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Roaming pit bull attacks at Humber

Heroic TTC bus drivers come to the rescue of woman and her dog

Two TTC bus drivers have been commended for their heroic actions in a pit bull attack near the main entrance of Humber College's North Campus.

TTC customer service representative Steve Carvalho said the drivers were nominated for recognition for saving a small dog being mauled by a loose pit bull.

The hour-long drama started about 9 a.m. last Thursday, when driver Philip Mount was wheeling his bus to a stop on Humber College Boulevard.

"I was just driving up and saw the dog attacking," Mount said. "I jumped off the bus and started pulling the dog off. I got it off once, but then it got away from me and went back and got [the little dog] again."

"Then, another driver hit it over the head with a fire extinguisher. That loosened it up and I took it to the ground."

Mount held down the pit bull for nearly an hour, as police officers, paramedics and bystanders — mainly Humber students — crowded around.

"The bus driver did an excellent job of restraining the dog," Sgt. Lisa Hodgins of Toronto police said.

One of those watching the tense scene was Mai Soto, wearing her blood-stained coat, whose little white American eskimo dog Coco, was attacked by the pit bull during their regular morning walk. It bit Coco's ear and neck, she said.

"This is a crazed dog," Soto said of the light brown pit bull before it was taken away by an animal control officer at about 10 a.m.

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"I wasn't going to get in between two dogs but you do what you have to do," TTC driver Mike Ashwood said. Ashwood and another driver are receiving commendation for their heroism in a pit bull attack.

Andrea Utter

Banks corner ATM market at Humber

Students frustrated with 2 bank monopoly, service charges

CHRIS RIDDELL
SENIOR REPORTER

Humber College students are feeling a financial pinch as a contract the school has with its main ATM provider, Bank of Montreal, limits what banks can be on campus.

Three ATMs are available for students on campus; a Royal Bank machine in the athletics

wing, and two Bank of Montreal machines in the student centre.

Students not registered with either bank are charged a service fee for accessing the ATM as well as an additional fee charged by the user's home bank. The total cost per transaction can reach \$3.

A recent random survey conducted by the Et Cetera of 100 students showed that only 12

per cent held Royal Bank (RBC) accounts, while 11 per cent held Bank of Montreal (BMO) accounts.

In fact, the two banks with ATMs on campus were the two least-used providers in the survey, with TD at 34, CIBC at 19 and Scotiabank at 17 users.

"They don't supply enough different bank machines, and the charge is \$1.50 for not

using your own bank," Tonya Klein, a first-year funeral services student, said. "They should have [an ATM] from every major bank."

The Bank of Montreal has been Humber's financial partner for nearly 30 years and is the main source for the school's banking needs.

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News

Humber gets post-election low-down



Jenn Coward

University of Toronto Masters student Alex Kerner suggested that many American democrats will be immigrating to Canada.

Students told Canada can expect more U.S. immigrants as a result of the Bush re-election

JENN COWARD
STAFF REPORTER

The U.S. election results and what they mean for Canada was up for debate at a post-election discussion at Lakeshore Campus last week.

The Humber International Issues Discussion Group hosted the event titled, "What will the next four years under Bush or Kerry look like for America, Iraq, Canada and the rest of the world?"

The discussion featured Alex Kerner, an American history masters student from the University of Toronto.

Kerner attributed Democrat John Kerry's loss to his inability to

differentiate himself from incumbent George W. Bush.

He added that more Americans, not just war resisters, will move to Canada.

For Canadians upset with the election results, Kerner says that it's important to know their voices will still be heard.

One way he suggests is supporting the U.S. soldiers trying to stay in Canada to avoid having to fight in Iraq.

"As much as it is bad that Bush got back in, there are still some things we can do to slow down what he is doing or maybe stop what he is doing."

Those who attended the dis-

ussion, like second-year comedy student William Dewan, said they found it informative and a great way to understand and learn about Americans and their history.

"America is the police of the world and anything they do will affect everything else," he said. "I wanted to see how it affected the heartland of America."

The post-election discussion will be held again tomorrow at North Campus at 2:15 p.m. in the community room.

Chris McNeil, group president, said he hopes the group will apprise students of current world issues.

"Students can find a place outside the classroom to learn about things they are interested in so they feel confident they are making better informed decisions on issues," he said.

Police crack down on unsafe pedestrians

KIRK VILLAMARIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Crossing the streets in Toronto without adhering to traffic laws could get you killed.

Already this month two pedestrians, a 61-year-old man and a 41-year-old woman, were struck by vehicles in separate incidents and died.

Toronto police launched the

Operation Ped-Safe campaign Monday. The campaign, introduced last year, runs until Sunday and again for one week in March and July.

Constable Lee Bishop of Toronto police traffic services says the campaign is important since 16 of the 38 traffic fatalities in Toronto this year involved pedestrians.

Of those fatalities, three occurred in Etobicoke, according to a 2004 Toronto Fatal Collisions Statistics report.

"Pedestrians count for almost half of fatalities in this city and that is far too high because it's totally preventable," Bishop said.

According to Bishop, police are paying extra attention during the campaign to ensure that drivers and pedestrians

pay attention to traffic signals. Etobicoke North city councillors Suzan Hall (Ward 1) and Rob Ford (Ward 2) support the campaign despite the low number of pedestrian deaths in Etobicoke.

"Drivers are going to get a ticket for tailgating, people will get a ticket for jay walking, and other things," Hall said. "It's going to make you think before you do it again. So it's a very good idea."

Ford said although traffic fatalities in Etobicoke aren't as high as in downtown Toronto, people in the Humber College area forget some basic traffic regulations.

"Jay walking is a huge concern and people not using crosswalks properly," he said.

Ford added people don't always activate the crosswalk lights when attempting to cross a road.

Business administration student Aldo Leon says he has seen many students crossing Humber College Boulevard without activating the crosswalk light.

"Honestly, there have been many instances where students have been close to getting hit by bad car drivers," Leon said. "Maybe if they press that button, it might actually help get the driver's attention."

The extra effort to enforce traffic laws seems to have worked as traffic related fatalities decreased from 97 in 2002 to 74 last year.

Robert Gordon, Humber College president, says campaigns like this help reduce the number of fatalities.

"How can you disagree with traffic safety?" Gordon said.

Brave TTC driver says he wasn't aiming to be a hero

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Edwardo Crisostomo, 75, whose son owns the pit bull named Tadan, said the dog was a harmless family pet.

"It was never in a fight before," he said. "This is the first time it got loose."

The dog was later returned to his son, Alfredo Crisostomo, 47, who was fined \$255 and paid \$190 in vet bills to Seto, police said.

The owner was also ordered to have an identification microchip implanted in the dog within 30 days and muzzle it whenever it is out of doors and off the family's personal residential property.

The incident occurred about a week after Ontario moved to

become the first province in Canada to ban pit bulls. The legislation, if passed, would prohibit breeding while requiring the dogs already in the province to be muzzled and leashed in public.

Irresponsible dog owners would face jail time and fines of up to \$10,000.

Mike Ashwood, the TTC driver who clubbed the pit bull with a fire extinguisher, said he wasn't aiming to be a hero.

"I wasn't going to get in-between two dogs," he said. "You are scared, but you do what you have to do."

(reported by Humber first-year Journalism students)

'Pedestrians count for almost half of fatalities in this city and that is far too high.'

Man dies at Humber gym

A man collapsed during a squash game at Humber's North Campus gym, about 8 p.m. Monday night and died shortly after.

Toronto fire rescue unit 412 arrived at 8:34 p.m. and said the man was unconscious at that time.

The coroner's office confirmed the man was taken to Etobicoke General Hospital.

Athletic Director Doug Fox said that he could not comment on the incident. He referred all questions to Humber Vice President John Davies.

Davies was unavailable for comment at press time.

Clarification

The layout of a personal story headlined "The hurtful, hidden pain of anorexia" in last week's In Focus section may have confused some readers. The young woman battling anorexia (who wishes to remain anonymous) told her story to reporter Alicia Meahan. Meahan is not the woman featured in the story.

Iraq

U.S. forces began their assault on Fallujah Monday, in an attempt to regain control of the city from insurgents. Three American soldiers have died so far in the assault on what is believed to be the main base of operations for Abu-Musab al-Zarqawi.

World Digest

Palestine

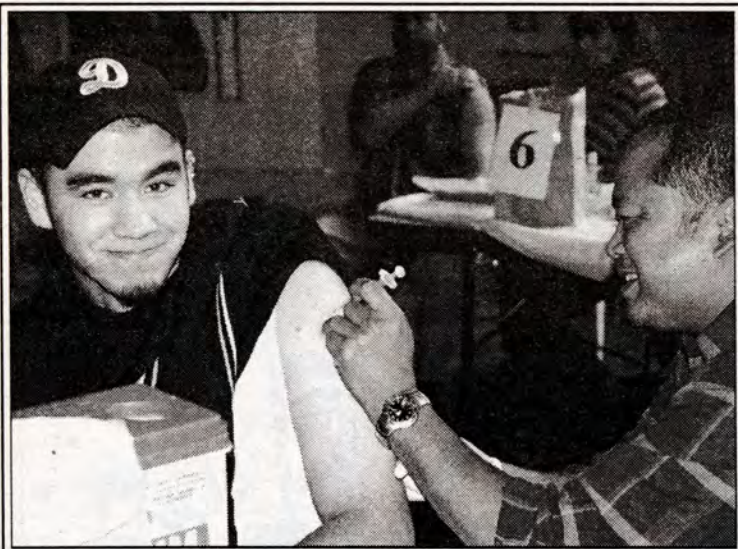
Official word from Palestinian authorities say President Yasser Arafat is alive, but remains in a deep coma. Should Arafat die, Rawhi Fattuh will serve as his replacement on an interim basis.

New York

A Georgia man took his life at Ground Zero in an apparent protest to George W. Bush's re-election. The 25-year-old entered the guarded compound and shot himself in the head.

Sudan

The Sudanese government has signed two peace deals with rebels in the Darfur region in an apparent response to mounting international pressure. The government agreed to stop all military flights over the region and has signed a cease fire agreement with rebels.



Sabrina Gopaul
More than 600 students, faculty and Humber community residents lined up in the student concourse Nov. 4 to get their flu shots.

Cash award for top safety plan

Contest gives students chance to address campus security concerns

JASON BOWSER
STAFF REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation (HSF) and Humber's security are inviting students to take part in a new contest by writing proposals addressing safety concerns at Humber College. "It's open to everybody," said

Christina Zgela, HSF vice-president. "We want to get the word out."

The contest is called *Concepts for Cash*. Contestants will be given specific objectives and resources, and will meet with Gary Jeynes, director of public safety, for guidance with their proposal.

"It's very important for the department of public safety to have students give us their ideas because they are the members of the college that use our services the most," said Jeynes in an HSF press release.

Zgela says the winner will receive \$500, a personal recommendation letter from a senior staff member, and have the proposal implemented this year by the department of safety.

One of the judges for this contest is Ron Taverner, the superintendent of 23 Division.

"This is also a great example of how well the student government, college administration and Toronto Police Services can work together to ensure Humber is a safe place for every person that pays to attend classes here," Taverner said in the release.

Deadline for proposals is Dec. 3 and anyone interested can contact Zgela at 416-675-6622 ext. 3218.

Canvassing for answers

COURTNEY MUIR
STAFF REPORTER

Police from 23 Division are not resting on their laurels.

According to Superintendent Ron Taverner, in the past year, there has been a 29 per cent decrease in crime in North Etobicoke, but this statistic has not discouraged police officers from conducting a new initiative that aims to help solve homicides in the area.

A taskforce consisting of nine police officers gathered where Eion Rush was killed on Feb. 21, 2004, to launch their door-to-door canvassing campaign.

The area was chosen because police "believe there may be people who witnessed the murder in the area," Taverner said.

Rush, 27, died from multiple gunshot wounds and was known

to police.

"Aspects of this crime do lead us to believe it could be gang-related," Taverner added.

Although North Etobicoke has seen a decrease in crime, there has been a recent rash of violence, including the murder of

Keino Lewis Trotman, 32.

In addition to this new initiative, Toronto police will conduct a province-wide Crime Prevention Week from Nov. 7 to 13 to encourage city residents to participate in community safety programs.



Courtney Muir
Sgt. Ron Taverner of 23 division launches a canvassing campaign in Rexdale to help shed new light on unsolved crimes.

Humber mourns dedicated dean

"She mentored me, she hired me and she took a chance on me"

KRISTEN KING
NEWS EDITOR

Humber College faculty and students are mourning the passing of a dedicated leader and true education visionary.

Anne Beatrice Bender, dean of Health Sciences, associate vice-president, Quality Assurance,



Courtesy
Anne Beatrice Bender, dean, Health Sciences died Nov. 8.

wife, mother and grandmother, died Nov. 8 after a long battle with cancer.

