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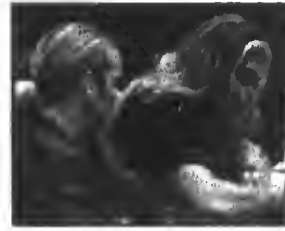
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McGuinty shops for students' support

BY DAVID SMITH
Queen's Park Reporter

Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty's pre-election campaign made a stop at Humber College Wednesday. In the wake of a lavish fundraiser, McGuinty presented his platform, and his plans for public education to a packed community room.

"Government has a responsibility to ensure that we continue to support the very best publicly-funded education at the primary, secondary and post-secondary levels," said McGuinty.

Humber SAC president Tracy Boyer said she was impressed with the content of McGuinty's plan but is quite concerned about a lack of specifics.

"It's good for students. I'm a little concerned that (McGuinty) was a little non-committal in terms of actual dollars. But I'm glad that education is back in the forefront of discussion," said Tracy Boyer.

Speaking of Ontario as an extended family, McGuinty argued that government must invest in its people in order to be successful and competitive in the world market. One such investment is guaranteeing opportunity across the board.

"We extend the ladder and people do the climbing. That ladder is education," said McGuinty.



PHOTO BY JANA CHOLASTA

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Is there a baby to kiss? Gearing up for the next election, Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty visited Humber's North campus.

Compromise could save constitution

BY GREG DI CRISCI
Editorial Staff

Administrators on the Council of Student Affairs say they were set-up to trash SAC's proposed constitutional changes during a meeting on March 26, according to one administrator.

Only a last minute compromise saved the entire proposal, which has already cost students \$20,000 in consultation fees, from being voted down.

The proposed constitution is designed to give SAC greater autonomy from CSA, and would put hundreds of thousands of dollars into the hands of the student government.

The controversy started after the student representatives on the CSA took their revised constitutional model to Humber President Robert Gordon for approval before the council had a chance to look at it.

"I thought we were walking through this process together," said Pat Ferbyack, CSA member and Lakeshore associate principal.

"Now I feel like we are being set-up, being made to blow it up and look like the bad guy," said Ferbyack, who accused students of trying to "ram" the new proposal through.

The CSA needs a two-thirds majority - eight out of the 11 members - to support a motion if it is to succeed. With four administrators on the council, they can defeat any student proposal if they vote as a block. Boyer said the students went to see the president to help fast-track the proposal, not to derail it.

"It's a timing issue," she said.

Boyer added that under the bylaws of the CSA there has to be 21 days between CSA's acceptance of the proposal and the Annual General Meeting on April 30. Without the 21-day gap, no vote on the new constitution can take place at the AGM, and the whole process will have to start again next year.

"We've got to start something right now," said Lakeshore vp Toby Warnell.

Contacted after the meeting, Gordon said he didn't understand what was holding up the process.

See **CSA 4**

Ooops! New prez may lose post

BY EDYTA ZDANCEWICZ
SAC Reporter

President-elect Muhammad Virk might be unable to assume the role of SAC North president after Council of Student Affairs (CSA) officials learned his status as an international student may conflict with immigration policies.

"From the college's point of view, we need a ruling from Immigration Canada, and if they say he cannot earn money and he must be a full-time student, then I think he has to step down," said Humber College President Robert Gordon.

According to Immigration Canada, international students must be enrolled as full-time students to be eligible to work on campus.

They also cannot hold a position which could otherwise be occupied by a Canadian citizen.

If Virk becomes president, he would have to change to part-time enrolment, an apparent violation of immigration rules.

The CSA, which is in charge of the elections, and the Chief Returning Officer (CRO) found out that Virk is an international student after the election results were released. Maggie Hobbs, director of Student Affairs, added she learned of Virk's status from an unsuccessful presidential candidate, Corbie Kent.

"It is my job to check a candidate's eligibility under the stated criteria in the SAC North Constitution," Hobbs said.

"I checked up on his status and he fulfilled the requirements of a minimum 65

per cent GPA (grade point average), full-time status as defined by the Registrars' Office, and is a full fee paying student.

"But there is no mention of checking for international status criteria in the SAC North Constitution," Hobbs said.

"It is the responsibility of the student to maintain their status with immigration not the college's," Hobbs added.

Virk said that a lot of people close to the elections knew he was an international student.

It was not something that he kept hidden, he added.

"Right now I'm a student representative for SAC, so they all know I'm an international student," said Virk.

The controversy stemmed from this week's election in which 313 students cast ballots for Virk. Kent finished second with 239 votes.

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A Peek at Real Inside Life - First edition

Sale of Humber's CanadArm to Russia breeds outrage, sadness

By JONATHAN GLEN
Atmosphere Reporter

A planned removal is lighting fears of other looming sabotage.

NASA announced last week that it would be removing the CanadArm, situated by the L wing at North Campus, and selling it to Russia.

NASA spokesperson Sydd Fynch said the CanadArm will be affixed to the space station Mir, and used for repairs on the crumbling structure.

"There are very serious concerns that the thing could die any day now," Fynch said.

"(NASA) has put a lot of money into that program, and we want to do anything we can to help keep Mir going."

This plan includes removing what has been a hallmark of Humber scenery. The Arm will be pulled out of the ground late next week, and delivered to Cape Canaveral. The Russian space program will be paying NASA \$285 US for the equipment. NASA is picking up the transportation costs.

"Frankly, that's about the best we could get," Fynch said. "It's been sitting outside for almost a decade now, and we don't even know if it's going to work."

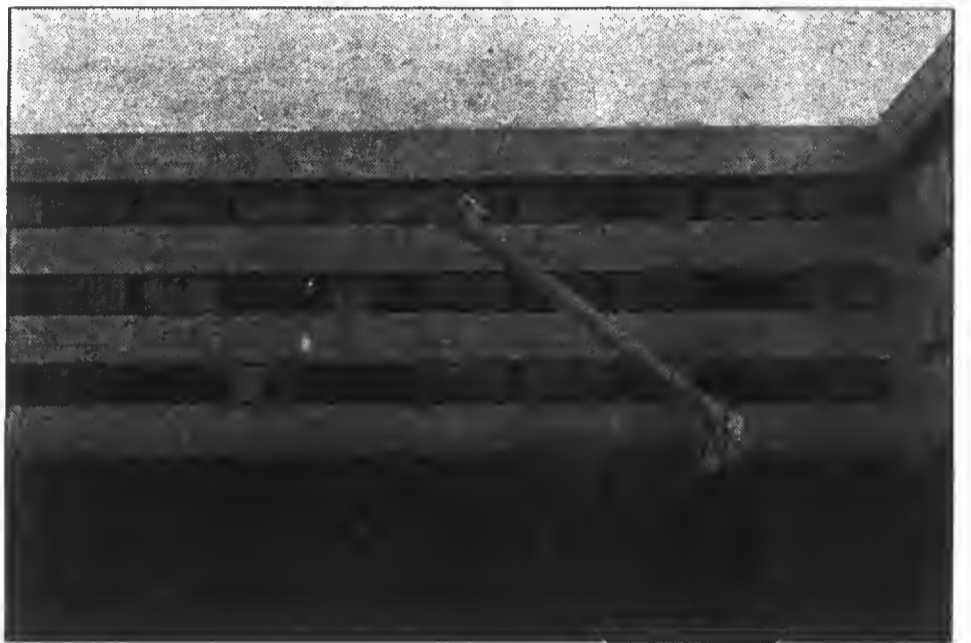
If the arm doesn't function properly, Humber College may be in for a lawsuit.

"We're concerned, you could say," said director of technological appropriations Nicholas Neündohr. "Humber students have done some damage to the thing since we got it, and I don't know how well it's going to work."

That damage includes numerous toilet paper incidents, at least 12 reported cases of bungee jumping, and the infamous case of 1994, when three students stole the CanadArm and hung it out their residence window.

Current Humber students aren't happy about losing their landmark.

"First we lost the football stadium, then the water park, and now this," grouched fifth-year Computer Programming student Becky Thatcher. "Pretty soon, the saunas in the basement will be all we have left."



FILE PHOTO

In 1994, three adventurous students stole the CanadArm and dangled it out of their residence room window. Pranks like this won't happen at Humber anymore, because NASA plans to take the CanadArm back and sell it to Russia.

Star Wars at Woodbine

Et Cetera has learned that sneak previews of *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* will be coming to Etobicoke.

The film will be screened for test audiences at the Woodbine Centre Cinemas on Thursday, April 1, at 2 p.m., 4:20 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. The film is being shown under the pseudonym *Baby Geniuses*, which was George Lucas' nickname in film school.

One of the most anticipated films of the year, *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* has been showing since March 28 at the Carlton Cinemas at Yonge and Carlton Sts., under the name *Children of Heaven* (*Children of Heaven* was the original title for the movie).

-Pat Jablonski

Long-time Rez dweller: 'This is really gonna suck'

By HERMUT DWELLER
Abode and Shelter Reporter

Humber students who think their residence rooms are tight now are in for a shock next September.

Beginning next year, the school will be radically changing the face of residence life at the college. Proposed plans include doubling up roommates in single rooms, moving some rooms to the upper floor of the L wing, and busing North campus students from the cottages at Lakeshore.

As well, students will be offered a subsidy if they agree to move out of residence and into the college's new naturalist reserve near Orangeville.

"Obviously, we have a paradigm problem with the transcendental nature of the immovability of some residential dwellers," said Dr. Usa Beegward, director of residential displacement for Humber.

"As such, we need to make sure they do what we tell them in terms of not being in those places then, when it happens."

The plans call for each current single room to hold at least two students next year. Beegward hopes most of those pairs can be comprised of present couples looking to make the next step.

"Obviously, it's much easier if they are already comfortable sleeping in the same bed," she said. "We're not going to have enough room for another bed, so we hope new roommates who may not have met yet can get to know each other quickly - very quickly."

The school is also building Presidential Suites above L Wing, where the Media Studies department is located. There had been a cage locking people out

of the space, but on Thursday, the school will unveil the new facilities.

The five-bedroom units will be leased in six-year increments, for \$1200 a month. November is free.

"There are a number of students who don't graduate, or don't commit themselves, and end up here longer than normal," said Third Floor Condominiums Development representative Philler Wyth - Bews.

"The least we can do is provide a place to live so they can be more comfortable for the next decade or so."

As for the cottages, Bews said the plan is far-fetched, unlikely, and has not, in fact, ever come up.

"I have studied this, or I would have studied it, except nobody has heard anything about it," she said. "In fact, the concept is entirely ridiculous, has never been broached, and merits further looking into."

Bews admitted the Orangeville plan was really just an excuse to get rid some of Humber's more notorious students.

"The idea is, we tell them there will be a shuttle bus to and from school, and a naturalist reserve on Broadway near Hwy. 10. In fact, we will just drop them off, naked, on the side of the road, and let the Shelburne OPP have some fun with them."

These students are believed to include the ones who stole the CanadArm in 1994, as well as the infamous "Tiretaking Three," who have been running rampant this year, stealing car tires and replacing them with exact replicas.

Bews hopes to have all the plans in place in time for the start of Arena Football season.

What's up?

■ Flying fury

Flamingoes are trying to take over the world, according to a small anti-flamingo militia.

The Flamingo Research and Awareness Team (FRAT) has been spreading anti-flamingo propaganda for the past three years.

The group is convinced that given enough time, flamingoes will replace humans as dominant species.

They argue that plastic lawn flamingoes are a welcome wagon for their real-life counterparts to begin the take over process.

To stop impending doom, FRAT members urge others to destroy as many lawn flamingoes as possible.

Those are the pink ones.

■ Dancing toons

Pick up your dancing shoes and your pacifiers - the Moffats are coming to the Student Centre. The Moffats, Canada's answer to Hanson, will be making a special appearance at Humber on April 1, in support of their latest single, "You and Me and Barney Makes Three."

The performance will be held in the Student Centre because nobody in the band is old enough to go into Caps after 11 a.m.

Lead singer Billy Moffat, also known as "the cute one," said he didn't know how many fans would show up. "I think college students may be a bit old for us," he said. "But I hear they've got a pretty good daycare."

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University rates to jump

Officials expect university enrollment to rise up to 30 per cent in the next decade, according to studies that will be released next week.

The expected jump will put a crunch on school budgets, and may hurt technological programs, Ryerson president Claude LaJeunesse said.

The majority of the extra students are expected to come from the Baby Boom Echo — that is, the children of Baby Boomers.

The studies, conducted by Price Waterhouse and Angus Reid, say only five per cent of university graduates are unemployed, and that jobs for post-secondary grads jumped 27 per cent in the years 1992-97.

-Toronto Star

Paper cuts

BY ERIC MCGILLIVRAY
News Reporter

The National Post buyers at the school may have been overcharged for the last paper they bought at the bookstore.

The bookstore has been charging PST on the Post, even though all other newspapers have only the GST added to the cost.

Mitch Walker, manager of the campus bookstore, said customers should not be charged the extra tax.

"It was an oversight on our part," he said.

The paper, which cost 54 cents with GST, had another 4 cents added on for the PST.

Michelle Grantham, director of customer service at the Post said that only GST should apply to the paper.

Walker said he would inform his cashiers that only GST applies to papers that the store sells.

Walker said he will phone the National Post to find out exactly what they should be charging.

According to a government spokesperson, books that contain no ads have no PST. Magazines that are distributed in newspapers, at events, or purchased through a subscription are exempt.

Students who feel that they have been overcharged should bring it to the store's attention, he said.

Incoming students face decisions as application fees continue to rise

BY CAMILLA PINTER
News Reporter

The price of applying to colleges and universities in Ontario has almost doubled in the last two years, but officials claim the money is necessary to offer students the proper services.

Students moving on to post-secondary education this fall were forced to pay a non-refundable application fee of \$65 to the Ontario College Application Service (OCAS), or \$85-\$95 to the Ontario Universities Application Centre (OUAC).

Paul Sullivan, a guidance counsellor at St. Peter's Secondary School in Peterborough, said the price of education in this country is ridiculous.

"The price of education is becoming out of (reach) for students, and I fear that Canada will become a poor country without properly educated people," Sullivan said.

Jeannine d'Enpremonp' Farrar, director of communication services at OCAS, said the \$65 fee provides students with a number of services. Students are able to make five program choices.

"The fee enables students to make an unlimited number of changes to their program choices," she said.

OCAS makes about 50,000 changes per cycle.

"People can phone in without being charged extra if they want to make a change to their program," d'Enpremonp' Farrar said.

Other services include a toll free number, where students can phone in from anywhere in the province. She said there is also a website students can use.

"As a program locator, the website allows people to check up on the status of their program."

Students are becoming very concerned with the high costs of the application fees.

"I think it's a rip off charging us \$65 just to apply," said Spencer Hickey, a Humber applicant for the up-coming school year. "It will cost me enough to pay for school, without the application fees being raised." Hickey graduated from high school four years ago, and has decided to apply to various colleges, including Humber.

Keira Petty, a second-year Legal Assistant student, said she had to pay even more in application fees.

"On top of the normal application fee, I had to pay an extra \$60 (internal application fee), required by the University of Toronto."

Adele DiLoreto, a counsellor at the

Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School, in Mississauga, said she doesn't understand the high application fees either.

"I find that our students find it extremely difficult. They don't understand where all the money is going," said DiLoreto.

According to OUAC executive director Greg Marcotte, only \$20 of the \$85 goes to the application centre.

"The other \$65 is shipped back to the universities to cover shipment and liaison costs."

Dianne Crocker, senior associate director of policy and national recruitment at York University, said that each university is given a different amount, depending on how many applications they receive.

"The Council of Ontario Universities uses a formula to determine how much each school gets."

Crocker said the money goes towards different things such as the registrars and computer systems offices.

Janice Winton, executive director of finances at Ryerson, said the money goes towards the budget of the admissions office, which is responsible for processing all of the applications.

"It also covers the salaries of people in that department, benefits, postage, equipment and paper," she said.

