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Police investigate the murder of Amon Beckles outside the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Rexdale. Beckles is the 48th gun victim in Toronto this year. matt white

Funeral shooting sparks outrage

Prime Minister announces gun summit in T.O.

by **nick kyonka**
NEWS REPORTER

Prime Minister Paul Martin has promised to meet with Toronto community leaders in a summit to discuss the city's gun violence, according to the CBC website.

Yesterday's statement from the prime minister comes after the most shocking of gun murders this year – the killing of Amon Beckles on the steps of a Rexdale church at a funeral for his friend Jamal Michael Hemmings, who was



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Pastor Allan Bowen

gunned down two weeks before.

"They were good people and that's basically it," said Kayla Charles, 14, who knew the boys from a community group called

For Youth Initiative. "They didn't bother anybody."

Over 300 people were inside the Seventh Day Adventist Church near Martin Grove Road and Albion Road when shots were heard coming from just outside the church's door. As frightened mourners ducked under pews for cover, Beckles lay outside struggling with his last breath.

Beckles, 18, reportedly left the service for a cigarette and was outside the church when he was approached by a man armed with a semi-automatic gun. Beckles' best friend Hemmings was gunned down in an Eglinton Avenue West parking lot Nov. 9. Police said Beckles was a witness

to Hemmings' death.

A community pastor said he advised Beckles' family that the young man should not attend Hemmings' funeral.

"There were things he said, while he did not give any reasons for his fear, he had a profound fear that they were coming after him," said Pastor Allan Bowen of the Abundant Life Assembly. "You put those burdens on a young 18-year-old and then his last eight to 10 days on this earth were pure hell."

"He had agreed not to come to the funeral ... He had agreed to some community friends, he had agreed to his parents, but he showed up. Anyone who knows why he went owes it to him to tell

Crime Stoppers or the police."

Beckles and his family frequented Bowen's church on Dixon Road for nearly a decade, and Bowen spoke highly of the boy he said was a role model to his younger siblings.

"He had played intensely in one of our basketball programs up to a year, a year and a half ago," Bowen said. "He was a good-looking little lad who was very friendly, well-liked by peers and community caregivers. He was very respectful of his mother and grandparents."



The Liberal government offered survivors of abuse at native residential schools up to \$30,000 each in a \$1.9-billion compensation package announced yesterday.

Tribute honours Rees

by sunil angrish
NEWS REPORTER

Over \$18,000 has been raised for an education trust fund for the children of a Humber professor who died suddenly this past summer.

Mike Rees, 42, passed away July 25 after a short battle with cancer.

Rees was the program co-ordinator for the Electrical Apprenticeship program at Humber and had been employed by the college since 1991.

One hundred colleagues and friends gathered in the Humber Room on the night of Wednesday, Nov. 16 to dine and bid in a silent auction.

"We wanted to do something

for his family in his honour," said Tina Antunes, learning support officer for Applied Technology. "We felt helpless and wanted to channel our grief."

Guests paid \$50 to attend the dinner, which raised over \$11,000 and featured a silent auction as well as a donation box.

"We were all dreading the event," said Craig Trinner, program co-ordinator for the Electrical Engineering Technology program. "We're all still in mourning here."

Trinner credited the staff in the apprenticeship department for spearheading the effort.

"It's amazing the way they pulled together," he said. "They're a group of people who take action."

"The whole night was positive," said Kristyna MacDonald, apprenticeship liason for Applied Technology. "The entire department came together to put the event on. Everybody contributed in one way or another."

Donations and support came from the entire Humber community. Colleagues from George Brown College and Durham College participated in the auction.

Antunes added that Humber College President Robert Gordon covered the cost of the dinner at the Humber Room.

Over the last month \$7,000 had been raised prior to the dinner.

Rees is survived by his wife, Marta, and his two daughters, Amanda, three, and Christine, 12.



Colleagues and friends of Mike Rees, a Humber program co-ordinator who died in July, raised over \$18,000 in the last month.

Sleepout raises homelessness issue

by andrew desouza
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

Last Saturday was a cold night for a student to sleep on the streets and colder still for those who have to do it every night.

Humanize Toronto organized Sleep In Solidarity, a sleepover at Nathan Phillips Square where musicians and public speakers

were on hand last Saturday to entertain and voice their concern in the fight to end homelessness.

The premise of the night was to get city officials to come up with a real strategy to end homelessness.

National Housing and Homelessness Network co-chair, of the Toronto Disaster Relief Committee Michael Shapcott said he wants immediate action.

"We don't want any more promises. We don't want any more press releases. We don't want any more announcements ... We want (officials) to actually get the shovels out and we want (them) to start building homes so we can end homelessness in Toronto," he said.

According to Shapcott, from 2002 to 2004 the number of homes promised by politicians in Queen's Park and Ottawa totalled 46,332.

But according to the Audited Financial Statements of Ontario, only 63 homes were built, not one of them in Toronto.

That's about 0.01 per cent of promised homes actually constructed in three years.

Roberto Verdecchia, a member of Humanize Toronto, said he wants a 10-year plan to end homelessness.

"What we want is a blueprint, a plan with clear goals, targets, milestones, annual construction of housing limits, that sort of thing. Otherwise it's never going to end," he said.

Reverend Wilma Connelly, 70,

an advocate for the homeless, delivered an emotionally charged speech.

"We're sitting back ... and letting our brothers and sisters sleep out here, which should never happen," she said. "I'm fighting for those people and I'm going to keep on fighting for them."

The event was held at City Hall for a reason.

In 2002 Mayor David Miller made a public announcement regarding homelessness.

"Nobody can do more to help the other orders of government come up with a workable plan than Toronto City Council and the other city councils across the country," he said.

"But we can't just wait around while negotiations for a new deal for cities play out. We have to get keys into the hands of people who need homes and we have to do it this year, not next year, or the year after that."

Despite invitations from Humanize Toronto, no city officials were present at the event.

Bill C-74 invades privacy

House targets digital forms of communication

by sheri bolton
NEWS REPORTER

E-mail and cell phone conversations may no longer be private because of a bill that passed its first reading in the House of Commons last week.

Issues of national security have raised an alarm within Canada's law enforcement agencies that communication mediums in the digital form, such as e-mails and cell phones, do not have the necessary provisions that make it capable for them to be tapped.

Under the proposed legislation, companies will have to provide a back door that allows authorities to access a user's private information.

Personal data, such as name, phone number and IP address will have to be surrendered to police at request without a judicial order.

However, the seizure and monitoring of an individual's calls, e-mails or web surfing habits will continue to require a warrant under Canadian law.

Bill C-74 is expected to die should there be a federal election, but the government has spent years researching the parameters of The Modernization of Investigative Techniques Act, making it likely be re-introduced to the new government.



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Protesters bundle up against the cold at the rally on Saturday.

Murder victims best friends

>Shooting from p.1

Those who knew both Beckles and Hemmings paint a picture of two boys who were caring and responsive to others.

"They were like big brothers to us," said Natasha, who did not want to give her last name. "They did lots of stuff (for us.) They always showed us some dance moves ... They were smart. They had potential like they could be something in the future."

Beckles shooting was the 48th gun-related homicide in Toronto this year and the 12th in the Rexdale neighbourhood around Humber's North Campus.

Seven of the Rexdale shootings have come since the end of the

"I grew up in this neighbourhood all my life and I never saw this happen when I was a kid."

- John Browne,
Rexdale resident

summer and some residents fear the area is not getting safer any time soon.

"This is an everyday thing, you know, it's just getting out of control," said John Browne, 32, who grew up in Rexdale and still lives in the area.

"I grew up in this neighbourhood all my life and I never saw

this happen when I was a kid. But now I'm an adult and it's an everyday thing ... I just feel sorry for the mothers who have to deal with this because it's crazy: There are still lots of young kids in the neighbourhood and they still have to grow up seeing it."

Det. Sgt. Mario DiTommaso of the Toronto Police said three young men who had been seen fleeing the church moments after the shooting are no longer considered to be suspects, but are now believed to be potential witnesses.

"We have had some success with witnesses that were inside the funeral," said DiTommaso, who is the lead investigator in the case. "But we could always have more success."



matt white

Cops surround shooting site.

DiTommaso also said police had not yet established why Hemmings was killed.

"We're continuing to interview witnesses as they come forward with information, but there's nothing new to report," he said.

"We're exploring (and investigating) leads but we have been unable to determine any motives at this point in time."

Another \$195 million will be spent on a commemoration program and other projects designed to promote healing in First Nations communities. - CBC News

Student coalition defies HSF

by chris halliday
NEWS REPORTER

Students who want the government to extend the current two-year tuition freeze have formed a coalition to protest the Humber Students' Federation's (HSF) stand on the issue.

Members of the newly-formed Humber Coalition for Students criticized the HSF at its board meeting Nov. 16, saying its recent decision to back a tuition cap - instead of a freeze - was undemocratic.

"We have been connecting with students and the feedback that we're getting is that HSF only represents their own agenda and their own special interests," said Witcliffe Henry, a social services student and coalition founder, to the board.

"We have formed a group called the Humber Coalition for Students and will be acting on behalf of the 1,500 (Humber) students that have asked us to advocate for them."

"... it would be better for the 17,000 students that go here to have everybody wrapped up together fighting for the same cause."

- Joey Svec,
HSF president

The coalition was formed after the HSF board's emergency vote Nov. 3 in support of the College Student Alliance's (CSA) Cap Tuition Now campaign, which calls

on the government to limit tuition increases to a number no higher than the rate of inflation.

When asked about the coalition's decision to protest HSF's move, HSF President Joey Svec said "it's sad that they've taken that route because it would be better for the 17,000 students that go here to have everybody wrapped up together fighting for the same cause."

At the Nov. 16 meeting, Henry told the board that students on both campuses are saying HSF's decision is an example of "democracy at its worst."

Social services student Anja Cantin said she was insulted by HSF's decision to hold a Nov. 3 emergency board meeting to vote on tuition before students could present their case.

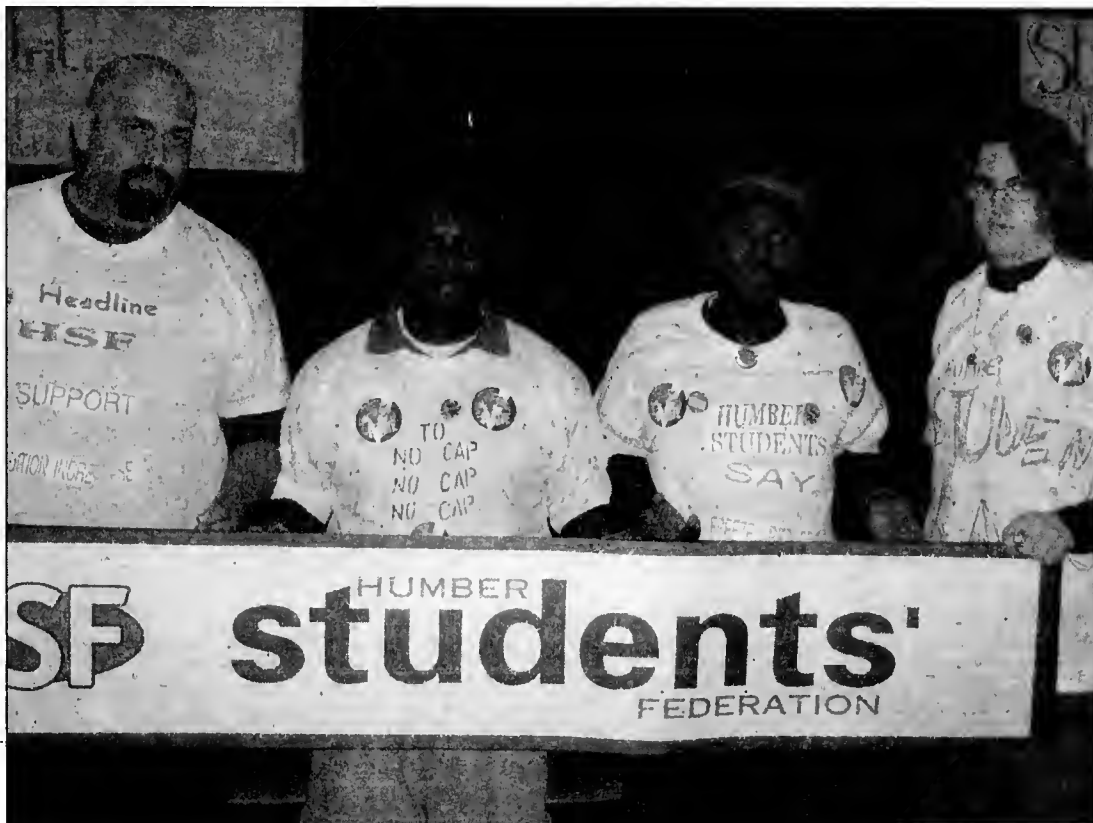
"We wanted one last chance to present our case to the board," Cantin told the board. "We feel you (the HSF board) would have voted differently if you had given us that opportunity."

Daniella Cross, HSF vice-president of administration at North Campus, said the emergency meeting was called because the board needed to come to a consensus before it was too late.

"It was a time-sensitive issue. We didn't call the meeting to side-swipe students," Cross said at the meeting.

Since Nov. 7, HSF has been handing out petition cards for students to sign in support of its cause, but Henry said informing students on the issue is "something (HSF) should have done before you voted."

At the meeting, Cross assured students and the board that HSF's public relations staff has been trained to approach students, explain both arguments and ask



chris halliday

The Humber Coalition for Students will represent 1,500 students who are against the CAP campaign. Left to right, Jason Best, Emmanuel Aigbedion, Witcliffe Henry and Tobias Stimpson.

them to sign the petition cards.

"We have done our best to train our public relations staff," Cross said. "They have been taking the time to explain what's on the card before the students sign it, but the onus is on the students to read and understand the cards before they sign them."

Emmanuel Aigbedion, a social services student at Lakeshore, ripped a CSA petition card and tossed it on the table at the meeting, telling the board that one of his friends who "doesn't speak

very good English" was tricked into signing a card.

"She didn't know what she was signing ... as soon as she signed, the person walked away," Aigbedion said to the board. "Explain to me how your PR are doing their job."

On Nov. 17, the HSF held a Cap Tuition Now public forum at North Campus, where executives fielded questions from students concerned about the on-going campaign.

Larissa Haluszka, a paramedic

student at Humber, came forward and asked the executives why they "refused to listen" to the students who have e-mailed them asking for a freeze.

"We (the HSF board) have received e-mails in favour of the freeze," Svec said in response to Haluszka's question at the forum. "But, we have over 5,000 signatures in favour of capping tuition."

The CSA student petition campaign ended Nov. 18, and the Ontario government will announce its tuition plans before Christmas.

