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HSF in hot water over porn viewing

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Some members of the Humber Students' Federation at the Lakeshore Campus have been reprimanded for viewing pornographic material on their office computers.

A full internal college investigation, encompassing Student Services, Security and other levels of the administration, has found that members of the Lakeshore HSF office were downloading pornography from the Internet and file-sharing pornographic computer files as recently as this past August.

"It's clear we have some problems in the office down at Humber Students' Federation Lakeshore that they're coming to grips with," said Robert Gordon, college president.

He said the HSF members involved were given a stern talking to by administration.

Gordon said he was satisfied that the people who were viewing pornography have "probably learned a pretty important lesson."

"I would be very surprised if they did that again. Therefore I feel no reason to punish them unduly, because they didn't really hurt anyone, just themselves."

Gordon added, "The point is not that they're not allowed to watch pornography as adults in the privacy of their own homes, on their own machine, it was in their offices on public property. It's not a college crisis, it's more an issue of integrity."

"There have been some admissions," said Gordon.

"The problems with downloading or sending it [pornography] to others, that's all been cleared up," he added.

"While we have to respect the laws of our society, we are also a learning institution and people can probably make mistakes here and

then go out and not make them because that's part of what they've learned."

Gordon also said that at this point in the investigation, there has been no police involvement.

HSF President John Pulla refused to address the pornography issue directly, but conceded that the federation is conducting its own investigation into the matter and will be drafting new rules to deal with the viewing of pornography.

A draft policy may be ready for the federation's upcoming board of directors' meeting.

"There's a problem. Whatever it

is, there's a problem," Pulla said on Wednesday.

"We have to deal with it, we are dealing with it," he said.

"You're looking into issues that I can't make a comment on. No comment."

Pulla did say that college administrators had talked to him about this issue, and that he has talked to the HSF members involved.

"I have talked to the college about a lot of things and pornography is one of them."

Pulla declined to identify any HSF members who may have viewed the pornography.

Pedestrian seriously injured after being struck by car

By DIANE DENBY
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A 59-year-old woman received two broken legs and facial injuries and is recovering in hospital after being hit by a car driven by a Humber student.

Last Wednesday at around 1:30 p.m. the woman was struck while walking along the crosswalk on Humber College Blvd. The lights were flashing and the cars were stopped, but a student whose name is being withheld by police, did not notice and hit the woman.

She was rushed to the William Osler Hospital, Etobicoke Campus.

Police suspect that "speed and inattention" were to blame.

"Right in front of the school is nightmarish," said Sgt. John Robb of Toronto Police Services 23 Division's traffic response unit.

"When you've got that many vehicles and hundreds of students walking around, I'm amazed we don't have fatalities on a regular basis," he said.

Robb said that one-in-three students he pulls over give common excuses like they're late for class or an exam, or they can't afford a ticket.

"I understand a student's point of view, but I'd rather have them suffer financially to get my point across than have them kill somebody."

The student involved would not comment on the accident.

No charges have been laid, but police are still investigating.

Quakers urge peaceful response to terrorist attacks

By ALEK GAZDIC
Et Cetera Staff

It's time to retaliate against the terrorist attacks in America, but without violence and military forces.

This was the unanimously shared vision of the Quaker Peace and Social Action Committee of the Religious Society of Friends, or Quakers, in their meeting held Sept. 17.

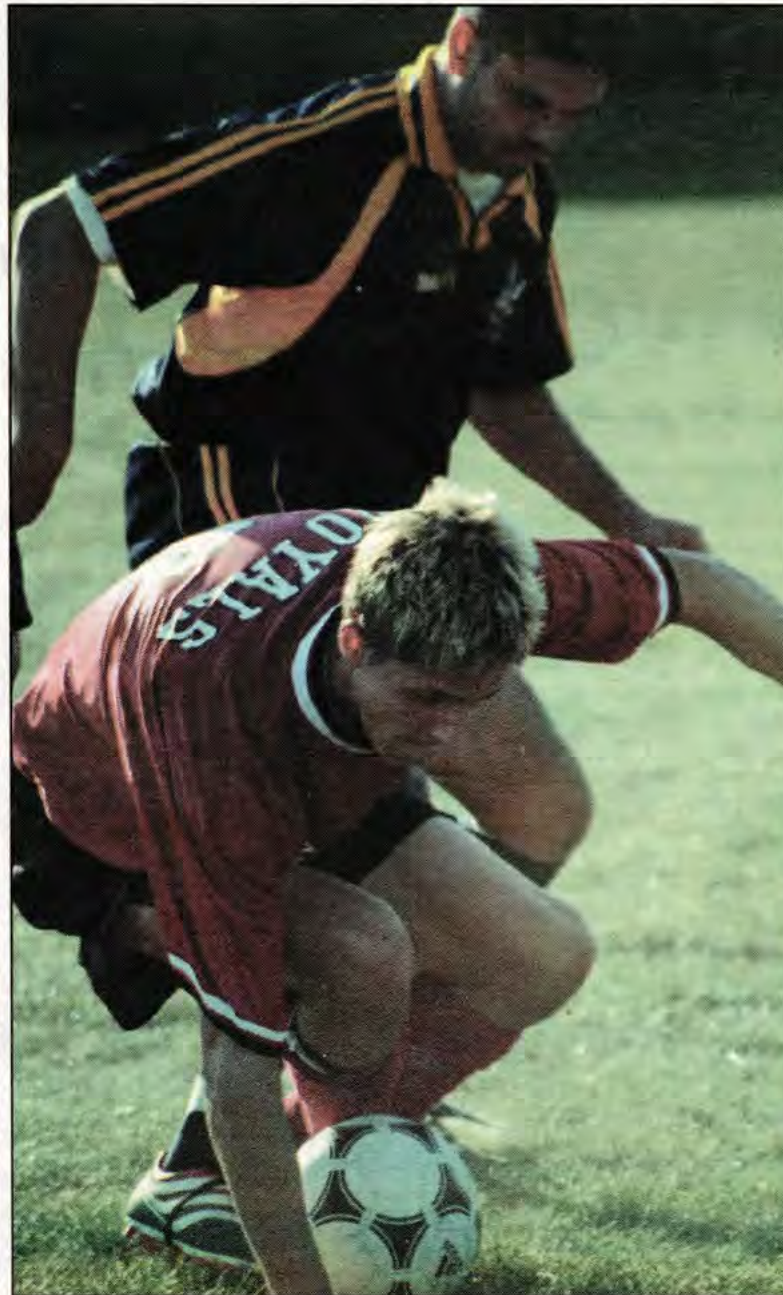
The organization opened its doors to the Toronto community and any peace organization members to send a clear message that vengeance through war will only accelerate the cycle of fear, anger, hatred, terror and violence. This, in turn, leads to greater loss of life.

"We must use soul force or non-violent activism to bring the accused people to justice," said Margaret Rao, one of the Quakers' organizers. "Unfortunately, it's terrible tragedies like these that put people's backs against the walls to make us act."

The gathering, which drew almost 65 people, also promoted discussions and an open exchange of ideas from the public on how to further spread this message to the rest of society and most importantly to Canadian politicians and religious leaders.

Wearing grey ribbons as part of a new campaign was one group's idea, suggesting that it would represent last week's events.

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Diane Denby

Hawk Captain Jason Mesa fights for the ball with a Redeemer player during the season home opener. For more on the story, see page 17

Assault near Residence

By PHILL FELTHAM
Et Cetera Staff

A Humber Residence student is shaken up after an assault by five men in the Humber Arboretum Sept. 9.

Residence Life Co-ordinator Peter Lem said a student whose name is being withheld pending a police investigation, was threatened and punched in the face following a dispute.

"His face was swollen, but he was more shaken up than anything," said Alecia Henderson, a first year Law Clerk student who saw the victim after the attack.

Lem said a group of men in their early 20s from the Rexdale area approached students in front of Residence at roughly 8:20 a.m.

He said a number of students were persuaded to go into the Arboretum when, "one individual was separated from the group, and took off to another area of the Arboretum (with the attackers)."

Residence and safety officials were unsure about the exact whereabouts of the attack, but confirmed the attack happened away from cameras and Residence lights.

It is not known why the victim went alone with the five unknown young men.

Lem said the victim has not filed any formal complaint, and is unwilling to talk.

"The bottom line is we're having people from the community threatening and assaulting our students," he said. The Department of Public Safety is asking anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS.

Canadians coping with tragedy

Toronto Muslims fear for safety of their communities

By ROO GUILHERME
Et Cetera Staff

Racial slurs and vandalized mosques are just a few examples of recent violent outbreaks in New York City that have worried.

Security guards now pace the parking lot entrance of the Islamic Foundation of Canada, a Scarborough mosque that community visits.

feels the association between Osama bin Laden and Islam as a religion, "may cause unnecessary anger and resentment."

who is a member of the Islamic Foundation, blames the media in part.

"People need to distinguish between religion and culture because it's not the same thing. People who don't are just ignorant and ignorance breeds hate," said.

Soon after the attacks on the World Trade Center, CNN televised images of Palestinians rejoicing in the Middle East.

"They're distinguishing the terrorists as a group when they should single them out as individuals. It's not fair. People are looking for someone to blame now and the media is fueling it," she said.

According to a press release from the Canadian Muslim Civil Liberties Association (CMCLA), a man was arrested in Niagara Falls for phoning in a death threat to the Islamic Society. A mosque was also fire-bombed in St. Catharines, and Muslim school children were taunted and attacked in two Oakville schools.

The CMCLA estimates there are 600,000 Muslims and 400,000 Arab-Christians living in Canada.

Canadian Muslim organizations are setting up donor clinics at Islamic centres across the country to help alleviate the tension.

According to Campus Services, there have been no reports of Islamic students being threatened at Humber. Should a situation occur, students should contact campus security and report the incident.

Quakers hoping for peace

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"It is a symbol of hope, but also that life is not black and white and there are no easy answers," Rao said.

Other ideas included a T-shirt campaign bearing words like "Drop Debt not Bombs" and "Retaliation is Terrorism".

Suggestions for workshops and crisis interventions in schools followed reports of racist and violent acts that occurred in the community last week.

One Arab man spoke of his friend getting punched in the face by two

teenagers that she pulled off of a seven-year-old Arab boy in a parking lot.

Another lady told the room that she had to do her Muslim neighbour's grocery shopping because she feared going out in public.

Charles Purdy, a member of the Early Signs of Peace socialist group, was in the UN building in New York on Sept. 11, said activists knew something was going to happen in respect to the anger aimed towards the U.S. government.

"It was a response to failed diplomacy and years of [unfair] U.S. policy towards Third World countries,"

Purdy said.

One Toronto resident expressed her concern about taking the right steps without the use of violence.

"I felt paralyzed and couldn't even leave my house on the day of the attack," said Petra Endlich, a member of the community.

An on-line petition set up by the Coalition to Oppose the Arms Trade was started on Sept. 14 and has received almost 4,000 signatures of people around the world supporting non-violent activism.

Anyone interested in signing this petition can visit www.flora.org/coat/appeal/.



Alek Gazdic

Members in attendance at the Quaker meeting discuss non-violent solutions to deal with global terrorism

Campuses act to counsel students in wake of attack

By JEFF LIM
Et Cetera Staff

Humber's counselling staff is prepared to deal with any difficulties students may be experiencing as a result of last week's terrorist attacks in the U.S.

The counselling department in room D128 has a crisis centre specifically designed to help students deal with any emotional trauma.

The Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), Canada's national student movement, is urging students across Canada to work toward peace and solidarity.

"Campuses are incredible places of international tolerance," said Pam Frache, Ontario Campaigns and Government Relations co-ordinator for CFS.

"They're among the most diverse places. People come together in the spirit of tolerance and shared learning and I think that's the thing we can really preserve on the campuses," Frache said.

She also assured that there have not been any reported violent acts on any campuses in Canada.

"Nothing huge yet...racial slurs

and graffiti, that sort of thing," she said. "So far nothing on the level of things happening off the campuses, such as the fire-bombing of the mosque in St. Catharines."

Across the country, post-secondary schools are doing something to unite their communities.

"I know there are different things happening all over the place. We don't have a list yet, but I know University of Toronto is holding a vigil," Frache said.

The counselling department may offer more in the coming months if the situation builds and gets more intense.

"It wouldn't surprise me if we had forums where a couple of prominent speakers came in," said Craig Barrett, co-ordinator of Counselling and Disability Services at Humber.

Barrett said students need to be talking about this situation in order to get help.

"I think the student paper writing about it will help and people talking about it. Up until now it's been, 'there's terrorists out there but it doesn't affect us here,' but it sure does affect us," he said.

Students of certain ethnicity may feel they are being stereotyped in

light of the attacks.

"The singling out of one religion, one ethnicity, or one community should not happen," Frache said.

So far there has not been any violence at Humber in regards to discrimination or stereotyping.

"We haven't had any incidents that were more than intense discussions and I hope that's the way it stays because people will recognize that the person across from them had nothing to do with it," Barrett said.

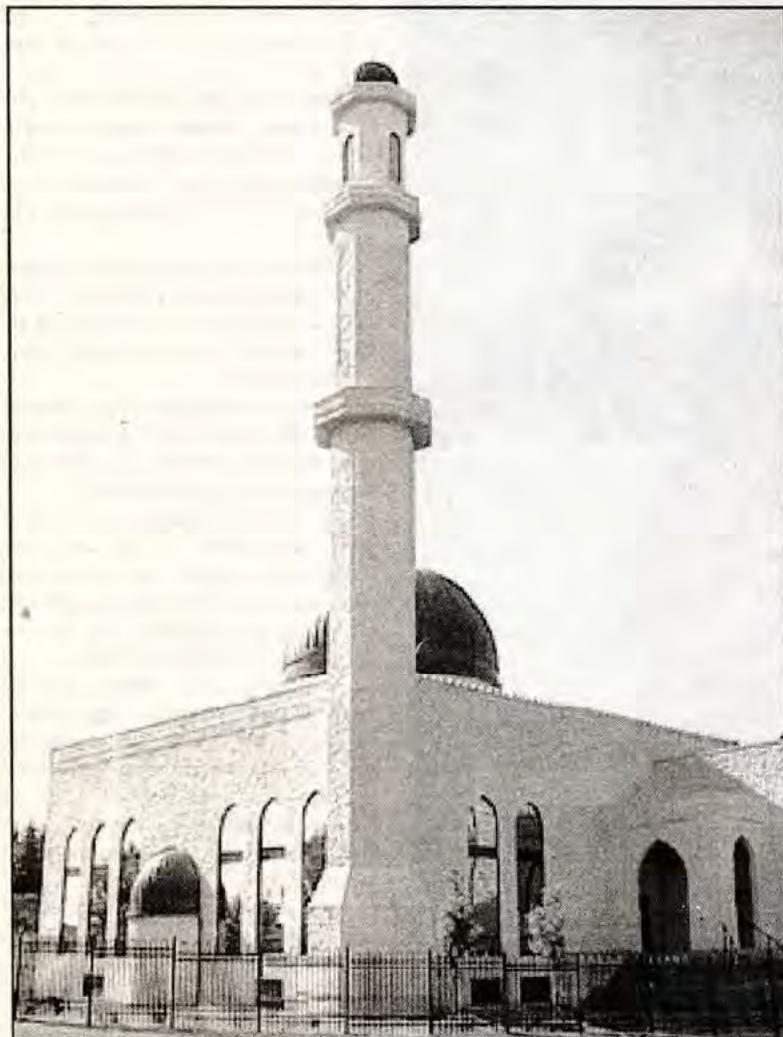
If any situations arise in a classroom, the counselling department can step in and help.