Humber Academic Vice-President Richard Hook said he doesn't feel good about the high cost of applying to schools.

"I have a feeling that it's beginning to exclude young people from getting the skills needed to thrive in a highly competitive workforce."

He does, however, feel that the OCAS and OUAC fees are intended to provide better service for students.

"For example, some of the fee is looking towards designing a new program where students would only be required to write one admissions test per application."

Currently, students may be required to write a test for each college they have applied to. This new program would save applicants the hassle of having to go all over the place for various testing.

"They need money to provide these kinds

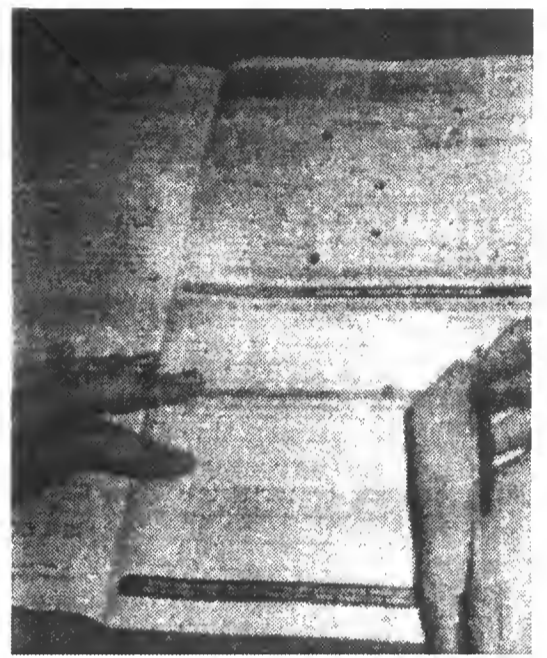


PHOTO BY CAMILLA PINTER

Prospective post-secondary students can't just think about where to apply. They must also weigh the costs of sending in their application.

of services," said Hook.

According to Marcotte, the fees haven't deterred applicants.

"It hasn't a bit. I think \$85 is a small price to pay compared to tuition fees."

So far, Marcotte said the centre had received 58,040 applications from secondary school students, and 15,178 from non-secondary school applicants.

St. Peter's Sullivan has not seen a decline in applications from students at his school.

"However, more are choosing local schools because they can't afford the living and tuition costs outside their home town."

The money involved

UNIVERSITIES

What OUAC makes out of the application fees

73,218x\$20=\$1,464,360

What universities makes out of the application fees

73,218x\$65=\$4,759,170

COLLEGES

The number of applications received so far by OCAS

approx. 90,000x\$65=\$5,850,000

The approximate number of applications to be received over the summer by OCAS

40,000x\$65=\$2,600,000

The approximate number of applications OCAS receives in a year

150,000x\$65=\$9,750,000

The numbers above are used for application processing fees, as well as extra funding of various kinds for colleges.

-CP

A loan correction

Et Cetera would like to make a correction in the article "Dealing with your loan", published last week, that concerns paying student loans after graduation.

First, 6,000 students at Humber receiving student loans will have anywhere from \$1,000 to \$25,000 to pay back by the time they graduate.

Also, when paying back stu-

dent loans, some students, but not all, will be eligible for student grants. Grants are the newer term for loan forgiveness.

It is Financial Aid that has important information for those who received OSAP during their time here at Humber College.

The newspaper apologizes for the errors.

Gatehouse fundraiser at Caps

Humber North SAC has confirmed the lineup for next week's Gatehouse fundraiser at Caps.

On April 7, Ron Hawkins and the Rusty Nails, Ron Sexsmith, Noah Mintz and Howie Beck will be lending their musical talents to a worthy cause. All proceeds will go towards the Gatehouse, a shelter for abused children. The Gatehouse is adjacent to the cottages at Lakeshore campus.

The event will also feature a raffle for celebrity donations. Tickets are \$3 for students and \$5 for guests. Doors open at 8 p.m. For more information, see page 8.

Collision rates on the rise

By ERIC MCGILLIVRAY
News Reporter

Parents thinking of putting their kids through driver education courses should wait until the summer.

In a Ministry of Transportation Ontario study students that have driver education training have 45 per cent more collisions than drivers without training.

The MTO is still working on the study that is trying to determine why novice drivers who took driver education have more collisions than people who don't. The survey result is expected this summer.

Leo Tasca, a senior researcher for the Safety Research Branch of the MTO, said the study looked at 10,000 novice drivers (16-19) for the study. They followed this target audience in both the G1 and G2 portions of the licensing system.

"This group of drivers makes up the largest population of drivers," Tasca said. "Historically, young drivers are over represented in collisions."

The study also looked at drivers with driver training in different age brackets. Drivers aged 20-24 had seven per cent more collisions. The 25-34 age group had 2 per

cent higher collisions than the average. Drivers aged 35-40 had four per cent less collisions.

The MTO has estimated that about 10 per cent of the drivers, who say they received no driver education training, probably have.

The results of the study could be wrong by a plus or minus of 10 per cent.

Tasca said that the results are just preliminary, as the MTO is doing research into driving schools.

According to the MTO, novice drivers are being given questionnaires to determine what type of training they are getting, and how much time are they spending in the car and in the class.

Tasca said that traditionally, students in driver education courses receive about 30 hours of class and six hours in car lessons.

Driving schools are not happy with the MTO study.

Anna Chutko, who is in office management at Sears driver training, said that they looked at the figures of the study.

"We have questions about how those figures are reached," Chutko said.

A Driving School Association person with Central driving school also had simi-



PHOTO BY ERIC MCGILLIVRAY

While police are setting up speed traps to curb the number of collisions, the provincial government is studying the training given to novice drivers at Ontario's driving schools.

lar concerns with the study.

The Central spokesperson said the study didn't look at the schools these drivers went to, or who these people are.

"They simply took raw data and put it

on a report," the spokesperson said.

Driving schools can charge up to \$600, and they can all give out certificates. But the amount and type of driving can differ from school to school.

CSA turmoil

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holding up the process.

"I didn't get the details (from the students), we just talked in general principles," he said. "I'm not sure what is bothering my staff."

What saved the constitution from being tanked at the meeting was student-hired consultant Jim Mackay's suggestion that a small group of CSA members be given authority to hammer out a deal for the whole.

Harvey, Ferbyack, Warnell, and Boyer agreed to be members of the group.

Virk realized problem

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Two weeks before the election decision Virk said he realized that his status as an international student may could be a problem.

He said the revelation came to light during a meeting with Dalyce Newby, co-ordinator of the Inter-Cultural Centre, but he failed to look into the issue himself or inform the CSA.

Virk said he is unhappy with the how the college has handled the situation.

"I don't think Humber College is being fair to me. I'm a good student, I didn't think that this

would ever happen," he added.

Outgoing SAC president, Tracy Boyer said it is apparent that things need to be changed.

"It's part of the process. We revised and revised the elections process as best as we could, but sometimes you see that things don't work," she added.

When contacted, Newby declined to comment.

An appeal was presented by presidential candidate, Corbie Kent based on other issues which had surfaced during and after the elections but will require further investigation.

Schools deal in design

BY TIM FORAN
Et Cetera Staff

Sheridan College and York University are offering a joint bachelor of design degree in a move that increases pressure on other schools to pursue similar partnerships.

The provincial government has urged schools to form partnerships in order to "maximize their dollar," said Philip Silver, York's dean of fine arts.

However, the move was natural because of the existing relationship between teachers in both schools, he said.

York's faculty of fine arts and Sheridan's school of animation, arts and design will each offer the four-year honours degree.

Sheldon Levy, president of Sheridan College agreed that the partnership made sense. The new program eliminates the need for a student to obtain both a Fine Arts degree and a diploma in design— together almost seven years of schooling, he said.

"The old way, transfer between the two institutions doesn't work well at all," Levy said. "I think Ontario has to get with it [and form partnerships.]"

However, Humber College President, Robert Gordon, said transfer is still an effective method of schooling. Humber College is currently examining numerous partnerships that would include both a diploma from Humber and a degree in a related field through a university.

Unfortunately, joint degrees are usually accompanied by higher tuition, Gordon said. York and Sheridan's new degree will cost \$6,100 a year, according to Levy.

"It's like going to the Ivy League," Gordon said. "Harvard's tuition is \$28,000 a year. Who can afford to go? Well, Harvard's answer is that they have tremendous amounts of student help. But, still, if you look at the Ivy League, you tend to get the children of the rich. And I don't think colleges were set up for that."

Humber is "very worried" about gouging students for prominent programs, Gordon added.

Despite these protests, Levy said that the deregulated tuition for the new design degree is necessary to maintain Sheridan's resources.

"Every dollar that we get from the students goes into the program," Levy said. "There is no profit."

Silver said that York wants to maintain a \$1,000 float above regular tuition levels to offset computer and ancillary fees. The costs can be justified because the students will be entering the workforce faster, he added.

Invest in youth: McGuinty

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"Investing in the younger generation is not only the right thing to do, it's economically sound as part of forming industrial strategy for the 21st century. It's not a matter any longer of choosing what's best for our people or what's best for our bottom line. Our people are our bottom line," said McGuinty.

Speaking to a York University audience earlier this month, the Liberal leader announced plans to reduce tuition by 10 percent, extend OSAP eligibility to part-time students, and remove financial aid barriers to students with part time jobs.

McGuinty has come under recent fire for elud-

ing questions about how he will pay for more than \$2 billion in spending promises.

McGuinty announced his party's economic plan at a March 22 fundraiser. He repeated details in response to questions from a Humber audience.

More than half of the money would come from the federal government's increase in transfer payment to the provinces. The remainder would come from the provincial budget. The Liberals pledge to target what they say is Tory waste: partisan advertising and self-serving agencies.

"We went through this provincial budget with a fine tooth comb, and have found \$1.4 billion in monies which we will use and dedicate it to education," said McGuinty.

SAC (North campus only)	
President	
Muhammad Virk	313
Corbie Kent	239
David Gault	77
Ed Majarais	69
Raj Gogna	29
Vice President	
Chuck Decker	378
David Walanski	153

Board of Governors	
Michelle Derose	441
Raj Gogna	117
Bryan Burke	85
Spoiled ballots	126
Void ballots	1
Total votes	770

For Humber student, Serbian strife strikes too close to home

BY TIM FORAN
Et Cetera Staff

The television flickers with images of molotov cocktails bursting into flames on the United States Consulate on University Ave. The covers of the morning papers show cops carried out on stretchers, riot police guarding them from the encroaching Serbian mob. The radio shows are dense with the voices of angry Canadians. This is our home, they say, if Serbs want to fight the U.S., let them do it somewhere else.

The next night, the Serbs protesting outside the U.S. Consulate are peaceful, but they are angry. Speakers accuse the media of being unfair. They say reports that 1,200 people showed up the night before are grossly underestimated; the number was closer to 7,000. And though each speaker pleads for a peaceful demonstration, the crowd grumbles that it was the police that instigated the riot the night before.

This is why Suzana Kitanovski, a third-year Public Relations student at Humber, went. Her 55-year-old mother, Goca Kitanovski, came the night before, but brought home a very different story than the media told. Goca says even before the riot a policeman had pushed her and called her an idiot and a criminal.

"They wanted to make Serbia look bad," she says, a statement echoed by the crowd. She said these Serbs are bitter, and fully aware of how the media portrays them.

Suzana, on the other hand, carries no such fear. She is admittedly unaware of the politics surrounding the situation. All she knows is that her whole family, besides her single mother, lives in Parachin, a village not far from Belgrade. She understands that NATO strafing presents an imminent danger, a stray bomb could leave her mother and her alone.

What she doesn't know is if that has already happened.

She has tried the phone and the Internet but all lines are busy

"I'm a Canadian Serb," Suzana says "My family is completely non-political but they're being killed right now."

Despite NATO reports of Serb atrocities in Kosovo, Suzana doesn't see how bombing Yugoslavia will solve anything.

"Bombing should be the last option," she says in frustration. "You continue to sit down peacefully until you find a solution."

The protesters signs carry this message. They ridicule Clinton and his impatient diplomacy.

One sign reads "Bill, this time there is blood on the dress." Most signs, however, compare the situation in Kosovo to Quebec. Suzana wonders out loud how Canadians would feel if NATO bombed Ottawa after Quebec tried to separate.

But this is not Quebec. The history of Kosovo is long and complex. Ninety percent of Kosovo is made up of ethnic Albanians, and the majority are Muslim. Suzana understands this but is angry that other countries have become involved in an internal conflict.

If they do separate, she says, Albania and Macedonia



PHOTO BY TIM FORAN

Serbian protestors descended on the American Consulate in Toronto last week to protest NATO's involvement in Kosovo.

do not have the resources to support a new country in its infancy. The Kosovars will starve and die. "It's like taking a baby away from the mother, and then not taking care of it," she says.

In the meantime, Suzana says she will continue to protest, along with her mother. Suzana desperately wants to bring the rest of her family to Canada also. However, her mother is on disability and Suzana has no job.

Canada wants guarantees.

So does Suzana.

Asbestos lurks in halls

BY ERIC MCGILLIVRAY
Et Cetera Staff

Asbestos, a carcinogen, remains within the walls and ceilings of both Humber campuses.

But director of physical resources Bruce Bridgeford said students have nothing to worry about. He said the asbestos is under control and students are safe.

"Should we be warning students about asbestos? No. Because it is not a health hazard if it's contained," he said.

In 1980 the school began removal of the asbestos, and drywall was erected to cover up areas that weren't repaired.

Any contractors must be told about the asbestos and can be given a 20-page summary of where it is.

Earlier efforts to remove some of the asbestos cost at least \$750,000, Bridgeford said.

At the moment, asbestos at the Lakeshore campus is wrapped around pipes, to provide insulation.

Bridgeford said the pipe asbestos is enclosed in a canvas wrapping, so it's only a concern if the canvas is damaged.

The third floor of the H building in the North campus also houses asbestos in the ceiling. The material there has not been encapsulated.

Encapsulation means that the asbestos is covered with a clear spray coating, and the only way it can break is if it is physically smashed.

The encapsulation has already occurred in the J building and the first and second floor of the H building.

"The only type of asbestos we're really concerned about is what they call friable asbestos," Bridgeford said.

Friable asbestos has a crumbly texture, and the fibres can become airborne.

Asbestos was used in the past to provide heat insulation, to strengthen products and to provide fire resistance.

If asbestos is inhaled it can remain in the lungs for a long period of time before causing health problems.

According to the American Lung Association, asbestos causes asbestosis, a scarring of the lungs that lead to breathing problems, heart failure and lung cancer. Asbestos can also cause cancer of the chest lining and abdomen lining.

There are still a couple of areas in the college that have asbestos in the ceiling tiles. Those will be removed this summer, Bridgeford said.

This summer's work is slated for the area outside the president's boardroom.

The ceiling tiles do not contain friable asbestos. The asbestos in this product can only get in the air ducts if the fibres are floating dust particles.

Bridgeford said that could only happen if someone takes and breaks up the ceiling tiles.

All the asbestos in the school is inspected annually by an outside consultant, Bridgeford said.

Ian Jones, the co-chair of Humber's Joint Occupational Health and Safety committees said the group meets twice a month to discuss issues around the school and to look at the information about the asbestos.

"We make sure it (asbestos) is not a hazard," Jones said.

A survey is done monthly and the health and safety co-ordinator goes around with the inspectors to make sure the information they get is accurate

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Fundraising campaign for Canadarm begins

Plans recently announced by NASA to remove the Canadarm from Humber's North campus and sell it to Russia are ridiculous, obscene, and unacceptable.

The arm was a gift to our college, courtesy of then-Canadian-owned Spar Aerospace. Ever since it was erected in 1990, it has stood as an emblem of Humber's continued excellence in the technological fields and, at the same time, made for a pretty good playground for flocks of birds.

We just want to know one thing: How dare they?

NASA said we have no control over this, and that it's out of our "hands." It appears their new pals, the Russians, need it for their poor excuse of a space station called Mir.