Man shot over cigarette

Police urging witnesses to call Crime Stoppers

by nick kyonka
NEWS REPORTER

They've shot over revenge, they've shot over money. Now Rexdale gunmen have shot over a cigarette.

Police from 23 Division said a man was shot twice Nov. 18 after failing to give his attacker a cigarette.

The 22-year-old victim was taken to a hospital where he was treated for bullet wounds to the arm and foot.

The shooting occurred less than a kilometre away from the murder scene of Amon Beckles, the 18-year-old who was shot outside a church during a funeral earlier that same day.

Const. Robin Harvey said criminals will often ask strangers for a smoke before robbing them, but it doesn't normally result in a shooting.

"This is the first time I've ever heard of someone getting shot over just a cigarette,"

said Harvey, the crime prevention officer for 23 Division. "It seems very unusual ... but it's possible with all the violence that's going on."

Police said the man was standing with an acquaintance outside 45 Lexington Ave. when they were approached by two strangers asking for a cigarette.

The victim reportedly told the men he was smoking his last one.

A brief argument ensued, and one of the strangers pulled out a silver handgun.

Several shots were fired and the gunman and his accomplice ran towards Albion Mall.

Harvey said police need witnesses to come forward to help solve this case and others like it unless they want to see more shooters at large in their community.

"I don't expect them to call the police all the time," Harvey said. "But if we don't know, we can't help you."

"I don't know how people can sleep at night, knowing they know the kinds of people that are doing this and not calling Crime Stoppers. I can understand why they wouldn't call the police, but there's really no excuse not to call Crime Stoppers."



sheri bolton

Network president gives talk

CTV President Robert Hurst, second from right, and several Humber students after a question and answer session with the veteran journalist Tuesday. Hurst spoke to a crowd comprised primarily of journalism faculty and students about his experiences in the field. He addressed questions pertaining to the network's coverage of issues including avian flu, separatism, the pending election and the CBC lockout.

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Daredevil climber the "French Spiderman," who has scaled skyscrapers around the globe, was arrested Tuesday as he tried to climb a Houston building. — Reuters

Nursing students offer seniors wellness advice

by **brigitte karnilavicius**
NEWS REPORTER

Once a week for the first semester of school, third-year UNB Humber nursing students have been helping seniors living in a low-income area of Toronto lead healthier lives.

UNB Humber students study at Humber but receive a bachelor of nursing degree from the University of New Brunswick upon graduation. Students in third year do placements to get the feel of a true nursing setting.

Over the past few months, nursing students have helped seniors at the York West Senior Citizens Centre stay healthy by taking them on walks, teaching them how to eat properly and offering support.

"They've just done a wonderful thing," said Marion MacIntosh, a senior who co-ordinated a waist-watching program at the centre with two of the nursing students.

This is the first time students have been placed at the York centre. It has been around for over a decade and helps seniors meet their needs in an area of the city where there is no other place to go.

"There are probably, within our site, maybe 10 subsidized housing apartment complexes, each having maybe more than 500 units," said Maggie Knap, executive director of

the centre. "We have a lot of low income seniors."

Seniors meet each Thursday to go on walks around the block, to try to meet their weight-loss target goals.

MacIntosh said everyone has really enjoyed the company and motivation of the students.

"It certainly is encouraging. Sometimes we just need that extra punch," MacIntosh said.

"Our goal here is to keep people in the community out of the hospital, living life to the fullest."

— Saverina Sanchez,
clinical instructor

Before completing their time at York West, students co-ordinated a wellness clinic on Thursday, Nov. 17, to help keep the residents inspired to maintain healthy lifestyles.

"Our goal here is to keep people in the community out of the hospital, living life to the fullest," said Saverina Sanchez, a clinical instructor.

Students set up booths and distributed pamphlets with informa-

tion on diabetes, osteoporosis, blood pressure, myths of aging and staying healthy through exercise.

Seniors received pedometers, courtesy of General Mills.

The pedometers were well received by seniors who wouldn't normally be able to afford the \$30 device.

"We gave out an entire case and now all of our seniors have them," said Gina Elliott, one of the students who co-ordinated the waist-watching program.

Students have also been a major help to the centre with the mobility drive they conducted.

They made phone calls to various organizations and asked the community to donate walkers, canes and wheelchairs to the centre.

The drive was a success. While the TTC donated many canes, people also brought in walkers and a mint-condition wheelchair was dropped off.

"We fitted two community members with canes," said Millicent Dixon, one of the students who co-ordinated the mobility drive. "One of them was using her husband's and it wasn't the right fit."

Knap said the centre always has people in need and having the nursing students there has been "a real bonus, it's like having seven new employees around."



Terri McKellar and Andrea Philpott, third-year UNB Humber nursing students, field health questions from seniors.

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The centre hasn't seen the last of UNB Humber students. Some of them gave out their contact information to the seniors and Knap hopes to keep the partnership up

in future.

Any spare canes, walkers and wheelchairs can be donated to the centre at 1901 Weston Rd. or call (416) 245-4395.



Richard Adjei

courtesy

Humber student remembered

by **kathleen tomlinson**
NEWS REPORTER

Family and friends mourn the loss of Richard Adjei, 21, a Humber student who passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2005.

Adjei was a second-year liberal arts and science student who was passionate about his studies.

With just one year left to graduation, Richard was planning on broadening his horizons at the

University of Toronto in the coming years, possibly taking on a role

"He was a great person and a great son. I still cannot believe he is not here with us today."

— Samuel Adjei, father

in the field of medicine.

"Richard was so smart. He did-

n't ever leave anything unfinished," said Samuel Adjei, Richard's father.

"He put pride in everything he did and always with passion and effort," he said.

Adjei said Richard will be remembered and missed for his strength of character.

"He was a great person and a great son. I still cannot believe he is not here with us today."

Richard was buried Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005.

Calendars for charity

by **alana lowe**
NEWS REPORTER

The brave and attractive calendar boys and girls of York Region firefighters are coming to Humber's Lakeshore Campus to raise money for charity.

On Monday, Nov. 28, they will sell and autograph their 2006 Firefighters of York Region calendars for \$20 in the H Building to benefit The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, South Lake Regional Health Centre Foundation, York Central Hospital Foundation and the Markham Stouffville Hospital.

"This is a hot way to start a cold season," said Ola Juchniewicz, a Humber public relations student. "Humber is honoured and privileged to be the host facility for this event and I invite everyone to come out and partake in this fun, interactive and exciting way to make a charitable donation this season."

The York Region Firefighters Calendar Committee has raised over \$350,000 for charity since 2002.

The calendars will be on sale at select stores, including Shopper's Drug Mart or online at www.firefightersofyorkregion.com.

Random Acts of Kindness Week November 28 - December 2, 2005



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CNN apologized Tuesday for a technical glitch many viewers failed to notice – a large "X" the network flashed over Vice-President Dick Cheney's face. – Reuters

Cafeteria closes gate on thieves

by nick kyonka
NEWS REPORTER

The cafeteria at North Campus has blocked one of its main entrances so it can no longer be used as an easy exit for people stealing food.

As many as 40 sandwiches and other items were being pillered each day before the gate was closed last week, said Angela Mather, food services assistant general manager. Mathers believes the cafeteria could stand to save about \$30,000 this year alone by preventing theft.

"I have literally witnessed people (steal food)," Mather said. "I can't hunt them down, I'm not the police, but I've got a business to run. The day that they have their own business or work somewhere, they're going to come down hard, too."

But some students who regularly used the entrance near Pizza Pizza complained about having to take a new route to the food court.

"It's kind of a pain to have to walk around to find a way to get in here," said Melissa Reber, a media foundations student. "When you're

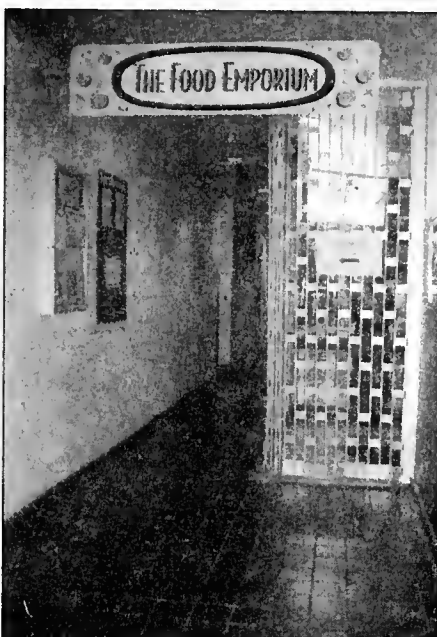
hungry, you just want to get here and get food. You don't want to be blocked. And especially for somebody who's not one of the thieves, it's kind of insulting to me to be told 'we don't trust you enough, so we're going to close the gates on you.'"

Reber said cafeteria managers should have first notified students of the change.

"I have no clue what kind of a problem it is," she said. "It's just kind of like a gate slammed in the face."

Don Henriques, general manager of food services, said he did not consider it necessary to justify the action to students.

"We clearly state for customers to use the other entrance so it shouldn't be a hassle to anyone," he said. "But we didn't feel the need to tell the students that. What would we need to explain to them? If a student asks us a question we would give them the answer. But a student hasn't come up to us to say 'we're upset because you closed one gate.'"



christine flynn

An estimated 40 sandwiches are stolen daily from the cafeteria by students using this exit.

First-year business administration student Danny Gewarges disagrees.

"It's starting to become a hassle because I normally have to walk around now just to get into the caf," he said. "I guess sometimes you have to take these actions to stop people from stealing, but it's starting to be an inconvenience to me."

Winterrific wonderland

Recreation and leisure students organize event for Humber Arboretum

by jesse cnockaert
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Arboretum will host the Winterrific celebration for the community early next month, and that means food, games and an appearance by Santa.

Humber Recreation and Leisure Services students are planning the event as part of their program. Winterrific, which has been held annually for more than 20 years, has the goal of providing a day of fun for the community.

People can expect activities including wagon rides, a Christmas tree sale, nature activities and a barbecue.

The student organizers have also invited political figures such as Etobicoke MPs Roy Cullen and Borys Wrzesnewskyj.

Rick Simone, a recreation and leisure professor, said the event is a great benefit to both his students and the Arboretum.

"It's always been the premise that a community event, a community celebration, is the primary focal point above all," he said.

Winterrific will also double as a

fundraiser for the Arboretum to purchase safety equipment. Since the Arboretum also hosts activities that take adults and children on the Humber River, the Ontario Camping Association is requiring it to purchase a flat-bottom boat, ring-buoys and a spinal board.

This equipment could cost over \$700. Barb Fox, co-ordinator for the Arboretum, doesn't expect that to be a problem, as last year Winterrific raised more than \$1,000.

"A community celebration is the primary focal point above all."

– Rick Simone, Recreation & Leisure instructor

However, as recently as three years ago, Fox said the Arboretum wasn't attracting enough public visits. If Winterrific were not to raise enough money, the Arboretum would try another fundraiser, or take funds from its other programs.

"I don't have a choice. (Money) would have to come from somewhere else," Fox said.

Admission to Winterrific is free. People of all ages are invited. It will be held Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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A study by Dove reported that American women are surprisingly satisfied with their looks. It revealed that 90% of women consider their looks average or above.

Ads for real beauty a big hit in T.O.

Dove challenges female stereotypes in ad campaign

by **sandra bratovic**
LIFE REPORTER

Body and hair care product company Dove recently brought its Campaign for Real Beauty to Toronto during its nationwide search for realistic women to feature in its 2006 campaign.

"We were looking for women with twinkles in their eyes," said Sharon MacLeod, marketing manager for Dove. "That confident kind of beauty."

MacLeod said Dove decided to challenge stereotypes of beauty in its campaign after the global study *The Dove Report: Challenging Beauty* revealed only two per cent of women surveyed felt comfortable calling themselves beautiful.

"We wanted to provoke a discussion about it ... beauty should be more attainable to more women," she said.

The immediate response from

women to the campaign was very positive, and MacLeod said Dove received many letters of thanks from women saying it was about time.

"We wanted to provoke a discussion about it ... Beauty should be more attainable to more women."

- Sharon MacLeod,

Dove marketing manager

Recently, some of the Dove women appeared on the *Oprah Winfrey Show* to a roaring audience of supporters.

John Dickason, marketing department co-ordinator at Humber, said people are maturing



Dove ran this controversial fat/fab ad last fall where they asked people to vote on how they perceived the woman. While public response was split, the ad gained media attention internationally.

and becoming a more sceptical advertising audience.

"People believed in the past if you show perfect-looking people using your product, people would buy it because they want to look like that," he said. "But we don't look like that, and probably never will, and we need to feel good about who we are."

Dickason said advertisers are beginning to realize that not everyone is a size six, and giving women more realistic and attainable images of beauty is what women want.

The clothing retailer Reitmans also took this approach with its Designed for Real Life campaign, which shows women of all ages, shapes and ethnic backgrounds in everyday situations, such as raking leaves in the backyard or at a company Christmas party.

"We are going to see more and more of the Reitmans and Dove

stuff," said Dickason, who foresees this remaining an advertising trend for some time.

"Advertising like this is important to women," said Traci Botts, 19, second-year bachelor of nursing student. "There has been too much emphasis on body type in the past. People are starting to be aware of the how much it impacts people."

Botts said advertisers need to continue such advertising to gain additional support.

MacLeod said the response from women has been very encouraging, and the campaign is a long-term commitment for Dove.

Dove is conducting casting calls in cities across Canada, including Halifax, Montreal, Calgary and Vancouver.

The finalists will gather in Toronto at the end of the year, where seven to 10 women will be chosen to be featured in next year's campaign.

Findings of The Dove Report: Challenging Beauty Study (U.S.)

Feeling Positive

- 90% of women consider their looks average or above.
- Claiming "Looks" Not Beauty
- 36% of women say their "looks" are above average, only 18% say their "beauty" is above average.

Redefining Beauty

- 75% of women agree that beauty does not come from a woman's looks, but from her spirit and love of life.

Owning Beauty

- 79% of women wish a woman could be considered beautiful even if she is not "physically perfect."

source:
campaignforrealbeauty.com

THREADS YOUR PERSONAL STYLE ON CAMPUS



hazel ong

by **hazel ong**
LIFE REPORTER

"Personal style is important because I don't want to look like everybody else. I want to stand out," said 20-year-old first-year design foundations student Calvin Lai about his style.

"I like the casual look. I hope it says to people that I'm a laid-back and outgoing type of person," he said.

Lai paired a camouflage hoodie with a chocolate brown velvet blazer.

"I didn't want to wear a jacket on its own because it's so cold, so I wore it with this sweater inside, with the jacket on top."

His checkerboard Vans and chunky plum coloured scarf follow his theme of mixed colours and textures.

He attributes his creativity and artistic ability to his sense of style, which he hopes will be valuable in his field.

