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Lying down on the job: Tim Faryna, an Electrical Engineering student and member of Humber's new men's rugby team, is tackled during practice on Tuesday. **Story page 25.**

College fights for rez

By MELANIE BECHARD

Humber College is fighting with Toronto over the city's controversial request for a \$2.1-million contribution to city parks, in return for building permits needed to begin construction on two new campus residences.

The controversy, and the recent inside workers' strike, have already pushed back the deadline for completion of the two residences from September 2003 to January 2004, reducing potential residence space by 700 beds for the fall 2003 semester.

City Hall often requests a donation, in the form of land used for city parks, or cash, of five per cent of total building costs when issuing building permits.

But Humber's Vice President of Administration John Davies said that, as a public institution, Humber should not have to pay development charges when applying for a building permit.

"We are not private developers," Davies said. Any additional charges levied would actually be incurred by the students themselves, and the public.

College president Robert Gordon said construction will begin in November, with or without permits.

Similar delays with permits this past summer, as well as community opposition, forced Humber to begin work on a Lakeshore Campus parking lot without a permit.

However, Davies is confident the permits will be issued in time for the ground-breaking.

In 1998, the Ontario Court of Appeals ruled in favour of La Cité College when they objected to having to pay development fees to the City of Ottawa.

With files from Andrew Hetram and Ron A. Melihen.

Firewall blocks network hackers

By PHIL BERNARDO

Three separate assaults on Humber College's computer servers occurred during the summer, forcing the school to install a firewall

to prevent further unauthorized access by hackers.

"The three incidents that occurred were very serious," said Joe Brazas, Humber's director of enterprise technology services.

"One occurred from outside the college, we think from Uruguay, one within the college in one of the labs, and one occurred from within the residence."

The student in residence was expelled, after a thorough investigation, under the college's Charter of Student Responsibilities and Rights.

The School of Information Technology was unavailable for comment regarding what disciplinary action was taken against the second student.

The unlawful entry gave hackers the potential to seize personal information of Humber students, including bank account numbers, but the network was not damaged during the attacks.

Due to the significance of the incidents, the IT department decided a firewall was the best solution.

Network bandwidth has become regulated and access to file sharing programs in both the residence and school labs is restricted. Also, individual IP addresses for computers in the residence have become mandatory to connect to the college's network.

"It's easier to monitor what's happening now. We can say it's in this room number with this IP address and deal with it on a personal level rather than globally," Brazas said.

Students in the Humber residence have experienced difficulties with their Internet connections including reinstalling programs, reconfiguring certain aspects of programs to accommodate for the firewall and being denied access to their e-mail accounts.

Not everything is restricted with the firewall in place. Popular pro-

grams like ICQ and MSN Messenger are allowed to filter through the firewall in residence computers, but file sharing through these programs is still unavailable.

Judy Harvey, dean of student services, said the IT department was aware of the activity on the residence network around July 16.

She said the individual was "pirating network traffic," meaning that the student was re-routing online traffic in residence through their own computer.

Harvey could not divulge any information about the student due to confidentiality restrictions, but due to the knowledge required to hack into the system, she said the student must have been extremely skilled.

Whether or not the IT department will allow file sharing to occur within the residence is unknown so far, but for the time being, the firewall is a permanent solution.

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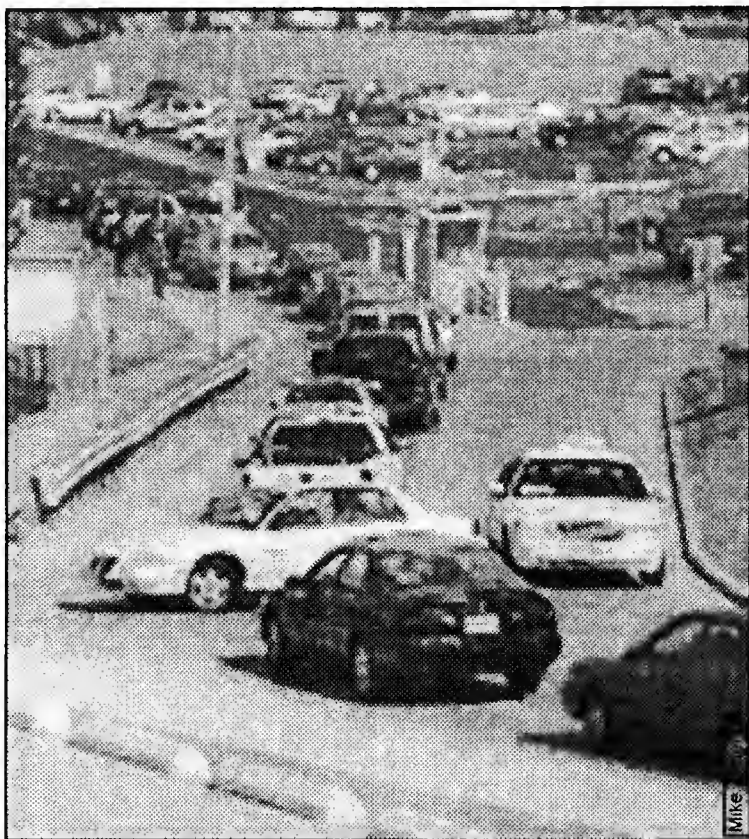
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Lottery may ease some parking anxieties



Students at North Campus experience first week parking woes.

By MIKE ZETTEL

Two hundred lucky Humber students learned yesterday they can now buy passes for spots in the North Campus parking lots, which have become available since the start of the school year.

Although parking spots are sold out, the college is holding lotteries in order to distribute semester parking passes, as students carpool, opt for public transit or withdraw from the college.

High demand the first day of classes resulted in chaos and saw vehicles backed up onto Humber College Boulevard.

"I've never seen that many cars on campus in the years that I've worked here," said Garry Shaw, the college's traffic and parking coordinator.

"Four thousand cars showed up in the space of two hours," said Gary Jeynes, the college's director of public safety. "That's a lot in a short period of time."

However, by the end of the first week traffic had eased considerably.

"As students get their timetables, there has been a more bal-

anced entry into the campus," Jeynes said.

Due to space limitations, Humber College continuously faces parking issues. During the winter 2002 semester, for example, some students had to park at the Woodbine Shopping Centre and were being shuttled back and forth by bus.

These students were charged just slightly less than for spots on campus - enough to cover the cost of running the shuttle program.

No decision has yet been made whether to sell spaces at Woodbine again this semester. "It's still under investigation," Shaw said.

Further complicating the issue is the loss of 280 spots because of the construction of the Guelph/Humber building on the site of former parking lot three. According to Jeynes, however, the spots lost were later regained by

reconfiguring of the lots. This included paving and repainting the spaces, squeezing five centimetres off of each side, and removing one of the main front entrances.

However, the refurbished parking area, although recovering the spots lost to construction, does not accommodate the 200 new students attending their first year at the University of Guelph/Humber.

One such student is William Yau. The Business Administration student drives in from Markham every day, spending \$6 at the daily parking lot. Yau missed entering his name into the first lottery and had to wait for yesterday's draw.

More than 300 students entered the initial lottery pull. The 200 selected names have been posted at the reception desk.

The lottery will continue every Wednesday until November as parking spaces become available.

Students to get relief from overheated rooms

By AARON SAWYER

While Humber students have been sweating it out during the recent heat wave, a cool front is on its way.

Portable air conditioners will be added in the L wing where temperatures have reached the point that sitting through an entire class has become unbearable.

"It's been very hard to concentrate," said Andrew Mackay, a first-year Guelph/Humber student. "Something has to be done."

Humber Student Federation President, Craig Wilson, said the problem must be addressed in order for students to perform at top academic levels.

"The students need proper facilities," he added. "It is in the best interest of the students to get the problem fixed."

The excess heat is being generated by the upgraded computers in rooms L232 and L233. New Pentium 4 computers produce more heat than the rooms' cooling system can handle.

"We try and put the best machines possible in our labs," said William Hanna, dean of Media



Some classes in the L building were held outside during last week's heat wave in the city.

Studies. "These computers generate incredible amounts of heat. The adjustments have not yet been made to compensate."

Never fear, he says, solutions are on the way.

"I can say with confidence that we have both long and short-term solutions to the problem," Hanna said. "We have stand-alone units that have already been delivered to the school and are on their way to the classrooms. We hope they will get us through to the spring."

The long-term solution consists of a new ceiling unit for the two labs, which will cost upwards of \$30,000.

"We do have plans for a new ceiling cooling system in next year's budget. We hope to have the unit installed by April," said Hanna. "The current conditions are not acceptable."

1,600 inquiries at registrar's office on first day

Long line-ups cause frustration

By NOEL MCINNIS

The virtues of patience may have escaped the students waiting in long lineups at the registrar's office last week.

Although the registrar and the customer service desks do not open until 8:30 a.m., early risers arrived an hour in advance for assistance.

Lineups stretched down the hall across from the service and call centres. At times every chair in the reception area was taken and anxious students stood, waiting for the electronic sign above the customer service door to flash their number.

"I've waited over an hour," said Patricia Jaczenski, a Tourism and Travel student. The third-year stu-

dent said she was used to frustrating, first week lineups, but she has learned to endure them.

Joyce Woodend, Associate Registrar in Admissions said that administration acknowledges the problem.

"We have late applicants applying for admission, arranging for registration, parking and lockers. There are also financial aid issues."

On the first day alone, Woodend said there were over 1,600 student transactions and admissions is working on alternatives that would reduce lineups.

Admissions now allows students to pay their tuition fees over the Internet to alleviate some of the congestion. The next step is to make

it possible for students to pay for parking and lockers over the school Web site as well.

"We're looking very forward to [a time when] students can self-serve and don't have to be inconvenienced by waiting in line."

Woodend

said the registrar's office prepares for the onslaught of students by scheduling overtime and part-time staff.

Woodend said that if tasks like registering, paying fees and OSAP were completed in the summer, they wouldn't have to be done during the first week of classes.

"But we are happy to serve them," she said.

Board Briefs:

Humber's 17-member Board of Governors was updated on recent developments at the college during their first meeting of the year Sept. 9.

- Updates included info on:
- The completion and near completion of some of the many renovations made to the college over the summer.
 - The status of CAPS is slated to re-open late this week.
 - The construction of the new University of Guelph-Humber building, which at this point is under its expected budget.
 - Enrollment has risen overall by three per cent.

With files from Adam Cohen

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Etobicoke homicide suspects still at large

By SEAN HAROLD

Homicide detectives are still searching for two attackers wanted in the shooting death of an Etobicoke man.

On Friday Sept. 6, residents of Redwater Drive, near Kipling Avenue and Rexdale Boulevard, awoke to the sound of gunshots.

Officers from 23 Division arrived at the scene to find the victim, Omar McFarlane, 25, lying on the ground where he was pronounced dead at the scene.

"I've been living here for over six years and never did I feel so scared," said a resident on Redwater Drive who asked to remain anonymous.

Police chased a Honda CRV that had fled the area after officers tried to stop the vehicle.

The pursuit continued on foot after the suspects crashed into a

fence at a nearby house located on Harwood Gate.

They escaped after plunging some 10 metres down an embankment.

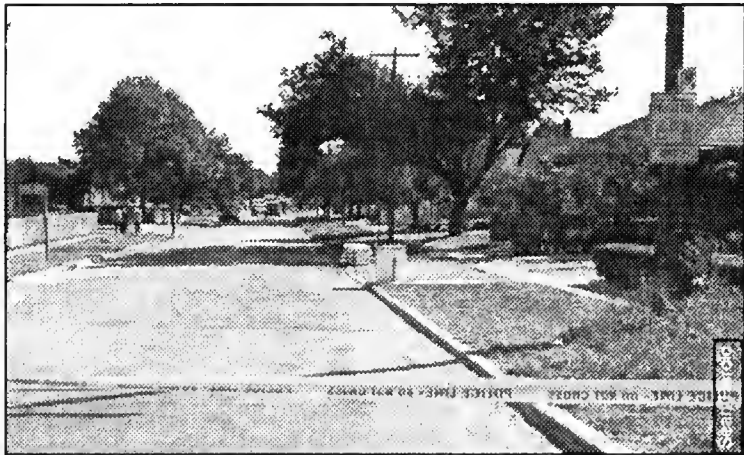
Investigators believe the suspects were injured as a result of the fall and have notified all hospitals in the area.

Forensic experts will also analyze the trail of blood evidence that was found leading up to the house where the victim was found.

An autopsy confirmed that the cause of death was multiple gunshot wounds to the chest.

Mr. McFarlane, was a U.S. citizen had been living in Etobicoke with his wife and two-year-old daughter.

Anyone with information is urged to contact 23 Division at 416-808-2300 or the Homicide Squad at 416-808-7400.



This quiet neighbourhood remains unsettled after an Etobicoke man was shot and killed in their backyard.

President Gordon: "This is where the action is"

By PAUL PAPAS

Weaving student traffic in the hallways, avoiding construction ditches and ducking bulldozers at every turn has become routine when walking the grounds at North Campus.

President Dr. Robert Gordon admits students may be inconvenienced somewhat this year because the college is busy and overcrowded during the restructuring of programs and facilities in preparation for the upcoming double cohort year.

"I've seen a lot of startups, and considering the amount of people we have here, and with all the renovations we've been doing all summer, I think it's been pretty smooth," Gordon said.

In fact lineups for registration are not as bad as last year says Lola Nelson, a front desk clerk at Humber's North Campus. The waiting time was a maximum of three hours, which is normal for this time of year.

Vanja Gandic, a first-year Tourism and Travel student agrees the school is operating efficiently but says Humber still ran out of parking spots.

Gandic now parks across the street on a lot at one of the houses adjacent to the North Campus for a monthly fee of \$40. She will save \$80 this year on parking, but will have to walk a little further to get to her classes.

The president said enrolment

has increased this year by 800 students to a population of 13,000. He estimates that that number will swell to 17,000 students next year.

"We do need more space, computers and labs, but what students get is a good education in a fast-paced environment with a bit of overcrowding," Gordon said. "We have a lot of students and little extra space so scheduling has to be carefully done."

"Nobody wants to go to a college where nothing is happening, you want to be where the action

is," he added.

Major building projects underway include Lakeshore Campus renovations, building a new student residence at both campuses, and the H building for the University of Guelph-Humber project. Coupled with that are renovations to the sports, food, library, classrooms, and faculty offices among others.

"There is pressure because of the double cohort, but we're already ahead of our commitment. It's coming together very well."

Teachers prepare for upcoming contract talks

By MIRANDA PYETTE

Humber's full- and part-time teachers, librarians and counselors will review within the month their demands for a new collective agreement.

Although the present agreement does not expire until Aug. 31, 2003, a provincial bargaining meeting for presidents has been set for the end of September.

"In the new agreement I think I would like to see workload measurement, complaint mechanisms for partial load, librarians and counselors," said Maureen Wall, president of Humber's Local 562. "For Humber, the impact of university now being part of the college is also a big change we have to work on. There's a possibility that it could create different categories of teachers."

The complaint mechanism Wall would like to see implemented involves a review committee where full- and part-time teachers' concerns would be heard.

Last year of the 419 part-time instructors at Humber, only 184 classified as "partial-load" were covered under the collective agreement.

"During the first meetings, the presidents of each local meet and

present their local's demands," Wall said.

The presidents then return to their schools to survey teachers on issues such as salary improvement, benefits, workload issues, health and safety. The result from the survey gives Wall ideas of members' concerns.

Areas that generated top priority for union members in past surveys were salary, retirement bene-



Maureen Wall represents the voice of Humber employees.

fits, vision coverage and full-time job positions.

