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Humber guard Kayla Suriani drives hard to get through the Redeemer defence during Tuesday's game.

Men's and women's basketball teams off to playoffs with high hopes

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Jonathon Brodie

Humber centre guard Quinlan Veira sets up a play from half-court in the Hawks' Tuesday game against Redeemer.

Q&As kick off election campaign

Two all-candidates forums give HSF contenders a chance to share their platforms with students

**JON HEMBREY
GREG BURCHELL**
NEWS REPORTERS

The election campaign kicked off this week with 15 candidates running for the five positions available in next year's Humber Students' Federation government.

Students got their first chance to hear from two of the four presidential contenders, Bhaskar Ranjan, 27, a first-year business management student, and Bryan Tran, 25, a third-year business administration student and current VP of Campus Life, for the \$35,000-a-year job at an

all-candidates forum in the North Campus cafeteria on Tuesday.

The other two, Gurpeet Dhillon, 20, a first-year police foundations student, and Adam Gorman, 22, a first-year e-business marketing student at Guelph-Humber, were absent due to midterms.

Tran and Ranjan presented their plans for HSF policy to an audience of about 40 students and discussed how they could make Humber a better experience for students by putting a stronger focus on promoting multiculturalism and bringing together the college's campuses.

In a similar event at Lakeshore Campus yes-

terday, all presidential candidates were available to field questions submitted by students.

When asked what the best use of HSF's money was, Gorman said the federation should be putting on more events for students.

"That's what college is all about, having fun without spending a lot of money," he said.

Tran disagreed, and thought that the \$6-million budget was already being spent wisely.

He said the "\$3 million goes to Humber's health and dental plan, and that's the best use because it's for all the students."

There are eight candidates vying for the two \$21,000-a-year vice-president jobs – administration and campus life – at North Campus.

But the two vice-presidential candidates at Lakeshore are running unopposed, so students will vote to accept them or not, said HSF executive director Ercole Perrone.

If students vote against a candidate, the position will stay empty until a byelection is held in September.

"I saw people picking up the packages during January and February, and nobody returned them. Either they weren't committed, or they didn't get the 100 signatures, but that's unlikely," said Deniero Bartolini, second-year international business student, running for VP of Campus Life at Lakeshore.

I think it's important to participate in the process. If you don't, don't vote, it's hard to complain about what happens in the upcoming year.

Ian Trider
First-year business administration student

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Colleges accept contract offer, avoid strike

RONDA COLLINS
SENIOR REPORTER

The final results show 51.45 per cent of full-time faculty at Ontario colleges voted in favour of the latest contract offer.

The announcement comes after the Ontario Labour Relations Board counted 500 mail-in ballots yesterday.

"I'm actually delighted that this particular round of collective bargaining is over and I'm pleased that students can get on with the rest of the year without the anxiety of worrying about labour disruptions," Humber College president John Davies said last night.

On Feb. 10, the faculty voted 51.25 per cent in favour of accepting the latest three-year contract offer, but 500 mail-in ballots had to be counted. The ballots had to be post-marked Feb. 17 and were counted by the OLRB yesterday.

Colleges bargaining team spokesperson Dave Scott said the wait was unavoidable.

Scott said the board had to wait for

the votes to come in for faculty on professional or personal leave of absences.

"It was the decision of the labour board to give them till Feb. 17 post-marked to mail in their ballots," said Scott. "So they got a little bit more time, but then again that was only because of the precondition that the amount of time for the actual vote itself was so short given the fact that we were trying to beat what was then, a Feb.11 strike deadline."

Ted Montgomery, chair of the OP-SEU bargaining team, disagreed with the way the labour board handled the voting.

"They rushed into the vote instead of taking a couple of more days," said Montgomery. "So it was a very close vote as we thought it would be. So there are potentially 600 more votes or there about."

The offer includes a 5.9 per cent salary increase over the course of the new three-year contract and a salary cap of \$102,000 with no changes to work protection.



Gregg Burchell

Humber Students Federation presidential candidates held a forum at Lakeshore Campus yesterday to pitch their ideas on the future of HSF if students elect them.

Q&As kick off election campaign

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First-year business administration student, Ian Trider, who questioned candidates at the North Campus forum, said students should pay attention to the election.

"I think it's important to participate in the process. If you don't, don't vote, it's hard to complain about what happens in the upcoming year," he said.

With the \$292 collected from students' tuition the HSF provides many services, including the health and dental plan, legal and financial advice, events and promotions as well as bursaries and a food program for those in need.

Candidates have until March 5 to campaign using a combination of posters, flyers and information tables,

said Perrone, as well as two more candidate forums, one next Wednesday at the North Campus residence and the other the following day at Lakeshore residence. Both start at 6 p.m.

The polls open March 8, and students have a chance to vote until March 12.

For more information on the HSF elections, visit youtvohumber.com.

Carbon footprint key in L building design

CATHERINE LABELLE
NEWS REPORTER

Lakeshore's new L building will deliver on sustainability, said facilities management director, Carol Anderson.

Construction will begin within the next few weeks once the existing building on the site has been demolished, she said.

"We are trying to employ as many sustainable and efficient technologies in the building as we can."

Included are occupancy sensors that turn off lights, as well as minimize heating, ventilation and air conditioning when people have left an area, said Anderson.

"There is a surprising amount of energy savings," said manager of maintenance and operations at Lakeshore, Spencer Wood, referring to the sensors.

A heat recovery system will also be in place, where heat from the air being vented from electrical rooms and

bathrooms is reclaimed and added back into the building's air, he said.

As part of the project, upgrades will be undertaken to the central plant, a separate structure that will supply the heating and cooling for the new building, to make it more efficient, said Wood.

This change, he said, will have far reaching effects as the same plant also supplies many of the other buildings on campus.

Part of the roof will be a green modular design, said Wood.

This means trays of plants will be positioned beside one another and can be easily removed and replaced if repairs are necessary.

Such an addition can assist with cooling and improve overall energy efficiency, said president of non-profit group Green Roofs for Healthy Cities, Steven Peck.

Maintenance, however is a big challenge for these roofs, he said.

"It is important to budget, plan and design for maintenance."



Catherine Labelle

The L building will be surrounded by heritage buildings.

Parking surrounding the building will also be returned to green space, said Anderson.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, a prominent green building rating system, is not being sought as such recognition comes at a premium

price tag, she said.

As much as the LEED technology as we can afford will be incorporated, Anderson said. "We are building a building that isn't contributing more than it has to contribute to green house gas emissions."

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Corrections

In the Feb. 11 issue of the *Et Cetera*, in the story 'Grad features U.S. prez' on pg. 2, the third paragraph should have read "In this year's COLOURblind exhibit, Farquarson is most proud of her painting of Obama, which she named Beyond Our Imaginations.

In 'No free passes for H1N1 illness' on pg. 4 of the same issue, associate VP academic Pamela Hanft's name was misspelled.

In 'Going down the road to beautiful B.C.' on pg. 13 of that issue, Geoff Rohoman's name was misspelled.

In 'Bloggers find outlet for their passions' on pg. 18 of that issue, Chris Van Doorn should have been identified as a third-year student.

In 'Student-designed package picked by Sleeman Breweries' on pg. 19 of that issue, Roger Tsang's name was spelled incorrectly.

In 'Varsity squads get top training' on pg. 22, Dean Wylie's name was misspelled.

The *Et Cetera* apologizes for the errors.

world news

Sudan releases 57 Darfur rebels

The Sudanese government and Darfur's rebel group Justice and Equality Movement signed a truce on Tuesday after a year of negotiations. 57 Darfur rebels were released as part of the agreement. The truce could signal the end to a seven-year conflict.

BBC

Protest out of hand in Greece

Police in Greece fired tear gas during a clash with protesters striking over the strict measures designed to save the country's economy. Around 25,000 protesters were at the rally on Wednesday. Airspace, trains, ferries and archaeological sites were shut down for the day.

BBC

Madeira mud slide

Almost 500 people are living in shelters after mud and rock slides crashed down Madeira Island's steep hillsides in Portugal, wrecking homes and sweeping vehicles into rivers and the sea. Up to 42 people are dead and another 17 in hospital.

Canadian Press

Toyota apologizes again

Toyota Motors Inc. President Akio Toyoda told the U.S. House Committee he was "deeply sorry" for safety problems with Toyota vehicles. He said reforms will fix acceleration and brake problems. Toyota has recalled 8.5 million vehicles globally.

Reuters

40% hike in food bank demand

There are about 75 students using the food bank program this academic year, which is 30 more than last year

TESSIE SANCI
NEWS REPORTER

With a significant increase in the number of students needing food, the Humber Students Federation food bank program will begin to offer fresh produce next month.

The program is a confidential service at Lakeshore and North campuses and provides food items to students in financial need.

HSF is excited about its plan to offer fresh fruits and vegetables, said Kristen Arcega, the Lakeshore vice-president of administration.

The initiative started last December, but was postponed because of logistical issues including the program moving to the K building from the H building at Lakeshore.

In the meantime HSF met with the farmers providing the fresh produce and consult with students to see if there was an interest, she said.

A first-year multimedia design and production technician student, Chris King benefits from the food program



Chris King is a first-year student who has used the HSF food program since September.

Tessie Sanci

and likes the fresh food initiative.

"Having some of the essentials covered or taken care of by the students' federation makes things easier," said

King.

He said assistance with groceries means he can focus more on school.

King is part of an increased number

of students who depend on the program this academic year.

Last year, there were 45 students using the program at both campuses,

said, HSF services director, Sieu Moi Ly.

Now the number has risen to 75.

HSF accepts applications from students needing the program throughout the school year so the numbers can vary.

Applicants usually get approved within two to three business days, said Arcega.

The economic downturn and the growing number of mature students are probably some reasons for the increase, said Ly.

"We do have a lot of mature students who are enrolling, meaning that they have families and that they're more in need, creating a larger demand on our system in that sense," she said.

"In that event, there's one parent less to provide for in the family household so that could be a contributing factor as well."

The North York Harvest Food Bank helps the program by providing most of its non-perishable food.

In 2009, the food bank distributed 640 hampers of food at Humber, said senior manager of the North York food bank, Daniel Liadsky.

"That was just over 12,000 pounds of food and that's just our contribution," he said.

Holiday food drives and fundraising efforts by HSF, students, staff, and faculty also help, said Ly.

Prof helps victims in Haiti

MELISSA GREER
NEWS REPORTER

After spending three weeks in Haiti treating victims of last month's earthquake, nursing professor John Stone returned to Humber this week.

Stone was with a team of Canadian medical professional volunteers who treated up to 200 patients a day at a field clinic in rural Leogane, a coastal town west of Port-au-Prince that was hit hard by the Jan. 12 quake.

"There were a lot of fractures and amputations – a lot of surgeries," said Stone, who is also a registered nurse.