"If there are conflicts happening in the classroom, we now have four to six faculty who have conflict mediation experience who are willing to go in and work with a class if there are any issues," Barrett said.

The full impact of the traumatic events may not be felt for some time depending on he individual.

According to Barrett, people may suffer from post-traumatic stress.

"[It] can happen months and years later for a person who knew at the time they were very distressed or for the person who felt they handled it, and then something triggers a reaction," he said.



Roo Guilherme

The Islamic Foundation of Canada in Scarborough is under protection

Curfew imposed in Arboretum for Humber students

Measures taken after attack on Humber student

By TAMARA STANLEY
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A curfew restricting Arboretum access hours has been imposed on Humber Residence students following an assault.

The curfew, which is already in effect, prohibits members of Residence from entering the Arboretum between 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. "It's not a safe environment," said Peter Lem, Humber residence life coordinator. "We are doing everything we can [to protect the students]."

The curfew comes as a reaction to an attack in the Arboretum Sept. 9.

A memo issued on Sept. 13 by Residence management alerted students of the situation.

A student living in Residence was attacked in the Arboretum by a group of five unknown young men.

Residents who break the curfew will be subject to disciplinary actions including possible eviction from Rez.

"It's important for us to make an effort before more things get out of hand, before something more serious happens," Lem said.

Sid Baller, superintendent of the

Arboretum, said that the curfew is unfortunate because only a few people are abusing the privileges.

"[The curfew] doesn't bother me," said Simon Ward, first-year Business Management student and Humber resident. "Besides, who would want to go out there when it's dark anyway? There are no lights."

According to Baller, the topic of lights in the Arboretum has been in discussion for many years.

"If lights are added to the Arboretum, then it tends to attract more problems," Baller said. "Basically it says, 'come on, this area's for you.'"

Since lights are not present in the Arboretum, Lem strongly advises students to use the sidewalks on Highway 27 when travelling off-campus.

The Residence memo suggests that students uncomfortable walking at night should take extra precautions.

It recommends that students make use of the security escort program offered through the Department of Public Safety at Humber College, extension number 4077.

Baller said that it appears on-campus surveillance has increased since the attack.

"At nine or ten o'clock at night, I turn the sprinkler systems on. Before, I never saw security, but now I'll see security trucks with two people [inside]," he said.

Humber is watching you

By JENNIFER MARCH
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Video surveillance at North campus got a \$100,000 boost as 11 new exterior security cameras were activated Aug. 31.

The project was funded by the Women's Campus Safety Grant, a post-secondary grant available to support programs that address the safety and security needs of female workers and students.

The CCTV (closed circuit television) cameras are an addition to the dozen interior cameras already installed in the customer service and residence area and are mounted outside eight of Humber's buildings.

Although the cameras are new to Humber College, Director of Public Safety, Gary Jaynes said that many colleges and universities are way ahead of Humber.

"Quite a few schools already have them," he said. "There are thousands across North America."

Some students have had previous experiences with video cameras in their high schools, like first-year Accounting student Mital Vachhani.

"I had cameras in my high school and it wasn't a big deal, so I don't think it's a big deal now. It's good security," he said.

With the arrival of the new cameras, some students and faculty are questioning the necessity and the impact on privacy.

"I don't think we have serious enough issues to warrant cameras that can film everybody," said Gary Begg, Humber political science teacher. "Humber has gone a lot of years without them and they should continue in that fashion."



Jennifer March

Humber College security monitor activity via 11 new security cameras

Some see the cameras as a great addition to campus safety.

"I don't know many people here, so it's cool. It's safety," said first-year Advertising student Chris Kirkpatrick.

Jaynes said the cameras are of very high quality.

"They can assist in any emergency. If the phone rings, the cameras can pan to the phone," he said.

According to security, there are three monitors across three security booths to monitor the video from all 11 active cameras. The monitors can be set to view all 11 cameras simulta-

neously, or in one shot, changed about every 15 minutes.

Jaynes said the addition of more security cameras was a necessary step for Humber.

"It's an added security feature to patrol the campus and it was the next logical step to make Humber a safer place to be," Jaynes said.

First-year Paramedic student Martha Lai agrees.

"I think you should behave a certain way at school anyway and if you are ashamed of something that may be caught on camera, then it probably shouldn't have been done," she said.

The Tickle Trunk is now closed

By SANDY GARCIA
Et Cetera Staff

There will be no more trips to the "tickle trunk", as the beloved Ernie Coombs, better known as Mr. Dressup, died of a stroke Tuesday morning.

Humber students were saddened as word of Mr. Dressup's death found its way around campus.

"Mr. Dressup was the definition of childhood for me. He raised me and helped form me into who I am now," said Nicole Henriques a second-year Early Childhood Education student.

Coombs, 73, was born in Lewiston, Me., before first coming to Canada in 1963 with Fred Rogers who was developing his own program known to many as the Mr. Rogers show at CBC.

He became a Canadian citizen in 1994, many years after becoming a Canadian cultural icon.

"I'm terribly shocked by this news, since I used to watch Mr. Dressup all the time when I was a child," said Marianne Vardalos, a professor in the Sociology of Crime program at North campus. "I loved Casey and Finnegan."

Coombs had accomplished many

things during the 33 years that Mr. Dressup aired on the CBC. Mr. Dressup went on air in February 1967 and has been on the CBC ever since.

For many years, Coombs, along with TV buddies Casey and

Finnegan, aired every morning entertaining children with mixtures of stories, crafts, sing-a-longs, drawings and trips to the famous "tickle trunk."

Sally Wylie, a professor in the Early Childhood Education program



Courtesy CBC

Mr. Dressup and his sidekicks, Casey and Finnegan, will be remembered

at North campus, told her students, "Mr. Dressup epitomized children's imagination to be other people and to imagine what it would be like to be other things."

In 1994, Coombs was presented with The Academy of Canadian Television's prestigious Earle Grey Award, honouring excellence in Canadian television.

When puppeteer Judith Lawrence retired, Casey and Finnegan retired too.

Not in the least bit discouraged, Coombs carried on with new friends: Chester the crow, Truffles Granny and her granddaughter Annie, Alex and Lorenzo the raccoon.

His last show was taped on Valentine's Day in 1996, but re-runs are still being aired.

"When Mr. Dressup came to Winnipeg, I took my sister's kids to go see him. They didn't know who he was, but I did," Vardalos said. "When he came on stage I yelled 'Hi Mr. Dressup!' Everyone looked at me, I think I was the oldest fan there."

Alison Wilding, a second-year student in the Early Childhood Education program was a loyal fan.

"I've been watching him since I was about four or five years old," she

said. "It's sad, but everyone has their time to go. He was an enthusiastic and jolly man."

Just a few weeks ago, Coombs paid a tribute to Rogers who was wrapping up his own PBS series of Mr. Rogers' Neighbourhood after more than 33 years.

Coombs' wife Marlene was killed in a traffic accident in Toronto in 1992. He has three children - Christopher, Kenneth and Catherine Minott - and several grandchildren.

Diana Webley, another second-year Early Childhood Education student said, "Once I got involved with the song 'The More We Get Together' I was forever hooked to his show."

Mr. Dressup has left a mark on the hearts of all of those who grew up watching him on television.

"The memories that I have of Mr. Dressup will never fade away. Thanks for those years," said Webley, 20.

"He has left behind a legacy of imagination for all to remember," Wylie said.

Condolences and best wishes can be forwarded by mail to: Get Set For Life, c/o Canadian Broadcasting Corp., P.O. Box 500, Station A, Toronto, Ont., M5W 1E6, or by email at getsetforlife@cbc.ca.

Etobicoke crime worrying residents

By TAMI LEE
Et Cetera Staff

Lack of government funding, community involvement and social responsibility are causing ripple effects in the safety of Etobicoke's streets.

Etobicoke is home to not only one of the largest metro-subsidized housing communities, but also the Woodbine Racetrack and slots.

Metro police said they need 25 extra officers at 23 Division, located near Kipling and Rexdale, to deal with the repercussions of slot machines at the Racetrack.

"Woodbine Racetrack has had an effect on our manpower," said Sgt. Larry Dee of 23 Division. "Auto thefts are up, and frauds are up because people are addicted. They gotta have money."

Mary Rennie, who works near 23 Division, said people are at risk. "They need to hire more officers, but there is probably a lack of government funding," she said.

Suzan Hall, Toronto city councillor

for Ward 1 North Etobicoke, is urgently fighting for more officers.

"Prior to this summer, near early June, we had our full component of officers in 23 Division," she said. "But we do want more and need more especially with Woodbine [Racetrack/slots] now in the Ward."

Next year, Hall plans to use part of the profits from Woodbine slot machines to help fund the need for officers.

According to Dee, there have been several unsolved murders so far this year, all involving firearms and all gang related. Last year, the numbers were similar, but Dee and Hall want to change that pattern.

Youth Gang Work Group (YGWG) will be added to the list of community programs and committees being introduced by the Task Force for Community Safety.

"It involves both city officials and youth from all over Toronto who come up with recommendations on how to improve the situations in their communities," said Hall, Chair of YGWG.

Two weeks ago there was a drive-



Tami Lee

Mirando Mongoroo is concerned for her children's future in Etobicoke

by shooting in Jamestown, and just two weeks before that, a pharmacist was accidentally killed in a shooting on Mount Olive Drive nearby.

"He just happened to be sitting having a beer with his friends when it happened," said Dee, who runs a community response unit that talks to kids on a regular basis hoping to prevent future violence.

Dee and other colleagues are also initiating a crime management team to inform secondary school principals on how to detect certain illegal drugs, assaults, and other acts in the criminal code.

"We're trying to get out to the kids at the smaller grades that it's not cool to be part of a gang," Dee said.

"All we can do is hope over time [new programs] will correct and con-

trol the problems. But it doesn't just have to do with the police, it's the city in itself and its communities that need to get involved," said a frustrated Hall.

Miranda Mongaroo, a part-time Business Management student, and mother of two-year-old twins, said she would like to see a neighbourhood watch program in her Albion and Kipling area complex.

"I don't let it bother me," she said. "But I want to keep my children away from that as they get older."

Gary Jaynes, director of public safety at Humber College, assures that considering Humber's geographical location, there has been no impact on the campus.

"But that doesn't mean we don't need to be vigilant," he said.

Communities rally for end to Toronto violence

By JAMES TONE
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A series of community meetings has revealed that there are no easy solutions for the youth violence that plagues Toronto communities.

A meeting last Wednesday at the Elmbank Community Centre was organized by the Black Action Defense Committee in response to shootings this year and last year in Northern Etobicoke.

The goal of the meeting was for the public to share experience of how violence has affected them, and what they think could be done to overcome it.

Lola Davis, whose son Kevin Davis was murdered in 1999, pleaded for witnesses of violence to come forward and help bring those responsible to justice.

"If you see the evil, speak it," Davis implored. "If you hear the evil, tell it."

The community forum drew 60 members of the public and followed meetings in Malvern, Lawrence Heights and Regent Park.

The meeting was often sidetracked by those who wanted to place blame instead of offer solutions.

"The crimes are self-hatred killings," said Lennox Farrell of the Building Hope Coalition.

Farrell said that black youth fall

into a violent lifestyle because of a lack of jobs. This contributes to lost self-respect and the inability for youth to fulfill societal ideals.

The meetings are expected to lead to a strategic action plan, which will detail the community's needs from all three levels of government.

Voting for candidates who represent the needs of the black community would improve the situation, said Valerie Steele, president of the Jamaican Canadian Association.

"If we vote, we won't have to beg for morsels, we'll have a full course meal," Steele said.

Steele's comment drew applause from Ward 9 Councillor Maria Augimeri of York Centre. Augimeri has lobbied on City Council for increased funding for youth programs. She said the city has difficulties finding money to fund community initiatives.

"The city can't sustain its programs through property tax," Augimeri said, referring to provincial legislation that has downloaded services onto the city.

Despite the difficulties in funding community projects, Augimeri said attendance at community meetings continues to grow.

"Community involvement has increased," Augimeri said, offering evidence that the community is rallying behind the issue.

TTC in need of funding

By PAUL CARLUCCI
Et Cetera Staff

Toronto residents may be facing reduced transportation services next year, as the TTC struggles to compensate for a \$1.6 billion shortage.

The TTC, which says it needs a total of \$3.8 billion over the next ten years to maintain its current level of service, may cut back operations if the federal and provincial governments don't contribute any money.

"We can't spend money we don't have," said Marilyn Bolton, spokesperson for the TTC. "If you don't have a bus to take out on a route, then you can't take that bus out."

Bolton said the city has earmarked \$2.2 billion for the 80-year-old transit system, but there is still a significant funding shortage. Necessary repairs include the replacement of 1,180 buses, 212 subway cars and 196 streetcars.

"What we need now is new buses, new streetcars, and new subway cars," Bolton said. "If we don't get money now, service will get worse and worse, and if we don't get money later on, service will get worse and worse."

"[Provincial transportation] Minister [Brad] Clark said he was committed to working with the city and the federal government," said Bob Nickels, spokesperson for the provincial Ministry of Transportation. "We're keenly interested in what's going on with the TTC. We need a balanced transportation network, and Clark is committed to doing this."

However, Bolton said that financial help from Ontario's Progressive Conservatives seems like a fading hope.

"We're still talking," Bolton said. "That's better than not talking."

TTC and provincial ministry officials said if the province doesn't come through with desperately needed financial aid, the door will be left gaping for private firms interested in development.

"This ministry would be interested in seeing public and private sector partnerships," Nickels said. "I think the government would be supportive of companies coming forward with new ideas."

Bolton criticized the idea of private funding.

"I don't know," she said. "Back in 1921, they felt the need for a public body to administer public transportation because the private transportation was doing a bad job. You won't have reliable stable, and inexpensive transportation."

The Globe and Mail recently published an article implying that the provincial Tories are withholding funding in order to set the stage for private investors, namely a firm called Borealis Funds Management.

Neither Bolton nor Nickels have heard of the outfit.

HSP students'
FEDERATION

**Humber Students' Federation
Announces
Annual General Meeting
of the members
For all Full-time students**

Held at North Campus Student Centre
Thursday October 18, 2001
11:30 a.m.

Free Pizza

For Everyone Who attends!

Agenda

- ◆ Approve New HSF Directors
- ◆ Approve Financial Statements
- ◆ Approve Amendments to the Constitution

If you are a full-time student, you are a member of the Humber Students' Federation.

All members are entitled to vote at this meeting.

Please bring your student card.

Aunt missing in New York attack

By ANA KOVIC
Et Cetera Staff

Most Humber students will never forget the brutal attacks they witnessed on their TV screens last Tuesday. They'll also never forget the sorrow and grief they felt for the victims.

But for Mario Balzan, a Civil Engineering student, someone very close to him was in one of those buildings: his aunt.

Tuesday wasn't a typical morning for Balzan.

He didn't have class until the afternoon, but he awoke unusually early.

Just before 10 a.m., the phone rang. It was his wife urging him to turn on the television.

"My wife said, 'the World Trade Center is on fire,'" he said.

To his horror, live images of the

World Trade Center burning and then collapsing were playing out before his eyes.

Immediately he thought of his aunt, Mary Stanley, who worked in the World Trade Center.

"I couldn't believe it! I couldn't believe it! Jesus!" he said, as tears filled his tired eyes.

His aunt worked for Marsh & McLennan in the north tower on the 97th floor. It was the first tower struck by an airliner.

Stanley's husband, Paul, was the last person to talk to her before she left for work. No one has seen her since.