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NDP proposes education plan

By JULET ALLEN

Students would have textbooks, local communities would have control over their children's education and parents would have confidence in their schools if an NDP government were elected, the parties education critic says.

During a visit to Lakeshore Public School in Etobicoke last week, Rosario Marchese said his party has developed a strategy to tackle issues currently plaguing the Ontario education system.

The NDP strategy calls for

investment in early education and fully-funded junior and senior kindergarten. The party would also make changes to the funding formula and cancel \$300 million in tax credits for private schools.

Later at a town hall meeting at Assembly Hall on the Lakeshore, several audience members questioned whether the NDP government was ready to take on an issue as large as education.

"This issue is hot and we need a brave party to address it," said the head of the parent council at Lakeshore Collegiate.

Campus safety measures include cameras, phones and escorts

By CAMILLE ROY

A one-man football game may not be a usual occurrence on Humber College Blvd., but that is exactly what Drev Campbell saw last Monday night.

Campbell, a third year Film and Television student, was waiting for a bus when an apparently intoxicated man approached the main bus stop.

Campbell said the man approached the bus stop and began acting out an imaginary football game, raising his arms and cheering.

Under certain circumstances this kind of behaviour might arouse fear. For that reason, specific services are available, providing safety and security for students on campus in any kind of emergency.

For instance Campus Watch, a division of the department of public safety at Humber College,

offers a safety escort program, emergency phones, camera surveillance and the Work Alone program.

The safety escort program is for students and staff who wish to be escorted to their car, residence building or bus stop when leaving the college at night.

The escorts are students hired by the department of public safety, and while they do not receive any special training, they are equipped with two-way radio with direct access to security.

Parking lots and school property at the North and Lakeshore campuses are under 24-hour video surveillance and have emergency phones that link to security.

The outside phones can be found in most parking lots, the walkway to residence, behind residence, and other less populated areas. A new phone will be installed at North Campus along the walkway from the registration

entrance at D building to the bus stop.

Security officials are not sure of the connection date, but Nancy Deason, manager of public safety at Humber, said it should be soon.

Gary Jeynes, director of public safety at the Humber, said that although there have been no recent problems at the bus stop, students and staff should always be cautious when it comes to their safety.

"Use common sense, know when your bus leaves so you're not standing out there alone," Jeynes said.

Another service provided by Campus Watch is the Work Alone program, which allows students and staff working late at the college the option of periodic checks if they request it.

Those at the North Campus can contact Campus Watch at the main entrance. Those at Lakeshore should call ext. 4077.

Etc.



Unionized Hudson's Bay workers protest against unfair pay raises based on merit.

Bay employees now back on the job

By JASON PUSHEE

Workers at all five unionized Hudson's Bay stores in Ontario returned to work last week, after being on strike for 13 days.

"All Bay stores are operating at full capacity today," said Bob Kolida, senior vice-president of human resources for the Bay, in a press release to the Canadian News Wire.

The 800-worker strike began over contract disputes and focused mainly on a proposed merit-based pay raise system. The merit system was eventually accepted with guaranteed pay raises over the next

three years.

Supervisors will decide which employees receive raises, based on performance but some employees have taken exception to the new practice.

"There are 15 things you have to be excellent in and nobody is going to be excellent in 15 things," said Pat Scott, an employee at the Bay in Brampton. "It's not actually [based] on your ability to do the job."

On Sept. 6 about 50 members of the CAW local 1000 and strikers rallied in front of the Sherway Gardens store in Etobicoke, while part-time workers and management

kept the store open for business.

Steve Watson, Canadian Auto Workers Union National Representative said, "The experience is that people don't get increases. They just bring in the new people on the new system, then the old people are pushed out the door."

Despite objections, management is happy to have workers back on the job. Kolida said, "We are pleased that we were able to reach an agreement that ensures the introduction of our HBC wide pay performance program and new benefit package in these five stores."

Etobicoke first to get new green bin

By COLLEEN MCDOWELL

The streets of Etobicoke were lined with green this week as the City rolled out its new organic waste disposal program.

Shiny new green bins joined their recycling counterparts, the blue and grey boxes, to complete the city's new "three stream recycling."

This is only phase one of the program, which has been launched in Etobicoke to over 70,000 households. The aim is to have all homes across the city participate in the program by 2005.

The program was created as a solution to cut back on waste disposal costs, which will increase by more than 400 per cent with the closing of the Keele Valley landfill site.

About one third of residents' garbage is organic material. By separating these materials the amount of garbage being sent to landfills should be reduced.

"We have a target of 50 per cent diversion from landfills. People have been doing the blue boxes and this is the next logical step. It will make a significant impact in reaching the target," said Brad Guglietti, an environmental officer for the Waste Management Branch at the Ministry of the



Green bin to alleviate garbage

Environment.

"It's always different starting a new program, but through education and promotion eventually it should become second nature," said Guglietti.

The aim is that residents will hopefully adopt the green bins as they did in the mid-80's with the introduction of the blue box.

"The blue box has been successful in reducing our residential waste stream about 17 per cent. The province has set a goal of 50 per cent and so we have to find ways of significantly reducing our waste," said Suzanne Elston, execu-

utive director of the Recycling Council of Ontario.

"Composting is a great idea, not only does it take a valuable resource out of the waste stream but it also reduces waste."

The organics from the green bin program will be composted and used in and around Toronto for parklands and farms.

Organics in landfill sites are a prime producer of methane gas, which can be harmful to the environment by contributing to global warming. By separating these organic materials and allowing them to break down a useful resource can be created.

"We're creating something golden out of garbage, and that's what it's all about," Elston said.

The introduction of the green bins will result in changes in the weekly collections of garbage. Garbage materials will now be picked up every other week, whereas recycling boxes and green bins will be picked up every week.

Organic materials to place in the green bins include fruit and vegetable scraps, meat, fish and dairy products, egg shells, coffee filters, tea bags and sanitary products.

For any further information about the program call the Green bin hotline at 416-388-2010 or email greenbin@city.toronto.on.ca.

World Digest

By DALIA WRIGHT

U.S. rejects Iraqi offer, calls it ploy by Hussein

The Iraqi government has agreed to let UN arms inspectors back into Iraq. The UN will investigate whether Saddam Hussein has been secretly building nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. U.S. officials met the offer with skepticism saying it was a stalling tactic on the part of Saddam Hussein.

Security Council laws passed after the 1991 Gulf War demand that Iraq destroy weapons of mass destruction and the means to produce and launch them. UN weapons inspectors are prepared to go to Iraq and are awaiting an order from the UN Security Council.

Buffalo men charged with terrorist activity

Six American men of Yemeni descent have been charged with supporting the al Qaeda terror network.

During FBI raids in the city of Lackawanna, New York, the five men were held and later charged for their involvement in what authorities call a "sleeper cell."

The sixth man was arrested and charged on Monday after being captured in Bahrain on the day of his wedding.

If convicted, the men could be jailed for 15 years.

Pagent contestants protest Islamic law

Several Miss World contestants from around the world have threatened to boycott next month's annual beauty pageant.

The boycott is to protest the sentence of Nigerian resident Amina Lawal. Lawal was sentenced to be stoned to death for committing adultery.

Under Islamic law, any woman who commits adultery must be given the death penalty. Twelve states in Nigeria, including the state of Katsina, where Lawal was convicted, support the law.

The Miss World competition scheduled for November will be held in Abuja, the Nigerian capital.

Kashmir voters come through despite fear

Voter turnout in the Indian-controlled Kashmir was very high despite threats of violence from its military.

Forty-four per cent of voters cast votes bypassing the massive amounts of police and security. Traditionally, Kashmir militant groups have threatened to kill voters, poll workers and candidates who participated in elections.

A 16-year-old boy was killed in the midst of the tense election season when he was killed by a rocket launched from nearby town Seri Khwaja. Two others were also wounded in Shalal village.

Etc.

Lakeshore



Students sing their hearts out at Lakeshore's annual Karaoke event on Sept. 6

Karaoke may be an ice breaker

By JENNA VAICIUS

R-E-S-P-E-C-T goes to all the students who enthusiastically sang their hearts out in front of a packed cafeteria last week.

As part of the welcome week festivities, the Humber Students' Federation (HSF) hosted its annual karaoke event at the Lakeshore Campus on Sept. 6.

This event concluded what Valerie Rothlin, vice-president of administration at Lakeshore, referred to as a tremendously successful frosh week, with record numbers for events.

Students sang a variety of songs from bands including N'SYNC, Shaggy, Aretha Franklin and Creed.

Some students mimicked dance routines, while others took a comedic approach to their performances.

"It's a great opportunity, especially for the first-years, to get

involved with school activities and to make new friends," said Marty Adams, second-year Comedy student at Lakeshore, who performed "Liquid Dreams" by O-Town.

"These events are important to frosh week because they get students comfortable, and for those students who are scared, they can come here and just let everything go," said Stephanie Boreland, vice-president of campus life at Lakeshore.

With the additional programs that have moved from North Campus down to Lakeshore, there are more new faces this year, but Rothlin is not concerned.

"This is a very social campus, and so far the new students from the North Campus have given me a lot of positive feedback."

If you are interested in the music scene, Lakeshore Campus will be housing Humber's own student bands, every Wednesday afternoon in the lower cafeteria.

The Lakeshore principal's latest challenge: Dean of the School of Social and Community Services in a year when student enrolment has increased almost 50 per cent.

Principal Ian Smith signs on as dean

By SHELBY CORNWALL

In his 20 years at Humber, Ian Smith has been around the block a few times. He has worked in athletics, counselling, the library, health services, marketing, admissions, education and faculty services and even an 18-month commission on the Guelph-Humber project.



Principal and Dean Ian Smith

Media Studies finds a new home

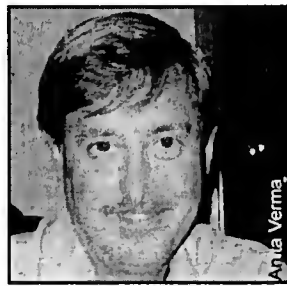
By ANITA VERMA

About 650 Media Studies students have been transferred from the North Campus to the Lakeshore Campus where a new facility has been built for them.

So far the massive relocation has been a smooth transition according to William Hanna, dean of media studies.

"I am very pleased at how we handled the challenges over the summer," he said. "All classes started on schedule."

In addition to the renovations, a new associate dean, Toby Fletcher, has joined the Lakeshore Campus overseeing the media



Welcome Toby Fletcher

studies faculty.

Fletcher is a familiar face around the North Campus where he was associate dean at the business school. He is enthusiastic about the opportunity to relocate to the new state-of-the-art facility at Lakeshore.

"It's a terrific move for me, it's a tremendous opportunity. I was in the business school for 16 years as associate dean, so this is great for me. It's a whole new building facility. It is the state of media education right now, and it's just gorgeous."

The shift to Lakeshore, will force media studies students to reorganize living and transporta-

tion arrangements and Fletcher said that initially not everyone was eager to move.

"For the second- and third-year students, particularly those in Public Relations, of course some of them [were] skeptical...but then they walk in and say 'Wow, this is going to be really comfortable,'" Fletcher said.

Most students were aware of the move from the beginning.

"We tried to deal with that proactively, we gave them a heads-up when they applied for the program," Hanna added.

Hanna and Fletcher are pleased that the implementation of the changes ran so efficiently and are excited that the halls of Humber College are bustling again.

"We're happy to have the students back."



A renovated Building F now houses the Media Studies program which moved to Lakeshore from the North campus this year.

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Editorial

Sept. 11: distant memory

September 11, the first anniversary of the terrorist attack on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington D.C., was over a week ago. In the United States and abroad, ceremonies were held to honour the victims of these attacks. Many were held in Canada, including one at Nathan Philips Square to remember the 24 Canadians killed. Everywhere you looked, there were flags at half-mast and moments of silence being observed. Everywhere, that is, except here at Humber College.

How soon we've forgotten how eerie it was last year when the sky over Pearson International was free of the familiar jets that cross over the North Campus with steady regularity. Or the campaign by our Fire and Emergency Services students to raise money for the victims of September 11, 2001.

Humber's heart was there last year, so where was it this month, while everyone else seemed to take a moment to remember where they were and what they felt?

Sadly, our society moves on all too quickly. The victims of this tragedy, which includes the families of those lost in the attacks, are easily overshadowed by such trivial events as tonight's *Survivor: Thailand* premiere. It seems reality has taken a back seat to reality TV.

But not even ground zero was immune to the pull of the ratings grabber. Reality TV has become such a piece of Americana, that New York City's September 11th ceremony was not complete without a performance by *American Idol* winner Kelly Clarkson. Well, why not? Fox ratings skyrocketed during the show's 22-episode run.

And after all, what other reason could there possibly be for the public to sit through the reading of the victims' names?

Jean Chretien has a point

Prime Minister Jean Chretien is correct in recognizing that the unequal distribution of wealth in the world can partially explain last year's terrorist attacks on the U.S.

Only the timing of his sentiment – CBC aired the documentary on the anniversary of the tragedy – was unfortunate.

It didn't take long for Chretien's remarks to be taken out of context by critics. Canadian Alliance Leader Stephen Harper said the PM was essentially blaming the victims with his comments. Harper cryptically prefers to blame "the forces of evil and hatred" in the world.

Progressive Conservative Leader Joe Clark sided with the PM. He said Chretien's comments were "appropriate," but rightly pointed out that Canada must now step up its distribution of foreign aid, urging Chretien to "put his money where his mouth was."

Increasing aid to developing countries should help lower resentment felt in parts of the world where the perception is growing that the international community no longer cares.

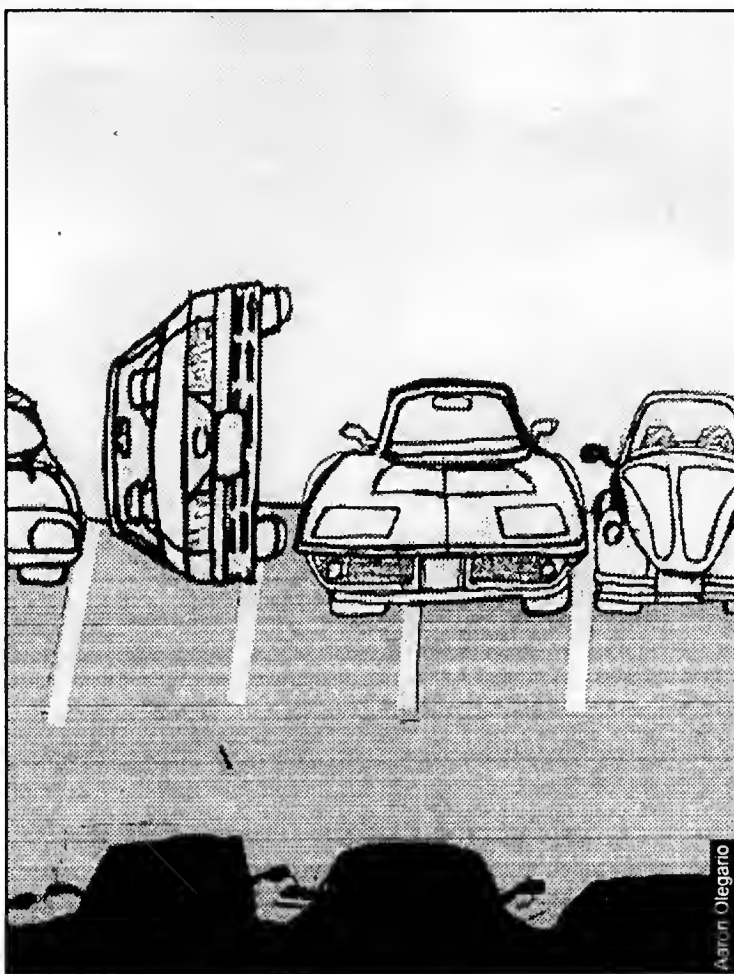
On Sept. 16, Chretien addressed the U.N. General Assembly on Africa. In his speech, he outlined the danger in allowing nations to remain socially excluded from globalization. He didn't use the opportunity to back off from his earlier position, but rather elaborated, saying, "We have seen right here in New York the tragic consequences that can result from failed states in far away places."

