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John Davies, former vice president of administration, says he sees Humber as a "very successful college, with a clear path ahead."

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New boss aiming to expand college's reach

Priya Mann
NEWS REPORTER

John Davies, Humber's incoming president says he wants to increase outreach initiatives in North Etobicoke and create greater opportunities for students to study abroad.

"We do a lot more work outside of Humber, in this community than people know," he said. "It is a particular passion of mine, and you can look forward to see us more actively engaged in the North Etobicoke community. We are an immense source of energy and enthusiasm."

Davies was unanimously chosen to succeed Dr. Robert(Squee) Gordon by the Board of Governors last week.

Davies said he was delighted to be chosen.

"I am a big fan of this college as you can imagine, so the opportunity to serve the students, faculty and exceptional staff in general, is an opportunity I am really looking forward to."

"I am extremely impressed with the students at Humber, and I mean that very sincerely," Davies said. "The excitement, the motivation and the diversity of the student body is really I think, an exciting

part of this college. I get great satisfaction from seeing the great diversity of programs our students are interested in knowing that we are providing them with top-class entrance opportunities."

Bill Ardell, Chair of the Board of Governors, said Davies's knowledge of Humber is undeniable. "He has a bird's-eye-view of the operations, is well respected within the Humber community and was unanimously endorsed when his nomination became known to the board."

Davies has been vice-president of administration at Humber for under five years.

During his tenure, he estimates

Humber has built \$150 million worth of buildings, including the completion of Guelph-Humber and student residences.

"I also think we've done some top-class work, in terms of facilities, in applied technology here on this campus," Davies said.

These include a new manufacturing centre, culinary lab and state-of-the-art digital newsroom.

Lakeshore Campus received a new library, student centre and a music-recording studio is currently being built for the new music degree program.

Davies was born in Wales, England and immigrated to

Canada with his wife Kaye, after graduating from the University of Wales, in 1967. He received a Masters in Geography from the University of Toronto and has two daughters; one a science teacher in Seattle and the other a criminal lawyer in Toronto.

He is no stranger to high-ranking administrative positions, having worked as a teacher, principal of two North York schools, superintendent educational consultant and director of the Toronto Board of Education.

Davies said he wants to maintain Humber as

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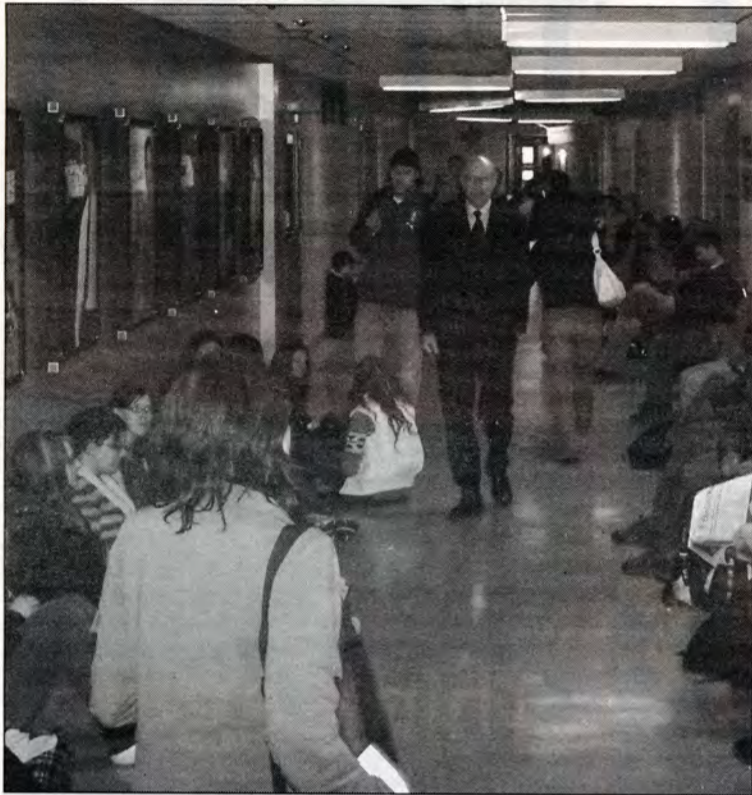
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The Toronto District School Board is discussing the possibility of banning new homework assignments for the five days before exams – www.canoe.ca

Lineups a pain for students



Humber students spend their afternoon in the halls near registration waiting in line for late registration and financial aid.

Katelyn Coholan
NEWS REPORTER

Humber students stood in lineups all over campus last week waiting to make arrangements for the winter term.

Students waited to add and drop courses, change timetables and seek financial aid.

According to Dilpreet Kaur, a student services employee and second-year early childhood education student, the wait at registration was up to two hours on the first day of registration.

"Wait times are sometimes 30 minutes, 45 minutes, sometimes an hour," Kaur said. "On the first day it was worse."

Kaur was hired to work during orientation to make sure people weren't waiting in line for the wrong reasons.

Because students can pay for parking and lockers online, they do not have to line up.

Wait times were already shorter by the second day of classes.

Mike Alonzi, a third-year electrical engineering student, had 30

people ahead of him after waiting half an hour on the second day of classes.

"This guy's been here a while," Alonzi said, nodding toward another student.

Nerisha Ibrahim, a first-year law clerk student, only waited 15 minutes to get in to see someone at the Liberal Arts and Sciences office.

That, however, was her second lineup.

"I already had to wait today at the business office," Ibrahim said. "I waited there two hours."

Support staff were available to make the process run as smoothly as possible.

"They (support staff) tell you what you need to know at least," Alonzi said. "There's only so much they can do."

Holsee Sahid, manager of financial aid, said the OSAP process for the winter term is more complicated, and wait times are longer now than in September.

"My best advice to students is make sure your grades are in and courses are loaded," Sahid said. "The process will be much faster."

Davies has big plans for college

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a polytechnic institution which provides programs "all across the spectrum, from apprenticeships to degrees."

His second focus will be on maintaining "Humber's reputation, [which] rests on the quality of its programs and the quality of the learning environment, which is created through the quality of teaching and organization."

Davies highlights several areas of improvement including further development of Humber's Centre of Excellence academic programs as well as increasing space for informal learning.

"We are going to very soon, be building a new facility in the back, which will bring something like capacity for another 1,500 seats, which will give more elbow room to the students," he said.

Davies admits enrolment strategies are a challenge.

"There are fewer students taking college-prep type programs and there are some real problems with student's success rates at those levels," he said. "So I think, the flow of students from high schools will be quite a challenge for us."

Funding is another key issue, whether it is for keeping up equipment or updating labs.

"And also to deal with . . . basic things, like deferred maintenance, keeping up the infrastructure – which is not hugely apparent to people until there are problems," Davies said.

Davies will take over from outgoing President Gordon when he retires in June.

Speaking highly of his successor, Gordon said, "He (Davies) brings a wonderful set of human skills that allows him to work within Humber culture. I think he's shown commitment, loyalty, integrity, and has demonstrated them. That's why he's getting the job, because he's solid across the board."

When asked how his leadership style may differ from Gordon's, Davies replied, "I think actually, more to the point, how will it be the same? Because, I think I share many of Dr. Gordon's beliefs in terms of inclusive style of management, collaborative style, shared decision-making and a real commitment to what, I think, is Humber culture."

"It's a caring culture, it's a culture that supports students, it supports staff and I intend to continue, what those characteristics [and] he brought to this particular institution."

Journalism grad heads to Africa

Michelle DiPardo
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber graduate Sabrina Gopaul is embarking on a journey today that will likely change her life.

Gopaul, who graduated with Honours from the three-year Journalism program last year, is off to Kenya to attend the annual World Social Forum (WSF) conference in Nairobi and spend time working with Schools Without Borders at an orphanage in the Mathare Valley, one of the worst slums in the country.

"I'm so excited," Gopaul said. "I've been busy preparing myself mentally."

Gopaul, 29, is one of a dozen people from across the GTA chosen for the trip, funded by the Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC).

At the beginning of her 18-day trip, Gopaul will attend the five-day WSF conference in Nairobi. The annual meeting brings activists and community leaders from across the globe together in the spirit of anti-globalization and social change. Kenya will host about 150,000 delegates this year.

Gopaul is the head news correspondent for community website jane-finch.com, editor-in-chief of *Project Life*, a quarterly magazine put out by the TCHC, the host of York University's CHRY 101.5 FM Wednesday News Now program, and tenant representative for her building.

She said she has no plans to simply be an observer.

She said the journalist in her urged her to document the experience, in addition to participating in one of the many workshops taking place at the WSF.

Armed with a camera, tripod and laptop, she plans to record every minute of her African visit and make regular posts to the *jane-finch* website.

"I'm a journalist. I'm going tie [the trip] in with my voice. These are the stories I cover," Gopaul said.

A self-described "product of Jane and Finch," Gopaul has lived in the troubled neighborhood most of her life and is a tireless advocate for social change and affordable housing.

She is a single mom to her 11-year-old son Isaiah, whose name is Islamic for freedom fighter, and has been on her own since she was 14.

Her nickname is "Butterfly" which she said symbolizes a flight for freedom and describes her perfectly.

"Being a young mom, getting labeled was something I always fought against. Butterflies start off rough, and they become so beautiful. I relate to that," said Gopaul. "I found my freedom through my son."

For the past three years TCHC has been sending a group of people from across the GTA to the conference. Gopaul approached TCHC council and was soon approved.

Adriana Beemans, social investment fund manager at TCHC, said that Gopaul's extensive communi-

ty work makes her an obvious choice to make the trip.

"I think it's wonderful, it's a great opportunity," said Beemans.

"She's going through a lot and learning a lot," said Beemans, who is also leaving for Kenya today. "Some people do really impressive things in their community."

This will be Gopaul's first visit to Africa, and she's hoping the experience will confirm that she's going in the right direction with her work. She's also eager to bring any lessons learned back to her hometown.



Humber journalism grad Sabrina Gopaul is preparing for her trip to Nairobi, Kenya to attend the World Social Forum.

Toronto wildlife officials are looking for someone to drive a skunk back to its home in California after it stowed away in a transport truck. — CNN.com

Distracted driver public awareness campaign hits the ground running

Alex McCuaig
NEWS REPORTER

Cellphones and other distractions are a major cause of traffic accidents, according to Canadian Pro Drivers president John Lefevre.

"Most people think driving is a physical skill and it's been taught that way for years," said Lefevre, who also heads Humber's driving school. "What has not been taught and what we're trying to do is revolutionize the way things are taught — and that is driving is a mental skill."

A new public awareness campaign, sponsored by Canada's insurance companies, aims to demonstrate how distractions like driving while talking on a cellphone, applying make-up, reading or changing radio stations can increase the risk of being in an accident.

"Canadians have shown concern over increasing driving distractions," Mark Yakabuski of the Insurance Board of Canada said at a news conference in Toronto last Thursday. "The majority, though, are not ready to change their behaviour."

A poll conducted by Pollara of more than 1,200 Canadians, showed that close to 90 per cent of respondents were concerned with



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Toronto Sun columnist Mike Strobel tries the Distractions Undermining Motorists Behavior (D.U.M.B.) car, a simulator which demonstrates how distractions interfere with driving.

the increasing distractions — although over half said they wouldn't stop using cellphones while driving.

A study by Human Factors North found both experienced and novice drivers to be equally affected by using a cellphone.

"There is a four times greater risk of being in a crash if you're on a cellphone," said Human Factors North president Alison Smiley. "If you are at the 0.08 level of alcohol

your risk is doubled. The advantage of cellphone versus being impaired is that when you put the cellphone down, you're no longer impaired."

Research conducted by the University of Utah found people who use cellphones while driving have the same reactions as impaired motorists.

"If you start to chat with someone for a long period of time you lose situational awareness, so

you're simply not aware of the driving conditions," said David Strayer, the study's lead author. "The longer you're in that conversation, the more you're out to lunch."

Humber Design Foundation student Lora Fumagalli agrees with Strayer's findings. "The worst is when you're leaving a parking lot and they're pulling out and on a cellphone — they don't even recognize the fact you're there," she said.



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Police investigate an accident on Humber College Boulevard.
Pedestrian struck near campus

Michelle DiPardo
SENIOR REPORTER

A man was struck by a van outside the William Osler Health Centre last week.

The accident occurred just east of the intersection where a Humber student was killed in a hit and run in October.

According to police, at 3:30 p.m. on Jan. 10, a man, who police estimate to be in his 50s, stepped off the curb and into the path of an oncoming van travelling east-bound on Humber College Boulevard at Westmore Drive.

"He ran in front of (the car)," said Sgt. Rich Petrie at the scene. "I wouldn't consider her (the driver) at fault. No charges will be laid."

Mark Teharn was having lunch

in the nearby Shanghai Restaurant when the accident occurred.

"I heard a bang, and the squeal of tires," he said.

The victim was taken to Sunnybrook Hospital with serious but non-life threatening injuries.

Petrie said despite these two accidents police don't consider that stretch of road to be particularly dangerous.

In other news, Toronto Police issued an appeal last week for the public's help in finding the driver who killed 19-year-old Humber student Andres Maldonado in a hit and run in October.

Det. Const. Stefan Nasner said there are no new leads in the case and police are looking for a mid-sized, light-coloured vehicle.

Busy year ahead for HSF

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NEWS REPORTER

Humber Student's Federation (HSF) started the new year off with a new executive director.

Ercole Perrone, a former director for a government Anglo/Franco student exchange program, moved into the executive director's office at the start of the semester.

"You could consider me a steward for HSF," Perrone said. "My goal now is to focus on a free and fair election this semester that gets everyone involved."

The executive director works closely with the president on issues concerning policy, finances and the budget.

Cynthia Malagerio, the current HSF president, has a lot of work ahead of her to ensure a smooth transition for her successor.

The job pays around \$30,000 annually and requires the president to be on call 35 hours per week. "But, I'm always here a lot more than that," she said.

Malagerio wants to ensure the existing relationships HSF has established stay intact.

"We organized a campaign to get students to vote in the next provincial election called Check Yourself," she said. "There's Camps United, where we set up a break-

fast program and a book drive. We also had a campaign to cap tuition."

The unsuccessful campaign was an attempt to keep tuition hikes between two and three per cent. Tuition is increasing four per cent next year. "It's slightly higher than what we wanted," Malagerio said, "But now the goal is to ensure that our facilities and teacher quality go up as well."

HSF nominations started on Jan. 8 and run until Feb. 9.

The HSF has a number of events planned for the new year including visits from the Trailer Park Boys, hypnotists, wrestlers and guest speakers including Rick "the temp" Campanelli.



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Ercole Perrone takes over as HSF Executive Director.

The Skinny

Extreme cold alert

The City of Toronto issued its first extreme cold alert of the year on Monday after a day of freezing rain, snow and falling temperatures. The alert is issued when Environment Canada predicts a temperature of -15 C or lower, and allows additional beds in homeless shelters and warming centres to open.

Downtown shooting

Police shot two men early Tuesday morning, sending both to hospital with serious injuries. *The Toronto Star* reported that the men's car collided with an unmarked police car. When the officers confronted the men, both officers fired their guns.

Passport reminder

Passport Canada is reminding Canadians planning on flying to the United States after Jan. 23 to bring their passport, as a result of a new American law. Canadians traveling to the U.S. by land or sea do not need a passport for at least another year. A press release from Passport Canada said the number of applications it received in November 2006 was up 33 per cent from the year before.

Vancouver sextuplets

One of the sextuplets born to a Vancouver family last week died, reports the Canadian Press. The four boys and two girls were born prematurely and weighed less than a kilogram each. The family has been very private so far, and officials at the Vancouver hospital say the family wants to stay anonymous.

Iraq report

The United Nations said more than 34,000 Iraqi civilians were killed in 2006, a much higher number than Iraqi officials released, the Reuters news agency reported on Tuesday. The report said that although much of the violence was in Baghdad, there was an increase in violence across the country, indicating an overall decrease in security. The UN human rights chief told Reuters that most of the deaths in Baghdad have been the result of gunshot wounds not bombings.

Castro's condition

CBC.ca reported on Tuesday that Spanish newspaper *El Pais* says Cuba's president Fidel Castro is in "very grave" condition. *El Pais* said the 80-year-old president has had infections, as well as a few failed operations.

NEWS

A zoo in northern Thailand is putting an overweight panda on a diet of bamboo leaves to try to get him to mate with his partner. — Associated Press

VoIP phone service could leave customers hanging

Ryan Vella
NEWS REPORTER

Dialing 911 from Internet-based telephone services can cause delays for callers and emergency respondents such as police, fire and ambulances services, Toronto Police said.

"Quite frankly, from a 911 point of view, we really wish that people were not using this as a prime-line replacement," said Judy Broomfield, 911 co-ordinator for the Toronto Police Service. "If you are going to do that, understand that we may or may not be able to respond to your emergency situation."

An increasing number of people, about 2.5 million North Americans, have switched their conventional phone lines to Vonage's Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service that offers lower long distance rates.

But Internet phone lines do not offer the same emergency response service provided by conventional telephone lines, Broomfield said.

"There are limitations; you may get help when you need it, or not," Broomfield said.

One difference is that Internet callers will be routed to a national call centre operated by the VoIP

provider, instead of being connected directly to a local emergency operator.

"Often callers don't know who they're getting," said Nycole Harding, co-ordinator for Seneca College's 911 and Emergency Services Communications Program.

