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## Art beyond the canvas



R.J.Riley

### Katelyn D'eon creates both digital and traditional pieces in a program that helps hone her skills

R.J. Riley  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Katelyn D'eon has been drawing and painting since she could walk, but it hasn't always been an easy road for her. She enrolled in the visual and digital arts program two years ago, despite being told not to pursue art by one of her high school teachers. "I had an art teacher in high school tell me I was wasting my time," said D'eon, 19. "She told me not to go into art because I was too smart. She said I was wasting my knowledge. I looked at her and said 'thank you for being

my biggest push to be successful." D'eon uses both traditional and digital art to express herself. "Eye catching, funky and pushing boundaries," is what D'eon said she looks for when creating her art. Although the tools are changing, she plans to keep her art this way. Part of the program involves learning how to replace the traditional canvas with a digital tablet that allows you to draw or paint digitally right onto a computer screen. D'eon defines art as "something that needs to come out, it's just your way of expressing that thing and the digital tablet is just another medium to help express it."

I don't get as much value out of something I can print off of a screen as I do physically creating it." Gary Richardson, co-ordinator of the program, said the digital tablet provides a different medium for fine arts, but when it comes to working on a professional job digital tools can help alleviate deadline pressure by speeding up the process. Those around her said it is easy to see she loves what she does. "She's a very artistic person who likes to express herself and she does this through her art," said her boyfriend Brodie Pedersen, a culinary management student. He said he left her in the car once

for 20 minutes while in a job interview and when he came back she had drawn everything around her. "She loves to just draw," said Pedersen. "She can pick up anything and just go." D'eon said she feels living in the GTA has a great effect on her art. "You get to experience so much of other culture's art, it's really amazing," she said. She wants to avoid becoming a "starving artist." "I really hope I always have the ability to be creative and profit from it," she said of her art. Richardson said he sees a future for D'eon in the arts.

"Katelyn's skill level has developed exponentially," said Richardson, who has taught her every semester. "What she needs to do now is find what her focus is because the visual arts field is so broad and she has so many opportunities to apply her skill set." After she graduates D'eon hopes to live somewhere warm, where she can paint and be immersed in another culture. "There's an art world and an art life and an art culture and I can be a part of that and I want to be a part of that," she said. "There's nothing else I want to do." *In Focus: Humber artists - pgs. 10 & 11*

U.S. cruise liner Nautica barely escaped a pirate hijacking while traveling from Egypt to Oman. The area is known for hijacking attempts by Somali pirates. — *gmanews.tv*

# Games room finally open to the public

## Room could be bigger, according to students

Darcie Springall  
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Student Federation's games room has opened in the Student Centre at North Campus two months behind schedule.

The late opening has had mixed reviews from students.

"It was okay that it opened late because I managed to get a lot of work done," said wireless and telecommunications student, Christopher Alimuru. "But the room could've been bigger. And they should bring the arcade games back."

Former games room employee and architecture student, Saifulrahman Khulmi agreed that the room could

have been designed better.

"The games room is okay but they made some mistakes. As an architecture student, they designed this room specifically for the games room but they situated the tables far too close to the walls."

The lack of convenience has some students upset.

"The change machine should be in the games room, not behind a separate door that is closed at night," Khulmi said.

"If we want to play pool after hours, where are we supposed to get change from? Does the HSF not trust students enough to keep it where people can readily access it?"

According to some students, the games room is a break from the stresses of classes and homework, and may even be considered a vital part of Humber College's many services.

"Unfortunately the construction ran late and to ensure the safety of

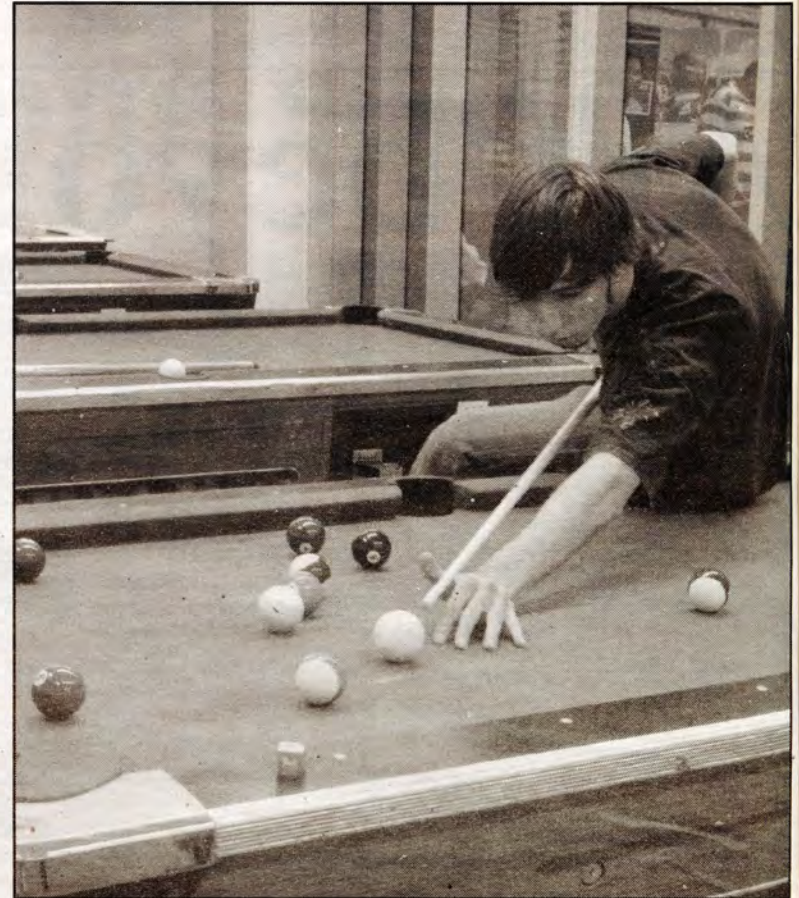
all our students, we weren't able to implement all the games until the work was completed," said HSF president Mike Berg.

"Some of the materials needed to complete the office were on back-order and there was nothing else we could do to get the room open on time."

Five dollars each year is taken from student's tuition and put into an HSF fund. The renovations to the new offices and games room cost approximately 1.7 million dollars.

The construction in the Student Centre dragged on well into the school year, and though the games room is now complete, it wasn't the only thing that was behind schedule.

"There were also a lot of things that had to be finished, in the sense that we needed to ensure that all the heating ducts, and the electrical were sound. The projection screen wasn't up yet, so we had to do a lot of things," said Berg.



Darcie Springall

Humber student Jon Peterson sets up his shot in the new games room. Some think there isn't enough room to play around the tables and are upset that the arcade games have been removed.

# New tower lets campus radio broaden its reach

## Humber Radio can now reach out to audiences around the GTA

Brandon Geobey  
NEWS REPORTER

Humber Radio has turned it up a notch and widened its broadcasting limits to reach around two million people.

"Radio Humber is a radio station in the largest media market in Canada," said Jerry Chomyn, director of broadcast media at Humber.

"Even though it's a campus station, the potential listening audience is somewhere in the neighbourhood of two million. That's probably the largest radio campus audience in Canada, so we are really excited."

Last year, Humber applied for a regular FM licence that would allow Radio Humber to widen its range and conduct a radio show that would be reached in Western Ontario, according to Chomyn. The new FM licence includes a tower about 70 feet higher than the old one.

The FM signals are based on how

high the tower is and the amount of power that is in it. The power went from five watts to 60 watts to improve the signal strength.

"Sixty watts is important because now it means it is a protected radio station, meaning no one can use that frequency," said Chomyn. "It will cover the better part of Toronto. It might not reach as far as Scarborough but it will definitely cover the western half of the city."

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—Jerry Chomyn  
Director of broadcast media

A problem the station faced in previous years was listeners trying to tune in further than the edge of campus and only being able to pick up a Buffalo-based station.

Chomyn said this shouldn't be a problem anymore because he expects the station to reach as far north as Highway 9 which runs through Newmarket and Orangeville.

Second-year radio broadcast student Johnny Walker said he is excit-

ed about the increased broadcasting limits.

"It's a great improvement because there is more coverage instead of just broadcasting to a few people in Etobicoke," Walker said.

"The way I see it, the more people listening, the better. This provides us with experience and great recognition if we have the potential to broadcast to Toronto."

The all-Canadian radio station at Humber is Toronto's only FM instructional station, dedicated solely to training broadcasters, producers, and journalists.

"For a campus radio station, I find 96.9 FM to be great," said Ashley Edwards, a fashion student at Humber. "This new addition will be excellent support for where this station is heading."

The newly installed tower is located on top of the H Building overlooking the North Campus.

## Corrections

In the Nov. 27 issue of the *Et Cetera*, in the article Showcasing Artistic Wealth on pg. 14, the band Mr. Something Something did not co-found Free Speech. Their lead vocalist, John Hultqvist, is the co-founder of the event.



## The 411

### Local

The Ontario government is facing pressure to bring in back-to-work legislation to end York University's strike which has been on since Nov. 6. Students protested at Queen's Park on Tuesday and MPP Peter Shurman introduced a private member's bill to order 3,400 teaching assistants and contract faculty back to the classroom.

—*thestar.com*

### National

Canada needs farmers as farming in this country has fallen to a historic low. Stats Can says one in 46 Canadians lived on a farm in 2006 compared to one in three Canadians in 1931. Census data suggests the farm population is aging as more than 11 per cent of people living on Canadian farms in 2006 were over 65.

—*news.google.ca*

### International

Venice, the Italian city built on water, has flooded. One of the highest tides in Venice's history caused the flood and also reignited the debate over a plan to build moveable flood barriers in an effort to save the city from future high tides. City officials said the tide reached 61 inches, well past the 40-inch flood mark. Workers couldn't install the traditional raised wooden walkways used during flooding because the water was so high the platforms would have floated away.