Critics have mistakenly labeled Chretien as anti-American, when really the PM holds the Western world accountable as a whole.

In his interview with CBC, Chretien said, "I do think the Western world is getting too rich in relation to the poor world. We're looked upon as being arrogant, self-satisfied, greedy and with no limits."

That reality can hardly be disputed.

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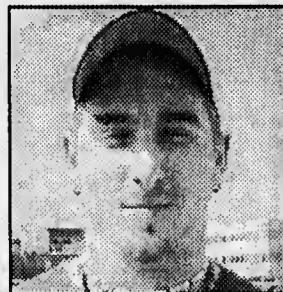
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Opinion

The American dream lives on



CHRISSE O'BRIEN

September 11, 2001 should be remembered, to be sure.

We should mourn it as the day more than 3000 people died needlessly. But we should also celebrate it as the day the world rediscovered its humanity – and united against a common enemy.

I watched the television screens in the cafeteria at the North Campus residence, as two airplanes flew into the World Trade Center in New York, and I wept.

A year ago, on that day, a person I had never met put his arm around my shoulders to console me as we watched the live coverage.

I will never forget that moment, standing with a stranger as we both cried for people we didn't know as we watched them die on television.

I wept for the moment and for the many terrible things that came out of Sept. 11.

But, in mourning, we must also look at some of the miracles that have evolved from that tragedy.

By nightfall, people from all over the world reached out to the United States, in thought, prayer, and spoken word.

Americans, Canadians – humans, learned again what it meant to experience the kindness of a stranger.

We were reminded also what it was to be a hero.

So many heroes were made on that day: in the firefighters who ran into the burning towers and the passengers of Flight 93, which crashed in Pennsylvania – surely saving lives.

Heroes too are those New Yorkers who've grieved with dignity and pride in the year that has fol-

lowed Sept. 11. Who've turned without chagrin to neighbours – either on the next street or in the next country.

Even overseas a level of humanity and heroism has come out of the terrible tragedy.

Since American forces have driven Taliban soldiers into hiding, women in Afghanistan have had the opportunity to return to school.

U.N. funds have provided computers for the education of these women – who now have dreams for their future – something unheard of in their recent past.

Osama bin Laden may have intended to destroy the superpower of the United States when he sent terrorists into the skies on Sept. 11, but the

result was something quite different.

The American dream was not destroyed on that day. Instead, it evolved into a human aspiration; a common goal against what George W. Bush called the powers of tyranny and terrorism.

Humanity demonstrated a united front.

Even former New York mayor Rudy Giuliani said September 11th was the worst thing that could ever have happened to his city, but it was also the best thing, as the people of New York came together and came into their humanity.

After a year, can we finally see the silver lining of the terrible cloud that was Sept. 11?

Going to the chapel – maybe



ROO GUILHERME

Just before the end of my summer vacation, I had the honour of witnessing a fellow classmate make a lifelong commitment to her partner, whom I'd only heard about until that glorious day.

My punctuality record is far from spotless and, in usual style, I arrived late at the wedding. Luckily, no one had noticed me slip into the church, despite the fact that I was the only one garbed in the boldest of red shirts.

Sliding into the farthest pew from the altar, I was glad it wasn't my special day. I would have been an emotional mess if my wedding didn't go exactly as planned.

Wiping my brow, it dawned on me. I'll never have a wedding. Not because I want to avoid the stress from planning the ceremony down to the smallest detail, and not because in my mind, the traditional sacrament of marriage that I was taught to believe in from my Catholic upbringing, is simply a piece of paper.

No, I'll never have a wedding, because legally, I'll never be able to get married.

Or will I?

Quebec Superior Court judge, Justice Louise Lemelin, ruled recently that the opposite-sex defi-

inition of marriage is discriminatory and unjustified under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

This came after an Ontario court ruling in July stating the Ontario government must register gay and lesbian marriages. Soon after, the Ontario Superior Court suspended that ruling, giving the federal government an ample two years to redefine the term "marriage."

Lemelin's decision was more than satisfactory for the plaintiffs in this case, Michael Hendricks and Rene LeBoeuf. The two have been together for more than 30 years. That's longer than my parents' marriage.

Certain religious lobby groups naturally argued that allowing gays and lesbians to marry would

threaten the entire institution.

Well, I argue that limiting the definition of marriage so that it must consist of a man and a woman threatens the credibility of what their saviour preached to his followers, "Love one another as I have loved you."

Besides, how much can gays actually threaten an entire institution? I can just see thousands of gay men huddled around their local dioceses, (all dressed to kill mind you), with Celine Dion – inexplicably the goddess of gays worldwide – as their spokesperson, singing, "Hey hey, ho ho, the sanctity of marriage has got to go." I just hope Celine won't be beating her chest like she does in her other performances.

I'm sure that will jeopardize

the entire faith of Catholicism more than, say, priests molesting children.

The ongoing sexual abuse crisis in the clergy has already cost one church in Boston \$13.5 million in settlements according to a Sept. 10 article in *The Boston Globe*. And that's just the latest example.

How much will it cost to alter the wording of marriage in the Charter from between, "a man and a woman" to, "two persons?" My guess is not a lot, at least not \$13.5 million.

As one of my heroines, comedienne Margaret Cho, says in one of her routines, "Any government that denies a gay man the right to a bridal registry is a fascist state."

That's all we really want.

What's reality got to do with it?



MELANIE HENNESSEY

Well, tonight's the big night. Millions of people around the world will be scrambling to their television sets to get their latest dose of reality TV – *Survivor: Thailand*. Well, everyone but me.

I won't be talking about it the next day at school as though the cast members and I are personal friends. I won't be upset when the

hot girl with huge breasts is voted off. And I definitely won't be setting my VCR timer.

I can almost hear you gasp as you read this, amazed that someone actually doesn't base their Thursday night schedule around this glorified soap opera.

But what I'd like to know, is why it's called reality TV?

The cast consists of 16 good-looking people with professional careers, like a real estate agent or an officer from the NYPD. What about the ugly girl who works at McDonald's and could really use \$1 million? Wouldn't that add to the realism? Oh, I forgot – she probably wouldn't help ratings when she puts on a skimpy bikini,

the official female *Survivor* outfit.

This perfect little group is stranded on an island near Thailand, battling such things as mosquitoes and wild pigs.

A journalist from *The Philadelphia Inquirer* had the chance to visit the island and spend three days observing the drama. He reported back that the only thing he saw was, "very silly people trying to outwit, outplay, outlast." He didn't meet any 14-foot rattlesnakes or killer pigs. With a little bit of insect repellent, he didn't even get a mosquito bite.

Ah, insect repellent. Something that no one would forget before trekking into a forest. But, let's take a look at what luxury items

this round of survivors has chosen. Erin Collins, the attractive real estate agent from Texas, is bringing body paint. Buff firefighter Stephanie Dill can't live without her fuzzy slippers. And 23-year-old bartender Robb Zbacnik wouldn't be able to make it without his skateboard.

What's wrong with these people? Did they forget where they're going? I'm sure fuzzy slippers will come in handy while hiking through a forest when the temperature soars over 40 degrees.

But if tribe members were ever in serious, life-threatening danger, like if they were attacked by a wild pig or couldn't find food and water, they wouldn't be left to die like real

castaways. When the cameras weren't rolling they would be airlifted to the nearest hospital or served a delicious steak dinner, I'm sure.

I don't think reality TV is a new fad. A little while ago on TV, I watched a father trying to protect his son from being gunned down in the Middle East. The father was shot dead and the young boy was left crying in the middle of the street, alone.

This reality is heart-wrenching and that little boy is the true survivor. But at this time, most people grab their remote controls and change the channel back to the perfectly planned, flawless reality on Global.

Etc.

On Campus

HSF looking for new members

By COREY BELLAMY

The Humber Students' Federation (HSF) is gearing up for a byelection this week to fill its vice-president of administration position for the North Campus.

Annabella Lopes, who was elected to the position last year, resigned over the summer, forcing the byelection.

"We basically, as a team, outlined the direction [of the HSF] over the summer," HSF President Craig Wilson said.

She [Lopes] wasn't happy with the direction, so she left," The new vice-president will oversee the day-to-day operations of HSF at the North Campus, acting as an administrative officer, and will help set the budget with the executive committee.

Campaigning began on Sept. 17 and continues until Sept. 26.

Students can vote for a new vice-president in the Concourse from Sept. 24 at 9 a.m. to Sept. 26 at 4 p.m.

"There have been a lot of applications so far," Wilson said, noting any student can run for the position.

"I knew I wanted to run for something," said Tina Orwin, a first year Court and Tribunal student.

"With this opening, it seemed like a good opportunity."

Director positions are open in hospitality, recreation and tourism, applied technology, health sciences, media studies (Lakeshore), social and community services (Lakeshore) and business.

Student Directors are paid \$25 per meeting, up to \$100 per month, and \$10 for every school function attended.



These students aren't falling asleep in class—they're under the spell of X-rated hypnotist Tony Lee, who took the stage at the North Campus on Sept. 4. Lee has performed more than 2,000 shows around the world and is brought back to Humber annually by the Humber Students' Federation.

Orientation a success

By JASON BAIN

This year's orientation week at Humber College Residence marked a substantial increase in student participation over last year, according to Residence Life Coordinator Colleen Parton.

"It went really smoothly," she said. "Everyone seemed to have a good time."

About 600 students checked into their new home on Aug. 24 and 25, with half of them taking part in orientation week.

Monday's events included campus tours and a retro '80s party at JJ Muggs followed by a trip to Canada's Wonderland on Tuesday.

"For orientation week events, we focus on doing things in the later afternoon and evening, so

students can still attend their academic orientation," she said.

Wednesday included a bus trip downtown where students could shop at the Eaton Centre.

But the biggest success of the week, according to Parton, was Thursday's boat cruise.

The Toronto Blue Jays game on Friday had a smaller turnout because of the fear of a strike.

First year Health and Fitness student Elisheva Hindel came back from a stay in Israel a week early to attend orientation events.

"I had the opportunity to stay in Israel, but I wanted to come back," she said, admitting she was glad she did.

Parton said she hopes the same energy will carry over into upcoming events like committees and athletic nights.

Firefighters set to ignite annual fundraiser event

By KARA HART

Once again, Humber College's Fire and Emergency Services students are planning their annual fundraiser.

Last year, one Fire and Emergency student took Humber by surprise when he started undressing in a firefighter auction.

The group raised close to \$1,000, with the bare-bummed student going for \$140.

This money was used to replace vaccines that were destroyed when the Health Centre fridge broke down.

Events being considered for this year's fundraiser are a car wash, firefighter challenge, barbeque and dunk tank, toy drive and a food

drive.

Details are still sketchy, but the students have set themselves one challenge.

"We'd like to reach an amount that's not yet been attained," student Jody Walker said.

The students will donate their earnings to charities like the Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre burn unit, the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation or the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

But the firefighters realize they can't do this alone.

"The whole school is what's going to make this a success," Walker said.

A tentative date for the fundraiser has been set for Sept. 26.

Students said they are looking forward to helping out in the community.

"Our lives are pretty much going to be about helping people," student Jonny Broun said.



Firefighter students Mark Acocella (left) and Jonny Broun are ready to fundraise.

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Sept. 24-The International Office will be holding a kick-off night in the gym from 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Sept. 24-Enjoy a fine dining experience when the Humber Room re-opens for lunch at 12 p.m.

Sept. 24-26-Vote for your new HSF vice-president of administration and board of directors in the Concourse

Sept. 30-Oct. 3-Learn how to spend your money wisely as Responsible Gambling Week kicks off

Etc.

Fine dining that won't break the bank

By KRISTIE KENT

The Humber Room, a dining area beside Tall Hats at the North Campus, is having a soft opening with limited space on Sept. 24.

If the room is full, the next available day is the re-opening on Oct. 1.

"The Humber Room is served by students, managed by students, and the food is cooked by students," said Richard Pitteway, food and beverage manager.

"Prices are ridiculously low. We want students to come in here to experience fine dining."

The menu has a feature soup, appetizer, main course and choice of dessert, with prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$8.

Choices like smoked salmon roulade stuffed with celery root, wasabi and sour cream or grilled medallions of pork tenderloin are just some of the delicacies offered.

"The prices are inexpensive for an appetizer, drinks (with or with-

out alcohol), main course, dessert and coffee. It works out to be \$13 a person," said Ana Mitrovic, a first year Hospitality Management student.

"The revenue goes back into providing new equipment for labs and upgrading instructional supplies for the students," said Alister Mathieson, dean of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism.

Hours of operation are Tuesday through Friday from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.



The Humber Room, open four days a week, serves a variety of fresh meals at prices students on a tight budget can afford.

Carnival of agility, fun and skill

By STEPHANIE HARNADEK

Free mini golf, free cotton candy, free popcorn, free ping-pong and more.

On Sept. 14 the Student Athletic Association (SAA) held its first promotional event of the school year, a carnival in the gym.

"It's a promotion of athletics. Students come out and get a chance to hang out and meet other people," said Katie Hagan, SAA director of special events and fundraising.

Other activities included jousting, bungee running and one-on-one basketball.

The SAA is trying to get people to come down to the gym, hang out and have fun.

Students who came to enjoy the festivities appreciated taking a break from schoolwork.

"They have really cool stuff to do. It's not boring. It's a break from class, a stress reliever," said Megan Lamoure, a first year Funeral Services student.



Jousting was just one of the events students could participate in during the Student Athletic Association carnival on Sept. 14.

A new look for HSF site

By JASON MAGDER

The Humber Students' Federation has changed its Web site in an attempt to make it more user friendly.

"It's more or less the same, but we're just trying to make it a little more dynamic," HSF President Craig Wilson said.

The site, www.hsfweb.com, has everything from the HSF's 2002-2003 budget to online job applications.

"A lot of people have been applying online for all the positions that we have which is really good. We are getting traffic," Rishi Gupta, vice-president of



campus life North said.

This revamped site also features a variety of useful links, such as Toronto weather and traffic, and news sites like the Toronto Star.

He added the HSF is planning on using the Web site as a major resource this school year.

HSF is in the process of starting a list to notify Humber students of upcoming events by e-mail.

"Almost everyone has access to a computer, whether it be in the residence or the open access labs at school," Gupta said.

"Anything new and changing is always there."

Sept. 11 blamed for enrolment drop in tourism

By REBECCA GORDON

The effects of terrorism have stretched as far as Humber College, with enrolment for the Tourism and Travel program down by 29 per cent.

Alister Mathieson, dean of the School of Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism isn't worried as competing schools' enrolment is down 50 per cent.

Mathieson attributes the decline to the events of Sept. 11. Those who previously may have considered a career in tourism have changed their minds.

Whether or not the industry holds a place for them has come into question.

The two-year diploma program, designed to teach all aspects of tourism, including customer service and business skills, has seen no decline in returning students.

The diligence of faculty in making students aware that their job market would not be threat-

ened ensured a return of first year students.

"They didn't want us to think we had some kind of grey future ahead of us. We all kind of knew it was going down hill but we tried to make the best of it," said Valerie Peters, graduate of the program.

