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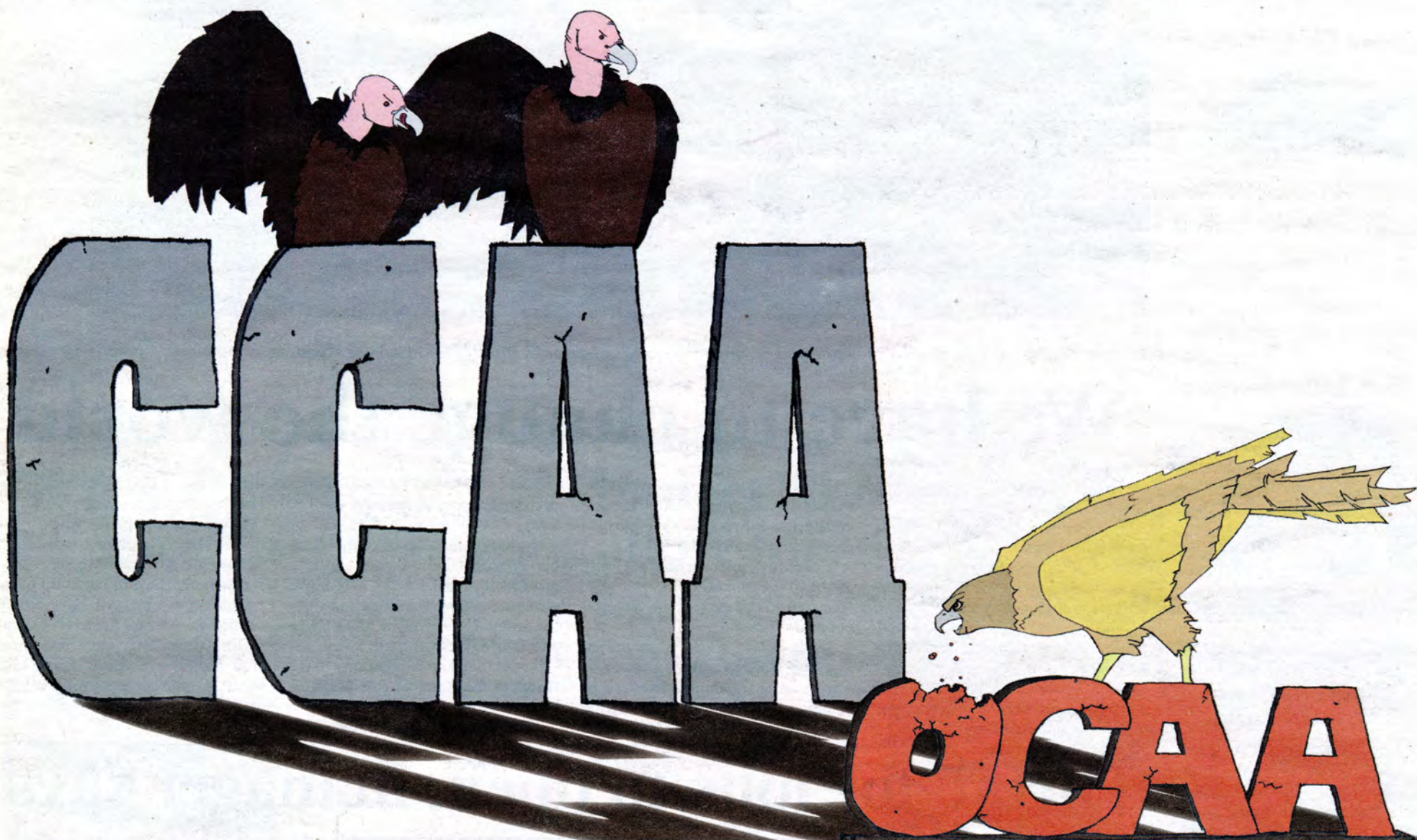


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John Nicholson

Why do Hawks free fall at nationals? *Basketball, volleyball and badminton squads fail to soar to the top*

Mike Marshall
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SPORTS REPORTERS

Humber Athletics said the Hawks' failure to win national titles in recent years can be traced to a lack of competition in Ontario, the province's stricter transfer policy for athletes and difficulty recruiting and keeping top prospects.

Both the men's basketball and the women's volleyball teams failed to bring home a medal last month after winning provincial titles.

In the case of volleyball, Humber's Athletic Director, Doug Fox, blamed the level of competition in the OCAA.

"We win our league every year but it doesn't give us the experience we need at nationals," Fox said, after the previously undefeated volleyball team finished fifth at

the CCAA championships in North Bay, Ontario.

Women's volleyball head coach Chris Wilkins agreed. "We have way too many teams (in the OCAA) and that has diluted the talent. When you got 25 teams it's tough to keep everybody at a high level nationally."

Wilkins said at the start of the season not all teams in the OCAA have the same goal.

"At Humber, in every sport, the goal is to win a national championship. But at many other schools in Ontario the goal is just to put together a somewhat competitive program."

Wilkins said he would like to see the creation of two-tier system like they have in Alberta.

Karla Karch, Athletic Director at Mount Royal College in Calgary — whose men's basketball team is the

current champs — said there's nothing wrong with a two-tier league.

"Sport creates inequities. It creates winners and losers," she said. "We are in the business to teach student development and part of that development is teaching them how to deal with defeat."

The OCAA's strict transfer policy — which requires players to sit out a semester to prove they are in good academic standing — also hinders Ontario's ability to win at nationals, said the executive director of the OCAA.

"We are about providing education to our student athletes. When a few decide that sports are more important, the rules are in place to circumvent that," Blair Webster said.

Those academic restrictions can affect a player's eligibility to play. "That's the difference between

winning a national championship or not. You can lose a player due to being a credit short," said Hawks' men's basketball head coach Darrell Glenn, whose team ran off a 19-game win streak en route to an Ontario title but couldn't translate that into national success.

"We win our league every year but it doesn't give us the experience we need at nationals."

— Doug Fox
Humber's Athletic Director

Glenn said in a city the size of Toronto, keeping local talent is important and that's something the Hawks have had trouble with.

"We're really struggling in the GTA," Glenn said. "The talent is starting to spread itself all across

the province and that's weakening everybody's team. If we keep some of the best players from the GTA, I think we're as good as anybody."

Humber also loses players to American recruiters.

"The funding in the States is just so great," Wilkins said. "A player that may not even start on my team can get a full ride on a junior college team."

He also said Rexdale's reputation as a tough neighbourhood hurts recruiting.

"We are having a difficult time attracting people from outside the GTA where there's a concern about the crime rate," he said.

No women's volleyball team from Ontario has ever won a national title and Humber was the last men's basketball team to win a championship in 2001.

• Sports stars honoured — p. 18

NEWS

A man flying a Cessna stolen from a Thunder Bay airfield led authorities and U.S. fighter jets on a bizarre chase across three states ending in his capture. — *thestar.com*

THE SKINNY

News hits from Canada and around the world

Bad rap for first-years

A province-wide survey released on Monday shows university professors believe first-year students lack maturity, depend on Wikipedia too much and expect success without putting in adequate effort. (*thestar.com*)

Italian town destroyed

A powerful earthquake struck L'Aquila, Italy on Monday morning killing 260 people, injuring 1,500 and leaving 17,000 people homeless. (*Reuters*)

Creba's killer in court

The 21-year-old man convicted of killing Jane Creba in a 2005 Boxing Day shootout was in court Monday morning for sentencing. It's being determined if he should be sentenced as an adult or not. (*CBC*)

GMC unveils hybrid

While it's known widely for trucks, GMC stepped into in the mainstream when it unveiled a new Terrain mid-size crossover on Wednesday at the New York International Auto Show. (*wheels.ca*)

Unemployment to rise

The Conference Board of Canada predicted Monday that unemployment numbers will continue to rise this year and result in a 9.5% peak by the middle of 2010. (*torontosun.com*)

Major funds to GO

GO Transit received \$213 million — in addition to the \$462 million funding package they received in February — from Ottawa and Queen's Park last Sunday to go towards funding bridges, tracks, platforms and stations across the system. (*thestar.com*)

Correction

In the story Big YAY for volunteers on page 9 of last week's *Et Cetera*, the quote attributed to Zack Sandor should have read as follows: "Youth Assisting Youth (YAY), an organization that provides at-risk and newcomer children resources and support, has benefitted from the help and dedication of student volunteers, including Humber."

Et Cetera apologizes for the error.



Lee Flohr

Science expert Bill Nye gives a presentation on environmental concerns in front of hundreds of students in the North Campus concourse.

'We have to change the world'

Lee Flohr
LIFE REPORTER

Bill Nye, "The Science Guy," told an overflow audience of students at North Campus on Monday that it is up to their generation to eliminate the threat of global warming.

"The (UN's) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change wants us to have 80 per cent reduction of greenhouse gases by 2050," Nye said. "It's got to be more like 95 per cent, and that's what you guys are gonna do."

He said young people will ultimately be responsible for any scientific breakthroughs that harness energy from the sun and wind.

"Currently, solar panels are only about 10 per cent efficient," Nye said. "It's your job to make them 50 or 60 per cent efficient."

Nearly 1,000 students crammed into the North Campus concourse — with more watching a live feed in an adjacent lecture theatre — for the hour-long talk by the comedian and

scientist who starred on a U.S. children's television show from 1993 to 2002.

Nye was joined on stage by Humber President John Davies and Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure George Smitherman for the event organized by the college and HSF to kick off Earth Week.

Davies used the opportunity to tell students about the success of Humber's sustainability plan.

"Our energy consumption has

been reduced by 15 per cent in the last three years," he said.

While Smitherman, who introduced Nye, encouraged students to review his government's new environmental plan, adding: "A lot of the people on campus will have opportunities in our new green economy."

Nye, in taking questions from students on everything from solar winds to nuclear power, told them, "we have to change the world — get 'er done."

'Portal' for jobs to open, manager says

Erin DeCoste
NEWS REPORTER

Humber students don't have to look too far for summer employment this year, as both Lakeshore and North campuses provide plenty of on-campus jobs, said the career centre manager.

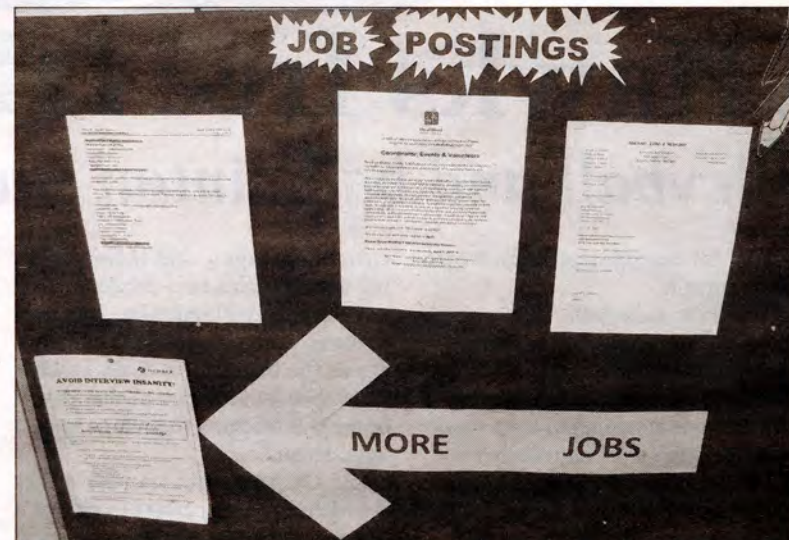
"We post summer jobs for students right now in paper format," Karen Fast said. "By end of April there's going to be a job portal to allow students to access fulltime, part time, summer and on-campus jobs," said Karen Fast. "There are on-campus jobs all summer."

