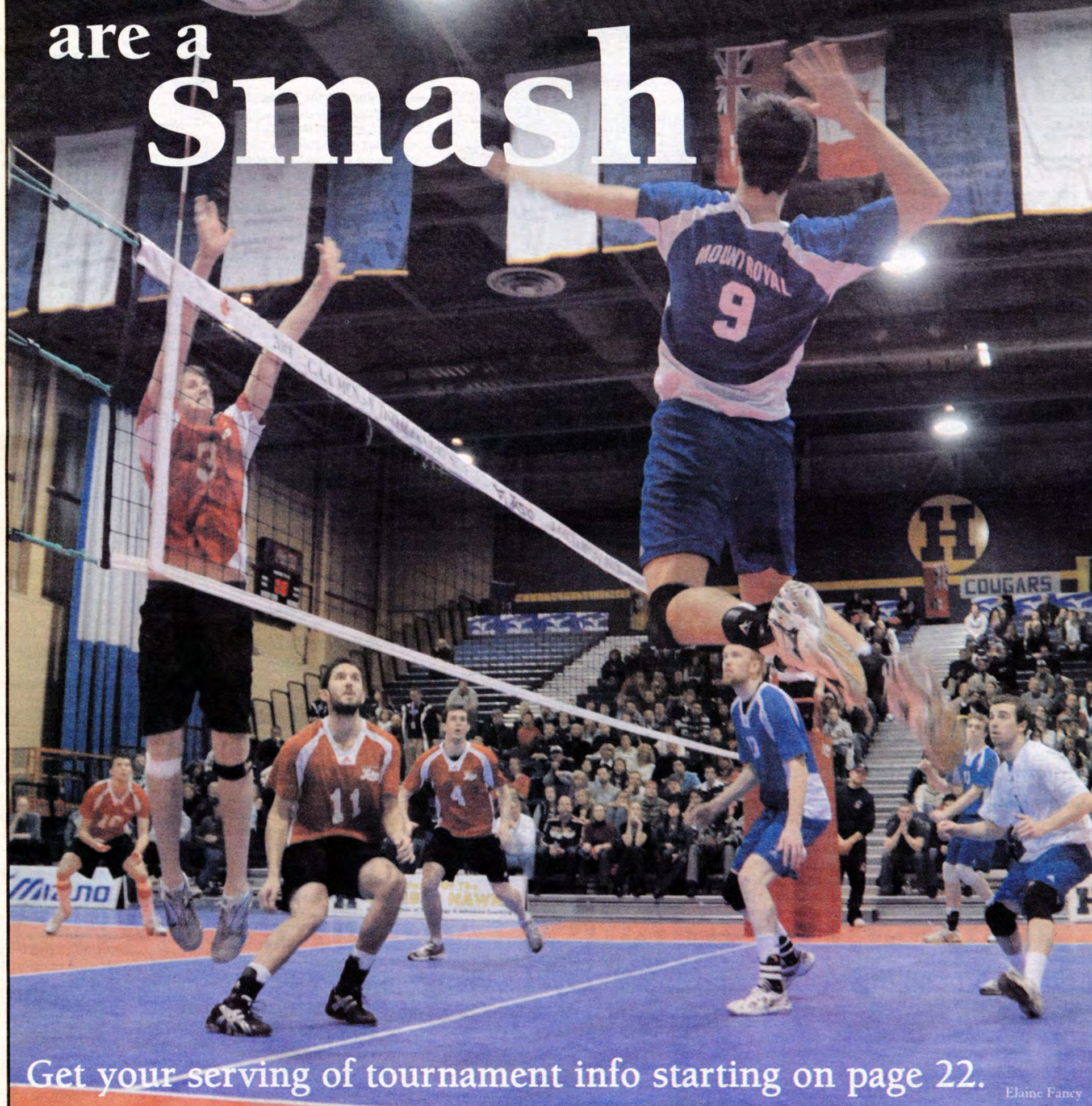


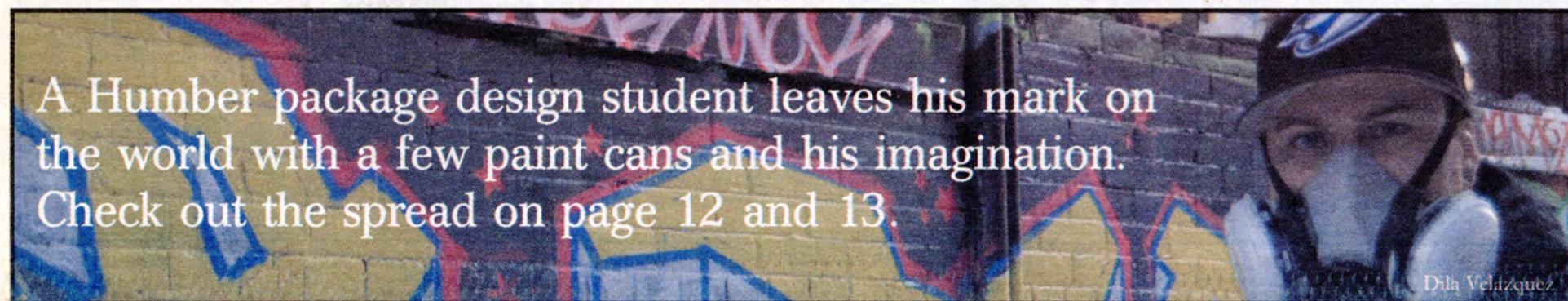
## Nationals are a smash



Get your serving of tournament info starting on page 22.

Elaine Fancy

A Humber package design student leaves his mark on the world with a few paint cans and his imagination. Check out the spread on page 12 and 13.



Dila Velázquez

Presidential candidate Barack Obama won the Mississippi primary on Tuesday, taking more momentum away from rival candidate Hillary Clinton. — [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

# Arboretum belongs to college

President says botanical gardens should be secured by the campus

Erin Lewis  
NEWS REPORTER

Concerns over drug-related activities in the Arboretum are not unexpected, but any specific incidents are dealt with accordingly, said college President John Davies.

"As the spring develops we want to make sure it's safe for everybody. We have a vigilance about the Arboretum as we do for the rest of the building. It's part of our operations," he said.

Arboretum superintendent Sid Baller told the Feb. 14 issue of the *Et Cetera* that he had concerns over the garden's security.

While Davies concedes there have been drug-related issues in the past—namely an incident last semester in the Arboretum's

gazebo—the school deals with all reports of illegal activity in tandem with Toronto Police.

"Are there times when we have to deal with drug dealing on the campus? Yes. We're a big community here," Davies said. "We're a community of 13,000 to 14,000 people here on the North Campus so we're a pretty sizeable town. We have the same sort of issues that sizeable towns have and we have a security force to deal with it."

Gary Jeynes, director of public safety, said he has not been made aware of any specific crimes in the Arboretum since the police resolved the problem at the gazebo.

"If something's going on, we're going to be on top of it. But we need to know, I can't respond to something I don't know about," he said.

He said he encourages students and employees to come forward if they suspect any illegal activity on campus, including the Arboretum.

**"It is an area that we would much more quickly get the police involved in as opposed to, maybe, the main campus."**

—John Davies  
College president

Jeynes said he had not received any calls relating to the Arboretum, but if he were to get a tip from somebody, he would conduct an investigation accordingly.

"I have confidence that the situation is being addressed effectively," said Baller. "I feel that there is certainly an awareness there that is going to be effective."

Davies admitted the college has an obligation to secure the Arboretum and that the park is an integral part of the college.

"We are the eyes and ears of the Arboretum. We treat that very seriously and we certainly have a responsibility towards that," Davies said. "It is an area that we would much more quickly get the police involved in as opposed to, maybe, the main campus in the sense that it's a little bit more open. It's a little bit more public, and so we would operate in the Arboretum with very close cooperation with police."



Andrew Tomkinson

No one knows who robbed the Applied technology wing.

## Projector thefts

Equipment is stolen from campus

Andrew Tomkinson  
NEWS REPORTER

Four overhead projector units have been stolen from the Applied Technology wing at North Campus.

The incident has been reported to the police and challenges trust on campus, said Joe Tomona, associate dean of school of applied technology.

Tomona said being around expensive equipment is part of attending the college. "There is a certain amount of trust," said Tomona. "We have projectors, computers and audio-visual equipment. It's part of life at Humber and it's an expectation that we have these things. I guess some people feel the need to have them too."

The missing projectors, with a price tag of around \$2,000, were reported to campus security on Thursday. The matter is under investigation, said Gary Jeynes, director of public safety at Humber.

"The matter has been reported to

the police," said Jeynes. "We encourage anyone if they are aware of any information, they can come forward to us or they can call Crime Stoppers at 222-TIPS and they may receive a cash reward."

Tomona said they are keeping an eye on the situation to see what can be done. "It's a sad commentary really. Humber is a big place and it could be anybody walking in and out. We try and keep the faith in people."

There are no security cameras in the classrooms where the projectors were stolen so there is little information in what appears to be random acts of theft, said Tomona.

"It could be someone walking in off the street or it might be the person sitting next to you," he said. "We try and do a good thing here and now you rip us off."

In situations like this, uniformed police officers come to the college, take statements and write a report. That report is then assigned to a detective who will oversee the situation and any new leads, said Const. Lou Vigna from 23 Division.

## Canadian movies could be censored

Bill C-10 seeks taxable guidelines

Jason Sahlani  
NEWS REPORTER

A piece of legislation working its way through Parliament could have a devastating effect on Canada's film and television industry, particularly for students starting their career, said film and television production program coordinator, Donna O'Brien-Sokic.

"You get out of school and you apply for government funding from any number of agencies because there are rarely other sources for unknown filmmakers," said O'Brien-Sokic. "If the bill passes then you may have people re-evaluating career choices."

Bill C-10 calls for the creation of a committee that will use pre-established guidelines to determine whether a film or television series is eligible for receiving tax credits from the government. Movies thought to be too risqué may not receive funding.

The Heritage Minister's office said under the new provisions anything containing graphic portrayals of sex or violence, as well as all material deemed offensive or not in the public's interest, would not be eligible for tax credits.

"What about the story of an immigrant to Canada that is a true portrayal of the violence faced by that individual before coming here?" asks O'Brien-Sokic. "Will the government deny funding for that work because it's too violent? Are we going to deny them an opportunity to tell their story because it may offend us? It's appalling."

The new system would also empower the Heritage Minister with a single deciding vote as to whether a

project receives a tax credit.

"This is censorship that wears a different veil, but it's censorship nonetheless," said O'Brien-Sokic, echoing statements from such organizations as PEN Canada and the Writers' Union of Canada.

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—Donna O'Brien-Sokic  
Film and Television Production  
Co-ordinator

Heritage Minister Josée Verner attempted to address the censorship concern in a statement made on Parliament Hill on March 4.

She repeatedly denied the accusations that the bill provisions will lead to censorship, saying instead the goal of the legislation is to ensure taxpayers are not funding projects depicting "extreme violence, child pornography or something like that."

"She obviously misspoke when she included child pornography, that's dealt with in the realm of criminal law," said Toronto lawyer Gary Grill. "But as far as the bill crossing a line and violating the Charter, I'm not sure about that."

Grill said the legislation is not prohibiting anyone from doing anything and so would probably stand up to a court challenge based on the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Opposition parties have taken up the debate and the Senate may refrain from granting the bill its third reading thereby preventing the bill from becoming a law.

# The Skinny

- New York Governor Eliot Spitzer admitted on Monday to being involved in a high-end prostitution ring. He is said to have been a repeat-client, spending over \$4,000. The New York Assembly gave Spitzer 48 hours to resign or will prepare articles of impeachment, said Assembly minority leader Leader James Tedisco. Spitzer announced his resignation on Wednesday. Spitzer has a wife and three teenage daughters.

—[BBCnews.com](http://BBCnews.com)

- Two suicide bombings in Pakistan killed 24 people on Tuesday. The first blast tore through the Federal Investigation Agency's Lahore office. The second occurred nine minutes after the first. Two men drove a truck into a house being used as an advertising agency in an upscale neighbourhood.

—[nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com)

- OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino, former head of Toronto Police, proved Tuesday morning he is still a cop at heart. He clocked a driver going over 150 km/h on Highway 400 while driving to work. Fantino pulled over the driver, who was charged with stunt driving.

—[thestar.com](http://thestar.com)

- A new study by the Center for Disease Control in the United States shows that one in four teenage girls in the country has a sexually transmitted disease. HPV was found to be the most prevalent infection in girls between 14 and 19 years old.

—[globeandmail.com](http://globeandmail.com)

- A former Texan nurse anesthetist has been charged with assault for allegedly contaminating three patients with Hepatitis C. The nurse is said to have taken parts of drugs meant for the patients during surgery and used them on himself. It is unclear how the nurse infected the patients.

—[USAtoday.com](http://USAtoday.com)

### CORRECTIONS

On page 5 of the March 6 issue, Rosemarie Ditaranto-Ivascu's name was misspelled.

On page 16 of the March 6 issue, Joel Douglas's program is incorrect. He is a first-year media foundation student.

We regret the errors.

Three former Croatian generals went on trial at the UN war crimes tribunal for murdering and persecuting Croate Serbs in the 1990s. – www.bbcnews.com

# Fires, traffic accidents rise

## Hazards increase this snowy season

Amy Leitner  
NEWS REPORTER

This season's cold and snowy winter has seen a rise in traffic and fire deaths in the area surrounding North Campus, police say.

"To date, there have been three traffic-related deaths in our division," said head of traffic at 23 Division, Sgt. Dan Sutton. "A key problem is that teenagers think they are invincible and often drive speeding down the road without a care in the world."

According to a March 3 article in the *Toronto Star*, there have been 47 traffic-related

deaths and nine fire-related deaths in Toronto since the first snowfall in November, more than twice the number for the same period last winter.

"The speed limits we have posted around the city are meant for perfect weather conditions," said Sutton. "In bad weather people have to adjust their speed accordingly."

"Another factor is laziness," he said. "People are not taking the extra time to clear their windows off and visibility is not as great, which is a recipe for disaster."

The weather has not only caused problems on the roads, but it has also forced people to spend more time indoors, increasing risks of fire, said Ian Sim, head of the firefighter education and training program at Humber.

Sim said the high number of fire related deaths in the city this winter is due to a combination of things.

"Because of the terrible winter weather people are spending more time indoors cooking, and not paying enough attention to lighted candles and gas fire," such as stoves and fireplaces.