—*news.bbc.co.uk*

An academic adviser at Ohio State University planned a raffle with the winner receiving a prostitute. He was arrested for promoting prostitution. — news.yahoo.com

# RIDE checks curb impaired drivers

Rose Ditaranto  
NEWS REPORTER

Various officers from different police forces across Southern Ontario launched the holiday season's RIDE program at Humber College.

Officers from York, Durham, Niagara and Peel Regions as well as Hamilton and Toronto helped detour impaired drivers from getting behind the wheel last Friday. They held a conference in Humber College's concourse to get the word out about the initiatives.

"We conduct RIDE checks throughout the entire year and there is an extra emphasis, obviously, during the holiday season, where we put additional officers out," said Insp. Steve Pegrum, in charge of traffic services for Peel Regional Police.

"But it's really important for everyone to know that at any given time during the entire year, we conduct RIDE checks."

Pegrum said impaired driving goes beyond alcohol and explained drugs are also an issue. Officers are now trained in drug recognition programs.

"A lot of people tend to forget that impaired driving is not only an alco-

hol issue, it is also an issue where people are impaired by drugs," he said.

Sgt. Tim Burrows of Traffic Services for the Toronto police said he believes the student population is one area that needs to be targeted.

"What we are asking everyone is to make the proper choices," Burrows said. "If you are going to drink, do so responsibly and don't drive. It comes down to be that simple."

**"Impaired driving is not only an alcohol issue, it is also an issue where people are impaired by drugs."**

—Inspector Steve Pegrum  
Peel Region traffic services

Police are not just targeting young drivers, but people of all ages.

"Our experience is that every age group is involved in impaired driving," said Pegrum. "It's not specifically targeting young people. In fact, in our region, the average age of an impaired driver in the last year has been 37. It's a continuing issue for all the age groups."

Hamilton police Supt. Paul Morrison said although police are working to get impaired drivers off the street, Ontario does not have a

promising drunk driving conviction rate.

However, Hamilton's impaired driving conviction rate has gone up due to a dedicated specialized unit.

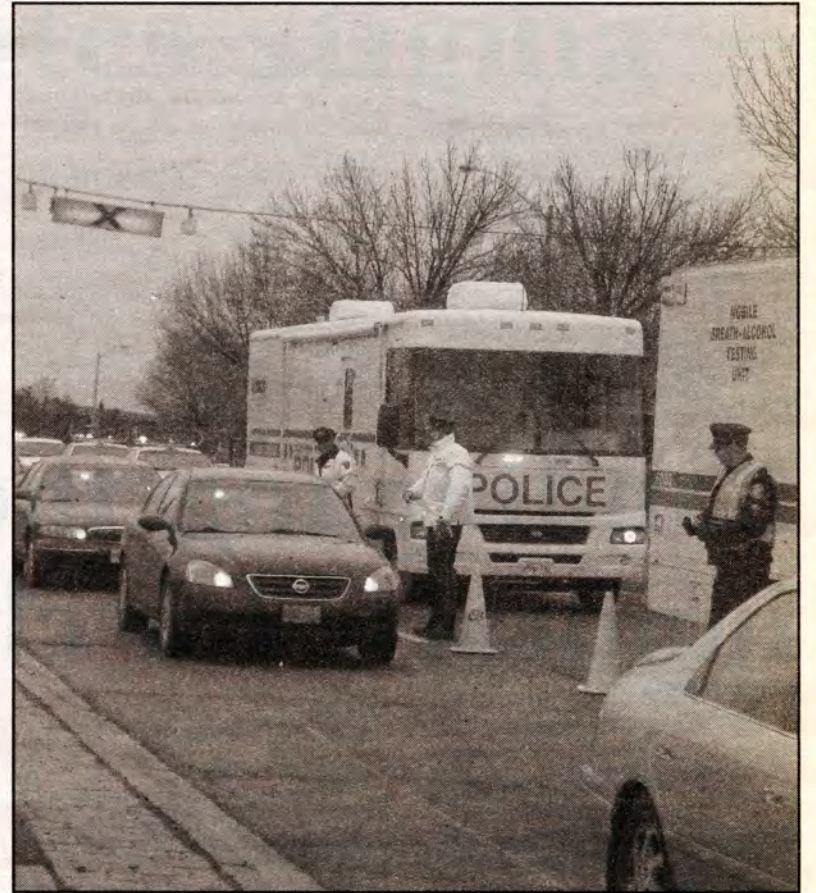
"We really have seen a great increase in the stops of our impaired drivers now and in the confidence of our officers in continuing their arrests," Morrison said.

"Last year we probably had about 290 impaired drivers. This year we are already up to 600."

Representatives from State Farm Insurance and the Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving also had a chance to speak about some initiatives at Friday's conference.

Anne Leonard, executive director of the Ontario Community Council on Impaired Driving, spoke about the legislation and laws surrounding blood alcohol levels and the consequences they hold.

"For example, if I was picked up and charged with over .08 on December 12th, 2008, I wouldn't have a regular, valid licence until about February of 2011," Leonard said. "So it really sends home the message that it's a big decision you make when you fail to plan a safe ride home. In Ontario, you are actually taken off the road at .05."



Rose Ditaranto

Police working RIDE checks are on the lookout for not only drunk drivers, but also those under the influence of drugs.

## Students a no show at meeting

Community meets to discuss issues with students living off-campus

David Lipson  
NEWS REPORTER

A community meeting regarding complaints of rowdy students heard the college is looking at ways to address residents' concerns.

Humber's residence life manager Michael Kopinak announced plans to develop a respect campaign that would address the issue of student's causing trouble in the neighbourhood adjacent to North Campus.

"I wish I had a pill right now that I could give you and this could all go away," he said.

About 50 residents from the area around the college voiced frustration about their student neighbours at Toronto Police 23 Division. Complaints ranged from late night partying to vandalism.

Event organizer Wanda Wloch said noise from students keeps families and seniors in the neighbourhood

up at night. No students attended the meeting.

"They're not invited — what's the point?" she said regarding students attendance at the meeting. "This is what we are discussing, what we can do with them."

This is the second meeting in a month that Wloch has organized. Her car was egged after the first one.

Harrison Jones, a radio broadcast student who lives in the area, said, "It's pretty unfair that these people want to control our college experience. They should know fully well when they move in directly across the college that parties are inevitable."

Resident Peter Bhatti said students often urinate and throw beer bottles outside his house. He also said gasoline was siphoned from his car one night when students were having a party.

"I'm scared to park my own car in my own driveway," he said.

But 23 Division Sgt. Dan Sutton said students aren't responsible for all incidents.

"It only takes one student to do something really stupid for 19,000 of them to get painted with the same brush," he said.

Many residents said student behav-



David Lipson

**Wanda Wloch, right, works with Toronto city councillor Suzan Hall to find a way to stop students from making a mess of her neighbourhood.**

our has improved since police increased patrol in the area and set up a RIDE program.

Toronto city councillor Suzan Hall told Humber officials they should discipline students living off campus.

"It's just isn't good enough to say 'once they are off our property, it isn't our responsibility,'" she said.

Vice president of student affairs John Mason said a plan to move Caps Pub to the L building in September will reduce noise.

## Report says child poverty on the rise

Debora Sardaneta  
NEWS REPORTER

Child advocacy groups are asking the government of Ontario to look closer at child poverty.

Campaign 2000 is a group that aims to end child and family poverty in Canada. It recently released its annual report card that said one in nine Canadian children live in poverty.

According to Liyu Guo, a Campaign 2000 program assistant, the Ontario government has been working on a poverty reduction strategy for some time now.

"If everything goes well, we believe that sometime in December there will be a province wide poverty reduction plan or strategy released, something that we've been calling on for a long time," Guo said.

Child poverty is an issue Humber's early childhood education students try to tackle.

"Our fourth semester students are asked to focus on a child issue for one of their main assignments and many times they chose to focus on child poverty," said professor Julie Valerio. "In Ontario we do have a high number of children that live in poverty. I think awareness is part of

the problem."

Valerio said that people often picture adults when they think of poverty, not children. She added that those without children don't realize how expensive child care is.

"If people can't afford child care, they are stuck and can't go to work," Valerio said. "Some parents can't afford winter coats or winter boots for their children. That's why early childhood education students hold a mitten and scarf drive every winter."

According to a report released by the Children's Aid Society, Toronto's child poverty rate has risen to 32 per cent, up from 24 per cent in 1990.

Cynthia Ulba of the Peel Children's Aid Society said the availability of affordable housing, affordable quality childcare, access to social services and quality employment, are issues that affect child poverty.

"Good quality jobs that offer health care benefits and dental benefits are being lost and that's a concern," said Ulba.

Valerio said many parents with jobs still need to visit food banks and that's a stress factor that affects the child.

"We do see children as all our responsibilities," Valerio said. "We have to embrace all children."

Toronto city council has now approved a five-cent fee for plastic shopping bags that will take effect on June 1, 2009. — 680news.com

# Opposition teams up to sink Tories

Jon Sufrin  
OP-ED EDITOR

While a coalition government would likely have a minimal effect on post-secondary institutions, the resulting political instability could mean reduced funding for colleges and universities, said Gary Begg, a political science instructor at Humber.

"It would probably create a sense of instability rather than stability," Begg said. "They would probably

find that they would be bringing in less revenue, and they might use a little bit less of the discretionary funds to be sent to colleges and universities."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government could be ousted as early as next week by a newly formed Liberal-NDP coalition. If that were to occur, Stéphane Dion would act as interim prime minister for the first coalition government since the First World War.

Humber political science instruc-

tor Greg Narbey said with the Liberals moving uncharacteristically to the left in their union with the NDP, and their apparent contradiction in relying on the Bloc Québécois — with whom Dion made a name for himself by attacking in the past — this union can mean nothing good for Canada.

"The legitimacy of this coalition is so dubious and the potential damage to Canadian government from doing something like this is so great that it would outweigh any kind of

benefit," he said.

Humber could, however, find itself increasingly within the scope of federal attention with Etobicoke-based Liberal Michael Ignatieff in a greater position of power, said Humber President John Davies.

"Michael Ignatieff is a good friend of Humber," Davies said. "One can see the possibility of having a stronger connection to federal programs."