"I spoke with her a couple of weeks ago," Balzan said. "They were planning on coming back up here in the near future."

Balzan called his mother in Halifax for comfort. His other relatives live in Rockford, Illinois, near

Chicago.

Nobody has heard any news.

"Maybe she was [outside] having a smoke," he said as he inhaled a deep breath of his cigarette.

Balzan and his wife, Lynn, distributed a picture of his aunt to the appropriate places including the authorities and on the Internet.

Meanwhile, in New York, Paul Stanley brought a hairbrush and toothbrush to a Ground Zero base because authorities had asked for DNA samples for identification.

Mary Stanley, 53, worked at the World Trade Center for 20 years.

She is assistant vice-president of technical support for Marsh & McLennan.

The Stanleys live in Queens, a New York City borough.

This week Balzan will show his support by donating blood.

He also plans to visit his local fire-

fighters since they've returned from New York City.

Five firefighters from Balzan's hometown, Brampton, went to lower Manhattan to help in rescue efforts.

Balzan plans to thank them for their bravery and heroic efforts.

Balzan's family has no plans yet to head to New York. He mentioned that when he does go to New York City he will not fly.

Balzan is in sync with many Americans, in saying that if Osama bin Laden is shown to be involved then it's necessary "to get rid of those guys."

"My aunt is the type of person that wouldn't want innocent people killed over this," he said.

Balzan played with a red, white and blue ribbon while he struggled to sum up his thoughts about his aunt.

"She never hurt anybody."



Courtesy of Mario Balzan

Mary Stanley, an aunt of Humber student Mario Balzan, went missing in the U.S. terrorist attack

Students react to potential for war

Do you believe Canadians should be prepared to surrender certain "rights" in the name of carrying out the war on international terrorism?

Yes 44%

No 49%

Don't know 7%

Comments:

"Everybody has to sacrifice in a time of war. The same freedom does not exist in a time of war as it does in a time of peace," Sandra Bylsma, 1st year Paramedics.

Would you be prepared to accept "ethnic profiling" as a necessary evil in the fight to ensure the security of the population at large?

Yes 28%

No 69%

Don't know 3%

Comments:

"No. There are crazy people everywhere. Crazy Whites, crazy Blacks, crazy Muslims, crazy Chinese," Kim Vallieres, 2nd year Recreation and Leisure.

Do you believe Canadians should be prepared to accept an erosion of access of information laws, in the prosecution of conflict?

Yes 41%

No 53%

Don't know 6%

Comments:

"No, I think that I should be allowed to access all the information that I want," Raymond Rahaman, 1st year Computer Programming.

If it came to it, would you support conscription?

Yes 31%

No 62%

Don't know 7%

Comments:

"I feel as a Canadian everyone should stand behind their country, that is why we live here. If we are called to war, we should step forward," Sabrina Mahilal, 1st year Business Administration.

"If we're fighting for freedom, we should be free to decide," Vanessa Tilly, 1st year Film and Television Production.

Would you be prepared to see immigration slowed, with more stringent requirements placed upon potential newcomers to prove that they have no connections with terrorist groups?

Yes 73%

No 22%

Don't know 5%

Comments:

"They should have kept it the way it was in the '50s, if you didn't have sponsorship you don't get in," Daniel Torti, 3rd year Architectural Technology.

"Toronto is built on immigrants in the first place. It wouldn't improve anything. You can see how a [person] looks but not what a person is inside. I think it's already strict," Terence Singh, 2nd year Business Marketing.

Compiled by 1st year Journalism classes

Retaliation late

Bush vows warfare, Chrétien supports

By MELISSA HARLOS
Et Cetera Staff

The United States government has been threatening war since last Tuesday's attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

To date, they have no definite target on which to focus military forces, but the prime suspect is Osama bin Laden.

Dr. Beth A. Fischer, a political analyst at the University of Toronto who focuses on U.S. foreign policy, said the longer the U.S. goes without military retaliation, the less of a supportive response they'll have from around the world.

On the other hand, she indicated that because the U.S. is focusing on terrorism in general and not just on individuals, this new war could take

longer.

"Osama doesn't control the whole network behind the attacks, even if Osama bin Laden was brought to justice, the [terrorist] networks are still going to regulate what happens next," Fischer said.

"Those who make war on the United States have chosen their own destruction," President George Bush said during a radio address on Sept. 15. He also said the U.S.'s response to the terrorist attacks will "be sweeping, sustained and effective."

Bush acknowledged the search for the guilty will require patience.

"The conflict will not be short. You will be asked for resolve; for the conflict will not be easy," he said. "You will be asked for your strength, because the course to victory may be long."

Fischer said that Bush's goal to eradicate terrorism on a global scale is virtually unattainable.

She also said that Bush's government is just "setting himself up for failure."

The United States' government is not facing this battle alone, they have enlisted the help of NATO, of which Canada is a member.

Nineteen countries are currently

members of NATO and many of them have already agreed to back the United States in the event of a war.

"Canada is part of NATO, if NATO responds, Canada responds," Fischer said. She also indicated if the U.S. calls, our military help may be needed.

When Prime Minister Jean Chrétien addressed Canada on the National Day of Mourning, Friday, he said the United States need not despair.

"You are not alone. We are with you. The whole world is with you," he said.

The two countries have friendship that has no limit, Chrétien said.

The close friendship is both the concern and pride of many Canadians.

Elaine Jelbert, a first-year Film and Television student at Humber College agreed that Canada should help the U.S., but doesn't want to receive any backlash from friendship with the United States.

"I think they should find those involved, so more innocent people don't end up suffering, but I am still scared to one point," Jelbert said, "I don't want whoever did this taking things out on Canada."

Forces ready to attack

United States Defense Department numbers

Army - number of people forward stationed 110,000

Air Force service men and women on active duty 500,000

Fighter Planes F-15's 2,500

Navy active duty 375,618

Overall Defense Department Reserves 1,300,000

Navy Officers 54,177

Navy enlisted 317,000

Navy aircraft 4,108

Navy Ships 317

compiled by Melissa Harlos

Correction

Any implication in last week's page five article, Muslim students condemn barbaric attack on States, that the students Kabir Martinez and Carlos Saade were Muslim was not intended. The Et Cetera regrets the error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

Editorialsetc.

HSF worth \$1 million? No.

It's time to scrap the Humber Students' Federation. At least as it exists in its present form.

Frankly, Humber's apathetic student population couldn't give a damn about participating in the dismal little democracy known as HSF.

Some democracy, we might add. If anything, this week's non-election bi-elections have proven the student population's almost complete lack of interest in student government.

There were no elections because there weren't enough students vying for 18 empty HSF Board of Director seats. Only 11 students opted to make the governing leap, and they were all acclaimed.

Sorry, students. Even if you didn't like those who were acclaimed, you didn't have the opportunity to vote yea or nay.

HSF's struggle to recruit bright young minds is nothing new; year after year, this newspaper runs stories about additional bi-elections being held to fill vacant seats left over from previous elections. Low percentage voter turnout, typically in the single digit category, has been another Achilles heel for our student government.

HSF shouldn't take the blame for student apathy towards student government, though. In a futile attempt to reach the Humber masses, the federation advertises regularly via school media. Various events, like free concerts, barbecues, and other events are a vain attempt to raise the HSF profile. Hell, HSF even offers free food for those students willing to attend their Board of Director meetings. The federation has done all it can.

But still it fails.

Perhaps it's because Humber is a commuter school, where students come to learn, and nothing else. They spend a few hours at Humber, then it's back to Markham, Oakville, or Scarborough. Sticking around for a barbecue is the last thing many of these students have in mind.

Remember, the federation operates on a budget of \$1.1 million a year, amassed by the \$90 fee paid by each student per year. This is no mere pittance.

It's time we take a second look at student government. It's time we cut some of the fat.

There's no need for 18 directors on the board. For each meeting, each director receives a \$25 honorarium, plus food. HSF President John Pulla pulls in \$27,000 a year.

Cuts could begin with directors, most of whom weren't even elected. They could be eliminated altogether. Trim the executive, and keep the full-time staffers.

Work would still be accomplished, while saving a little extra cash along the way.

Valuable HSF programs, like its prescription drug plan, and its funding of the North campus' health centre, should remain in place. No doubt, these services could exist without a bloated board of directors.

This newspaper has no qualms about democracy. Rather, it's important that Humber's student population exercise its collective civil mind.

With a smaller student government, and thus a simpler, easily understandable government apparatus, students may get a better grasp of the federation's functions.

If nothing else, it would save students a few pennies.

Big Brother on campus

There are those who don't care to share the exchange of a kiss, or a trip over untied shoelaces with a stranger behind a camera.

While it is unfortunate that one thing has to be sacrificed for another, Humber College is not the first school to sacrifice privacy in the name of safety.

Some students and faculty find the 12 new outdoor surveillance cameras to be a 24-hour unwelcome intrusion on their campus.

If it wasn't already enough to be ogled in their elevators, parking garages, convenience stores and laundromats, some find it offensive and unnecessary to be babysat by yet another set of strategically-placed high-powered lenses.

They find it unnerving that their every sneeze or adjustment of underwear might be captured for an audience. They argue for a simple right to privacy.

It is unfortunate then that a simple right cannot be honoured because our campus is not a special or different place.

There is no way to keep the crime that invades other parts of this city from spilling into our campus, and there are only so many ways to offer comfort to the community of staff and students who want to be able to call Humber a safe place.

It is sad that we must play the suspect under the lens so often in our everyday lives, but this is the price paid for that extra feeling of safety in a world - as last week's events in the U.S. made painfully clear - that is not always a safe place to live.

While the world recovers from last week's loss, it can be expected that privacy will continue to suffer for the sake of safety. Perhaps it's time to get used to it.



Saying goodbye to a Canadian icon

Canadians lost a grandfather this week. Ernie Coombs, better known as Mr. Dressup, died at 73. A man who raised us with songs, crafts and good old fashion entertainment.

Last spring, I had the opportunity to meet Coombs at York University. Tickle Trunk at his side, he spoke to nearly 300 people, telling stories of a career that spanned more than 30 years and 4000 episodes.

Retired by that time, he even joked about the fact that he no longer had to save toilet paper and Kleenex - two of the staple supplies he used in making crafts on the show.

Remember it? Casey sang but his

lips never moved. Nary a bark from Finnegan, but his mouth was always in motion.

In this era of Pokemon and Power Rangers, there is something to be said for the type of programming Mr. Dressup represents. Shows like his tap into the family in a way the newest Fox Network cartoon never will.

Before personally greeting each and every member of his audience that night, Coombs said, "I tend to look for the positive things in people. I think if you do that, it helps you get through life."

-by Brad Horn

Life in the glass house

The attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon have taught us a tough lesson in appreciating how lucky we have been to live without a real fear of terrorism. It only took a matter of minutes on a warm September day for our whole way of thinking to be significantly altered.

For months, many of us religiously watched as 12 contestants battled it out on Survivor for a \$1 million award. It is sickening to think that this was our gauge of survival skills, as hundreds in Manhattan vigorously search amidst the rubble, ignoring their exhaustion in the hopes of finding a real survivor.

While our attention was turned to the sordid details of Bill Clinton's extramarital affairs, several men had already undertaken flight lessons to carry out a mission they were willing to die for.

As a result of the events of Sept. 11, life's petty annoyances - telemarketers interrupting at dinner, being cut off by speedy drivers - have now become irrelevant.

Thousands of people in New York set out last Tuesday morning, going about their daily routines. None of them knew they would spend the last hours of their lives doing mundane things like getting their morning coffee, checking email and chatting about guests on Larry King the night before.

Those of us who lived to see the ugly cruelty of the attacks on the World Trade Center now wait in a climate of uncertainty, not really sure

what to expect next.

Armed soldiers in foreign airports, once an unlikely image here at home, are now a reality in North America.

Security checks that were once deemed an excessive nuisance aren't comforting enough these days.

Riding on the subway prompts one to think about whether this could be an adequate terrorist target for someone trying to send North Americans a message.

Planes flying overhead - once a trigger for daydreams of exotic vacations - now bring vivid images of the attacks flooding back to our minds.

The largest unprotected border in the world, once a luxury both Canadians and Americans took for granted, may never be as unprotected as it once was.

Far off nations that most of us never even knew existed are suddenly not only existent but also have the potential to destroy our entire way of life.

Our idealistic glass house of invincibility has been shattered into a million pieces and there is no immediate solution to rebuild it.

The perfectly timed terrorist acts designed specifically for us to watch how easily our security could be torn down have accomplished exactly what their perpetrators set out to do. We are no longer secure in what we think and do - we are now fearful of the future and everything that comes along with it.

-by Caroline Grech

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That old man in the tweed jacket was a terrorist



Desmond Devoy

The face of terror, for me, was an old Irish man in a tweed jacket.

For safety's sake, I shall call him Eamon. It was perhaps telling that I met him at an Irish wake.

This past summer, I worked as an editorial intern at *The Clare Champion*, in the west of Ireland. Wild and rural, County Clare is arguably one of the most beautiful parts of Ireland. It is also home to some fervent Irish nationalists. After an IRA bomb killed 28 people in Omagh, Northern Ireland in August 1998, many of those associated with the act of terror fled to Spanish Point in Clare to hold a high-level meeting.

We had just come back to Ennis, from the burial of "Golfer" a much-loved character at the paper. Many of the *Champion* staff were propping up the bar at the Poet's Corner at the Old Ground Hotel. I was listening to an older fella wax nostalgic about his old friend when an "ol' fella" came up to us to offer his condolences. His white hair slicked back, his face red and weathered, he seemed like your typical, wizened old man. A face with character, you'd call it.

We talked about "Golfer" and what a great man he was in the Ennis community. Everyone seemed to know and love him, and how great he was at a party. Eamon too was full of stories and jokes about "Golfer," and reminded me of my grandfather.

Then, as Eamon got up to leave, he said something that exposed his true

colours.

"Go and kill some British for me," he whispered into my ear, before joining his colleagues at the other end of the room. I honestly thought he was joking.

Then came the story, as a *Champion* staffer moved in to tell me the myth behind the man.

In the early 1970s, Eamon was an old IRA man on board a boat in the Irish Sea heading for Rosslare Harbour, a major shipping port in County Wexford. The boat was loaded with guns that were to be used on the streets of Belfast and to resupply IRA terrorists throughout the country. Thankfully, the boat was caught before it had a chance to get to shore and Eamon was arrested.

After his trial, the judge at the Special Criminal Court in Dublin, which prosecutes terrorists, asked Eamon if he had anything to say for himself before he passed sentence.

"Yes, your honour," said the old man sarcastically. "I'd just like to say that you've certainly earned your 30 pieces of silver today."

"Go and kill some British for me," he whispered into my ear, before joining his colleagues at the other end of the room. I honestly thought he was joking.

I'm ashamed to admit this now, after the events of Sept. 11, but at the time I was a little thrilled to have met a real IRA rebel. It seemed dark and mysterious and a little bit adventurous to have met a man who must have lived a cloak-and-dagger existence. It would make for an amusing little anecdote to tell the folks back home. Now I know better.

Terrorism is not sexy or valiant or cool. It is wrong and repugnant, and I have seen the end result of terror. I have seen it in the eyes of my best friend, herself an American, watching as her country literally went into a

dark, hellish spiral of death. I have seen it in the eyes of my family and friends, who know that the world will never be as safe for them as it once was.

When I told family and friends in Ireland that I had met an old IRA man, no one seemed surprised. Although the county was not rife with terrorists — Clare is far removed from "the troubles" in the North — there was no shortage of IRA people, past and present. Terrorist tendencies could well be quietly lurking in any man, young or old, sitting beside me in any bar in Ireland. For a country that has had a problem with terrorists for most of the past 100 years and longer, this was not too surprising. But I never thought it would happen in North America.