"I hope my style will help me in my career," he said.



maryann simson

Food and wine on the menu

Humber culinary arts graduate Darryl Fletcher demonstrated his talents to a food and wine savvy crowd at the 11th Annual Gourmet Food and Wine Expo last weekend at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Fletcher, corporate chef for Aqua Star, a seafood distributor, prepared two shrimp dishes for the audience to sample. The show attracted 150 exhibitors and featured cooking demonstrations, educational wine tutorials and seminars. The South African theme of this year's show highlighted new wines from the region. Twenty sampling tickets were \$10 and an average wine sample ran the taster between three to five tickets - a deal for someone unwilling to buy a whole bottle, fingers crossed.

In 1989, 6.5% of Canadians reported using weed, 7.4% in 1994, and by 2002 the proportion had reached 12.2% – Canadian Community Health Survey

A family affair

Parents lighting up with their kids to open lines of communication

by hazel ong
LIFE REPORTER

The line between what is deemed appropriate or inappropriate to share with your parents is apparently disappearing, as some are smoking up as one big happy family.

Stacey Welsh, 21, a second-year architecture student was 16 years old when she first lit up with her parents after getting caught with her own pot.

"They obviously didn't want me doing it but they knew I was going to eventually, and I think that's why they actually sat down and did it with me so that they would know that I knew how to use it safely," she said.

The phenomenon behind this new phenomenon is that parents are taking a different approach to parenting, choosing to have a dialogue of communication, even if it means crossing that aforementioned line. "I think parents feel that there's a lot of benefit to having an open relationship and open communication, and (they feel that) it's better that what their kids are involved in is left out in the open and that it can be managed, perhaps, if it gets out of hand," said Jane Clifton, coordinator of the Child and Youth Worker program at Humber.

Welsh agrees. "They taught me about it and moderation, and how to be safe

with it and where to smoke so you're not smoking yourself or people around you. It stopped me from smoking pot at school," she said. "I knew I could just come home and smoke a joint and my parents would be OK with it as long as I didn't go overboard."

As reported by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), marijuana is the most common illicit drug in Canada used by minors (after alcohol and tobacco).

A 2001 report by the CAMH found that 30 per cent of Ontario students in Grade 7 to OAC used marijuana at least once in the previous year, with about three per cent reporting daily use in the past four weeks.

A recent Maclean's article, *Pass the weed, Dad*, reported that most kids will try cannabis sooner or later regardless of whether the parents are strict or permissive.

Clifton said, "I know of parents who've done this with drinking. This is just a new version of an old story, where parents have allowed their kids to drink at home prior to them becoming of legal age because they know that they're curious about it, wanting to experiment with it, but they would prefer they would do it in a safe home environment."

Clifton also said that the par-



"They obviously didn't want me doing it but they knew I was going to eventually."
- Stacey Welsh, student

Hitting the bong with the kids might create a more open relationship, but parents must beware of the risks of saying drug use is OK.

ents who are taking this sort of approach to drug use are probably the parents that really encourage and value an open relationship with their kids.

For first-year travel and tourism student Patrick Church, 21, it did work.

"Our relationship is definitely more open now," he said. "Now you can maybe talk about things that before you maybe couldn't talk about because now you know they are more accepting of some of the things you do," he said.

But as much as this may be fostering a more open relationship between child and parent, there is also a very real possibility that the wrong message could be sent.

"By engaging in these sorts of activities with your kids, you are running certain risks of sending certain messages that drug use is OK and that doing something illegal is OK," Clifton said. "On the other hand, a potential benefit to doing it is that you will have a very open relationship about issues

around drug use, but my point would be that you don't have to do it with them to get that sort of relationship."

Clifton suggested alternative ways to promoting an open relationship as well as creating drug awareness.

"Talk openly about drug use, make sure that your kids are aware of the risks that you're educated, and watch for warning signs that there might be a problem. And there's nothing wrong with being honest about your own experiences," she said, adding, "kids will say, 'well did you ever do it?' and it's not necessarily a bad thing to say, 'yes, I did.' It's all about modeling a healthy lifestyle. So 'yeah I did it, but I stopped because...'"

But for many kids, getting high with mom and dad is way too weird and potentially traumatizing, described by Church as being "definitely up there with seeing mom and dad doing the nasty."

"I don't think I would ever do it again," he said.

Canadian patch escapes U.S. warning

Health Canada yet to perform study on Evra

by agata waliczek
LIFE REPORTER

According to Health Canada recent warnings issued by the American Food and Drug Administration against the contraceptive patch Ortho Evra do not apply to its Canadian counterpart, Evra.

"The difference between the U.S. and Canada is simply the dose of estrogen," said Christopher Williams, media relations officer for Health Canada. "The Canadian product contains .60 milligrams while the U.S. version is higher at .75 milligrams."

The FDA added updated labeling to the product, warning healthcare providers and patients that women are exposed to 60 per cent more estrogen using Ortho Evra than most birth control pills.

Dr. Jenny Green of the Bay Centre for Birth Control (a centre developed by Sunnybrook and Women's College Hospital and

the Centre for research in Women's Health) said that there have been no studies done about the risks of Evra yet.

"We don't have all the information," she said.

Williams said Health Canada has no plans of changing the labelling information because it is considered adequate.

"Health Canada will continue to monitor this product and will communicate any new safety information to healthcare professionals and consumers so they can make timely decisions on the risks and benefits," Williams said.

Ortho Evra releases ethinyl estradiol (an estrogen hormone) and norelgestromin (a progestin hormone) through the skin and directly into the blood stream, as opposed to the pill which is swallowed and digested.

The high levels of estrogen can cause complications such as blood clots and strokes.

Green said women in Canada don't need to worry about the new

warnings.

"Don't panic," she said. "If you are concerned, talk to your healthcare provider."

Green said women at the centre have been informed of the new warning but continue to use the patch because they "love it."

The warning has Corrie Alexander thinking of other birth control alternatives, but she continues to use the Evra patch.

"It's a lot easier to remember to take the patch once a week than it is to take the pill everyday," said the third-year music student at Humber Lakeshore.

Alexander visited her doctor to check for blood clots but said so far everything is normal and she is not too concerned.

The patch has been sold in Canada since January 2004.

According to IMS Health, a private health information company, there were 341,000 prescriptions dispensed for Evra between its launch in January and September of this year.



Music student Corrie Alexander is cautious about Evra but uses it because of its convenience.

WHISK

WEEKLY RECIPES FROM HUMBER'S
CULINARY ARTS STUDENTS

Developed by second-year student Anne Almeda and Chef Anthony Borgo

Homemade Mince Meat Pies

Mincemeat

- 1 1/2 cups cooking apples - peeled, cored and chopped into small pieces.
- 1/3 cup shredded suet (beef fat - available at any supermarket)
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup sultanas
- 1/2 cup currants
- 1/2 cup chopped mixed candied peel (mixture available in bulk food isles)
- 2/3 soft brown sugar
- 2 tsp ground spice (equal parts ground cinnamon, ginger, allspice)
- 1 orange, zested and juiced
- 1 lemon, zested and juiced
- 1/2 cup brandy

1. Combine all ingredients (except brandy) in a mixing bowl, making sure it is well mixed. Cover and leave in a cool place overnight.
2. The next day - cover the bowl with foil and place in oven for one hour and 20 minutes at 120 C/225 F.
3. Take out and allow to cool, stirring at regular intervals - the fat will sit on top when it comes out of the oven but it will coagulate as it cools and mixes with the other ingredients.
4. When mixture has cooled, fold in brandy.
5. Store in jars until ready to use.

Shortcrust pastry

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1/4 cup caster sugar
- 1 egg yolk
- pinch salt

1. Sift flour and salt.
2. Rub flour and salt together until crumbly.
3. Stir in sugar and add egg yolk and whole egg.
4. Work together to form a dough. Wrap in plastic wrap and refrigerate for one hour to rest the dough.

Putting it all together

1. Line small tartlet tins with thin disks of pastry.
2. Fill shell with mincemeat.
3. Lightly brush edges of pastry with milk and place a pastry lid on top. Brush lids with an egg wash (beat egg in bowl and apply to pastry) and sprinkle castor sugar over top (makes pastry crisp and sweet).
4. Place pies in oven and bake for 12-16 minutes at 200 C/400 F or until golden brown.

According to the Children's Aid Society of Toronto, 13,755 families and 33,351 children used its services – 29,920 of the children were helped in their homes.

The reality of child abuse

Children's Aid Society educates public to recognize signs

by leigh blenkhorn
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The Jeffery Baldwin trial currently before the courts has raised awareness of child abuse.

Jeffery Baldwin died two years ago of a severe case of bronchial pneumonia caused by malnutrition and his inability to fight off illness. When the five year old boy died, he weighed less than 25 pounds, the same weight as an infant. The boy's grandmother and her common-law husband are on trial for his death. The case is one of many examples of child abuse Canadians need to address.

The Children's Aid Society (CAS) launched its Use Your Voice campaign this past October during Child Abuse Awareness Month. It encouraged people to speak up about child abuse, and although concrete statistics are not available, Melanie Persaud from the Toronto-based society said the campaign was a huge success. CAS hopes to expand the program for the next year to get more Torontonians to talk about child abuse.

Any cases of abuse should be reported to the CAS. Persaud said that Canadians are required by law to report anything they witness.

"It's not only suggested that you report abuse, it's the law. If you sus-



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Abuse can go far beyond physical or sexual assault. The most common forms are verbal and emotional abuse which are often unintentional but can significantly affect a child's wellbeing.

pect child abuse you must contact the CAS or the police. People should usually contact us first, unless it is an emergency," she said.

She stressed that actions should be taken sooner than later.

"There is a common misconception. People feel that they have

"It's not only suggested that you report abuse, it's the law."

- Melanie Persaud, Toronto
Children's Aid Society

to know for sure that it is happening, but that is not the case. We want them to report their suspicions," explained Persaud. "If they put it off and abuse is happening, then there is a chance it could get more severe, and the child could get seriously hurt."

CAS helps children in a variety of ways. According to Persaud, for every one child they remove from a harmful situation, there are nine more that they help in their homes and communities.

Humber's child and youth worker students take an entire course on abuse, where they cover child abuse extensively. Those in the program have been working hard to raise awareness in recent months.

Tina Lackner, a Humber graduate of the program who now teaches the Abused Persons course, said it is important to educate society on child abuse.

"I think that what needs to be done is more teaching for parents. The public needs to know, but parents need to be able to see it," she explained. "Sometimes parents can even be doing it and not realizing it, you know by calling their kid an idiot or something. That is abuse."

Lackner explained that child abuse is technically anything emotional, physical, or sexual that causes "emotional discomfort" to a child.

It is often hard to determine if a child is being abused if you are not in contact with them frequently, but there are indicators to help you know for sure.

"They shy away from people and become more emotional and have changes in their social behavior. There can be physical marks and bruises, and the location of marks on a child's back can be a key indicator," Lackner said. There are different signs for younger victims. "If they have been sexually abused they might play with dolls in a sexual manner, and talking about sex at a more mature level than they really should be."

According to Lackner emotional abuse is the most common form, but it is by far the hardest to detect.

There are currently no definitive statistics on child abuse. Current statistics are based only on the number of incidences reported to police. In 2003 there were 235,135 reported incidences of child abuse, but there were many other cases that went un-reported.

Deborah Dunbar, a faculty member of Humber's Youth and Child Worker program, said it's difficult to say how much child abuse there is in Canada.

"In terms of accurate statistics, it's hard because not all of the incidences are actually recorded," she said. "Usually it is only the physical and sexual cases recorded, but not the neglect, the emotional."

For more information on child abuse, or to report a case please call the Toronto Children's Aid Society at 416-924-4646.


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Buzz newest ad fad

by michelle chang
BUSINESS REPORTER

Buzz marketing is one of the hottest forms of advertising, but do consumers really know what they're being lured into?

Buzz advertising entails paying people to praise their products in the belief that consumers are more likely to trust fellow buyer's views on products more than outright ads.

A study researched by Canada's Verde Group shows that more than 50 per cent of Canadians said they will not even walk into a store if they have heard something bad about it.

"I always hear of products from friends," said Marie Santiago, a second-year nursing student. "Once they tell me it's worth it, I'll go out and get it too."

Also known as word-of-mouth advertising, buzz marketing has been around since the 17th century, when the first opera paid someone to applaud the performance.

Companies are steering away from using ads as a way to sell their products and instead finding product seeders, people who will endorse their product to influencers, who may be potential cus-

tomers.

According to a report from consulting firm McKinsey & Co. released in 2001, 67 per cent of U.S. consumer-good sales are now influenced by word of mouth.

"I think it's sneaky of companies to hire people to pretend to be a regular customer when they're not."

- Tim Maciag, Hospitality,
Tourism and Recreation
second year student

Buzz marketing is most effective when a consumer buys a specific product, loves it, and then passes on the good word to family and friends to help them in their decision-making process.

Products that have used buzz marketing include Razor Scooters, Beanies Babies and *The Blair Witch Project*.

Companies like Vespa have hired models to hang around local Los Angeles cafes and nightclubs in hope that someone would stop

by and ask where they got that bike. Once that happens, the model would hand the potential consumer a pamphlet of product information.

Matchstick Inc. is a Canadian based word of mouth marketing company that says the most powerful way of selling a product is by consumer to consumer recommendations.

Matchstick hires product seeders that are close in age and lifestyle to lure in a product's target consumer.

The company has been endorsing products like NBA Tracy McGrady's Adidas shoes, Palm handhelds and Frisk mints.

To advertise Frisk, the company's product seeders took the mints to nightclub influentials across Canada in winter 2002, which continually got passed on.

With the debate of this marketing practice, Humber students have their own opinion.

"I think it's sneaky of companies to hire people to pretend to be a regular customer when they're not," said Tim Maciag, second-year hospitality, tourism and recreation student. "If a product is good, then I'll hear about it. I don't need that kind of trickery."



michelle chang

Companies are using word of mouth advertising more. Katherine Mante, second-year nursing student, and Rachelle Wilson, liberal arts receptionist, whisper about mints.

Students go no logo

As 'buy nothing day' approaches students hide corporate brands

by erin taylor
BUSINESS REPORTER

Today is Buy Nothing Day in an estimated 55 countries.

It was started by *Adbusters Magazine* in an attempt to thwart rampant consumerism at the beginning of the holiday spending season.

According to Statistics Canada, Canadians spent \$2.9 billion in retail last December and even though it's not the twelfth month yet, *Adbusters* wants people to start paying more attention when they shop.

Brian Highley, Buy Nothing Day co-coordinator at *Adbusters*, said that people acting collectively and being conscious of all that money they are spending can lighten our ecological footprints and help change dangerous working conditions.