A caller dialing from Toronto could end up speaking "to some operator service in Sudbury, who doesn't know the difference between Toronto and Mississauga," Broomfield said.

"Quite frankly, from a 911 point of view, we really wish that people were not using this as a prime-line replacement."

— Judy Broomfield, Toronto Police

Another problem is that Internet phone numbers are not tied to a physical address and emergency respondents cannot verify a 911 caller's location electronically — which is commonplace with 911 calls from conventional land lines.

"We are running into situations where it's either incomplete address information, so we might end up with the operator service

telling us the customer lives at 123 Main St. in Toronto," Broomfield said. "Unfortunately 123 Main St. in Toronto could be a 20 storey apartment building and they have no apartment number to give us."

Despite efforts by VoIP providers to educate their customers about the limitations of their service, some customers could still be left in the dark.

Thomas Crelier, a second-year student in Humber's business management program, switched to Vonage's phone service about four months ago.

He agrees there is potential for problems if he ever has to call 911 during a power or Internet service outage.

"If I'm in trouble, I'm screwed," he said.

What is Crelier's advice for VoIP service customers?

"Make sure you have a cellphone for emergencies."

After recent lawsuits in some U.S. states, VoIP provider Vonage is "doing everything to ensure that customers have the 911 information that they need," said Patti Jordan, director of communications for Vonage Canada.

But without electronic verification of a caller's location, operators responding to an Internet-



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VoIP customers calling 911 may not have an ambulance sent to the right address or there could be a delay in dispatching.

based 911 call must rely on address information on file or a caller's ability to confirm their address.

"If you're not able to speak or verify where you are, most likely

you're not even able to verify that it's a 911 call," Jordan said. "At that point it's in the hands of the emergency services at the location that we have directed it to."

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Students mugged on campus

Michelle DiPardo
SENIOR REPORTER

Police are searching for three suspects after two Humber students were assaulted and robbed at knifepoint on campus Sunday evening.

At 7:15 p.m., three men approached the victims in parking lot five, near Hwy. 27 and Humber College Boulevard.

The suspects demanded the students' bank cards and PIN numbers.

The victims complied and an undisclosed amount of money was taken from their bank accounts.

According to Gary Jaynes, director of public safety at Humber, giving the suspects what they wanted was a smart move.

"The victims did the right thing by turning over the bank card and that information," he said. "I just want to remind people, should you encounter this, let's not put up a struggle."

Jaynes said both students were punched but neither needed medical attention.

One of Humber's 65 closed-circuit security cameras caught what Jaynes called, "images of interest for the police."

He added police are reviewing footage from the ATM machine in the plaza across from the parking

lot where the stolen bank cards were used.

Jaynes said he doesn't think the suspects are Humber students and called the incident "a very rare occurrence."

He also noted that both Lakeshore and Humber's North campuses are normally quite safe.

"Try to avoid solo trips."

— Det. Sgt. Les Stasiak,
Toronto Police

"The camera system is a deterrent and people who want to commit a crime notice the cameras," Jaynes said. "We've observed over the last few years a slight decrease in issues on campus."

So far, police say they have no leads, but they have stepped up their patrol of the area and are urging students to report any suspicious behaviour and to walk in groups.

"Try to avoid solo trips," said Det. Sgt. Les Stasiak of 23 Division. "The area of the parking lot borders a ravine, it's an easy place for people to hide."

Anyone with information is asked to call Toronto Police at 416-808-2222, Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS or Humber Security at 416-675-6622 ext. 8500.

A man suffered third-degree burns over half his body after his cellphone ignited in his pocket and set fire to his nylon and polyester clothes. – Associated Press

Minimum wage increase not enough for starving students

Jeff Lewis
NEWS REPORTER

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) said an upcoming increase in Ontario's minimum wage to \$8 – which takes effect next month – won't be enough to help cash-strapped students facing increasing tuition fees.

But the College Student Alliance (CSA), which includes Humber College, said the problem is more complex.

"When you look at it, provincial governments only have so much money," said Tyler Charlebois, director of advocacy at the CSA. "To increase the minimum wage, or to say, reduce tuition fees, or to reduce something else, that's taking money from one area and you're under-funding another service."

Beginning Feb. 1, the McGuinty government will implement the last increase in Ontario's minimum wage, a process that has spanned four years and brought it from \$6.85 to its current level of \$7.75.

Jesse Greener, Ontario chairperson for the CFS, said, "Students who are struggling to burn the candle at both ends are really being short-changed by the massive tuition fees that they're faced with, and the limited job opportunities that at the end of the day don't even pay the bills."

Although he said the increase is a good first step, Greener said the new amount alone does not add up for students saddled with debt.

"The current minimum wage increases, while they're a step in the right direction, are not by any stretch a solution to the problem," he said.

Greener would like to see a two-fold approach implemented, one that would reduce tuition fees while increasing the minimum wage to \$10 per hour – an amount Greener said was "a basic living wage."

Belinda Sutton, spokesperson for the Ontario Ministry of Labour, said the increase is aimed at making a difference in the lives of Ontario's lowest-paid workers.

"It's intended to help keep vulnerable employees from falling behind the rest of Ontario employees and give them the chance to share in some of the benefits of Ontario's economic growth."

Sutton said the increase is part of a larger commitment to help low-income working people.

"Before the first increase in 2004, the minimum wage had been frozen for nine years," Sutton said. "By phasing in the minimum wage increases over four years, the government is balancing the needs of Ontario's low-income workers with the needs of Ontario's businesses."

Karen Fast, who manages the North Campus' Career Centre,

said the increase will have a negligible affect on Humber students.

"I don't think it's going to impact our students because we've got an educated work force that is already

commanding the higher salaries," Fast said. "So we're in a good position."

Sutton wouldn't say if or when minimum wage earners will see a

further increase in their salaries, saying only that the government would balance the needs of Ontario's low-income workers with the need to keep the

province's businesses financially stable and competitive.

But Greener would like a minimum wage that "allows students to focus on their education."

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A California man filed a lawsuit against the state because it was hard for him to take his wife's last name when they got married. — *Associated Press*

Beer workshop on tap for new college campus

Kate Wilson
NEWS REPORTER

While construction of Humber's Orangeville Campus has not started and its programs are not set to begin until next September, special general interest courses are being used to introduce the college and its faculty to the community.

"The importance is to have a presence and, in fact, many of the workshops have absolutely nothing to do with the full-time programs that we're offering," said Joe Andrews, director of community relations for Orangeville Campus. "It's to show the versatility of menu that we have available."

Beer appreciation and gourmet cooking are the focus of the two latest workshop series to be offered to Orangeville residents.

The Beers of the World series started on Tuesday at the Mad Hatter Olde British Pub and is being taught by part-time faculty member, Roger Mittag.

"He is known as the professor of beer," Andrews said. "He's very, very good."

Topics include the art of brewing, its history and how to pair beer with food.

The Gourmet Kitchen series starts next week at Westside Secondary School.

Faculty members Master Chef Konrad Weinbuch and Pastry Chef Micheal McFadden will share teaching duties.

Weinbuch will be teaching participants about hors d'oeuvres, barbecuing and turkey trimming, while McFadden will illustrate how to make chocolate treats like truffles.

Both four-part series are being held for the first time.

"They have been specially put together for Orangeville," said Ramesh Srinivasan, continuing education program co-ordinator for the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism.

Based on the first round of workshops run in the fall, the response from participants has been positive.

"They have been nothing but raving about the kinds of content delivery and also the quality of the



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Beer appreciation and gourmet cooking workshops are taught by Humber faculty at the Orangeville campus.

professor," Andrews said.

Wanda Buote, director of professional and continuing education for the School of Business, said the workshops are helping to build business and goodwill in the community.

Other workshops planned for this winter include a forensic investigation series and a day course on writing for young readers, with more to be announced for the spring.

The first three full-time programs to be offered at Orangeville next fall will be Business Administration, Business Management and Police Foundations.

Humber reacts to Saddam's execution

Division between Muslims could grow deeper

Anupa Mistry
NEWS REPORTER

Saddam Hussein's execution shocked some Muslim Humber students and left some members of the academic community questioning what it means to the future of Iraq.

"The timing was wrong. It wasn't done in the greatest humanity," said Clinical Research student Farah Mohtadi of the Dec. 30 hanging.

She said she felt remorse that it happened on the first day of Eid ul-Adha, a celebration marking the annual pilgrimage to Mecca, and a time that she sees as uniting all sects of the Islamic faith.

Business Administration student Zia Noori also said it was not the right time. "It's something bad on a really good day."

All that can be done is to see what happens next because "Iraq still has problems," he said.

Aileen Cowan, who teaches War and Terrorism in the Liberal Arts and Science Department, said, "The trial and hanging are one part of a complex situation."

"We still haven't really dealt with the issue that kind of started this conflict in the first place," Cowan said. "There is a danger in focusing

on individuals rather than the system as a whole."

Calling one person the "epitome of evil" dehumanizes him and shifts the focus away from the big picture, she said.

"There is an irony in, fairly violently, hanging someone in order to punish them for violence against other people," Cowan said. "To believe that hanging Saddam is going to bring immediate progressive change is incredibly naive."

It is possible that for some people justice has been served, she said.

However, there are many who hoped to see him tried for other crimes that occurred under his regime and so sectarian barriers may be deepened, "particularly this division between Shiite and Sunni," she said.

Saddam was convicted of crimes against humanity for killing 148 Shiite villagers in 1982. Reuters reported on Monday that Saddam's half-brother along with a judge under the regime were both executed for crimes against humanity.

Saddam was also scheduled for another trial, to face charges of genocide for the murder of nearly 100,000 Iraqi Kurds.



The minimum wage is going up.

If you're an employer, here's what you need to know.

	General Minimum Wage	Students under 18 and working not more than 28 hours per week or during a school holiday	Liquor Server	Hunting & Fishing Guides: for less than five consecutive hours in a day	Hunting & Fishing Guides: for five or more hours in a day whether or not the hours are consecutive	Homeworkers (people doing paid work in their home for an employer)
Current wage rate	\$7.75/hour	\$7.25/hour	\$6.75/hour	\$38.75	\$77.50	110% of the minimum wage
Feb. 1, 2007 wage rate	\$8.00/hour	\$7.50/hour	\$6.95/hour	\$40.00	\$80.00	110% of the minimum wage

On February 1, 2007, the general minimum wage will increase to \$8.00 per hour from the current rate of \$7.75 per hour.

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Crime Stoppers Month promotes anonymous tips

Valerie Maloney
NEWS REPORTER

Crime Stoppers will be coming to Humber College in January to promote the service and inform students about its importance.

January is designated as Crime Stoppers Month both in Toronto and internationally.

"We like to share the successes of the past year to thank the community for their help," said Crime Stoppers Co-ordinator, Det. Larry Straver.

Crime Stoppers received more than 6,000 tips last year, helping police to lay 2,776 charges and make 480 arrests.

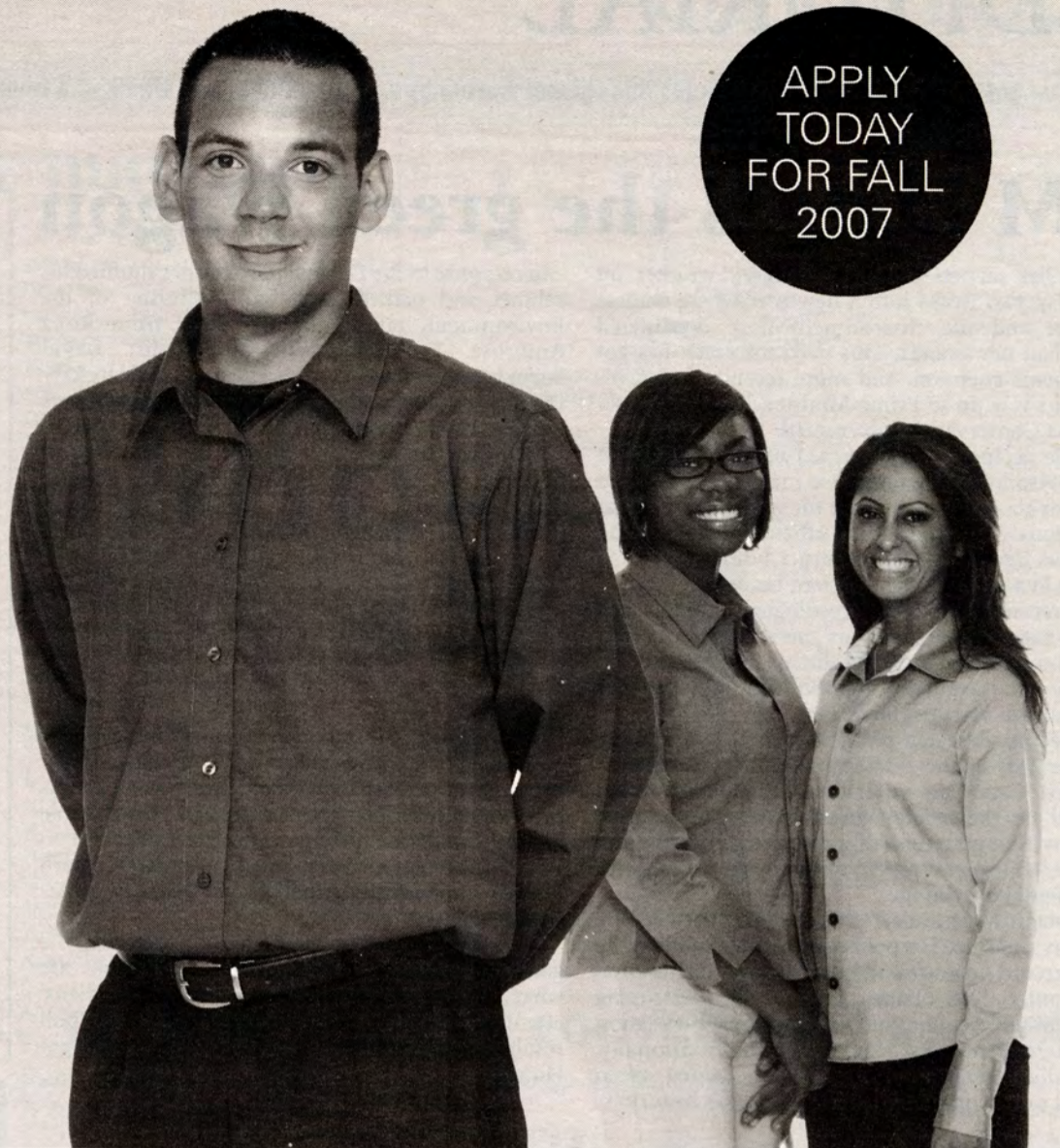
Straver said students should know about the service because "school is such a small environment, and you are not always in a position where you would feel comfortable talking to police."

He said students who are worried about staying anonymous should "call us, and ask about it. We often spend the first five to 10 minutes of a call talking to people about the program. We do not have call display, and you will not have to go to court if you report a crime."

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"We've got everything we need to solve this (global warming) except political will which is a renewable resource so we have to renew it."—Al Gore on *The Hour*

PM boards the green wagon

Humber saw its first sign of nasty weather on Monday, two weeks into a new year where climate change and the environment have dominated Canadian newsstands. This need for green has got Canadians attention, and more recently it has filtered its way up to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Conservative government.

While geologists have warned us for years about the environmental dangers we may face, GM, Ford and Toyota continue to look for ways to reduce gas emissions with more fuel-efficient engines and builders have begun to construct homes and businesses in a more energy-efficient fashion.

The recent warm weather, geologists' warnings and multi-national corporations' new green initiatives have brought the issue of climate change and gas emission to the public's attention, but what brought the issues to Harper's attention?

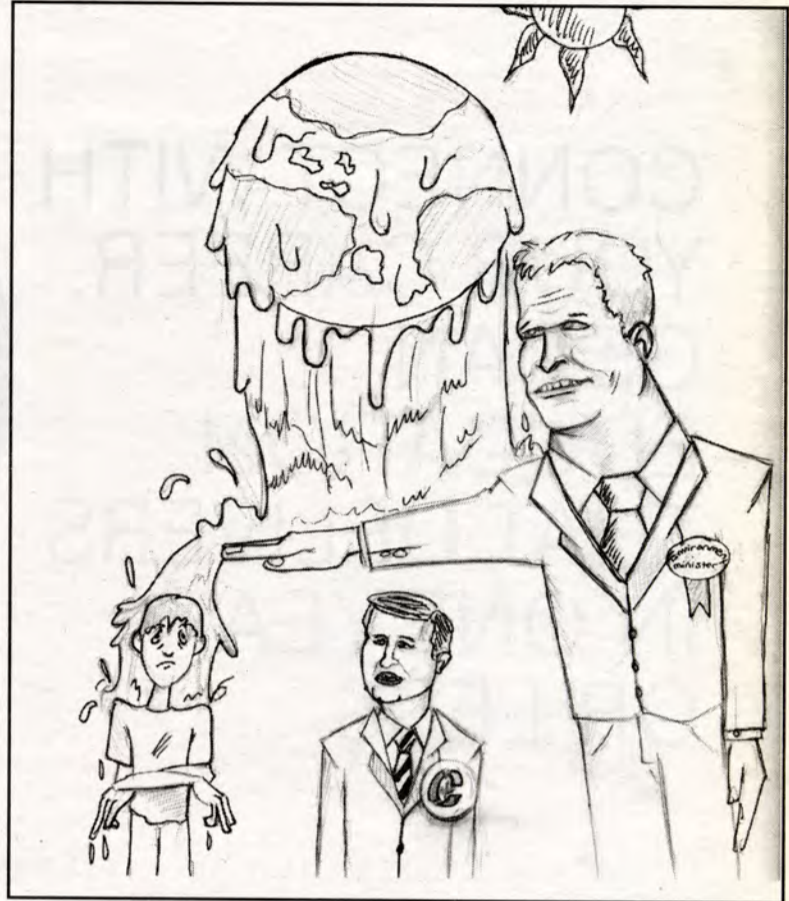
A Decima Research poll released on Jan. 4, while Harper was in the midst of shuffling his cabinet, showed Canadian voters feel the environment should be the federal government's top priority. Seventy-four per cent of survey respondents said Harper's Tory government must do a better job with the country's green file.

Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party agrees. She has said since Harper became prime minister, he has a record of abuse and hostility towards the environment. She blames Harper for destroying Canada's Kyoto commitments, a treaty violation which embarrassed Canadians internationally. According to May, Harper has the worst green record of any prime minister in Canada's history.

In response to the Decima poll, Harper shuffled his cabinet and named John Baird Minister of the Environment, taking the file away from Rona Ambrose. Prominent environmentalist David Suzuki sees the move as nothing but political jockeying before an upcoming election. Suzuki remembers hearing Harper deny that global warming was an issue before he became leader of the Conservative party. Suzuki feels it has become politically popular to appear green. Baird was responsible for spearheading the Accountability Act, a bill aimed to ensure ethical standards in government. He is the Prime Minister's new right hand man ready for action, but for what purpose did Harper give Baird this task? Is it to champion the environmental challenges facing Canada or was it done to shelter Harper from his future and past environmental deficiencies?

Harper's new political opponent and Liberal leader Stephane Dion, former minister of the environment from 2004-2006 for the Liberal government, claims his own emphasis on green initiatives played a role in Harper's decision to hand the green file over to Baird. Dion agrees with Suzuki, calling Harper's plan to announce environmentally-friendly initiatives as a ploy to get votes.

Be sure to remember this. The warm weather, the geologists, the scientists and the corporations are what brought the environment to the Canadians' attention. It looks like the Decima Research poll results and Dion's strong green record is what got Harper's.



Davies moves to the front seat

A new era begins. After 25 years, President Robert (Squee) Gordon, is leaving the college's executive office and a legacy of growth behind him.

Squee took office in the early 1980s, when Humber had approximately 7,000 students. We've had many improvements since then: Humber's enrolment continues to grow each year and we currently have more than 73,000 part and full-time students collectively. Within the last few years, we've expanded to an Orangeville campus and the Lakeshore Campus library received a \$7.1 million renovation. Humber is also home to the most advanced college digital newsroom in the country as well as an integrated diploma degree program in conjunction with Guelph University. But can this growth continue without Gordon's leadership? Perhaps.

Incoming president, John Davies, is Humber's third president. He has big shoes to fill. Davies is a seasoned veteran of the education industry and has been with Humber College for several years as vice-

president of administration. He has the experience, but he isn't the longest serving college president in the nation – Squee is.

Humber could thrive under Davies, if he follows Gordon's recipe of success, or improves on it. On the other hand, if Humber's success is owed to Gordon's lengthy tenure and extensive knowledge, we could plateau and slowly fall behind other colleges.

Once the incoming president settles into office July 1, we need to voice our satisfaction or discontentment with the new management. Only time will tell how this academic institution will react to the change of guard. Regardless, it is of utmost importance to voice the student opinion whether it be through *Humber Et Cetera* or not. Voice your opinion. Hopefully, the foundation Gordon has put in place will serve the faculty, students and administration well, for many years to come.

Change is inevitable, welcome it – make the best of it and make sure you are a part of it.

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"I think we're over due for one, even though it's been kind of nice having warm weather and all. I think it's part of nature's way of saying enough is enough."



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"It was a good welcome. It's kind of scary actually the weather being up and down like that."



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"I was really worried about global warming. When I saw the first snow I was happy."



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Word on the Street

How do you feel about the first snow fall of the winter season?

"I can't tell you if the use of force in Iraq today will last five days, five weeks or five months, but it won't last any longer than that." – Donald Rumsfeld.

Iraq's raw deal on raw materials



Vernon Williston
OP-ED EDITOR

Since the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, there have been strong statements from the United States government officials that it is not there for the oil. During an interview on *60 Minutes* in November of 2002, former secretary of defence Donald Rumsfeld said, "...It has nothing to do with oil, literally nothing to do with oil."

It was only a matter of time before the contradictions of that statement would be exposed. *The Independent*, a daily British newspaper, reported the Iraqi government plans to pass a law that would give western oil companies the right to extract the country's oil for the next 30 years.

Iraq has the third largest oil reserve in the world, an estimated 115 billion barrels waiting to be

pumped.

During his presidential address last week, George Bush outlined his new strategy in Iraq. He will send an additional 20,000 troops, working with the governments of Syria and Iran to help stabilize Iraq and bolster security in the region to protect U.S. interests in the Middle East. Bush said his government plans to hold the Iraqi government accountable to its promise to give every Iraqi citizen a share in the country's oil sales. However, Bush did not detail just how much of that money will go to the Iraqi government, its people or the U.S.

The problem is there is no way to check that Bush will keep his promise to help rebuild Iraq. Details on how much money from the oil revenues will go to the people of Iraq were left out. Will the people get 50 per cent, 100 per cent or 5 per cent of the revenue? Bush once said when Saddam Hussein's government was toppled Iraq would be free of violence and

become a democracy. Now he says giving each Iraqi a share in the oil revenues will help rebuild their economy. But if 30 million Iraqis are only receiving 1 per cent of the funds, it will be tough to start rebuilding. Especially when the country is in shambles because of Bush's war in Iraq.

The oil in Iraq makes up 70 per cent of the country's economy, taking any of that revenue in these troubled times seems immoral since Iraq needs every dollar to help repair the war-torn country. Most foreign investors take the money they earn and pump it back into their own economy and not into the country whose resources they're expropriating.

Western oil companies should keep their greedy paws off the oil in Iraq. It does not belong to them, it belongs to the people. Imagine foreign oil companies setting up shop in Canada and taking a portion of our oil revenues. Needless to say there would be a lot of angry Canadians.



iPhone, a convenient waste of money for a "convenient" gadget



Andrew Stewart
LIFE EDITOR

Recently a friend of mine bought the Sony Ericsson Walkman phone to replace his cellphone, that had become the archaic butt of many jokes whenever he took it out to make a call. This new cellphone has quickly earned the title of the "everything but a phone phone" among my friends, as it seems to

be just that. It's a two mega pixel camera with flash and video capability, MP3 player, radio, and plays video games if you pay to download them.

After seeing this marvel of technology I could only ask, "so does it work as a phone too?" My friend's answer was, "Of course, but I don't use it for that because it will drain the batteries."

After hearing this, I could only wonder if having a cellphone with so many features incorporated into it was worth the large invest-

ment or long-term loan it required to get one.

Enter Apple Inc.'s recently unveiled iPhone. The result of five years work, the iPhone is not simply a mobile phone, but is set to debut, in June, as the most sought after electronic device of the summer. It has a built in digital camera, widescreen video iPod, and Internet browser with intelligent e-mail capabilities. With a price tag of \$499 U.S. for the four gigabyte model, the iPhone promises to be a bigger rip off than all pre-

vious multi-media cellphones before it.

Granted having so many electronic devices put into one device saves space, it doesn't make sense to rely on one device for so many purposes. To buy a brand new digital camera with six megapixel's costs \$170 from a local electronics store. A 4 GB MP3 player costs \$140. For the amount of browsing that can be done with the iPhone, someone could easily go to a local library and use their Internet access for free on a full sized com-

puter screen, as opposed to a three and a half inch screen. As for the cell phone, with a three-year contract can get you new phone can be obtained for a mere \$30. Cell phone bills are obviously included over time as more cost, but that's the same for the iPhone.

If that's not enough rationalization, keep in mind that if you lose your iPhone, you've lost all of your gadgets, whereas losing just one of the individual gadget is just that; you've only lost a phone or a camera, and not all of them at once.

props & BURNS

To le culture de fumer, France for banning smoking in public buildings and other offices starting next month.

To David Beckham for milking the Los Angeles Galaxy of the MLS for \$250 million.

To Landis Doyle for leading Humber's women's volleyball team to a straight set win over Sheridan Jan. 10.

To the daughter of the Crocodile Hunter Steve Irwin for continuing her father's legacy.

To the Canadian government for not speaking out against Guantanamo Bay.

To the radio station which held the water drinking contest where a California woman died.

To the atomic scientist for moving the nuclear doomsday clock up to five minutes to midnight.

To super model Naomi Campbell for pelading guilty to a cellphone assault on a personal assistant.

Seasonal depression, don't get down, it's life



James Sturgeon
SPORTS REPORTER

If you've found your mood somewhat gloomy lately you're not alone.

At this time of year people tend to feel the bite of the season. Whether it's post-holiday credit card bills, the affect of seasonal blues or simply the realization that it's time to get back to work, an emotional drop-off in January affects many.

As the second semester begins and the pressure of assignments builds, students are as susceptible as anyone to feel the strain.

But is this just a seasonal issue? A recent article in the British magazine *The Economist* suggests not.

The article looks at why we of the modern, developed society experience unhappiness despite a world of material affluence and seemingly boundless forms of leisure.

The article said since 2000 the developed world has experienced a greater economic boom than the roaring '20s and the post-war decades of the 1950s and '60s. This should spell good times.

Despite our collective prosperity, there are now more people in Canada, the UK and the U.S. receiving government or corporate aid for stress and depression than ever before – numbering in the millions.

According to Statistics Canada, half a million Canadians reported experiencing depression severe enough to impact their jobs. Night shift work, irregular hours, and occupational stress topped the list of job-related contributors to depression and discontent.

There are two illuminating if not surprising reasons for this.

First is that an ultra-competitive society now demands bigger workloads of everyone, not only the motivated. A capitalist system of cut throat competition between

both corporations and individuals is putting pressure on society, continually chewing deeper into our free time and mental contentment.

Second, people are increasingly stuck on a treadmill working harder to pay for more things that yield little happiness.

To the contrary, capitalism, it offers, "leaves you free to be as unhappy as you choose."

It is a sobering thought for college students about to enter the workaday world. Competition and workloads for new jobs will certainly be demanding, yet ultimately, we bear the responsibility of creating our own contentment.

I believe that everyone is accountable to themselves to seek out their own fulfillment. The world is an imperfect place, but we live in a country and society that can be rewarding and meaningful. It's a matter of personal perseverance, not macro-economics.

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The new "burkini" is helping Muslim women to more easily become lifeguards in Australia by combining a burka and bikini — CNN.com

Holiday hangovers aren't just from boozing

Student spending catches up faster than it seems

Avril Sequeira
LIFE REPORTER

While many considered the holidays a time to eat, drink and party to excess, one kind of binging left some Canadians with a hangover no amount of Aspirin will cure: overspending.

"We're very busy right now," said Laurie Campbell, executive director of the Credit Counselling Service of Toronto. "There's certainly a desperation that we're hearing from people who took it over the edge."

To tackle holiday hangover Campbell suggested first setting aside income that goes toward monthly expenses like phone bills and rent, and then putting as much extra money as possible toward paying off a card's balance.

Avoiding unnecessary expenses like movies, dinners and clothing is also a good idea until balances are paid off.

Some students opted to use plastic to cross names off their shopping lists and cover holiday expenses.

Just before Christmas, Visa projected the average Canadian would

spend \$930 on gifts alone.

That figure did not include additional costs incurred throughout the break like dining out, but the report mentioned that typical Canadians would also attend at least three holiday parties and spend about \$375 on entertaining.

"There's certainly a desperation... we're hearing from people who took it over the edge."

—Laurie Campbell
Executive Director, Credit Counselling Service of Toronto

At Humber College, the spending habits of North Campus students did not seem to stray far from the national average.

"I think I spent maybe \$800 to \$1000 with everything," said Cesar Ruiz, 24, a second-year Humber student in the hospitality, recreation and tourism program.

Sean Fung, 18, a first-year student in Humber's architecture technology program, said excluding the laptop he bought over the break, he put roughly \$600 to \$700

on his credit card this past Christmas.

Campbell said more Canadians are living on borrowed money, relying on credit to make even the smallest of purchases, like daily groceries.

"It's very indicative of how reliant we are. Debt loads have never been higher but savings rates have never been lower," she said.

The current trend could be attributed to people making the lowest payment, while continuing to use their cards, and accumulating interest charges on old debts.

"Minimum!" Khrisette Linay, 23, a fourth-year nursing student at Humber said, when asked about her repayment preferences, adding about 90 per cent of her own holiday purchases were made on credit.

Accumulated debts seem to have jolted many people into easing up on spending for the next little while.

"I'm trying to spend very little on credit," said Raffaele Catricala, 18, a first-year student in Humber's multimedia program. "I prefer to use them as little as possible."



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Raymond Reyes racks up a substantial holiday bill.

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Booster seats rate poorly in side collisions

Justine Lewkowicz
LIFE REPORTER

Results from a report showing that several car seats failed side-impact crash tests have produced mixed feelings from Humber students and staff parents.

Second-year Humber business management student Sheila Carneiro, 24, said she was worried to hear that the first rear-facing seat her 16-month-old daughter used did not perform well.

"It did bother me because of the fact that she was so fragile and I had her in the seat that didn't pass," Carneiro said.

She now feels confident since her daughter has grown enough for a front-facing car seat.

"I know that this car seat in particular was in a car crash and it was the reason why the child was saved."

According to the February issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine, only two out of 12 rear-facing infant car seats performed well in its crash tests.

The Baby Trend Flex-Loc and the Graco SnugRide with EPS were able to withstand a frontal impact of 56 km/h and side impact of 61 km/h.

Some car seats, like the Evenflo Discovery, twisted and separated from their bases on impact.

Jay Rieger, a regulatory engineer at Transport Canada, said there are no reports of such failures in road collisions in Canada.

"The testing that *Consumer Reports* did is above and beyond what is regulated," Rieger said. "It actually surpasses, by far, real world events."

Ilena Aldini, communications coordinator at Humber, was hit on the driver's side when her eight month old son was in the centre back seat. The car was totalled in the collision.

"But the car seat itself didn't move forward or anything like that," Aldini said of her Eddie Bauer model.

Transport Canada is assuring parents that car seats with the Canadian Motor Vehicle Safety Standard label are safe.

"We're confident that the products that are certified to the Canadian regulations will serve the public surprisingly well," Rieger said.

Ca-Sandra McLeggon, 23, a second-year fashion arts student, said she is not concerned about the safety of her car seat and simply

ensures that her daughter is properly harnessed.

"I really strap her down and tighten it," McLeggon said.

Const. Barbara Ryan, who inspects the installation of car seats, said Toronto Police do not recommend any particular brand of car seat. Instead, the department promotes the correct use of the product.

"The two most common errors are installing the seats themselves too loose and not harnessing the children tight enough inside the safety harness," Ryan said. "Proper installation and proper harnessing; those are the two things that we can do to keep children as safe as possible."

Heather Joy Thompson, communications counsellor at *Consumer Reports*, said the tests were performed after readers of the magazine submitted comments about the performance of their car seats in side-impact crashes.

Although the report recommends certain brands over others, Thompson said the "main message to parents is that they remember that the very most important thing is that any car seat is better than no car seat at all."



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Sixteen-month-old Claudia Aviles snug in her car seat.



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3. Add lemon juice and salt and pepper to taste. Serve with pasta and enjoy!

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Approx. Cooking Time: Chicken 6-8 minutes or until cooked through. Sauce cooks until it coats the back of the spoon.

Martial arts help students

Jef Catapang
LIFE REPORTER

Training at least five nights a week for up to four hours a session, Louie Cerqua is one of the growing number of young people drawn to the practice of mixed martial arts (MMA).

The growing popularity of MMA training has been created by events such as the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) "It's good marketing," said Bryan Zarnett, head instructor of the Sphere of Influence Jeet June Do School.

Cerqua, 20, a construction and renovation student at George Brown College, has only been training for a year at the Toronto BJJ Martial Arts School, but has long term goals.

"If you're a black belt in jiu-jitsu, you're like a god," Cerqua said.

MMA is a fighting sport that brings together martial arts such as boxing, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, muay thai kickboxing and wrestling.

Although it combines grappling on the ground with striking and allows knee and elbow strikes, Cerqua insists that those who view MMA fighters as brutal or uncivilized are misinformed.

"Everyone associates it with people who are tough and looking for trouble," Cerqua said. "But, believe it or not, the people here are the calmest people and the last people to ever start anything at a bar or on the street."

Cerqua dismissed anyone who thought they could win an MMA match by brawling.

"You can't be a meat-head who's

going to go and slug. The sport has evolved so much," Cerqua said.

Curtis Wallace, 19, a criminology student at the University of Guelph-Humber, is a big fan of events like the UFC. He agreed with Cerqua's analysis.

*"I'm just a lot calmer...
I have no anger -
nothing."*

—Louie Cerqua
George Brown College student

"Often people are seeing it as an incredibly very violent sport but if you actually take it apart, [those are] very complex fighting techniques," Wallace said.