Now I'm not so sure. I find myself wondering if the guy sitting next to me on the bus is carrying a gun in that bag. That guy at Bramalea City Centre asking which bus to take to the CN Tower, was he just some weirdo, or was he going to blow it up? I can't stop thinking about it. The terrorism that is all too real and present in other countries, like Ireland, has finally come home.

This is the week we all had to grow up. This is the week we in North America have had to confront the fact that we are really part of a bigger world.

We can no longer say that events happening millions of miles away are none of our concern.

The hardest lesson for me in all of this is that terrorism is not necessarily found in the face of some wide-eyed zealot with a beard, a sweaty brow and an ill-fitting business suit, nervously clutching his carry-on luggage. He can look like the ol' fella quietly sipping his Guinness, watching the football match down at his local pub.

For me, that face is even more scary, because it looks so normal.

Everybody in lather



Lauren Ferranti

Swiftly on the heels come I, after last week's global tragedy...to change the subject.

What else can we really say that hasn't been said? What more can we contribute to the long list of theories, vows and condemnations? I am talked out. And if I think too much about what this world is coming to, I will cry.

Sigh.

So. Have you had your orgasm today?

I said I was changing the subject, and I meant it.

Long, drawn-out sigh...I've had mine, I will proudly admit. I just feel sorry for all those frigid lasses out there who have not.

I've seen that damned *Herbal Essences* commercial so much now that I've begun to pick it apart, delving into it for some deeper meaning.

You know the one — fake office set, trying-to-be-sexy, over-dubbed voices. "You mean you haven't had one?" Experienced redhead asks incredulously of her mousy brunette co-worker. Then, an obnoxious, so un-sex-like burst of moans and senseless exclamations, "Work it! Work it!" Mousy brunette bounces ungracefully about in her seat as a trio of muscled men massage her head into a lather. Thick, frothy white lather.

Please!

Does said shampoo company really dare to compare their "Organic Experience" with another, more earth-shattering experience? One that would involve the insertion of letters S and M, or anything else that would help? I would prefer the latter (not the

lather), thank you very much.

Apparently the group of women who haven't tried the shampoo are similar to the same sad lot who've been unable to experience the female orgasm. Is this what this lousy commercial means to tell us?

I can't help but think about that lame excuse for weaseling out of a date. "Sorry, I have to wash my hair." Where does this fit in exactly? Go on that damned date, I would offer!

Instead, a sad female subject hungrily scans magazine articles like "Make Yourself Scream" or "Coming Into Your Own" with a hawk's eye. In the very same issue, this depressed, repressed subject fills out *Cosmopolitan's* yearly Sex Survey, thereby thrusting herself into the desperate 33 per cent who've given up trying to pleasure the most important person in the world — herself.

I don't feel sorry for her. For any of you.

What in the world is wrong, you plaintive, uninteresting-section of our sex? Too hung up, over-exerting yourselves? Stop trying so hard. There's no magic formula, no ancient scroll that will teach you how to find your magical, joyous centre. It just happens.

I'll tell you when it won't happen: when you've got all the candles lit and the perfect music on, whining to your companion to go slower.

Look, I'm no sex expert, but I know orgasms, and I also know that there's plenty of orgasm to be had in this world.

So hop to it.

As for that commercial, it should be banned. Womens' "inability" shouldn't be exploited in such a sad way. We are not the pleasureless sex, so stop acting like it — you're giving the rest of us sexually-adjusted women a bad rap. Take the initiative, take what you've got coming to you.

The next time that commercial launches its metaphorical assault, turn off the television and turn yourself on.

Just to spite them.

Mr. Dressup and the end of childhood



Jillian Ness

Congratulations, your childhood is now officially over.

Over the past week, with the terrorist attacks on the States and talk of an impending war, I've been feeling more and more like an adult, but never so much as this morning when someone told me Ernie Coombs had died.

Better known as Mr. Dressup, the

host of the popular CBC kids show died at age 73 following complications from a stroke last Tuesday. Although it has been years since I hunkered down in front of the tube to watch him crack open the lid of the tickle trunk, when I was told about his death I found myself thinking "There goes the last of your childhood."

Now I know it sounds bizarre, but somewhere inside of me that chubby little five year old who went to see him at Massey Hall can't help but feel saddened at the loss. I can still remember sitting in my basement with my best friend Hana eating Zoodles and grilled cheese sandwiches, watching Mr. Dressup have a seemingly meaningful conversation with his puppets Casey and Finnegan.

To think of all the things that have changed since the days when we Humber Students used to watch that show. We've lived through the administrations of six prime ministers, witnessed the tumbling of the Berlin Wall, endured at least one referendum, heard a jury find O.J. Simpson not guilty, seen photographs of the surface of Mars, sat through 15 Pauly Shore movies (15 too many if you ask me), not to mention all the personal changes we've endured.

But through it all, there have been those things that we could tie back to the simpler days of our youth. We might not think about them all the time, but buried deep in the back of our minds, these pieces of our childhood linger. The relics of a time before the phrases "final deadline", "serious relationship" and "career path" were

a part of our vocabulary.

These memories are especially crucial now, when it is important to remember that there is still an element of wholesomeness at play in the universe. Over the past week, the nightmarish images and sombre talking heads featured on the news have forced us all to instantaneously grow up and become fully functioning adults, worrying about our safety, and the safety of those we love.

While this is something that is natural and to be expected over the course of our lives, it's sad that it has taken something this horrific to make me look back at my early years — when my innocence was still intact — with extra fondness.

Thanks for the memories Ernie. They'll no doubt be needed in the coming weeks.

Letters to the editor

Send a piece of your mind to humberetc@hotmail.com

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Dear Sir;

In response to Lauren Ferranti's guest editorial (Sept. 13) — "How do we find a solution to such horror? Where the **** was Jesus today?"

He was where he always was, and is. The footprints in the sand. The angry young man does not provide a solution.

Maybe Jesus, Allah, Buddha, Krishna and all the others were carrying millions of others to safety.

Respects,
Lawrence Andrade,
Rexdale

Humber bike trail a hidden paradise *In Brief*

By KARLI VEZINA
Et Cetera Staff

Imagine a path lined with tall, thriving trees, lush, unusual plants and stunning flowers to guide you.

It's a peaceful walk where no one will bother you, except for the odd owl, beaver, squirrel, or frog. Sound like paradise?

It's the Humber Arboretum, spawning a nature path which connects with the rest of West Humber Trail. Most students don't know this three-kilometre discovery trail is in their own backyard.

The trail, built in 1995, is part of the GTA bike route. It starts on Albion Road north of Elmhurst and follows the river up to Finch Avenue.

"It was built for recreational use and most definitely gets good, steady use by the locals," said Sid Baller, superintendent of the Arboretum. "There are roller-bladers, hikers, joggers, walkers, and skiers who all use the trail," she said.



Karli Vezina

Humber's tree lined bike path by the river is a peaceful place to exercise

Co-ordinator of the Nature Centre/Arboretum Christine Fraser said travellers should be careful because there are many bends in the trail.

Despite the occasional hidden bend or curve, those who use the path remain enthusiastic.

Senior Arboretum Technician, Heather Somers, recalled a 70-year-old woman who fell and cut her forehead while roller-blading on the path.

"She came by the shop to get bandaged, and just kept on going," Somers said.

Fraser works for the Arboretum

and suggests that everyone who uses the trail should do so with caution, and bikers should watch their speed.

"Someone could walk out of the bushes at any time," she said. "You can use your bike, but it's not just a bike trail, it is for multi-use. It's an area by the river that everyone can enjoy."

Entrance to the trail is always free. The grounds are never closed although there is a "dusk till dawn" policy where students are not to enter the grounds between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. for safety reasons.

Toronto Open Space and System Planner Alex Shevchuk confirmed, "there are plans to expand the trail underneath Hwy 27 into the Claireville Conservation area in the near future."

The Nature Centre, part of the Arboretum, will hold an open house and barbecue for students on Sunday Oct. 14. Staff will lead nature walks and inform visitors about Arboretum programs.

By CANDI JERONIMO
Et Cetera Staff

AMERICAN MEET AND GREET

Humber College's Tragic Event Support Network was on hand last Thursday during a meet and greet session with American students.

The meet and greet was set up by the international office to let the 12 American students who attend Humber get to know one another and to talk about the tragedy that happened in the U.S.

The Tragic Event team, headed by Vinnie Mitchell, had eight support counsellors available. Only four students came out to the meet and greet and spent just over an hour discussing their grief over the unprecedented events that took place in their country.

"It's affected almost everyone it seems in the world, and I couldn't even imagine how it affects U.S. citizens," said Mike Kopinak, manager of International Student Services at Humber and one of the organizers of the event.

Any student wishing to speak to a counsellor about recent events can do so at the North campus in room D128 (416-675-5090) or at the Lakeshore campus in room A120 (416-675-6622 ext. 3331).

THREE MINUTES OF SILENCE

Hundreds of students and faculty turned out for three minutes of silence in the North campus foyer at 12 noon on Friday. HSF President John Pulla expressed his condolences on behalf of the school.

"It was just nice to see that everyone was able to turn out and show a human side," Pulla said. "We do understand the tragedy that happened over there in the States. I believe we can do something to support them."

U.S. President George W. Bush declared Friday, Sept. 14 a national day of mourning. Most businesses and schools, as well as people watching the televised broadcast, participated in the moment of silence.

Friends help in a new country

New cultures a highlight for foreign students

By DALIA WRIGHT
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Buddy Program is the starting point on the road to new life experiences for international students.

Last year, Humber had 400 international students at the North and Lakeshore campuses, 50 of whom took part in the buddy program.

International student advisor, Dalcyce Newby, explained that the college began a peer-mentoring program six years ago to help international students with their academics.

The purpose of the program is to provide students with new experiences involving different lifestyles.

Later, the Humber Friends' group was established, which focused not only on academics, but also on enriching and broadening the lives of participants.

Although the program is aimed at helping students with their studies, it also helps them gain confidence and adapt to their new environment.

Now called the Humber Buddy Program, it remains focused on forming friendships and teaching students conversational skills, how to use transportation systems, how to open bank accounts and where to secure housing.

"The friendships that are built can last a long time, though you have to take the first step in creating them," Newby said. "You may be shot down the first time, but it is a good lesson in being receptive to people, even after you leave Humber College."

Newby said although many of the

international students are shy when they first come into the college, they are encouraged to be sociable and friendly and to participate in activities with their buddies.

She added that the type of people who are most successful in the program are those who have outgoing personalities.

When international students arrive at Humber, they attend a welcome reception. Before school starts, they generally take a tour of Toronto and become familiar with the bus and subway systems.

The Humber Buddy Program also has trips throughout the year. The first, on Sept. 16, was the fourth annual trip to Niagara Falls.

"Because it is a main attraction for Canadians and people all over the world, it has done well," Newby said.

The Humber Buddy Program is offered as a free service and has

become a part-time work placement for students who know about Canada and are willing to teach others.

Dewby said applicants answer questions on basic personal information and ask what activities they would like to do with their buddy.

When matching buddies, Newby said there are some restrictions.

Buddies cannot be of the same cultural background or be studying the same program.

Every year, the Humber Buddy Program requires new recruits interested in making new friends and having a good time.

For more information on the Humber Buddy Program, contact Dalcyce Newby in the International Student Service office (C115) at the North campus, or call 675-6622 ext. 4047.

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Kash, beer a welcome BBQ hit

By JULIE DeANGELIS
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Renditions of *Hava Nagilah* echoed through the Lakeshore campus as the George Kash trio entertained students at the Humber Student's Federation (HSF) barbecue Sept. 12.

The smell of hamburgers and hot-dogs wafted into classroom windows and lured faculty and students to the festivities.

Kash opened the event with his famous upsidedown toast, where he stands on his head and drinks a beer, a trademark he has developed from years of working as the "King of Oktoberfest" in Kitchener, Waterloo.

"We always have a good time when we come," said Leo Sullivan, Kash band member and sax player.

Vice President of Lakeshore campus Life, Raj Gogna, was one of the staff volunteers serving the free lunch and cheap beer.

"I made the barbecue free. I didn't

want to put any additional burden on the students. They are already paying over \$2,000 for their two semester fees. This is a great way for me to welcome the students," Gogna said.

Traditionally the barbecue is used as a tool to promote the upcoming German theme festival known as Oktoberfest.

"The barbecue is a way to get the kids out to the Oktoberfest celebration," Kash said. "We come in, I do my schtick and everyone has a good time."

The George Kash trio also performed at the North campus on Sept. 13, without the free barbecue. Gogna met with North campus HSF staff to help organize the second Kash band appearance.

According to Lakeshore campus HSF office manager Lance Loughheed, the turnout for the barbecue exceeded 300 people.

"We had close to 300 beef paddies and wieners," he said. "And they

were gone well before the band packed up."

Unlike the North campus, Lakeshore doesn't have a permanent pub. Loughheed said the most time-consuming part of the planning came when applying for a temporary liquor licence.

"It (the barbecue) was booked at end of June," he said. "Dates have to be submitted 60 days before the event so we applied for the licensing well in advance."

Loughheed expressed both relief and satisfaction after cleaning up.

"It's all done and cleaned up," he said. "And it turned out to be a pretty good day."

Tickets for the Oct. 10 Oktoberfest are on sale for \$5 per person without transportation, or \$16 per person including transportation at the North and Lakeshore campus HSF offices.

Busing to and from Oktoberfest is being provided for ticket holders at Humber.



Julie DeAngelis

Sax player Leo Sullivan wore lederhosen to his gig at HSF barbecue

Singlefoot flashes fancy footwork at Caps' first pub

Hundreds of students line up to get in

By SARAH HATTEN
Et Cetera Staff

First pub night at Caps is always huge, but this year if you weren't in line by 8:30 p.m. you most likely didn't get in.

Though the doors didn't open until 9 p.m., many students had already started lining up at 7:45 p.m.

"I knew it would be packed because Singlefoot from the Baby Blue Sound Crew was mc-ing," said Nicki LaCroix, a second-year Fashion Arts student, who got in line at about 8 p.m.

The line of 700 to 800 people outside of Caps stretched just beyond the games room at one point, according to Kenny Dimech, operations manager of Caps.

Dimech said the pub was filled to capacity by 10:15 p.m.

"We got there at 9:30 p.m. and the line was all the way to the games room, so we knew we wouldn't get in," said Krista Dvorak, a second-year Hotel and Resort Management student.

For those students who did get to the pub, Singlefoot and DJ Double S made the long wait worth-



Sarah Hatten

Singlefoot, grooving with crowd, called Caps number one party place

while. Singlefoot spent the night interacting with the crowd and giving away copies of the Baby Blue Sound Crew's latest album, *Private Party Collector's Edition Volume Two*.

"It was amazing," Singlefoot said after his performance. "People at Caps know how to party better than people anywhere else. Caps is my home front."

The Molson Canadian Extreme Team was also in attendance along with a stunt cyclist and two go-go dancers.

The Extreme Team has been touring college and university campuses promoting the Sept. 22 and 23 Toronto Snow Jam. Snow Jam is a concert that features extreme sports and a number of bands such as Sum 41 and Gob.

"The attendance at first pub goes up and down every year," said Dimech. "This was definitely an up year."

Caps has a pub night featuring a DJ every Thursday until Dec. 6 and in the new year starting Jan. 10.

Acclaimed

By JOEL HOIDAS
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Eleven students running for the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) Board of Directors were told at a candidates meeting on Monday that they were being immediately acclaimed to the board. Only one person per school had applied for the jobs.

