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Protesters slam Rae report



LAURA THOMPSON

Students hit the streets of downtown Toronto last week to protest rising debt and tuition costs before the release of Bob Rae's review of post-secondary education. The report recommends more funding for student loans, deregulated tuition and increased support for students from low-income families. See story p.3 and editorial p. 6

Review calls for tuition hikes and low-income grants

REBECCA GRANT
NEWS REPORTER

Former Ontario premier Bob Rae's recommendations to overhaul the province's post-secondary system received mixed reviews from student groups Monday.

While some student associations greeted the review with press releases entitled "Hurray Rae . . ." and "Rae Lights Way," others say the recommendation to deregulate

tuition will multiply student debt. "Rae's talking about higher fees, he's talking about full-blown deregulation and he's talking about a lifetime of debt through income contingent loan repayment schemes," said Ontario chairperson Jesse Greener, for the Canadian Federation of Students.

The federation says Rae's proposal for students to repay their loans based on post-graduation income will lead to tuition hikes.

"The sad thing is that Bob Rae wasn't happy with (Ontario) having the second highest tuition fees in the country, he actually wants to put us to the top of the pile with (university) fees in excess of \$6,000," Greener said.

Premier Dalton McGuinty said he expects the cost of tuition to increase moderately once the current freeze ends in 2006.

Although the CFS was pleased with the reinstatement of needs-

based grants for Ontario's poorest students, it is concerned tuition will increase for everybody whose family makes over \$35,000 a year.

"(Rae) basically says if you're not a low income student, you're rich. The fact is 80 per cent of students in the system right now are from middle income backgrounds," Greener said.

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SHERRY BARRETT

Lyndsy Bartello keeps an eye on things from the North Humber security dispatch desk.

New arts program unique

SHANNON HUGHES
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Board of Governors has unanimously approved the creation of a two-year diploma program in visual and digital arts — the only one of its kind in Ontario. "Within the media field, there's been a growing need for creative content," said William Hanna, dean of the School of Media Studies.

"Fine Arts programs have the drawing and painting components — but they do not have the digital." While universities traditionally offer studies in fine arts and colleges offer training in digital media, there are no programs in the province to provide digital skills to students with a passion for art.

Humber's new program, slated to begin in September 2005, is changing that.

SIU investigate police accident

AARON JACKLIN
NEWS REPORTER

A Toronto police cruiser hit a 20-year-old man near North Campus early Wednesday morning, according to Ontario's Special Investigations Unit.

SIU Communications manager Rose Bliss said the police responded to an alarm call at Nestlé Foods on Carrier Drive at 2:10 a.m. They saw a man leaving the building.

"They were trying to apprehend the man when he was struck by a police cruiser," Bliss said.

The man was taken to Etobicoke General with a broken leg, she said.

SIU is a civilian law enforcement agency that investigates incidents of serious injury, sexual assault or death between police officers and civilians.

SIU has identified one Toronto police officer as the subject of their investigation and four other officers as witnesses.

Students in the Visual and Digital Arts program will study drawing and painting, art history and colour theory, just as Fine Arts students would. They will also benefit from hands-on training in digital art and photography and develop a portfolio of their work.

"Art students are really passionate. They want to create a more beautiful world."

-Gary Lima, Director DITC

"The full-time graphic design program has enjoyed full enrolment for the past five years," said Gary Lima, director of the Digital

Imaging Training Centre. "We really should do something training students more in visual art.

"We want to see students get jobs as well," Lima added, asserting that now is the time to send qualified graduates into the workforce.

The number of Canadians working as visual artists has increased by one-third since 1991 and employment for artists is booming.

With nearly 40 per cent of Canada's new media firms located in Toronto, Humber is in an ideal location to recruit fledgling artists.

Target enrolment for the program is set at 30 students for the first and second years. Lima and Hanna are confident this class will be a credit to Humber College.

"Art students are really passionate," Lima says. "They want to create a more beautiful world."



LIZA WOOD

Toronto Police tow away a van parked in front of Nestlé where a man was struck by a police cruiser following a reported break-in.

Escort services remain same at Humber, George Brown

SHERRY BARRETT
NEWS REPORTER

George Brown and Humber College are standing by their Safe-Walk Escort programs, despite the recent downtown shootings of two Toronto women.

A George Brown safe-walk escort was shot in the thigh while walking students to the subway around 8 p.m. Jan. 26.

Another woman was shot in the stomach while crossing the street with her husband roughly one block away.

Both were taken to St. Michael's Hospital.

"One woman was treated and released at the time so it was a minor injury," said Constable Kristine Bacharach of Division 51. "The other had surgery for non-life threatening injuries."

George Brown Safe-Walk Coordinator Erin Jones said that it is unbelievable that this could occur, but because the incident was a random event, George Brown would not be changing its safety measures.

With the exception of avoiding the street altogether, Bacharach said little can be done.

"The women weren't doing anything wrong. They just hap-

pened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time."

She said police believe the shootings are connected but have no solid leads.

George Brown VP Corporate Services Eugene Harrigan said students are carrying on.

"I think it was a really important decision for them to move forward."

A tragic events response team was with students and safe-walkers the next day.

"This is the first incident like this in the 37-year history of the college."

At Humber, Safety Program Coordinator Gary Jeynes said the college's escort program has had no similar incidents.

Humber won't be making modifications to their escort program but Jeynes does promote change.

"We can improve (our program). I encourage anyone to contact me directly at ext. 4417 to have a chat if they have any suggestions or comments."

Presently, Humber safe-walkers travel in pairs, wear identifying jackets and carry portable radios. Their job is to promote safe travel to the Humber property line.

Escorts will also wait with and meet students at Humber bus stops.

Smog chokes T.O.

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NEWS REPORTER

Last weekend's mild temperatures shrouded the city with smoggy skies and have sparked great concerns about the environment.

"This is the first (smog advisory) we've called during the winter-time based on the air quality advisory program," said a supervisor of Air Quality Assessment with Environment Canada.

John Steele, an environment ministry spokesman, said, "We issue smog advisories mostly during the traditional smog season which is May 1 to Sept. 30."

Steele said fine particulate was added to the air quality index and expected to see a smog advisory during the winter months.

"This is the first (winter advisory) ever issued in Ontario, but it's primarily because there's new technology available to sample the air."

Recent weather conditions are making winter smog possible because mild temperatures and lack of wind are causing pollutants to accumulate over the city.

These advisories, however, don't necessarily mean our environment is getting worse.

"A lot of the smog was caused from the U.S. but there is some local impact of course," said the Environment Canada spokesperson.

"We do have Hamilton and we do have some large urban centres that do have emissions. But a great deal of it is from the American midwest and they were covered with advisories themselves the last few days."

The Ontario air quality index measures the amount of microscopic particles in the air such as smoke, fumes, aerosols, dust, ash and pollen. All could cause

serious health problems if ingested.

Carole Gionet, manager of Humber College Health Centre, said those who suffer from asthma, emphysema, bronchitis, or COPD, are at increased risk if they're exposed to smog.

"They already have a lung function that's compromised, but smog could make it worse and some people can actually die. For elderly people with these diseases smog can cause death."



Laura Thompson

Young people from across the province gathered at Queen's Park last Thursday to protest Rae's less-than-sexy recommendations.

Students storm Queen's Park

Rae report could mean tuition increases

REBECCA GRANT
NEWS REPORTER

As the Canadian Federation of Students' national student debt metre ticked closer to the \$11 billion mark, hundreds of students converged at Queen's Park on Thursday to protest a recommendation for tuition deregulation.

The rally preceded Monday's release of former premier Bob Rae's review of Ontario's post-secondary system, which is the most poorly-funded in Canada.

"I think it's terrible. Students who come from low-income families won't be able to pay for anything," said social work student Cameron McKenzie about the report.

The review calls for grants to 95,000 low-income students and is accompanied by a proposal to end the province's regulation of tuition fees.

While the CFS organized the protest, buses also came from several non-member schools including Humber, McMaster and the University of Ottawa.

Business student Chris McNeil was one of 15 Humber students who attended the rally.

McNeil says he's worried about how he'll pay his \$14,000 student loan and if he'll be able to set aside money for his three-year-old

daughter's tuition. "I have no idea how expensive tuition's going to be if we don't keep fees frozen now."

CFS Chairperson Jesse Greener expressed fears that post-graduate fees are increasingly inaccessible to all but the most affluent students.

"Somebody forgot to point out that low income students are shamefully under-represented in this province," Greener told the rally.

Since 1990, college tuition has doubled and university tuition has tripled, which is why the CFS says that it doesn't only want a tuition freeze, but a tuition reduction.

Greener noted that 92 per cent of the public support a tuition freeze.

"Change is not going back to the Conservative agenda of giving administrators the right to increase our fees without any public supervision," Greener said.

Unlike those attending the rally, HSF president Jen Green supports many of Rae's recommendations.

She says Rae has done a good job of considering the broad problems confronting post-secondary schools.

Students who have an emotional and personal stake in education are often not as objective in determining government policy, Green said.

She doesn't think a tuition reduction is realistic. "If you look at tuition, it's not that much, especially at a college. College (costs) a lot less than a university."

Green said students are ultimately compensated for their investment in higher education with higher paying jobs.