For the College Student Alliance, a coalition government would mean

business as usual, despite the fact that post-secondary education was nearly absent from the Conservative platform and comparatively abundant on the Liberal platform, said Tyler Charlebois, director of advocacy for the CSA.

"Whether they had post-secondary education as a platform item or not, it's still our job to encourage the government and show them the light," he said.

A non-confidence vote is expected to take place on Monday, Dec. 8.

# Banding together to fundraise for children

Vanessa Federico  
NEWS REPORTER

Canadian musicians recently rocked the Eaton Centre to help raise money for War Child Canada.

"Being here and performing tonight just feels right," said performer and singer Liam Titcomb. "It's something I just have to do."

War Child is a fantastic organization," she said. "The people who run the organization are incredible and really have their stuff together."

War Child Canada teamed up with Aldo's Spring shoe stores to raise money to build schools in Africa. They sold five dollar leather bracelets at the event, held Monday,

Nov. 24.

According to its website, War Child Canada has rebuilt 15 schools to date, providing six thousand children in Africa with access to a decent education. For every \$35,000 that is raised by War Child, a school is built.

Former Humber general arts student Selina Greco, 20, helped coordinate the event.

"Being able to be here tonight and know I helped contribute to all of this is truly an honor," Greco said.

"Growing up as a young child, I supported War Child and here I am today organizing events for it."

Those who attended the event were

able to watch performers Brian Melo, Eva Avila, Shiloh, The Trews, Liam Titcomb, Kalan Porter, One Second Too Late, and The Apollo Effect.

Passing shoppers could donate money by dropping change into the musician's guitar cases.

"For a small girl, Shiloh sure has a powerful voice. I think her and Liam Titcomb definitely got the crowd moving here tonight," said 19 year-old audience member, Stephanie Costabile.

"This was an excellent and truly effective way to raise money. Kudos to the co-ordinators for their great job and outcome of the event."



Vanessa Federico

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# Attacks hit close to home

## Canadians are still in shock over violence

David Lipson  
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber instructor Savio Colaco worked with six of the people killed in a terrorist attack at the Taj Mahal hotel in Mumbai last week.

"Eight to ten years back I would have been in one of the restaurants at the lobby level — and it could have been me," said the manager of the School of Recreation, Hospitality and Tourism.

Colaco managed a restaurant at

the Taj Mahal hotel.

"I still can't imagine that the hotel where I started my career in food and beverage is in ruins," he said.

"If I sit still, I can actually visualize the beauty and the grandeur of the hotel."

He said employees at the hotel are coping and supporting each other through blogs and a Facebook group.

"The place itself was like one big family," he said.

The standoff at the Taj was part of a string of terrorists attacks carried out on Nov. 26 that killed at least 188 people, according to a Dec. 2 BBC report.

Eleven Taj employees died in the siege.

The hotel's general manager's wife and two children were also murdered.

"It's a general manager's worst nightmare," Colaco said.

"I've never heard of gunmen actually getting into a hotel and mowing down people — it kind of makes your wonder how safe our world is today."

Hotel and restaurant management instructor Ramesh Srinivasan also worked in one of the targeted hotels.

"My first feeling was shock, followed by total sadness," said the former Oberoi hotel employee.

"For me there was a personal connection with the hotel — I knew the hotel inside and out."

He said hotels should become more equipped to handle safety issues because they are "soft" targets.

Taj Chairman Ratan Tata recently

installed metal detectors at the hotel before the attack.

But Srinivasan said employees need better training in detecting terrorist threats.

India's Intelligence Bureau said terrorists had checked into the hotel before the attack.

"The tourism industry will now be affected by the possibility of the unknown happening and that is something that has changed after 911 and again after what we witnessed in Mumbai," Srinivasan said.

On Tuesday, an anonymous U.S. government official told media outlets India was warned about the possibility of an attack.

Humber student Srinivasan Manivannan said the government should have been more proactive in snuffing out terrorists.

Reaction can only bring sympathy," said the former Taj employee. "But action could have avoided so many things."

Two Cineplex Odeon multiplexes are preparing to legally serve alcohol in their theatres. This initiative is expected to be implemented as early as next week. — *thestar.com*



Harrison Tripple

The 191 route commonly used by Humber students will be one of the many bus routes affected by the new bus route changes.

# TTC changes not noticed by riders

Jen Korson  
NEWS REPORTER

Ninety-three more buses and extended hours marked the TTC's single largest boost in service, but commuters are saying they haven't seen a difference.

"We added the buses to help alleviate overcrowded buses," said Mike Detoma, TTC spokesperson. "We have heard comments from the public that the buses are more frequent and there is a little more legroom."

However, riders find this is not the case. First-year nursing student, Natalina Maiorano, said adding the new buses has not been an effective way to ease bus congestion.

"I only take one bus, the 191. This bus in particular is always jam packed during the morning and evening rush hour," she said. "With the 191 in particular, seven o'clock in the morning is prime time for everyone to get onto the bus, being packed like sardines, so no congestion has been reduced with this route."

Second-year, multimedia design and production tech student Matt Morgan said he hasn't noticed the difference on the bus he takes to school.

"I was complaining to the guys on Thursday that my bus actually comes less now at school," he said. "Even near my house it doesn't seem any different. I think it could be an effective way as long as they ensure more frequent service especially during winter."

Morgan said the idea of adding the new buses should help with overcrowding during rush hour times, "which always puts people in a better mood," he said.

The TTC website said bus routes will now be consistent with the hours of the subway.

Routes that only operate during peak times and midday will also coincide with the subway arrivals.

With these new improvements the TTC said riders should not have to wait longer than 30 minutes.

Detoma said there have been improvements on buses 191, 36B and 96, frequent buses that are used by students attending Humber's North Campus.

Detoma said riders can look forward to more buses and a reduction in wait times in the future.

"We make service changes about 10 times a year, 2009 will see further improvements as we add more buses to our fleet," he said.

*"Seven o'clock in the morning is prime time for everyone to get onto the bus, being packed like sardines, so no congestion has been reduced with this route."*

—Natalina Maiorano  
Nursing student

# Lack of awareness generates stigma

Debora Sardaneta  
NEWS REPORTER

A new survey suggests that Canadians need to be better educated on the AIDS virus.

Over 300 people from across Canada living with HIV/AIDS were asked questions about the impact the disease has on their lives, their knowledge and satisfaction with health care and treatments.

According to Stephen Alexander of the Canadian AIDS Society, the survey suggests people living with HIV and AIDS still face a stigma, and part of it is because Canadians need to learn more about how AIDS is spread.

Alexander said the survey suggests the main reason for concern about others knowing they are HIV positive is social discrimination.

"Some people still think AIDS could be caught through general contact and they don't understand the routes of transmission," said Alexander. "Some think it could be spread through things like toilet seats and that's not the case."

Five key Canadian Aids Organizations, the Canadian AIDS Society (CAS), the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN), the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), the Coalition des organismes communautaires québécois de lutte

contre le sida (COCQ-Sida) and the AIDS Community Care Montreal (ACCM), participated in the HIV+25 survey.

According to Alexander, when it comes to educating people on AIDS, anything that promotes awareness would help to show that AIDS affects all sectors of society. He said it is important for the general public to know that AIDS affects all ages, genders, and sexual orientations.

*"Some people still think AIDS could be caught through general contact."*

—Stephen Alexander  
Canadian AIDS Society

"To be honest I don't think I know as much about HIV/AIDS as I should know," said second-year Humber child and youth worker, Melissa Berkan. "I think there's things that should be talked about more or clarified so that people have a solid knowledge of how it's spread."

Nila Jacob from HKDP Communications and Public Affairs said the purpose of the survey was to see where Canadians are in terms of

knowledge of the disease and health care treatments.

"This survey comes 25 years after the discovery of HIV/AIDS, and its objective is to show where Canadians are 25 years later," she said.

The purpose of this project and HKDP's role was to bring together key AIDS Service Organizations to participate in the project, work with them to develop the survey, and to develop a national media relations campaign.

"It would be good to learn more about diseases such as HIV/AIDS because it's not discussed as much as other illness or disease, such as cancer," said first-year Humber human resources student, Kristin Valent.

According to Alexander there are 60,000 people living with HIV in Canada, and 27 per cent do not know they are infected.

Eighty-two per cent of people surveyed reported there's still a stigma attached to being HIV positive. More than half reported the disease affected their social life and employability and 44 per cent reported their co-workers are unaware they are HIV positive.

"In 2008 people still face stigma with regards to employment, disclosing they have AIDS to friends and family and also to the general public," said Alexander.

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## Coalition needs to act now

At the beginning of September, Stephen Harper called an election because he said the atmosphere in Parliament had become so poisoned it was unworkable. The past week's dramatic events demonstrate that this dysfunction is his fault. Harper campaigned as a warm and friendly prime minister and came out of the election promising to work with the rest of Parliament. That lasted all of six weeks.

With the world in the throes of an economic crisis, Harper, an economist by education, showed he is incapable of crafting policies that don't involve attacking his political opponents. His decision to put off a stimulus package when almost every other country is doing so was bad enough. Compounding it by cutting public subsidies to his opponents – which rely on public funding more than the Conservatives – can be viewed as nothing but shortsighted and partisan.

The Liberals and NDP have little choice but to present themselves to Governor General Michaëlle Jean as a coalition government supported by the Bloc Québécois. Even though the Harper government has backed down from the most controversial elements of the fiscal update it introduced last week, it has shown it cannot be trusted to operate as a minority government should – with the support of other parties.

The policy statements released by the coalition

are encouraging. They promise an immediate economic stimulus, support for the automotive and forestry sectors, and a restoration of the arts funding cut by the Conservatives. Of benefit to colleges, such as Humber, is a commitment to fund training programs to help laid off workers find new jobs.

Still, there are huge risks involved with taking power at a time of recession. Should the downturn last longer than expected, the political fortunes of the Liberals will continue to decline. They also risk scaring off many of their supporters who dislike the NDP and especially the Bloc Québécois. The Bloc is far from a one-note party, but many Canadians, especially out West, see them as nothing more than a group of separatists.

