is it similar to the birth control pill and is it available yet in Canada?

Signed: Wants to know

A: I asked Mary Macmillan, a registered nurse with Toronto Public Health about the patch:

- The birth control patch has been available in Canada for roughly three months.

- Evra, from the maker Janssen-Ortho, is the only brand of patch available in Canada.

- The patch works the same way in the body as the birth control pill.

- The patch is applied once a week for three weeks of the month to one of the following areas: buttock, abdomen, upper torso, upper outer arm.

- The patch is less effective in women over 198 pounds

- It is sturdy and can be worn in water for up to four hours.

- If used properly, it is as effective as the pill.

- The side effects associated with the patch are the same as the pill (side effects will vary) The patch does not protect against STD's and should be used in combination with a condom.

If you would like more information contact your family doctor.

Evra is now available by prescription at the Humber Student Health Centre for \$20 a month.

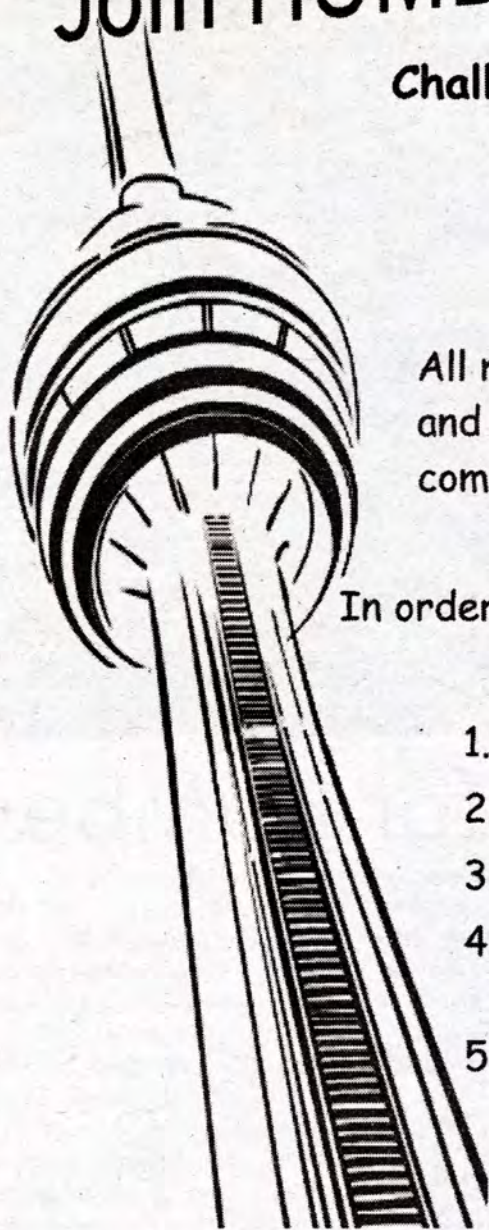
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Sunday, October 24th 2004

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2. Complete the pledge form
3. Raise as many pledges as you can towards United Way
4. Ask friends/family/teachers/co-workers to sponsor your climb
5. Drop off the completed form in HSF (Attention: Sonia Tessaro, Communications Director), all participants must pre-register by Wednesday October 6th

Once this is completed you will be a part of the Humber CN Tower Team and receive an official Humber team t-shirt and wristband as well as further details. If you would like to participate please email Sonia Tessaro at stessaro@hsfweb.com or Joanne Roberti joanne.roberti@humber.ca

WITHOUT YOU, THERE WOULD BE NO WAY



The Humber View

The aftermath of Hurricane Ivan:

Massive winds and rain leave many Grenadians pleading for help



Devastation hits home for Humber student

MAGDALIN MENDOZA
STAFF REPORTER

Tuesday September 7 began like any other morning would on the island of Grenada.

The sun was shining and residents were going about their daily business as usual. But by nightfall, the small Caribbean island, once unknown to many people, became one of the biggest and most dramatic news stories of the year.

The residents of Grenada had been warned of Hurricane Ivan, a category four storm, but many did not take it seriously because a major hurricane hadn't hit 'spice island' in more than 50 years.

High winds and rain smashed into the island in early afternoon, and by 6 p.m. the eye of Hurricane Ivan had left 60,000 homeless and devastated over 90 per cent of the island.

The massive storm destroyed Grenada's emergency operations center, airport, schools, hospitals and countless hurricane shelters. Even the home of Grenada's Prime Minister, Dr. Keith Mitchell, was flattened.

To make matters worse, the prison was destroyed as well, and prisoners were on the loose. Looting became a problem. Prisoners stole what little the people had left after the storm. The few stores standing also became targets for people desperate to provide for their families.

Trying to get through to my family was virtually impossible. All communication to the island was lost. At that point, all I could do was wait and pray.

It was as if Grenada had been wiped off the face of the earth.

Communication was slowly re-established, but only for those who have cell phones, and even

then it could take hours before you got through. When we finally received a call from Grenada, the news was bad. My grandma's house was flattened. Worse, my brother Kirmanie, 26, had been

'It was the worst news I had ever heard...I felt like I wanted to die.'

seeking shelter inside.

It was the worst news I had ever heard. It felt as though a knife went through my heart. I felt like I wanted to die.

But I didn't give up hope. I just had to wait like everyone else.

Finally, after two long days, we found out my brother and the rest

of my family were not hurt. But they were starving and they had lost almost everything.

My brother had been lucky. The basement structure had protected him and saved his life.

As of now, the death toll in Grenada stands at 29, and 633 people have been injured.

My cousin, Carla Roberts, whose family lost the roof of their house, was away during the hurricane and was shocked when she returned to her home.

"On my way home from the unassembled airport the ride seemed endless because I watched every detail of the damage. Wires in the streets, poles half way across the road, roofs off, people walking around knowing of nothing to do," she said. "It was like having a horrible dream, only [it was] real."

There is now running water, but it is not drinkable. My cousin

told me that they are in desperate need of drinking water.

Many have only the clothes on their back, and are sleeping on plastic lawn chairs. Others are now separated from their children because they had to send them away to get an education since all of the schools were either damaged or demolished.

I am very thankful that my grandma was on vacation here in Canada when Ivan hit.