He was among a team of 11: an orthopedic surgeon, an anesthetist, an emergency physician, two nurse practitioners, two paramedics and four nurses.

"We basically worked a day-clinic's hours, from 8 a.m. until 4 or 5 p.m., but we were around every evening as well and usually about every other evening we'd have some emergency come in, like machete cuts or road accidents."

They arrived Jan. 31, to relieve a similar group, also members of Canadian Medical Assistance Teams, a non-profit NGO based in Brantford, Ont., that provides assistance to disaster victims around the world.

Stone previously travelled with the organization to Pakistan after an earthquake in 2005.

In Haiti, his team was equipped with medical supplies, food, water and tents for shelter.

They operated out of a tent, with patients sprawled on a stretcher laid across concrete blocks.

After the first couple of days, Stone said there were fewer surgeries and more post-operative care.

"There were a number of people in casts and what we call external fixators for broken bones, which are metal rods that literally protrude from the side of the leg to stabilize the wound until it heals," he said.

Other rehabilitation specialists will replace Stone's team in Leogane to assist people who have had amputations or broken bones.

"The focus gets to be what you are going to do when you get the casts and splints off because there are complications – you can't just put the cast on and then say 'good luck.'"

As for Stone, he called the experience "very rewarding – and you hope you've helped a little bit in some way."



Melissa Greer

Nursing professor John Stone.

Galabuzi stresses education to challenge youth poverty issues

Ryerson prof made headlines this month with diversity survey

ROMI LEVINE
NEWS REPORTER

Humber faculty and staff were told Tuesday they can play a role in helping students escape from poverty.

"Education is the source of a solution," an expert on poverty in schools, Grace-Edward Galabuzi said in a lecture attended by about 50 people gathered in a conference room at the North Campus.

"It empowers young people and communities, prepares new avenues of communication, helps expand personal choice and control over one's environment," he said.

Galabuzi, a professor of politics and administration at Ryerson University who has written extensively on the subject of poverty within schools, cited some warning signs that could alert teachers to a student in need.

"Data shows that students from the most deprived areas account for high levels of absence in schools, low levels of attendance and more likely to leave school without qualification," he said.

Human rights and diversity manager at North Campus, Nancy Simms, who attended the lecture, said it's a challenge to identify students living below the poverty line.

But, she said, "poverty is real among us."



Romi Levine

Grace-Edward Galabuzi speaks about poverty affecting youth.

Simms said she knows what it's liked to struggle with poverty.

While completing her graduate degree, she said, she sometimes had to go without lunch, but was too proud to request assistance.

Many students at Humber are the same way, not knowing how to ask for help, she said.

"We must find a way to put this information up so that the students can maintain their dignity," Simms said in an interview before the lecture.

For one thing, she said, she encourages students to access services provided by the HSF, such as the food bank. The service is currently accessed by 75 students in the North and Lakeshore campuses combined.

Professor of sociology and demography, Jim Jackson, who also attended the lecture, said there must be an effort to help poor students.

"There must be action to reach the youths, to break this cycle of poverty and despair," he said.

First job fair to target summer employment

Between 30 to 35 employers are expected to take resumes, says organizer

SCOTT MONEY
NEWS REPORTER

Employers including Peel Regional Police, Planet Energy, Goodlife Fitness, WSIB and Fed-Ex will be at Humber next week offering students summer employment opportunities as part of the Career Centre's first summer job fair.

The event will take place next Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the North Campus Student Centre.

Event co-ordinator and fourth-year business administration student, Jimmy Jhandi, said the job fair is planned in response to an increased number of Humber students looking for summer jobs through the college's Career Centre.

"The last couple years we have seen a really high demand for summer jobs," he said.

"Before this year's job fair, all we had was a job board in front of the Career Centre."

Jhandi said he got the idea for a summer job fair after seeing how ineffective the job board was last year.

"The board didn't get the job done,

so we decided it would be more effective for students to meet with employers one on one," he said.

Career Centre employment adviser, Christine Colosimo, is overseeing the event and said she expects many of the 100 employers invited will come with employment opportunities for students.

"We're hoping to have at least 30 to 35 employers at the career fair, if not more," she said.

Colosimo said the majority of jobs being offered to students will be entry level, seasonal opportunities.

She added that as the first summer job fair at Humber it will be different.

Employers will set up their booths in the student centre rather than a small conference room like previous job fairs held at the college.

Career Centre employment adviser, Angella Nunes, said she agrees that one of the best features of the fair will be the change in venue.

"We were limited in our space before, now we can showcase the student centre and have a nice open space for the fair," said Nunes.



Scott Money

Christine Colosimo and Jimmy Jhandi are organizing the Career Centre's first summer job fair.

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Arts program cut

MEG BANKS
NEWS REPORTER

A Humber program that produces successful grads is having trouble keeping afloat said dean of creative and performing arts, Joe Kertes.

Despite a high graduation and employment rate, the full-time Arts Administration program was cancelled after last school year.

The two-year, continuing education program of the same name is expected to last only through this term, said former program co-ordinator Anne Frost.

"We're in trouble even with the continuing education program," said Kertes.

The programs train students in the finer points of managing an artistic venue, such as art shows or theatre production with an emphasis on business and management, Frost said.

But Kertes said the programs are closing because, while successful and popular, they don't make enough money with only 30 grads, and expanding the program would flood the job market.

"It was losing money – and it couldn't support even a co-ordinator, let alone any full-time faculty," said Kertes.

Frost said she knows why the program isn't thriving.

"Humber isn't supporting the program with any promotion or marketing. It's not looking to attract new students," she said.

Some prospective students were left out in the cold by the college's decision to shut the program down.

University of Liverpool grad Joanne Bowers, 23, moved to Toronto from England in 2008 to take the program.

After arranging to fly over and live with her partner, Bowers saw on the Humber program website "a very casual message saying the program had been delayed a year."

She got a retail job in Toronto while waiting for the program to re-start.

Bowers is still working there, after finding out in May 2009 that the program was cancelled for good.

"It was a massive disappointment," she said, "it's a hugely important program to offer, especially in such an artistically creative city like Toronto."

While University of Toronto and Fleming College have similar, but longer programs, there is expected to be a gap for small theatre companies and other not-for-profit groups that often benefited most from the skills of Humber's graduates.

According to the 2007 Humber Grad Report, 94 per cent of the program's grads found jobs in their field within six months of graduation.



Romi Levine

Social media applications are blamed for more students failing English proficiency tests.

Texting bad for grammar; OMG!

ROMI LEVINE
NEWS REPORTER

Bad grammar used in texts and posts on social media sites like Twitter and Facebook is being blamed for the lack of professionalism many students display when communicating in an academic setting.

Slang and word abbreviations common to the 140 character limit in Twitter posts are showing up in emails from students to teachers, said humanities department program coordinator, Melanie Chaparian,

This kind of behaviour is okay when students have a rapport with teachers, she said, but students need to be aware of the way people communicate in a professional environment.

This issue received media attention when Waterloo University announced, more than 30 per cent of students who took a mandatory English proficiency test this year failed.

At Humber, a similar percentage of students are scoring under the required English skill level on similar tests, said English department coordinator, Lucy Valentino.

She said students who fail to meet the standard set by the school are required to take an extra course to refine their grammar and comprehension skills.

Faculty members at Humber also see a lack of proper communication when students are interacting with them online, said Valentino.

"Students will send emails without capital letters, without using spell

check," she said. "The speed of communication is so fast, students are not taking the care they should."

Social media consultant in California, Joel Postman, who has worked with Fortune 500 companies, said he agrees with this sentiment.

"We're starting to see people put smiley faces and emoticons in resumes and cover letters when they're looking for jobs," he said. "This starts to create problems, because the recipients of the documents are very unhappy about seeing that."

With no statistical evidence, Postman said, it's hard to quantify the problem.

Valentino said students should be wary of the way they write to both faculty and employers, because their words are definitely being judged.



Michael Raine

Harjinder Singh (left) and Mukul Mahajan cue up at Lakeshore.

Lakeshore building complete but lacks new student services

MICHAEL RAINE
NEWS REPORTER

With a multi-million-dollar renovation finally complete, students at Lakeshore Campus had their first chance to see the new Humber Student Federation offices, student centre, and games room on Monday, but they won't see any new services soon, HSF said.

"We want to emulate North Campus in the sense that they have things like a dental hygienist and pharmacy and we do want to start bringing some of those services to Lakeshore," said vice-president of administration at Lakeshore, Kristen Arcega.

But she said a decision would not be made before September on what services would be housed in the new K Building.

Executive director of HSF, Ercole Perrone, said "a dental hygienist, pharmacy, and chiropractor have been clearly articulated to us by students as the top three."

The student centre, on the main floor, has a large open space with stage and projection screen for events and the bottom floor has a study

lounge and games room with foosball and pool tables.

Arcega said "we've had a bunch of students come in to check it out, and so far everyone seems to like it."

"We want to emulate North Campus in the sense that they have things like a dental hygienist and pharmacy and we do want to start bringing some of those services to Lakeshore

"The building looks good and it should benefit students on this campus," said post-graduate student in international marketing at Lakeshore, Mark Raso, 23.

"I hope the services they bring will be things that will be useful to students."

The \$9 million cost of renovating the landmark building, a one-time psychiatric hospital, was split between HSF and Humber, Perrone said.

Kristen Arcega
VP admin at Lakeshore

Misuse of automatic doors slams school with high repair cost

ANDREW ADRIZZI
NEWS REPORTER

Automatic doors intended to provide access for students and faculty with disabilities are being mistreated and abused, said the Facilities and Disability Services.

"There's a real issue when looking at door openers within the college," said manager of maintenance and operations at North Campus, David Griffin.

"We have occasions where the buttons don't work because somebody booted them or smashed them," said Griffin.

If students and faculty who do not need the automated function keep using it, the life expectancy of the device is shortened and the maintenance is increased due to overuse and mishandling, he said.

Manager of maintenance and operations at Lakeshore Campus, Spencer Wood, said there is a similar problem on Lakeshore.

"One of the things is people pressing the button when they're quite capable of opening the door themselves," said Wood. "The other is sometimes people kick the buttons."

He said just Monday a student in a

wheelchair tried to use an automatic door opener, but when he pushed the button the door didn't open.

The student had to wait for someone to pass by to come and open the door for him, Wood said. Maintenance on the door operators ranges from \$1500-\$3000 depending on the severity of the damage, while a full replacement costs \$5000, he said.

Wood said at Lakeshore in the last year he could remember three incidences where the whole motor and board were broken in the door device.

"Even if we get on it right away, there's going to be a period of time where the door openers will not be available for someone who really needs it," said Wood.