As an active member of the Humber faculty for more than 30 years, Bender was honoured with the title Dean Emeritus and awarded the Millennium Lifetime Achievement Award for her professionalism and commitment to the college.

Former student and now a faculty member of the Health Sciences department, Jason Powell, described Bender as a dynamic individual. He also attributes his professional success to her caring and guidance.

"She was an incredible person...I am here because of Anne Bender," he said. "She mentored me, she hired me and she took a chance on me."

Powell said what made Bender such an amazing educational leader was that she cared about her students and the Health Sciences department.

In 1998 when the government made it mandatory for nurses to have a degree, Bender made it her mission to develop a bridging diploma/degree program for the nursing students at Humber, Powell said.

"She is the reason why we have the nursing baccalaureate here. She worked relentlessly to find a program to match our [Humber College's] philosophy - she gave life to the nursing program," he said.

"It is extremely sad that she won't be able to see the first graduating class."

Dr. Sheila Money, faculty

member of Health Sciences, remembers Bender as an amazing person who accomplished so much in her life.

"She could move mountains, because she believed in what she was doing," Money said. "And that was her success."

Money said students at Humber could learn from Bender's example.

"If you believe in what you do and put in the effort, you will experience true success."

A scholarship fund will be developed in her memory to honour her dedication to education.

Visitations will be held at Turner and Porter Funeral Home, 2180 Hurontario St., today 7-9 p.m., Nov. 12, 2-4 p.m., 7-9 p.m.

A funeral service will be held Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. at St. John Baptist Anglican Church, 719 Dundas St East, Mississauga.

Beneath the Surface



Chris Daponte reports on Remembrance Day

I can't help but notice how few people have been wearing poppies.

Unfortunately, this is a reflection of the ignorance and apathy of many Canadians at this time of year.

I was appalled when I heard a story about what happened here on Nov. 11 a few years ago.

During a minute of silence in the concourse, a group of students rudely pushed their way through everyone, talking loudly as they walked. When they passed, one female student asked my friend what was going on, and he whispered that everyone was observing a minute of silence.

ignorance

The woman responded, "why, who died?" My friend reminded the woman that it was Remembrance Day, but the woman shrugged her shoulders and asked, "what's that?" My friend just shook his head in disgust ... and rightly so.

How could anyone living in this country or attending an institute of "higher education" be so ignorant?

There is no excuse for any Canadian, not to know Remembrance Day is observed every year on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Or that Remembrance Day honours the 116,000-plus Canadians who died in WWI (1914-18), WWII (1939-45) and the Korean War (1950-53). It is also a time to give thanks to Canada's surviving veterans and ex-service members.

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The privileges we enjoy today would not have been possible were it not for the brave men and women who fought for our freedom.

And since Canada's population of veterans is dwindling, the task of remembrance and education falls on all of us. We cannot forget. We must not forget.

So do yourself a favour - pick up a book and learn about things like Vimy Ridge, Dieppe, Normandy and John McCrae. And don't be afraid to don a poppy.

And regardless of where you are today take a moment to remember those souls who died for our country.

Editorial

Bush won, get over it!

The American electorate has spoken and has decided to give George W. Bush four more years.

Because of this reality, many Americans who voted for John Kerry now believe with Bush's re-election, the world as we know it is coming to an end. One Georgia man took his own life at Ground Zero in an apparent protest to Bush's re-election.

Many Canadians have also reacted negatively to the results of the U.S. election. It's time to stop this craziness. Instead of crying about it and denigrating Bush, we should respect the wishes of the American electorate, just as we'd expect them to accept our wishes.

We certainly hope that in his second term, Bush will be a "uniter, not a divider" like he promised to be in the year 2000. We encourage our government to work closely with his administration to bridge the gap that has developed between our two countries over issues like the war in Iraq, softwood lumber, Canadian beef exports and the proposed continental missile defense shield. And we hope that political partisanship on both sides of the border will not continue to dictate our relationship with our closest neighbour.

We also encourage Canadians to cut out the partisanship and instead inform themselves on the facts about the important issues that affect both countries. It is no longer acceptable to say that you would have voted for Kerry just because he isn't Bush. It is also no longer acceptable to say that the proposed missile defense shield is bad because someone told you so. Cultivate an informed opinion, because there are always two sides to every issue and it is important to know both.

These issues should not be taken lightly because, ultimately, we are connected to the world's only superpower whether we agree with U.S. policy or not. We need to work closely with our neighbour or we will simply get left behind.

In honour of our soldiers

Our brave war veterans are starting to reach the end of their time and our traditions of observing a moment of silence, wearing poppies and attending ceremonies may not be enough to keep the memories of their sacrifices and valour alive. Without representatives of World War I, World War II and the Korean War, some fear Remembrance Day may be forgotten.

To prevent such a loss, the staff at the Canadian War Museum of Ottawa have come together with the Canadian Museum of Civilization of Gatineau to open a new war museum.

The museum will bring to Canada the same opportunities to acknowledge our war veterans as the Juno Beach Centre in France. Established by Canadians, the Juno Beach Centre was built on the beach which Canadian troops stormed on D-Day.

The construction of the new Canadian War Museum on LeBreton Flats started in 2002 and is scheduled to open by May 2005.

In addition to the new museum, a new proposal has also been made to make Nov. 11 a national holiday to honour our veterans.

It is imperative that we, as Canadians, do what we can to carry on this tradition and not allow it to fade.

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Letters to the editor

Rae review could mean higher student debt

Dear Editor:

Re: Rae Days bring tuition debt relief, Oct. 21 issue

I am writing in response to your recent article regarding the Rae Review and Rae's 'study now, pay forever' plan. I think the headline of your article is misleading. Debt relief is not the reason that any government has ever introduced Income-Contingent Loan Repayment (ICLR).

On the surface, the concept that your monthly student loan payments would be geared to your income sounds seductive - but there is a hidden reality that Rae does not want you to see. The only reason that ICLR schemes have ever been introduced is to make it easier for students to handle massive tuition fee hikes - this was the case in other countries. ICLRs make it easier for the government to double or triple tuition fees. Bob Rae

has advocated for total deregulation in the Globe and Mail, but he won't level with students face to face about it.

Income-contingent loans really do make it cost more for the poor to go to school. Right now, student loans take 10 years to pay off. If you cannot make your payments, we have interest relief and debt forgiveness programs that do need to be expanded, but that will reduce your debt load. We are much better off than in the kind of system Rae is proposing. In New Zealand, with ICLR, a high school teacher with a \$30,000 student loan would take 16 years to pay off his/her debt. He/she would pay \$23,538 in interest since the interest accumulates over the long repayment period. Early childhood education teachers would never pay off their \$30,000 loans and they would make monthly payments until they died or retired. And

they would pay \$69,000 in interest over 40 years of their working life. Does that sound equitable? Think about the danger a system like this would bring - how would people buy cars or get mortgages when they were indentured to their student loan? It is no surprise that the rate of home ownership peaked in 1991 in New Zealand, the year before ICLR was introduced. And it has been declining ever since. Tuition fees tripled in New Zealand after ICLR schemes were brought in. This is not the future I want for Ontario.

If you are interested in the questions that Rae won't ask, check out the Canadian Federation of Students' alternative review - www.reviewrae.ca.

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Opinions

A Canadian Vets humiliated by 'freedom' they fought for IKEA will not set us apart



OLGA KIRGIDIS
NEWS EDITOR

George W. Bush will be sitting in the oval office for another four years. This has many liberal minded Americans who voted for Democrat John Kerry thinking about moving north.

Just hours after Bush made his acceptance speech, Canada's immigration website received a record 179,000 visitors, of which 64 per cent were American.

The allure of (almost) free health care, cheaper prescription drugs and a government open to gay marriage is undeniable to disillusioned Americans cringing at the thought of another four years with Dubya at the helm.

Still, some think that with our cold winters and high taxes, becoming Canadian is a much harder sell without a catchy slogan to remind the world what we're all about.

Paul Lavoie, an advertising executive who's headed Canadian campaigns for giants like Nike and Telus, told the *Toronto Star* last week that Canada needs a brand to distinguish and define it on an international level. A Canadian equivalent to Sweden's IKEA.

As a Canadian of more than 22 years, this thought makes me uncomfortable.

To me, branding has a negative connotation and doesn't seem to apply to a country as diverse as ours.

I'm all for promoting Canada and our products, but I don't like the thought of trying to encapsulate our essence with some sort of gimmick that we don't need.

Canada already attracts immigrants from around the world, and I don't think it's just for our hockey or because they're hardcore Avril Lavigne fans.

People from around the world are drawn to Canada because of our reputation as a peaceful, forward thinking place that values nature and accepts people of all cultures - a reputation I am proud of.

Taking a corporate approach, would turn us into an 'in your face' country like our neighbours to the south, would do more to disparage us rather than set us apart from the rest of the world.



BRETT STANDEN
SPORTS EDITOR

I find it hard to believe that a man who has done nothing for this country but try and separate it can disrespect those who put their lives on the line to unite it.

This is exactly what Bloc Quebecois MP Andre Bellavance did at a Remembrance Day ceremony last Friday in his Richmond Hill, Quebec riding.

Did he forget that, as an MP,

he has a duty to represent the entire province, not only Quebec separatists?

He not only disgraced himself and his political party, but the entire nation as well.

"I don't feel the obligation to distribute Canadian flags," he said in his defence.

Obviously in his 40 years as a Canadian, he has failed to grasp the fundamentals of history, government and, most important of all, decency.

And I guess he must have also forgotten that for the time being anyway, his riding is still in Canada.

Without the sacrificed war veterans who fought so hard in key battles like Vimy Ridge or Normandy, men like Bellavance may not have had any freedoms, let alone the freedom to try and break up the country.

It's unbelievable to me that a man who earns \$140,000 annually for attempting to foist policies on a country with which the majority of its citizens disagree, is tolerated despite disrespecting the very people who gave him that right in the first place.

It's unfortunate to bear witness to such a horrible display of ignorance and disrespect for humani-

ty. Bellavance should be severely punished, and stripped of his position.

He should never be able to set foot in a Canadian Parliament building for as long as he lives and he should have to produce a public speech addressing how his crime of stupidity was inexcusable.

The sad fact is none of this is likely to happen.

Bellavance exercised his freedom and ironically enough, the people he humiliated are the same people who will get him off the hook.

Welcome to college; leave all stereotypes at the door



SHAUNNA BEDNAREK
STAFF REPORTER

In the 1985 teen movie *The Breakfast Club*, a group of high school kids are subjected to Saturday detention, resulting in pranks, stoned revelations and unlikely friendships.

Throughout the day, a jock, a brain, a princess, a basket case and a criminal realize they have more in common than the rules of high school society dictate. Towards the end of the day, they wonder whether or not they will still be friends on Monday.

While they probably wouldn't remain friends at Shermer High, chances are they would at Humber.

One of my favourite things about Humber is the diversity among my group of buddies here. Every day, I exchange celebrity gossip with a princess. I bum cigarettes from a rocker. I send inappropriate MSN messages to a Goth and a jock. I flirt with everybody.

The other day, a group of us headed over to Mandarin on our break between classes for some greasy all-you-can-eat Chinese goodness. On the way over, one friend remarked that it was like the Humber College Breakfast Club, but for lunch. When the members of the second car joined us at the restaurant, it was uncanny. Though we were two more students than the original *Breakfast Club's* core five, I could easily point out which student at the buffet table could fit the role of each stereotype depicted in the film.

My classmates don't have superficially driven social rela-

tionships. They see each other for who they are. Every day in class, people sit side by side and have a laugh with someone they may not have been given a chance to get to know in high school.

When we leave high school, it's hard to say goodbye to our best friends. However, it's easy to let go of the social repercussions of high school.

Once we go to college, we

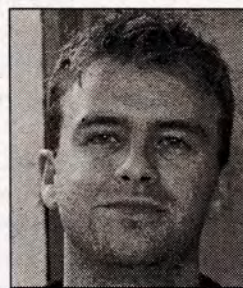
surpass the mentality that we must stick with our own kind. We've realized that no matter the clothes we wear, the music we listen to or the trends we do or do not follow, we are peers. We're all aspiring professionals, in some form or another. We all stress over tuition fees and passing our classes. We all laugh when "in bed" is ad libbed at the end of a fortune cookie message.

Though Hollywood has

attempted to emulate the magic of *The Breakfast Club*, contemporary versions don't hold a candle to the original. Hopefully Hollywood never messes with the good thing known as the Humber College Breakfast Club. I'd be reluctant to green light a project like that. Unless they cast Maggie Gyllenhaal in the role of yours truly, of course... and maybe Molly Ringwald could make a cameo as the hot teacher.