"The most frustrating thing is that people do not take their smoke alarms seriously," said Sim.

"Lives could be saved if people would act immediately when their alarms go off."

The Canadian Fire Chiefs Association is working hard to promote the installation of sprinkler systems in all new residential buildings.

"Sprinkler systems coupled with smoke alarms have the potential to contain a dangerous fire, and get people out much quicker," said Ron Jones, acting captain of Toronto Fire Service Public Education.

"With a sprinkler system, the fire is suppressed to the room that it begins in, which can buy time," he said.

People should take time to practice fire drills regularly, said Allan Kiss, a first-year firefighter education and training student.

"As a preventative measure, families or roommates living together should physically practice fire drills at least twice a year," said Kiss. "People need to be conditioned for response."

"In a stressful situation, people react to what they are taught, which is why it is so important to stage active fire drills," he said.

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—Ian Sim  
Head of firefighting education and training



John Bkila

Changing batteries in your smoke detector is integral to the security of you and your family.

# Fires spark need for alarms

## Recent house fires encourage campus to fix system

John Bkila  
NEWS REPORTER

After a blaze in Hamilton killed a mother and her three young daughters this month, Humber joined in the city's plea for installing smoke alarms.

"Our smoke detectors are checked twice a year by Siemens, a contracted company," said Lynn Newhouse, manager of Humber residences. "We're currently in the midst of replacing 120 smoke detectors since they're only good for five to seven years."

Toronto fire officials said both the Hamilton fire and Rexdale fire last month that killed a middle-aged man, were caused by non-functioning smoke alarms.

Newhouse said smoke detectors are in every room as well as in the hallways and lounge areas of the residences.

Detectors outside the rooms are hooked into the alarm system, so

they aren't easily tampered with, she said.

"The ones in the units are hard-wired into the main system, so if they are disengaged their internal battery goes on," said Newhouse. "When that runs out, we're alerted on our panel that a smoke detector has malfunctioned."

Michael Kopinak, manager of residence life and international students, said smoke alarms in units might be turned off by students who try to smoke in their rooms.

"In past years we caught more students smoking than we'd like," said Kopinak. "But this year we haven't had any cases. I find they've been fairly good."

Kopinak said Humber's residences have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to students caught smoking.

"You'll lose your room immediately," said Kopinak. "Several years ago we had a major fire caused by

a candle in a room, so we've been very wary of any hazards since."

In addition to the smoke alarms, Newhouse said Humber's residences hold fire drills at the beginning of each semester.

"But the fire alarm usually sounds once a month, due to false alarms or burnt foods, so the students get plenty of practice," she said.

As a result, students living at residence feel prepared in case of an emergency.

"I feel pretty safe in the event of a fire," said Stephen Gomboc, a first-year film student. "There have been many false alarms lately, so I feel I know the fire routes."

Kopinak said the resident assistants on each floor are also trained in how to deal with fires and escape.

"Safety is our number one priority," he said. "We'll do whatever we can to have our procedures in place and make sure our students are aware of them."

# Lecture on future technology is warning

## Former head of college's justice studies says reliance on robots could be alienating

Dave Lipson  
NEWS REPORTER

A future packed with robots filling human roles could have bleak consequences, Dr. Ron Stansfield warned students at a lecture this week.

"Sure technology can make life easier," said the former head of justice studies at the school. "But it can also make life alienating."

Artificial intelligence will replace the need for humans in some areas of the justice system, he said.

"Robots are going to become

ubiquitous," he told the Et Cetera after the lecture. "They are not only going to serve supper and clean your house, they're going to be security guards as well."

Stansfield told the crowd of mainly justice studies' students to pay attention to changing trends in the legal system. He told the students to create a five-year plan beyond school.

"We have to be vigilant to watch for these changes and see how they will affect us," he said.

The lecture was the first in a series titled Beyond the Code.

"It's a chance to take the in-house faculty and lecture based on their research and on how they got to where they are today," said event organizer Jeffery McLean.

Stansfield worked at Guelph-Humber from 2003-2007. He has also worked for the Ontario Ministry of Correctional Services, the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and Peel Regional Police.

"He's the best," said Jason Gordon, a 20-year-old justice studies student. "He's funny—he always makes the classes interesting."



Dave Lipson

Dr. Ron Stansfield warns students of dangers of technology.

# NEWS

Toronto is looking at setting refundable deposit fees on batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and paint cans in an effort to divert more waste. — [www.thestar.com](http://www.thestar.com)

## Berg takes the top post

Fiona Collie  
NEWS REPORTER

The newly elected president of the Humber Students' Federation Mike Berg said he plans to run an open administration that encourages student participation.

"I really want to work on the open-forum events," said Berg, 21, a third-year public relations student at Guelph-Humber, said of his plan to have students meet more often with HSF executives to ask questions and make suggestions. "I know we've done them in the past but we need to promote them more."

The five-member executive was elected last Friday after two weeks of campaigning and one week of voting. The new administration begins its year-long term on May 1.

The vice-president administration positions were won by Amanda Connolly for North Campus and Alicia Johnson for Lakeshore.

They both said they want to focus on accessibility to HSF.

"I'm going to try for the online suggestion box," said Connolly, 20, a third-year public relations student at Guelph-Humber, of her idea to communicate with students who don't have time to speak directly with HSF executives.

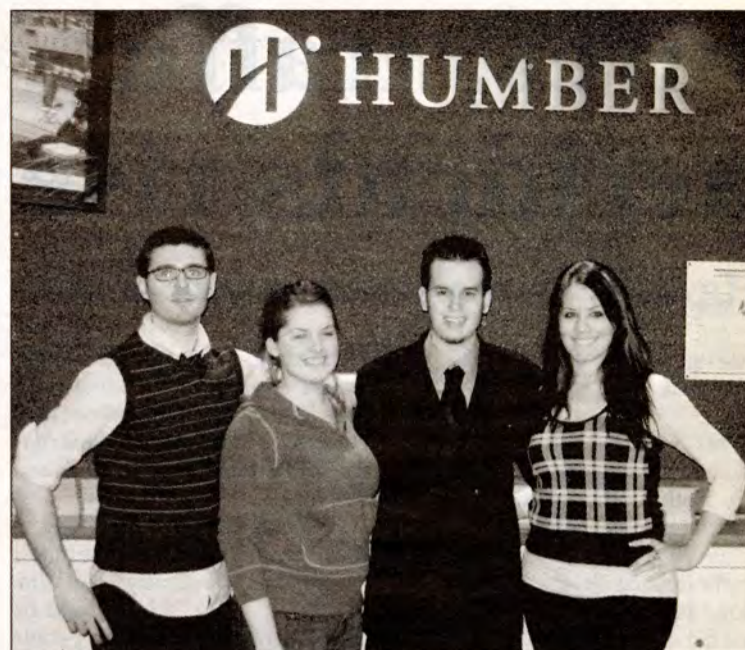
"The very first thing I want to do is get things in the cafe and everywhere to promote our services," said Johnson, 23, a second-year business administration student.

The new vice-presidents of campus life are Aynur Duzgeren on North Campus and Shagufa Kaker at Lakeshore. They want to plan more events for students.

"The most interesting thing for people nowadays is the drinking thing," said Kaker, 20, a second-year business administration diploma student. She wants to have more licensed parties for students next year.

Duzgeren, 20, a third-year justice administration student, said she wants to make sure every student can be a part of Frosh Week regardless of their schedules by holding a Frosh Week every month.

All HSF executives are paid for their work. According to the HSF website, the president is paid \$16.45 per hour, which works out to \$34,000 per year. In the summer vice-presidents earn \$11.54 per hour and work 35 hours per week while in the fall they earn \$20.19 per hour for 20 hours a week, or roughly \$6,000 each semester.



Left to right, HSF President Nick Farnell stands with newly elected VP administration Amanda Connolly, president Mike Berg and VP of campus life Aynur Duzgeren.

Fiona Collie

## Student voter turnout up 4% from last year

Caroline Gdyczynski  
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation's executive director said a new voting format helped make last week's elections the most successful in recent years.

Part of that success was an increase in voter turnout to 10.5 per cent of students voting compared with 6.7 per cent last year, said Ercole Perrone, HSF's execu-

tive director.

In previous years, students were able to vote anywhere as long as they could log into their SRS accounts, which allowed them to crack the 2,000 vote mark, said Perrone.

This year four polling stations were set up at North Campus and three at Lakeshore and a total of 1,824 students voted out of a total of 18,000. Students were "restricted to voting at these stations because

of a policy change after the 06/07 election," said Perrone.

For this year's campaign, HSF held several events to encourage voting. "We held smaller events leading up to the elections to let students know what was going on," said Aaron Miller, HSF programming director. "These events included a free lunch, movie night and concert."

HSF also used various promotional materials to inform students

about the elections, including the [youvotehumber.com](http://youvotehumber.com) website, which Perrone said received over 30,000 hits over the course of the campaign.

"This election has had a lot more promotion than previous years," said Jagdeep Bharidal, a fourth-year multimedia design student. "I've seen a lot of students voting and many HSF members walking around getting students to vote and promoting the election."

Other students were impressed with the increase in voter turnout.

"I'm ecstatic that people are getting out there and voting," said Alicia Johnson, 23, a second-year business administration student, of

the 10.5 per cent turnout rate.

A referendum question was also included in this year's election, asking students whether future HSF executives should have prior HSF experience. Students that voted yes totaled 899 while 612 voted no.

"Further analysis is required based on these results," said Perrone. "We will have to conduct more research and speak with students to understand the ramifications of implementing this policy."

"This year's elections were a huge success," said Nick Farnell, the current HSF president. "I think we did a really good job and we can only learn from it and make it better for next year."

## A Humber for All

Humber wants to remind you that

- ❖ All members of our community are entitled to participate fully in College life free from any barriers that contribute to a poisoned environment
- ❖ We strive to promote a culture of inclusiveness among our increasingly diverse community
- ❖ Our Human Rights/Complaint Process Policy is readily available in hard copy from the Human Resources Department or online at <http://humanresources.humber.ca/downloads/HumanRights.pdf>
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## Board of Governor elections underway

Jeremy Eaton  
NEWS REPORTER

The college is looking for a student representative to sit on a board of governors that makes key decisions for the future of the college.

"We discuss issues that pertain to Humber, usually the advancement of Humber," said Sebastian Gatica, the current student representative and a second-year public relations student. "New programs, things that need to be taken out, a strategic plan for Humber for the future. Renovations and new buildings going up, that all gets approved at the Board of Governors meetings."

The board is made up of 17 people, including Humber president John Davies and four elected officials. One from the administration, a faculty member, one from student services and one student.

The elected student is required to attend monthly meetings and represent all three campuses for a year, beginning in September.

"It's something that kind of goes under the wire because it is not

HSF," said Gatica. "It is difficult because a lot of people don't know what a board of governors does."

The elected member will be the lone voice speaking on behalf of Humber students.

"It's important for the board to have a student representative," Gatica said. "I am representing 18,000 full-time students. It is very important because the board is making decisions that affect students directly."

HSF aids the college in finding a student through promotions, but are otherwise separate.

"We help them promote it," said Ercole Perrone, HSF's executive director. "We make up posters for them and encourage students to get involved but the board is an entirely different animal that we have nothing to do with."

The other 12 people on the board are members of the community who are appointed.

Students who choose to run will be able to campaign March 24 to April 4. Voting will be held April 7 and 8.

You may seek confidential advice on matters related to harassment and discrimination from the College's Human Rights Advisors at Extensions 4948/4425 or from a Union Steward, Counsellor, Nurse or the HSF

Frozen remains found on a California glacier have been identified as Ernest G. Munn, a WWII airman who vanished during a 1942 training flight. — [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com)

# Red Cross says funding delays are normal

## Enormity of disaster and breadth of relief projects needed are cited as reasons for wait

Anastasiya Jugal  
NEWS REPORTER

Three years ago Humber College and Humber Students' Federation donated \$10,000 to the Red Cross tsunami relief fund, which went on to collect \$372 million. As of today, over three years after the event itself, \$200 million of that relief fund remains unspent.

"The disaster was unprecedented," said Jean-Phillippe Tizi, director of emergency response and recovery for the Red Cross. "It's only taking long from the victim's perspective."

At the time of the disaster, when a tsunami wreaked havoc

across large swaths of Asia on Dec. 26, 2004, Humber made a huge effort to support the affected nations.

Various groups including Humber's International Issues Group, Lifeline Christian Fellowship and HSF donated money and organized events.

Aaron Miller, Programming Director of HSF, said, "We did a bunch of events, basically asking students to donate money and then HSF matched their donations."

The disaster had a huge effect on Humber College because the student body includes a large South Asian community, said Miller.

According to the Red Cross, 225,000 Canadians donated to the fund.

**"From the beginning Red Cross said it would take us five to six years to complete the project."**

—Jean-Phillippe Tizi  
Director of emergency response and recovery, Red Cross

"The project is huge and the need is enormous. Red Cross does not consider this a delay," said Tizi when asked why so much of the money remains unspent. "From the beginning Red Cross said it would take us five to six years to complete the project."

Richard Kingston, business program co-ordinator at Humber College, explains, "They have to make sure that it is not spent too quickly. There are people who will spend it on themselves rather than spend it on relief. They have to wait until a project is underway and fund them according to progress, because of fraud."

According to Kingston, fraud is the major reason for the time delay, and it happens all the time to major governments. With such large amounts at hand the funds need to be monitored closely.

Tizi says \$168 million has been spent on various projects and the rest is allocated to a major project to rebuild homes in Indonesia,

Sri Lanka, India and Thailand. In Indonesia 5,800 homes are in the process of being rebuilt.

One of the reasons for the delay is that Red Cross is using local contractors and they have to go through the local government in order to get land to build on, said Tizi. Because the countries are in disaster-prone areas, they also have higher building standards for housing projects.

"We have to be responsible and build housing up to standards," said Tizi.

The affected countries are extremely disaster prone, Tizi said. They have higher standards for housing projects in order to make them safe.



Justin Robertson

Ontario Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, Deb Matthews, centre, announces new training to begin March 31.

## New training targets low-income women

Justin Robertson  
NEWS REPORTER

Humber College will receive funding to launch a pre-apprenticeship training program to help women in poverty learn a trade.

Starting March 31, the college will provide a 20-person horticulture training program.

