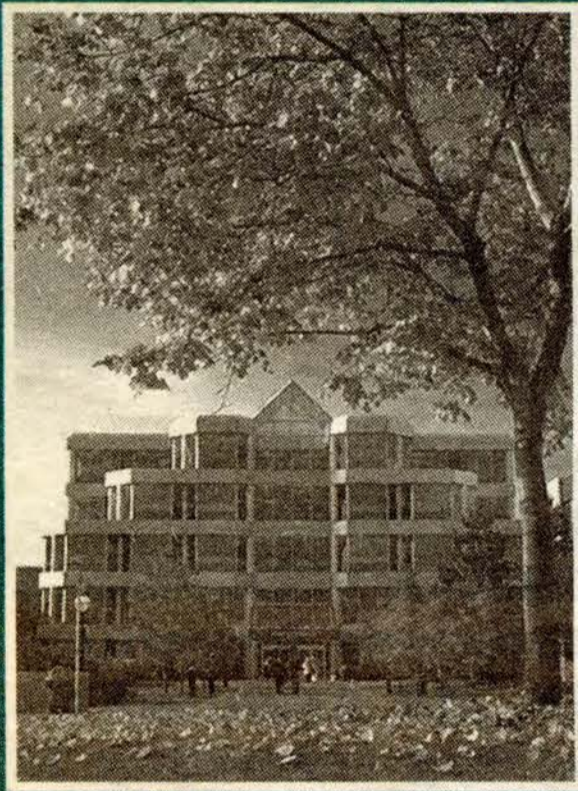


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**Humber**  
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## Humber receives significant donation of software

Macromedia Inc., a world leader of software products, has donated approximately \$500,000 worth of its latest and hottest new generation of web development programs to Humber College.

The substantial donation includes Flash and Fireworks, award-winning web graphics production programs, plus Dreamweaver, Freehand and Director. Macromedia Director is the world's leading web and multimedia authoring tool.

Students in the more than 20 full-time programs related to the web and multimedia offered

through the School of Media Studies at Humber College are the main beneficiaries of this very generous donation. However, the part-time learner and corporate market will also benefit as all Macintosh and PC workstations in the Digital Imaging Training Centre (DITC) are "fully loaded", and a new "Macromedia Series" of 12 hour workshops is being introduced in January. In addition, copies of the software were supplied to the Professional Development and Research and Development areas of the College.

Carolyn Booth, Director of the Digital Imaging Training Centre, met with Rob Burgess Chief Executive Officer at Macromedia Inc. in California, at the New Media Show '98 in Toronto.

"We have been training in Macromedia products for more than four years," says Ms Booth "and we're obviously delighted with the interest and support of Humber College by Macromedia. This very generous and significant donation

exactly fits into our curriculum."

Humber College is also the only community college in Ontario approved as a Macromedia Authorized Trainer. The Macromedia Authorized Training Program is a worldwide network of professional trainers and educators who provide Macromedia customers with the highest-quality training on the company's products.

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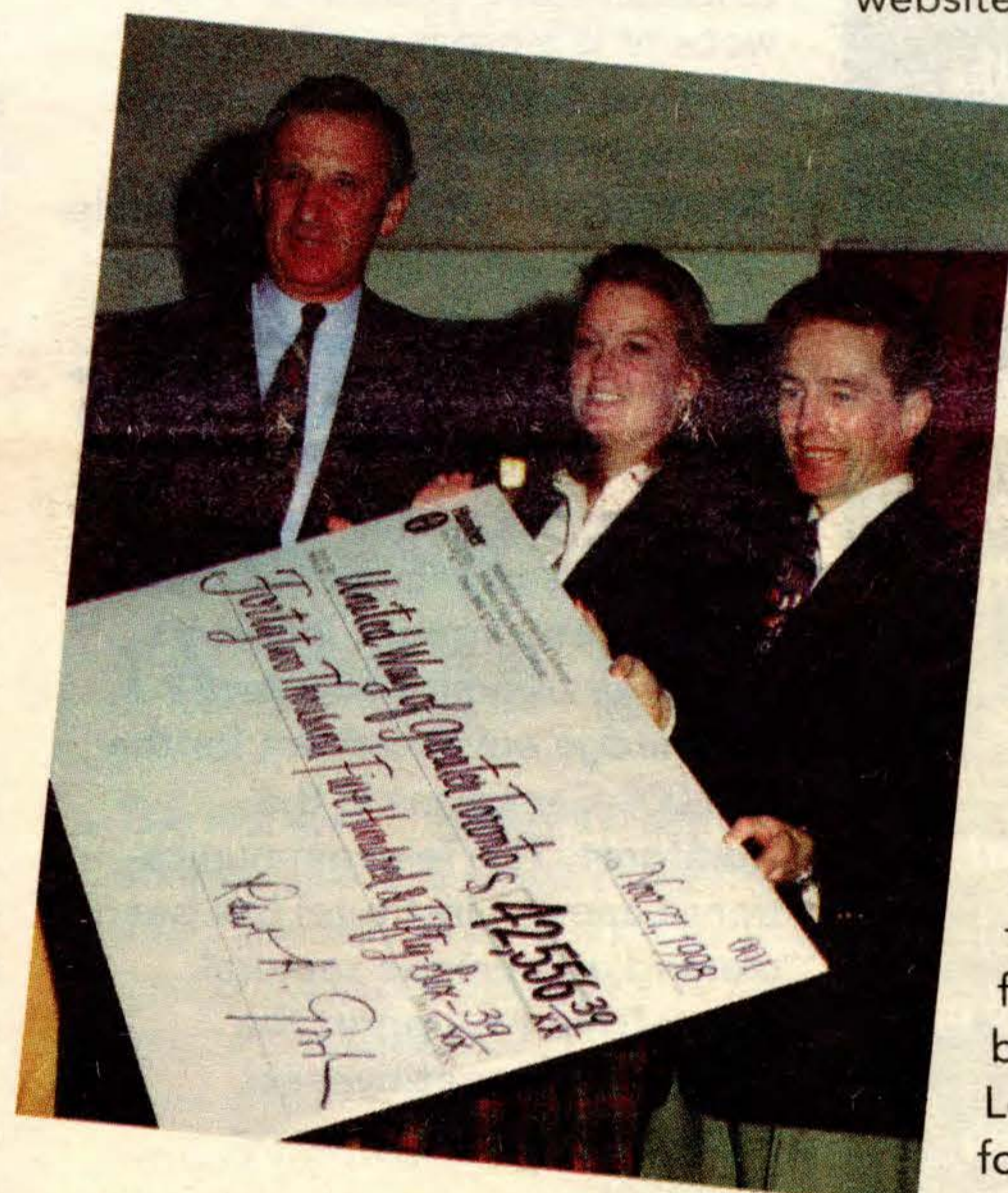
## Campaign a winner 'at the races'

This year, Humber College raised almost \$43,000 for the United Way, exceeding its goal by over \$16,000.

When asked for details, Humber's Campaign Coordinator, Joan Hamilton, Administrative Assistant to the Vice-President, Administration, was quick to acknowledge that the success of the campaign was due largely to the support of senior management, the unions, students, and the entire campaign committee. Other contributing factors included the development of the "Off to the Races with the United Way" theme that proved popular with staff and students; ensuring that canvassers (46 'jockeys' from 21 department or 'horses') were well-informed about the United Way; and updating the College community regularly via a scoreboard in the school concourse and the President's Communique.

Highlights of the campaign included a 'Starting Post' pancake breakfast hosted by College President, Dr. Robert 'Squee' Gordon, and celebrity chefs from the Ontario Jockey Club (OJC); a Halloween cake and pastry sale sponsored by Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism students; a Tacky Auction sponsored by the Director of Human Resources; a 'Squee-G' kids windshield wash crusade in Humber parking lots; and the Presidential Job Exchange, an initiative that volunteered Dr. Gordon's services to conduct the winner's job for a two-hour period.

Humber's corporate partner, the Ontario Jockey Club, participated in every aspect of the campaign. Allen Gelberg, OJC representative, provided ideas, prizes that included dinner, a visit to the Winner's Circle



Humber President, Robert Gordon (left) and jockey, Sandy Hawley (right), present a cheque to United Way Campaign Manager, Suzette Strong.

and more, props to support the racing theme, and even flipped pancakes at the breakfast. He enlisted Dan Loiselle, race commentator for the OJC, to call the race the tape at the Finish Line

then played

Ceremony. Mr. Gelberg also obtained the participation of Sandy Hawley, Canada's most famous jockey. Mr. Hawley attended the closing ceremony, spoke to the audience about his own past with the United Way, and signed autographs.

"A lot of people worked extremely hard on the campaign," says Joan Hamilton. "Besides the Executive Committee (Maggie Swithenbank, Val Hewson, Bonnie Arthur, Joan Hamilton), who took ownership of the campaign and exhibited great teamwork, the canvassers were the real heroes. It's not easy asking your colleagues for money and they showed real courage and determination."

Humber's campaign was nominated for the United Way Spirit Award. In its nomination, the United Way cited the fact that the Humber group insisted on being nominated as a team and declined nomination as individuals. **Contact: Joan Hamilton at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4423**

## Online or off, Et Cetera wins kudos

In the world of journalism, first is best - the first picture of the new year's baby, the first picture of the new royal couple, the first scoop on the next war. So naturally, when Humber Et Cetera Online won the Award of Excellence in the Best of the College Press Network awards, it became one of the best online college newspapers in the U.S., Canada and England.

As a result of this international award, Humber Et Cetera is being promoted throughout the US on the CPNet site as one of the best college newspapers in the world.

Nancy Burt, Associate Director, School of Media Studies, says that she has always known Humber Et Cetera to be a great college newspaper, but that it's gratifying to be internationally recognized. She adds, "This is

wonderful for the students. They deserve credit for producing such a good-looking and content-rich online publication. Besides, it feels good to beat out our

the Ontario Community Newspaper Association regularly holds a portion of their annual conference at the College, due in part to the fact that Humber's

**Humber Et Cetera is being promoted throughout the US on the CPNet site as one of the best college newspapers in the world**

American competitors!"

Terri Arnott agrees but reminds us that this is only one of many awards the Journalism program has been awarded. As a matter of fact,

Journalism program consistently wins their illustrious competition for Ontario's journalism students. **Contact: Nancy Burt at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4658.**



## Volunteering pays off

The new Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers will be presented to a maximum of ten young people, from fifteen to twenty-four years of age, who have made a significant contribution to the community as a volunteer. However, the first piece of volunteer work for this award involved the design of the medal by some extremely creative young artists and designers in Ontario's post-secondary institutions.

Jolene MacDonald, a Graphic Design and Advertising student at Conestoga College, produced the winning design and was presented with a personalized plaque for her efforts. As well, three honourable mentions were awarded in the design competition. Chris Joseph Lange, a third year student in the Package and Graphic Design program at Humber College, was one of the recipients, and received his personalized plaque - and \$500. -from Marilyn Mushinski, the Premier's Parliamentary Assistant with responsibility for Volunteerism, at the unveiling ceremony in November.

Besides outstanding design skills, Chris carries an academic average of 82 per cent, and was presented with a President's letter for academic achievement. The investiture of the recipients of the Ontario Medal for Young Volunteers is tentatively scheduled for January 1999.

# HRDC Employment Resource Centre-Rexdale gives clients a chance to SOAR

Success. Opportunities. Access. Resources. These are the possibilities presented to clients who avail themselves of the services provided by the HRDC Employment Resource Centre-Rexdale.

Funded by Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) and coordinated by Humber College, the Centre serves the community of Etobicoke North. Since May 1997, it has served over 5000 clients with an average of 150 job searchers assisted per day.

On October 1, 1998, the Centre celebrated its success by inviting the community to an Open House and Recruitment Fair. Employers were on hand to meet with candidates and accept resumes. Employers, including The Toronto Dominion Bank, Royal Plastics, The Mutual Group, Primerica Financial Services, Home Depot, and Humber College, met with over 350 applicants.

The Globe and Mail also took part with a special presentation of their GlobeCareers website ([www.globecareers.com](http://www.globecareers.com)). This website is a great resource for both job seekers and employers.