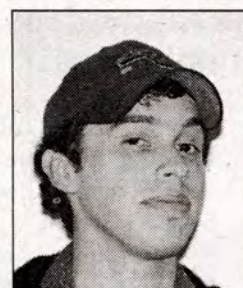
Public Opinion

How would you celebrate Remembrance Day if it were made a national holiday?



"I would spend time with my wife and daughter, watching Remembrance Day related issues on TV."

Justin Sellars,
Electrical
Apprenticeship



"I would watch a number of war related films, whether it's *Apocalypse Now* or *Mean Girls*."

Mike Heron,
1st year Film and TV



"I'd probably sleep in late and go shopping."

Tashyna Gatti,
3rd year
Architectural
Technology



"I would probably just wear a poppy."

Amy Shadlyn,
1st year Media
Studies
Guelph-Humber



"I would celebrate by drinking a lot."

Andrew Sethi,
2nd year Computer
Engineering



"Whether it's a national holiday or not, respect and honour will always be rightfully due."

JulieLyn
Anderson,
2nd year Law
Clerk

News you
can useLauren Gilchrist
gets answers

Q: What tips can you give me for packing lightly? I'm going away to a warm destination for a week and I only want to pack a carry-on.

A: Packing lightly is an art. With a little planning and research, travelling with only a carry-on is possible. Information from the Internet yields the following information.

- Always check with the airline ahead of time to make sure you are familiar with baggage regulations. Airlines have rules on the amount and size of your luggage.

- The general rule is two bags per person.

- A simple rule to follow is "pack half of what you think you will need."

- Choose clothes that coordinate with each other. Everything you pack should match everything else in the suitcase.

- Expect changes in temperature by layering, not by packing heavier clothing.

- Pack clothes in tight rolls so more will fit in your suitcase and to lessen chances of wrinkling.

- Save old underwear and socks for the trip, so you can throw them away as you go.

- Stuff your underwear and socks into shoes to save space.

- Make sure all toiletries are travel size.

- Don't forget your personal documents, medications and other valuables in the haste to pack lightly.

- If after following these steps, you still cannot close your suitcase, reassess what you are bringing. You don't want the zipper to break on your suitcase halfway through the trip.

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Cutting back on the sugar

CHRIS RIDDELL
SENIOR REPORTER

The number of Canadians with type 2 diabetes could increase by 75 per cent by 2025, a diabetes symposium was told last week.

Keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Wolever, a U of T medical professor said there are a number of reasons why this trend is occurring.

"Mostly I think because we are becoming more overweight and that has raised sharply over recent years," he said. "There also has been a great focus on keeping our fat intake low, and companies are making low fat foods [that] are high on carbohydrates. Often times this is not necessarily the best kind of carbohydrate to have."

Another reason for the increased risk of diabetes, he added, is people aren't taking the time to cook proper meals and resort to fast food and instant meals.

"Type 2 comes on very slowly and insidiously and you don't



Chris Riddell

Visitors to the event found out that sugar-free jam is not bad.

know that you are going to get it until you visit your doctor and get your blood checked," Wolever said. "It could take 10, 20, 30 years to develop."

A number of options can prevent the illness. Eating healthy and staying physically active are

the two main weapons against diabetes, he said.

"It is important and it can have an impact on some of the things that are going on with people living with diabetes."

Shirley Glatt, a representative for the Jewish chapter of the

CDA says that type 2 diabetes, also known as adult onset diabetes; should concern everybody.

"More people are getting it than ever before. It's becoming a worldwide epidemic. The scary part is a lot of children are getting it," Glatt said.

The recent symposium isn't the only event the CDA is holding during November, diabetes awareness month.

"We have many presentations in the GTA dealing with diabetes," said Jean Foster, manager of public programs and services of the CDA.

The symposium also featured a merchant's fair with booths displaying everything from an insulin injection machine that fits in the palm of your hand, to all types of diabetes-friendly foods.

"We're focusing this year on a healthy lifestyle," Foster said. "I talked to many people on their way out of Dr. Wolever's presentation and they found it very beneficial."

Women tired from lack of iron

Low iron can cause fatigue, headaches, brittle nails, hair loss

DAWN FARRELL
SENIOR REPORTER

Many female college students may not be aware that feeling tired all the time could be caused by a lack of iron.

According to Taber's Cyclopedic Medical Dictionary, iron is the main essential nutrient in the human body which boosts the immune system and gives people the physical and mental energy to get through the day. The average young woman needs 15-18 grams of iron per day.

The most common symptoms of iron deficiency anemia are fatigue, headaches, shortness of breath, brittle nails, hair loss, lack of concentration and loss of stamina.

Eating foods like liver, lean red meats, egg yolk, raisins, whole grain breads, leafy vegetables, nuts, sardines, peanut butter and seafood such as oysters, shrimp and clams will help pump the iron up to a stable level.

Kristine Bell, a third-year package and design student, finds she doesn't eat properly because of the extra course work and

expectations for high marks leaves her with little personal time.

"I'm at the school five to six days a week getting projects finished and I bartend at nights to pay my bills," she said. "Being in my final year, I want to do my best to keep on top of things but I feel like I never have the time to get everything done and I'm always worn out."

Durhane Wong-Rieger, president of the Anemia Institute in Toronto, explains having an iron deficiency can be difficult for women attending college and universities because they aren't able to achieve their best.

"When you are a college student, you're working, under stress and you're diet isn't well-balanced enough... you become easily stressed and easily fatigued."

Wong-Rieger explains that it is simple to get your iron level checked and most people have no problem getting the iron level back up.

"All you need to do is get a hemoglobin test. Just a small amount of blood is needed," she



Dawn Farrell

Chowing down on dark, green vegetables raises iron levels.

said. "We find more recent discoveries flare up because people's diets are out of control. Though, once we get them on a proper diet, then it all settles out."

Julia Malone, a third-year architectural technology student, knows how important it is to keep a balanced diet because she's always on her feet.

"It's stressful being a college student," she said. "It's really important for me to eat healthy and make sure I'm getting all the right nutrients."

According to researchers at the Anemia Institute of Toronto, the main causes of iron deficiency anemia are a poor iron diet and inability to absorb iron and blood loss.

For more information
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Senseless violence spurs creative tribute

Aspiring fashion entrepreneur Keino Trotman, killed at 32, is remembered by younger brother

LORENA ROSATI
STAFF REPORTER

Jerome Trotman rummages through an old box of dusty video tapes in his living room. He pulls one out and inserts it into the VCR. It's a documentary chronicling the problems of crime in his Rexdale neighbourhood. He had produced the film while enrolled in the Film and Television Production program at Humber College four years ago.

In a horrible irony, early this fall, he found himself making another video, this one a tribute to his older brother who had been gunned down Sept. 21 in a senseless act of violence in that same neighbourhood.

His brother Keino Lewis "Kaz" Trotman, 32, was shot and killed outside the front entrance of his apartment building beside Humber College.

The montage of baby pictures, graphics and video footage over hip-hop and reggae music makes it feel as though Keino is in the room, talking and laughing just like he does in the video. He bears a striking resemblance to his younger brother Jerome, 29. He looks like someone you might



Courtesy
Keino at the age of three.

know. He was a brother and a son, but most importantly, he was a man with a future cut short

'He wanted to create a movement where two of the cultures would combine.'

because of random violence.

Jerome walks to a large window in his living room. The window offers a broad view of streets, apartment buildings and



Courtesy
In August, Keino's mother came down from Barbados to see her sons after three years. She could never have known that her eldest son would be gone a month later.

rooftops in Rexdale and it also overlooks the front entrance of his apartment building. "Do you see that lightpost down there?" He points 12 storeys down to the driveway. "Do you see that sewer close to it? That's where he was shot. You could see his bloodstains on the ground."

Keino was a youth worker at a Rexdale detention centre and had left work early on Sept. 21 because his evening shift got cancelled. He stepped off the bus on Humberline and walked towards his building when he was shot in the back 12 feet away. Jerome and his younger brother, Troy Shepherd, were at home when the shooting occurred. Troy heard on the news the victim was a 32-year-old and the brothers became worried. Troy identified the body the day after.

Jerome said he broke the news to his father, Lincoln Trotman in New York.

"My son? My son is dead?" he asked.

Lincoln had been making plans to come to Toronto for a longer stay.

Jerome is convinced the bullet was not intended for his brother. The killers, he says, shot the wrong guy.

Jerome, who has lived in Rexdale for over 10 years, says the people who commit these crimes think they're living in a movie. Despite everything, Jerome stands behind his community because most of his friends and family live in the area.

"To people in Rexdale crime is real and to other people it's just another 'hood'."

But he says since his brother's death, he is more cautious and aware when he steps outside. He looks over his shoulder and peers into the trees, but adds he's not afraid.

"It's a very simple concept to understand. If it wasn't meant to be, then it wouldn't have happened," he said.

When Jerome first realized the man who was shot was his brother, his initial reaction was to breathe deep and meditate.



Courtesy
Keino (right) was born in Canada to Bajan parents and later attended high school in Barbados. He came back to Canada at 21.

"All those guys have nothing to live for, so they have no problem taking someone else's life," Jerome said. "I don't believe in coincidences. I believe in what I'm supposed to learn from this experience."

Jerome leaves the room and returns shortly with Keino's large red portfolio case. He skims through endless pages of letters, graphics and illustrations and he pulls out a sketch book with clothing

'To people in Rexdale crime is real and to other people it's just another 'hood'.'

designs and logo graphics. Keino was trying to launch his clothing line. He graduated from the fashion arts program at Seneca College and was always making clothes for himself and his brothers with his industrial sewing machine.

"From a young age, he always liked clothes. Always innovative," Jerome said.

Jerome describes his brother as "afro-centric" but still very much involved in Caribbean culture. "He wanted to create a movement where two of the cultures would combine—clothes wise," Jerome said. "He was a

soca guy. He liked to design sexy clothes for women."

He also took a business course at Humber to learn the managerial aspect of creating a label. Jerome is making Keino's dreams a reality by launching a clothing line, named "Kaz" after Keino's nickname.

Keino had been frustrated at how long it was taking to start his clothing line because he had a hard time financially.

In fact, he and his two brothers faced an eviction just one month before he was killed, but they managed to stay in their apartment.

The killers of homicide number 45 still roam free.

But just as his voice remains on the answering machine in the apartment, the memory stays alive for those who knew and loved Keino Trotman.

An in-trust account to help defray funeral costs has been set up at the Toronto Dominion bank in the Woodbine Mall. Those wishing to make donations need to quote Transit #0262-2, Account # 6303640.

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Life

ECE student is a big kid at heart

Only male student in Guelph-Humber's Early Childhood Education program wants to eventually open a daycare, but not before attending teacher's college

JOSH MEASURES
STAFF REPORTER

A growing number of Humber students are embracing the opportunity to break down the gender barrier when it comes to choosing programs.

Antony Chan, a second-year Early Childhood Education student at Guelph-Humber, is one of these students. He is the only male in a program of about 25 people.

"It's a weird feeling sometimes being the

only guy, but I love children. It doesn't matter how badly your day has gone, or how sick you're feeling, when you spend time with them, it's like nothing else matters," he said.

Chan admits that while he has always enjoyed working with children, there have been some challenging times.