First-year general arts and sciences student, Boleu Fowodu, 18, who uses a motorized cart due to a disability and depends on the automated doors said, "It's not fair, they shouldn't really use them," about people that don't need the automatic door function.

In total there are about 90 automatic door operators across Humber campuses, with about 40 to 50 at North Campus, 30 to 35 on Lakeshore, and one or two at Orangeville.

If people don't speak up or get involved, then abuse of the device will continue, said Griffin.



Andrew Adrizzi

Student Boleu Fowodu.



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elections

Students must increase their political awareness

We are an apathetic generation – at least when it comes to politics.

Perhaps what is happening south of the border – with their numerous wars, villains and terrorists, and a president that is revered like a rock star – is more intriguing to follow. Canadian politics often seems dry and cumbersome in comparison. Case in point, one of the highlights of the candidates debate in the last federal election was Jack Layton's snipe at Stephen Harper's sweater.

Sure, with their lacklustre speeches and ever-failing promises, politicians may be partly to blame, but the level of public apathy is genuinely concerning when there are so many pressing issues that need to be addressed.

This applies to all electoral levels, be it federal, provincial, or even at school.

In this week's *Et Cetera* web poll, 84 per cent said they were not interested in the upcoming HSF elections

– and only 31 people bothered to answer the poll at all!

Students here at Humber can make their electoral voice heard the week of March 8 to 12 with the coming elections.

HSF represents over 18,000 full-time students and receives \$292.68 from each student via their tuition. Without factoring in part-time students, this amounts to a budget of about \$5.3 million per year.

Not all of this money serves the students, however. Executive positions are not voluntary – they are paid. The HSF president makes \$34,000 per year. And the rest of the exec earn \$11.54/hour in the summer and \$20.19/hour for the rest of the year.

Salary aside, it would seem a great deal of HSF's budget goes towards "enhancing student life." The executive is also responsible for providing all students with health and dental

insurance, funding the health centre, campus pharmacy, food bank, computer labs, meeting spaces, games room, clubs and bursaries.

The past month, Humber has seen an X-rated hypnotist, a member of the band The Fugees, musician K'naan, and several other HSF events.

Booking an artist on the verge of international success like K'naan after he penned the next World Cup theme song can't be cheap. Sure, it is exciting to say he came to our school, but is that really the best way to allocate our dollars? Perhaps it is what the student body wants, but rather than leaving the exec guessing students need to engage in dialogue with the HSF hopefuls. Students need to voice their opinions and vote during election week so the exec know exactly where students want their tuition money going.

On a larger level, there is a looming fall municipal election and with no incumbent running there is a chance for real change to occur in the city.

Students may think what happens at City Hall has little affect on their daily routine, but the municipal government is responsible for a number of issues that affect students on a daily basis.

Hydro, garbage and recycling aren't costs that just home-owners have to deal with – these costs are also hidden in residence fees. For those that don't live on campus or with family, finding affordable housing is often a major concern – this also falls under the jurisdiction of the municipal government.

Being a commuter college, most take the subway or the bus to school. The rest likely drive. Both public transit and transportation infrastructure are municipal responsibilities.

In both elections, there are pertinent issues at hand that impact students and that we can have a say in – but only if we choose to vote.

Students may think what happens at City Hall has little affect on their daily routine, but the municipal government is responsible for a number of issues that affect students on a daily basis.

Et Cetera poll

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Results from last issue's poll:

Do you care about the HSF elections?

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1. Announcing mid-way through the Olympic games that your world-class team will not in fact "Own the podium".



quoted

What has been your favourite Olympic moment so far?

Andrij Sulypka, 18
1st year architectural technology

When the American snowboarder Lindsey Jacobellis didn't even complete the race. She was supposed to get gold last year but did a dumb move and got silver and then this year was supposed to be her year and she ended up not even finishing. I think that was hilarious.



Erin McNutt, 21
2nd year radio broadcasting

When Jon Montgomery won the gold in skeleton. During the medal ceremony he jumped onto the first place podium. He was jumping all over the place, super excited, just loving it. It looked like he was going to cry and it was super cute.



Lisa Paivel, 20
2nd year radio broadcast

I have been loving every bit of the Olympics but for me, my favourite part is always the opening ceremonies because I love watching other countries walk in, especially Estonia because I'm Estonian.



Sean Fisher, 26
2nd year game programming

Shaun White and the snowboard halfpipe, getting the gold medal. Just amazing height, unbelievable moves, I couldn't believe he could spin that much.



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Olympics

Games unify country, regardless of outcome

HOLLY WEST
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With glowing hearts we see thee rise, The True North strong and free! – Oh Canada, I love thee so.

Walking down the streets of Vancouver during the beginning days of the Olympic Games made me feel more than a kinship with my fellow countrymen, clad in varying shades of red and white; I felt the Canadian swagger. We want to win.

This is the Olympics. In our country. In our North American sized rinks. We have all the makings of “Owning the Podium” – and yet we don’t. There has been a lot of pressure to live up to the ideal that we Canucks will somehow become the phoenix rising out of the ashes and take all.

I love my nation; I respect and admire these amateur athletes. Yet just because there is a program called Own the Podium does not make it so. Yes, the five-year initiative has thrust around \$118 million into the fight for medals – with a very un-Canadian focus not on all athletes but on those most likely to finish well – and yes, there was the home court advantage

of more time spent familiarizing themselves with the facilities but it isn’t magic.

We are a nation of just over 34 million versus the staggering US population of more than 315 million and we don’t have the same economic powers but we are hanging in there and holding our own. The medal standings don’t show us having one tenth the medals won by Americans, but a respectable top five placement. Per capita, we are winning more medals.

Some athletes have taken to the media and apologized to the nation for their lack of a medal. Mellisa Hollingsworth gave an emotional and heartbreaking apology after placing fifth overall in women’s skeleton. She had her best starting time and is one of the best in the world and she apologized for that?! I understand sport is cut throat. There are winners and losers, and at this level of competition the stakes are higher. But remember that no Canadian has won a gold on home turf before these Olympics and that the games aren’t over yet.

We should all still be screaming “Go Canada Go!” and watching game coverage on loop while beaming with pride. Our athletes are doing us proud, they are among the best – can you say the same? Get on board and show some support.

consumer advocacy

Exercising the right to fire abusive customers

KATELYN MCCALLION
SENIOR REPORTER



The popular breakfast chain Tim Horton’s has recently done what every fast-food chain, retail or any customer service based business has dreamed of; they have banned a complaining customer. A man named Jimmy Craig, a paramedic and a volunteer firefighter from New Brunswick, has been banned from two stores for his constant complaining about the chain’s decaffeinated coffee.

Craig had complained on several occasions that the coffee tasted burnt, according to the *Toronto Star*. The owner of the two stores banned Craig for life after he allegedly became aggressive with the staff. Craig is currently in talks with his lawyer to see if can over turn the ban.

All this and the man drinks decaffeinated coffee.

To anyone who has worked a crappy part-time job dealing with miserable customers all day, this is literally a dream come true. Incidents like this happen all over the country and

it leaves the employees feeling angry and frustrated.

I’ve worked in a popular retail store for the last two years and often fantasize about banning customers, especially those who decide to complain over the cost of a five-dollar shirt.

Case in point, I work as a cashier and have had two customers (on separate occasions) who have almost climbed over the counter to reach me. Both of these customers were arguing with me over the price of a piece of clothing. It’s unclear of what their intentions were, but I’ve never been so thankful for the security guards. It’s pretty scary when you have customers freak out like this, and it makes the idea of banning customers more appealing.

I sympathize with the staff of fast-food chains who have to deal with a constant stream of complaining customers. Yes, the staff at the Tim Horton’s made a mistake with Craig’s coffee. News flash, they are human and it happens. This isn’t a new concept and yet people freak out over the smallest, most insignificant things.

Often I feel like walking to the customer having their morning tantrum and telling them to relax and take a deep breath, because at the end of the day it’s only coffee.

pass	fail
Tessa Virtue & Scott Moir, for winning North America’s first-ever ice dancing gold	The Canadian Olympic Committee for unneeded humility and publicly announcing we won’t Own the Podium.
The student crew of the <i>S.V. Concordia</i> , for surviving the capsizing of their vessel in a storm off Brazil’s coast.	The Brazilian coast guard, for taking nearly two days to respond to their distress signal.
To the Canada vs. U.S. hockey game for being the most watched sports program in Canadian television history.	To team Canada goaltender Martin Brodeur for letting in two too many goals leading to team USA’s 5-3 victory.
To MPP David Caplan for pushing for no-strike legislation for the TTC.	To City Hall for stopping the bill and failing to recognize the TTC as an essential service.
To the city for pushing to add bike lanes to Jarvis.	To car owners, like mayoral hopeful Rocco Rossi, for not wanting to share the road with bikers.
To Iran for trying to revive the lost art of letter writing.	To Iran for thinking a letter could convince the world to allow them to pursue nuclear development.
To <i>the Hurt Locker</i> for winning six BAFTA awards, including best film over <i>Avatar</i> .	To Kristen Stewart for babbling her way through her acceptance speech at the BAFTA’s.
To coalition forces in Afghanistan for freeing the town of Marjah from Taliban control and distributing food aid.	To coalition forces for bombing a convoy of civilian vehicles and killing 27 Afghans.

life on campus

Talking does the body good

Students should take advantage of therapy on campus

MAGGIE CAMERON
SENIOR REPORTER



When it’s over, we let out a great big sigh; a thick, drawled out sigh, full of pleasure and relief.

“That was amazing. Was it good for you?” I often ask.

“So good,” is usually the response.

Some describe it as being as invigorating as a work-out at the gym. Some say it’s like a two week detox. Others say when they finish they feel twenty pounds lighter. We all agree it’s invaluable. Necessary, almost, once you’ve had a taste.

We’re talking about our hour-long session with our therapist from Humber’s counselling department.

Just last week I took the long walk from the news room in the L wing to B building with a peer. She listened to me blab about how good my session made me feel so she thought she’d give it a try. She wasn’t disappointed. She booked another appointment and I’ve been to my second one since.

What does disappoint though, is how few people take advantage of what a therapist can provide. Tucked at the back of the new B building is a group of talented, qualified therapists

there to help students sort through their issues, no matter how heavy or multi-layered they may be. Sure, the waiver to fill out before you begin is daunting; do you want to talk about your issues with sadness, anger, sexuality, family, pressure, school, relationships, grief? The list goes on. There wasn’t a box I didn’t want to tick off when I was faced with the never ending list. To avoid a look of

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grave concern from the sweet lady at the front desk, I only checked a few. But I did manage to get the pen to paper, and sadly, that’s a lot more than too many of my peers can say.

There’s a reason tuition costs include counselling services. School is stressful, really stressful. And outside of school, there’s that whole living thing we’re supposed to do. Friends,

family, lovers and work all ask something of us. This potent mix of school and living can pour a mean glass of problems. And an effective way to deal with it is to talk to someone in a nonjudgmental, completely confidential environment.