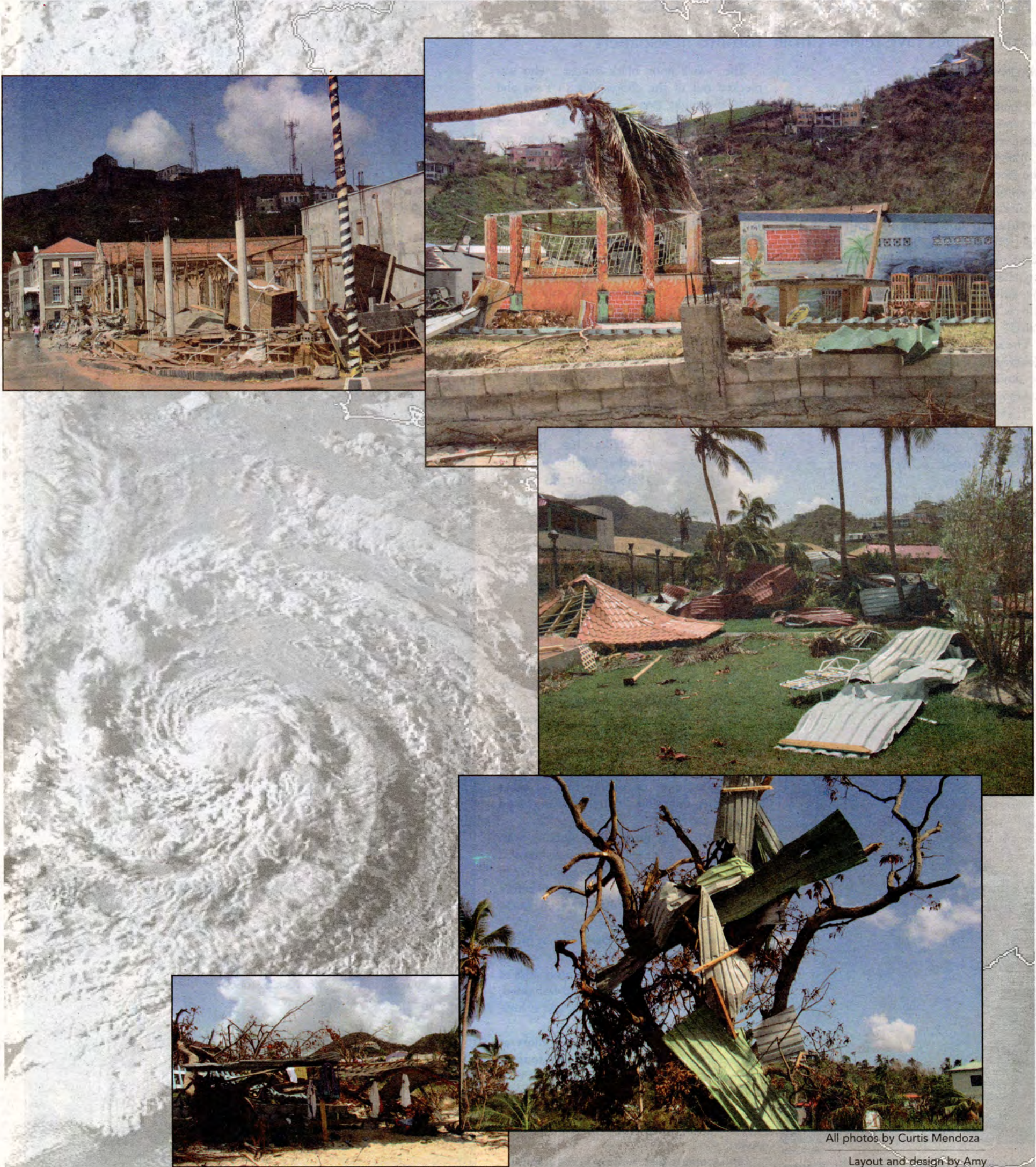
"I felt like I should have been there, and at the same time I'm glad I'm not because the roof went, and I could have been killed," my grandmother said.

Although she is experiencing mixed feelings about being here, I believe it was a blessing.

Grenada is in immediate need of bottled water, non-perishable food, tents, baby supplies, generators, batteries, flashlights, lanterns and building materials.

The Humber View

Grenada's long road to recovery



All photos by Curtis Mendoza

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For a full list of needed supplies, visit www.grenadaconsulate.com.

Donations can be made via cheque or money order at any CIBC branch - account #2608731 and transit #04702 - and should be made payable to the Consulate General of Grenada.

Arts and Entertainment

Novelist, journalist, teacher: not easy but it can be done

Book receives rave reviews from Toronto newspapers

SHAUNNA BEDNAREK

STAFF REPORTER

Humber teacher and author Antanas Sileika has returned to his European roots for his third novel, which was seven years in the making.

Woman in Bronze is the story of a young man who flees his native Lithuania to pursue his dream of sculpting in Paris.

Sileika said the setting of the first part of the novel had to do with his own Lithuanian heritage. He wanted to uncover a "part of the world that...nobody else I knew was writing about...a really backward place, one with a very sharp contrast with a hip, happening place (Paris)."

The selection of Paris as the backdrop for the second part of the novel drew upon Sileika's experiences as a young adult.

"I was a student in Paris, I was married in Paris." His wife studied art there as well, so he knew art students, as well as schools in the city.

He looks back at this time as "wonderful, eye-opening, exciting and vivid." Sileika said the only experience he shares with main character Tomas is "to be young and to be in Paris, trying to make your way."

Throughout the book, Sileika has historical figures interact with fictional characters. Sileika found one of the historical characters, Josephine Baker, particularly interesting.

'You come home from a good class on a high like no other high'

She "was a poor, black dancer... who was plucked out of the chorus line in Paris and made, overnight, into a star." Sileika was interested in "the age of celebrity." He describes Baker as a "sophisticated Madonna who remakes herself every decade... endlessly fresh and in the public eye."

As for the great number of fatalities in the novel, Sileika said the passing of female characters reflects their "brutal lives in the bohemian circle."

During this time, many women were "pregnant, drunk, beaten and abandoned" and died young. It also has to do with compression. "Many artists, it takes them 20 years to become famous or bitter or desperate and I've compressed that into three, so all the action becomes heightened."

Sileika has been a Humber teacher since the 1980s. During his tenure, he went from being an English as a Second Language teacher to teaching composition and literature and then teaching short-story writing for Journalism students. He has held his current position as the Artistic Director for the School of Writers for two years. He considers Humber to be a wonderful home.

"It's permitted me to recreate myself in different ways."

He still teaches an English composition class to comedy students and finds it very important to interact with young adults.

"You hear the language evolve, you hear the style evolve...I love it...I was encouraged by my wife. When I considered whether or not to give up teaching, she said, 'you come home from a good class on a high like no other high'...when things hit...it's the greatest reward a teacher can have."

Completing the novel while working both at Humber and as a freelance journalist proved no easy feat. He would wake up around five in the morning to squeeze in a few hours before work and would devote half-days on weekends.

Reading from *Woman in Bronze* as part of the Harbourfront Reading Series, Sileika wanted to use the time to "give a taste to both sides of the novel...about the mystic, old-fashioned, almost-gothic world of Lithuania, and a little taste of the sexy, fun, fast-moving Paris."

According to Sileika, aspiring authors at Humber looking to be published need to read.

"Some writers want to maintain their own voice by not reading. It's the worst thing possible... literature is a form of conversation... of borrowing and commentaries on other kinds of works."

His mantra is that "writing is not a sprint... it took me many, many years to get published... and it's worth it, just keep on going."

Sileika has also written two other novels: *Buying on Time* and *Dinner at the End of the World*.



courtesy

Throughout his novel, *Woman in Bronze*, author Antanas Sileika uses historical figures as well as fictional characters. In the August issue of *Elle Canada* the novel was named one of the country's top three books.



Sabrina Gopaul

AC/DC cover band Hells Bells put on a dynamite performance in a packed CAPS pub. It was the school's first free concert event of the year.

Hells Bells is high voltage

SABRINA GOPAUL

STAFF REPORTER

CAPS was shaking all night long when Hells Bells rocked a crowd of over 200 people last week in a tribute to AC/DC.

"I think that, overall, it was a successful concert. Students really liked the music and the band represented AC/DC really well. Those guys are real easy to deal with," Aaron Miller, program director for the Humber Students' Federation (HSF), said.

This was Hells Bells' second time performing at the pub and fans showed their appreciation by screaming, "you rule Hells Bells."

"Everyone had a really good time. The band played really well, but the singer sounded like he had downed a bottle of Jack Daniels before he went on stage," second-year business student Karl Bossi said.

Knowing the concert was coming to an end, the crowd still wanted

more and they let the band know. The stage was surrounded with headbanging fans screaming and chanting, "rock on."



Sabrina Gopaul

Arts and Entertainment

And the Humber Idol is...

CAROL SANTOS
STAFF REPORTER

Humber Idol came and went quickly, but when the dust settled Dayle Jones was the last one standing.

Jones, a second-year general arts and sciences student, won the \$300 prize and a spot to represent the college in the regional college Idol competition. If she wins, she would receive \$1,500 more.