During his first couple of days

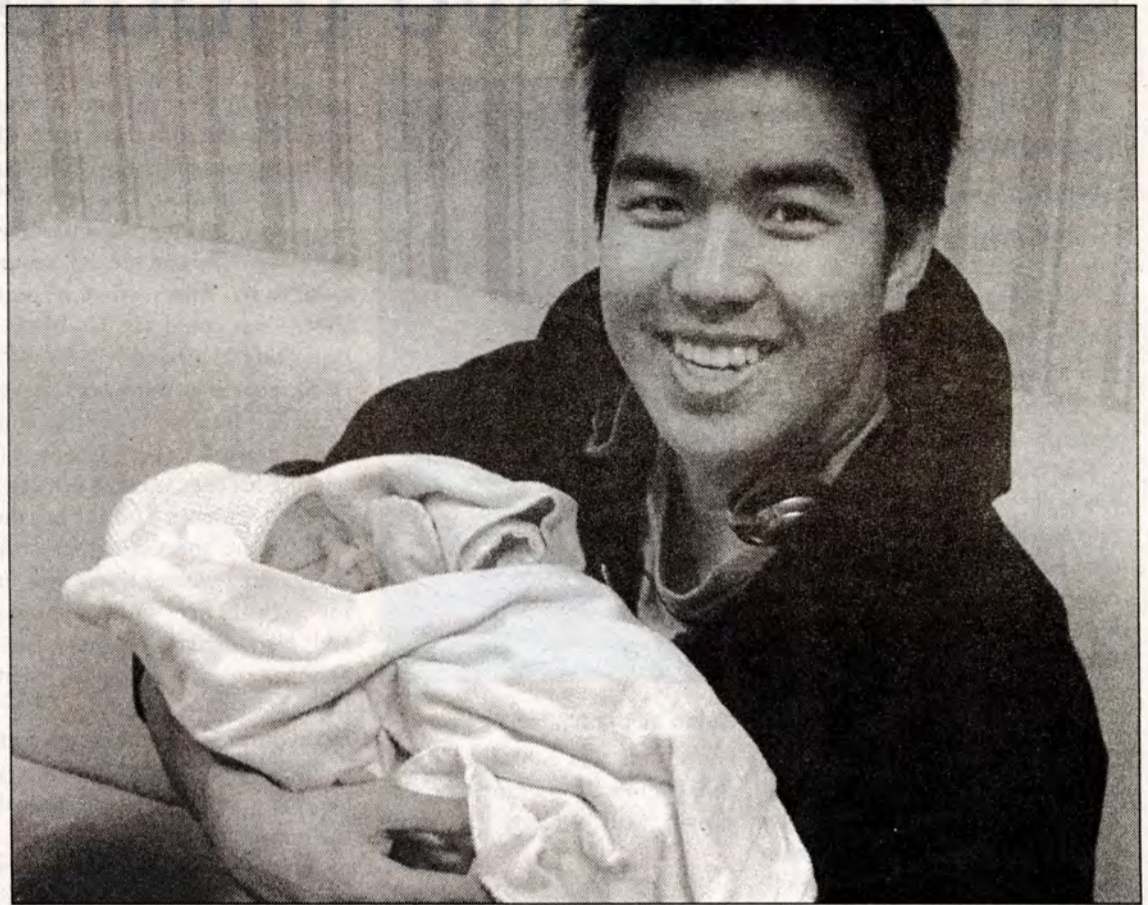
teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) in Montreal, he struggled to create a class suited for students with a variety of skills in different age groups. However, after working in a daycare and teaching Tae Kwan Do for five years, Chan began to understand that looking after children is not only about teaching kids, but also about being a kid at heart.

"This is the perfect job. I get to relive my childhood every single day."

Chan says his parents played a huge part in his decision to work with children. When it came time to apply for school, he was afraid he was going to disappoint them if he made the wrong decision.

"Everyone in my family has gone to school for something that has to do with computers. I didn't want them to think I was

'This is the perfect job. I get to relive my childhood every single day.'



Courtesy

Now in the Guelph-Humber Early Childhood Education program, Antony Chan gets in some very early childhood education with his new baby nephew.

going to waste time at university, but I wanted to do something I was passionate about," he said.

Not bothered by the attention Chan is attracting, his female classmates are very supportive.

"I think it's awesome. He loves kids and is not afraid of dedicat-

ing himself to a degree in a program that has never really had an interest from guys," classmate Mel Tolfree said.

Following school, Chan says he intends to go to teacher's college, but he has even bigger goals in mind.

"I want to open up my own daycare eventually," Chan said. "Children are so impressionable when they're young. It's important to have a positive influence in their lives. Hopefully I can be that influence."

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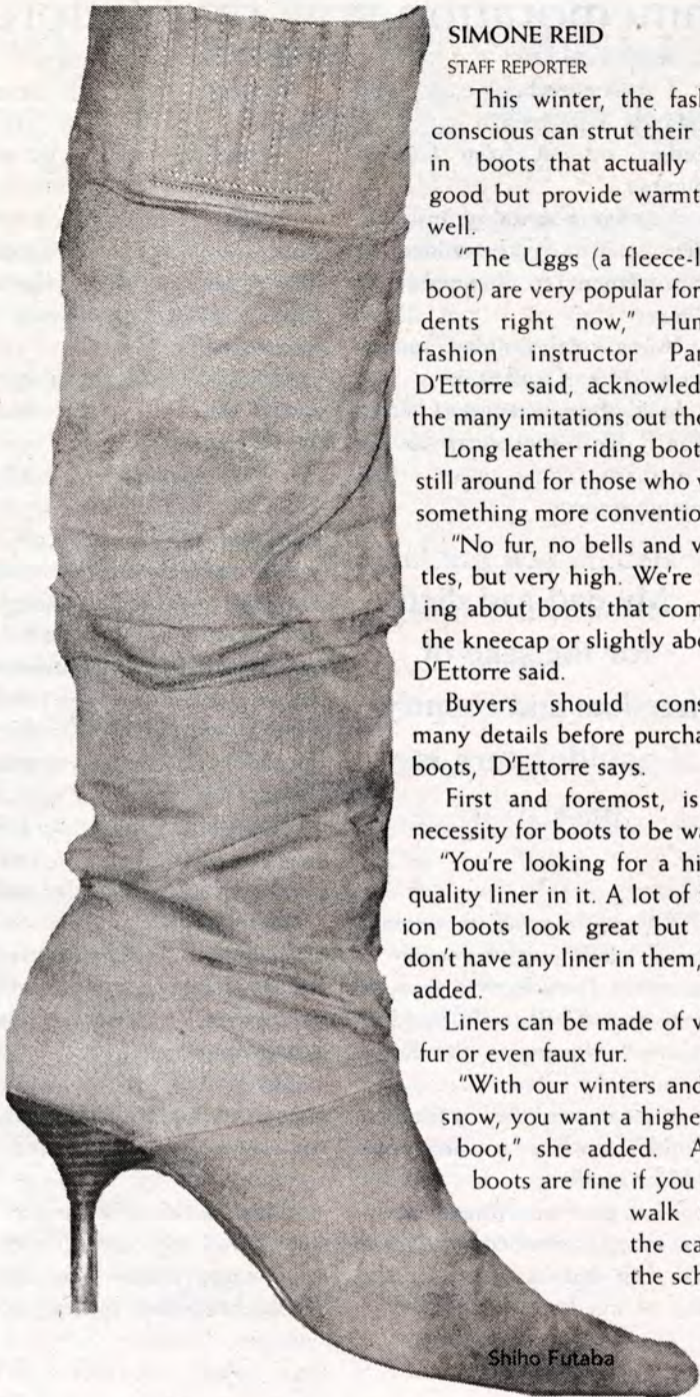
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These boots are made for struttin'



SIMONE REID
STAFF REPORTER

This winter, the fashion conscious can strut their stuff in boots that actually look good but provide warmth as well.

"The Uggs (a fleece-lined boot) are very popular for students right now," Humber fashion instructor Pamela D'Ettoire said, acknowledging the many imitations out there.

Long leather riding boots are still around for those who want something more conventional.

"No fur, no bells and whistles, but very high. We're talking about boots that come to the kneecap or slightly above," D'Ettoire said.

Buyers should consider many details before purchasing boots, D'Ettoire says.

First and foremost, is the necessity for boots to be warm.

"You're looking for a higher quality liner in it. A lot of fashion boots look great but they don't have any liner in them," she added.

Liners can be made of wool, fur or even faux fur.

"With our winters and our snow, you want a higher cut boot," she added. Ankle boots are fine if you only walk from the car to the school.

Shiho Futaba

Frank Lamanna of Moneysworth and Best Quality Shoe Repair in Mississauga suggests buyers also protect their new boots.

"You can use all-purpose spray protector, mink oil or dubbin." These options cost from \$6 to \$10.

He added, however, it's not necessary to treat man-made boots with protective products.

Toe shapes have changed this season, with the rounder shape taking the spotlight.

"We still do see the pointy toe, but you're not going to see that in winter boots," she said. "It's not a practical fit for us. The rounded toe is a practical fit and comfortable for your feet."

And how high should the boot be?

"You've got fashion and you've got function. Obviously if you're going to be doing a lot of walking, you don't want to be twisting your ankle, so you want a flat boot," she said.

D'Ettoire suggests choosing boots with a solid and thick heel.

"If you're going to wear a heel, make sure it's a square heel as opposed to the kitten heel," she said.

Another point to consider is the tread.

D'Ettoire says the deeper the tread, the better the boot will grip the snow. A boot with no tread on the bottom will just slide.

To put treads into heels that don't already have them,

Lamanna suggests it would cost between \$8 and \$25 depending on the heel. For rubber soles, the customer is looking to pay between \$20-\$25.

As far as material is concerned, leather is not the only option.

"We've got some very good man-made vinyl boots which have been treated so they're waterproof. You will get a less-expensive boot if you buy man-

made," D'Ettoire said.

"Leather breathes, so there won't be odour. Vinyl shoes don't breathe. There's no way for the air to go in and out so they tend to retain foot odour more," she said.

Fashion, however, comes at a price. D'Ettoire says expect to pay between \$90 and \$130 for good quality boots.

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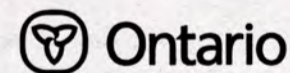
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Nurses use the Rexdale community as a classroom

RUSSELLA LUCIEN
LIFE EDITOR

Humber's third-year nursing students are helping to meet the needs of the community by organizing a dementia workshop.

The students began the project by dividing up the work, researching the topic and doing community assessments in the role of community health nurses.

The community assessments involved meeting with people living with dementia and their care providers.

Andria Deonarain, 22, a third-year nursing student, said dementia can have unpredictable effects.

"We met this one man who could play the piano but was still

disabled by dementia," she said.

The project includes producing a community resource and information guide and five pamphlets covering different aspects of dementia.

"As a result [of dementia], the caregivers are burned out and we show how to give support to the client and the caregiver," Balqisa Omar, 22, a third-year nursing student explained.

Dementia is the progressive deterioration of intellectual functions. The different types of dementia include: Alzheimers, Lewy Body and Vascular Dementia.

Some students said they felt changed by the experience. "This experience has opened my

eyes to more than hospital work. Most of the clinical experience is in a hospital and this is the first clinical rotation that is independent. This experience is true to the working world," Deonarain said.

Nursing instructor Brenda Oraziotti said the purpose of the practical nursing course is to form partnerships with the community and to teach students the role of community nursing.

The presentation for dementia will take place Nov. 16 at the Etobicoke Centre for Seniors at 1447 Royal York Rd. from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The presentation is free to the public but call 416-243-0127 to confirm attendance.



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In Focus

Keeping Remembrance Day alive

Expert says more Canadians are observing the commemoration now than before



Julie Broadbent

Royal Canadian Legion members in a Mississauga flag ceremony.

Humber College President Robert Gordon's memories of World War II

JASON BOWSER
STAFF REPORTER

He was only six years old but his memories are very clear.

"I lived in England during the war. I was young, but I remember it. I remember being sent out of London to my aunt's on a farm somewhere up in the middle (of England)."

Gordon's uncle, Leonard Crooke, was captured in Greece.

"He spent the rest of the war in a prisoner-of-war camp. He's still alive actually, but he's had a difficult life," Gordon said. "He's had a decent life, but not a normal life because of the experiences of the war."

Gordon remembers the bombs being dropped on England.

His father, Arthur Gordon, had been sent to North America to bring food back to England

because he was too old for the army.

"He rather liked it in Canada. So, at the end of the war, we showed up here rather than go back there, so that's how I got to Canada. In 1946, I landed in Halifax, on Jan. 1"

"So, I'm very sensitive to Remembrance Day because my parents always talked about it. They were born before the First World War and lived through two World Wars."

Gordon said it's important to honour those who didn't come back, but it's also important to honour those veterans who are still alive today. "[It's] what the poppies are all about now."

Remembrance Day ceremonies will be taking place today at North Campus concourse level at 10:50 a.m., and at Lakeshore's H building at 10:40 a.m.

KIRK VILLAMARIN
SENIOR REPORTER
JASON BOWSER
STAFF REPORTER

As the country honours Canada's war veterans today, Humber's president is worried that the younger generation doesn't care as much as they should.

"I always worry that the young don't think of these things, and that they don't think it could ever happen to them, either," said Robert Gordon. "So, sometimes there's not a great turnout (for the college's ceremony), but we had a good one last year."

Humber Social sciences teacher, Gary Begg, said that he found students show a lot more respect today than they did in the early 1970's. During that time, Begg said that most people felt Remembrance Day was merely about war mongering.

"So, there were people who refused to wear a poppy, or refused to attend services for Remembrance Day because they thought it was glorifying war."

As more veterans continue to pass away, Begg said, young people are trying to learn more about what they fought for before veterans are gone forever.

Several students echoed Begg's statement, saying they cared very much about

Remembrance Day.

"I think everybody cares," said Amanda Gun-munro, a media studies student from Guelph Humber.

Another hospitality management student recommended an improvement to Remembrance Day.

"A national holiday sounds good," Mike Cioffi said.

In addition, veterans of World War II have spoken up to say Canadians show more than enough respect.

**'My dad had died
for the sake of
freedom and country.
I couldn't turn my
back to it.'**

"Canada honours its veterans better than any other country in the world, because they appreciate them," said Reginald Blundell, 91, who fought in the Royal Canadian Air Force.

"My dad was killed in the First World War when I was five years old," he recalled.