The Rae Review's recommendations for Ontario's post-secondary schools include:

- \$2.1 billion overall in new funding for colleges and universities by 2007-08
- The deregulation of tuition. After the current two-year tuition freeze ends and once the assistance system is improved, schools could individually apply to a government agency to raise tuition, provided they can prove the increases would not unduly affect accessibility
- \$300 million increase to student assistance programs
- Increase student loans to cover living costs in conjunction with the federal government and decrease loan restrictions based on parent's income
- Try to enable graduates to repay their loans at rates tied to their income upon graduation
- Provide more support for natives, francophones and students with disabilities.
- Subsidize most of the tuition for 95,000 low-income students by restoring needs-based grants
- Increase transferability of credits between colleges and universities

Locals divided over Rae report

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Michael Hatton, Humber's VP Academic, was impressed by the \$2.1 billion that Rae recommended the province invest in Ontario's colleges and universities as well as Rae's commitment to accessibility.

"(Rae) talks about parents being able to borrow money, he talks about the importance of access to student assistance and . . . about grants for low-income students."

Etobicoke North Liberal MPP Shafiq Qadri agrees and says the report reflects a principled dedication to higher education.

"All members of our community will benefit from a universally accessible post-secondary education system," Qadri said. "The Rae report expresses admirable goals that are aimed at strengthening communities."

Supporters of the Rae report also applaud the recommendation more courses be transferable between colleges and universities.

Currently, college tuition is about half that of universities, which the College Student Alliance regards as affordable. However the CSA's director of advocacy, John Olinski, is concerned deregulation will threaten college affordability.

"Our biggest fear is to go the American style where you're looking at massive tuitions, where you're looking at taking out a full mortgage on your education."

The CSA supports deregulating tuition only for programs where graduates are likely to have high salaries and employment rates.

The government spends \$2,000 less on each college student than it spends on university students. Olinski describes this as "a huge gap" that does not reflect the funding needs of the two systems.

It costs more to have 10 people in an applied technology class like dental hygiene than to have 500 people in an arts auditorium, Olinski said.

He's also concerned the provincial government's struggles with a \$6-billion deficit and underfunded health-care will make commitments to post-secondary funding difficult to achieve.

Rae says post-secondary education has been suffering from "benign neglect" and that the public must be persuaded to invest in higher education.

"Education matters for each of us as individuals. It matters for our society and our economy. Yet it has not been the public priority it should be."

"The Rae report expresses admirable goals."

-Shafiq Qadri, Etobicoke MPP

Guyana flooding kills eleven

DAVID JUTZI
NEWS REPORTER

With the world still reeling from the post-tsunami devastation in Asia, a South American country has quietly been hit by yet another natural disaster.

In the past month, the capital city of Georgetown in Guyana has endured more than 40 inches of rain - almost six times the normal January average.

"Everything is under water. People have been forced out of their homes and have been living in schools," said Guyana resident Audrey Ault in a phone interview from the country's capital. "It's been so terrible."

Despite all the money having been donated to tsunami-affected areas in Asia, one expert doesn't expect donor fatigue in Canada will be an issue.

"In terms of general fundraising there is a dip after something (like the tsunami)," said Ontario's Red Cross communications coordinator and Humber grad Kathleen Killen.

"But we can see from the generosity of Canadians that should the problem increase, we are confident there will be support."

A relief effort has already begun with large donations and aid coming from many countries and organizations.

The Guyana consulate in



Clifford La Rose

The town of Buxton is among the many areas surrounding Guyana's capital that has been devastated by the flooding.

Toronto has set up a flood relief account with Canada Trust where people can make donations.

At present, Humber's Caribbean Culture Society doesn't have a fundraising event for Guyana planned but hopes to have implemented some ideas within the next couple of weeks.

According to Guyanese media the death toll has reached 11. With the worst of the weather over, greater fear is growing about spread of disease.

Officials say rainfall has mixed with sewage and collected in many areas creating a potentially volatile "basin" effect. The pools of stag-

nant water are ideal breeding grounds for bacteria.

Leptospirosis, an illness whose symptoms include vomiting, diarrhoea and rash has already killed two people and 75 other suspected cases are currently being monitored.

The Guyanese government has been accused of capitalizing on the devastation.

"Food has been marked up to five times the price," Ault said. "The government has been totally corrupt in providing relief. Some people are getting food. Some are starving for something to eat."

With files from Lauren La Rose

News



SHERRY BARRETT

Mona looks away as her homeless owner plays her a tune on his mandolin in downtown Toronto.

Homeless left out in the cold

Council passes bill banning homeless from public spaces

SHERRY BARRETT
NEWS REPORTER

Sleeping in public spaces like Nathan Phillips Square is now illegal in Toronto after city council passed a bill last Wednesday.

The bill was passed with a vote of 28 to 9.

Ward 1 Etobicoke North councillor, Suzan Hall, voted yes.

"After the storming of the council chambers by the Ontario Coalitions Against Poverty and others, I felt that the eviction section of the report needed to be strengthened. Those who came, threatened not to leave Nathan Phillips Square no matter what we did."

Hall voted with the understand-

ing that certain initiatives would be met.

"We need more affordable housing, not just for the homeless but for those close to losing their homes because they cannot afford the market rents."

"The government should put more initiatives into places where the homeless can feel empowered."

-Anje, 'friend to the homeless'

Hall also wants to see "the city work closely with the provincial government to see that supportive housing is provided for the mentally handicapped."

Anje, a dreadlocked 'friend to the homeless,' sees things differently.

"The government should put

more initiatives into places where the homeless can feel empowered," Anje said.

"I think a lot of the people on the street are mentally ill and have an addiction problem. It really should be more of an issue of understanding and care than an issue of trying to pretend homeless people don't exist," he said.

However, Ward 2 Etobicoke North councillor Rob Ford voted against the ban.

"Pardon the expression, but it's all ass backwards," he said. "There is a lot more to it than throwing more money at the problem."

Alissa, a drifter from Tennessee, agreed the ban is messed up.

"I think it's too much of a class thing. Where are we supposed to go? Why can't we just sleep in a warm place? Aren't we entitled to that?"

The city approved the bill with the hope of building 1,000 new affordable housing units in the city, a new homeless shelter and adding more social workers into the system.

Union says faculty workload tops negotiation agenda

Old workload formula put in place in 1985

CYNTHIA REASON
NEWS REPORTER

It's bargaining time again for Humber faculty members whose contract expires on Aug. 31, 2005.

The faculty union, OPSEU Local 562, which includes teachers, counsellors and librarians, is set to begin negotiating a new contract which they hope will remedy an outdated workload formula.

Union president Maureen Wall said the number-one priority for faculty members is workload issues.

According to Wall, many things have changed in education since the workload formula was put into effect in 1985. She said the existing formula no longer reflects the actual work being done by faculty.

"When the workload formula was implemented the colleges were not delivering degree courses and there were very few post-diploma courses. Now that's becoming more and more the activity of Humber," Wall said.

"There is additional work and preparation required for teachers teaching these kinds of courses.

"Management would like greater flexibility in the formula to meet the needs of students," she said.

In the 1988-89 school year there were 8,500 full-time students and 637 full-time faculty. Now there are about 15,000 full-time students and only 486 full-time faculty members.

"That statistic alone tells the story about class size growing tremendously," Wall said.

About half the teaching at Humber now is done by faculty on short-term contracts. Another priority for the union is requiring more full-time positions to be created, but workload and staffing

issues aren't unique to Humber.

"The issues we have at Humber are reflected over and over again at the other 23 colleges," Wall said.

While management sees negotiations as a chance to satisfy the faculty's needs and concerns, HR Director Deb McCarthy said the needs of students are their top priority.

"We're here for the students and to ensure that the students have a successful education.

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-Deb McCarthy, HR Director

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McCarthy expects the meeting to take place sometime in March. For now, management is waiting for reports to come back

from a joint-task force put together to look into workload issues.

Until then, both parties are left to wait and see what the other brings to the table.

"We're curious to find out what their package of proposals for the bargaining are," Wall said.

"We are serious about wanting to make improvements. We absolutely will not go backwards."

OPSEU survey extends deadline to this Tuesday

The Ontario Public Services Employee Union is asking professors, counsellors and librarians to fill out an online survey on workload provisions.

The information that is collected from the survey will then be used as a bargaining tool as negotiation deadlines approach.

The survey can be completed on the OPSEU website at www.opseu.org.

The last day to do the survey has been extended to Tuesday, Feb. 15.

For more information visit the website or contact Brenda Wall at bwall@opseu.org.

Minister of Training at Lakeshore today

RYAN MCLANDRESS
NEWS EDITOR

Mary Anne Chambers, minister of training for Ontario colleges and universities, will be at Lakeshore campus today to meet with students of the Social Services Worker Program to discuss the Rae Review.

Students will have the opportunity to ask the minister questions in the informal meeting.

The discussion will take place at 2:30 p.m. today at Lakeshore Campus in room E111.

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College station to hit public airwaves this fall

Humber's 1993 bid failed to have the station broadcast outside the college



CAROLINE LAURIN

Radio broadcast student, Toya Dickenson, hones her on-air skills on Humber's station which will become 96.9 CKHC FM this fall.

Station to include comedy, magazine shows and live music

CAROLINE LAURIN
NEWS REPORTER

Humber College will be hitting the airwaves next fall on 96.9 CKHC FM.

After decades of pursuit the CRTC has finally granted Humber a license to broadcast in Toronto's crowded media market.

The idea of a college station was first tossed around in the mid-1970s, but it wasn't until Jerry Chomyn came to the college in 1988 that the plan began to blossom.

Chomyn is the coordinator of the radio broadcasting diploma program and manager of the radio station.

His first proposal, made in

1993, was rejected by the CRTC. "When radio frequencies started getting scarce we decided to go after it one more time," Chomyn said. "We're running out of frequencies in Toronto."

The CRTC agreed to grant the license only if the station proved to offer unique broadcasting. Humber proposed an all-Canadian station.