HSF President John Pulla explained, "It's a combination of things. First, the tragedy in New York distracted a lot of people last week. And second, the awareness of our governing system. It was all of these little things combined. A lot of people were missing last week."

Of the 16 positions needed to be filled at the North campus and two at Lakeshore, seven positions remain unoccupied.

"We can't fill the remaining positions this year. The only positions that we would be able to fill would be if a director left the board," said Cindy Dragic, business manager of the HSF, quoting from the constitutional bylaws.

"Although some of the smaller schools (Corporate and Continuing Education and Comedy) do not have a director, they will still be represented by the HSF as a whole," said Dragic.

The HSF are students and full-time staff who offer such services as health and peer tutoring and who organize events around Humber such as CRASH Week.

Director of Applied Technology, Annabella Lopes, thinks the student body needs to be better informed about HSF and what it does for them.

"School spirit is low, but if we inform students about events, more

will participate," Lopes said.

"Students need to know they don't just have to come to class and go home. There are things to do here after class," Lopes added.

The new directors will join the rest of the HSF at Blue Mountain in Collingwood for a mandatory retreat on Oct. 13 and 14.

At the retreat, Lise Janssen, HSF leadership and programs co-ordinator, said the newly-acclaimed directors will be informed of their role in the HSF and taught how to work together in order to serve the students better.

First-year Radio Broadcast student and Director for the School of Media Studies, Lynsay Connell, said she wants to learn more about her new position in the HSF.

"I would like to be able to represent all of my peers. I want to be able to answer any of their questions and be a communicator between them and the school," Connell said.

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Disaffected heroes on display

The Japan Foundation shows off 20th century film posters

By APRIL LABINE
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Teen rebellion, blood, guns, love and mayhem; the *West Side Story* they are not.

Japanese gangster movies and their stylized posters have developed a cult following over the years.

Anyone with a passion for B-movie violence of the late 20th century missed one hell of a show.

The exhibit, at the Japan Foundation at 131 Bloor St. ran from Sept. 4 to 18.

The Japan Foundation's Toronto office opened in 1990 to "promote exchange between Japanese and North American culture," said Tani Miki, the program officer at the foundation.

The posters were arranged in sections, the first entitled the *Angry young man*. These featured the late actor/singer Yujiro Ishihara, a Japanese icon who, is still mourned and celebrated 15 years after his death.

Japan's Marlon Brando/Elvis Presley began playing romantic leads in films about morally challenged youth.

Eventually, Ishihara moved to the tough-guy role in violent *Death Wish* type films. After living a life of excess, Ishihara died of liver cancer at 52.

In 1991, the Ishihara Yujiro Memorial Museum was established in his hometown, Hokkaido, Japan, where his work is constantly on display.

The posters were sharp black and white photographs placed over serene, pastel backgrounds.

"They were not meant to look so realistic," Miki explained.

The exhibit entitled *Yakuza*, featured actor and 1960's idol, Ken Takakura and director, Kinji Fukusaku. *Yakuza* is a term used for Japanese gangsters. Loosely translated, it means, misfits.

"Many (of the movies) were about gang wars," Miki said. "Or conflicts within gangs."

Kinji Fukusaku is a renowned *Yakuza* film director in Japan. His most recent endeavour, *Battle Royal 2000*, is about a fascist teacher who takes his class through a government-sponsored survival-of-the-fittest experiment on a deserted island.

Fukusaku, who has been making gangster films for almost 40 years, used his medium to reflect Japanese society. This was especially true of those films made during the post Second World War era.

The last of the posters were of a more artistic nature. They were from independent films that went to the Toronto International Film Festival.

The next exhibit featuring graphic designer Kenya Hara will run from Oct 11 to Dec 8.



GEMINI poster courtesy of the Japan Foundation



Sandy Garcia

Krystal seen here taking a breather before hitting the stage

Breaking out that Krystal

Another star in the sky is born as the pop universe gets a little bit more crowded

By SANDY GARCIA & KELLY MACHADO
Et Cetera Staff

Move over Britney Spears, Krystal the 'super girl' is well on her way to becoming the world's newest pop sensation.

Since the tender age of two, Krystal from Anderson, Indiana, knew that music would be her destiny.

"I've been singing since I was only 18 months old, travelling the world with my parents who are also musicians, and playing piano since I was three," Krystal said.

This church choirgirl has a love for playing the piano, drums, guitar, bass guitar, organ and flute.

"I also play the tambourine, no, I'm just kidding. But I play anything I can get my hands on."

Her musical inspirations include Madonna, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Beethoven, Prince as well as her parents.

"Prince is my ultimate hero because he is so fearless and has a lot of heart."

Krystal got her big break almost four years ago when Jonathan "Mooky" Marrant President of Y.E.S! Entertainment Services and close friend of the Backstreet Boys became her manager.

Shortly after this, it was time to sign a deal with a record label. It was then that Marrant called Backstreet Boy Kevin Richardson and asked him to listen to some of Krystal's material. According to Krystal, Richardson was so impressed with her voice that he said, ok wait a minute, like there's got to be something wrong. Right? It can't be this perfect. He asked her to join their *Black and Blue* world tour and she became the first artist on their label.

According to Krystal, who has been touring with the band since January, it's been a dream working with the boys and getting to know them.

"When I first started touring with them I was like wow! I often like to take a step back and say, man this is such a blessing," she said.

"Yeah the guys are very much like my family they're like my brothers. Kevin especially, he is my big brother."

Although music is, and will remain her first love, Krystal would also like to pursue acting.

"I'm actually up for a few movies, and I'll also have a role in the upcoming season of *Touched By An Angel*," she said.

Krystal wants to let her new-found fan-base know that despite the cut-throat nature of the music industry in this day and age, her music is still about the fans and a musical career can still be ultimately rewarding.

"My love for music was definitely in me since the day I was born, it was God who gave me this gift so I could share it with people," said Krystal. "It doesn't matter what you have to do always share what you have, share your gift with everyone, don't give up and don't be afraid."

A sobering Backstreet review

By SANDY GARCIA
Et Cetera Staff

A.J. McLean, back from his stint in rehab, took centre stage with his fellow Backstreet Boys at the Air Canada Centre Friday.

Only a handful of Toronto's thousands of boy-band devotees showed up for the performance, but the teenage girls who did were noticeably very excited to be there.

Megan Arruda, a Grade 12 student at St. Joseph's Catholic high school, said her "\$106 ticket was well worth it" to see the boys perform live.

"I had an excellent time at the show. It was great to see A.J. back on stage singing and dancing," Arruda said.

"It was fantastic, they should have taken off more clothes though, and added a few more pelvic thrusts in their dance number," she added with a giggle.

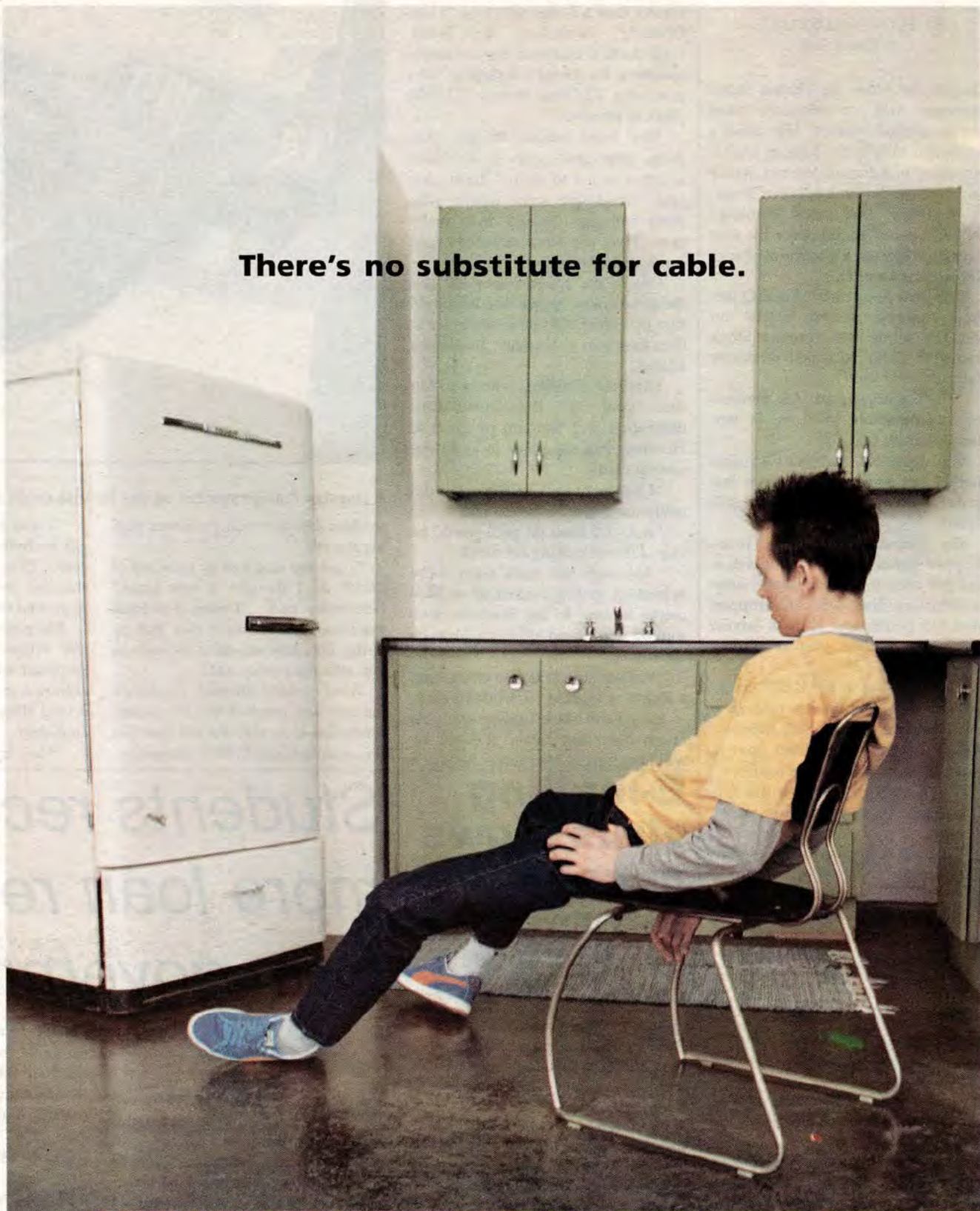
After postponing most of their summer shows until the end of August and September, so McLean could take the time to get treatment for his alleged alcoholism, the group was back with a vengeance.

A short memorial was conducted for crew member, Daniel Lee, who was killed

while aboard one of the four hijacked planes that hit New York's World Trade Center.

They also asked the crowd to join in a moment of silence for the thousands of others lost in the tragedy. One U.S. dollar from every ticket sold was donated to the American Red Cross' U.S.A. Appeal Relief Fund.

The boys threw themselves into their extravagant stage show with funky dance routines, catchy ballads, comedy interludes, and first-time live performance of their new hit single *Drowning*. It was a great finale to the *Black and Blue* world tour.



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Stocks to bounce back after terrorist attacks

By HANS NIEDERMAIR
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Despite the blow the United States economy took on Monday, most stocks should endure last week's shock and rally in the coming weeks, according to Adrienne Warren, senior economist at the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) opened Monday for the first time since last week's terrorist attacks throughout America.

The Dow Jones and NASDAQ listings suffered record losses on Monday while the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSE) remained relatively flat.

"The Canadian and U.S. markets are usually likely to move in tandem," Warren said.

She explained that the Canadian market felt much of its losses last week, while the NYSE was still closed.

On Monday the Dow Jones dropped almost 700 points, which is 7.13 per cent. It was the largest drop in its history. The NASDAQ dropped over 115 points and had its largest percentage decline ever of almost seven per cent.

Central banks in the U.S., Canada and Europe all cut interest rates by a half a percentage point on Monday. Warren felt the cuts didn't have a direct impact on Monday's results.

"We're hoping we'll see the further reductions in the interest rates," she said.

"The markets were widely expected to decline. The cuts were meant to be confidence boosters."

Warren added that the market also took other measures to bolster itself by allowing companies to purchase their own stocks at the open and close.

The companies hit worst by last week's disaster were those in the airline and insurance industries, according to Warren.

"Reduced business travel as well as increased costs have hurt airline companies."

However, other industries, such as those in the security and telecom markets have experienced an upswing, Warren said.

"With reduced business travel, telecom companies are experiencing an increasing demand in their teleconferencing technology," she said.

Following Monday's nosedive, the North American stock market seemed to regain some of its old form on Tuesday.

However, they dropped again slightly at the time of closing on Wednesday.

CRASH Week credit card faux pas

By MELANIE THOMPSON
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Humber College students are faced with an annual barrage of credit card applications.

Many fail to see past the free gifts.

Almost half of the students who signed up for a card did it to get a free Frosh CD or a T-shirt that said, "I Got Carded," according to Frank Tourloukis, a customer service representative for Event Marketing who promoted TD Visa during CRASH Week at Humber.

"For some people, the gift puts them over the edge of deciding whether or not to apply," Tourloukis said. "There are some people who come and sign up and don't really care. They just want as many credit cards as they can get."

Out of the approximate 400 students he talked to per day, 80 would sign up. Most of these students are in their first year at Humber, Tourloukis added.

Elizabeth Carreiro, who is in her first year of the Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism program at Humber, said she plans to apply for several cards.

"I just want to have them, but not really use them," Carreiro said.

"A \$1,000 limit on each would be fine. I'm not looking for much."

Although the cards seem to be appealing, getting backed up on payments is easy to do. Students who sign up don't need to have a job to be approved.

"A student loan is also considered a source of income," Tourloukis said.

Sault Saint Marie College graduate Hugh Hennessey never thought he would receive a Visa while he was a



Melanie Thompson

A Humber College student swipes his Visa credit card instead of paying cash for purchases made on campus

student. He later had problems paying the bill.

"I got the card just as I ran out of OSAP, so I thought it was great," Hennessey said. "I used it at bank machines, but I wasn't told that by doing this, interest starts as soon as you take the money out."

After several missed payments, the card was revoked, but Hennessey continued to receive the bill that had accumulated over \$150 of interest.

"I was afraid that I would never get a credit card again," Hennessey said. "I've applied constantly over the last five years and I only got approved this month."

Margaret Antonides, manager of the Financial Aid Office of the Registrar at Humber said that it is common for students to come to school already carrying a large credit card debt.

"They try to pay it off with their

student loan and then they can't use the loan for the reason it was given to them, which is their educational costs," Antonides said.

"If they are in debt when they come here, we almost discourage them from starting."

Antonides advised that students who find themselves in financial trouble should use the budget calculator provided on the Humber College Web site and get a part-time job.

E-mailing virus slows access to Internet

By KAREN THADANI
Et Cetera Staff

Computer users get your anti-virus software out because a new bug, W32-NIMDA, (admin spelled backwards), is slowing down Internet traffic.

"I thought I heard somebody say something about the virus," explained Scott Graham who works at the Help Desk. "I don't think it is affecting the school."

The worm started last Tuesday. It's triggered by opening *readme*, *.wave*, *.exe*, *.eml* and *.com* files, according to a warning issued by Humber College's administration.

"This virus is cause for caution, not frantic," said Valerie Sprenger, manager of information technology services.

She added that the message also explained what to watch for and how to handle the virus.

Students receive more loan relief from government

By KAREN THADANI
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The provincial government delivered good news last month for graduates with student loans.