"That gave me stronger incentive to join the Second World War. My dad had died for the sake of freedom and country. I

couldn't turn my back to it."

Blundell flew on several bombers.

"Whenever we flew, we were lucky to return," he said.

Florence Parrott, 90, a nurse who treated many of Canada's injured seamen, says Canadians treat veterans better than the Americans.

One of the saddest things for Parrott was how young some of the victims were.

"They were kids. I'm talking about a lot of them who were no more than 19," Parrott recalled.

Not all veterans are as satisfied as Parrott and Blundell, though.

Francis McCully, 79, sailed on merchant ships in 1941 when he was 16. He criticizes the government for not having recognized the merchant seamen as an arm of the armed forces.

"Yet, we were all in ships that were armed and we carried naval gunners as well," McCully said.

Merchant seamen are now officially recognized as war veterans by the government and a compensation package was implemented in 2000.

McCully still has trouble forgiving the government for taking so long to honour him and his comrades.

"I lost friends on some of these ships," McCully said. "It took a lot of nerve to sail those ships. We had very little protection."

Lest we forget....

Et Cetera staff remembers the courage of relatives who served our country



Private William Ward
(Grandparents of Amy Ward, Et Cetera photo editor)



**Lieutenant Thomas Hawthorne (l)
Corporal William Hawthorne, (r)**
(Grandfather and great grand parents of Kristen King, Et Cetera news editor)



Corporal Eldon Mann.
(Grandfather of Sarah Mann, Et Cetera entertainment editor)

Ward, a member of the Algonquin Regiment, worked as a signaller in World War II, where he met Louise Higgins. The two later married in England. They have two children and currently reside in Toronto.

Thomas Hawthorne served in the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) in World War II.

His father William, pictured with wife Sarah, also served in World War II.

Mann was in the tenth Canadian Armoured Regiment for Fort Garry Horse. He worked as a fitter from September 1942 to February 1946. He served in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany and died June 20, 1995.

Selling off Canada's war history

Lack of funding for Canadian museums may result in the sale of Canada's most prestigious war medal

JULIE BROADBENT
STAFF REPORTER

Remembrance Day is a day to remember those who risked and lost their lives fighting for our country and our freedom. But this Remembrance Day sparks more intense meaning as one of the highest medals awarded to Canadian war veterans is up for sale.

The Victoria Cross is the highest military honour to be awarded. It is given to members of British and Commonwealth forces that have shown bravery and self-sacrifice during war. So far, 94 Canadians have been awarded the Victoria Cross, including Corporal Fred Topham of Toronto, who died in 1974.

Topham's Victoria Cross, which he won for his work in World War II, is at risk of vanishing into a private collection in Britain, instead of being put on display in a Canadian museum due to a lack of funding. This has many Canadians upset, primarily veterans who fear that wartime memories are dying alongside the veterans who hold them.

Pat Levesque, president of the Women's Auxiliary Club for Canadian veterans, has won a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal for her volunteer work with veterans and says selling war medals is an

insult to veterans.

"You can't sell an Academy Award, but you can sell medals that were earned from the war. People lost limbs and lives for them. Those medals should go back into displays like museums, so that they can never be forgotten," Levesque said.

'Selling war medals to just anyone is wrong.'

Topham's Victoria Cross is not the only military award for sale.

Other military awards and medals are being sold on www.ebay.com and in antique stores they sell for as little as \$10.

John Hickey, a World War II air force veteran, and member of the Royal Canadian Legion, says medals are priceless and should remain that way.

"Selling war medals to just anyone is wrong. How can you possibly put a price on such a thing? This is something that was earned and it has no monetary value, no matter what the offer is," he said.

According to Section 116 of Part III of the National Defence

Act, anyone who improperly sells or pawns any of Her Majesty's Forces, such as any cross, medal or insignia is guilty of an offence and may be liable for up to two years in jail.

"The government should make it illegal to sell veterans' awards, no matter how minor," Levesque said.

According to Tracy Simpson, owner of TJ's Antiques and Collectibles in Burlington, many of the sellers are family members of veterans who earned the awards but have passed away or moved into nursing homes.

"People are literally tossing them out in the garbage," Simpson said.

Simpson agreed in most it is best to sell the medals to historians and collectors so they can be commemorated.

"Something a lot of people do not understand is that with these medals and war paraphernalia, the history is sold with it. People want to know where it came from and how it was earned," Simpson said.

Some family members of veterans also oppose the selling of war paraphernalia.

"Some people think of selling war paraphernalia as a hobby, like collecting Barbies or beanie babies," said Paul Frederico of the

Toronto Military Heritage Association. Frederico's grandfather was a World War I veteran.

"There is a market for this material among collectors who seek to recreate a time or place. Collecting artifacts, however minor, helps to build a tactile impression of that time and place," he said.

Sadly, Frederico says most museums that purchase military items cannot afford them at the competitive prices of www.ebay.com or private vendors.



Julie Broadbent

Roy Longmuir joined World War II at age 16. He was awarded medals for bravery and defence.

New coin honours veterans

JENNIFER MARSHALL
STAFF REPORTER

This Remembrance Day, along with wearing a poppy, you can also carry one around in your pocket, thanks to Canada's new commemorative quarter.

The Royal Canadian Mint unveiled a new coin Oct. 21. The quarter has a red coloured poppy etched in the centre of a maple leaf over a banner that reads "Remember/Souvenir." On the back of the coin is a portrait of Queen Elizabeth II. The mint generated about 30 million coins.

But don't wait around to get one, coins are limited.

"This will be a one time production," said Phil Taylor, manager of corporate and strategic communications at the Royal Canadian Mint.

Bob Butt, the director of com-

munications, dominion command, for The Royal Canadian Legion, explained that the Mint picked the poppy for the middle of the coin because it is considered the international symbol of Remembrance in Canada.

"This is the reason it was chosen, to pay respect to our veterans," he said.

Tim Hortons is the Mint's exclusive partner for the poppy coin. The Mint is using the retail chain as a way to get the coins out quickly. Canadians can get the coin through a one-on-one exchange with Tim Hortons or through change with a purchase. The coins are also available at financial institutes in time for Remembrance Day, or can be purchased through the Mint for about \$16 for a \$10 roll of quarters.

The colour in the centre of the coin is supposed to last for one to three years, but the colour can be removed with friction. In case the colour does wear off the coins, a permanent poppy has been imprinted in the coin so as to retain its full value. The Mint spent an extra \$300,000 to add the red to the coins.

"We've been working on the idea for a few years, but seriously for the past year," Taylor said of the colouring process.

The Royal Canadian Legion is Canada's largest veterans' organization with over 400,000 members and 1,600 branches in Canada, U.S. and Germany. Every Remembrance Day the Legion sells poppies to raise money for needy veterans, ex-service members and their families.

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae, a Canadian medical officer during the First World War, is responsible for Canada's adoption of the poppy as a flower of Remembrance. Below is his famous poem.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow Between the crosses, row on row, That mark our place; and in the sky The larks, still bravely singing, fly Scarce heard amid the guns below. We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow, Loved and were	loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields. Take up our quarrel with the foe: To you from failing hands we throw The torch; be yours to hold it high. If ye break faith with us who die We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.
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-John McCrae

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What's Happening

In theatres Nov. 12

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Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason
Seed of Chucky

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Encore*

*Nov. 12 release date

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(Benefit for Big Brothers of Brampton)

The Killers
Dec. 1 - Kool Haus

Thornley
Dec. 3 - Lee's Palace

Rufus Wainwright
Dec. 8 - Mod Club Theatre

Alexisonfire
Dec. 17 - Kool Haus

Eagles
Mar. 29 - Air Canada Centre

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A toundcheck card entitles its holder to a \$10 Toronto Symphony ticket and the option to bring a guest of any age for an additional \$10.

Toronto film industry at risk

CAROL SANTOS
STAFF REPORTER

About \$1.6 billion in movie and TV production in Canada is threatened by new U.S. tax breaks for American crews that film in Hollywood instead of "Hollywood North."

A year after SARS, Toronto, the major movie filming location in this country, is being hit hard by a combination of the U.S. tax breaks and higher costs resulting from the new strength of the Canadian dollar.

"The tax incentive will only have a negative impact on the film and television business in Canada if our dollar continues to rise," said Donna O'Brien-Sokic, the film and television program co-ordinator at Humber. "You take those two factors and you bring them together and then we're going to be in trouble. Right now the dollar is on its way up. If that dollar hits 85 cents, we can be in serious trouble."

Also contributing to Toronto's decline are a greater variety of other Canadian locations for U.S. filmmakers coming north.

"Our biggest competition right now for U.S. production dollars doesn't come from the U.S. itself," she said. "It comes

from the other provinces."

Tax incentives of up to 40 per cent are being offered by other provinces, making it harder for Ontario to compete.

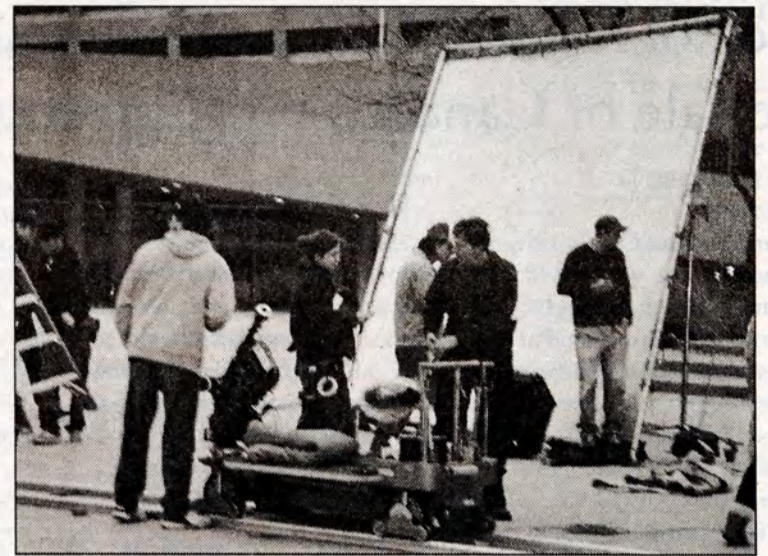
"When SARS hit Toronto and every U.S. production fled this city, Calgary got the bulk of it. The nickname for Calgary was 'the new Toronto,'" O'Brien-Sokic added.

"Winnipeg got some, Halifax got some and those locations want to continue to have U.S. productions."

The Bush administration recently gave tax breaks to productions with crews that are at least 50 per cent American citizens and working at locations south of the border. The breaks were prompted by complaints that Canada was stealing film and TV productions.

"Those claims are over-exaggerated," said Jane Thompson, a spokesperson for the Canadian Film and Television Production Association (CFTPA). "The production business is a global one, and incredibly competitive."

"California is not only competing with Canada and its 10 provinces, but also over 30 American states, Europe, South Africa, New Zealand and



Carol Santos

Toronto may lose some talent to the flourishing U.S. film industry.

Australia. Everyone is a competitor," she added.

In fact, said Thompson, a recent CFTPA report shows that production in the United States has increased 6.6 per cent since 1998.

She said that more provincial and federal tax incentives would help Canada lure more film crews, and O'Brien-Sokic agreed.

"We need the province or someone to build soundstages," she said. "X-Men was shot here but we lost X2 because we didn't have a big enough soundstage to hold the production."

Ashley Kelloway, a first-year Humber fashion student and member of the International Association of Technical Stage Employees (IATSE), said many of her co-workers have lost jobs in recent months.

"The new tax break took four or five productions out of Toronto that were coming in January," she said. "So we've lost a lot of work that we potentially

would've had after Christmas. It will put a lot of people out of work after Christmas, when they probably need money to pay off a lot of stuff."

This isn't encouraging for Trish Smith, a third-year film and television student, saying many of the program's 50 graduates will have to go were the work is, an unfortunate reality for many Canadians.

"I know for a fact that a lot of classmates are probably not going to be sticking around Toronto for business. They're going to be going to the States. At least half the class will."

O'Brien-Sokic offered her final thoughts on the subject. "We have a large film industry in Toronto," she said. "If we can't compete with other regions of Canada, and other regions of the world, and areas of the U.S. that are getting these tax breaks, our industry is in jeopardy. It may not survive. It may change drastically if the government doesn't act."

'If that dollar hits 85 cents, we can be in serious trouble.'



Carol Santos

Statistics Canada says that 55 per cent of Ontario's film production revenue came from foreign markets, most of it from the U.S.

Indie artist pays tribute to America; gives each state its album

SHAUNNA BEDNAREK
STAFF REPORTER

If the re-election of George W. Bush is an indication of anything, it's that Christianity is as American as apple pie, baseball and Wal-Mart.

At the same time, Americana and Christianity aren't exactly the most popular subjects with liberal-leaning indie kids. Singer/songwriter Sufjan Stevens sings about God and the 50 states, and indie kids make up the majority of his audience. "You can

say many things are uncool about America and about world religion, but I think a lot of times they're just generalizations," Stevens said.