"We convinced the CRTC there is a lot of great Canadian music out there," Chomyn said. "Commercial stations play at most 35 per cent Canadian content, so we thought, well, why not go 100 per cent?"

It paid off. The license was granted just in time for Christmas.

The station is being funded by the HSF and the School of Media Studies.

The CRTC has granted Humber the right to sell four minutes of advertising per hour, at a

going rate of \$15 a minute.

The station will serve to train broadcasters and salespeople and will be introduced into the curriculum of many media studies programs next fall.

"Students are a big part of this," Chomyn said. "Even though we're giving them direction, (they're) going to produce the programming."

Programming will include comedy, daily magazine shows and live music shows in addition to music and news.

"As many programs as we could possibly get that could possibly benefit from this type of training ground are going to participate," Chomyn said, adding the Guelph-Humber journalism program and Lakeshore music program will be included.

Construction for new campus studios will begin in March and the tower transmitter will likely be erected over the summer.

College welcomes new profs to transfer program

Professors agree program is a benefit to Humber students

SHERRY BARRETT
NEWS REPORTER

Humber's newest professors Lisa Salem-Wiseman and Jeoff Bull are doing their best to prepare students for higher education through the University Transfer Profile program.

Bull says the UTPP "is for students who wanted to go to university but didn't have the grades, money or opportunities to get where they wanted to go. So, they've decided to boost their credits by coming to Humber."

Students who complete the program can transfer to one of Humber's sister universities.

"The best deal, as far as I know,

is with Bishops in Lennoxville, Québec," said Salem-Wiseman who adds the college takes credits one to one.

Salem-Wiseman has a PhD in Canadian Literature and has taught at York University and Seneca College.

"I really like the transfer program," she said. "You can see students getting excited and discovering areas they might want to major in."

Bull, who has a PhD in American Literature, taught at Erindale, Centennial and Sheridan campuses, before settling at Humber.

"This course of study is nicely designed for people who may feel they don't have the background to be prepared for university," he said. "By the time you're out you'll have a mastery of all the stuff you have to know."

Welcome

The Humber Students' Federation (HSF) launched the first Food Bank and Resource Center of Humber ITAL on Monday, January 17th 2005 in room KX100 of the North Campus.

- It is a membership based centre that provides members with food, information on nutrition and easy to follow cookbooks.
- Open from 11am to 2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays for:
 - non-perishable food donations
 - for students with need to complete an application for membership
- The center is open to all students, staff and faculty of Humber ITAL as well as The University of Guelph Humber
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Editorial

Rae leaves students stuck in the middle

After eight months of research and 17 public meetings, former premier Bob Rae has delivered a \$2.1 billion blueprint to fix Ontario's neglected post-secondary education system.

Rae, who handed the report to Queen's Park on Monday, has recommended 28 ways for the McGuinty government to make higher learning accessible and affordable for all Ontario students.

In his report, *Ontario: A Leader in Learning*, Rae suggests among other things that the government provide \$1.3 billion in provincial operating grants, a Council of Higher Education to moderate spending and hold all parties accountable, and \$300 million in financial aid for about 95,000 low-income students.

While the \$2.1 billion in recommendations was welcomed by the colleges, universities and low-income students, they may be the only ones to reap the benefits of the report.

Rae's suggestion to allow institutions to hike tuition fees after next year has left students from middle-class families upset and concerned, fearing the deregulation of tuition fees and the increase of student debt.

The current annual tuition average in Ontario is \$4,920, second highest in Canada. Only Nova Scotia's average is higher.

Sure, Rae has said the increase in fees would have to be modest and that there should be no discussion of tuition hikes until both governments increase funding. But, with grants only being offered to families whose incomes are less than \$35,000 per year, it seems middle-class students have been passed over.

class system funding

His definition of who makes up the lower-and middle-class is perplexing. By determining who receives funding based on a class system, it will only deter students from a higher education, especially those who don't meet the criteria and have a hard time making ends meet.

For the roughly 600,000 students enrolled in post-secondary education, 80 per cent are "deemed" middle-class. They will not benefit from Rae's report at all.

In theory, Rae's suggestions could repair some damage that has come from years of cutbacks in postsecondary education, but it will be up to Queen's Park whether the recommendations are implemented or not.

In April, when the provincial government releases its budget, we hope not only that middle-class students aren't overlooked, but that students from all economic classes will reap the benefits of a well-funded and well-maintained education system.

Hotel Rwanda, a case for self-reflection



RYAN
MCLANDRESS

With Oscar nominations out and the race officially on, I decided to go on a movie blitz this past weekend and get caught up on this season's "must see" films.

One movie stood tall above the rest. There were no A-list actors in the credits, no wicked special effects that left me feeling dizzy and no unbelievable action scenes.

Hotel Rwanda did something to me that no other movie has managed to do. It made me re-evaluate my priorities in life. It made me realize we have no right to complain.

We have clean drinking water, we have the freedom to say and

believe what we want without the threat of persecution.

None of us go to bed at night to the sound of gunshots ringing, not knowing if our house is the next to be firebombed.

Before I watched this movie, I had no idea of the extent of the Rwandan genocide. Almost one million Rwandans were killed by rebel militias involved in tribal disputes. It happened just 10 short years ago.

I asked a friend of mine if she had ever heard of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and she said, "Rwanda's in Africa right?"

I mean, why do we care?

It happened half a world away and they were just killing their own kind so why should we get involved?

All of us can remember 9/11 and the huge media coverage the event garnered. You couldn't turn anywhere without seeing a story that somehow tied back to 9/11, and only a few thousand perished that day. But most were American.

I'm not saying that the World Trade Center attacks were nothing, but how does a few thousand compare to one million?

We need to be informed of what is going on half a world away. We need to understand that a life lost is the same whether it's Canadian, American or Rwandan.

Everyone needs to see *Hotel Rwanda*. We all need to be humbled. We all need to be aware of the cruel and hateful world we live in. Then we need to change it.



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Letters to the Editor

Rights shouldn't have to be a choice

Dear Editor
Re: "Same-sex debate"
Feb. 3

So college chaplain Rev. Len Thomas thinks everyone is free to choose the kind of lifestyle they want to live? At first glance, this line from Mueni Kithuka's story on gay marriage in last week's *Et Cetera* sounds very magnanimous.

But read it again and one word jumps off the page. Whether or not this was a paraphrased quote from Thomas, or something that snuck (sic) in during the writing process, the word "choice" — almost inevitable in any argument against gay rights — rears its ugly head.

It's interesting to note that those who continue to regard homosexuality as a choice are the very same who seek to deny homosexuals the rights enjoyed by straight Canadians. "Choice" implies that 10 per cent of the world's population willingly learns how to be gay. Why would anyone willingly "choose" to be exempt from rights?

One need only look to the utterly bizarre rationale proposed by Dana Brown in her opinion column against gay marriage — that homosexuality threatens to bring about the extinction of the human race — to see that a lot of this has to do with fear.

Because some people continue to perceive homosexuality as a "choice," they jump to the ridiculous conclusion that there's a gay agenda to convert straights and grow in number. Today, Church Street, tomorrow ... the world?

How can homophobes in the guise of left-leaning conservatives keep up the pretense of "separate but equal" when their arguments are derived from harmful and archaic misrepresentations of homosexuality?

With the amount of war, violence and corruption in the world, it staggers me that so much bile can be directed against something as fundamentally harmless and beautiful as love.

Brett Walther
Journalism, Accelerated

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Chillin' at the gates of Heaven



PIERRE HAMILTON

I have no religion.

But I've been baptized twice, confirmed once and said prayers to many different gods over the years.

After reading *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, I briefly renounced my last name, determined to become a Muslim only to quit because there were too many rules.

Buddha hangs around my neck, meditation seems cool and I'd try reincarnation at least once or twice.

I also never studied the Torah or had a Bar Mitzvah and although I was cut at birth, Judaism just didn't hack it.

The high point came during my infamous "why are your eyes so red" rebellious stage, when my mom thought her son had become a Rastafarian like Bob Marley.

In my time with other religions, I've been many things. Confusion found its way into all them.

Religion requires a strong foundation of faith and I've got a problem with things set in stone. Plus, I ask too many questions to be religious. For example, if God knows everything that I'm going to do before I do it, why should I wait until Judgment Day?

"I also never studied the Torah or had a Bar Mitzvah and although I was cut at birth, Judaism just didn't hack it."

That's like going into an exam, scribbling furiously for two hours only to discover you couldn't have passed. Let me know before the test.

All of which makes me the perfect candidate for existentialism.

Existentialism is a philosophy stating that the individual defines

his or her own existence, right or wrong. Finally after years of soul-searching I've found a quasi-religion tailor-made for me.

I pretty much drift through life, periodically hitching rides with whichever religion happens to look attractive as I stand at the side of the road. Every now and then I learn a little something.

Occasionally I backtrack, but in the end, existentialism allows me to draw the map as I go along.

Like most religions, I'm trying to discover who built this road, where it's going and why. Isn't that what all religions are anyway, road maps? Each has a place you start and a place you finish. Most have a bunch of pit stops along the way.

Sometimes I worry if God is up in Heaven with Vishnu, Mohammed and all the other gods, worrying about me not settling down with the right map. But then I hear Buddha whispering a familiar tune: "Don't worry ... every little thing is gonna be alright." Hey, if Bob Marley is hanging out with Buddha in my heaven, that's one final destination I can't wait to reach.

Brother, can you spare four fives?



LAUREN LA ROSE

call someone who cares, a sea of strangers surrounds me and the chances of ever getting change for large bills all but disappears.

I've lost count of the countless packs of matches or unwanted small purchases I've been forced to make just to break a twenty.