Positions in the library, residence, athletics and computer labs are available and offer between \$9.50 to \$11 an hour, she said.

This is good news for students seeking summer employment, as Ontario's unemployment rate was 8.7 per cent in February, according to Statistics Canada.

Students realize the difficulty of finding employment.

"I think it could be harder to find jobs," said 26-year-old paramedic



Erin DeCoste

Bulletin boards in the career centre have job postings for students and even direct you to more postings. The centre's manager says there are several positions for students at Humber this summer.

student Andrew Berofsky. "But there are still a lot of student jobs cause they usually pay students less."

The Ontario government said it is trying to ease the burden of stu-

dents by investing \$90 million into youth employment while providing employers with incentives to hire students.

There are three features of its sum-

mer job strategy, including a free online job search, a hands-on mentoring program to allow students to set up and run a summer business and a summer program to work for government agencies.

"The government, with the summer work expansion, really helps young people acquire skills that will stay with them all of their lives," said Tanya Blazina of the ministry of training, colleges and universities.

"It helps pave the way for life-long careers."

She said increased spending will create opportunities for 100,000 young people between the ages of 15 and 24 who are planning to return to school in the fall.

With provincial assistance, students have more resources to find summer employment, she added.

"I'm worried that fear is stopping students from even applying," Fast said.

"I don't want that opportunity to be diminished. There are jobs, sometimes you just have to look for them in different ways."

The Associated Press on Monday said websites using the work of news organizations must obtain permission and share revenue or face prosecution. – nytimes.com

McGuinty asked to address debt

Philippa Croome
NEWS REPORTER

The Ontario College Student Alliance issued a letter to the premier asking him to address a lack of investment in financial aid and student debt in the provincial budget.

“The budget wasn’t really about education – it was more about the economy,” said Tyler Charlebois, director of advocacy for the CSA. “We need to ensure that students can not only access and pursue an education, but that once they’ve graduated they’re not strapped with thousands of dollars worth of debt, therefore limiting their ability to start contributing to the economy.”

Charlebois said current tuition and education funding frameworks will come to an end in the next academic year (2009-2010), and will force a review of the financial aid system. The higher enrolment encouraged by the budget will only add further strain to the system, he said.

“We’ve been talking to the Ontario government for a couple of years now about undertaking a review of the entire financial aid system,” Charlebois said. “But I think the government feels that if this kind of review were to happen, there would essentially be a dollar sign attached – certain expectations would have to be met.”

Shelley Melanson, chairperson for the Canadian Federation of Students, said the budget’s \$150 million provided for operating funds is recognition from the government that current education framework has not been enough to support financial demands of post-secondary institutions.

Holsee Sahid, Humber manager of financial aid, said all Ontario financial aid administrators will attend a conference in May, which will update them on any changes to OSAP procedures for the next academic year.

“Even with the recession, we don’t see any cutbacks to the financial aid



Photo illustration by Graeme Steel

Students are feeling the pinch and Ontario College Student Alliance director of advocacy Tyler Charlebois says it’s everyone’s job to ensure that students are not carrying thousands of dollars of debt.

system happening,” she said. “The government holds high that no student be denied access to post-secondary education.”

Current education investments in the province include OSAP enhancements, and Ontario Students Opportunity Grants – once known

simply as loan relief. The grants limit student debt at \$7,000 per year of completed study.

However, Melanson said the grants have excluded students in the past who might have also acquired federal grants – lowering their debt under \$7,000 and leaving them ineligible.

“If you really want to increase access and address financial barriers, providing up-front funding is the best way to do it,” she said.

According to the CFS, the national student debt from the Canada Student Loan program is currently more than \$13 billion.

College supports community

Joana Draghici
NEWS REPORTER

The MP for Etobicoke North praised Humber’s commitment to the neighbourhood surrounding North Campus as the college participated in “community day” last weekend.

“I have such respect for Humber,” said Liberal Kristy Duncan. “The whole organization is built to give back to the community. The students are inspiring, as is the good

work that they’re doing in really exciting fields.”

The School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism joined 30 community groups for the event last Saturday on the first and second floors at Woodbine Racetrack, on the opening day of its season.

“Being so closely related to Woodbine, we felt we needed to be here as part of the Etobicoke community,” said Pat Cuda, co-ordinator of events and recruiting for the program.

Cuda noted Humber’s close relationship with Woodbine, which provided culinary and hospitality students with internships.

Jane Holms, vice-president of corporate affairs at Woodbine, said the racetrack started the event to encourage its customers to support community groups.

“Woodbine does a great deal of good in the community.”

– Suzan Hall
Etobicoke North councillor

“We wanted to give the opportunity to allow the different non-for-profits and organizations to showcase themselves to all of our customers so that they would get a chance for greater exposure,” she said.

Among those participating with information booths were Ernestine’s Women’s Shelter, the Toronto Wish Foundation and the Toronto police.

“Woodbine does a great deal of good in the community,” said Etobicoke North Councillor Suzan Hall. “I think that it’s really positive that they hold an event like this because they also recognize those that are engaged in the community with them.”

Money in budget to allow for network expansion

Chair says ‘raison d’être’ is research funding and not profit

Josh Kerr
Biz/TECH REPORTER

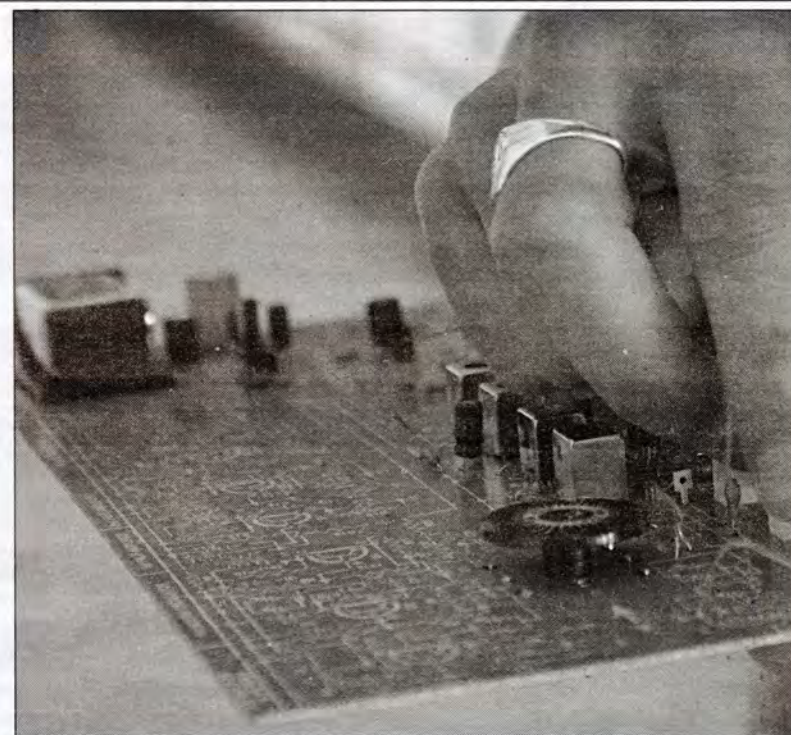
The Ontario government is giving the Colleges Ontario Network for Industry Innovation (CONII) \$10-million in funding for research and development.

The network sets up partnerships between 10 Ontario colleges and small and medium-sized companies for the purpose of research and development.

“It’s been received extremely well by industry,” said Katharine Janzen, the chair of the network’s steering committee and the vice-president of research and innovation at Seneca College. “We’ve had over 400 industry partners with 143 actual research projects in the first two years.”

Janzen explained that the \$10 million allocated for the network in this year’s provincial budget will allow the network to expand and include four to six more colleges.

The network is a win-win situation for both colleges and industry partners, Robert Taweel, Humber’s



Josh Kerr

A humber student works on a circuit board. The provincial budget gives a big financial boost to the college industry innovation sector.

liaison officer said.

“It opens up opportunities for students in industry providing them with beautiful real life experience,” said Taweel. “It connects industry with the resources of the college, and we’re able to offer a variety of experts all under one roof”

Humber students from the mechanical engineering technology program were recently paired with Etobicoke-based Cable Lock Connectors Ltd. to research and design a new F-type cable connector, the kind that plugs into the back of most television sets.

The objective, to gain a competitive advantage in the connector market, was to produce a connector that is less expensive to manufacture, easier

to assemble, while meeting technical and quality specifications and standards, according to the company.

The connector the students designed was not cost effective, so it never made it into production. It was still a worthwhile project, said company president Luc Rubino.

“At the end of the day the student got an absolutely great experience and had we had an opportunity to learn working with the college,” said Rubino.

Had it gone to market, both the company and the college would have shared the profits based on an agreement negotiated for each project.

But “profit is not the motive,” Janzen said. “The raison d’être of the network is research funding.”

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New signal allows Radio Humber to broadcast remotely

Michael Sutherland-Shaw
NEWS REPORTER

Radio Humber hopes its new signal will not only boost popularity in the local community, but advertising sales as well.

The station, staffed by students in the radio broadcasting program, added a new 60-watt signal on 96.9 FM last month. It now reaches most of northwestern Toronto.

It enabled students to do a remote broadcast last Saturday from the Woodbine Centre near North Campus at Queen's Plate Dr. and Hwy. 27.

"We should be advertised all over this mall," said Earl Sky, faculty adviser for promotions and advertising with the program. "This event is an attempt to promote the station and our program."

The four-hour show featured regular Radio Humber program-

ming with live hits from second-year broadcasting student Sarah West.

West, 21, was nervous, as it was her first time doing a remote broadcast, but she said her experiences at Humber prepared her well. "It's a lot of work at times, though it taught me a lot about myself."

"The radio business is all about live remotes," Sky said.

Stacy Coates, 22, a second-year student who hopes to get into radio sales, said it's hard for the station to get advertising because companies are tight on money.

She said Saturday's show was a "cross-promotion" deal between the station and the mall.

Cross-promotion is a form of advertising that involves two or more parties. In this case, Coates struck a deal with the Woodbine Centre to advertise stores while promoting



Michael Sutherland-Shaw

From left, Stacy Coates, Sarah West, Michael Diprospero and Earl Sky help promote Radio Humber in a cross-promotion with the Woodbine Centre. The station transmitted remotely for the first time.