The HRDC Employment Resource Centre-Rexdale can help

individuals who are looking for work via a number of programs. These include:

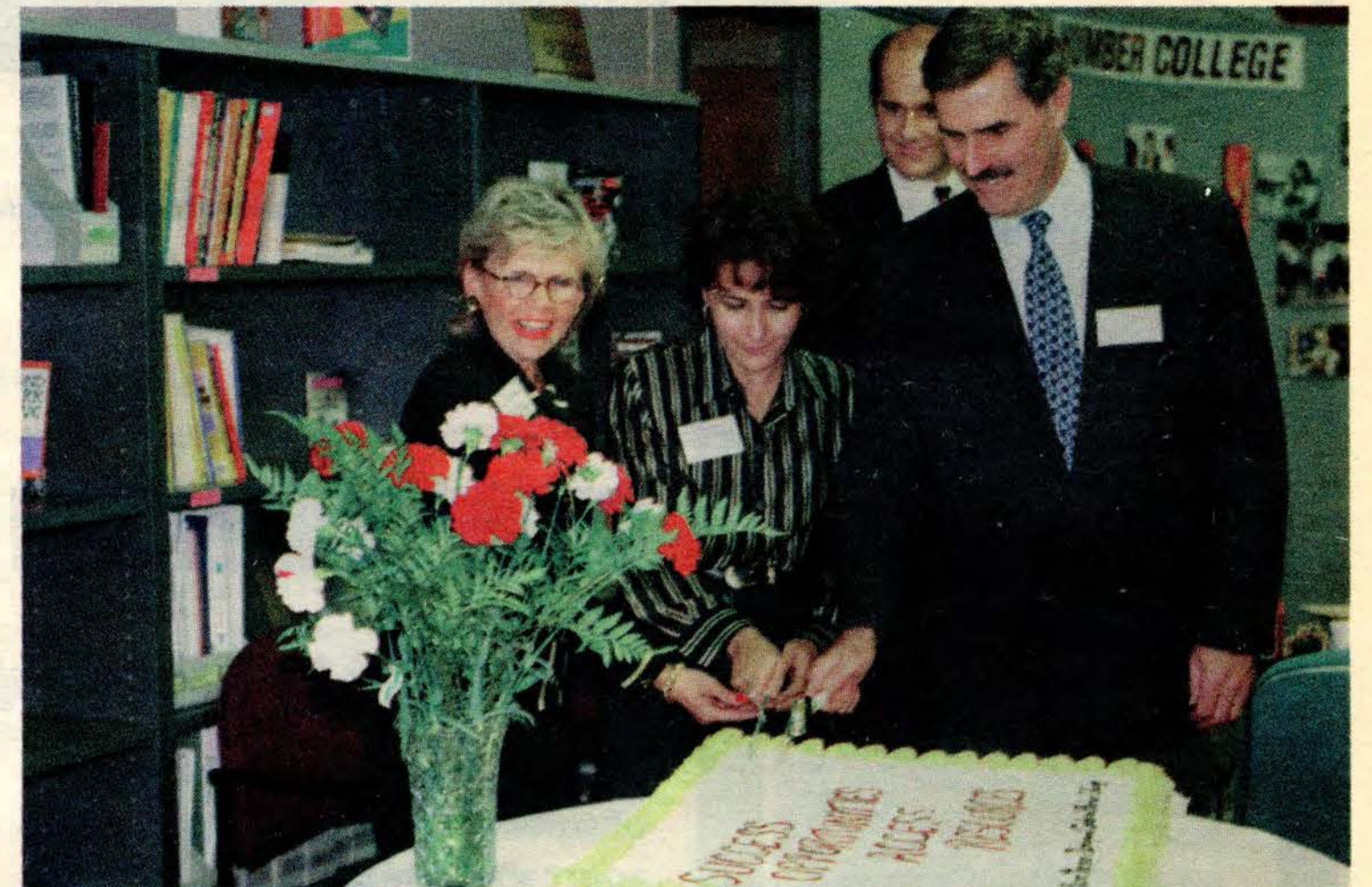
**Centre for Foreign Trained Professionals and Tradespeople** which is an HRDC funded initiative coordinated by COSTI and Humber College. This program is designed to help foreign trained professionals and tradespeople find suitable employment by incorporating vocational assessment and job search techniques with ongoing individual counselling.

For information, call (416) 745-0381

**Job Search Workshop for Immigrants** - which is a free program aimed at helping newcomers find jobs through instructional workshops, individual guidance, practical assistance, and job leads.

For information, call (416) 748-7200 ext. 202

**Job Connect** which is a Government of Ontario program offered in Etobicoke through a partnership of Humber College, the Etobicoke YMCA, and the Centre for Advancement in Work and Living (CAWL), and whose mandate is to help youth find and keep jobs.



**Kris Gataveckas, Vice-President, Business Development, Humber College, Teresa Domaso, (center) Manager, Human Resources Development Canada, and Roy Cullen, MP, Etobicoke North participate in cake-cutting ceremony at HRDC Employment Resource Centre Open House.**

For information, call (416) 748-7200 ext. 204

Clients at the HRDC Employment Resource Centre-Rexdale have access to 24 computers, the Internet, word processing, a job board, in-house workshops, a resource library, newspapers,

telephones, fax machines, photocopiers, and qualified human resources supplied by Humber College.

The Centre is located at 1620 Albion Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, and is open Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

## TLI heeds call of the future

In response to the telecommunications/convergence industry's needs for ongoing skills and knowledge enhancement for the 350,000 Canadians in the workforce, TLI (Telecommunications Learning Institute) has been created as a unique sectoral partnership to support the industry's competitiveness through Strategic Learning Solutions.

Attending the official opening on November 4th were the members of TLI's Board of Directors; the Hon. John Manley, P.C., M.P., Minister of Industry; the Hon. David Johnson, Ontario Education and Training Minister; other federal and provincial government officials, telecom

industry executives, and strategic partners as well as representatives from major industry associations.

TLI was founded in collaboration with the telecommunications/convergence industry and Humber College to provide specialized learning solutions to the existing and future workforce in the sector.

TLI is utilizing specialized yet comprehensive learning products, including its Learning Management System (LMS) software, in providing multi-faceted nationwide delivery of learning services. The LMS is an integral component of TLI's national electronic distribution network supporting sustainable lifelong learning in the sector and an industry competency certification system.

According to Bob Ferchat, Chairman & CEO, Bell Mobility and TLI Board Member, "...demand for a strategic learning initiative has been increasing dramatically in recent years... Strong competition for qualified people demands that access to extended learning be established as a means of attracting and retaining the best workforce possible."

Paul Tsaparis, President & CEO, Hewlett-Packard (Canada) Ltd. and TLI Vice-Chairman, emphasized the need to provide industry workers with as much training as possible in order to help Canada maintain its competitive edge.

"The convergence sector has a high proportion of people who

are already trained to a relatively advanced level and who, with further education, can be moved very quickly to other key areas at specialist levels."

"TLI will help Canadians advance their skills in some of the most rapidly evolving sectors of the global, knowledge-based economy," explained Industry Minister John Manley. "We are pleased to support this initiative which demonstrates how our business and educational communities are working in partnership to develop innovative and flexible approaches to learning for the new economy."

Contact: Clare Samworth at (416) 742-4497, or visit the TLI website at: [www.tlilearn.com](http://www.tlilearn.com)

## A "Ray" of light

Dr. Ratna B. Ray was acclaimed in September as Chair, Board of Governors, Humber College, for a one-year term.

A member of the College's Board since 1994, Dr. Ray brings long-standing experience in professional communication, management, training and education to the position. She has taught at Carleton University in Ottawa, for Humber College and York University, and continues to teach at Ryerson Polytechnic University.

Her career profiles a unique professional life as a practitioner in alternative dispute resolution; as adjudicator and chair of the Rent Review Hearings Board; management strategist; director of the Women's Bureau at Labour Canada; executive secretary to



the Task Force on Canadian Unity; and, as special assistant and senior policy advisor to Canada's first Commissioner of Official Languages.

Bilingual, Dr. Ray holds a Master of Arts degree in Language and Literature from Calcutta University in India and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Ottawa.

Contact: Madeleine Matte at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4324.

## School Dean appointed to Nursing Task Force

Anne Bender, Dean of the School of Health Sciences, was recently appointed to an 18-member Nursing Task Force established last September by the Ontario Ministry of Health. The task force was set up to identify how changes in the nursing profession have affected patient care, and how the system can be improved.

Ms Bender is the only educator on the Task Force. Other members include representatives of staff nurses, nursing organizations, community care, long-term care, hospital services, and representatives from the government and the public.

Recommendations made in December to Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of Health, included actions to ensure that appropriate numbers of nurses are available to meet the needs of patients in hospitals, long term care, and community care.

"I'm hoping that patient care will be improved as a result of the recommendations submitted by the Task Force," explains Ms Bender. "They cover areas of nursing practice, education and research. More importantly, they are recommendations that the Minister can implement."

Contact: Anne Bender at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4283

## Former Board Chair appointed to Ontario Council of Regents



*"I see myself as a representative of my community, the black community, and I would like to see it have an active role in government, so that we are always moving forwards,"*

Dr. Winsome Smith, former Chair of Humber's Board of Governors, has been appointed to the Ontario Council of Regents, the governing body responsible for all of Ontario's community colleges.

The primary function of the Council of Regents is to advise the Minister of Education on all matters regarding college education, including the external appointments to the Board

of each college, as well as collective bargaining. Ms. Smith will serve a three year term which began May 1998, with the option of re-appointment for another three.

"She will be a very valuable addition to the Council," says Dr. Robert Gordon, Humber President. "As a former Board Chair, she has experience in the college system and a formidable wealth of

talent and expertise to offer."

Ms. Smith is an accomplished paediatric dentist, operating two offices in Toronto and Etobicoke.

Born in Kingston, Jamaica, she came to Canada on a scholarship in 1964 to pursue her education. She has been an active member of the community for over twenty-five years, with a particular emphasis on helping young people.

"I see myself as a representative of my community, the black community, and I would like to see it have an active role in government, so that we are always moving forwards," she says.

In the same spirit of forward movement, the Council is looking at reorganizing the role of the college as the year 2000 approaches. In the last twenty-five years, the function of the college has more or less remained the same. Now, it becomes the task of the Council to reassess the needs of each college according to the demands of a rapidly changing society.

"We cannot stay static," says Ms. Smith, adding, "I am thrilled and humbled to have been asked to do this."

### Kodak, IKON, and Humber collaborate for corporate training

A series of three day workshops on the use of digital imaging in the workplace has been developed for the corporate market through an exciting partnership with Kodak Canada, IKON Office Solutions and the Digital Imaging Training Centre (DITC) at Humber College.

The first in the series "Integrating Imaging Into Business Documents" teaches marketing, sales and communications executives the skills to create professional high impact documents. Digital cameras,

desktop scanners and printers are among the tools used to take corporate clients through the process of importing images into popular software applications such as Word and Power Point for inclusion in business presentations and proposals, newsletters, flyers and other communications materials.

The workshops will all be held in the state-of-the-art facilities at Humber's Digital Imaging Training Centre.

"This facility at Humber College is well equipped with the latest in educational technology,"

says Bill Steele, Executive Director of Kodak Canada, "and we are delighted to be associated with Humber to address these corporate training needs within the Greater Toronto area."

"Images are a powerful persuader and, by producing documents that promote attention and stimulate interest, our clients will generate increased sales," says Carolyn Booth, Director of the DITC.

IKON Office Solutions are an active partner in marketing this program to their customers and all promotional materials and the comprehensive course materials are printed on a digital printer through their offices.

**Contact: Carolyn Booth at (416) 675 6622, ext. 4178.**

## Student from Ghana high achiever at Humber

Joe Boateng, a graduate of the Social Service Worker program at Humber, is a fine example of what can be achieved when faced with adversity.

Boateng, a native of Ghana, decided to come to Canada in 1995 to complete his studies, leaving his wife and children back home.

The road for Boateng was a bumpy one, as it is for most new Canadians. Arriving in a new country and trying to immerse immediately into a different culture is difficult enough, but the financial hardship and probable discrimination he would have endured made the move all the more painful.

"As a black man coming to a predominately white country, the difficulties at times must have felt insurmountable," says Patricia Spindel, a faculty member in the School of Social and Community Services. She taught Boateng in his second year of the program.

Ms. Spindel found Boateng to be an extraordinary student. "Joe is very thoughtful and remarkably insightful. In his assignments, I could see a certain depth and astuteness that I do not always see in a class of students."

With significant family responsibilities back home, and a demanding full-time study schedule here, the pressures were

many. Boateng is proof that success, regardless of the obstacles, is possible if one is truly motivated.

He applied for and won the prestigious Hites Scholarship after completing Humber's program. Valued at \$12,000 U.S., the award is designed for students graduating from a two or three year diploma program who want to continue their studies at an American University.

Boateng has gone on to D'Youville College in Buffalo, New York, to earn a degree in Science and Social Work. Completing that, he has the potential to go directly into the second year of a Masters program.

## Music Concerts

### Winter Showcase

Date: February 24, 1999  
Featuring: Ted Quinlan's Organ Trio Ensemble  
Mark Promane's Fusion Ensemble  
Dave Stillwell's Blue Jackets  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: Lakeshore Campus  
Admission: \$5 for adults  
\$3 for seniors and students

### Spring Showcase

Date: April 7, 1999  
Featuring: Don Thompson's Ensemble  
Kieren Over's Jazz Ensemble  
Rick Lazar's Latin Ensemble  
Time: 7:30 pm  
Location: Lakeshore Campus  
Admission: \$5 for adults  
\$3 for seniors and students

**Contact: Music Department at (416) 675-6622, ext. 3427**

## Theatre Production Schedule

### Escape From Happiness

A wildly funny urban legend from one of Canada's finest playwrights, George F. Walker.

Date: February 3 - February 14, 1999  
Location: Theatre Humber  
Lakeshore Campus  
Admission: \$10 adults  
\$7 for seniors and students

### Twelfth Night & Macbeth

Two from the master, William Shakespeare.