It's no wonder when I studied abroad in Australia five years ago, my first trip to the bank machine was a revelation.

Taking out money, I was asked what denominations I would like for my \$50 withdrawal. Two twenties and a ten? Or ten fivers? I almost started to tear up. I thought I would come home and start a revolution. I would tell banks and people across the land about this miracle machine that let you choose the type of bills you wanted to withdraw.

I, uh, did nothing. As long as the bank machines continue to spit out the twenties, small bills and coins will forever be an elusive commodity. Maybe after all these years I'll finally put my miracle machine plan back on the agenda. Maybe restaurants should go the arcade route and install change machines for patrons ... Forget it. I'll just use my debit card.

I was attending a birthday dinner two weekends ago at a restaurant in Bloor West Village. The waiter slipped the cheque onto the table along with the scrumptious, complimentary chocolate mints and the inevitable happened. All my friends reached into their wallets and pulled out a \$20 bill.

It was on. The table that moments before was topped with sumptuous culinary delights now bore more of a resemblance to the floor of the Stock Exchange as the bills piled on and everyone was looking to trade in.

"I need two fives! Who's got a ten?" "Anyone got change for a five? I need two toonies and a loonie."

Trouble for me is that any small bill I ever have never bores a hole in my wallet for long. It's likely lining the till of my local Wal-Mart where I've drained the bank with some mindless, impulse purchases.

Luckily for us, the cashier cheerily exchanged our Queen Elizabeths for some much needed loose change, but I haven't always been so lucky.

After my birthday lunch at a downtown eatery last summer, one waiter went ballistic when I asked for change for my twenty. My request, apparently, was one too many.

"Look, lady, all I got is twenties! All anybody has is twenties! You'll have to get it somewhere else! I can't help you!"

Sorry to tell you, Mr. Customer Service, but this is not a phenomenon exclusive to restaurants. It seems just when I'm in need of change for the bus, or a quarter to

Valentine's Day: The Superbowl of love



ALEX BLONSKI

It's a hyped-up double header of epic proportions. The football season has concluded with its annual Superbowl, a loud, brash culmination of what it is to be a male. Now modern-day gladiators who fight and scrape for every inch of turf now have to prepare for their next battle: Valentine's Day

For those men who haven't heard the hype, Valentine's Day is the biggest annual event in a relationship you ignored for months while you watched football, guzzling down beer and pork rinds in front of the boob-tube.

Forget your anniversary, forget

her birthday, Valentine's Day is the day you have to be in top relationship form. It's her equivalent to that last minute drive that you will never forget. It could be that jumping one-handed catch in the end zone, or that Ray Finkle laces-in shank.

Why all the hype? For women, Valentine's Day is the one day you must do something nice for them. All emotional debts can be forgiven in one fell swoop if you - pull it off right.

Remember the kitchen set you got for her birthday? You can bet she still does!

Be careful though. Don't get suckered in by the corporate trap. Associating the size of a gift with the strength of the relationship is not only foolhardy, but dangerous.

Let's say you spend \$1,000 on a heart-shaped diamond necklace - the one you see on the commercial. You could be unwittingly investing in not only another bank loan, but a massive commitment as well. Of course we all know how well guys meld with commitment.

Forget the hype. Just make the day special for her because she's been there when your favorite team lost in the championship finals. She was there when you almost split your head open on that curb on the way home from the bar.

Give one night for her to feel special and she will still be there for you year after year. And that's not something you can say about certain sports leagues.

Tell us what you think.

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Public Opinion

How and with whom are you celebrating Valentine's Day?



"I'm going to the Sum 41 concert with my little sister. We celebrate Valentine's when we're together."

- Joanne Cormier
1st year Hotel and Restaurant Management



"We leave it to the last moment. Usually we just get a movie. It's pretty casual."

- Sarah Robson
2nd Semester General Arts and Science University Transfer



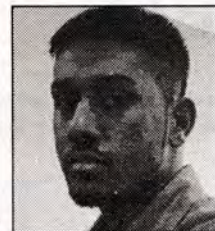
"Just studying."

- Nilo Paramanatha
2nd year Justice Studies



"Don't have a girlfriend. I'll spend it with my friends and family."

- Anthony Facchini
2nd Semester General Arts and Science University Transfer



"Cook dinner and stuff. Not quite sure yet."

- Viroth Kanagasabesan
2nd year Architectural Technology



"Probably with my girlfriend. Spending it together drinking and having sex."

- Cory Churly
2nd year Justice Studies

Arts

Technology breeds "trophy crimes" online

ALEXANDRA DEMARIA
ARTS REPORTER

Two boys square off in the middle of a park. One boy is hit with a flurry of punches; the last one connects with a loud pop that sends him crumpling to the ground.

The scene freezes mid-motion as he attempts to rise. This is a video clip of real-life footage uploaded to the Internet for your viewing pleasure.

Doug King, professor of Justice Studies at Mount Royal College in Calgary, says violence is not new in our society, but technology has spawned a new trend.

King credits this new form of voyeurism to show-off behaviour.

"Criminals get a vicarious thrill from putting a video on the Internet," he said. "It's considered proof, or a trophy for their crime."

"There's been no change in attitude towards violence. It just seems new because of the level of technology," he said. "It's becoming more affordable and certainly more available."

Cameras have become a standard feature in many cell phones and most new digital cameras can record short videos. From there, the leap from the phone to the Internet has never been easier.

Young adults seem to be the main stars of these videos, but it's not limited to this generation. King cites Calgary examples of young offenders beating up homeless people and vandalizing homes.

In the U.S., www.bumfights.com rakes in a tidy profit, selling video

footage of homeless people fighting one another.

Dr. Carol Farber, a professor in the faculty of Information and Media Studies at the University of Western Ontario, says interest in Internet violence echoes what is going on in our society.

"We see a parallel to reality in fighting put on the Internet because we are faced with it in our everyday life," she said.

King sees the Bumfights website as an example of a much larger trend.

"Fighting is something that is going to happen in this world no matter what,"

-Kosta Katsaris, Humber grad

"There is an increasing difficulty separating crime from media and sports," Farber said.

"Young people are more and more desensitized to crime and violence. Things don't shock us as much as they did 10 years ago."

Humber graduate Kosta Katsaris says the craze for online crime is pathetic.

"Fighting is something that is going to happen in this world no matter what," she said.

"It's just sad to see that people are going to exploit it and turn it into entertainment."



An unidentified male eats the pavement in this screen capture from www.bumfights.com. Their latest release features the drunken exploits of street people, crackheads gone wild, sick pranks and their 'bread 'n' butter - viscous real-life street brawls.

Sharif Khan and the search for the 'Hero Soul'



COURTESY

Khan's quest for the hero soul forced him to confront his own history, one rife with racism.

MARY BONNICI
ARTS REPORTER

With the release of Sharif Khan's book *Psychology of the Hero Soul*, capturing the essence of a hero is now easier than leaping tall buildings in a single bound.

The creative writing student from Humber College's Lakeshore Campus has released his inspirational book, which encourages readers to awaken the greatness within and to develop leadership potential.

Hero souls are self-sacrificing leaders who live for the betterment of humanity.

"I got so consumed in the research, that it became a book in itself," said Khan, who has dedicated more than 10 years of his life to researching human development and studying great leaders such as Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Jr.

Khan believes that people have positive and negative elements he terms the hero soul and the villain soul. Hero souls are self-sacrificing leaders who live for the betterment of humanity and have a higher degree of will.

He names Nelson Mandela as his ideal example because he stood for what he believed in.

His book is dedicated to his own personal hero soul Jim Ross, the founder of the Canadian Academy of Method Acting, for being a major source of creative inspiration.

Villain souls lack awareness of who they are and are so consumed with ego that they ignore their true potential.

"I hated myself and the world around me," said Khan who admits that his earlier years were filled with feelings of low self-worth. "I grew up with a lot of racism and bullying, so writing was my only way out."

Experiencing hatred has helped him realize that people should embrace each other's similarities and accept the differences.

"When I was about eight years old living in Scarborough I spent the night at a friend's house," Khan said, recalling a childhood memory. During the sleepover, an angry mob yelled racial obscenities and threw rocks at his friend's home.

"I felt frightened and couldn't understand why there was so much hate. I felt something was wrong with me, that I was inferior."

He has donated five per cent of his profits to Artists Against Racism, a Toronto based non-profit organization. Their mission is to inform youth about the basic human rights of equality. Looking at today's villainous role models has only pushed him further in wanting to inspire the world.

He offers some advice. Ignore anyone who discourages, be curious for knowledge and to follow your bliss, by doing what you really love passionately, as the ultimate hero's journey.

Hero Souls: Throughout the ages

Recognize any of these names: Michael Jordan, Jodie Foster, Pierre Elliot Trudeau, Winston Churchill, Tiger Woods, John Wayne, Joan of Arc, Mother Teresa, Christopher Reeve, King Arthur, Elvis Presley, Mahatma Gandhi, Benazir Bhutto, John F. Kennedy, The Dalai Lama, Steven Spielberg, Albert Einstein, Helen Keller, Martin Luther King Jr., Oprah Winfrey, Marlon Brando, Marilyn Monroe and Benjamin Franklin

"What do all these names have in common? They are ALL larger than life superheroes who have made a profound impact on the world. Their names will echo throughout eternity."