People have a fear of therapy. They have preconceived notions, or worry that issues are too trivial or too enormous or too unusual to talk about. But they shouldn’t. If there’s something you’re dealing with, whatever it is, it’s likely you’ll feel tremendous relief if you talk it over, and consider the advice of a counsellor.

Speaking to a counsellor is beneficial when you find yourself feeling especially low. According to a profile of clinical depression in Canada, a study compiled by Research Data Centres (RDC) and published by Statistics Canada, over a million Canadians experience a major depressive episode annually, making depression as common as other leading chronic conditions such as heart disease. Research consistently finds that those at highest risk are women and young adults, singles or once married individuals and low income earners. Me, in other words. But it’s all good, thanks to Humber counselling. With the help of my counsellor, I’m able to talk about what’s troubling me, before things ever get beyond my control. You can too. I’ll walk you down if you like.

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Olympics bring grad his dream job

ANDREW SUTHERLAND
A&E REPORTER

For the duration of the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympics, Humber journalism grad Corey Bellamy, 29, has been given the chance to be part of the action as a senior video producer for CTVolympics.ca.

"It's a fantastic experience, there's constantly something going on," said Bellamy

For the entirety of the Games, Bellamy will work out of Toronto as part of Canada's Olympic broadcast media consortium; a coalition between media conglomerates CTV Inc. and Rogers Media Inc.

Until recently, Bellamy was a video producer for the entertainment section of CTV.ca, but his talents landed him a chance to work on the Olympic coverage.

"He's always on top of the news, and comes up with interesting and user-friendly ways to communicate the latest developments," said Amanda Taccone, one of Bellamy's co-pro-



Courtesy

After landing a job at CTV.ca, Corey Bellamy is now covering the 2010 Olympic Winter games.

ducers working on the games.

Bellamy, along with two other senior video producers from TSN and Sportsnet, is responsible for event

and hockey recaps on CTVolympics.ca.

"We're producing a lot of content," said Bellamy. "Every single second of

the games, anything, anytime, anywhere, you'll be able to watch it like a PVR.

"It's not necessarily the most chal-

lenging thing I've ever done, but it's by far the biggest project I've ever been involved with," he said.

Bellamy graduated from Humber in 2003 from the journalism program.

He excelled so much at his CTV internship that he was hired before his school semester ended.

"He was hired before he even graduated," said one of Bellamy's former professors, Terri Arnott.

Arnott also said that Bellamy made himself indispensable.

"He went in, gave it everything he had and made the position for him," she said.

Bellamy worked his way up first as a video editing intern, to a freelance writer, to a web journalist/writer, and then finally landed the role of video producer.

Bellamy said the chance to be apart of something so big, will be an experience not soon forgotten.

"You have to work your ass off for every opportunity you get, because you don't get many opportunities," said Bellamy.



Crystal Burney

Humber theatre students Elsbeth McCall and Matthew Gouveia rehearse for their upcoming play.

Lakeshore theatre students perform abstract play in T.O.

CRYSTAL BURNEY
A&E REPORTER

Humber Theatre's latest show, *Unfinished Passage*, is taking the stage in downtown Toronto this month.

This original piece was created through experimentation and improvisation by the directors and third-year theatre students.

"It uses out of the ordinary vocal techniques and movements referencing contemporary dance put together in a theatrical form. It explores the idea of a city and the roles of community, interpersonal relationships and power structures," director Alex Fallis said.

The show came out of class work that began last year, said Diana Belshaw, director of theatre performance at Lakeshore Campus.

"The students worked with Fides

Krucker, Heidi Strauss and Fallis to go on an emotional journey through sound and movement," she said.

"We've created a different language through our characters."

Elsbeth McCall
Performer

A story about a city and those who inhabit it was formed from this journey.

"The show's built on hearing two notes from 200 songs," Fallis said. "It's like taking 100 snapshots of a city and viewing them in a non-linear way. It's an abstract series of imaging, not a concrete boy meets girl story."

They will perform at the Imperial Oil Opera House from Feb. 24- 27.

"I've liked creating this show with-

out a text in my hand and the process of the improv. Communicating with others in the space has an effect on what the character becomes," said performer Matthew Gouveia.

"I have a new relationship to sound because there's no text. It's all sound, all body. I feel the need to communicate to my fellow actors and the audience becomes greater," added performer Elsbeth McCall.

"My relationship to language has changed. We've created a different language through our characters."

While it doesn't fit the traditional mold of comedy or drama, Fallis said, "We hope there are some funny bits and we hope there are some very serious sections. We play with ideas of disaster and the pleasure and pain of building in pure forms. When you see 18 people having fun it's big and when you see disaster, it's big."

Fight for a cause and win big prize

ALEXANDRA TOMASZEWSKI
A&E REPORTER

Students have a chance to win \$1,000 towards a major bookstore and be featured on CBC's documentary website while fighting for a cause they believe in.

The contest is in conjunction with CBC's six-part documentary series *Love/Hate Propaganda: How the World Went Mad* — based on the role of propaganda in World War II.

It is also encouraging students to submit posters and video touching on a variety of issues.

"We've asked students to come up with ideas of how they would convey a message to convince people to join a cause that's important to them," said Marcy Cuttler, series producer.

Cuttler said work has been submitted from schools across the country.

"Causes range from cruelty to animals, drunk driving and shark fining, to bullying," she said.

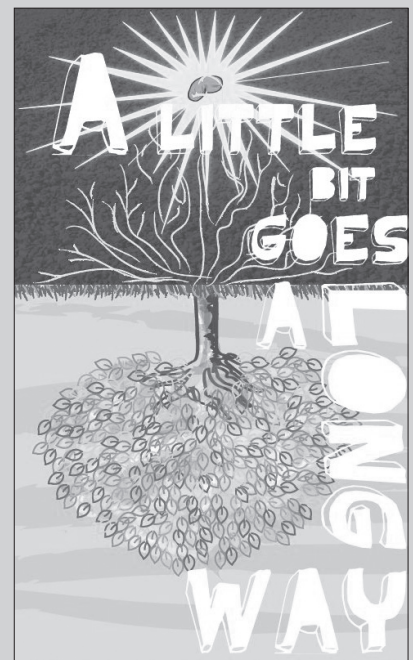
First-year creative advertising student Jesse Hornstein-Goldberg submitted a poster for recycling.

"Being in advertising, I like to enter any type of advertising or promotional contest because aside from the work you do at school, it's really good to be published and keep a portfolio," he said.

Interactive producer Annette Bradford said the contest shows how to get messages out in a social space, where other people can comment and start conversation.

"Quite a few will go online. We're looking for good ways to present ideas," Bradford said that all entries must contain original material and cannot include logos or copyrighted music.

The contest deadline is March 19. Details on how to enter can be found online at www.cbc.ca.



Athina Lalljee

A creative advertising student's contest submission.

Human rights hit home for students through film

RUTH YATEMAN
A&E REPORTER

Students in the international development program have come together to support the Human Rights Watch Film Festival, which runs until March 6.

The committee, co-chaired by students Amy Rynsoever and Vanessa Richards, helps raise awareness of the festival, encouraging students to confront international human rights issues.

"Humber students can expect to have uncomfortable topics brought

up in a very blunt way," said Richards.

The films being shown discuss a variety of human rights issues such as war, abuse against women, and social justice.

One of the films is *The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo*.

"Some of the rape victims in this film are as young as four, so it really hits home," said Rynsoever.

The films will show graphic and sometimes disturbing images.

Karin Lippert, committee member of the festival, said the films often directly relate to courses that Humber students are taking.

"It connects directly to the course work and their understanding of the issues," said Lippert.

Lippert said she is proud of Humber's committee and impressed with the students' awareness and compassion for human rights.

"The students show a tremendous understanding of human rights, they want to be informed, it says a lot about the kind of institution Humber is," said Lippert.

The film festival will be taking place at Jackman Hall, Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W. Toronto.



Courtesy: Jackson Films

The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo will be shown at The Human Rights Watch Film Festival.



Courtesy

Priya Ramanujam started *Urbanology* magazine in 2004 and now acts as editor-in-chief of the hip hop publication.

Grad's magazine gains another year of success

RUTH YATEMAN
A&E REPORTER

This year marks the fifth year anniversary of *Urbanology Magazine*, which went from Humber grad Priya Ramanujam's basement to newsstands across Canada and the United States.

Urbanology was created in 2004 by friends Ramanujam and Adrian McKenzie after they decided they wanted to make a magazine that reflected their culture and lifestyle.

"We wanted a positive representation of urban culture and lifestyle in Canada because there was nothing on the newsstands that spoke to the hip-hop generation," said editor-in-chief, Ramanujam.

While Ramanujam came to Humber for journalism, McKenzie went to Seneca for graphic design.

These specialties made a perfect match to start their own magazine.

As creative director, McKenzie focuses on putting Canadian hip-hop artists on the cover – like Kardinall Offishall – to make *Urbanology* stand out on newsstands.

"I try to be creative and use the face of Canadian artists," said McKenzie, "so that when Americans see *Urbanology*, it sparks interest not only in a Canadian magazine, but in a Canadian artist."

Urbanology has featured interviews with such hip-hop artists as Q-Tip, Ice Cube, Beanie Man, and Common.

Ramanujam considers her most memorable interview to be with Faith Evans.

"Faith Evans was a real joy to interview because she was so friendly and down to earth," she said.

Humber journalism graduate Carol Santos came to *Urbanology* as an intern and now works as senior editor.

Ramanujam and Santos consider Humber to be a major influence in the development and success of *Urbanology*.

"Humber gives you the foundation, it puts you in the part of the editor or the reporter, and from there you just move seamlessly into a job," said Santos.

"It gave me great hands on experience, and the constructive feedback from my teachers was amazing," said Ramanujam.

Urbanology is a quarterly magazine, making just enough money to sustain itself.

"We don't do it to make our own living, we're all volunteers," said Ramanujam, who works full-time running a youth journalism program in Scarborough.

In the next five years, *Urbanology* hopes to expand internationally and create a bigger online presence, potentially creating a version of their magazine for the new iPad.

"I see us expanding our brand but staying true to our mandate," said Ramanujam.

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Team Awesome returns to the stage

PATRICK FALLER
A&E REPORTER

Humber alumni will present a double dose of comedy next week at the Bread and Circus Theatre in Toronto.

The performance by Team Awesome Theatre, founded by Humber grad Stephen Kew and University of Toronto grad Aaron Peever, showcases two comedic plays: *Hemlock, Soc and Two Smoking Barrels*, written by Peever and *Ran-tar the Terrible*, writ-

ten by Kew.