Date: March 30 - April 15  
Location: Theatre Humber  
Lakeshore Campus  
Admission: \$10 adults  
\$7 for seniors and students

**Contact: Theatre Humber at (416) 675-6622, ext. 3414**

## Comedy workshop nothing to laugh at

The Humber Comedy Workshop is an intensive one-week program (held annually in early summer) that provides comprehensive and practical instruction on everything from comic screenwriting and writing for sitcoms and variety shows, to sketch

Emmy winner; Stephen Rosenfield, considered to be the foremost stand-up comedy instructor in North America; Anne Beatts, whose satirical writing and producing has won her two Emmys



**At the awards luncheon, President Gordon (left) presents the Humber Prize for Outstanding Achievement to Joe Flaherty (middle) and Eugene Levy (right).**

and stand-up writing and performance. Panel discussions, keynote speakers, live student performances, master classes, and an awards luncheon are also featured.

This year, the event was graced by the wit of Carol Leifer, former co-producer and lead writer for *Seinfeld*, while the workshops were led by some of comedy's finest: Joe Flaherty, comic actor and an alumnus of Second City and co-creator of SCTV; Eugene Levy, former SCTV and Second City regular as well as a multiple

for her work on *Saturday Night Live*; and Lorne Frohman, winner of six Emmys and writer for such shows as *Pryor's Place*, *Dame*, *Edna's Hollywood*, *Fernwood Tonight* and more.

**Contact Madeleine Matte at: (416) 675-6622, ext. 4324.**

## Humber Hospitality student recognized

In the end, Humber student Ryan Todd followed his heart, and it paid off.

As one of Humber's top Hospitality Management students, he has just been recognized with the granting of a Labatt Breweries Ontario Scholarship. It is an honour which acknowledges both his dedication to the field and his strong academic performance.

But Todd's career wasn't initially headed down this path. "I've always flirted with the hospitality idea, but shied away from it and instead opted for university and a degree," he says.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Environmental Geography, but realized it wasn't really what he wanted. So Todd found himself back in school in Humber's two year Hospitality Management program.

"I chose Humber because of the practical experience it offers. The internship part of the program is invaluable," he claims.

This is Todd's final year at Humber. His goal is to one day run a catering office in a major hotel or country club. It's an ambition that comes from the heart. Todd is pleased that he had the good sense to return to his first love; so is Humber. **Contact: Rosemarie Grivich at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4105**

# Speakers distinguish themselves

Lewis Lapham, editor of Harper's Magazine, and George Plimpton, editor of The Paris Review, were the exciting starters for the new Humber School for Writers' Distinguished Speakers' Series this fall.

"This speakers series is a natural extension of Humber's popular and successful correspondence program in creative writing and the week-long summer workshop," says Joe Kertes, Director of the Humber School for Writers. "While the first group of speakers is drawn exclusively from the literary field, future speakers will include representatives from the arts, business, science, and technology. "It's our intention to feature interesting people from all walks of life."

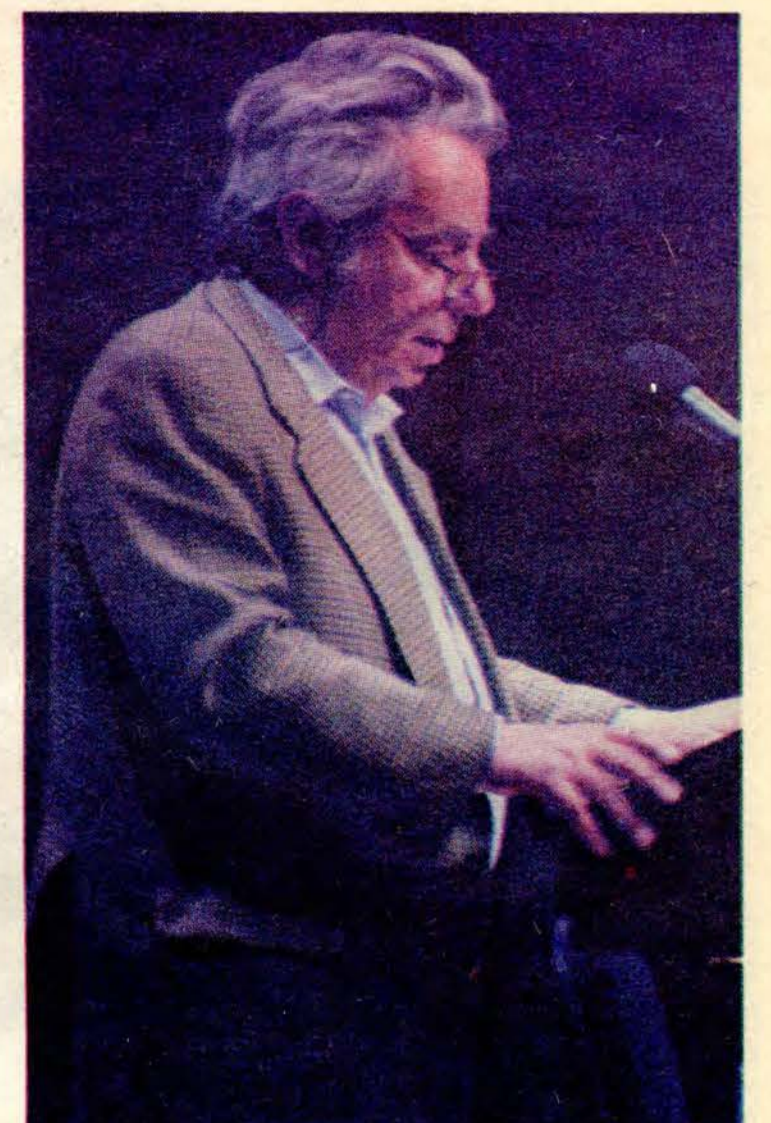
Speaker sessions take place in the George Weston Recital Hall at the Ford Centre for the



**George Plimpton, Lewis Lapham (center) and Eleanor Wachtel start off Distinguished Speakers Series.**

Performing Arts, are presented with CBC Radio One and The Globe and Mail, and are sponsored by Verso/ Penguin Books Canada, Doubleday Canada, Random House/Knopf Canada,

Harper's Magazine, The Paris Review, York University Bookstore, Chapters Bookstore, and Indigo Books & Music. **Contact: Joe Kertes at 675-6622, ext. 4201.**



**Renowned novelist/ writer Mordecai Richler recently took centerstage at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts.**

## Program attracts global interest

What is it about Humber's Music program that attracts students from all parts of the globe?

First year student, Alessia Calvaruso, had to make a choice when she received an acceptance from Humber last August. Already slated for enrolment at the Manhattan School of Music in New York, Alessia heard about Humber's Music program from her teachers in Rome, where she worked at one of that city's largest banks.

"I wanted to improve my skills as a singer-composer and to learn to use my voice like an instrument," she explains. "So, I chose Humber."

Alessia is very happy with the choice she made and with the quality of instruction in her program. "I can't express enough the importance of receiving an education in music by learning directly from musicians," she says.

Even farther afield than Italy, Kozi Yoshida came to Humber from Japan via Kingston, Ontario, where she completed her high school education. She'd heard about Humber's program from a music teacher and decided to branch out from her classical background and training to study jazz.

She found the switch difficult at first. "I was unsure," she says. "Jazz was new to me, but now it's fun and I'm learning a lot."

Piano student, Claire Vazart, is here from France with her husband, saxophonist, Jean Francois Durand and their two young children, to complete jazz studies at the College.

A former high school teacher, Claire began her studies in France, but a music teacher recommended Humber.

She wanted to study jazz, but with no music schools in Europe that focus on that particular idiom, she had to look to North America.

**Contact: Brian Lillos at (416) 675-6622, ext. 3532**

## Cassel shows well

Humber College student Wade Cassel of Brampton, Ontario, recently won the SHL Systemhouse President's Award for Education and Technology. A third year student in the College's Computer Information Systems program, Cassel has a 90% grade point average.

Established in 1997 to promote and encourage excellence in technology, the award requires recipi-

ents to go through an extensive application process, with the final choice based on their commitment to learning, to community service, and their dedication to a well-rounded education. Winners are honoured at their own learning institution and at SHL Systemhouse.

The award, part of a program administered by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, is annually given to 28 different

Canadian universities and colleges. Mr. Cassel won for Humber College.

Humber's three-year Computer Information Systems program offers a comprehensive study of various computer operating systems and programming languages. Graduates are prepared for careers in information systems, which may lead to greater opportunities in CIS management.

## A celebration of the Sensai

Andrew Bowerbank, a professor in the one-year Design Foundation program at Humber College, has published his second book, *Spirit of the Sensai: A Study of Japanese Martial Arts*. It is an inspiring portrait of the man who first brought karate to Canada, the Sensai Masami Tsuruoka.

As a longtime student of the karate master, Mr. Bowerbank was inspired to write this book, the second in what he hopes will be a trilogy on the subject of martial arts. *Spirit of the Sensai* celebrates

the unique relationship established between teacher and student, a relationship that is sacred in ancient eastern philosophy.

*Spirit of the Sensai* is not a 'how-to' book. "This book is not just for the martial arts enthusiast," says Mr. Bowerbank. "It is for anyone who is interested in finding a spiritual path."

Mr. Bowerbank, along with Sensai Tsuruoka and another partner, co-owns the leading school for Tsuruoka karate in Canada, situated in mid-town Toronto. He maintains a busy

schedule teaching karate to Canadians young and old. The author also has his own freelance design business, while teaching a number of courses in Industrial Design at Humber.

"I have been inspired by Sensai Tsuruoka to want to teach," states Mr. Bowerbank. "The passion for education of any kind, to want to spark a student to grow, whether in the martial arts or in a college design program, is what teaching is all about."

**Contact: Andrew Bowerbank at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4115**

## Instructor joins list of published authors at Humber

Humber computer arts instructor, Rick Thomson, has found a way to bridge the two very different worlds of arts and technology. In the process, he has managed to forge a career that he loves.

As a teacher for a number of applied arts programs, Mr. Thomson instructs journalism and fashion students in the intricacies of computer software and the Internet. As a published poet, he is the latest addition to the expanding list of Humber staffers who have

published creative works.

Mr. Thomson's modern, confessional-style poetry has been published in a number of literary journals across the country. He prefers the brevity of poetry over lengthier forms of writing, because "you can say so much in so little".

A graduate of Ryerson's Radio & T.V. program, and later, Humber's Interactive Multimedia program, Mr. Thomson's eventual goal is to produce multimedia projects with other artists. In the

future, he hopes to create poetry for CD-Roms, and is moving to Japan next spring to pursue some of his ideas.

Interestingly, he sees creativity and beauty in the technologically complex world of computers. "It's very difficult to find artists who are also interested in technology," he admits, adding, "I'm fascinated by both technology and the arts. You don't have to lose humanity in the process."

Always eager to push the latest technology to its creative lengths, Mr. Thomson is looking forward to what new ideas he will produce with similar-minded artists in the cyberlinked world.

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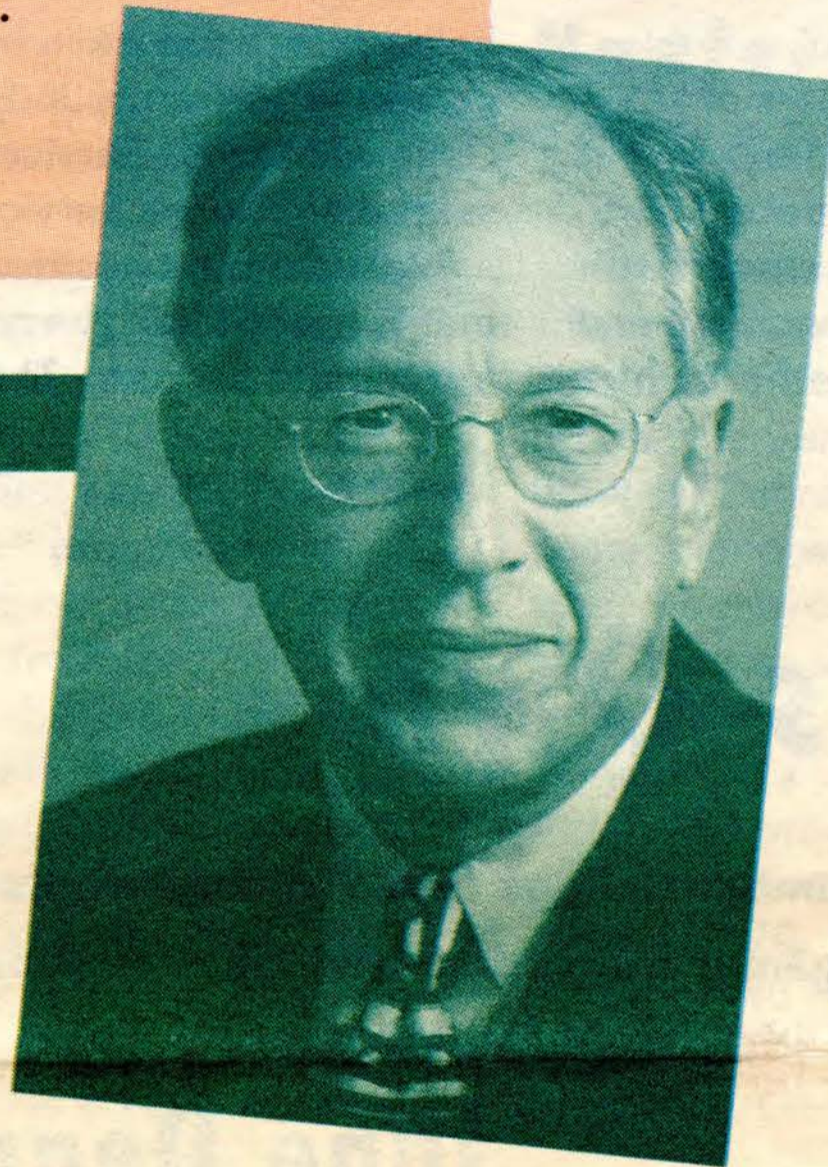
## A friend in need/in deed

Dalyce Newby, International Student Advisor and Coordinator of the Intercultural Centre, started something rather wonderful when she and Cheryl Taylor, a Counsellor, developed Humber Friends four years ago.