However, the coalition parties need to vote against the Harper government now, lest they miss their opportunity. It is clear Harper has lost the confidence of the House and his policies have done more to spoil the atmosphere in Parliament than anything the opposition has done. The Governor General can't call another election so close to the last one and has little choice but to give Stéphane Dion the opportunity to be prime minister. If the NDP and Liberals step back, Harper will once again have the upper hand, and will continue his bullying ways.

## New terror presents huge challenge

The terrorist attacks that rocked Mumbai last week were shocking in their scope. In their wake is an Indian population furious that their government could allow such attacks to occur. People around the world, including the significant Indian community here at Humber, are left wondering how so many security and intelligence failures could have occurred at once. These attacks were, however, unprecedented in their brazenness. While security did fail, the Indian government should not be condemned too harshly.

Angry Indian citizens are pointing out that the failure of their government's intelligence to prevent the attacks was deplorable. But, if information gathered from the sole captured gunman is correct, the terrorists likely originated from Pakistan, and they attacked during a time of improving relations between the two countries. Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari has been making giant leaps to improve relations between India and Pakistan of late. Most notably, he promised last month to dissolve the political wing of the Inter-Services Intelligence agency, which has been repeatedly accused of supporting terrorist groups. He also announced an objective to implement a no first-use nuclear position towards India. In light of these and other steps taken by Zardari, surely India can be forgiven for harboring less suspicion and vigi-

lance towards its neighbour.

Many people also wonder how so few armed men could hold an entire city under siege for so long. While security measures across the world were increased after 9/11, those measures have been largely geared towards suicide bombers, who are comparatively easier to control than rampaging gunmen. While a suicide bomber will generally create an abrupt, localized scene of devastation, the highly trained Mumbai attackers created a prolonged state of terror.

The disconcerting reality is that many cities would be equally as incapacitated by a similar attack. Consider that a single school shooter will draw the efforts of a large task force. One could well imagine that two separate school shooters would almost certainly over-extend response teams, let alone ten heavily armed gunmen shooting indiscriminately at multiple locations. A single hostage situation is difficult enough to resolve – in Mumbai, at least a dozen locations throughout the city were hit.

While the attacks were heartrendingly catastrophic in themselves, the world may also have to admit that it is unprepared to deal with this new form of terrorism. No country could be expected to deal with such violence efficiently. And if any lesson has been learned by India, it is a sad one: never let your guard down, even when peace seems within reach.



## WORD ON THE STREET

What is your strangest superstition?



Emily Munshaw, 19, second-year culinary arts

“When I cross railroad tracks, I lift my feet.”



Ralph Carito, 20, second-year business management

“I’ll try to avoid looking at a broken mirror.”

Robbie Levin, 26 third-year environmental technology



“My weirdest superstition would be that I hit my cat for good luck.”

Jamie Banton, 23, second-year law clerk



“When I’m waiting for the bus, if there’s lots of old people, I let them go first.”

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"Private opinion, and private behaviour, and private conversation are so terrifyingly important." – English writer Jan Struther

# Response to AIDS day disappoints



Did you happen to see a lot of people wearing red last Monday? How about red ribbons? No? Me neither. As the 20th World AIDS Day passed, I wondered why more people aren't remembering the over 25 million people, according to the Canadian AIDS society, that have died from the disease since 1981. It seems like a pretty big number and yet there were

no official moments of silence.

The crumbling economy, the possibility of a coalition government and the terrorist attacks in Mumbai pushed HIV/AIDS to the background.

Last year, our government took the time to acknowledge World AIDS day. Former Health Minister Tony Clement wrote a message on the Health Canada website commemorating the day. "It is a time to remember those who are living with, or affected by, HIV and AIDS and those who have lost their lives to this dis-

*"Maybe we have become complacent in the fight against HIV/AIDS."*

ease," he wrote.

Clement then announced that in 2008/09, the Canadian government would spend in excess of \$84 million on AIDS prevention, the most ever spent on the disease in Canadian his-

tory. He encouraged everyone to wear a red ribbon in support of those living with the disease and in the hope of one day finding a cure.

This year, an official message of remembrance has yet to surface.

Maybe we have become complacent in the fight against HIV/AIDS. It seems that many of us think it has become a problem of the developing world and that Africa is the continent most affected by the pandemic.

The fact remains that in Canada 58,000 people are currently living with HIV and AIDS, and about 27%

are unaware of their HIV positive status, the Canadian AIDS society says. It also estimates that 11 people are newly infected with HIV in Canada daily. In addition, the infection rate for Aboriginal people is 7.5 per cent, according to the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network. Since they represent three per cent of the Canadian population, that means one aboriginal person is infected daily.

So instead of focusing all our attention on developing nations, we must remember the disease also affects those close to home.

# Facebook surfing may not be so bad after all



Everybody I know seems to have a love-hate relationship with Facebook. I personally don't love Facebook – there are definitely a lot of drawbacks – but I do think it has the ability to be a tool in creating and sustaining friendships.

I joined Facebook long after many of my friends did. I was one of those people who would criticize it consistently. But the truth is, now that I have it, I find it to be a great tool in

many respects. What I like about Facebook is that it connects you with long-time friends – people you might have drifted from for one reason or another. Finding someone you thought you would never hear from again can be really exciting.

Sometimes this reconnection is really short – a quick hello, an update, a few wall postings, and it's over. The person becomes another number on your list of friends. But other times you stay acquainted and build on the friendship you once had, sometimes even enhancing it. Facebook lets you revisit something or someone long forgotten.

*"Writing a message allows you to say things in a way you might not have been able to in person."*

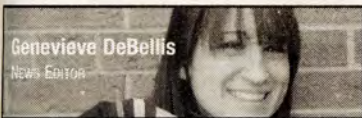
What I like most about Facebook is that it has brought back the art of letter writing. I used to have tons of pen pals when I was a kid. It seemed everyone I met would become my pen pal. Over the years, many of those friends stopped writing or I stopped writing, but I never stopped

thinking about them. When I joined Facebook, it dawned on me that I could find these old friends and maybe start up where we ended. Sending a message through Facebook is quite different than writing a letter, but the spirit of sharing your world with someone else is the same. I have friends all over that I write to and our messages are private, and I like that. I have one friend in Korea who I correspond with all the time and she fills me in on her life and I tell her about the things going on in mine. Writing a message allows you to say things in a way you might not have been able to in person.

I do think Facebook can be very intrusive and voyeuristic – most people at first want to acquire as many friends as they can and create a Facebook image that is more grand than real life. But that fades with time, at least for me. I try very hard to limit my friends to people I actually talk to in person or people that might be a good contact for my profession.

Hopefully, as Facebook becomes more common, people will use it not to create an enhanced image of themselves, but use it as tool in sustaining friendships and connecting with people they once shared great times with.

# Child poverty is unacceptable



Child poverty in Ontario remains a big issue despite Ottawa's pledge to end it by 2000. According to Campaign 2000, an advocacy group for ending child poverty, the province has reached a rate of 12 per cent, which translates to one in nine children. This means that 324,000 in Ontario are impoverished, which compares disappointingly to the national number of poor children at 760,000. This shouldn't be the case in a generally wealthy province.

The cause of these unacceptable levels is a lack of reasonable plan-

ning. Poverty is not something that can be solved overnight. There are root causes that create poverty in our cities.

Earlier this year, Campaign 2000 released a report grading Ontario's handle on the situation. It predicts Ontario needs to spend at least \$6 billion over the next five years to even budge the poverty rate slightly lower. Quebec has spent a comparable amount since 2003 and has been able to cut its child poverty rate in half. So, the question remains: Is Ontario willing to make the same kind of commitment that Quebec did? Is this something Ontario will invest in?

Campaign 2000 also released a strategy for the province that includes increasing the minimum

wage, changing social assistance programs in order to increase the Ontario Child Benefit and ensuring adequate income.

Other plans of action include increasing affordable housing, improving post-secondary education and expanding childcare to accommodate every child in need. All these points can help to better the living situation of children.

When it comes down to it, child poverty is something that can be changed with time and investment by the government. Better assistance for parents means a better life for children. This is something that needs to be considered because investing in children is investing in the future.



To French men, who need the largest condoms in Europe, according to a study by the Institute of Condom Consultancy.

To Albertans, who are the top returners of lost cell phones, according to a Leger Marketing survey.

To a girl from Saskatoon, who kicked her way out of a crashed pickup truck in bare feet and ran one kilometre to get help.

To Stephen Harper, for putting politics above the welfare of the country.

To a San Antonio man, who purposely rammed his truck into a woman's vehicle because God told him to.

To Wal-Mart shoppers from New York state, who trampled an employee to death in their excitement for bargains last week.

## Letter to the Editor

Re: Campus pub more like a nightclub (Nov. 27, p. 7)

I respect the fact that you enjoy more of a pub or lounge environment, but what did you seriously expect from a post-secondary institution's place of inebriation? A pub atmosphere needs plenty of seating and space where the guests can loiter in the establishment for an indefinite period of time. A club environment can violate maximum capacity rules without anyone noticing. Also, the "meaningless" theme nights are there to differentiate one night from the other. Some theme nights actually garner more favour than others and create a bigger turnout.

I understand the music volume rivals jet engines at times, but even East Side Mario's gets loud. Clubs/bars are a terrible environment to meet people because you always give off the intention of having non-platonic relations. I agree "picking up" in a club/pub environment is as shallow as it gets. People spend copious amounts of time getting ready – liberally applying makeup, hair products and italian colognes before going to the bar.

If I were to suggest a place to hang out or meet people, I suggest the library, but preferably not during exam time. People aren't going anywhere, you know they take studies seriously and people always feel the need to take a break from studying.

Juan Antonia Sison, second-year journalism student

One in five young American adults have a personality disorder that interferes with everyday life, and 25 per cent of college students get treatment.— Healthzone.ca

# Health fair helps students get smart

Andi Hui  
LIFE REPORTER

Humber students got informed about staying fit at this year's Health and Wellness Fair.