"I feel so good right now," Jones said. "I came here. I prayed to God, 'help me, you know my financial situation.' He did it."

Jones said she was really excited that she sang a gospel song. She said she was considering singing a love song for the final competition but decided against it because it wasn't her. She said she wanted to represent gospel music.

"Many musical geniuses stem from church: Beyonce, Kanye West, and Missy Elliott. But the gospel industry isn't paid atten-

tion to," she said.

Second-year Renee Edwards, a second-year radio broadcasting student, won the second place prize of Toronto Raptors tickets.

Edwards said she wasn't nervous about her final performance.

"The nerve-racking part is over. I made it out of all these people," Edwards said.

Karl Bossi, the second place winner from last year, won third prize, a pair of pre-season Raptors tickets.

Some people were disappointed they didn't make the final cut.

Stephanie English, a first-year Early Child Education student, said she was a bit upset with the judges' comments.

She said judges are supposed to give good and bad comments and they weren't doing that. She said they only talked about her stage presence and didn't mention anything about her talent.

Others thought the judges were more fair this year.

"Last year the judges were biased," Crystal Jones, a second-year Occupational Therapist Assistant student, said.

"They were letting talented people out. This panel's more open-minded."

The judges enjoyed the contestants and the show they put on, and said there was a large range of talent.

"We had cowboys up here singing, Janets and Michaels," judge Tennica Hamilton said. "I enjoy watching the talent."

But the judges did have to make cuts and there were requirements to be filled.

Hamilton, a third-year



Carol Santos

Top right: Idol Dayle Jones charms judge Tennica Hamilton and impresses the audience with her soulful voice. Bottom left: Jones belts out a gospel tune and shows off her range of vocal ability.

business student at Guelph-Humber, said she was looking for a person with stage presence, a good voice, and one who can get a good audience reaction.

Many students came out to the student centre to lend their support and see some entertainment.

"It brings students together," said Hamilton. "You get to enjoy good entertainment and good comedy. It gives students a break between classes. Classes can get boring."

Jones added that, "a lot of people came out that [didn't] have class...but came anyway to watch."

Many people said the large crowd was because of the changes from holding Humber Idol over one day to three days and moving the finals from CAPS late at night to the student centre in the afternoon.

"I think it's more accessible to students, rather than spending one night," Aaron Miller, the producer of Humber Idol and head of HSF student events, said.

Many contestants agreed.

"I think it's better taking place during the day so now everyone can see it," Maria Cabillan, a second-year Media Studies student who made it into the top five, said.

Many of the finalists left CAPS last year without waiting to see how far they made it.

"Last year I didn't stay because it started to get late," Jones said. "Not everyone can come back [to school] at seven [at night]."

Jones outlasted the competition this time and said she's ready to represent Humber at the regionals.



Hear This! Word People



courtesy

Formed: April 2004 in Toronto

Student Members: Ben Nudds, Sean Ninnons, Nick Morgan and Lisa MacCallum.

Ben Nudds, a second-year jazz and composition student, says he is confident about the progression of Word People after winning first place at the Rhythm of the Future competition. They walked away with a prize of \$17,500, which will go towards their first album which is slated for release in December.

Nudds describes Word People as, "an eight piece live R&B and hip hop band." Much like the Roots and the Black Eyed Peas, Word People tries to send a conscious message through their music.

Nudds says the advantage to studying at Humber's School of Performing Arts is "networking."

Word People can be seen performing twice a month in clubs around the GTA.

IF YOU'RE A MUSICIAN WHO WANTS TO BE HEARD...

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What's Happening

In theatres Oct. 1

I Heart Huckabees
Ladder 49
Shark Tale
The Yes Men

This week on DVD

The Alamo
Eternal Sunshine of the
Spotless Mind
Supersize Me
Walking Tall

CDs in stores now

Brian Wilson
Smile
Hilary Duff
Self-titled
Interpol
Antics
Joss Stone
Mind, Body & Soul

Upcoming concerts

Green Day
Nov. 2 - Air Canada Centre
Tickets on sale Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

Beastie Boys
Nov. 8 - Air Canada
Centre

Hayden
Nov. 18 & 19 - Lee's Palace
Tickets on sale Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

Badly Drawn Boy
Nov. 26 - The Phoenix
Nightclub
Tickets on sale Sept. 30
at 10 a.m.

The Tragically Hip
Nov. 26 - Air Canada
Centre

Upcoming book releases

Blinking with fists
By Billy Corgan
In stores Oct. 1

Chronicles Vol. 1
By Bob Dylan
In stores Oct. 5

The Wilco Book
By Peter Buchanan-Smith
In stores Nov. 15

A week of art treats Toronto to a splash of colour

DIANE PETRICOLA
STAFF REPORTER

ArtsWeek is a 10 day festival that explores the work of different types of artists, ranging from still life painters to authors and even dancers.

"Toronto is a place where creative minds can grow and explore, and where brilliant artists can find their voice," Mayor David Miller said at the festival's kick-off.

This year marks the 18th annual Toronto-wide art celebration. The festival has now grown to 260 artists presenting events all over the city, including Etobicoke, Scarborough and North York.

The Art Gallery of Ontario will have an exhibit titled, *Ask me about contemporary art!* at which guides will discuss contemporary art with visitors.

The Hudson's Bay Company Gallery will present *Sketching Saturdays!* Here people can come into the gallery and create their own personal work of art. Materials will be available for everyone to sketch their favourite paintings. From Tom Thompson to Emily Carr, there are over 400 pieces to choose from for your inspiration.



Diane Petricola

The highlight of ArtsWeek was the Find the David Miller contest, which was not a real contest, but would have been challenging.

ArtsWeek 2004 began last Thursday at Nathan Phillips Square with Mayor David Miller kicking off the celebration with authors Margaret Atwood and

Austin Clark.

"The body of work created by these artists, these writers and these performers, has impressed and inspired people literally all

over the world," Miller said to the art lovers.

Members from Cirque du Soleil also attended to celebrate. Artist Jeff Garcia said ArtsWeek is a great place to display work because it is very accessible to all in the city.

Garcia's art ranges in price from \$10 for an illustration the size of a standard page, to a \$2,500 work of art that will be sent to a Montreal museum.

Other artists, like Julia Gilmore, are displaying their work for the first time at the festival.

She has been painting still life for over two years but has been an active member in the arts community longer. Gilmore also has her own jazz act, The Julia Gilmore Combo, and has been contributing to the music scene by singing and songwriting for different bands.

Authors also showed the public the kind of great art they are producing.

People who attended the kick-off also had a chance to try some of the city's restaurants. The cultural plates were all \$5 and under.

For a listing of all the past and ongoing activities, locations and directions visit www.artsworld.ca.

In Review



Sweat/Suit Nelly

Nelly has not only taken off the Band-Aid, but he has also brought out two new albums to appeal to any Nelly fan.

Set with two themes, *Sweat* is overflowing with club bangers, shout outs and street anthems, while *Suit* reveals the R&B side of Nelly, with love songs and odes to his family members.

Showing off both sides of his personality, Nelly floats from a funk-pop duet with Christina Aguilera, *Tilt Ya Head Back*, to a love song with country star Tim McGraw, *Over and Over*.

Nelly shows his artistic



nature by being able to mix rap with different genres of music, like reggae in *River Don't Runnn*, 70s funk in *She Don't Know My Name* and club music in *Flap Your Wings*.

Sweat has a constant sports theme through to the end, while *Suit* is clearly targeted at the ladies.

Nelly also shows off his romantic thug side with the songs *Die For You*, and *My Place*.

Nelly has proven that he's into making not just hits, but great albums. And for him it's no sweat at all.

LOURDES CHAVES
STAFF REPORTER

American Idiot Green Day

Green Day has come a long way since *Dookie*, *American Idiot* confirms it.