The program was and is an effort to provide international students with a friend who will assist them in assimilating to the Canadian culture and the College. It demands someone who enjoys meeting people, is non-judgmental and open-minded, and who can understand how unnerving and lonely it is to be a new person here without family or friends nearby. Newby also requires that Humber students carry a 75% grade point average so that their grades are maintained while helping their new friends.

For the participants, the benefits are extensive. International students improve their conversational English by meeting new people and attending social functions with people of their own age. They are taught the nuances of "slang" and how to conduct their daily activities (using the bus, asking for directions, laundry, shopping) in a foreign country. Moreover, they become comfortable in their new surroundings and are more likely to stay and finish their program.

If you are or know an international student who needs help, or you would like to become a Humber Friend, contact Dalyce Newby at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4349.



## Stuart Smith appointed to BOG

Dr. Stuart Lyon Smith was appointed (effective October 1, 1998) by the Council of Regents to a three-year term as a member of the Board of Governors (BOG), Humber College.

As Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party from 1976 to 1982 and Leader of Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition, Province of Ontario, from 1977 to 1982, he was a forceful spokesman for environmental protection, educational rigour, energy conservation, small business, and a technology-based policy. As an advocate of language rights for English and French, he played a prominent role in the cause of national unity.

Dr. Smith served as Chair of the Science Council of Canada; Chair of the International Peer Review Committee; Chair of the Implementation Committee for the Networks of Centres of

Excellence Competition, Government of Canada; and as Sole Commissioner, Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada Commission of Inquiry on Canadian University Education.

Currently, he is Chair of the Board, Ensyn Technologies Inc.; Chair of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy (appointed by the Prime Minister); and President of RockCliffe Research and Technology Inc. Dr. Smith holds a Bachelor of Science (Hon. Psychology) degree, a Doctor of Medicine, and a Specialist Diploma (Psychiatry) from McGill University.

Contact Madeleine Matte at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4324

## School "builds" on its success

The Humber College - School for the Built Environment has been an active member of professional organizations for many years, believing that

*students are immediately recognized for their education and experience upon graduation.*

students should be exposed to the finest standards in their professions. Moreover, membership in these organizations ensures that the students are immediately recognized for their education and experience upon graduation.

For over ten years, the College, through the

School for the Built Environment, has been a member of the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada. This year, they

were awarded an HRAI Membership Services award for their commitment to HRAI and the Canadian HVACR industry.

A plaque symbolizing this honour is a constant reminder of this achievement.

Contact: John Dunningcliff at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4700.

## A transfer of thought processes

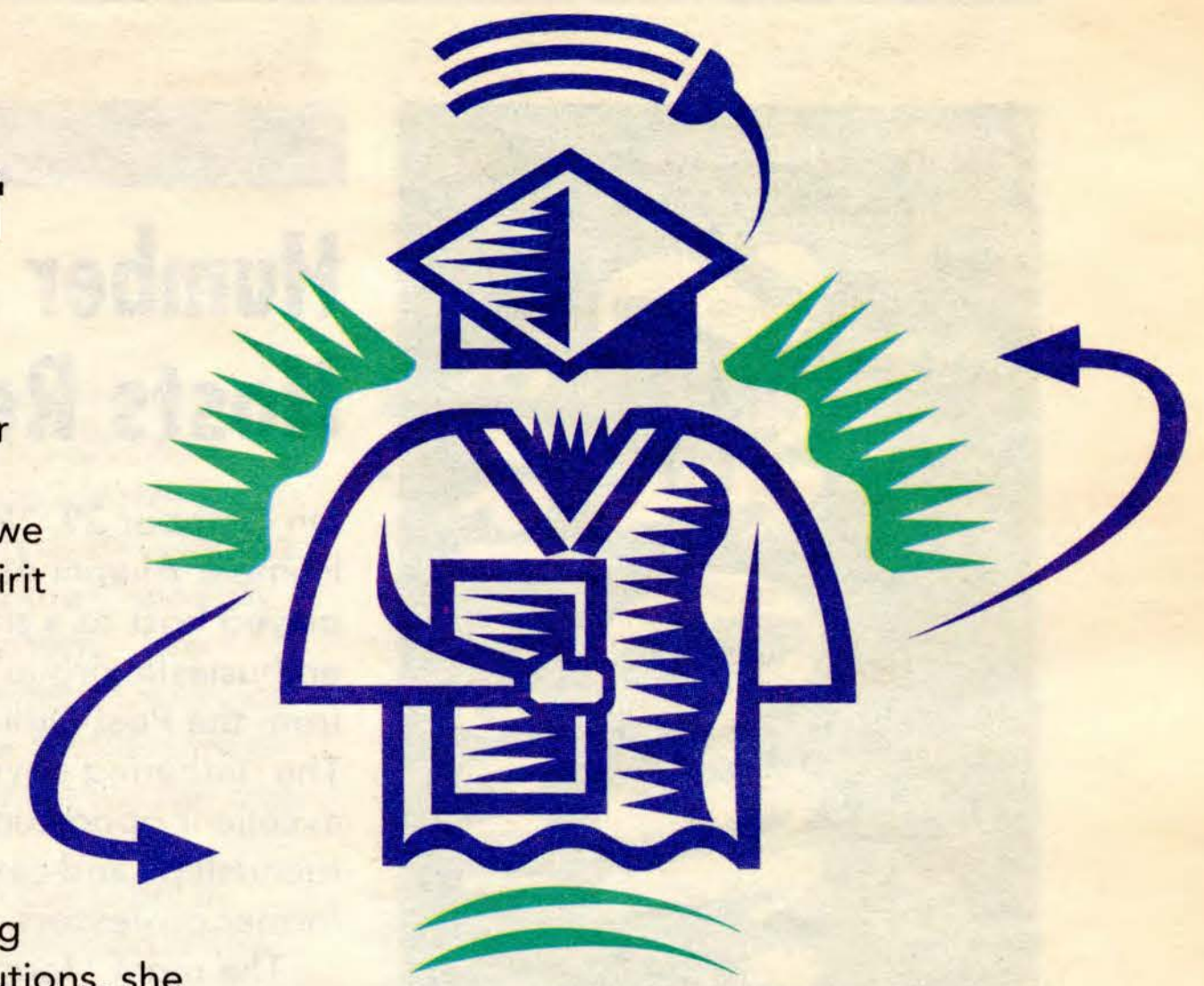
In the face of dwindling government subsidies for education, links between colleges and universities are beginning to emerge, links that will allow students to transfer credits, without penalty, from one institution to another.

"It's wasteful not to do it," says Sheila Susini, Humber's Coordinator for Student Development. Under the existing educational system, taxpayers subsidize transferring students who are, in many cases, forced to take the same course twice. Moreover, students who have made early, uninformed decisions about the course of their post-secondary education are required to spend additional years fulfilling an inflexible academic agenda.

"The global economy demands that colleges and universities develop links," Susini states. "Development of

practical skills for the workforce is paramount, but we also need the spirit of experimentation that is provided by universities." While Susini does not see an actual melding of the two institutions, she believes that the ability to move back and forth between them will increase.

Since universities have traditionally been free to set their own academic policies while colleges are direct instruments of the government, setting transfer policies becomes a matter of trial and error, according to Susini. To address these challenges, Humber joined with other educational institutions on the College and University Consortium Committee (CUCC).



"It's clear that a streamlined and more efficient system of credit transfer is necessary," states Susini. "Otherwise, as the educational credentials for even entry-level jobs continue to skyrocket, we face the issue of invaluable human resources being lost to us; a fate that the CUCC, and Humber, is intent on helping Ontario students avoid."

Contact: Sheila Susini at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4403.

## Education ... Write at your desk

**Q.** What is Business Writing Online?

**A.** A new course in workplace writing skills that has been running as a pilot project this fall.

**Q.** What's special about this course?

**A.** This course is offered entirely online; all of the content, tests, assignments, and instructor-student contact takes place in a virtual classroom on the internet.

**Q.** Why offer a course on the internet instead of in the classroom?

**A.** The course is aimed at people in the workplace or at home who do not have the time or the inclination to drive to a CE class. By using the internet, the students can log onto the course anytime during the day or night to do their work.

**Q.** Who's taking the course?

**A.** Right now, several members of Humber College's support staff are participating in a pilot course. In addition, two students from "the outside world" (one in Alberta, one in northern Ontario) are taking the course as well.

**Q.** What's the course like? How long does it take?

**A.** The course itself is divided into three parts, or modules. Students will study Communication Theory, Workplace Correspondence, and Report Writing Skills. Ideally, a student should take about one month per module, with the entire course completed in approximately three months. However, students can opt to take as long as six months to finish the course.

**Q.** How is the pilot project going?

**A.** Quite well. Getting started took a bit of time for our students. They needed to learn how to navigate - or find - their way around the course. Once they became used to the process, they began to enjoy the experience.

**Q.** How much work is it?

**A.** In each module, students have to submit four assignments. In addition, they are required to "post" items on a virtual bulletin board, and to complete quizzes.

**Q.** Is there an instructor available? What happens if students need help?

**A.** Students can email the professor anytime with questions or concerns. The professor also holds virtual "office hours" every day when students can visit a Chat Room and ask questions in real time. Assignments are submitted as attachments to email or by fax; the professor returns the assignments by email with comments and grades. The professor can also add new material to a special section of the course if an important topic comes up.

**Q.** What's going to happen next?

**A.** Starting in January 1999, the course will be available to the public. Visit the Humber College Distance Learning Website - <http://distancelearning.humberc.on.ca/cours-w.htm> - for more details.

Contact: Marilyn Holt at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4365

## Professor studies "Access to Technology Education" issue for women

Sabra Desai, a professor in the Social Services Worker Program at Humber's Lakeshore Campus, has produced a paper entitled *Building Bridges, Breaking the Cycle: Women, Technology and Community College Education* as part of her doctoral work at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

Covered in the paper are issues such as how to develop training and education programs which can assist in 'upskilling' locally dislocated workers, people who have long been unemployed, and workers entering the economy from developing and non-English speaking countries.

The impact of a shift to an information economy and the technological trends which have emerged as a result of this shift are bringing together high school entrants and mature students in ever-greater numbers.

This shift hits women especially hard since it is recognized that both Canadian and immigrant women have lower levels of basic science education.

Because women are now over-represented in lower income occupations, it is especially important for them to be able to break into this new field to obtain better paying jobs.

With demographic data showing that immigrant women are entering community colleges in ever-increasing numbers, and that among these women there are higher numbers of immigrant women, community colleges are challenged to respond to their needs for quality technology training.

Ms Desai's paper outlines both the feedback of women in these situations, and the steps community colleges can consider in attempting to address these issues.