"People need to know what they are supporting," he said. "Your dollar is your voice and people need to use their consumer muscle and realize that they are just buying a name and buying into a myth that a company creates around their product."

Highley added that *Adbusters* is not trying to collapse the economy, but is looking to get people working together to facilitate change.

A group of Guelph-Humber

first-year students in a mass communications class showed last week they know the power of their dollar, when they organized a No Logo campaign. They handed out duct tape to cover logos and spoke to students about becoming aware of social issues.

"(We) relate to brand names and icons, as opposed to taking a look at who we really are."

- Natalie Moncur,
media student

Project organizer, Natalie Moncur said, "We want to raise awareness of the effect media has on our generation. (We) relate to brand names and icons, as opposed to taking a look at who we really are."

They handed out flyers with facts about child labour, sweatshops, and statistics about kids who now have more brand names in their vocabulary than ever before.

Jeff McLean, a first year justice studies student at Guelph-Humber said the no logo day project was a good idea considering sweatshops



erin taylor

Gord Coatsworth and other Guelph-Humber media studies students handed out flyers about child labour, sweatshop rights and the effects of too much brand exposure.

are a problem, but that students may not pay attention.

"People buy things based on the logo for the most part, they won't learn anything."

Warren Nightengale, a media education specialist with The Media Awareness Network said that No Logo Day and Buy Nothing Day are good ways to raise social consciousness in a society in which we are exposed to

approximately 3000 ads every day.

"I think people are very conscious that they are being advertised to, and when they are being advertised to," he said. "But people are affected by it, even though they are aware."

He pointed out that there are many options and many ways that individuals can become more educated about companies that are

socially aware and ones that are not, but that it means they have to pay attention and research.

One online shopping company alonovo.com released a press statement declaring its support for Buy Nothing Day.

They consider how the products they sell are made and in what conditions.

It will be shutting down its operation for 24 hours.

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The U.S. House of Representatives approved a \$50 billion budget cut reducing funding for student loans and food stamps and increasing Medicaid. — Harper's.

Humber trails colleges in international students

1,500 at Sheridan and George Brown compared to 617 at Humber

by puja uppal
BUSINESS REPORTER

International student rates are on the rise in most Canadian universities and colleges, but not at Humber.

According to Statistics Canada, there is a record high of 70,000 international students enrolled at Canadian Universities in the 2003/04 academic year. Although this is an increase of 17 per cent over the previous year, the numbers are down at Humber.

This fall 617 international students enrolled at Humber, 14 students fewer than last year. In contrast, similar sized colleges like George Brown and Seneca have approximately 1,500 international students each.

Diane Simpson, director of the International Centre at North Campus, said the reasons for the decrease could vary from a lack of educational opportunities in foreign countries to strong competition for international students among other universities and colleges around the world.

"It's hard to pinpoint why our numbers fell slightly," Simpson said. "It could be visa issues, especially out of India."

Humber has been actively recruiting international students for the past six years, sending three representatives to various international recruitment fairs. They also

work with Canadian education centers and local agents around the world to promote the college.

Humber tries to maintain its international student population at five per cent of the total student population so as to not withhold enrollment opportunities for Canadian students.

"Our first mandate is to provide educational opportunities for domestic students," Simpson said.

Once international grads go back home to pursue a career, educational institutions remain in contact with these individuals, building stronger networks around the globe.

"When we're out there recruiting we're first marketing Canada as an educational destination, then our individual institutions."

Standard tuition for international full-time students attending Humber is \$11,094 per year while tuition for Canadian full-time students is \$2,450 per year, a rate comparable to George Brown College.

Unlike Canadian students, colleges don't receive government funding for international students, which is part of the reason for their higher tuition fees.

Although Humber president Robert Gordon said international students increase Humber's cash-flow slightly, he added the benefits of having international students

goes far beyond that.

Having international students "does give us some revenue, there's no question," said Gordon. "But more importantly it mixes in people who will not only add value to the life on campuses but who will in fact hopefully become friends of Humber and will be good ambassadors for us when they go home."

Professor Glen Jones, of the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute for Studies in Education said that along with Canada's increasing college and university reputation, the growing economies in Asia, the cheaper Canadian dollar, also have a role in attracting foreign students to Canada.

Jones said institutions that recruit foreign students benefit, as does the local economy.

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There are 15,045 full-time students enrolled at Humber and out of that, 580 are international stu-



puja uppal

Shivali Walia said tuition for international students is too high and should be re-considered. Humber's international students pay on average \$11,094 while domestic students pay \$2,450.

dents.

Altogether, Humber's international students consist of a combination of 73 different countries. Twenty-five per cent are from India, 15 per cent from South Korea, 12 per cent from China, four per cent from Japan and approximately 10 per cent are from the Caribbean. Countries

within Latin America, Africa and Europe are also represented.

Simpson believes the growth of international students at Humber benefits the whole college.

"We're living in an increasingly global world so bringing students together from around the world can only add to the learning experience for everyone," she said.

Former Penguin Book president starts creative book publishing at Humber

by dominik kurek
BUSINESS REPORTER

After a successful career in publishing, Cynthia Good now teaches Humber students to have that same success in print.

Good worked at Penguin Books Canada for 20 years where she became Editorial Director. She went onto become president and publisher before resigning.

"She's a remarkable woman," said Joe Kertes, dean of the School of Creative and Performing Arts. "She started the Canadian publishing program at Penguin Canada and made it the famous program that it is." Kertes noted that Good discovered many great Canadian writers.

"I've had a very fulfilling career there but I knew that if I wanted to do something else with my life that was the moment to do it," Good said.

She also worked at Dorset Press, Doubleday Book Clubs and *The Walrus*.

Good is currently the director of Humber's postgraduate Creative Book Publishing Program, which she stumbled upon by chance.

"She's doing really well," Kertes said. "And she's already begun to make it the most remarkable publishing program in the country."

Good approached Kertes

because she was impressed by Humber's writer's workshop. Discussions with Kertes ultimately led to the formation of the summer certificate program.

Good earned a Masters in English at the University of Toronto and stopped partway through her PhD when she got her first publishing job.

But before she started her publishing career, Good was in the theatre business. "When I was very young, I was a part owner of a theatre company called the Menagerie Players," Good said. She produced the plays and even performed in some of them.

When asked why she teaches at a college instead of a university, Good said, "I find Humber and the school for Creative and Performing Arts to be an exceptional environment. I'm very comfortable here, and to me having been in theatre it's very exciting to be an environment that includes performers and musicians so I found a very good place to be," she said. "Also



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Following a 20 year career at Penguin Books, Cynthia Good started Humber's new Creative Book Publishing Program.

because I'm teaching book publishing, I'm trying to teach it from a very practical point of view, to educate people to go on and be publishers themselves. So it's very hands on rather than an academic approach."

Good also teaches literature at Holy Blossom Synagogue.

The Creative Book Publishing Program costs \$3,400, and runs from the beginning of May until the end of August. Classes are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. every day.

"They have very long hours, it's very exhausting," she said.

Last summer was the first year of the program and saw an enrollment of 28.

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Fair trade coffee will come soon

The collapse of world prices has had a devastating impact on farmers in poorest countries

by **stephen leithwood**
BUSINESS REPORTER

North America's leading gourmet coffee roasters, Van Houtte Inc, is introducing its new line of Fair Trade and Organic coffees to Humber College.

While some coffee drinkers don't care where their coffee comes from, those interested in an ethical and environmental alternative turn to fairly traded and organic coffees.

The concept of fair trade coffee is to buy directly from some of the 15 million small coffee farmers.

Because they can't export directly themselves, they are forced to sell to companies that often pay very little.

Smaller farmers don't have the facilities to dry and shelve coffee beans, and because the beans are picked by hand farmers must rely on outside help.

Fairly traded coffee eliminates the middleman and is bought from farming co-operatives, allowing farmers to earn a fair living.

Michele Choma, a Humber Social Services instructor is disappointed in how fair trade is being promoted.

"There could be more done to promote the awareness of fair trade, even though it's gaining popularity, a lot of people still don't know," Choma said.

Joscelyn Smith, a spokesperson for Van Houtte, explained the reason there is a high price for this kind of coffee.

"Green fair trade coffee is set at a premium versus non-fair trade coffee to ensure a higher revenue for the farmers and cooperatives,"

she said.

For example, Van Houtte's Fair Trade Coffee costs \$7.99 for a 250 gram ground bag, while its gourmet coffee costs only \$5.99 for a bag of the same size.

Coffee such as this is also environmentally friendly.

"Most of the coffee is organic so the beans are produced with friendly methods," she said.

First-year computer programming student Ian Smalley hasn't given much thought to where his coffee comes from.

"I buy coffee from time to time, but I don't really know where it comes from," he said. "If I can find a better tasting, cheaper coffee, I'd go with that."

The fair trade food market isn't restricted to coffee.

Other items like tea, chocolate and organics are expanding in the fair trade market.

Oxfam Canada, an international agency that battles poverty states, that 67 per cent of Canadians drink an average of three cups of coffee a day. It is estimated that 13 per cent of coffee is consumed in schools.

"The demand for fair trade products is growing, which shows that the consumers understand," said Mark Fried, an Oxfam spokesman. "Unfortunately the big companies haven't chued in."

Brazil, Mexico and India are some of the top coffee producing countries in the world.

As fair trade goods grow in popularity, more companies like VanHoutte are releasing large fair trade product lines in an effort to satisfy consumers despite a more expensive cup of coffee.

"There could be more done to promote the awareness of fair trade, even though it's gaining popularity, a lot of people still don't know what it is."

- Michele Choma,
social services instructor



simon helweg-larsen

Grossly low coffee prices have created a movement for better prices for struggling farmers.



both simon helweg-larsen

Guatemalan farmers struggle for a living wage off coffee.

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% Families – Incidence of low income	19.4%	16.2%
% Individuals – Incidence of low income	22.5%	19.1%
% Less than high school education (age 15+)	28.4%	32.6%
% With a university degree (age 15+)	25.3%	15.8%
% Immigrants	49.5%	51.4%
% Visible minority	42.8%	45.8%

Statistics Canada, 2001 census

sports

"To me, boxing is like a ballet, except there's no music, no choreography and the dancers hit each other." - Former SNL character Jack Handey

Rival Bruins no match for new-look Hawks

by garth simmonds
SPORTS REPORTER

With two wins last week, the men's basketball team earned the number one ranking in not just Ontario, but in Canada according to CCAA official rankings.

When the Hawks went to Sheridan, posters read "The Clash of the Titans," though the game turned out to be anything but. A packed gymnasium was on hand to witness the rival teams square off in Sheridan's new gym.

The Hawks won the season series last year 2-1 after an overtime victory in the last meeting so the Bruins were looking for revenge.

The pre-game atmosphere was comparable to that of an NCAA game with traditional collegiate band anthems blasting and a boisterous crowd banging drums and wearing oversized cowboys hats to support the home team. The Hawks, however, did have a number of supporters in the stands, including the Humber Hype dance team that often out-cheered the Sheridan cheerleaders.

The Hawks began the game in typical fashion by playing great defence despite giving up a few inches on the inside. Consecutive offensive fouls by Sheridan sparked Humber's offence which connected on four of its first five attempts.

Sheridan managed to keep the game close by hitting from behind the arch and dominating the offensive boards. Coach Darrell Glenn felt that if they were to win this game they would have to win the battle on the boards.

"We thought we needed to rebound the ball better. They real-

ly hurt us offensive rebounding-wise," Glenn said. "They scored a high percentage of their baskets from second shot opportunities."

At the end of the half the Hawks led 32-38.

Sheridan came out for the second half ready to get back into the game and opened it with two consecutive three pointers. Seeing their lead vanish, coach Glenn called a timeout and ripped into his team about its lack of effort on defence and for failing to improve on what they talked about at the half.

"During halftime we had a goal to win the battle on the offensive boards. Coach told us that we had to rebound and if there's a loose ball dive for it. We did that and we boxed out," said rookie Jadway Hemming.

After the timeout, the Hawks upped the intensity on defence and exploded on offence. First-year guard Jose Araujo came alive off the bench hitting two three-pointers as the Hawks began to pull away. Up by 10, the Hawks showed no mercy. First-year guard Jonathan Tyndale was the real difference in the game as he went off for 19 points in the second half alone. He hit three-pointer after three-pointer and converted on a couple of three-point plays that brought the Humber bench to its feet.

"I was playing soft in the first half so in the second half I set a goal for myself to play harder every minute on the court and grab every rebound," Tyndale said. "Coach said we weren't hustling or rebounding so we had to step it up individually and as a team."

Sheridan had no answer for Tyndale as he led the Hawks to a

76-54 blowout victory. The Hawks were still without centre Andrew Thompson and all-Canadian Shane Dennie who wanted to be out there with his team instead of on the sidelines.

"It burns a lot but my team stepped up and played really well," Dennie said. "It's a team game and when one person goes down everybody steps up."

Dennie said he hopes to be back in the line-up for the next meeting between the rivals.

After the game coach Glenn said that his team did a great job of meeting the goals it had set as a team.

"We felt if we could limit their second shot opportunities we'd have a good chance of stopping their offence and getting out into transition where we were real impressive tonight," Glenn said.

The Hawks were at Centennial College on Tuesday trying to improve on their 3-0 record as they faced off against the Centennial Colts. Although Centennial managed to keep the game in reach in the first half, the story was Jonathan Tyndale, who came out on fire as he converted six of Humber's 10 three-pointers in the half, giving him 18 points before the break.

The Hawks went into the second half up by seven but quickly blew open the game. The Hawk run in the second half was led by rookie guard Michael Cruickshank who scored all of his 10 points in the second half. The Hawks outplayed the Colts badly in the second half, outscoring them 45-27.



hertley small

Convincing wins over Sheridan and Centennial this week has catapulted the men's basketball team to number one rank in Canada.

Humber's bench contributed 49 points compared to just 20 for the Colts' reserves. Every player in the line-up scored for the Hawks, with Tyndale leading all scorers

with 22 points. Araujo and forward Jonathan Wyse chipped in 10 points apiece for the Hawks.

The Hawks prepare to face Durham College on Nov. 30.

Strong week on the court for Hawk women

Three wins put women's basketball team in undefeated spot and ranked first overall in Ontario

by jevon griffith
SPORTS REPORTER

After winning the Durham Invitational Tournament, humiliating Fleming at home and defeating Algonquin in Ottawa, the Humber Lady Hawks remain undefeated.

In the Durham Invitational Tournament, the Lady Hawks overcame their first opponent, the Seneca Sting, by a margin of 13 points.

Erin Chamberlain contributed 23 points to the 72-59 victory. The Lady Hawks went on to defeat Kirtland, a team from Michigan, 79-63, which led them to the final and deciding game in the tournament against the hosting Durham Lords.