For the sixth year in a row, the second-year students of the fitness and health promotion class organized the fair for their special events class in Humber's gym on Nov. 27.

"We don't advertise heavily outside of the college so it is aimed more at staff, students and faculty and when the students prepare their information for the booths they keep that in mind," said Matt Koller, professor of the special events fitness class.

Koller said there is usually a turnout of 300 to 400 every year.

This year 295 students, staff and faculty attended the fair. Although it didn't beat last year's turnout, students said it was still a success.

As part of the event, students were separated into groups and assigned different tasks.

"There are four main types of groups. There is logistics, marketing,



Andi Hui

Humber students and faculty members got involved in the Health and Wellness Fair on Nov. 27.

student booth, and sponsorships," said Koller.

Second-year fitness student and health promotion program, Jason Chuck, 20, said students started actively planning the event a month ago.

"I picked the injury prevention group because I think it's one of the

most important," said Chuck. "Injuries occur often and when playing a sport injury is something that you always want to try to avoid. As a rugby player preventing an injury is crucial because you always want to be able to play the whole 80 minutes of a game."

Heba Ahmad, 21, also a second-

year fitness and health promotion student, was one of the many in her group responsible for recruiting sponsors for the event.

She said it was not difficult to find sponsors and the students were able to pick which companies they wanted to attend.

"We picked the sponsors based on

who had more donations or who had the right type of energy that we needed in the actual event," said Ahmad.

One of the sponsors, Bodies By Design, was happy to participate in the event.

"I thought it was a great concept and it's our job in the industry to spread the word, spread the gospel as I say of health and fitness," said Kristopher Simpson, a certified personal trainer at Bodies By Design.

Students said they attended the Fair because they wanted to get more informed about things relating to their health.

"I wanted to find out different types of stretches, different types of exercises that I can do, and supplements that I can take," said Honorine Nsengiyumva, 24, a first-year tourism and hospitality management student.

Nsengiyumva won a hat and gift certificate to the Humber Room for answering a question correctly at one of the booths.

# Lakeshore students ride for a cause

Maggie Cameron  
LIFE REPORTER

Lakeshore's international project management students put their skills to use last week, raising more than \$400 to be sent to Malawi, a country that has been severely affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

The students worked in correlation with World University Service Canada.

"We thought that it would be a good opportunity for us to get together and raise awareness and funds," said Srijeeta Verma, team leader and organizer.

"We have a goal to raise money for one bicycle which is going to help caregivers in Malawi go to houses and see five times more patients than they normally would if they didn't have the bicycle."

With the encouragement and enthusiasm of the team and the support of students and instructors by midday they had reached their goal of raising enough money to buy a bicycle.

"WUSC is an organization that focuses on changing the world through education and awareness," said postgraduate international project management student and organizer Erika Bachmann.

The group set up two exercise bikes and encouraged people to donate money, pledge riders, or challenge one another on the bikes.

Verma said the event was timed with AIDS awareness week.

After meeting its first goal of raising more than \$400, the group con-



Maggie Cameron

Humber supporters ride exercise bikes to encourage people to help raise money to buy an ambulance bike to send to Malawi.

tinued and raised enough money to buy a bicycle ambulance which will get patients from their homes to the hospital.

According to UNAIDS, The Joint United Nations Program, the estimated percentage of adults living with HIV in Malawi in 2007 was 11.9 per cent, an overwhelming contrast to Canada's 0.4 per cent.

Carlos Pereira, postgraduate international project management student who was part of the team, created a video to draw people to the event and raise awareness surrounding the issue. He said he wanted to create something that would grip people on an emotional level, but

also inform them about what is real-

ly going on with AIDS and HIV in Africa, especially in Malawi.

"We're here to provide a voice for people who don't have one or were robbed of one," said Pereira. "We want to tell the story of those in Malawi affected by AIDS and HIV."

I think that everybody on campus has a role to play and a part to play in writing the end of that story. We are so grateful to the people that donated and the people that are riding."

Verma said she was impressed by the generosity of students and staff who attended the fundraiser.

"These bikes have not been still for even a second," she said. "Everybody has been absolutely wonderful!"



Tanisha Du Verney

Organizers displayed red, black and white attire for the event.

# Benefit raises money to keep child alive in Africa

Tanisha Du Verney  
LIFE REPORTER

Students at Humber took a school assignment and turned it into a chance to help save children in Africa living with HIV.

Thirteen groups in the hospitality and tourism management business application program organized an event to benefit the Keep A Child Alive charity.

"I was interested in a charity called Keep A Child Alive so we settled on a dinner and dance," said Monika Kroesen, third-year hospitality and tourism student.

The charity's goal is to raise money for children infected with HIV in Africa.

It focuses on building orphanages for those who lost their families to the disease. It was co-founded by R&B singer Alicia Keys.

The students' efforts were helped through donations.

"We had a lot of great support from companies donating," said Kroesen.

The students were in charge of the

venue selection, decorations, ticket sales, food, and prizes, which ranged from a fondue set to a weekend vacation up north.

The group advertised its event by word of mouth and tickets were sold for \$50 each. The event included dinner and a raffle number selected in a draw.

"The success of the funds show how well all the students worked," said Dan Reeves, professor of tourism operations.

The students were determined to plan the event within a short period of time.

"Events like this usually take up to a year to plan and they have done it in three months," said Reeves. "It's admirable."

The evening started off with a dinner and prizes, followed by a power-point presentation and video created by Kroesen and then dessert.

"The video made me emotional I had to leave the room," said Peter Prelogar, a guest at the event. "It was very powerful."

All proceeds went toward Keep A Child Alive.



A Children's Aid Society report said Toronto suburbs have had an increase in child poverty from 1995 to 2005, brought on by population growth. — *thestar.ca*



Maddie-Jo Tillapaugh

Media studies student, Kyle Brazeau, 19, multi-tasks between a Leafs game and surfing the Internet for his favourite shows. The abundance of video websites mean a choice between TV and online.

## The net versus the tube

Maddie-Jo Tillapaugh  
LIFE REPORTER

With the Internet containing broadband video, viewers are able to watch their favourite TV shows whenever they wish, said Drew Campbell, media services specialist for Humber TV.

"The Internet isn't much of a threat to television right now," said Campbell. "But maybe in about 10 years from now."

Still, he said, television is getting less popular since all the programs are scheduled at certain times, therefore leaving busy people struggling to fit TV into their hectic schedules.

Aspiring sports journalist Kyle Brazeau said he spends more time on his computer than he does watching television, although he still watches TV for 25 hours per week.

"Sometimes I'm on the Internet while I'm watching TV," said the 19-year-old Guelph-Humber media studies student.

Brazeau said he usually watches sports while simultaneously facebooking his friends and said the Internet is slowly taking over.

He and his Humber residence roommate Kevin Meikle, 19, a second-year photography student, watch episodes of *Seinfeld*, *Flight of the Conchords*, and *Kenny vs. Spenny* on the Internet.

According to Statistics Canada, between 2000 to 2006, the percentage of households in Canada that use the Internet jumped from 43 per cent to 68 per cent.

"But there are always going to be friends sitting around a TV together to watch their favourite TV shows," said Brazeau.

## Photo of the week



Robert Gemmitti

First-year business administration student at Guelph-Humber, Robert Gemmitti, 18, took this colourful photo at Nathan Phillips Square on Nov. 29 after the annual tree lighting ceremony.

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# IN FOCUS Artist Week

"Every budding dictatorship begins by muzzling the artists, because they're a mouthy lot and they don't line up and salute very easily. Of course, you can always get some

## Artists' Leaving a career for a dream

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Adrienne Middlebrook  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

A recent cut of \$45 million by the federal Conservatives has left Canadian artists in a predicament.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended his cuts by explaining the funding will go into other cultural projects such as the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games and Canadian heritage events.

But job security and funding doesn't seem to discourage artists from doing what they love.

Humber currently offers six diploma programs and recently added two arts-related bachelor programs.

"Young artists need to be entrepreneurs and learn how to use the media to get their names out there," said Joe Kertes, the dean of Humber's school of creative and performing arts.

"Artists need to adapt to changing jobs and short gigs as opposed to life-long careers."

But students who are aware of this don't seem to be discouraged.

"A lot of students don't think they have job security," said first-year contemporary music major Mike McLaren. "It doesn't seem to discourage anybody though."

Shortly after the arts cuts were announced, Toronto successfully held its third annual Nuit Blanche, which turns the city into a giant gallery of contemporary art for the night.

With just under one million people in attendance, it was clear that the arts in Toronto are still a big part of the city.

"The government doesn't understand how much art does for a city," said Talia DelCogliano, first-year theatre student. "It brings life to the city. People who don't see that are oblivious."

Kertz said the government underestimate the arts.

But he added, "Government unfortunately drops arts funding when times get rough, it's not the right move."

Nicole McIsaac  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

He has a Bachelor of Science in psychology, an MBA in business and has worked as a marketing project manager for a multinational company, but only in acting did he find his true passion.

Richard Young is in his second year in the film and television program at Humber's Lakeshore Campus, and plans to hit the ground running.

Acting is something he always aspired to, but instead he went to school in order to get a "real job."

After graduating from the Schulich School of Business in the 98th percentile, Young became the marketing manager for the L'Oreal Paris hair care line.

He was being pushed to apply for a better job in marketing, but said that he was

bitter and not enjoying his life.

"I just couldn't do it," he said, so instead he applied to Humber.

"I owe my sanity to Humber and this program," he said as a grin took over his face.

Co-ordinator for the acting of film and television program, John Bourgeois said they provide the skills and the tools that students can use to bring out and make use of their talent.

"Those people with talent and drive usually find a way of succeeding," Bourgeois said.

At the age of 29, Young never imagined that he would still be in school, but he said giving up his job and apartment and moving back in with his parents is worth it in order to follow his dreams.

Throughout his life, people have told him acting was only

a dream, but now he is working on making it attainable.

