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Students demand changes to OSAP

By LEAH NONATO

Creative Photography student Ashley Gropp has found herself at least \$40,000 in debt because, she says, the provincial government is not properly administering student loans.

She voiced her concerns at a student-organized press conference at Queen's Park last Thursday.

Gropp said the OSAP application forms are not detailed enough to assess whether a person is in financial need or not.

"By the time I finish this year, I will have a debt of \$40,000 because OSAP didn't recognize the fact that my parents have mortgages and four dependants," Gropp said.

Gropp was denied OSAP because her parents' combined income was over \$30,000, which is above the poverty line, a problem many students face.

Recognizing the need for financial aid, the College Student Association (CSA), a political advocate organization that lobbies on behalf of college students, recommended a change to the government regarding financial aid, specifically the Ontario Student Association Program (OSAP).

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Lest we forget: Minnia Anbrosa from Branch 528 sells poppies on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion at the Woodbine Centre. Remembrance Day services will be held Monday, Nov. 11 at 10:45 a.m. in the Concourse at the North Campus and in the Lower Cafeteria at the Lakeshore Campus.

Sewage backup costly

By AARON SAWYER and PAUL PAPAS

Thirty years of grease buildup in Humber's sanitation pipes caused a second sewage backup in the LB wing yesterday, an ongoing problem costing the school nearly \$8,000 in repairs.

Roughly two weeks ago, contractors had attempted to fix the problem in the 150 feet of piping under the LB wing.

At that time, the contractors missed the two meters of piping where the real problem lay.

The backup this week resulted from nearly six feet of grease found in a two foot dip in the piping.

"The entire piping was clean with the exception of the two meters of piping that was originally undetected. It was nearly impossible to detect the two feet that was missed due to the dip in the pipe," said David Griffin of Facilities Management.

Classes in the LB wing were rearranged and five washrooms were closed for nearly three hours on Wednesday to solve the problem.

"We had to close the washrooms because they continued to feed the piping and would put us no further ahead. In turn, the backup would come up through drains in the lower LB classrooms," Griffin said.

When the piping began to further back up Tuesday afternoon, the contractors were called in a second time. Repairs were completed shortly after noon on Wednesday.

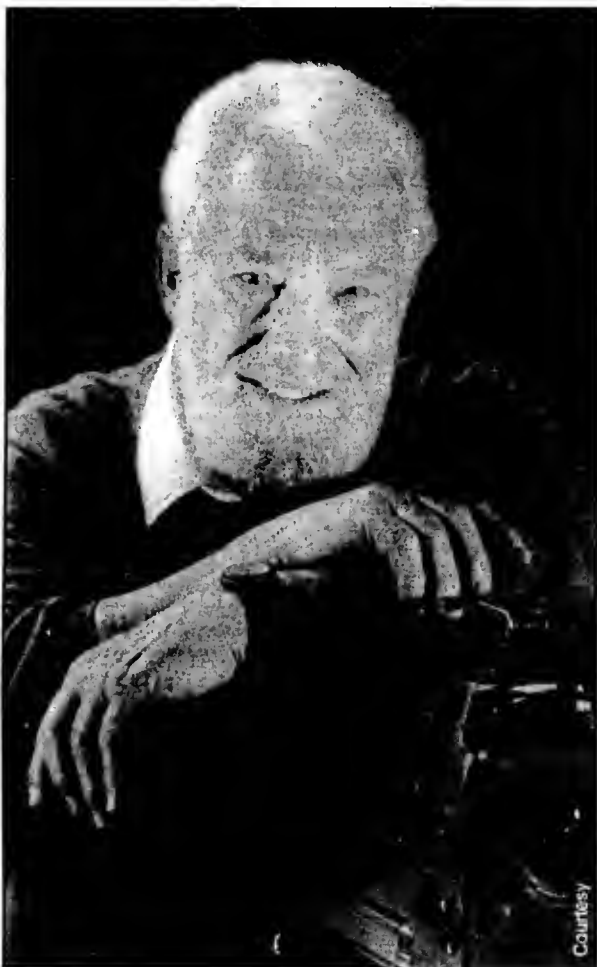
"After the first cleaning was done the problem continued to occur. We discovered, after further analysis, the new problem and dealt with it accordingly," Griffin said.

After a thorough cleaning of the pipes, Griffin said he hopes the problem has been solved and will not recur in the future.

"Right now we're just trying to pay the bills, we don't necessarily take in to consideration problems like this that may occur when dealing with our budget," Griffin said.

"There are plans for preventative maintenance, but even regular service doesn't guarantee there won't be future problems. I would hope, in the long run, there won't be a repeat."

Dedicated man remembered



Ken Post, a well-liked, retired film and television production instructor at Humber died in July. His wife has organized a memorial award fund in his honour.

By MIKE ZETTEL

Ken Post is remembered throughout the film community for being an adventurous cinematographer who always went to great lengths to get the perfect shot.

At Humber, he is remembered for limitless enthusiasm and willingness to share his knowledge with the next generation of filmmakers.

Ken Post died on July 7, of prostate cancer. He was 80 years old. Post began teaching at Humber in the mid-1980s and retired 12 years later in 1992.

His specialty was cinematography, particularly location shooting. When his students needed help on their shoots, they say Post went the extra mile.

"He lent his own equipment to students all the time," said Nancy Black, a Film and Television Production graduate and post-production manager for Nelvana in Toronto.

By the time Black entered the program, Post was semi-retired, but he sometimes guest lectured. She said even as a substitute, Post delivered a unique brand of hands-on education.

"He was still running up ladders like crazy in LB121

[for lighting] she said"

"He was just a natural teacher," his wife Edda Maria Favretto-Post said. "He loved his work and loved to share it with anyone who was willing to learn."

One of Post's proudest achievements was a series of pieces called "The Pied Piper," which aired on *Tales of the Riverbank*, also known as the *Hammy Hamster Show*.

Combining his love of travelling and educating, the show had him take a camera, often without a crew, to locations around the world where he would find a young person and talk about what life was like in that country.

"He thought at the time that kids in North America didn't understand that there were other worlds out there," Robert Kernohan, Post's nephew said.

Bob Bocking, a friend and former coordinator of the program said. "The unique thing about Ken was all the time

he spent with students and the respect they had for him."

This respect earned Post the Humber College Student Life Award in 1992, an award made more significant because it is nominated by students.

Post left Humber in 1992, but still kept in touch with students and faculty, attend-

ing the screenings of the third-year Film and Television students every April.

"He would check up on you after you graduated to see how you were doing," Black said. "You don't see guys like that in this day and age."

Award named for Post

By MIKE ZETTEL

After Ken Post died, his wife Edda Maria set up a memorial fund at Humber so people who were close to him could donate money in his memory.

"I immediately thought of Humber College because it was one of his great loves and I thought, 'what better way to be remembered?'," she said.

She is now working on the criteria used to select students for the award.

"[Ken] wouldn't just want the award to go to whoever was at the top of the class," Post's nephew Robert Kernohan said.

He said Post would rather see the award go to someone who had spark and real potential.

Maggie Hobbs, director of awards, alumni and student services says there are many reasons for establishing memorial

awards.

"It's a very constructive way for families to remember loved ones," she said.

When Humber Journalism instructor Judy Charles lost her son Nicholas after complications from surgery, she set up a memorial award in his honour.

"I wanted to set one up because I was the coordinator of the [Media Foundations] program - it was my baby," Charles said.

The Nicholas Martin Award is given to the student "who has high academic achievement and possesses a cheerful, positive attitude and a determination to succeed in spite of personal challenges," she said.

Charles says people who have lost loved ones set up memorial awards because they want to help. "I think people have a need to give back," she said.

Show about women a hit

By JAMES ROSE

The National Women's Show at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre last weekend attracted women from every age and walk of life.

"It is important to see women play so many roles in society today," Nicole Graves, marketing director for the show said.

Of the 27 events National Event Management hosts each year, the National Women's Show was what Toronto media has been most interested in, Graves said.

"There is not another event in Toronto that does quite the broad spectrum we do," she said.

More than 20,000 people turned out for the show last weekend aimed at women aged 30 to 50. Graves said at only \$10 it was an inexpensive chance for women to enjoy themselves "before all the Christmas stress."

"To have such a wonderful event come together and have people interacting is really fun," Graves said.

She added the show is a great opportunity to focus on some wide spread women's issues.

"Just coming out of breast can-

cer awareness I think women's health is in the forefront," Graves said.

"A lot of shows are strictly health related," Graves said. "There's nothing that addresses everything, but this does it all under one roof."

One area of the show called, The Fashion Style District, dealt with everything from lingerie to jewellery. The World of Taste contained attractions from cookware to different grocery stores.

There were also free hair and cosmetic makeovers available for the brave and willing.

The Canadian Breast Cancer Society (CBCS) was excited to be involved in the event.

"I think it's a wonderful idea. We are very proud," Sandra Yoshikuni, corporate account executive for the CBCS said.

The CBCS had a booth set up to promote its new program, Cooking



Agata Gora, a make-up artist for Estée Lauder, gives Sviltana Ushak a makeover at the National Women's Show last weekend.

Aid for the Cure, designed to raise money for breast cancer research.

The program was set up like a wedding shower, but instead of bringing gifts, donations for research guests were encouraged, Yoshikuni said.

The National Ovarian Cancer Association (NOCA) had a booth set up for the purpose of educating women about the disease.

"There are a lot of people who are going through ovarian cancer right now and they don't even know it exists," Nicki Manley, office manager, said.

Although the weekend was designed for women, men were also welcome to attend the event.

Grant to colleges only scratches the surface

By ADAM COHEN

The Ontario government announced a \$40 million grant last week for the province's 43 colleges and universities.

Humber will receive just under \$1 million, which is eight per cent of the money being given out to the province's colleges. That amount is second among colleges only to Seneca, which will receive just over \$1 million.

The money is a part of a government plan to help modernize and upgrade facilities that are quickly becoming obsolete.

In a government press release, Minister of Colleges and Universities Dianne Cunningham detailed how the money is foremost in the preparation for next year's double cohort.

"It is a top priority of our government to ensure that every student has access to the fullest range of high quality post-secondary education and training programs," Cunningham said in the press release.

"We are committed to help universities and colleges revitalize existing academic facilities for a new generation of students."

Out of the \$40 million being invested, \$13.3 million will go to

the 25 colleges in the province.

President Robert Gordon says that while this money is a start, it still isn't enough for what a college Humber's size demands for the maintenance of its facilities.

"Some of our buildings are a third of a century old. The money we're getting is necessary just to ensure that our buildings are safe," Richard Hook, vice-president of academics said.

According to a report in *The Toronto Star*, the College Student Alliance says colleges in Ontario are currently in worse shape than universities and are in need of about \$600 million in upgrades for regular maintenance and preparation for an enrolment hike.

Grants for colleges and universities have also been increased for operating costs and other substantial needs that post-secondary schools are now looking for in this new age of technology and overloaded enrolments.

Since 1999, the Ontario government has invested \$337.5 million through the Super Build program for the modernizing of existing buildings and equipment.

The government has also invested \$368 million in operating grants to help primarily with the hiring of new faculty.

Etc.



From left to right, Liberal MPP for Hamilton Mountain Dr. Marie Bountrogianni, Jon Olinski, President of the CSA, Ashley Gropp, a second-year Creative Photography student at Humber College, and Cindy Keleher-Hanson, a student at St. Lawrence College in Kingston, at a press conference at Queen's Park.

Students lobby Queen's Park for changes to OSAP

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"Student financial aid is of great importance to college students because over 50 per cent of students are accessing OSAP. Therefore, student assistance is of the utmost importance," Thyagi DeLanerolle executive director of the CSA, said.

Cindy Keleher-Hanson's is an adult Hotel and Restaurant Management student at St. Lawrence College with a number of learning disabilities who requires financial aid to get her through school.

Although she would more than likely meet the eligibility for OSAP, she chose not to take it because it would not be provided to her before the beginning of the school year.

"I am struggling to make ends meet and I hope that the Ontario government hears my story and recognizes the importance of the recommendations made by the CSA around providing assistance sooner," Keleher-Hanson said.

The panel stressed the need for the

Ontario government to put more money and resources into OSAP, along with changing the criteria for eligibility and distributing the money before the school year starts.

"Tuition has gone up 140 per cent for college students and 150 per cent for university students since 1995," said Dr. Marie Bountrogianni, MPP for Hamilton Mountain and Liberal Education critic.

After the press conference, Bountrogianni attended Question Period and informed the cabinet of the problems many students are facing in paying for post-secondary education.

Bountrogianni pressured Deputy Minister of Education Elizabeth Witmer to put more money into the education fund, while pointing out the cases of Gropp and Keleher-Hanson.

"They need to fund for colleges so they can hire the faculty to address the double cohort issue. They need to increase the eligibility and the funding for the student aid program," Bountrogianni said.

Faculty union survey looks at issues

By MIRANDA PYETTE

General surveys have been given to all members of the Humber College Faculty Union to help local president Maureen Wall get a better idea of what demands are a priority for the faculty in the new collective agreement.

"The survey helps us focus the issues," Wall said.

The survey has seven main areas of concern: work in the colleges, workload, job security, quality of education, benefits, fairness and union business.

At a pre-bargaining meeting over Thanksgiving weekend last month, workload and full-time staffing levels emerged as primary concerns for the OPSEU faculty union.

Wall says that the under-funding of colleges over the past six years has caused cutbacks in full-time staff which results in the remaining staff to pick up the slack for those laid off.

"Pre-bargaining helps focus the issues. You can never predict at this point what is going to happen," Wall said. "However, we feel the quality of education is bound to suffer if these issues don't get addressed."

In 1996, \$10 million was cut out of the budget through faculty and operating cuts.

"The government has not kept up with the rate of inflation," Wall said. "Enrolment at Humber has increased two per cent each year, over the past six years and we are still operating every year with no increase in our budget. They are trying to do more and more with less."

A date for the Demand Setting meeting has been set for Nov. 7 to vote on the demands the faculty union wants to submit.

World Digest

By ALEK GAZDIC

Bus crash kills 24

EGYPT. A bus carrying workers home for an Islamic holiday collided with a truck and overturned yesterday killing 24 people and injuring 25 others.

The bus was carrying mostly Egyptian workers who were returning to Cairo to join their families for the first day of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

Road accidents are common in Egypt because of poor roads and lack of traffic controls. Police officials estimate some 6,000 people die each year in traffic accidents in the country.

Republican stronghold

UNITED STATES. President George W. Bush has a clear path to implement his policy agenda after Republicans seized control of Congress in Tuesday's mid-term elections.