In their first album since 2000's *Warning*, Green Day delivers a compilation of songs that proves they've matured past the pop-punk sound they used to radiate.

American Idiot is a partial political statement, following characters such as Jesus of Suburbia and St. Jimmy throughout the concept album. The band also introduces two 'movement' tracks, five-part suites that test uncharted waters for the trio.

Green Day defined themselves as punks in the early 90s, immediately recognizable with the early tomfoolery of *Dookie*, and are now asking their fans to take them seriously.

Songs such as *We Are the Waiting*, *Give Me Novacaine*, and *Wake Me Up When September Ends* show the band's ability to pro-



duce songs a touch slower and more meaningful than usual. They greet the listener much like a matured *Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)*.

Meanwhile, songs like *St. Jimmy*, *She's a Rebel* and the title track maintain the band's recognizable sound.

The tracks are slightly scattered in parts, jumping from smooth sounds to hyper, punk rock style. Green Day seems to have evolved to a place where they can experiment with different styles, without changing the essence of their brand.

CHRISTINE FLYNN
STAFF REPORTER

Arts and Entertainment

Reviewed this week: Shark Tale

DOMINIQUE MILBURN
STAFF REPORTER

Some filmgoers may be tempted to dismiss *Shark Tale* as an updated version of *Finding Nemo*.

But other than the fish flick connection, they have nothing in common.

The characters in *Shark Tale* have a devilish side that gives the movie a dark comedy feel.

The humour is aimed mainly at an older audience. However, the exciting animation and the bright, vibrant fish and shrimp, paired with the film's lively music, make its appeal universal.

Shark Tale plays like a mob movie, filling out all the references that people now expect.

The icing on the cake is the inclusion of the ever-popular ref-

erence, "Say hello to my little friend," the line which Al Pacino made famous in *Scarface*.

This clever marine flick entertained me, and I have to hand it to the creators of *Shrek*, because they have done it again.

Shark Tale opens Oct. 1 across North America. Look for it to make a killing at the box office with fans of all ages.



Courtesy

Humber gets all jazzed up for Rex show

KARA TRUELOVE
STAFF REPORTER

The room was packed, the crowd was roaring and the music was spectacular.

Teachers of Humber's music department put on a jazz show Sept. 21 at The Rex, a popular concert venue and club, right in the heart of downtown Toronto.

This was the third annual Humber faculty jam, and it featured two sets, one at 9:30 p.m. and another at 11 p.m. to ensure that all listeners had a chance to get in.

It's not just to score brownie points, Humber music student, Corrie Alexander said, justifying her attendance. "No, it is just something fun and exciting to do."

All the teachers are already working as professional musicians. "It is good for students to hear the teachers on a playing stand point, especially first-year students," Mark Promane, head of the sax department said.

"I would definitely recommend this as long as you don't mind being in a crowded environment," music student Hilary Brook said.

It certainly was a crowded environment, with upcoming musicians from Humber socializing and interacting with each other in the club.

The crowd cheered on fellow classmate Jeff Halige who went on stage to play drums.

A crowd favorite were the saxophone solos. Big cheers erupted whenever a sax solo was played, and there were many.

There was no cover charge but there was a donation jar to help raise money for scholarships for students who have excelled in certain areas of their studies.

The school year started off with a bang at The Rex, and for those who want more, the next show is Oct. 20 in the Lakeshore Auditorium.

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Arts and Entertainment

Book worms take over Queen's Park

MINDI ST. AMAND
STAFF REPORTER

Toronto's annual literary festival, Word on the Street, hit Queen's Park for its 15th celebration this year.

After being welcomed on Queen Street West for years, readers and writers now had a chance to move their elbows, with a little more room to work with.

On Sunday, thousands of book worms gathered, either reading quietly



Mindi St. Amand

The Word on the Street festival finds a bigger home this year at Queen's Park.

'Word on the Street is a party. An ending of the summer picnic.'

in the shade or checking out the attractions in the sun. The event was more like a big family picnic than a literature festival.

Not only does Word on the Street promote literacy, but the event also has several initiatives to develop professional writing skills.

Antanas Sileika, director of the Humber School for Writers, was there to help support its 30-week correspon-

dence program.

"The more applicants, the better chance of having really solid classes," Sileika said while taking a break from the sun. "Word on the Street is a party. An ending of the summer picnic."

It was a busy day and every tent had eager listeners.

Canadian magazines like *Toronto Life* and *Canadian Geographic* stood out from

the crowd with their popular logos, along with plenty of free merchandise for potential readers and subscribers to peruse.

Ben Labovitch, an English teacher at the Lakeshore Campus said, "I enjoy being here. Everybody is here from the literary community. It's exciting!"

If you missed the festival, visit the website, www.thewordonthestreet.ca.

Yuk Yuk's hosts Humber comedy night on Tuesdays

AGATHA SACHS
STAFF REPORTER

From grotesque to goddess, you can bet you'll find it all happening down at Yuk Yuk's every Tuesday night at the Humber College comedy show.

From a warning to watch out for human feces disposed in Fruitopia bottles in residence elevators, to the reassurance that you're not the only college student who can't get a date, you'll be howling all night long.

"Depends how sadistic you are, it can be fun to watch people," Mark Breslin, owner of the Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club said.

Ryan Chessman, a Humber comedy student, likes to start his show with some personal information for his audience. "I just wanted to say that yes, I am available," he said while grabbing at his gut. "And yes, this is an ab."

Raunchy subjects seemed to be the night's top choice for theme. Breslin said that anything goes onstage, and sex is the one thing that comics never get bored talking about.

"The more skilled you get, the more you can handle controversial topics," Breslin said.

Each comedy student gets a chance to perform at Yuk Yuk's on Humber night, each has three minutes to show their wares, and Humber alumni are also invited to perform.

Famous Humber comedy grads include Gemini award-winning Jason Rouse, and *Canada's Funniest New Comic* top prize winner Nikki Payne.

'It can be exciting to watch someone starting to create their act.'

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Aldo Frixione, a Yuk Yuk's supervisor, said the show can either be really good or really bad, but admits that Humber is usually outstanding. "We get over 200 people, very good turnouts on Tuesdays," he said.

"It can be exciting to watch someone starting to create their act," Breslin said about what he sees every Tuesday night.

David Kelly, a post-grad comedy student, said that he develops a character during his stand up routine in an attempt to stand out from other comedians. Developing a single routine can be a long and grueling process just to get right.

"It's a very delicate contraption," Breslin said. "As long as you're not stuck up and everything doesn't have to be perfect, then it's an amazing night."

Doors open at 7p.m. but the show starts at 7:30p.m. The club is located near Richmond Street West and University Avenue. Tickets are \$2 at the door, but you must be over 16 to attend, due to mature subject matter.

Students step to a positive beat

Local teens use dance and talent to ease fear of violence and bullying

JULIE BROADBENT
STAFF REPORTER

Paul Spadon is worried. "Safety is definitely a concern for me living in residence," says Spadon, a first-year Hotel and Restaurant Management student.

"I am really scared. Especially after the shooting that happened up the street from Humber on Sept. 22."

To some, the Rexdale community is synonymous with drugs and violence, but to students living here, it is home.

"I think Rexdale is a safe place to live," Shannon Haller, a second-year nursing student said. "I wouldn't go walking off campus alone because of the crime that happened last year, but if people are walking in groups it can be as safe as any place."

In a Toronto survey conducted in 2000 on youth safety, 14.5 per cent of youth aged 14-19 felt unsafe, and 5.7 per cent felt very unsafe.

High schools in the Rexdale area have taken various initiatives to help students deal with the violence in the community. They have organized various groups to help make Rexdale a better place to live.