"I am very happy that Humber will be able to provide women in this community, with the help of Ontario and MicroSkills, an opportunity to build a better future for themselves through career training skills development," said John Davies, college president.

While the college provides the curriculum, MicroSkills will provide pre-employment assistance and Landscape Ontario will help with the work placement element.

Ontario is investing \$1.5 million into the Women in Skilled Trades, said Deb Matthews, Ontario's Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, as part of an effort to combat a skill shortage expected to affect 1.2 million people by 2025.

Overall the government will pro-

vide 152 low-income women with training in carpentry, welding, horticulture, painting-decorating, cooking and landscaping, in locations such as Hamilton, Burlington, Waterloo and Toronto, said Matthews.

"We recognize that the economy needs skilled workers," said Matthews. "We also know that there are women who are struggling with low income and they just need the opportunity to live up to their potential."

Natasha Asukwo, a graduate of the landscaping skills plus program at AAT School (a school that specializes in adults who are in transition) in Hamilton, is a single mother of four children and will start an apprentice program at Humber next year.

"It's definitely something that has changed my life and will change other people's lives," Asukwo said. "There are so many ways to go with these types of skilled programs and I'm so grateful I got the opportunity to do it."

"When we support women, we build stronger communities and a stronger Ontario," said Matthews.

## Trades remain undervalued in Ontario, new report says

### Focus on apprenticeships as skills shortage looms

Jon Sufrin  
NEWS REPORTER

For students like Jordan Loshinsky, 26, a third semester cabinet making student at Humber, choosing to pursue a trade meant overcoming social stigma.

"When I was in high school, I told my teachers I wanted to become a plumber or an electrician," he said. "And they were like, 'no, why would you want to do that?'"

There are roughly 2,000 students taking trade apprenticeship programs at Humber, and they are no strangers to the fact their vocations are often frowned upon, said Joe Tomona, associate dean of the School of Applied Technology.

"We need to educate the public a bit, and make them aware that the trades are not simple, menial jobs. It's complex work," he said. "Think of an auto mechanic. You're driv-

ing your car, you've got your life riding on somebody's skills."

Ontario is on the verge of a massive shortage of skilled workers, and part of the problem is a widespread lack of respect for tradespeople, Len Crispino, CEO of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce said at a symposium hosted by the Ontario Workforce Shortage Coalition at a Toronto hotel Mar. 4.

"It's no secret that there is a stigma attached to skilled trades in Canada as a whole," he said. "For whatever reason, somewhere in our history, our dark history perhaps, the trades became devalued compared to other professionals."

Crispino said trades such as construction, plumbing and carpentry were once highly revered, drawing upon the example of European craftspeople who were treasured for their artistic work on cathedrals and other great monuments.

"In a sense, we have lost our

way," he said. "We've lost our way in terms of pride and in terms of legacy of what the trades can provide."

A 2006 report by the Toronto Training Board says young people are shunning the trades.

"Many young people and their parents view the skilled trades as a last resort option," the report said. "The educational system gives little importance to the trades."

The Conference Board of Canada predicts a deficit of 364,000 skilled workers in Ontario by 2025.



Jon Sufrin

A skilled workers shortage in Ontario could create a deficit of 364,000 workers by 2025. Some are blaming the skills shortage on a perception that trades are lesser and more menial than other careers.

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# NEWS

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## Rise in grad rates linked to alternative programs

### High schools get creative to keep teens enrolled

Bianca Hall  
NEWS REPORTER

Ontario's high school graduation rates are on the rise, but Humber's president said these figures still mask a lot of important social and economic problems in the province.

High school graduation rates have risen to 75 per cent in 2006-2007, a two per cent increase over the previous school year, according to figures released last month by the Ministry of Education.

These numbers do not necessarily reflect an increase in post-secondary applicants but are encouraging, said Humber president John Davies. The college is prepared to take on three per cent more students each year for the next five years, he said.

"We're running ahead of the curve at the present time," he said. "We actually have unused capacity at the present time to grow into. It's good news, I think, that the school system is doing better and more students are graduating."

According to Davies, the graduation rate needs to be addressed.

"You have to ask yourself in a country like Canada, certainly

with the pressures that we've got now with the dollar, skill shortages, pressure on manufacturing, can we afford to have a quarter of our population be unsuccessful through the elementary/secondary system?" he said.

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—John Davies  
Humber President

The Liberal government says the graduation rate increase can be attributed to new initiatives that it has introduced, giving students more choice and flexibility in receiving their secondary school diploma. But some high schools have been implementing similar programs for students even before the government introduced them, said the principal of a high school close to North Campus.

"I think that the government is on the right track," said Roger Dale, of Kipling Collegiate.

"They've initiated the whole student success program and one of my staff said to me, 'What is the big deal about all this stuff? We've been doing this for five years?'"

Dale says 75 per cent of his 760 students are at risk of dropping out. But he said allowing students to complete their academic credits outside of the traditional classroom setting has been instrumental in keeping students from dropping out.

"You have to look at kids' academic ability and what the systems give you. Twelve of 30 credits can be used for co-op so this may be a better option for some of these kids," said Dale. "Some people see flexible as not having any standards, but all it's done here is raised our standards."

The vice-principal at West Humber Collegiate, John Klym, said giving students the freedom to create their own path through high school has made the biggest difference in graduation rates.

"We're dealing with a lot of high-risk students, but they're a happier group and part of that fact is that we give them more choice and they feel a part of something rather than just being in a building," he said.



Andrew Tomkinson

Bridget Woodcock, director of child-care services at Humber, says although college services are protected from corporate control, industry uncertainty should still concern parents.

## Proposed bill aimed at big box daycare

### Aussie firm targets Canuck tots

Andrew Tomkinson  
NEWS REPORTER

Rising concerns of corporate control in child-care services has prompted a new bill to be presented to the Ontario government, a move that would affect Humber students with children.

"I think the fear is that the quality of childcare would decrease," said Bridget Woodcock, director of child-care services at the college.

The concern is in response to a recently incorporated Ontario company that is linked to the world's largest child-care corporation ABC Learning Centres, from Australia. Bill 26 is set to limit the amount of new funding and licensing to child-care providers in the for-profit sector, said Andrea Horwath, NDP MPP for Hamilton Centre and author of the bill.

"As we expand into more investment into child-care, we should

be in the not-for-profit sector, where we know that the public investment is going toward good quality service for children," said Horwath. "The decisions that are made by these multi-national corporations will be made to satisfy the needs and desires of the shareholders and not the needs and desires of the children and families in the system."

By restricting funding and licensing to the not-for-profit sector, Bill 26 will allow for increased choice and diversity and avoid

homogenization in the system, said Horwath. Another main concern is the quality of services.

"One thing about child-care is the ability to meet the individual needs of all families, something that could suffer with corporate, for-profit organizations," said Woodcock. "We sit in the north-west corner of Toronto and we like to be able to cater what we do to these families. I'm skeptical if you could do that if you're part of a large corporation."

Humber's child-care service is protected from corporate control since it's used as a lab facility for the college, but uncertainty in the industry should still be of concern to students with children, said Woodcock.

"We feel like we are pretty protected because we are licensed by the province and we have criteria that we have to meet through the municipalities," said Woodcock. "It shakes people

in the industry up when they see companies like this who come in and try to rearrange the system."

Students who use the college's daycare services are worried about the quality of their children's care.


"As for big-box corporations taking over in child-care, I would not be happy with that," said Jennifer Schram, 29, first-year general arts and science student at Humber who uses the child-care centre. "I am the type of person that doesn't even shop at Wal-Mart, and when it comes to my daughter's care, I wouldn't be comfortable with it."

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# EDITORIAL

“A politician should have three hats. One for throwing into the ring, one for talking through, and one for pulling rabbits out of if elected.” – Carl Sandburg, poet

## Voter turnout a step in the right direction

Another HSF election is over and the roster for next year's executive has been determined.

Turnout is not quite what had been hoped for – HSF president Nick Farnell said before voting started that he would like to double last's years numbers – but it does appear that efforts of HSF, and the participating candidates, to get more students out to the polls did pay off.

Voter turnout for this year's election was 10.5 per cent, which is a step up from the 6.7 per cent recorded in 2007. This translates to 1,824 students, out of 18,000 potential voters, who showed up to mark their electronic ballots.

While these numbers still leave something to be desired, they are a marked improvement that can be built upon in coming years.

The attention of students, who have any number of things battling for their time and interest, can be hard to capture.

HSF used free food and concerts, in addition to having a presence on popular websites such as Facebook, to help students get in on the action.

Making constituents more aware and getting them involved in the process should be the point of any election campaign, whether it is a student government or one at the federal level.


Having a well-informed and engaged constituency benefits everyone.

The real test will come when each of the newly elected executive members begin their year-long terms on May 1.

Mike Berg, the incoming HSF president, told *Et Cetera* reporter Fiona Collie that he would like to work on making more of open forum events and having increased interaction with the students.

This plan is echoed by both of the incoming vice-presidents of administration.

This is promising talk, so here's looking for even more promising action.

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## Humber helps to empower local low-income women

Beginning at the end of March, 152 low-income women across the province will reap the benefits of a free college education in a trade, and Humber has made sure to be a part of this important decision

The Women in Skilled Trades initiative is being financed by the Ontario government to the tune of \$1.5 million with Humber receiving \$188,350 for a pre-apprenticeship horticulture program to begin April 7. The program will be available to 20 women currently living in poverty in Toronto.

Carpentry, welding, painting-decorating and landscaping pre-apprenticeships are also offered along with the horticulture program at Humber.

Women currently account for only 17 per cent of active apprenticeships and are only 20 per cent of new applicants to apprenticeship programs, according to the government of Ontario. With an anticipated labour shortage of 1.2 million people in skilled trades by 2025, the Women in Skilled Trades initiative is proactively dealing with two important issues at once.

All it took was the belief that women are just as capable as men when working in male-dominated trades.

Giving 152 women an education in a trade certainly won't solve the problems of a labour shortage or women in poverty but it is a giant step in the right direction. Both the Ontario government and Humber College are saying, loud and clear, that they care about the women in this province and have faith in their abilities.

Imagine how this could change the lives of the daughters, sisters and friends of the women who get to take these programs. Watching them take charge of their lives and master a skill that was once considered only male territory and begin to turn their life around.

Just as poverty can be a vicious cycle handed down from generation to generation, hope, self-confidence and a desire for an education can be as well. Humber is giving these women a chance, and opening the eyes of hundreds of women around them to possibilities they may have never considered.

### WORD ON THE STREET

Are you concerned with your safety because of the recent muggings on the TTC and carjackings in the area? Are you doing anything to increase your safety?



**Saurabh Dhawan, 20, Second-year computer programming**

No, I think I take care of myself.

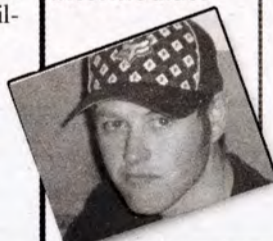
Not really 'cause I don't park at Woodbine. The mall's a different story.



**Rebecca Ryan, 25, plumber apprenticeship, intermediate**

No, if they want my car they can have it.

**Ryan Dekleyne, 25, plumber apprenticeship, intermediate**



Yes, I'll just be more careful. Just be more aware of things, take extra precautions.

**Sandie Kang, 19, Second-year business management**



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"Censorship ends in logical completeness when nobody is allowed to read any books except the books that nobody reads." – George Bernard Shaw, playwright

# Confessions of a material girl



Suzan Park  
COPY EDITOR

I was sitting across from my two closest male friends in the library of my old school. These were people who knew my every shameful secret and fiercely supported my questionable ventures.

"Well as long as you were safe!" "That car shouldn't have been parked there anyway." "I doubt the cops could gather enough trace evidence to even build a case," they would sweetly say to reassure me.

But what I had just told them rendered them speechless and put such aghast and disgust on their faces I might as well have told them I practiced cannibalism.

I innocently remarked that, in my lifetime, I have spent approximately \$2,500 on lipsticks and glosses.

"You are so materialistic," one of them said coldly and with contempt.

Ah, the M-word.

I've been called everything from snob to bitch to worse, but I never thought my own good friends would slight me over some lippy.

Materialism brings to mind feelings of selfishness and gluttony.

The kind of person who covets tangible, pretty things over a good book.

The kind of person who values gifts before the thought. The kind of person without a soul.

Can there not be a common ground?

For myself, makeup represents happiness. Just hear me out.

There is a science on happiness. Michael Cunningham, professor of psychology and communication at the University of Louisville, says the application of makeup is a fundamentally optimistic thing.

He points to people who are depressed and how they stop caring about their appearance.

When a woman puts on a little blush and wears a nice outfit, she's ready to go out into the world and wants to be seen positively.

And novelty is scientifically proven to be a natural stimulant.

Imagine tearing open the plastic wrapping from a new CD. A natural upper!

Need more proof?

Two leading brain researchers from Johns Hopkins University in the U.S. have said that shopping helps self-esteem and exercises decision-making skills.

I've also read a study from the University of Leicester in the U.K.,

which said that well-dressed people were less likely to be hit by a car.

*And it's not like I would starve myself to pay for the latest handbag, that's just plain nuts.*

Of course, that's a bit of a stretch, but you see my point.

I didn't tell my two friends that

my love for beauty is organic, and not superficial as assumed.

I didn't tell them about how as a child, newly arrived to Canada, I used to savour the little time I spent with my mother (who worked odd hours in a factory) watching her apply her makeup.

Her deliberate, methodical swooshes mesmerized me.

As tired as she was from taking care of three daughters in a brand new country she looked radiant in technicolour.

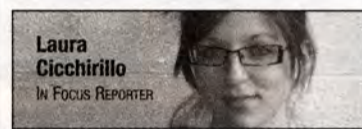
My mother took (and still takes) pride in her appearance and enjoys beautiful things.

That is happiness.

So, while I feel euphoric when I open the closet – which houses my lipstick Xanadu – I take great pleasure in other things that cannot be bought like childhood memories and a short story by David Sedaris.

And it's not like I would ever starve myself to pay for the latest handbag, that's just plain nuts.

## Bill to stifle film freedom



Laura Cicchirillo  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Canadian filmmakers and movie-lovers are divided over Bill C-10, a bill that, if passed, will pull the plug on tax credits for films that the Department of Heritage deems offensive.

A Judaeo-Christian group called the Canadian Family Action Coalition (CFAC) is responsible for pushing the bill into action, which has sparked a boisterous reaction from the Canadian film and television industry.