The Republicans took back control of the Senate and widened its majority in the House of Representatives, also winning most of the state governorships.

The victories generated support and concern worldwide, with many saying the party's control of the White House and Congress could lead to hastened military action against Iraq.

Yemen approved strike

YEMEN. The U.S. missile attack that killed six suspected al-Qaeda terrorists in Yemen Sunday was carried out with the cooperation of that country's leadership, and under President Bush's approval, U.S. officials say.

A top associate of Osama bin Laden and five other al-Qaeda members were killed in the robotic, CIA-operated missile.

The high-tech Predator plane attack is the first overt operative on al-Qaeda outside of Afghanistan.

Celebrity-watching

Royal confessions ...

Princess Diana's former servant Paul Burrell has agreed to host a television game show called *What the Butler Saw*, which will focus on royal and social scandals.

Foiled aggressions ...

Five men arrested on suspicion of plotting to kidnap Victoria Beckham were charged Monday with theft and conspiracy. The kidnappers were planning to ask a ransom of about \$7.7 million for the former Spice Girl and wife of Manchester United soccer captain David Beckham, but the plot was foiled by the *News of the World* tabloid.

Stolen possessions ...

Actress Winona Ryder showed no emotion when convicted yesterday of stealing \$5,500 worth of high-fashion merchandise from Saks Fifth Avenue last December. The 31-year-old actress of *Girl, Interrupted* fame faces anywhere from probation to three years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for Dec. 6.

Electrifying results...

BRAZIL. Lightning strikes more often in Brazil than anywhere else in the world, new research shows, while the country also suffers the highest death toll and most economic damage from electrical storms.

Brazil is hit by 70 million lightning bolts a year, double the strikes in the U.S.

Programs cut if not up to par

35 college programs currently under review

By CHRISTOPHER HEDRICK

Thirty-five of Humber College's programs are currently undergoing a one-semester quality review designed to assess each program's strengths and weaknesses.

Among the programs currently being reviewed are Journalism, Tourism and Travel, and Theatre Arts.

Administrators of the programs under review are given a self-assessment report — a 35-page document with questions that help define a program's goals and possible areas in need of improvement.

"There is a very comprehensive document that has been worked out. Probably as comprehensive as any institution uses for internal review," Vice-President Academic Richard Hook said.

Data for the assessment is also collected from student, graduate and employer

feedback from KPI (key performance indicator).

"All of that information is used to assess the program, its relevance, its appropriateness for the students . . . the drop out rates, everything," Hook said.

"In the process they are intended to come up with a document that essentially says here are the strengths, here are the weaknesses," Hook said.

When the self-assessment is completed there is an external review conducted by a panel of three experts from the field in question.

The panel will confirm and supplement the data and provide an individual assessment of program strengths and weaknesses.

"You want somebody from outside saying, yes, [the self-assessment] was well done, objective, considerate, and on

balance, or, no, it wasn't, and here are the things we also think you should be doing," Hook said.

A cost for the external review has not yet been worked out, although some reviewers have said they would sit on the panel for free.

The results will also be used for making decisions about budget, staffing, facilities and equipment.

While most problems are caught early, if a program is not worth fixing, it is cancelled.

Hook said 55 programs have been cancelled at Humber since 1986, but none in the last six years.

Hook stressed students already enrolled in a program slated for cancellation are allowed to finish.

"They won't have the program pulled out from under them," Hook said.

Etc.

Lakeshore



Renovated Lakeshore Campus buildings were once used as a psychiatric hospital before the school took ownership of the land.

New and old styles mix at Lakeshore Campus

By JENNA VAICIUS

Long before Lakeshore Campus was owned by Humber, the grounds housed a drastically different facility – a psychiatric hospital.

Today, the ongoing developments at the campus have allowed Lakeshore to evolve and expand, without destroying the history of the property.

When the Lakeshore Psychiatric Hospital closed its doors in 1979, the local community was adamant about keeping the land publicly owned, and restoring the heritage buildings on the property.

The government felt a community college was an appropriate use of the land, John Hooiveld, associ-

ate director, Capital Development Facilities Management at Humber, explained.

In 1992, Humber, in conjunction with the provincial government, began construction to stabilize all 11 buildings in the complex. The school was only able to use the outer shell of the buildings.

"When the buildings were used as hospitals, essentially there were a series of small bedrooms, all of that had to be removed in order to create 40 to 60 seat classrooms," Hooiveld said.

Humber has continued to reconstruct and renovate the buildings at the Lakeshore Campus for the past 10 years.

Today, there are three-and-a-half buildings still to be completed.

According to Hooiveld, the "cottage" buildings, G, I, K and the south half of building H will be renovated when there is sufficient funding.

As additional buildings become available, they will be filled with students from the applied degree programs. According to Rick Embree, dean of planning development at Humber, two

programs have already been approved, Business in E-Commerce and Paralegal Services. Manufacturing Management, Industrial Design, and Creative Advertising are also pending. Embree emphasized that upgrading the library is a primary focus for the campus.

Currently, Humber is working on the north half of building H, anticipated to be ready for November 2003. This building will house a variety of student services including a 200-seat café with full service kitchen, HSF space, a nursing station and student meeting rooms, all services currently unavailable to the campus.

The Humber Students' Federation is largely responsible for the construction that is presently underway.

"HSF have made a significant contribution towards the capital costs of this renovation. They made it possible," Hooiveld said.

Construction is expected to begin sometime in November on the new residence at Lakeshore. The building will be located in front of building A, where the new main entrance of the college will be built.

According to Derek Maharaj, associate director, ancillary services, the residence will accommodate 417 rooms, with two beds to a suite. The suites will have their own private seating area, kitchenette and bath.

Maharaj estimates the construction will be completed by December 2003, and that the residence available for occupancy by January 2004.

Flaherty performs comedy show for charity

By JENNA VAICIUS

Comedian Joe Flaherty put on a charity performance at the Lakeshore Auditorium last Wednesday, resurrecting some of his old Second City characters like Count Floyd, Floyd Robertson and Guy Caballero, to the delight of the rapt audience.

In an effort to raise money for the annual United Way campaign, Joe Kertes, dean of the School of Creative and Performing Arts, asked him to host An Evening with Joe Flaherty & Friends, where he could reveal his experiences as a comedian in the enter-

tainment industry.

"I thought it would be fun to share him with the college," Kertes said.

Flaherty, has starred on *SCTV*, *Happy Gilmore*, *Freaks & Geeks*, and *Maniac Mansion*, plus many other films and T.V. shows.

Flaherty spent the evening sharing his favourite *SCTV* moments and anecdotes on the *Happy Gilmore* set.

The famed comedian also discussed the origin of his most memorable characters and discussed his life as a comedian.

Humber's comedy students shared the stage with

Flaherty, performing improvised sketches, with a Halloween theme.

"The students performed extremely well," Allan Guttman, director of Comedy at Humber said. "We were very proud of them."

Marty Adams, a Second-year Comedy student, performed a teacher-student relationship improv sketch with Flaherty.

"It felt great to be able to work with someone who has so much experience and knowledge in the comedy field. He is a very generous performer, always making sure everyone on stage is

comfortable," Adams said.

Humber College has raised considerable contributions for the United Way over the past few years.

Nancy Adamson, administrative assistant in business development, said last year, the college raised \$36,000.

She said she hopes the comedy evening will help raise even more money for the charity this year.

"I think that it sets a great standard for the students in the program that maybe if their careers are prosperous that they too will lend their time to an important cause," Adams said.

Guelph-Humber Update

University degree programs on target

By CAMILLE ROY

Humber College students may think they're all working towards a

college diploma, but this year some students are working towards a higher goal: a university degree.

Over 200 students have started in three degree programs at the new University of Guelph-Humber this September.

Catherine Salole Pierre-Louis, manager of recruitment services for Guelph-Humber, said they've experienced few problems so far during their first year.

"There's been no major glitches, any [problem] we've had is normal for any institution or program just beginning," Salole Pierre-Louis said.

Jess Lawrence, a first-year Media Studies student, said she experienced minor problems but staff were quick to work them out.

Salole Pierre-Louis said because enrolment at Guelph-Humber was kept small at first, it is easy to fix minor problems.

She added that Guelph-Humber students are part of the Humber College community.

"They are part of HSF and able to participate in activities and events as well as student services, health, career counselling and student life," she said.

Guelph-Humber started with three programs this year: Media Studies, Business and Computing Co-op.

Starting in September 2003, four more will be offered, including Early Childhood Education, Family and Community Social Services, Gerontology and Justice Studies and Police Foundations.

Salole Pierre-Louis said Guelph-Humber will accept a max-

imum of 1000 students next year.

Upon graduation, Guelph-Humber students will have the advantage of receiving both a university degree and a college diploma.

Nancy Burt, director of special projects at Humber College, and the head of the curriculum task force for Guelph-Humber, said the task force has spent two years developing the courses for every program.

"Each course had to be something new, which is tricky when we have Journalism and Public Relations programs at Humber," Burt said, adding that there are similar Business and Computer programs at both Humber College

and Guelph University.

She said that while the content for the college portion is much the same as Humber's diploma courses, theory, including readings and essays are added to make up the university portion of the degree.

Burt also said the school is investigating offering transfer credits to students with a Humber College diploma to enable them to work towards a degree at the University of Guelph-Humber.

While waiting for their new building to open next year, Guelph-Humber students are taking courses in B building, a portable set of classrooms behind registration, as well as some classes in L wing.

David Trick, vice provost and chief administrative officer at Guelph-Humber, said construction will be completed in July 2003, in time for students next September.

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Insider trading charges possible

Martha's sales don't hit expectations

By JASON PUSHEE

Although sales of Martha Stewart's line have not decreased following her recent legal battles, nor have they met market expectations.

Katherine Raso, a representative of Zellers Canada, said "People continue to buy her line of goods at the rate they did before, so we assume [the customers] don't have an issue with her, personally."

But even though sales are steady, the Martha Stewart Everyday brand has not met the expectations of Zellers Canada and earlier this year the contract was discontinued.

"The contract came up for renewal and after extensive negotiation they decided against picking up her contract," Raso said.

She added Martha Stewart Everyday products didn't sell that well and that other Zellers' brands outperformed it across Canada.

"Right now there is a lot of speculation. Our plan right now is

to go forward," said Vincent Power, director of corporate communications for Sears Canada. Sears Canada has picked up Stewart's label for 2003. It is optimistic that Stewart's legal woes will not affect sales.

Investigations into Martha Stewart's insider trading came after Stewart sold 3,928 shares of ImClone a day before the stock collapsed.

ImClone stock dropped dramatically when the U.S. Food and Drug Administration rejected the review application of Erbitax, a colon cancer

share, but no evidence has yet been found to support this.

ImClone founder Sam Waksal, and a friend of Stewart, is facing numerous charges relating to insider trading.

Martha Stewart Omnimedia shares have dropped from a high in March topping at \$20.01 a share to a low in October of only \$5.26.

These recent events have not seemed to stop the Martha Stewart empire from moving forward.

Martha Stewart Signature was recently unveiled as a new brand of furniture hit the markets. A new magazine titled *Everyday Food* is also up and running.

During the investment probe, Stewart has also kept her television show light and airy. She recently appeared on her show wearing devil horns, to celebrate Halloween.



Shopper at Zellers in Square One chooses from a variety of options in the Martha Stewart line. Zellers has dropped the line for next year.

Other Zellers brands outperformed her line of goods across Canada

drug.

Charges may be pending in relation to the sale of Stewart's stock after getting word of the rejection before the stock plummeted.

Stewart claimed her Merrill Lynch stockbroker was told to drop the stock if it went below \$60 a

Prepaid phone cards: not always a good deal

By JEFF COLLIER

Pre-paid long distance phone cards are convenient, can be purchased almost anywhere, and because they're affordable they appeal to any student on a tight budget. But buyer beware, without a bit of research you may not get the bargain you were looking for.

Initially, phone cards seem ideal, since the user doesn't need a phone number, address or credit history to purchase one.

Ranging in amounts of \$5, \$10 and \$20, they are a handy option for students who can rack up plenty of chat-time minutes but don't have a lot of disposable income.

Jordana Ramsay, a student in the Television Arts and Science program, said she has experimented with several different cards to call family in Guyana, and none of them have given the services the company says it will provide.

"Sometimes the card will tell me I have one minute left, and then for some reason cut me off without giving me that last minute," Ramsay said. "And sometimes they won't work at all."

The problem is the selling of the cards in Canada isn't regulated. In 1990 the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) chose to allow giants, like Bell Canada, to

sell line usage to wholesalers. Those wholesalers in-turn peddle the capacity to retailers, and from there to the public, in the form of phone cards.

There is a rainbow assortment of brands to choose from such as Happy, Apple, Ola, Tiger and Global Voice. However many of these card firms are difficult to reach for service enquiries since few have operable Web sites, and even less offer business addresses and contact numbers.

And if a card does supply a contact number, the chances of reaching someone to speak with are slim.

Placing a call to the customer service number for Gold Line Telemanagement will send you to an unnamed voice messaging system, regardless of the time of day. The contact number for another firm, 2000, is out of service altogether.

So what is the best way to get a card that works well for you? Ramsay said word-of-mouth has helped her.

"I had used Apple and was paying \$20 for 15 minutes," Ramsay said, who finds using phone cards much cheaper than the services offered in residence. "But a friend told me about another card that was only \$5 for 15 minutes, which is obviously much better."



Jessica Barrei finds it is cheaper to use long-distance prepaid phone cards. She buys hers at the corner store.

What's Up

•November 20
7 p.m. -10 p.m.

North Campus Lecture Theatre Workshop featuring Dave Lackie of Harry Rosen Inc.

•November 6-10

The Guess Jeans Warehouse Sale at the International Centre

•November 7-10

The Esprit Warehouse Sale at the International Centre

•November 8

Academy of Dentistry Winter Clinic 2002 at Metro Convention Centre www.tordent.com

•November 18

Mocktails Networking Event 7th Semester @ North Campus 5 p.m.-7p.m.

•November 13-14

Legal Tech 2002 at the Metro Convention Centre www.legaltechshow.com

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No place like home

What's more hazardous – living in a home without a functioning smoke detector, or living on the streets? That's the question the Ontario Coalition Against Poverty is asking this week, after about 30 people were evicted from their makeshift home at 1510 King St. W.

The squatters took over the building in July of this year, when the Pope was in town for a visit. (The building is now known as the "Pope Squat.") OCAP hoped occupying the building at that time – when Toronto was in the spotlight – would call attention to the plight of the homeless.

Sadly, that wasn't the case.