"*Ran-tar* is about an evil genius who is turned into a cat by his mentor to stop him from taking over the world," said Kew, who graduated last year from the acting for film and television program.

"He goes on an adventure. It is completely insane and hilarious," he said.

The March 3-5 performances will be the second time Kew and Peever's double feature has been on the stage.

A string of performances last December marked the two directors' debut.

Producer Richard Young said the decision to give the plays another run was a no-brainer.

"The audience loved our December 2009 performances. Our opening night sold out," said Young, who also graduated from Humber last year.

Young said comedic plays, such as Kew and Peever's, are the reason he left a successful career in business to pursue acting and producing instead.

"It's about the audience enjoying the story and having some laughs," he said. "There is so much talent in the team and everyone's really funny. It is a great feeling."

Young also spoke highly about actor and Humber grad Hannah Hogan, who performs in *Ran-tar the Terrible* and stars in YTV's hit show, *That's So Weird*.

"Hannah is comedy MSG. She enhances the flavour of the show," he said.

Hogan said audience members can expect to laugh all the way throughout the performances.

"The audience loved the show last time, and it is great to work with friends," said Hogan. "I play Carol, an abrasive mother. She's really funny and I love playing a massive bitch."



Courtesy

Members of Team Awesome (from left) Aaron Peever, Stephen Kew and Richard Young will perform March 3-5 in Toronto.



Courtesy

Hannah Hogan performs on stage in *Ran-tar the Terrible*.

Students go back to childhood

MAEGAN MCGREGOR
A&E REPORTER

An online writing project, Planet Kindergarten, is challenging students to revisit their creative roots.

"I have always been interested in creativity," said Dean of the School of Creative Performing Arts, Joe Kertes, founder of the project. "I thought how great it would be if we could revert back to early childhood creativity, because no one is there to tell you your aren't doing it right."

The project can be found on the School of Creative and Performing Arts website.

"I'm hoping to stimulate and remind students what joy they had when they were young, not caring if their clothes got covered in paint," said Kertes. "It allows you to explore elements of yourself that you have closed off to your childhood."

Kertes posts weekly challenges online for the writers to interpret and then respond to. The challenges are usually only a statement, he said.

Writers can reply to the statements posted online, as well as read what others have posted.

"I read the challenges and envision the images that are represented in the words," said Susan Brannigan-Rampp, a former creative writing student.



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Joe Kertes,
Dean of the School of Creative Performing Arts

"I love the weekly challenges because it keeps my creative muscles flexed," she said. "I really respect Joe Kertes for creating a forum for creative play and exploration."

President of Diaspora Dialogues, Helen Walsh, is working with Kertes to ensure that Planet Kindergarten is an activity during Nuit Blanche—an all night arts festival across Toronto.

The event will allow patrons to paint, write and sculpt like they did when they were children.

"We are hoping to have it at the Gardiner Museum because it is a central location with all glass windows, so that people walking by can see the installation and come in and engage in the art," said Walsh.

What's in your headphones?

Interviewed by Alexandra Tomaszewski

Keisha Robinson, 19
first-year design and foundation



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Jay Z feat. Swiss Beats
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Pit Bull
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Pisces
Feb. 19 - March 20

Xenophobia is bad, unless it's towards the Americans for beating us at shinny.



Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 22

Getting a diet coke with fast food doesn't count as eating light.



Aries
March 21 - April 20

You lack the star power to hold a weak press conference apology.



Libra
Sept. 23 - Oct. 23

Taking the road less travelled increases the risk for bear attacks.



Taurus
April 21 - May 21

Using this paper to potty train will lead to more yellow carpet stains.



Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Pretending your phone is a cookie while driving won't fool the police.



Gemini
May 22 - June 21

Conformity is bad, but wearing those red mitts doesn't count.



Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Following a fool makes you look foolish.



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June 22 - July 22

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21. Narrative
23. Moral wrong
24. Computer info
26. Burstyn and DeGeneres
28. Always, poetically
31. Blabbermouth
34. Mediterranean island
36. Ogle
37. Mongolian desert
41. Stash
42. ____ West of Hollywood
43. Copenhagen natives
44. Norwegian capital
45. Small pastry
46. Avoid capture
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73. Pepper's mate

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Co-op program helps green biz

Sustainable energy and building students to be placed at local businesses looking to become more eco-friendly

PAM BAL
LIFE REPORTER

A new energy management co-op program for students in the sustainable energy and building technology program is set to launch at Humber in May.

"We have a co-op work term after the fourth semester and we were approached by Partners in Project Green (PPG) to get involved and it looks like a great opportunity," said program co-ordinator, Kerry Johnston.

PPG project manager, Dennis Braun, said students will help businesses reduce energy use, water use and waste.

PPG recruits businesses looking to become environmentally friendly to become part of an "eco-business zone" surrounding Toronto Pearson International Airport.

The program will allow Humber students to work near the college.

"The Pearson eco-business zone is parts of Brampton, Mississauga and Toronto that are very close to the col-

lege and that offers potential for our students to stay close and maybe even continue those relationships during the academic year," said Johnston. "That's a significant benefit for our students."

The program will be offered at Humber College, Seneca College and the University of Waterloo. A total of ten students will be selected – three from each school plus one extra from one of the three schools involved.

While students will apply their theoretical knowledge to help the businesses go green, they will also have a mentor.

Yvonne Crichton, 23, a sustainable energy and building technology co-op student, said it's a good opportunity.

"It will help students understand what it's like to be out in the real world, but not only that, it's going to have a type of safety blanket attached to it because you're going to have a mentor and it's going to be relatively supervised," said Crichton.

Braun said Humber and PPG make good partners.



Pam Bal

Students will help businesses in the Pearson Airport area reduce waste, water and energy use.

"It's valuable for both of us and the businesses that participate," said Braun. "Many businesses want to reduce their costs and move toward

sustainability, but they may not know where to start."

"In Humber's case, students are learning all the right things about

different options that businesses and buildings have to be more sustainable."

Dean's novel wins national awards

EMILY ENGLISH
LIFE REPORTER

Joe Kertes, the dean of Humber's School of Creative and Performing Arts, will be awarded the U.S. National Jewish Book Award for Fiction on March 9 for his novel *Gratitude*.

The novel also received the Canadian National Jewish Book Award.

But the U.S. award is especially flattering, Kertes said.

"No one knows me there. It was truly a response to the book, rather than response to me or my reputation," he said.

"*Gratitude* is a story about a Hungarian Jewish family during World War II and what they have to endure when the country was invaded and many of their friends and relatives were deported," said Kertes.

Although the book is fiction, Kertes drew on some family history.

"*Gratitude* was inspired by a family anecdote that has been haunting me since childhood," said Kertes.

During World War II, Kertes' father's cousin, Paul, stopped a train heading for Auschwitz while pretending to be a Swedish diplomat. He pulled off Kertes' parents and grandparent.

After the war, Kertes' Paul and his sister moved into the grandfather's house, as theirs had been destroyed.

Hungary required two workers from each family to help rebuild. Kertes' mother and father went daily.

After six months, Kertes' grandfather asked Paul and his sister to go in their place. The grandfather said if they refused, he would ask them to leave.

That night, Paul and his sister left and were never seen again.

"I have created my novel, *Gratitude*, around these people, turned them into characters and given them lives. What the story says to me, and what I hope sets it apart from others on the subject, is that all of us—victims, perpetrators, Christians, Jews, saints and criminals alike—are capable of making mistakes with tragic consequences."

The director of the Jewish Book Council, Carolyn Starman Hessel, said this story is an important one to tell.

"It's a story about the Holocaust. And that is an important story for everybody," said Hessel. "We want to make sure that people know the story so it doesn't happen again."

Andrew Clark, who works with Kertes at Humber's comedy school, said the book impressed him.

"It's a wonderfully written, lyrical, very moving book," said Clark.

As for Kertes' family, he said they are pleased with the way *Gratitude* turned out.



Emily English

Joe Kertes, dean of school of creative and performing arts.

Kertes is working on a sequel that will chronicle what happened to Paul after he left.

High school students benefit from college peer mentor program

BRANDI DOUCETT
LIFE REPORTER

Humber is the first Canadian college to offer a peer-mentoring course pairing high school students with college students.

Richard Bissember, 20, is enrolled in the peer mentoring program offered on North Campus and said this course will give him invaluable experience with high school students.

The second-year marketing student said he hopes to become a high school business teacher.

This pilot course, which started in January, is open to Humber students from any program and encourages them to develop their leadership skills while mentoring.

"Effective leadership starts with understanding," said Jason Galea, one of the instructors of the course.

"The students explore personal leadership styles and self-assessments, while gaining a general education credit as well as volunteer experience."

Jason Merai leads the other section and focuses on mentoring techniques.

"The focus is to promote higher learning, not Humber College," said Merai.

"We want to open the high school student's eyes to all options."

Mentors encourage the students to consider applying for college and motivate them to reach their full potential.

Next fall, the course will be offered at Lakeshore campus and Galea said he hopes the course will become permanent.

"We've had lots of positive feedback from students already," said Galea.

Bissember said the course may not be appealing to all students.

"I wouldn't recommend this course to just anybody, they would need to take it seriously and to see themselves in a leadership role," said Bissember.

Kayla Koomans has different reasons for enrolling in the course.

The 20-year-old second-year paralegal student said she was an at-risk student in high school.

"I want to use what I went through to help other students," said Koomans.

Having students from different disciplines, from fashion arts to police foundations, brings something special to the course, said Koomans.

"If we were all in the same program, then we would all probably have one perspective and one approach."

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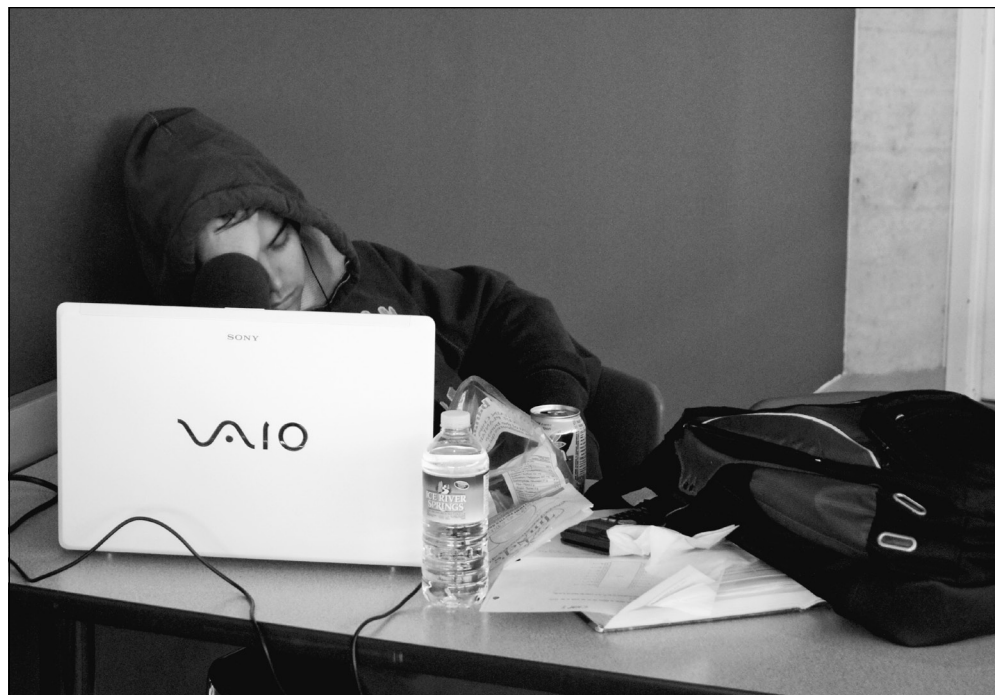
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Brendan Ennis

Humber student catches some shut-eye in the North Campus library.