96.9 FM at the same time.

Mall merchants taking part in the promotion provided such prizes as 15 movies passes and a \$50 gift certificate from Sears.

Michael Diprospero, 20, second-year broadcasting student and disc jockey for the show, noted the recession has hurt retail sales.

"With low numbers of advertisers

these days, those who do, will get the exposure," he said.

Sky said Radio Humber plans to do similar events in hopes of gaining more advertising.



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Religious beliefs very important, prez says

Teri Pecoskie
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Today is the first day of Passover, the Jewish holiday which recalls the exodus of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Humber and other secular schools across the country are open.

Tomorrow is Good Friday, the Christian holy day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus. Schools are closed.

But while governments dictate when schools and businesses close for religious holidays — Christmas and Good Friday — Humber has taken several steps to ensure students and staff of all faiths have an opportunity to observe their religions both on and off campus, President John Davies said.

“We have an obligation to make sure that students who are studying at Humber can do so without undue hardship around the issues that they need to preserve in terms of their faith,” he said. “Accommodating all religions is a part of what we need to do in Ontario, is part of what we need

to do in this country because we are a stronger community for that.”

Humber provides on-campus prayer rooms — reserved daily by Muslim students — and helps teachers reschedule tests and deadlines that fall on all religious holy days.

“We recognize the diversity of our campus,” said Dean of Student Services Judy Harvey. “And where that diversity is faith-based, we make all reasonable allowances for students to have appropriate time off.”

To aid teachers and staff in this endeavour, Rev. Len Thomas, Humber’s chaplain since 2002, produces a monthly calendar of holy days for most of the world’s religions, from Anglican to Zoroastrian.

The calendar notes, for example, next week begins not only with Easter Monday — but on the same day some Hindus, Sikhs and Buddhists have New Year’s celebrations.

Humber staff are permitted two days of paid religious leave each year besides statutory holidays. The college accommodates requests for addition-

al time off using vacation time or unpaid holidays, said human resources office manager Eloise Etcubanez.

The chaplain also works closely with the school’s religious clubs, including the Muslim Student Association, Lifeline Christian Fellowship, the Humber gospel choir club, a newly established Buddhist club, and a multi-faith club.

Lifeline treasurer Elise Tenninga said she’s grateful students are so excepting of her Christian club and hopes that in the future more groups join her experienced association.

“I’m completely in support of more religious clubs,” she said. “We have been so fortunate because of the diversity of the school, it’s been really supportive.”

Thomas, a Conservative Christian, provides on-campus counselling as well. He said students from many religious backgrounds come to the chaplain’s office.

“If they want me to counsel them, that’s fine,” he said. “If they want me to refer them to someone within



Humber President John Davies.



Humber chaplain Rev. Len Thomas.

Teri Pecoskie photos

their own denomination, I can help them find someone. But a lot of times, even if they’re from a different faith background, all they’re looking for is a different point of view.”

Interaction between students and staff of different faiths is what sets Humber apart, Davies said.

“I remember someone at the college telling me that her grandfather tries to find a Santa Claus hat that fits

over his turban,” he said. “I thought that was a great image of celebrating with people even if you don’t share that background.”

“One of the strengths of Humber and of Canadian society is plurality ... and I say bring it on.”

With files from Lucas Meyer

• For more on religion on campus, see the In Focus section on p. 12-13.

Students given just-desserts at annual appreciation gala

Shawna Markus
LIFE REPORTER

Andre Anthony Reid, who started the gospel choir at Lakeshore Campus, was among those who won Humber student appreciation awards Tuesday night.

Reid started the choir after realizing the college lacked such a thing and wanted people who had no access to gospel to be able to enjoy it.

“I was honoured,” said the music program graduate and first-year acting for film and television student. “I feel very good, surprised. I’m happy that everyone enjoyed themselves and that I was recognized.”

The ceremony in the Seventh Semester room at North Campus honoured “somebody who has truly made a difference and made Humber better because of it,” said Christine Haesler, alumni, awards and orientation co-ordinator.

“The nominations are to a student or from a student,” she said.

Other students can nominate faculty, support staff and administration staff as well.

A few special awards, including the student services spirit award, were given out to disability services students who are “a group of students who’s work goes unsung because of confidentiality, but are an integral part of disability services,” said the dean of student services Judy Harvey.

Haesler’s office worked with the Lakeshore public relations second-year program to co-ordinate the event, which counts towards the students’ event planning mark.

“I’ve been teaching for years and every year we raise the bar,” said Nancy Marino Benn, faculty for the event planning section. “But this year, with the theme so elegant and

classy, they executed it brilliantly.”

Nominees and nominators dined together, along with higher-up executives in the college.

“All the nominees are invited, but nobody knows who is actually receiving, it’s all a surprise,” Haesler said.

Heather Smith, second-year public relations student chaired the event, and said that she’s proud of everything that everyone has done.

More than 40 people were nominated for awards this year and, “when the event comes around next year, it’s important that people keep nominating,” Smith said.

Nominees were chosen for a variety of reasons. Some touched the lives of other students and some contributed to the school in a positive way.

The invited guests revelled in the theme. The room decorated with forestry and lights, fairies and butterflies.

Another winner was Poonam Sharma, a second-year bachelor of nursing student, who was nominated by second-year student Brittany Graham.

“This is my first year at the school and she welcomed me, showed me around,” Graham said about why she nominated Sharma, along with creating the Leave the pack behind organization at Humber. “She made my transition easier at Humber.”

Sharma added she was overwhelmed after receiving the award.

In total, 15 student appreciation awards were given out. Other winners included Amy Ryansoever, Raadiyah Nazeem, Jim Watson, Jeffrey McLean, Urmila Puran, Terry Kyritsis, Lilian Tang, Jim Bialek, Matthew Saks, Hilton Lieu, Marco Crawford, Emma Cosgrove and Troy Dettweiler.



Shawna Markus photos

Andre Anthony Reid shows off his award with his famous smile, at top, while Poonam Sharma, right, shows off her award with nominator Brittany Graham.

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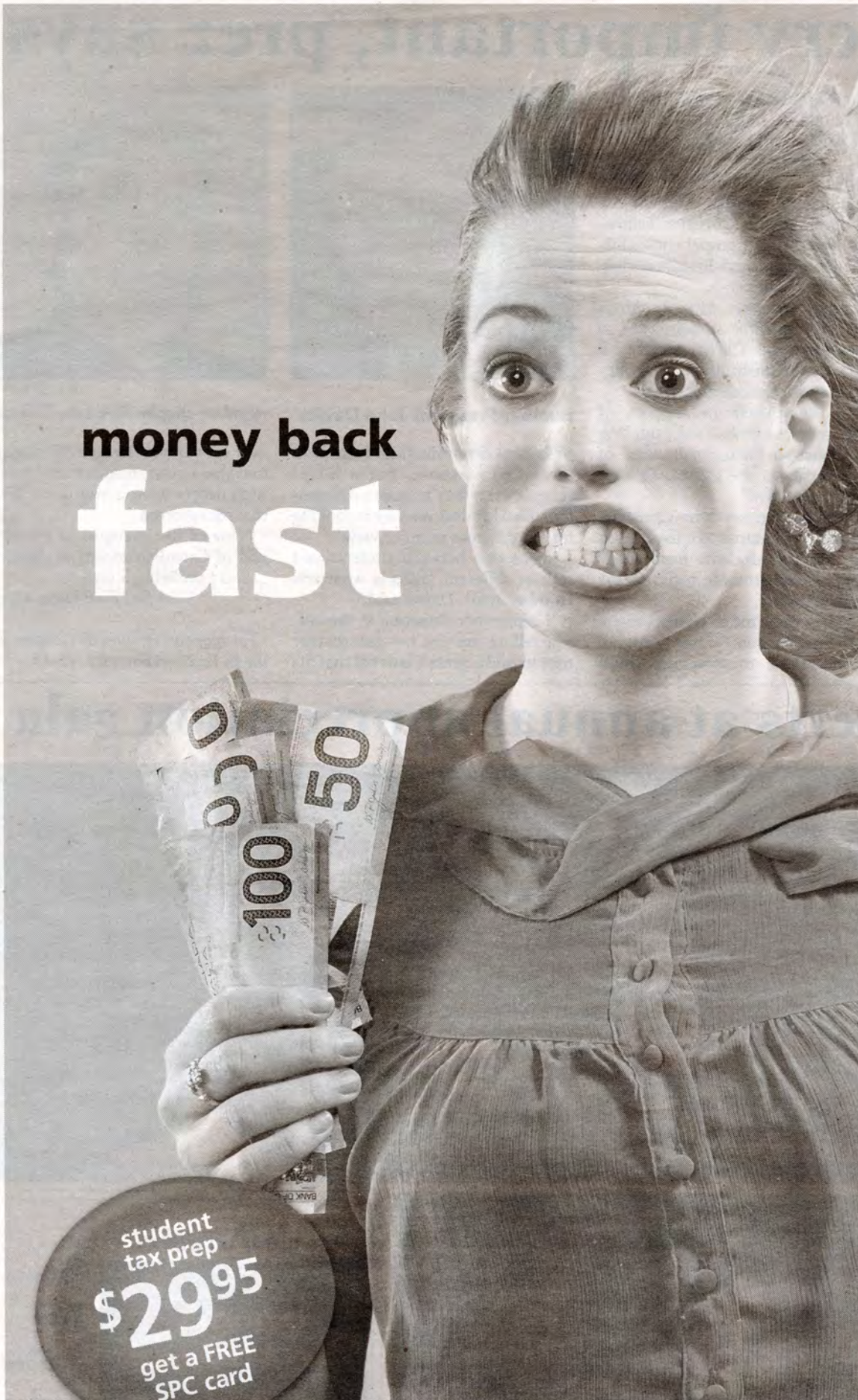
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NEWS

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John Nicholson

Shugufa Kaker poses following her election win in March.

Prez-elect wants to paint college green

John Nicholson
NEWS REPORTER

Shugufa Kaker, newly elected president of the Humber Students' Federation, said she wants to have an environmental focus when she takes office May 1.

"I'm going to take on a green initiative," Kaker said, adding it's the "socially responsible thing to do."

Kaker said she would like to see the college utilize alternative energy sources, such as the construction of a windmill on one of Humber's campuses.

"I think she has the right qualifications."

— Bryan Tran
Lakeshore VP-campus Life-elect

"I would encourage Humber to do it," Kaker said.

Her other major plans once in office, she said, are to lobby for student issues with the College Student Alliance and better unify Humber's campuses. Kaker said she was inspired to run for office while working with Danny Dam, an HSF executive at Lakeshore.

"It was seeing him in that role that encouraged me to run," said Kaker, who won last month's election with

37 per cent of 2,844 votes casted.

"I think people need to be aware that the president is a still a full time student," said HSF executive director Ercole Perrone. He said the job involves a tremendous amount of decision making.

Perrone added students have a "passionate advocate" in Kaker.