At North Albion Collegiate on Kipling Avenue, students have formed a dance group named Students Triumph Over Peer Pressure (STOPP).

Dance students at the school created the program in 1999. Students who participate in STOPP turn to music as a way to reduce violence and bullying.

"Violence happens when young people don't have the means of being pro-active. I

believe in peer mediation and getting students involved to help solve the problems," Karl Sprogis, principal at North Albion Collegiate, said.

Sprogis said he believes in targeting violence and crime before they spiral out of control.

North Albion Collegiate was one of 140 schools to join the Empowered Students Partnership (ESP). ESP was launched by the Toronto Police Services to allow students to join police to communicate more efficient ways of dealing with

violence in their community and to promote ways for making school a safer place.

Albion Neighbourhood Services runs a three-year awareness program called "What's Wrong With It?". It was developed in response to a high number of females being sexually harassed at schools across Toronto and it counts the Humber School of Nursing as one of its sponsors. The

club teaches girls aged 10-17 about self-defence as well as solutions to harassment.

Some members of city council, like Ward 2 councillor Rob Ford, are also trying to combat the problem of violence.

"The plan that I have in place is very simple. It is to eliminate or at least decrease the number of crime incidents in our area. By doing this, you must keep people busy," Ford said.

Ford is the coach of two football teams at Don Bosco Catholic Secondary School, where over 60 students aged 14-19 practice for three hours every day.

Ford also owns Deco Labels and Tags, a manufacturer which has been in business for 42 years and offers employment to Rexdale youth. Ford said he encourages businesses to build and expand so that more jobs can be created for youth.

"I have been successful in creating 300 new jobs at Wal-Mart which will open in October at Rexdale and Islington. Fortino's on Highway 27 has created 200 jobs for youth and the Shoppers Drug Mart on Rexdale and Kipling has created 100 jobs," Ford said.

Ford is currently trying to start up football programs at North Albion Collegiate, West Humber Collegiate and Thistletown Collegiate Institute. He hopes students will engage in sports and extra curricular activities instead of turning to violence and crime.

'Violence happens when young people don't have the means of being proactive.'



Courtesy North Albion Collegiate Institute

Members of STOPP perform Latin and West Indian styles of dance at school.

Local shelter set to increase bed count

New shelter to offer students more than just a place to sleep and eat

AMANDA MULLIN
STAFF REPORTER

Youth aged 16 to 24 with nowhere to live will have a place to call home when the new Etobicoke youth shelter is complete next fall.

The new facility to be built beside the already existing emergency youth shelter will not only be a place for the homeless to spend their nights, but it will also provide the support they need to stay in school.

"The new Stay in School program is a longer term transitional program that will tutor youth and provide them with other supports," Wendy Horton, executive director of Youth Without Shelter, said.

A \$2 million grant from Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's Shelter Enhancement Program will help the new facility start construction at the beginning of the year.

The new facility will house 20 to 30 new beds, and will operate like a traditional home where meals and support are provided.

"They can stay for a full year, until they're finished school or are able to be on their own," Horton said.

Youth Without Shelter expects that students who may not have been readily

employable before will gain the skills they need.

"Both emergency shelters will basically help with interviewing and resume skills as well as how to search for a job," Horton said.

Troubled youth will be referred to the new shelter by the emergency shelter, other shelters around the city, or by their high school counsellors.

According to the Toronto Report Card on Homelessness the number of youth staying in shelters rose from 2,700 in 1988 to 6,000 in 1998.

In 1997, Toronto's Street Helpline fielded 6,300 calls from people looking for shelters. By 1999 the number of calls exceeded 40,000.

The program is funded by the City of Toronto and donations given from around the city. In order for the shelter to remain open, they must fundraise over \$300,000 a year.

"We definitely need donations," Horton said.

Humber students can make donations by visiting the Youth Without Shelter's website at www.yws.on.ca or by calling Abigail Brown at 416-748-0110.

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Sydonie Lewis performs in style.

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Good, bad, and ugly of plastic

Pros vs. cons of credit cards

Student friendly tips to keep in mind before you swipe

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Nicole Grondin

Some students feel that having a credit card is a necessity while in school.

Other students, without plastic, prefer not to establish their credit until school is done. Either way, there are pros and cons to owning a card.

"Credit cards provide students with the opportunity to manage their finances and to establish a credit rating," Terrie Twiddle, a representative for the Visa Canada Association, said.

"[Credit] will become critically important as students graduate, seek full-time employment and make some of their first major purchases in life."

As it turns out, establishing and maintaining good credit is one of the most important things a student can do, and many students, such as second-year nursing student Stephanie Lemos, are way ahead of that game.

"I got my first credit card four years ago, and my father told me that if I ever got a credit card,

that I had to use it wisely," Lemos said.

"It's just responsibility, really, just the value of money and knowing how to handle it."

While students like Lemos are already playing the credit game, others simply don't trust themselves with the type of spending freedom a credit card brings. If you can relate, you're not alone.

However, it may be wrong to assume that if you don't have any credit, you won't have a problem getting credit when you're independent and really need it.

"When you come to a financial institution to borrow and you haven't established a credit rating, the financial institution then

'Credit cards provide students with the opportunity to manage their finances.'

has to lend funds to someone who has established a credit rating, and in most cases, that would involve a co-signer," Sandy Bayzat, branch manager of TD Canada Trust on Kipling Avenue, said.

"A co-signer would be someone who has had a credit record,



Nicole Grondin

According to Mastercard Canada men are more likely to be denied credit than women (15 per cent and 10 per cent respectively).

has borrowed in the past and had a positive experience with respect to repaying the debt."

Tim Lawlor, a second-year computer network student, thinks that his time to begin borrowing has yet to come, and for good reason.

"I've seen a lot of people over-use [credit cards]," he said.

"I feel I do have discipline, and I know that if I don't [establish credit], I may have problems getting a loan. But I'm just not ready for it yet."

Bayzat offered some sound advice to students like Lawlor who are worried about their financial freedom because of credit.

"I would tell a student if they

were not ready, to not get the credit card," Bayzat said.

"I would suggest that if a student is not comfortable that they talk to their parents about it and the parents and student can even arrange a conversation with whomever it is they bank with."

If you're a student who would like more information about credit cards, maintaining practical money skills, or if you are a student with credit problems, consult the following sites:

practicalmoneyskills.ca

cardweb.com

consumerworld.org/pages/money.htm

Solutions for young investors

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STAFF REPORTER

For cash-strapped students, saving money – and investing it – presents a challenge ranging from difficult to impossible.

And, for many, it doesn't get any easier once they leave school. Statistics Canada reports that while 51 per cent graduate college with no debt, the rest owe an average of \$13,000.

"Saving money is very important to me," fashion student Melissa DelRe, who works part-time at Blockbusters, said. "I put \$300 into a savings account bi-weekly, but I don't know anything about other types of investments."

Both banks and personal-finance consultants are anxious to give advice.

"With interest rates [low] like they are now, I hesitate to tell anyone to lock into a fixed-rate savings program," Sheryl Bevan, a personal banker at CIBC, said. "If you're young, and willing to take [on] risks, an index-linked GIC would be suitable, because it follows the market."

Younger people generally have the time to wait for the market to take an up-swing before cashing out their investments.

Further useful info on investing can be found at: financialplan.about.com and at debtfreegrad.com

What gaming gear's best for you?

This week we compare Xbox, PlayStation, and Gamecube

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SENIOR REPORTER

Xbox, PlayStation 2, and Gamecube are the main options electronics and game stores offer customers who want to purchase video game systems.

"PlayStation 2 is all right. I don't really like the games for Gamecube, so I prefer Xbox," said Humber computer student Junior Hernandez.