Seven Swans prompted Spin Magazine to describe Stevens as an "Elliott Smith after 10 years of Sunday school." The multi-instrumentalist's fourth album is a hushed, banjo-centred collection of introspective folk songs with biblical lyrical themes.

"I started writing songs on the piano, which is 88 keys," Stevens

said. "It's kind of an intimidating instrument. I've slowly been reducing myself from that to the

'I think the best songs are sort of anecdotal.'

guitar, and then eventually to the banjo. I like the intonation. It's very plain-spoken, but also kind

of mysterious."

Michigan is the first album in Stevens' plan to record 50 albums, one for each of the 50 states. He has already begun writing the soundtrack to Illinois. Stevens said that writing for Illinois is proving easier than Michigan.

"I have an emotional distance to [Illinois], and I've been reading a lot of history books about frontier Illinois and immigration," he said. "I've also been travelling there intermittently, just to get a

sense of the geography. But I think the best songs are sort of anecdotal, based on stories people have told me."

So once Stevens fulfills his 50-album goal, would he be up to the task of covering the Canadian provinces and territories?

"I think that would be a great project to do afterwards, or it could be a great side project to do in the middle of [the 50 States]," he said.

Sufjan Stevens is playing Lee's Palace on Nov. 16.

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You're hired; Humber finds its apprentice

DAWN FARRELL
SENIOR REPORTER

Twelve candidates arrived at Humber's North Campus student centre this week to face the greatest challenge of their college lives: trying to win \$300 in a competition called *The Humber Apprentice*.

Humber Students' Federation (HSF) President Jen Green sat at the decision table playing the role of Donald Trump.

HSF Vice-President Joey Svec started off the contest by bringing the students to the stage and dividing them into two groups of six.

Task 1: Kool-Aid

Each team decided on a group name and a leader. They then had 10 minutes to make Kool-Aid, name it, create a price and sell it to a cheering audience.

The Jen Squad, which raked in \$30.61, advanced to the next round, barely defeating the Dolla Dolla Billz team total of \$27.30.

"Who's the team leader? Who should I let go?" President Green asked.

The finger-pointing fired up

the teammates and many of them pointed to Andrew Brander a.k.a. Blazer, a second-year public relations student, for the product's failure.

"I felt I pulled my weight. I made every single cup of our product that was sold and clearly if you have no product, then there's nothing to sell," he said.

To Green's left sat one of her operating assistants, Cynthia Malagerio, who was not pleased with Blazer's complaints.

'I hate your hat, you suck, you suck. You're all fired.'

"First of all, I saw you handing out freebies to several different people," Malagerio said.

Svec stepped in. "Alright that's enough everybody. This is not a debate."

Green got fed up. "Okay, okay. I have made my decision."

She pointed her finger down the group line. "You suck, you suck, you suck, I hate your hat,

you suck, you suck. You're all fired."

Kimi Holloway, second-year Guelph-Humber public relations student, was not happy with the decision.

"They fired us for no reason and everyone was hating on the Blazer," she said. "But let me tell you, they cheated. We saw them pulling money out of their pockets. Cheating gets you nowhere."

Blazer agreed with his team leader, leaving with words of wisdom for the rest.

"What this distinguishes is that if they were working for the real Donald Trump, then they're going to steal from him too."

Task 2: Condom Jingle

New teams of three then came up with different team names (the Black Stallions and the Dream Team) and created a catchy jingle for a company about to launch a new condom on the market.

When the Black Stallions emerged victorious, the Dream Team's group leader came clean about his sexual history.

"But I'm a virgin," he said.

Green was not impressed. "Who brought this team down?"

"I don't want to say this but I guess I did. I don't know much about sex," team leader Mark Ramos said.

"If you had to take someone with you who would you take?" Green asked.

Ramos carefully deliberated on who to choose.

Malagerio moved in on the decision.

"Maybe you should pick a girl because you need one."

Task 3: Puzzle Power

Now in teams of two, the contestants were put to the task of solving children's puzzles.

One of the team members was blindfolded as the other guided them into putting the puzzle together.

Monique Dayes, a general arts and science student, lost this round with her teammate but didn't feel that the task was fair.



Dawn Farrell

'The Green' held nothing back in her quest to find her apprentice.

"They had easier puzzles than us," a saddened Dayes said.

"They are the same puzzles," Green said. "I think both of the puzzles are for two-years-olds, are they not?"

Task 4: Quarter Madness

Only three were left in the final challenge. They were each given \$2.50 in quarters and a plastic bag to gather and buy as many items as they could from

"Jen seems like a fantastic person, upbeat and good-hearted. I can't wait. I'm just so happy I can't even think straight. Jen doesn't have anything to worry about," he said.

Davis added he thought people might be disappointed with how he will spend the \$300, as a true team player.

"Early on in the game, me and a couple of my team members decided that it would be best if we all made some money. So, we are going to split it three ways."

Davis and team members Monique Dayes and Feraud Palmer, both general arts and science students, got together, high-fiving and sharing group hugs and showing their true team spirit.

As the three left, Dayes got in the last word.

"Jen was awesome. She was digging in to us just like Donald Trump. It was the best. Honestly it was."

Green agreed that it was a great experience for everyone.

"It was entertaining. It was really funny to see the people interacting with other students at Humber. It was good to see the team building with other students that I have never met before. I really like seeing students getting involved above and beyond class. I made sure that everyone knew that the show was for fun."

SpongeBob SquarePants Bonanza



Win advance tickets to see SpongeBob!

The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie is in theatres Nov. 19, but to see it before anyone else all you have to do is e-mail us. Just tell us the name of SpongeBob's pet snail, and the sound he makes when he talks, and you win. There are eight double passes for a Nov. 17 screening to be won.

The first eight people to e-mail etcetera_entertainment@yahoo.ca with the correct answer before Nov. 15 will be seeing the movie before anyone else, and best of all, the screening is free!



Dawn Farrell

Joshua Davis (centre) decided to share his winnings with his team.

audience members.

After collecting a bag full of pens, coupons and chocolate, Joshua Davis won the task by bringing in \$129.99 worth of random items, a huge profit from his original amount.

"*The Humber Apprentice* is Josh," Svec called out.

Davis, pleased with himself, began flexing his muscles on stage, before being chased down to entertain questions from the media.

Davis had nothing but good things to say about his new boss.

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Nintendo's two new products make gaming a more hands-on experience

DIANE PETRICOLA

STAFF REPORTER

"Touching is good" according to Nintendo, and many game players agreed at last week's seventh annual Nintendo Holiday Preview. The preview showcases newly released and soon to be released merchandise, including the highly anticipated Nintendo Dual Screens (referred to as Nintendo DS).

"Nothing on the holiday market this season will match the excitement that Nintendo DS will have and offer," said Nintendo Canada's general manager, Ron Bertram.

The new portable gaming system has many on their toes awaiting the Nov. 21 release. Superior to its predecessors, it's being called "Game Boy on steroids" by *Maclean's* magazine. The system has over 125 games in development ranging from *Mario* and *Spiderman* to *The Sims*.

DS has two screens, as hinted in the commercial. The bottom one is a touch screen, which makes it easier as players don't have to switch back and forth from action to map screens.

"...Although it might be handy it might also be a little too cumbersome and difficult to use,"



Diane Petricola

Players of Nintendo's newly released *Donkey Konga* game use conga drums instead of regular controllers. The game allows up to four players at a time to play to the beats of *All the Small Things*, *Locomotion* and *We Will Rock You*. Try hitting a drum on time while clapping along. It's not easy.

third-year architecture student Josh Beynon said.

The system also has PictoChat, allowing up to 16 users to chat at once. If you want to play a multiplayer game with your friend, only one of you need a DS game card.

For those who just can't keep

up with the new software, don't fret. DS is compatible with Game Boy Advance games. The price of this new toy is \$199.95 with games as low as \$39.95.

It isn't all about Nintendo DS though.

Newly released games like *Donkey Konga* are also popular.

Instead of having regular controllers, players use conga drums.

"It's an extremely fun way to play a game," Bertram noted.

First-year mechanical technology student Nate Bodgers isn't so sure about the game.

"I'd say it looks pretty stupid, but every system has its stupid

games," he said.

Speaking to the crowd, Bertram said the Game Boy Advance SP is the one toy hotter than iPod right now, being given the sales title "System of the Year," and outselling it.

"Since Playstation and Xbox don't have a handheld system I'd say Nintendo is going to make a major comeback this year with this new Game Boy," Bodgers said.

Then there's *Metroid Prime 2: Echoes*, to be released Nov. 15. It's the newest member of the GameCube family. What makes this game intriguing is the story depth. The main character, Samus, crash-lands her ship on a planet and she must work back and forth through a dark world and a light world to prevent the permanent eclipse of that planet. Graphics seem too real as Samus explores every nook and cranny of Aether.

"Nintendo has grown up. We provide games for [every] gamer with products like Nintendo DS," Bertram said.

"We're truly excited about our holiday offering this year."

With files from Chris Riddell

Theatre production program welcomes more international students than ever

Toronto offers both acting and production aspects of business

MARK HERBERT

STAFF REPORTER

People travel from all over the world to study in Toronto and Humber's theatre production program is no stranger to foreign students.

This year, four international students — the highest number ever — are enrolled in the program. One hails from the U.S., two from Japan and the other from Korea.

Saori Kido, a first-year theatre production student from Osaka, Japan, was willing to travel all the way to Humber to study her craft.

A small stage actor in Japan, she decided she prefers to be behind the scenes. "My dream is to bring international theatre back to Japan," she said.

While home in Osaka, Kido worked at Universal Studios. It wasn't until she met some production workers from Australia that she considered studying abroad. She found information on Humber's theatre program while searching the Internet.

Kido says there isn't a huge difference between the approach of the theatre scene in Japan and here in Toronto, but certain aspects are

given greater priority.

"In Japan, they are more interested in acting. Here, it is equal, (acting and production)."

Despite having students from Asia, and a large and diverse community, Paul Court, director of the theatre production program, is concerned the theatre scene in Toronto does not come close to properly representing what the city has to offer.

"Our theatres don't look like our city, so it's good to have international students," Court said. "We're starting to see our program as a better reflection of the real diversity that we take so much pride in."

Along with the language barrier international students contend with, they also have to handle 12 courses in the first semester. And every student has to work on three shows a year.

But that's what it takes to open the curtain on a new career.



Mark Herbert

Saori Kido, in her first year of theatre production, is one of four international students enrolled in the program.

'My dream is to bring international theatre back to Japan.'

Arts and Entertainment

Psychic spends time with curious students

AGATHA SACHS
STAFF REPORTER

Humber students got to look into the future last Thursday via psychic Dan Valkos.

Students stood in line in the North Campus student centre as the former founder/director of the Paranormal Enlightenment Centre offered to use his psychic ability to predict any three questions asked by each student.

Many students, like Mike Juneau, a Guelph-Humber student, asked Valkos about what lay ahead.

"He said I'm probably going to end up on the West coast, which is weird because this summer I'm going to Banff [Alberta] to live with my sister," he said.

Aisha Khan didn't even have to ask any questions, as Valkos predicted her question and deduced she was a marketing student before she even opened her mouth.

Many students confused about their choice of program came to Valkos in search of advice.

"He told me to drop it," Njeri Clelland, a fashion student, said about a colours course with which she was having trouble. Even though Clelland got the advice she was looking for, she admits she still won't drop the course.

"I believe that I can do better, I can

study harder and get good grades," Clelland said.

Valkos, who was also chief investigator for the Association of Psychic Investigative Researchers, explained that being psychic is not always about telling fortunes. Rather, it is about being in tune with yourself and the world around you.

"My job in life is to help people listen to their instincts, to help them trust their gut hunches more," Valkos said. Anyone can enrol and participate in his courses, all they have to do is "listen to

ness student Bong Keun Kim.

Starting his own business, Kim wanted to know when he can expect profits. He liked Valkos' answer, but he's still a little skeptical.

As the line grew long, David Reesor, a fitness and health promotions student, doubted the credibility of Valkos extrasensory abilities.

"When you have all these people coming up to you, how can you get to know somebody right off the bat?" Reesor said about the dozens of students who got readings. "How can you separate your mind from somebody you just talked to and then go off with someone else, brand new? That's what I find kind of funny about it."

Valkos explains that it was his own skepticism that actually got him to pursue the truth in the paranormal world, and led to his career as a psychic.

"I got involved originally as a skeptic, thinking everything in the psychic world was a bunch of garbage and everybody in essence was running a hustle on everyone else," Valkos said.

He spent many years learning from experienced psychics and great teachers and took nothing on faith. Through his experience, Valkos says that nothing is impossible.