"She's very determined, very focused. I think she'll do a great job," said Kristin Arcega, 21, who was elected Lakeshore's VP-administration.

"We both worked for HSF last year as well," Arcega said. "I think her experience with the HSF will give her good insight into the job."

This sentiment is shared by another newly elected Lakeshore executive who has worked with Kaker.

"I think she has the right qualifications," said Bryan Tran, 24, Kaker's successor Lakeshore's VP-campus life. "I help execute her ideas. The range of activities that we've had caters to a wide variety of students."

Tran worked with Kaker in HSF for the past year, acting as Lakeshore's lead events assistant. He said the new president is co-operative and open to ideas from other staff.

"She's definitely helped me in that respect," Tran said, discussing pool and foosball tournaments Kaker helped him arrange. "I just think we have a really strong executive team."

New RCMP documents show the non-profit Tamil organization shut down last year paid three fundraisers in Montreal to collect money for the Tamil Tigers. — *nationalpost.com*

Student centre flooding fixed

Scott Martin
NEWS REPORTER

The Student Centre at North Campus flooded Monday with water from a backed-up rainwater well. Maintenance and Operations manager David Griffin said the well was blocked with concrete sediment from construction.

"We think they pumped some of the saw-cutting water out there so that the water would run away," Griffin said. The sediment in the water piled up in the well's drain and "basically created a bit of a dam."

After a plumber cleared the blockage, Griffin and maintenance staff cleaned up the flood with industrial vacuums.

Griffin also said that the contractors working in the Student Centre are aware of the flooding issue — a much smaller flood happened last week — and that it's "not likely" to happen again. The Student Centre is closed as of today so a construction crew can begin major demolition projects. The wall between the Food Emporium and the student centre is being removed.

Photo by Michael Sutherland-Shaw



Programming contest gets poor turnout, but still takes place

Mark Rothen
NEWS REPORTER

Humber students Darryl Barnhart and Vinicius Sapateiro won the \$500 top prize in a contest tailored to their field of study.

The two second-year game programming students teamed up to conquer three other competitors in an event held last Friday on North Campus — organized by the Humber Video Game Development Club.

Barnhart, 22, said he's not sure what he's going to do with his share

of the winnings and was not motivated by cash.

"It's never about the money," he said. "It's not even the thrill of victory. It's just, I love to solve programming problems and this is just a great excuse to do it."

Three teams entered and had three hours to type out the code to five programming challenges of varying difficulty.

From the generation of a square upon input of a length to a graphical display of a bouncing ball with

the exact force of gravity acting on it, the challenges were difficult enough that no competitors were able to complete all five within the time limit.

Each team could use only one computer and they were not permitted to consult any electronic references or websites, only books and notes they brought with them.

Other contestants included a team of first-year game programming students, James Aldery and Ian Fitzpatrick, and solo competitor Mahmoud

Jeet, 22, an enterprise software development student.

The two pairs spent the entire three hours working through the problems, while Jeet submitted his work and left about halfway through.

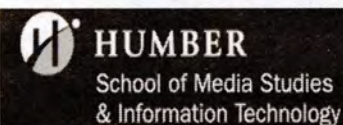
"I hardly even noticed him leave," Fitzpatrick said about Jeet's early departure. "You get so focused on what you're doing, the time goes by really quickly."

Despite the early departure, all three teams finished with close scores.

Just before the winner was announced, after an hour-long break for scoring, everyone received a t-shirt with the event's slogan on front, "In the end there will be a ;"

"I think it was a great learning experience," said the club's president, second-year game-programming student Peter Schoeffman, though, he had hoped for up to 30 teams to participate.

He said next year the club plans to invite students from other Toronto-area colleges.



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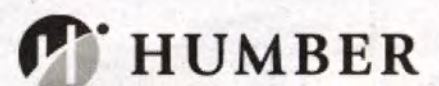
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EDITORIAL

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Students need more help

In an effort to stimulate job opportunities for students in the summer, the provincial Liberal government's 2009 budget plans to inject \$90 million into certain programs. While this cash infusion appears to help students weather the current economic storm, the appearance is deceiving.

As high school and post-secondary students start the summer job search, the good news is part of that \$90 million announced in last week's budget will go to tax credits and other programs such as co-ops, internships and trainee positions. It gives businesses the opportunity to add more staff and hire student workers. However, the government's action fails to give students certainty jobs will be there to apply for this June.

While job vacancies are on the decline, combined with a battling unemployment rate of 8.7 per cent, it seems young people are shifting toward business-oriented initiatives by creating their own work. According to an article by Josh Long in last week's *Et Cetera*, there has been a 60 per cent rise in applications to the Canadian

Youth Business Foundation since 2007. The entrepreneurial organization received a \$10 million cash injection this year from the federal government. While this should be considered money well spent for students developing long-term employment plans, it does nothing to contribute to the short-term needs of students needing work for the summer months.

Students understand the economic meltdown has reduced the number of available jobs. The manufacturer sector, the big wheel that drives this province, has lost 300,000 positions. Overall job postings are down 10 to 15 per cent and companies are filling fewer student positions this year. Even with the programs and tax breaks for businesses highlighted in the budgets, both provincial and federal, the reality is the money does not translate into summer jobs now because the money is spread out over time. That does little to help students. What is needed is an immediate cash infusion.

There has been a 60 per cent rise in applications to the Canadian Youth Business Foundation since 2007.

OHIP relief for internationals

Humber's international students can breathe a sigh of relief knowing a glitch in Ontario's health care system that excluded them from coverage has been corrected.

In April 2008, Immigration Canada relaxed rules allowing foreign students who graduate from a Canadian university or college to work here for up to three years on open work-permits. In opposition to how it used to work, the permits did not require an employer to be named and this was done in the hopes Canadian-trained immigrant-graduates would stay in Canada.

A problem then arose when OHIP did not follow suit and amend its requirements for issuing a health card to these new foreign graduates. At the time, OHIP required applicants to indicate their prospective occupation or name a Canadian employer in order to be issued a card and receive coverage. With the 2008 amendment to our immigration law, thousands of highly skilled graduates were unable to get health coverage in Ontario.

OHIP finally caught up to Canada's immigration law this past April 1, updating its policy to allow such workers access to coverage and we should all be thankful OHIP noticed the error of its ways. With Ontario bleeding jobs, any incentive for highly skilled, Canadian-trained

workers – immigrant or otherwise – to leave the province will only worsen the situation.

Last year, more than 63,000 international students came to Ontario and 11,000 post-graduate employment permits were issued. Whereas Ontario once drew workers from across the nation, rising unemployment throughout the province has led to people leaving for greener pastures in neighbouring regions.

In a *Toronto Star* article by Richard J. Brennan it was noted that of the 1,000 people who moved to Saskatchewan in the final quarter of 2008, 920 were from Ontario. With Ontario's industries floundering it is no shock workers are looking elsewhere for employment.

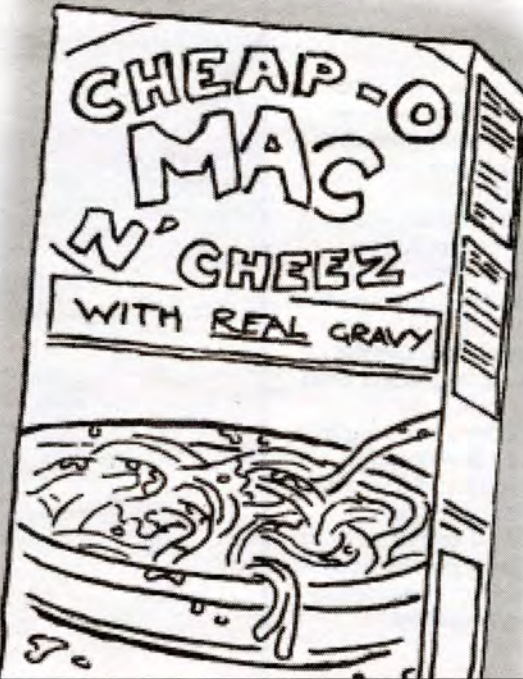
But what our provincial government must realize is that anything that pushes skilled workers out of the province is bad for our development and long-term growth.

OHIP has rectified one of the problems that have kept foreign workers from staying in the province, but there are still many obstacles that such workers face. There are still requirements that foreign graduates must meet – they must have worked in Ontario for at least six months and have lived in the province for at least 153 days – but the first step has been taken to normalize the process in which health care is accessed. And while it isn't much, it's something.

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Do you think it will be tough to find a summer job this year?



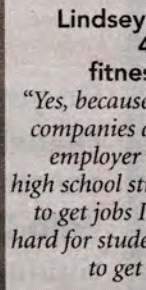
Danielle Francis, 23
1st year,
interior decorating

"Yeah I think it will be difficult just because of the demand of students that are gonna be looking for summer jobs. I think it will be tougher this year for sure."



Brittney Kroiss, 20
1st year,
interior decorating

"I think it really depends on what kind of job you're looking for. Internships and summer jobs - it will be really hard to find because there isn't as much demand."



Lindsey Bradbury, 21
4th semester,
fitness and health

"Yes, because with the retail companies decreasing their employer rate and all the high school students wanting to get jobs I think it will be hard for students of any kind to get a summer job."



Heather Chancey, 24
3rd year,
family and community
social services

"I personally don't think it will be that tough to get a job. I think the pay will be lower because these companies are still going to need summer students."



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Fighting part of the game we can't eject



Lucas Meyer
IN FOCUS REPORTER

already fought to resolve a hit made on Bertuzzi's Canucks teammate Marcus Naslund, which ended Moore's career. Despite these two glaring examples and the hundreds of minor—but no less prevalent—ones, pro-fighting theory remains that violence deters other violence. That seems to make sense.

Fighting in hockey is a response to cheap shots. It's part of the game.

Is it not the cheap shots that are part of the game and of every sport? From punching someone in the groin in football to pulling someone's arm in basketball, cheap shots never end

Perhaps the saddest thing about hockey fighting is that it's viewed as an actual necessity. That without it, a great quality of the game would be lost and we would miss it

ed anyone's career. Baseball players don't use bats as weapons and whenever a fight breaks out, it's only mildly entertaining, because often, they come off looking like fools. There's plenty of ways to avenge cheap shots as demonstrated in other sports. Like winning the game.

It's been around hockey forever. It's part of the game.

Fighting has existed in hockey forever, but it's acceptance as a norm is relatively young. The Broad Street Brawlers of the 1970s were the nickname given to the Philadelphia Flyers when physical intimidation became a strategy in itself. Before then, hockey fights were not nearly as accepted and encouraged. Since then,

hockey youths have grown up with a moral zeitgeist that fighting is the law and opposition to the rule makes you soft, anti-hockey and scarily even anti-Canadian.