From Sharif Khan's website, www.herosoul.com

LISTED

THIS WEEK'S TOP TEN:
REVOLUTIONARY BLACK MUSICIANS

- I. Ray Charles - Soul/Gospel
- II. Billie Holiday - Jazz
- III. Chuck Berry - Rock 'n' roll
- IV. Michael Jackson - Pop
- V. Bob Marley - Reggae
- VI. Little Richard - Rock 'n' Roll
- VII. Tupac Shakur - Rap/Hip-hop
- VIII. Miles Davis - Jazz
- IX. Jimi Hendrix - Rock 'n' roll
- X. Aretha Franklin - Soul/R&B

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What dreams may come

Music students get jazzed at Lakeshore

LAURA THOMPSON
NEWS REPORTER

Humber music students realized their dreams last week when they shared the stage with Dave Holland, whom many regard as the world's greatest jazz bassist.

Holland appeared at the Lakeshore campus as part of Humber Music's Artist-in-Residence Week.

Holland led the Humber Studio Jazz Ensemble and the Humber Contemporary Jazz Workshop in a concert for several hundred music students and jazz fans.

David Atkinson, a first-year music student who accompanied Holland

on the vibraphone, said the experience was overwhelming.

"Before I knew he was coming here, he was already one of my favourite artists," Atkinson said. "When I heard I was going to play on stage with him I almost cried."

Every year, the music program hosts an internationally acclaimed musician, who guides students through a series of workshops.

Denny Christianson, director of the Humber music program, said Holland blew him away.

"An incredible buzz gets

created among the faculty and the students to have someone of this stature come in," Christianson said.

"In the case of Dave Holland, he has a long experience in teaching. So he's not only experienced, but extremely focused and articulate."

Holland first gained international attention when he left Britain in 1968 to play with Miles Davis in New York. He said the experience was a defining period in his career.

"It was a very important part of my life, especially as a young musician," Holland said. "I joined the band when I was 21, so it was a very formative period for me. To be in that situation working with such a great artist as Miles, who had such a forward thinking approach to his music, was a wonderful experience."

Following his departure from Davis' band in 1970, Holland went on to receive musical acclaim as both a bassist and a band leader.

Ross Porter, CEO of Jazz FM91, said Holland has redefined what it means to be a jazz bassist.

"Jazz bass is an instrument that's in the background," he said. "It's there in a support function. Dave

Holland has moved it out into the foreground."

Holland formed his first band in 1982. His current projects, the Dave Holland Quintet formed in 1997; three years later, he started the Dave Holland Big

Band.

In spite of his busy tour schedule, Holland said being an artist in residence is an important way for him to educate young musicians.

"I'm able to address quite a large number of people and share ideas and concepts that we're working on in the music," he said. "The whole aspect of passing on information is something I benefited from. I think it's a part of the jazz tradition."

The Dave Holland Big Band's newest release, *Overtime*, will be available on Feb. 22 and is a follow-up the 2003 Grammy-winning album *What Goes Around*.



Canadian jazz great Dave Holland jams with Humber students Jeffrey Halischuk (drums) and Will Loach (trumpet).

LAURA THOMPSON

Muslim stereotypes dominate media

ANDY GROZELLE
ARTS REPORTER

When the third season of *24* began, the new antagonist was an innocent-looking Muslim family determined to unleash a nuclear holocaust on American soil.

After the 9/11 attacks, a predominant Muslim stereotype is one of the American-hating terrorists, especially in film and television.

Cultural experts say although they understand how such stereotypes are born, their end result can be very harmful.

Mark Federman, chief strategist for the University of Toronto's McLuhan Program in Culture and Technology,

said the media creates negative stereotypes in order to demonize the enemy.

"Mass media typically has stereotyped the 'other' – aboriginal people, Orientals and now Muslims," he said.

"What they really want to say is that they're afraid of these foreigners."

John Voll, director of the Center for Christian-Muslim Understanding, said the media has created a damaging stereotype.

"When (people) hear the word Islam, they immediately think of a violent religion," he said.

If you look at newspapers, from 20 years ago,

(the media) were much more objective in their language."

Voll feels language and stereotypes taken from movies and television now appear in news media. "There is a lot of cross-over between the entertainment industry and the media," he said. "The entertainment industry sets many of the terms for popular discourse."

Mujahid Farooq, a Muslim Humber student, shares those sentiments. "The media has too much influence in the world. What you see on those news reels stays in your memory."

Muslim groups are trying to offset their neg-

ative portrayal with their own films. One example is *Muhammad: The Last Prophet*. Based on the life of Muhammad, the animated film is meant to foster understanding of Islam.

Farooq said it's not fair to generalize based on the media's portrayal.

"If you see someone do something wrong is it the fault of the (entire) religion?"

"People are more aware of stereotypes now than 20 or 30 years ago, but that as long as media perpetuates stereotypes, they will persist," Voll said.

"Violence and wickedness sell more movie tickets and newspapers."

Valentine events

* Don't forget to make out with your girlfriend or boyfriend this Monday with CKHC, Humber's radio station.

Second-year radio students have organized a Valentine's Day event to celebrate the station.

Organizer and radio student Melanie Frei said the purpose of the event is to familiarize Humber students with the station and to increase listenership and promote its reputation.

Students will be stationed in front of K107 and will distribute make-out kits consisting of condoms, hugs and kisses, gum and other candy. Frei said students who listen to the station could win a free \$5 Pizza Pizza gift certificate.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. students will have the chance to

request Canadian love songs to their special someone.

* Caps is hosting a boxer and lingerie contest today. Prizes include gift packs from the Stag Shop and La Vie En Rose.

* HSF is hosting a Valentine's Day Endurance Contest today at North (student centre) and Lakeshore (H building) campuses at 12 p.m. One contestant will

answer questions about sex and love while the other will be stationed on an exercise bike. If their partner gets a question wrong, the bike intensity gets tougher. Once someone peddles below the speed limit, the couple loses.

~Christina Bernardo, Arts editor

Arts

Dance into black history at the ROM

NATASHA ELKINGTON
ARTS REPORTER

'Africa Sings' is the theme of this year's Black History Month celebration at the ROM.

The festival of all things African

transformed the museum last Friday and continues throughout the month.

The musical repertoire featured one extraordinary performance after another and was tastefully

seasoned with the blues.

Ndidi Onukwulu, Toronto's newest blues sensation, ended the musical affair with Donne Robert and Madagascar Slim on guitar. Ndidi's powerful vocals were

hypnotizing.

Inspired by musicians like Fela Kuti, Ndidi said African music is similar to all forms of indigenous music. "They are songs and styles built to praise the earth and keep people in harmony, which is something we definitely need in this day of destruction where most music is only about the dollars," she said.

Led by Dr. Modesto Amegago's hypnotic percussion, dancers from The Southern Volta Association Cultural Group captivated the audience.

"The dancers were spectacular, the intricacies of the choreography and the drummers were just fantastic," said spectator Kim Martyn. "What a wonderful event with a colourful cross-section of people."

"They are songs and styles built to praise the earth and keep people in harmony."

-Ndidi Onukwulu, musician



COURTESY

African dancers celebrate Black History Month at the ROM. Festivities continue throughout the month.

Spin This



RELIENT K
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3 OUT OF 5

After four listens to Relient K's *MMHMM*, the Ohio Christian punksters have made a believer out of me.

Musically it's all chugging guitar hooks and drumbeats.

With its piano riffs and violins, *Which To Bury* and *Us Or The Hatchet* were shocking surprises, showcasing the band's affinity for musical experimentation.

Lyrically they wear their faith on their sleeves, never preaching but adding depth to the typical high school clichés of today's commercial punk.

~Reviewed by Louis Campos

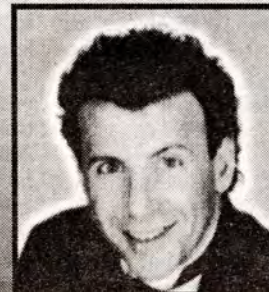
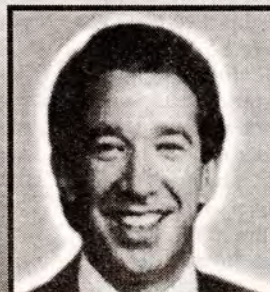


In 'Yo Headphones

Jesse Melo, 22
Second-year Computer
Networking.

Listening to: Hoobastank,
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Radio continues to rock the mic right

ALEXANDRA DEMARIA
ARTS REPORTER

Whether it's on the Internet, in Humber's halls or somewhere on the AM/FM dial, radio's popularity is flourishing.

According to the Radio Marketing Bureau, 99 per cent of Canadian households have a radio. Radio reaches more than 90 per cent of Canadian teens and adults weekly, with people 12 years and older listening to an average of 22 hours per week. That's equivalent to almost a full day of listening.

Whether someone is stuck in traffic listening to talk radio, blasting classical music during a shower or jogging to rock, radio is everywhere.

"One of radio's biggest strengths is the ability to reach so many people while still having a selective audience," said Katherine Cott, account manager at Toronto's MOJO Radio.

Educational programming at Humber College is riding this wave of popularity.

Joe Andrews, a broadcast instructor at Humber College, says enrolment is up 15 per cent from last year and is still climbing.

The broadcast diploma program has room for about 68 students next year; so far more than 400 applications have been submitted for 2005.

He boasts that the school has one of the best radio programs in Canada, placing more broadcasters in jobs than any other college.

Humber's CKHC radio is run by students in the broadcast pro-

gram. It will soon be broadcast on the Internet at radio.humberc.on.ca, and airs on campus at 90.7FM.

Fashion student Janelle Brandon said she likes to listen to CKHC.

"It's a great station and I totally recommend others to tune in," she said.

So does Internet or satellite programming have any influence on radio's popularity?

While popular in the U.S., satellite radio is not yet available in Canada. The CRTC is looking to bring satellite radio to Canada.