The province announced that as part of a loan agreement, students would be given an additional 24 months of interest relief if needed.

"This past year, all OSAP loans were integrated," said Dave Ross of the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

"[This] means that the federal and provincial government portion is combined," he explained.

Interest relief, which is a government-sponsored program, is granted to graduates who have no or low monthly incomes.

The government also agreed to

pay for the interest portion of the loan up to 54 months for graduates that qualified for the program.

"That number is up from the 30 months that was originally offered," Ross said. "This will really help out students who are repaying their student loan."

The provincial government introduced the harmonizing of loans, in conjunction with the increase in the months needed to pay them off.

The harmonization means that a single payment on a loan would be needed.

For students who use up all 54 months of interest relief and still can't afford to make payments, there is still help.

They can apply for a one-time reduction on the principle of their loan of up to \$10,000.

Important things to remember as a credit card holder

- Only have one credit card
- Pay at least the minimum balance owing or more each month
- Pay the amount you plan to pay by the due date on your statement
- Avoid cash advances at bank machines
- Always use cash or debit before charging to your credit card
- Only use your credit card if you know you have the money to pay it back

Travel insurance an uncertainty for victims of terrorist attacks

By ROSALIND HORNE
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Last week's events have greatly affected every facet of society, including the insurance industry.

For those who lost loved ones, emotional burdens may not be all they must carry. Along with having to cope with death, they're facing financial responsibilities associated with burying their friends and family members.

"Individual life insurance policies and group policies normally cover acts of terrorism, but in travel insurance the standard contract leaves this said Shawn Murray, media and government relations advisor for The Co-operators insurance company.

The purchase of an insurance policy is a legal promise to pay in the event of an insured claim.

Most American and Canadian

travel policies do not cover the claim if it is the result of an act of terrorism or an act of undeclared war, which was exactly what happened last week in New York and Washington.

"They've included many things in fine print. If it's not an act of war the coverage is applicable," said Naeem Thaver of Gala Travel in Scarborough.

The problem right now is that it hasn't been agreed upon whether or not the attacks last week were classified as war.

"One of the major [American] insurance companies [Chubb] did not consider this an act of war and provided full coverage," Thaver said.

This left other companies scrambling to figure out what they should do.

Most companies are choosing to be lenient in light of the horrific events of last week that were painful enough.

"The Canadian companies who

were affected are handling this the same way that most of the American companies are," Murray said. "They will cover any losses that would have occurred as a result of these recent terrorist attacks."

Canadian company Voyageur Insurance has placed a grace period of 72 hours on all of their current contracts until September 20, 2001. Travellers using this agency received an extension on their travel insurance for the extra couple of days, free of charge, in case they were stuck somewhere because of the attacks.

As a result of last week's tragedies, travellers may now be more hesitant when planning their next vacation.

"Normally [travel] insurance does not cover acts of God, if you will. People put acts of war in the same clause, so therefore there was no concern," Thaver said.

Coca-Cola jolts to coffee market

By JEFF LIM
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Coca-Cola has joined the coffee craze in Canada with its brand new drink, Planet Java.

According to Jackie Wilgar, Canadian marketing manager for Planet Java, the demand for bottled caffeine beverages is very high throughout the country.

"Iced coffee is an area that is a bit of a trend," Wilgar said.

Coca-Cola is entering a crowded market with such drinks as Starbucks Frappuccino and Mochaccino. Both are distributed by Pepsi.

Planet Java was launched a few weeks ago after Coca-Cola purchased the P.J. Bean Co. Inc. in January of 2000. Coca-Cola hopes to reach a large demographic, setting the price at \$1.99 a bottle.

"Most people who seem to drink iced-coffee tend to be anywhere from 16 to 34," Wilgar said.

"Lots of people in their twenties seem to really like it."

The caffeine soft drink will be available in two flavours, Javadelik and Caramocha.

Javadelik is the more coffee-flavoured drink while Caramocha has a chocolate, caramel taste.

"[Caramocha] is for someone who perhaps isn't a coffee drinker," Wilgar said.

"Everybody we test really loves that one."

Although launched a few weeks ago, Planet Java will be available in all convenience stores and campuses across the country soon, Wilgar

explained.

Because it hasn't been available yet, very few individuals have tried the drink except Jeremy Reyes. Reyes tested the Caramocha flavoured drink.

"The Caramocha flavour is pretty good, but I prefer the Starbucks Mochaccino," he said.

Reyes believes that the Caramocha flavour tastes more like a milkshake instead of coffee.

Blake Southey, first-year Computer Networking student tried the Javadelik version of Planet Java.

"I'd drink it. It tastes like the Starbucks drinks," Southey said.

Both Starbucks' and Coca-Cola's caffeine drinks are available in 281 ml bottles, but Planet Java's logo appeals to more than just the eye.

"It's sort of a fun oriented graphic," Wilgar said.

"It's an eye-catcher, something that's meant to be fun."



Jeff Lim

Coca-Cola's new brain children



By VICTOR PENNEY
Et Cetera Staff

As many of you know, sometimes surfing the Web for hours can get boring.

If you have time to kill while surfing, check out www.bored.com.

This is a great Web site for links to pages like on-line pranks you can play on your family and friends, urban legends, or crossword puzzles. They also have horoscopes and free email. They don't call it bored.com for nothing.

I give this Web site a rating of three out of a possible five.

Another Web site called www.thespark.com is also great place to chill and waste time.

If visited, take a look at the "Date my sister" project that chronicles the efforts one man endures to find a date for his sister.

There is also a hilarious set of tests that will make you lose track of time.

The IQ test asks such questions like, "Is London in France," "If an octagon has eight sides," and if, "A frog is a type of toad."

Some other tests are, a gender test, a stress test, a wealth test, and believe it or not a pregnancy test.

Both of these sites are perfect for killing time when you're waiting for class to start.

I'd give this Web site a rating of four out of five.

Caution: private info from surveys could be leaked to third parties, advisor says

By BIANCA MOLINARO
Et Cetera Staff

The last time you filled out an entry form, did you stop to think how your personal information was going to be used?

Not too many people do.

Results from a survey conducted for the Public Interest Advocacy Center, (PIAC), found that 75 per cent of Canadians disapprove of common practices in which companies collect, use and share personal data about them without their consent.

"It's very difficult to live in today's environment without giving out some information," said Jim Savory, the Consumer Association of Canada advisor.

Savory explained that whether it's on-line or in a department store, we are often asked to fill out surveys and other things that require personal information such as phone numbers and home and email addresses.

"You really need to be pro-active to ensure companies are saying they will do what they claim they will do," Savory said.

You need to pay close attention to disclaimers to ensure a company explains exactly what they're intentions are, without moving away from their primary goal Savory explained.

On January 1, 2001, the Federal Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act was implemented as a way to ensure this was being done.

This law forbids federally regulated companies, such as airlines or banks, to release any personal information to unauthorized third persons without consumer consent, Savory said. However, it will not affect any other type of companies until 2004.

"Firms are getting good at asking questions in a way that consumers say yes," Savory stated.

He explained, most disclaimers give the option of clicking "yes" or "no" but are worded in ways that fool consumers into giving their permission without realizing it.

Savory explained that the "yes" button on certain Web sites may advertise a sun getaway and ask if you would like more information, along with future savings on other deals.

On the other hand, the "no" button will acknowledge you don't want the sun holiday, but authorizes the company to send you information on future deals anyway.

Other firms may arrange disclaimers in a way that, unless you click on "no", it is automatically assumed you agree.

"While it is a con, it is perfectly legal for firms to do this," Savory said.

A report issued by the Privacy Foundation in Denver looked at the privacy practices of www.monster.com, an on-line Web site. The Canadian branch, www.monster.ca is currently responsible for over 800,000 resumes.

"Job seekers who post their resumes on-line face considerable threats to their privacy," said Pam Dixon, author of the report.

Based on interviews with former company employees, Dixon found that www.monster.com might save and break down personal information for later use, even after this information has been deleted.

Dixon also believed that management of the company has discussed the possibility of selling the personal information they received through resumes to data marketers.



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New dean brings new ideas

By MAR FENECH
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It's a whole new school of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism this year, with a new dean and a new name.

Former vice-president of Thomas Cook travel agency, Alistair Mathieson, is bringing a fresh approach to the school, by treating students as customers and making the customer feel important.

"I think the principles you have in business are readily transferable to managing the school," Mathieson said.

"For example, the product in the school is curriculum, so unless you have a good core product, there's no point in going to market. It's very important to know who your customer is in business and the school's customer is the student."

The first change for the school is a new name.

"We're going back to the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism. Our customer base – the prospective student coming from high school – didn't have a clue what HRT Alliance meant," Mathieson said.

"It was a name that was given to the school because they wanted to have a stronger relationship with industry as a whole, but they failed to recognize that our customer is the student."

Mathieson said he is pleased to be a dean at Humber College.

"I haven't had this much fun in 15 years. There's the sense that you're giving something back. I've had a lot of experience and the industry has been very good to me," he said.

Mathieson, a native of New Zealand, came to Canada to complete a Master's Degree in geography and tourism economics at the University of Waterloo after receiving a scholarship.

He finished his Master's and returned to New Zealand to lecture at university.

While back home, he re-wrote his Master's thesis, which was then published by Longman as a textbook called *Tourism: Economic, Physical and Social Impacts*. It has been translated into Spanish and Japanese and is circulated globally.

Like the textbook he published, Mathieson has also traveled the globe. He said some of the highlights are China, Thailand, Spain, Portugal and especially Africa. Egyptian arts and portraits of Kenyan lions adorn the walls of Mathieson's office.

"I traveled extensively with my work," Mathieson said. "I was lucky enough to go to East Germany before the Berlin Wall came down. I went to the Soviet Union under the communist regime. I've been very lucky in my job. I've seen the world."

Mathieson developed a project for

the program, called the Leadership Establishment Action Plan (LEAP).

Mathieson used the analogy of a snowball effect to emphasize the importance of student-focused curriculum, which in turn attracts a high caliber student and creates a high ratio of job placement. With higher job placements there is a higher rate of upward mobility for graduates. This minimizes the attrition rate in job placements and broadens the geographical area for student recruitment.

Some of Mathieson's goals include modifying the core curriculum to reflect the rapid technological changes of the industry, effective use of Advisory Council input and extending the school's university transfer options.

Mathieson said that they are reviewing the curriculum to ensure diversity, specialization, relevance and a leading edge in order to provide graduates with skills and qualifications, "that will meet the needs of our industry five years down the track."

He said it's also important to incorporate change in a curriculum, based on feedback from both former and current students and the industry.

"They give you a first-hand look at what's current within the industry itself," he said.



Courtesy Alistair Mathieson

Alistair Mathieson, the new face of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism

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Where's the water?

By LINDSEY VAN DYK
Et Cetera Staff

Ontario's summer drought put a dent in farmers' pockets and forced grocery retailers to import more goods for winter stock.

"There have been isolated problems due to the drought," said Frank Marcoccia, director of produce for A&P.

"Cucumbers have been hard to get, along with hot house vegetables, but we have been mostly using U.S. products which hasn't made much of a difference except concerning quality."

The drought caused far-reaching consequences, having both positive and negative effects on the economy. This is due to the integral role water plays in producing goods.

Some agricultural producers thrive on the drought, as different crops respond differently to the soil conditions, but for most farmers, a drought signals a serious blow to their harvest and income.

Ontario Farmer Bill Denby, who specializes in basic feed production, said the drought affects most of Ontario.

"A lot of our food source comes from all over the globe so there isn't a problem with food storage in Canada," Denby said.

"As long as there's food in the gro-

cery stores our government doesn't care about [Canadian] farmers," he said. "Any financial loss that we receive we have to make up for."

Donald Boulanger, Press Secretary for the Minister of Agriculture, Lyle Vanclief, said the government is aiding new farmers.

"There are ample amounts of programs that we have running for them," he said.

The Healthy Futures for Agriculture Program invested nearly \$700,000 to help farmers' markets across the province this past August.

Other programs such as the Ontario Grain Stabilization Payment, Farm Safety Association and the farmers' tax exemption have been set up this past year.

But according to Canadian farmers, the funding isn't enough.

The drought had a minor impact on Humber College food services such as the Pipe and the residence cafeteria.

Don Henriques, head of Humber food services, said that the prices have been fluctuating for quite some time.

"It happens on a regular basis. If prices get too high on certain food items because of the drought we remove it from the recipes or substitute unless it's something that we have to use like lettuce," he said.

"If that's the case then we just bite the bullet," Henriques said.

Earning dough while travelling the world over

By ROO GUILHERME
Et Cetera Staff

Travelling the world may seem like a challenging task but Andrew Brennan, a world-travelling Australian, has turned the challenge into the chance of a lifetime.

"I wanted to learn about different cultures and different experiences. I honestly think there's a lot more to be learned from travelling the world than in a classroom because it's a different kind of learning. It's stuff that can't be taught. It opens your eyes and makes you appreciate what you've got," Brennan said.

For Brennan, 21, of Brisbane, Australia, the dream of seeing what the world has to offer has come true.

He's made his way to Canada, the final stop on his world tour.

He has deferred entrance to university for a few years because he's always wanted to 'do the walkabout.'

The walkabout is a rite of passage for young Australians.

Many students like taking a year off to backpack across other countries. The most common way the walkabout is done is through working vacations.

The point of a working holiday is to sustain yourself through jobs while travelling.

"Travel, work, travel, work, that's how it's really done," Brennan said.

Brennan planned this trip far in advance. He saved up money and made a list of all the places he wanted to see before visiting travel agents.

The price tag of Brennan's trip is almost \$14,000 Canadian.

"I worked my ass off to save the money so I can get my butt out of 'stralia and see the world," he said.

Brennan actually began his trek in Africa. He traveled to Europe before

arriving in North America, staying in hostels along the way. The majority of his trip was done by bus except for inter-continental journeys.

"This trip is not about luxury," Brennan said.

Prior to leaving Australia, he applied for a Canadian work visa hoping to find a job once he arrived.

"I knew I wanted to stay in Canada for a while, work, and earn more money near the end of the trip. The visa lasts for 12 months and starts from the day you enter the country," he said.

Working visas allow visitors to apply for jobs with the exception of medically-related professions, teaching jobs, or child care.

"Some people even combine working visas so they spend one year in Canada and one year in the United Kingdom," Brennan said.

"Most Australians travel for a long time and that's why working holidays are so popular. A big reason [for the length of time] is because Australia is just so far away from everywhere else in the world," he explained.

Brennan suggests carrying only small amounts of foreign cash and traveller's cheques and loading up on bank accounts and credit cards to minimize risk of theft.

"Take only what you need, even two changes of clothes would suffice. You could always bring extra t-shirts and replace them anywhere because it makes it much easier," he said.

Humber College offers a similar travelling program called Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP).

The program assists students travelling to foreign countries by providing job contacts.

Students are encouraged to visit the Career Center for more information, or visit www.swap.ca.



Julie Bell

Humber student Rebecca Shaw has added personal touches to her residence room to make it more like home

Budgeting your decorating dollars

By JILLIAN NESS
Et Cetera Staff

While *Painted House* host Debbie Travis might wield a mean paintbrush, has she ever tried to re-vamp a whole apartment for under a hundred bucks?

This is the daunting task facing students as they move into their first apartments or dorm room, and are looking to make their living space a little more personal.

Interior designer Christine Flack said it can be done. She recommends looking for things that serve more than one purpose.

"Try to get the most for your buck and try to get things that have two different functions like a sofa that turns into a bed or a coffee table that's a chest," Flack said.

Sara Jocelyn, an interior designer,

said some things should be taken out of hiding, especially since retro furniture has regained popularity.