Contact: Sabra Desai at (416) 675-6622, ext. 3254

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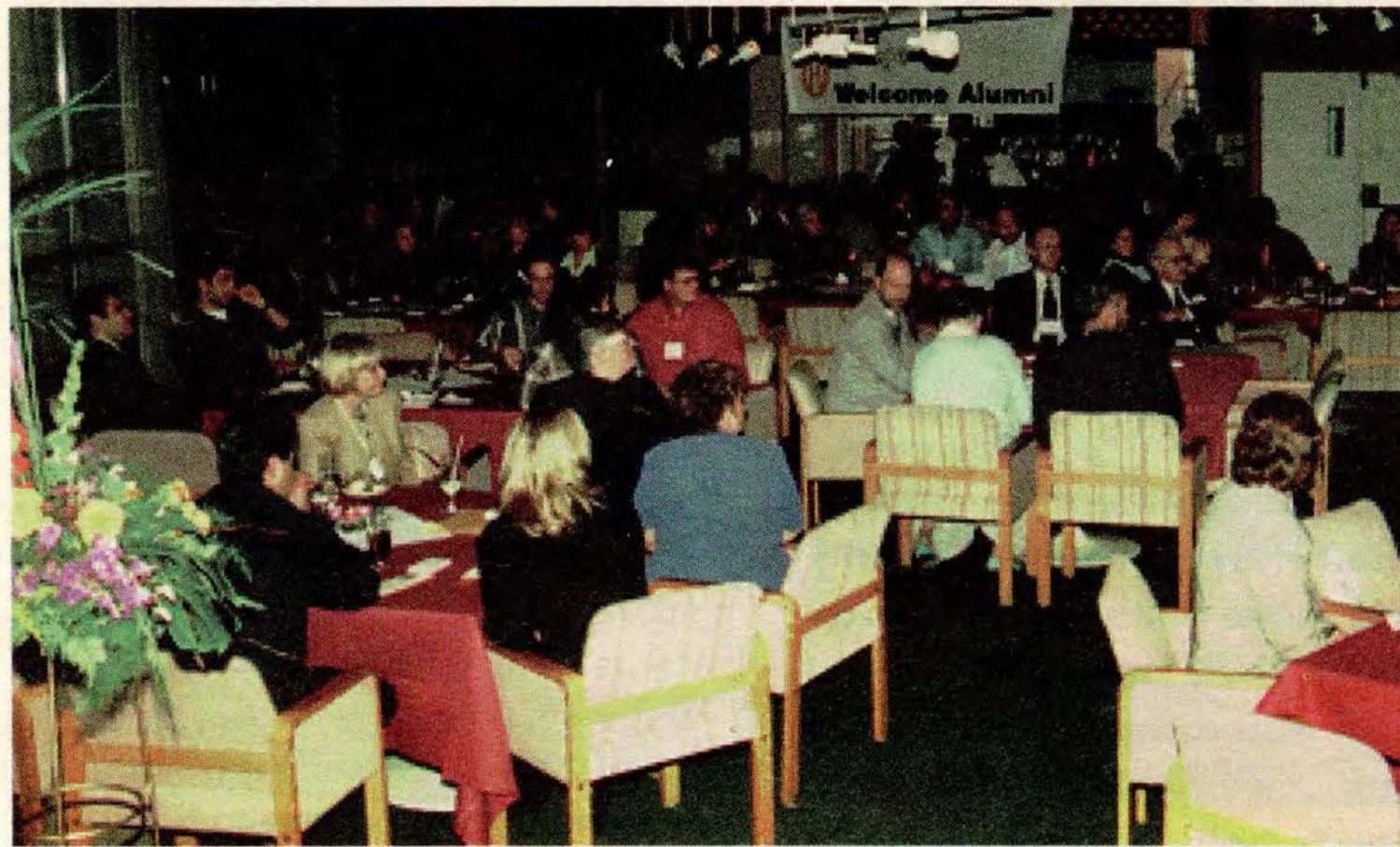
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## Humber Alumni Association Hosts Reunion Evening

On October 29, 1998, the Humber Alumni Association played host to a small but enthusiastic group of graduates from the Post-Diploma programs. The gathering gave them an excellent opportunity to renew friendships and catch up with their former professors.

The more "formal" portion of the evening began with a few words from Humber President, Dr. Robert Gordon. The group then heard from Dr. Howard Teall, Acting Dean, School of Business & Economics at Wilfrid Laurier University. He spoke about the "Laurier on the Lakeshore" MBA program where Humber graduates from the Post-Diploma programs who also have their university degrees can complete their MBA with weekend sessions at the Lakeshore Campus.

The highlight of the evening was guest speaker, Sharon Paul, who is Executive Vice-President, Public Affairs, for Labatt Brewing



**ATTENTIVE CROWD - Post-Diploma alumni listen to guest speakers at reunion hosted by Humber Alumni Association**

Company Ltd. Ms Paul, a Public Relations graduate, Class of '76, spoke about using "Career Intelligence" to help make smart career decisions. She shared with the audience how networking and volunteering, among other things,

helped her advance in her own career. Afterwards, Judy Harvey, Dean of Student Services, presented an Alumni Services update.

Based on the positive comments heard later, the reunion was a complete success. The Alumni



**IT'S LIKE THIS - Sharon Paul shares her thoughts on using "Career Intelligence"**

Association hopes to hold more of these events in the future. In the meantime, anyone interested in organizing a class or program reunion should contact Alumni Services at 416 675-6622, ext. 4872.

## Humber Hires Its Own

With well over 35 alumni on staff, it's easy to say Humber College believes in hiring its own. They work in every area of the college and run the gamut from administrator to support staff. Profiled below are just two of the many alumni who still "haunt the halls" of Humber.

### Leisa Mision

It was purely by chance that Leisa Mision began her career with Humber 21 years ago. A year after she graduated from Humber's Accounting Program in 1976, she found herself out of work when the company went bankrupt.

Lesia came by one day to chat with her former teachers. After finding out about her situation, the teacher, knowing there was a job vacancy in Financial Services quickly set up an appointment that day with the hiring manager and the director.

"It didn't matter that I was not at all prepared for the interview," said Lesia. "I went in, had the interview, and was hired then and there."

She began working as a cost clerk and was eventually promoted into an administrative position. She held several other administrative positions before becoming the College's Associate Director, Financial Planning.

Lesia, who is a Certified General Accountant, is currently working on her Bachelor of Administrative Studies degree at York University. Overall, she feels her career at Humber College has been a positive experience.

"Aside from the usual ups and downs that go with any job," said Lesia. "It's been a really good experience."



### Jane Dearing

Jane Dearing began her Humber career as a junior programmer immediately after graduating from the Computer Programming course in 1977. She moved over to Technical Support in 1981, sending her career in a totally new direction. Today, Jane is Manager of Technical Services, overseeing a team of people who look after the entire college computer network as well as its servers.

Jane has become a bit of a pioneer at Humber because she has helped introduce much of the ever-changing technology Humber enjoys today.

"I believe we should never be playing catch-up," said Jane. "We should always be at the forefront of the new technology."

Jane has continued her education by taking many industry-sponsored courses as well as learning much of the technical information on her own. She maintains a network of contacts which helps her stay current on the latest technological advancements.

Above and beyond her duties in Technical Services, Jane has taught an Introduction to Computer Programming course, and in 1993, at a time when the Internet was coming into its own, developed and taught an introductory Internet course.

**"I believe we should never be playing catch-up," said Jane. "We should always be at the forefront of the new technology."**

"My career at Humber has been great," added Jane. "I work in a very dynamic area of the college which is changing all the time, so I don't think I'll be leaving any time soon."

## Looking For...

Over the past few months, the Alumni Services office has received calls from Humber alumni looking for someone they knew in college or anyone from their graduating year. Can you help? If you know the whereabouts of these "lost" alumni, please get in touch with Alumni Services.

Claudia Brown	Community or Social Service Worker Program	1986/87
Rick Nicolussi	Cinematography Program	1979
Maryanne Barrons	Jockey Training Program	1980
Anyone	Computer Programming	1979
Anyone	Landscape Technology Program	1980
Anyone	Data Processing Diploma Program	1976

## It's Reunion Time!

Did you graduate from...

- Mental Retardation Counsellor in 1980?
- Package & Graphic Design in the past 20 years?
- Creative Photography in the past 30 years?
- Special Care Counsellor in 1974?

Then, reunion organizers from each of these programs are looking for you! Call the Alumni Services office to get details - 416 675-6622, ext. 4872.

## 1998 Humber Premier's Awards Nominees

Each year, colleges from across Ontario submit their nominees for the Premier's Awards in the following areas – Applied Arts, Technology, Business and Health Sciences – to the Ontario Council of Regents. These awards, created in 1992, honour those college graduates who have demonstrated outstanding career success and who have made significant contributions to society. Humber College is proud to recognize the following exceptional graduates as Humber's nominees for the 1998 Premier's Awards.

### Gwen Boniface - Applied Arts

By shattering the glass ceiling in the male-dominated Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Gwen Boniface has become one of only three female police chiefs in Canada. In a stellar career which began with the OPP after graduating from the Law and Security Administration program in 1977, Ms Boniface has recently named commissioner of the 6,000-member force which has over 83 detachments province-wide.

Commissioner Boniface, who holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from York University (1982) and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Osgoode Hall Law School (1988), believes Humber gave her self-confidence and a positive academic experience, and Barry Saxton, a retired Humber professor who taught a law course during her first year, the desire to pursue a career in law enforcement.

Perhaps subconsciously remembering what Mr. Saxton did for her, Commissioner Boniface volunteers as an adjunct professor at the University of Western Ontario, King's College, passing on her knowledge and experience to the next generation. She has also been involved with two other youth initiatives; the Western Area Youth Services Board and Child Find Ontario.

Commissioner Boniface is a member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and a director of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police. She was recently appointed to the Law Commission of Canada (one of five appointees from across

Canada).

From constable to commissioner, Gwen Boniface epitomizes the potential Humber graduates have to succeed in today's challenging world.

### Martin McNamara, MD, CCFP - Health Sciences

For Martin McNamara, MD, CCFP, being one of the first to do something has become rather commonplace. After graduating from the Ambulance and Emergency Care program in 1977, he started his career as one of the first "college grads" ever hired by the Orillia and District Ambulance Service. While there, he challenged and successfully completed one of the first sittings of the Emergency Medical Care Attendant (EMCA) exams, and he applied and was accepted into the first class of air escort officers which eventually formed the core of the developing Ontario air ambulance program.

During his EMCA career, Dr. McNamara first saw the need for a "helper bear" program which supplied and continues to supply teddy bears to injured children. He also was the first to develop a comprehensive map of the Midland region, a map which is still in use today by Midland Ambulance as well as the OPP and local fire departments.

These "firsts" hardly compare, however, to his acceptance, at

age 35, to McMaster Medical School on his first try.

After three years of hard work and effort, this Class of '95 valedictorian graduated into an experimental residency which combines emergency medicine, his first love, with family practice. There were only three positions available at McMaster, and Dr. McNamara was chosen as one of the three from the 97 physicians who applied from across Canada. He successfully passed his Family Practice (CCFP) exams in 1997 and his Emergency Medicine exams in 1998.

Dr. McNamara is presently working at both the Huronia District Hospital in Midland and Barrie's Royal Victoria Hospital.

### Burton (Burt) Napier - Technology

From cruise ships to Bay Street – Burt Napier, Executive Vice President, Operations & Technology, at the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (CIBC), has come a long way from the days when he played piano professionally on cruise ships. A switch in careers eventually brought him to Humber on a Canada Manpower Retraining program. He graduated from Computer Programming in 1970.

This 1980 Harvard MBA graduate and class valedictorian has been at the leading edge of

technology from the beginning when he joined the CIBC after graduation. He was involved with the demanding job of developing and implementing the Canadian on-line banking system. Two years later, the Toronto-Dominion would become the beneficiary of Mr. Napier's expertise for the next 20 years.

He returned to the CIBC in 1994 where he developed many of the bank's frontrunning on-line banking financial services.

In 1996, Mr. Napier was instrumental in launching INTRIA Corporation of which he is its CEO and Chair. Unique to North America, INTRIA provides end-to-end technology and processing operations for financial services companies including CIBC and select external customers.

Mr. Napier has passed his extensive knowledge of today's technology to others at Humber as well as to, most recently, University of Toronto Engineering students. He has also shared his time and business acumen with Humber's Board of Governors of which he served as its vice-chair in 1987. In May, 1998, Mr. Napier was named chair of the Board of Directors for Humber's new Telecommunications Learning Institute (TLI). TLI, a stand-alone business unit of Humber, is the only market-driven educational and training facility of its kind in North America whose purpose is to serve the transformation needs of the telecommunications industry.

### Vickie Campbell - Business

In 1985, Vickie Campbell (Marketing Program, Class of '77) was interviewed for an article on successful Humber graduates. She was quoted as saying, "I plan to open more branches and in five years I hope to be doing five million dollars' worth of business a year". Today, 13 years later, her company, Campbell Moving Systems Inc., is generating \$14 million in sales and has five locations throughout Southern Ontario with its Head Office on a seven-acre site in Brampton.

Her company is a member of the United Van Lines organization of which she is the only female shareholder. United Van Lines is the second largest group of its

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kind in Canada with a 40% share of the moving business. Campbell Moving Systems is the second largest United Van Lines agent in the country.

Ms Campbell has been recognized for her achievements by winning the United Van Lines Business Development Award in 1996 and Top Single Broker Award in 1997. She herself became a member of United Van Lines' First Circle in 1997, one of only ten top salespeople admitted to this group to date.

Even while she continues to grow her company within the United Van Lines organization, Ms Campbell has not forgotten to give back to the community. During the 1997 Red River flood, her company trucks did not go to Winnipeg without blankets and other much-needed supplies. She also helped the Salvation Army distribute supplies during the ice storm which hit Eastern Ontario in 1998.

Ms Campbell credits Humber with setting her on a sales and marketing career course, a course which has proven to be a highly successful one.

## A POSTSCRIPT

On December 9, 1998, the Premier's Awards Selection Panel met to choose the 1998 Premier's Award recipients from the over 70 nominations received from across the college system. We are thrilled and honoured to announce that Commissioner Boniface is this year's recipient of the Premier's Award for Applied Arts.