HSF programming director Aaron Miller said to expect Valkos to make future fortune-telling appearances at Humber.

"As long as people don't take it too seriously and don't take it as 'he's going to tell me what to do,' then it's fun," Miller said.

Valkos also offered these predictions (including the one on the left): Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt will stay together.

"I see longevity there," he said. What about Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony?

"Short term," he replied. "Very short term."



Agatha Sachs

First-year fashion arts student Njeri Clelland got her chance last Thursday to ask psychic Peter Valkos about her program choice.

that small voice within themselves."

"Everyone is psychic to some extent or another. We all have intuitive abilities. We all have intuitive potentials," Valkos said.

Students who have yet to explore their psychic side were still left with questions about their future cash flow.

"I asked him when can I start making money, and he said next spring," said business

Hear This!

The eighth in a series of weekly profiles on Humber musicians



Diane Petricola

More to it than singing

DIANE PETRICOLA
STAFF REPORTER

Inspired by jazz since age 5, Trish Colter took her love for music and turned it into a career, becoming the head of Humber's vocal department in 1987, as well as a jazz singer and arranger.

During Colter's childhood, her father would play jazz greats such as Glenn Miller and Charlie Parker.

"There was jazz playing all the time in the house and I think that's where jazz became my first love," Colter said.

She has earned credentials from touring throughout Canada, the United States and Europe. She has also performed on the main stage at the Downtown Toronto Jazz Festival. She has released two albums, one in 1998 titled *This Dance Never Ends* with pianist Paul Read and a solo album in 2002 titled *At Long Last Love*.

Although she loves creating music, Colter doesn't plan on recording and releasing another CD for a while.

"It's time for a break because it's such an intense thing to do. It's not just about teaching, it's performing, writing and editing vocal ensemble charts," Colter said. "Sometimes it gets overwhelming."

She plans on taking a temporary leave from music in January. "Teaching voice is so psychological because you can't adjust anything. It's not like you can tune the keys like you can on a piano."

Colter's work at Humber has not gone unnoticed. She won the distinguished faculty award in 2000.

She doesn't have any dates set for upcoming shows but her vocal ensemble of Humber students will perform Dec. 1 at the Lakeshore auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 and can be bought at the door or by phoning 416-675-6622 ext. 3427

For more information on Trish Colter visit www.trishcolter.ca.

Q: How long will Britney Spears and Kevin Federline stay married for?

A: Six weeks. Britney's appetites are diverse.

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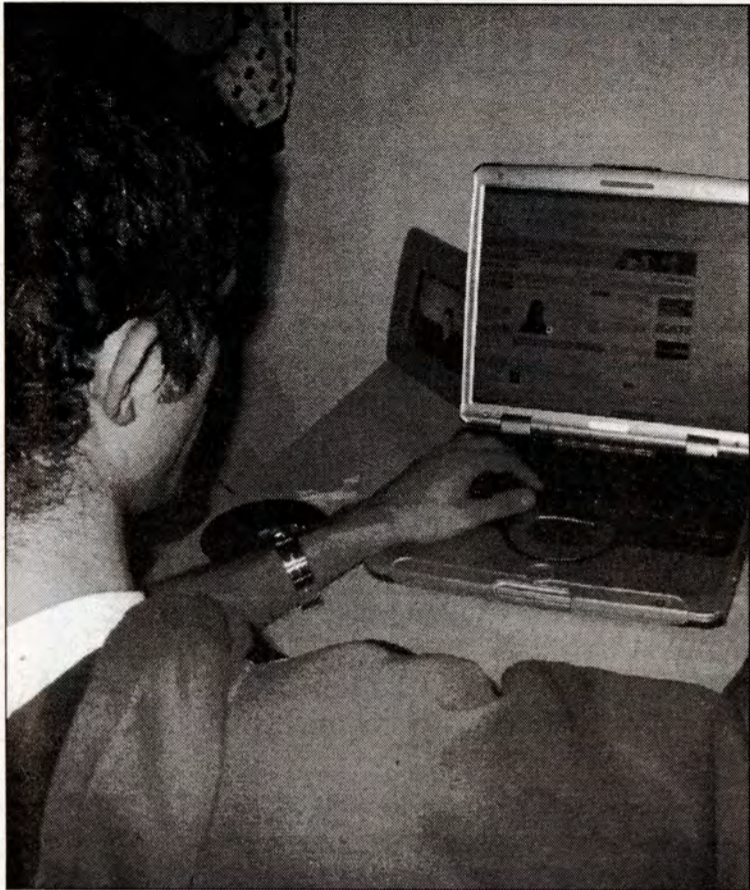
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Sheena Facciol

The new online site is a network of sites from across the country. The Toronto site features jobs from employers such as Research In Motion (RIM), Edward Jones and American Express Canada.

CanWest adds option to online job searches

New website makes search more efficient for students on the prowl for jobs

SHEENA FACCIOL
STAFF REPORTER

Humber students concerned about finding work in their field can now turn to CanWest for a possible solution.

CanWest Global, owner of many well known television and radio stations, has put job searching first with their new website, *working.canada.com*.

The site is aimed at making job searches faster and easier for both recruiters and seekers.

Introduced late last month, the site is funded by the company's daily newspapers, television and radio stations.

"This site is part of a network of Canadian sites," said Kim Peters, CanWest's director of online careers. "A lot of handy resources are available, such as a career adviser, which can be especially helpful to students who may want to ask questions about

the careers they're getting into."

Stefanie Mazur, a first-year child and youth worker student, says the new website is more relevant to and convenient for students than other sites.

"I can see this new site helping

"A lot of handy resources are available, such as a career adviser."

ing, rather than having a list of cities and provinces," she said. "Seeing visuals of the country encourages you to search abroad with rewards of travel."

Karen Fast, manager of the Career Centre at Humber's North Campus, said she would definitely consider referring students to the site to look for jobs.

"I find the site visually busy, but that aside, I can see it being one more good source for students," Fast said. "It's easy to access the job lists by category, job title and by employer, and I like the job alerts."

Other popular job resource sites:

- www.monster.ca
- www.workopolis.com
- www.canadajobs.com
- www.canjobs.com

Useful features of *working.canada.com*:

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- Finance
- Healthcare
- Retail and sales

@tech update

SHANNON SMYDO
STAFF REPORTER

Laptop systems have grown in popularity due to better performance, portability and decreasing price.

Some considerations to keep in mind when purchasing a laptop are size and weight.

The amount of RAM, or memory that the laptop has, is also important. The battery life and of course the warranty should also be considered thoroughly as laptops are more prone to breakdown than PCs.

Have a tip for Biz@humber?

Write to:

etcetera_business@yahoo.ca

Laptop options for students



Dell Inspiron 1000

This Dell is best for consumers who have trouble setting up computers, as its online service is available 24/7.

The 256 megabyte (MB) laptop has a battery life of two and a half hours.

It's heavy compared to the other three models, weighing over six pounds and is 1.5 inches thick.

The model comes with a three-year warranty option.

Price: \$999



Apple iBook G4

The Apple iBook G4 is best for users who want quality picture display. This laptop also has networking capabilities and offers customer service.

The 60 gigabyte (GB) Apple has a battery life of over six hours.

The G4 weighs just under five pounds and is 32 centimetres in length.

There is a one-year parts and labour warranty on the G4.

Price: \$999-\$3,454



Twinhead A16 Athlon

Connectivity and portability combined with price are this laptop's strong selling points.

The Athlon is great for those on a budget and is frequently on sale at places like Future Shop and Best Buy.

This 20 gigabyte (GB) laptop has a battery life of two to three hours.

It weighs almost six pounds and is 31.3 centimetres wide with a one-year parts and labour warranty.

Price: \$999



Courtesy

Sony Vaio TR3A

This option is in the higher price range market for laptops. Its small size and capabilities account for the hefty price tag.

The Sony Vaio has 40 gigabytes (GB) and three to five hours of battery life.

It's by far the lightest model to carry around, at only three pounds and is 26.3 centimetres wide.

A one-year parts and labour warranty comes with this model.

Price: \$2,499

Exclusive contract limits Humber ATMs

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"We have contractual agreements with all of our vendors and banking services are just a vendor. Basically our vendor for banking at the college is the Bank of Montreal," said John Davies, vice president of administrative services.

"They don't have an exclusive right for banking machines here, but they have a first refusal. So, if we attempt to put in another bank machine, the Bank of Montreal has, under contractual agreement, the right to first refusal."

First refusal means if Humber plans to put in a new ATM machine, BMO has first call on whether it will be one of theirs or not.

According to John Sutton, Humber's director of financial services and planning, in return for that right, BMO pays Humber between \$800 to \$850 dollars a month per machine, and last year, RBC cut the college a cheque for \$20,000.

"It's a function of how many hits the bank machine has a month," he said.

Although Humber is seeing profit, many students are seeing red.

"It's \$1.50 when I take money out, but it's also \$1.50 with the account that I have at Scotiabank," Meghan Kinnear, a 2nd year radio student, said. "So usually when I get paid I decide on a lump sum to take out, instead of using my debit repeatedly, because when I do it's \$1.50 every time."

Customer service representatives from RBC said the transaction charges are necessary. They serve as a communications fee

between banks for freely exchanging information.

Students not with RBC or BMO will have to bank on the nearest branch off-campus to avoid costly service fees.

The nearest Scotiabank branch is at Queen's Plate Drive and Highway 27. CIBC's nearest branch is across from Etobicoke General Hospital and TD customers have to travel to Rexdale Boulevard and Highway 27 to find their nearest branch ATM.

All fees collected by the ATMs go to BMO or RBC but the money Humber collects in exchange for hosting the machines goes to various services around the school.

"It's directed into the pool of money...allocated to services throughout the college," Sutton said. "It all gets dumped into general revenue which is allocated to the schools, departments, and services."

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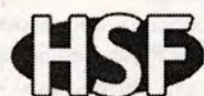


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Sports

Game of miscues ends in Hawks' favour

Women dominate their season opener despite slow start

MARK KHOUZAM
STAFF REPORTER

The Humber women's basketball team fought off nerves and even the officials to beat the Durham Lords 67-48 in their season opener.

The Hawks came out with visible jitters, turning over the ball six times in the opening 10 minutes of the game. They also ran into foul trouble early with some questionable calls.

"We didn't start well, we looked a little nervous and slug-

gish," head coach Denise Perrier said.

"The ref wasn't the greatest, but at the same time we're not going to blame a game on a ref," she added.

Despite all the miscues by the Hawks, the Lords were no better, allowing Humber to take a 32-20 lead into the second half.

"It was hard to get going in the first half, but we knew we had to relax and we would play a lot better," said Hawks guard Karine Nicolas.

The Hawks did just that in the second half. Looking more relaxed, they started to take control of the game.

Although the majority of the foul calls were going against

Humber, the Hawks were making better passes and forcing more turnovers.

"Both teams got off to a slow start, but Humber was able to relax and get into a comfort zone on our home court. They deserve credit," said Lords head coach Craig Andrews.

Erin Chamberlain led all scorers with 21 points, while Fayola Creft chipped in with 13 off the bench.

Nicolas also added nine rebounds, as Humber took Durham to the glass, out-rebounding them 43-24.

The Hawks are also proving

that scoring shouldn't be a problem this year. This is their second consecutive double-digit win in as many games, as they beat Niagara last week by 42 points.

Humber will play their home opener Nov. 11 against George Brown.

Humber almost strikes gold

SARAH HORBACZYK
STAFF REPORTER

The men's volleyball team fell one set short of gold in their Humber Cup tournament last weekend.

After a dismal finish in their first tournament at Sheridan, the Humber Hawks entertained the home crowd only to fall second to the Durham Lords.

"This time they knew they had to go out and do better," head coach Wayne Wilkins said. "There's a lot of ambiance in [the gym] and when we get our crowd going, it's an awesome game. It gets the guys boosted too."

Despite the loss, the team was happy with their overall performance throughout and said it was a learning experience.

"Nobody wants to come in second, but we took the number one team to three games," Wilkins said. "It could've gone either way. It's important to win but it's more important to grow right now and win later on."

Remarkable shots from players

like Adam Kinosheta kept the Hawks flying high right to the final game.

"It was completely incredible. Everybody was doing what they were told and our blocking was a huge factor in the game," Kinosheta said.

Humber beat rivals Fanshawe, Seneca and Cambrian, proving there are reasons for the team to get excited about their game.

Hawks star Paul Kemboi pinpointed their ability to deliver the ball as crucial to their success.

"We took advantage of the serve. Our serve was perfect and we passed their ball pretty easily," he said. "Playing at home helps because it keeps the morale high and you get pumped up because of the support."