By halftime, the Lords had managed to protect their home court for the most part, holding on

to a lead of 31-27. But after halftime, the Lady Hawks returned to the floor with more defensive and offensive intensity and outscored the Lords 23-14 to pick up the championship.

Sharpshooter Erin Chamberlain chipped in with 13 points, to average a total of 21 points per game for the weekend. Other high scorers were Sarah Moxley and Heidi Jaaskelainen.

Before the Durham Invitational Tournament, the Fleming Knights visited Humber and were recipients of a 72-point thrashing that was unbearable for the home crowd to watch. The Lady Hawks were simply too much for the daunted Knights.

"Well, we knew coming in that they were going to be an easier team, so we wanted to use this game for ourselves to work on our



morgan murrell

Woman's basketball team gathers together before game action at home last week.

defence and our offence," said coach Denise Perrier.

Perrier also was able to give her starters some rest.

"I just wanted to give the other girls an opportunity to show what they could do and I thought some of them did a really good job off the bench," Perrier said.

Some of the girls who played well in the game against Fleming were third-year player Audrey

Ngongo and first-year player Kristina Harse.

"Audrey looked like the third-year player that she needs to be, as far as passing and taking authority out there and getting the stuff setup, which is good," Perrier said. Kristina is going to be a player for us and we're really happy to have her.

"She's a first-year player from

Hamilton who's really smart and handles the ball well. I thought she had a great game today," Perrier said.

To begin the week, the Lady Hawks defeated Algonquin 66-60 in Ottawa in a hard fought game.

The Humber Lady Hawks look to keep their undefeated streak going when Loyalist College visits Humber tonight.

Rexdale



photos by alex demaria and sabrina gopaul



A community in conflict

by Jason Bowser and Ashley House
SENIOR REPORTERS

Steve Gimgras is happy living in Rexdale. The 29-year-old moved to the area from Quebec City last month to pursue a career in landscaping. Though Rexdale has received a lot of negative attention in the media, Gimgras doesn't seem concerned by the recent reports of violence in his adopted community.

"I've never seen a bad picture of Rexdale," he says. "Most people I see here are pretty cool."

But that's not the picture most people saw last week through the media coverage of the shocking death of 18-year-old Amon Beckles outside the Toronto West Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Nov. 18. Beckles' murder was the 12th gun-related homicide in Rexdale this year.

Humber College's North Campus is part of the community. *Humber Et Cetera's* senior reporters Jason Bowser and Ashley House interviewed members of the community to give students a balanced picture of the neighbourhood we all share.

Pastor Al Bowen from the Seventh-Day Adventist Church where the Beckles homicide occurred has made a drastic call for the War Measures Act to be enacted as a solution to curb crime in Toronto.

"The number one challenge now is security, and getting the hardcore element out of the community," Bowen says.

While the government's solution is yet to be seen, Prime Minister Paul Martin has promised a summit in the future to discuss the violence that has plagued Rexdale and other Toronto communities.

"The community needs to talk about it. Parents need to regain control of kids and government programs aren't meant to replace parents but empower them," Bowen says.

Efforts throughout the Rexdale community focus on ways to help youth in vulnerable neighbourhoods find alternative solutions.

Ian Nyman, the manager of the Youth Resource Centre, said helping people find steady jobs, building their resumes and other such programs are beneficial in keeping Rexdale's youth out of gangs. Nyman and his crew primarily work with youths between 16 and 24, although Nyman says all ages are welcome.

"We are all working together to provide a lot of positive alternatives, whether it is to do with recreation, employment or financial assistance," Nyman says.

But Bowen says while these programs are helpful, there is an underlying problem that rots the programs from the outside in.

"What isn't there is the ability to get the guns and shooters out of the community. Most of the good programs are corrupted by the presence of the shooters, the guns and the pushers," Bowen says.

But Nyman stresses that if the media would just look at the positive aspects of Rexdale, like the strong sense of community and the many social programs available, the public would see the

whole picture – not just the violence and crime.

Errol Bonner is one of the volunteers at the Youth Resource Centre, and as he walks by people busy typing away at computers or doing research, he says he works here because he wants to make a positive difference in people's lives.

"I've always wanted to be a part of it," Bonner says.

The centre not only helps youths find jobs but also stay busy. With programs like basketball and dancing as well as a youth leadership core, young people are getting involved in their own community.

"A lot of youth are very aware of what is going on. They are really taking ownership of what's going on in their community and how they can implement change," Nyman says.

While services like the Rexdale Youth Resource Centre provide a refuge for some youth, the roofs over their heads can be another area where problems start.

According to Terri Noseworthy, executive director of Albion Neighbourhood Services, the apartments throughout Rexdale need to be improved.

"There are very poor housing conditions in the apartment buildings," Noseworthy says, also noting the high rent costs.

She also says there are apartments which aren't even up to the proper fire codes and such, yet they are open for business anyway.

Noseworthy says that while programs designed to help the youth of Rexdale are good, she thinks more programs are needed for those aged six to 12 because it's important to set positive examples for kids in their earlier years.

The demographics of the Rexdale community have changed over the years. Since the 1996 census, the number of landed immigrants now make up over 50 per cent of Rexdale's population.

While Nyman says they tend to stick together in their cultural groups, they are finding ways to co-exist in positive ways.

"A lot of the services and programs that we are offering are now being geared toward the new immigrant population. We are trying to come up with specific programs, whether it be workshops or resources and information, that can be of benefit to them," Nyman says.

Programs like Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada in conjunction with the YMCA provide language assessments and general information and resources to help new immigrants settle into the community.

One of these immigrants now living in Rexdale is Samvinder Singh, who moved here from India.

"I found my job very easily here," Singh says. "I've been living here for three years and it's become a part of my life."

Even Bowen says he has hopes for the future of Rexdale. Despite his dismay with the violence in Rexdale, he works late into the night advocating for the community's safer future.

"We will improve in the future. We will rise to higher levels," he says.

editorial

"There are a lot of bleeding hearts. Well, I say, go ahead and bleed." - Pierre Trudeau on his decision to invoke the War Measures Act in 1970

Fighting gunfire with gunfire

There is a certain honour in taking the high, hard road. Getting the job done, on the other hand, seems to hold its own appeal. The hooks tear at politicians from both sides, demanding a delicate balance in a time when society is impatient and failures are nearly impossible to justify.

The rising body count in Toronto this year has drawn a two-flanked attack. Burgeoning community programs are addressing the social roots of the problem, while an increased police presence pares away at the actual violence. But as the sun sets on one of the city's most volatile summers, the public is getting restless.

PATIENCE IS A VIRTUE

Reverend Al Bowen, the pastor of the church where last week's grizzly funeral shooting took place, is heading up a group of religious leaders whose startling agenda borders on extremism. They have called for the Emergencies Act - better known by its old name, the War Measures Act. When the act is invoked, the government would have the power to send the army into communities like Rexdale.

Their reason? Community programs and social initiatives aren't working. But how fast, exactly, are preventative measures supposed to work? Those who were violent yesterday will still be violent tomorrow, no matter how many community centres are opened today. Genuine results take time.

This is a case where the high road is certainly the hard one. The only way this city will see a lasting, self-sustaining drop in violent crime is if the core problems get addressed - homelessness, unemployment and feelings of exclusion are harder to fight than guns are to confiscate. The last is perhaps the most important, since violent crimes are often concentrated in minority groups who feel that the government does not stand up for their needs.

THE MIDDLE GROUND

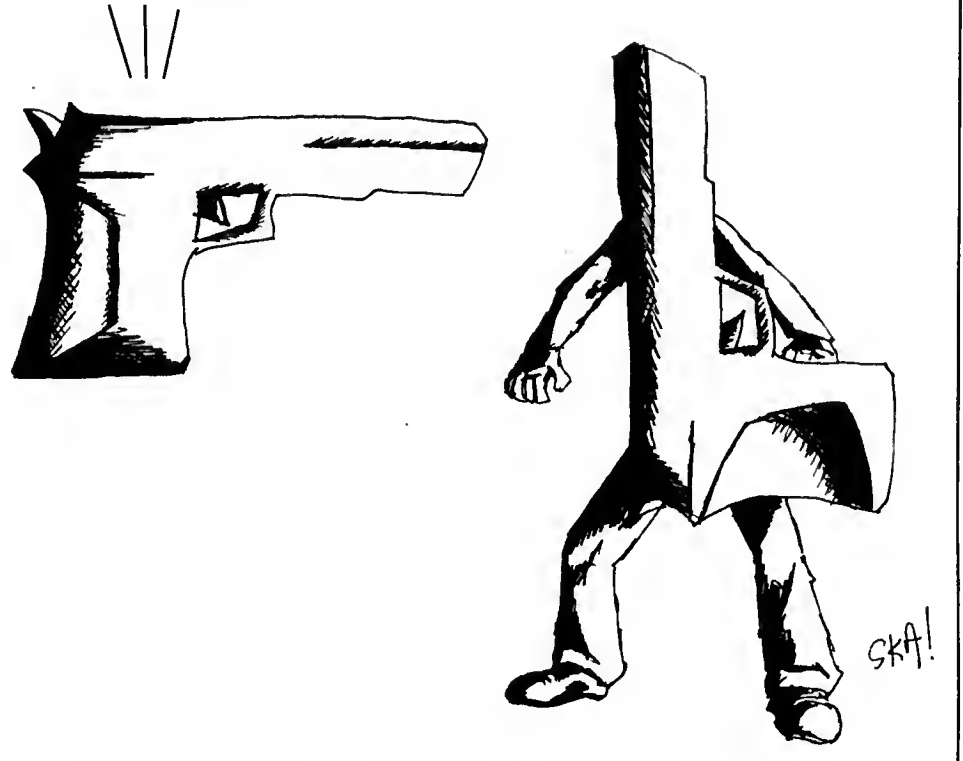
Nobody is expected to simply walk the streets in fear while waiting for change to kick in, which is why increased police presence is necessary - to a point. But lots of crimes are crimes of rebellion, in some fashion or another, and that rebellion is often directed at the police. When stories of police brutality, especially towards young black men, appear in newspapers and on TV, it can cause a profound loss of confidence in the law.

When the city's response is to add more police or, as Bowen suggests, call in the army, the vicious cycle of crime begins. Rebellion against the police leads to more police, which leads to more rebellion. So far, the city has done a good job of balancing the practical, immediate response of law-enforcement with the more forward-thinking response of social programs. Ideas like Bowen's threaten to ruin this balance.


Each generation will benefit more than the last, so long as people do not give up on the high road too quickly. Most importantly, a proper social response to Toronto's violence epidemic sends the important message that those who run the city - who often seem very far away from Rexdale or Scarborough - are interested in more than just their own safety.


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Stick 'em up!





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Props to Humber student Jeff McEnery for winning the Tim Sims comedy award Monday Night. 

Props to people who buy and distribute fair trade coffee, for helping farmers live the lives they deserve. 

Props to the Humber Men's Basketball team, currently undefeated for the season and ranked number one in Canada. 

Burn on Reverend Al Bowen, for saying those three scary words - War Measures Act. 

Burn on bill C-74, which could tighten *the man's* grip on us all! 

Burn on the increased tuition rates that international students at Humber have to pay - they are nearly four times as high. 

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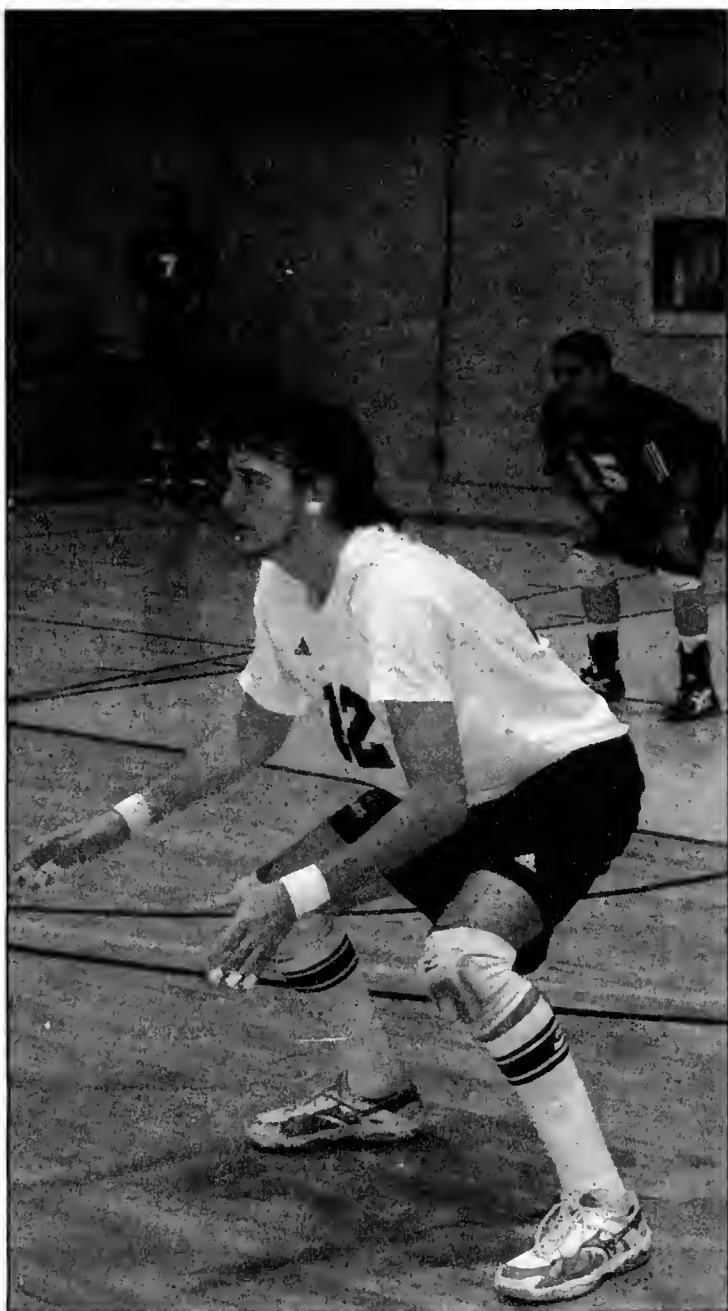
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"Michael Chang has all the fire and passion of a public service announcement, so much so that he makes Pete Sampras appear fascinating." - Alex Ramsey.



Mike Smith, 12, stands ready for Humber in last week's game. terry bridge

Men's volleyball team rolls through George Brown, but falls to St. Clair to halt win streak

by **terry bridge**
SPORTS REPORTER

The men's volleyball team soared over the George Brown Huskies with a straight-set win, extending its winning streak to 10 sets in a row.

Last Wednesday, Nov. 16, Hawks cruised to a 25-22, 25-15 and 25-16 victory.

The Hawks' Bobby Anderson was named player of the game while leading all scorers with 14 points, including 10 kills and two aces.