The other three deserving

**Congratulations to everyone who was nominated for these Awards.**

ing recipients are: for Business - Val Azzoli, President, Atlantic Records, from Seneca College; for Health Sciences - Karen Bridgman-Acker, Field Practicum Coordinator for Sheridan's Social Service Worker

programs; and for Technology - Donald MacKinnon, Vice-President, Underground Operations for Kinross Gold Corporation, from Northern College.

Congratulations to everyone who was nominated for these Awards. They, as well as the four recipients, demonstrate the outstanding calibre of student who graduates from the Ontario College system.

## Stay in Touch!

Don't forget to stay in touch with the Alumni Services. You can reach Alumni Services at 416 675-6622, ext. 4872, or at [alumni@admin.humberc.on.ca](mailto:alumni@admin.humberc.on.ca).

Or fax in the following form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Business No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student supervisor at work

The Student Supervisor Program, introduced by Food Services and the School of Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism (HRT), is a success in its first semester. It allows students in a full-time hospitality, tourism or recreation program to apply their education and practice their supervision skills in a real environment like Joe's Diner (residence cafeteria) or Harvey's.

Don Henriques, General Manager of Food Services for Humber, recruited students last year for this year's positions. The students must be prepared to work both terms and have an average of 70% or higher to be eligible. Ryan Todd, Leanne Sandilands and Ian Foote fulfilled the criteria - and then some.

The students have a very short time in which to get assimilated to the program, but so far, the program is fulfilling everyone's expectations. Students must work three to four shifts plus weekend hours, but the workplace situations are sensitive to their class schedules.

Being in the Supervisor program does not mean that students are exempt from any of their required courses. However, they are exempt from their last traineeship with another employer, using their experience for the credit.

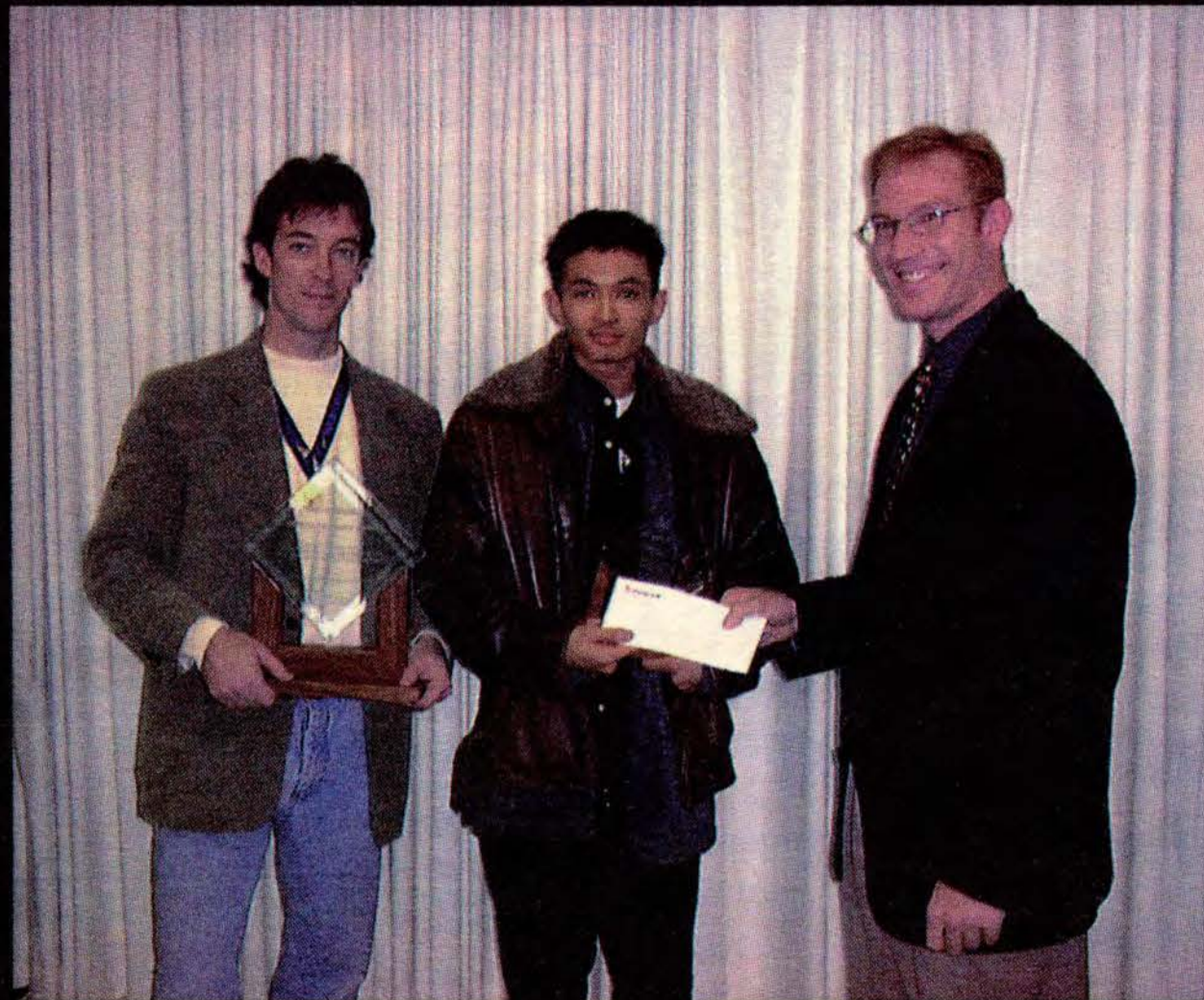
Rosemarie Grivich, Coordinator of the Hospitality Management program, indicated that the Supervisor program allows a student to work for a longer period of time with one employer, obtain supervisor-specific skills, as well as an overview of the entire operation of the facility. Students learn how to handle cash and sales reports, deposits, scheduling, and cost control.

As Leanne Sandilands puts it, the chances of getting a good job after graduation are better when her work experience is as a supervisor rather than a line worker.

Contact: Rosemarie Grivich at 675-6622, ext. 4105

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Presenting the Fuji Student print award is Craig Minielly of PPO, and Chris Fudge of Fuji to the winner Luisito Alvina Humber College

## Popular on-line course upgraded

The Digital Imaging Training Centre (DITC) at Humber College introduced its first distance education course using the World Wide Web in September, 1997. One year later, the course - Photoshop, Going the Distance - has gained in popularity and achieved worldwide enrolment.

As the most-used software application package for image manipulation for the exploding web and multimedia industries the demand for accessible quality training continues to grow. The distance format has proved very successful and provides the student with weekly time-synchronous virtual classroom sessions to consolidate their learning.

To reflect the latest version of this software, Photoshop 5.0, the DITC has committed to an update of the interactive tutorials and the full-colour manual provided to students on a CD-ROM in both Macintosh and PC formats. This new upgraded nine-week course will be offered starting in January, 1999 at a price of \$375 including the CD.

By the end of 1999, the DITC plans to offer a similar distance course in Adobe Illustrator, an industry-standard technical drawing and design program.

Contact: Carolyn Booth at (416) 675 6622, ext. 4178

### And the award goes to...

At a series of Awards Nights each November, students in the schools of Health Sciences, Liberal Arts & Sciences, Built Environment, Business, Performing Arts, Social & Community Services, Manufacturing Technology & Design, Information Technology, Accounting & Electronics are recognized for their outstanding academic achievements and leadership skills.

This year, approximately 500 guests attended each ceremony, which involved the participation of some 100 donors and 150 student

winners. Awards consisted of cash, trophies/plaques, and gift certificates.

Judy Harvey, Dean of Student Services, stated that, "Humber's Awards program, although already large, was given a significant boost this year with the net increase of 42 new awards from donors. This is the largest annual increase in the last thirteen years, and would seem to attest to the growing recognition of the talent and achievements of Humber students across all program areas."

Contact: Judy Harvey at (416) 675-6622, ext. 5029

## In recognition

November 11, 1998, holds a special significance for the School of Manufacturing Technology and Design. On that evening, it was the honour of the faculty and administrators to host their first Recognition Night for all the corporate partners who have provided support, advice, and equipment.

It is a continuing challenge for industry to find skilled workers and for educational institutions to produce the training needed. When a partnership that enriches both participants is made possible, then there is cause for celebration.

The following companies were acknowledged for their excellence:

ABC Group, a premier purveyor of plastic research and engineering, prototyping, product testing and development, consistently hires graduates from both the Industrial Design and Mechanical Design programs.

Automatic Compactors has over 35 years of experience in the manufacturing and distribution of waste and recycling equipment. Their donation of new equipment to Humber's CNC and IMM programs has allowed the instructors to create self-study learning modules.

Lynch Fluid Controls Inc., a designer, manufacturer and distributor of high quality fluid power, hydraulic and pneumatic components, is a strong proponent of Humber's education and training philosophies.

Lynch Technologies Inc. is a leading supplier of integrated CAD/CAM and CAE software, and a charter member of Humber's industrial partnerships.

Omron Canada boasts one of the industry's broadest lines of industrial automation systems, controls and components. Besides providing two financial awards

annually, they have also donated over \$30,000 in equipment to the Electrical Controls program.

Schneider Canada is a worldwide leader in the electrical industry, serving the automotive establishment for over 50 years. They followed up their generous donation of equipment and software with on-site seminars to the School's Electrical Controls students.

Sony of Canada regularly ensures that its name stays front and center in the international market by inventing products that are a surprising integration of design and advanced technologies. Students in the Industrial Design program have benefited from this remarkable knowledge base with the personalized guidance that Sony has provided over the last twenty years.

Springco Industries Ltd., a designer and manufacturer of unique springmaking equipment, was instrumental in the development of a new certificate program at Humber College, and continues to provide support and employment opportunities for Humber graduates.

Tycos Tool & Die Ltd., a busy and successful manufacturer of large plastic moulds for the automotive market, consistently participates in the School's career fairs and offers employment to its graduates.

Webber St. Louis Inc. provides H.R. consulting services, training and development for both the private sector and the federal government. An extremely successful Youth Internship program in the Tool & Die and Machining Field was produced in conjunction with Webber St. Louis and Humber College in 1996.

Contact: Ken Simon at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4567 or Ann Tsirgielis at ext. 4381.

## An exchange of opinion

A unique opportunity exists for Humber College business students and yet none are taking advantage of it this year.

In 1994, Laurie Turner, Coordinator of the Business Administration program at Humber, developed an exchange program with L'Universite Claude Bernard in Lyon, France. Turner had to investigate a number of schools in France before making

enjoying themselves tremendously.

They chose Canada for their exchange because it was likely to be very different from their home country, and they were not disappointed. Attitudes towards work (harder), the number of hours spent in class (longer), the number of courses taken each semester (fewer) were all a surprise to Julien and

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her decision, since the curriculum needed to be a close fit with the business programs at Humber College. IUT "B", a small "college" within the university, offered her the best choice.

And, while Humber students have not leapt at the chance to study abroad, two students from France are quickly learning their way around the Canadian culture and college system. Steve Manicas, 21, and Julien Villani, 20, are currently in the Business Administration program and

Steve, but both encourage students to get involved with life in another country. "It's so interesting to learn a different culture," says Steve.

In order to qualify, students must speak fluent French and have already completed two years of college. The term overseas lasts for the whole school year. Participants pay their regular tuition to Humber College, plus the cost of transportation to France and living expenses. Contact: Laurie Turner at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4676.



## Strata Inc. shows strong support for 3D graduates

An outstanding and unique exhibition of digital stills and a showcase of animation shorts was recently held at the Poor Alex Theatre in Toronto. The entire exhibition was the work of the first graduates from the part-time 3D Modeling and Animation Certificate Program offered through the Digital Imaging Training Centre at Humber College.

These part-time learners had been studying at the Digital Imaging Training Centre for the best part of a year, working tirelessly to master the techniques of modeling and animation using Strata Studio Pro.

Strata Inc., developers of

Strata Studio Pro, very generously donated several copies of their powerful software and manuals to these graduates and highly commended the course instructor, Tom Auger.

**"Humber is the only community college in Ontario teaching Strata Studio Pro"**

"Humber is the only community college in Ontario teaching Strata Studio Pro", says Carolyn Booth, Director of the Digital Imaging Training Centre. "We're gaining an excellent reputation for our 3D training and these graduates display exceptional talent in their 3D work targeted for the

multimedia industry."

The Digital Imaging Training Centre offers part-time (evening and weekend) 3D modeling and animation certificate programs in both Strata Studio Pro and 3D

Studio Max. In addition, the Centre, in partnership with the School for the Built Environment, coordinates a one-year, post-diploma program, 3D for the Design and Architectural Professional

**Contact: Carolyn Booth at (416) 675 6622, ext. 4178.**



## Prepping for employment

The HRT Alliance, in partnership with Human Resources Development Canada, began a unique 23-week program in November called Basic Food Preparation for Persons with Learning Challenges.

Classroom courses provide theoretical training in food theory principles, food hygiene, and sanitation, while lab work is being offered in the preparation of stocks, soups, sauces, salads, pasta, eggs, meat, fish and seafood. A work placement introduces students to the dynamics of the industry, creating possible employment opportunities as entry-level junior cooks upon completion.