That thing should have burned up in our atmosphere ages ago. Now, just because the Russians are willing to pay big bucks – \$285 – we're supposed to play ball? Forget that one.

Is this the Cold War all over again? Once more, Canada has something both the United States and Russia want, but it's not airspace this time. It's much more. Do we give in, and say peacemaking is a good excuse for our paralysis? No way.

Bombing protests: An excuse for violence

The violence in Yugoslavia is being felt all over the world, including here in Toronto. Last week, when NATO began its air strikes, protesters congregated in front of the U.S. Consulate on University Ave. But what was supposed to be a peaceful demonstration turned ugly.

All Canadians have a right to freedom of speech and protest. But, judging from the vandalism and violence that went on there, many of these "protesters" thought they were above the law.

Halloween-style egg throwing is one thing, but when flaming bottles start getting tossed and cops end up seriously injured, the point of the protest is lost, and an excuse for violence begins.

Toronto is well-known for its ethnic diversity. But people who come from war-torn countries in search of a better life should leave their conflicts behind, and that especially includes the violence.

However, as we witnessed last week, it doesn't

Just because our government is indifferent to the loss of our arm, it doesn't mean the students of Humber have to be, too. We are calling upon everyone – staff, students, even the Prez – to help beat the Russians at their own game.

In an effort to show how important the arm is to the overall structure and spirit of the North campus, we want to start a fundraising campaign. Our goal is \$300.

But we want this campaign to include more than just the 15 people in the Newsroom and the four who wrote letters to us this semester. Everybody has

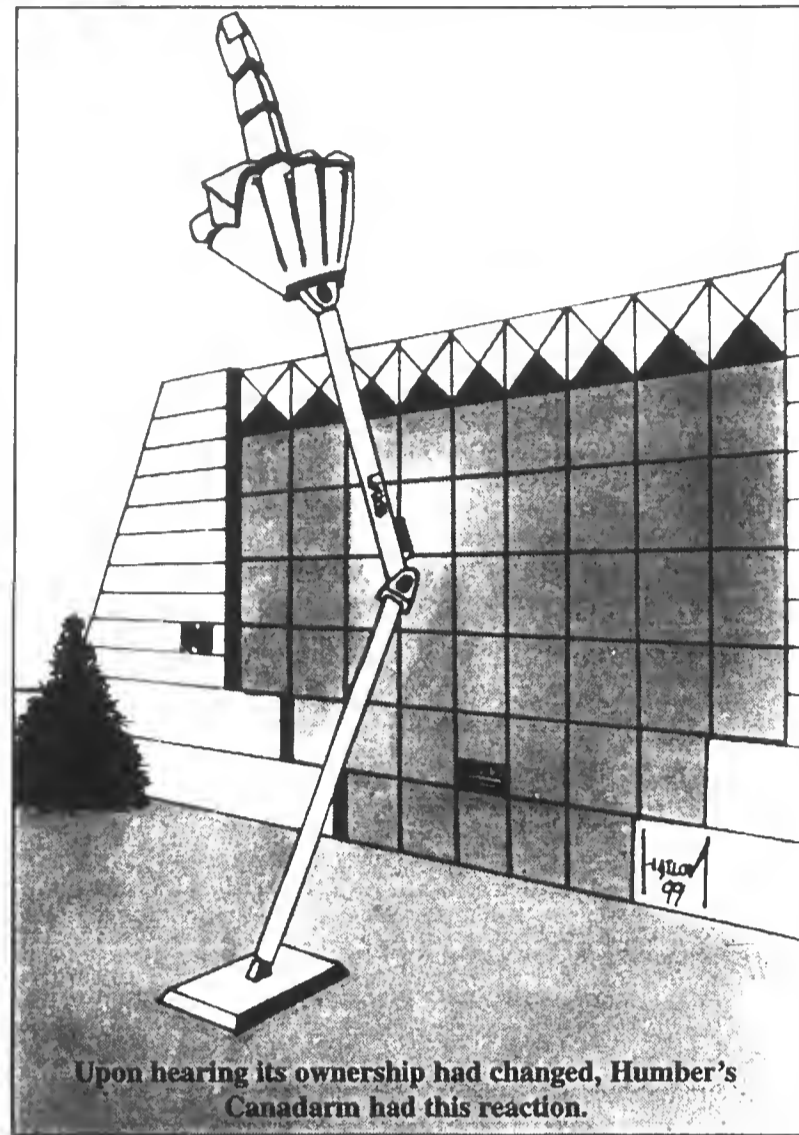
to be involved and lend support to this project, or it won't work.

We can't just sit back and let a piece of our college, a piece of our history no less, be hacked off and pretend nothing's happened.

So let's show a little solidarity, and give some money to a worthwhile cause for a change.

Send cash contributions to:
Give A Hand To The Arm Campaign
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Humber College
Room L231

This is no time to sit back and let a piece of our college, our history, be hacked off.



Upon hearing its ownership had changed, Humber's Canadarm had this reaction.

READER VIEWS

Dear Editor,

The Humber Et Cetera has become one of the many canvasses where the tobacco giants are painting their grim picture. The paint they use is paid for by the pain, the suffering, and ultimately the lives of their customers. The students of Humber College are targets, and the Humber Et Cetera is the unwitting weapon used to deliver a lethal ammunition.

By selling ad space to duMaurier on the back page of the school paper, the Et Cetera joins numerous other sell-outs that assist the tobacco companies to dance around laws that limit their products' influence on younger generations. Created to curb youth smoking, existing laws prohibiting the advertising of cigarettes have seen smoking in 15- to 19-year-olds jump from 21 per cent in 1990 to 27 per cent in 1994. These statistics cry out that these laws are not effective and stricter limitations are required.

The ad in question does not deliver information on any particular event, it merely puts its corporate logo front and centre while applauding its support for the cultural arts in Canada. A paid advertisement is a means to an end, and in this instance, it promotes duMaurier, not an event. Why has no one asked about the advertising impact, where the money comes from, and especially, at what cost?

The absence of cigarettes in the duMaurier ad does not alter its impact on the reader. People readily identify corporate logos with associated products. With an estimated 5.8 million smokers in Canada (1994), cigarette labels and logos are a common sight. Why do we allow the cigarette companies to ply their addictive trade in the open for all to see, especially youth?

The money delivered to various cultural events by the tobacco companies comes from their customers. The over-burdened health care system treats tobacco-related illnesses with taxpayer dollars. In the absence of tobacco-related illnesses in our hospitals, how much of the government's multi-billion-dollar budget could be available to support cultural organizations across Canada?

I feel that there is an increasing amount of advertising space devoted to the events sponsored by the tobacco giants. We have prevented them from advertising cigarettes but we have not prevented them from advertising their product.

We must impose further restrictions upon the advertising done by the tobacco companies. Restrictions will not hinder one's ability to choose, but will reduce the tobacco companies' ability to influence the source of their continued profit, our unsuspecting youth.

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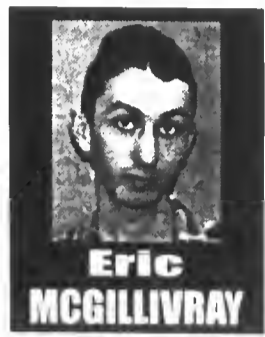
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JUSTICE

Violence against women rising



**Eric
MCGILLIVRAY**

Women are being abused every day. The majority of these abuses are inflicted by men who are known to them: husbands, co-workers, friends, or people they are dating.

Stories of abuse clutter the news. Even the halls of Humber are not entirely safe. Women here have been warned to keep an eye on their drinks at Caps in case someone tries slipping a date-rape drug into their cup.

It might seem strange that a man is writing this article. But I would say that 99 per cent of abuse cases are against women.

Abuse against women is no laughing matter.

We all heard lessons of life from our parents and guardians. One of those messages was surely that it's wrong for men to hit women. Though many of us have followed this advice, there are many who have not.

I'm a volunteer organizer with the White Ribbon campaign in Canada, which was formed by men to tell men violence against women is wrong. Our slogan is that men will not commit, condone, nor remain silent while women are abused.

Every year, a vigil is organized to honour the memory of the 14 women who lost their lives at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. They were killed by a man who was upset women were accepted into the engineering program, and he was not.

Nearly 10 years after this massacre occurred, some of the facts provided by White Ribbon with respect to sexual assaults are more startling than ever.

Almost 57 per cent of sexual assault victims are raped while out on a date. Every 17 minutes, a sexual assault is committed in Canada. Ninety per cent of the victims are female - half are under 17.

One in four sex offenders are adolescents. One in two Canadian women have experienced physical or sexual violence since the age of 16. The risk of rape is four times higher for women between 16 and 24 than women of

other ages. But besides the work of White Ribbon and other such organizations, what is really being done to protect women in this country?

Shelters that house battered women are full, and women (who are often put on waiting lists to get in) are left with nowhere to turn.

So they usually end up back in the arms of their abusers.

The government must act to reform the justice system and impose harsher punishments on men who commit such crimes.

The system must also be changed so female victims will not fear they will be called liars. They must feel comfortable, safe, and secure enough to report their stories to police. Instead, what we have now is a system which practically tells men that beating women is a minor crime.

No crime against a woman is minor. How many more massacres must occur before society looks seriously at doing something about this crisis?

Eric McGillivray is a second-year journalism student.

Campus Wire

■ **McGill**

(www.tribune.montreal.qc.ca)

More than 10,000 Quebec students took part in the Stand for Education March through downtown Montreal last week. Sixty-one student unions helped organize the event, including McGill's Students' Society. The demonstration was intended to protest the government's lack of reinvestment in the province's educational institutions. Post-secondary education subsidies have been cut by \$750 million since 1995. Students say the \$650 million promised for education in Quebec's last budget will not suffice.

■ **Western**

(www.gazette.uwo.ca)

Students are celebrating the release of Viagra into London's stores. On March 8, Health Canada approved the drug's sale in this country with a doctor's prescription. Several pharmacies received their shipments last Wednesday and the drug went on sale the next day. Viagra was finally legalized after health officials were satisfied it was safe, effective, and of high quality.

■ **Brock**

(www.brocku.ca/press)

A new bachelor of arts program in Popular Culture has received international attention. The program's launch was the very reason Brock was chosen to host the International Association for the Study of Popular Music (IASPM) last weekend. Formed in 1981, the organization endeavors to promote the analysis of popular music. Presenters came from as far away as the United Kingdom to present essays. One presenter discussed the history of the Beatles' song *Strawberry Fields Forever*.

■ **Waterloo**

(www.imprint.uwaterloo.ca)

Canadian novelist Mordecai Richler delivered a keynote address to a packed house at Waterloo's Humanities Theatre on March 23. The focus of the talk was on English-French relations. Commenting on Quebec's identity issues, Richler said anglophones haven't lost their heads yet, just their apostrophes. As far as who are the "real" Canadians, he said all of us are immigrants and therefore should be treated equally. In reference to future Quebec referendums on separation, Richler suggested that the politicians should follow a format similar to NHL hockey - a best of seven series.

THE OPPOSITE OF SEX

When Greg met Rose



**Greg
DI CRESCE**

About a month ago I wrote a letter aimed at killing a friendship. I simply couldn't stand being friends with Rose (that's what I'll call her) anymore. My stomach turned every time I was near her. Every so-called platonic visit I made to her flat off the Danforth left me feeling ill. Maybe it wasn't that I couldn't stand Rose as much as I couldn't stand myself.

Whatever it was, I was determined to end the charade. I told her in the letter that the next time we saw each other I was going to kiss her. Piss on platonic love. Piss on three years of "friendship."

It's just an immutable truth: men and women can't be friends. Nature just won't allow it to be. Any man who claims to be involved in a strictly platonic relationship with a woman is either a liar, or a eunuch.

Okay, I can hear the nay-sayers (predominantly female) clucking, "That's just some shallow Hollywood clap-trap you picked up from *When Harry Met Sally*." But to dismiss it as "Hollywood" thinking is obtuse. It has been my experience that many women collect male friends like men collect sports cars. The larger her stable of male friends, the higher her status in the female community.

Impotent, the guys just spin their wheels hoping she might take them out for a ride. It is my belief that a sinister force has led the modern man to publicly unsex himself.

And that mercurial agent, which has stolen men's balls throughout the Western world, hides in the shadows of a seemingly impregnable conceptual fortress - Equality.

I don't mean there is a problem with spiritual or intellectual equality. Nor do I have a problem with economic equality. However, biological equality - the dunderheaded concept that there is no difference between the sexes - is the sort of social construction that confuses the hell out of men, and has women laughing up their sleeves.

A guy's only defence in these socially mixed-up times is to point out the folly of female friendships and hope the truth will come out.

By the way, here's Rose's reply to my letter: "I knew your feelings for me were not strictly platonic. I have known practically from the first... Our friendship is obviously over, but that is how it should be; it had to come out, it has to be spoken of."

Spoken like a woman.

Greg Di Cresce is just a little upset right now.

Weird Newz

DEAD MAN, LIVE SPERM

A woman in California has given birth to a baby using sperm taken from her dead husband, according to the Toronto Star. The birth was the first of its kind in the United States.

Gaby Vernoff gave birth on March 17 to a girl. She was impregnated 30 hours after her husband died from an allergic reaction.

Vernoff said she went ahead and had her late husband's sperm extracted because of all the grief her family was going through.

Reports indicate there could be at least 45 similar cases, but this is the first one to be made public in the U.S. Two years ago, a woman in France did the same thing.

LAUNDRY ART

A Calgary man has taken modern art to the next level by making portraits of celebrities out of lint, the Globe and Mail reports.

Bill Gardner, 42, has the media pounding down his door - from TV talk shows to radio programs - in an effort to find out his secret process. He experimented for over 10 years, making "lint likenesses" out of people like O.J. Simpson and the Queen of England before perfecting his art and going public.

His pictures, which have sold for \$500, are made by placing stencils on the lint screen of his clothes dryer. He only makes the pictures Mondays, which is also his laundry day.

It Is Written

"Everything is possible for him who believes."



- Jesus of Nazareth. Mark 9:23

- Jesus was born on Dec. 25, 0000 in a Bethlehem stable to the Virgin Mary.
- Before he was hailed as the son of God and had a religion based on his teachings, he worked as a carpenter.
- He's known for performing such miracles as changing water into wine, walking on water, and resurrecting his friend Lazarus from the dead.
- Some scholars believe Jesus was attributed the phony middle initial "H" so people would avoid making his name in vain. Others have suggested it stands for Humber.
- At the Last Supper, Jesus was celebrating Passover, which commemorates the Hebrews' liberation from Egyptian slavery.

What's Up in April

**I can't believe it!
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SAC North

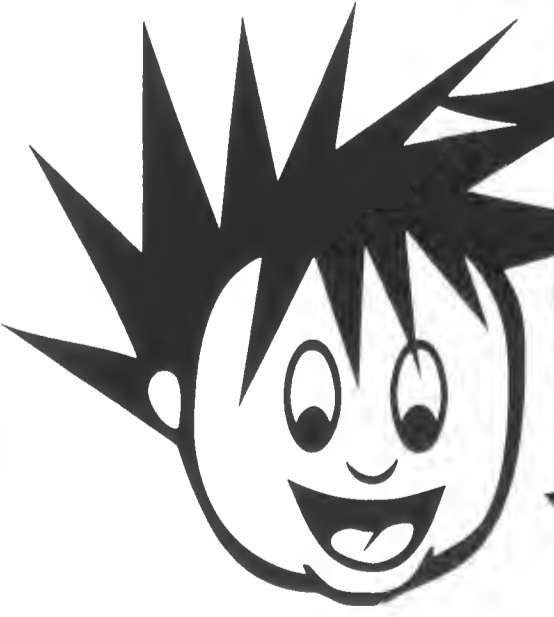
Gatehouse Charity Event ~ In CAPS featuring: • Howie Beck • Ron Howkins & The Rusty Nails • Noah Mintz • Ron Sexsmith	April 7 Students \$3.00 Non-Students \$5.00
Divisional/School Elections Vote in the Concourse 10am-4pm	April 13, 14, 15
SAC & REZ Present FREE Movie Night Office Space 8pm ~ in the Lecture Hall	April 14



Athletics Events Calendar

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A wish from all of us to all of you.
To our grads, we hope your years at Humber have been gratifying and memorable.
Wishing you much success & happiness



To our returning students, a very safe & happy summer.
See you in September

Council of Student Affairs

Divisional/School Elections Vote in the Concourse 10am-4pm	April 13, 14, 15
Student Appreciation Banquet	April 13
CSA Annual General Meeting 3pm in the Student Centre	April 13

Lakeshore

With Gatehouse fundraiser, North campus takes up Lakeshore's cause

By ANDREW MCKAY
Editorial Staff

On April 7, Humber's North campus will get out to help out one of Lakeshore's favorite organizations.