From July-November, OCAP activists and squatters spent tons of time and money making repairs to the building – in effect, turning it into a home.

Drywall was replaced, moldy carpet was taken out, handrails were installed and a hole in the roof was fixed.

The government didn't seem overly concerned with the squatters' arrangement, until Nov. 1, when residents were asked to evacuate the building.

Ironically, Nov. 1 was the first day it snowed in Toronto.

Granted, the building isn't in the finest state. Deputy fire chief Terry Boyko said, "there are breaches in the fire separations, there's unsafe wiring, there's no fire alarm system and the smoke detector system is barely adequate."

But how absurd is it to claim the streets are safer? Fire officials called the building, "an immediate threat to the lives," of its occupants. What about the approaching winter? Isn't it an equal or greater danger?

Maybe the threat of winter isn't as immediate, but it is as real, and may contribute to the deaths of some of Toronto's homeless in the coming months.

The OCAP Web site points out, "the city and the province have refused to put a single cent into the Pope Squat, but today (Nov. 1) managed to find the money to send a dozen fire marshals and hire 100 police to remove the residents of the building."

Talk about skewed priorities. That money would have been better spent trying to make 1510 King St. W. habitable.



Plates of wrath



KYLE EYERS

I'm writing this with the rather futile hope that someone, somewhere, will listen.

When I moved into residence in August of this year, I was greeted with friendly people, freshly painted hallway doors, clean floors and freedom from any sort of parental units. All was absolutely perfect. Then I went to the Rez Café to eat.

No, this isn't an article regarding cat . . . err . . . caf food. The food here is actually quite good! I've just got one word.

Styrofoam.

That's right. The stuff those fun little packing peanuts are made of. You know, those things that come in all the care packages sent from home? They seem harmless, right?

Wrong.

These things will be around destroying the Earth far beyond our time.

Although packing peanuts can be recycled for the same purpose over and over again, Styrofoam plates and bowls can't, because they're covered with food, sauces

and dressings.

Given that there are approximately 720 students in the two residence buildings, who each eat an average of a meal and a half a day in the cafeteria – and that's a low estimate – that's over 1000 Styrofoam bowls and plates being used every day, and that's only if each student uses a single plate!

Don't even get me started on the over 5000 students who use the Food Emporium on a daily basis.

What alternative is there, you ask?

Well perhaps we can take after other schools, like the University of Guelph, U of T, or Queens (just to name a few). They have implemented a conveyor belt system that carries real (yes, real!) plates and cutlery into a room where they are all cleaned, dried, and put back out for use.

In any case, the fact remains there must be a suitable explanation for using Styrofoam, other than the fact that it's cheap and easy. If not, then I just can't fathom why the school would settle for doing something so harmful to the environment.

What are we going to do in a couple of years when student enrolment is up and another 320 students are making their way into the new residence building?

There has to be another solution out there somewhere.

Now if you'll excuse me, I've got a care package I've got to go open . . . packed in bubble wrap.

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The right to vote?

Canada's highest court believes prisoners deserve the right to vote.

The Supreme Court's recent ruling states that not allowing inmates to participate in elections violates their Charter rights.

It's obviously a contentious issue, when even the SCC was almost evenly divided in its decision – with a vote of 5-4.

Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin said the Charter rights of all Canadians, "cannot lightly be set aside."

But should Charter rights be equally applicable to all Canadians, or only to those who respect the law?

McLachlin and the rest of the majority went on to say that, "to deny prisoners the right to vote is to lose an important means of teaching them democratic values and social responsibility."

The SCC feared that by not letting prisoners vote, respect for the rule of law would be "undermined."

Isn't that almost laughable? Wasn't respect for the rule of law first in jeopardy when the prisoners committed their unlawful acts?

It could be argued that this decision undermines the electoral process.

Certainly inmates need to learn about their responsibilities to society, but voting should be a privilege – an act prisoners could resume when they reintegrate into their communities.

Critics have said prisoners don't deserve the same rights as law-abiding, taxpaying citizens. Government lawyers argued the voting ban communicated to prisoners the fact that there are repercussions for not respecting the law.

Despite these objections, the SCC's decision doesn't seem too out of step with the current climate in our justice system.

After all, Karla Homolka has earned her BA while serving her sentence.

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Opinion

Give Chrétien some credit



NICOLE LARKIN

Prime Minister Jean Chrétien may not be a lame duck after all.

For all the negative media coverage Chrétien is receiving regarding his fractured caucus, he deserves credit for his strong opposition to a unilateral U.S. invasion of Iraq.

It was an unexpected move by the federal Liberals, and may very well be the legacy Chrétien has been looking for.

It's been a while since a Canadian government has so openly questioned U.S. foreign policy, particularly in the face of a potential U.S.-led invasion on a country.

Speaking to the House of Commons at the end of September, Chrétien declared that,

"we do not believe in unilateralism, we believe in multilateralism."

The Liberal policy on Iraq is to see how the weapons inspections pan out.

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right to invade." Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham said recently in a CBC radio interview. "However much we may detest Saddam Hussein, we have a strong belief in the integrity of the international community."

In addition to Chrétien, Liberal backbenchers, Conservative leader Joe Clark, the NDP and even eternal critic Gilles Duceppe have agreed that any action taken in Iraq must be led by the UN, not the U.S.

The only dissidents are the usual suspects, the Canadian

Alliance. If it's possible to be more right-wing and militant than U.S. President George W. Bush, they've achieved it.

Alliance leader Stephen Harper has gone so far as to call the Liberal government's position on Iraq "anti-American."

When Chrétien was the right hand man to former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, he was defiant in the face of the FLQ's actions against Canada. We haven't seen him as determined since. In the last few weeks, he has shown shades of the spine he once had, but perhaps it's too late.

It seems the Canadian media will never be happy with Chrétien. They accused him of being too pro-American when he broke the peacekeeping tradition of our armed forces by sending combat troops into Afghanistan.

When he said American policy in the Mideast sparked the terrorist attacks, he was slammed for implying the U.S. brought tragedy upon itself.

Now that he's finally off the fence and taking a clear stance on Iraq, the media should take notice, and give him the positive coverage he deserves for such a risky move.

Innocent victims in war on terror



AARON SAWYER

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the U.S. government has declared a war on terrorism.

The question is, if Americans are serious about stopping terrorism worldwide, then why haven't they stopped themselves?

In the months following Sept. 11, President George W. Bush addressed the American public repeatedly, relaying the same message every time: We will win the war on terrorism. Bush declared that, "the only way to defeat terrorism as a threat to our way of life is to stop it, eliminate it, and destroy it where it grows."

What Bush neglected to mention was that the U.S. would use the same means to destroy its enemy that the enemy used — namely by allowing innocent people to die.

Bush continues to portray himself and his government as fighting in the name of freedom, claiming that terrorists aim to kill

all Americans, without making a distinction between the military and civilians.

But statements like these just highlight Bush's hypocrisy.

The U.S. showed that it doesn't recognize the difference between the military and civilians, after bombing an Afghan wedding during a religious ceremony that included the firing of guns.

Clearly, Bush has only one thing in mind — destroy the enemy. He tries to justify his actions by claiming he is attempting to save civilization. But how does taking the lives of innocent people save civilization?

The U.S. is engaging in exactly what it despises — terrorism.

Now that Bush is focusing his energy on Iraq, he will try to do what his father couldn't — rid the world of Saddam Hussein.

In his attempt to destroy Hussein, more innocent lives will surely be lost.

Rather than continually ranting about the safety of the American people and the right to freedom and civilization, maybe Bush could consider bringing a halt to terrorism by showing some moral leadership on the question and taking his finger off the trigger currently aimed at Iraq.

Not to do so amounts to committing an act of terror.

Time to get out of melting pot



PHIL BERNARDO

A few weeks ago, I went to an Argos game with a friend. We were a little late, but we made it just in time for the anthem. We peeled off our coats and awaited the coming song.

To my absolute horror, they sang the American national anthem before O Canada. Now don't get me wrong. It's a nice tune and all, but what place does it have at a Canadian football game?

Apparently, we Canadians are going through an identity crisis. With 90 per cent of Canada's population living within 120 kilome-

tres of the U.S.-Canada border, it really isn't that much of a surprise how Americanized we've become.

How Americanized are we? Here are a few examples.

Canadian journalist Charles Frank has observed that in the last three months, President Bush has appeared on television almost three times as often as Prime Minister Chrétien.

He also pointed out that the number one sports hero among Canadian teens is Michael Jordan. Second is golf legend, Tiger Woods. Frank says kids who can't find Saskatchewan on the map know where to find the hometown of the Bulls or the location of PGA games.

Even in fashion we see Americanism flooding the markets, with brand names like Nike, Tommy Hilfiger and Gap leading the way.

According to Carleton University Professor Vincent Mosco, the spread of American culture in Canada and abroad

over the last 90 years has been primarily driven by market forces and globalization.

Unlike the melting pot that is American culture, Canadian culture is all about diversity, says Mosco. He says Canadian diversity is at risk of being absorbed into the American "mono-culture."

Carleton Professor Tom Henighan agrees. But, he says, there is hope for the future of

Canadian culture.

"With Sheila Copps as Heritage Minister and Adrienne Clarkson as Governor General, Canadian culture has two exceptionally strong voices at the heart of government; an important factor given its low priority among both politicians and much of the public during the past decade in Canada," he says.

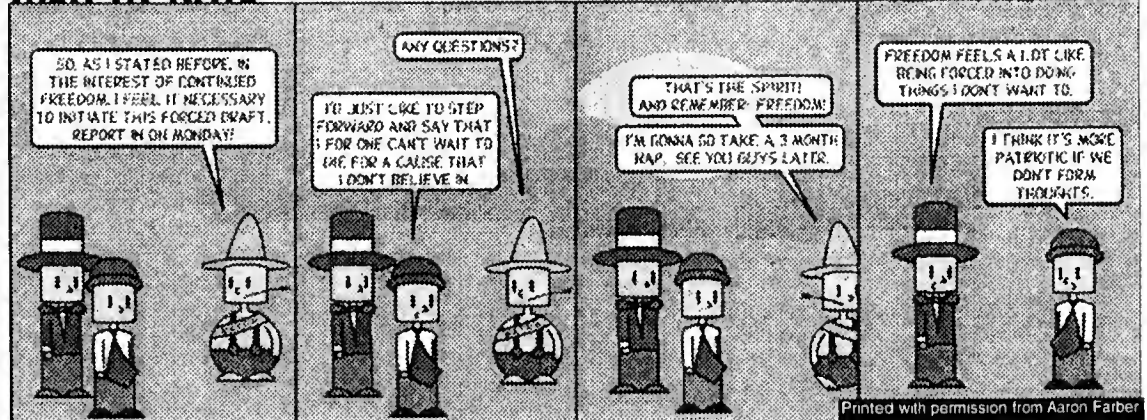
Traditionally, a true blue

Canadian is one that does things calmly, quietly and without disturbing others — as we have been taught since childhood.

But this isn't enough anymore. As soon as we recognize that, we can start making changes, and doing things that make us stand out in a crowd.

Once we reclaim our own identity, we might even be able to enjoy the Star-Spangled Banner.

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It's all in how to get there

Trains and buses not really "the better way," Humber students say

By JEFF COLLIER

Humber students say they're feeling left out in the cold this winter by the Toronto Transit Commission's bus and subway services.

Despite present advertising campaigns to encourage new ridership on trains and busses - and create a bond with existing daily users - the TTC has distanced itself from the 11,000 commuter school students.

Humber's dissatisfaction with the TTC isn't new. For years Humber students have griped about waiting times between buses at the busy Kipling and Wilson stations, as well as oddball service for students living in surrounding regions like Mississauga and Brampton.

Humber Media Foundations student Shireen Arjang, 20, said the TTC is alienating the college and university crowd, especially with their high-priced adult Metropass. She says the TTC is wrong in thinking their service is still "the better way."

"The Metropass is just not worth it," she said. "I bought Metropasses last year when I went to the Lakeshore Campus and found they were a waste of money."

Arjang says the TTC needs to offer the passes at student discount rate to college and university stu-

dents. "Then I would totally start buying it," she said.

For years the TTC has steadfastly refused to offer post-secondary students the same \$80 Metropass high-schoolers enjoy - now a \$13.50 difference in price from the adult pass.

This year Arjang has opted for transit tickets, since she only attends school four days a week and works near her home in Toronto.

Arjang's travel time, takes around 90 minutes on most days due to the wait between services and overcrowded buses.

One instructor went so far as to cross me off the class list because it looked like I was never there."

This has led to another problem shared by most students travelling on the TTC.

Long delays, and waiting for the next bus to arrive at areas like the busy Kipling station and in front of Humber's North

Campus can affect not only a student's grades and attendance.

"It does cost me the odd class," Arjang admitted. "One instructor even went so far as to cross me off the class list because it looked like I was never there."

But relaying that message to officials at the TTC is a moot point, said Nadia Conforti, vice president of administration at North Campus.

"The TTC essentially looks at our proposals to increase routes and decrease wait times between buses and says 'you're asking us to put more water into a pot that already has holes in it,'" Conforti said.

Despite marketing techniques, like the current "24 billionth rider contest," to increase ridership, the TTC still finds itself struggling to plug the leak of a looming \$250 million budget shortfall next year.

Presently, Conforti and Lakeshore Campus VP of administration Valerie Rothlin are collaborating on proposals to cushion Metropass costs and alter route schedules to accommodate the many Humber students who "ride the rocket." But both agree the process of reaching an agreement with the TTC is slow. If a resolution comes, nothing will be implemented until next year at the earliest.

Until then, Arjang said she will continue to tolerate the overcrowded buses and long travel times. However, she admits her situation isn't all that bad compared to some of her classmates.

"I know people that spend almost half their day in transit, something like four or five hours, and I have no idea how they do it. It's crazy."



Photo: Chrissie O'Brien

Missing the bus can cause problems for many Humber students who depend on the TTC to reach both Lakeshore and North Campuses.

TTC taking students for a ride

As you buy your TTC fare — either tickets, tokens or Metropass — there are things you should know about where your money is going.

- The TTC relies on transit fares for almost 80 per cent of its operating budget. The highest of any municipality in North America.
- This January the TTC plans a fare increase on adult tickets and tokens to \$1.90 from \$1.80 and the price of a Metropass from \$93.50 to \$98.50. However, single adult cash fares will remain the same at \$2.25 for now.
- The April 2002 labour dispute went to mediation and resulted in a 9 per cent wage increase for Union 113 made up of TTC drivers, maintenance workers, toll collectors and mechanics.