"If you have something of your uncle's that's from the '70s, work around it," she said.

Decorating can be hard, said Tom Marino, Painters Place president, especially if rushing out and buying things to spruce up a room isn't an option. Marino advises using things you already have.

"The first place I owned was a 1,200 square-foot townhouse . . . but because it was a new house and had been purchased by someone else before, we had to live with what someone else had picked," Marino said.

Marino also said colour is one of the more interesting things that can be done to spruce up an otherwise plain pad.

"One thing a person can do to add variety to a room is to add colour. Doing a feature wall (painting or doing a technique on one wall) can give the room a lot of colour and substance. For example, in my apartment I've painted the ceilings a colour just to give it a little life," Marino said.

While Marino admits that there are no real restrictions when it comes to colour, he warns that pack-rats might want to be wary of going too dark.

"The only thing is, a deeper colour makes you notice what's in the room more," Marino said. "So if you have colour, don't clutter."

Marino said the most important decorating tool a person can have is a sense of personal style.

"Make sure it's all your own because you're going to be living with it for a while," he said



Courtesy Andrew Brennan

Australian Andrew Brennan with the Mona Lisa on his working vacation

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Metro police offer tips for rape victims

By DIANE DENBY
Et Cetera Staff

A victim of a sexual assault should always keep the evidence, said detective Wendy Leaver of the Metro Polices' Sexual Assault Squad.

"It's not that we won't believe the victim, it's just that any clothing which may contain hair, semen, or skin are needed by the police," Leaver said.

She explained that most victims feel the need to cleanse themselves, but washing away the evidence is not the first thing a victim should do.

"Place the clothing or sheets, anything that may have evidence, in a paper bag," she said.

Plastic bags or closed containers pose a risk of destroying the evidence because the air inside is not able to circulate.

"DNA is the best method of capturing the assailant. [Accused] offenders have no choice but to give a

blood sample," she said.

Leaver recalls one case where a man had sucked on his victim's breasts. After the attack, she put her bra back on. Police were able to get a DNA sample from his saliva, and convicted him.

Usually victims are traumatized and want to wait a couple of days to decide whether they want to report the incident. But, the evidence should be kept until a decision is possible.

Leaver said that she and her colleagues are there to help. The police can talk to people confidentially about the choices they can make, options they have, or just to give advice.

"We're experienced. We deal with this everyday and we've dealt with many different scenarios," she explained.

To report a rape, call Wendy Leaver at (416) 808-7446, or call the Rape Crisis Centre at (416) 597-8808.



Kelly Machado

Allergy sufferers, like Maria Garcia will have to wait until November to find relief from symptoms

Allergy season prolonged

By KELLY MACHADO
Et Cetera Staff

Itchy, sleepy, drippy, and wheezy – no not the names of Snow White's dwarfs – it's allergy season and it looks like it will last longer than usual.

Pauline Loney, a relief status nurse at the Allergy Clinic on King Street in Toronto, said that people allergic to ragweed who generally "sneeze their way through September will be wiping their eyes and nose well into October," even though current pollen levels across Ontario are no worse than usual.

According to Loney, the difference this year is that a hot, dry, smoggy summer has made the pollen in the air feel dense, causing more irritation to people with allergies.

The smog helps particles stay in the air longer.

"Lately I feel I'm always congested and I find myself wheezing and gasping for air when I'm out," said Kim Hillock a first-year Fashion Arts student at Humber.

The allergy season was delayed until the end of August because of

less rain this summer.

"Normally, the ragweed season starts every year around Aug. 15. This year, however it started around Aug. 25 and peaked on Sept. 3," said Dr. Howard Langer of the Allergy Association of Specialists.

Allergy sufferers have not had time to cope with the pollen-filled air that has hit them full force, making allergy symptoms feel worse, and the season last longer.

Cheryl Murrell, a registered nurse of the Allergy and Clinical Immunology Office in Toronto, said that allergies are never cured, but rather kept under control so that symptoms can be kept under wraps.

Over the counter antihistamines and injections may help people deal with symptoms during the allergy season.

According to Murrell, Allegra, Claritin, Zaditor and Nasonex nasal spray are some of the more common antihistamines.

Building up a patient's resistance to his or her allergens by injecting small amounts of an antigen for about a year, at regular intervals, is a form of treatment aimed at producing an

allergic balance, Murrell said.

Maria Garcia, a bookkeeper who has been an allergy sufferer for nine years, said that she's been taking injections once every two weeks for the past year and a half.

"With injections I gradually stopped getting symptoms like watery eyes, or a runny nose. I no longer buy any antihistamines, I used to buy Claritin extra strength and Reactine. I would pop those things twice a day and still keep sneezing. Injections work best for me," Garcia said.

Due to the late start to the season and predictions of a reasonably dry fall, ragweed pollen will most likely stay until the first frost in November.

Barbara Klich, executive director of the Allergy/Asthma and Immunology Society of Ontario, offers some tips.

Try to stay indoors during the day and go out in the early morning when pollen counts are lowest.

If you wear contacts, wear sunglasses outside and if possible stay indoors in an air-conditioned environment.

What to do if you are raped

- Don't blame yourself. Rape is never your fault.
- Go immediately to someone you trust to help you.
- Do not have a shower. Keep any potential evidence and go to the hospital immediately.
- Report the incident to the police as soon as possible
- Seek counselling.

Uncovering myths about rape

- **MYTH:** Sexual assault is a crime of passion. **REALITY:** It is a crime of violence.
- **MYTH:** If you've had sex before there's already consent to have it again. **REALITY:** You must ask every time.
- **MYTH:** Men who assault women are mentally ill or sexually starved. **REALITY:** Anyone could be a rapist, there is no stereotype.
- **MYTH:** Rapists are usually strangers. **REALITY:** A majority of the victims know their assailants.
- **MYTH:** Rapes are unplanned. **REALITY:** Whether he plans to have sex seconds or days before without the woman's consent, it is still rape.
- **MYTH:** Only young, attractive women are assaulted. **REALITY:** Anyone can be a potential rape victim.

Prevention tips for everyone

- Use your instincts. Be aware of signs and get out of bad situations.
- Be assertive. Communicate your intentions and feelings clearly.
- Set limits. If you don't want to have sex don't and make that clear.
- Make use of a buddy system by taking care of your friends.
- Always assume no sexual consent.
- Acknowledge social pressures.
- Avoid extensive amounts of alcohol and drugs. It's a proven fact your judgement will be impaired.
- Be aware of the verbal and non-verbal messages you're sending.
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Walking for AIDS

By CRAIG MacBRIDE
Et Cetera Staff

Toronto will be awash in red ribbons this Sunday when the 12th annual AIDS Walk takes place.

An estimated 15,000 to 17,000 people will take part in this year's walk as the event's reputation for excitement and a feeling of community grows.

"The walk is an opportunity for those who are passionate and committed to the cause to come out and take part in the largest event of its kind in the country. It's a celebration of life," said Public Relations Manager

for AIDS Walk Toronto, Rod Cumming.

The event, put together by AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT), begins at noon on Sunday, and runs until 6 p.m. However, the walk is only a small part of the celebration.

Several local bands are donating their time to entertain the participants before and after the walk. Also, for the second year, the beer garden and barbecue will be feeding the walkers as they return to Nathan Phillips Square from as far north as Dupont street and as far east as Church street.

Though there is no direct government funding for the walk itself,

Cumming said that the government supports them in other ways. MPP George Smitherman and MP Bill Graham will both be walking the 8.5 kilometres around Toronto on Sunday.

The walk is a national event, and on Sunday, participants from Halifax to Vancouver will be collecting pledges for ACT and walking through their cities to raise awareness.

"There's a tremendous amount of energy, and a lot of people get colourfully dressed," Cumming said. "There's no shortage of events or entertainment."

Hawks open season 3-0 with offensive onslaught

By ANTHONY ESPOSITO
Et Cetera Staff

The Provincial champs are back as men's soccer began its regular season this past week with three convincing victories.

The offensive juggernaut of the Hawks manhandled their first three opponents defeating Mohawk 4-0, George Brown 5-0 and Redeemer 4-1.

Coach Germain Sanchez was disappointed in his team's finishing in all three games, as the Hawks missed a pile of chances inside the 18-yard box, even a few in front of the open net.

"We have to get better," Sanchez said. "We were playing against very weak teams and with our over-confidence and lack of experience we just couldn't put the ball in the net."

While he's not looking for excuses, Sanchez is adamant that the field conditions have affected the play of his team.

"The better the field gets, the better it's going to be for us because we have more skills than other teams and our style is to put the ball on the ground and pass, pass, pass," Sanchez said.

The poor field conditions have made the ground harder and bumpy, causing all passes to leave the ground making control much more difficult.

"Our home field is terrible and Centennial's is over-used, yet we were able to score nine goals in two games on two very bad fields, which is good," Sanchez said. "I can't wait until I get my team on nicer fields."



Diane Denby

Hawks forward Samuel Afriyie pulls away from a Redeemer defender

Midfielder Paul Grguric said that there are no excuses for missing all the chances the Hawks are getting.

"We get too fancy as we get closer to the net making things difficult for ourselves inside the box," said Grguric.

Captain Jason Mesa said all the team needs is just a little bit time to gel; for the rookies and the veterans to get used to one another.

"Some of the guys come to the school and know the reputation that Humber has for being successful, so

when they put on the jersey the expectations are high and it kind of gets guys nervous," Mesa said.

Rookies Samuel Afriyie and Andres Arrango have been valuable to the team, contributing on a regular basis. Afriyie is averaging over a goal per game, and Arrango has been rock solid for the defence.

"Sammy and Arrango are going to play big parts on the team," Hawks defenceman Arturo Alava said.

"They are expected to, that's why they were brought here."

Goalkeeper Mike Silva is a happy camper these days as he likes what he sees in front of him.

"I usually communicate with the defence, but not with Arrango. He's always one step ahead of me," Silva said.

The keeper hasn't been busy thus far.

"I think I had one actual shot on goal," Silva added.

That shot coming in the final seconds against the Royals, which broke Silva's clean sheet.

The Hawks re-ignited their heated rivalry with the Mohawk Mountaineers on Tuesday.

The Hawks avenged their only loss from last season with a 4-0 victory in the Mountaineers own back yard.

Afriyie netted his team leading fourth and fifth goals with Danny Mantero and Daniel Gazzellone rounding out the scoring.

No tune-up was needed for the offensive machine as once again they were in complete control over George Brown. In the early stages of the game Silva made an outstanding save on a

breakaway to keep the game tied at nil.

Soon after Afriyie put a header into the top right-hand corner to open the scoring.

In the second half the floodgates opened as Daniel Gazzellone scored his first of the year. Mehmed Mehmedoglu scored on a penalty shot and Hugo bulged the twine twice to give the Hawks a 2-0 record on the season.

The Hawks were in complete control swarming the net like it was their hive for 90 minutes. Two goals by Afriyie and two others by Gaston Bizera and Wilson Hugo gave the team its first victory of the season.

The Hawks will host the Fanshawe Falcons tonight. Humber will be without Mehmedoglu, who is out with an ankle injury.



Diane Denby

Sportsmanship shown on the pitch between the Hawks and Royals

Ripken rolls into hogtown for his final appearance

By JOHN-PAUL McNALLY
Et Cetera Staff

Over the past 20 years, major league baseball has seen many great players come and go and now Baltimore Orioles great Cal Ripken Jr. watches as his last season dwindles to a close.

Ripken, who announced his retirement in June, is wrapping up his final series in Toronto where he has shared so many great memories with both the city and the rest of the baseball world. One of his fondest memories in Toronto is a memory many would like to forget.

"When I come to Toronto I immediately think of old Exhibition Stadium," Ripken told reporters during a Tuesday press conference. "Just the atmosphere in which the game was played, the joy."

Over Ripken's illustrious career he has experienced some of his finest moments here in Toronto. His home run during the 1991 all-star game in which he drove in the winning runs brings back emotions of one of his

best games.

His superb performance during that same all-star home run derby is still considered one of the best in baseball.

"That was a wonderful experience," said Ripken. "There are many great all-star experiences and every one of them is special, but to me the Toronto game in '91 has to be the best."

Spanning 20 years, Ripken's career is full of great accomplishments including over 400 home runs, over 3,000 hits, his streak of 2,632 consecutive games played and a World Series victory in 1983.

However, now that it's coming to a close, Ripken is taking time to appreciate the smaller aspects of baseball.

"My eyes become wider and take in more things," said Ripken. "The actual game doesn't take on the same significance but the other things do. Being in the clubhouse, being here early in the ballpark. Those are the things when you're part of something you remember most."

Now that the end of the baseball season is drawing near, the full realization that Ripken's final season is close to ending is taking an emotional toll on the future Hall of Famer.

"I'm ready to do something else,"

said Ripken. "I'm ready to be energized in another direction. I've had a full career."

Ripken and the Orioles wrap up a series with the Jays at the SkyDome tonight.



John-Paul McNally

Mike Kinkade (left) looks on as Cal Ripken, Jr (right) fields some balls

Ripken's Tale

Games Played: 2,982
Hits: 3,173
At Bats: 11,475
Runs: 1,640
Homeruns: 430
Runs Batted In: 1,686
Batting Average: .277
Fielding Percentage: .977
On Base Percentage: .341
Slugging Percentage: .449

Awards

1983 & 1991 American League (AL) Most Valuable Player (MVP)
Most consecutive games played: 2,632
1982 Rookie of the year
1991 & 1992 Golden Glove Award Winner
1992 All-Star game MVP
1983 World Series champion with Baltimore

Information as of Sept. 19 and courtesy of the Baltimore Orioles and www.2131.com.

Women's volleyball squad hopes to build chemistry

By CHERYL CLARKE
Et Cetera Staff

This year's women's volleyball coach, Chris Wilkins, wants his players thinking about chemistry on the court.

No, Wilkins isn't hooked on science. He's trying to build a cohesive team. He says camaraderie is what was missing from last year's group and a big part of what held them back from being the Ontario Colleges Athletics Association champions.

This year the coaching staff is concentrating on putting together a group of girls who not only play well individually but also as a group.

This will be Wilkins' first year as head coach. He was an assistant last season under Dave Hood, who will stay on as assistant coach.

Hood wanted a less demanding role, so he could spend more time with his one-year-old child.

Rounding out the coaching staff is Caroline Fletcher, a former Humber Hawk, who helped lead the team to

two provincial championships.

"We have a lot of talent, and even before tryouts started we knew we were going to be faced with some difficult cuts. What we need this year is to find 12 or 13 girls that will work well together and push each other hard. If we do that it will be difficult for any team to beat us."

As setter Laura Solski was asked what her team's greatest strength would be this year, nearby teammates chanted "personality".

Chris Wilkins agrees that this team will be stronger in the personality department. He says they had all last summer to think about what kept them from reaching the Nationals.

"I think last year was a good learning experience for a lot of the girls. We are a little bit more mature this year...mind you, second place in Ontario isn't bad, but we had the opportunity to really excel and we didn't. I really think that taught them a lot. Especially with a lot of the returning players, who had to watch another team go to Nationals when they knew they could have been that

team," Wilkins said.

In addition to chemistry, this year's Humber Hawks have a lot of skill. Seven of last year's players will be returning to the line-up.

Two key returns are OCAA all-star Barbara Legiec and one of last year's captains Jennifer Edgar. Wilkins is also feeling good about the return of last year's setter Laura Solski.

"Laura Solski is back as our second-year setter. She will definitely be strong and help us. Last year it was a new position for her so it was a real learning curve, but this year she should move forward and strengthen the team," Wilkins said.