"By treating it as a reality, it's like realizing that dream," he said.

Young is involved in an up-and-coming play called *30 Dates*, a romantic comedy about a young woman searching for true love.

The successful show sold out in its first two weeks and is now in its third as part of Toronto's Wintercity Festival at the Factory Theatre.

Young also played the role of a murderer in the T.V. show *GTA's Most Wanted*, as well as a handful of student films, and is a regular at the Bad Dog Theatre's improvisational Friday show.

"Everything I did, I always tried to focus on acting," said Young.

Jorge Moreira of the Bad Dog Theatre said he immediately saw the potential in

Young and has watched him progress through the stages of the improv classes there.

"Learning the craft of improv helps you become a better actor because you become more confident on stage so you're not as nervous and you're ready for anything," said Moreira.

Young doesn't plan on relying solely on acting to get by, he said. He plans to use his writing skills to create plays and to tell stories.

"The reason I like acting is because I like seeing the way people think, and I like stories," he said.

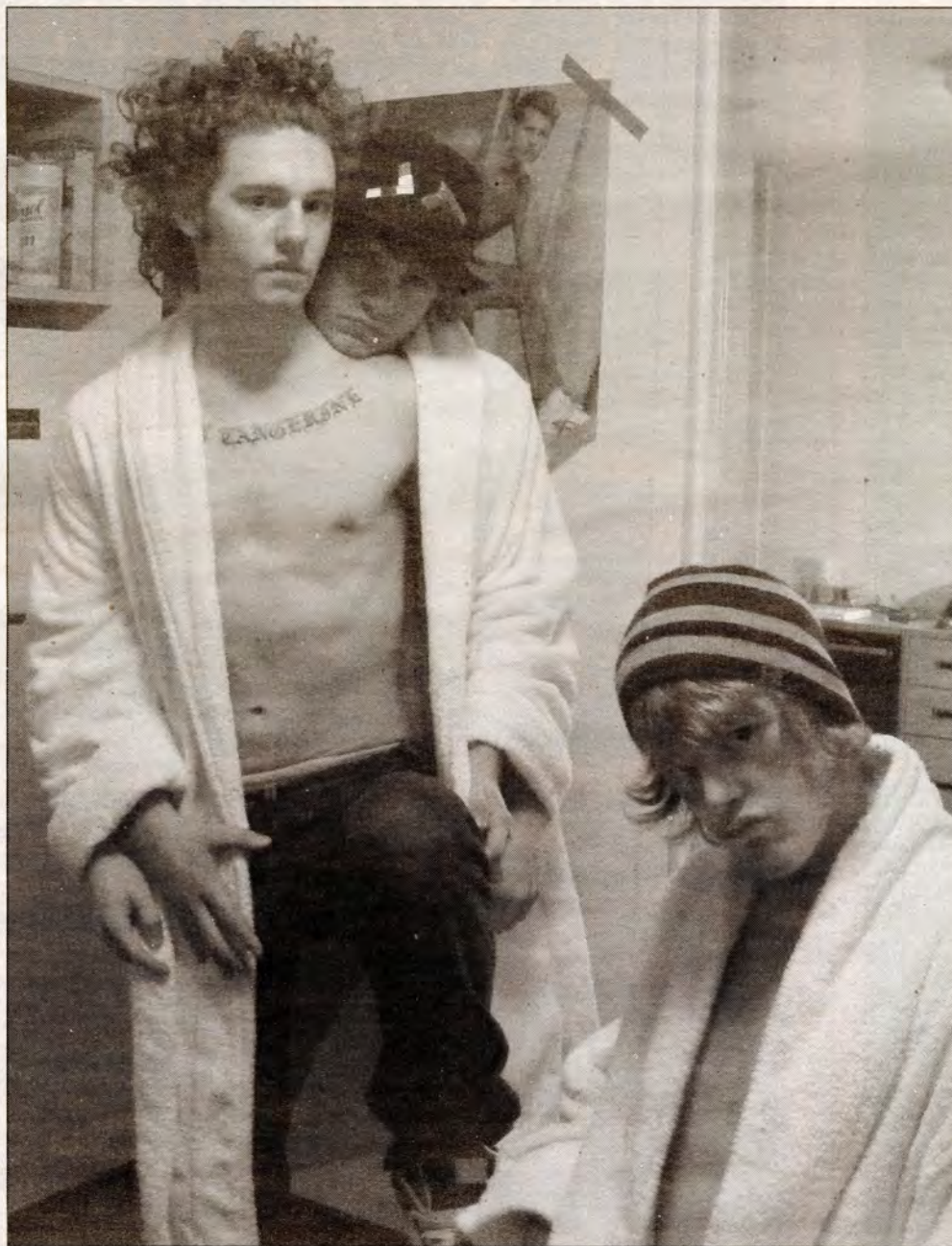
Despite jumping industries, his business background may come in handy.

"Actors are basically entrepreneurs," said Bourgeois, "They're artistic contractors who hire their services out to the highest bidder."



Nicole McIsaac

Richard Young fishes for people during a 45 minute improv challenge at The Bad Dog Theatre.



Leslie Wilks

Singer Max Off, left, rhythm guitarist Jesse Wilks (behind) and drummer Mike Carrey are three of the four members of ska, funk, reggae band Mean Tangerine.

## Tangerine gels

Leslie Wilks  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Mean Tangerine has just gotten its first glimmer of musical success, but this small-time band is already equipped with rock star egos.

Sprawled across his dorm room bed, sporting boxers and a bathrobe, Mean Tangerine's 19-year old rhythm guitarist Jesse Wilks said, this summer they got to play a lot of big gigs, including the Warped Tour and opening for bands like Sloan and Finger Eleven.

"We sucked for a long time," said 19-year old drummer, Mike Carrey, referring to the band's days spent playing dive bars in London, Ont., and its first gig on Canada Day 2005.

"We were playing and everyone was covering their ears and this was our first live show, so we were like, 'are we really that bad?'" said Carrey.

That concert had negative affects, but they soon recovered.

"After that, our self esteem went down," said Wilks. "It took us a few months to even start playing again."

Carrey said their current sound is much better.

Both Wilks and Carrey are first-year creative marketing students at Humber.

The band's lead singer is 19-year old Max Off, a student in the business diploma program. Bass player, Brent Weber, 19, who is the founder

of the band, is a first-year public relations student who started the band.

Off said when playing gigs during the week it can be difficult to balance school work, too.

"We already know how to play the music, we're going to school to learn how to get it out into the market," said Carrey. "Like how to make it better, how to make it more appealing with the target that we want to reach."

They chose Humber because of its Toronto location and the music rooms, which the band uses to practice.

Carrey describes their sound as a mix of funk, ska and reggae. He credits Off with writing most of their music.

"We take care of all the business things," said Wilks. "People don't realize, but there's so much of that that goes along with it. And that stuff is so boring."

Jumping around on what they describe as their 'California King Bed,' (they pushed their dorm room beds together to create it), Wilks and Carrey said members of the band are lifelong best friends.

"I guess my ultimate goal is just to spend most of my time touring," said Wilks. "I love playing shows and I love being in a band."

Despite seeing each other every day, they still get along, Off said.

# Artist Week IN FOCUS

tame artists to design the uniforms and flags and the documentary about you, and so forth - the only kind of art you might need." - Margaret Atwood - *Globe and Mail*



## A photographer gets focused

Christopher Fry  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

You hear the story all the time - a friend of a friend is so blown away by a picture, or a book, or a song that it changes his or her life forever. However, you are never too sure if the story is true.

Well, for Jason Matos, it is true. As he searched through photo-journalists he found James Nachtwey.

"He had a photo image that really struck me and really spoke to me and it made me want to take pictures and connect with people."

Matos entered Humber's creative photography program in the fall of 2007 and he thought he knew it all from the get-go.

"Everyone comes in thinking they're better than everyone else," he said. "It really was a shock coming in thinking I knew a lot and then realizing I knew absolutely nothing in the whole scheme of things."

Not only has Matos' attitude come a long way since his first days in the program, so have his skills with a camera.

"He's really good at what he does,"

*"My drive is I just really, really want to make good images."*

-Jason Matos  
Photography student

said fellow second-year creative photography student Will Fournier. "He has a feel for what has to be done... and works well with subjects and models."

Former Humber creative photography student and current photo technician Ashley Watson agrees.

"He's definitely starting to find a style for himself," said Watson, who works alongside Matos in the photography cage.

Not only is Matos committed and driven to be a successful photographers; he also has a deep passion for the craft.

"My drive is I just really, really want to make good images," he said. "I love from the very beginning, making a concept in your head and then actually seeing that carry through to the final print. It's just the biggest thrill and accomplishment ever."

Matos credits his family and friends for supporting him every step of the way in his journey to be a top-notch creative photographer.

"My family is very supportive - my parents are my biggest fans," he said. "I don't have anyone telling me that I won't make any money, or it's a waste of a career."

In April 2009, Matos is scheduled to graduate from his program and feels a bit of uncertainty about what his future holds as a photographer.

"I'm out of here in four or five months and I have to support myself and I have no clue how I'm going to do that as a photographer," he said. "I'm just going to have to throw myself out there and see what happens."

Watson, said Matos will do just fine in the real world.

"He seems to be pretty focused on what he wants to do," she said. "I've seen students with that kind of focus and they're the ones that go on to work within the industry."

Matos has his pictures displayed online at [www.flickr.com/photos/jasonmatos](http://www.flickr.com/photos/jasonmatos).

Jason Matos works in the photography cage between classes.

Christopher Fry

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Britney Spears celebrated her 27th birthday on Tuesday, Dec. 2 with a performance on *Good Morning America* and the release of her sixth studio album. — *People.com*

## Jazz ensembles attracting audiences from far and wide

Musicians prefer the intimacy the venue provides

Melissa Sundardas  
A&E REPORTER

Tapping their feet and swaying to the rhythms and melodies, the audience at the Lakeshore Campus' most recent jazz concert was a performer's dream.