Zarnett has no qualms about expelling students from his club if they are too violent.

"We've had people who are nasty and they got kicked out," Zarnett said on a break from training his

students how to defend against biting attacks. "They're not the type of people we want."

Zarnett said that with the right attitude and the right teacher, a student can change for the better. In the right environment, "the martial arts creates a meditative effect and the person becomes more peaceful."

"I've found changes in the way I act," Cerqua said. "I'm just a lot calmer. I let things go a little bit more. I have no anger - nothing."

Wallace has seen many interviews with his favourite fighters and believes that the majority of them aren't naturally violent people.

"Most of them haven't seemed overly aggressive," Wallace said. "They're just guys that have spent their entire lives basically training how to fight."

"It is an intense action sport, but it's not as brutal as people think," Wallace added.

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Jeff Kerr weight room supervisor cleans the machines after they've been used. photo by katrina ilic

Dangerous disease

Katrina Ilic
LIFE REPORTER

A potentially deadly type of staph infection has come to Etobicoke.

Etobicoke General Hospital admitted a young man suffering from community-associated methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (CA-MRSA) early last week. This is the same superbug that has reached epidemic proportions in the United States.

The bug is contracted in hospitals and affects those with already weakened immune systems. A new strain, found outside hospitals, is currently active and is known to affect a variety of people, including athletes like Toronto Blue Jays star Alex Rios.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, this strain of the illness is spread through skin contact, unclean surfaces, sharing of towels, water bottles and poor hygiene.

It can be treated by antibiotics not in the methicillin family. In rare instances, staphylococcus can lead to pneumonia, flesh eating disease or a bloodstream infection.

Doug Fox, Humber's athletic director, said the gym takes specific precautions to make sure bacteria of any kind, is not spread to athletes or staff members.

"We have cleaning dispensers, located in an upper place, in the weight room and the intent is that those spray bottles have a little bit of disinfectant," Fox said. "We ask people to wipe down the machines after they use them so that the virus doesn't stay on the handles of all the machines."

Fox points out that all the precautions have been taken. "We do have ways that we're trying to avoid it, but it's as good as the people who are implementing it, unfortunately."

The weight room is also equipped with hand sanitizers and disinfection sprays, so students can wipe down the machines after they use them. Just to be sure, the staff cleans the machines a couple of times a day.

Jeff Kerr, a weight room supervisor, said when he notices someone hasn't wiped the machines down after a sweaty workout, he does it.

Karima Dorney, a fourth-year Guelph Humber justice studies student, likes that Athletics provides disinfectant for both hands and machines. "I like how they have the sanitation stuff there, and, yeah, I always wash my hands after." She said, she also wipes down the machines after use as a courtesy to other users.

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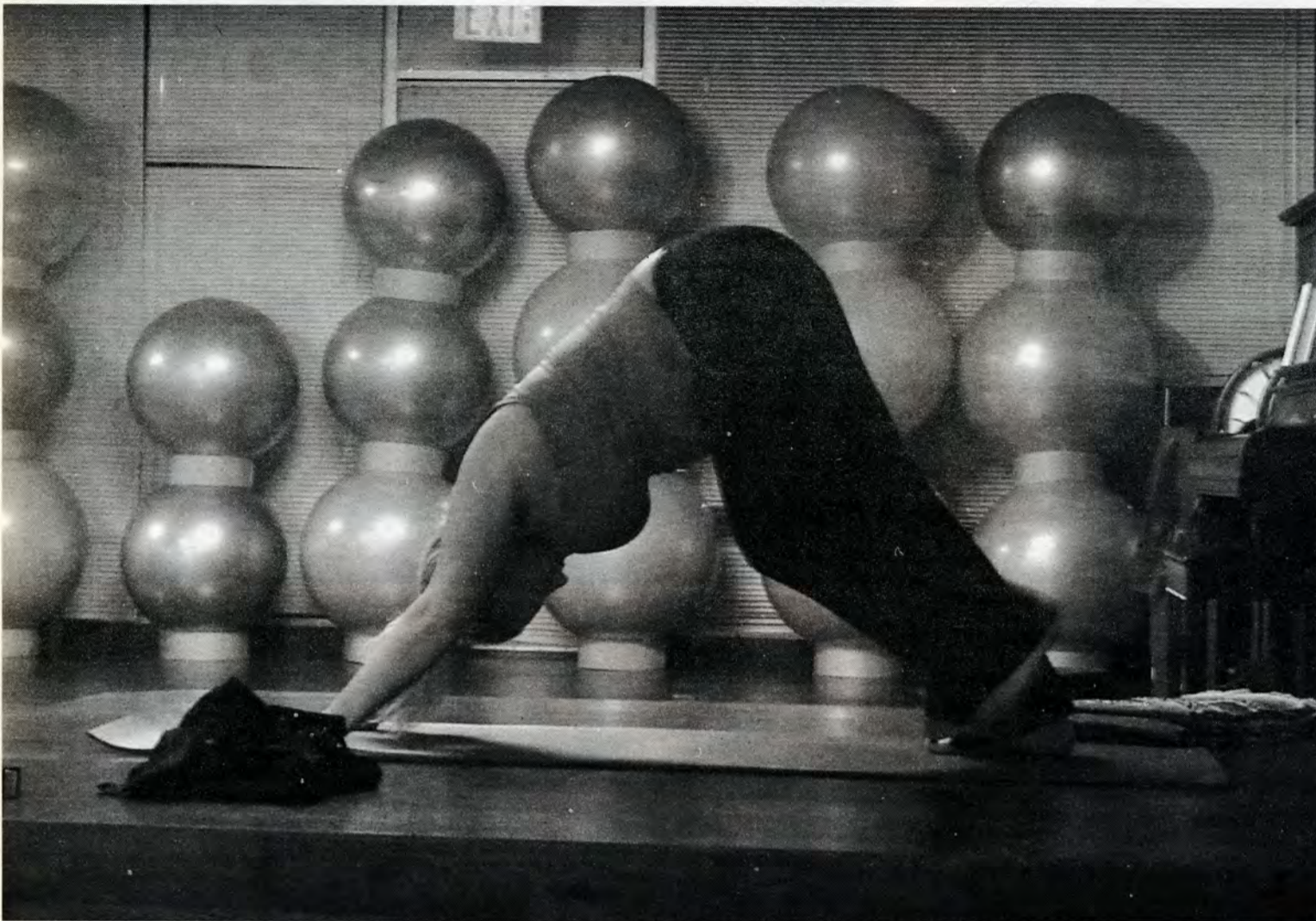
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Combining breathing techniques and flexibility, students are finding great benefits through yoga practice.

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Yoga your way through the term

How the ancient practice can help you to feel better about while staying in shape and clearing your mind

Brittany Gogo
LIFE REPORTER

Free yoga classes are being offered to Humber staff and students who want to relieve stress and take care of their minds and bodies.

"People are finding yoga is less stressful on the body. There is stretching and some physical aspects that really help," said Doug Fox, athletic director and part-time yoga co-ordinator at Humber. "There is all the breath-

ing and relaxation and the stress reduction. The classes are incredibly popular not just with students but with the staff too."

The 40-minute yoga classes are offered twice a week and are free for students with a valid student card.

Maureen Martin-Edey, a registered yoga instructor and teacher in Humber's fitness centre, said students who tend to always be juggling work, social life and school life are really benefiting from the classes.

"Yoga has such a wonderful way of making your mind become calmer and focused," Martin-Edey said. "It helps you concentrate and get in touch with the reality of everything and be able to cope with it."

Julie Sorichetti, a yoga instructor and trainer in Peterborough, Ont., brought yoga into the classroom to promote physical, mental and emotional health to children. This resulted in academic success and fulfillment.

"Yoga is good for us because we

are stressed out, but kids are stressed out equally," Sorichetti said. "They have so much going on and are trying to achieve so much, just like us."

Matt Pierce, 19, a first-year 3D animation student at Humber, said he has been taking a yoga class at Humber since September and refers to it as a weekly release.

"It takes away a lot of stress," Pierce said. "You come in here and this is your zone. Nothing else matters."

Getting back into the groove of campus life

Carrie Trownson
LIFE REPORTER

Students are forced to get their bodies and brains back into the routine of early mornings after the December break.

For many this means waking up early to make 8 a.m. classes and not skipping the first day.

"Set up a routine. Sleep habits should be regular," said Rena Borovilos, a psychology professor at Humber. Routine is very important for getting proper rest.

Borovilos said sleeping in an hour on the weekend is okay, but not until noon. Ideally people should get up at the same time

every day.

She recommends that students do calming activities at night like meditation or yoga.

"At night, don't expose yourself to a lot of light. Melatonin is the hormone activated when you fall asleep, but not active when exposed to light," she said. "It's going to take a couple of weeks to get back in the rhythm."

Jacqueline Marinescu, a first-year pre-health science student found it easy to make her 8 a.m. class. "It's routine, we've all been in school since we were like five."

Marinescu said day one is important. "You have to meet your teachers and get your outlines. You figure

out later what classes not to go to."

Judy Clarke, general arts and science co-ordinator and first-year psychology instructor said she worked late into December and didn't get as much time off as many students, so it wasn't hard for her to return to normal.

"There are a few [students] that have extended holidays, but not too many," said Clarke about her nearly full class.

Clarke also said the first days back are as important as any. "I give out the syllabus so they [the students] know what the readings are and the late policies."

Audrey Taves, an instructor in the School of Health Sciences

Nursing program teaches an early class. She said the classroom was near full attendance by a few minutes after 9 a.m.

Taves said the first days back are important because, "It sets the tone for the rest of the semester. We get into content right away. They know if they don't come they miss a lot."

Daniel Bulla, a second-year business administration student, said that he made an appearance at his first class just to see what was important. "The teachers give handouts, explain what the class is like, then you can go."

He said that the first days back are hard but, "you get used to it."

Survey says binge drinking in women may lead to depression

By Deniz Izzet
LIFE REPORTER

The link between binge drinking and depression is stronger in women than men.

A telephone survey conducted by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health polled 6,009 males and 8,054 females ages 18 to 76. It showed mostly women use alcohol to counteract their feelings of depression.

"A lot of women drink because they are depressed, and it's another way of coping with problems and dealing with their anger," said Blair Broda, a first-year visual and digital arts student at Humber. "I think women binge drink to get over something because they're depressed or something triggers that and they go to the drinking."

This study found a strong gender correlation between participants who had major depression, and consumed large amounts of alcohol.

Researchers found moderate drinking did not increase the risk of causing symptoms of major depression in either women or men.

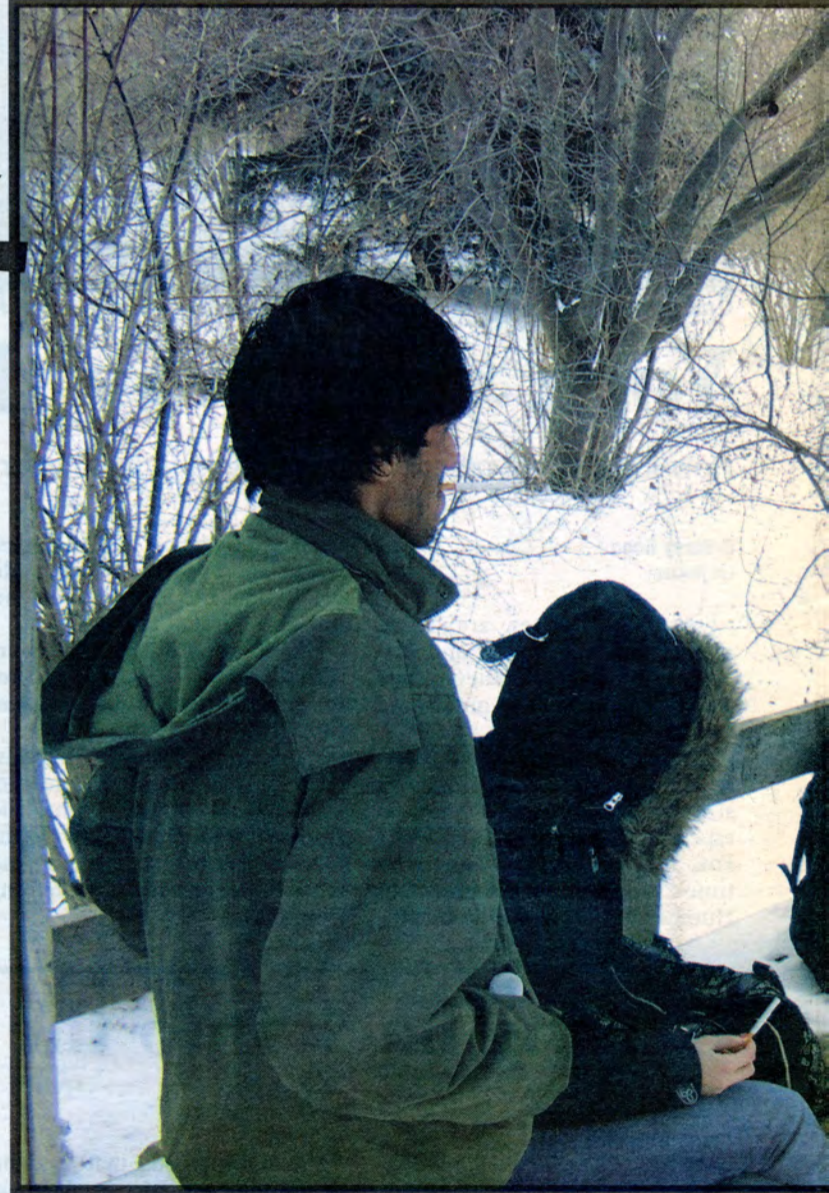
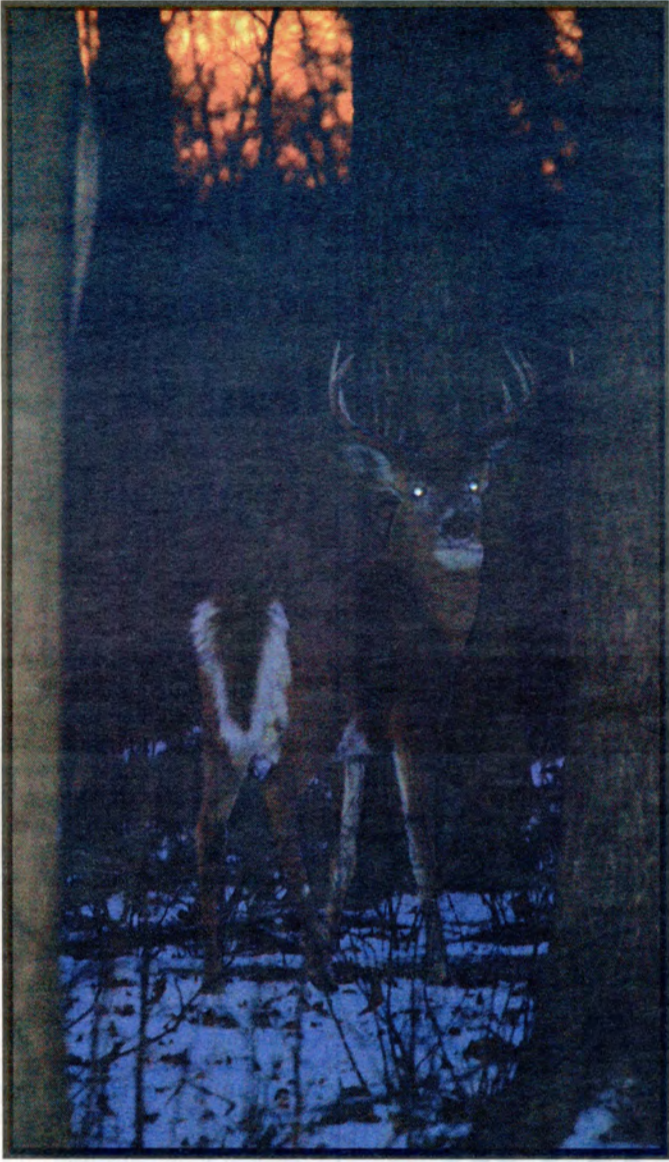
Participants of the survey were asked about their alcohol intake the previous week and year, how often they drink, how often they were drunk and whether they had long periods of binge drinking.

"The more concerning issue is the fact that women are drinking because of depression.

This is the issue of self-medication with some sort of substance... when people self-medicate, it is clear to me that they are not getting the help they need," said Karen Liberman, executive director of Mood Disorder Association of Ontario. "We have known for a long time that the statistics show us that more women experience depression than men... It's how you read the statistics and how you interpret. Reality is that depression first strikes most women between the ages of 17 and 24."

"This is also the time when people leave home, go to university, and go drinking. You are very vulnerable at this age with that combination," she added.

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It's not often that snow in January is big news, so when the snow finally hit, it caught us all

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January is big news. This year, started out unusually warm, it, it caught us all like a deer in the headlights.



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"This is a fundamental issue that affects all of us regardless of whether you are right or left wing and we have got to get on with it." – David Suzuki, *Toronto Star*

Canadian concern: Environment

Moya Dillon
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Unseasonably warm weather in Canada is bringing climate change and environmental concerns to the forefront of the public eye.

Decima Reports Inc., a Canadian research group, released a poll earlier this month showing Canadians' top concern is the environment.