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Students travelling from downtown may have a longer trip depending on where they live along the subway line. Humber North Campus is not accessible by subway without changing services or transferring to a bus.

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Planes are more accessible to students

Airport security still tight post-9/11

By CHRISSIE O'BRIEN

In the post-9/11 world both the first time flyer and the seasoned air traveller should keep in mind that flying the friendly skies has undergone major changes.

Students can benefit most from decreases in traffic over the last year and the unfortunate uphill climb for the airline industry which has meant greater accessibility to air travel.

Laura Cooke, manager of Media Relations for Air Canada, offers the following tips to students flying in the post-9/11 world.

First, Cooke advises that air travellers shop around before buying a ticket.

"My assumption is students are looking for cheap airfares and in this market are many low fare options. September 11 impacted pricing in a positive way for the consumer," she said.

Cooke says competition from low-cost airlines like Jets Go and Sky Jet, operating discounted service in Canada to bring customers back into the sky, has resulted in seat sales from the competing major airlines and increased options for budget-conscious students.

Air Canada's response to the customer demand for discounted service has been to introduce low cost services Tango and Zip, according to Cooke.

Cooke also advises students to

shop online for their airline tickets.

For example at www.bestina.ca or www.aircanada.ca.

"Some of the best deals can be found there," she said.

Cooke says the online option is also beneficial to students because it is available at non-peak hours

or outside of business hours. "Students have crazy hours, they don't have the 9 to 5 life and so online is the easier way," she said. "And from a savings standpoint there are deals which are only available on the Web sites."

No matter how one decides to book their plane ticket, Cooke says the best advice is to book it early. "Avoid the disappointment for holiday flights. The cheap seats for the Christmas season book up in November," she said.

She also counsels consumers to check conditions or restrictions associated with the ticket they are purchasing.

For example, most discounted fares come with non-refundable and non-changeable (time of flight) conditions. Once the ticket is booked, it's yours.

Another restriction might be the allowed amount of carry-on and checked baggage for the flight. Also, ask about meal service.

She suggests that if any questions occur when booking the ticket ask them. For instance, make sure there will be meal service.

"On Tango flights, for example, there is meal service, but you buy it separately," Cooke said.

Passengers also need to be aware of the extremely sensitive security precautions taken at airports since September 11.

Cooke advises travellers not to wrap presents when travelling at Christmas.



An increase of discount airlines and seat sales since 9/11 means students can fly on a budget.

"You may find yourself unwrapping them," she warns.

Anything that can be misconstrued as a weapon cannot be taken in carry-on luggage including scissors, nail files, Swiss Army knives or penknives. These items will be removed at the first baggage check so it's best to pack them in a suitcase that will be checked under the plane.

"Security at the airport is permanently heightened," said Peter Gregg, manager of Media and Communications for the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), the organization which operates, manages and develops Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

"Travellers should ensure they have photo ID and be aware of what they're packing in carry-on and checked luggage," Gregg said.

Increased security measures

mean the trip through the airport takes a little longer than in pre-9/11 times. As a result, Cooke advises travellers to leave lots of time.

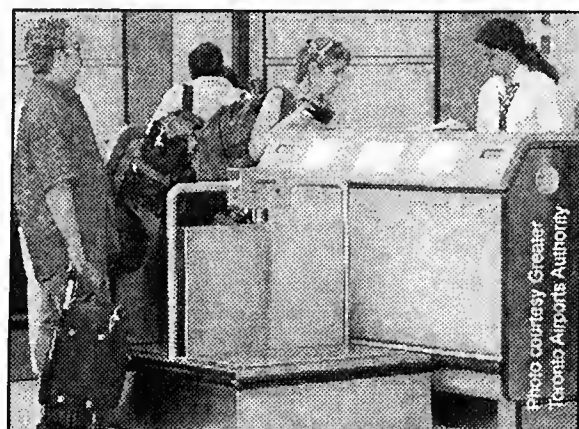
"Students travel at the peak travel periods when lines are longer and there are more people," Cooke said.

Christmas, one of these peak times, is the busiest time of the year for Pearson airport.

"It will be in decline as a result of September 11. Our Christmas rush is beginning but we do not expect the numbers of 2000 or 1999," Gregg said.

Nevertheless Cooke advises students venturing into the skies to arrive at the airport one to two hours early, depending on the flight.

During the busy travel season, Santa is not the only one who takes to the skies.



Increased security at check-in means wait times are still lengthy at Pearson International Airport

Photo courtesy Greater Toronto Airports Authority

Automobiles are a double-edged sword

By ANITA VERMA

So you want to buy a car. A 4x4, an SUV, a VW bug or a convertible, it doesn't matter.

There are always problems with owning a car.

Just how easy is it for students to own a car these days? Having a car has its definite perks, but buying, owning and insuring a vehicle is no delight for anyone, let alone students.

It takes starvation and a little self-deprivation to save up enough just to buy a 1988 Tempo. But still many students are doing it.

It's evident by the frustrating parking situation at Humber's North Campus that more and more students own cars these days. Some got lucky and scored parking spots—so they don't have problems—except for waiting in the lineup every morning just to get into the lot. Everyone else gets to cruise the pay lots in search of a spot, then sprint to class to get there on time. Nonetheless some students say they would rather own a car than walk or bus to classes.

But owning a car can seem like a double-edged sword because although it's a much more comfortable alternative to public transit it can take a huge bite out of your pocket.

"It can get really expensive, because the initial purchase kills you, and then it hurts because the minute you

drive off the lot the car depreciates by 25 per cent," Vishal Patel, a third-year Accounting student and car owner, said. "It either eats away at your bank account or puts you in debt forever because then there's gas, insurance, renewing your plates every year, and maintenance, which is even worse because those never go away."

The initial investment in the car is the bank breaker for most people, especially new cars with added features that can crank up the bill. Many buyers resort to financing or borrowing money from lending institutions, and as long as the borrower meets the criteria, most loan officers will recommend it.

"Students need to have a clean credit history, an income that can support the loan, and a co-signer, because most students have a limited income," said Roche Bhatia, Financial services representative at TD Canada Trust. "Some advice is to make sure you can afford to have a loan, because if you default on your loan it can really affect your future ability to borrow, and a lot of people need mortgages in the future."

Even when the torture of buying and maintaining the car is past, the

worst is yet to come—insuring it.

It is no fun hunting for insurance companies that offer remotely affordable student rates

"The first factor that affects your rate is your age and driving record.

"The initial purchase kills you then the minute you drive off the lot the car depreciates by 25 per cent."

Typically, young men will pay more because they tend to get into more accidents and get more speeding tickets," Car Insurance Central's Web site indicates.

"Another factor is the make and model of the vehicle you are insuring. Vehicles with bigger engines (like a sports cars) may be more expensive to insure. Also, the more expensive a vehicle, the more risk the insurance company assumes because repairs are likely to be more expensive," the Web site reads.

So, keeping a clean driving record, plenty of savings or the signature of a dependable co-signer means yes, you can get a car.

However, students should keep in mind they could be passing up a favorite concert just to ride in style. Maybe a ride on the Rocket is a better way to the Air Canada Centre after all.

Happy driving!



Many students are embarking on the busy road to car ownership. Although, some admit owning a car can be more trouble than it's worth.

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Entertainment

Spotlight

Humber grad hits the stage

By MANUELA SPIZZIRRI

It's no surprise recent Humber graduate Riley Wilson always wanted to perform in theatre. He did grow up in Stratford, after all. "Theatre's always been a part of my life," Wilson said. "In high school, I performed at Stratford. That's when I knew I wanted to be a performer. It was a great apprenticeship."

Completing the three-year Theatre Performance program at the Lakeshore Campus last May, Wilson says the program prepared him for his work in musical theatre.

"[The program] offers a wide variety of courses and workshops," Wilson said. "It's an acting program primarily, but it also offers courses in movement, dance, voice...it prepares a student for a well-rounded career."

Wilson is now rehearsing his role in a new Canadian musical, *Whiskey Serenade*, set to open Nov. 8 at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

The play is based on the true story of Rocco Perri and Bessie Starkman, a common-law couple in the 1920s now known as one of the most rich and powerful criminal couples in North America's history. The musical chronicles their lives and how they became involved in the mob and the illegal distribution of narcotics throughout North America.

Wilson plays a young Italian

man named Luigi who becomes involved in the couple's dealings.

"He is a worker in his 20s who's only been in Canada for two years," Wilson said. "He is looking for work in the mob and goes in to ask to work, but doesn't know how to say it...from that

said. "An Italian accent that was passable was challenging. When I'm doing it, I become very self-conscious [because I work with Italians], but it comes to a point where I'm self-confident and it's not an issue."

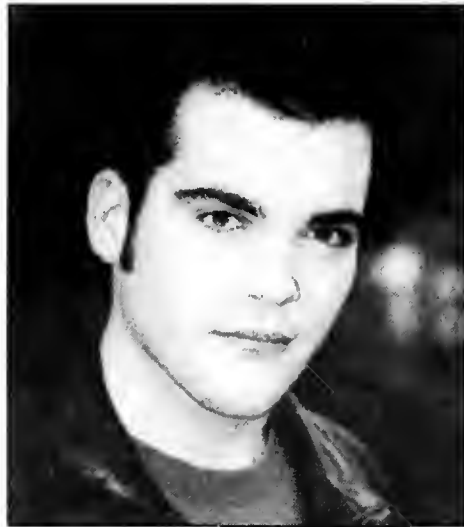
Wilson wants to make sure that people don't think the musical is trying to stereotype Italians or any other characters that appear in the performance. He said even though the characters may seem stereotypical, that is what Canada was like at the time.

"It's a fantastic show," he said. "It's not a typical musical. It's a new Canadian musical, about a Canadian story, written by two Canadians. There are so many Canadian stories that get washed away by other influences. It's set in the '20s and shows Canada where it was at that time. I think we should celebrate Canada's heritage."

Whiskey Serenade is put together by Tribal Productions.

It will run Tuesday through Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Studio Theatre in the Toronto Centre for the Arts, 5040 Yonge St. (Sheppard Subway) until Nov. 23.

Tickets are \$30 (\$25 for students and seniors) and are available at Ticketmaster: 416-870-8000 or www.ticketmaster.ca.



Riley Wilson stars in *Whiskey Serenade*.

point on, Luigi becomes her (Bessie's) pet."

Although Wilson has already been involved in a number of productions in his short career as a performer (including various Shakespeare plays at Stratford, student films, and an indie band's music video), he finds this new role an exciting one to play.

"It's a very fun character," he

Reviewed this week: New Nirvana album

By CLARK KIM

Not just any band could release a best of album after playing less than a decade together. But Nirvana did — because they can, and had no other choice.

Their self-titled album, *Nirvana*, comes eight years after the tragic death of Nirvana frontman Kurt Cobain in 1994.

With only three full-length studio records, a collection of b-sides and rarities, an MTV unplugged session and one live album — all

recorded and released within five years there is still more than enough material for Nirvana to assemble an album of their greatest hits.

Nirvana is essentially like any of their previous albums — it is jam-packed with one good song after another.

It contains 13 newly re-mastered classic songs including, "Smells Like Teen Spirit," "Heart-Shaped Box" and "All Apologies," recorded from their MTV Unplugged performance in

New York.

Nirvana opens with the previously unreleased single, "You Know You're Right," recorded in Cobain's final session with the band.

This album is for those who have yet to discover Nirvana, so they could listen to all that is missing in today's rock music — passion and raw emotion.

And for those familiar with the band, it's time to rediscover their gift to the world of music.

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Up-and-coming pop princess Kathy Phillips performed at Z103.5's Summer Rush and the Euro Freestyle Invasion II.

Pop diva in motion

By MARIO CYWINSKI

The music is pounding, the crowd is cheering and on stage up-and-coming dance artist Kathy Phillips showcases her talent.

The 24-year-old performer has come a long way from singing along to songs on the radio.

"I know every word to every song from the 80's. I used to jump off my couch in the living room playing air guitar to Van Halen's 'Jump.' I was such a crazy kid back then," Phillips said.

In her teenage years, she created a high school band and was in several talent shows.

"I even won several competitions, but professionally I only got started a couple of years ago."

Then, while in university, Phillips met her producer and husband Chris Phillips. Soon after they married, Chris found a demo tape of Kathy and loved her voice.

"Chris heard a tape that I had singing 'Amazing Grace.' From that moment on, he took me into the studio and our first collaboration was 'I Wish'."

The song was heard by Robbins Entertainment in the U.S and SPG music in Canada, and Kathy was

signed to an Artist deal.

"Many stations in the States as well as Canada have supported my track 'I wish.' I'd like to thank Z103.5 for being the first to play the track and for all the support that they have given me so far," Phillips said.

She recently performed at the Z103.5 Summer Rush as well as the Euro Freestyle Invasion II, both at the Docks entertainment complex in Toronto.

"I feed off the crowd. I absolutely love performing; it's what I always look forward to since I've been introduced to the music industry," she said.

Phillips debuted her second single, "Capture," at the Freestyle Invasion. It will be available on the upcoming compilation Euro Freestyle Invasion II CD.

Recently, she has also been featured in a new commercial by IBM and Buck-A-Day company.

"The commercial for Buck-A-Day started airing early in October on a one-minute national Canadian TV spot and features my song 'I wish'."

Phillips will tour the U.S in 2003, including stops in New York, Miami and Texas.

Former Much Music VJ hosts radio show

By IRENE RUNDLE

Definitely Not the Opera, which airs on 99.1 every Saturday, is well-named.

The four-hour radio show goes way beyond the opera as it offers a detailed weekend guide to Canadian arts and culture.

Eight years ago, *Definitely Not the Opera* (known as *DNTO* to most) was born into Canadian radio, and every year the show continues to bring in everything from the latest in Canadian music to the quirkiest commentary on pop culture.

Based in Winnipeg, Manitoba with contributors from across Canada, producer Chris Boyce describes the show as a cross-Canada cultural magazine.

"We call it your guide to modern culture. We see it as basically an entry point into everything that's going on in Canada in terms of movies, music, books, televi-

sion, all that kind of stuff," Boyce said.

"If you look at the culture nowadays, it's almost overwhelming the number of movies there are, T.V. shows to watch and music that comes out. In a way, we help people wade through the avalanche of stuff to find what's good. We sometimes joke that we do the hard work so that the listeners don't have to."

Just this summer, *DNTO* had its first major change: a new host. For years, Canadians became familiar with the voice of Nora Young welcoming them each Saturday and

guiding them throughout the diverse segments intertwined into each week's show.

Young decided she needed a change, and hired former Much Music VJ, and Canadian entertainment scene veteran, Sook-Yin Lee as a new host.