"You actually have people listening when you're performing at Humber because they're just there to see the concert," said Suzy Wilde, student ensemble vocalist and final year music degree program student.

"Sometimes I play at clubs and it gets pretty loud and you don't think people are really listening, so performing at Humber's auditorium is fun because people listen."

Hosted by 91.1 Jazz FM's Terry McElligott, the show was part of the Humber Music Jazz Series, featuring world-renowned jazz saxophonist Pat LaBarbera, professional vocalist Trish Colter, and special guest conductor Lisa Martinelli as well as student ensembles.

Playing a mix of classic jazz tunes as well as mainstream music with a new jazz twist to it, the evening of hot instruments and smooth vocals was enjoyed by all.

"We work with all colleges that have music programs and it may well be our mandate, but it's also a lot of fun to do," said McElligott.

"It's great to come out here and see the students perform and see how



Melissa Sundardas

The Humber Mainstream Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of world-renowned saxophonist Pat LaBarbera, perform on Nov. 29.

hard they've worked," he said. "The other thing is that our audience loves it, so why not?"

**"It's great to come out here and see the students perform and see how hard they've worked."**

—Terry McElligott  
Jazz FM host

LaBarbera directed the first ensemble, The Humber Mainstream Jazz Ensemble, while Martinelli was at the helm of the second, The Humber Vocal Jazz Combo.

Students weren't the only ones filling the auditorium's seats. People of all ages and from different areas of the city came to see the show.

Jazz fan and Georgetown resident

Gary Brand said he heard about the concert on 91.1 Jazz FM and is a frequent Humber jazz show attendee.

"It's not far from home, it's reasonable and it's a night out of the house, so I can accomplish a couple of things by going — be entertained and see some developing music," said Brand.

"I always say it's a shame people don't know about them because there's some interesting events that go on here and people just miss it. I've been to a number of the shows here and I'm always interested in the program and what's going on in it," he added.

Humber's next upcoming concert is on Wednesday Feb. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Lakeshore Campus and will feature the Hilario Duran Ensemble and the Luis Ochoa Big Band.



### The Weekend Playlist

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but here are things so delightful.

❖ The classic holiday ballet, *The Nutcracker* opens Dec. 6 at Toronto's Four Season Centre on Queen St. W. Dance Sugarplums!

❖ Sunday, Dec. 7 — Intrada Brass at the ROM's Holiday Christmas concert at 3 p.m. in the Samuel Hall Currelly Gallery.

❖ The latest in biopics, *Cadillac Records*, hits theatres this weekend. Beyoncé as Etta James? You be the critic.

## Student-run improv club gearing up for laughs

Ronda Collins  
A&E REPORTER

A group of film and television students has revived Humber's fading improv group and are excited to show off their skills.

"I basically asked people in the class if they were interested in drama or improv and they said 'ya!'" said Ailene Tam, first-year Humber film and television student and president of the improv club.

When Tam went looking for a club or group to join and found none, she decided she'd just make her own.

Together with fellow classmates Eytan Tobin and Shannon Horbatuik, vice president and treasurer of the group, Tam put out flyers which resulted in over twenty people signing up and thirty people joining the Facebook group.

Each founding member has experience in the arts.

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"I've been in an improv club before at my old school," said Horbatuik. "And my brother was on the improv team for the Canadian Games for our school, so I'm really into the whole improv thing."

The group's first meeting was held Thursday, Nov. 20.

One of the members, Stephanie Lawrence, another first-year film and television student, was excited to get the chance to perform.

"I joined this group because I'm really into acting," she said. "I was excited to have fun with my friends and improv's usually really funny."

Though only a few people turned out for the first meeting, the group ran several improv games keeping everyone who attended laughing the entire time.

### OPINION

## Life in the circus — Britney Spears is back

Paul Paquette  
A&E REPORTER



The last two years nearly took Britney Spears to an early grave, but she was able to bounce back to reclaim her throne as the ringleader of modern popular culture.

"All eyes on me in the center of the ring, just like a circus," are the lyrics to the second single off her latest album, *Circus*, and another puzzle piece of her chaotic life.

The media has given the pop star a break in recent months, even giving Spears the benefit of the doubt in some situations; because the truth is, in her darkest days and suffering, Spears brought awareness to many hardships people face daily.

It took two forced hospital stays before Spears accepted help and began to get her life on track. Her estate turned over to her father, her

life controlled by others, it became obvious the star had work to do to regain her previous star status.

"She's a celebrity first and a musical artist second, that's for sure," said Humber music history teacher Brad Klump.

"I certainly imagine she has influenced many other young artists who want to follow in that kind of musical style. It's yet to be determined what her impact will make on music itself," Klump said. "There is probably a lot of people who are rooting for her and there is probably a whole lot of naysayers as well, who just can't wait to see her completely be a disaster."

The MTV documentary *Britney: For the Record*, chronicled Spears' return to the stage, studio, and sanity over the course of two months. She spoke about what helped her get back on track from what could be described as the most unstable period of her life.

"Everybody has a world that they create around themselves," said Spears in the documentary.

"If I have a lot of nervous energy, when I start dancing it all goes away and I just feel emotion."

"People think that you go through something in your life and you need to go to therapy; for me, art is therapy, because it's like you're expressing yourself in such a spiritual way," she said.

"Sometimes you don't need to use words to go through what you need to go through. Sometimes it's an emotion that you need to feel when you dance, that you need to touch on and the only thing that can touch it is when you move a certain way."

The documentary's honesty, along with her album release this past Tuesday, a successful media blitz through Europe and the confirmation of an upcoming world tour in 2009, signal the return of Spears and her influence.

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# Fear and Loathing's rock stars

Lacerda hits the road to promote songs from its debut album

Ronda Collins  
A&E REPORTER

A character in the movie *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* has inspired the name of local rock and roll band Lacerda.

"There is a character in the movie

named Lacerda and I really liked the name," said lead singer Milenko.

"I suggested it to my old band as a name and they all thought it was really stupid and didn't want to use it, (so) I went solo.

"I'm doing my own thing and so I just used the name."

Lacerda is a quintet that features a pair of Humber students: James Watkins, an electrical apprentice student, and business administration student Bryan Baker.

Lacerda has played many venues and recently released its debut album, *For Love and Hope* in October. The band plans to tour the album for the next year and is writing new material all the time.

"It was long, stressful, expensive, I-hate-everyone sort of ordeal," said guitarist Watkins, about creating the album.

"But it took us a long while because we're all working, this isn't our full time job yet, so we had to do it on late nights throughout the summer and it took us from about February."

For now, the guys are enjoying musical success while also holding down day jobs as a manager at a saw factory, an electrical apprentice, a security officer, a heating and air conditioning apprentice, and an assistant technical analyst for the region of Peel in the waste management division.

Performing at Warped Tour is one of the band's biggest achievements. It has also been seen in the pages of *Alternative Press* magazine, an honour they talk about fondly.

## Album Review

Ronda Collins  
A&E REPORTER

Lacerda's debut album, *For Love and Hope* makes you want to jump around and bang your head to the beat.

The album is full of infectious music and the lyrics are thoughtful and personal to the group.

Songs like, *Table Tennis for Two* with lyrics like, "You're on cloud number nine. My God how I hurt so much when I fell from heaven. I'm God's gift to you," show the uniqueness of the band's writing and is unwavering throughout the album.

The band's five members, Milenko, James Watkins, Bryan Baker, Brad Sharkey and Mark Forster all hail from Toronto.

The most interesting part of the album is found in the backup vocals in the song Yega.

The difference between the smoothness of Milenko's voice and the higher scratchy sound of the second vocalist makes the song stand out.

The only downfall to the CD is it's short with only six songs. The disc artwork is done by Darryl Graham.

The band keeps the energy up throughout the disc and each song will have listeners bouncing to the beat.



Courtesy

Lacerda take their brand of rock to the next level with the debut album, *For Love and Hope*.

## In My Headphones

1. Keep Ya Head Up – 2Pac
2. Spaceship – Kanye West ft. GLC & Consequence
3. Milk It – Nirvana
4. A Change is Gonna Come – Sam Cooke
5. Juicy – Biggie Smalls
6. I'm Ready – The Diplomats
7. Once Again – A Tribe Called Quest
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I feel sorry for the person who can't get genuinely excited about his work. Not only will he never be satisfied, he will never achieve anything worthwhile. —Walter Chrysler

## Ted Rogers: 1933-2008

Jeff Wimbush  
Biz/TECH EDITOR

Ted Rogers, CEO and founder of communication, broadcast and publishing powerhouse Rogers Communications, has died. He was 75.

Rogers succumbed to congestive heart failure in his Toronto home on Tuesday.

Alan Horn, the acting CEO of Rogers Communications, gave condolences and praised Rogers' achievements.

"Ted Rogers was one of a kind who built this company from one FM radio station into Canada's largest wireless, cable and media company."

Basil Guinane, associate dean of media studies at Humber, said he once worked for Rogers.

"I worked for Maclean's in 1996 when Rogers bought it and I made a presentation to the media magnate himself outlining the magazine's plans for Internet content. He had his eye on the future," Guinane said, pointing out that the time magazine Internet content was cutting edge.

"He was very interested and excited about the interactivity."

Guinane also said Humber and Rogers Communications have a real connection.

"He started a group of media companies that give internships to our



Courtesy Rogers

**Ted Rogers became a multi-media mogul by looking to the future.**

students and employ our graduates," Guinane said. "He will go down in history as one of the most successful Canadian entrepreneurs of the 20th and 21 centuries."

Phil Lind, vice chairman of Rogers Communications worked alongside Rogers for 40 years, and in the press release he highlighted Rogers' commitment to his family.

"He will be missed by so many.

Though Ted was relentless in business and building this company over the years, he was also very much a family man."

Visitation will be held Monday from 11a.m.-9p.m. at the Grace Church on the Hill. The funeral service will take place Tuesday at St. James Cathedral. The service is expected to be for close friends and family only.

## Phone companies dropping cellular service charges

Mike Nasmith  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Another cell phone company has dropped its system access fee, but there are doubts this change will have any affect on customers.