CFAC president Charles McVety maintains that this is an opportunity to ensure hardworking Canadian taxpayers' money will not be put towards so-called smutty films.

What exactly constitutes a smutty film has not yet been clearly expressed. However, McVety has gone on record stating that it is not appropriate to have films that feature young, unmarried people having sex.

Just about everyone is accusing the government of censoring the Canadian film and television scene, including student filmmakers and big-whig Canadian director David Cronenberg.

The Conservatives claim the bill has everything to do with funding, and nothing to do with censorship, but the fact remains that if the bill is passed and filmmakers want to create movies that are thought provoking and (gasp) controversial, they would be discriminated against.

Sure, if C-10 is passed, filmmakers are still allowed to take a camera and their savings to make a movie about virtually anything they want.

It cannot, however, be denied that it will be significantly more difficult to do so if their funding is cut off.

It is true that with rapidly increasing technology, it is relatively cheaper to make a movie, but even investors may be hesitant to support a movie if the plot does not reach the government's standards.

And what are these standards?

It has been repeatedly stated Bill C-10 would ensure that only "offensive" films will not receive a tax credit, but what is offensive to some, is certainly not offensive to others.

*Members of the film industry should not be put in a position where they must curb their creativity to receive a tax credit for their work.*

It is entirely subjective.

The official website for CFAC leads one to assume that any forward-thinking liberal act or belief is offensive, as the group does not condone homosexuality, premarital sex, euthanasia, abortion, and transgendered people, just to name a few.

So long as a film does not encapsulate hatred towards a specific

group of people, Canadian filmmakers should not feel barred from creating anything.

The most worthwhile television programs and movies are ones that push conventional boundaries, exceed expectations and challenge minds with thought-provoking themes.

Members of the film industry should not be put in a position where they must curb their creativity to receive a tax credit for their work.

In a society that encourages liberal freethinking through the furthering of education, films that explore individualism, eccentricity and human imperfection should be embraced.

For everyone else who prefers to watch safe and familiar programs that indirectly, or directly, promote Judaeo-Christian values, well, that's what the Family Channel is for.

## Plug in plan to get electric cars on road



Sera Ozel  
IN FOCUS EDITOR

In a world of soaring gas prices and an increased fear of global warming, it's shocking to see that the Ontario government hasn't jumped on the chance to make low-speed vehicles (LSVs) street legal.

One of the newly released LSVs, the ZENN, was manufactured in Toronto by the ZENN Motor Company, and has received federal approval to be sold in Canada – but it's still illegal to drive it here.

It is understandable that these electric cars are not legal for use on highways – they can only reach speeds of 40 to 50 km/h – but in the bustling downtown Toronto core LSVs could be integral to improving air quality.

LSVs emit zero carbon emissions and create no noise. They are ideal for people who live and work in the city and drive only short distances.

However, the federal government argues that they are unsafe, especially when driven on roads with higher-powered vehicles.

I could understand if the restrictions were against driving LSVs on non-residential roads but on roads where the speed limit is 50

km/h, all the cars should be going at low enough speeds. If anything, with LSVs on the road, there would be less traffic accidents caused by speeding.

Another bonus of LSVs is their cost. Starting at \$13,000 US, the ZENN is a cheaper alternative to a regular automobile, and with no gas costs to worry about, LSVs are the most money savvy vehicles for city folk.


The *Toronto Star* reported on Feb. 23 that LSVs are legal on most city streets in the U.S., but Ontario doesn't seem to want to budge on its current standing.

Manufacturers of LSVs are attempting to make these cars as appealing as possible to consumers by keeping their design similar to standard vehicles.

They come in many colours, fully equipped with superior sound systems, sunroofs, and most importantly, all the same safety features as a regular car.

This is all in effort to make these cars consumer-friendly so maybe the provincial government will rethink the use of LSVs in low-speed parts of the city.

I realize that safety is an issue but with strictly enforced regulations, the use of these cars will help Canadians work towards solving the environmental crises we are currently battling.



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Alaskan crab fishers have the highest on-the-job mortality rate in the world – one reason why the tasty crustaceans are so expensive. — Askmen.com

# Working with tragedy

In a dire situation, whether it's a fire, medical emergency or death, there is a good chance that a Humber grad will be there. The *Et Cetera* takes a closer look at these high-stress programs and how Humber students are trained to deal with the tragedy and trauma that await them on a daily basis — right after graduation.

## Firefighters prep for worst with training

Roselyn Kelada-Sedra  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber's pre-service firefighter education and training program prepares students to deal with death, but first-term trainees have yet to experience the real trauma.

Sean Donahue, a first-year student of the program, said that no one can prepare for death or injury.

He and classmate Shawn McCleery, 21, know counselling is available for firefighters who deal with traumatic situations.

"I guess you never know how you're going to react until you're there," said McCleery.

Program co-ordinator Ian Sim said the most important thing in dealing with trauma is sharing with fellow firefighters.

"Senior officers look out for the younger ones and give some direction based on experience," said Sim.

After 30 years spent in the field and 10 years at Humber, Sim said

there's not much he hasn't seen.

He still thinks about a call more than 20 years ago, where a crowd of teenagers was standing in the street watching the blaze.

A drunk driver crashed into them, seriously injuring a young girl, he said.

"I remember kneeling in the street with this girl, knowing her leg's gone," he said.

There's a lot of trauma on the job, he said, but they develop the skills to deal with it.

They learn to move from one call to the next, he said. "It sounds cold, but it's a coping mechanism."

Donahue seems to understand the distancing tactic. "My dad's a mortician. I know I can handle it."

Even with training, Sim said, "sometimes your best efforts aren't good enough."

Firefighters learn to read a situation, make a decision and use their skills, but sometimes people die, he said.

"It's hard," he said, "but you can

only do what's humanly possible."

Over time, he added, "you develop the skills, when those things come up, not to be afraid to talk about it. I think if you can get them to open up and offload, you can offer some support and guidance."

"It's like living with a family," said McCleery. "You look out for each other."

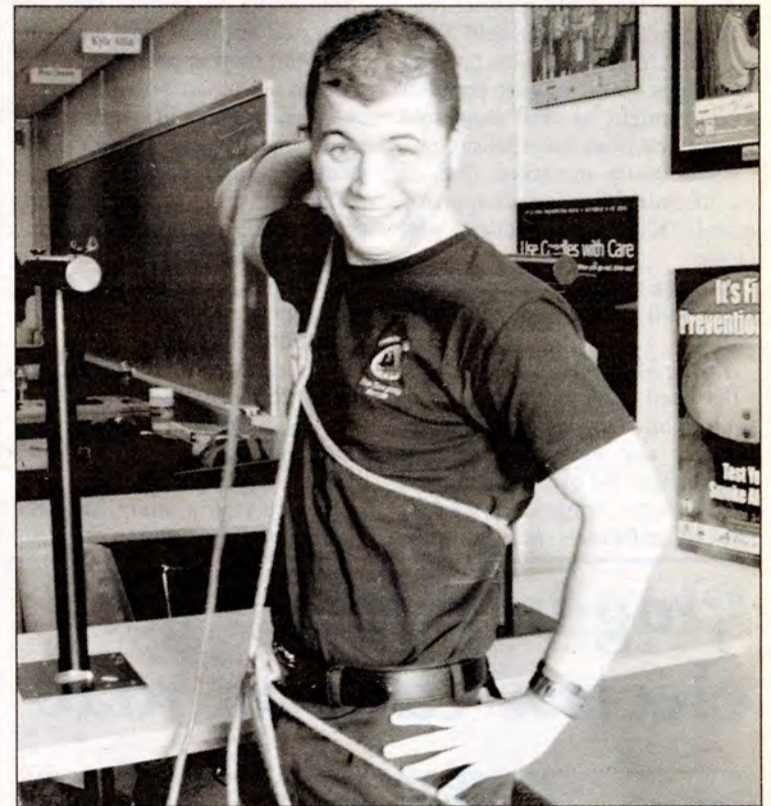
He and Donahue agree that part of what draws them to the service is excitement.

"We're adrenaline junkies," said McCleery. "It's kind of twisted."

In a recent drill their class went into a fire without the fear of people getting hurt.

"There's the adrenaline rush," said Donahue, "but we know there's not going to be anyone in there we have to save."

When life and death come into play, Humber's program teaches firefighters that they can't control what happens, but their team members will support them.



McCleery tries his luck with a fireman's knot

Roselyn Kelada-Sedra

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## Preparing for a life less ordinary

Despite high drop-out rate, many paramedic students still go on to save lives

By Livia Fama  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students in Humber's paramedic program quickly get used to the idea of 12-hour shifts and dealing daily with crisis and tragedy.

"When you do this job, you know you're going to be seeing people at their worst," said second-year paramedic student Karyn Silzer. "People don't call 911 if they're having a good day."

The two-year program combines

in-class learning with hands-on experience. There are 70 students in the final year and 56 in the second year.

Despite the numbers, the program isn't for everyone. The drop-out rate stands at 15 per cent.

Jennifer Erodoutou, in her first-year of the program, can't wait for the hands-on experience she'll get on the second year ride-outs, when students begin going out into an ambulance with a trained paramedic.

"Being the first person on the scene, you're the person who's going to make or break the situation," she said.

David Wilson, a second-year paramedic student, learned this from experience. Wilson was profiled in the *Et Cetera* in January, when he came to the rescue of a woman in

labour on the side of a highway.

It's on these ride-outs that students learn to develop their own coping mechanisms to deal with some of the hardships they may face.

**"There was a woman vomiting in the bed next to me, but I could still eat my lunch."**

—Karyn Silzer  
second-year paramedic student

Wilson has his own way of dealing with difficult circumstances. He has responded to all types of situations – from the aforementioned birth to attempted suicides – illustrating the wide spectrum of calls the job demands.

"Talking is good. Also exercise and having the right mindset," he said. The biggest thing for me is that if I do my best, even if I make a few mistakes here and there, I know that overall I'm helping."

Being on ride-outs can also have

a desensitizing effect on students.

"What is gross to us is not the same as what is gross to someone else," said Silzer.

"I was sitting in the off-road delay once and I was really hungry. There was a woman vomiting in the bed next to me, but I could still eat my lunch."

During ride-outs students are also responsible for stocking the ambulance and making sure all the equipment is up to standard.

For Silzer and Wilson this is the easy part of the job. Their satisfaction comes from responding to those in need.

"It's our job to make their bad day a little bit better," said Silzer. "I think about that when I go on a call – if I can make their bad day a bit better, then I've done my job."

Wilson agrees. "You're not going to find anything else like this. It's a fantastic job. Every single day I have patients saying thank you so much for coming and helping me – you don't get that when you're an accountant."



Collins (centre) with paramedic students

Daniel Reeves



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# Students not haunted by dead people

Funeral services program gets future grads ready to deal with trauma and tragedy in their career and everyday life



Gareth Vieira

A student in the funeral services program moulds wax to replicate the face in the photograph.

By Cecily Van Horn  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Grief, bereavement, tragedy and trauma are a few things that funeral services students will face while they study at Humber and when they enter the job force.

"We try to prepare them as best we can for every situation, but it's virtually impossible," said Kathleen MacMillan, dean of Humber's health sciences. "We do

try and ensure they have proper clinical experience, knowledge and skills when they will be faced with the tough situations."

MacMillan said the faculty in these programs are also trained to support and counsel students in the event that they encounter any

problems or tough situations while learning at Humber.

"We talk extensively about interaction with people, discussing the way our society tends to view death and those of us who work in this occupation," said Jeff Caldwell, funeral services

co-ordinator.

According to Caldwell, students in the funeral services program learn many different ways of dealing with grief and, at times, their own emotional state when dealing with a difficult situation.

"Being a funeral director means

dealing with a great deal of stress," he said. "Students have to learn to deal with people who are in an altered state of emotion. There will be many times when they are doing their best to assist a family and they will be only responded with anger."

In the past, students have left the program because of the challenges, stress and graphic nature of dealing with cadavers – something they face on a day-to-day basis.

However, those who endure the toils and tribulations of the course are given adequate guidance and encouragement from the funeral services faculty.

"We are well prepared to deal with the tough issues through a combination of our in-class learning guided by our professors and we are also required to do a lot of hands-on work, such as our 40 hours of observation," said Carly Donnelly, a first-year funeral services student.

"We are encouraged to work at funeral homes which give us a chance to experience these tough issues so that we are ready to face it when graduation comes," she said.

## Confessions of a bedside buddy

A third-year nursing student shares some of her traumatic clinical experiences

By Sana Ahmed  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Roselie Courchesne, a third-year nursing student, has witnessed the stillborn birth of a baby and death of an elderly patient while working at health-care facilities throughout the GTA.

"One day I went into work and I didn't see him," she said of a 64-year-old man she was assigned to help. "And that was when I was informed that he died the night before."

She said she was especially surprised to learn of his death because he was relatively healthy.

Seeing the stillborn birth is a moment that Courchesne won't forget.

"It was really emotional to see



courtesy

Third-year nursing student, Roselie Courchesne.

the empty crib beside the mother's bed," said Courchesne. "I was in shock for the rest of the day. I just stayed very quiet."

The 250 students admitted each year in Humber's nursing program spend hundreds of hours at hospitals, nursing homes and clinics as part of their clinical rotations.

John Stone, a nursing instructor, said no matter how much students learn in the classroom, it is the practical experience that counts.

"There's such an emphasis on clinical experience," said Stone. "We teach our students coping and counselling skills in class, but the best way for them to prepare is at their placements."

Courchesne's most frustrating work placement was at a mental health facility.

"A patient who had depression was placed under my care and I felt like I was dealing a child," said Courchesne. "Trying to reason with grown-ups is so much harder than children."

Even through death and tragedy, Courchesne considers herself an upbeat and positive person.

"There's so much unpredictability with my work," said Courchesne. "You learn to be not emotional all the time. As much as I care about peoples' well being, I have to learn to desensitize myself."

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## Humber's M for tagging



**Dila Velazquez**  
A&E REPORTER

For graffiti artist Martin Godlewski, size matters when it comes to his art.

"Being able to paint on an eight foot by six foot wall is just amazing," he said. "For graffiti, the size is the best thing because the bigger it is the more people will see it from a distance."

Godlewski, a second-year package design student at Humber, has been passionate about graffiti since Grade 6.

"I was always interested in lettering, words and fonts, and how to use them to make them pleasing to the eye," he said.