"It's got people scared," said David Chernushenko, deputy to the leader of The Green Party of Canada. "It's remarkable how shaken some people are psychologically."

The poll found the environment had surpassed key social issues like health care and the economy.

Steven Bernstein, director of the University of Toronto's Centre for International Studies said "right now, the environment is very high on the agenda. It is a salient issue in people's minds."

Increased media coverage on environmental issues is a reason why Bernstein attributes this rise in environmental awareness.

"There's a real groundswell of attention and concern," said Chris Sutton, communication manager for Nature Canada. "It's in everyone's best interest that the government pay attention and act on this."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's naming of John Baird as new environment minister is seen as an effort to improve the Conservative reputation on environmental action.

"In terms of climate change, Canada took a huge hit in its

international reputation with this government," Bernstein said. "Canada's historic role of being seen as a more forward thinker on the environment has certainly taken a hit not just under the conservatives, but under the Liberal government."

According to Sutton, Canada lags behind the international community, ranking 61st in a list of nations based on the amount of land set aside for wilderness protection, behind nations such as the United States.

"Even the Clean Air Act aims to bring Canada's regulations in a number of areas up to where the United States is," Bernstein said on the Conservative's new environmental initiative, which was announced in October.

However, Chernushenko and Sutton both point out there is still hope and this increase in awareness signals the public may be ready to push for change.

"The question now is, will this wave of concern follow right through to the next election?" Chernushenko said. "If the election happens soon, I have no doubt a number of environmental issues will be key to how people vote."

Sutton highlights the election of Liberal leader Stéphane Dion as a sign the electorate is getting serious about the environment.

"Both the political and external forces are lined up for there to be a

push in this policy area," Bernstein said.

While this surge in awareness could influence policy, the govern-

ment can't solve environmental problems on its own.

"The government could do more," said Stephanie Galbraith, a student

in Humber's Early Childhood Education Program. "People have to take more responsibility as well."



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Humber College got its first real taste of winter after last week's brisk snowstorm. Seen on the left is a photo taken Jan. 8 and on the right was taken Jan. 16.

Committee aims to solve Toronto's waste problem

Elaine Mitropoulos
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Toronto's Community Environment Assessment Team (CEAT) is seeking public input to develop a long-term garbage plan after 2010.

"We want to have the plans in place before Michigan shuts its border," said Philip Knox, chairman of CEAT.

Criticism from both sides of the border prompted Toronto to remove the 80 to 85 truckloads of garbage it exports daily to the Carlton Farms landfill site in Sumpter Township, Michigan.

Toronto sends approximately 750,000 metric tonnes of waste over the border per year. "The biggest problem that the city of Toronto is land availability," Knox said. "Toronto used to have the Keele Valley landfill and then as the city built up around it, residents actually got closer to the landfill and it became unpalatable for people to live there."

Knox added the important thing

is to not rely on one solution.

"Obviously, the more we can divert, recycle and reuse, the less we have to find a way to landfill waste or burn it," he added.

"The biggest problem that the city of Toronto is land availability"

– Philip Knox
CEAT chairman

Located 10 kilometers away from Humber College's North Campus, the Algonquin Power Energy From Waste Inc. plant burns garbage 24-hours a day, 365 days of the year.

"We have five separate incinerators capable of burning 500 tons of municipal waste per day," said Rob Boal, assistant chief engineer. "We have a very comprehensive pollution control system."

According to Boal, the only significant by-product the plant generates is nine megawatts of electricity – enough energy to power a city with a population of 50,000.

While Peel Region is turning its

waste into electricity, truckloads of Toronto's garbage continue to be shipped to landfill sites in Ontario and across the border.

Humber contracts its garbage and recycling collection to U-Pak Disposals Ltd.

U-Pak Sales Manager, Douglas Dew, confirmed Humber's trash is kept in local landfill sites rather than being shipped to Michigan.

"We are a recycling company first," Dew said. "It's Humber's focus and it's U-Pak's focus."

As far as recycling goes, Joel Umana, head of Humber's facilities management said the college keeps up with regulations.

Humber's waste diversion program includes bins throughout the hallways for recycling bottles, cans, newspaper and magazines, and paper recycling in computer labs.

"To be honest," said Umana. "I don't think I can see any other way we can do better."

Humber's environmental technology program manager Kerry Johnston disagrees.

"I think the biggest challenge to

improving waste diversion and reduction lies in changing attitudes to waste," he said. "A walk

around campus will quickly show that many people have very selfish attitudes towards waste."

The Lowdown

- ▶ This winter averaged 3.9 degrees Celsius warmer than average. – CBC
- ▶ Canada is on pace to miss the Kyoto goal of reducing 50 per cent of its greenhouse gasses by 2012. – *Toronto Star*
- ▶ Canada has over 70 000 wild species. – *Environment Canada*
- ▶ Toronto had 48 smog alerts in 2005 – the highest since 2001. – *City of Toronto*
- ▶ Toronto has an average of 38 extreme-heat-related deaths per year. – *Environment Canada*
- ▶ In developing nations, 80 per cent of diseases are water-related. – *Environment Canada*

"We need to be aggressive ... If they'll not adopt aggressive measures, we'll force them to, or withdraw our support." – NDP MP Nathan Cullen, *Toronto Star*



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A bike rider enjoys warmer weather at Albert Campbell Square in Scarborough last week.

Winter fun, winter woes

Daria Locke
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Even with the recent cooperation from Mother Nature, many Ontario ski resorts and annual outdoor events will find it difficult to make up for lost time.

Blue Mountain in Collingwood, Ontario's largest resort, has closed twice because of warm temperatures and lack of snow.

"We already missed out on the five busiest days of the season," said Kelly O'Neil of Blue Mountain ski resort about the week leading up to Christmas. "We've had 20 centimetres of snow already, but many customers are still pretty annoyed and anxious."

O'Neil said while close to 1,300 employees were laid off twice and 400 core employees were asked to take a week off without pay, the resort is optimistic that the rest of the season will bring good things.

Other resorts and events are still hoping that the minimal snow will stick around for a little while.

"If we have no snow, we have to cancel one of the major events – the fort building competition," said Jane Cyr, program and events co-ordinator of the Winter Challenge at the University of Ottawa. "We are currently looking at our Plan B right now instead of Plan A, but we're still hopeful it

will snow a lot before next week."

Jantine Van Kregten of Ottawa Tourism said Winterlude, one of Ottawa's largest winter events, will start at the beginning of February even though the canal may not be frozen.

"There is a multitude of things to do while at Winterlude and it is definitely still worth a visit even if you can't skate," Van Kregten said.

Lakeridge Ski Resort in Uxbridge has been open since late December, but it has struggled through the season so far.

"We've survived but it's still hard to make and keep the snow," said Jennifer Stovin, director of indoor operations.

While winter sports enthusiasts are pouting over the lack of snow, others are enjoying the warmer weather.

"We were playing a game of beach volleyball at our Christmas party," said Wendy Schlichter, a bartender at the Balmy Beach Club.

The warm temperatures were also good news for those who hate winter maintenance and bundling up.

"I enjoy that there is no snow because my pants don't get ruined and I can still wear nice shoes," said Casee Ahrens, a first-year student in the Fashion Arts program at Humber's North Campus. "And obviously I don't have to shovel, which is a plus."

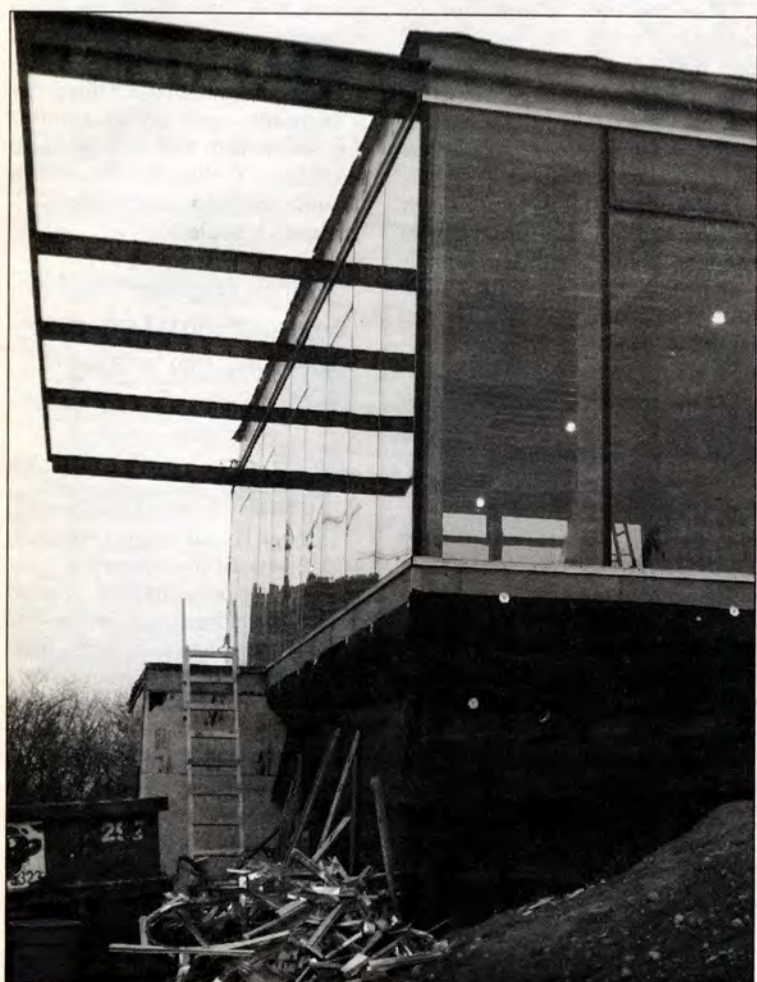


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Construction continues at the Arboretum to build the centre.

New Eco-friendly Centre

Upgrade will decrease college's electrical bill while reducing carbon dioxide emissions

Abby Blinch
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Despite controversy over the causes and seriousness of global warming, Humber College is building the environmentally-safe Centre for Urban Ecology to replace the Nature Centre in the arboretum.

Carol Ray, projects coordinator at Humber says the goal is to build a "model of environmental sustainability."

The new building, which will be completed by April, will have a vegetated green roof that helps insulate the building and will use a natural ventilation and cooling system instead of air conditioning.

The original Nature Centre was built in 1980 and was heated by an electric furnace that emitted large amounts of carbon dioxide.

Since the Industrial Revolution in the late 18th and early 19th century, carbon dioxide levels have increased by 32 per cent.

The Intergovernmental Panel on

Climate Change (IPCC), a world organization committed to examining human impact on the environment, says human behaviour contributes directly to global warming.

"If human contribution disappeared immediately, it would be years before we noticed a change."

– Tom Harris,
executive director of NRSP

But not everyone agrees.

"Human contribution is insignificant," said Tom Harris, executive director of the Natural Resources Stewardship Project (NRSP). "If human contribution disappeared immediately, it would be years before we noticed a change."

The NRSP says rational debate on climate change has not

occurred and there is a strong correlation between changes in the brightness of the sun and warming or cooling of the earth.

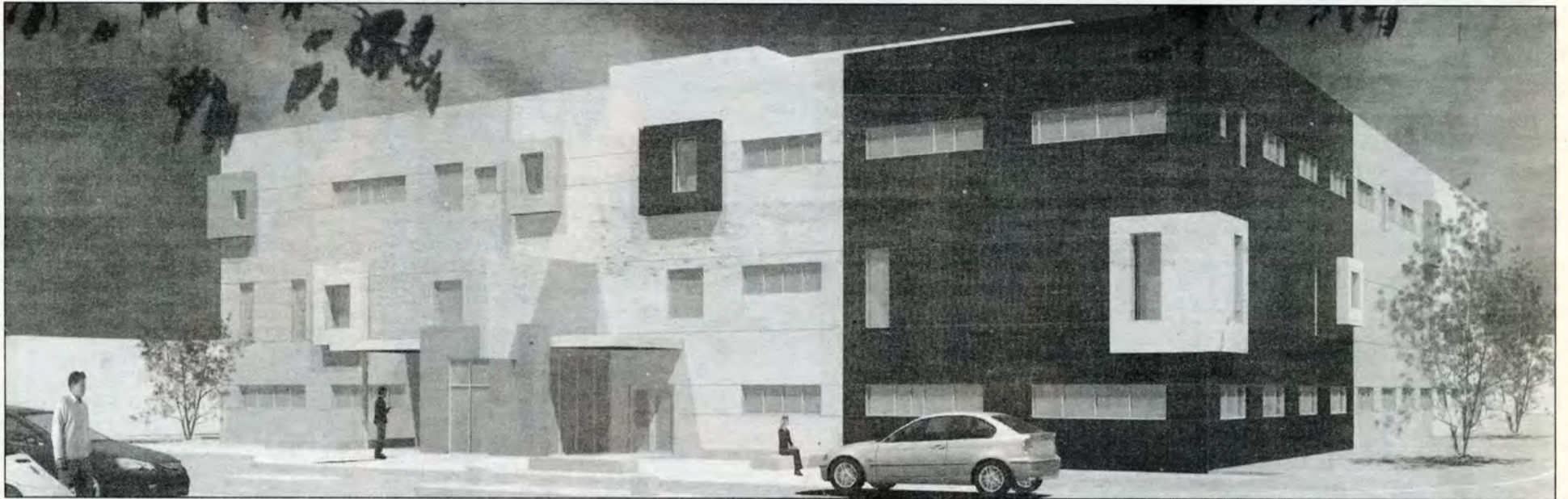
Ross McKittrick, University of Guelph professor of Economics and co-author of *Taken by Storm: The Troubled Science, Policy and Politics of Global Warming* said the data collected on climate change is "subject to controversy."

"Nobody had cameras in the arctic in the 1930s," McKittrick said, referring to the breaking up of glaciers and ice caps. "Some of this comes from the natural alarm of seeing things (for the first time)."

Early estimates predict the Centre for Urban Ecology will save \$10,000 a year on electricity and a reduction of carbon dioxide emissions by 77 tonnes.

The centre will be used by Humber students and will hold nature study classes for kids in junior kindergarten to Grade 8.

"We're on track to meet all of our obligations under the Kyoto Protocol but not the target" – former environment minister Rona Ambrose, CTV News



An artist's depiction of the completed B building. The exterior of the building should be up for everyone to see by the end of February.

courtesy barry bryan assoc.

B building will use new eco-tech

Technology saves heat and money

Sean Fitzgerald
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber's North Campus is four months into the construction of the new energy conserving building.

The new B building utilizes environmentally friendly technology – including human body heat – to lower energy costs.

One of the new technologies is Termodeck, a building system that stores energy and reduces energy consumption.

"The concrete retains hot or cold, depending on the season," said Bruce Bridgeford, director of capital development.

"This cuts down on the energy required for heating or cooling the air by at least 30 per cent."

In the winter, it takes less energy to heat the air, because it moves through concrete that is already warmed. Body heat is stored in hollow core concrete slabs, located in the floor and ceiling, and surplus energy heats the building.

In the summer, the concrete slabs retain the coolness of the evening into the following day, so it takes less energy to cool the building.

In addition, the Termodeck system increases the amount of fresh air that comes into the building.

"The classroom portion of the building will be completed for September," Bridgeford said.

Offices and student services, like counseling and a pre-testing centre for students with disabilities, will move into the building around October or November.

David Griffin, maintenance and operations manager for Humber, explained that the building will use existing technology that already exists in newer buildings at Humber, including dimmable lightbulbs that adjust their energy based on the sun and air control at the room level, so that classrooms

automatically drop their heat levels when unoccupied.

"The building takes little energy to maintain," Griffin said.

Humber student Catherine Jarzmik was pleased when she discovered what the on-campus construction was for.

"When Humber makes environmental changes like this, I'm willing to spend more for tuition," said Jarzmik, 24, a second-year interior design student. "If I was enrolling at different colleges, I would be more inclined to go to a school that cares about the environment."

Humber isn't the only school to use Termodeck. Brock University is currently constructing a building with the technology, and Sheridan College's Brampton Campus opened a building with Termodeck in 2005.

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-Catherine Jarzmik
second-year interior design student

Humber is also using a tilt wall, a construction technique that makes the construction process faster, Bridgeford said. It consists of pouring concrete in large panels on site. A crane then raises these panels to form the exterior walls.

Since the crew will finish construction in four fewer months than expected, Humber avoids more greenhouse gases that are generated by vehicles, construction equipment and electricity for heating.

The exterior shell of the building, situated on the west side of the campus, will be constructed by the end of February.

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Girls just wanna have fun

Deal or No Deal uses home talent for Canadian episodes

Tyler Kekewich
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Humber Graphic Design student Kimberly Armstrong was nervous about her height – or lack of it – when she auditioned for a part on the Canadian version of the hit TV show Deal or No Deal.

More than 500 women showed up at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel for tryouts last week. It's the last stop of a nationwide search for briefcase models on the program premiering next month on Global.

The only requirements were that the hopefuls must be at least 19-years-old, Canadian citizen, and at least five-foot-seven.

"I'm at the borderline five-six-and-a-half, 5-7 mark, and they're turning girls down that are like this much off the mark," the 24-year-old Armstrong said, gesturing with her fingers to illustrate the tiny shortcoming in meeting the height prerequisite.

It turned out to be a lack of patience, not height that prevented the Humber beauty from making the cut. By noon, Armstrong was still 300 numbers away from being called and decided to leave.