In early November, Rogers announced it would be dropping the fee, along with its 911 charge, on its discount Fido brand. This came after the March launch of Koodo, the discount branch of Telus, has no fee.

John Lawford, a lawyer for the Public Interest Advocacy Centre, doubts these changes will cause cell phone bills to drop.

"All it means is there won't be a line on your bill that says 'system access fee,'" he said. He believes the charge will be transferred into the basic service part of the bill.

Liz Hamilton, a media contact for Fido, said the move is designed to make cell phone bills easier for customers to decipher, and it is not about reducing prices. Charges will be part of an "all-in" pricing, according to Hamilton, and the new system will only be for new clients — existing users will keep their old plans.

Ken Whitehurst, director of research and communications at the Consumers Council of Canada, said people should not jump into a plan simply because there is no access fee listed.

He advises carefully looking at the

available options, to choose an appropriate plan.

Lawford said the moves by the cell phone companies are directly correlated to the federal government's decision to auction off cell phone bandwidth last July.

This has opened up the possibility that up to five new companies may soon compete for cell phone users.

Lawford said the prospect of competition in the marketplace scares cell phone companies.

"They never would have done it otherwise," Lawford said, referring to the changes in fees.

While Lawford said he doesn't think the recent moves will mean savings for customers, he does think the new companies might lower prices.

He said the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) seems unwilling to enforce price guidelines with cell phone carriers.

"Increased competition is the only hope because the CRTC won't do anything."

Some people, however, are skeptical of the new companies.

"I would still stick with the big three because you're sure of the service," said Ramanjot Singh, a business management student at Humber.

There is no set date for when the new companies will enter the market.

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## Toronto Zoo to turn animal waste into energy

Claude Saravia  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

All animals poo. The Toronto Zoo, which houses 5,000 animals, has formulated a plan to build a plant which would turn the droppings of the animals into biofuel.

David Ireland, the curator of Toronto Zoo, said the conversion process involves taking animal manure, food processing and industrial waste and farmer agricultural by-products and combining them with bacteria in an oxygen-free environment.

"These anerobic bacteria will eat the organic waste furiously, producing ample amounts of methane which will build up in a closed container," said Ireland.

"You can then either force that meth directly into a natural gas pipe line, or you can burn that methane to create electricity."

Reza Iravani, a professor at the Edward S. Rogers Sr. Dept. of

Electrical & Computer Engineering at the University of Toronto, said the process is common in Europe.

"It is the same as conversion of waste material," she said.

**"In Germany, for example, there are thousands of these things operating."**

—David Ireland  
Toronto Zoo curator

"In Germany, for example, there are thousands of these things operating, and actually producing upwards of 12 per cent of the electricity demand for the entire country," said Ireland.

In the Netherlands, the largest facility recently opened. It powers 90,000 homes a year by transforming 440,000 tonnes of chicken manure a year into energy, she said. Broadcast and television student

Nikola Karovic thinks what the zoo is trying to do is a good idea.

"Absolutely, anything you can do to stop the consumption of fuel with alternative fuels is a great idea," he said.

The funding for this project is still unclear, with the zoo under the ownership of the city of Toronto.

"We haven't formerly asked the city for anything and we feel the best avenue to make this happen is a private-public partnership," said Ireland.

He said the facility they are planning on building would produce enough energy to offset all carbon emissions from the zoo.

President of Humber's Environmental club Troy Dettwiler, said it is an interesting project.

"I definitely think it is a good move on the zoo's part," said Dettwiler. "I had heard of similar initiatives using waste, but this is the first I have heard of this—I guess there is a lot of energy in poo."



Courtesy The Toronto Zoo

**Elephants at the Toronto Zoo eat over 2200 lbs of food and produce 500 lbs of waste daily that will soon be turned into energy.**



The Toronto Maple Leafs introduced new general manager Brian Burke at a news conference last week. The colourful Irishman signed a six year contract. – TSN.ca

## Women end year on high



Alex Schwalm

Maria Suriani looks for a teammate in a game versus Algoma.

Alex Schwalm  
SPORTS REPORTER

The last home game before the winter break proved to be victorious for the women's basketball team.

The Hawks hammered Algoma 59-35, picking up a much-needed win and putting them one game over .500 before the holiday break.

Despite the win, head coach Denise Perrier said she wasn't happy with her team's play.

"I didn't think we were aggressive enough," Perrier said. "They were ripping the ball from our hands."

At one point in the first half, guard Kaela Stinchcombe-Browne crashed into a member of Algoma, resulting in her having to leave the game for medical attention due to dizziness. She returned after the half.

"That's the hardest I have seen our women's team play," said athletic director Doug Fox.

"I like to see the energy, but what I really didn't care for was how many turn-overs we had."

When asked about the team's prospects, Fox said he is confident the team's young roster – the Hawks

have 14 freshmen – will continue to get better.

"We are about where I thought we were," he said. "I am pleased with what we got for about the next three-four years."

A young team like this makes great strides. They improve quickly."

The next regular season game is scheduled for Jan. 6 at Sheridan.

"I would like to see them knock off Fanshawe and St. Clair and get themselves into second place," said Fox.



Alex Schwalm

## OCAA Basketball Standings

### Women's Basketball

West	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
St. Clair	5	2	0	10
Humber	4	3	0	8
Fanshawe	4	2	0	8
Sheridan	4	0	0	8
Mohawk	3	4	0	6
Niagara	3	3	0	6
Algoma	2	5	0	4
Redeemer	0	6	0	0

### Men's Basketball

West	Win	Loss	Tie	Points
Niagara	8	1	0	16
Humber	7	2	0	14
Fanshawe	7	0	0	14
Lambton	5	4	0	10
St. Clair	5	4	0	10
Mohawk	3	6	0	6
Sheridan	3	3	0	6
Algoma	2	6	0	4
Redeemer	1	7	0	2
Sault	0	8	0	0

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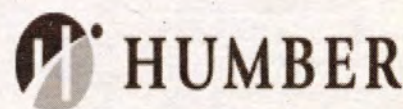
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Jennifer Gordon

Point guard Daviau Rodney scores two of his 10 points, as teammate Akeem Sween (#5) looks on.

## Superstition a tradition

Tim Morse  
SPORTS REPORTER

Left sock, right sock, left pad, right pad, tie up skates, throw salt over left shoulder, then right.

"Athletes don't want to admit it, but every athlete has a superstition," said assistant athletic director Jim Bialek. "They may not even be aware, but bar none, they have one."

"Superstitions are one of the most common athletic traits, whether they be in preparation for a game, during one game, or after the game, you can see them at all times."

Women's volleyball team assistant coach Dean Wylie said he sees it come up in some varsity sports more than others.

"It seems to come up in more physically intense sports like hockey, basketball," he said.

Bialek said that even players like Wade Boggs, a famous 3,000 hit baseball star, had to eat chicken before every game.

Athletic director Doug Fox has

*"I think my tendency to dip my stick in the toilet before every game is pretty weird."*

—Brett McCully  
Hockey/rugby player

been around Humber and seen it all. "I've been here since 1979 and I think you'd most likely find the most superstitious players in hockey, though I've seen it elsewhere," he said. "You mostly see it in prepara-

tion and pre-game, what food they eat, what clothes they wear, and how they wear them."

Humber hockey and rugby star Brett McCully said he's had one superstition since he was a kid.

"I think my tendency to dip my stick in the toilet before every game is pretty weird," he said to a room full of people staring in disgust.

Bialek claims, however, that his story about a mid '90s Humber goalie tops them all.

"We had a goalie that at the beginning of the season that bought a pair of long underwear and hung it up at the end of every game without washing them.

"By the end of the season they were so hard you could stand them up on the wall," he said.

# Hawks destroy Cougars

58-point victory ends year on a roll

Jennifer Gordon  
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's basketball team finished the first half of its season on a high note, blowing out the visiting Sault College Cougars, 87-29.

The Hawks outscored the Cougars 47-8 in the second half en route to improving to 7-2 on the season.

The team also moved into third place in the West Division.

Coach Darrell Glenn attributed the success and progress of the team to a better understanding of themselves.

"We're moving in forward in every facet of the game," he said. "We've had a chance to practise, our chemistry has improved and there is a real commitment to sharing the basketball."

Missing in the lineup for Sunday's game were forwards Jadwey Hemmings and Jessie Simmons.

Hemmings was injured in a game against Redeemer University on Nov. 26, when he chipped a bone in his wrist.

Simmons experienced an undisclosed sprain when the Hawks faced Sheridan College on Nov. 18.

"Injuries are part of the game, that's why you try to keep a deep team of talent," Glenn said. "We've lost good players, but another good way of looking at it is

that we're giving other players the opportunity to improve and get that game experience."

First-year forward Ron Gabay started his sixth straight game against Sault and added six assists.

"I felt really comfortable that he could get us into a rhythm," Glenn said about Gabay. "He can rebound,

he runs the floor really well, he shares the ball well, and he helps us execute our offence."

Point guard Daviau Rodney agreed.

"Ron has been a big factor for us," he said. "He always plays hard, he's a big lift to us right now."

Player of the game went to guard Jeremy Alleyne, who scored 21 points and had six rebounds.

"I went out and played hard, I competed on both ends," the second-year business marketing student said. "I made shots that I had been missing in other games. I was in a slump for a couple of games, so it felt good."

Also getting more playing time is rookie guard Michael Acheampong, who had 14 points and seven rebounds.

"We're focusing on playing good defence and capitalizing on our offence," Acheampong said. "Our

win streak is based on an understanding of how we play together."

The break will give the players time to prepare for the hectic schedule of final assignments and exams.

"Right now our primary responsibility is school," Glenn said.

"We can't afford to lose anyone to academics. If we can keep everyone eligi-

ble, we're going to have a real shot at being special down the stretch."

The Hawks play their first game of the second half in Brampton against the Sheridan College Bruins on Jan. 16.

The Bruins are the defending Ontario College Athletic Association Champions.



Jennifer Gordon

Guard Ryan States scored 10 points.