Even though the Huskies only led twice during the entire game, with early 3-2 advantages in the second and third sets, Humber head coach Wayne Wilkins wasn't entirely impressed with his team's effort.

"We were shaky at best, especially to start the game," he said. "A (win) is a (win) I guess, but I really wish we would play better against teams that are weaker opponents."

The first set was nothing but net, as both teams committed several net violations and repeatedly served the ball into the twine.

Neither team was able to gain any momentum as the teams traded service errors to make the score 19-17.

Wilkins was disappointed his team started off so poorly, allow-

ing the underdog Huskies to stay in the game.

"It's not a mystery to know that's a weaker team, and you want your guys to play better," he said. "We finished 25-22 the first game, and it should be 25-12. I'm not happy about that."

The players agreed they didn't live up to their potential to start the game, something that has plagued them all season long.

"I felt like we could have done a little bit better in the first set," Jaron Audain said. "We brought it together in the second and third. We need to keep our heads on when we are on the court and everything will be good."

The second set involved some longer rallies, something that wore the Huskies down as they only had two substitutes compared to six for the Hawks.

Humber gathered a commanding lead after being tied early on by using the extra bodies they had on the bench.

Late in the set Duane Mondesir made a great individual effort, going for a spike, then jumping up for his own rebound after the Huskies blocked it and emphatically slammed the ball to make the score 24-14.

Communication was something the players discussed in the past, and it appears to be improving as the Hawks were much more vocal

than their opponent.

Another aspect of success the team is working on is avoiding mental errors.

"Keep our heads on while we're on the court, remember not to make mental errors and we'll be all right," Audain said.

In the third set, the Hawks took over the game after trailing 3-2, scoring the next 11 points.

Adam Wilson and Joseph Yu made acrobatic saves during a rally to secure a point late in the match, and the Hawks cruised to the win.

Wilkins was happy they took the victory, but was looking ahead to their next game against St. Clair.

"The test is Sunday, we play a good team on Sunday," he said. "I expect them to be better than the George Browns, and the Sheridans, and more along the lines of what we've seen at the tournaments. We'll see, that will be the test to see whether or not we are ready."

The team is on a roll, but it is looking forward to some stiffer competition.

"We've won 10 sets in a row or whatever, but not against the top teams," Audain said. "So when we start doing that, that's when I'll feel good."

Humber lost to St. Clair 3-1 and saw their regular season record slip to 2-2.

Raptors win one for fans over Shaq-less Heat with fourth quarter comeback

by **hentley small**
SPORTS EDITOR



Saturday Nov. 5
Toronto basketball history was made. The Raptors started an NBA season at 0-3 for the first time ever. History was then made again at 0-4, 0-5, all the way up to 0-9.

Ok, it may not exactly be history but it is worth noting. The team didn't even do this badly in its first year in the league, 1995-96, when that kind of performance was expected.

That shows how far this once-mighty franchise has fallen. Well, "mighty" is probably a stretch. But it definitely played with more heart and fervour and skill in those expansion years leading to three straight playoff appearances from 2000-2002.

Now some basketball pundits are calling for the Dinos to bottom out in the entire league. Last overall, worse than the perennial door-

mat Atlanta Hawks.

On Sunday Nov. 20, however, the Raptors managed to get one step ahead of their potential cellar-weller partners by winning their first game of the season. They outlasted the Miami Heat 107-94 in a contest closer than the final score indicates.

Throughout their record-setting losing streak to begin a season in Toronto, the Raptors found all kinds of ways to lose.

Some close like their season-opener hosting Washington. Some blowouts like the one versus the defending Eastern conference champion Detroit Pistons, 117-84. Others, like their games against Seattle and Philadelphia, were games where they had big deficits but fought back, only to see its rallies fall short.

But on that fateful Sunday, the team grabbed victory from the jaws of defeat when they turned a


10-point, fourth-quarter deficit into a strong finish.

It was the first game I attended this season and I can tell you the atmosphere in those final few minutes was electric. As the tide began to turn, the energy in the building grew and fans rose to their feet, cheering on their previously beleaguered home squad. Over 17,000 strong, chanting and waving.

It was a galvanizing moment for

basketball fanatics in Toronto because of what they had gone through. It may very well serve as one of this season's highlights.

Tough times are ahead for this team, as youth is served in the form of Chris Bosh, Charlie Villanueva, Joey Graham and others. But moments like the one Sunday, just after 3:30 p.m., help put a more positive spin on what looks to be a long season.



*Mira's a girl in school who once loved me;
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"Women have been trained to speak softly and carry a lipstick. Those days are over." — Bella Abzug (1920-98), U.S. Congresswoman and women's rights activist

The solution starts with learning to care



by **alana lowe**
NEWS REPORTER

Toronto is number 49 on the list of cities with the most shooting deaths in 2005. Youth have died almost every week, and only now are politicians, mainstream media, and even some community activists jumping on the bandwagon to deal with the increase in murders across the GTA. It's quite interesting how a friend dying at his best friend's funeral has really upped the ante, turning important people's heads and amplifying press coverage.

It's a shame, however, that we didn't care as much when the first life was lost this year.

The details of Jamal Hemmings' murder lay hidden amongst similar stories in the GTA section of the Nov. 10 issue of the *Toronto Star*, the day after his death. In the following Saturday's paper, Amon Beckles' story shone bright on the front page. Pictures and the stories of both victims have graced most

Toronto media outlets, and Hemmings' story was retold as press raced to track down members of the community he lived in to get more information about what is really going on.

Without the movie-style killing of his best friend, we wouldn't have written more in-depth stories about the 17-year-old who didn't get a chance to raise his two-month-old son, or about the hurdles he faced.

His 18-year-old best friend cared. He knew he too was going to die as he held Hemmings, bleeding from his gun wounds. Others knew as well, but no one was there to protect Beckles, not even the police. Pronounced dead after being shot on the steps of the Toronto West Seventh-Day Adventist Church, midway through Hemmings' funeral service, the quiet, job-searching youth didn't get a chance to father his 18-month-old daughter either.

Youth workers at For Youth Initiative, a for youth by youth community agency located near Keele Street and Eglinton Avenue West, said all of this could have been prevented. During the week of Hemmings' death, FYI and five other community service

providers who shared the former police station were forced to shut down programs. Notified just over a week before the move, FYI and the other community agencies suspended their services because it was impossible to run programs and pack all of their belongings at the same time. Apparently the city needs to accommodate 50 parking spaces for the nearby courthouse.

The city moved FYI (which provided programs to Hemmings and Beckles) and the other community service agencies into an abandoned Hydro building several blocks away. The once-cramped space is virtually empty now, as many local youth do not go to this bigger and better place because they are afraid they may get caught in the continuing gunfire that claimed the lives of two of their peers.

Many continue to propose solutions, such as tougher gun laws, more policing and more community programming. But few are addressing the fact that everyone needs to care, understand and be held accountable for the murdered young, black men before politicians will provide more than Band-Aid solutions to

end the violence.

Police and many others say there are choices, and that the problem is with a small minority of people. They're wrong. These poor communities do not enjoy being poor or losing their children to gun violence.

Many are young fathers, concerned with feeding their children, but they are the ones getting kicked out of what many still consider a racist school system and pushed onto the streets. They are the ones no one wants to hire because of negative and enforced stereotypes.

How can we expect them not to sell drugs when we create and allow barriers that prevent them from getting a legal job? How can we expect them to keep jobs when their families can barely afford to put food on the table, let alone provide them with TTC tickets to get to work?

It's so simple. We all just need to care, and continue to care once the media hype is gone. The violence will stop once people aren't disengaged from richer communities that enclose them. They will be equipped with the tools to contribute, because we will finally be telling them they belong.

My 50 cents



by **carol santos**
ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

People like Liberal MP Dan McTeague are missing 50 Cent's point. McTeague has asked Immigration Minister Joe Volpe to stop the rapper from coming to Canada because of his violent past.

McTeague said 50 Cent, born Curtis Jackson, promotes gun violence. It's easy to see where his concerns lie — there have been 48 gun-related homicides in Toronto this year.

It doesn't help that when he performed at the Molson Amphitheatre with Jay-Z, a person was killed.

"The last time he was here in 2003 in my city and in the GTA, a man was killed at the Molson Amphitheatre," McTeague told CTV. "Another attempt was made in Montreal at the next concert."

But is it really fair to blame one hip-hop artist for violence? McTeague isn't the first.

Last month Paramount Pictures pulled billboards for 50's film, *Get Rich or Die Tryin'*, because the ad showed him holding a gun in one hand and a microphone in the other.

Even Will Smith, rap's goody two-shoes, told the press backstage at the American Music Awards that 50 Cent is "the darkness" in hip-hop.

But according to 50, it seems that we're all missing his message. He's not glorifying being a "gangsta", he's sharing his life story. A person can only convey what they know, and he didn't know a peaceful life.

His mother was a drug dealer who died before he reached his teens. And sure, he was shot nine times and served some time in prison, but just like his character in the film, he chose music over hustling.

"(My ideal world) would be peaceful," he told AllHipHop.com.

He started the G-Unity Foundation which, according to the website, "provides grants to nonprofit organizations that focus on improving the quality of life for low-income and underserved communities." The organization focuses on academics, but rarely does anyone mention it.

Still, people might take notice of 50 Cent in a positive way if he stopped feuding with everyone from his own artist, The Game, to The LOX' Jadakiss and put his gun away. Maybe then his "dream" for peace might be a bit more believable.

Women in the House too far from common

by **maryann simson**
LIFE REPORTER

Too many of today's young people, women in particular, lack a stance on politics. It's not that we don't have beliefs. Ask college or university students how they feel about tuition hikes and you will receive a bitter monologue about education. Ask about abortion, and you will certainly get a response.

It is time we stood up and showed our elders that, when it comes to political matters, we are just as tall and just as opinionated as they are. The best way to express those beliefs is by voting.

Peggy Nash wrote an article in the *Toronto Star* a few weeks ago,

pointing out that Canada appears to be digressing from women's issues. Only 20 per cent of the House of Commons is made up of women.

She especially singled out two Liberal leaders — and prime ministers — Jean Chretien and Paul Martin, who always seem to have a woman cabinet minister around when the cameras are rolling. Though these women have achieved some political prominence, their titles pack more punch than their actual jobs.

I called Nash the next day and spoke to her for a good half-hour. She is an active supporter of the New Democratic Party, which is at the forefront in Canada of equal representation of the sexes.

Still, only four of the NDP's 18 MPs are women — pretty sad. Nash told me that Canada is 36th in the world for female representation in parliament, behind a range of countries from Rwanda to Wales. Kind of makes one stop and think, doesn't it?

It is high time that women began playing a bigger role in the country. Sure, we accomplished some measure of equality back in the '60s and '70s — but burning a bra doesn't get you a seat in the Commons. And who's to say we aren't slipping backward?

In the last decade, there were more women politicians in Canada than there are today. Kim Campbell even managed to become Canada's 19th prime min-

ister in 1993 — for a whole four months.

So, who is to blame for our male-dominated and gender-blind political system? Certainly not the Chretiens, Martins and Campbells. Nor is it any one party in particular. We, the next generation of Canadians — women and men — must vote to ensure equal representation. We must educate ourselves first, then use our knowledge to take a stance, have a voice, and make a difference.

It's time for us to get our self-absorbed heads out of the sand — change is the only constant.

Ladies, it is time to step up to the political plate and swing for the fences around the bastions of power in this country.

Says You!

What do you think is the number one cause of the recent violence in Toronto?



"I don't see the point in fighting."

- Simon Haroon
Business Administration



"Lack of gun control. Gun laws need to change."

- Brad Driver
Business Administration



"It's not 50 Cent, I can tell you that much. If you're influenced by him you can be influenced by anybody."

- Tommaso Garofalo
General Arts and Sciences



"People are stupid."

- Marleen Barbosa
Business Administration

arts & entertainment

Oprah Winfrey will appear on David Letterman's *Late Show* on Dec. 1 to promote her Broadway show *The Colour Purple*, possibly ending their 'feud'. - ACP

Website fights violence and stereotypes Musicians from Jane and Finch create an online community for peace

by drew seale
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Local Jane and Finch musicians and artists are using a new website to show the area in a positive light, in an attempt to improve the neighbourhood's image and bring it together.

Paul Nguyen, a Jane and Finch resident, has created the website with friends, promoting the area's positive aspects.

The website aims to help the community both inside and out. It will create a source of pride as well as help the rest of the city to see a better side of the area.

"I thought it would be interesting to let people know the history of the area," said Nguyen, a graduate of York University. "Then I had a lot of people donating stuff like articles and music."

Nguyen started the website in 2004 but he said he got the idea from the online community www.friendster.com and like-minded sites two years earlier that allow users to put up their profiles and meet new people. He had worked with local musicians to film music videos and had done some recording so he put his work on his site.

The website functions like an online community, allowing local musicians to submit their work to Nguyen. There is also a forum for residents of Jane and Finch to talk about community-related issues as well as post music links to their own material.



drew seale

Jane-finch.com plans to bring unity to the neighbourhood.

Vietnamese rapper-turned-motivational speaker Chuckie Akenz, and philosophical rapper Blacus Ninjah are two names who've contributed articles and music to the website.

The site is run and paid for by Nguyen along with world-class martial arts experts Mark Simms and Mark DeZilva and independent film actor Chris Williams. Nguyen admitted that he did go looking for funding in the past, but the area's bad reputation had an affect.

"We did have some support from politicians but nothing that will change anything," Nguyen said. "Most the content is explicit so I wouldn't bother trying."

Nguyen said that the area is

mainly hip-hop influenced but he would like other types of music on the site as well.

"There's a huge presence of that kind of stuff here," Nguyen said. "But I'm looking to do rock or pop."

Although the site has only been established for a year it has already received a large amount of media attention, including City Pulse, CBC's *The National*, Canada AM, the *Toronto Star* and *Toronto Sun*.

Jonathan Forrester, a Humber Hospitality, Recreation and Tourism student, used to work at CHRY 105.5, Jane and Finch's community radio station.

"From what I've heard, the area in the last 10 years or so has got a

lot better because they had some more police," Forrester said.

He said when he worked for the station six years ago, they tried to do the same thing as Nguyen's jane-finch.com and promote some of the local areas.

"It could be good, it might help the community but really, only some areas can be saved," said the Humber student. "In a way, there are a lot of bad communities that are underrated compared to Jane and Finch."

However the area has a long way to go, according to resident and York University student Paige Williams.

"There are too many different people here," Williams said. "To tie a community together people need to be willing to participate and people aren't willing to participate."

Williams said the idea of local musicians banding together is great but the area is low income housing so a lot of people there who are involved in gang activity won't have access to the Internet.