SAC North has organized its second annual fundraiser for the Gatehouse. The event will be held at Caps.

This year, SAC vp Kenn Bell has lined up a number of notable recording artists. These include Ron Hawkins and the Rusty Nails, Ron Sexsmith, Noah Mintz and Howie Beck.

All the door proceeds will be contributed to the Gatehouse. As well, Caps has agreed to match the total revenue, and SAC will be making a contribution as well.

Bell said the artists agreed to significantly lower their usual fees to lend a hand to the Gatehouse cause.

"They're all supportive of the cause," Bell said.

"That's why we got such a cheap rate."

Bell said artists like Sexsmith usually command a fee of \$3000 per performance. However, this year's roster, in total, should only cost \$2600.

Bell said he hopes North campus students turn out to help the Gatehouse, and not just to see the bands.

"We want people definitely in it for the cause," Bell said. "We want the crowd to see a good concert, and to see it for a good cause."

As well as the entertainment, SAC will be holding a celebrity auction of sorts. Such bands as the Tragically Hip, Big Wreck, Hayden and the Watchmen have each made contributions. These ranging from an autographed Hip

poster to a complete vinyl and CD collection of Hayden's recordings. As well, SAC has a number of t-shirts and posters to give out, and Sony Playdium has donated several hundred \$5 vouchers for the evening.

Bell said SAC was impressed by the contribution from groups who aren't appearing at the event.

"With guys like the Hip, they can't be here physically, but they want to contribute. I love that," he said.

Bell said he hopes to double last year's contribution to the Gatehouse. The first fundraiser raised \$1000.

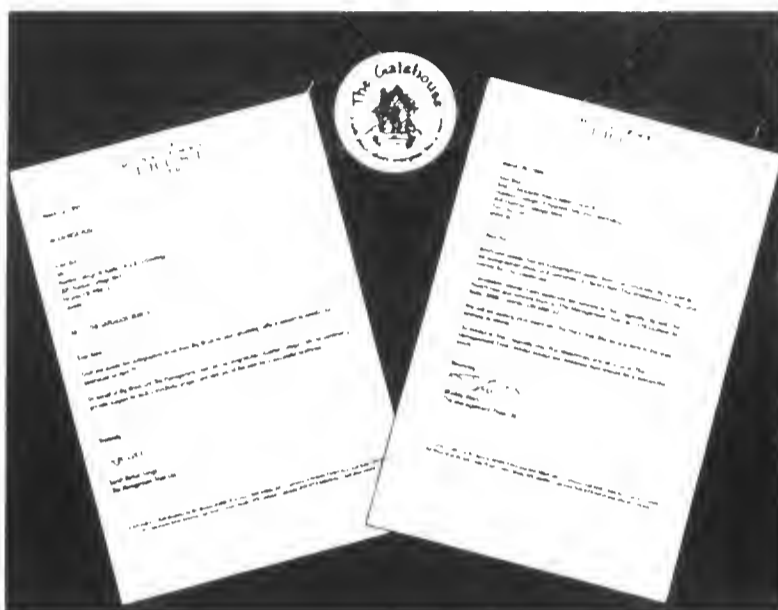
Bell said the number of donations is important, because the Gatehouse is a self-sufficient operation.

"The Gatehouse needs (the money) to operate," he said. "From what I know, they get no government assistance."

Last year's event was thrown together at the last second, Bell said. This year, SAC members have been working since early January to put on a quality event.

"In the last two weeks, it has gotten bigger and better," Bell said.

Bell said it's important for students to help out charities like the Gatehouse, and going to a concert is an easy way



Letters from the Tragically Hip, Big Wreck and the Watchmen lend weight to next week's Gatehouse fundraiser at Caps. The event starts at 8 p.m., April 7.

to contribute.

"It'll be good to see the students down the road, where each Humber College student who attends will be able to say 'hey, I was a part of it!'"

Tickets are \$3 for students, and \$5 for guests.

Theatre Humber serves up the Bard

By SHANNA RUNDLE
Et Cetera Staff

Murder, love, and mayhem have arrived at Humber College's Lakeshore campus as Theatre Humber presents Twelfth Night and MacBeth.

Mark Schoenberg, in his ninth year as artistic director, said this is the third consecutive year that theatre students have "done the double Shakespearean plays."

Schoenberg said he chose the plays because they were two of Shakespeare's best dramas.

"(They are) very different," he said. "One (drama) is a dark tragedy and the other is a light comedy."

It provides for a good contrast, he said.

MacBeth is the dark tragedy. Set in ancient Scotland, the drama tells the story of one man who is murdered because of his ambition.

The other drama, Twelfth Night, is the exact opposite of MacBeth. Schoenberg called it one of the greatest comedies ever written.

"(It's the) story of two identical twins that are shipwrecked (on a faraway island)," said Schoenberg. He also said that the girl, Viola, believes her brother is dead and "poses as her brother. She tries to disguise herself until she figures out what she wants to do with her life."

He also said the play focuses on how the brother

deals with the sister.

"They get themselves in a huge love affair (because) everybody's falling in love with her," he said. The play also deals with mistaken identity because everyone in the play is mistaking the girl for the brother.

Twelfth Night started on Mar. 31 and runs on opposite nights and afternoons from MacBeth.

Schoenberg praised the students for doing a good job on the plays.

"You will find no better work in any institution in North America," he said. "It's as good as it gets. I see no reason why these plays shouldn't be successful."

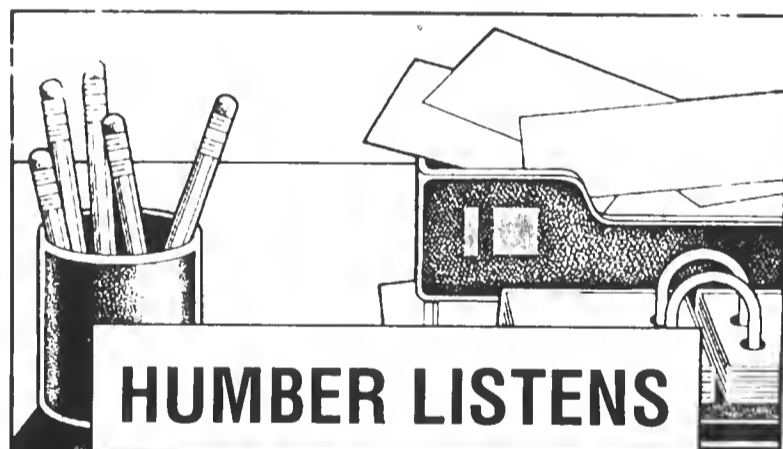
All proceeds from the plays will go to the theatre program. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students and seniors. The two plays run on the following schedules:

MacBeth:
Evenings- Mar. 30, April 1, April 8, April 10 at 8 p.m.

Matinees-April 3rd at 2:00 on weekends
Twelfth Night
Evenings- Mar. 31, April 3, April 7, April 9
Matinees- April 4th, 10, and 11, on weekends at 2:00

Weekday matinees are. April 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, and 14

For more information or reservations please call 675-6622 ext. 3414.



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Also the Call Centre opened in August to provide improved levels of service to prospective and current students.



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On Campus etc

■ Multicultural Week

Members of the community from all walks of life made it out for Etobicoke Multicultural Appreciation Day on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event took place at Martingrove Collegiate Institute. It included several dances, a magic show, and a crafts for kids room.

Ada Stout, a singer originally from Barbados, performed the national anthem and the song *Wonderful World* by Louis Armstrong and a calypso melody.

"I've been performing throughout Canada for a long time, and I'm really privileged to be a part of this festival," she said.

Humber's own Multicultural week festivities wrap up April 1 with the International Fashion Show, in the Student Centre.

The week has featured international cuisine, music, dancers, and martial arts demonstrations. As well, a number of SAC clubs were involved and showcased.

- Shaun Halton

Humber among top schools according to KPI results

■ Humber again scored in the top 25% in all the KPI categories

BY JACK TYNAN
Et Cetera Staff

The results are in and Humber College is a good quality school, according to 71 per cent of students.

The Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology have revealed the results of their Key Performance Indicators for college systems, and according to students and graduates, Humber is among the best colleges.

"We're in the top 25 per cent in all the categories," said Richard Hook, vice-president of academics.

"When Humber gets evaluated at 71 per cent they are reasonable results," Hook said.

Only 6 per cent of Humber students are dissatisfied with the college while 23 per cent of students were neither satisfied nor dissatisfied.

Humber students are also much happier with their college compared with students at other Toronto Colleges.

Humber's student satisfaction rate was 10.5 per cent higher than the four other Toronto colleges. Centennial College had the worst results in Ontario with only 57 per cent student satisfaction.

"Once people are out of this college they say 'did it help me or not' and we want them to say it did,"

- Richard Hook, vice-president of academics

A total of 61,000 out of 138,000 students from 24 Ontario colleges were surveyed and 68 per cent of college students across the province were satisfied with their educational institution.

First-year Accounting student Elisa Flores likes Humber because of the atmosphere.

"The main hallways are always packed and everything. It's more like a community than other colleges," Flores said.

Graduates were also questioned in the sur-

vey and the study found that 91 per cent of graduates had found a job.

Hook said that some students don't appreciate everything they are taught until after they graduate.

"When they do the survey of graduates they say 'yeah never did like that,'" said Hook.

But after graduating they realize what they went through was important for the work place, he said.

"Teachers challenge you more here," said first year Accounting student Stephanie Kowal. "Teachers care, they want you to do well."

Hook said that Humber will continue to strive for the highest possible student satisfaction.

"Our focus will always be on quality and standards," Hook said.

"Once people are out of this college they say 'did it help me or not' and we want them to say it did," he continued.

KPI results at Humber also showed more than 82.2 per cent of employers were satisfied with Humber graduates, 73.5 per cent of graduates are pleased with their courses and 91 per cent of students find a job after graduating.

In every category Humber is among the leaders of the provinces colleges.

Et Cetera Profiles

WorkLink site gets makeover

BY REBECCA HEALEY
Et Cetera Staff

With graduation and summer fast approaching, Humber students should know that a new web site could help their search for the perfect job.

In the past, students posted their resumes online with the National Graduate Register or NGR. This site provided students access to employers and direct links to companies and virtual career fairs.

At the same time, the Campus WorkLink website enabled students to search job postings.

These sites have been joined to form a single web site at the address www.worklinkngr.com, with the new password "hcollege."

Karen Fast, co-ordinator of the Humber College Career Centre, said she is "very happy" with the change because it "links the career centre to the students."

The new site allows Fast to create postings on a message board "to keep students informed if an employer has a series of jobs or multiple postings."

She can target all students using the site, or may choose to address only certain faculties or areas of interest.

Not all reaction has been positive, however Andrea Frith, a second-year Nursing student was disappointed with the new site.

"I hate it, I liked the one before because it was easier to get into," she said.

According to Darlyn Coles, the WorklinkNGR Intern at Humber, many students are unfamiliar with the new site.

This, coupled with the fact that there were many problems with the site in the first week it was running, has led to some confusion.

The Canadian Association for Career Education and Employment administered both sites.

They made the decision to merge them because there was considerable crossover between the two. The change is designed to improve service for students, career centres and employers.

While employers pay a small fee for the use of the service, both student and institutional use is free and the overall workings of the project are subsidized through Industry Canada.

Visitors can use the site in two ways.

To conduct a job search a student should click on 'Job Seeker' and then take a few minutes to fill out the registration form.

Enter the Humber password and create a personal user name and password. Then search through the 800-900 jobs listed at any time.

Students who have resumes posted already with the NGR need only click on 'Returning User' and enter their user name and password to access their site.

Coles advised, "students who do create their resumes there (online) have access to more services."

"The job postings in this area tend to be more national and long term and large companies particularly," she said.

Students with posted resumes have direct access to employers.

An employer may read a student's NGR profile and

may request a copy of the resume if interested. The student's permission is required for this for privacy reasons.

Similarly, the student may retrieve a company profile. Many employers have a link to the company homepage directly from the NGR area of the site.

Those with resumes posted online also gain access to the virtual career fairs and mass hiring offered by some companies.

Narinder Kooner, a recent Humber Electronics grad, who has not posted his resume, was also critical of the site.

"It wasn't really what I'm looking for, I'm looking more for field service," he said.

Coles also said that some students may have trouble with their job searches because they look under one specific area instead of in the "general" area.

"The problem is that many employers are just as confused about where to post the jobs (as students are about where to look) and so just put them in 'general,' she said.

"I found two jobs a couple of years ago and they were both posted in this area," Coles added.

Students who want advice or assistance on using the new web site can drop by the Humber College Career Centre.

Karen Fast added everyone should log off when they're finished because other people can gain access to and even change the personal information if the student forgets.

Students living in Rez in for shock over end-of-year meal plan refunds

BY CAMILLA PINTER
Et Cetera Staff

Residence students who have not used all their meal plan credit better start eating because they may not get a refund at the end of next month.

When students apply to live in residence, they must choose one of four different sized meal plans. They range in cost from \$1600 to \$2000.

"There is no refund on the smallest meal plan," said Don Henriques, general manager of food services at the college.

He said students are required to spend a minimum of \$57.14 per week over the course of two semesters.

"The small meal plan reaches that limit," Henriques said.

Valerie Farrell, a third-year Marketing student said she wasn't given a refund last

year because she had the smaller meal plan.

"At the end of last year, I was buying all my friends food, bought a bunch of extra pop to take home, and there was still \$50 left that I couldn't get back," Farrell said.

According to Henriques, students on the other three meal plans will get a refund, provided they have spent the required minimum of \$1600. But it will cost an additional \$75 just to process the refund. This is taken directly off the meal card, Henriques said.

He said the \$75 fee goes towards a variety of things such as administration and labour costs.

Henriques said students who spent too much, or too little during the school year are notified when management checks the student files.

Heidi Vanaalten, a second-year

Photography student said she has more than \$600 left

With less than a month to go, no one has mentioned anything to her up until this point, she said

"I have the second sized meal plan, and I haven't even used up the minimum \$1600 yet, so I'll probably end up paying \$75 plus whatever I haven't used off the minimum requirement before I can get my refund"

Sometimes choosing the right meal plan can be difficult for students.

Derek Maharaj, manager of student residences said they have added something new to their website to help students with the choice.

"We have a new dining plan calculator which asks students a series of questions, and as a result, it will suggest a meal plan suitable to them."

Maharaj also added that meal plans are

designed for single students

"We assume that it's single people eating off the card. They are not intended to feed their friends."

Amity Mielim, a first-year Design Foundation student said she has \$400 left and won't get any refund at all

"I go home a lot on weekends but since I have the smaller plan I won't get a dime back, and I have less than four weeks left. So obviously I'm not going to use it all," said Mielim.

SAC president Tracy Boyer said it enough students complain about it, something can be done.

"If students came to me, I would document what they tell me, then I would track down management in residence," she said

Boyer said if the circumstances are unfair that she would follow up on the issue by dealing with it on higher level

Cafeteria to install turnstiles as deterrents

BY SHAUNA DUFFY
Et Cetera Staff

If you're coming back in September, expect to see turnstiles in the cafeteria at Humber North to help combat theft.