Perhaps the saddest thing about hockey fighting is that it's viewed as an actual necessity. That without it, a great quality of the game would be lost and we would miss it (except for the playoffs and the Olympics, when we don't miss it at all). We don't need fighting, but we've sunk so deeply in its mindset that we've become unaware that it isn't the real problem. It may sound odd, but it appears as though hockey lacks self-esteem. The hockey community isn't secure enough to believe that its actual qualities of speed, teamwork, precision, mental and physical strength make the sport as rewarding and meaningful as it can be.

Otherwise, why continue in an activity that has killed a player, and by all accounts, a wonderful person, ended and shortchanged the careers of dozens, entices other violence acts, has cost the opportunity for skilled players to play because of the need of enforcers whose sole role is to fight and undermines the skill and beauty of the game?

Because it's just part of the game. Which isn't going away until one of the NHL's own suffers the same as Sanderson. Maybe then NHL commissioner Gary Bettman—or whoever the commissioner is—will realize it's a part of the game that just isn't worth it.

OnLive falls short



Rock De Vera
SPORTS EDITOR

The future of gaming is here. Hardly.

Two weeks ago at the Game Developers Convention in San Francisco, OnLive, a service that lets users "stream games" from the Internet, announced its beta release sometime this summer.

OnLive works almost exactly like regular gaming consoles. The difference being OnLive's games are played over the Internet as images are streamed directly from its server rather than running off a disk.

It's a simple cycle but it has some fundamental flaws.

The biggest problem I have with the system is its high volume use of bandwidth, the maximum amount of information that can be transmitted along a user's Internet connection.

According to its website, OnLive requires an average Internet connection to function properly. The average speed connection required for standard-definition video is 480p. But for a user to play in high-definition, an internet connection five times greater is required.

Both consume high amounts of bandwidth within your Internet Service Provider's (ISP) server since OnLive has more data to process than a regular webpage.

ISPs like Rogers are already limiting the amount of bandwidth for each user, to curb them from downloading high-definition movies excessively.

Frontier Corp., a cell phone and Internet service provider, charges extra for users who go above a five gigabyte bandwidth limit. That computes to about five hours of gaming on the OnLive network.

Each user will have to pay extra if they want more time to beat a final boss or unlock a game's bonus content.

The other problem I have with OnLive is its latency issues – the time it takes for a user to receive input data from other players.

The system requires huge chunks of information piping in and out of the user's computer through the Internet connection. This process takes large amounts of bandwidth from the ISP's server.

Multi-player games, like the first-person shooter game Counterstrike, estimates the movements of each player to keep the game from running into major latency problems. If it guesses wrong, then the game corrects its prediction. OnLive can't do this.

It can't predict what will happen. Instead, its servers play the game for you. A monster is about to attack you, for example. You press dodge. Your character will dodge but will be a split second too late since the process of inserting the button presses into the game's algorithms and the time it takes for the server to pipe back images of that input took too long to complete.

What OnLive offers is nothing more than an obstacle to the console gaming market. It boasts high-definition gaming but it comes with a price.

So long as there are hardcore gamers who enjoy a good video game party, consoles will never go out of style.

The future of gaming? I think not.

Kisses & Disses

To the Obama administration's quick condemnation of North Korea's missile launch urging the UN and it's allies to a quick resolution denouncing the regime.

To the beginning of a brand new baseball season, and all the hope and enthusiasm that comes with it.

To the Genie awards for recognizing an important part of Canadian history by awarding Passchendaele with six awards.

To the Raptors for their never say die attitude by winning six NBA games in succession and keeping their playoff hopes alive.

To Russia and China for urging the world not to overreact over the missile launch and a cold war that just won't go away.

To the long list of injured Toronto Blue Jays pitchers and management already looking towards 2010.

To the Disney network for green lighting the Jonas brothers TV show which starts May 2nd.

To the New York media for calling Raptor Chris Bosh's play in New York an 'audition' for a possible career with the Knicks.

Twilight worth taking a chance on



Andrea Iseman
A&E EDITOR

Vampires? Werewolves? Didn't sound much like the stuff of a girl's dreams, but that changed when I gave in to temptation.

I listened to co-workers and friends talk about the mammoth four-book series that is called Twilight, but refused to be sucked in. I kept thinking, 'oh no, not more stupid vampire books,' but then I went to see Twilight – the movie – and everything changed.

The turning point for me was realizing the movie was not like the clichéd vampire films, like Buffy the Vampire Slayer, I had been exposed to. The vampire's don't have fangs, the good ones don't eat people, and despite their attempts to blend in with humans, their extraordinary model-like

beauty makes them stand out.

After I watched it with my best friend, I was shocked and amazed at how good it was. I now understood what my giddy coworkers and friends were going on about. Twilight, book one in the series, is more than a story about a vampire and his girlfriend – it is Romeo and Juliet with vampires. Finally, a good love story I could sink my teeth into! After the movie, I ran to the bookstore. I can now say with pride I am on book four.

I'm sure there are skeptics who believe Twilight is another fad that will fade like Nancy Drew and Sweet Valley High. The movie could have easily been cheesy, but surprisingly it wasn't. It grabbed my attention with its modern-day adaptation of what vampires could be like if they existed in the twenty-first century. The tale of star-crossed lovers, mortal Bella Swan and immortal Edward Cullen, didn't try and come off as a teenybopper story about superficial love.

The movie has also exploded as

Twilight dolls popup everywhere and the movie's actors have become huge pop-icons. I never even knew who Robert Pattinson, who plays Edward, was until I saw the movie. Now, I can't seem to get enough of him. I have even changed my blackberry screen-saver display to a picture of him.

The obsession has even grown so strong that people will do anything and everything to learn about Twilight and its culture. An unpublished copy of Stephenie Meyer's Midnight Sun, which is Twilight from Edward's perspective, was recently leaked onto the Internet, upsetting Meyer and halting the completion of the book 'indefinitely.'

Excited beyond words, I will be first in line when book two, New Moon, opens in theatres in November 2009. I also don't hide my pre-teen book in shame anymore when I ride the subway. On most days, I can see at least one other woman, usually in her 20s, reading one of the books, and when I notice, a smile lights up my face.

NEWS

Autism affects about one in 150 Canadians, according to Health Canada, making it more common than childhood cancer, diabetes or AIDS. — theglobeandmail.com

Snow club prez says helmets not a must

Elizabeth Zahur
LIFE REPORTER

The recent death of actress Natasha Richardson while skiing in Quebec has renewed safety debates, but the ski and snowboard club doesn't have safety rules for members, said club president.

"That's not really my job. We can't regulate that," said fourth-year industrial design student Logan Ulyott. "Once we get to our destination people are on their own, but I do my best to keep in touch with the groups."

Richardson fell on a beginner's

hill and died a few days later after succumbing to a massive head injury. Her accident occurred at Mont Tremblant, the same resort the club takes an annual trip to.

After receiving three concussions, Ulyott said he highly recommends wearing a helmet but doesn't force

club members to wear one.

About half the club wears a helmet and those who need it most are least likely to wear one, he said.

In Ontario, "James" Boo Sung Moon, a South Korean exchange student, died after hitting a tree on a school ski trip in mid-February. Like Richardson, Moon was not wearing a helmet.

Currently, no law requires people to wear helmets while skiing and snowboarding, and helmets do not have to meet provincial safety regulations.

Hedy Fry, Vancouver-Centre Liberal MP, reintroduced a bill in February requiring a ban on the sale of all snow sport helmets not approved by the Canadian Standards Association, under the Hazardous Products Act.

While Quebec is now considering making helmets mandatory after Richardson's death, Premier Dalton

McGuinty's office said he is not following suit in Ontario.

HSF requires clubs to fill out a risk assessment form before sanctioning an activity with any element of risk involved, said HSF programming director Aaron Miller.

The ability to control what happens during an event or activity is a big thing for HSF, said Miller. HSF will only sanction events where the club can control what happens and who goes.

"If it can't be fully controlled it's a big red flag" he said.

The ski and snowboard club is not an official HSF group, and does not have to follow this protocol. But Miller said groups can still organize events without approval.

However, if it's not sanctioned, HSF is not liable for any accidents.

Miller also said to his knowledge there has not been an accident during a HSF sanctioned activity.

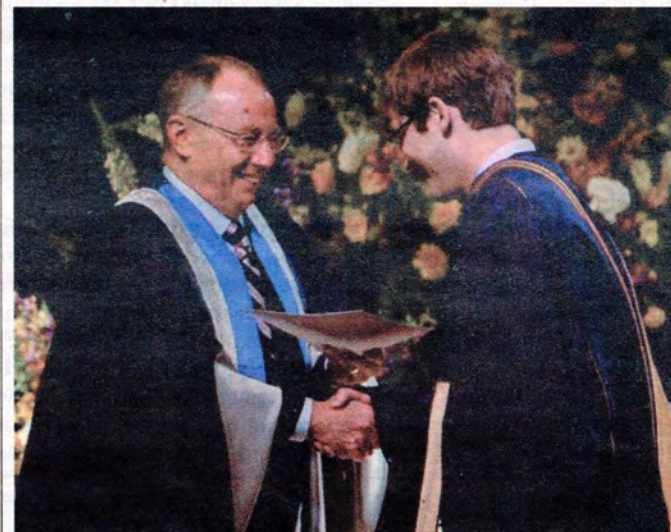


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\$7B transit plan

Scott Martin
NEWS REPORTER

Toronto Mayor David Miller said last week during his visit to the North Campus a new streetcar route extending from Don Mills subway station directly to the campus might be completed a year earlier than originally expected.

Miller originally said the Finch-Eglinton West light-rail line would be running by 2014, but during a visit last week he told *Et Cetera*, “we anticipate getting the shovel in the ground next year on the Finch line, so it will be complete in three or four years from the time it starts.”

“For us as a growing college, it would be phenomenal,” said Rani Dhaliwal, Humber’s vice-president of finance and administrative services. “It plays an important role to us in terms of easy availability and accessibility.”

Dhaliwal, who noted the college has been in “high-level discussions” with the TTC over the past year, said the project is a major part of the college’s plan for campus development.

Dhaliwal said the college and the TTC have agreed on a plan that would see a transit hub built on-

campus at Highway 27 and Humber College Boulevard, while minimizing the effect on traffic flow and the Arboretum.

The mayor spoke at North Campus shortly after Premier Dalton McGuinty announced his new budget will provide more than \$7 billion to the TTC for its Transit City light-rail project.

“We need to move quickly to build a better public transit system for commuters,” McGuinty said at a press conference. “Our investments in transit will create jobs, help stimulate the economy and improve the air we breathe.”

Miller said, “the announcement the premier made today is the most important single announcement that’s probably been made in the last 20 years in this city.”

“That matters for social justice, it matters for the environment, it matters for the economy,” he added.

The new transit plans also include construction of a cross-city Eglinton light-rail line from Kennedy station to Pearson airport, more buses and stations for York’s VIVA transit and upgrading and extending the Scarborough RT.

Mike Melanson

Mayor David Miller places TTC buttons on the news desk in the North Campus newsroom. Miller tells students the Finch light-rail line should be completed by 2014, one year earlier than planned.