"The games for Xbox are better for me."

Greg Morris, Blockbuster

manager near St. Clair and Keele said many older consumers agree with Hernandez.

"For people aged 18 to 25, generally Xbox is the better system to pick. It's got more mature rated games. It's got a wider selection of role playing games, sports games," Morris said, adding that his store is sold out of Xbox systems.

Xbox and PlayStation 2 can play DVDs and CDs, while Gamecube cannot.

According to Morris the DVD

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quality in Xbox is a lot better than PlayStation 2. However, he said, "On PlayStation 2 you can play a DVD without buying a separate remote control. In an Xbox you have to buy a separate remote control for it."

Somaiah Yusaf, entertainment representative for Future Shop

Discount Superstores on Weston Road, said Playstation 2 and Xbox sell at almost the same rate, while Gamecube is left behind.

The reason for this, she said, is the games for Gamecube attract a young crowd of people aged 16 and under.

"For those who love the Mario games and the Donkey Kong games, then you need to buy Gamecube because those are exclusive to Nintendo," Morris said.



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Gadgets like these can make the perfect after-class combo.

Bar biz threatened by NHL lockout

Bartenders fear a hefty slash in shifts

SHANNON CRANDON
STAFF REPORTER

The NHL lockout is going to affect more than just arenas and hockey players – it is also going to have a large impact on the business of sports bars.

Most sports bars are busy during the NHL season. People come in to hang out with friends, have a few beers and watch the game.

But with no game to watch, the number of patrons in the bars may dwindle.

The Loose Moose, at 126 Front St. W. only a short walk from the Air Canada Centre, has even more to lose. Its location is

a prime spot for people to stop in after a game to celebrate or mourn with a few beers.

"When you have 20,000 people down here on any given night and you get the overflow from that hockey game, the lack of it is certainly going to have an effect on the bar," Brian Woodcock, the general manager, said.

"It's not going to affect the number of employees we have and we're not going to have to lay anybody off as a result of it. I think what you're going to find is that there'll be a few less shifts."

Some servers and bartenders are concerned.

"I'm a student, trying to pay for my schooling, so I need all the shifts I can get. Three or four hours less a week may not seem like a lot, but it really does add up," one server said.

But what will bars do to keep business going strong?

"Maybe they should offer pro-



Shannon Crandon

Phil Clemente, a manager at Bar & Restaurant Hwy. 27 Diner, said he is definitely expecting a decrease in business due to the NHL lockout. Server Jill Cook is also worried.

motions, like cheaper drinks before a certain time. That should help bring people in," Heather Michaud, a third-year film and

television student, offered.

Kelsey's restaurants started serving two-for-one wings from Monday to Wednesday and they

are promoting the television show *Making the Cut* to bring in customers.

While the show is being aired, all the restaurant's televisions are tuned to CBC and the volume turned up so everyone can watch.

"It's definitely been good for business. I think people really like watching the show. It's not like watching it in your own home, there is a whole different atmosphere," server Greg James of the Woodbine and Highway 27 Kelsey's in Markham, said.

As for what The Loose Moose plans to do: "I think we're going to put more of a focus on the NFL program, The NFL Sunday Ticket. We will just do the best job we can to make sure we have the best level of service and the best product possible to make sure that the guests we already do have keep coming back," Woodcock said.

Franchisers promote student involvement

Franchises more than just restaurant outlets

ASHLEY HOUSE
STAFF REPORTER

During this weekend's annual Franchise Show at the Toronto Congress Centre, students and the public will notice that it's not all about burgers and fries.

From Oct. 1-3, the Canadian Franchise Association (CFA), will feature some 70 exhibitors of the franchise community, representing over 20 different aspects of the economy. The show is an effort to heighten education of the franchising industry.

"It [franchising] is a misunderstood concept," Karen Fast, manager of Humber's career services said. "There are so many opportunities that franchising can offer students."

McDonald's may come to mind when you hear the word franchise, but the term covers more than restaurant outlets. It branches to retail services, grocery and convenient stores and even money advancement establishments.

Franchises now account for over 12 per cent of Canada's gross national product (GNP). According to Richard Cunningham, CFA president, stu-

dents are becoming a big part of the franchising community.

"Each year, without fail, one student leaves the show entering into a franchise," Cunningham said.

Franchising is not just about owning a store that is part of a chain. There are also job opportunities in head offices, public

'Each year, without fail, one student leaves the show entering into a franchise.'

relations, or marketing.

"It's not just for business students either. It could be for any students with an entrepreneurial bend or willing to take a risk," Fast said.

"I've thought about the possibility," Christian Poupore, a Humber culinary student, who

will be attending the show, said.

"I know there are drawbacks and benefits to becoming part of a franchise, but I'm interested to know what opportunities are out there," he added.

For a \$10 day pass, show goers will have access to the CFAs "Ask the Experts" booth, as well as the opportunity to sit in on seminars ranging from "the pros, cons and trends of franchising" to "the legal aspects of purchasing a franchise." Exhibitors this year include Canadian Tire, Radio Shack, Cash Converters and A&W restaurants.

"Come to the show, we have seminars and booths to inform you and help you make that decision between investing in a franchise or working in one," Cunningham said.

Students who attend the show are usually in their last year of college. Besides Humber, the CFA sees students from Mohawk, Ryerson and some high school attendance as well.

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Sports

Funding for varsity sports becoming a huge problem for colleges all over Ontario

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Funding for college sports may be slowly rolling downhill, but Humber teams won't let that be an obstacle in the way of their success.

The Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) prides itself on providing products, programs and services to support its members, but over the past few years funding for college sports has become even less generous.

"Funding for college level sports in general is inadequate," Humber College President Robert Gordon commented. "It's not so much that it's been slashed, but it's the [small] amount of money we have to work with already."

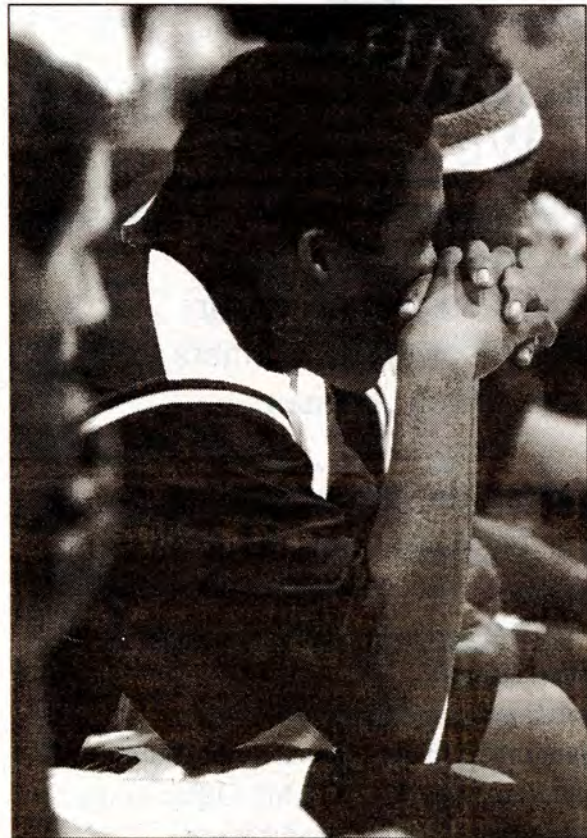
Gordon has seen the Hawks rise and fall during his years at Humber, and stresses that the money to support the teams is slowly becoming tighter. So tight

awfully quiet with the absence of squeaking runners and echoing dribbles. So the question becomes, where will the funding

'We closed the hockey team and we can do that to basketball too.'

come from?

It's a hard decision not only for Gordon to make, but for colleges across the country. Only so much can be taken from program and student fees to supplement sports.