Peters held a travel agent job briefly after graduation. Poor pay and unreliable hours forced her to seek employment outside her field.

Mathieson was positive that although the industry took a big loss over the past year, it bounced back and is making a profit.

But, those who have entered the industry after Sept. 11 have begun at entry level positions making less than those who entered before in the same positions.

Though many may fear traveling after Sept. 11, Peters said it's probably safer these days to travel because of the heightened security.

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boy band CDs for example.

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On Campus

Academic chief urges students to get involved

97 per cent of students asked knew nothing about Humber's Academic Council

By NATALIE MANDIC

New curriculum, lack of parking, school construction and academic policies are all issues that affect Humber College students, but a recent poll conducted by the *Et Cetera* shows they know little about who assists in making these decisions.

When asked if they knew what the Academic Council was, 47 out of 50 students polled replied no.

"The Academic Council is the most senior, internal governing body and has direct advisory to Humber's president," Vice-President of Academics Richard A. Hook said. "They incorporate certain priorities which are critical to the college such as new program reviews and cancellations."

Besides these reviews, the Academic Council is currently dealing with construction of the

University of Guelph/Humber as well as numerous problems that may result from the double cohort.

"The academic council, while it's broadly representative of the Humber community, has relatively few students involved," Hook said.

The council is made up of 42 voting members and seven non-voting members.

The non-voting members are the president of Humber College, vice-presidents, the council chair and the secretariat.

The group of voting members contains representatives from every division of the school, as well as members of the support staff, the Faculty Union and the Humber Students' Federation (HSF).

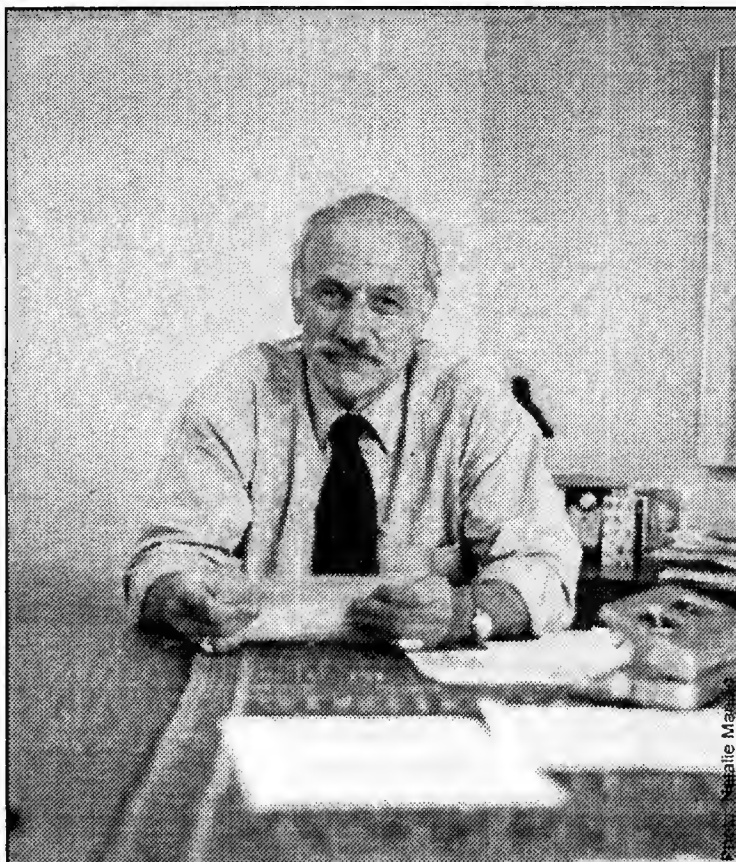
Only two members of the HSF attend academic meetings, making for poor student representation.

"Students lead a busy life. The average student doesn't see the immediate return out of going to these meetings. They don't feel that they get any tangible benefits," said Craig Wilson, HSF president and academic council member. "But students who choose to attend these meetings have the opportunity to share in ideas."

Council meetings are open to the public, providing there are enough seats to accommodate everyone.

Meetings are typically held on the second or third Thursday of every month from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Community Room at North Campus, with the exception of October's meeting, to be held at Lakeshore.

"It is very important for students to be there and be represented, prepared and supportive," Hook said.



Vice-President of Academics Richard A. Hook hopes that more students will attend Academic Council meetings on campus.

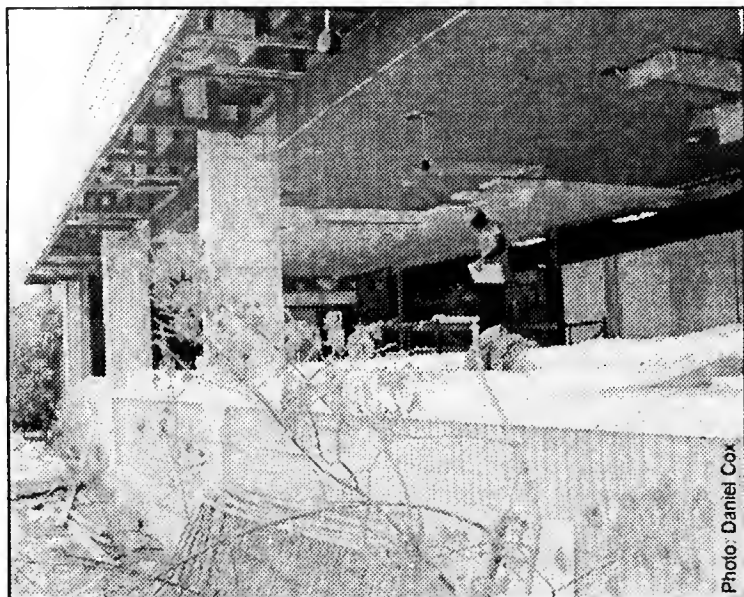


Photo: Daniel Cox

The traditional first pub night at Caps, located on the North Campus, has been delayed until Sept. 26 due to construction.

HSF student fee not all funny money

By JASON MAGDER

Many Humber students don't know that \$92 of their tuition fee goes to the Humber Students' Federation. Others don't even know that the HSF is behind campus events. Vice-President of Campus Life North, Rishi Gupta, said the biggest goal of this year's HSF is to make students aware of their operation. He's already seeing results.

"We've had people come in and say, 'I didn't know you hand out planners. I've been here for three years and I'm picking up my first one now.' We want people to know who we are, what we do, and where they can find us."

President Craig Wilson agrees that awareness of the HSF has increased.

"We've been marketing like crazy. You see everyone walking around with the HSF lanyards, so students obviously know that Humber Students' Federation exists. It's a matter of asking a question."

The HSF has already put on a variety of events, including a *Spiderman* screening and hypnotist Tony Lee. Yuk Yuks comedian James Cunningham made his second Funny Money presentation on Sept. 10,

giving students a humorous lesson on budgeting money.

"There's more to school than just classes," said Gupta.

"We don't want people to skip classes. We want people to come to an event because they have spare time and they want to be entertained while they're here."

Frosh Week, put on by the HSF, was a big success according to both Gupta and Wilson. A barbecue, caricature artist, free henna and an Xbox booth kicked off the fun-filled week.

Planned events are not all about entertainment. At the North Campus, Responsible Gambling Awareness Week begins Sept. 30. There will be daily clinics throughout the week, showing students the dangers of gambling.

"They'll teach people how to use their money, not to throw it all away gambling, and how gambling actually is considered an addiction," Gupta said.

Every Monday at both campuses is Game Show Day and Lakeshore's lower cafeteria has live music performed by Humber bands.

With files from Leah Nonato

More than 28,000 adult students sign up for part-time courses at Humber

By DINA DURAKOVIC

While full-time students are busy getting back into their routine at Humber College, another 28,000 adults are busy advancing themselves too.

"Some of the major reasons people come to continuing education are to upgrade their credentials and to improve themselves," said Marg Riley, manager of Continuing Education at Humber College.

Over 300 weekend courses are offered along with

distance learning such as correspondence or online for those who wish to learn from home.

Continuing education students not only choose what's best for their schedule but also seem to be pleased with the college's curriculum.

"I made my decision to go into Humber's continuing education program last year because the evening courses fit into my schedule," said Dave Maharaj, 30. There will be an open house coming up on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the North campus.

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boy band CDs for example.

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Health

Firefighters gather to protest closing

By ALICIA REWEGA

New York firefighters could arrive in Toronto as early as next week to support Toronto's firefighters in their opposition to the shutdown of Ontario's largest hyperbaric unit.

"At this moment, a police diver is fighting for his life in Toronto General Hospital's hyperbaric unit," said Bill Roman, president of the Canadian Council on Clinical Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (CCCHOT). "Where would he have gone if it was destroyed?"

The unit is used at Toronto General Hospital to treat conditions like carbon monoxide poisoning, diabetes, cancer wounds and diving injuries. It delivers oxygen at heightened pressures inside a special chamber, helping to prevent amputations or deaths.

The TGH plans to demolish the current hyperbaric wing September

30 and remain without one until January 2004.

"The hospital sold the site without telling anybody," Roman said, adding the hospital withheld information about the shutdown until it was too late.

Toronto deputy fire chief William A. Stewart said the emergency diving teams are in danger.

"We were disappointed that we weren't notified prior to when we were," he said.

Alex Radkewycz, TGH spokesperson, said the building housing the hyperbaric unit was sold to pay for the construction of a new clinical services building.

"The unit is only temporarily closing," she said.



Courtesy TGH web

The hyperbaric unit at TGH will close Sept. 30.

"It's not safe for anyone to be in the building because it's being torn down."

Radkewycz said the TGH has made arrangements for patients who need emergency hyperbaric treatment after Sept. 30 to use the CritiCall service offered by the Ministry of Health.

Murray Huntley, chief hyperbaric controller at Hyperbaric Oxygen of Toronto Inc., said the problem is that TGH will only send critical patients to places like Hamilton General Hospital's hyperbaric unit, leaving many diabetes and cancer patients without immediate access.

While the TGH's unit

can hold up to 10 HBO patients at once, Hamilton is limited to treating two.

Todd Tomecek, president of Toronto Hyperbaric, has also criticized the new \$1.5 million chamber.

"They've ordered a hyperbaric chamber which they cannot use."

He said the Australian manufacturer's chambers do not have medical device licenses issued by Health Canada.

But, Radkewycz said the necessary licenses can be issued in 75 days to several months and all approvals will be granted by the time the new unit arrives.

"We've built it into the timetable and the contract with Australia for [the unit] to be licensed," she said.

"The hyperbaric team went to Australia to make sure this is the very best that we could get. And it is."

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"Consequences could be ruinous," chief says

College will not spray for West Nile virus



Arboretum superintendent Sid Baller dismantles mosquito traps at the North Campus.

By JACQUELINE BOULET

Humber Arboretum staff will not spray the seven acre park and adjoining woodlot at the college's North Campus despite a provincial decision this week to consider pesticide spraying.

The provincial decision comes in the wake of the confirmed West Nile virus death of a Mississauga resident.

Two other cases have been confirmed in Ontario and 14 others are suspected.

Sid Baller, Arboretum superintendent, said the risk of contracting the virus is not serious enough to risk killing most of the wildlife as a

result of spraying.

"The consequences would be ruinous," he said. "We have to ask, how serious is our commitment to the environment?"

Last year's efforts to trap mosquitoes in the Arboretum for testing has stopped due to the confirmed presence of the virus, dry weather and budget cuts.

"This region of the city has one gardener on staff," Baller said. "They asked us to collect and send in any dead crows or blue-jays if we find them. So far, we've found two dead crows and sent them in."

Those at greatest risk are the elderly, the very young, or those who are immune compromised.

"I will say what I have heard many physicians say, which is, you have a far greater risk of dying of influenza than you do of dying of West Nile," Susan Sperling, media relations for the Toronto Public Health said.

Over the past three months Sperling said the city has made huge efforts to educate citizens about the virus with ad campaigns, info lines, and brochures.

Sperling was not, however, at liberty to discuss the budget cuts and costs associated with dealing with the West Nile Virus.

There are sites still set up throughout Toronto for examining mosquito specimens.

Back strain on the rise caused by backpacks

By LISA HARRIS

Student Amy House understands the pain of lugging around a hefty backpack full of books, notes and supplies.

"It rubs on my shoulder blades when I walk, and hurts my lower back," she said.

Many students may not realize the pressure of a backpack could be doing serious damage to their backs.

"Repetitive strain through backpack use can lead to irritation within the nerve system supply of the spinal cord," Dr. David Weyrauch, a chiropractor at the North York Centre, said.

A heavy weight in a backpack can cause a curvature of the spine in young children. It also compresses on the shoulders and can lead to circulatory and nerve damage down the arm.

"Tennis elbow, golfers elbow,

carpal tunnel, these types of syndromes can develop," Dr. Weyrauch said.

According to Dr. Lloyd DeCoff, a chiropractor in Waterdown, the maximum a person should carry is 10 percent of their body weight.

Both doctors do not recommend the popular one strap shoulder backpack because they say it does not distribute the weight properly.

"It can cause lower back pain, neck pain and curvature of the spine," Dr. DeCoff said.

He suggests the following safety features to look for when shopping for a backpack:

- * Two padded shoulder straps, to distribute the weight evenly.
- * A belt around the waist so the backpack fits snug to your body.
- * The bottom of the backpack should rest in the lower curve of the back, and the top of the pack should not be higher than the bottom of the neck.

Such criteria should be considered by students purchasing backpacks as spinal cord damage from continuous pressure is permanent.



One strap shoulder bags can damage your back.

Photo: Lisa Harris

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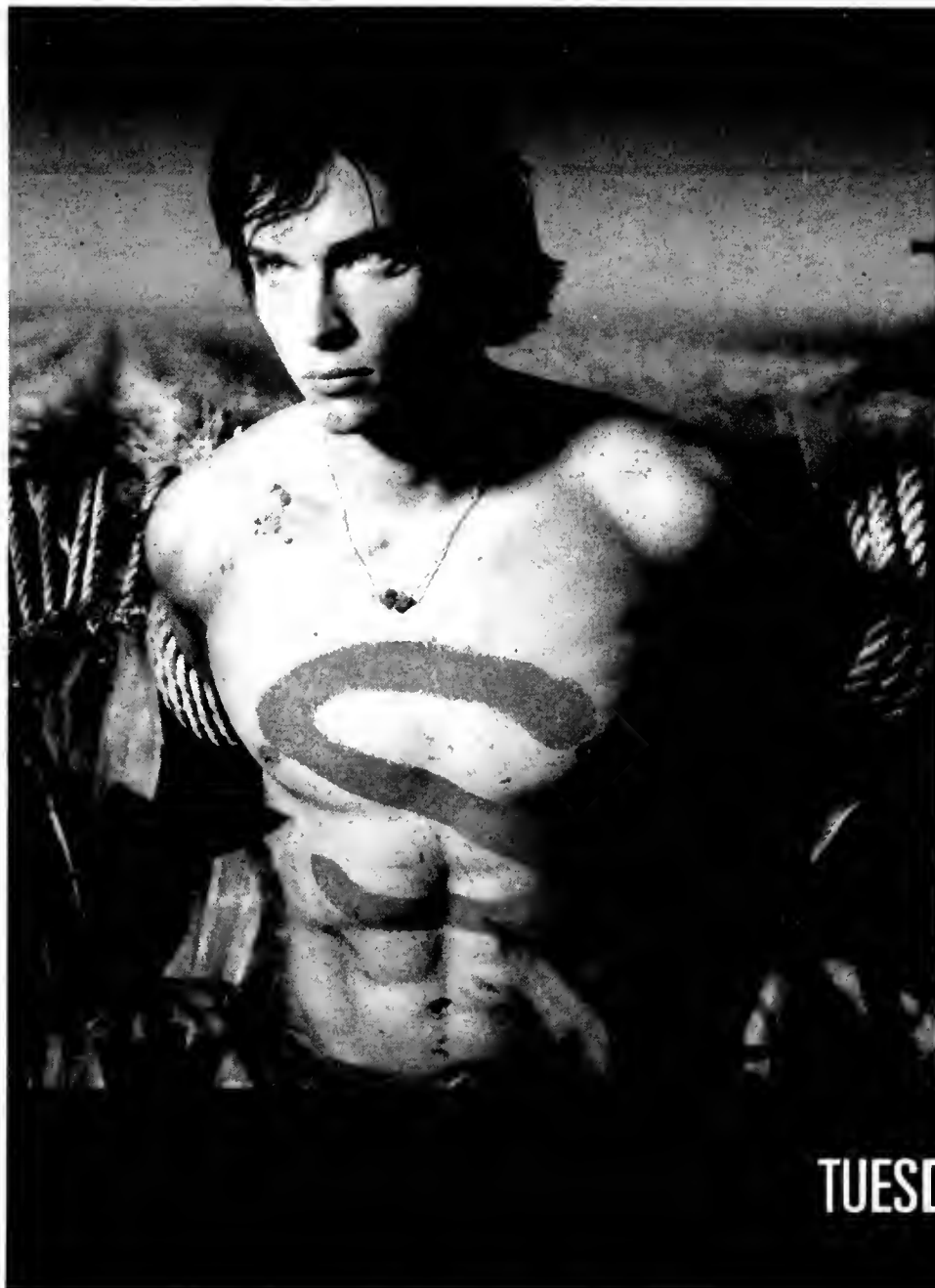
effect is nausea, and we will supply you with an anti-nausea pill (Gravol) to help relieve this. If after taking the pill you haven't had a period in three weeks, you should return to the health clinic for a pregnancy test. The ECP, however, does not stop you from getting a sexually transmitted disease (STD), so you may also want to get an STD test. This service is also available at the health clinic.