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College eyes new prayer room for campus



Mohamed Ibrahim, 20, an electronics student at Humber seen here praying in the prayer room on North Campus, says most teachers at the college are accommodating to the needs of Muslim students.

Erin DeCoste
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Humber is considering building a larger and permanent prayer room on North Campus to accommodate a growing number of Muslim students who need to pray throughout the day, the college's chaplain said.

"Basically the concept of a prayer room started in the late '80s," Rev. Len Thomas said.

"The idea was to have a prayer room to meet a need and service students, to allow students to remain on campus so they don't have to go off campus to fulfil religious obligations."

But, he said a dramatic increase in the number of Muslim students since then means there is a new need to address such issues as the current space not having foot-washing stations.

Now, students use low-set basins in both the men's and women's washrooms closest to the prayer room.

"One of the reasons I came to Humber is that I knew they had a prayer room," said Najamuddin Mohammed, who graduated with a systems analyst diploma.

Mohammed now works in media services at the college and is a member of the body that makes policy for

the school.

"The first Board of Governors meeting was during the month of Ramadan, and the board knew that I'd break away to pray," he said.

During Ramadan, Muslims fast from daybreak to sundown and pray five times daily, an obligation throughout the year.

"One of the reasons I came to Humber is that I knew they had a prayer room."

— Najamuddin Mohammed
Humber graduate

The room at North Campus can accommodate up to 40 people and has a Qu'ran, as well as prayer mats. It has separate entrances for men and women and is reserved for Muslim students from 20 minutes to an hour during times they need to pray.

The room at Lakeshore is much smaller, but the campus has fewer Muslim students, Thomas said.

Mohamed Ibrahim, a 20-year-old electronics student said most teachers accommodate Muslim students who need to pray.

"If I tell them, they have no problem with it," he said.

Students put faith in music

Adrienne Coling
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Religion has influenced the creation of music from the first melodies and recorded lyrics to the latest contemporary pieces, the college's music instructors say.

"The music we know today originated in Gregorian chants that were prayers in religious ceremonies by monks," said Denny Christianson. "In the sixth century, Pope Gregory was the first person to make a handwritten record of these chants and through the Dark Ages that followed this crude notation was the only thing that survived musically, being maintained by the Catholic Church."

Religion is widely thought of as

the catalyst for classical masters such as Bach, who composed for four churches every Sunday for over 30 years, said Christianson.

"During the Renaissance, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris started the world's first music school and this sparked a wave of employment for many musicians around Europe," he said. "Until the end of the Baroque period, composers would create strictly for religious ceremonies, accumulating literally thousands of pieces in their lifetime."

Brad Klomp, a teacher in the faculty of music at Lakeshore Campus, said he feels religion and music is tied together for all cultures.

"In the Middle East, Arabic countries of Islamic faith have all kinds of

music in relationship to their religious services but they don't use the word music," said Klomp. "Music to them is secular and there are no instruments allowed in mosques, but their type of 'non music' is still created from prayers and spirituality."

Though some music and religious songs in places of worship have changed over time, it has a singular purpose, Klomp added.

"There have been major trends over the past 10 years or so where churches are trying to incorporate contemporary worship music and we hear God or Jesus pop up in R&B, country, and rap music," he said. "So even though music is always redeveloped and rethought to meet the needs of the audience, the intentions of sacred references remain the same, to help connect people to their God."

Recent Humber music graduate Caitlin Smith, a professional jazz musician and composer, said growing up in a secular household created an interest in sacred music.

"Because I had only the foggiest concept of religion and religious doctrine in music, I found all of the pieces deliciously mysterious," said Smith. "You can feel the weight of the concepts behind the music and I love the formalism and rituals surrounding the performances of sacred music. I think the biggest impact that exposure to religion has had on me as a musician is the air of respect the act of making music is given in a sacred context."

Togetherness base of design for new church

Pattie Phillips
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Joanna Gresik, a student who's designing a church for her final-year thesis, said sacred places should inspire worship in personal and meaningful ways.

"I've grown up in a religious home all of my life and it was something that was close to my heart, but I wanted to do something that was different," the 22-year-old Humber bachelor of applied arts student said. "I don't want to push the idea of religion — it's very personal and it should be a choice."

"For me, church is really about relationship and not about ritual."

— Joanna Gresik
Bachelor of applied arts student

Gresik said her design is inspired by a new church-movement called Cafe Church. The interactive space is meant to promote community outreach and would include a cafe for parishoners, lounge furniture instead of pews and a games area.

"Instead of being really formalized and really structured it's more of an open kind of place where you can just come and hang out," said Gresik. "I want it to be a place where people can feel they can come anytime."

"For me, church is really about relationship and not about ritual and I think that's what I'm really

trying to get across here," she said.

William Kervin, a United Church Minister and professor of liturgy and worship at U of T's Emmanuel College, said places of worship are both houses of God and houses of gathering and must constantly negotiate the tension between the two roles.

"The space is made sacred not only by the god to which it's directed, but also by the investment of the people," he said.

"Their highest values get embodied in the place," he said. "The things that are most important to them, including the ethos of their community."

Nilesh Mehta, a part-time Humber student and volunteer at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir near North Campus, said the Hindu temple is both a divine and communal space.

Completed in 2007, the Mandir was constructed with methods found in ancient Hindu scriptures.

The design is meant to evoke strength and peace in its worshippers and the activities held there are meant to bring people, families and communities together, said Mehta.

"The Mandir is for all Canadians," he said, adding everyone is welcome to worship and express their faith in their own way.

"This whole creation is a combination of devotion and spirituality," he said, adding "you don't just come to bow down."

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Comedian sees the funny side of religion

Graeme Steel
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Comedy is a way to share a smart point of view on religion — and make people laugh, said Humber creative and performing arts instructor Jared Sales.

“Religion is a weird subject in comedy because there are people who can talk about it in an intelligent manner, but there are some people who don't have an original take on it and that gets boring and is usually not funny,” said Sales, a stand-up comic and film director.

Sales gave comic and social commentator David Cross as an example of someone who mixes comedy with a message.

Cross, recognized for his role as Tobias Fünke on Fox's now defunct *Arrested Development*, is known for straddling the line between insightful but jarring comedy.

“It's hard to go out on any level and talk about it without offending somebody,” said Sales.

In one routine, Cross goes to a rabbi and says, “Well, I don't really believe in this so does that still make me Jewish?” The rabbi replies, “Well, was your mother's vagina Jewish?”

Sales said, “I found that to be funny because it says you're labelled that no matter what you believe. You're one of us because of a technicality.”

“If you look at someone like Bill Maher, pretty much his whole career has been built on controversy and getting publicity through it.”

— Daryn McIntyre
Graduate of Humber's comedy program

Last year, Daryn McIntyre, a graduate of Humber's program, acted in a show called *Sunday Night Live* with the *Sketchersons* performed at a comedy club downtown.

With a *Weekend at Bernie's* theme, the sketch was about Pope John Paul II dying right before he had to give an important speech — so two cardinals propped him up like a marionette.

The skit was performed on April 2, 2005 — the same day the Pope died.

“People were offended, obviously. They just felt that it was too soon and that we should have dropped the sketch,” said McIntyre, who also said that a certain amount of controversy can be good.

“If you look at someone like Bill Maher, pretty much his whole career has been built on controversy and getting publicity through it,” he said.

Pastor Andrew King of Malton Seventh-Day Adventist Church said comedy tends to trivialize the importance of religion, but cited the TV show *Little Mosque* on the Prairie as a way of educating and connecting people.



Luis Fernandes Photo

Comedian and Humber graduate Daryn McIntyre is seen here interacting with local wildlife at the Toronto Zoo. He says some controversy can be a good thing for a comedian's career.



Luis Fernandes Photo

“A show like *Little Mosque* is trying to create a little more tolerance in society for a religion that we really don't understand,” he said. “It's a very fine line and it must always be done with honour and respect and an understanding of what the belief systems of that religion are.”

Gospel music keeps student's life focused

Jackie Paduano
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Singing gospel music is a way of expressing what you believe in and feeling closer to your values, said president of the Humber gospel music group Andre Anthony Reid.

“Some people sing it just because they love music, but it makes me feel happy, peaceful and closer to Jesus and God,” said the 24-year-old post-graduate student in acting for TV and film.

“Most music today is based on making a good hit and making money. But gospel tries to relate to people and uplift their spirits.”

— Janee Olivia
Humber gospel group singer

Reid said he grew up singing in his church choir in Toronto and started the gospel group with over a dozen other students last fall, after studying music at Humber and returning for the acting program.

Gospel music is mainly rooted in the spiritual songs that were sung by African slaves in North America and has gone on to influence jazz and a lot of modern music you hear on the radio, said Karen Burke, music professor at York University and

director of the Toronto Mass Choir.

“Gospel has many characteristics of African music,” she said. “You can hear things like call and response, repetition, strong preponderant beats and rhythm in all kinds of music, like rap and R&B.”

Though not a religious song, the gospel call and response method is used in pop star Justin Timberlake's song *Senorita*, added Andre Reid.

Near the end of Timberlake's song, a chorus of men sing “It feels like sum thins heatin' up, can I leave wit you?” A ladies chorus then responds, “I don't know what I'm thinking 'bout, really leavin' wit you,” repeating back and forth several times.

Though she sings a variety of styles, Humber gospel group singer and vocal music student Janee Olivia said she loves to sing gospel because it has more meaning than other types of music.

“Most music today is based on making a good hit and making money,” she said. “But gospel tries to relate to people and uplift their spirits.”

Gospel is a way to share her voice with others and keep her life focused, said Olivia.

“It's part of who I am, as a Christian and singer,” she said. “It helps keep me grounded and reminds me of what I believe in and why.”



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Riding the wheels to music

Low turnout for bike-powered concert doesn't hinder band's spirits and the beat goes on.

John Evans
A&E REPORTER

A bicycle-powered concert at CAPS failed to generate much energy Tuesday night, attracting a crowd of only about 20 people and four bikes, on top of the two supplied by the band. "We show up not knowing what to expect," said vocalist Johan Hultqvist

of the afrobeat band. "We hope the organizers have done their part at getting the word out."

CAPS manager Chris Shimoji said "you know, it's hit or miss sometimes, and tonight it's a miss."

HSF President Mike Berg said "there were probably a few factors that contributed to the low turnout. It is a busy period in the semester."

Mr. Something Something had hoped more students would come with their bicycles to power the band's instruments and amplifiers. But despite the low turnout, the band got enough electricity from the audience to play their set, though they waited until 9:20 to begin in hopes more people would come.

Vocalist Johan Hultqvist danced with enough energy to power the show solo, and frequently stepped off the stage during the 40-minute

set to encourage pedaling and to thank riders.

Second-year industrial design student Kaitlin Michene arrived with two bikes.

"As soon as I saw the flyers I looked

the band up and found out they were really into the environmental thing," she said. "It is my sport, but it is also my form of transportation."

Hultqvist said he was disappointed with the low turnout.