The turnstiles will be built at the entrance beside Pizza Pizza. This is the smallest of the cafeteria's three entrances.

Don Henriques, food services manager at Humber, said the turnstiles are only going in this entrance because the cafeteria needs to be wheelchair accessible.

Henriques said about 2,000 people pass through the Pipe everyday. He said if turn-

stiles were put in all the entrances, the cafeteria would become overcrowded.

"We need to reduce the amount of exits to control the flow of people," he said.

"We're controlling how we process our customers."

Craig Walker, general manager of Mr. Sub, said a meeting between food servic-

es, Mr. Sub management, and Gary Jeynes,

director of ancillary services and public safety, was convened to decide what could

be done to combat the problem of theft in Humber's cafeteria.

Walker said the group's decision was to install the turnstiles and have security there during busy periods.

"It might be an excellent deterrent," said Walker.

Walker said Mr. Sub has lost "enough

money that these measures are necessary."

He said the changes weren't made earlier because "everybody wanted to protect the integrity, look, and design of the cafeteria."

Walker said the cafeteria was designed to be inviting and user friendly for the customer. But he added the design lends itself to abuse.

Walker said the changes in the cafeteria are a result of "trying to protect the regular customers from price increases."

He said it's not fair when theft drives up prices for honest customers.

3-D software gives students a new head start

BY SHAUNA DEGAGNÉ
Et Cetera Staff

A new 3-D software program will soon have Humber's multi-media students designing like professionals.

According to Carolyn Booth, director of Humber's Digital Imaging Training Centre, the Maya software is fairly diverse.

It can be used to create digital imagery, character animation and special effects.

"(Maya is) for animation," Booth said. "(It's) more for rendering movement and facial expressions."

Booth said Maya is not only used in the making of films, TV programs, cartoons, and video games, but for architecture, and interior product design as well.

Twenty brand new computers (Silicon Graphics 320 Visual Workstations) were received three weeks ago, while the \$11,000 software package was just delivered at the end of last week.

A Maya fundamentals course is scheduled to start on April 9. It will run for eight weeks with three hours of class per week. The cost is \$875.

The course is aimed more towards the corporate market, Booth said.


"People taking the program have design knowledge," she said.

"They've done some computer graphics, (and they are) familiar with other software programs."

For more information or to enroll in the Maya Fundamentals course, call 675-6622, ext. 4734.


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-Don Henriques, food services manager at Humber



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New innovation

By KARYN WILSON
Biz/Tech Reporter

The Beach Boys, The Eagles and Jimmy Buffet are preparing themselves for a technical revolution that will improve their scratchy, dull performances. On AM radio that is.

Recently, CHUM radio announced it has embraced a new sound innovation called Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) that offers CD-quality, interference-free sound.

Digital radio is still in its infancy. The system is comprised of a computer which first scans sound and explains it in a hyperfast stream of numbers just like a CD player does.

The new system promises no static and no distortion. This enables The Beach Boys to sound as if they are in the same room without being muffled by high waves.

The *Globe and Mail's Report on Business* quoted CHUM AM's vice-president of Industry Affairs, Duff Roman, as saying "digital radio can offer far more information, and it's also very easy to tabulate and track."

So what does this new technology mean to the average AM radio listener?

According to Mike Givens, of Bay Bloor Radio, DAB is not yet a household name.

"No one's even talking about it right now. It looks like it will take another year," he said.

To pick up the digital sound, listeners would have to purchase a receiver, which can be plugged into car stereo.

Manufacturers such as Sony, Kenwood and Bosch are ready with various styles of DAB receivers.

Leading the pack is Pioneer which retails its receiver for \$1,000. It can be plugged into relatively

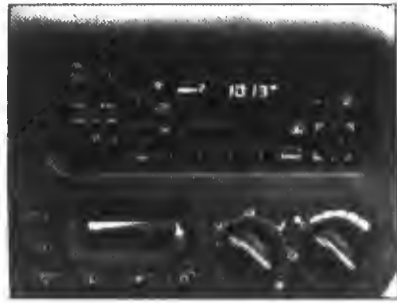


PHOTO BY KARYN WILSON

The DAB radio system promises to take AM radio to further heights.

inexpensive car stereo systems.

The DAB unit looks unimpressive - its design is similar to that of a simple black box. However, manufacturers are creating single units that filter DAB technology into car stereos.

The digital radio, while broadcasting clear sound, would have screens to facilitate data such as traffic reports, map(s) of the surrounding roads and perhaps flash a picture of an artist and the title of the song.

A DAB model designed by Fred Benedikt, an engineer at CBC, is programmed to flash messages on your radio screen to remind drivers of certain events like someone's birthday.

Next, a message flashes asking whether the driver wants to order balloons. When the motorist clicks on the "yes" button, the driver is hyperlinked to a party shop who then quotes prices for different balloon arrangements.

The system can also process purchases by typing in credit card numbers and makes home delivery a breeze by sending off a pre-programmed address to the party store.

This technology, which has been used overseas by the BBC since 1995, does not come cheap. However, as it is introduced in what radio executives hope will be an enthusiastic market, the price will eventually drop.

No more paper wastage

By NICOLE MANN
Et Cetera Staff

Students planning to print in SAACnet need to have an email address handy or they'll be out of luck.

The printing system currently being tested in SAACnet requires students to enter their email identification before sending it to the printer. Students will have to re-enter their email ID and select their job before it is released to print.

So far students have reacted positively to the test.

"I was confused at first and had a little panic attack," said Monica McDonald, Public Relations Certificate student.

"But in the longrun, it probably saves the college money and cuts down on paper waste so overall, it's a good thing."

In addition, "it seems to have cleared up some of the congestion," said SAC President Tracy Boyer.

In fact, the new system is much more organized. There are no mobs of students at the print stations ruffling through print jobs, putting them aside or crinkling the paper.

Students do not have to worry about someone taking their print jobs before they can get to them. Now they know exactly which printer their pages will come out of.

However, there is one drawback, it seems to take longer to print.

"When there is a line up it takes longer to get your stuff because you have to wait for people to go through the computer," said Patrice Robertson, a second-year Business Administration student.

The key to avoiding printing problems is to read the postings in the lab.

According to John Aliferis, a monitor in SAACnet, people push print and they don't know why it's not coming out at the printer.

"But in the long-run it probably saves the college money and cuts down on paper waste."

-Monica McDonald

"They aren't following the instructions," he said.

There may be other problems with the system, said Valerie Sprenger, C.A.L. Lab Co-ordinator.

"If a printer or release station (we have two of each) loses its ability to talk to the network, we have to shut it down and reboot. It can cause back-ups," she said.

"To be sure that it is not because of the new system, we are extending the test and taking a longer look at it."

The testing, which ended last Tuesday, will be decided by SAC

whether to proceed with it.

"When we decide if this is what we want to do we will also be purchasing two new printers which will print 32 pages per minute," said Sprenger.

Last April, Humber had \$89,800 in its printing budget. Due to the increase in printing and servicing of the printers, that money has dried up.

If the college purchases the new software program and printers, there would be an initial investment of about \$25,000.

The new system should also cut down on "student frustration, students losing their printing, a lot of wasted paper due to 'oops' printing," explained Ruth McLean, Ad Hoc Print Committee.

Hoping to find additional ways to save money, the new printers will also be duplexing machines. This means jobs longer than one page will be printed on both sides of the paper. Other labs on campus also have this capacity and its use would certainly cut down on paper waste.

"We've been told by faculty that it (duplexing) won't be a problem, but students occasionally find that faculty say it is a problem," explained Sprenger. "We need that input by March 31st."

Testing still needs to be done to see if the duplexing option can be overridden by students. In the meantime, students and faculty are encouraged to comment or raise concerns.

What students don't know

■ *Bursaries can help ease students' debt burden*

By CLAUDIA ZOQUE
Biz/Tech Reporter

Students about to drop out of school because of financial problems should consider applying for a bursary to ease their money worries.

Margaret Antonides, manager of Awards/Scholarships, said many students are not aware of the opportunities for financial help.

"The Educational Cost Bursary is for students who indicate a financial need and to encourage them to stay in school," Antonides said.

Currently, the bursary fund is

\$300,000, up from \$100,000 in the 1997-98 academic year.

The fund increases each year when there is an increase in tuition fees. The money must be spent in the year it is made available and Antonides said there's no trouble doing that.

"The money will be designated by the end of April," she said.

"The best part about the bursary is students don't have to pay it back."

Student costs rise higher and higher and sometimes even OSAP runs out before the end of the semester.

Tamara Bennett, 28, a Legal Assistant student, said her OSAP loan failed to cover all her bills, tuition and books.

"It covered nowhere near till the end of the year," Bennett said. "I received a \$1,400 grant to help for childcare but with two kids, it was gone in a couple of months."

Bennett said the average day care can cost over \$600 a month per child. She said her part-time work-study placement at the

Athletic Centre helps cover some of the expenses OSAP doesn't cover.

"I didn't abuse my loan like some people who buy cars," she said.

"I more than budgeted my money and it (OSAP) still wasn't enough."

Like many students, Bennett has never heard of the Educational Cost Bursary. A random survey of 100 students in the Pipe showed only 12 students were aware of the program.

"Most of the students are referred by teachers," said Antonides. "I don't know why students aren't aware of the program. We are even printed in the student calendar."

Students can apply anytime of year, providing it is not in the first month of the academic year.

Application forms are available at Financial Aid, Room H-107, opposite the Campus Bookstore. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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■ Cold warrior

According to preliminary research results from the University of Florida, Echinacea, a popular over-the-counter herbal cold treatment, is helpful in fighting infection by stimulating the immune system. Commonly known as purple coneflower, echinacea has been used for centuries by people hoping to reduce the length and severity of the common cold.

"I expected to find what we found," said Susan Percival, a nutritional scientist at the University of Florida, in a statement. "So that's good. If for years we've been saying echinacea does this, it's nice to know that it does."

Percival noted cell culture and animal studies had indicated such a finding.

-Reuters

■ Hair raising

New Scientist magazine said proteins that encourage the growth of brain cells may lead to new drugs to prevent baldness or to help get rid of unwanted hair.

Ralf Paus told the magazine that in experiments carried out on shaved mice, his team of German dermatologists at Humboldt University in Berlin showed growth factors in the brain which triggered the formation of hair follicles.

The results also yielded the possibility of the shrinkage of the hair follicles.

-The Toronto Star

Hep B highly contractable

BY ORIETTA CALCINA
Health Reporter

It's not as publicized as much as other sexually transmitted diseases, but everyone should take action to prevent hepatitis B.

"Hepatitis B is a virus and it attacks the liver," said Mary Monteith, a nurse with the York Region Public Health Department.

"It's infectious and is found in body fluids such as blood, saliva, semen and vaginal fluids."

Monteith added while hepatitis B is most commonly sexually transmitted, it can possibly be contracted by using household items, such as toothbrushes and razors, which have microscopic amounts of infected blood.

According to Monteith, hepatitis B is more easily transmitted than the high profile AIDS and hepatitis C viruses.

"Hepatitis B is much more infectious than HIV because with hep B it's a microscopic amount of blood," she said.

"The HIV virus doesn't live outside the body very long, only a matter of seconds or a minute, whereas hep B can live outside the body for at least seven days or more."

According to Monteith, 90 per cent of adults infected with hepatitis B develop antibodies and become immune to it. A smaller percentage (8 to 9) become carriers of the virus

for life, while only one per cent become seriously ill and die from it.

In the case of children, the percentages are reversed. Since their immune systems are not fully developed, 90 per cent of children tolerate the virus, whereas most adults are able to fight the virus and get rid of it.

Symptoms of hepatitis B may include fatigue, vomiting and jaundice (yellowing of the skin and whites of the eyes), but they can be hidden.

"You can have no symptoms whatsoever," Monteith said. Or you can have what seems like a flu that might last a bit longer than you expect."

Billie Potkonjak, the national director of health promotion and patient services for the Canadian Liver Foundation, said once hepatitis B is contracted, there is a six-month incubation period in which to infect others. Some people may feel the symptoms for up to several months.

If left unchecked, hepatitis B can develop into cirrhosis of the liver or eventually cancer.

"Hepatitis B is known, proven scientifically, to actually be the primary cause of liver cancer," Potkonjak said.

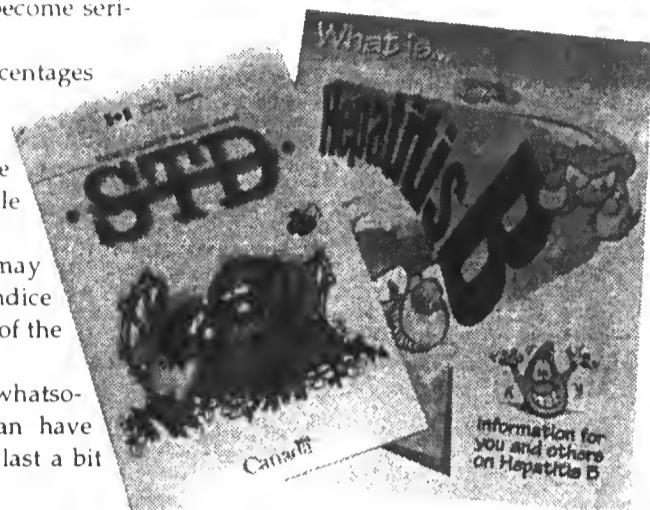
"Not all forms of Hepatitis can cause cancer. There's no causative link to hepatitis C and cancer, other than through cirrhosis."

According to Potkonjak, there has been an increase in the numbers of hep B infections over the years due to a few factors.

Those who are carriers may not show symptoms for years. Diagnostic tests and statistics from years ago were not developed as well compared to today's standards. As well, the demographics of Canada has changed in recent years, as people move from countries where hepatitis B is a greater problem.

"There are about 250,000 Canadians who carry the (hepatitis B) virus," said Potkonjak. "Probably about 20,000 will develop serious liver problems because of that. Three thousand new cases are reported every year."

There is currently no cure for hepatitis B,



but the news isn't all bad.

According to Monteith, a popular type of treatment (for carriers) involves injections of alpha-interferon medication three times a week, for up to a year.

The medication aims to put the virus to sleep, but some lifestyle changes may also be part of the treatment.

With regards to prevention, Monteith recommended practicing safer sex through condom use, avoid sharing needles or other drug paraphernalia and getting vaccinated against the virus.

The vaccine involves receiving three injections over about a six-month period. The second one occurs at least 28 days after the first, while the third takes place three to five months after the second.

According to Monteith, the vaccination costs about \$100 for those who don't meet certain criteria for a free vaccination.

"They (students) should be immunized, it would be a good investment," she said.

"If they have multiple partners or have had a sexually transmitted disease, they would qualify for a free vaccine."

The vast majority of birth control clinics will give the hepatitis B vaccination, but you should also check with your family doctor for availability.

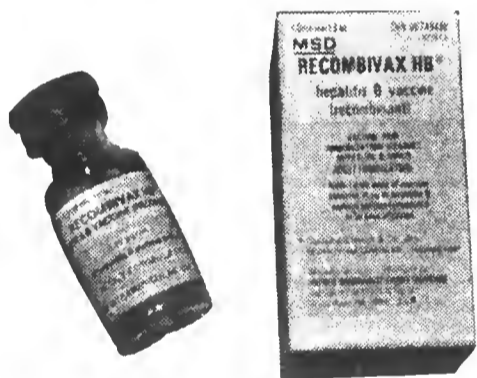


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According to health officials, hep B vaccination is the best prevention.

Eyes help identify disease in iridology

■ Practice dates back to 19th century Hungary

BY LAURA URMONEIT
Et Cetera Staff

The notion that Western medicine needs to take a more holistic approach to healing seems to be popular these days.

Iridology, which is the study of the iris, is an alternative health science.

"It seems like they (doctors) give out antibiotics for everything now," said York University student Dominica Krupski, who is an iridology patient. "With iridology you

need patience, but at least it's natural."