Natural charisma, graceful movement and a great smile were important factors in the judges' decisions.

"Bigger smiles next time and work your mojo a little more, you know, let's see you shake your money maker, have a little more bounce, a little more fun, groove to the music and remember, big



photo by tyler kekewich

Contestants wait in the Royal York banquet hall for their turn.

smiles," said executive producer John Brunton to contestants.

Five women – one each from Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Montreal and Toronto – have been chosen to join the host, Toronto-born Howie Mandel, and appear on the five Canadian episodes.

"We've had amazing support from Canadians coast-to-coast since we announced that the show

is coming," said Adrienne Kakoullis, senior publicist for Global and Humber Public Relations graduate. "It's our opportunity to give back, say 'thank you' and make them a part of the production and let them enjoy it."

The first show will follow the Super Bowl on Feb. 4, before moving to Thursdays at 9 p.m.



photo by tyler kekewich

Ritah Basu, 29, nurse, gets measured after being informed of her callback audition for a spot on Deal or No Deal.

Humber does Yuk Yuk's

Adrienne Huen
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Humber students took to the stage at one of Toronto's most popular comedy clubs last week, to stand up and be heard.

"The bad guy nuts James Bond," said post-graduate student Daryn McIntyre, during his routine. "If you want to see someone get hit in the nuts, go see James Bond. If you want to feel, like you've been hit in the nuts, go see The Holiday."

The internationally famous Yuk Yuk's comedy club welcomed students from the Humber School of Comedy to its stage for the first amateur night performance of the new year.

"It's great," said second-year Humber Comedy student and performer Erik Tait. "I've been here twice, but I performed here almost every week in my first-year and

almost every week in the summer."

As the only English-speaking college comedy program in North America, students are required to perform their own originally written material at different clubs in Toronto.

International student and opening presenter Conor Doyle said although students have a wide range of clubs to choose from, most decide to brave the audience at Yuk Yuk's first.

"I'm going to do a couple of sets here to get used to the audience," said second-time performer Zak Kroft. "If I do really good, I'll try and go to other clubs, like the Last Resort, the Living Well, Hot House or Brunswick House."

The young comedians, who ranged from first-year students to recent graduates of the program,



photo by adrienne huen

Second time performer, Zak Kroft, entertains the crowd.

performed for up to 100 guests at the Jan. 11 show.

"I've finally figured out what the ultimate high is," said recent graduate Nathan Fielder. "It's singing to the YMCA."

For a \$3 cover charge, compared to the club's regular \$11 or \$18 fee, spectators were treated to more than 15 performances by students during the hour and a half set. "Attendance is usually very good," said Yuk Yuk's operations manager Fred Mundy. "The morale is good and there is a lot of support from

Humber, their fellow students and the regular crowds of family and friends."

Audience members, Cotey Pope and Dan Quai, who had heard of the show through friends at Humber, said they were surprised once the show had ended. "It was actually really good," Quai said. "I'm glad I came."

"It was so rad," Pope said. "I was surprised because all the comedians were so different and with such diverse styles. I would definitely come again."



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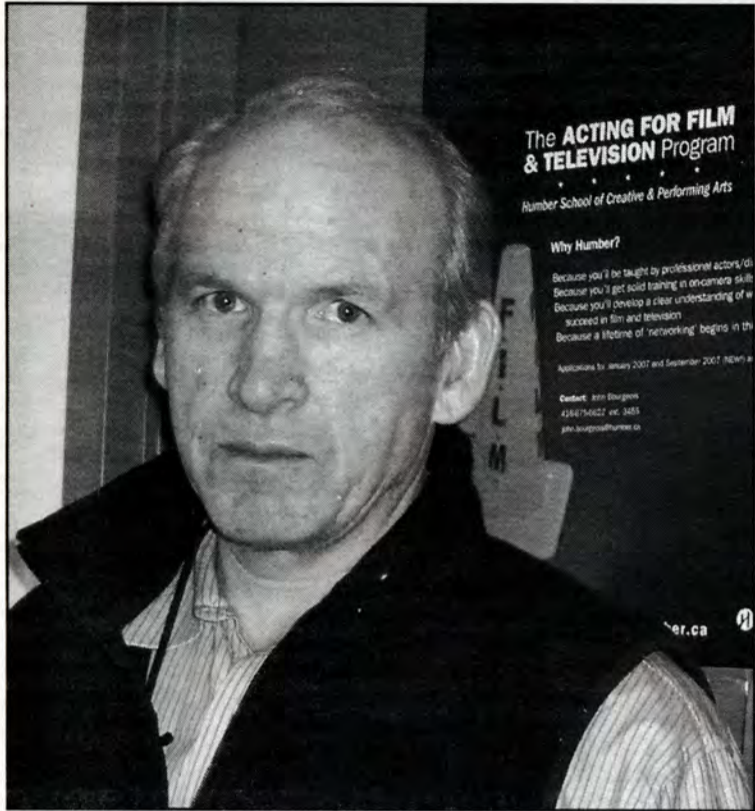
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The raucously entertaining Trailer Park Boys have been confirmed to return as hosts of the East Coast Music Awards next month in Halifax.

Lakeshore teachers join ACTRA in strike



John Bourgeois; program coordinator for the School of Creative and Performing Arts is a striking Actra Member.

Erica Timmerman
NEWS REPORTER

A number of Humber Lakeshore teachers are on strike, along with fellow members of the Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA).

They are unsatisfied with the Independent Producers Agreement over financial accord to Internet exposure.

"We want a reasonable amount, a fair share of the profits," said John Bourgeois, program coordinator for Humber's School of Creative and Performing Arts. "The Internet has made it so that advertisers, from all over the world, can profit from our performance. We just don't work for free."

The ACTRA strike went into affect Monday, Jan. 8, 2007, when 21,000 actors were told to walk off IPA jobs in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The only way producers can keep their productions rolling is if they agree to a letter of compliance that dictates a five per cent increase to actor's pay as well as an extra one

percent increase in insurance benefits.

Bourgeois said, as of right now performers do not make a substantial amount on distribution of digital media, like DVDs, ringtones and Internet.

Presently, producers pay members a lump sum if they waive the rights to their work for four years.

"The strike is another example over how ruthless the movie industry can be."

-Omar Joseph-Hay
Theater Performance student

For example, if one member was paid the base fee of \$565 for eight hours of work, they could receive an increase of 105 per cent, totaling to \$1158.25 per eight hours.

Any remaining profit goes to the producers.

Sugitch Varughese, ACTRA member and part-time teacher at Lakeshore's Acting for Film and Television, said the majority of actors do not make a living wage,

which is why there are so many who also work part time as waiters or teachers.

"The vast majority of members of the guild make less than \$5,000 a year in acting," Varughese said. "We lost out on the DVD phenomenon, it is part of the buyout, which is why we don't want to see the same thing to happen with Internet sales."

Acting students at Lakeshore, who look to unions, such as ACTRA, as potential employment options are also wary over the strike.

"The strike is another example over how ruthless the movie industry can be," said Omar Joseph-Hay, a third-year Theatre Performance student. "Such a thing like this can put doubt in a lot of young actor's minds over their chosen profession."

Tiago Matos, a second-year theatre performance student, has a positive outlook on the strike.

"Would it make me a terrible person to audition while all the actors are on strike? I mean less competition."

Tough Love in T.O.

A look at poor ticket sales in a city whose theatre critics may make or break a show

Alex Green
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

There is disagreement on why a number of theatre productions fail in Toronto. Some blame bad reviews while others say there are a variety of factors that contribute to bad ticket sales.

"Are the critics the big show killers in this city? Absolutely not," said *Toronto Star* theatre critic Richard Ouzounian.

Ticket sales for *Lord of the Rings*, *The Producers* and *Blue Man Group* were disappointing when they showcased in Toronto's theatre district.

"A review doesn't make or break a show," said Diana Belshaw, coordinator of Theatre Performance at Humber. "Clearly reviews aren't the only thing people look at."

Ouzounian agrees. *Blue Man Group* was not successful in Toronto and received bad reviews, however he gave *Menopause Out Loud!* a bad review and it has had continued success.

"The show has to be good," Ouzounian said. "Toronto audiences are very picky and are used to good quality shows."

"The producers of *Lord of the Rings* were making it sound like anything less than the second coming of Christ," Ouzounian said. "The anticipation level was too high and the show wasn't spectacular."

Gabriel Burrafato who played

Legolas in the Toronto production of *Lord of the Rings* said he believes negative reviews can largely impact a play and potentially cause poor ticket sales.

"We were dependent on Canadian audiences because the Canadian dollar was high and we weren't attracting a lot of people outside of Canada," Burrafato said. "We needed Canadian support and we didn't get it."

How can a show overcome a bad review and still remain popular among Torontonians?

"It's all about how you market the show," Ouzounian said. People were surprised that North America didn't embrace *The Producers*, but the Broadway play was a hit in New York because it was the right cast, at the right time, Ouzounian said.

Humber markets their plays in a similar fashion by trying to appeal to their target audience.

"At Humber, we market our shows to the Humber community," Belshaw said. "The show must appeal to them, speak to them, and interest them."

Ouzounian said the *Blue Man Group* could have triumphed over bad publicity by using a user-friendly campaign but it didn't want to comply with Toronto standards.

"Anyone who turns around and says critics killed the show is using it as an excuse," Ouzounian said.

a hipster's guide to the weekend

If you're bored this weekend you might want to check out:



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Listen to: Regina Spektor

With a voice that could silence New York, Spektor was born in Moscow but raised in the Bronx. Formally found in gritty cafés throughout New York City, the 26-year-old singer-songwriter-pianist is slowly soaking through the cloth separating underground indie-pop from the public eye. What really stands out about Spektor is her flair for painting complex lyrical images. Her latest, *Begin to Hope* from Sire records is filled with vivid imagery and "down to earth" pop

music. So spend the weekend eating Wonderbread and cutting your lover's hair with Miss. Spektor.

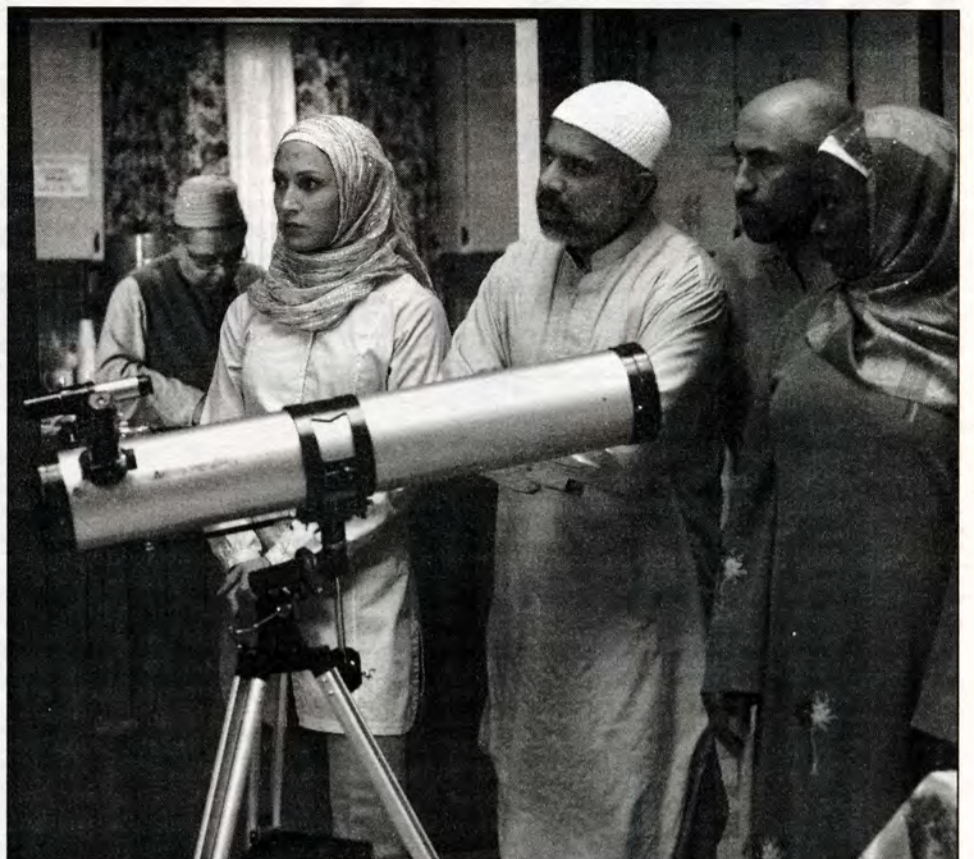
Watch: *Heroes*

The start of the New Year promises to bring back what was great about the old...in TV land anyway. *Heroes* lovers can refresh their memories with past episodes to prepare for the series joyous return this coming Monday the 22nd. Ranked as one of the best new series, any fan of the tube can (and should) get addicted to this gem.

Go see: *Alpha Dog*

With a cast including Justin Timberlake, Emile Hirsch, Bruce Willis and that twitchy kid from *The Faculty* how could you not spend \$10 on J-Tim's first film. If you can just forgive him for his younger and slightly irresponsible decisions (Nsync, Britney Spears...) then perhaps you can accept the fact that he is standing on the ledge of a sure shot at superstardom. The film itself is an interesting look of what happens when the rich kids of the suburban "ghettos" decide to pretend they are gangsters. It's an interesting look at high-income domesticity and the effects of music videos on today's youth. J-Tim dance moves not included. Spend the weekend watching a drug deal go bad with your closest friends.

Hip-Hop artist Kanye West has just announced he will remix a few tracks from Fall Out Boy's new album *Infinity on High* hitting stores in February.



Little Mosque on the Prairie was shot in Etobicoke. Right, characters meet in the diner. Left, characters discuss the beginning of Ramadan.

courtesy

Looking at the lighter side of Islam

Little Mosque on the Prairie using comedy to bring different cultures together

Jeremy Dickson
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The recent success of the CBC's new controversial and highly publicized comedy, *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, has people at Humber talking.

The sitcom is the first mainstream television series to feature Muslim characters and is the creation of 39-year-old filmmaker, Zarqa Nawaz, who based the show around her own experiences living in Regina for 10 years.

Mosque takes place in the fictional prairie town of Mercy, but locations in Etobicoke were used to

shoot the first eight episodes.

Humber College Chaplain Len Thomas, says humour is a good way to set people at ease and help communicate a message.

"I think in the general populace there is an ignorance of Islam, but it's mostly people that are simply unaware. This comedy should bring different cultures together so they can interact more responsibly and not with as much fear or intimidation," Thomas said.

There is some concern the show will bring negative repercussions, but Thomas said only time will tell if people take serious offence to the series.

"There may be a backlash and Nawaz knows this, but I don't think the show intends to create a stir. It's kind of like *Corner Gas* meets Islam," Thomas said.

Second-year business management student, Subrina Mohamed, 22, said while the show is a step in the right direction, it does risk offending some viewers.

"I think it's a very funny show, because I'm part Muslim, but I think it's also mocking Muslims, in a way, and could seem pretentious to some because there has never been a show like this before," she said. "Some will question why they are laughing. Is it really funny or

should I be offended? Should jokes be made about terrorism?"

Despite reservations viewers might have, Mohamed said the show needs to be embraced and plans to watch future episodes, but said if her grandfather were alive today she would never get the opportunity.

"My granddad was a Muslim priest and the family authority figure. If he was still around he would never watch this show or let us watch it, even though I grew up in Guyana and not in a stricter sect," Mohamed said. "He believed Muslims were not supposed to sing, dance and surely shouldn't be

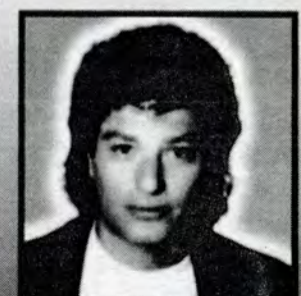
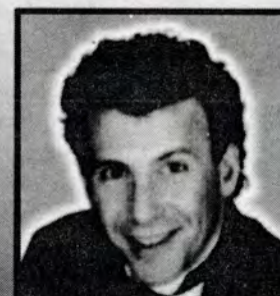
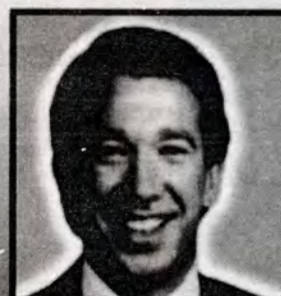
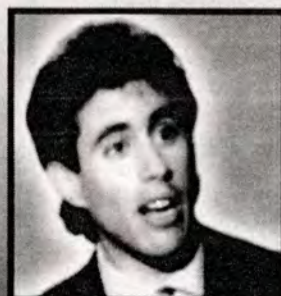
in the entertainment business."

Lucille Conlon, a co-op placement consultant for Humber, watched the debut last week, but was not sure what to expect.

"I didn't know if it was going to be a comedy or a spoof, but when I did see it I thought wow. It was very intelligently written and broke through a lot of the preconceived misconceptions people have about Muslims," Conlon said. "I think it's very well done and demonstrates a very human way to break through cultural barriers."

Little Mosque on the Prairie airs Monday at 9 p.m. and Wednesday at 8 p.m. on CBC.