"We started looking around for a good host for the show, and Sook-Yin was really appealing because she had so much experience living Canadian culture," Boyce said. "As opposed to just being able to talk about it, she's essentially lived it. She's been an active participant in creating

Canadian culture."

The show has an off-kilter attitude and every week has something different to offer.

The next show will include a live concert of funky soulster Remy Shand and pop music historian Rob Bowman will look at whether technology influences the way we make and listen to music.

DNTO airs every Saturday at 1 p.m. on 99.1 FM.



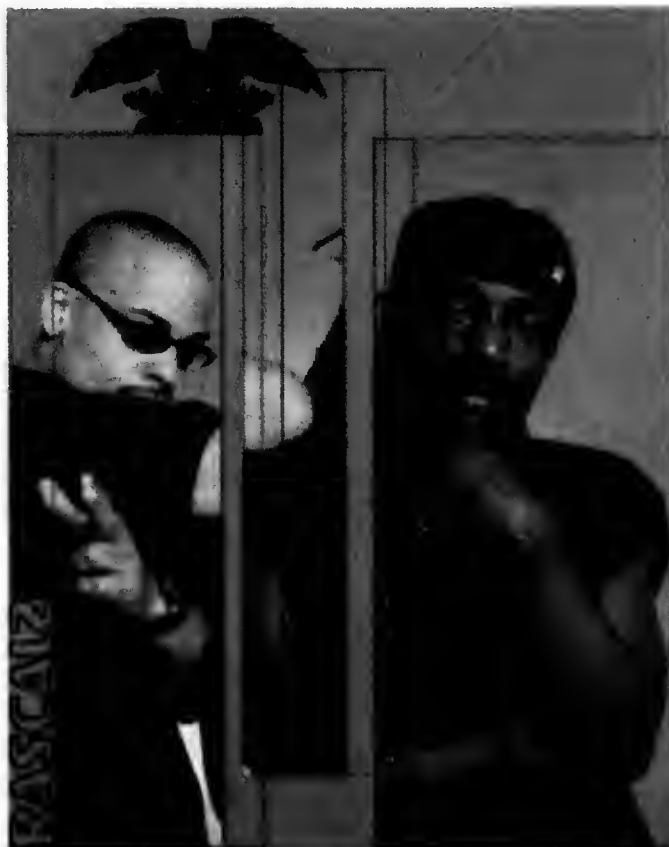
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•Winter comes to the Ex. The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair starts tomorrow and runs for 10 days.

•The Mockingbird hosts the International Rock, Paper and Scissors Championships Nov. 16.

•The Canadian National Ballet sets the stage with *Firebird* at the Hummingbird Centre. The show runs until Dec. 1. Call 416-885-2850.

•Punk band Box Car Racer plays Kool Haus tonight. The band features Blink 182's Thomas DeLonge and Travis Barker. Tickets are \$27.50 - call (416) 870-8000 for info.

•The Kiss 92 Fannies will be at the ACC on Friday. Special guests include Beyonce Knowles, Angie Martinez, The Rascalz, Swollen Members, and Shawn Desman. Tickets are \$25 and can be charged by phone by calling (416) 870-8000.

•The Tea Party joins an orchestra and members of the Toronto Tabla Ensemble at Massey Hall for a one-of-a-kind show this Friday night at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 - \$40. Call (416) 872-4255 to order.

-With files from Kristine Hughes

They wanna sex you up

By DALIA WRIGHT

If you thought sex was only about hard bodies and lubricant, you are oh so wrong.

The third annual Everything To Do With Sex Show kicked off on Oct. 31 and came to a climatic end on Nov. 3, 2002 at CNE's Exhibition Place, showcasing the latest products and services North American manufacturers, service suppliers and retailers had to offer.

With more than 100 exhibits, 18 events and 17 seminars, the show entertained audiences from all over the world.

"Expanding my thinking, I realized that instead of having a sex show, do something that has everything to do with sex," Zeev Landesberg, president of the Everything To Do With Sex Show, said.

Besides the obvious assortment of erotic novels, sex toys and lin-

gerie, everyday items like nail polish, make-up, fitness products, health products, bedding and sculptures were waiting to be purchased by people looking for ways to spice up their sex life.

"When you think of it, what has to do with sex? Your make-up, your hair, your clothing, the car you drive, the holidays you take, and the spirits you drink. That's what we've been able to bring to life," Landesberg said.

Exhibitor Anke Heaton, owner of Good Clean Fun, a company selling adult novelties and at-home theme parties, said the show is a good avenue to finding new customers and making contacts.

"We come mostly to get our name out there," she said. "And it's worked. This is our second year."

Visitors showed off their assets in several contests. Hairfree Laser Skin Clinic had men and women

compete for the prize of Toronto's sexiest legs. In addition, World Natural Sports presented by GNC was also popular. Two women and three men posed on stage showing off muscles they gained without using stimulants.

The Nubian Temptations, a group of black male exotic dancers presented by *blackvenus.com*, also caught the attention of the crowd with their highly provocative dance

routines.

A seminar room was on-site providing classes like "The Art of Flirting," "How To Drive Your Lover Wild With Pleasure," and many more.

"How To Strip For Your Partner," was presented by Mary Taylor of Peel and Play Products.

A retired ex-stripper who had been in the industry for 23 years, Taylor now teaches people how to

strip effectively. She has a videocassette and CD on the market for couples wanting to plunge inside the world of stripping.

"The purpose of performing a striptease is to involve your partner," Taylor said.

The Everything To Do With Sex Show was an eye-opener for many. Although it happens once a year, don't wait that long to experiment in orgasmic and titillating fun.



Plenty of stripteases were on display by The Nubian Temptations and Canadian Male International where strippers went down to the bare essentials at the Everything To Do With Sex Show.

Is marriage a waste of time?

There's more to getting married than a big fancy wedding

By GIANNINA FRATTO

Think getting married to the love of your life is easy? The Catholic Church has news for you: It's not!

In any Catholic's life, marriage is a huge step that is preceded by much preparation.

"Marriage is a process that begins about a year before the actual wedding date," Father Phil Smith of St. Roch's Church in North York, said.

He explained that couples must follow a few simple guidelines before the Sacrament of Marriage can happen.

"First, you make an appointment with a permanent deacon, who is responsible for the marriage preparation sessions," he said.

At this point you set up an initial interview. The deacon and the couple discuss wedding plans and make time for marriage classes.

Tiziana Fucili and her fiancée of three years, Tony Castrillo, have decided to take their vows at St. Jude Church. They are already well into the process.

Fucili said that during the initial interview, the priest will ask

the couples to attend Mass every Sunday. The Church also advises couples to become part of the congregation, and regular churchgoers.

Marriage classes are usually completed three months prior to the wedding. The course consists of 12 classes, or a weekend seminar.

Couples learn about roles in the household, raising Roman Catholic children and seeing if they are truly compatible.

"During this process, each couple takes a focus that looks at the strengths and weaknesses of their relationship," Father Smith said.

Although the classes mean couples are one step closer to becoming lifelong partners, not everyone is enthusiastic about the requirements.

"I don't think that going to church and discussing my personal life is appropriate," Fucili said.

So why bother getting married through the Church? Fucili explained tradition is why she is undergoing such an intense preparation. Having the Church involved in marriages has gone back in her family for many years.

The Church also suggests a donation of about \$150 for performing the ceremony.

Fucili feels there is room for improvement in the rules. Castrillo agrees.

"A wedding should be a joyous event. It shouldn't be stressful, having to worry about going to church and worrying about set fees," Castrillo said.

Humber Arboretum houses new research program to monitor trees

By AMBER TOUTANT

Have you ever thought of adopting a section of forest, but wanted to contribute more than just money?

With the Association for Canadian Educational Resources (ACER) at the Humber Arboretum, students can research how climate changes are affecting our forests,

according to Jennifer Shragge, the community liaison coordinator.

The ACER program started last April at Humber. It's a three-year program currently in its second year phase. The program takes a hectare of the arboretum and divides it into plots for students to monitor.

Some of Humber's Outdoor

Recreation students have become involved in the project.

"When a group takes on a [plot], we like to say they're adopting it," Shragge said.

The groups are made up of students from grade six and up. A number of tests can be performed in the plot like taking soil samples, but the project mainly focuses on studying tree growth.

"They're going to use the data to see how climate change is affecting the growth of the trees," Shragge said. "Right now [the data] is still just being entered, but it won't be used until it's completed."

The project is primarily funded by The Ontario Trillium Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Recreation.

A processing charge of \$8 per student per day is applicable, but teachers can apply for subsidy through TD Canada Trust's Friends of the Environment Fund.

"A lot of the teachers here actually do get the funding," Shragge said.

This program is still in its experimental stage, but Shragge hopes it will be a success so it can be an ongoing program in the years to come.

"If we can get the funding, then we'll definitely re-monitor the trees in a couple of years," she said.



Stumped?: The Humber Arboretum now offers students the chance to study how the ever-changing climate affects our trees.

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Happy Trails: Relieve vacation stress by familiarizing yourself with a country's culture before stepping on the plane.

Travelling woes

Some locations safer than others for women travelling alone

By NICK RAPP

Knowing a country's culture is the key to staying safe for female travellers.

"There are obviously countries where women have to be more careful about following a specific code of behaviour," Krishna Rau of *Outpost* magazine said.

He said countries like Saudi Arabia and Iran have different standards when it comes to women and it's important for female travellers to be aware of this.

"You don't necessarily have to follow the same dress code. Just be aware of how different standards apply," he said.

Outpost was just one of hundreds of exhibitors at the Travel and Leisure Show, held Nov. 1 to Nov. 3 at the International Hall in Mississauga.

Anja Wimmel, a representative for Exotic Destinations, a travel agency that sells products to wholesalers, also has concerns with women travelling to the Middle East.

"It's a different culture and you have to understand the culture first to be able to act appropriately," Wimmel, who is on an internship from Germany, said.

Wimmel said the more popular touristy countries in Asia is one area women don't have to be concerned about travelling in.

In countries like China, people are friendly and speak English in popular tourist areas.

If a female traveller does get in trouble, Wimmel recommends going to the country's Canadian embassy.

Rau said if there isn't a Canadian consulate or embassy in the area, there are alternatives for travellers who are in real trouble.

"Even in countries where there isn't actually a consulate or embassy, Canada usually has reciprocal arrangements," he said.

Travellers should contact the local embassy before going anywhere too remote. This way, the embassy can track travellers down, if something does happen.

According to Vittorio LoTauro, vice-president of sales for Travel With Flair, Europe is also a safe place for female travellers.

"We have no trouble in these countries for female travellers," he said referring to his company's list of travel destinations.

Travel With Flair is a tour operator, which specializes in trips to Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Tunisia. LoTauro said the tourism industry is a large part of these countries so it's easy to get around.

"[Female travellers] will probably be looked at by the males, but as far as problems, no," he said.

He added that police might also be an option for travellers to turn to in cases like theft.

Flex the best muscle of all

By SANDRA KIM

Athletes take their sport seriously but there's no reason to assume that's all they care about. More college athletes are busy juggling an education alongside athletics, putting an end to the myth of dumb jocks.

"The college demands a lot of an athlete's time, and on top of that, the student must meet the academic standards," Mike Katz, academic supervisor for varsity players, said.

Katz said Humber does offer students sports scholarships, but he believes more aid needs to be given.

"I think there's an obligation of the college to give something back. Varsity sports are physically draining where practices can be four, five, sometimes six days a week," he said.

Many of these students also work part-time to add to their demanding workload.

Arturo Alava, a Business Administration student, has been a member of the men's varsity soccer

team for the last four years.

It's not easy juggling school-work and playing sports.

"It's not too bad when I'm playing home games. But when it's the nationals, I miss a week of school," he said.

Alava has been to the soccer nationals twice. Both times the event was held in November, a bad time to miss school when mid-term assignments and tests pile up.

"Pretty much I'm playing catch-up, rescheduling tests and handing in assignments," he said.

Katz believes that time management is the key to being a success in both sports and academics.

"We encourage the students to do school work during class breaks - to make the most of their time in between periods," he said.

Sarah Legenza, a volleyball player and first-year student in the Health and Fitness Promotions program, understands the game of juggling two priorities.

Being on the volleyball team has her missing Friday classes often. She makes up for the missed days by attending another class

during the week so she doesn't fall behind.

"Being organized and learning to prioritize with my sport and school is important," she said.



Photo: Sandra Kim

Brains and brawn: Academics rank high on athletes' priorities.

This week's HERO File ...

New place, new friends, new life, all thanks to a brand new buddy

By MARSHA KNAPP

The wave of unfamiliar faces in a new environment can be unsettling for international students starting out in a new country.

Humber's Buddy program helps international students be more comfortable in their new surroundings, but it's lacking in volunteers.

"We don't have enough people. And we're having troubles placing people," International Student Services' manager Michael Kopinak said.

With a total of 622 international students at Humber, about 60 to 70 first-year students are looking for buddies.

"The number of international

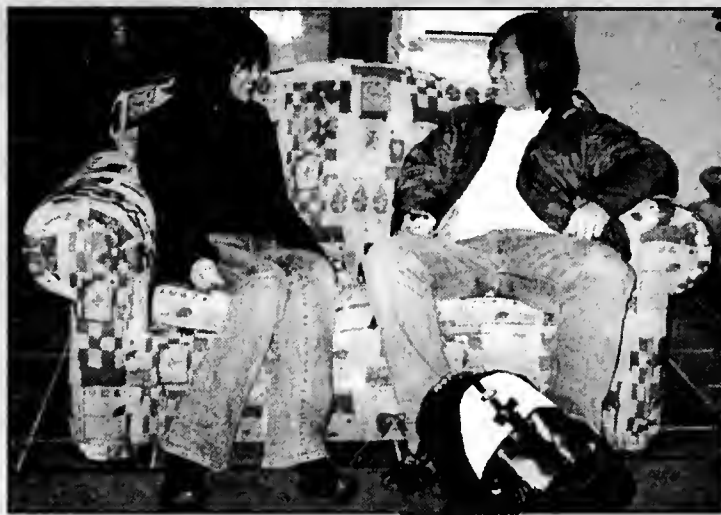
"Lots of visiting students have no relatives here. They are alone and the language is very important."

- Jeremy Hou

students signing up for a buddy is above average this year," Kopinak said.

The buddy program is mostly for international students who need to develop their English. Kopinak said it's mostly Chinese students who utilize the program.

"For many buddies, it's their first job," Kopinak said.



Buddy up: Hou (right) is a familiar face for Chen (left) in the crowd of thousands of students here at Humber College.