In the late 19th century, Hungarian doctor Ignatz von Pezceky discovered certain health problems caused different patterns to form in the iris. He constructed a chart of the eye that linked certain markings to specific organs.

Using a magnifying glass and a penlight, an iridologist observes the colours, pigments and markings of the iris. When compared to the graph, that information will reflect the condition of the body tissue.

"When I look at the eye, there are certain markings like the colour, dots, and red veins," said certified iridologist Melanie Krumm-Dixon. "There's so much that you can look at and, whatever I see, I then look at the graph and its corresponding organ."

The iris contains thousands of nerve endings because it's an extension of the brain. Every organ in the body is connected to the eye through these nerves and when

something is not functioning properly, the nerves in the eye receive impulses.

These impulses create a unique pattern in the iris, very much like a fingerprint. An iridologist studies these patterns to determine the problem.

"Basically this can tell you whether there's a problem that's acute, chronic, degenerative or if there's an inflammation," Krumm-Dixon said.

Once a problem has been identified, the process of healing then begins with a nutritional assessment.

"Once we've evaluated the eyes, we evaluate their eating habits and that's usually where we find the source of the problem," Krumm-Dixon added.

The assessment, which contains 600 questions, looks at what someone is eating, what effects the foods are having and what kind of a deficiency one may have.

Krumm-Dixon said whenever a person

visits her clinic, she gives them enzymes to ingest. They help to break down foods so that waste is eliminated from the body quickly. This in turn helps speed up the healing process.

Krumm-Dixon added the biggest piece of advice she gives to people is to drink distilled water.

"Everything else is full of chemicals, even Brita filters don't help. Brita just eliminates the smell of chlorine," said Krumm-Dixon.

Iridology can identify such problems as mineral and vitamin deficiency, low-grade infections, and inflammation in the tissues. It can not indicate specific health situations like pregnancy, AIDS or the presence of a tumour.

Iridology is not covered under OHIP. According to Krumm-Dixon, each hour-long session costs \$65, but many therapists offer student discounts.

More to autism than Rainman

■ *Acclaimed Hollywood film depicts the minority of autistic people who have unique gifts*

BY ORIETTA CALCINA
Health Reporter

To Gregory, it just didn't make any sense. Why he should swim in the shallow end of the pool when he could just as easily stand or walk?

Gregory is autistic. Not thinking the same way we do is distinctive of this condition.

Tammy Hibbert was Gregory's counsellor and support worker from the age of 6 to 13 years old. She said she took him for swim lessons at a local pool in York Region and remembered he would only swim in the deep end, where he couldn't touch the bottom. That it was necessary (to avoid drowning), made sense to him.

Gregory, who is now 14 years old, couldn't understand the abstract idea of practising the (swimming) motions, just for practice, Hibbert said.

"Autistic people have trouble with three areas," said Margaret Jurgens, a resource consultant at the Geneva Centre for Autism Communication and Language Disorders in Toronto.

"It's primarily with communications, social skills and unique behaviours. It's neural biological. These kids are wired differently."

"There are no clear genetic markers (for autism). They are either born with it or predisposed to it.

-Margaret Jurgens, resource consultant, Geneva Centre

Autistic people are distinctive in many ways. Hibbert also mentioned Gregory's perservation, how he'd fixate on the same thing or event for long periods.

She said another difference in Gregory is how he'd refer to himself in third person.

"For example, he'd say 'Gregory is a happy boy,' instead of 'I am a happy boy,' Hibbert said.

His other symptoms included head twitching and finger motions and an inability to sit still. As well, he would often touch his or other people's eyes because he liked the feel of it, Hibbert said.

She added autistic people thrive on routine, have problems with connecting simple cause and effect associations and don't like to be touched.

"They're hypersensitive to any change in routine," Hibbert said. "And he (Gregory) started to behave badly if something was wrong - they're at ease if you're at ease."

Most autistic people are diagnosed around 2 to 3 years of age.

"That's when you (first) see the symptoms because that's the age at which you develop your communications skills more clearly," Jurgens said.

Currently, there is no definitive cause of autism. One child in a family may have it and the other siblings won't.

"There aren't clear genetic markers," Jurgens said. "They are either born with it or predisposed to it."

"If I could snap my fingers and be non-autistic, I would not because than I wouldn't be me. Autism is part of who I am."

-From "Anthropologist on Mars" by Oliver Sacks

For example, in one debate, some people have the notion that environmental factors, such as food allergies, may have an adverse effect on an autistic child. Dietary changes sometimes improves conditions.

Jurgens emphasized "it has nothing to do with how children are raised."

The severity of autism can range widely from someone who is non-verbal and at a low intellectual level to someone who has distinct talents and gifted intellectually.

Jurgens said Dustin Hoffman's character in the movie *Rainman*, was someone who fit into the 3 to 5 per cent category of autistic people who have unique gifts.

According to Jurgens, the ratio of autistic boys to girls is about 3 or 4 to 1. Researchers don't know, however, why it occurs more frequently among boys.

There is currently no cure for autism, but Jurgens said the life expectancy of an autistic person is "the same as for you and I."

How well autistic adults function in society depends on the individual.

Hibbert said Gregory's autism is not so severe that he couldn't learn to live in a group home, or a supervised day

program and have a routine-type job as an adult. But he will need assistance.

According to Jurgens, early intervention is important. Teaching young children the proper communication and social behavioural skills helps them meet their needs.

Jurgens said it's important for people to remember that autistic people develop and communicate in their own way.

Understanding this different perspective is a step closer to understanding an autistic person.

Jurgens illustrates this point by quoting Temple Grandin from the article "Anthropologist on Mars" by Oliver Sacks.

"If I could snap my fingers and be non-autistic, I would not because then I wouldn't be me. Autism is part of who I am."

The autistic truths

□ One in five hundred Canadians suffers from autism.

Symptoms of autism vary and may include:

- Unresponsiveness or indifference to others.
- Peculiarities in speech, echoing phrases and an inability to use abstract speech.
- Likes routine and is resistant to change.
- Ritualistic and repetitive behaviour.
- Unusual movements, including hand flapping, finger twisting and performing facial grimaces.
- A short attention span.
- Over sensitive to touch or under responsive to pain.
- A lack of spontaneous or imaginative play.
- Overactive or very passive.
- Continually harps on a single item, idea, person or event.
- An apparent lack of common sense.

-Compiled from *Abnormal Psychology* and

Forget-me-not aids birth control users

■ *New electronic pill reminder likely to cause big excitement*

BY VICTORIA MUSGRAVE
Health Reporter

If you are like many women taking oral contraceptives, remembering to take the pill everyday can be a problem.

This is a source of worry for health care officials across Canada.

"As the rate of sexual activity in young women increases, proper use of oral contraceptives is a growing concern," said Dr.

Victoria Davis, medical director for Organon Canada and a gynecologist at The Hospital for Sick Kids Children in Toronto.

The good news is help may have arrived to help prevent unwanted pregnancies.

Organon Canada Ltd. has just launched an electronic device called "Forget-Me-Not."

This slim, lavender-coloured device, which is the size of a credit card, acts like an alarm clock to remind women to take their pill at the same time each day.

Forget-Me-Not works by emitting a beep every 24 hours. If the alarm is ignored, it will beep every 20 seconds for three hours, or until the woman has taken her pill and turned the alarm off.

The device is powered by a small watch battery and lasts for three months.

Currently, oral contraceptives are the most popular method of birth control after sterilization.

Today's low-dose pills are 99.9 per cent effective, but only when taken daily at the same time each day. The risk of pregnancy increases dramatically when even just one pill is missed in a month.

A recent study by Dr. Edith Guilbert, a physician and Head of Service at the Birth Planning Clinic in Quebec City, showed as many as 60 per cent of women forget to take their pill every day.

According to Dr. Joy Thompson, executive director of planned parenthood of Toronto, this new device will help women, particularly first time users, form good pill taking habits.

"Forget-Me-Not is a reliable reminder device that appeals to young women and will help establish a routine and devise a reliable contraceptive plan with their doctors," she said.

Currently, Forget-me-nots are only available in 28-day starter packs of Marvelon brand contraceptive pills.



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A recent study said up to 60 per cent of women forget to take the pill daily.

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Volunteers crucified

Seven people in a Philippine village have volunteered for crucifixion on Good Friday; ten cm nails will be driven into their hands – feet are optional – in a reenactment of Jesus Christ's sufferings. The volunteers stay nailed to their wooden crosses for minutes before they are helped down. This ritual has drawn crowds of tourists to the village for more than 40 years. Although the Roman Catholic Church officially disapproves of the ritual, little has been done to discourage it.

-The Toronto Sun

Starbucks chocolate

Don't be surprised if your next Starbucks order isn't a coffee. Chocolate bars are now being sold at the mega-chain. Called "Pure Bars," they're made up of 42 grams of solid chocolate. They are individually wrapped and are available in mocha, dark mocha, milk chocolate and dark chocolate flavours. These mouth-watering treats are priced at \$2.50 a bar.

-The Toronto Star

Commercial free TV.

Move over VCRs – PVRs are on their way. Personal Video Recorders are being introduced in the United States next month and into an estimated 14 million homes within the next five years. The new technology allows viewers to watch any program at any time and skip commercials. The PVRs could potentially start a radical shift in consumer viewing habits. As ads become less effective, ad-supported, time slot based networks could dry up. Networks would spend half their content budgets on only a few big shows.

-The Toronto Star

Macho men bond together

By DAVID CARROLL
Belief Systems Reporter

Maybe it is all beer and football. If television commercials can be believed, all men do when they are together is drink and watch or play sports. These activities are seen traditionally as common types of male bonding.

Professor Edward Herberg, of the University of Toronto, said male bonding is an unnecessary attempt to seem macho.

He said male bonding rituals are immature and an attempt to hide from uncomfortable social situations.

"Most men are unclear on how to act," Herberg said.

"They get together as a form of self protection."

A PhD in sociology, Herberg relates the need men have to bond and their discomfort in social settings to something that begins in the schoolyard.

"The boys hang around together because females mature earlier," Herberg said.

According to Herberg, as men age, getting together is an excuse to not worry about being politically correct.

Men get together in order "to get away from equality to a place where the old prejudices and stereotypes can be maintained," Herberg said.

Not all people however, take such a negative view of male bonding.

"Culturally, men don't typically get together to talk about their feelings"

Dr. Howard Greenberg

Toronto psychologist Dr. Howard Greenberg said there may be a simpler explanation to male bonding behavior.

Greenberg said male bonding has to do with comfort.

Since men have the same or a more common vocabulary, they understand the same things.

A group of male students sitting in the Pipe agreed.

"You need to talk to people who are going to understand you," said Mike, a first-year Marketing student.



PHOTO BY DAVID CARROLL

Getting together with the boys usually involves participating in activities which have little to do with sharing emotions.

He said his male friends have more in common with him than his female friends.

According to Greenberg, there is a connection between male bonding and sport.

"Culturally, men don't typically get together to talk about their feelings," Greenberg said.

"They use sports as a way to make contact without being too intimate."

Greenberg said gatherings like pick-up basketball games and getting together to watch sports are types of support groups where men do not need to open up too much.

He added that men tend to only reveal personal information when they feel comfortable.

Richard, a first-year Marketing student, hangs out with his male friends all the time, although he was quick to explain that he has different types of friends.

Richard said it takes him time to feel comfortable enough to open up.

He has only known his school friends for about six months and finds it more difficult to open up to them than to his old friends.

"It's my friends that I have known since I was young I tell everything to," Richard said.

Creative or logical – it's in your head

By PAM SHORE
Lifestyles Reporter

What is 20 + 20 - 10 x 5?

To come up with the answer – 150 – you just used the left part of your brain.

Current scientific research by Bernice McCarthy, author of *The 4 - Mat System: Teaching to learning styles with Right / Left Mode Techniques*, indicates right and left brain thinking are two different things.

The left side of the brain is used for more analytical purposes, drawing conclusions based on logic.

Right brained thinkers, on the other hand, use intuition and draw conclusions based on hunches.

As a result, most musicians are right brained while most professors of mathematics are strongly left brained, said John Sousa, professor of Early Childhood Education.

According to Sousa, as the brain matures, you develop either into a right handed or left handed person.

The left side of the brain controls the right hand and the right side of the brain controls the left hand.

Research of the brain is on-going, so the way strengths of the brain are determined is still pretty vague, Sousa said.

In their book *Whole Brain Thinking May Be the Key to Management Success*, Ruth Davidhizar and Joyce Giger attribute different abilities to left and right brained individuals. While left brained thinkers are more likely to remember names, titles, dates and complex motor sequences; right brained thinkers remember faces, shapes, melodies, complex images and emotional events better.

Right and left brained thinking, however, can cross over.

"There is a need to be both creative and

understand the complexities," Sousa said.

Richard Hook, vice-president academic, said Humber's approach to right and left brained thinking is to allow each student to be an individual.

"Left and right brain research has given insight into aptitude and learning. It also can be misleading," Hook said.

"There are those with tremendous talents, who have developed them with rigorous mental practice."

According to Hook, people need both the logical and creative side.

"It's both that gives good thought," he said.

He added, if you look at the jobs out there, businesses are looking for job candidates who are logical and creative.

Whether you're a more logical or creative person, the business of understanding the brain is pretty complex.

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Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

If there's one person in the room who isn't laughing, it's you. Your sense of humour could use a bit of a make-over. Try to get back into the groove and you may feel better about your present situation.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

Don't let work or play interfere with your sleep schedule. Someone younger is looking to you for advice. Don't condescend. Try to imagine yourself in their situation. Romance is not an option.



Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

A Libra is jealous of your accomplishments. Try not to rub them in. Of course, it's hard to be humble. But give it a shot - it's not their fault you're better. Hugs are good.



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

A new friend has a positive influence on you. Listen to everything she tells you. It's a great time for a new tattoo or to get rid of the old one. Stay away from monkeys.



Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)

You're on a creative high. Make the most of your abilities. Try not to isolate yourself at home. Getting out more often will put things into perspective. Easy on the chocolate.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

Fight the urge to spend money you don't have on stuff you don't need. Take the time to enjoy things that money can't buy - like the great outdoors.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Forget about your account balances this weekend. There's a time for everything and, this weekend, work is not one of those things. You can be a keener later.



Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

Birthday babies beware! Tolerance for alcohol is at an all-time low. Only drink from plastic glasses. You are surrounded by loved ones. Enjoy the limelight.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Get out and enjoy the sunshine. This is a good weekend to bond with your furry friends. An unpleasant situation will be resolved, leaving you carefree and happily drunk.



Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Someone has a crush on you and isn't afraid to show it. Handle romantic issues delicately. Do something this weekend that you've been putting on the back-burner.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)

Make health a priority. You may feel under the weather, but people are counting on you to get the job done. Opportunities are on the way. Be sure to answer their knock.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

Drink lots of fluids and get some rest. Play on the swings, go for a walk, and put up with your family. They mean well, and, hey - free food! Hugs are still good.

Talking forms female friendships

■ *Sharing emotions, woman-to-woman, is a necessary step in forming a female bond*

BY JENNIFER BOYD
Lifestyles Reporter

A lot of laughing, trips to the mall and girls' nights out are all parts of the bonding that brings females closer together.

Female bonding has been portrayed by television and movies as a bunch of girls getting together for sleepovers with curlers in their hair and make-overs in the works. It's not too far from the truth.

Anything that can bring females together to share feelings will help them to bond.

Katie Miller, Nikki Orr, Priscilla Gomes and Pam Rice, all Humber College students, are best friends.

The four met in Humber's residence and have formed a close friendship.

"We share everything," Miller said.

"I don't think there's a whole lot that we don't know about each other."

"We talk about funny subjects," Orr said.

Miller agreed. "Yeah, we spend a lot of time together."

"I practically live in Pam's room most of the time."

Most of the girls have known one another

er since September, but it seems like much longer to them.