John Evans

The audience powered the 40-minute set on bikes they brought.



Jessica Brooks

Jane Olivia wows the crowd at her final recital last Thursday.

Success on a big stage

Jessica Brooks
A&E REPORTER

Humber student Jane Olivia turned her final music project into a major production at the Lakeshore Auditorium.

Olivia's performance included backup singers, an orchestra of about 20, several dancers and four costume changes. She also supplied glow sticks to an audience of about 100 classmates, friends and fellow musicians.

"I feel like the show went well," said Olivia, a voice major in the music degree program. "I put a lot of work into it and of course there is always a few hiccups, but I'm very happy with it and now I'm ready to do more performances."

During the hour-long show last Thursday night, she performed nine songs, mixing originally arranged pop, gospel and rock covers - such as Mariah Carey's Make it Happen - along with two of her compositions, Over and Hold Me.

The stage was filled with string and horn sections, two keyboardists, two guitarists, one electric bass and one standup bass, plus up to nine backup singers and half a dozen dancers.

"It's been pretty crazy. Your backup singers are really important, so I started my vocal section rehearsing in January," said Olivia, who moved closer to campus because of her busy schedule. "I gave music to the rest beforehand so they could practice. We rehearsed only about three times with a full band."

Sarah Begin, a second-year vocal student, said she was blown away by Olivia's show. "So many people came out. It's unusual for a student's final to be this packed."

All music students perform at such final recitals, giving them the opportunity to get the feeling of putting on a professional performance under pressure. Each show is judged by two faculty members.

Lisa Martinelli, acting head of the vocal department, said students are marked on concert presentation, interpretation of the material, technique, and direction of accompanists.

Olivia will be performing April 14 at the Gladstone Hotel's Melody Bar at 8 p.m.

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Although there was not a large turnout, there was enough power to get show going for Mr. Something Something Tuesday night.

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Pentheus a modern take on classical myth

Kati Mason
A&E REPORTER

The Humber Theatre production of Pentheus, opening Saturday at Lakeshore, shows there is more to classical performances than god defying kings, murder and getting drunk.

Canadian playwright Ned Dickens' Pentheus follows the Greek mythology of the King of Thebes and his battle with the gods, with modern

ideas mixed into the classical plot.

"It is the story of when the Greek humans took their world back from the gods, based around the idea of Pentheus who was the first one to say we no longer need the gods," said actress Courtney M. Tinney, who plays Pentheus' mother.

"He (Dickens) covers a lot of more contemporary issues," said Julia Haynes, who plays the goddess of Harmonia, a god turned mortal, at-

tempting to deal with aging.

Haynes cited the example of Pentheus' love for another boy while being pressured by his family to choose a young woman to rule beside him.

Tinney said that the most difficult part for her was the emotional roller coaster of her character. Pentheus' mother is rejected by her son, gets drunk for the first time and murders her son when she catches him spying.

Under the direction of Tatiana Jennings, the graduating class of the Theatre Performance Program is attempting to separate Pentheus from other classical plays.

"Tatiana directs in a way that always digs for deeper truths," said Colin Bruce Anthes, who plays Pentheus. "The hope is that we can make this story very fresh."

Pentheus runs until April 18 at the Studio Theatre at Lakeshore.

Pentheus is one of seven plays written by Dickens. The other six were assigned to different schools across Canada, including George Brown and York University. The performances will be done in sequence for the City of Wine Festival at Toronto's Theatre Passe Muraille in May.

Tinney said she thinks Pentheus will stand out from the others.

"It's a cool ride. Come take it with us."



Lauren Brunetti

Non-alcoholic Rocktails will be served instead of booze.

Fun doesn't equal booze

Lauren Brunetti
A&E REPORTER

Students are invited to CAPS next week for an alcohol free event called, Rockout Don't Blackout.

Featuring a band, snacks but no booze, the event hopes to draw up to 600 students on April 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"The ultimate goal is to promote social and responsible drinking," said 23-year-old public relations student Erin Bonokosk. "We are not telling students not to drink instead we are saying know your limit."

Public relations faculty member Nancy Marino-Benn said the message of the event is important and needs to get out there.

With 13 different sponsors including MADD, LCBO, and the OPP, information booths will be set up to educate students on how to have fun and stay safe this summer, she said.

The public relations post-grad class conducted a survey of 93 Humber students, focusing on their personal drinking habits, said public relations student and event representative Laura Moulton. The survey found 41 per cent said they had an average of one to three drinks per week, while 20 per cent said they had seven or more. Over that past month, seven out of ten students had five or more drinks in one session.

Hollywood celebrities and their binge drinking habits were a motivation for this event, Moulton said. "By looking at celebrities like Paris Hilton and Nicole Richie, everyone knows what they have been through. We are saying don't do that to yourself, you will just be shooting yourself in the foot."

Students from Humber's hospitality program have designed different Rocktails — non-alcoholic martinis — for this event said Bonokosk. Each student will receive one free drink ticket at the door.

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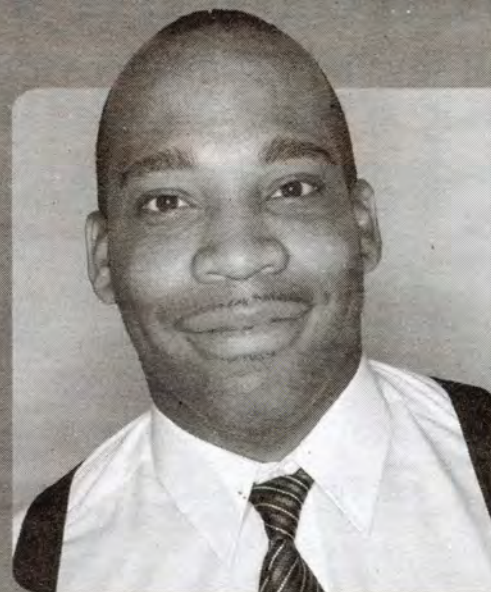
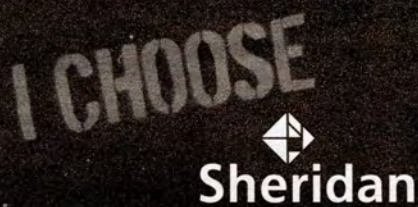
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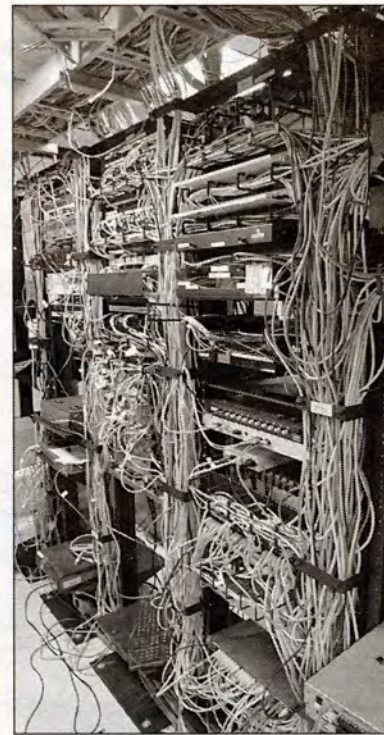
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Dave Perri



Dave Perri

Viruses have little or no effect because Humber's massive network is well protected by firewalls and antivirus softwares.

School on top of Internet security

Prof says new computer viruses are more sophisticated, but Humber is well protected

David Perri
Biz/TECH REPORTER

Computers are well protected but viruses have been gaining ground recently in breaching security measures, said Humber's associate director of IT.

"For a while, the good guys were winning and the bad guys were on the run, but it seems like things have turned around a little bit now," said Kevin Adams. "The sophistication in some of this stuff is incredible."

Fears heightened over Internet security last week as a China-based cyber spying operation was uncovered by Toronto researchers.

The antivirus community scrambled to foil the new Conficker worm, which is capable of updating and morphing itself, making it harder to

detect and get rid of.

Students' computers often acquire viruses, said client services manager Ryan Burton, who looks after the IT support desk at North Campus.

"We see people all the time walking in here with laptops that are infected or in a very sad state," Burton said.

His team advises students on how to clean up their computers and can perform some quick fixes.

Adams said he has seen "many breakouts of viruses" during the 20 years he has spent at the college monitoring viruses.

Humber has even been the site

where some viruses have been first identified.

"A month or so ago we were ground zero for a virus at Lakeshore," Adams said.

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—Kevin Adams
Associate Director of IT

computers, said Burton.

Auto-reverting is when a user reboots a computer and the computer automatically restores its original settings regardless of any downloaded material.

Adams said the only way to definitively secure a computer

from infection is to have it in "an electromagnetically closed environment and not connected to the Internet."

Students can secure their data by using quality and up-to-date antivirus software, firewalls, updating their operating system and using a password to protect their wireless networks, Burton said.

First-year practical nursing student Eric Diongzon, 26, said he doesn't use antivirus software, but closely monitors his laptop and only surfs credible websites to avoid exposure to viruses.

Users have to be vigilant in maintaining their protection, "security is everyone's responsibility and it's not something that has a fixed start or end date," said Burton.

Grad helps students get the most out of their tax return

Tyler Mason
Biz/TECH REPORTER

The April 30 deadline to file taxes is fast approaching, but figuring out which tax credits are claimable is harder than it seems, said a Humber accounting graduate.

"I file taxes for anyone, any student of Humber," said Shailav Chokshi.

He's been providing the service for the past two years for free to students or charges a \$10 fee to others, said Chokshi.

"Every year, I get about 20 to 30 people," he said.

Students are eligible to declare deductions on rent and living costs, transit passes, most medical expenses, and tuition, said Chokshi.

He added Profile tax software, a computer program that helps work out a student's total claims, automatically calculates textbook credits based on the student's tuition costs.

Chokshi works in Humber's



Tyler Mason

Shailav Chokshi (right), 24, helps accounting student Amit Sohal (left), 20, in Humber's accounting centre located in E221.

accounting centre E221 and is taking chartered accounting at the University of Guelph.

"I don't do this just for money. It's more important for people to understand how much they make

and what's going to the government," said Chokshi.

"If I was to file it for them, they wouldn't know how to do it," he said. "This way they get a better understanding of it."

Countries thirst for clean water

Fundraiser helps group supply drinking water for four African countries

Kimberley Molina
Biz/TECH REPORTER

A Humber student is spearheading a drive to raise money for an organization that is working to supply clean water and proper sanitation to four African countries.

"Water is obviously a very essential resource and there's a lot of people that suffer due to a lack of it," said Brendan Baines, 25, a student in the international project management program. He enlisted nearly 40 classmates and friends to contribute to the campaign that began March 22, the UN-designated World Water Day.

"It's amazing that we just totally take this resource for granted in a country like Canada," he said.

As of this week, Baines said he has collected about \$900, which will be donated to Engineers Without Borders for its projects in Ghana, Burkina Faso, Malawi, and Zambia.

"It's amazing that we just totally take this resource for granted in a country like Canada."