His early love for graffiti got him into trouble with the police – in high school he was caught painting in an underground pass by Square One in Mississauga.

"The cops took all my paint cans and everything. The charges of mischief were dropped, but they still took my fingerprints," said Godlewski. "It caused me to stop and I was really hesitant to get back out there."

During this time he began tagging stickers and created a clothing line called Mischief Clothing.

"It was selling well and we tried to dominate with our clothing line," he said. "But we were on a student's budget and it wasn't the best quality so we stopped. We didn't want our product to get a bad name."

Godlewski continued tagging on the streets but now in artist sanctioned zones.

His creative talent eventually led him to Sheridan College and then to Humber where he enrolled in the design foundations program in 2006. This is when he met Danny Dam, the vice-president of student life at Lakeshore.

"Martin's love for graffiti is what got me interested in it," said Dam. "His work is kind of abstract, but really good stuff."

The passion that Godlewski brings to graffiti radiates and influences all those around him, said his girlfriend Cara Budd, a second-year student at Trent University.

"He's always looking and pointing out walls, bus shelters, boxes, anything as areas to work on," she said. "He becomes a different person when he has a paint can and is so passionate about his work that he can make something beautiful out of any surface."

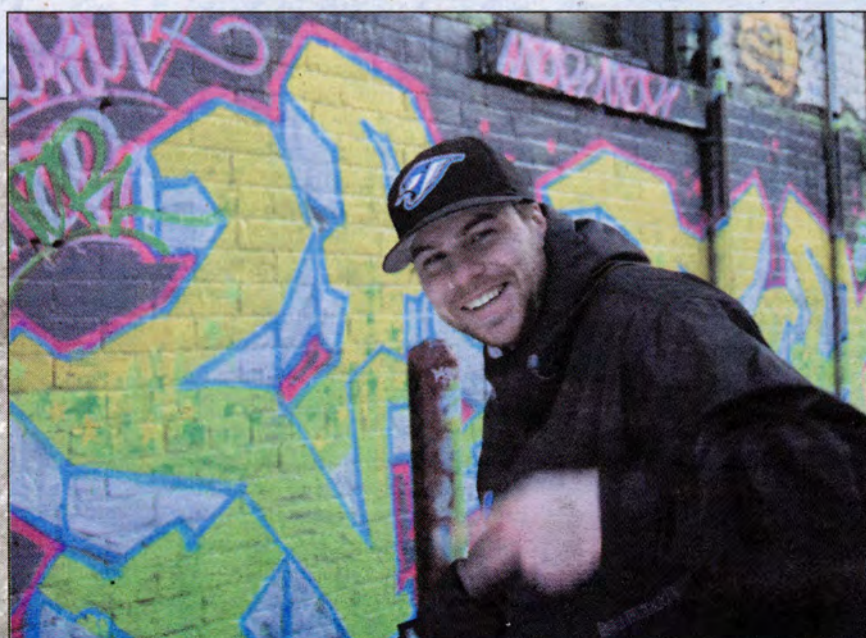
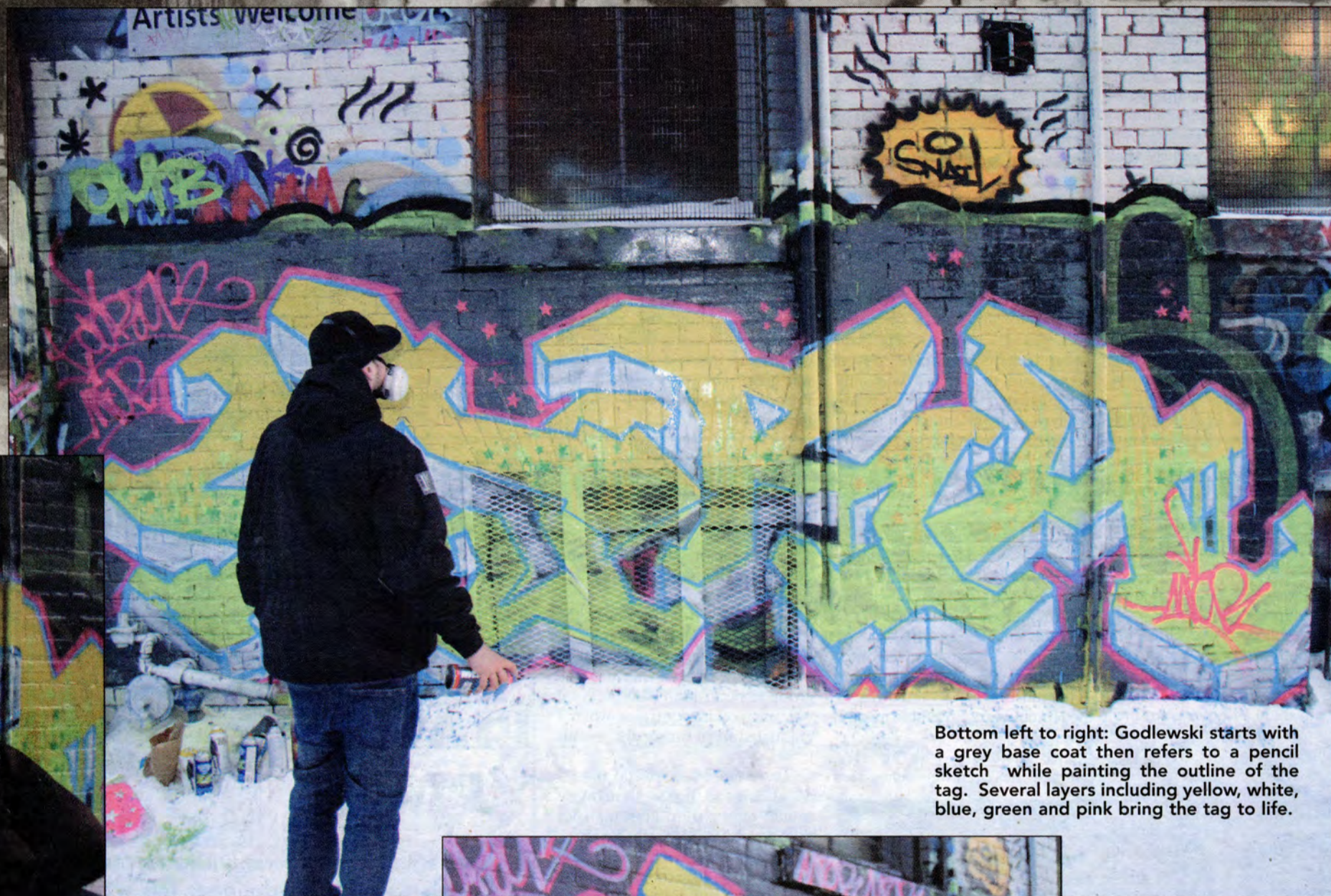


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# wall too high

Martin Godlewski displays his technique and passion on an artist's wall in Toronto's Graffiti Alley.



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## Independent artists shine at Canadian Music Week

Dila Velazquez  
A&E REPORTER

North America's music industry is undergoing tremendous change and Humber needs to stay informed, said Brad Klump, a music professor at Lakeshore's School of Creative and Performing Arts.

"We are trying to prepare students for the music industry and with the changes to digital rights and downloads it's important that we stay on top of it," he said. "By learning as much as we can at conferences like Canadian Music Week we can pass on the information to students."

Canadian Music Week (CMW) began 26 years ago and is the country's largest media and music showcase. CMW 2008 wrapped up on Saturday but brought together many of the world's top industry professionals who participated in a three-day program of activities designed to stimulate the exchange of ideas and open avenues of dialogue. The conference included more than 75 panels featuring approximately 360 industry experts.

Paul Novotny, a 1978 Humber

grad who now teaches a music business course at Lakeshore, attended the event to gain knowledge from experts that he can use in the classroom.

"The business is changing," said Novotny. "I think the music business is thriving but the record business is dying. In the future, instead of having the big wheels of the record companies, the onus will be on musicians to connect with an audience. I need to prepare my students for that by letting them know that the future of the music business lies in the access to entertainment and not just a product."

Audiences in Toronto for CMW were also treated to a live music festival that spanned four nights at more than 40 music venues downtown. Showcase performances gave up-and-coming bands extra exposure and opportunities to play for record company representatives.

Independent artists like Morgan Ross of Toronto's Birds of Wales, who played a showcase alongside Jason Collett of Broken Social Scene, said the festival will only help artists who have already received some attention by record

companies.

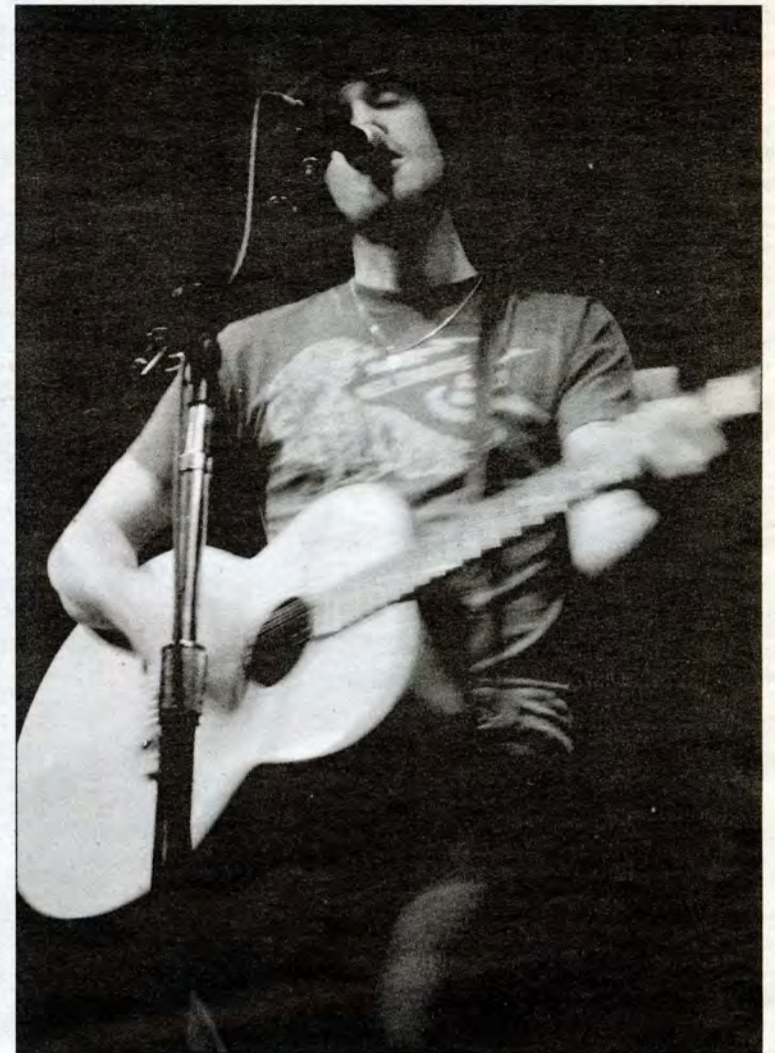
"The festival's point is to showcase emerging artists, but the success number is very low," he said. "It's one thing to play a showcase, but unless there's some sort of industry machinery behind you no one is going to come to your show. It's easy to get lost in the shuffle."

For Ross the record business is not dead, it just hasn't adapted to the changing digital landscape.

"You still need record labels for distribution, PR and legitimacy," he said. "I think bands need to be self-sufficient and independent, but it comes with a ceiling. You can only get so much on your own."

Both Ross and Novotny agree the future of the industry lies in musicians developing a direct relationship with audiences through the Internet and live shows.

"By playing live and touring you reach an audience in a direct way," said Novotny. "In the past record companies sold a lot of plastic but they didn't know the audience. Fiscal requirements defined what companies invested in, not what was good. The years of artists like Britney Spears are over — small is the new big."



Dila Velazquez

Morgan Ross of Birds of Wales played a showcase alongside well known musician Jason Collett at Canadian Music Week.

## Former teacher adds piano talent to Jazz Trio

Tracey Finklestein  
A&E REPORTER

Music lovers can see an award-winning Humber pianist play with a jazz ensemble every first Thursday of the month at Gate 403 Bar and Grill.

"The band wants to get their music out there and they want me to be a part of that," said Chris Donnelly, a former Humber student and teacher. "From my per-

spective, I am honoured."

Donnelly attended the Humber Community Music School in 1985 when he was two and spent his Saturdays there until he was 17.

While earning his masters of music at the University of Toronto, Donnelly taught piano to students in the music program and directed the Humber Jazz Ensemble for two years.

Since graduating with his MA, Donnelly has been freelancing as a

pianist all over Ontario.

"I consider myself an artist and performer first and a teacher second," he said.

Donnelly has been playing in the Sarah Jerrom Jazz Trio since it started two years ago. Jerrom, a former classmate, started the group to build a fan base.

"I was seeking out gigs when I graduated from university," recalls Jerrom.

"It started out as a duo mostly with Chris and then we thought we should offer a third person a spot to make it even more fun for us."

The trio plays a set from 5 to 8 p.m. at Gate 403, though the bar does not get full until about 7 p.m.

People who arrive early usually receive an intimate performance, said owner Jean Young.

"Some people are there to listen, while most are there to eat," said Young. "But they are very good and the audience always has a good time."

The musicians use the venue to practice their music and have fun, with little reimbursement.

There is no cover, but there are tip jars around the bar and people are encouraged to pay what they can. All of the money goes to the performers.

"I play with Chris regularly and we practice when we perform together," said Jerrom. "It's just really fun and every month it becomes more fun for us."

The performances change each

month. The trio re-arranges popular jazz songs to make them unique and Donnelly always plays a few original solos during the performance.

"We try to give him as much

room to show off as possible," said Jerrom.

Donnelly is set to release his first album of original compositions in September, called *The Chris Donnelly Solo*.



courtesy Chris Donnelly

Chris Donnelly, a Humber music teacher, is set to release his first studio album, *The Chris Donnelly Solo*, in September.

### PLAYLIST PICKS



Managing editor Jeremy Dickson tells us what's in his headphones this week

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-  Greetings Card Aisle - Sarah Harmer  
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“Maturity is a bitter disappointment for which no remedy exists, unless laughter can be said to remedy anything.” – Kurt Vonnegut, author



Courtesy The National Ballet of Canada

Dancers perform 24 Preludes by Chopin, which was choreographed by Marie Chouinard. The show runs until March 16 at the Four Seasons Centre.