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iPhones dance onto the scene

Apple unveils new gadget at Mac convention

Jeanette Holder
BUSINESS REPORTER

Humber students looking to mix business with pleasure with the new iPhone will have to wait until June 4 when it will be available in the U.S.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs introduced the company's new product to attendees of the Macworld Conference and Expo convention in San Francisco last week.

In a press release, Jobs said, "iPhone is a revolutionary and magical product that is literally five years ahead of any other mobile phone."

Ragu Vickmasvaran, a third-year architecture student at Humber, said there are other phones that do the same thing.

"(Apple) already proved themselves with the iPod, and for them to move into cell phones, they already have people familiar with their products," he said.

The iPhone combines the technology of a mobile phone, iPod and access to the Internet in a single device.

Ryan Burton, information and technology services support manager at Humber, said there are dangers in combining three devices.

"When you're using the device for one thing, it means your not using it for something else," Burton said. "Case in point, a cell phone and personal digital assistance in one. If I'm talking to someone on the phone and I want to go and look up some information, like a phone number, I can't talk to them at the same time. I have to stop talking to them to see the contact information of the individual."

The iPhone features a nine-centimetre widescreen display to watch television shows and movies. It syncs content from the user's iTunes library including music, audio books, and podcasts.

"I like fancy phones but not MP3 phones," said Khrisette Linay, fourth-year nursing student at Humber. "I'm not going to walk around with an MP3 in my ear all the time. I like to know what's going on around (me)."

The phone allows users to view websites the same way they would on a computer. A 4 MB model and an 8 GB model will be available, retailing for US\$499 and US\$599 respectively. The will work with both PCs and Macs.

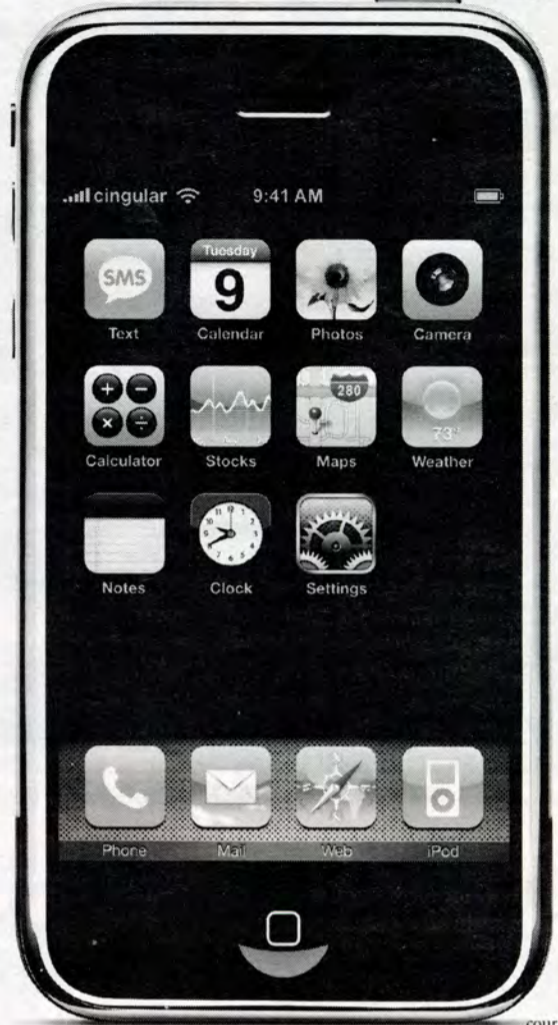
Meanwhile, people attending the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas were able to see the newest products in consumer technology. Big news from Hitachi, Microsoft and Motorola was announced at this year's convention.

Hitachi announced it will start to sell a one-terabyte hard drive in early 2007. The new hard drive is designed for gaming and high performance PCs.

Microsoft launched Windows Home Server which allows PCs, digital music players, and video game machines to communicate with each other.

Motorola announced a partnership with Yahoo to put Yahoo Go, a one-touch search function, into Motorola phones.

International CES is the place where consumer electronics products are introduced to the public. Important products from the past include the VCR in 1970, the CD player in 1981 and DVD technology in 1996.



courtesy of Apple

Humber students show off their packages

Elaine Mitropoulos
BUSINESS REPORTER

The graduating class of Humber's Package and Graphic Design program showed its work off to potential employers, with a two day event called Shaping the Future last week.



photo by dennis chung

Humber students had a chance to lay their portfolios in front of potential employers last week at the Shaping the Future show.

Jessie Olson, a student in the program who came to Humber after studying a year of visual arts in her hometown of Dawson Creek, B.C., said the event attracts a lot of attention.

"We sent tons of invitations all over the city," Olson said.

Featuring a blend of structural and graphic design, the show is intended to attract recruiters from the industry and give students a chance to showcase their portfolios.

"I for sure have one interview," Olson said, who used the fair as an opportunity to network with a rep from Logos Brands, a company that has contracts with big names like Hershey, Carlsberg and Kodak.

Olson, whose graphics are featured in advertisements for LaKOTA Topical Pain Relieving Gel, said the great thing about the show is Humber graduates working in the field come back to recruit students fresh from the program.

Chris Hillert of Hillert Associates Ltd., a packaging, graphics and marketing firm, graduated from the program in 1991. He uses the event to find new employees.

"I like to come back to the old stomping grounds," Hillert said. "Every year we recruit somebody—at least one person."

When looking for a potential intern or employee, Hillert said it's more than just the quality of a student's work.

"It's about people who are going to fit in with our dynamic."

Familiar brands and products that students creatively rendered were on display at the show.



Google stares into space
Google is planning on being spaced-out in 2013. The internet research company is hoping to allow the public to view digital footage of space through a partnership with scientists building a massive sky-scanning telescope. The 8.4 metre telescope will begin surveying in six years from a mountaintop in Chile.

iLawsuit
Cisco is taking Apple to court over the use of the name iPhone. Cisco has owned the rights to the name since 2000, and the two companies were trying to reach an agreement over it. However, Apple went ahead and unveiled the product at a convention last week without reaching a settlement over the trademark, so Cisco took action.

The World of Warcraft expands
Legions of PC gaming fans left their parents' basement Tuesday to get their hands on a copy of The Burning Crusade, an expansion pack to the popular World of Warcraft. Blizzard recently announced that the original major-multiplayer online role playing game has just surpassed the eight-million subscriber mark. That's a lot of virgins.

Head to Halo a little early
Master Chief fans itching to 'finish the fight' will want to get their hands on Microsoft's Crackdown. The Xbox 360 action-title, to be released next month, will include an invite to the online beta-testing of Halo 3's multiplayer mode. The final entry into Bungie's popular trilogy is expected to be released this fall.



courtesy

A Sacramento mother of three died after consuming two litres of water in a radio station contest titled Hold Your Wee for a Wii. – www.PhysOrg.com

The skinny on student bank accounts



photo by will cottingham

Students banking at the wrong institution may find their wallets a little lighter. BMO provides Humber's ATM service.

Will Cottingham
BUSINESS REPORTER

Most students don't have enough money in their accounts to receive the benefits and services offered by banks, said Timothy Walsh, financial services manager at the Bank of Montreal.

Banks generally require students to keep a minimum balance in their accounts in exchange for waiving lesser fees, such as those associated with debit cards and ATMs, but many students face financial penalties and restrictions for not meeting those balances.

Julian Lisicki, first-year air conditioning and refrigeration technician, has two student bank accounts in the hopes of avoiding penalties for using the wrong ATM. "Stop trying to take money from me," Lisicki said to each of his banks.

Katie Krutzmann, first-year early childhood education student at Guelph-Humber, was forced to make multiple trips to the Humber bookstore because of spending limits placed on her account.

"Everything is so expensive for students," Krutzmann said. "And it's hard for students to keep the minimum balance."

The majority of student bank accounts require a balance between \$1,000 and \$1,500 to avoid monthly fees. An exception is the Bank of Montreal, which offers student banking without a minimum balance.

"We are also the only bank to offer air miles," said Ola Zambana, financial services manager, BMO. "And once you graduate you can

keep the account for an additional year."

TD-Canada Trust financial services representative Shelan Islam said students should look at the bank as well as the account.

Graduates can keep their student accounts at BMO for a full year after they graduate.

"Most students go with the bank that is nearest to the university," Islam said. "We [TD] don't get as many students as we like to...but we are one of the cheapest, have the longest hours, and the most locations."

Alan Yiu, CIBC personal banking associate, did not want to go on record making comparisons with other banks, but said CIBC's student accounts were competitive because of a relatively low minimum balance requirement, and a relatively high number of bank locations.

Political leaders want to get in students' Face

Angela Scappatura
BUSINESS REPORTER

Facebook is becoming a valuable resource for students and politicians alike to promote political messages.

Much like other social networking websites such as Myspace, Facebook focuses on online community building and boasts more than 14 million registered users.

"We wanted to create another layer with the audience; Facebook is a wonderful place for that."

—Muhammad Shahid
former Humber business administration teacher

In an attempt to inform and mobilize students on the issues surrounding tuition increases, activist and Humber business administration student Chris McNeil started the Facebook group called Humber-Guelph-Humber Students Against Tuition Fee Hikes.

McNeil said the site was created in response to a decision made by the Humber Students' Federation to support a cap on tuition at the rate of inflation.

"Students decided to start the group themselves recognizing that our student organization would normally be doing campaigns on this," McNeil said. "Obviously they

haven't been doing anything."

The group, created in November, has a modest listing of members but McNeil is satisfied with the response.

"It has been quite amazing. The site has received a lot of traffic and a wide range of students have found the group," McNeil said. "Of course, when you want to get the word out you can never just use one medium."

Muhammad Shahid, a former Humber business administration teacher, is also using Facebook to promote Ontario PC Party leader John Tory through his group called John Tory Next Premier of Ontario.

"We want to create another layer with the audience; Facebook is a wonderful place for that," Shahid said. "Whenever John is going to be some-

where I send a message and people show up because of it."

Individual politicians are also getting involved in the online community trend. During the recent federal Liberal leadership race, candidate Michael Ignatieff's campaign team posted a profile for the politician. Moderated by his wife Zsuzsanna Zsohar, Ignatieff soon became a popular 'friend' to conservatives and liberal Facebook members alike. Currently, he is listed as having more than 300 friends.

Some political groups have upwards of 600 members but it is unclear how many of those people are actively supporting the cause

they subscribe to.

McNeil is optimistic about the ability of the site to generate real supporters.

"I know myself that it is just as effective as getting out and talking to the students," said McNeil.



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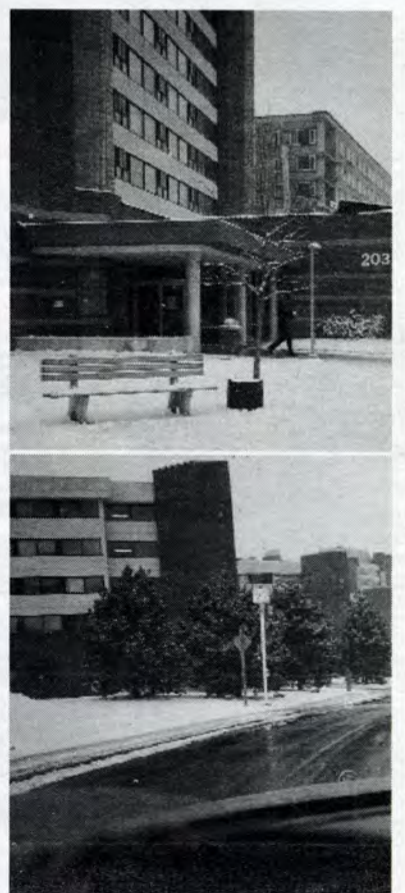


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"If you think you're going to win just because you're home, you're getting sucked into a trap." – Raptors coach Sam Mitchell, after a 104-86 win over the 76ers.

Dealing with departures

Soccer coaches are taking a good look at several potential players

Brigid Aiken
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's indoor soccer season kicked off last week with tryouts for the men's and women's squads. Most players returned from last semester, while a few new athletes battled nerves trying for a place on the team.

The players looked strong as they practised, getting back into the routine after the holidays.

"We'll recognize and be able to pick our team in the next couple weeks," said Vince Pileggi, head coach for the women, who's goal is to "improve on our bronze medal from last year."

The men will try to maintain their dominance as they go for their seventh consecutive gold medal, but they've lost a few play-

ers. Only 12 have returned for the indoor season.

Last week's tryout for the women saw all members of last semester's squad back, while four hopefuls faced the pressure of trying to become part of the group.

"We'll recognize and be able to pick our team in the next couple weeks."

—Vince Pileggi
women's soccer coach

Pileggi said nerves can play a part in an athlete's performance, especially during January tryouts when the number of established team members considerably outnumber those trying out.

"Yeah it's harder," said Mikhail Whittaker, a first-year fashion arts

student, who tried out for the men's squad. "Because it's like the whole team came back."

With so many new players to choose from, men's head coach Germain Sanchez made some early cuts.

Ten players were chosen to be kept around for the next few practices, while at least two of the women's hopefuls will be sticking around a bit longer.

The men's team is defending its streak of six straight OCAA championships, having won eight of the past nine titles. The women's last championship was in 2001.

Starting this weekend at Humber, both the men and women will be playing a series of tournaments throughout January and February, leading up to the regionals in early March.



photo by rayna taylor

OCAA '06 Rookie of the Year Jonathan Tyndale rocks the rim.

No holiday rest for hard-working Hawks

Rayna Taylor
LIFE REPORTER

After a long holiday season of indulging in food and drink, most people begin the new year looking for ways to recharge their batteries and get back in shape.

For the trained athletes at Humber College, this is not the case.

"While you folks were home sluggin' back the eggnog, the athletes were here on the courts at 7:30 a.m.," said Jim Bialek, Humber's assistant athletic director.

Many Humber students used the time off for leisure, but the men's basketball and women's volleyball teams participated in a number of exhibition games and tournaments.

Both teams played home and away all throughout the holidays, with the men's basketball team travelling as far as Edmonton.

While on the road, the athletes stay healthy by keeping away from fast food and sticking to home-cooked meals.

Coach Darrell Glenn of the men's basketball team said he makes sure to book hotel rooms with kitchenettes so they can prepare cooked meals and invite the

players in to eat. The women's volleyball team executes the same game plan to keep healthy on the road.

"We'll pool all the meal money together, go to the grocery store and pick up a pile of groceries," said Dean Wylie, assistant coach for the women's volleyball team. "We'll give the girls sandwiches, granola bars, yogurts or fruit, as opposed to a bag of chips or chocolate bars."

Wylie said the biggest challenge right now is keeping everyone healthy during cold and flu season.

"Once it gets into a team and circulates, it's very hard to get rid of," Wylie said. "So if we can keep healthy before provincials, we should be OK."

If a player were to become sick, it could raise other issues.

Wylie said the team is under drug restrictions and if it were to make it to provincials, there's a chance that the top teams will be tested.

Some antibiotic medications can cause problems so it is important to be very health conscious.

This high level of team commitment comes with its rewards on the court.

Both teams are defending provincial titles this year.

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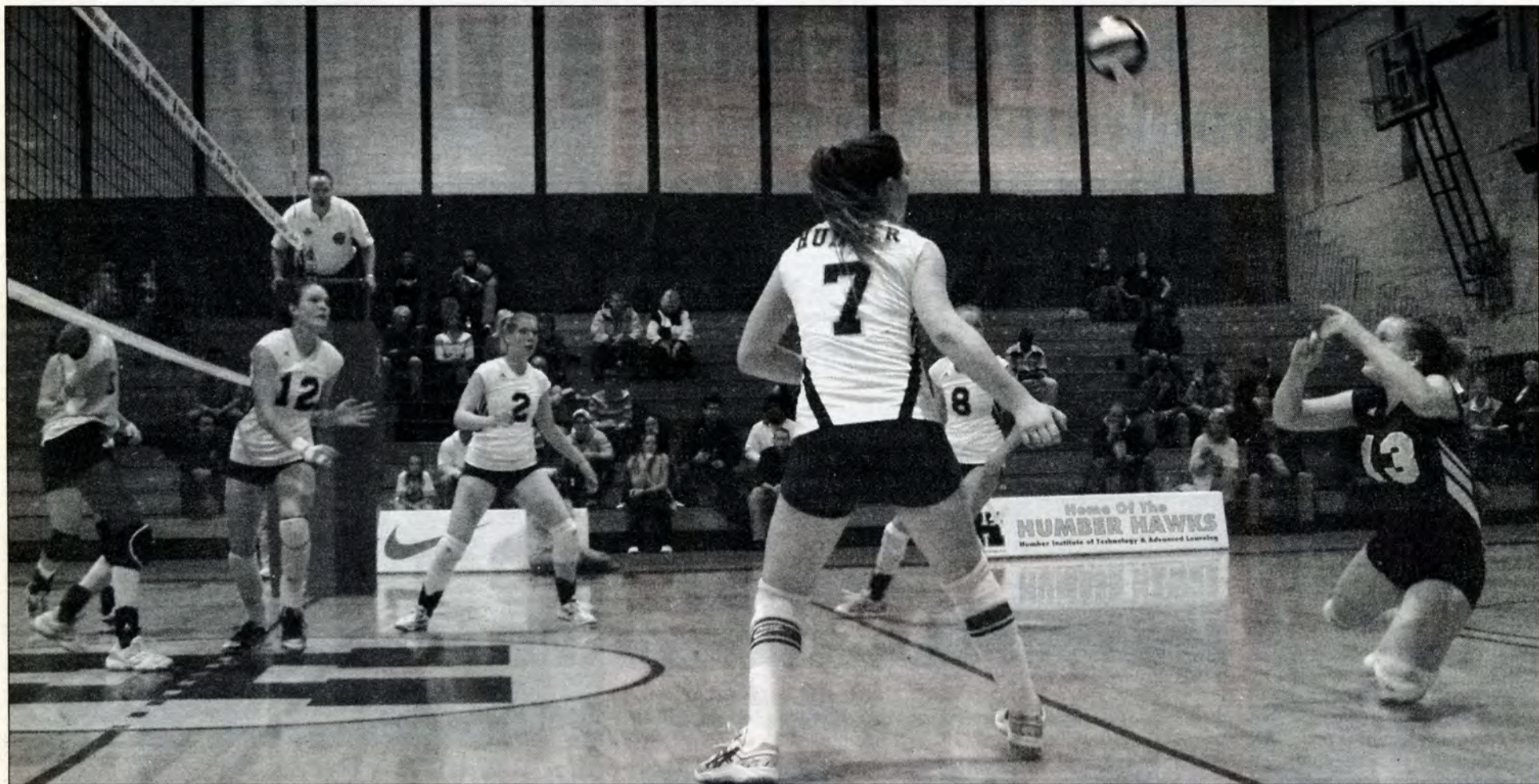


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Kris Dowling (7) looks to support Tonni Wasiuk (13) as she keeps the ball alive. Dowling contributed nine points, six kills, and three aces.