Q: My boyfriend and I have been having sex for a while and we both hate using condoms. I'm thinking about going on the pill. Do you have any advice for me?

A: If you are not using any form of birth control, you are at an extremely high risk of getting pregnant. The birth control pill would be a good idea. You must remember that the pill will only protect you from getting pregnant, not from STDs. You should be sure that you are the only sexual partner your boyfriend has. Without a condom, you are at risk of contracting an STD if your boyfriend is sleeping with anyone else. The health clinic supplies a variety of birth control pills for \$8.

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In Focus

IT'S A TECHNICOLOR

Colour tourism is raking them in

By **CHRISSE O'BRIEN**

Mother Nature has got one hell of a sense of humour.

The fall season is her last-ditch

attempt to attract our attention.

It is as though she's wearing her prom dress to a funeral – but evidently it works.

Communities across Ontario

celebrate the changing of the seasons with fall colour festivals and tours.

Mother Nature provides the wardrobe, dresses up fall foliage in its finest evening wear to go out with a bang.

Canadians can find any excuse to have a party.

The provincial Ministry of Tourism and Recreation says though they do not monitor the numbers for increases in Ontario's fall tourism, certain groups make the trip to Ontario for a little leaf-peeping.

"Fall colours are popular with Japanese tourists.

"That is a primary market, because they don't have fall colours there," said Brooke Bateman, a Travel promotions officer with the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership (OTMP).

OTMP works with the industry to promote tourism both in the peak summer season, and in the off seasons.

"Fall colour celebrations add to that," Bateman maintains.

The province has 14 auto tours available to see the changing of the colours. Information on these is available at www.southernontario.org.

The provincial government established a hotline in the fall of 2001 to inform tourists of the fall foliage and nature festivals.

Ontario Travel has updated their



travel hotline at 1-800-668-2746 to include a recorded message with weekly fall colour reports compiled by the Ministry of Tourism.

Potential colour tourists can also find this information at www.ontariotravel.net.

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A guide to Ontario's fall festivities

In Ontario, communities come together to celebrate the colorful fall.

These festivities welcome visitors from the U.S. and other provinces adding to Ontario's tourism menu.

Festivals across Canada rake in colour tourists every year.

Here are some festivals within driving distance of Humber College:

- 22nd Annual Muskoka Autumn Studio Tour. To arrange a tour call 416-929-3106 or Email: info@muskokatour.com
- Rideau Canal Waterway-fall colours Driving Tour Weekends in September www.rideauinfo.com/canal/driving/fall-colour
- The Elliot Lake North Shore Cruisers Colour Run

- September 28 and 29 Info (705) 461-1793
- Bannockburn Fall Hike October 6, 2002 Info (519) 235-2610
- Dowling Cavalcade of Colours Fall Festival Info: (705) 855-9621
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Humber's Arboretum: Lea

By **CHRISSE O'BRIEN**

Humber College North Campus students don't really need to look any further than our backyard to enjoy the beauty of the fall season.

And what a backyard we have!

"We have a fair bit of colour in the fall season," said Heather Sommers,

landscape planner at the Humber Arboretum.

Her duties include planning and design of walkways and gardens as the seasons change

Sommers said the Arboretum's location in the Humber River valley means cooler temperatures that bring out ferocious fall colours.

"We have a fair bit of colour right up until the end, many of our shrubs and borders give us lovely reds and purples and the maples are brilliant oranges and yellows," Sommers said.

Arboretum volunteer staff, made up of first year Landscape Technologies students from Humber College, have been planting mums,

Etc.

OUR SEASON

Fall fashion on the fringe

A Western revival

By RENEE BOROVITCH

With the temperatures playing on the thermometer like a child going up and down a slide in the play-

ground, it might feel confusing as to what season we are leaving and what season we are going into. One glance around campus at the fashionably frocked femmes and fellows will show you the fall is here.

Gone are the bathing suits, gone are the shorts creeping up the lower

deck of cheeks. Even summer's well-maintained tans are fading into the past. It's the beginning of the school year so you won't yet see the rags and sweats that get thrown together as the schoolwork starts piling up. It's fall fashion time!

And what does this season of changing colours, cooler breezes and shorter days offer? The list is probably longer than the season itself.

Well, there's fringe, fringe and more fringe. From long fringe on shawls and capes by Gucci, to short, tiny, delicate fringe on Coco Chanel's trademark waist jacket, to knee-skimming skirts.

Then there's grunge. Not to worry, it's not the grunge you remember from 1996. It has morphed into something more civilized, taking several steps up Maslow's ladder of hierarchy to a place where even new grunge might feel slightly more actualized. Grunge has grown up, with a softer, more groomed look.

Fall fashions are about texturing—with lots of different and new materials. Metal—a material that at one time could only be found in a welder's toolbox—is now blazoned across the bosoms and bodices of those who dare to wear.

And don't forget neckwear. Go a la Avril Lavigne and do the loose tie thing. If that doesn't do it something long and colourful around your neck this year will do, and it appears the longer the better.

Some Humber students have their take on fall fashions.

Nicole LeBlanc, a first year student in the Landscape Technician program loves low-rise jeans.

"I got a pair of Parasuco, low-rise with buttons down the sides," she said.

LeBlanc likes to match these up with extra-wide belts, especially those with a fringe, worn extra low on her hips.

"I'm definitely going to buy new clothes for the fall," LeBlanc said.

Alex Fu, a second year student in Hospitality Management, brought most of his wardrobe back from Hong Kong. What we are wearing here now, people in Hong Kong were wearing more than two years ago, Fu said.

Zara Ali, a first year Nursing

student, loves the darker colours the fall fashions offer.

"I love dark brown, burnt orange, dark red, anything dark," said Ali.

She also likes the fringe look for fall and says that buying new clothes for fall helps her get in the school mood.

So, all you slaves to fashion, revamping fall wardrobes, remember, style comes from within and without.

Have fun with fashion, make it work for you.



It's back to '70s fringe this fall.

Humber students are looking forward to cooler temps and the chance to pile on the fringe, in cozy sweaters, jeans, leather and suede. Clothing courtesy of Le Chateau at Woodbine Centre.

f-peeping in our Backyard

pansies and other frost-sturdy plants. The Arboretum is also adding more colour to the fall display.

"Quite often things are nicer in September than they are in August," she maintains.

Sommers said this year's weather is helping the technicolor fall along.

"We've had such a hot summer.

Now the cooler nights are giving many of the summer flowers their second wind," she said.

Although the Arboretum does not track the number of people who visit their annual and perennial beds, which change for the fall season, Sommers said every weekend people are enjoying the fall foliage, walking

and bird watching.

"We also have weddings booked right up until October," she said.

Maps of the grounds are available at the Turn-Circle in the Arboretum.

Bookings for special events can be made by contacting the Arboretum.

Further information is available at 416-675-6622 at extension 4467.

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Spice up your space

By PAUL GALLORO

Cramped space, dull décor and bad food are things each and every residence student has to deal with during their nine-month stay on campus.

Although the latter can't be fixed, there are many easy solutions to spice up and space out a room, even on a student budget.

Second-year accounting student, Krystyna Duhamel, has returned to rez because of the convenience.

"It cuts down on a lot of costs and expenses of living in a house," Duhamel said.

First-year students may not find their rooms too appealing. The walls are bare and white. The carpet is old and dirty, and don't even get started with the washrooms. But fear not, oh first-year student. Help is on the way.

The average dorm room is roughly 3m x 4m in size. Storage space practically doesn't exist.

Last year, Duhamel invested in a three-drawer unit to store items like books, magazines, and school supplies. The clear plastic

unit makes identifying items in a junk drawer easier. You can pick one up at Wal-Mart or IKEA. Prices start at \$3.95, depending on size.

"Some students use milk crates to raise their bed to give them extra storage space," said Colleen Parton, the residence life coordinator.

"They can pretty much do anything to the room, as long as there's no damage."

With that in mind, students can personalize their space accordingly.

"Students can cover up to 20 per cent of their door as long as the material is not offensive in any way," Parton said.

She also reminds eager decorators that,

"students should only be putting things up with sticky tac, or tape."

Moving into the room, students have a variety of options to add a little pizzazz to their cell...err, dorm.

"The main thing about decorating is that it's an extension of your personality," said Angela Salluce, an interior designer for Ethan Allen.

Salluce suggests buying bright pillows, cool lamps and other accessories to add not only colour, but

also a designer's touch.

"You can find cool and cheap accessories for your room pretty much anywhere," she said. "If you have the time to search, you

can try a thrift shop and garage sales for cheap things as well."

As convenient and economic as living in residence may be to some, others find it difficult coping with life in rez.

"There's no privacy," said Alison Skinn, a second-year Accounting student who didn't return to rez this year. "I got sick of it. I didn't like sharing the washroom and not having anything of my own."

Skinn now rents a house off campus with two other people.

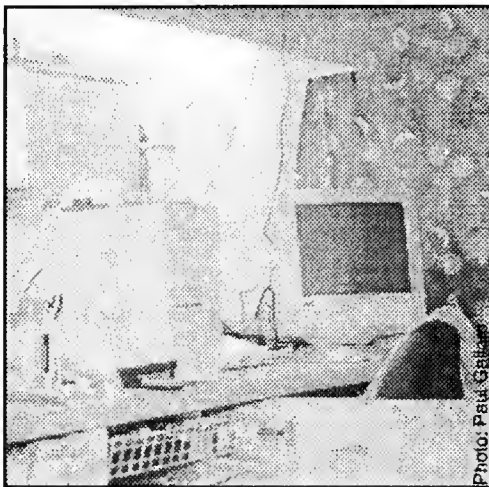
Decorating an apartment can be costly. "I got furniture from family and as gifts," she said, adding it saved her a lot of money.

"Changing the hardware on any piece of furniture can freshen up the look and update it," she said.

Salluce advises to keep your upholstery and walls neutral and add colour by using rugs, pillows, blinds and other accessories.

"To change the look of the room just get rid of the accessories and you'll have a clean slate without re-investing in your upholstery or paint," she said.

That \$1,000 budget on Trading Spaces doesn't seem so bad anymore, does it?



Fun fabrics can add colour to dull rooms.

Tickle Trunk opens up warm memories

By JAMES ROSE

Ernie Coombs spent most of his life as "Mr. Dressup," making people around him happy.

"I'll remember him as a sweet, loveable guy, who was really fun to work with," Susan Sheehan, producer for *Mr. Dressup*, said. "It was a privilege to work with such a lovely person on the show, who was gone far too soon."

Others commemorated Coombs this past Tuesday with the first Ernie Coombs Memorial Golf Tournament, which was held at the Lionhead Golf and Country Club in Brampton.

The event raised over \$15,000 for Save The Children Canada, an organization that Coombs devoted

his time to.

Coombs, who died just over a year ago on Sept. 18 at age 73, was a person that everyone could relate to, on and off the air. He was someone to spend every morning with. But more importantly, he was a friend to all.

Humber's Early Childhood Education program still remembers Mr. Dressup, as his ideas and methods of creative play are a regular part in their teaching curriculum.

"We used him as an example how he developed imaginations just to think about things, like 'imagine this' or 'imagine that,'" said Sally Wylie, one of the instructors in the program. "It's timeless. He's so universally appealing."

His show, reaching 4000 episodes between 1967 to 1996, is still aired today, and is full of inspiring and entertaining ideas for families to do together.

The most colourful memory for many is that of the "Tickle Trunk." The red clothing chest filled with themed costumes usually sat underneath the Wise Owl.

"As a kid I couldn't figure out how he would open the Tickle Trunk and find exactly what he was looking for," said Chris Marquis, a first year University of Guelph-Humber Media Studies student.

Sheehan feels the same way about Coombs' role on television and personal appearances, as he

was always a positive influence.

Some of those positive memories were shared with families at concerts.

Coombs, along with his puppets Casey and Finnegan, both played by Judith Lawrence, would entertain for hours. After Lawrence retired, there was the addition of new puppets like Tutti Frutti.

These concerts played a big role in Coombs' life, as did the pantomimes he performed at the Elgin Winter and Garden Market, when he wasn't taping his show.

But his ever-changing crafts and costumes made *Mr. Dressup* fun for children to watch. And it was more than just *Mr. Dressup* that made children happy. Coombs' spirit shone through making him seem like a good friend.

"Ernie was Mr. Dressup. He didn't have to 'play the part.' He was the inquisitive, fun-loving person that he portrayed on the air," Fred Rogers, host of *Mr. Rogers'*

Neighborhood on PBS and friend to Coombs, said via e-mail from Washington, D.C. "That's one reason the young people flocked to him on television and at personal appearances. Mr. Dressup became real thanks to Ernie Coombs."

Remembering him should not

only come from fond memories, but also from the caring and generous person that he was. In some small way this could have been his way of saying thanks, but it's time for everyone to return the favour.

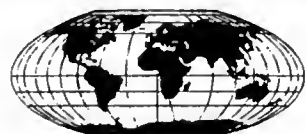
Thanks Ernie. Thanks for being a true friend.



One of the remaining Tickle Trunks filled with "Dressup" Goodies.