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Humber's basketball team could be next to go.

in fact, that Humber's winning hockey team won't have a season this year. Although the decision to pull the team was also based on players' attitudes towards school, it was becoming too expensive to handle. The problem now is that schools may lose other teams.

"We closed the hockey team and we can do that to basketball too," Gordon said. "Fortunately, I'm big on varsity sports so I would do anything to keep them in the schools."

The Athletic Centre would be

The casual observer may believe that cutbacks will affect the talent pool and contaminate the entertainment from sport to sport. Yet surprisingly, the cutbacks aren't affecting the talent at Humber at all. Most varsity players are returning this season, and Gordon is quick to remind people that most of Humber's varsity teams have always had a great deal of success.

One of the biggest obstacles colleges face when it comes to funding is the cost of transportation and board for road trips.

For Humber, this isn't as big of a problem as it is for many other colleges located outside the city. Being in Toronto means teams are just a short ride away and less money is spent on overnight trips.

If funding for varsity sports were to cease, Gordon says that there would be other important

things the athletes could concentrate on.

"I suppose if you stretch your imagination, the players are really here to learn," Gordon said after a short pause. "It's a luxury, not a right, to be playing at the college level and players have to see that."

However, with the hockey team already gone, it may be too hard for Humber to sustain any more losses.



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Lack of funding cost Humber and other colleges their hockey teams last year.

Hawks remain perfect

Humber player scores five against Condors

KRIS HALINEN
STAFF REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's soccer team have been destroying its opponents and remain undefeated so far this season.

They have outscored their opponents 18-1 in three games.

The Hawks preyed on the Conestoga Condors en route to a 7-0 victory on Tuesday.

Kadian Lecky played an outstanding game, scoring five goals. "Today was my break-out day," Lecky said. "We're looking forward to having a good season this year. We have a wonderful team here, a lot of veteran leadership."

Matthew Palleschi and Paul Lombardo added single goals in the one-sided victory.

"We're not playing individually anymore," veteran Hawk Lombardo said. "We're starting to feel more and more comfortable with each other."

Head Coach Germain

Sanchez is pleased that everything is coming together, but still sees room for improvement.

"Although they haven't scored on us much, (defence) is one area we have to improve," Sanchez said.

Last Saturday, the Hawks demonstrated that skill and speed will win games when they defeated the Redeemer Royals, 5-1.

The refs made a handful of questionable calls and missed others, mainly against Humber.

"(The poor officiating) wasn't what we really expect, we expect better refs and we didn't get them today," midfielder Palleschi said.

However, the Hawks still fought their way to victory with Kwame Osei scoring twice. Lecky, Cameron Medwin and Chris Turner added one goal each.

In their season opener last Thursday, the Hawks dominated the Fanshawe Falcons, 6-0.

Medwin scored twice including the winning goal on a free kick.

Palleschi also scored twice, showing great skill to beat the defenders. Lecky and Osei added singles.

In all three games, Humber started with a very strong performance, outscoring their opponents 8-0 in the first half.

"We like to keep the same intensity when we score the first few goals," Palleschi said of staying in the game while leading by a wide margin.

"We just have to stick to the game plan and keep scoring goals."

The Hawks play two games at home this weekend.

Their home opener at Valley Field is this Saturday, Oct. 2 at 4 p.m. when they take on the St. Clair Saints.

The Hawks then play the Lambton Lions at 2 p.m. on Sunday.



Kris Halinen

Humber Hawks' player misses the mark during last week's 5-1 blowout over the Redeemer Royals.

Sports Shorts



Luis Henriques' Thoughts

Though week three just ended in the National Football League (NFL), fans have already witnessed an assortment of interesting events.

For example, before the season began, who would have thought that the Jacksonville Jaguars would have been 3 - 0 after ending last season with a 5 - 11 record, and the Kansas City Chiefs who finished 13 - 3, would be 0 - 3?

The biggest shock of the season came even before the opening kickoff three weeks ago, when Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams retired at the age of 27 to 'travel', after failing a third mandatory NFL drug test.

There were also some things that fans hadn't witnessed in a long time, such as the Dolphins finding themselves 0 - 3 for the first time since 1969, thanks partly to Williams' departure which left the team with no time to find a reliable replacement. The San Francisco 49ers got shut out, which hasn't happened since 1977, a span of 420 games. And future hall of famer Jerry Rice had his record streak of 274 consecutive games with at least one reception broken.

Then there have been things that fans have been expecting since training camps opened.

Peyton Manning tossed the pigskin for 900 yards and nine touchdowns in three games, giving the Indianapolis Colts 100 points so far this season.

A healthy Michael Vick, proved once again that when he is in the lineup, he can be the most explosive and exciting player in the NFL.

Everyone was waiting to see Donovan McNabb hook up with the innovator of endzone celebrations, Terrell Owens, and they haven't disappointed. The duo has already connected for 254 yards and five touchdowns, taking the Philadelphia Eagles to the top of the NFL.

For the remainder of the season, two things are certain. Many beers and snacks will be consumed and strange events will unfold that will top the ones fans have already witnessed.

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Empty tank leads to loss

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The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team were outplayed in their home opener against the Ryerson Rams last Wednesday.

Humber came into the game with high expectations, but unfortunately the Rams were too much for the Hawks to handle.

"They've been together a little while and they didn't make as many mistakes as we did," Coach Wayne Wilkins said.

Humber started off the first set of the game strong with veteran Milad Massoudi lighting up the scoreboard with a series of stellar plays. The score went back and forth for the first portion of the game, but eventually the Rams took complete control, winning the set 25-22.

In the second set, Hawks rookies Paul Kemboi and Daniel

Sherman kept the game close. Kemboi was spiking the ball all over the court, while Sherman set up his teammates on a number of occasions. In the end, the Rams stole the set 25-19.

"There were errors on our side of the net, serving mistakes and passing errors," Wilkins said.

In the third set, Massoudi once again let his presence be known spiking the ball past Rams players time and time again. Despite his efforts, Humber was still unable to take the set.

The fourth set saw Humber player Jeff Bauer come off the bench and contribute in a major way, helping his team squeak by the Rams 25-21.

When everything was over, the Hawks were left confused and the Rams were quick to pinpoint their opponent's problems.

"They need to work on serv-

ing consistency and find a faster middle offense," Rams starter, Nic Beaver, said. "It's pretty easy to read their offense and setters."

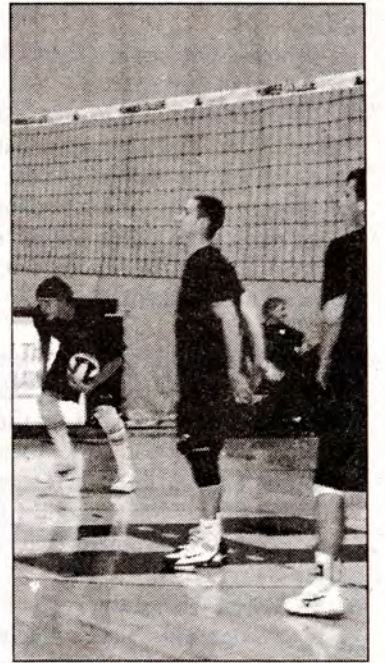
Coach Wilkins didn't agree, attributing his team's loss to an inability to finish.

"If every set went up to 20, we would have won," he said. "We simply ran out of gas and had a hard time closing out."