Every night they go to the cafeteria together to eat. They always make sure that everyone from the group is there.

Orr said it's definitely a bonding thing.

They've also been known to shop a lot and even have sleepovers in the lounge.

The laughing is non-stop with these girls.

When asked to describe their communication style, Miller and Rice began to laugh.

"Remember that time?" Miller asked

Rice nodded in agreement and Miller continued: "I think it's pretty open"

"It's pretty blunt," Rice added.

"There's not much we beat around the bush about," Miller said.

Females have always been known as the gender which can gossip and share emotions.

When women share emotions with one another, bonding occurs.

"Females bond by talking, unlike males who bond by doing," said Marilyn Hadad, a Psychology professor from Ryerson

According to Hadad, females start out by having casual discussions with one another.

The conversation soon moves on to factual information.

Then self-disclosure begins, where they talk about personal information.

"Women's talk to each other contains more detail and may be more repetitious than when they talk to men," Hadad said.

Orr said it's easier to share among other females because they know what they're going through.



PHOTO BY JENNIFER BOYD

Women can learn a lot about each other and themselves when hanging with their girlfriends. The gift of gab is usually at the heart of female bonding.

"I think that because males don't know about half the stuff we go through, it's easier to talk to females," Orr said

"We can talk about it among ourselves."

Rice added because women can relate to other women, there is less risk of offending each other.

"There's some stuff that you just don't want guys to know," Orr said.

"There are some things you can discuss with a guy and get a different perspective from his point of view that you can't get when you talk among your female friends," Gomes said.

"But with a guy you can never get as close as you can with your female friends."

Female bonding may never change.

Even if the practices themselves change, from sleepovers to gossiping over coffee as you get older, the closeness that females feel after bonding will never dissipate

"What I think is particularly interesting is that more men are becoming aware that their communication skills may be lacking," Hadad said.

According to Hadad, this is a positive step for male friendships.

"More men are learning to self-disclose to each other the way women have been doing for millennia," she said.

And these men are finding it a relief to be able to bare their souls to each other."

A long night's journey

■ *People who sleepwalk may find that getting a good night's sleep can be a complete nightmare*

BY LIA SUMMERS
Lifestyles Reporter

You awake in the kitchen. Although you remember going to bed, you have no idea how you got into the kitchen.

Welcome to the world of sleepwalking.

Norma Peet, a volunteer co-ordinator at Sleep - Wake Disorder Clinic of Canada in Toronto, said sleepwalking is a sleep disorder most commonly affecting prepubescent children about 10 years old.

According to statistics, 30 per cent of children have sleepwalked once, and five per cent of children are reported as having frequent sleepwalking episodes.

"Sleepwalking usually occurs in the first third of a major sleep episode when the brain is half awake and half asleep," Peet said.

According to Peet, a typical sleepwalking episode involves the individual sitting up in their bed.

The sleep-walker stares blankly and is relatively unresponsive to efforts of communication with others.

Then the sleep-walker begins repetitive movements such as picking at their bed clothes or walking around their house.

The episodes can last minutes or a couple of hours at most.

"The next morning there is typical amnesia for



PHOTO BY MARIANNE WRÖF

Picking at their pajamas and walking around the house are typical moves of sleepwalkers.

the episode and the individual is usually surprised of what has happened," Peet said

Sleepwalking can often be inherited Peet said there is a high rate of sleepwalking activity seen among relatives.

Sleepwalking can also be brought on by excessive fatigue or fevers.

To cure sleepwalking, get an evaluation from a sleep disorder clinic, Peet said

Child sleepwalkers, however, frequently outgrow the practice.

Safety tips for sleepy walkers

- Sleepwalkers should sleep on the first floor, if possible, in order to prevent possible accidents on staircases.
- All dangerous items should be put away. Check every room of your house for hazardous objects and hide them.
- It may be necessary to put a latch on the outside of the door, so the sleepwalker is contained to one room.
- Anyone whose sleep has been disrupted for more than a month and whose sleeping habits interfere with they way they feel and function should consult their health care provider or should visit a sleep disorder clinic.

- Norma Peet, Sleep / Wake Disorder Clinic of Canada

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Symbolize this: dreamers seek meanings

■ *You're standing in front of your entire class and you find yourself completely naked — then your alarm wakes you up*

BY LIA SUMMERS
Lifestyles Reporter

The mystery of dreaming remains as puzzling as ever. "Everyone has different opinions and it's up to each person to decide what dreams mean to them," said Giovanna of Giovanna's Psychic Room on Yonge St.



PHOTO BY MARIANNE WRON

Many people believe that dreams offer valuable advice — if they could figure out their meanings.

According to Giovanna, dreams reveal a great deal about the dreamer.

"Every character is a reflection of your feelings, thoughts, desires and fears," Giovanna said.

"Everyone has a little clairvoyance which comes out in your dreams".

After 33 years of working as a psychic in Toronto, Giovanna said that dream interpretations are becoming increasingly popular.

About 40 per cent of her clients want to have their

"Everyone has a little clairvoyance which comes out in your dreams."

— Psychic Giovanna

dreams interpreted.

Some people believe their dreams are warnings.

Humber student Donna McPhee is one of them.

"I have this recurring dream where I have to jump out of an airplane," she said.

"But I just can't figure out what it means."

If you'd like to try your hand at interpreting your own dreams, visit your local book store.

They offer a variety of dream interpretation books.

100,000 Dreams Interpreted itemizes each kind of dream and explains its meaning.

The Dream Sourcebook guides readers to the theory and interpretations of dreams.

Another book, entitled *Decoding Your Dreams*, offers a method called "trigger decoding."

This method enables the dreamer to recognize the unconscious meanings of their dreams as active responses to stresses in daily life.

By using this method, readers are supposed to gain an



PHOTO BY MARIANNE WRON

People may look dead to the world while they're asleep, but their minds are very much awake.

alternative view of the world.

The book's author, Robert Langs, wrote that dreams act as extraordinarily reliable commentaries on our lives.

"You will find that paying attention to your dreams is very much like having a personal counsellor, whose entire reason for existence is to register your perceptions, work over your conflicts, and suggest potential avenues of response," he wrote.

Book shopper Joanne Thompson has purchased several types of dream books.

"They have really helped me better understand," she said.

When you lay your head down to sleep tonight, be prepared to remember your dreams.

The truth may be out there, waiting to be revealed.

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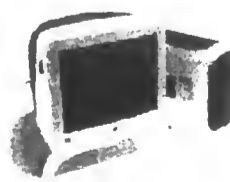
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■ New News

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 Call (416) 532-1598 for info.
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The Beatles play with **OP Dirty Bastard**, April 7 at Westwood Arena. Tickets \$75.

■ New CDs

After Dark - Self-titled CD debut. R&B, Dance, UK Soul, featuring Humber student Mark Bennett. - see next Et Cetera for profile.

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Happy Easter
and Passover

The Mod Squad - '70s' style fun

BY ELIZABETH TRICKETT
Arts Reporter

The Mod Squad sounded like it was going to be a cheesy remake of the original '70s television show, but I was pleasantly surprised.

Claire Danes (*Romeo and Juliet*), Omar Epps (*Scream 2*), and Giovanni Ribisi (*Saving Private Ryan*) star as three kids who are in trouble with the law. They are given one last chance at redemption - by helping the police.

The group has to help the police find out about a club that is running a prostitution ring. However, they end up uncovering some dirty police activities and have to get evidence against the cops instead.

Danes plays Julie, a recovering drug addict who will be convicted of assault if she doesn't help.

She has a hard exterior, but throughout the movie reveals that she is not as strong as she appears to be.

Epps does a wonderful job playing the strong, silent Linc. Convicted of arson, Linc is the group's leader. But the best per-



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What's old is new again: Giovanni Ribisi, Claire Danes, and Omar Epps are *The Mod Squad*, the remake of the popular '70s TV show. It's now playing.

formance was by Ribisi, who plays Pete. His short-tempered character is fighting an armed robbery conviction and is always getting himself into dangerous situations. The combination of actors and the diverse characters

they play make the movie great. The plot is not the strongest, but that becomes secondary because the characters are so interesting.

Another strong element of the movie is the soundtrack. It includes **Busta Rhymes**, **Everlast**,

Bjork, **The Breeders** and Canada's own **Crash Test Dummies**.

Although it wasn't a work of art, *The Mod Squad* was very enjoyable and is a good movie for teenagers and adults.

Blood-thirsty Wurms



COURTESY PHOTO

Vince, Countess Chick-ula, Hurricane Jorge, and Mysterion. make up Bloodwurm. Touring Canada with their *Transalvation* CD in June.

BY NICOLE MANN
Et Cetera Staff

It was midnight when I walked into the El Mocambo. People were drinking, playing pool, and talking. I tried to be as inconspicuous as possible as I took my place amid a cluster of curious onlookers.

Suddenly a guitar began to scream. All eyes were focused on the stage as the infamous *Toronto Vampire* appeared. When he began shouting lyrics, it became obvious that everyone was under his spell.

Bloodwurm is food for bottom feeders, the scourge of aquatic life, and that is exactly how Vince, *The Toronto Vampire*, *ex-Infernal Majesty*, sees his band.

Vince gained the nickname *The Toronto Vampire* after his taste for blood was featured on **Sally Jesse Raphael** and **Mysterious Forces Beyond**.

Yet it hasn't been all fun and games. This particular habit has caused a number of legal problems for Vince.

"I have been involved in some trials for drinking the blood from unwilling

(participants)," he said.

However, Vince recently spent time in a penitentiary for assault which was unrelated to his thirst for blood.

Bloodwurm, in their current form is: Vince; vocals, **Countess Chick-ula**; lead guitar, **Hurricane Jorge**; drums, and **'The Mysterion'** on bass.

In February, after a six month courtship, **Bloodwurm** signed with **Lifestyle Records**. Then, **Cold Dead Stare**, a limited edition seven-track CD was released.

There are two tracks on the CD which were recorded while Vince was in prison.

According to Vince, tapes were smuggled to him on the inside so he could work on the music.

Despite their obvious gothic nature, their individual names and preferences, the group's musical style has been compared to **Slayer**, **Motorhead** and **Venom**.

They are influenced by everything from psychedelic to jazz, and Vince prefers to call their particular style "southern fried devil music".

The group is recording a new CD and plans a Canadian tour in June.

Seriously, they're deep

BY ELIZABETH GONCALVES
Arts Reporter

Pop sensations 3 Deep are living a musical soap opera – all the fun, minus the drama

The trio, which includes Canadian born C.J. Huyer, and L.A. soap studs Joshua Morrow and Eddie Cibrian, base their style on a "total lack of seriousness in every facade," according to Morrow.

"We're just not very serious about anything. Our humour is something that really gets us through because it is a lot of hard work, living and working the way we do. But it's fun. I look forward to the non-stop shenanigans that happen around us," said Morrow, who took the red-eye from L.A., sleeping "all of three hours in the last 48."

Morrow is best known as Nick Newman on the *Young & the Restless* and Cibrian as Cole St. John on *Sunset Beach*.

They both balance their schedules as actors and musicians, quickly pointing out there is no choice to make when it comes to deciding what they would rather do.

Sitting for breakfast at the SkyDome Hotel restaurant with three sports fans, it is quite difficult to ignore their striking good looks, as most media have found.

The trio is not bothered that people take notice of them because of their appearance.

"If we were three slob, the effect wouldn't nearly be the same," Morrow said. "It's part of the package. We don't ever want to say 'stop looking at us, just listen to our music because we're serious artists,' because we're not. We're just out to have a good time."

Continuing to ride on the wave of success, which was generated by their first single *Into You*, and their second release *Never Gonna Give Up*, it seems the good times are just beginning for the group, whose CD *Yes, Yes, Yes...No, No, No*, blends ballads with catchy pop-driven tunes.

But the special treat on the CD is the hilarious 35-second interlude, *Piano Bar*, that amusingly combines Morrow's skills as actor/entertainer.

He begins by saying "Hi, I saw you from across the room, and I just want to tell you, I think you're the most beautiful woman I've ever seen in my life. I mean you're stunning. Tell me what's your name?" After a slight pause the "woman" answers, "Jeffrey."



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Joshua Morrow, C.J. Huyer and Eddie Cibrian are the pretty faces that make up 3 Deep. Morrow and Cibrian balance their schedules as actors and musicians.

It seems the only thing needed to fully enjoy this group is a sense of humour.

During the interview, Cibrian is munching away at his buffet breakfast. As he cuts his food, a small piece of it flings to the long, black sleeve of his sweater. As expected, his fellow group members jump at the opportunity to joke with him.

"Good job there chappy. Never fails with you," Morrow joked. "Here we've got you all dressed up for the ball..." and before he finishes, he and Huyer said simultaneously, "Big Baby."

Before the laughter reached its peak, Cibrian dips his napkin into Morrow's water, and cleans his shirt. The shocked Y&R star (nicknamed "The Body") then suggests that I keep the water with the fibers, and sell it in Nova Scotia (Cibrian is very popular in the Maritimes).

The support they've received across Canada has been surprising for the group.

A nomination for Best New Group in the pop category at the recent Canadian Radio Awards, is the icing on the cake. "The support has been something we wouldn't have imagined," said Morrow, who won the 1996 Soap Opera Digest Award for Outstanding Younger lead actor.

"Everything has been very overwhelming as far as response – the number of people coming out to see us, the number of spins we've got and everything, so it only seems fitting that we'd get nominated after everything that's happened," Morrow added sarcastically.

Every hint of seriousness from the trio, simply leads to light-hearted humour. But the topic of songwriting, and their choice of releasing their debut CD in Canada, commands attention.

Catchy, radio-friendly tunes is one way of describing 3 Deep's songs.

"When you're writing a song, there's really no formula," said Huyer. They can't write all their songs for 16-year-old girls.

"To be really honest, that kind of stuff happens. That's the sound that comes out. If there was a formula for hit music, everybody would be doing it. It has to come from inside. You can't fake it," added the one-time solo artist, who opened for the New Kids on the Block.

Being close to the United States, Canada too, is a thriving market for pop bands.

"I just think there is more of an acceptance here," Huyer said. "They're not analyzing and critiquing it as hard as in the States."

Huyer said the Canadian fans are similar to European ones in the way they respond to groups.

3 Deep will soon test that theory when they embark on their April tour of Europe to support their CD. The U.S. release is tentatively scheduled for late spring.

Until then, fans hoping to get an even closer look at the group, should check out the one-hour video "Private 3 Deep," which takes the viewer around the singers' homes and work.

The video is only available through their site (www.3Deep.com) where the number of hits per day is a staggering 7500.

Asking if they have love interests, they all quickly replied, "Cheque, please."

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Critics have accused Sloan of being a poor live band, but 4 *Nights at the Palais Royale* proves otherwise.

This double CD set comes less than a year after the Juno nominated album, *Navy Blues*.

Sloan has successfully captured the excitement of their live performance. A seven-minute long *Money City Maniacs* and a rockier *Marcus Said* make this album well worth the \$25 price tag.

If you couldn't make it to see this great Canadian band last November, or even if you went to all four shows – pick this one up, put it in your stereo, and crank it.

– Shaun Hatton

4 NIGHTS AT THE PALAIS ROYALE



Titanic dinosaurs at the IMAX

BY ANDREA TRENTADUE
Et Cetera Staff

Hold on to your glasses, because you're in for an eye-popping IMAX 3-D experience.

Jurassic Park was believable entertainment, but T-Rex, *Back to the Cretaceous*, goes to new heights with an in-your-face experience.

Life-size beasts lunge at you with their mouths wide

open, and seem only inches away from your face. Barry Patterson, IMAX promotions and public relations manager said 3-D has always been around, but time has made it much better.

"The 3-D has never been as perfected and as impactful," he said.

It's called large-format film and can be seen at the Famous Players Colossus IMAX Theatre.

Patterson said it is very costly to make a 3-D movie

"One minute of film equals 300 feet of film, the height of a 30 storey building."