Andrews said that despite the emergence of satellite and Internet radio, nothing beats traditional AM/FM broadcasters.

"There is over 90 per cent of people that are listening to the radio ... less than 50 per cent are listening to Internet radio,"

'One of radio's biggest strengths is the ability to reach so many people'

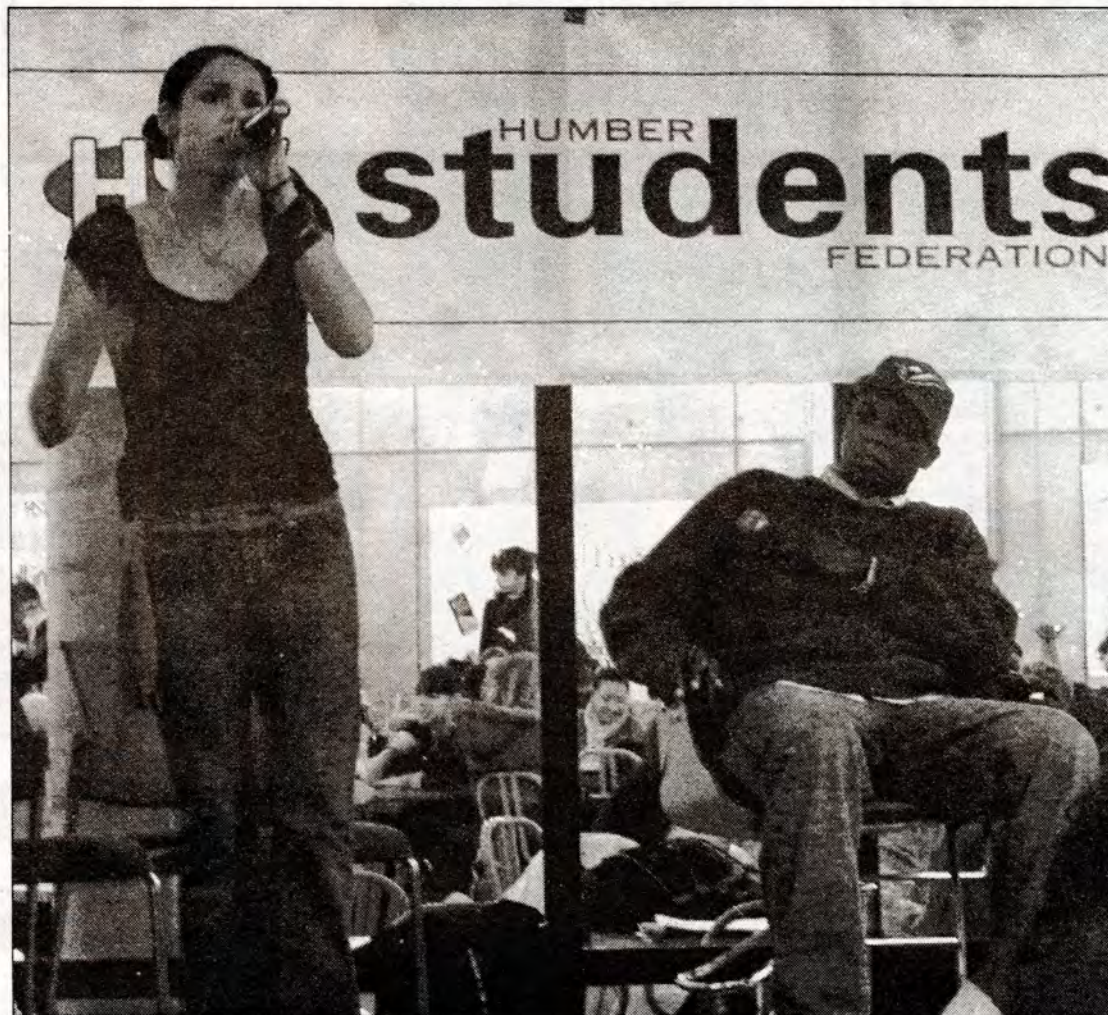
he said.

But Humber student Kyle Wong said Internet radio suits his lifestyle.

"I am clocking a lot of hours sitting at my desk, so to have the radio easily accessible keeps me going," he said.

Gavin Mortimer, national account manager at Mix 99.9, said radio will continue to be successful as long as broadcasters keep one thing in mind.

"As long as we remember the listener is the most important person in the mix, we can use the Internet, satellite and whatever else comes our way to our advantage, to keep radio on the air."



SCOTT JORDAN

During a lunchtime presentation of *The Barbershop*, Will Strickland is entranced by the soulful performance of the artist formerly known as Zaki. Tuesday's performance fused black history with entertainment.

Speaking truth and educating the youth

SCOTT JORDAN
ARTS REPORTER

The student centre was transformed Tuesday when members of *The Barbershop* came out to support Black History Month.

The Barbershop is a variety show featuring spoken word, R&B and hip-hop with a focus on togetherness and building a community.

The show was put together by won-by-one records, featuring urban artist Shaun 'Rikoshay' Boothe.

"Originally it was a variety showcase based around an urban barbershop and now we've brought it to high schools and added an educational twist," Boothe said.

Dwayne Morgan added

some spoken word poetry to the mix and Zaki serenaded the audience with her sultry R&B.

"*Barbershop* is a hip-hop musical that speaks about issues towards Toronto youth," said Will Strickland, who played the barbershop's owner.

Famous for being the first person to lecture on hip-hop culture at the University of Massachusetts, Strickland enjoys giving back to his community through this culture. "Hip-hop can be a valuable and viable education tool."

The Barbershop group is using its show to educate Toronto and Ottawa high school students on issues such as violence, sexism and racism during its month-long tour.

Boothe feels good about being able to help and give back to a community he's been a part of for years.

"It's fulfilling to know you're connecting with this younger generation; we make it a point not to talk down or preach to them," he said.

CONTEST ALERT!
This is your chance to woo that special someone. We're giving away four double passes to the musical *Bat Boy* (on Feb. 14). All you have to do is email us (etceteraarts@hotmail.com) with the name of a Hero Soul (hint: look on page eight).

CORRECTION
Last week, a black and white illustration of wonder woman should have been attributed to artist Sherwin Tija. All apologies.

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In Focus

Burlesque's naughty revival



COURTESY

The *Skin Tight Outta Sight Rebel Burlesque* troupe will perform its 4th annual Bump n' Grind Valentine show tomorrow night at the Gladstone Hotel (Queen St.).

Skin Tight Outta Sight Rebel Burlesque strips away stereotypes and seduces audiences for Valentine's Day

PIERRE LACHAINE
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The *Skin Tight Outta Sight Rebel Burlesque* troupe has a solution for those expecting an unfortunate lack of twirling pasties and gyrating g-strings this Valentine's Day.

"We offer a mix of traditional Valentine's acts with a little more sinister stuff for the anti-Hallmark set," says Tanya Cheex, founder, performer and creative director for the troupe.

Cheex and business manager/performer Sauci Calla Horra say they're excited about their 4th annual Bump n' Grind Valentine on Feb. 11 at the Gladstone Hotel (1214 Queen St. W.).

"Valentine's is like Christmas for the burlesque performer," Cheex says.

Burlesque has seen a renaissance of late in Toronto, with *Skin Tight Outta Sight Rebel Burlesque* leading the charge, since it was founded six years ago.

Nearly half a dozen troupes and many independent performers work under the umbrella of the Toronto Burlesque and Vaudeville Alliance, founded by Sauci and Cheex.

"A couple of years ago, these troupes started popping up like mushrooms," Sauci says.

Skin Tight differs from other troupes by providing "more butt for your buck," Cheex says. "We're not afraid to get pretty nude."

Burlesque was popular in the 30s and 40s and originally included an eclectic group of rag-tag performers, comedians and musicians.

Although the community includes everything from jugglers to magicians, *Skin Tight* focuses on striptease. But many

burlesque performers object to being called strippers.

"We are strippers because we take our clothes off," Cheex says, but the difference is "we're trying to tantalize and tease without giving a doctor's view of our bodies."

Skin Tight currently has six permanent performers and a rotating cast of friends.

Cheex says they're trying to challenge people's thinking in a playful manner.

"We poke fun at outdated stereotypes, like the naughty schoolgirl, the 50s housewife, the bad nun and the geisha," she says.

Skin Tight uses elaborate costumes and a mix of current and popular music to tear down stereotypes about femininity.

"By being covered up by your pasties and your g-string, you're inadvertently drawing attention to it and creating a parody of the human body," Sauci says.

The big difference between burlesque today and the way it used to be is

"that it's controlled by women," she says.

"In the past, men were the producers and they had the control."

The big show with "all the boobs and whistles," says Cheex, will start around 10 p.m. tomorrow night.

"We're also offering a burlesque workshop beforehand for people who want to learn the moves or are curious about it," Sauci added.

The women-only workshop will be given by Chicago performer Michelle "Toots" L'Amour and starts at 7 p.m.

A dinner and late show will also take place at the Cadillac lounge at 1296 Queen St. W. on Feb. 14.

More information can be found at www.skintightouttasight.com and tickets for both shows can be bought at Nearly Naked Lingerie (Queen and Bathurst).

"We're trying to tantalize and tease without giving a doctor's view of our bodies."

-Tanya Cheex, performer

2 becomes one in new mag

CAMERON AINSWORTH-VINCZE
IN FOCUS REPORTER

A weird scene takes place every time a young couple approaches the magazine stand: they split up, only to reunite after browsing and reading different magazines.

The men casually plant themselves in the sports and leisure sections, while women scurry to lifestyle and fashion.

Both sides have an understanding of what the other is reading, but rarely share similar interests in magazine choices.