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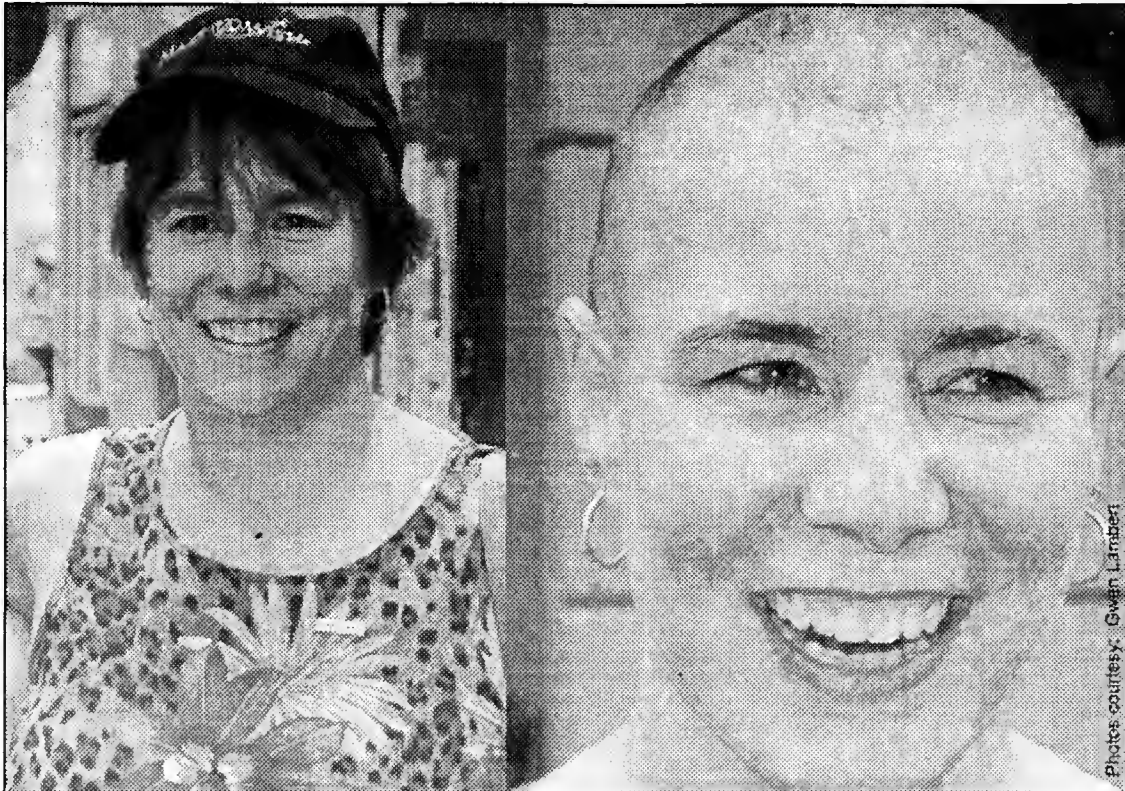


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A different kind of makeover: Gwen Lambert, above, shown in a before and after photo. The dedicated volunteer decided to shed her do to raise money and help make wishes come true.

HERO File:

When dreams come true

By MARSHA KNAPP

Gwen Lambert is more than an outgoing career woman, she's a volunteer with a huge heart, and now a bald head.

Lambert shaved her head in honour of two leukemia Wish-kids, raising money for the Make-a-Wish Foundation in Toronto.

"I couldn't believe the outpour of support and donations I received for wanting to shave my head," she said. "I can't believe we raised \$3,200."

"I was looking for something I could contribute to," Lambert said about her need to volunteer.

And that she has done. Although her love for volunteering began at 17 where she was a special friend for the Children's Aid Society.

"You know as a kid when you have a gift. I would introduce myself to the new kid and show him around. I liked bringing people together," she said.

Lambert hooked up with Volunteers Etobicoke by coaching little league, helping with bingo, becoming a reading tutor, and sitting on its board of directors.

"Volunteering connects you with people who are loving and kind. It's beyond what money can buy," she said.

Lambert continuously looks for places where she can contribute. In 1997, she found a place at Make-a-Wish Foundation Toronto.

"Make-a-Wish is my addiction.

It exercises your heart," she said.

Kim Sokoloski, a graduate of Humber's Public Relations program, is Make-a-Wish's director of operations.

"When she's with the kids she doesn't think about their illness. Gwen is a ball of energy, and she is so passionate about Make-a-Wish," she said.

"Volunteering connects you with people who are loving and kind. It's beyond what money can buy."

Lambert also has a day job at ACE-INA Insurance, helping with administration projects. But she doesn't want to be paid for her volunteer work. She is also on the Make-a-Wish board of directors, and trainer of new wish grantors.

"Not being paid as a wish grantor is what makes it special. I wouldn't want it to become a job."

As a wish grantor, Lambert goes to the homes of the wish-children to find out their wishes. From there she facilitates everything in order to make their wish possible.

"She got everything going, even reminding me to get a passport," Lisa, a Make-a-Wish parent of Andrew, 16, said. "She went over and above her volunteer duties. When she'd come to visit

she'd bring over gifts for the two younger siblings, so they wouldn't feel left out."

The people at Make-A-Wish Foundation Toronto and the Volunteer Centre of Toronto, felt she deserved recognition. Lambert won the 2002 Volunteer Service Award.

"I was bawling at my desk when I found out about the award," she said. "I was in disbelief because I was doing volunteer work for my own selfish need to feel like I contribute to my community," she said.

Sokoloski felt that Lambert was deserving of the award not just because of her volunteer commitment, but because she is reliable and there when needed.

"We nominated her because of her years of dedication and how she has grown; going from computer work, and then wish-granting. It just takes a special person to give that much of themselves through time and energy," she said.

Lambert thought she knew what she was getting herself into until she took wish-child Jemila on a shopping spree. Jemila's mom told Lambert the youngster hadn't smiled in six months.

"When you grant a wish and see the child's smile and get their hugs, you know why you are doing this. I feel that to make a difference in a child's life is to succeed," Lambert said.

To contribute to Make-a-Wish Foundation, call 416-223-2620.

Study your way to straight A's

Seminars offered free of charge to help you break those bad study habits

By BOBBI THANDI

By now the homework has started piling up on your desk, and the realization that summer is over has set in.

Whether you're a new student or a returning one, getting back into the swing of things can be difficult. Before you know it, you're swamped behind a mountain of work.

"I haven't really spent much time on it. I'm sure it will pile up and then I'll have one cram night," Jason Hoffman, a Recreation and Leisure student, said.

The only way to avoid this is to be organized, and Humber College can help.

Counselling and Student services is offering learning skills workshops for students who don't mind getting a few tips on effective time management.

"The topics we're covering in these seminars were needed. We found them coming up often with individual students seeking help," Andrew Poulos, a counsellor said.

Seminar subjects include: time management and procrastination, reading and note-taking, memory and concentration, exam preparation and test anxiety, and stress management. These courses offer everything needed to ensure a successful year.

There are other things you can do to help you start the semester on the right foot. For example,

get to know your instructor.

"This way you can get an idea of what their expectations are in the course," he said.

Poulos, who is also teaching several of the courses, suggests scheduling regular study periods, and a regular study area.

"When you have a specific area where you study, it programs the mind into concentrating because it recognizes that room for studying," he said.

Michelle Gingrich, a Business Administration student, tries to follow that rule as best as she can.

"I try to keep on top of things by making sure I spend time every night working on assignments. My social life hasn't suffered yet. I give myself the weekend off," she said.

Bad habits like skipping classes are hard to break but the best way to keep on top of things is to know what is expected of you. Study short and often, rather than pulling all-nighters.

Starting assignments as soon as they're assigned will save much work and last-minute stress.

Reviewing notes regularly by recalling the information increases your chance to properly memorize it.

"Keep things balanced, it's very important to keep on top of things, but to make sure you balance yourself out. Take part in some extra curricular activities, or just take some time for yourself, that way it's not all just school," Poulos said.

Mandeep Sandhu, an Information Technology student, likes to leave when the stress gets a little high.

"I go out when I can. If I've got an assignment due, I'll still go out. I just make sure I do it later."

The seminars are available until November through College Counselling and Student Development services. There is no fee for signing up. For more information, visit room D128 or call 416-675-5090.

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Students involved with Papal celebration

By GIANNINA FRATTO

Two months after World Youth Day 2002, visitors are still reeling from the glory of 880,000 people banding together for world youth.

Jackie Sant, a graduate of Humber's Early Childhood Education program, volunteered for World Youth Day. She had been preparing for the festival for three years.

"This is a once in a lifetime experience, the world comes to Toronto. It's a whole rounded experience, an exciting, uplifting and rewarding privilege," she said.

Sant worked in an area close to the altar. She acted as security, making sure everyone stayed in order by directing people in and out of her area. She also participated in the Stations of the Cross.

Spectators like Lindsay Cooper saw through the bad weather and lack of space to participate in the celebrations.

"I chose to participate in World Youth Day mainly because I want-

ed to meet other young people of my faith," Cooper said. "It seemed like the perfect opportuni-

ty to renew my spirit and reflect on God."

Both Cooper and Sant agreed

the highlight of the week was the Papal Mass.

"The overall feeling of the

Mass was that of peace. We had all been woken up at 5:30 a.m. by the rainstorm, and we were forced to sit in our cold, wet clothes," Cooper said.

"When the Mass started and the sun came out, it was like a wave of peace and calm spread over the crowd. We were now warm and happy to celebrate God."

Sant was in tears, because three years of planning had been fulfilled with this enriching experience. She kept saying to herself, "I can't believe I'm here."

Melissa Walker, a second-year General Arts and Sciences student, said she thinks the idea of World Youth Day is great.

"The words of the Pope were insightful, not to just Catholics, but to everyone," Walker said.

Cooper wouldn't change a thing about World Youth Day. The cramped space and rain added to the fun.

"This experience was like Woodstock, but a lot more God and peace," she said.

Graduate enriched by Pope's visit to megacity

By ANDREW SMITH

As thousands of people watched the 2002 World Youth Day celebrations from the comfort of their living rooms, two Humber students were there making it happen.

Lise LeClair, a third year Public Relations student, and Gillian Girodat, a journalism graduate, volunteered for the international gathering, helping to organize and plan the event.

LeClair was responsible for events at Ontario Place.

"I would be there for eight or nine o'clock in the morning and I would be getting home around one or two o'clock in the morning," she said.

This being Girodat's second World Youth Day, she knew it was her job to work so others could enjoy the celebration.

"I had been there and I had experienced it, and I wanted other people to be there and see the experience," she said.

Both LeClair and Girodat are Catholics, but LeClair said that up until the event, she had a lot of misgivings about her faith.

"World Youth Day, if I had ever had any doubts about my faith, abolished them all," LeClair said.

Both LeClair and Girodat were witnesses to amazing sights during the festivities. LeClair had the opportunity to be on stage during the Saturday night candlelight vigil.

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Biz Newz

Giving new meaning to 'family jewels'

By SARAH LISI

LifeGem Memorials can turn your loved one's ashes into a diamond in just 16 weeks.

For the past three years, LifeGem, a Chicago-based company, has been researching the technology to turn carbon into diamonds. With the process perfected, these gems are now on the market.

Kraig Smith, a spokesperson for LifeGem hopes the company will become one of the options a funeral home can offer a grieving family.

"Most people think we're selling jewelry, and I guess in a way we are, but what we're really providing is a memorial product, the most unique memorial," he said.

The smallest gem available, a .25-karat LifeGem, costs approximately \$6,240 (Cdn) with a minimum order of two. The largest gem, 1.25-karats, costs \$43,680 (Cdn).

"These are just as good as the diamonds you would buy at Tiffany's," said Mark Bouffard, another spokesperson for LifeGem.

The LifeGem process begins during cremation when the carbon that would normally escape into the air is captured and stored. Only one thimbleful of carbon is needed to make one jewel.

Extreme heat and pressure turn the carbon into diamonds, usually over a 16-week period.

Smith said that trust is the biggest issue for potential

customers.

"LifeGem wants to take every possible precaution to make sure that the carbon we start with is the same as the car-



Courtesy: LifeGem Memorials

Ashes from lost family members can be preserved as jewelry through a new Chicago-based LifeGem innovation.

bon we end with."

Once the carbon is collected, it's stored in a secure container imprinted with a code. Laser identification is also micro-inscribed on each gem.

The carbon is also stored for future use in case the customer wants another gem made. LifeGem can even use "remains" from as far back as 15 years.

"There is no guarantee that there will be enough carbon in the ashes to make a gem but there is a 70 per cent likelihood that [LifeGem] could," Smith said.

LifeGem has partnerships with a number of funeral homes throughout the U.S., but no partnership has been formed with any Canadian funeral services yet.

Though Bouffard could not speculate as to how many diamonds have been sold, he did say that the website alone has been averaging 12,000 hits per day.

Humber College students had varying reactions to the new idea.

"I wouldn't want my family member turned into a diamond. It sounds so cheesy," said Adnan Chowdhury, an Accounting student.

Radio student Stephen Wright had a different perspective.

"I would much rather have myself as a diamond because my urn just sits on the shelf as a depressing reminder of death whereas a diamond makes something beautiful out of my demise," he said.

On the Move

100 km/h too slow, study shows

By MARIO CYWINSKI

For several decades now, Ontario highways have posted a 100 km/h speed limit, but many automotive experts would like to see that speed limit increased.

A study by University of Toronto professor, Bahar Abdulhai, showed that 85 per cent of drivers on Highway 401 travel at speeds between 110 km/h and 130 km/h. The study also showed that people tend to drive at speeds that they're comfortable at.

Freelance transportation journalist Laurance Yap is just one of many drivers who feel the speed limit should be increased.

"People drive at a speed they're comfortable at, regardless of the posted limit - sometimes faster, sometimes slower," he said.

President and general manager of the Ontario Safety League, Bert Killian, agrees that drivers do regularly drive 10 to 20 kilometers over the posted limit on Ontario highways. But Killian says that increasing the speed limit will just allow drivers to drive even faster.

As drivers increase their speed, the time the drivers have to react to any driving situation decreases.

"Speed reduces a driver's steering control around

curves or obstacles on roadways. Further, the benefits of occupant protection, such as seat belts and air bags, also diminish as speed increases," Killian said.

The U of T study says that today's cars are engineered to go at a faster speed and that the 100 km/h speed limit was instituted when cars were not designed to go any faster.

The problem is not the technology or limits of the car, but the limits of the driver.

"People in complete control of their cars at high speeds are not a problem. The problem is that most drivers are not in complete control of their vehicle. They are distracted by radios, other passengers and cell phones," Yap said.

Autonet.ca Content Manager Joe Duarte also says it is not the speed that causes accidents, but rather a combination of various factors.

"There are many problems that cause death and injury on the [highways] - variations in speed, weather conditions, experience of the driver, impairment of the driver and the driver's ability to react," he said.

Many Humber College students said that they would like to see the speed limit on Ontario highways increased.

"The speed limits on highways should be increased to 120 km/h. The only reason that speed limits are so low is because there are a select few people who do not pay attention when they drive," said Wojtek Mucha, a second-year Electro-Mechanical Engineering student.

A step towards increasing highway speed limits in Canada was taken by New Brunswick, which has recently increased its highway speed limit from 90 km/h to 110 km/h.

It does not seem likely that Ontario will follow suit. The bureaucratic view is that if the speed limit is 100 km/h then people will go 120 km/h, and if the speed limit is 120 km/h then people will go 140 km/h.

In 1999, Ontario had the second best safety record in terms of road fatalities in North America, second only to Massachusetts.



Photo: Mario Cywinski

Most Canadian highways post 100km/h limits despite growing public debate over recent years.

Ontario job ops blazing

By JEFF COLLIER

Much like Toronto's blistering summer, Canada's economy continued to sizzle in August as nearly 60,000 new jobs were created, bringing Canada's yearly total to almost 400,000, according to a September report from Statistics Canada.

Ontario led the country with 44,000 new jobs, mostly in the automotive, computer and electronic manufacturing sectors.