Caffeine fix wrong way to cope with fatigue, says health expert

BRENDAN ENNIS
LIFE REPORTER

Feeling fatigued after a break from school is normal, said Humber's fitness and health promotion program co-ordinator Natasa deVilliers. "Everybody experiences a bit of a drain when they go from not being in a work or academic setting to then going back to such a structured, regimented environment," she said.

A lot of people turn to coffee or energy drinks to help them get through it, but "all these things work for the short term," said deVilliers. "They give you the initial boost but then you're dropping, and if you're not supplementing those things with a proper diet, you are not going to be able to sustain energy or concentrate throughout the day."

For students feeling tired and having a hard time adjusting back into school life, the solution is an easy one, said Humber professor Denise Gardner, who teaches a course on health and

wellness.

"Students can start by getting enough sleep at night and following more of a routine," she said.

She said students lacking vitamin D from less sun exposure can take a supplement and get more sunlight, if it's available.

"It sounds pretty basic and boring," Gardner said, but if students "give it a go, they'll find it really does work."

Shane Moore, 18, a first-year hotel management student, said he has a hard time getting back into a routine after a break from school.

"It's the reading week, and after all that time studying you got to change things and have fun," said Moore. "I'd say it takes me about a week to get back on the school track and focus."

With deadlines approaching for upcoming assignments, Moore said he has various techniques to help him.

"I'll go outside and get some fresh air, come back and feel refreshed," he said.

If that doesn't work, "I sleep through class."

School utilized over break

Humber staff surprised at the number of students on Lakeshore and North Campus over reading week

MEHREEN KHAN
LIFE REPORTER

Some diligent Humber students went to school during reading week, using the break to study, do research and catch up on assignments.

Libraries, bookstores, the Career Centre and Humber Students' Federation offices were among the facilities open at North and Lakeshore campuses. So were a few food outlets.

"I was not enjoying it at home," said Varun Veer, 28, sitting with books in hand at the Java Jazz coffee shop on North Campus. "I enjoy it more over here, and I have some studying to do also."

The first-year exercise science and lifestyle management student was expecting some company too.

"My friends are coming, so we do plan to have some fun."

The North Campus library was relatively busy

with students studying and doing research.

Jennifer Bielby, 23, a second-year early childhood education student, was there with a group of classmates.

"I'm only here for a project," she said.

At Lakeshore, Alyson McNamara, a third-year music student, sat at the front desk of the residence office.

She said she had not expected so many students to stay on campus during the break.

"A lot of international students and people who live far away need somewhere to stay, because they don't want to pay to go all the way home, for just a week," McNamara said. "Many students like to stay to focus on their studies."

Lakeshore librarian Janet Hollingsworth also expressed surprise at the large number of students that came to the library during the week.

"Students need to do their research and study in a quiet place," she said.

Co-ordinator designing Ugandan school

Kelly Gluck gets design students involved in her building project

JESSICA LABERGE BLAKELEY
LIFE REPORTER

Humber's interior design program co-ordinator Kelly Gluck works with sustainable design everyday and has extended it to Uganda.

Gluck has partnered with the Salama Shield Foundation to design a school for at risk youth in Lyantonde, Uganda, an area particularly effected by the AIDS epidemic.

"I just got back from my fourth trip," she said.

The project is in its second year and is expected to take three more to complete.

"We're looking to finish the design drawings and then put it out for construction tender," Gluck said of the project's current state.

Gluck said the school's students will be selected from the community based on leadership skills and need.

While the school is a personal project for Gluck, she has gotten her design students involved in the planning.

Fourth-year interior design student Jessica Roloson said Gluck's experience in Uganda helped the design process.



Interior design program co-ordinator Kelly Gluck at the building site in Lyantonde, a small town in southern Uganda.

Courtesy

"We really did have to use a lot of Kelly's knowledge, from her being there, on how we could improve what they have without making them feel like we're taking North America and putting it in Uganda," said Roloson.

Roloson said understanding Ugan-

dan culture is an important part of the project.

Marija Dujic agrees.

"When we were designing the project we researched construction materials of Uganda and how they build their buildings," said the fourth-year

interior design student. "We can actually implement their ways into building."

Since electricity can be scarce, Dujic said they tried to design buildings that were energy efficient.

"They use generators so we tried to

use as much natural light as possible, natural ventilation and things like that," Dujic said.

Sustainability deals with environmental issues, but Gluck said it also relates to the schools ability to be self-sufficient.

HSF aims to increase voter turnout in March election

NOEL GRZETIC
LIFE REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation executive director Ercole Perrone said HSF is committed to raising awareness of next month's election and increasing student turnout.

"We've flirted with shutting down the games room so that students get engaged in what's going on elsewhere," said Perrone. "We'll probably continue to do things like that, whether it's a bit of shock or edgy things to get students aware of what's happening."

HSF has kept track of voter turnout over the last three years. Three years ago, 6.7 per cent of students participated. Perrone said the numbers are steadily rising and this year's goal is 20 per cent.

Although the numbers are in line with other university and colleges, there is room for improvement, he said.

"For me it's not a positive sign," said Perrone. "It's not reflective of the interest students should take in the student government."

That lack of interest is exactly what prompted Ilona Dougherty to start

Apathy is Boring, a Canadian organization devoted to increasing youth involvement in the democratic process. She said apathy exists in part because of the disconnect between our vote and its effect on our everyday lives.

"I think part of it is that we feel that we aren't represented."

Brenda O'Neill, an associate professor at the University of Calgary who researches youth engagement, said "there is that genuine unhappiness with the degree to which a vote actually matters."

Perrone said the March 8 to 12 election is an important opportunity for voters, because those elected make

"all key decisions" for the HSF.

"The five students that become executives are being paid by resources that all students are contributing to," said Perrone. "You want make sure that they are representing your interest and your needs."

Job descriptions on the HSF website advertise a salary of \$34,000 for president; other positions pay \$20.19 per hour during the school year.

Perrone said he doesn't think voter turnout is solely HSF's responsibility.

"It falls on candidates to inspire people to go vote, it falls on students to get themselves informed and go vote."



Noel Grzetic

Candidates for VP Campus Life at an open forum on Tuesday.

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Students bring fresh designs to Auto Show

Concept a hit despite industry downturn

STEPH SPRENGER
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The Canadian International Auto Show made room to display the work of Humber industrial design students despite reduced budget and exhibition space, reflecting the downturn in the industry.

"Our usable space is about 50 per cent of what we had," said Jon Rosenthal, supervisor of events for the ten-day show that ended last weekend at the Metro Convention Centre.

But, he said, Humber students retained their exhibit in the show because their work is always a crowd-pleaser.

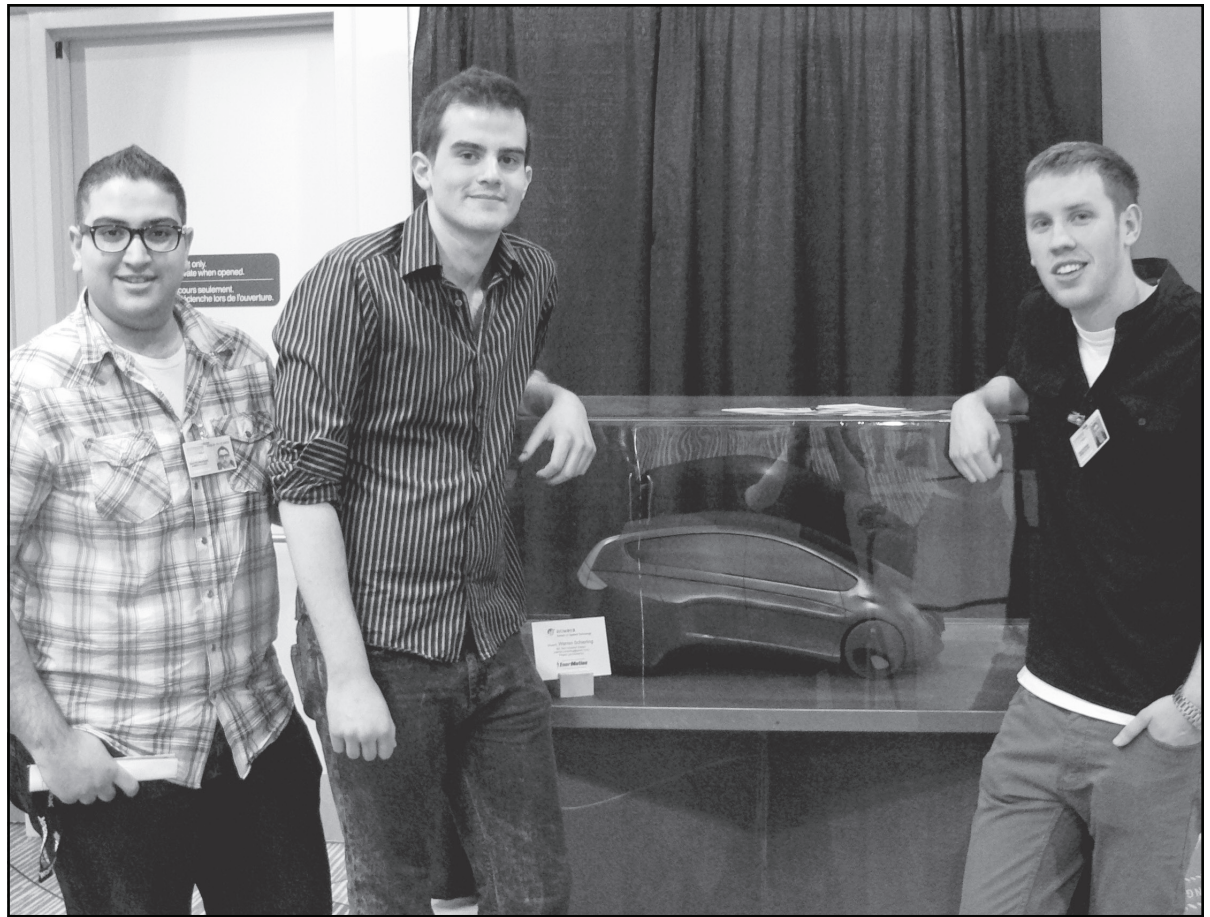
"The public love it," said Rosenthal. "By allowing us into the show, yes, they have to pay for the space for us," said Humber industrial design in-

structor Bruce Thomson.