Every student in the program must be ineligible for employment insurance and have an identifiable learning challenge (dyslexia, ADD, etc.). These challenges make the classroom environment interesting, says Debbie Leone, program coordinator. A mentor or tutor works alongside the students at all times, and the faculty are encouraged to look for innovative ways to provide instruction.

While both students and faculty must work hard to ensure that the program goals are met, it's a worthwhile venture for all concerned. "It's a wonderful opportunity for these students and watching them go through this experience is very satisfying. Some of them would never be able to attend college if not for this program," states Ms Leone.

Currently, of the thirteen students enjoying this program, half come from high school and most of the rest from referral agencies. Ms Leone believes that most will enter the world of work immediately upon completing the program at the end of April, but for a few, the attraction of a higher level culinary program might be in their future.

**Contact: Debbie Leone at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4267.**

## Golf program swings into successful fourth year

With the golf industry booming as never before, those charged with running the pro shops and clubhouses are being confronted with new and more complex challenges.

A high school diploma is no longer sufficient for entry into the golf industry. Cutting-edge knowledge and sharp business skills are now required to run a successful business in this highly competitive field.

Humber College's Professional Golf Management program - the first of its kind in Ontario and now entering its fourth year of operation - provides its 150 students with the skills needed to meet the challenges they will face as golf management professionals. The skills they learn can be applied to a variety of positions within the industry, including club manager, golf professional, sales representative or administrator.

Two options are offered: a three-year diploma program for high school graduates, and a one-year certificate program for university graduates. High school graduates must be accomplished golfers (handicap of 10 or less) and have successfully completed grade 12 math and English.

Two co-op internships in the diploma stream provide students with an opportunity to gain practical experience and develop contacts in the industry. It is also one of the key reasons for the program's excellent graduate placement rate.

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## The Studio: a new training and support facility for Humber staff

A new facility designed to enhance and improve the teaching and computer skills of Humber staff opened at the North Campus in September, 1998.

The Instructional Support Studio (The Studio) pulls together existing services into a one-stop shopping format, providing ease of use and additional opportunities for faculty.

"The Studio is staffed by faculty with expertise in teaching, the learning process, curriculum and technology and offers a range of learning activities, a place to network, to acquire resources, and use high-end equipment," says Ruth McLean, Chair, Centres for Learner Support. "At The Studio,

there are programs to modify or create learning materials, or to teach new instructional strategies."

Workshops, which can be customized to meet specific needs, include: email, multimedia, spreadsheets, teaching supports, web page design, and word processing. Independent tutorials are also available.

Students are hired for various projects such as putting course materials on PowerPoint.

Bill Magill, professor in the School of Health Sciences, uses the PowerPoint service. He finds it to be a "real time and labour saving measure because it allows me to focus my attention on areas



that really need it."

The Studio offers many other services to modify learning materials such as sound and video files, stock images, and web graphics. It also provides demonstration/experimentation software such as authoring, web-delivery, and multimedia.

The Studio is located in Room EX201 at the North Campus.  
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## Humber's race to the future

In Fall, 1996, College President, Robert A. Gordon and his executive group, began identifying the issues that Humber needs to deal with in order to meet current challenges and prepare for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Out of this initial process, the Horizons Steering and Core Teams were formed to lead the way in what is to be a three to five year transformation.

The group decided to start with projects which involved two equally important elements. First, it was crucial to begin the process of involving the entire College community. Second, the team initiated small, manageable projects to develop a disciplined and consistent approach to project and change management.

Phase One projects were those that could be launched immediately and included:

**College Initiatives Inventory**, is an on-going inventory of all College projects and initiatives. This is maintained as a database and is available at <http://www.humberc.on.ca/~horizons/initinv.htm>.

**Call Centre** opened in August '98 to provide improved levels of service to prospective and current

learners and clients.

**University Transfer Guide**, was published and distributed both on paper and the web to outline transfer agreements and degree completion opportunities. Access <http://www.humberc.on.ca/~utguide/>.

**Learning Space** developed a set of classroom design principles and standards; renovated two

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classrooms as a pilot to test the standards; and identified classrooms requiring upgrading as future budgets permit.

Phase Two projects were selected from over 30 proposals submitted by the College community. These included:

**The Instructional Support Studio** which opened in November to provide one-stop training and support for faculty and staff preparing or supporting the preparation of learning materials ranging from traditional to web-based and multi-media. To learn

more, visit <http://www.humberc.on.ca/~ISS/>.

**Distance Learning** is developing the corporate infrastructure necessary to support the distance learning initiatives of Humber's schools and departments. Visit <http://distancelearning.humberc.on.ca/welcome.htm>.

Other Phase Two projects include the Business Plan Guidelines, Career

Advancement Services, and the College Culture Survey.

Phase Three projects are being launched early this year and will, because of their wide nature and scope, require involvement and support of many people in the College. The focus areas include Lifelong Learning, Curriculum, Professional Development, and Registrarial Systems. In addition, a major marketing initiative has been launched by a College-wide steering committee.

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## Start-up initiative a student success

In September, two enterprising Humber students managed to start the school year off right by organizing a 'start-up' barbecue for the School of Information Technology, Accounting and Electronics.

With a desire to generate school spirit and provide a good time for everyone, Chris Ripley and Derec Davies made this kick-off a very successful event.

In three short weeks, sponsors were found to donate food and prizes, promotion was mounted throughout the School, and faculty and staff were recruited to serve the hot dogs and drinks.

"Nothing like this has ever been organized at the School before as far as we know and we really wanted to encourage first-year students to attend," says Derec Davies.

The students acknowledge that the support of the staff was essential to the success of the event.

"I was absolutely blown away," says Louise Bardswich, School Director. "The fact that they could pull together an event like this on such short notice is quite remarkable. So many people came, stayed, and spent time getting to know one another."

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**Humber President, Robert Gordon (left), presents a Certificate of Appreciation as an Education Partner to the Spring Manufacturers Institute (SMI) of North America. The SMI recently donated software for the Spring Making Certificate Program at Humber. Accepting the Certificate on behalf of SMI is Roy Vinderine, CEO, and Paul Cairol, VP Operations of Springco Industries Ltd. Of Etobicoke.**

## There's a mouse in the house

In October, students were given a taste of Disneyland when recruiters were on-campus to present an information seminar and conduct interviews for contract positions at their site in Florida.

Disney has been visiting Humber for almost thirteen years and annually chooses graduates from the recreation, leisure, tourism and culinary programs to fill their positions.

Students traditionally work at the Canadian pavilion at Epcot Centre, giving them valuable experience in international employment and networking.

Disney provides half the cost of their flight, plus a place to stay. The students pay for their accommodation out of each pay, and living expenses are their concern as well. Contracts are six months, nine months or one year long.

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## Examining new ways to learn

In Humber's Child and Youth Worker program, traditional exams are often replaced by assignments that are directly related to future careers.

For instance, in the first year class where over twenty cultural backgrounds are represented, a favourite project involves practicing skills to recognize diversity. Students are required to plan an "activity afternoon" that centers around the diverse celebrations and dates recognized during the month of December. The various religious beliefs, events and lifestyles reflect those that the graduates will encounter in their work with school boards, young offender group homes, shelters for homeless youth, shelters for abused women, and residential treatment programs.

For third year students, the Human Sexuality course requires that they prepare a Sexuality Life Skills program, present it to their classmates, and then conduct the program at a local shelter for homeless youth. Laura Villani, Program Coordinator for Youth Without Shelter, says their clients are very responsive. "The Humber students give our clients information they need right now, such as birth control, the contraction of viruses and sexually transmitted diseases. They present the information in a very informal way, and this makes it easy for the young people to ask questions and not be afraid to talk about these issues."

Jane Clifton, Coordinator of the Child & Youth Worker program, explains that these projects involve written work and comprehensive thought processes and planning. Besides developing and presenting the program, students must submit an evaluation analyzing its success and learning outcomes. "Students have to be able to evaluate themselves," says Ms Clifton, "because it's something they have to do frequently when in the field. And, implementing what they've learned makes it more real to them."

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## Grad honoured for excellence

Humber graduate, Debbie Grant, has much to be proud of. This ten year veteran of the Department of Ambulance for Toronto is a Level Two Paramedic currently employed with the Emergency Task Force Tactical Medics.

This squad consists of 18 highly-skilled personnel who respond with Toronto's Emergency Task Force (E.T.F.), a.k.a. the police, in high-risk situations. Ms Grant is one of only three women on the team.

"I really enjoy ambulance," she says, recognizing that it is just too physically demanding a job from which to retire. Consequently, she has gone back to school full-time in Humber's three-year Nursing Diploma program. She will graduate with Registered Nurse certification. Meanwhile, Ms Grant still manages full-time hours (night shifts Friday through Sunday) for the Toronto Ambulance Service.

Little wonder she received the Dr. Chris Rubes Award of Excellence in 1997. She was selected for her numerous contributions to the ambulance service both on and off duty. This award, named after the Medical Director for all Toronto Paramedics, is granted annually to a deserving paramedic.

"It was an honour to receive this because it's a recognition bestowed on me by my peers," says Ms Grant.

Not only is Grant an E.T.F. Tactical Medic, but she also serves on the Public Safety Unit which acts as a potential riot squad.

When she's not working, Grant still dedicates herself to ambitious activities. Every year she competes in the International Rescue and Emergency Care Association Games against other paramedic teams from around the world. She runs marathons for charity representing her department, and volunteers on a regular basis for other community events.

Clearly there is no stopping Ms Grant. She was recognized early for her aptitudes. Immediately upon graduation from the one year paramedic certificate program at Humber, she was asked to teach in the program for a year before embarking on her career as a Paramedic for the Toronto Ambulance Service. Now she is ready to move on to the next phase in her life - a career in nursing.

When asked why she loves paramedic work, Ms Grant replies, "It's being able to help someone, and seeing the immediate results. To see people getting better, that is very satisfying."

## The Time Trap

Planning on taking a little trip soon? Back in time ... to 1900?

Not only could some computers and other equipment hit by the year 2000 millennium bug think that the year is 1900, we could find ourselves living in those days, too, if the predictions of some of the fearful folk among us come to pass.

The trap will be sprung by all the technology upon which we

hand. Stock up on wood for the fireplace and propane for the barbecue. Consider investing in a small gas generator for your home. If you own a cottage, winterize and establish that dwelling as an emergency destination, especially if the main home is in an apartment building.

Assume that there will be breakdowns. Keep the family vehicle fueled up. Visit the bank

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have become so dependent, but in many cases have done such a poor job of designing. Buried in all the automation is control programming that may not be prepared to roll from December 31, 1999 to 2000. Instead, it could leave us stuck at January 1, 1900.

Because much of the modern-day infrastructure which delivers electricity, water and keeps our food supply chains working is at risk, some people have begun preparations to live life as it was lived a century ago. This means stocking up, laying in supplies, and preparing to be self-sufficient - and for those who believe that the problem is a serious one, the preparations will be quite extensive.

Here are a few tips for use at home and at work.

Don't put off planning. Assess your own situation and begin preparations now. Have a supply of food and bottled water on

and save some money in case credit cards or debit cards stop working.

Even if nothing breaks or shuts down, there's still work to be done.

Conduct an inventory of all electrical appliances which may be date sensitive; anything with timers, including security systems, automatic furnace controls, VCRs and computers. Check your computer hardware and software and back up all data before midnight December 31, 1999. For starters, use the Internet and the Word Wide Web as an information source. Check out [www.year2000.com](http://www.year2000.com) and [www.y2ktimebomb.com](http://www.y2ktimebomb.com).

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## Babies, too, thrive at Humber

Humber's Day Care Centre provides not only excellent care to toddlers, but also serves the needs of babies and their families.

Infants as young as five or six weeks old are accepted.

"It's unusual to have infants

Care for babies in their first six to eight months is tailored to their individual needs. The staff work closely with parents to ensure that feeding and sleep schedules are as consistent as possible with the home environment.

environment. A three-to-one ratio, with the assistance of one or two students, makes individual programs possible. These are set up according to the child's interests and developmental needs.

"We strive to provide a home-like environment, where children can feel security and warmth," says Ms Woodcock.

The staff encourages parents to come in during the day, to be as much a part of their child's daily development as possible.

"Our primary focus is effective communication with parents," says Ms Woodcock. "It's difficult for all of us as parents to leave our children in the care of someone else. We have experience in child care, but parents know their children best. We work as a team, learning together."

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come in that young," says Bridget Woodcock, Acting Director of the facility. "But, sometimes the timing of a birth and the beginning of a student's semester necessitates early day care. Infants three to four months old are more typical."

Information sheets are filled in each morning by parents, updating the staff about eating and sleeping patterns. Details of care are added to these forms by the staff throughout the day.

Toddlers have their own areas in which to play and explore the

## Riding high at the Ontario Jockey Club

When the Ontario Jockey Club (OJC) recently decided to double the size of their present production unit, the Province's film and television industry stood up and took notice. After all, the OJC's production facilities are already sizeable, and this move will make them second only to the CBC.