"With 10 IMAX theatres, Famous Players is the largest and most aggressive in the large-format film," he said.

Actors Peter Horton (*Thirtysomething*), Karl Coleman and newcomer Liz Stauber, star in the 45-minute movie, which takes its viewers back to a time when dinosaurs ruled the world.

As the plot unfolds, Ally Hayden (Liz Stauber), the daughter of world-famous paleontologist Dr. Donald Hayden (Peter Horton), is fascinated with the study of dinosaur bones and fossils.

Ally believes her father's discovery of an oval shaped fossil could be the egg of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. At this point, the movie takes a turn back in time. She finds herself living during the reign of the dinosaurs, and comes face to face with the very real looking creatures.

During the story, the audience is immersed in the film as the dinosaurs and other objects are thrown in their faces.

The audience was gasping in fear at times, often hiding their faces with their hands to shield themselves from the 3-dimensional objects flying at them from the movie screen.

"Many people just come out for the IMAX experience. The response has been overwhelming," Patterson said.

Due to the costs and time involved in creating such films as the T-Rex, Patterson said the films go on four-month cycles. Its first showing was Feb. 12 and the show will be around for a few more weeks.

If you miss the T-Rex, *Back to the Cretaceous*, you can still experience the next 3-D sensation, *Encounters of the Third Dimension*.

The Colossus is located at the corner of Hwys. 400 and 7. Tickets for the 3-D theatre is \$11 for adults, and \$6.75 for children.



"T-Rex, Back to the Cretaceous," is currently showing at The Colossus, at the corner of Hwys. 400 and 7. Tickets at the 3-D theatre are \$11 for adults and \$6.75 for children.

Mercury rising

BY DAN LAWRENCE
Et Cetera Staff

They're not your typical rock band. With a unique aggressive rock sound, the Mercurymen have built a solid place for themselves in the Toronto indie scene.

This trio is coming into the new millennium with two albums set to be released this year. They're also contributing songs to the *Mentos Fresh '99* compilation album, plus the *Change of Heart* and *The Residence* tribute albums.

Singer/guitarist Neil Exall said he's constantly writing new music, which explains the abundance of material on their last release, *Anti-Material Headset Drill*. The CD has 29 tracks, and lasts 74 minutes.

The band came together in 1995, when Exall, who searching for a drummer, found Marty Knox lying drunk in a ditch at a party.

"He needed a drummer," Knox said. "I didn't have any pants on, so he gave me a pair."

Bassist Greg Davidson

answered an ad in the paper and the guys became the Mercurymen.

"We all come from the same sort of loud, aggressive rock background," Exall said.

The new albums will be different from their first, experimental CD. Many of the songs on *Anti-Material Headset Drill*, were written on the spot, and used several unique instruments.

Several of the tracks use samples from television and movies. The most memorable is "Apes Need Food," which is heavily sampled from the classic, *Planet of the Apes*.


The band promises a more standard approach for their next albums.

"This record that's coming out in April is pretty different from the other albums," Exall said. "It's more a straight forward rock record."

"It's cool being an independent band," Davidson said, "but if we could find a good solid indie label, who'd let us go our own route, we'd take it. We wouldn't want them to dictate our image or sound."

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Sports

Quebec takes gold at women's tourney

■ *Defending champs get knocked off in championships in Mississauga*

BY MICHAEL STAMOU
AND SEAN COUSINS
Sports Reporters

Last weekend, about 2,000 fans watched Quebec skate to a 4-2 victory over the Alberta Oval-X-Treme and win the gold medal at the Esso Women's National Hockey Championships at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga.

The Oval X-Treme squad were the two-time defending gold medal champions going into the tournament.

"It feels awesome," Mai-Lan Le of Quebec said about the victory. "It's like a feeling that you want over and over again.

It's like the top," she said.

Le said her team did very well because they are young, closely-knit, and have a "good team spirit" which they have built on throughout the season.

Quebec and Alberta started the game off very aggressively. Both were eager to draw first blood.

Quebec got the first goal. Forward

Marie-Claude Allard scored it, assisted by Anik Bouchard and Caroline Ouellette.

During the second period, Alberta was struggling to keep the puck out of their zone and was making feeble shots from the point.

The team failed to capitalize on a five-minute game misconduct penalty in the third period that would have tied the game up for them.

"I don't think we played bad," Fiona Smith of Alberta said, "that's not it at all. We came out flying in the second and third; we had a lot of scoring chances."

"They were just tougher," Cumley Dunn of Alberta said.

Dunn said her team just couldn't cope with Quebec's style of playing hockey.

"The girls just weren't on top of it enough to handle it," she said. "Often that's our game - crash and bang stuff - and they were beating us with our own game," Dunn said.

The bronze medal game saw Team Ontario, represented by the Beatrice Aeros, slaughter New Brunswick by a score of 11-0.

The game displayed Ontario's dominance of women's hockey.

Ontario outshot New Brunswick 66-9.

They scored quickly and often. Team Canada members, Geraldine Heaney and Jayna Hefford each starred with two goals for Ontario, while game MVP Amanda Benoit had one goal and four assists to lead



PHOTO BY MICHAEL STAMOU

The struggle is on, as Quebec skated its way to a convincing gold medal win over Alberta at the Hershey Center in Mississauga at the Women's tourney.

Ontario in the Bronze medal game.

Most of Ontario's team was disappointed about not playing in the gold medal game, but they appreciated their bronze medal win.

"Well, it was good to win the Bronze medal, but we would've preferred to have been in tonight (gold medal) game," Heaney said.

Most of the players on Team Ontario still believe they are the best hockey team

in Canada.

"Oh yeah, huge disappointment in the dressing room. I still believe that we are the best team but, it's not always the best team that wins," said Angela James, who has been to 14 national championships in her career.

The Beatrice Aeros, who represent Ontario, will have to wait until next year to prove to Canadians that they are the best team in women's hockey.

Athletes honoured at Banquet

BY ERIKA FORD
Editorial Staff

The Annual Athletic Banquet was held March 30, and brought out the best Humber Hawks, athletic trainers, managers and staff.

It was a night of laughter, memories and awards. Congratulations to all the athletes on their achievements.

GOLF

MVP: Angela MacDonald

MEN'S HOCKEY

Most Improved: Eric Hobor
Rookie of the Year: Wade Dawe
MVP: Duane Crocker

WOMEN'S V'BALL

Most Improved: Cassandra Harris

Rookie of the Year:

Perfection Powell

MVP:

Christine Rudics

MEN'S V'BALL

Most Improved:

John Chapman

Rookie of the Year:

John Chapman

MVP: Matt Tim

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Most Improved:

Annabella Lopes

Rookie of the Year:

Megan Beckett

MVP: Adriana Cataldo,

Claudia Marmo

MEN'S SOCCER

Most Improved:

Jeff Tait

Rookie of the Year:

Mike Rodriguez

MVP: Peter Libicz,

Walter Martins

WOMEN'S B'BALL

Most Improved:

Nicolene Clarke

Rookie of the Year:

Lindsay Higgs

MVP: Tina Botterill

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Most Improved:

James Ashbaugh

Rookie of the Year:

Jeremy Walters

MVP: Isaac King

Warrick Manners Good Sportsmanship and Excellence Award:

Matt Carr, men's

soccer

Mike Katz Excellence Award:

Keffrin Dunson, men's
basketball

Joe Suzor Memorial Award:

Mike Gentile



PHOTO BY CLAUDIA ZOQUE

Tina Botterill and Peter Libicz won Humber's Athletes of the Year award.

Hawk Heart Award:

Tim Ryan, men's v'ball;
Jeff Bain, men's hockey;
Angela MacDonald,
women's soccer, golf;
Jeremy Murray, men's
b'ball; Audrey
Kaersenhout, Tina
Botterill, women's b'ball

Female Athlete Of The Year:

Tina Botterill, women's
basketball

Male Athlete of the Year:

Peter Libicz, men's soccer

WCW rumbles back into Canada

By ROBERT STEEVES
Et Cetera Staff

World Championship Wrestling has come to Canada for the first time in six years.

WCW and WWF have been battling for fans ever since wrestling became big. Now that WCW has come back to Canada it will be interesting if they will steal some of the longtime Canadian WWF fans.

More than 20,000 screaming fanatics jammed the Air Canada Centre to cheer the good guys and jeer the bad guys.

WCW big name superstars entertained the sold out crowd as Monday Night Nitro made its debut in Canada.

As the show opened, fans chanted "We want Bret, we want Bret." But they weren't pleased that Bret the Hitman Hart didn't come out until the middle of the show.

WCW kept fans hyped for most of the three hour show. They were dissatisfied, however, because at the end of every match there was a long pause while film crews filmed parts of the Jesse "The

Body" Ventura movie. But as soon as the big names ran down the walkway and dove into the ring, the crowd went wild.

An hour into the show Mean Gene Okerlund came out to interview Ric Flair. The crowd booed as the 50-year-old superstar walked to the ring. Flair was joined by Diamond Dallas Page and later by crowd favourite, Hollywood Hulk Hogan. As the wrestlers yelled at one another, fans and TV cameras looked to the upper deck to witness the comeback of Sting. Even though he just stood there, most of the fans were glad to see him.

Scott Norton and Rick Steiner faced off in the middle of the squared circle for a long grueling match. The fans barked as the men threw each other from post to post. Eventually Steiner pinned Norton for the three count.

Finally the fans got what they wanted. The famous Hitman music blared out of the speakers as Bret Hart appeared at the top of the runway. He high-fived fans as he made his way to the ring. For two minutes fans chanted "Bret, Bret, Bret..." As he spoke, a few

hecklers were yelling anti-Bret slogans but were silenced by the people next to them. Bret took off his Hitman jersey to reveal a Toronto Maple Leaf jersey. The fans rose to their feet once again to cheer the Calgary native.

Bret's interview was interrupt-

ed by Goldberg who came out and levelled Bret. Fans feigned worry as the two men were lying in one corner of the ring apparently unconscious for a couple of minutes. Finally Bret rolled Goldberg off and stood up. He took off the Leaf's jersey to reveal a steel plate

protecting his abs. He then picked up a microphone and to everyone's surprise quit the WCW.

The tag team title changed hands as Kidmen and Rey Mysterio, Jr. defeated two of the four Horsemen, Chris Benoit and Dean Malenko with the help of Raven and Saturn.

Finally it came time for the match of the night - Hollywood Hogan versus Diamond Dallas Page. The match was introduced by famous announcer Michael Buffer. Hogan and Page battled it out for 20 minutes before Hogan flattened Page.

There was some controversy as two referees were knocked out and Flair, who was at ringside, interfered with the match.

Page stumbled back to the dressing rooms while Hogan showboated in his usual fashion. Fans cheered for five minutes before the longtime wrestling superstar made his way to the dressing rooms.

On the whole, the night was entertaining and some fans said it was better than WWF's Monday Night RAW at SkyDome in early February.



PHOTO BY ROBERT STEEVES

Before quitting the WCW, Bret the Hitman Hart strolled around the ring in "fellow wrestler" Tie Domi's jersey.

Wrestlers raise eyebrows and food

By MAREK KOCHMAN AND
ELLIOTT BELKEN
Et Cetera Staff

The WWF passed the Test in their attempt to raise food for the Daily Bread Food Bank March 23 at the BCE Place downtown.

With the Superbowl of wrestling fast approaching, Canadian superstars Test, Edge, Christian, and former intercontinental champion Val Venis, stepped up before the big show to put a strangle hold on hunger.

Three days before Wrestlemania, the largest event of the year on the wrestling calendar the WWF stopped into town to do a charitable event before they hit Philadelphia.

"The WWF always finds the time to do things and help other people that are less fortunate," WWF mascot and spokesperson Jason Sensation said.

The Daily Bread Food Bank estimates Viewers Choice Canada and the WWF raised 631 pounds of food for the local charity.

"The more food we can raise the better. The Daily Bread Food Bank needs all the help it can get," Carl DeMarco president of WWF Canada said.

Along with the good cause the fans were absolutely ecstatic about the idea of meeting some of the superstars.

Though some wrestling stunts and ideas have raised eyebrows in the past, this event proved the

world of pro wrestling can also have a positive influence on communities.

"It's been a very exciting event and it gives a chance for everybody to see all the new wrestlers," Greg Psalorogos, a long time WWF fan said. "It's a good event for the charity and all the fans. That kind of stuff you know is a good thing to be done."

As for the wrestlers, they were as keen on being there as the fans.

"It's very important to come down here and mix and mingle with the fans," Corporation member, and Oshawa native Test said.

"We're all Canadians. The WWF is giving us a chance to show our stuff. We hope the fans enjoy it."

Humber grad turned WWF superstar Edge enjoys doing the charity work.

"It's good for everyone involved. Everyone benefits," he said.

Edge said his contribution was prearranged.

"The WWF sets up everything we do. We can have some ideas and pitch them to the WWF and then the WWF gets in contact with those people," he said.

It is estimated that the average

WWF superstar works up to 300 days a year, and much of that time is spent on the road.

Superstar Val Venis said he enjoys the charity work because it is strictly on a volunteer basis. Though the organization sets up the events, the wrestlers themselves choose to attend and participate.

"I think with all of us Canadians being here at BCE Place it encourages people to donate food, which I think is a great thing," Venis said.

The Markham native said attending his first Wrestlemania, and being one of only a handful of Canadian champions in wrestling history, going into the event he feels pumped.

"Adrenilized. Every moment that goes by I feel more and more adrenaline," he said.

Recently, the WWF has fallen out of favour in places like Winnipeg, where the city tried to

get a ban on Monday Night Raw. Winnipeg residents were concerned about the message professional wrestling was sending to the children because of the adult oriented themes like Val Venis' character being an alleged porn star.

"People were upset that kids were emulating the wrestlers inside the schools and stuff. I think the responsibility falls on the parents. If parents would teach their children proper morals and values, kids could watch any professional wrestling and know they have been entertained," Venis said.

Venis feels children should be educated before watching the show, in order to have a proper mind set.

"The problems come when children haven't had proper morals and values instilled in them. That is not my problem, I'm not a baby sitter, it's the parents problem," he said.

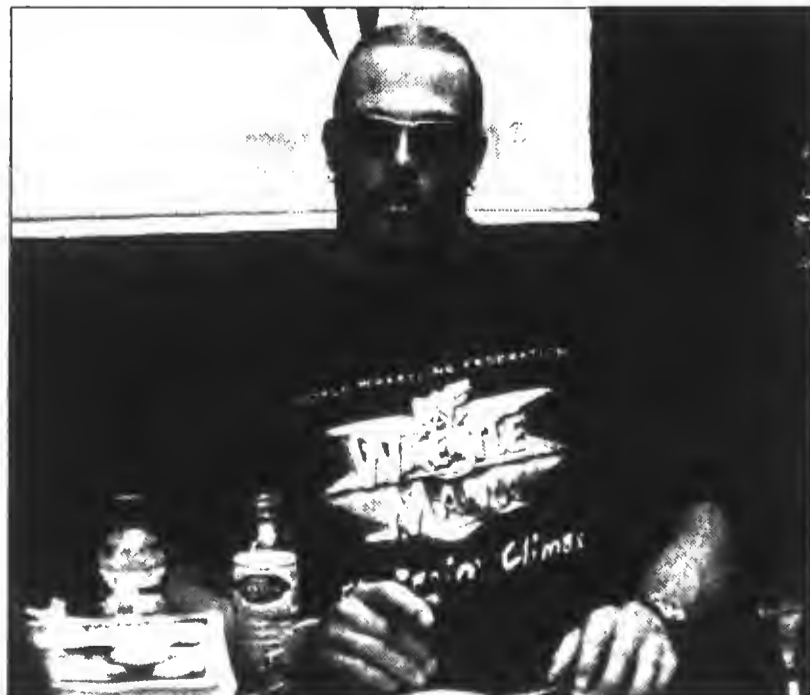


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Test takes time out of his busy wrestling schedule to help bring in 631 pounds of food for the Daily Bread Food Bank.

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