# New show offers a touch of nostalgia

Roselyn Kelada-Sedra  
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The National Ballet of Canada transcends convention, scrapping its pointe shoes in *Rooster & Soldiers' Mass & 24 Preludes by Chopin*.

Although it is performed last, *Rooster* is the segment set to draw crowds. Danced to eight classic songs from the iconic Rolling Stones, this ballet began its company premiere last Saturday at the Four Seasons Centre.

Choreographed by Christopher Bruce, it is the most accessible of the three ballets. Combining artistry and social analysis, Bruce mixes traditional technique with pop culture movements.

In *Rooster*, he brings to life the coolest cats to play out gender wars lurking in the classic '60s lyrics.

Jerking their heads and preening themselves, the male dancers' movements resemble the title bird's strut.

They are sensual, but ridiculous.

The audience leaves singing *Sympathy for the Devil* and *Ruby Tuesday* following this dance of thoughtful nostalgia.

Also premiering was *24 Preludes by Chopin*.

This segment, by the controversial Marie Chouinard, opens the show with 10 dancers standing completely still in semi-translucent black leotards with shiny black tape covering their privates.

Chopin's piano concertos, played with velvet expression by Edward Connell and Jean-Francois Latour,

don't seem to suit Chouinard's pained poses and frantic movements.

But music and dance come together in this piece that depicts the struggle of being human, stripped bare.

With dedicated dancing and lighting to enhance meticulous choreography, this piece communicates callous conformity, fleeting connection, despair, and the comfort of companionship.

For those who value new ventures, this segment steals the show.

Including a maestro conducting a soccer game, it transfers so much visual input that the audience welcomes the simplicity of *Soldiers' Mass*.

Danced with fluid uniformity by 12 men, it is a tribute by Jiri Kylian to his Czech countrymen who fought the Nazis.

The haunting score, *Field Mass* by Bohuslav Martinu, echoes a funeral mass. This dance of comrades provides a stately transition between two pieces bursting with vitality.

## Break brings benefits

Karolina Walczak  
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

The National Ballet of Canada wants to show there is more to ballet than tights and tutus.

In an effort to attract a younger audience, DanceBreak was created last year. Anyone aged 16-29 can sign up online and buy \$20 tickets on the day of the performance.

“When they buy tickets they get the best seats that are available in the house at that time. So if there are some seats available on the floor they will be getting those seats for \$20. It's a really good deal,” said Jennifer Cameron, audience development and publications manager.

The DanceBreak program was developed to give younger audience members access to the ballet. Since its launch in October, the program has grown to over 4,500 members.

DanceBreak is the latest addition to the plethora of discount programs for art available in Toronto. The Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the Canadian Opera Company both offer similar programs to develop a new audience.

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# Robot rock rips up the El Mo

Cytlalli Ruiz-Chapman  
A&E REPORTER

Despite a massive snowfall that blanketed Toronto, the Daft Punk Tribute Band braved the weather and took the stage at the El Mocambo, playing into the wee hours of the morning last Saturday.

The venue was close to capacity, yet the turn out was surprisingly high given the poor weather conditions, said Ad Dhar, a bartender at the venue.

This was the group's second performance – its first was played at Clinton's – and it turned out to be huge success, said Ryan Spratt, a second-year Humber Jazz student who plays the keyboard and vocoder (a speech synthesizer) for the Daft Punk Tribute Band.

Once the band took the stage, almost everyone was dancing and enjoying the music.

"A lot of people came out to support us," said Spratt. "We were worried about the weather, but people have already told us that a little snow won't stop them from coming out."

Matthew Giffen, a second-year student and keyboard player in the band, was excited and optimistic about the performance.

"We want giant craziness and madness," he said.

"We want the crowd to love us and each other and for them to dance all night. We want there to be great energy."

The tribute band consists of eleven members who emulate Daft Punk performances with the help of traditional and electronic instruments, like keyboards and vocoders.

"The concept is basically taking electronic music and playing it with a big live band. It's big party music no matter how you do it,"

said Giffen.

Band members listened to Daft Punk albums endlessly in order to learn the music through constant repetition.

"It wasn't always easy for us to meet for rehearsals, but this show means so much to us we were willing to make sacrifices," said Spratt.

To bring more theatrics to Saturday's show, they added lasers and robots to the mix.

"We are the only band we know that is covering Daft Punk, though we are not the only ones that do live house music," said Giffen.

David Hunt, a fan of the band who was at the show, was amazed by the keyboardist and sound effects.

"The first show I went to blew me away and that's why I came back for this one," he said. "The show was amazing. The lighting and music were better than last time. It was awesome."



Cytlalli Ruiz-Chapman

The Daft Punk Tribute Band, consisting entirely of Humber students, packed the El Mocambo for its second show.



Tracey Finklestein

The hip-hop culture is often cited as a stepping stone for bigger social problems, according to Dr. Rinaldo Walcott.

## Reviving hip-hop hope

### Professor gives speech on the depreciation of a culture

Anupa Mistry  
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Tracey Finklestein  
A&E REPORTER

Dr. Rinaldo Walcott opened his president's lecture speech with a quote from Chuck D, of legendary rap group Public Enemy, who said that hip-hop is the black CNN.

Walcott, an associate professor at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto, spoke Tuesday in the Seventh Semester to students and staff about rap's dual function as art and a political form.

"Rap artists have something to say about the social, political and economic conditions of young, poor black people," he said, playing examples from well-known Toronto hip-hop artists Kardinal Offishall, K'naan and Jelleestone. Each offers "a brilliant analysis of why violence happens in poor black communities," Walcott said. "If you listen to the music you will hear it – a nuanced, brilliant, artic-

ulate discourse about what it means to be poor and disenfranchised."

Humanities program co-ordinator Melanie Chaparian organized the lecture.

"I thought students would be interested in hearing a lecture about rap and what it teaches us about the realities of the black community in Toronto, and more widely, Canada and North America," she said. "Rap music is very popular among our students, needless to say."

Walcott said even though it has revived popular music, the impact of rap and hip-hop culture is written off and used as a scapegoat for bigger problems.

"The real central issue is why large groups of people are marginalized and pushed out without access to the nation's institutions," he said. Blaming a lack of black role models or relying on the black church to step in takes away from critically addressing these issues, he said. Positive contributions

from a generation raised on hip-hop are more important than focusing on negatives broadcast by the media.

Walcott played a clip from a grassroots DVD that circulated around the city called *The Real Toronto*. A young man from one of Toronto's low-income neighbourhoods who, Walcott said, might be stereotyped for his style of dress, spoke about pooling money with other men to set up basketball hoops for local children.

Chaparian related that message back to Humber and said, "Rexdale is stereotyped as a violent neighbourhood, and unfairly so."

After the lecture, second-year computer networking student James Brown, 20, said he had gained a different perspective and Walcott had captured his attention.

"He didn't come with flowery, subjective music without swearing," said Brown. "He came hard-core and tackled the issues."

## New stars lack lustre

Dila Velazquez  
A&E REPORTER

Stars of Track and Field's sophomore album, *Centuries Before Love and War*, is a disappointing effort from the Portland, Oregon band.

The trio has moved toward a more electronic sound, as seen in the song *Centuries*, blending gritty electronic with more traditional

rock.

*Movies of Antarctica* fails to impress as it sounds like it was ripped straight from a U2 album. The guitar riffs are so similar it makes the listener want the real thing, instead of an imitation.

The best song on the CD is *With You*, but the vocals get lost in the bleeps and blurps of the sampling that is layered over them. An

acoustic version posted on the band's website allows the song to breathe and gives the listener a chance to get the full emotional range of the songwriting.

After the fifth track the songs begin to blend into one long, melancholic, mid-tempo song. *Centuries Before Love and War* lacks focus and is a mediocre effort at best.

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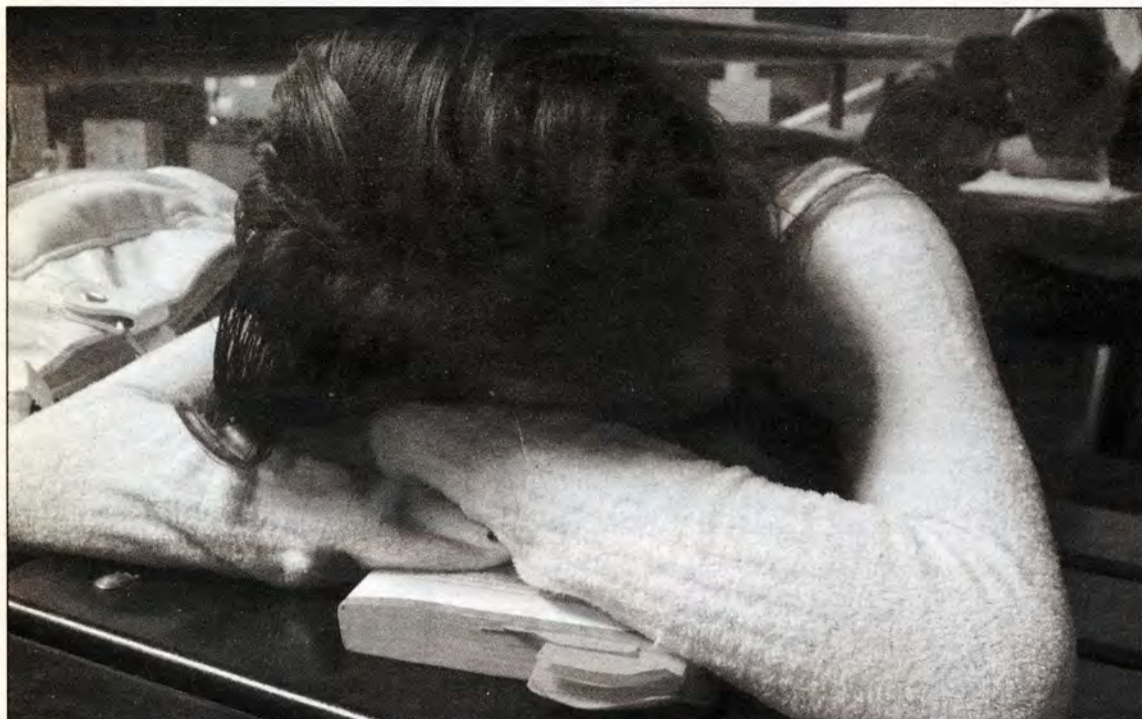
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Kara Bertrand

Students are regularly seen snoozing in the student centre or dozing off in classrooms.

# Not getting the zzz's

**Kara Bertrand**  
LIFE REPORTER

The lost hour this past weekend leaves an already sleep-deprived student population in dire need of rest. Although tired, stressed and over-worked, some Humber students do not make sleep a priority, says Sue Olijnyk, a nursing program consultant.

"It's a question of really sitting down and reflecting about what you want your quality of life to be and making conscious decisions about how you're going to divide up your time," said Olijnyk.

A new survey released last week by the National Sleep Foundation says the same trend is happening in the workforce.

The 2008 Sleep in America Poll assessed sleep habits of 1,000

Americans. The survey found participants averaged six hours and 40 minutes of sleep a night and 30 per cent reported falling asleep or feeling very sleepy on the job.

Lori Davis, manager of the sleep lab at West Park Healthcare Centre, said college students are often owls when it comes to sleep. She said the fact they go to bed late and wake up early is part of their age group characteristics.

"If you look at the population, only about 20 per cent are morning people," she said. "So you're hitting a small per cent of people in the class who are able to get up early."

Gary Noseworthy, a liberal arts professor, said he often has students sleeping in his class.

"Once a week I'll get somebody with their head down," he said. "I'll jokingly make a comment or I'll

give them an elbow, but back down the head goes."

Noseworthy teaches a morning math class and said he gets students calling him to say they'll be late, often because they slept through an alarm.

Debra Rai, 19, a second-year college transfer program student, said she often loses sleep because of her part-time job.

"I usually work after school so I get about five or six hours of sleep," she said.

Olijnyk said organization and prioritizing is essential to getting enough sleep.

"People need to become more conscious that you need to have a balance," she said. "The more organized you are, the more time you'll have for yourself and you can dedicate that to sleep, family and school."

# More to consider when renting

**Silvia Valino**  
LIFE REPORTER

Students who live in apartments should get tenant's insurance to protect their belongings, says an insurance expert.

"Liability is covered, in case you do something or someone is injured on your property for which you are responsible," said Don Stewart of the Insurance Bureau of Canada. "Plus then your contents are covered — on a replacement cost basis — you are covered then for fire, theft, exposure damage, wind-storm, whatever."

Former Humber journalism student Michelle DiPardo, 29, lost almost everything during a fire in her Parkdale apartment about four years ago.

"Everything in the living room, kitchen and the bathroom was pretty much gone," she said.

DiPardo said they recovered clothing and books, but lost all their houseware and electronics.

"We didn't have insurance," she said. "We were poor students at the time and we didn't think any of our stuff was worth anything. We just never thought it would happen."

Stewart said renters in Toronto can expect to pay between \$300 to \$350 a year for insurance, depending on the type and condition of the apartment.

Kristin Feddema of Humber's Off-Campus Housing office emphasizes students need to do research when looking for an apartment and understand what their responsibilities are in the event of a disaster.

"When you are meeting with a potential landlord and whatnot, it is OK to ask those questions, it is OK to ask 'what happens if something disastrous happens?'" said

Feddema. "All I can say is that the students really really ask and know what they are getting into."

DiPardo said that she doesn't have tenant's insurance but intends to get it next time she moves.



Silvia Valino

It's best to prepare for the worst, say insurance experts.

# Annual fast helps the less fortunate

**Jordan Sandler**  
LIFE REPORTER

Students in residence on North Campus will take part in the 30 Hour Famine starting at noon on March 25. The famine raises awareness and money to help combat global poverty.

"It's a good cause and it creates awareness about what's going on around the world," said Residence Assistant Lawrence Yee, who helps co-ordinate the fast. "It's also an experience too because people in Canada don't know what it's like to be in other countries where getting food is an issue."

Students who participate will be able to enjoy a variety of activities.

"We're going to have the new movies playing, video games and we're going to have board games," he said. "We're also going to set up stuff like puzzles and Lego, activities people remember from when they were little."

Yee said students who sign up can get pledges from family, friends and teachers and all money raised will be donated to World Vision Canada, which sends aid to developing countries around the world.

"We're heading into the 37th year of the Famine," said Kate Stevens, the regional representative for World Vision Canada. "It has expanded to include groups across Canada and around the world."