While Humber College currently has two graduates (Alyson Thompson and Nancy Marhsall) employed at the OJC, there was no indication that the announcement of extra jobs would greatly impact on the College. However,

at the closing ceremonies of the joint United Way Campaign between Humber College and the Ontario Jockey Club, Allen Gelberg, the OJC representative for the campaign, announced that the OJC will be asking Humber's Film and Television Production program for assistance in filling 33 full-time positions in their production, technical and operations departments.

William Hanna, Director, School of Media Studies, held numerous discussions about Humber's film students while working on the United Way

activities with Gelberg. It became clear that the OJC was more than satisfied with the quality of the College's film and television graduates.

Michael Glassbourg, program coordinator for the Film & TV program, is excited about the fact that the College can not only fill all the entry-level positions offered by the OJC, but also that graduates can benefit from the senior level opportunities made available by the recent negotiations.

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## One plus one = jobs

Students leaving university can increase their career potential by combining the strength of their university background with the practical education being offered at Humber College.

A typical three year (six semester) Computer Engi-

neering program can be significantly shortened when students apply their university credits for course exemptions.

By offering a mixture of courses in programming, computer systems and hardware, the College is preparing

students for careers in a high tech field that offers excellent employment opportunities.

To view job placement statistics for this program, visit the web site at: [www.humberc.on.ca/~gradprpt/03501.htm](http://www.humberc.on.ca/~gradprpt/03501.htm)

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## On the write track

Exciting internships are a given for students enrolled in one of Humber's Journalism programs, but Andy Devlin wants the world to know that working at the Nagano Olympics was the chance of a lifetime. Andy was offered the internship opportunity in Tokyo after two years of being an honours student in the fast-track program. "What an opportunity. That really goes to show you that it helps to do well in school," he said.

Andy had already distinguished himself in his first year when he covered the World's Women's Hockey Championships in Kitchener and his stories were

published in 25 newspapers across Canada. As a result of that work, he was awarded a fellowship and internship by the Sports Network in Toronto. From there it was an easy jump to Japan, where he helped report, write and edit the Nagano Olympics section of the Daily Yomiuri, one of five English language dailies in Tokyo.

"It was a great experience," he said upon his return home. "The job experience was out of this world, but the five week experience of living in one of the world's biggest and most exciting cities was more incredible."

Andy's fellow students were as pleased with their internships,

many of them choosing positions quite a distance from home. Paula Davis and Cathy Koo secured spots with CBS News in New York, following in the footsteps of Ann-Marie Green who translated her interenship



## Photography program develops strong presence in Toronto

A joint venture between the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) and Humber College should guarantee the Creative Photography program a higher profile in downtown Toronto.

CONTACT is an annual series of major photography exhibitions and related events hosted each year by the AGO. This year, based on an idea presented to them by Jim Chambers, Coordinator of the Creative Photography program, they will also offer a lecture series.

Jointly sponsored and advertised by Humber College and the AGO, the

series will be inaugurated by Duane Michaels, an eminently accomplished photographic artist. His lecture and slide presentation on Friday, April 30, will be followed by a panel of fashion photographers later in the spring.

Mr. Chambers is thrilled with this venture and sees this as the culmination of months of hard work - work that should pay off in not only a strong downtown presence for Humber College but in an increased job market for the photography graduates.

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## Programmers on fast track

The Computer Programmer-Accelerated Diploma program graduated its first group of students in December.

Due to the program's strong reputation with industry leaders such as The Toronto Dominion Bank, The Bay, and Sun Life, graduates were well-placed to accept entry level positions in the high-demand field of object-oriented and structured programming.

The three-semester program, geared specifically to university and college graduates with little or no background

in programming, is an accelerated 'fast track' version of the College's two-year Computer Programmer program (open to secondary school graduates).

"We believe that the group of 25 students who graduated in December were able to effectively compete for jobs because they had both a university degree and a college diploma. That is very attractive to a lot of employers," explains Jay Wood, program coordinator.

For detailed information about the program, or to set up interviews with graduates, **contact Leah Brown at (416) 675-6622, ext. 4081.**

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as a videographer for the new A-Channel. Carlos Puster took his command of Spanish and interest in Latin American affairs and put them to good use as an intern with CNN-Atlanta. Good internships lead to good full-time

MacDougall and John Bryden are all on staff, as is Paul Riley, a reporter.

Christy Laverty, now working as assignment editor for CITY-TV, started as a writer and producer with CFMT-TV (Channel 47). Anne-Marie McQueen, a classmate, is a reporter with a daily paper in Woodstock and a weekend writer-producer at CFMT-TV. The successful Life Network was grateful when Andrea Russel came on staff as an associate producer, while Heather Ciebien became involved with Alliance-Atlantic Films as a coordinator.

In cable television, Jennifer Harrison is a news anchor for Shaw in Richmond Hill and assisted Amy Verreggen in joining her at the station.

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with CBS into a reporting-anchor position with CKVR-TV in Barrie. Yvette Czgli, a Thunder Bay native, worked as a field producer for Canada A.M. before going out to Edmonton to work

positions, and in the Toronto area, Humber College is known for the quality of its graduates.

At CBC Newsworld, Jennifer Payne, David Millan, Samantha Weekes, Renee Buchanan, Paul

## What is WebCT?

WebCT is a computer program that allows a teacher to create a classroom on the Internet - a virtual classroom. It is an envelope that contains all the components that are necessary to teach a class: content, discussion, assignments, tests, and feedback.

**Content** can be provided with Internet web pages and/or text books. Since people read on-line information differently than written information, written materials must be adapted to be placed on the web.

**Discussion** can take place via email which allows for one-way communication between students, or between a student and the teacher; via a bulletin board where messages are posted to be read by everyone in the class at any time; and via chat rooms which allow students and teachers to decide on a specific time to meet and talk online in real time.

**Assignments** can be sent to the teacher as an attachment to email. Students can also post their work on the bulletin board so that other students can comment and add their thoughts. Teachers mark the work and email the results

back to the student.

**Tests** can be taken over the Internet and marked by the computer. Students can then see their results immediately along with some feedback from the instructor.

WebCT handles all the above processes and, in addition,

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provides students with access to their up-to-date marks and progress in the course.

Is this kind of learning for everyone? No. The intention is to provide an alternative delivery method to those who prefer this learning style or are unable to attend classes at prescribed times. The learner has to be self-

disciplined and motivated.

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misses out on the dynamism of the live group interaction.

This type of learning is still very new and it will take a number of years for web courses to reach their full potential both in terms of quality and profit in the information market.

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## Honours to mention

At the National Student Literary Competition hosted by the U.S.-based League for Innovation, second-year Journalism students Shauna DeGagne and Louis Tsiktsiris both took away Honourable Mention awards.

A total of 20 colleges (Humber is the only Canadian member) are members of this prestigious consortium, and it was an honour for Humber to be invited as participants.

Shauna DeGagne won for her

short story called "Just Passing By", while Louis Tsiktsiris entered his essay entitled "I Don't Know".

Anyone enrolled in a Communications class is eligible to submit an entry, and teachers are available for guidance in honing the submissions. This year, Nancy Burt, Associate Director, School of Media Studies, and Antanas Sileika, a Communications teacher, were in attendance at the awards.

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## College introduces new health industry programs

The School of Health Sciences, is offering two new programs designed to address the growing needs of the health industry field. Both 48-week programs are unique to Ontario and both begin in September, 1999, with part-time options slated for January, 1999. Each also prepares participants for excellent employment opportunities and each includes an industry internship.

The Regulatory Affairs program will take students through the fundamentals of the product development process, beginning at the product concept stage, to research and development, and through to final manufacture. Courses, designed with direct input from industry, will be taught by experts working in the field.

Regulatory affairs associates work with the law, regulations, and procedures involved in the manufacture and marketing of health care products.

The Clinical Research Associate program will take students through the fundamentals of a clinical trial including protocol development, data collection, analysis, monitoring and case management of protocol patients. Courses will be taught by experts working in the field.

Clinical research associates work with the administration and progress of the clinical trial of a drug, medical device, or biologic and understand the laws, regulations and procedures involved in the manufacture and marketing of health care products.

"These programs are aimed at university or college graduates with a science or related degree or diploma who have an interest in these fields," says Anne Bender, dean of the School of Health Sciences. "These industries are expanding rapidly and there is increasing investment in research.

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## Seconds, anyone?

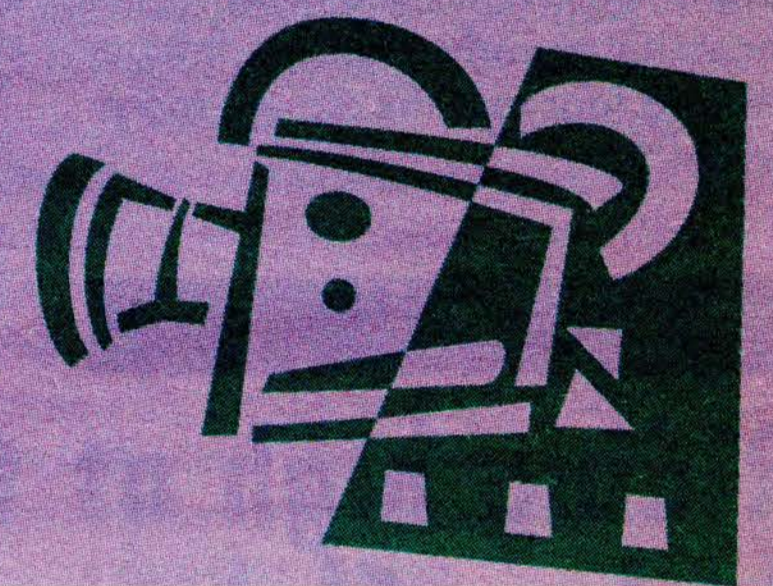
The 18th annual TVOntario Telefest Awards, honouring the best student films and videos from across Ontario, were held at the Phoenix (Toronto) this fall. Entries were judged in animation, documentary, drama, comedy and news.

In the comedy category, Humber graduates Joseline Perciballi and Mark Achtenburg received second place honours for their film entitled "Haunting Cavner". Starring Brad Feraday as Cavner and Mark Piper as Wally, the film is a serio-comic look at what happens to a man who dies and is offered a way out of limbo by choosing a person to haunt.

While Humber usually offers partial funding to three chosen entries, Achtenburg's script was an independent entry. "Humber helped by donating

some equipment and providing the funding for the software program I used," said Achtenburg (who wrote, directed, produced and edited the film).

Third-year students Robin Jull and Benjamin Smith took second place in the experimental category with their film "Relativity". An abstract film, it had 550 edits and took over 200 hours to complete. Smith explained that the script was secondary to technology in this surreal film, with emphasis placed on music and pictures rather than dialogue.



## Recent purchases to benefit students

"Humber College is financially committed to giving its students a better education," says Anne Tsergelis, Industry Liaison and Student Liaison Officer, School of Manufacturing Technology and Design.

As proof, the Humber School of Manufacturing Technology and Design recently purchased an enormous C&C machine (which had to be brought with a crane!) and a robot for use as learning aids for students in the program. Students will be trained on how to fix and operate the machine as well as how to create similar machinery.

"Humber students in this program have an advantage over students in similar programs at other colleges," explains Anthony Nyman, one of Humber's technicians. "They have more access to industry standard equipment and are, therefore, gaining knowledge on a wider variety of machinery used in their field."

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## The "Lake" is for rent

The Athletic Facility at Humber's Lakeshore Campus is available for rent by groups and associations for athletic and special events, trade shows, and orientations.

Rental rates, starting at \$45 per hour, are reasonable and include an on-site supervisor. Returning

rentals and bookings receive a 10% discount.

Humber's Lakeshore Campus is situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, on a large greenbelt that fronts the corner of Lakeshore Blvd. West and Kipling Avenue.

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## Confidence and self-esteem: by-products of acting classes at Humber

Teachers, lawyers, salespeople, business professionals, children and teens have all reaped the benefits of studying acting and improvisation techniques. These include confidence, improved people skills, and creative self-expression.

This January, two acting courses are being offered by Theatre Humber; one aimed at

adults and the other at children and teens.

Classes, offered in a safe, comfortable and professional environment, will be held at Humber's Lakeshore Campus located on Lakeshore Blvd. West at the foot of Kipling Avenue.

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## Contact South

Humber College is now a member of Contact South, a consortium of Ontario community colleges that is dedicated to delivering courses over the Internet.

When students enroll in a Contact South course, they register with and receive credit from Humber College but the actual course may be delivered by another Ontario college. Contact South courses are delivered by email and electronic conferencing, enabling students to participate in a virtual classroom at times that are convenient to them.

Electronic conferencing allows students to contact their instructor quickly and easily, participate in online chats with the instructor and/or fellow students, and retrieve and submit assignments electronically.

To participate in a Contact South course, students need access to at least a 486 computer

running Windows 3.1 or higher, and internet connection, plus a minimum of 4MB of free disk space on your hard drive.

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Current courses include Adults with Learning Disabilities, and Teaching in the Virtual Classroom.

**Contact: Open Learning Centre at (416) 675-5049, or call our toll-free number at 1-877-215-6117.**