The good news for current Humber students is the future appears promising as 2003 looks to be even stronger in job growth.

In a recent survey by the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, 60 per cent of the members said they will be adding jobs in the next 12 months - primarily due to corporate profit

recovery and a rebound in business investment spending.

At this time last year, the same survey reported that only 30 per cent would be adding new positions over the same 12-month span.

Other sizeable increases in August were posted in education, as well as the construction and finance sectors.

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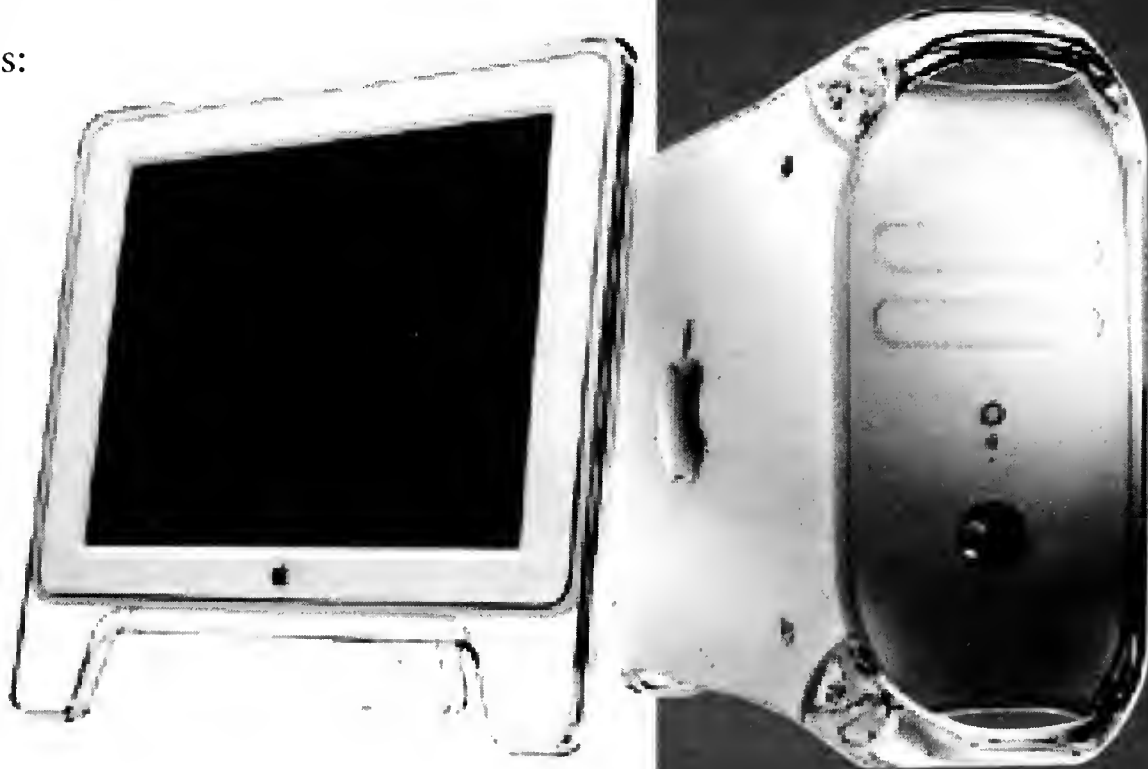
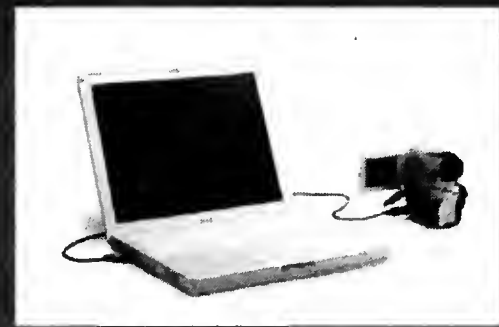
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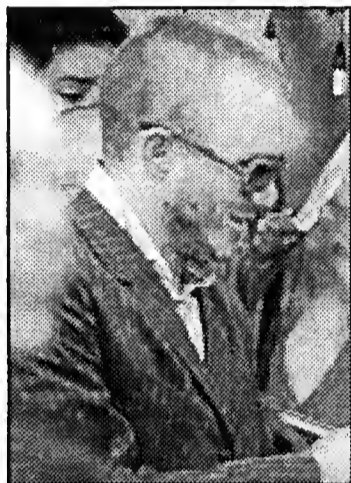


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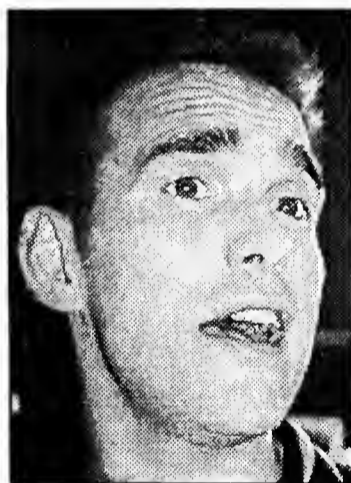
Heath Ledger
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Elizabeth Shue
spotted at Roy Thompson Hall



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Far From Heaven



Matt Dillon
City of Ghosts

Celebrity photographs
by Amy Ward



Dustin Hoffman
Moonlight Mile

Beat the rush--be prepared next year

By PUNEET BAJAJ

The 27th Toronto International Film Festival was a rush for many people—literally.

Hundreds of people who were unable to get tickets were forced to wait outside in the heat to pick up rush tickets.

"It's no fun waiting in line," said Amish Patel, a Ryerson student. "We've been waiting in this line all morning, and we still didn't get in."

Several lineups for movies went around the block and one around the entire building.

Not everyone waiting in line for movies was as pessimistic as Patel.

"We've been waiting in this line all morning, and we still didn't get in."

"Getting tickets was hard, but I did manage to get a few," Humber student Ritesh Mistry said. "They weren't the ones I wanted, but what

can you do?"

Steve Graystork, who has worked on the Toronto film festival for eight years, said lineups occur every year and are unavoidable.

Tickets for this year's movies went on sale in July.

But, according to Graystork there's nothing to worry about, movies do quite often make it to video.

"In many of their home countries, a lot of these movies do have distributors that release them," said Graystork.

Planet Indie--a home for independent filmmakers

By IRENE RUNDLE

Bloor and Bathurst is hustling at the seams with new talent as it hosts the fifth annual Planet Indie film festival.

The festival runs until Sept. 21 at the Bloor Cinema and Tranzac Club, both within walking distance of the Bathurst subway station.

Andrew Humeniuk and Brian Frank have been a part of this all-volunteer event since the beginning.

After years of seeing the Toronto International Film Festival heading more towards mainstream films, Humeniuk and his fellow filmmakers felt the need to create a place for good independent films in the city.

"The Toronto Film Festival has become a launch platform for a lot of the fall releases," said Humeniuk. "Which means that a lot of good, smaller films - Canadian and otherwise - are being squeezed out. So in the spirit of independent filmmaking we figured, if there isn't someone who's going to screen your films in a film festival setting, we had to do it ourselves."

Originally, Planet Indie was run out of a storefront at Yonge and Bloor. Organizers rented a space, propped up a projector system, put in some seats and stuck a sign on

the street that read: 'Free Movies.'

"The idea was that we thought people would be interested in seeing the movies, and they were," Humeniuk said. "People came in droves, which was great. We helped attract some attention to the industry, which is why we chose that location. It was right in the middle of the Toronto film festival."

Since 1998 and their storefront setup the film festival has flourished. This year they received 250 entries. These were narrowed down to 25 films to be played over the 15-day festival. Planet Indie gets longer, fuller, and more creative each year.

There are still three days to travel to Planet Indie. Tonight you can catch *A Day with the Dick* at the Tranzac club. You can also catch the World Premiere of *ZTS - State of Entropy* at Bloor Cinema. Humeniuk described *ZTS - State of Entropy* as a "wild and fascinating film - an edgier *Trainspotting*."

Friday night you can catch *Ilan* at the Tranzac club. At the Bloor Cinema you can catch the only Canadian World Premiere that Planet Indie presents this year - *Free*. *Free* is a psychological drama that Humeniuk was exuberant about.

For a complete listing of what's playing over the weekend, log onto www.planetindie.com

And the winner is not...

By IRENE RUNDLE

For every film that makes it into the Toronto International Film Festival, there is bound to be one that didn't make the cut.

For those films, there's Salon Des Refuses.

This film festival of rejects took place last Tuesday night, where less than 80 attended the screening of 12 short films at the University of Toronto's Innis Town Hall.

The Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT) is the group responsible for Salon des Refuses. It decides which entries will be put on the screen.

Julie Saragosa, Humber grad, filmmaker and member of LIFT, said the main requirement is a copy of your rejection letter from the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF). After that a draw is held and whichever applications are pulled out are a shoo-in.

"LIFT's Salon Des Refuses was started up in reaction to being rejected from the Toronto International Film Festival," said Saragosa.

Saragosa graduated from Humber's Film and Television Production program in 1996.

Her film, *Urban Caustic*, is an eight-minute trip around the city inspired by citizens who love to hate Toronto.

Salon des Refuses is not exclusive to members of the board like Saragosa, or even citizens of Toronto. Several of the films in the festival this year come from Vancouver, Winnipeg and New York.

The filmmakers go to great lengths to create their works of art. Most of them get funding from organizations like the National Film Board, Ontario Arts Council, and Canada Council for the Arts.

Etc.

Club 297: memorabilia and music

By JON DUNFORD

Every Saturday night, Club 279, above the Hard Rock Café, serves up classic rock for the young and old.

The music is provided by Classic Rock Q107 with their live-to-air broadcast.

DJ Jon Gonzo spins out the tunes from nine until midnight. He enjoys the opportunity to play music for a live crowd.

"Having a live crowd singing and dancing along always makes it interesting," Gonzo said.

Club 279 opened in November 2001 when the Hard Rock Café went through a \$6 million renovation.

Guests can clearly see where the money went. The walls are filled with rock and roll memorabilia, including famous guitars and



The greats of rock and roll are plastered all over the walls.

concert posters. The shiny hardwood floors are perfect for busting a move to your favourite song.

As eye-pleasing as it is, people

don't go there to look around, they go for the music.

Ethan Miller, 20, took a break from his attention-grabbing dance

moves to explain the club's appeal.

"It's the music that sets this place apart from every other club. As a lover of classic rock music, I love the fact that I can come here and party with other classic rock fans," Miller said.

Humber student Mark Besaw was surprised at the number of girls his age in the club.

"Since it's classic rock, I was expecting a bunch of hairy old men, but I was pleasantly surprised to find the dance floor heavily populated with girls," he said.

Although the appearance of the club suggests a hefty cover charge, students will be pleasantly surprised by a reasonable five dollar cover. Ladies get in free before 11 p.m.

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British band flies high

By JAMES ROSE

The Doves came to Toronto last week and played an explosive set at Kool Haus, showing the crowd how the men from Manchester do things.



Lead singer, Jimi Goodwin, rocked Kool Haus last week.

"Where did all these people come from?" lead singer/bassist Jimi Goodwin said to a sea of people.

More than 1500 people packed the downtown venue. Although the show wasn't sold out, they played as if it was.

The band performed a tight show, showing the opening act, Morning Jacket, a thing or two.

The back of the stage was equipped with a video screen that danced in sequence to their music. The combined magic of The Doves' synthesizers, organs and mesh of instruments tickled the senses.

They opened the set with "Pounding," before rolling through pop favourites like, "There Goes the Fear," and, "Words."

The Doves have a twist of Brit-pop that keeps everything visually crisp and musically stimulating.

Reviewed this week: Criticizing the Queens

By AARON SAWYER

Queens of the Stone Age have managed to record an album that is rock solid from top to bottom—had it been released a decade ago.

In their third full-length effort titled, *Songs for the Deaf*, the grunge rockers have compiled 14 tracks, lasting just over an hour, although at times it seems as though each track lasts an eternity.

The entire album seemed to trigger *déjà-vu*, taking you back to the early 1990s. A time when Alice in Chains, Pearl Jam and Nirvana inhabited your stereo.

The connection to Nirvana is

not just a coincidence. Dave Grohl, former Nirvana drummer and current Foo Fighters front man, filled in on drums for the album.

Besides Grohl's aggressive drumming style, the rest of the band tends to be unoriginal and even lazy at times, with almost every track seeming redundant.



The exception of the album is the second track, "No One Knows." It is a jump blues style that shines, making it the high point of the album.

Although Queens of the Stone Age have proven in the past to be a talented, hard-rocking band, their latest effort isn't their best.

What's up?

•Another reality show kicks off tonight. Tune your TV to Global at 8 p.m. to catch the premiere of *Survivor: Thailand*.

•Laugh along with Humber College Comedy students at Yuk Yuks every Tuesday night. Venue: 224 Richmond St., Toronto. Doors open at 8 p.m.

•Planet Indie runs through the weekend. Check film listings at www.planetindie.com

•Check out "The Clothing Sale" Sept. 21 and 22 in the Automotive Building at Exhibition Place, Toronto. General admission tickets are \$8.

•*The Banger Sisters* starring Goldie Hawn and Susan Sarandon opens across Canada Fri. Sept. 20.

•Guelph Sports and Entertainment Centre hosts the "Great Canadian Beer Festival" Sept. 19, 20 and 21. Log on to www.gcbf.ca

•Roy Thompson Hall's Gala Reopening Sept. 21.

•Coldplay puts on a show at the Air Canada Centre, Toronto, Sept. 21.

•The St. Lawrence Market presents "Global Roots--A Celebration of World" Sept. 20 and 21.

•Celebrate Chinese culture at the third annual "Dragonfest" takes place Sept. 21 at Broadview and Gerrard St.

•Go to the opera. *Oedipus Rex with Symphony of Psalms* starts at 12 p.m. at the Hummingbird Centre Sept. 21. The Canadian Opera Company offers discounted ticket prices to people between 18-29.

•The 8th Annual Sketches Exhibition continues until Sept. 28 at Roberts Gallery, 641 Yonge St., Toronto.

•The *Summit of the Americas. Quebec 2001* Exhibition at Harbourfront Centre runs until Nov. 3.

•Bob Geldof performs at the Palais Royale Sept. 20. Show starts at 8 p.m.

Etc.

Spotlight – Snow in September

By MANUELA SPIZZIRRI

It snowed in Toronto this past weekend.

No, you haven't been asleep for three months. The 150 tonnes of white flakes that descended on the Exhibition grounds Sept. 13 and 14 were part of the annual Molson Canadian Snowjam.

The end-of-summer bash was part of a nine-city North American tour featuring a combination of extreme sports and music.

This year's musical lineup included Rascalz, Dropkick Murphys and Mighty Bosstones, while day two featured the likes of Shocore, Danko Jones, Swollen Members and Filter.

Toronto was the only city to experience the



Skateboarders perform tricks on the half-pipe.

funk band Bullfrog. The band was surprised, but happy, with the response from the audience.

"It's amazing. We're giving the audience something they've never heard before," said Mark Robertson, lead singer and guitarist for Bullfrog.

"Our music is sometimes hard for people to

swallow, but it's been a very open crowd."

In between the music performances, Snowjam fans watched extreme athletes from Canada and the U.S. compete for cash.

Snowboarders and skiers plunged down a snow-covered, 60-foot quarter-pipe.