"It is people sharing music and sharing a passion," Williams said, "but that's only hitting a small target group."

Nguyen is going to continue the fight to improve Jane and Finch's reputation and take his website to international acclaim, without making a profit.

"Basically, it's full time but no pay," said the Indie-film director. "We have a lot of plans."

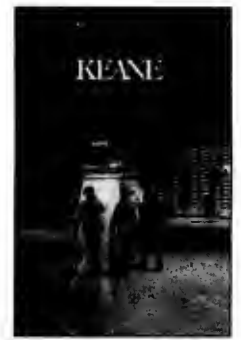
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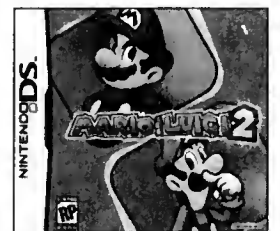
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Tom Drennan helped form the band in 1994.

Hells Bells rang through Caps Barrie's AC/DC tribute band performed at Humber

by lindsay butler
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Back for a second year in a row, Barrie-based AC/DC tribute band Hells Bells rocked Caps last Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Formed in 1994, Hells Bells delivered two energetic sets to the large crowd.

Decked out in a lace-up vest and skin-tight bejeweled jeans, Hells Bells lead singer Tom Drennan encouraged the crowd to yell out their requests and drink beer, his curly mullet bobbing right along with his every move on stage.

In full costume was guitarist Evan Christopher, the Bells' answer to guitarist Angus Young, in a bright red velvet suit jacket and trademark shorts.

Hells Bells delivered an amazing show, and to anyone standing outside Caps it sounded like an AC/DC live CD was on too loud.

Their first set consisted of lesser-known songs and after taking an hour-long break with a bucket of Canadian (to soothe the lead singer's voice, no doubt) they came back with all the hits.

"(Hells Bells) nailed it. I don't know how (Tom Drennan) hits those notes."

- McCauley James,
Guelph-Humber student

Playing classic fan favourites Thunderstruck, Dirty Deeds Done Dirt Cheap and Highway to Hell, Drennan passed the microphone to the crowd to help belt out cho-

rases and encourage dancing because, "we'll never see any of you again anyways."

The highlight of the night was when the band decided to pull every female from the crowd on stage to help with You Shook Me All Night Long.

"I love AC/DC, this was a great show," said Guelph-Humber student McCauley James. "I was a little sceptical at first, but these guys nailed it. I don't know how that guy hits those notes."

The tight pants probably helped him.



lindsay butler

Guitarist Evan Christopher is Hells Bells' version of Angus.

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"We could probably put you back there and still believe that we can win." – Edmonton Eskimos' Joe Montford to a reporter about who will start at quarterback.

Hawks' hockey comes up short



matt durman

Humber played hard, losing close games in extramural hockey.

by **matt durman**
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber College hosted its annual extramural hockey tournament Thursday Nov. 17 and Friday Nov. 18 at Chesswood and Westwood arenas.

The tournament played host to 18 college and university teams from all over Ontario.

Jim Bialek, who is assistant athletics director at Humber as well as coach of the Humber team, put the entire tournament together.

"I've been organizing this tournament for the last 20 years," said Bialek, who coached Humber's OCAA winning team in 2004.

The tournament was set up in a modified round robin format where every team would be guaranteed four games.

The Hawks came out of their group in second place after defeating Seneca-York in their first game. The Hawks fell 5-4 against Georgian on a goal scored with under 20 seconds remaining in the game.

In the playoff round robin, the Hawks were again defeated on a late goal, this time against Conestoga.

The Hawks outplayed the Condors for the majority of the game, but were defeated 1-0 on a goal with 17 seconds left to play.

In the team's second game of the playoff, the Hawks were up against a speedy and talented Seneca-Newnham team.

The game was fast-paced and had quite a bit of rough play, considering that this was a non-contact tournament.

Momentum shifted numerous

times as the teams exchanged leads back and forth.

The Hawks got a real lift when they managed to kill off two penalties in the last two minutes of regulation time, keeping the score 2-2.

The Hawks then went on to defeat the Sting 1-0 in a shootout.

With one win and one loss, the team had to wait for the result of Conestoga versus Seneca to see if they would move on to the finals.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, Seneca came out firing on all cylinders and easily handed the Condors a 6-0 loss. The rout moved Seneca into the final and sent the Hawks home.

The Sting was defeated 3-2 by Mohawk College in the B Final however, while Fleming College beat Georgian by a score of 3-1 in the A final.

Opening round loss hurtful in the end

by **justin holmes**
SPORTS REPORTER

Humber's strong performance was just not enough for the medal rounds as the hosts of the 2005 extramural women's ice hockey tournament.

An undefeated Durham team took top honours in a tough match from the Sheridan Bruins. The gold medal round was a scoreless tie through three periods and overtime, until Durham's Leigh Simpson managed to finally net a shootout goal.

Humber's squad advanced to the bronze round, but lost in a 3-0 shutout pitched by a scrappy McMaster team.

"They gelled very well as a team. I was pleasantly surprised," said coach Rick Bot. "The last game I think we were a little drained physically and mentally."

The extramural tournament saw 10 teams from across Ontario descend upon Westwood Arenas.

First round loss to Sheridan keeps Hawks from medals.

The exhibition tournament is one of the highest levels of competition for many of the teams, as there is no women's hockey league in the OCAA.

Humber posted a strong win/loss record, but failed to make the final round due to their first round 4-2 loss to rival Sheridan.

Their next three games were victories, taking a 4-0 match from U of T's Mississauga campus, a 5-3 win over Centennial and shutting out Lambton 4-0.

"Our team did very well, they were well disciplined," said Bot, noting standout performances from forward Emily Curcuruto, the team's lead scorer with four goals and two assists, and goalie Meghan Hogarth. Hogarth volunteered to play in net despite not having played the position in years.

Other notable scorers included Becky Lundy, with three goals and two assists, and Erin McNally, who had four assists.

With the tournament over, Bot said he is looking into possibly getting the women's squad into some out-of-town tournaments for more competition. "I'm very happy about the way we played," he said. "All the girls gave their heart."



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Humber shut out Lambton with an impressive 4-0 victory.

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The NFL uses 11 players on a field that measures 100 yards long and 53 yards wide. The endzones are 10 yards long and the goalposts are at the back of the endzone.

Missed field goals and punts must be run out of the receiving team's endzone or they yield a single point. This differs from the NFL where punts in the

endzone come out to the 20-yard line if not run back and missed field goals are taken from the spot of the kick.

Tie games are settled by a shootout where one team gets the ball from the opponent's 35-yard line and plays with conventional rules until they score or lose possession of the football. The other team then gets the same opportunity.

In the regular season, each team gets two chances to score. If the game is still tied, that is the end result.

In the playoffs, both teams alternate opportunities until one team comes out on top after an equal number of possessions.

The NFL uses conventional rules throughout a 15-minute overtime period.

The movie *Rush Hour 3* is finally in production after two years of waiting for Chris Tucker to sign on to return. It's scheduled for a 2007 release. - yahoo.com

Humber is cream of comedy

College graduate wins Tim Sims award in contest

by ethan rotberg
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Jeff McEnery said he would get the words "big deal" tattooed across his knuckles with his prize money. This was a part of McEnery's comedy routine that helped earn the Humber grad The Tim Sims award Monday night.

The Tim Sims Encouragement Fund, now in its ninth year, honours up and coming comedians with a \$3,500 cash award.

The five nominees performed their comedy on Monday night at the 2005 Cream of Comedy at the newly built downtown club, Second City Studio 99.

The show was hosted by Jon Dore, a correspondent on the CTV show *Canadian Idol*, and was taped for future broadcast on The Comedy Network.

McEnery, 21, came away with the award after getting the audience of over 100 people roaring

with laughter with his stand-up comedy routine.

"I'm overwhelmed and also relieved," McEnery said shortly after receiving the award. "It was a two-month process, from the preliminaries to tonight. It's great, I can't ask for anything better."

McEnery was born and raised in Acton, Ont. He entered Humber's comedy program in September 2003, and received an award for Humber College's best first-year stand-up. Earlier this year he returned to Humber to perform at the 2005 Humber Comedy Program Alumni Show.

"Humber was great," McEnery said. "It was a really great start for me. It helped encourage me to get on stage."

McEnery wasn't the only comedian that night with ties to Humber. In fact, three of the five nominees came from Humber's comedy program. The others were Mack Lawrenz and Bob Kerr.

"I'm not surprised at all that three of the comics were from Humber," said finalist Kerr. "... If you look at the history of the Tim Sims Encouragement Fund, you'll find that there's quite a bit of alumni there."

He lists Levi MacDougall and Tim Polley as former winners.

With the help from his prize money, McEnery will now continue to focus on his comedy career. In May of this year he was signed by Yuk Yuk's and is currently one of the youngest comedians on their shows' roster.

Also, as the winner of the Cream of Comedy, he will get to create a comedic short to air on The Comedy Network, which he is looking forward to.

The Tim Sims award was named after the well-known comedic performer, writer, director and charity fundraiser from Toronto. Sims passed away in 1995.



penny graham

Artist Lynn Krogman Ceglar is featured in Guelph-Humber.

Iconic art gallery

by penny graham
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Students have a chance to view an ancient art form that has existed since medieval times at the Guelph-Humber art gallery, which is hosting the Byzantine Icon Exhibition 2005.

The show, which exhibits nine artists, is a final project for a group of seven Guelph-Humber event management students.

They were given a \$1,500 budget from the school to run the event.

The exhibition showcases Byzantine Iconography. They are portraits of religious figures such as Mother Mary, and are used to represent the real presence of its subject in places of prayer.

The artists created them using the same techniques and materials, such as egg tempera and gold leaf, that have been used since medieval times to achieve the characteristic jewel-like tones.

They are also inspired by traditional ancient icons.

"It's using an original icon as a prototype and trying to follow it reasonably closely, but not exactly copy it," said guest artist Lynn Krogman Ceglar.

This is the second exhibition for the group. Its first was at Toronto City Hall in 2003, during Pope John Paul's last visit.

The group is proud of its work. "The biggest compliment that we had is we overheard one tour group say, 'these have been lent from museums from all over the

world, these are ancient icons,'" said artist Mirella Cirfi Walton, who also works at the school as the vice-president's assistant.

"We had to correct them and say no, these were only done over the last two years."

For many of the artists, iconography, which is the process of creating an icon, is a hobby.

"They don't normally show their work," said student curator Scott Kirby. "They normally do it for themselves."

The opening night on Nov. 16 was payoff for the hard work of team members Kirby, Carolyn Dalrymple, Ryan Singh, Gurpreet Riyait, Trupti Mistry, Amanda Farina and Sintuja Mukunthan.

The assignment, which is worth about 60 per cent of their final grade, is designed to teach students how to organize a professional event.

"It's a lot of work, but it's fun," said events management student Carolyn Dalrymple. "It's more planning, so you have to get a hold of the caterer, and you have to make arrangements for the tables..."

"We had to meet with the artists every Thursday for about five or six weeks ... We watched them paint, it was really neat. Everyone sees the finished product, but we got to see them working on it."

The art exhibit is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will run until Nov. 30.



ethan rotberg

Humber grad Jeff McEnery won the Tim Sims award, which included a \$3,500 cash prize, at the 2005 Cream of Comedy awards. He graduated from the comedy program in 2003.

SPOTLIGHT on Humber

Dead End Street

by mark guilherme
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

In a debut as well received as could have been wished for, Dead End Street burst onto the Toronto indie rock scene just a few short weeks after coming together to do what it loves.

Consisting of Matt Burt, a Humber second-year post graduate journalism student, on guitar and vocals, Brian Saligman on guitar, Keith Chenier on bass, Joe Organ on the keys and Kyle Bryan on drums (and occasionally spoons), Dead End Street was formed in October and by the end

of the month had already played a successful show at Toronto's Sneaky Dee's.

The band hopes to continue its success and parlay its passion into a full-time gig.

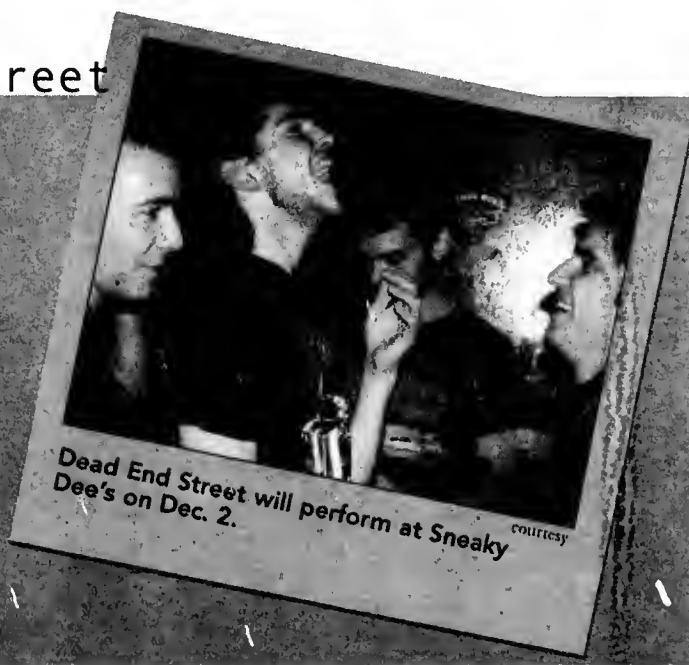
"We'd all love to succeed at this, we'd all love to be able to make a living off this," Burt said. "Even if that means touring the country and driving in some beat-up van all the way to Vancouver and hitting every little stop along the way, that would be amazing if we could get by doing that kind of thing."

Both Bryan and Burt were previously members of separate

bands that did some recording and touring around Toronto before breaking up around the same time in 2004.

"Between the two of our old bands, we've played at the Opera House, the Horseshoe Tavern, the El Mocambo and a bunch of other Toronto venues, and we plan on hitting them with Dead End Street in the near future, followed by Wembley Stadium," joked Burt.

Dead End Street returns to Sneaky Dee's for its second concert on Friday, Dec. 2. For more information on the band and to hear a few of its songs, check out the website at www.desband.com.



Dead End Street will perform at Sneaky Dee's on Dec. 2.

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Tom Cruise has acquired a sonogram machine to personally track the progress of the fetus currently encased in his fiancée Katie Holmes' womb. - eonline.com

Parade takes over downtown Toronto



Thousands of people lined the streets to catch a glimpse of the big man in red at the 101st Santa Claus Parade Sunday.

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What's In Your Headphones?



mark guilherme

name: tiffanie martineau

age: 21

music: deep dish

program: funeral services

Microsoft Xbox 360 hits shelves



mark guilherme

Gamers lined up at Best Buy to test out the new Xbox 360.

by mark guilherme
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The future of home video gaming has arrived with the release of Microsoft's Xbox 360.