"They get concept stuff people can look at. And it's a little more futuristic, a little more playful."

The four students who displayed their models were the winners of a competition among third-and fourth-year students to design a 100-mile per gallon car, to fit on the frame of the European Audi A2.

"They can afford to be a little bit more provocative, a little bit more daring than industry can," said Thomson. "That's the big difference between what industry will bring to the show and what a group like ours will bring to the show. And I think this is one of the reasons why (the show) is always happy to have us." For the students, it's an opportunity to introduce their work to auto man-



Raayed Maqsood, Warren Schierling and Eric Stafford stand by Warren's model at the Auto Show.

Steph Sprenger

ufacturers from around the world.

"It's a good way to make contacts in the industry, get your name out there," said fourth-year student Eric Stafford,

who showcased his car at the show. Warren Schierling, another fourth-year winner agrees.

"It's just a matter of finding peo-

ple who are interested. And that's the thing with this show is you can actually make connections with people who might be interested."

School spa finally open to public

Business and beauty meet at new facility

GILLIAN GALINSKY
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

The new spa facility has finally opened at North Campus, giving students a chance to improve their business skills while pampering their customers, said Avril Carnovale, associate dean of the business school.

"It's totally run by students," Carnovale said.

"They run reception, book clients, manage finances, learn marketing skills, as well as providing all the esthetic services available."

The new facility has a manicure and pedicure room, a facial room, three private treatment rooms and a retail space alongside the reception area. "All of the space doubles as a teaching facility," said Carnovale.

"The rooms also function as classrooms, complete with whiteboards, projectors and internet access."

The spa is integrated into the new Health and Wellness Centre, which also includes the gym, massage thera-



Gillian Galinsky

The Health and Wellness Centre doubles as a spa and classroom.

py rooms and the health centre.

"The Health and Wellness Centre will bring in more clientele," said a first-year spa management student, Virnelle Walker, 25.

"People will feel more comfortable coming in to the new spa, because it's near a door, and because of its location within the Health and Wellness Centre."

Increased clientele to the spa will help students learn important business skills, said program co-ordinator Antonietta Perretta.

"We teach inventory control, loss

prevention, merchandising and retail sales," Perretta said.

"We stand apart from other esthetician programs because we teach skills suited to a variety of environments."

The skills learned in the program have a good impact on employment records, Perretta said.

"I'm not sure of many graduates who are unemployed," she said.

"Because we're such a tight-knit group, I even know of some graduates who have hired others."

While the spa is offering full services now, a grand opening is in the works for April.

"Without giving too much away, I can tell you that it will be a large event showcasing the work of the spa management and cosmetic management students, planned by the fashion arts students," said Perretta.

Software helps with hunt for employment

DAN BLACKWELL
BIZ/TECH REPORTER

New career management software, currently being tested by Humber applied technology students, could make its way to all students in April, Career Centre manager Karen Fast said.

The program, consisting of online links through Blackboard, has four modules dealing with job searching, interviewing, resume prepping and self-assessment.

Fast said she hopes the new online software will separate the students who haven't applied themselves to finding a job, from those who have.

"The beauty of Blackboard is all of your activity is trackable, so we can tell which modules they've been in, how long they were there, basically we can watch activity, student-by-student," she said.

"And if you still need help, we're here one on one to help you."

Perhaps the most important aspect of the software is the self-assessment module, she said.

"Self assessment is where we see students do the worst job in marketing themselves to the employers," Fast said.

"Most of the time the students haven't taken the time figuring out where they're good, where they've got an edge over the competition."

Employment adviser Angella Nunes said the software helps unsure students think harder about potential career choices.

"Doing the self-assessment gives them a little bit more direction in terms of where they want to go," she said.

Applied technology dean Denise Devin-Li hopes the new software will help her students, many of whom are foreign, become more familiar with the current Canadian job market.

"We haven't offered career support in the past, but I think we have to now," she said.



Dan Blackwell

Centre manager Karen Fast

Birdie batters win gold

Dynamic duo dominate doubles badminton at the OCAAs, now it's time for nationals

TOM YAWNEY
SPORTS REPORTER

WINDSOR – The Hawks' mixed doubles team of veteran Raymond Wong and rookie Renee Yip took gold at the OCAA badminton championships last weekend, earning a ticket to the nationals in Edmonton next week.

Wong, 22, who won the provincial singles' title the past two years, teamed with Yip, 18, this season to form an unbeatable pair. They won every game at the tournament here.

"I think we have a really good chance for gold at nationals, probably better than I had on my own before – I'm really looking forward to it," said

Wong, who won singles' silver and bronze in his last two trips to the Canadian college championships, which begin next Thursday in the Alberta capital.

In Windsor, Humber tied for the team title with George Brown College. "The way it works is they are just co-winners, there is no precedent to break the tie," said tournament coordinator, Joan Healey.

Besides the gold from Wong and Yip, who was named OCAA women's badminton player of the year, Hawks' singles player Jordana Langill took home silver and the men's doubles pair of Mark Wong and Charlie Lay won bronze.

It was a major achievement for Langill, who finished last at the OCAA tournament a year ago.

"Because it's my second year here, I kind of knew what to expect, and I'm in better shape this year" said Langill, who also is a soccer player at Humber. "I don't train like others do for badminton – it's something I do on the side – so I'm really happy with how I did."

The outcome was less satisfying for Lay – men's player of the year – and Mark Wong, Raymond Wong's younger brother.

"We knew making nationals would be tough for those guys but it is a little disappointing," said coach Michael Kopinak. "Coming in we thought they should finish in the top two."

Kopinak and co-coach Lam Trinh were named OCAA coaches of the year at the awards banquet before the tournament started.

I think we have a really good chance for gold at nationals.

Raymond Wong
Badminton player



Christine Tea

Silver medalist Jordana Langill stretches out to earn a point.

Hawks earn badminton players of the year

MAGGIE CAMERON
SENIOR REPORTER

Charlie Lay, 22, and Renee Yip, 18, are the OCAA badminton players of the year, and the honour comes as no big surprise to those who know them, both as athletes and people.

"Charlie is recognized as one of those people who goes above and beyond; he practiced hard but he's also very caring for individuals on his team and also for other teams as well," said assistant coach Michael Kopinak.

As for Yip, Kopinak said there's no question she stands out as an exceptional athlete.

"She's won just about every tournament she's entered, so this honour is well deserved. She's a very well liked young lady," he said.

Yip and Lay are pleased to be recognized.

"I feel really happy about it," said Lay. "I've worked really hard this year."

Yip said her father, a badminton player, is very proud of her.

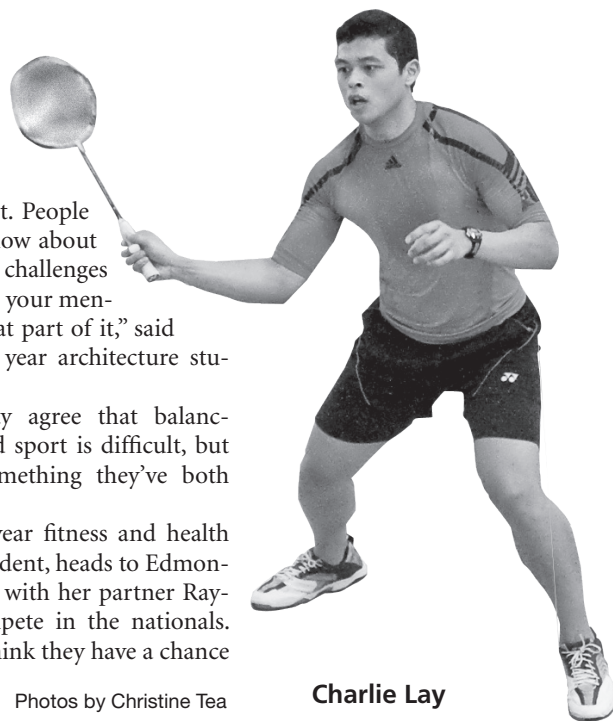
Yip says she's motivated by her dislike for losing. "At the end of the day," she said, "It's nice to bring something home. I just try my best not to lose."

"I've never gotten into any other sports and badminton is just a really

great sport. People don't really know about it but it really challenges your body and your mentality. I like that part of it," said Lay, a second year architecture student.

Yip and Lay agree that balancing school and sport is difficult, but clearly it's something they've both mastered.

Yip, a first-year fitness and health promotion student, heads to Edmonton next week with her partner Raymond to compete in the nationals. Her coaches think they have a chance at gold.



Photos by Christine Tea

Charlie Lay



Renee Yip

Hoopsters eye nationals while OCAA championship title is on the line

JONATHON BRODIE
SPORTS REPORTER

ANCASTER – With half its squad back from serving suspensions for breaking curfew, the Humber men's basketball team is set to defend its title as provincial champions.

"I think we are as ready as we're going to be," said Michael Acheampong, one of the star players suspended during a road trip to Windsor and Sarnia earlier this month. "I think the time is now to go out and get it."

James Depoe, varsity basketball coordinator, was equally optimistic.

"I think this group is pretty well the best team that we've had since I've been here," he said. "It would be a shame if we didn't put it together."

The Hawks claimed gold last season in the OCAA tournament, than lost in the semifinals at the national

championships.

Humber (17-1), and on a 13-game winning streak in league play, begins the eight-team OCAA tournament next Thursday at Fanshawe College, the only gym where the Hawks have suffered a loss all season – 52-41 to the host Falcons (14-3) last Novem-

I think the time is now to go out and get it

Michael Acheampong
Guard

ber.

"It's always been a place where we've struggled since I've been at Humber,"

said sixth-year head coach, Darrell Glenn. "I'm not sure how exactly to put my finger on it but it does seem to feel different."

His team qualified for a bye into the quarter-finals of the playoffs with a 58-56 win on Feb. 16 over the Mohawk Mountaineers in Hamilton and a 71-32 thrashing of Redeemer (2-16) in Ancaster on Tuesday night.

The Hawks will open the playoffs against the winner of the game March 4 between the Fleming Knights (15-5) and Mohawk (11-7).

"Honestly, it doesn't matter to me who we play," said Humber centre J.R. Bailey. "I always look at it as you got to beat the best to be the best."