2 Magazine, a new Toronto-based publication, is attempting to join young couples at newsstands by capturing their mutual interests in one distinctive editorial package.

"The goal was to create something that a couple can sit down and enjoy together," says editor-in-chief, Neil Morton. "It is a very informal, quirky, irreverent magazine that doesn't take itself too seriously."

Launched in the spring of 2004 under the guidance of *2 For Life* Media president Diane Hall, the quarterly publication aims to celebrate life commitments and helps couples discover what avenues in life are right for them.

"It assists couples in what they can do once they have settled down together and begin forming a life together," Morton said.

Topics discussed in the magazine include relationships, food,

home, personal style, sex, entertainment, finance and leisure.

2 Magazine doesn't market towards specific types of couples such as gays and lesbians, but tries to have an inclusive approach, with articles that will appeal to all types of relationships and couples.

Morton said articles about décor, travel and sport are relevant to everyone.

"The magazine isn't specific to one type of couple," Morton said. "It tries to attract couples who are married, engaged, in a partnership or thinking about a future together. If gay couples read us that's awesome. Some will relate to our magazine and some won't."

Morton is hoping the rise in

popularity will allow the magazine to be released on a bi-monthly basis in the near future.

Although only four editions of the magazine have been released since its debut last spring, the magazine is gaining momentum in readership and distribution.

Over 100,000 copies of each edition are currently distributed to readers through controlled circulation. About 70,000 are for subscribers via Hudson Bay Company (HBC) memberships.

An additional 15,000 are sold at newsstands and the remaining 15,000 are purchased at consumer shows.



JAIME TAYLOR

2 Magazine celebrates life commitments for all types of couples.

Can't cope with Cupid?

JESSAMYN NUNEZ
IN FOCUS REPORTER

The day dedicated to love and romance has spawned anti-Valentine's Day sentiments.

Kateryna Spiwak, a Toronto-based dating and relationship coach, said Valentine's Day can put pressure on people in relationships.

"Some people say it's just a Hallmark holiday and it costs too much money," she said. "On the other hand, a lot of singles feel it accentuates the fact that they're not with somebody; that they're on the outside looking in."

www.Meish.org dubbed the holiday as an "unimaginative, consumerist-oriented and entirely arbitrary, manipulative and shallow interpretation of romance."

Spiwak said bad Valentine's Day experiences could begin as early as grade school.

"Valentine's Day was a popularity contest," she said. "Somebody got 20 valentines and somebody got two. That's a lot of kids feeling left out, unpopular and unwanted."

She said the media and even family and friends are partially responsible for singles feeling left out on Valentine's Day.

"The media tells us we need to be with somebody or there's something wrong with us," Spiwak said.

Loretta Kamaitis, a mental

"There's no increase in admissions," she said, referring to the inpatient aspect of the clinic. "Although people quietly go through their emotions at home as well."

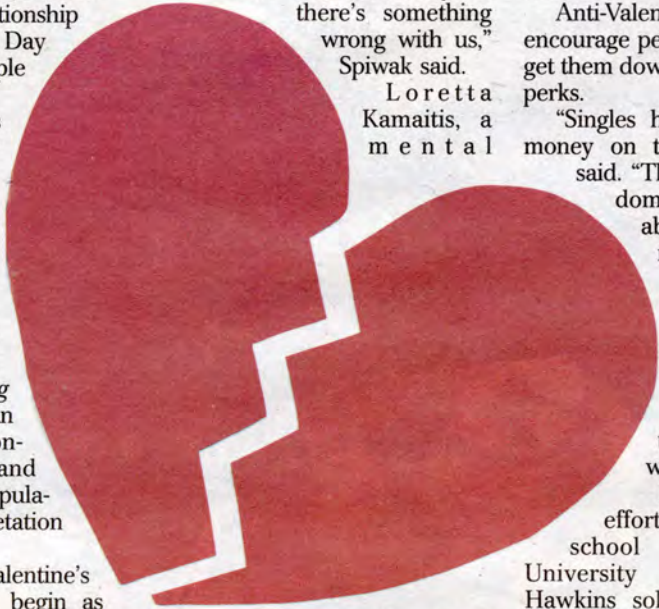
Anti-Valentine's Day attitudes encourage people not to let V-Day get them down. Being single has its perks.

"Singles have more time and money on their hands," Spiwak said. "They've got more freedom, more choice, the ability to be spontaneous and they have a more active social life with a wider social network."

Having fun with the anti-valentine theme can work for those who can't cope with Cupid.

Last year, in an effort to raise money for a school trip, Queen's University student, Roberta Hawkins sold anti-Valentines to her classmates. Her favourite read: "Knock, knock. Who's there?" Inside it read, "No one, because you're ugly."

They sold like hotcakes.



health social worker at the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention, said she doesn't see a specific correlation between Valentine's Day and depression.

Food that gets you in the mood

MATT BURT
IN FOCUS REPORTER

A goat's testicle boiled in sweetened milk might be just the thing to boost an appetite for sex this Valentine's Day, according to the *Kama Sutra*.

Flowers might be fine for traditionalists, but experts say those in the mood for originality might want to know about other such aphrodisiacs that are quite literally good for the heart, and some that aren't bad for the libido either.

Everything from asparagus to crushed rhino horn is supposed get couples in the mood. Oysters and mussels, chocolate and a few glasses of wine have also been associated with increased desire.

But according to sex counselor Suzie Hayman, the myths surrounding aphrodisiacs outweigh the realities.

In a recent article she wrote for the BBC, Hayman says that foods that are suggestive to sexual behaviour create a mental desire as opposed to a purely physical reaction. These foods are changing moods and headspaces, but not directly influencing physical arousal.

Keeping your heart healthy is also very important during this romantic holiday.

Roxanne Senkiw, a registered holistic nutritionist in Newmarket, says "fish oils from mackerel, salmon and herring are good sources of the omega-3 fatty acids essential for regulating heart

rhythm and controlling blood triglycerides.

"Your heart works alone and pumps 30 times its own weight each minute, which amounts to 7,000 litres of blood each year," Senkiw says, so it's important to keep it functioning properly with good nutrition intake and a positive attitude.

Mental happiness is vital too, says Wendy Quinn of the

Homeopathic College of Canada.

"It could be an emotional problem, it could be stress, maybe (your) heart was broken," Quinn says. "People's feelings get hurt a lot and it makes us all human. There's cheating, infidelity they can really put stress on the body. You take something in; (you) don't realize how much it manifests itself in the body in a physical form."



LIZA WOOD

Jennifer Evely, a second-year Family and Community Social Services student, munches on a strawberry, described in erotic literature as fruit nipples.



JACQUELINE FIGUEIREDO

The ultra stretch bra is the newest trend to look out for in lingerie. It moves with your body for a better fit and comfort.

Sexy skivvies

JACQUELINE FIGUEIREDO
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Panties, thongs, bikinis, Brazilian tanga, bunny boyleg, boythong and g-strings. All very fancy ways of describing plain, old underwear.

Nowadays, underwear is anything but ordinary says Sylvie Beaudry, La Senza marketing executive.

"Sexy lingerie is a response to outerwear. You need a sexy bra underneath plunging necklines and you need a variety of thongs in response to tight-fitting pants."

The La Senza website divides its underwear collection into 'luxurious panties' and 'cotton panties.'

"The runways in Paris are showing lots of lace and femininity," Beaudry said. "There are fringes, feathers, rhinestones and bows. There's more of a fantasy element than ever before. You can have fun with panties and make it

into a little outfit."

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, lingerie stores are stocking up on the delicate unmentionables.

"The day before Valentine's Day is our second busiest day next to Christmas," said Vasilia, buyer for Avec Plaisir Fine Lingerie in Yorkville. "Other than chocolates and flowers, lingerie is the next best thing to buy."

Lingerie has never been so culturally acceptable or widely popular. With the variety of fabrics, colors and designs to choose from, choosing the right style complicates Valentine's Day gift buying even more.

"What we're seeing now is mostly men buying lingerie for women," Vasilia said. "Before, women would buy it for themselves."

APHRODISIACS

- Sweet Basil:** Said to stimulate the sex drive and boost fertility.
- Chocolate:** Referred as "nourishment of the gods," thought to effect neurotransmitters in the brain.
- Figs:** An open fig is thought to emulate female sex organs and is traditionally thought of as a sexual stimulant.
- Mustard:** Believed to stimulate the sexual glands and increase desire.
- Pine Nuts:** Rich in zinc which increases male potency. They have been used to stimulate libido since medieval times.
- Truffles:** The musky scent is said to stimulate and sensitize the skin to touch.
- Vanilla:** The scent and flavour is believed to increase lust.
- Bananas:** Rich in potassium that's vital for producing hormones.

Check out the next In Focus on addictions

In Focus

The do's and don't's for wining and dining

JEREMY LLOYD
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Richard Pitteway has witnessed the worst of the Valentine's Day war stories.

"They had the whole nine yards: the bottle of champagne, the flowers on the table, a very romantic dinner. And he got down on his knees, brought out the ring and proposed and she said 'Are you nuts?'"

Pitteway, a food and beverage manager at the Albert Schnell/Hilton Learning & Catering Centre, has spent years working in the restaurant industry.

He remembers how the publicly rejected young man finished the champagne by himself amid the glances and whispers from the tables around him.

Valentine's Day dinner can be daunting, Pitteway said.

"People are very anxious about the experience and their expectations are massive. They're afraid that if anything goes wrong, it will affect the relationship."

He has advice for making a romantic dinner go smoothly.

"The smartest thing to do is not go on Valentine's Day," he said. "Make the dinner reservation for the night before or the night after. Expectations are lower and the evening will be slower, you'll enjoy yourself more."