Stevens estimates more than 100,000 Canadian young people took part in the famine last year

through businesses, churches, youth organizations, and schools like Humber. "We raised more than \$5 million last year and have set a goal for \$5.5 million for this year's famine," she said.

World Vision said the money will help provide healthy food, safe water and protect child victims of conflict.

"We're funding education and nutrition programs in Kenya, Malawi, Tanzania, Cambodia and Ecuador, for example. We're also funding water projects in Ethiopia, Malawi, Niger, Sierra Leone and Zimbabwe this year, as well as providing support for community outreach programs for children formerly abducted, many who lived through the horrors of becoming child soldiers," Stevens said.

Mike Johnston, 19, a first-year media foundations student who plans to take part, said the famine is a good cause because it's going to charity and is only 30 hours, but added he has another motive for participating.

"I have absolutely nothing left on my meal plan and 30 hours would really help me save some money," he said.

Residence life manager Michael Kopinak says there are some issues to consider when setting up this kind of event. "We'll probably have to sign some waivers," he said. "Certainly students are eligible to drink water or juice and things like that. I don't want anybody passing out, so we'll have to do a risk assessment."

## Get with the Program

Name: Robert Levin, 25  
Program: Environment Engineering

**What drew you into the environmental engineering technology program?**  
I had been working for a telecom company for three years and making good money, but I was surrounded by all this technology that was leading in a downward spiral and I wanted to do something to change that. So I found a green program.

**What do you like about your program?**  
Mainly I like the fact that I'm learning something I feel as though I can use and apply, regardless of whether I go into my specified field or not.

**What kind of extensive work/training does this program involve?**  
The most in-depth training that we get would be sampling techniques. When you graduate with this diploma, you're considered a certified technician.

**How do you think the program has benefited you?**  
I'd say it's brought out my awareness. For instance, people don't realize how much water they waste when they're flushing the toilet. They don't realize the same water they're flushing down the toilet, is the exact same as water from the sink. It's all cyclical, and it goes through the same system. It's the little things that we have to be aware of, and I've taken this to the rest of my life, I'm more aware of the choices that I make.



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Natalie Escobar

Flu symptoms such as a runny nose, sneezing and fever can cause you to miss a week or two of school and feel more ill than the common cold experts say.

## Get a healthy shot in the arm this flu season

Natalie Escobar  
LIFE REPORTER

Students feeling pressure and stress from school might be more susceptible to catching the flu and should consider getting the shot.

"It would still be a good idea to get it since the influenza virus is around well into April," said Carole Gionet, health centre manager and nurse practitioner. "It is effective for six months."

Symptoms of the flu typically start with a headache, chills and cough, followed by fever, loss of appetite, muscle aches and fatigue, runny nose, sneezing, watery eyes

and throat irritation.

"With a good match influenza vaccination has been shown to prevent the flu in 70 per cent or more of healthy individuals," said Jacinthe Perras, spokesperson for the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Every February, the World Health Organization (WHO) makes recommendations on the strains to be included in the influenza vaccine for the northern hemisphere.

Two influenza A type viruses, and one influenza B virus are selected based on the characteristics of the current circulating and

new influenza virus strains.

The selected strains are used to produce the influenza vaccine for the following fall and winter seasons.

*"When we're stressed we are more vulnerable to catching colds. It's not unusual for students to feel that they are coming down with a cold to associate that with the stress of school."*

—Susie Costello  
student services counsellor

"Vaccination is the most effective way to prevent influenza," said Perras. "However, while Canada has one of the highest rates of influenza immunization in the world, only about 70 per cent of residents of long-term care facilities and between 20-40 per cent of adults and children with chronic medical conditions receive the flu shot each year."

Students who are pressured are less immune to viruses said student services counsellor Susie Costello.

"When we're stressed we are more vulnerable to catching colds. It's not unusual for students to feel

that they are coming down with a cold and to associate that with the stress of school," said Costello. "Stress makes one less immune to colds and having a cold makes it harder to accomplish the tasks that one has."

If you do end up with the flu you could miss up to week or two of school because it can make you more ill than a cold Gionet said.

Although the flu shot is effective in enhancing resistance, it only does so for influenza.

"It only protects you from the virus and not the other 40 or 50 other viruses we can get over the winter season," said Gionet.



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# Potholes put big holes in pockets

Silvia Valino  
LIFE REPORTER

Potholes can cause serious harm to your vehicle and possibly cause an accident, said a Humber Transportation Centre instructor. "If you hit it hard enough, you lose control," said master instructor of the college's driving instructor program, Chuck Hutchinson. "It is the changes in the temperature from very mild to very cold, freezing temperatures that causes potholes, and we didn't have those variations last year, so we saw fewer potholes," said Toronto transportation services director Myles Currie.

According to Active Green and Ross service advisor Freddie Ayoub, potholes can be costly for drivers too. They can inflict damage to a vehicle's suspension and steering system, which could create big problems on the road. "If you lose the tie rod, you lose the tire as well," said Ayoub. "You know how sometimes you see tires fly off of vehicles? It's because you hit a big pothole at high speed."

Ayoub said repairs like tie rod replacements caused by potholes

can cost hundreds of dollars.

Even minor issues, like a reduction in tire pressure, can increase the likelihood of an accident, said Mig Roberts of Toronto Police traffic services.

"Tires are the most important thing on the car because it is the only thing between you and the road," said Roberts. "If your tires are under- or over-inflated, you spend the chance of getting involved in a collision if you have to hammer on the breaks, especially in wet weather."

Hutchinson said a driver can take a few simple steps to reduce their chances of damaging their car. "They are usually traveling too fast," said Hutchinson. "But the other thing is that they will frequently brake when they see a pothole, and that can cause more damage because it puts weight on the front-end of the vehicle."

Meanwhile, Currie said the city has increased the number of road repair crews, and they are constantly looking for new potholes to keep on top of the repairs.

"We have crews patrolling the street looking for potholes, so it is an active program," said Currie.



Bryanna Brown

Students find themselves with too little on their food plans.

# Food card woes

Bryanna Brown  
LIFE REPORTER

Coming to the end of term North Campus residents are finding themselves in trouble with their food card funds due to bad money management skills, said John Thompson, general manager of Chartwells dining services.

"Students seem to fall into two categories near the end of the year - those who blow through all of their money quickly and those who don't spend enough. It's unfortunate because we have

resources available to them so that this situation can be avoided."

Thompson said Chartwells is doing its part to help students make their money last until the end of the year such as having calculators to ensure people don't overspend. Thompson added students should put their common sense to use and check their food calculator online.

"They probably shouldn't have used their food card money to buy that \$15 steak or buy a meal for their friends," said Thompson.

Students disagree, and believe

the unexpected lack of funds isn't entirely their fault.

"I don't have that much money left on my food card," said Michael Green, a first-year business administration student. "I bought the smallest plan so I have to watch what I'm spending."

Green said he doesn't go home for the weekend, which forces him to eat on campus more often. He said the food is overpriced, coming to close to \$15 for a sandwich and drink.

"A lot of food is overpriced on campus," he said. "I don't have enough money for the rest of the year. I have a friend who brings me dinner. I eat home-made food because I can't afford to go down and grab food from the cafeteria," said Green.

Thompson said students often forget that there are other factors that go into food making.

"People seem to forget that this is a retail environment. We have chefs, cooks and normal restaurant overheads that have to be paid. It's not like we're being unreasonable," said Thompson.

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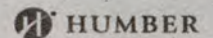
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"In modern business it is not the crook who is to be feared most, it is the honest man who doesn't know what he is doing."— William Wordsworth

## Taxes may be taxing but big business bruised says prof

Joan Porter  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Future entrepreneurs should not be discouraged by finance minister Jim Flaherty's remarks on Ontario business, said a Humber business professor.

Flaherty sparked a war of words with Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty when he said Ontario was the "last place" in Canada that someone would want to start a business.

Flaherty went on to state in a letter to

McGuinty last week that "Ontario's business taxes are currently the highest in Canada."

But those high taxes aren't on all levels of business.

"Flaherty was talking about corporate taxes, which applies to bigger businesses — most new businesses are small," said Jim Skinner, who teaches business and entrepreneur classes. "Small businesses aren't taxed the standard rate. The first \$400,000 of profit in a small business is only taxed at five per cent."

The Canadian Youth Business Foundation agrees.

"In principle, from what we've seen, Ontario is alive and well in entrepreneurship," said Katrina

White, CYBF vice-president of marketing and communications. "There is a great demand for our program at CYBF to help young entrepreneurs get started and succeed."

Skinner said Humber has put a greater emphasis on entrepreneurship in recent years for several reasons.

"More grads are being employed by small business. That's where the most growth has taken place," Skinner said. "A lot of our programs at Humber are the ones that lead to self-employment."

Guelph-Humber alumnus and winner of the 2006 Canadian CIBC Student Entrepreneur of the Year, Greg Rzeplinski, said that entrepreneurs have to know what they want and create a product to fill a niche.

"You can't hit the nail on the head on your first try," Rzeplinski, the creator of Gatsby Valet, said. "Persistence is key."

Student Connections at Humber is another program that can help new small businesses and entrepreneurs succeed in Ontario.

An Industry Canada initiative, Student Connections helps entrepreneurs to become more competitive online by using the Internet to increase their visibility and cut down borders, said program coordinator Melissa Gullo.

"In regards to setting up a business and helping it to grow, Ontario doesn't hinder a business," said Gullo.



Courtesy

Co-ordinator Melissa Gullo.

## Jumping wages land in youths' corner

Seasonal placements will now offer students more of an incentive

Alex Cooper  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Hundreds of summer jobs will be impacted by the increase in Ontario's minimum wage, said Karen Fast, manager of the Career Centre.

The jobs affected are provided through government run programs such as Summer Experience and the Federal Student Work Experience Program. They provide students with work experience in a government ministry related to their field of study.

"Those jobs are amazing because a lot of them are programs related to the students and they only pay minimum wage," Karen Fast said.

"Those government positions will definitely be affected, and would offer at least a reasonable amount of money to the students."

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—Karen Fast  
Career Centre manager

The minimum wage in Ontario will be raised to \$8.75 per hour from \$8 per hour on March 31.

Fast said the biggest impact will be felt by students who work min-

imum wage jobs in retail.

"A lot of our students have part-time jobs in the retail industry," she said. "That's where I see this really benefiting those students because they're going to see those increases because the employers have to pay them."

The increase on minimum wage will not have a major impact on Humber faculty and staff because those wages are negotiated and not indexed to minimum wage, said Joanne Maguire, manager of compensation and benefits at Humber College.

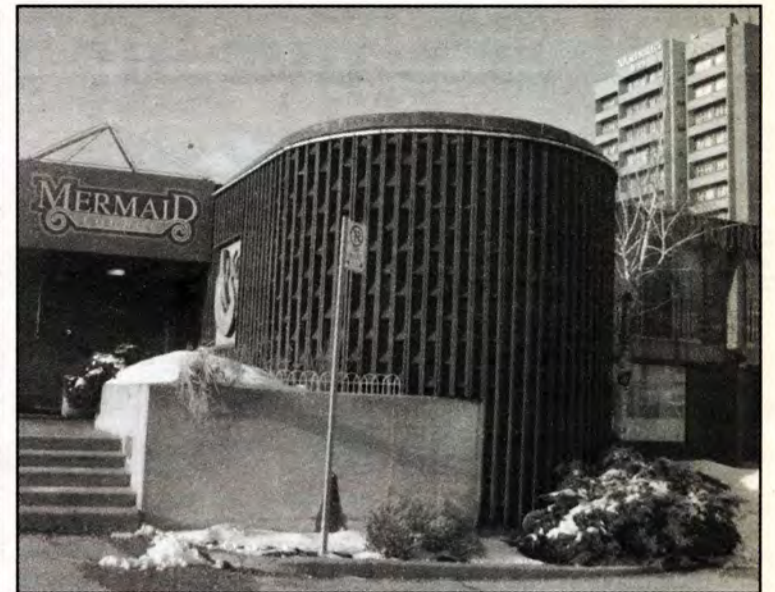
Work-study students that get jobs at Humber are already paid over the minimum wage, she said.

"It impacts us in that we stay above it," Maguire said, "But we don't have to go and do a whole pile of increases on March 31 because even with the increase, nobody's under the minimum wage."

Amy Terrill, a spokesperson for the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, said businesses are nervous about the consequences on labour cost.

"It may force some companies to reduce numbers," she said.

The minimum wage will jump to \$9.50 per hour in 2009 and to \$10.25 per hour in 2010.



Lauren Souch

Benchmark hotels make way for fresh cosmopolitan condos.

## Changing rooms

Lauren Souch  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Two historic Etobicoke hotels are in jeopardy of demolition and may soon be replaced with new condominiums.

Toronto's first Holiday Inn, located at 2 Holiday Drive, is slated for demolition in the near future, as approved at a Feb. 12 city council meeting.

"That site is going to come right down, we'll probably be tearing it down shortly," said councillor Doug Holyday.

The Valhalla Inn, built in 1963, is now an endangered property as a similar proposal for this site will be appearing before city council in the spring.

Paul McCabe, the program coordinator for the hotel and restaurant management program and former office manager at the Holiday Inn on Holiday Drive said both sites have historic value within the community.

"They've been there a long time," said McCabe. "Both are a part of the landscape along the 427."

Holyday said although the Holiday Inn property will be completely demolished, there are plans to preserve some of the Valhalla.

"The historical society and preservation society has decided certain aspects of that building should be preserved, and I think the developer has agreed to do that," said Holyday.

The entranceway to the Valhalla and its Norwegian-style roof are among aspects included in the preservation plans.

McCabe attributes the demise of both hotels to their location — too far from the airport for those looking to stay before a flight, and too far from downtown for tourists.

"It's the end for that area," said McCabe. "Travellers want to be where the action is, and Cloverdale Mall isn't exactly action-packed. It's tough for those properties to exist."

Holyday said the change will be a boost for the community, and that concerns by nearby residents regarding the project have been addressed.

"One of the matters we dealt with was the entrance onto the highway, as it comes right by the site," said Holyday. "In the long run the province might want to close that and we were trying to ascertain if that was going to happen, and if it was when, and what effect that would have on the site."



Lauren Souch

Valhalla Inn is named after the famed haven of Norse mythology.