But people who want to be a buddy need a certain level of patience and understanding.

Humber Buddy veteran Jeremy Hou said being a buddy is not as easy as it seems.

"You must make sure you have the time to spend with your student. Different students have different needs. You must make a plan with your students and make sure students get all they need, everything you think important for them to know," he said.

Hou began as a buddy in the summer. This semester he's a monitor for the program.

"I go to the airport and take new students to residence. I give

students the buddy recruitment form. I monitor all the buddies to make sure they are meeting [with their students] once a week," Hou said.

By being a buddy, students gain a greater sense of connection to Humber College, as well as additional ways of communication, like body language.

Kopinak said students also better develop their interpersonal skills and learn about different cultures.

"Some brand new students need to know everything from Toronto to Humber," Hou said.

"Lots of visiting students have no relatives here. They are alone

and the language is very important."

Yi Ting Chen is a first-year student living in residence who says the Humber Buddy program makes her feel more comfortable.

"If I want to go to the post office, she can bring me, and to the bank. And always she talks with me. I just moved here, I don't have friends. Ivy (her Humber Buddy) helps me and stays with me. She's like my family."

Hou said you do get a lot of rewards from this job.

"I meet lots of new friends. I know all the [international students] in rez. And, it helps me to practice my own communication with people," he said.

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On Campus

Caps continues to entertain...

Carnival Diablo returns

By DANIEL COX
KATIE KNOX

People flocked to Caps last Wednesday to watch the freaks and geeks of Carnival Diablo.

"I like how the show is fluid," Jose Bazan, a 3-D Studio Max student said. "It's one of the most exciting shows. Your attention is captured by the actors and whole presentation."

Carnival Diablo consisted of the demonic ringleader Nikolia Diablo, Steven Hart the

Scandinavian Giant, and bug-eater Countess Vanessa who is only the second female practicing sword swallower in the world.

The return show once again displayed the talented Diablo using the power of the mind to move objects and even read minds.

The show's freakish endeavors went from card tricks to glass walking to sword swallowing and flame eating. One of Diablo's highest feats was hammering a nail into his skull through his navel passage and swallowed razor blades, chasing it down with boiling hot water.

Diablo's maneuvers are based on mind control, learning to block pain and other closely guarded secrets.

Sideshow runs in Diablo's family, his grandfather owned Canada's largest traveling sideshow until his death at 103.

Carnival Diablo is the last Canadian sideshow, and Diablo's family legacy. He also trains his crew how to defy physical pain and fear.

"They'll kill themselves if they do it improperly," he said.

According to Surunen, the highlight of the night was the audience participated séance.

"The two participants were on either ends of the tables when it jumped," she said. "There's no way that the table could have moved that far."

The freak show is an annual event at Caps and will continue to be as long as people like to get grossed out.

"The whole performance was good," Krystal Lockyer, Tourism and Travel student

said. "Caps should keep it up. I'm coming back next year."

If you missed this disgusting, yet entertaining, evening, check out the Caps Web site at www.capspub.com for pictures.



Recreation and Leisure student Patty Granger won best solo costume, at the Halloween pub last week. Granger shared the first place honours with "Hugh Hefner and his Playboy Bunnies."

Costumes raise more than just pure interest

By DANIEL COX

Although Halloween hasn't fallen on a Thursday in the past eight years, Caps has still managed to put on a Halloween pub where students show their creativity with a chance to win cash.

The grand prize for the student with the best costume was \$1,000; however, this year there was a tie, with \$500 going to the best solo costume and best group effort.

The award for best group costume went to Rob Young, Drew Mattie, Robbin Linsay and Dan Pennie, from the Humber rugby team, who all decided to do something completely off the wall and go as Hugh Hefner and his playboy bunnies.

"I feel absolutely fantastic about winning \$500," said Young, who dressed up as Hugh Hefner.

"We all got naked and drunk and we were aiming for the money."

Patty Granger, a Recreation and Leisure student, walked away with best solo outfit, a giant penis.

"I made it. It took me one and half weeks, from chicken wire and paper mache," Granger said.

Tia Kiriakov, Nursing student, dressed up as Little Red Riding Hood.

"It was a last minute pull together thing," Kiriakov said. "The party was pretty good but the line up was too long."

Natalie Blouin, Fashion Arts student, dressed as a cowgirl, wearing a straw hat and a sheriff's badge on her jean shirt.

"I only had five minutes to get a costume ready," Blouin said. "I had a great time, except for the line up."

"That guy was pretty weird the way he put those flames out," Julie Surunen said. "I wonder if he had anything in his mouth to put out the flames."

"There's no tricks, it's all about body and mind manipulation," Diablo said. Most of



Caps set the stage for the Carnival Diablo freak sideshow, October 29, hosted by Nikolia Diablo.

Fair educates students about campus services

By ANITA VERMA

Students received food, prizes, and information at the first annual Student Services fair that commenced last Thursday at both North and Lakeshore campuses.

The Student Services department came together to host the first Students Services fair with the mandate to get students informed of the valuable resources they have readily available to them. Booths decorated in a Halloween theme were set up to showcase health, residence, career, counseling, disability, athletics, peer tutoring and prior learning services.

"A group of us came together in different functions of Student Services and put our heads together to try and figure out how we can get the information out to the students," Nicki Sarracini, Peer Services Facilitator at North Campus, said.

"Some students are really not aware of the free services available to them, and it's an advantage for them to know exactly what the services are and where to be found."

The fair was quite the spectacle at North Campus as hundreds of students poured into the concourse to see what the balloons, Halloween costumes and aroma of candy-apples were all about.

"We're promoting Student

Services because we're sometimes a hidden service and we want to bring it out to the public," Deborah Cooper, North Campus Work Study Coordinator, said.

"We thought we'd psych people up the day before Halloween and draw attention to our services and how important they are in the college."

use the services now that I know about them."

Lakeshore's fair took place in the small cafeteria, and though it was physically smaller than North's, it was still an enjoyable event for students to get the information they need with a side of food, fun and free stuff.

"We had an amazing turnout.

There was a steady traffic flow throughout the event that was really impressive and the students were very interested in the information, food and prizes," Ann Tsirgielis, an employment advisor at Lakeshore, said.

"It's basically what Humber has to give to us, the students. I think it's a good idea," Joe Da Cunha, a second-year Marketing student said. "Of course it's benefiting us, because now I know these services exist. I didn't know there was so much or that they were so active."

According to Tsirgielis, all of the Student Services department was involved, and they are planning to run another event like this

next year. "From what I hear, we plan to do this again next year because we get new students every semester, and they need to know what we're all about."

The event was not aimed to generate profits, just to educate students in a fun way, so any profits made from candy-apple sales were donated to the United Way.



Vicki Reay, employment advisor and Lynda Greenman, assistant advisor were on hand to promote the student services fair.

Students walked away with flyers, pamphlets and other assorted materials educating them about the free services that Humber provides, giving them the green light to start using them.

"We can win some gift certificates and chocolate bars and it's about what Humber offers and what's going on," Mary Bozzi, a first-year Early Childhood Educator student, said. "I would

Etc.

Two schools, one night...

HRT recognizes academic achievements

By KRISTIE KENT

The School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism held its award ceremony last Tuesday in the lecture hall, to celebrate the achievements of many of the students.

Prior to the ceremony, winners, staff and family gathered in the Humber room to taste the delicacies the culinary program presented. A selection of sushi, wine, pastries and chocolate-covered strawberries were shared amongst the group.

"My congratulations to you because you have reached a point in your academic careers in our school that we recognize this evening," Alister Mathieson, the Dean of HRT, said.

Despite the tourism and hos-

pitality industries still recovering from the Sept. 11 fallout, Mathieson reassured students the job market for HRT graduates has never been better.

"It's very important for students present tonight to realize that careers in our industry and our curriculum are evolving," he said.

Rossana Magnotta, who runs a successful winery in Vaughan, was

the guest speaker for the ceremony. She was previously awarded the Jubilee award from Queen Elizabeth.

"This is perhaps the most rewarding part of my job coming here and congratulating your excellence," Magnotta said. "You are the ones who have excelled, the ones who have placed that outstanding effort and you are the

ones we raise our glasses to tonight."

The President's Letter is given to a student who had the highest academic standing during the fall, winter and spring 2001/2002. Shannon Letona from the Culinary Management program and Andrea Dessureault from Recreation and Leisure were two of the seven awarded.

The Dean's Award was presented to three students, because it was hard to narrow it down to one. Katie Hill, Joseph Pagnello, and Jee Su Kim were honored with this extraordinary award.

"I'm extremely excited. I was actually quite surprised because I wasn't expecting it at all," Hill, a Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism student said.

Media Studies honours success

By KRISTIE KENT

The School of Media Studies occupied the lecture hall last Wednesday to award the students who have committed themselves to their specific programs.

Attendance at the ceremony was quite high because the school offers 25 different programs.

In his address to the students before the ceremony, Media Studies Dean William Hanna said faculty members of the media programs must keep up with the rapidly changing world of technology to ensure the capability of the students after graduating.

"I.T. changes in the material side of media have moved it from a primarily print-based world into an image-based world and we have to keep

pace with that," Hanna said.

Twenty-three students were awarded the President's Award, for having the highest honors average. Journalism student, Cheryl Clarke, was awarded this letter for the third and fourth semesters for her achievements in the program.

"The awards tonight recognize their excellence and dedication," Hanna said. "It's the students who excel in their programs who are tonight's award winners. These students will be the ones changing the world of media in the future."

Industry partners were present at the ceremony to give out their own special awards and acknowledge the students' capability and dedication.

680 News presented Lisa Disanto with an award for being the top graduating student in the Broadcast Radio program.

Fuji Photo Film Canada awarded Kelly Whitmore for the best print portfolio.

Miriam Osborne, a third year journalism student, was awarded the Shirley-Anne Ohannessian Memorial Award for high academic achievement, enthusiasm, energy and fun.

Melanie Bechard and Paul Markowski, both in their final year of Journalism, were awarded the *Toronto Star* award for best political article.

The ceremony concluded with winners, fam-

ily members and staff enjoying coffee and dessert outside of the Lecture hall.



Erin Shaw, a first-year HRT student won the HSF candy count put on by HSF last week.

Sweet treat candy win

By ANITA VERMA

The Humber Students' Federation tempted the sweet tooth of staff and students last week, offering them a chance to win a bucket full of Halloween treats.

The Candy Count was the last spooktacular event in HSF's week of Halloween thrills. The ballots and candy were located in the HSF office (KX 101), where staff and students could place their guess in hopes of winning the unknown number of sweets.

Erin Shaw, a first-year Hospitality Recreation and Tourism student, guessed 106 candies, winning the bucket. The actual number of cavity-enhancers was 107.

Shaw said she was ecstatic about winning the contest, more so than the treats.

"I totally didn't think I was going to win because I never win these things," Shaw said. "The people on my floor (in residence) have plans for the candy. I almost got robbed on my way."

Rishi Gupta, vice-president of campus life, organized the Halloween events and says it's the HSF's way of getting students in on the fun.

"We do this to promote Halloween, having fun, and the HSF," Gupta said. "If a student is too shy to come up on stage, they can still come into the HSF office, take a guess at the candy count and win something."

The HSF accepted guesses, which ranged from 25 to 850, all week until Monday when the winner was determined. The HSF staff sitting in the room with the jar of goodness must have had a pretty hard time keeping their paws off all week.

Residence 'Resnet' test site is up and ready to be seen

By JASON BAIN

The 2002/2003 version of residence's official Web site, Resnet, promises to be a source for information, communication and more.

The Alpha version of the site, up as of Nov. 6, includes the student handbook, administration information, residence events and provides a showcase of what the main layout will look like.

The Beta release of the site is set for Nov. 20 and the official release date is set for Dec. 2.

Webmaster Scott Hammond, a post-graduate student in Internet Management, said this year is the best opportunity to enhance the site, with the largest team to date in the project's third year.

"I'm looking forward to working with a team and getting a fully functional site up for the official release, depending on the state of the Humber servers," he said.

Changes to the site this year include enhanced usability and accessibility for all users, proper design to fit Humber colour standards, more interactivity and online events like pools, contests and more.

"It's been a slow start, with the HAL (the main College server) being down, we did not have access to the Resnet

site for over a week," he said. "In addition, we've also had a high turnover rate of members."

Overall, Hammond is impressed by the initiative of the team and is always looking forward to seeing more members at meetings, which are Wednesdays at 8 p.m. in the conference room in residence.

Residence Life Co-ordinator Colleen Parton said Resnet has two main purposes. One is to lure prospective students planning on staying in residence, the other, is to keep current students posted about floor events, to put up pictures and provide information to them, and to direct them to somewhere in the college that can help them, like the career center.

"It's the first place a potential student will look for key information and questions," she said. "It's also to say here's the rules and regulations if you forgot."

Parton said the main objective this year is to design the site to look like and fit into the design of the main Humber College Web site.

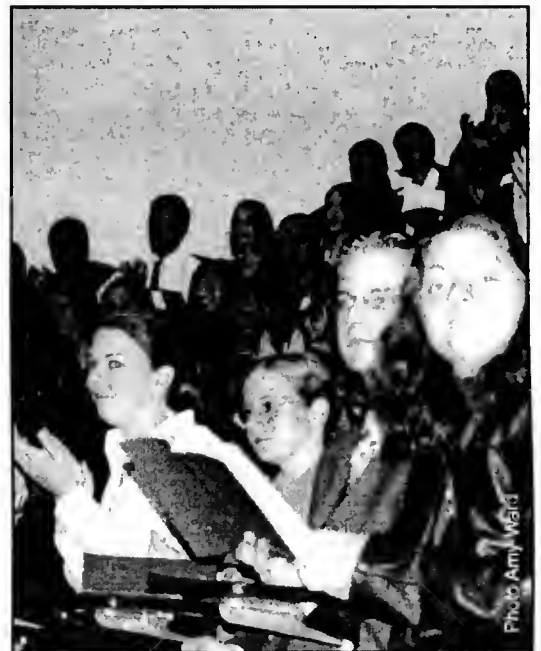
Patrick Bartens, is a member of the Resnet committee and is in his first year of Interactive Multimedia. He's enjoying the project, especially because it ties in so well with

what he is learning in class.

"I like it," he said. "I can use it in my portfolio, and it helps out a lot because it allows me to learn more, especially with the graphics."

Bartens has been busy taking pictures of the residence and school for background images, rollovers and buttons for the Web site.

Visit the Resnet alpha site at www.resnet.humberc.on.ca.