Humber beat the Mountaineers twice this season, while not facing the Knights since beating them in the quarterfinals of last year's playoffs.



Jonathan Brodie

Ron Gabay tries bounce passing it around a Royals player.

Men's V-ball on road to redemption

Heading to provincials the aim is to break five-year lose streak

KYLE HALL
SPORTS REPORTER

The No. 1-ranked men's volleyball team, the Hawks, begins its playoff pursuit tonight, eager to return to the top of the OCAA podium for the first time in five years.

"We're ready for this, and hopefully we come out on top," said fourth-year veteran, Paul Kemboi.

Humber, 14-2 during the regular season, plays its first match against Algonquin (14-5) in the three-day tournament at Redeemer University College in Ancaster.

The Hawks failed to make it to the medal round last year, after winning bronze at the provincial championships two years ago. They last won gold in 2005.

Star rookie Terrel Bramwell, who

lead the league in scoring with 5.9 points per game, said his team is "very pumped up" for the tournament because "we know we have a shot at winning it."

The Hawks enter the quarter-finals on a nine-game winning streak, after a four-set victory over the Redeemer Royals (13-3) before a raucous crowd at home two weeks ago to lock up the No. 1 seed in the playoffs.

The Hawks last league loss was to the second-ranked Royals in Ancaster last November.

"They're going to be a tough team to beat at home," said Hawks head coach, Wayne Wilkins. "Any team who faces them will be in for a battle."

But he said there is little he can tell his squad after a season that began back in September.

"There's not much to teach them at this point. We've tried to stress all season to prepare like a pro. Get to practice early, get yourself warmed up, and focus on every task."



Kyle Hall

The Hawks show off their defensive formation during a victory over the Redeemer Royals.

Women seek third provincial title, Hawk eye on nationals

HEATHER ALFORD
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks women's volleyball team, top-ranked in Ontario, begins its quest for a third straight provincial championship in Sudbury today.

Humber plays the host team, Cambrian, in the quarter finals which lead to the final on Saturday.

"I think we have as good a shot as any year," said head coach, Chris Wilkins. "You never know when these types of opportunities will present themselves again."

Humber, 19-1 during the regular season, is seeking a spot in the national championship in Quebec March 10-13.

"A lot of people doubted us coming into this year because we lost our

whole starting lineup from last year," said outside Laura Bye, "Not only have we proved to everyone else that we can do it, we did it and it's exciting."

During reading week, the team won three straight home games.

The first of those victories was Feb. 13 over second-ranked Nipissing, the only team to beat the Hawks in league play this season.

"Nipissing's a good team, so it was surprising, but I'm glad that we went out and took care of business," said Wilkins.

Humber returned to the court the next day to sweep Canadore 3-0.

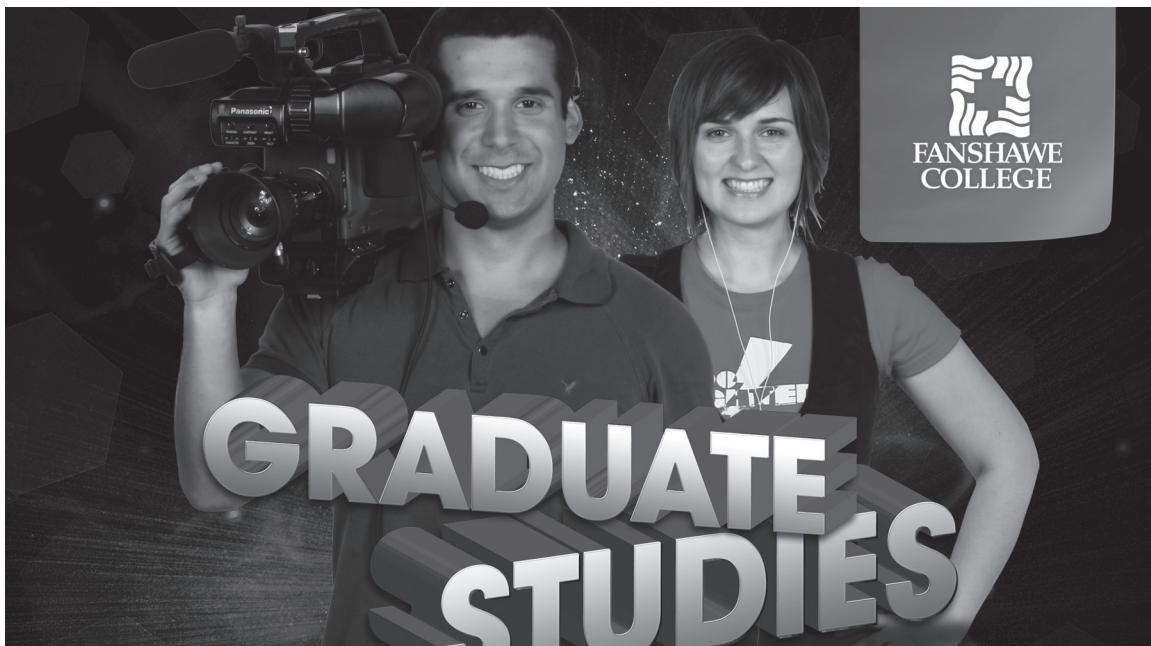
The Hawks continued its winning streak and effortlessly defeated Redeemer 3-0 last Wednesday winning the OCAA West division title.

"I think we played hard and had

fun," said player of the game, Lise Hyatt.

By clinching the number one spot, the team earned a bye for playoffs.

"They've done the hard stuff," said Wilkins, "Next week will be about having fun, enjoying it and working harder than everybody else and really taking it in."



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Women take battle with Bruins north

B-ball coach optimistic team discipline will lead charge into OCAA championship

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ANCASTER – The Hawks women's basketball team heads into next week's provincial playoffs with its eye on gold, though concerned about a showdown with its biggest rival, the undefeated Sheridan Bruins.

"I think we should at least get to the finals if we play the way we can all play," said forward Taylor Smith.

But, she noted, Sheridan would likely be in that final. "They're good and they're really disciplined," Smith said about Sheridan (14-0). "What we have to work on is our discipline."

Humber (11-3) was demolished twice by the Bruins – 115-58 in November on a neutral court 110-63 at home earlier this month.

Still, coach Denise Perrier said she was optimistic entering the OCAA championships that begin next Thursday at Georgian College in Barrie.

"I like our chances if we play the

way we're capable of playing," she said. "We've got some things we need to work on, we've got to go back to basics."

In its final regular season games, the Hawks beat Mohawk (2-12) 65-52 on Feb. 16 in Hamilton and winless Redeemer 64-49 in Ancaster on Tuesday.

The wins earned Humber a bye through the first round of the playoffs after finishing second to Sheridan in the OCAA's western conference.

The Hawks' will play the winner of Saturday's game between the Seneca Sting (11-4) and Algoma Thunderbirds (5-9) in the playoffs in Barrie.

Humber beat Algoma 59-49 in its only meeting this season last month but has yet to face Seneca.

"Right now it looks like a lot of the teams are even," said Kayla Suriani, who leads the team averaging over 11 points per game. "We've played every team, we have the ability to beat every team and I think we're better than every team that we've beat."



Remy Greer

Hawks defensemen Marcelo Capozzolo lays a pass to midfielder Mario Orestano against Durham.

Men's soccer wins gold in Hamilton

REMY GREER
SPORTS REPORTER

HAMILTON - The Humber men's indoor soccer team won gold in its final tournament in preparation for the playoffs early next month.

The Hawks went 4-0-1 at the event last weekend, outscoring their opponents 8-1.

"We're an amazing team," said forward Aleks Janjic, who starred in the final. "Only one goal against the whole tournament is amazing."

The Hawks began with a scoreless draw against Fanshawe, beat both Seneca and Durham 1-0, crushed

Sheridan 4-1 in the semis and George Brown 2-0 in the final, led by the timely goaltending of David Ragno and the goal-scoring of Janjic.

"Aleks put two away, both with his weaker left foot," said assistant coach Michael Aquino. "We became stronger as the day went by," added head coach Germain Sanchez. "We're playing a very beautiful brand of soccer with very skilful players."

The Hawks enter the regional playoffs March 8 at the Ontario Soccer Association venue in Vaughan with a record of 15-1-2, their only loss coming in overtime to a seasoned squad of Queen's University alumni.

The top two teams in the regionals move to the provincial championships at the Vaughan site March 25-26.

The coaches said they are wary the team's season-long success could lead to complacency.

"The biggest thing is staying focused," said Aquino.

Women's footy team needs to kick it up

Hawks indoor soccer team struggles to score heading into playoffs in Vaughn

KATHLEEN PEROFF
SPORTS REPORTER

HAMILTON - The Humber women's indoor soccer team is going to have to figure out how to put the ball in the net if it wants to remain provincial champion this year.

"You can't win a game unless you score, and if we can just start scoring, then no team can touch us," defenceman Melissa Migliazza said after the Hawks scored only one goal in three games last weekend in a final tune-up before the playoffs.

The women, who have had trouble scoring during the brief indoor season that began last month, played scoreless ties with Fanshawe, Durham and Seneca.

Once round robin play had completed, Humber and Fanshawe were left deadlocked in the standings, forcing the two teams to face off in a decision making shootout.

The team from London won the shootout to advance in the tournament hosted by Sheridan College at Soccerworld in Hamilton.

"Fanshawe would never beat us in a real game, they got lucky," said forward Keyla Moreno.

Still, the Hawks move on to the regional playoffs March 8-10 at the Ontario Soccer Association Centre in Vaughan. The top two teams from that regional move onto the provincial championships where they will face off at the same site March 25-26.

Head coach Mauro Ongaro knows there's a lot of work to be done if the team wants to pose a real threat at regionals and defend its title as Ontario champions.

"We're playing well, but we're getting unlucky," Ongaro said. "We're not scoring on the amount of chances we get, we're not getting enough goals. We need to practice penalty shots and finishing."

highlight reel

Curling

The OCAA curling championships closed Feb. 21, with Fleming College-Peterborough taking gold in men's and mixed doubles. Mohawk College was victorious against a scrappy Confederation College to get the top women's spot.

Badminton

Badminton provincials hosted by St. Clair College wrapped up over the weekend. George Brown garnered gold in men's singles, Boreal College took women's singles, St. Clair came away with gold in men's doubles, Cambrian College won for women's doubles, and Humber College has the mixed doubles title.

Honours

Humber College badminton co-coaches Lam Trinh and Michael Kopinak were named the 2009/10 Ontario College Athletic Association badminton coaches of the Year. This is the duo's first year as co-coaches. They are gearing up for nationals in Edmonton next week.

Source: OCAA

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» Redeemer College, Ancaster Men's volleyball OCAA championship tournament Feb. 25-27.

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