Missing from the line-up this season will be one of the 1999-2000 rookies of the year Niio Perkins and last year's co-captain Michelle Richmond.

Wilkins is confident that the team will be able to fill the void left behind by these players.

"The players we recruited this season are interesting people. They are players that are going to be good additions to our team, and hopefully can get us to Nationals," Wilkins said.



Amanda Da Ponte

Members of the women's volleyball team practice drills during tryouts on Tuesday, as they prepare to open the season Nov. 3

Hard knocks with chairshots



John Edwards

I send my deepest sympathies to those who have lost loved ones in the recent tragedies. Some may think sports is irrelevant at a time like this, but for many, sports is a great healer and helps people get their minds on something other than horror.

Argos back to normal.

The sports world started to get back to normal this week as the Argos once again showed why they are candidates for extinction as they lost to the Allouettes 24-18.

What a beating.

In a new meaning for the term ass-kicking, the St. Mary's Huskies defeated the Mount Allison Mounties 105-0 in Canadian University Football action. If you get 105 points scored against you, do me a favour fire the defensive co-ordinator.

Go Valk Go!

The Leafs were in fine form this week as they lost a pair of tilts with the Habs.

Why is Gary Valk in the line-up? People will tell you that Valk works hard, well so do construction workers.

Just fold the team already.

The Montreal Expos drew a whopping 1,500 fans to the "Big O" on Monday for their game against the

Marlins.

Does it seem weird to anybody that the Mississauga Ice Dogs draw more fans to a game than the Expos do?

Unforgiven.

The World Wrestling Federation presents its annual September event, *Unforgiven* this Sunday.

After a sub-par offering in August, the WWF hopes to get back on the right track with this jammed pack edition.

Look for the Edge and Christian angle to be the most interesting spot of the night.

For those who still ask the age old question: is it fake or real? Get out of the trailer park. Wrestling fans today could care less if the action is choreographed or not, as long as it is entertaining.

Contrary to popular belief, wrestling fans are not beer-swilling rednecks, they are professionals, students and even the person next to you.

Cold ice brings hot feelings.

Here are some predictions for the upcoming National Hockey League season.

The Minnesota Wild will improve a little bit on the ice, but not in the merchandise department, what ugly uniforms.

Anaheim will still be the club nobody cares about, but by the trading deadline all eyes will be on the Ducks as Paul Kayria will be on the block.

A final thought

In XFL news....ha ha ha ha ha. I kill myself. I shouldn't laugh because a former XFL player is probably serving you a hot cup of coffee right now.

Humber's Mr. Soccer

By ANTHONY ESPOSITO
Et Cetera Staff

Humber College soccer player, Mark White, has nothing but soccer on his mind entering the 2001 season.

The 23-year-old Toronto native grew up playing the sport. After almost quitting in 1994, because of a coach that ruined the game for him, White stuck with it and his soccer career took off after graduating from Lawrence Park high school.

"I definitely have my brother to thank," White said. "He convinced me to keep playing and stay positive, and to keep my dream of playing pro alive."



Diane Denby

White in action for the Hawks

After graduating from high school, White took the year off to work and concentrate on soccer. Working at Planet Hollywood, and travelling with soccer teams made his life exciting.

While working at Planet Hollywood White met the likes of Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Demi Moore, Sylvester Stallone, Britney Spears and many others.

"Britney was the most memorable one, just because she's good looking," White said.

During his year off White traveled to England as he was invited to train with Halifax Town F.C. of the third division, and Sheffield United F.C. in the first division.

During his stay White roomed with Arthur Albiston, who was a former Manchester United player.

Upon his return, White decided to attend Capilano College in Vancouver B.C. However White only stayed for one semester after sustaining a career threatening injury while playing for the school team. White returned home and was out for four months with torn ligaments in his knee. With the injury and all the traveling White appreciates everything that his family has done.

"I couldn't do any of this without the support of my family," White said.

After recovering from his knee injury, White got into contact with Terrence Campbell, who he met at a Toronto Lynx tryout and mentioned that Humber College was looking for players.

White contacted head coach Germain Sanchez and joined the Hawks last August for their Bronze medal victory at the Nationals.

In the quarter-finals of last year's Nationals, a twist of fate had White and the Hawks facing his old team, Capilano College. Ironically enough, the Hawks won and White won MVP

for the game.

"It was a sweet victory and feeling to win and get awarded the MVP in front of my old coach and players," White said.

As a veteran on this year's team the players and coaching staff know the value of White.

"He works hard and pushes himself to the limit. He leads by example on the team," Hawks midfielder Mehmed Mehmedoglu said.

In agreement with his midfielder, Sanchez has faith in his defender.

"He's one of the hardest working players on the team," Sanchez said. "He has a winning attitude that can't be taught."

White a veteran now, was once a rookie and he, along with others from last year's team did pay the price. White's most embarrassing moment was when he and all the rookies were stripped naked, and were forced to wear a diaper filled with deep cold while walking into Caps on a pub night.

"I wasn't as embarrassed as I thought I would be because I wasn't the only one," White said.

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Hawks lucky number 7

By RUDI SCHULLER
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks women's soccer team started the season in fine form Tuesday, as they handily dispatched the Mohawk Mountaineers.

The Hawks won 7-0 against their rivals, a team that is fielding 16 new players this season.

After a shaky first few minutes, Humber showed why they are two-time defending provincial champions, unleashing six first-half goals past an overwhelmed Mohawk goal keeper.

"We had a little bit of nerves at the beginning but we shook it off," said defender Sandra Troiani.

Despite the wide margin of victory, the scoreline could have been much larger for the Hawks. The second half saw a much different style of play, as Humber eased off and Mohawk looked to break the shutout.

Opening the scoring for the Hawks was rookie Veronica

MacDonald, who looked like a seasoned veteran in causing the Mountaineer defence problems all game.

Emilee Barrington scored the second goal, followed by another strike from MacDonald.

Sonia Furtado scored the fourth, after a nice sequence in which she deked through three Mohawk defenders.

Joanna Vitale scored the next two goals, followed by the final strike by Diana Furlano.

Goal keepers Sonya Vitale and Tia Trombetta each played a half, sharing the shutout.

Troiani thinks Tuesday's victory bodes well for the future, as the Hawks look to become provincial champions for a third consecutive time.

"There's a lot of new players, but also a lot of returning players. We connected very well together," she said. "I think we have a prosperous future together."



Rudi Schuller

The Hawks huddle before Tuesday afternoon's game against Mohawk where they came out on top 7-0

Professional sports fade in wake of U.S. tragedy

By ANTHONY ESPOSITO
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There were crowds of people screaming, but stadiums were empty. There were helmets on the heads of people, but players didn't play. Events occurred, but they were not scheduled. Curtis Joseph's contract dispute didn't matter, Barry Bonds didn't hit a home run, and Michael Jordan's possible return was irrelevant.

The entire sports world was caught to a screeching halt on Tuesday morning due to horrific acts of terrorism, as hell fell from the sky.

Jim Byers, sports editor at the Toronto Star was in favour of cancelling all sporting events through the weekend. "It was absolutely necessary, it's not a time for sports," said Byers. "I think it was a great idea to have a day of prayer to give not only the players, but people time to reflect."

Sportscasts and newspapers weren't the only ones affected by the bombings, you can add bars to the list. Shoeless Joe's manager, Mike Lee, couldn't comment on exact numbers, but he said that the recent attacks had hurt his business "dramatically."

"We're down. Everyone's down," said Lee. "Instead of being a sports bar, we're watching CNN. Eventually people will get sick of that."

Many people around the world see their sports heroes as invincible, but what took place in the past week proves that each and everyone of us is equal.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out sporting events are

absolutely meaningless compared with what's going on in Washington and New York," Mark McGwire told an Associate Press (AP) reporter in New York.

This does not happen often, but sports were put on the back burner. It is the first time the NFL has missed a week for a reason other than a labor dispute. In 1963, it played games two days after President Kennedy was assassinated, a decision commissioner Pete Rozelle said later was the one he regretted most during his 29 years in office.

Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp was in favor of the commissioner's decision. "We as Americans knew there was something way more important than football this week," Sapp told an AP reporter Thursday in the New York.

The sports section of the Star was not hurt by what was happening, but it was definitely affected as a few changes had to be made, but Byers had no problems in doing it. "We gave up a fair bit of space to the news, but we were more than happy to do so," said Byers. "We had no choice but to write about cancellations."

With events getting under way this week, Byers believes that the sports world will be getting back to normal saying that players and coaches may be a little nervous at first, but security will be tightening up and there should be no problems.

In the end the world will continue to turn, Joseph's contract disputes will proceed, Barry Bonds will pursue McGwire's homerun record, and Michael Jordan may very well grace us with greatness, and once again it will all matter.

Hawks men's basketball team set to write a new chapter in their storybook

By MARC MacDONALD
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After a dream season, it's time for this year's edition of the Humber Men's basketball team to come down from cloud nine and rebuild.

It will be hard to follow up a season that saw the Hawks featured in a season long documentary on CBC and become National Champions on their home court.

"It was a dream season. I mean, you have the documentary and our guys are telling the crew that we're going to win...and then we do. It was a storybook ending," said Humber Athletic Director, Doug Fox.

The loss of nine players from last year's championship team ensures that the roster will be full of new faces. With only three returning players, last season's success will be difficult to emulate, but coach Mike Katz is up to the task.

"Last year we were successful because we were experienced. We've lost nine of those guys. I like our recruiting class, but I'm not sure we're going to be as ready as our expectations would want. I'm very hopeful that this year we'll be very competitive. Our goals will remain the same," the Hawks coach said.

Katz figures that he'll have to lean heavily on his three veterans, Fitzroy Woolery, Ben Sanders and Dejvis Begaj, whom he would like to see increase their leadership roles on the young team.

"All the returnees have had their moments. Fitzroy is a guy who has to get more consistent," Katz said. Dejvis didn't play much at first, [by] the end of the season indicated that [he] could be ready. I'd like to see Ben score more and improve his shooting

percentage. It's their time now."

With the team comprised mostly of new recruits it is safe to say that Katz will have to rely on some unproven talent. One of the rookies who is expected to play a prominent role is Shane Dennie, a 6'1" point guard.

Dennie is looking forward to suiting up for the Hawks after a disappointing season south of the border.

A shaky relationship with the coach at Biola University, a Californian school, caused the Toronto native to leave the school.

He decided to come back to Canada and search for a better atmosphere to play in.

Upon meeting coach Katz he was certain that he had found his new home.

"He's just been really successful. He's got championships and experience with the national team. In talking to players he's coached in the past, they all said that he's great to play for," Dennie said.

Dennie hopes to rebound from his experience last season and become a leader.

He feels that, despite the team's inexperience, hard work will set the tone for a successful season.

"It's not a matter of who's returning. It's a matter of who wants to work hard. If guys want to work hard then we'll be fine," said a confident Dennie. "I just want to be a solid floor leader."

Although the recruits are very talented, it will be the ability to play as a team that will make or break the Hawks' chances of repeating last year's success. Coach Katz will have to find the right balance in his rotation.

"We have to mold all of this talent and get guys to accept their roles.

We've got some great recruits that I'm very happy about," Katz said.

The team's tryouts began Mon., Sept. 17, giving the team almost three weeks of preparation before its first exhibition game on Oct. 11.

The Hawks will have a busy schedule that includes four tournaments and two dates at the Air Canada Centre.

The team also has several games planned against university competition.

If they are successful, the Hawks could find themselves with an invitation to the CCAA Championships, to be held March 21-23, in Truro, Nova Scotia.

"It's a great schedule. I'd say it's one of the best schedules of all colleges and universities," Katz said.

Without all the hype that went along with the team last season, this should be a much quieter one for the Hawks, who must turn the page on last season's success.

The Hawks open the season in November

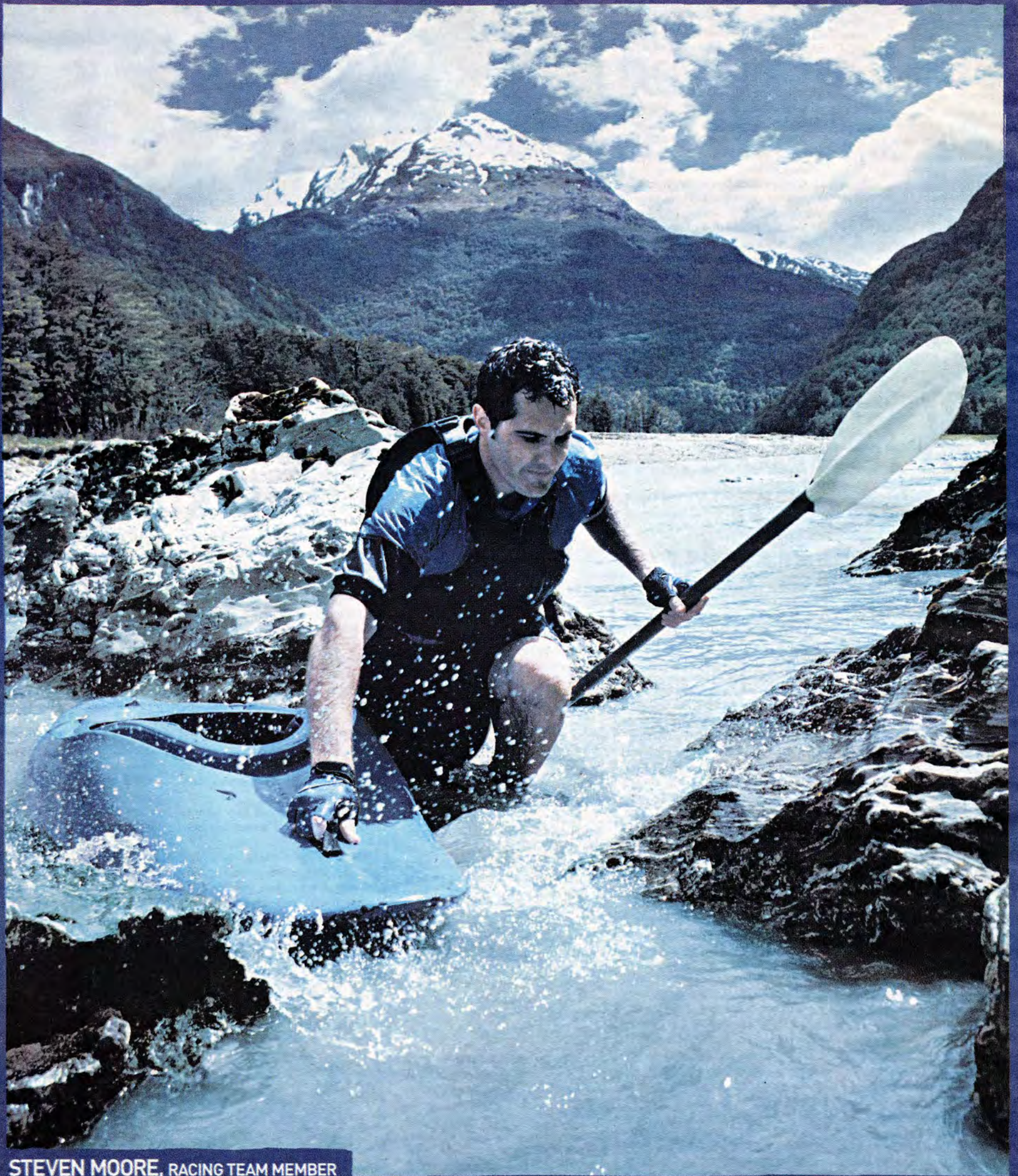
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