Media Studies students wait to receive their award at a special night, in their honour, Oct. 30 in the lecture hall.



Webmaster Scott Hammond is working with his team to get Resnet up.

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New furniture for quiet lounge at Lakeshore

By JASON MAGDER

The Humber Students' Federation has allocated \$20,000, to improve the furniture in the quiet lounge at Lakeshore Campus.

Vice-President Administration Lakeshore Valerie Rothlin said a facelift is necessary, and the money will come out of the surplus of funds the HSF has from the previous fiscal year.

"You can go in there and see the furniture falling apart," she said. "You need to have functional furniture. You can't have people sitting on broken chairs."

The \$20,000 allocation does not include the \$9,000 spent in the summer to improve the HSF offices at Lakeshore.

Last spring, it also cost \$15,000 to buy six couches and six chairs for the Student Centre at the North Campus. The cost of one chair is between \$650 and \$850, and the couches range from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per couch.

Business Manager Michael Parent said it's not certain the HSF will spend \$20,000, but at least the allocation for it is there, if the HSF should need it.

"Lakeshore really needs a good shot in the arm to improve the aes-

thetics of the room down there," Parent said. "Right now there's around 20 chairs and eight couches, but half the chairs are broken and the couches have seen better days."

Parent added the old couches won't go to waste, and will most likely go to the cottages at Lakeshore.

However, Parent said the quiet lounge, along with the HSF offices, and the games room will move to the new H Building, which is expected to be completed by September, 2004. There will also be a new cafeteria and a student study area in the H Building which is being renovated in preparation for the double cohort.

"The AX Building, where there's the quiet lounge, the HSF offices and the weight room will eventually be turned over into some kind of usable space," he said.

Rothlin said she's very excited to see the finished product once the H building is completed.

"It's going to be a beautiful building. Lakeshore's been ignored long enough and we're finally getting the attention we deserve."

Rascalz expect to sell out Caps

By JASON MAGDER

Fresh off the release of their third album, Canadian rappers Rascalz will perform at Caps next Tuesday.

The show comes in the middle of their Canadian tour that has taken them through Vancouver, Calgary and Winnipeg.

"I don't know where else you can see the Rascalz for 10 bucks," Vice-President Campus Life North Rishi Gupta said. "It should be a great show."

From Vancouver, Rascalz's latest album, *Reloaded*, has been in stores since July 30.

Caps holds a maximum of 458 people, but the HSF is only allowed to sell 400 tickets and Gupta said it's realistic the HSF will sell out.

Doors open at 9 p.m. and Rascalz will take the stage around 10 p.m.

Also on hand will be special guest IRS, who has seen success with their video "O! Time Killin'," which can be seen on MuchMusic, MTV and BET.

Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door and are available directly at Caps, or in the HSF office (KX 105).

Korean students find their roots at Humber

By STEPHANIE HARNADEK

The second meeting of the Korean Student Association (KSA) took place last Thursday in the Pipe.

The main focus of the meeting was to get to know each other and come up with some ideas of things they can do for fundraising.

"We're going to do a couple of fundraisers like events and parties with other Korean school associa-

tions," said Sabina Cho, a member of KSA and second-year Fashion Arts student.

Presently, there's no regular scheduled meetings, but they hope to meet at least once a month.

"Right now what we're doing is figuring out what they [other members] want to do, what their interest is and gather ideas," Cho said.

She also added anyone can join, they don't have to be Korean.

Health

"Infections can spread to neck and chest," surgeon says

Lose the wisdom teeth

By MELANIE COUTO

It could be a wise decision to remove those unused teeth at the back of your mouth.

Dr. Marco Caminiti, oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Toronto General Hospital and assistant professor of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto, said wisdom teeth should be removed because they can cause infections.

"Gum sores, gum disease, destruction of nearby teeth and bones, and interference with other structures like nerves and sinuses are all reasons to get them out," he said.

Caminiti said the best time to have wisdom teeth removed is when they aren't bothering you.

"If a patient is presented with an infected wisdom tooth, removing it is difficult and very risky because the infections can spread to the neck and chest," he said.

He also said wisdom teeth should be removed by a certified oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

"What we do is remove wisdom teeth with an anesthetic where you are put to sleep," he said, adding it is quick, safe and painless.

Every procedure, however, could have negative side-effects.

Caminiti said there is a one per cent risk of infection usually caused by food stuck in the holes left from surgery. There is also a five to 10 per cent risk of "dry socket," where the wound loses its clot and the bone is exposed.

According to the American



Reasons for wisdom tooth removal include gum disease and destruction of nearby teeth and nerves.

Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' Web page, wisdom teeth removal is easier in younger patients.

The best age for removal is between 17 and 25. After that age, the teeth are harder to remove, complication risks are higher and

recovery is slower.

The cost of removal depends on how impacted the teeth are.

According to Dr. Caminiti, a certified specialist could charge between \$600 and \$1,200 to remove all four teeth with a sedative or general anesthetic.

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Short-term symptoms can include jaundice (yellowing of the skin), pale stools, dark urine, loss of energy or appetite and fever.

Long-term complications can include cirrhosis (scarring of the liver) and liver cancer.

Hepatitis C can be transmitted by sharing needles, exposure to open wounds or mucous membranes of infected blood and

blood transfusions (especially prior to 1992). It is currently estimated about 50 people per year could contract the virus through blood transfusions.

Although it is valuable to learn about hepatitis C, the hepatitis B virus, which also affects the liver, is 100 times more infectious and 200 times more common than HIV.

Hepatitis B is spread by exposure to blood or body fluids including semen, vaginal secretions and saliva through sexual contact, skin cuts and abrasions, injection drug use, mother-to-child at birth and medical or dental procedures.

Symptoms of the virus can include fever, weakness, loss of appetite, headache, nausea, vomiting, stomach pains and jaundice.

While 90 per cent of those infected recover after physician treatment or hospitalization, nine per cent will carry the virus forever and be at risk of developing

cancer or cirrhosis of the liver and infecting others. One per cent will die from the virus.

A hepatitis B vaccine is available and is more than 90 per cent effective in preventing the virus.

To reduce the risk of contracting hepatitis B, avoid contact with infected bodily fluids, do not share needles or razors and always use a condom, available for free at the health centre.

With files from Hepatitis C Society of Canada, The Mayo Clinic Web site and SmithKline Beecham pamphlets.

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Families learn to cope with mental health issues

By LISA HARRIS

It is important for families to learn about mental illness and learn how to cope within the family unit, says a mental health professional.

The Community Mental Health Association (CMHA) offers the Coping Skills workshop at its 970 Lawrence Ave. W. office.

"Family structures are fractured by living with the problems associated with mental illness," program coordinator Moria Mosher said. "The family suffers from mental illness. It's not theirs, but all their expectations of having a normal life are limited in that the community reacts badly, there is stigma and shame."

The Coping Skills workshop is a series of eight sessions, once a week for an hour and a half in the evening, and examines feelings of family members as well as the patient, in a low-stress atmosphere.

The workshop is not meant to be a support group, however, families can be referred to appropriate groups in the community.

"Ours is a how-to course," Mosher said. "We make suggestions on how they can cope with disruptive and dangerous behaviour and to hopefully separate the symptoms of an illness from an individual's personality and behaviour."

Sydney Baldwin said the work-

shop she attended was beneficial for her to understand her son's illness.

"It was very helpful in teaching me how to deal with my son's behaviour and remember he is a person outside of the illness," she said. "And even though it is not a support group, it was wonderful to talk to other parents in the same situation."

The United Way-funded program has been available for the past nine years, and is free to participate in.

The program runs two to three times a year, with a maximum of 25 participants.

Although it is provided as often as needed, Mosher said some people are not satisfied with the program.

"I always anticipate that some people will come and want immediate answers. [If] they don't get them, they drop out," she said.

The patient's responsibility, according to Mosher, is to learn about and cope with their illness and medications while their family provides emotional support.

"The Coping Skills workshops re-focus families on their own needs," Mosher said. "If the family's mental health is good, everyone including the mentally ill relative will benefit."

To get involved in the program, contact the CMHA at (416) 789-7957.



Moria Mosher heads the Coping Skills workshop, aiding families of mental health patients.

Etc.

Hawks downed in season opener

Hockey team loses 5-2 to St. Clair Saints

By CORY SMITH

The Humber Hawks hockey team fell short in its season opener Saturday night, losing 5-2 to the St. Clair Saints at Westwood Arena.

The game reignited a Humber-St. Clair rivalry that began during last year's gold medal game, a brawl-filled contest the Hawks lost 4-2.

Hawk forward Terry Chikoski was part of last season's team and said this year's squad squandered its first chance for redemption.

"We just wanted to beat them so we knew we could beat them," Chikoski said. "We have to beat them for sure the next few times."

The Hawks were never in Saturday's contest, giving up the first goal only 57 seconds into the game and falling behind the defending champs 4-1 by the end of the first period.

The Saints had more hustle which, combined with the Hawks sloppy defensive play, became a

recipe for opening night disaster for Humber.

The Hawks were playing their second game in two nights, having lost an exhibition game 7-1 the previous night in Plattsburgh, N.Y. But Washkurak wasn't about to use fatigue as an excuse.

"You can't make excuses for stuff like that," he said. "The bottom line here is we asked a lot of guys who didn't play a lot this year."

Scoring for the Hawks were Jamie Chikoski and James Rodak.

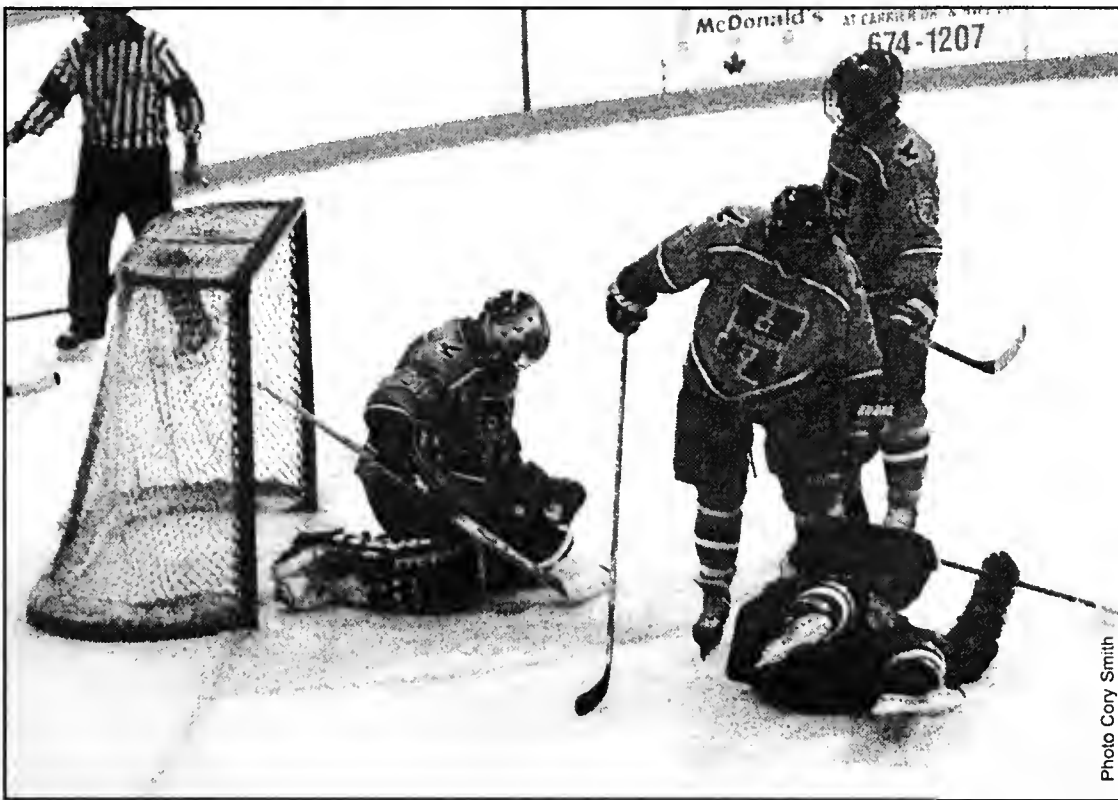
"I put a challenge to them after the first period and they definitely responded," Washkurak said. "We just have to regroup."

The Hawks string of futility in New York continued Friday night, as the team lost to the Plattsburgh State Cardinals, wrapping up their pre-season with a 5-1 record.

It was the third straight year the Hawks travelled to New York to face the Cardinals, an NCAA Division III team, and the third straight loss to the powerful American squad.

"I'm not totally disappointed," said Washkurak, who acknowledged the game might have been a good wake-up call for his team.

The Hawks trailed 1-0 after the first period, in which they were outshot 18-10.



Hawks netminder Nick Grainger makes one of his many saves against the St. Clair Saints, but it wasn't enough as the Hawks fell to the defending champions 5-2 in their first regular season game this year.

Mike Oliveira scored a break-away goal early in the second, but the Cardinals responded 25 seconds later and never looked back, scoring six unanswered goals for the win in front of 1,300 fans at the Stafford Ice Arena.

The Hawks took 47 minutes in penalties compared to the Cardinals' 14. Plattsburgh capitalized by scoring four powerplay goals.

"Our lack of discipline killed us," Washkurak said. "I don't know if it was the hoopla in front of the fans, but some guys have to look at themselves in the mirror. I think we can take some pride that even strength, we could skate with them."

While Washkurak was disappointed at the lack of discipline, his players blamed the referees.

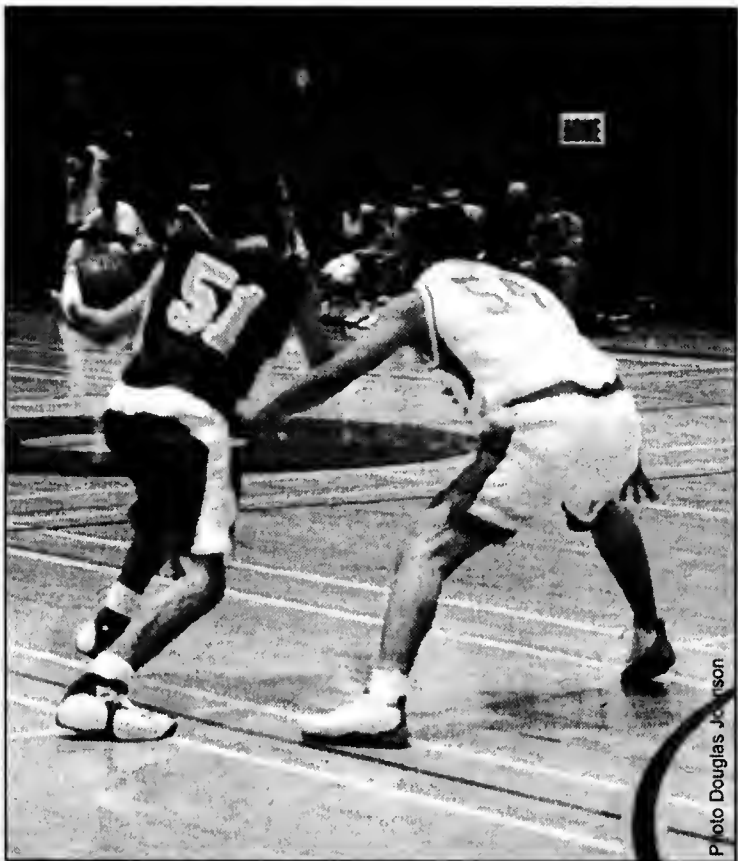
"It comes to the point where

you can't take it anymore. I just told [the ref] that he was one of the worst referees I've seen in my life," Chris Pugliese said.