—Brendan Baines
International Project Management Program Student

"You need to build the infrastructure that will get the water from that clean source to the community as efficiently as possible," said Erika Westman, communications director for Engineers Without Borders Canada. She said the non-governmental organization works with communities to help provide "clean processing of human waste, sanitation, toilets, so that water supplies don't become contaminated because of a lack of waste processing."

Baines said he hopes to raise more money April 9, during a screening of the documentary film *Flow: For Love of Water*, directed by Irena Salina, at 3 p.m. in H building on Lakeshore Campus.

Besides the fundraising, Baines said he and his supporters have been trying to conserve water by taking shorter showers, not flushing toilets — "if it's yellow, let it mellow" — as often and turning off the tap while brushing their teeth.

Sharon Brown, 22, a second-year student in the nursing program, said she agrees Canadians take clean water for granted.

"They're not conscious that they're wasting water."



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Mark Hoffman

The Humber golf team got a chance to play a round of golf at historic St. Andrews in Scotland.

Golfers tee off in Scotland

Humber Golf play a few rounds in the birthplace of the game

Justin R. Rydell
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber golf team began its season with a ten day trip to Scotland that concluded with an exhibition at the birthplace of golf – the Old Course at St. Andrews – where the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods have raised the Claret Jug as British Open champions.

“It was the experience of a lifetime,” said Hawks veteran and all-Canadian Mark Hoffman. “I stood on the first tee, and all I could do was look around and soak it all in.”

The golfers teed off at 7 a.m., playing with little sleep and only the adrenaline of history on their side as

the men fired 68, 70, 71 and 72 in an exhibition round as the course was left defenceless with no wind.

Last week, the teams participated in the Scottish University Championships, with Hoffman finishing third in men's play.

“He finished two strokes behind the winner,” noted Hawks coach Ray Chateau, “and if it wasn't for a couple poor putts in Round Three he could have won it all.”

Many of the Hawk's players struggled in adjusting to the different style of play on the treacherous course – dotted with deep pot bunkers and wicked greens – but improved each round, said Hoffman.

“I didn't hit very many full irons,” Hoffman said. “I hit a lot of stingers – three-quarter shots where the ball did not get more than ten feet off the ground.”

The women put up a strong showing as well, with Maggie Trainor taking sixth and Humber's most decorated woman of all time, Shauna Wilde, finished ninth in a tough field.

Chateau said, “Maggie is so consistent and such a great player. From Round One on, she played solid golf. “To finish sixth in the first few rounds of the year felt really great,” said Trainor, “and to play St. Andrews was unreal.”

Banquet honours the best and brightest in varsity sports

Justin R. Rydell
SPORTS REPORTER

Women's volleyball star Landis Doyle and men's basketball veteran Jadwey Hemmings were named Humber's athletes of the year last weekend at a banquet honouring athletes who contributed to the most successful year by any school in OCAA history.

“At Humber there are so many other athletes that are amazing at their sports – it is definitely an honour,” said Landis, also OCAA's athlete of the year for volleyball. She plans to return next year for her fourth year of eligibility.

“It means a lot to win athlete of the year,” said Jadwey Hemmings. “One of my goals coming into Humber was getting my jersey retired and this is one of the steps and if next year I become all-Canadian I may be closer to that goal.”

The Hawks dominated OCAA competition this school year, winning gold in nine provincial championships and medals in 11 of 14.

Athletic Director Doug Fox called the end of the season banquet “a celebration of the fact we won so many championships and got so many accolades for athletes and coaches. It is also to bring closure for the players leaving.”

Graduating valedictorian and women's volleyball setter Alex Steplock held back tears when she talked about her team and national coach of the year Chris Wilkins.

“He is like my second father and Humber is my family,” she told the crowd of about 200 players and athletic faculty who gathered at Humber's Seventh Semester.

Steplock, an OCAA all-star, represented her team, which won 15 individual and team awards throughout the year.

They finished a disappointing fifth at nationals.

The men's golf team won national gold while the women won silver – solidifying the status of the most dominant collegiate golf program across Canada, said Fox.



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OCAA all-stars Landis Doyle and Jadwey Hemmings best in class.

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Coaching duo voted the best in the nation

But both coaches would quickly trade individual honours for national team success

Alex Brien
SPORTS REPORTER

Two Humber coaches have been honoured with the Canadian Colleges Athletic Association national coach of the year award.

Men's basketball coach Darrell Glenn and women's volleyball coach Chris Wilkins both led their teams to provincial titles.

However, both squads placed fifth at nationals.

Assistant athletic director Jim Bialek said regardless of the results, he remains impressed by the quality and dedication of Humber coaches.

“We have coaches that are loyal, lifetime coaches to Humber,” Bialek said. “You can't buy that, and for them to get recognized, that's a slam dunk.”

Wilkins, a former Humber player, head coach for eight years, and CCAA coach of the year nominee in 2006, said his team's success remains his first priority.

“It always means a lot when you're



Sandy McLachlin

Humber's award winning coaches (left) Darrell Glenn and Chris Wilkins.

picked by your peers,” said Wilkins. “But I would cash it all in for a national championship if I could, it's about the hard work we all put in.”

Wilkins said it is Humber's strong



Jason Sahlani

athletic program which makes the difference.

“I've been offered many positions at many other institutions, and I wouldn't trade it for a minute,” said

Wilkins. “Humber is one of the very best in the country.”

Glenn, who in his fifth year as head coach has taken the men's team to the CCAA final four twice, echoed Wilkins' sentiments.

“I really don't look at it as a one-person award,” said Glenn. “The success that we have as a team and I have as an individual is really based on what our coaching staff does first and foremost, and although my name is on it, it's a reflection of our work.”

Glenn said he and his coaching staff look forward to what next season will bring.

“As a staff, we're pretty critical of what we do from year to year, and we're always trying to find ways to get better,” he said. “Whether that be going to coaching clinics, critically analyzing what we do, I think that's been a big key to our success – that we're continually trying to get better and we're never satisfied with what we're doing.”

India wrapped up their first test series win over New Zealand in 41 years as the third test ended in a rain-sodden draw in Wellington. — english.aljazeera.net

Athletics offers its students life after sports

Scott Rennie
SPORTS REPORTER

Few Humber athletes are taking advantage of a new program to help them succeed in the real world after varsity sports, said the athletics department academic adviser.

"I think they're so focused in on their athletics that they don't think about becoming more well-rounded and what about they are going to do when they graduate," said Monique Haan.

She said only one student signed up for her resume writing workshop, while none voiced interest in her cover-letter writing and interview skills sessions.

Haan said she hopes the workshops will catch on next year.

"It might be too many changes promoted in one year," she said. "I think in time we'll get the athletes a bit more familiar."

Assistant athletic director Jim Bialek agreed that progress will not happen overnight.

"We're being incredibly proactive," he said. "We're putting resources and manpower into this and it's going to grow."

Word-of-mouth should help participation in the workshops, Bialek said.

"People are going to identify that someone went to one of these job sessions and say, 'geez, that made a difference,' and then tell someone."

Only about 25 of 200 varsity athletes are graduating this year, said athletic director Doug Fox.

He said 15 more varsity athletes graduating this spring will be returning to their teams in the fall by enrolling in new programs to take advantage of their five years of eligibility.

"We tend to encourage them to expand their education," he said. "I try to keep people that are impact players."

"You want your student athletes to be successful," said Bialek, "there's nothing better than winning championships and graduating students."

Some of those who move from college sports to the working world find new glory.

Derek Young has gone from serving up volleyballs to serving up financial advice.

"Playing for Humber was an unbelievable experience," said Young, a Hawk from 1998 to 2000, who studied chemical engineering. He later founded Primerica Financial Services branch in Oakville, with his wife, another Humber grad.



Alison Brownlee

Broadcast journalists such as Kelly Roche (RaptorsTV) look to conquer the male dominated profession of sports journalism.

Female broadcasters make their case in a sports world

Alison Brownlee
SPORTS REPORTER

Female sportscasters are still fighting to be viewed professionally, said Humber television professor Joy Crysdale.

"My impression is that sports broadcasting is at the point for women that news and information broadcasting was at 20 years ago," she said.

"In other words, it's a frontier that women have to fight for."

The Washington Post and Globe and Mail recently published stories addressing the challenges female sportscasters — like Sportsnet's Martine Gaillard and ESPN's Erin Andrews — face by being the subjects of Internet blogs and opinion polls that rank the sexiest "sports babes" and "sideline hotties."

Second-year post-grad journalism student Kelly Roche said her goal is to be an on-air reporter.

"Basketball was always my first love," she said.

Roche said being a woman may have helped her get an interview for a job in the industry, but it was her passion and expertise that got her an internship and, eventually, a contract position with RaptorsTV.

"Looks might get you through the door, but you have to prove yourself in the interview," she said. "You can only fake it for so long."

While gender may not be a deciding factor for employers when hiring women, it's the male viewers who pose the greatest challenge to female sportscasters.

"Unfortunately, when you work in television, you're judged for your

looks first," said Roche. "Women are subject to a little more scrutiny in the sports world."

Humber grad Heather Cairns, now a web-editor for LeafsTV, said her passion got her the job, but her looks affected her potential spot in the industry.

"I wanted to do on-air," she said. "But it's my own personal feeling that they pushed me into producing because of my appearance."

Judgment based on appearance seems to be something female sportscasters will have to surpass, said Cairns and Crysdale.

"Women who want positions in sports have a tougher fight to get on-air," said Crysdale.

"Be tough. Stand up and fight for what you want."



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William Romero and Markhaile Wedderburn push it to the limit.

Learning the ABC's of MMA on campus

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About 150 students turned out last week to watch two mixed martial arts fighters throw punches, kicks and knee strikes at the student centre on the North Campus.

William (Leon) Romero and Markhaile (Showtime) Wedderburn, both from the Iron Tiger Muay Thai fight club in Hamilton, demonstrated the techniques of their controversial sport — shielded by pads and gloves while performing on a stage, not in a cage.

Romero said the presentation last Thursday was aimed at shedding the negative image of MMA as barbaric, while "educating people about the sport, letting them know that it's not what some people make it out to be."

The Ontario government has banned MMA as a professional sport. Iron Tiger members said that there is great revenue that could come to the province if it was recognized as a legitimate sport.

"When the government sees that it's beneficial for them, they'll legalize it," said Wedderburn.

The event was hosted by the HSF who invited key members from the MMA community to share their knowledge with students.

"What needs to happen first and foremost is the education of the sport," said club president Allan Cajilig, 24, a first-year advertising media sales student. "It's not just two guys getting into a cage and beating the hell out of each other."

Cajilig said he formed his group in the fall so students could come together, discuss the sport and watch fights.

"I grew up watching MMA, and it's amazing to see how much the sport has grown," he said.

Another fan at the event, Peter Lucocoe, 22, a first-year culinary management student, said MMA is a safer option for combat sports.

"Boxing is old style," he said. "You'll have more injuries in boxing than you would in mixed martial arts."

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