Hawks win post-holiday tilt

Women's CENTRAL WEST

School	W	L	PTS
Nipissing	7	0	14
Humber	6	1	12
Mohawk	4	3	8
Sheridan	3	6	6
Canadore	1	6	2

Radmila Malobabic
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks women's volleyball team returned to action in proper form last Wednesday beating Sheridan in three straight sets.

The middle hitters were on top of their game, with Landis Doyle leading the way with 14 points, 10 kills and three aces.

"It was a slow start. We had to get into it a lot more," Doyle said. "[Our play] was flat, but we were able to pull through."

The Hawks maintained their sec-

ond place ranking in the Central West division.

They showed nothing but power with constant hits from all members of the team.

The most hits of the night came from Kris Dowling, who helped her team crush the Sheridan Bruins, 25-17, 25-15, 25-23.

Robyn Stafford also had a great

"For the next game, just the defence needs to be better."

—Chris Wilkins
women's volleyball coach

game contributing seven points.

Head coach Chris Wilkins was nothing but smiles after his team won, but said they need more self-control.

"They played OK. Sheridan did get some points in there so we need to be better with the discipline," Wilkins said. "For the next game, just the defence needs to be better."

Alex Steplock played her first game since injuring her wrist last season.

The Hawks will be playing a tournament in Welland this weekend, where they will practise

"defence and discipline," Wilkins said.

The OCAA championship is Feb. 22-24 at Georgian College.

CRUNCH TIME

The Humber badminton team overcame a depleted roster to win two silver medals at Centennial College's invitational tournament last weekend.

"We're still looking for females," said assistant coach Michael Kopinak before practice on Monday. "We didn't have any try out in January."

The team is at the minimum requirement of five female players and welcomes anyone, male or female, playing at a competitive level to try out.

The team practises Mondays and Thursdays from 5 to 7 p.m. in the athletic centre and will host the OCAA regional qualifying tournament at Humber College on Feb. 2 and 3.

Rony Islam and Hoa Ly placed second in the men's doubles event and Merle DeSouza and Sam Gowland took silver in women's doubles.

—Tyler Kekewich

Men's CENTRAL WEST

School	W	L	PTS
Mohawk	5	0	10
Nipissing	4	2	8
Humber	3	3	6
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Sheridan	0	7	0

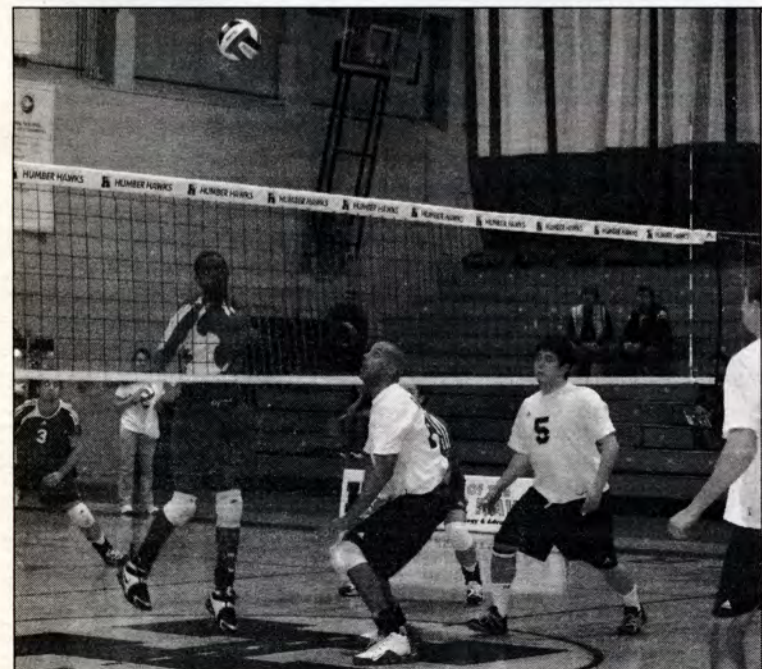


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Duane Mondesir and Adam Kinoshita (5) eye the ball.

Humber men polish off Bruins twinbill

Radmila Malobabic
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team was put to the test as they defeated Sheridan in four sets.

Head coach Wayne Wilkins was very optimistic when asked about the future of the team. "We plan on going to the finals and winning."

The Hawks started off with a scare losing the first set 25-21 to the last place Bruins. By the second set they were back in the game with Adam Kinoshita setting the ball and Duane Mondesir killing it for a 25-18 win.

"With our new player (Kinoshita) returning from one year ago, he will also help out the team," Wilkins said.

Humber secured the fourth set 25-15 for the victory. The Hawks' Bobby Anderson led all scorers with 20 points, 17 of those kills and added three blocks.

Still searching for their first win, Sheridan was led by Andrew Henry with nine points, seven kills and two blocks.

The Hawks sit third in the Central West division with three wins and three losses.

Humber is back in action this weekend at Seneca's invitational tournament.

SPORTS

"That's hockey. It's only game. Why you have to be mad? He's a good guy." – Ilya Bryzgalov on Chris Pronger requesting to be traded from the Edmonton Oilers.

Women B-Ball Hawks not good enough in return

Josh Gold-Smith
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks women's basketball team came up short in guard Sarah Miller's homecoming as they fell 65-51 to the St. Lawrence Vikings in Kingston last Wednesday.

"We were all just exhausted," Miller said. "It's a long drive down so it kind of takes us that extra little bit to be able to get back in the game, but once we got it, we definitely stayed in it and fought back."

Miller, who hails from Kingston, played for St. Lawrence last season. The second-year starter holds no ill feelings toward her former teammates. "We left on a good note, which is good because it's a really good group of girls."

Coming off the previous weekend's Seneca Invitational, Humber played three games in a span of six days, including their latest loss.

The Hawks struggled to find a rhythm in the first half, shooting only 22 per cent from the field and 50 per cent from the free-throw line, while committing 22 turnovers before half-time. They improved after the intermission, outscoring the Vikings 35-24 in the final frame, but the damage had been done.

"We did a better job in the second half, but I don't know what team showed up in the first half. I have no idea who showed up," said head coach Denise Perrier. "We looked like we didn't want to be here."

Felon Harris played the full 40 minutes and led the Hawks with 13 points and four rebounds. Monique Faulknor added 11 points and five rebounds off the bench, and Lisa Soodeen supplied seven points, 10 rebounds and three blocks. The Vikings were led by Britt Pegg, who tallied 19 points, and Rachel Niven, who

turned in 18 points, five rebounds, four assists and five steals.

Hawks guard Meghan McPeak started the contest but aggravated a knee injury late in the first half. She was treated on the bench and returned mid-way through the second half. The injury won't keep her out of the lineup and just needs time to heal. "Until I just rest it completely, what can you do?" she said.

With St. Lawrence's 71-24 win over Fleming on Saturday, the Vikings took over third place in the East Division standings and dropped the Hawks to fourth. However, Humber has a favourable schedule down the stretch with just two of the remaining seven games coming against teams with winning records.

The Hawks (5-4) face the George Brown Huskies (4-4) tonight at the Humber Athletic Centre at 6 p.m.



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Sarah Miller attempts a free-throw in her return to Kingston. Miller went 2 for 2 in the game.

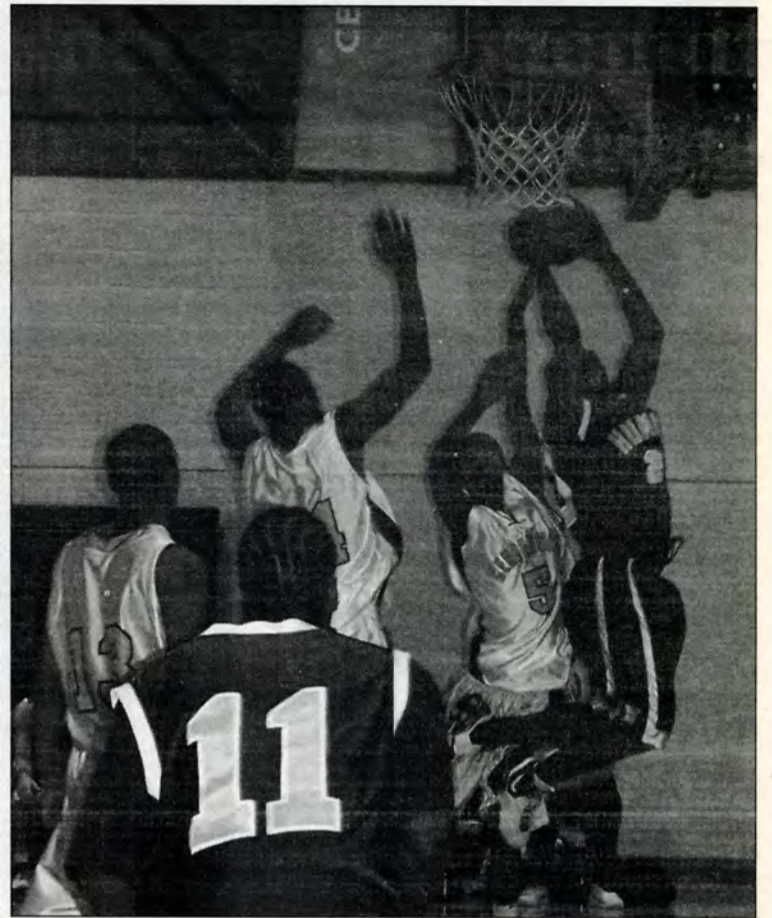


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Lamar Robinson takes on the Centennial Colts last Tuesday.

Humber hoopsters take two of three

James Sturgeon
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber men's basketball team easily beat a lackluster Seneca Sting squad 69-51 on Tuesday to recapture first place in the OCAA Central division.

However, the Hawks dropped to second last week with a difficult defeat at the hands of longtime rivals, the Sheridan Bruins.

After a decisive 76-63 win against the Centennial Colts on Jan. 9 to open up the second half of the regular season, the Hawks lost 58-55 to Sheridan on Jan. 11.

The two wins and one loss brings Humber's overall record to 6-2.

Tuesday's victory against Seneca was important for a squad looking to rebound from a disappointing loss, said Humber assistant coach Ajay Sharma.

"We wanted to come out with a lot of intensity after the loss to Sheridan," he said.

But despite Humber's 42-28 half-time lead, neither Sharma nor head coach Darrell Glenn were happy with the Hawks' defence.

"We were flat," said Sharma. "Offensively we played well, but we weren't pleased with our defensive intensity in the first half," said Glenn. "It's hard to keep your focus when you jump out to a big lead."

Humber picked up the slack on the back end in the second half. Defensively the team's "energy was better," he said.

The effort lent itself to Humber's offence as well as the Hawks stretched the lead to 20 by the 15-

minute mark. Seneca never threatened to close the gap.

The win tied the Hawks with Centennial for first place in the OCAA Central division.

The Hawks could have been sole possessor of first place if they had defeated Sheridan last Thursday.

The game was a defensively fierce and foul-plagued contest.

"I thought we executed fairly well," said Glenn. Unfortunately for the Hawks, the Bruins' defence also did.

In a game where free throws were crucial, the foul line proved to be as much an opponent as Sheridan was.

Humber made just 12 of 26 attempts.

"You can't win games shooting 43 per cent" from the free throw line, Glenn said.

And they didn't.

Although leading by as much as six late in the game, the Hawks missed critical free throws in the final minute, allowing Sheridan the 58-55 win.

Sheridan's win avenged the 89-68 thrashing the Hawks handed them in December, knotting the season series at one apiece.

"This is how it goes," said Glenn of the Humber-Sheridan rivalry, "One team blows out the other in the first game and it's back and forth from there."

"It's a war," he said.

"They know how to respond when they come here, and we do as well," added Sharma. "That's why it's a rivalry."

The two teams meet next on Jan. 26, at Sheridan.

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Local fans celebrate Hockey Day

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The CBC hosted its seventh annual Hockey Day in Canada this past Saturday from Nelson, B.C.

The network dubs the day "an unofficial holiday to celebrate the history and culture of hockey."

Hockey Day (HDIC) was a nationwide event that included nearly 14 hours of hockey coverage on the CBC, including stories from all across Canada.

The day long broadcast was capped off by a triple header of NHL games that included all six Canadian teams in head-to-head action.

Locally, Downsview Park held its third annual Winter Festival and street hockey tournament coinciding with HDIC, raising over \$20,000 for Shoot For A Cure, a charitable organization for spinal research.

Event organizer Joanne Fulsom called the event "a success," with teams entering the three-on-three ball hockey battle in divisions that included youth, men's recreational and men's competitive.

"We had 102 teams this year, which is great," Fulsom said. "The first year we had 16, and last year we had 96, so it's definitely growing."

Aside from the hockey tournament, Downsview held its annual Winter Festival which included "an ice carving competition, an ice maze, and a Shoot For A Cure silent auction," Fulsom said.

On top of setting up screens to watch the day long CBC broadcast, the network visited Downsview early Saturday morning, including coverage of both the Winter Festival and ball hockey games as part of their HDIC programming.

Humber's director of sports information Jim Bialek said last week most of the Humber hockey players were looking forward to a relaxing day on HDIC. "Most of the guys will probably just be watching the games," said Bialek, who also coaches the girl's club team.

Not everyone in the community had plans during the CBC celebration though. "I've actually never heard of Hockey Day in Canada," said Garfield Simpson, manager at



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Hockey fans hit the ice earlier this season.

local bar JJ Muggs. "It was pretty much business as usual on Saturday, nothing out of the ordinary."

Regardless, the success of the Downsview event was encouraging for Fulsom. "We're definitely looking ahead to next year already," she said. "Hopefully, depending on what day Hockey Day in Canada falls on, we can continue to grow and make it bigger."

International Bowl success no mystery

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SPORTS REPORTER

The NCAA held its first college football bowl game outside of the United States since 1937, when the International Bowl kicked off in Toronto on Jan. 6.

"The game was outstanding," said Don Loding, executive director of the event, "We introduced the NCAA to a lot of Canadians."

The game, which saw the Cincinnati Bearcats defeat the Western Michigan Broncos 27-24, drew a crowd of under 27,000 at the Rogers Centre.

Brampton's Fernand Kashama did not see the field for Western Michigan because of a knee injury.

"We wanted a regional bowl game, and Toronto is regionally accessible," Loding said, of the choice to match-up teams from the Mid-American and Big East conferences. "We simply had a popular tourism city with a great facility that lent itself to this game."

The event heavily outweighs the CIS (Canadian Intercollegiate Sport) Vanier Cup football championship in terms of attendance, as crowds at the Rogers Centre reached only 17,828 when Toronto last hosted the event in 2003.

Loding, however, does not see the game as infringing upon Canadian collegiate sports. "The

Vanier is a great event for Canadian football and we're not here for competition. We're just trying to generate interest in the game of football and the by-product of this game is nothing but positive."

Loding assured the event was "not just a one year thing," and that the International Bowl will continue to be played at the Rogers Centre "for many years to come."

Bringing NCAA teams into Canada is something the Humber men's basketball team is familiar with, as the Hawks have played host to U.S. college teams for the past three years.

The team has faced several Division One teams including recent NCAA tournament contenders Dayton and UNC-Charlotte.

Humber Athletic Director Doug Fox said this is a great benefit as the team gets to showcase its talent against some stiff competition.

"I think it helps our cause to bring up these teams. It allows us to show our product is pretty good too."

Fox said playing U.S. teams allows "events to be more promoted and higher profile." He said events like Humber's exhibition games with the NCAA and the International Bowl are important "to give the people the excitement of amateur sport."

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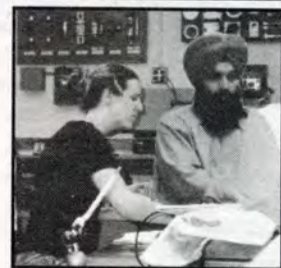
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