Game enthusiasts lined up Monday Nov. 21 at stores across Canada for the chance to be some of the first people to purchase an Xbox 360 in North America. Select EB Games and Best Buy locations were open at midnight so that those who reserved the system would be able to pick it up right when the Tuesday Nov. 22 release date hit.

The new system allows gamers to connect with each other in a way never before available through Xbox Live online service.

"Players record and identify player skills and then instantly connect with other players online who have similar ability, interest or lifestyle," said Chris Oliviera, EB Games' public

relations director. "They also have the chance to participate in party chats, or receive and send text messages, as well as voice and video through the chat feature."

A wide selection of games were also available for those picking up their systems, including Project Gotham Racing 3 and Ridge Racer 6 for racing fanatics, Perfect Dark Zero for fans of shooters and Peter Jackson's King Kong, which is based on the upcoming film of the same name.

For \$399.99 gamers can purchase the basic core Xbox 360 system, which includes a wired controller.

Gamers looking to fully delve into the Xbox 360 experience can pickup a bundle for \$499.99 that includes a 20GB hard drive, a headset for communication when battling online, and an Ethernet cable to get you connected.

While the price may seem steep, Oliviera believes the system is a whole new level of game playing.

"Those who are really looking to elevate their gaming experience, as well as integrate their entertain-

ment experience, are the individuals who are really going to key into the particular assets of this product," Oliviera said. "The technology behind it is so exceptional and the experience is so much greater with this new generation."

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looking to pick up the 360 should act fast, as the console should be in short supply once holiday shopping begins. Reservations for the system at EB Games stores have already been pushed back until early 2006.

While the original Xbox was ridiculed by the gaming community for its larger than average size

and weight, the new 360 comes in at a much smaller size.

"It looks a lot slicker than the big old bulky Xbox," said Jeremiah Benskin, an independent documentary production student, "Some of the games that are coming out for it look pretty intense. I was a big fan of the old Xbox.

Especially Halo and Halo 2."

Through the use of USB 2.0 slots, Xbox 360 owners will be able to connect an abundance of high-tech devices right into the system. By connecting a digital camera to the 360, users can view their photos as a slideshow on TV. In the future, this feature could also possibly be used to map a gamer's face onto an in-game character or import various pictures to customize parts of a game. Music lovers can connect their iPod or any other MP3 player to the system and rip songs to the optional hard drive, allowing gamers to listen to their music as a custom soundtrack while playing any 360 game.

Aside from these features, the Xbox 360 fully supports a wide array of disc media, including DVDs, CDs, MP3s or jpeg CDs.

Fans of multiplayer action will be happy to know that just like the previous Xbox, the 360 supports up to four player action.

The sleek white system is the first jump into the next generation of video game consoles, with Sony scheduled to release the PlayStation 3 and Nintendo looking to release in 2006.



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"We've both won one and this is going to be the grudge match and we want to make sure that we walk away with that victory." — Montreal QB Anthony Calvillo

Eskimos hold on to claim West

by **stephen leithwood**
SPORTS REPORTER

The Edmonton Eskimos defeated the B.C. Lions in last Sunday's battle and earned the right to face the Montreal Alouettes in the 93rd Grey Cup next week in Vancouver.

Eskimos quarterback Jason Maas replaced starter Ricky Ray to lead the Eskimos to a 28-23 victory at the Lions' homestead crowd of 37,337 in the CFL West final.

Ray's performance amounted to completing 17 of 28 passes for 207 yards, so it was no surprise Maas was sent in to replace him

for a second consecutive week.

On the other side of the field, B.C. Lions quarterback Dave Dickenson was busy at work putting up points.

The Lions constructed a comeback to tie the game 21-21 in the third quarter.

With four minutes remaining in the game, Dickenson was replaced by 24-year-old backup Casey Printers who led the Lions with a final attack, whipping a pass into the end zone and wide over Gero Simon's head.

Despite being replaced, Dickenson made Lions history

when he threw a 90-yard touchdown pass to Simon, the longest scoring play in Lion history.

Maas made a second consecutive relief save

It didn't matter that the Eskimos had less possession, because the Lions struggled with a total of 12 penalties.

And these teams have also faced each other 12 times in the playoffs, Edmonton winning nine of those bouts.

This playoff run hasn't been easy for the Eskimos. The week before they survived the Calgary Stampede in a Western Semifinal, enhancing their record against Western teams.

Montreal (10-8) has faced Edmonton (11-7) in the Grey Cup before. This will be the third time in four years.

The last time these two teams met was in late August, and Edmonton won by 10 points.

Despite the fact running back Robert Edwards cracked some ribs during the victory over the Toronto Argonauts, the Alouettes

expect everyone to play Sunday, so the Eskimos will have to shut-down Montreal's decisive rushing game (2,147 regular season rushing yards) and play smart against a confident Anthony Calvillo.

Calvillo, Montreal's starting quarterback, threw a league-high 5,556 passing yards this season, only 19 interceptions, and just last week was named CFL's offensive player of the week.

Ray, the CFL's highest paid player, will start for the Eskimos.

The Grey Cup, sold out with 59,195 fans, is on Sunday, Nov. 27 6 p.m.

Edmonton-Montreal head-to-head this season

Game 1 — July 8, 2005 — Alouettes 32, Eskimos 29

Edmonton

Total offence — 251 yards
Passing — 24-53, 263 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT
Rushing — 7 rushes, 14 yards
Time of possession — 31:41

Montreal

Total offence — 280 yards
Passing — 24-39, 232 yards, 0 TD, 1 INT
Rushing — 15 rushes, 54 yards
Time of possession — 28:19

Game 2 — August 26, 2005 — Edmonton 36, Alouettes 26

Edmonton

Total offence — 507 yards
Passing — 28-39, 438 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT
Rushing — 14 rushes, 100 yards
Time of possession — 32:46

Montreal

Total offence — 390 yards
Passing — 34-49, 377 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT
Rushing — 14 rushes, 32 yards
Time of possession — 27:14

Montreal knocks out champs

by **rob acton**
SPORTS REPORTER

This weekend the Montreal Alouettes will look to avenge their 2003 loss to Edmonton as the two teams travel to Vancouver to battle for the 93rd Grey Cup.

Montreal earned a chance to play for Canadian football's biggest prize after a thrilling second half come-from-behind victory versus Toronto on Sunday to take the East Division title 33-17. After trailing 14-0 after one quarter, Montreal's Eric Lapointe ran for three touchdowns and 112 yards while quarterback Anthony Calvillo threw for 190 yards and no interceptions in front of the biggest crowd in almost 15 years at the Rogers Center.

The Grey Cup match-up

between the Alouettes and Eskimos will mark the third time in four years that the two teams have met. In 2002, Montreal beat the Eskimos in Edmonton to capture the title. The following year, Edmonton took home the prize.

Montreal advanced to play the Argos after beating up on Saskatchewan in the East Semifinal, 30-14. Quarterback Calvillo racked up 314 yards and three touchdowns, earning offensive player of the week honours.

After a mediocre regular season that saw the Alouettes post a 10-8 record and finish second in the east behind Toronto, Montreal has come together and played as a team at the right time.

Montreal once again put up big offensive numbers this season and will need to keep it going Sunday,

as they face another offensively charged squad from Edmonton. In 2005, the Als scored 592 points for tops in the league. Calvillo led the CFL in passing yards as he threw for over 5,500 yards and in touchdowns with 34. Calvillo was Montreal's selection for player of the year.

On the receiving end of a lot of those passes were wide receiver Kerry Watkins and slotback Terry Vaughn. Watkins, the former Georgia Tech standout, had a league-best 97 receptions and scored nine touchdowns, while Vaughn, a former Eskimo, caught 93 passes, eight of which were for touchdowns.

The two teams split the season series with one win apiece. Kick off for the 93rd Grey Cup is this Sunday Nov. 27 at 6 p.m.



The Montreal Alouettes line up on offence in the Eastern final at Toronto. Montreal won 33-17. hently small

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Fans of the book think Potter stinks

by dominik kurek
NEWS REPORTER

The fourth installment of the Harry Potter movie series has yet again caused long lines of Potter fans to flock to theatres this past weekend.

Many of them arrived hours early for this magical movie, yet it was a disappointment.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire is based on the top selling novel by J.K. Rowling. With mature themes of dating and jealousy, as well as deception and death, this film should have the formula for greatness.

However, there's something missing from the puzzle - editing.

There is nothing worse than a movie with random jumps from one scene to the next. *The Goblet of Fire* left the viewer asking "how did they end up here?"

It feels like watching a random series of events, remotely connected and strangely assembled.

The reason for this is that condensing over 600 pages of a book into just over two hours of film was perhaps director Mike Newell's biggest challenge in shooting the film.

The Goblet of Fire is the longest in the series to date - twice as long as *Prisoner of Azkaban*.

The movie should have been longer to allow room for a few scenes to connect the parts, as well as adding more classroom time, which is essential as the movie is



Harry and the gang grow up in *The Goblet of Fire*.

about students in school.

The Goblet of Fire revolves primarily around the Triwizard Tournament, a contest in which three champions from three different wizarding schools compete for honour and personal glory.

There is very little touched on in the rest of the movie, which makes it lose realism, something the previous movies tackled successfully.

A huge upside to the film is the cinematography. It is beautiful in this film and the creatures look real and alive. Harry's broom flying, though little of it was shown, was much more realistic than in previous films.

Though this movie has its share of faults, it is still a worthwhile see. While lacking in story line, the latest installment of Potter is appropriate for all ages.

Authors get help at Writers' Circle

by stuart service
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Writers looking to improve their skills were given professional advice at the Humber Writers' Circle held at the Lakeshore Campus last Saturday.

Participants paid a fee of \$25 to have the first page of a manuscript critiqued by John Pearce, a literary agent of Westwood Creative Artists which represents many notable fiction writers including Yan Martel (*Life of Pi*) and Rohinton Mistry (*A Fine Balance*). Each entry was shown anonymously on a projector and critiqued in a lecture room conveniently curved in a semi-circle seating arrangement.

Participants paid a fee of \$25 to have the first page of a manuscript critiqued by John Pearce, a literary agent of Westwood Creative Artists.

"The little game we're playing here today is that I just look at the first page of something and decide whether I'd read the second page," he said. "If I really love that first page ... I might ask somebody to send the whole book."

Pearce said he would continue reading eight of the 20 manuscripts submitted, including the entry by Ulana Snihura, a pub-

lished author from Etobicoke. Since the publication of her children's book *I Miss Franklin P Shuckles*, in 1998, Snihura has had trouble getting her work noticed.

"I've had a hard time getting anything else published so it's just kind of frustrating," she said. She wanted feedback on her writing from someone "other than my husband and my seven-year-old who will always tell me...it's perfect."

Award-winning author Eliza Clark was the featured speaker at the Writers' Circle. Her debut

novel, *Miss You Like Crazy*, was shortlisted for the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour and the Trillium Book Award. She was also a former creative writing professor at Humber. She spoke about her journey as a writer and gave advice to the aspiring authors.

"If you're waiting for accolades and big bucks, for most people it's not going to happen," she said to the crowd of would-be writers. "It's in the writing, that's where the delight is." The next Writers' Circle will take place Jan. 15.



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Between The Covers

Fury's Hour: A (sort-of) Punk Manifesto
Warren Kinsella

by liz worth
COPY EDITOR

Toronto author Warren Kinsella attempts to define and explore punk rock through *Fury's Hour*. A Calgary native, Kinsella is a self-proclaimed punk who spent his youth playing bass for The Hot Nasties, a quartet that has now faded into obscurity. Now known as one of Canada's most controversial political strategists and commentators, this book might seem to some to be a strange direction for Kinsella to take, despite his history in the punk scene.

Although he opens the book with some great sentiment about the anger and the energy that fueled one of the most provocative and impressive sub-cultural movements of the last 30 years, *Fury's Hour* dips into a lot of musing on Kinsella's part.

The interviews here sometimes seem like they could disappear under waves of nostalgia, and Kinsella often over-romanticizes punk ideals throughout his interviews with icons such as Joey Ramone, Joe Strummer, Ian Mackaye and Joey Keithley.

Kinsella's lofty ideals lead to some cringe-inducing moments, such as his endorsement of the value behind pop punk's mainstream kings Blink 182. But just when it seems like *Fury's Hour* has nothing over other punk history books that have become mandatory readings for any music fan, such as *Please Kill Me* and John Lydon's autobiography *Rotten*, Kinsella delves into skinhead culture, the straightedge hardcore movement and the violent, radical, leftist activism that punk inspired in some of its followers. Kinsella's interviews with some of the most influential and infamous skinhead leaders offers disturbing insight and his sharp, hard-hitting criticism against skin culture is dead on. His exploration in hardcore exposes an important faction of punk that has been



extremely influential in youth culture. By discussing these deviations, Kinsella brings *Fury's Hour* to a new level, as he exposes many parts of punk culture, even the aspects that many would rather not acknowledge, all in one package.

Underneath all of Kinsella's reflections, he has put together a comprehensive history of a scene that continues to influence underground and popular culture today. While it doesn't always offer insights that haven't been uncovered before, *Fury's Hour* holds enough compelling storytelling and unconventional ventures into dangerous places to capture provocative and informative angles on punk's history.

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"You can't just stay the same; year-in, year-out, you've always got to try and get better." – Toronto Argonauts' linebacker Michael Fletcher after Argos' loss.

Lady Hawks capture two big wins

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by **jeremy crowe**
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber women's volleyball team remained undefeated in league play with dominating wins over Lambton and St. Clair last weekend.

The Hawks hosted Lambton on Saturday and came out strong, winning the match three sets to none.

"We went out, did what we had to, and got better ... and that's all you can ask," head coach Chris Wilkins.

On Sunday, Humber hosted St. Clair, cruising through the first two sets before dropping the third.

"Some teams' whole goal is to take a game from us, or take five points."

– Chris Wilkins, coach

"We got kind of lazy and took things for granted," Wilkins said.

However, the Hawks rebounded in the fourth set. Led by Risha Toney, Amanda Arlette and Nicole Webber, they won the set and the game.

"We let it slip a bit, but we were able to battle back," Wilkins said. "We did a really good job staying at our level."

Being the number one ranked team in the Ontario College Athletics Association puts a bulls-eye on the Hawks, now 23-1-0 on the year and 4-0-0 in league play.

"Some teams' whole goal is to take a game from us, or take five points from us," Wilkins said. "So we've got to be crisp and we've got to be ready."

The Hawks, who rank fourth in the Canadian College Athletics Association, will head north to Sudbury this weekend for league games against Canadore and the OCAA's number two-ranked Nipissing.



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Humber women celebrate after a play during a weekend of dominance as they beat Lambton and St. Clair.

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