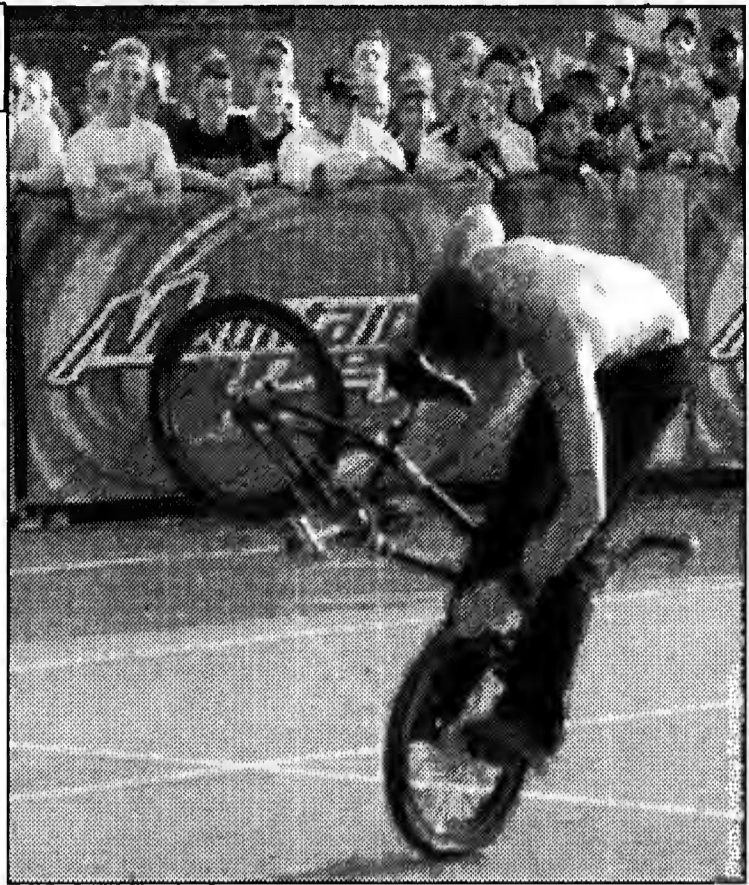
In-line skaters, skate-

boarders and BMX bikers performed tricks on a half-pipe ramp and street course.

Concert-goers moshed and crowd-surfed as hip-hop artists, Swollen Members, took the stage. The band encouraged the body surfing by jumping into the crowd and joining the fun.

The festival concluded with an awards presentation for the athletes, followed by headliners, Filter, playing the final set of Snowjam.

"I thought it was a pretty good show. There was a lot of variety in types of music," said 17-year-old Sara Perzia. "I really liked Bullfrog. They were different. They didn't have a lot of lyrics, but I enjoyed the music part of it."



Fans look on as extreme sports athletes show off daring stunts.

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An Election will be held on **Wednesday, October 16th** and **Thursday, October 17th, 2002** for the position of Student Governor on the Board of Governors of Humber College. All Humber students are eligible for nomination. The term of office for this position is September 2002 through August 2003, and the basic requirements of this position are to:

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Sports

Humber rugby team takes flight

By JOHN-PAUL MCNALLY

The Humber men's rugby team is looking to make its mark this year by showing character, determination and fitness in their first ever year of play.

After the OCAA first began its varsity rugby league in 1996, there have been only six teams competing for the championship.

With the experience and determination of coaches Carey French and Alister Mathieson, the Hawks are joining the fray in hopes of presenting a new challenge to the league.

"Those other teams are very good," French said. "I think we're going to learn a lot."

After a competitive year for many Humber teams last season, both Head Coach French and Assistant Coach Mathieson pushed to have a rugby team instituted, and approached both Athletic Director Doug Fox and President Robert Gordon.

"The college is a very strong sporting college," Mathieson said. "It seemed only logical to bring a team together."

Using past experiences, French and Mathieson are preparing their squad of 24 players for the upcoming season. Each coach has been in and out of rugby cir-

cles throughout their lives with Mathieson playing in New Zealand and French in South Africa.

As the season looms on the horizon, the Hawks are trying to get game ready. French says that fitness is the most important aspect to any rugby team, including the Hawks.

"Rugby's about short explosive moves," French explained. "It's an incredible all-out intensity for 16 seconds."

"It's an 80-minute game and you have to commit yourself for 80 minutes"

Aside from the rough and tough aspect of rugby, both coaches emphasize teamwork. French says the team is not unlike a brotherhood.

"None of these guys knew each other before coming in," Mathieson said. "And together now, even after only eight practices they're beginning to bond. Now there's a camaraderie developing."

Of the 24 players, many of them have been in and around the game for many years, however some haven't played recently.

"There are a few guys we've got

that haven't played for a number of years who have startled us with their commitment and ability to very quickly adapt," Mathieson said.

The coaches also stress the importance of having fun and building character. They say it is an important aspect of rugby, as each player has to rely on the man next to him.

"It's an 80-minute game and you have to commit yourself to those 80 minutes," Mathieson said.

Although there are experienced players on the Hawks, this year many are only beginning to venture into the game of Rugby.

Several former football players, who French said will fit right in on the team, are adjusting to the fast-paced game, these new players can adjust to many different positions, something French is anticipating.

With the seven-game schedule stretching into late October the Hawks have time to prepare and come together as a team. Each player has a responsibility to one another, and the team, according to Mathieson. It is that teamwork which will determine how well the team produces.

"I want them (the players) to have a really good time," French said. "I want them to be proud of themselves."



Rugby player Spencer Laidley reaches for the ball while avoiding Mark Freer as they gear up for the upcoming season.

'Balanced scoring' key to winning, player says

Hawks look to repeat as National champs



A Mohawk attacker flies into Humber territory during Tuesday's afternoon matchup. The game ended in a 1-1 draw.

By JOSEPH MUCIO

Taking four out of a possible six points in your opening home stand would leave many teams satisfied with their efforts.

But when it comes to the Hawks carrying the added pressure of being the national champions means never being satisfied.

Last Friday, the Hawks put on an offensive display as they easily defeated their division rivals from George Brown College 5-0 in their home opener.

However, it was Tuesday's hard fought 1-1 draw at Valley Field against Mohawk College that gave Humber their first real test of the season.

The wide-open, end-to-end action at Friday's victory was replaced by a more physical, defensive approach on Tuesday night.

Returning forward Paul Lombardo said the game was not as close as some fans might believe.

"The game wasn't tight. We just played bad during the first half. Mohawk came out with more heart. We were lucky to come away today with a point. What we have to do now is learn from this game and hopefully improve next time."

After Friday's game, which ended with another two goal effort by Vito Del Duca and singles by Matt Palleschi, Krzysztof Kmiecik, and Paul Lombardo, Del Duca was praising the scoring depth he feels is going to be one of Humber's biggest strengths this year.

"There'll be a balanced scoring attack this season. There is going to be a lot of scoring from many different players and balanced scoring is always a key for a winning team."

The crisp passes that helped contribute to the offensive outburst on Friday were almost completely nullified by a highly aggressive attack from Mohawk, with Humber's lone goal coming late in the first half on a nice drive by

Matt Palleschi.

According to Head Coach Germaine Sanchez, the lack of offense in Tuesday's game could all be traced back to effort.

"The Mohawk team pressurized us and they were always first to the ball. They just wanted it more than we did. It seems like we were living on past glory. We didn't show any desire to win."

When asked about the physical nature of Tuesday's game, which produced two yellow cards against Humber and a red against Mohawk, Sanchez noted Mohawk's preparation.

"They were ready for us physically. They just never gave us any space to move around with the ball like we need to."

One bright spot from Tuesday's game was the goaltending of first year player Aaron Double, who made a brilliant save early in the first half on a Mohawk breakaway that would have given the Mountaineers a 2-0 lead.

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Hawks aim to maintain growing dynasty

By MATTHEW IABONI

Maintaining a dynasty in any sport is difficult.

But the Hawks women's soccer team started off on the right foot on Sept. 10 at

Ancaster with a 3-0 victory over the Redeemer Royals.

The Hawks hadn't played any exhibition games and it showed in the early going as Redeemer dominated possession of the ball.

"It would have been better to have played at least one exhibition game but that's the way the schedule is," Co-Coach Vince Pileggi said.

By the 20-minute mark

the Hawks started taking control of the game and it paid off.

Hawks defender Adrianna Cornacchia intercepted a throw-in, rushed down the left side and

crossed the ball into the penalty area where it glanced off a Redeemer player and into the net.

As the first half progressed, the Hawks' talent began to show. Midfielder Natalie Achim made an excellent run to set up midfielder, Nicole Petersen, who slid the ball past the charging goalie.

The Hawks dominated in the second half with a display of poise and cohesion.

Mid-way through the second half, a clever play by forward Joanne Vitale resulted in the third goal.

This year's team is a talented combination of veterans and rookies. Joanne Vitale, Joanna

Kontonikolas and Stephanie Wardell provide experience and are expected to lead the team this season.

"I've been on the team three years now and I've won two provincial championships and it was a great feeling," said Wardell, a defender.

Coach Pileggi expects a difficult season.

"It gets harder every year because when you're defending champions other teams want to beat you," Pileggi said.

"We need some of our rookies to come in and perform well. If that happens we should be successful."

"This team expects to make it four consecutive provincial championships," he added.

Hoping for hoops wins

By DOUGLAS JOHNSON

There's another rebuilding season on the horizon for the Humber men's basketball team.

But Head Coach Mike Katz said even though the team is still recovering from a disappointing finish last year, it doesn't mean they won't be competitive.

"We've got a good group of younger players coming in that we hope can pay dividends down the road," Katz said. "As well, we've got some strong holdovers from last year."

"We still have high expectations," he added.

After losing nine players from its 2001 Canadian championship squad, last year's team finished third in the provincial finals.

With five returning players, Katz said there will be better continuity this year.

"We're hoping that it's not as drastic as it was last year, in terms of starting the new season with as many new guys," he said.

One player Katz is hoping will step up and make a bigger contribution is Dejvis Begaj, a forward who averaged 6.5 points and 5.7 rebounds per game last year. He will be expected to help lead the team this year.

Begaj, who played

competitive basketball in his native Albania over the summer, said he's been doing extra training, and has worked on his shooting in an effort to improve his game.

"This year, I want to increase my scoring and be an overall player, be a dominant player," he said.

Other key Hawks are Jeremy Walters and Ray Morgan. Walters played with Humber when it won the national title in 2001, while Morgan played with George Brown College two seasons ago.

Katz, who is also an assistant coach with the Canadian men's basketball team, said he brings things he's learned from the national team to Humber.

"As I've been involved with the national team, I always see different things, different offensive schemes and different defensive ideas that I'll bring back and implement to some extent," Katz said.

Humber will be playing in the Central Division again. According to Katz Humber can expect tough competition from two-time provincial champs from Sheridan College, along with strong teams from George Brown and Mohawk.

Tryouts for the team continue all this week, and a final roster will be set early next week. The season begins in October.

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Hawks hope to capitalize and win OCAA title

By CORY SMITH

Joe Washkurak doesn't want to say that this is a make or break season for Humber varsity hockey.

But with 11 returning players and numerous talented recruits, the coach of the Hawks knows this may be the last chance the team has to capture the OCAA hockey championship before many players are lost to graduation next year.

"You hope you're going to have a good team," said Washkurak, who has returned to Humber after a one-year stint as assistant coach with the OHL's Mississauga Ice Dogs. "I don't like to make predictions, but we have set high standards at this school, so we hope to be (in the championship) in the end. There will be a big turnover after this year."

The Hawks held an open tryout last Monday at the Westwood arena, where Washkurak and assistant athletic director and hockey

coordinator Jim Bialek kept a watchful eye over the 20 or so hopefuls that showed up.

With only four spots to be claimed on the roster, competition was fierce.

Players hustled and dug in the corners, some big hits were thrown and there was nearly a fight.

Bialek felt that the smaller than usual amount of players at the open tryout was reflective of the team's success.

"A lot of guys don't bother coming out because they know a lot of guys have been recruited and have returned," he said.

Terry and Jamie Chikoski, Chris Pugliese, Scott Barnes, Jason Fortier, Shawn Kane, Jeremy Bloomfield, Kevin Coffey, Chuck Lea, Terry Gilmer and Rob Cordeiro are all returning for another season.

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Hockey hopefuls check out the action on the ice at open tryouts for the Hawks varsity squad. Coaches hope that a combination of new blood and experience will lead to a championship season.

Gray from Tier II in Lindsay, and Mike Oliveira, who played Tier II and OHL hockey in Mississauga are among the 12 recruits the Hawks have found to help improve on last year's second place finish.

"We have some big time players here but we have to learn how to win as a team," said Washkurak, who is counting on the veteran laden squad to push the team over the top.

Some of the major players gone from last year's team include Chris McFadden, Jim Brown and Ron Fish.

Washkurak brings a blue-collar approach to the game, placing work ethic above talent to get wins.

"We want to be the hardest working team in the league," he said. "If guys in the room think we're going to win on just talent, it's not going to happen."

"We don't want to peak too early, and by playoff time we want to be in a groove," Washkurak said.

The Hawks have won six championships since 1985-86, but haven't won a title in the last decade.

Women's volleyball team serves up bright outlook on new season

By REBECCA VIRGIN

New girls are setting the tone, digging deep and spiking hard at this year's volleyball tryouts.

With only three returning players, this year's team will have a lot of new faces. One of them will be Alison Legenza. She was hand picked by coach Chris Wilkins, and

though she is a rookie at the college level, she is no stranger to competitive volleyball.

Legenza played seven years on a club team and went to the provincial championships with her high school team twice.

"I heard very big things," Legenza said about her new team. "Looking around you can see that they've always done very well. It looks like we have a good team and apparently there's a really good bunch of girls."

Lesley Westervelt, a third-year player and nursing student, said that she expects a lot of hard work, a lot of new friendships.

"It's like a full time job," the veteran Westervelt said. "It's a lot of hours in the library and a lot of hours in the gym."

Many players dropped in throughout the tryout to play with old friends, and offer support, while adding pressure to the new girls.

"I was kind of nervous," said Candice Roy, a first-year Interior Design student who hoped to make it through the first round of cuts.

Coach Wilkins commended all of the prospects on their courage at the end of the first day of tryouts. Of the 17 new girls, about six will be chosen for the varsity squad.

Humber won back-to-back

OCAA championships in 1999 and 2000, but finished fourth at last year's provincials.

Humber plays a pre-season game Saturday Oct. 5 at the North Campus. The Hawks play their first game Nov. 7 at home against Sheridan College.



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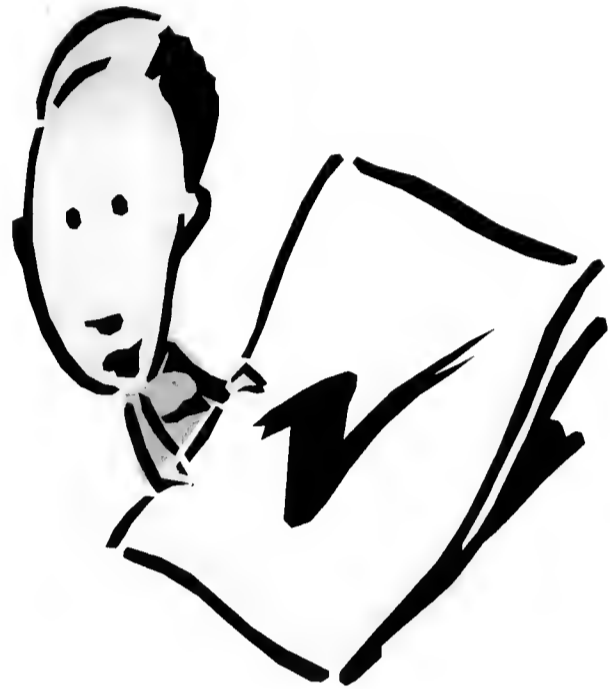
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