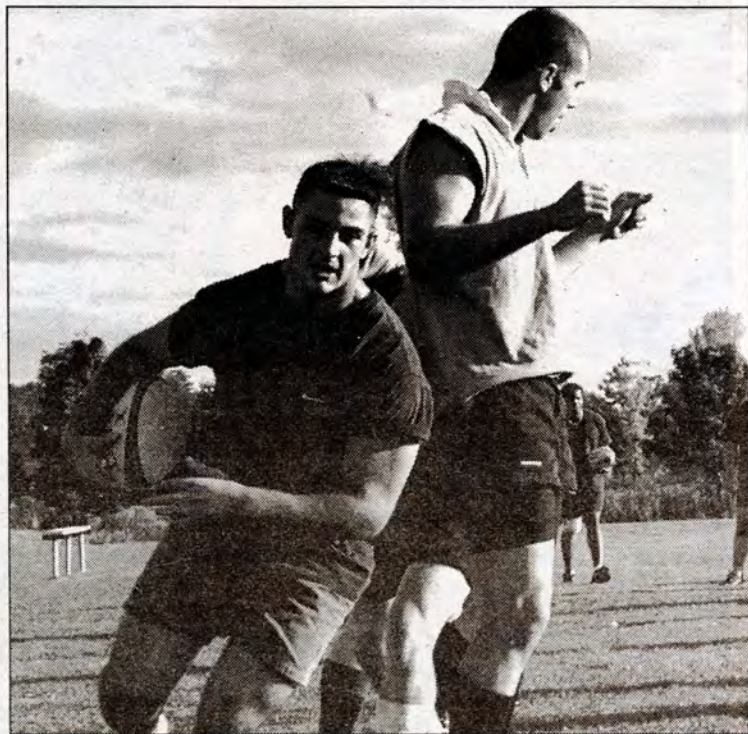
Although there is room for improvement, the Hawks know there is a lot of time to make changes and practice execution.

"We need to work on passing, we didn't pass well at all," Kemboi, the game's MVP said. "We didn't block or serve well either. Forty to fifty per cent of their points were from our inability to serve."

The Hawks next game is on Oct. 2 against Humber Alumni and then Oct. 6 versus Seneca.



Sarah Horbaczyk
Hawks players warm up before their tough loss to the Rams.



Dawn Farrell

John Hobitakis and Corey Balance run drills at practice on Tuesday.

Men's rugby team wins by default; Niagara folds

KATE SCHOEMAN
STAFF REPORTER

Humber won the rugby game against Niagara on Sunday by default, due to a lack of players on the Niagara team.

Niagara only had 10 players on their team, so Humber played a friendly match against them, lending their reserves to Niagara to make up the 15-man team needed in a rugby match.

The forfeited game automatically gave Humber a 12-0 win by default.

Lack of players has resulted in the Niagara team folding for the rest of the season.

Although Hawks coach Carey French thinks what happened is bad for the league, his focus is directed towards next week's game.

"The friendly game allowed us to put players in different slots," he said. "That will give us an advantage in Peterborough."

A second medical opinion has confirmed Humber captain Dean Spencer's injury last week was a dislocated shoulder and not a torn ligament as he was first informed.

Spencer hopes to play in next Thursday's home game against the Georgian Grizzlies.

Games to look forward to:

- Oct. 2 - Men/Women soccer vs St. Clair
- Oct. 2 - Men/Women Volleyball vs Alumni
- Oct. 2 - Men/Women Basketball vs Alumni
- Oct. 3 - Men's rugby @ Fleming

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All-star guard expects fantastic year

Player says team can take it all despite surprise loss of one of their MVPs

MARK KHOUZAM
STAFF REPORTER

Throughout her life, Erin Chamberlain has always loved sports.

Chamberlain, 19, is the youngest of four children and grew up in Sarnia. Being the youngest in a family that has a big interest in sports, she became involved at a very early age. She played everything from volleyball to soccer, but her main interest was basketball.

"Basketball is my passion," Chamberlain said. "I draw a blank mind if I have to picture life without basketball; it keeps me focused on and off the court."

She's not that bad at it either.

After playing in a few tournaments at Humber for her high school, Chamberlain was recruited by women's basketball coach Denise Perrier.

"I honestly liked the type of player she was," Perrier said. "She's a blue-collar player, she's very smart, and she's a great shooter."

Another push towards Humber came

from Chamberlain's life long friend Sarah Moxley. Moxley grew up with Chamberlain in Sarnia and the two often played with and against each other.

After receiving a package from Perrier and talking to Moxley, Chamberlain agreed to come and play for the Hawks.

"I wasn't set on what I wanted to do, between going to university or college," the first-year law student said. "But I decided to give Humber a shot."

Chamberlain did not disappoint the Hawks after arriving last year. With Moxley by her side, Chamberlain produced a stand out year. Both Moxley and Chamberlain were named Ontario College Athletic Association (OCAA) first team all-stars before Humber bowed out to St.

Clair College in the semi-finals.

Coming into this year, expectations were high as both Moxley and Chamberlain were expected back. But to some people's surprise, Moxley decided to head another route, leaving Chamberlain without her childhood pal.

"She's my best friend; I miss her a lot," Chamberlain said. "She wanted to pursue something different in life; she didn't feel this was for her," she added.

"I support her in what she wants to do with her life. I'm obviously going to miss her on and off court, but I'm my own person. I have to do what

I have to do."

As Chamberlain prepares to head into her second season and her first without Moxley, Perrier says she expects no differ-

ent from the all-star.

"[Moxley] had to deal with some personal things. That happens to young players and young people. But I don't think it will affect [Chamberlain]," Perrier said. "Erin can play with anybody and she makes people look good. She'll be fine."

Along with her above average skills comes an above average person, Perrier added.

"She's a good player, but the thing that makes her special is the fact that she's a nice, down-to-earth person. She's a leader," she said.

Down the road, Chamberlain has given some thought to playing overseas in Europe. The idea remains more in the back of her mind though, because she is focused on her studies as a law clerk but stresses that she will always love basketball.

As for the upcoming season, Chamberlain's main goal is to lead the younger girls on the team.

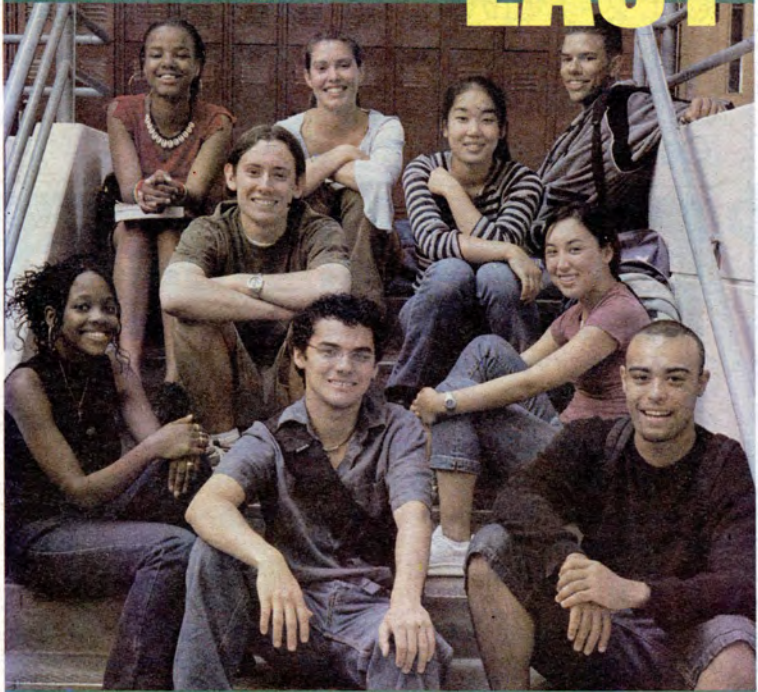
"We're definitely not losing this year," she announced.



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Sarnia native, Erin Chamberlain, is expected to play a big role.

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Guard Erin Chamberlain had a successful rookie season being named an OCAA first team all-star.