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# Competition feeds seeds

Chelsea Saldanha  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

David Dittmar and Nathan Drumm, students of the landscape technician program at Humber, are confident they will walk away with a gold medal at Canada Blooms, in Toronto this weekend.

As one of two Humber teams competing in the Skills Ontario Competition, their task will be to build a typical landscape design within two and a half days. Dittmar said, "Taking part in Canada Blooms will be a very prestigious moment for us and we are really nervous and excited right now. We have been preparing for nearly a month and the teachers have been a great support."

Canada Blooms, is the major

project for 44 second-year students and is part of their construction curriculum. The Humber garden, designed by landscape program co-ordinator Harry Chang, also incorporates design inputs and ideas from students and will be put up at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre for the show that runs through Sunday.

Aiming to accomplish a strong indoor-outdoor relationship visual, one of the highlights of their design is using blue flowers mixed with river rocks to create an illusion of water for the pond.

"It's similar to what we did in 2002 when the Pope came to Canada," said Chang who has been the co-ordinator for the last 17 years. "We designed the pulpit on the stage."

Chang's predecessor is Tony DiGiovanni, the current executive director of Landscape Ontario and one of the founders of Canada Blooms. With a strong working relationship with key industry players in place, Chang says Humber has been one of the few colleges that build a complete 'medium' sized garden.

"With huge media coverage, our students get tremendous exposure," he said, adding Canada Blooms gives students the opportunity to spend the winter semester in an indoor environment which fits the curriculum.

"It's well acknowledged in the industry that Humber graduates are sought after and with Canada Blooms on our resume our prospects will look even brighter,"

said Dittmar.

This is voiced by general manager for Canada Blooms, Gerry Ginsberg.

"We are proud to celebrate the first signs of spring in Ontario and we are equally proud to have landscape students with professional skill sets from Humber College involved in Canada Blooms 2008," he said.

Expecting a crowd of over 110,000, Chang says it takes plenty of personal commitment, time and resources to prepare for Canada Blooms.

"During the faculty strike in 2006, we actually had volunteers from departments like the library and marketing who went down and staffed our booth for us," he said.



Harry Chang

Chang's waterfall focal point

# Improved access

## But technology still presents challenges

Natalie Jenkins  
Biz/TECH REPORTER

A lot has changed to help disabled students since the late, blind musician Jeff Healey was enrolled in the Humber music program in the 1970s.

"As anyone who has purchased a computer two years ago can tell you, technology changes at an incredible speed," said Debi Turner, assistant technician for Student Services.

The Disability Services office provides disabled students with access to equipment, learning accommodations, and one-to-one support from trained disability specialists. Tools range from text-to-speech software, graphical organizers and screen magnification software.

"On campus we provide technology that can meet the majority

of needs that our students may have," said Turner.

There are about 1,000 students with disabilities on the North, Lakeshore, and Orangeville campuses, who are registered with Disability Services at Humber and Guelph-Humber.

"Last year when I was deciding on a school I applied to four different schools," said Daryl Wakunick, a disabled student in the media foundation program. "Humber is the only school that I could go to comfortably and take the program I wanted."

While Humber offers many technological aids for disabled students, Turner said all students must understand the challenges and limits of coping with a disability.

"People sometimes forget that technology can become an additional burden that students with disabilities have to cope with," said Turner. "Imagine if you were a student trying to cope with the regular stresses of a program along with the stresses related to your disability, someone then comes along and tells you that you have to learn how to use this new technology on top of everything else."

Maureen Carnegie, co-ordinator and consultant for Disability Services said that technology is only the first step to accommodation and inclusion.

"One of the primary challenges is dealing with the stigma and oppression related to having a disability," said Carnegie. "A primary barrier is the attitude of able-bodied people towards those with disabilities. Disabled people are frequently viewed as less capable, or as being given an unfair advantage when they use accommodations such as technological devices."



Natalie Jenkins

Wakunick likes Humber for its comfortable environment

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# Big crowds, big fun, big snow

Rayna Taylor  
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber hosted the men's national volleyball championship last weekend, drawing teams from as far as UBC, and Mount Royal College in Alberta. Despite crippled transportation due to weather, organizers of the tournament said they were ecstatic with the event that drew thousands of enthusiastic fans to the gym on North Campus.

"The entire thing was an absolute success," said Doug Fox, Humber's athletic director.

About 4,000 people attended the three-day tournament that ended Sunday night when the top-ranked Cougars from Mount Royal College in Calgary captured the Canadian crown.

"We've gone back two or three times today to collect money from the door due to tickets sales," assistant athletic director Jim Bialek said Sunday.

About 200 three-day passes — \$20 for adults and \$10 for students — were sold prior to the tournament and total ticket sales were about \$3,000, said Bialek, noting all funds generated go to the athletics department.



Kelly Roche

Christina Ingrassia, Sandy Webb, Cindy Webb and Judi Ruffo cheer Mount Royal to gold.

The biggest draw was Friday's game between Humber and Mount Royal.

The stands, which hold about 2,000 people, were nearly full with hometown fans who clapped, screamed, shook tambourines, blew horns and danced in the aisles to show support.

Unfortunately, the Hawks lost to the Cougars in three-straight sets and were knocked out of the medal

round with their second defeat later in the day. Humber, which had a free pass into the action as host, finished the tournament in seventh out of the eight-team tournament.

The turnout Friday also made it the busiest day for those working the concession stands.

"The crowd favourite has definitely been popcorn," said Humber student Alli Hitchcock. "Oh, and the lollipops — they were all gone the first day."

Despite the winter whopping, volleyball enthusiasts managed to make it out to Humber.

"I knew the storm was coming but I wasn't going to miss a thing," said Cambrian College student and volleyball player Chris Montgomery, who drove from Sudbury on Friday. "The college finals are here in Ontario and this is the one chance for us to see what the best volleyball teams in the country have to offer."

The visiting teams were also happy

they made the trip to Toronto.

"I was blown away by the hospitality," said tournament all-star Maverick Hatch of the Malaspina Mariners, whose college in Nanaimo, B.C., hosted last year's nationals. "Malaspina did a good job hosting for such a small community but when you come to a city like Toronto, you definitely notice the difference."

Those who came to watch the games were welcomed by a volunteer crew of 40 Humber students, who were easily identifiable in their school colours. The gym was decked out with blue and gold Hawks banners and matching bleacher seats.

Any free wall space was filled in with banners from sponsors such as Mizuno, PowerAde, and Nautilus. A major sponsor was the Humber Students' Federation, which donated \$10,000 to help co-ordinate the event.

"We have a budget line for sponsorships and awards and we felt that this was a very valuable thing," said HSF president Nick Farnell. "It's not every year that Humber gets to host a national competition like this, so we wanted to help."

## Guests from the West best the rest

### Humber's hospitality gets rave reviews from participants and parents

Kelly Roche  
SPORTS REPORTER

Thirteen games over three days rocked Humber's athletic centre and the number-one seed from Calgary remained on top, capturing gold in the men's national volleyball championship last weekend.

The Mount Royal Cougars defeated the number-two seed, British Columbia's Okanagan

Lakers in the final in three sets, 25-22, 25-23, 25-14.

"I'm going to guess that we're the youngest team here, so to be that young with 10 18-year-olds out of the 15 guys and to be the number-one ranked team, they did awesome," said Cougars head coach Shawn Sky.

Sky also said he was blown away by Humber's hospitality.

"They know how to put on one hell of a show here," he said. "It

was almost too much."

Throughout the tournament, players had exclusive access to a lounge with the works — leather couches, laptop computers with Internet access, spin-cycles, and PlayStation 3 video games.

Humber's fitness facility manager, Leanne Henwood-Adam said players received complimentary hot meals after each match.

This was Humber's first time hosting the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association volleyball championship.

The Humber Hawks, seeded eighth, lost their first two games

and won the third, finishing seventh in the eight-team tournament.

Humber's assistant athletic director, Jim Bialek, estimated more than 1,000 people attended the gold-medal game in the 1,400-seat gym on North Campus.

Among them were Bruce and Cindy Webb, who came from Sherwood Park, Alta., to root for their son Chris, a captain of the Mount Royal squad.

Watching his son win gold was an emotional experience.

"It brought tears to my eyes," he said, "and I'm just another proud

father of a Cougar today."

His son, a fourth-year middle, relished every moment.

"This is the end of my career, so this is the best way to go out. Humber has been the best host I've seen and I've been to nationals three times now," he said.

Ron and Lois Campbell of Okotoks, Alta., cashed their air miles and took a four-hour flight to cheer on their son Graham play for the team from Kelowna, B.C.

"It's been so fun," said Lois. "We got a phone call from Graham saying that he was here and was being treated like an Olympic athlete."



Kelly Roche

Cougars middle, Chris Webb with parents, Bruce and Cindy.



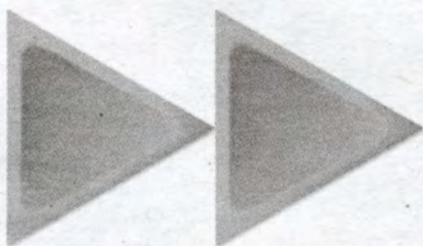
Elaine Fancy

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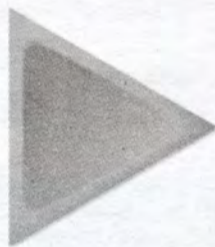
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Evangelos Tzaras

Michael and Lorna Proch flew in from B.C. to cheer their son.

## Family Ties

**Evangelos Tzaras**  
SPORTS REPORTER

Some families who travelled to Humber to watch their sons participate in last weekend's men's volleyball national championship experienced a culture – and language – shock during their visit to Toronto.

"It's nice that we can travel this long distance, and everyone still speaks the same language," said Ted Cundy, who flew from Kelowna, B.C., with his wife Cathy to watch their son Jeff play for the Okanagan Lakers.

"It's hard to believe that this is still part of Canada."

Andree Brochu, among the small contingent from Quebec City, drove eight hours to support her son Francois Lachance, assistant coach for the Limoilou Titans.

"Toronto is big and Quebec City is small," she said. The people are very nice, and pleasant. We speak French mostly, but the English people try their best to communicate with us."

John Visser, a geologist from

Calgary, is a regular on his son Andrew's road trips with the team from Mount Royal College in Alberta's largest city.

"Volleyball is very important for us," he said of the family cheering section that also included wife Cynthia. "Both of our sons play the sport, and this is a big championship. It's the first time in nine years that we have gotten to Nationals, so we really wanted to be here."

Nigel Proch of the Malaspina Mariners, from Nanaimo, B.C., said he doesn't see his mother and father, Michael and Lorna Proch that often when he's home.

"Then, when you're here, you have to spend time with the guys," he said. "But they understand and they take you out to dinner."

For the Cundys making the trip to support their son is worth any sacrifice.

"It means so much to him, and it means so much to us," said mom Cathy, and elementary school secretary. "Financially sure it's a burden. But this is once in a lifetime and we want to be here for him."

## Rocky play in Calgary

**Brandon Fitzgibbon**  
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's volleyball team failed to ride its Ontario championship to a Canadian title, finishing a disappointing fifth at the nationals in Calgary last weekend.

"We didn't meet our own expectation," said setter Heather Longland. "It just wasn't our week. We put all our heart into playing and just came up short."

Hawks middle Landis Doyle said the team got off to a bad start with an opening match loss against the Okanagan Lakers 19-25, 20-25, and 20-25.

"It was tough because everyone comes out to play at nationals," said Doyle, who averaged eight kills per game during the tournament. "We didn't show up in our first

game."

The Hawks rebounded by beating the St. Thomas Tommies 25-15, 25-9, 17-25, and 25-23.

The Hawks lost their third match to the Francois-Xavier-Garneau Elans – 29-27, 16-25, 12-25, and 19-25 – and were eliminated from the eight-team tournament.

The Malaspina Mariners won the national championships.

Wasiuk said coach Chris Wilkins was a big reason for the team's provincial championship season.

"He did what he had to get the best out of us and I think it showed," she said.

Doyle said she is both nervous and optimistic about next season.

"We are losing a bunch of key players," said Doyle. "But I am kind of excited to see the look of next year's team, for sure."

Dave Zenobi, the trainer who helped save Richard Zednik's life after he was cut in the neck with a skate, was honoured by the NHL last week. — [www.nhl.com](http://www.nhl.com)



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Jordao Casimiro (17), Matt Looije (7), and Matthew Ryan (13) anticipate a return from the Kings College Blue Devils during tournament play last weekend.

## Hawks dig in against Canada's best

### Team finishes in seventh spot with one win and two losses

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Despite strong performances against two high-calibre teams, the Hawks men's volleyball squad could not stand up to the competition at the nationals on home court, being knocked out in the first round and finishing seventh in the eight-team tournament.

Head coach Wayne Wilkins said his team fought hard, especially in Friday's game against the Mount Royal Cougars from Calgary, which came into the tournament ranked first in the country and won the gold medal.

"Our guys learned a valuable lesson," he said. "We can't continue to put pressure on teams and then let them off the hook by serving balls out. I'd have to check the stats sheet, but I'm pretty sure we're in double digits on the serves we missed."

Humber played well against the Cougars, feeding off the enthusiasm of a boisterous home crowd but losing in three straight, 25-16, 28-26, 25-20. Hawks middle Duane Mondesir had 10 kills and four digs. He dominated the second set and was named player of the game.

"I just cleared my head and was ready to go," said Mondesir. "We had two weeks to prepare. Mount Royal is the number one team in Canada.

We couldn't go out there sluggish."

His coach said, "I thought he played the best game he's played all year long. We told him we needed him... and he stepped up and played an amazing match."

The Hawks had to win their next game to be in the running for the medal round, but could only win one set against Quebec City's Limoilou Titans.

"I don't really think they are a higher calibre than our team," said right side Orlando Flores. "I just don't think that all of us were focused on winning."

Mondesir had 11 kills and Bobby Anderson had 14, but again the Hawks lost points on missed serves and side outs.

"They outworked us," said Wilkins. "Our problem is, we expect to win, and we don't work hard enough to win. We're inconsistent."

As the home team, Humber received a bye into the tournament and was seeded eighth.

In the consolation round, the Hawks avoided a last-place finish with a victory in three straight sets against Halifax's King's College Blue Devils.

"To be included in the top eight teams in Canada is an honour," said Wilkins. "These guys will never get another chance like it in their careers."



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Clayton Johnston gets airborne and goes for the kill as Mike Smith looks on against Limoilou.