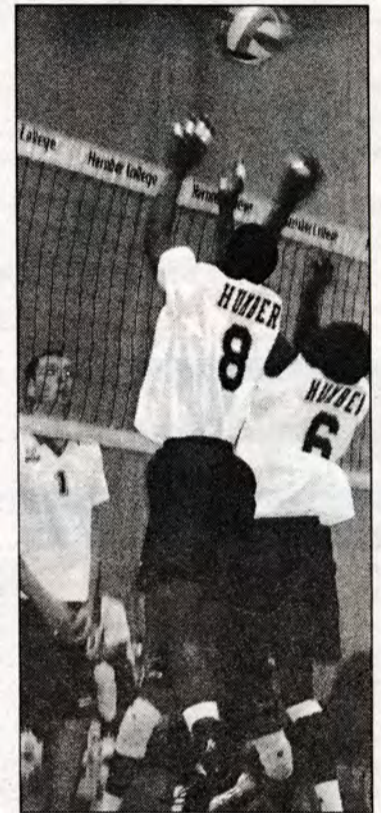
Kinosheta felt home court advantage also played a huge role in the impressive finish.

"This is our gym and I don't think any Humber team would appreciate anybody coming in and trying to rock us," Kinosheta added.



Mark Khouzam

Hawks won their season opener by double digits against Durham.



Sarah Horbaczyk

Hawks' David Forrester and Paul Kemboi attempt to block a shot during their loss to Durham at the Humber Cup.

Coach pleased despite unfortunate ending

Two key graduating players see chances of their second title slip away

KRIS HALINEN
STAFF REPORTER

Despite losing in the Ontario Collegiate Athletics Association (OCAA) finals, the Humber Hawks men's soccer season was flawless.

The 8-0 Hawks topped their undefeated record from last year (7-0-1) and scored 38 goals, twice as many as last season.

The increase in offensive numbers can be credited to great chemistry and the addition of Kadian Lecky, who was named OCAA men's soccer player of the year. Lecky scored 13 times on the way to his second league scoring title (last year with Seneca).

"Overall, a very good season," head coach Germain Sanchez said. "It was our twelfth year in a row making the Ontario final

four."

Over the past three years of Hawks' superb play, Vito Del Duca and Paul Lombardo won nationals once and were hoping for a second chance at national supremacy in their last year of OCAA eligibility.

"We started with a ring and we were hoping to leave with one," Lombardo, 23, said.

The Hawks were defeated for the second year in a row by the Algonquin Thunder, losing last year in overtime in the semi finals 2-1.

"We wanted it really bad, and it really hurt after," Del Duca, 21, said. "We were young when we won nationals and there were older guys on the team, so we wanted to be the old guys to win nationals."

The two Hawks were room-

mates when the team travelled to tournaments and championships. They will miss hanging out with the team, on and off the field.

'It was our twelfth year in a row making the Ontario final four.'

"Over the past four years, our team has been family," Lombardo said. "You should be able to do anything with your teammates."

For now, the two will concentrate on finishing school and entering the real world, although the future may not see them playing competitive soccer.

"[I'll play] for fun, nothing too

serious. Work schedules conflict so I can't have both," Lombardo said, noting he has a pre-management position at a bank.

Del Duca, who is pursuing a career as a paralegal, was also skeptical about playing soccer in the future, but said he will probably play recreationally. He is the second all time leading goal scorer in Humber history.

Lombardo and Del Duca have high regard for the coaching staff whom they considered friends who were always willing to help.

"We've nothing but good things to say about them," Del Duca said. "[Assistant coach] Jay Mesa will be a superb coach someday."

Sanchez and assistant coach Carlos Rivas are constantly working to bring new talent to Humber. They have scouted

players from successful teams and Rivas' soccer school.

"Some kids that I scouted a few years ago are eligible to play now," Sanchez said. "We always look for long term players."

Lombardo and Del Duca said they have grown up so much because of soccer and concluded that the past four years have been more than worth it.

"There are a lot of people who are interested but don't want to play because it's hard to balance both [soccer and school], but it was the best four years I've ever had," Del Duca said.

The Hawks' next task is to carry their success from this season into the next and build on it.

"[The OCAA] is a very competitive league. There are 17 teams trying to reach the top and we were top two," Sanchez said.

Veteran is optimistic for next season

Rugby captain says goodbye to a team he helped from the start

KATE SCHOEMAN
STAFF REPORTER

Dean Spencer has been a part of Humber's rugby team since the beginning and is now ready to move on.

Spencer, a computer programming student in his third and final year at Humber, is what the team calls a super vet. Super vets are players who have played for the Humber rugby team for the three years it has been in existence.

This season, the Hawks suffered more losses than wins, which Spencer says is largely due to the unbalanced rookie to veteran ratio, as the team was mainly comprised of rookies.

The three year vet said this season felt very much like the first year the Hawks played and that next year, with most of the rookies returning for another season, the Hawks will be a stronger team.

The short season, he said, was also a factor contributing to their

lack of success. The men didn't bond until it was too late.

"If you don't get it right away you are done," he said.

Spencer added he would like to have seen more team bonding off the field because when that did happen, it showed in their on field performance.

"We played for each other instead of just playing rugby," Spencer said.

As vice captain of the Hawks last year, he was given the honour of being captain for this year's edition of the men's team.

The 21-year-old grew up on a dairy farm in the town of Campbellford, Ontario, two hours northeast of Toronto. He has been playing rugby for six years.

Aside from playing hooker for the Humber rugby team, Spencer also was a member of the Balmy Beach Rugby Club in the east end of Toronto. The club just won its league, making it the best men's rugby club in Ontario. Before joining Balmy Beach, Spencer played for the Toronto Lions until the team folded.

He was awarded the most valuable player (MVP) award in his first year playing for the Toronto Lions. He was the



Kate Schoeman

Dean Spencer (left centre) says he has learned a lot from the players and coaches at Humber.

youngest player ever to be awarded that honour.

Spencer said he is very glad that he got to work with Hawks coaches Carey French and Alister Mathieson.

"They both brought a lot of experience to the team," Spencer

said. "They were able to take their own rugby skills and use them to teach us. I'll take that with me when I leave."

And the coaches said they enjoyed watching Spencer grow both on and off the field.

"I've seen him develop over

time and become a very confident character who leads naturally," French said. "I'll miss the next step in his development."

Spencer will continue to play rugby and hopes to take a police training course sometime soon.

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Sports

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Chris Daponte on the Raptors

So far this year, despite their excellent play and 3-1 record, the Toronto Raptors have yet to draw the large crowds they expected.

Many so-called sports experts predicted the team would do extremely well without having to compete with the NHL, but just the opposite has occurred so far this season.

The Raptors did draw an impressive crowd for their home opener last Wednesday, but, in their two home games since, the Air Canada Centre has been relatively empty. In fact, on Sunday the team drew its worst crowd in franchise history.

Despite the fact the team is playing well, the sub-par attendance should not have come as a surprise to the Raptors organization. The team has missed the playoffs for the last two seasons and last year they compiled an abysmal 33-49 record.

But the team's poor record is just the beginning. The defence-first style game the team played last year also caused many fans to lose interest. And so did the amount of quality players that have fled Toronto due to the team's woeful performance. Also, Sam Mitchell is the team's third coach in three years and Raptors' management has changed dramatically in the last two seasons.

Then there's Vince Carter. Carter is one of the most gifted athletes in the NBA, but you wouldn't know it from his inconsistent play. At times, he dominates games with seemingly little effort, but at others he seems totally invisible. To make matters worse, earlier this year he told the team he wants to be traded.

So, it's no wonder fans aren't flocking to the Air Canada Centre to watch the Raptors. Sure, the team is more exciting to watch, but it's going to take more than four good games to make up for three seasons of disappointment.

Home court proves irrelevant

Women's volleyball team suffers early exit at Humber Cup

ALISTAIR TENNANT
STAFF REPORTER

The women's volleyball team was knocked out of competition early this past weekend as the Hawks hosted the annual Humber Cup volleyball tournament.

Opening the tournament on Friday with a game against the Seneca Sting, Humber managed a split, taking the first set 25-12, and losing the second 17-25.

The Hawks' next game was against a veteran squad from Cambrian College and, like in their last meeting in the final of the Sheridan Invitational tournament, the Shield easily handled the Hawks.

"We fell apart as a team," first-year player Maxine Law-Tan said. "We started to get unmotivated and lost the drive to win."

Heading into Saturday's action the team had high hopes for turning around their losing ways to make the playoffs.

Unfortunately, the Durham Lords had other ideas, and took an early 7-1 lead to start the third game.

The Hawks were never really close in the first set, losing 25-13.

"We just weren't putting any



Cheyenne Morin

The women hope practice makes perfect as they look to improve on their poor play last weekend.

effort into it. Everybody looked like they were sleeping on the court," first-year power Erin Pearson said.

"We just figured we'd walk through other teams because we've beat them already and we didn't play like we could."

Though closer in the second set, the Hawks still looked lost on the court, with poor communication and no serious answer to

Durham's strong play at the net.

Durham would eventually take the second set 25-19, putting the Hawks in a do-or-die situation heading into their last round robin game against Loyalist.

The Hawks were unable to come together and lost the first game 25-20, eliminating them from contention.

The team ended the tournament on a good note however, as

the Hawks' bench squad played a determined offensive game, defeating Loyalist 25-22.

Head coach Chris Wilkins said that overconfidence played a major role in the Hawks' poor performance this weekend.

"We weren't very good mentally. We made a lot of mistakes," Wilkins said. "We've got to work hard for every point, work hard for every game, and we didn't."

Humber grad winging it in Philly

Ontario lacrosse standout goalie is ready to compete in the big leagues

ERIC COLLINS
STAFF REPORTER

Making it to a professional sport league is a dream for most, but for Humber graduate Scott Patterson it is a reality.

"I think it's every kid's dream to play professionally for any sport that they like to play," Patterson said. "It was a goal of mine, but never a dream. Dreams don't usually come true, setting a goal usually works better."

Patterson, who graduated last year with a diploma in landscape design, was chosen 25th overall by the Philadelphia Wings of the National Lacrosse League (NLL) in the 2004 entry draft.

Despite his athletic abilities, Patterson never wore the blue and gold for any Hawks team because he was too busy juggling school

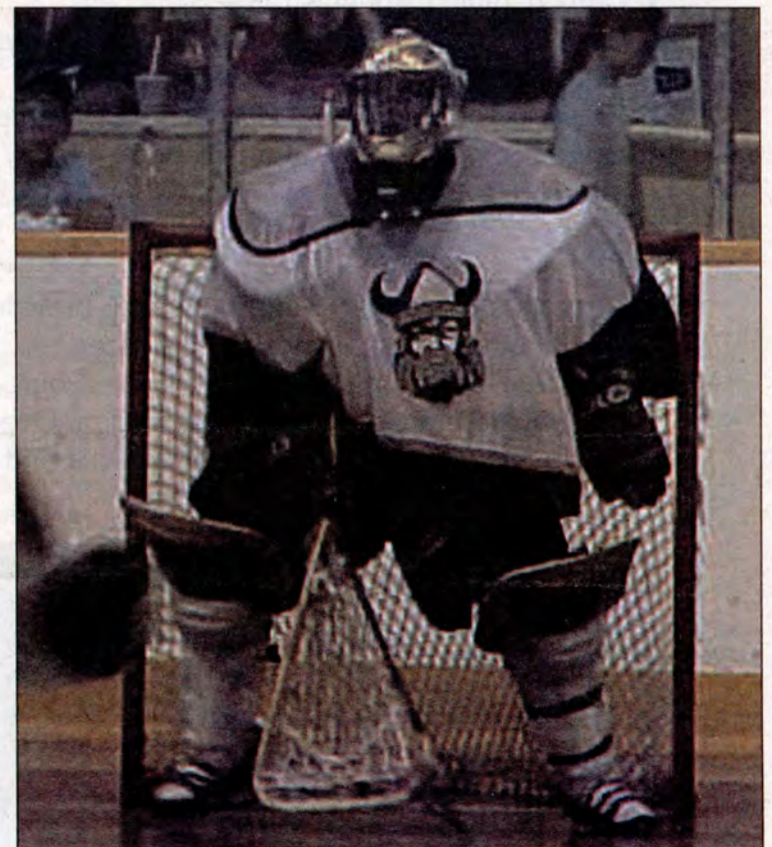
with stopping shots for the Orangeville Northmen of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

Last season, Patterson posted an impressive 6.50 goals-against average (GAA), earning him the Robert Melville Memorial Award for the lowest GAA in the province. This year he will compete for the starting job with the Wings' Dallas Eliuk, who just turned 40.

Patterson is fully aware it won't be a cakewalk because many things will differ from what he's used to.

For example, the nets used in the NLL are five inches wider than those used in the junior development leagues.

"My style of play is going to change because of the bigger nets," he said. "I hope that I will be ready."



Courtesy

Scott Patterson is leaving his former team, the Orangeville Northmen, to test his skills in the NLL with the Philadelphia Wings.