The Hawks were outshot 50-22, and Nick Grainger was sharp in goal, keeping his team in the game.

The Hawks next home game is against Fleming College on Saturday, Nov. 23 at Westwood arena.

Basketball team beats Guelph, but loses to Americans at Mohawk College tourney



The Humber basketball team beat Guelph in the President's Cup Challenge, but faltered in the Mohawk College Tournament.

By DOUGLAS JOHNSON

The Humber men's basketball team defeated its newest rivals from Guelph University in the inaugural President's Cup basketball challenge last Thursday.

The Hawks showed grit and determination against a bigger university opponent by playing an all-round team game to beat the Gryphons 76 to 63.

Led by a strong effort from game MVP Neriya Tsur, the Hawks took the lead midway through the first half and hit some key shots down the stretch to put the game out of reach.

Tsur, who led all Humber players with 20 points, said the coaching staff did an excellent job of preparing the players.

"We knew they were going to be big, and last year they just blew us out at Guelph," he said. "We just came prepared, our coaching staff did a good job and we knew what to expect out there and we won the fight."

Head coach Mike Katz was pleased with the way his team shut down the Gryphons each time they attempted a comeback.

"They pressed about three times, I thought, in the game," he said. "We'd go up about 12 or 14 points, and they'd come back to maybe as close as four, but we came up with some big shots. I was very happy to see that happen."

Hawks guard Jeremy Walters said he saw some positive signs

"We just came prepared, our coaching staff did a good job and we knew what to expect out there and we won the fight."

from the team last Thursday.

"I saw a college team realizing that it doesn't matter what level the basketball is at," he said. "We felt we had to show to ourselves more importantly that we could play with universities."

The game between the two teams marked the first President's Cup. The Hawks and Gryphons will play an exhibition game at the beginning of each season to determine bragging rights for the rest of the year.

With the recently formed partnership between the two schools, the athletic departments decided the President's Cup would help

create a friendly rivalry between the Hawks and Gryphons on the basketball court.

Humber President Robert Gordon was one of the many special guests in attendance and tossed the ball for the ceremonial tip-off before the game.

However, the hard-fought win over Guelph may have worn the Hawks down for their game the next afternoon at the Mohawk College tournament.

Playing their second game against a tough opponent in less than 24 hours, Humber lost 80-60 to the Henry Ford Hawks, a community college from Michigan.

Humber didn't know what to expect from the Michigan team, which turned out to be a big, fast and aggressive unit that hit a good percentage of its shots and shut Humber down.

"The other team was talented," Humber guard Raymond Morgan said. "They executed everything, whenever they got a turnover, they scored. That killed us."

Assistant coach Darrell Glenn said playing back-to-back games against tough opponents will give the Hawks a taste of what they will face if they hope to make it to the Ontario championships.

Etc.

Volleyball team misses finals by single set loss

By TODD CLARK

The men's volleyball team came up short at the Humber Cup tournament on the weekend, failing to make the finals by a single set.

The Hawks opened the tournament Friday night with wins over the Cambrian Golden Shield and the Durham Knights. Then they beat the Mohawk Mountaineers Saturday morning.

However, Humber dropped both sets to Niagara College and split games against Loyalist College to fall out of contention.

Although the Hawks' looked sluggish on the court at times, they played solid volleyball, especially against Durham.

"We can play," Hawks assistant captain Matt Singh said. "If we play the way we did against Durham, we will win a lot of games."

The Hawks headed into their final two games of the round-robin tournament unbeaten, ready to take on the powerhouse Niagara Knights and the Loyalist Lancers.

Humber came out strong to start the first set against the Knights, keeping the game close at 14-12. But

they seemed to get rattled. Setter Sokol Sakrama showed his frustration as he kicked the ball in anger after a Niagara point, receiving a yellow card for his actions. The Knights took the set 25-18.

After taking an early lead in the second set, the Hawks defensive game came unglued and they lost 25-16.

"Once we started to get a few points, their defence started to break down," Knights assistant captain Justin Ross said. "They're a good team, but they seemed to have breakdowns."

Hawks power Sucha Randhawa agreed the team lost their focus, which affected all aspects of the game.

Heading into the final match against the provincial champion Lancers, the Hawks needed to win both sets to have a chance to advance to the finals.

Coach Wayne Wilkins must have gotten a point across to his team before the game, as the men hit the floor with more enthusiasm and played a confident match.

They lost a hard-fought first set 27-25 before ending the tournament on a high note with a 25-18 win in their final set.

"I felt the team was a little intimidated by Niagara," Wilkins said. "They played well against Loyalist. They're the defending champions. Now the question is whether or not we can keep up that pace."

The Hawks play Sheridan this evening.



The Hawks play against Sheridan tonight at 8 p.m.

Hawks come up short at 19th annual Humber Cup

By REBECCA VIRGIN

Despite home court advantage, the Humber women's volleyball team wasn't able to pull out a victory at the 19th annual Humber Cup.

"It certainly wasn't our finest

performance," head coach Chris Wilkens said. "We showed signs of being a young team this weekend. We made a lot of mental errors and weren't prepared to play."

The Hawks started out strong in the six team invitational tournament, winning their first matches against the Loyalist Lancers (27-25, 25-20), before losing their next four in a row. Cambrian College Golden Shield won (25-19, 25-22) and the Mohawk Mountaineers easily disposed of the Hawks (25-11, 25-15).

"We either all played well or all played poorly. When we all play well, it's tough to stop us. When we all play poorly, it's not hard to beat us," Wilkens said.

The Hawks tried to fight back for a playoff position, but fell short losing their first match against the Durham Lords (25-18), but coming back to win the sec-

ond one (25-23). They also split their matches with the Niagara Saints, first winning (25-22) and then losing (25-21).

"I think we were too laid back and it wasn't clicking," Lesley Westervelt said. "We had ups and downs. We weren't consistent. We would work and then we wouldn't."

"I think we started off really weak, but we pulled it together in the end," rookie Hawk Alison Legenza said. "We had a really good finish, a really positive finish."

"We were struggling with our passing a lot and just kind of trying to get it together as a team," Legenza added.

"We have to go back to the basics, go back to the drawing board, go back to working hard in practice and get ready," coach Wilkens said. "We've got our league match on Thursday against Sheridan and those (league games) are the important ones. It's nice to win these tournaments, but if you don't win your league matches you don't go to the show."

The Hawks are optimistic about tonight's game against Sheridan, which starts at 6 p.m.

Vitale leaves her mark as OCAA leading scorer in final soccer season

By MATTHEW IABONI

Women's soccer star Joanna Vitale has won three provincial titles and scored 56 goals becoming the all time leading OCAA scorer before leaving the Hawks this season.

She started that first season in 1999 with a hat trick against the defending OCAA champion Mohawk Mountaineers and never stopped scoring. Vitale, 22, wasn't one to boast about her accomplishments, preferring that her play do the talking.

"She's outstanding, she's been a pleasure to watch," co-coach Vince Pileggi said. "Even though she's small in stature 5'2", she's tenacious and we're very grateful that she came to Humber."

The women's soccer program has only been around for seven years at Humber, but since Vitale's arrival the Hawks have won three consecutive provincial titles before settling for a bronze this season.

Vitale was originally headed to Seneca College - located just five minutes from her house - when Pileggi contacted her.

"Vince and Mo (co-coach Mauro Ongaro) helped to sway my decision to go to Humber," Vitale said.

Much of the Hawks' success was because of Vitale, something Pileggi and Ongaro knew would happen if she joined the team.

"I told her, 'If you come to Humber you will make us a provincial contender,'" Pileggi said.

Vitale didn't start playing soccer until she was nine, and only because she was brought up in a family involved in the game. She joined the Scarborough Azzurri, a team she's played for all but four years, when she competed for the North York Cosmos.

Although she became a sniper on the forward line, Vitale played sweeper when she first started. Because it was a defensive position, she chose number three and continued to wear that number.

Joanna isn't the only member of

her family playing soccer. Her younger sister, Sonya, is the Hawks' starting goalie.

"It's fun playing with my sister. We get along really well," Vitale said.

When she receives her diploma from the Business Management program this year, Vitale plans to work with her parents who own a soccer apparel company.

She rejects any ideas of a career as a soccer coach, and likes the idea of only playing a few times a week.

In her years with the Hawks, Vitale is proud of team achievements.

"Winning Ontario three years in a row and going to the nationals have been the highlights of my career," she said.

Though Vitale and the Hawks weren't able to win their unprecedented fourth provincial gold in a row, she finishes her career as one of the best players to ever play women's college soccer in Canada.



Vitale leaves her mark as the all time leading OCAA scorer.

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The Hawks gear up for their regular season game against the Sheridan Bruins.

Soccer team watches stars leave college

By JOSEPH MUCIO

In professional sports, experience wins championships. At the collegiate level, this philosophy is no different.

After their bronze medal win at the provincial finals in Kingston, the Humber Hawks' men's soccer team said goodbye to two of its key members, defender Arturo Alava and midfielder Mehmed Mehmedoglu.

Since Alava's first year in 1998, the Hawks have won three provincial titles, one national title, and enjoyed an unbeaten streak that stretched over three seasons.

Coming off last year's dream season, which was capped off with a gold medal at the CCAA championships, Alava admits he envisioned ending his days at Humber with another gold medal.

"It was disappointing not to be in the finals but being here for four years I have a lot of great memories I'm going to take away with me," Alava said. "There is a lot of

potential on this team, and in a couple of years I see this team contending for a national title again."

For Mehmedoglu, who joined the Hawks one year after Alava, he takes a lot of pride in the commit-



Photo Courtesy

After winning bronze with the Hawks, Alava leaves Humber.

ment Humber has towards its men's soccer team.

"The quality of players here is amazing. The recruiting efforts by (head coach) Germaine Sanchez and (athletic director) Doug Fox are unbelievable. They keep bringing in the talent needed to compete. Humber has done a tremendous job in the way they treat their players."

Humber was not Alava's first choice - until he saw how determined the athletic department was in making him a Hawk.

"The coaching staff has done an impeccable job. I myself was recruited from a league game. I wasn't planning on coming to Humber College but Germaine and Doug kept talking to my parents and now I am leaving here with a diploma in both Business Management and Marketing. Along with my family, Germaine and Doug are two people I have to thank for this."

Mehmedoglu, who will be graduating this year with a diploma in Business Administration, believes the men's soccer team helped develop his skills as a leader on and off the field.

"One of the things I look back proudly on is the ability to help others grow as players and to help them succeed in whatever they want to do. I wanted to help this team achieve what I got, that being

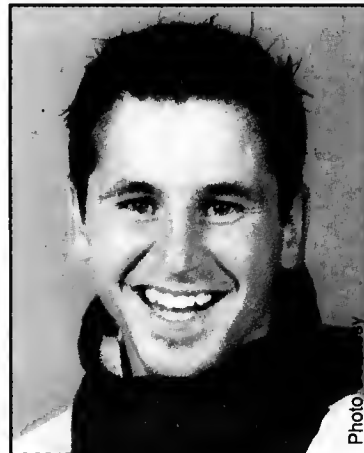


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Mehmedoglu leaves behind his leadership role with the Hawks.

a national championship, which is the ultimate goal for any college

team," midfielder Mehmedoglu said.

During their time here, Alava and Mehmedoglu have developed a strong friendship as two of the leaders of this year's team.

One of Alava's fondest memories is the "never say die" attitude the Hawks helped instill in him.

"Throughout the years I've played here there have been better players. But what kept me as a starter is my determination to win."

As they move on, both Alava and Mehmedoglu are confident the men's soccer team will remain a national title contender for years to come.

With the departure of Alava and Mehmedoglu, some of this year's younger players are going to have to step up.

"They left experience," first-year forward Matt Palleschi said. "They left on a great note. I wish we could have won for them but now we have to rebuild just like they did when they came here. It was truly an honour to play with them."

Humber wrestler slams into competition at Pro Wrestling Extreme event

By TODD CLARK

Darryl Sharma isn't 225 pounds, and he isn't 6'3. The first-year Journalism student doesn't have the tattoos and thick veins of a steroid abuser. The 5'11, 160 pound 18-year-old is a wrestler. In fact he's a professional wrestler, known as "The Brown Hornet."

"I got my name because I can do things a guy my size normally can't," Sharma said. "It's a superhero name. I fly with grace like a hornet."



Pro Wrestling Extreme put on a show Thursday as The Brown Hornet and his partner lost their one and only tag team match.

Sharma grew up watching the WWF and it inspired him to become a wrestler.

"I was a big fan of Brett 'The Hitman' Hart. And of course I was a Hulkamaniac too," Sharma said.

He started training to be a wrestler when he was 16, taught by former WCW wrestlers at an old warehouse in Stoney Creek.

"Out of the 20 people that tried out at the (wrestling) school, only four had the passion to finish the year," Sharma said.

The Brown Hornet took to the squared circle last Thursday night in downtown Toronto at the 360-night club. Pro Wrestling Extreme put on the event, called "Ring 'N' Ears." It featured a live band and five professional wrestling matches.

There were steel chairs being used in one match. A barbed wire table used in another. And there was fake blood. It was pure entertainment.

The Brown Hornet teamed up with Custom Made Man and took on Kronus and Xzibit in tag-team

action. Although the Hornet and his partner lost the match, the Hornet put on a show. With his hip tosses and flying cross bodies off the top rope, the fans attending immediately cheered Sharma on, chanting "Hornet" repeatedly.

When it was all said and done, The Brown Hornet had a swollen elbow and the regular bumps and bruises of wrestling, but he brushed them off because he was doing what he loves.

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