Diners wanting special Valentine's arrangements should make them ahead of time with restaurant staff.

"Arrange as much as you can before you walk in the door," Pitteway said. "Ask them if they can do little things like getting a truffle at the end or a special dessert."

True romantics will give the same consideration while ordering the main course.

Carlo Lazzarino, baker and pastry chef at the Four Seasons Hotel in Yorkville, said the most romantic foods are familiar and have a lighter flavour.

"Make sure meat has some sort of berry compote or is infused with something that reminds you a bit of spring; all of a sudden it's romantic," Lazzarino said.

He said stronger foods such as

"Make sure you know the answer before you ask the question."

-Richard Pitteway, food and beverage manager, on proposing marriage for Valentine's Day

Escaping between the pages of romance novels

FAZEENA SAMAD
IN FOCUS REPORTER

It is estimated that 51 million women in North America are diving between the covers with a tall, lean stranger - the romance novel.

According to the Romance Writers of America 2004 report, romance novels account for one-third of all popular fiction sold in the U.S. and generate \$1.4 U.S. billion in sales a year.

Toronto-based publishing company, Harlequin Enterprise, says there was a resurgence in reading among women in 2004. Their polls show that 72 per cent of women report reading a book in the past 12 months, and almost one in six adult fiction books sold at retail stores are romance.

The popularity of the genre may have to do with the escapism.

"Romance novels offer women the chance to escape," explains Angela Miles, a U of T professor of Humanities who teaches a course in popular romance novels.

"This space is often needed by women because it is often lacking in their everyday life. The female reader identifies with the heroine and in doing so feels cared for by the hero."

Romance novels present the reader with an alternative world

of limited chaos and the outcome is always positive, Miles explained. The repetitive nature of the genre gives the reader a sense of comfort.

The most common criticism of romance novels is that "they aren't relevant or realistic," said Harlequin publicist Sarah Rundle.

"Yes, some are fantasy, but so are most Hollywood movies. Escapism has an important place in entertainment media."

Miles said more women read romance novels than men because they experience more stress in their lives.

"Women's lives are very complicated. They never get taken care of in their real lives," she said. "The language used in these books is

very "motherly." For example, the man cradles the woman. I believe that the male hero is a mother figure and the emotional power women find is comfort."

In her research, Miles found that women will read romance novels when they are under relentless stress from school, work and family life.

"They become very addicted to reading them. They read continuously until the stressful time passes and then they stop," she said. "It's better than drugs and alcohol."

"It's better than drugs and alcohol"

-Angela Miles, professor of popular romance novels



JAIME TAYLOR

Rick Law and Kim Cunneyworth have lunch at the Humber Room earlier this week.

garlic should be eaten as a first course, followed by milder foods and a nice dessert so bad breath won't be an issue.

"Spicy foods are quite romantic I think. They kind of stir your blood."

A good wine that suits your

meal will finish the job.

Stewart Bailey, senior product consultant for the LCBO, says old rules still apply. "It's red wine with reddish meat, white wine with fish, fowl and that sort of thing."

Given all this advice, propos-

ing marriage over Valentine's Day dinner might seem within reach. Pitteway offers one last piece of advice to avoid embarrassment.

"Make sure you know the answer before you ask the question."

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Canadian alcohol sales suffer a significant drop

Quebec liquor store strike given as main reason, NHL lockout might also be responsible

DANIELLE SAVONI
BUSINESS REPORTER

While hockey fans await the return of the NHL, 99 bottles of beer remain on the wall.

Statistics Canada confirmed that sales of beer, wine and liquor dropped 2.8 per cent in November.

StatsCan said the drop in sales was mostly due to a strike at provincially owned liquor stores in Quebec. Experts say the NHL lockout could also be a big factor in lagging sales.

Perry Sadorsky, economist and associate professor at the Schulich School of Business at York University, said the lockout could impact bar sales, with the Toronto core being hit the hardest.

"The places that are going to be most affected are going to be the ones downtown in the entertainment area around King Street, Queen Street and the ACC," he said. "Bars downtown actually have had to layoff staff because there is not a lot of activity going on."

"As you move away from where the sports facilities are, it's not going to be that much of a problem."

Figures from the Brewers Association of Canada show a significant drop in draught beer sales in Ontario this past October and November compared to 2003.

Sales have dropped from just under 6.7-million litres in



Industrial design student Jaki Bernat serves customers at Caps, which hasn't had its sales affected by the ongoing NHL lockout.

October 2003 to nearly 5.5-million litres in 2004.

Wayne Cowley, former NHL player and owner of the Bottom Line Restaurant and Bar in Toronto, said their nightlife has been drastically affected.

"The ACC is a big part of our existence, its impact (has been) tremendous," he said.

David Jones, director of public relations for Molson Canada, says Molson has many programs in place to sell their brand, but he admits it is not always simple. "Getting traffic in the bars is not an easy thing if people just aren't interested in going out right now," he said.

But not everyone is feeling the hit of the lockout. Miako Kawasaki, student manager at Caps pub, says it hasn't affected sales much.

"Sales have probably gone up a bit," she said. "But, people don't generally come in here to watch sports anyway."

Sadorsky says the picture is going to get worse before it gets any better for Toronto bars. "It's really going to hurt coming into the end of April, beginning of May which is when the playoffs would be," he said.

"It is going to get worse in some ways for some of these places...you know, hockey is out of commission, football is finished and it is a long wait till the fall."

Humber grad gets into the online dating game

Gingerdate.com gives singles more prospects

ERIN TAYLOR
ARTS REPORTER

For Humber graduate Zoltan Wagner, the leap from the classroom to launching his own dating web site was a mouse click away.

"I designed *gingerdate.com* to practice what I learned at Humber and so I can show future employers what I'm capable of doing," he said. "It beats a plain old resume."

When the Hungarian-born Wagner graduated from the web design and development program in 2003, he had some rough ideas for a website. Four months later he launched *gingerdate.com*.

The idea took root after he met his girlfriend on another online dating service. "After that, I knew that these kinds of things worked," he said.

Since graduating from

Humber, Wagner has worked as a freelance web designer for small businesses and just started working full-time at Holloway, a Toronto-based design studio.

Designed with bright bold colours, *gingerdate.com* features the same options as



ERIN TAYLOR

Design and Development grad Zoltan Wagner hopes his dating website will be financially successful.

popular dating web sites such as *lavalife.com* or *date.ca*.

"You put your photo up, say what you're like and what

kind of person you're looking for," he said. "I also offer free messaging between members, something the other sites charge for."

Eventually, he wants the website to be successful so he can have fun and refrain from working such long hours.

"I am losing money on the site right now," he admitted.

To turn a profit Wagner will have to start charging for messages, something he won't do until he has more members. Presently there are more than 600.

Problems do arise with running a free site. For example, people outside of North America harass his members with marriage proposals so they can move here, he said.

However, he protects himself from liabilities.

"I have a privacy policy," he said. "But that only says that I am not responsible if someone is injured, robbed or worse, by someone they meet on the site."

In time, Wagner hopes that *gingerdate.com* will become a more popular online dating service.

Wagner's work can be seen at www.zoltanwagner.com.

Niagara career fair to help find summer jobs

Hospitality industry in need of workers

LAUREN LA ROSE
BUSINESS EDITOR

Niagara College is hosting the Careers in Hospitality Career Fair on Thurs. Feb. 17 from 1 to 5:30 p.m. at its Glendale campus on Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Vintage Inns Winery, the Niagara Parks Commission and Casino Rama are among the nearly 40 employers that will be on hand to help students hunt for summer employment.

"We have more positions available than we have students to fill," said Jennifer Elliott, administrative support staff at Niagara College's job centre.

"September is an especially busy month in the tourism industry and they'll rely on students and graduates that would be

available to work full-time," Elliot said.

The fair isn't just for employers in the region. Representatives from Toronto-based businesses such as the Fairmont Royal York will be attending the event to recruit summer workers.

Tourism is a \$1.2 billion industry in Niagara. The region hosted more than 14-million visitors in 2002 and expects between 15.3 to 18.1 million by 2007.

For more information on the career fair, call Jennifer Elliott at (905) 641-2252 ext. 4165 or e-mail jelliott@niagarac.on.ca.

For maps and driving directions to Niagara College visit www.niagarac.on.ca.

Humber to help with regulating paralegals

College joins group created to help license profession

LAUREN LA ROSE
BUSINESS EDITOR

Humber College has joined forces with the Law Society of Upper Canada and other community colleges to help pave the path towards the education and licensing of paralegals in Ontario.

Paralegal studies program co-ordinator Bernie Aron and court and tribunal agent program co-ordinator Tracy Ryder will represent Humber on the newly-formed College Advisory Group.

The CAG will help ensure that licensing of the profession will be a smooth and steady process.

"We are (or will be) creating rigorous educational standards and programs for students who wish to be independent paralegals in their communities," Ryder said.

"Our educational expertise will be a critical resource in the development of any future licensing program."

Representatives from Durham, Seneca, Centennial, Algonquin, Fleming and Sheridan colleges sit on the CAG, with support also provided by the provincial Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and the Ontario Association of Career Colleges.

"We are very pleased that Humber has demonstrated an interest in this issue," said Law Society treasurer Frank Marrocco.

"By helping the Committee develop high-quality educational programs and standards, Humber is showing leadership in both skills, training and consumer protection."

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Business

'Lighter' menu puts bite back into McDonalds' profits

New choices appeal to health-conscious customers, but survey of young adults shows Big Macs are still boss

KERRIN MCNAMARA
BUSINESS REPORTER

McDonald's healthy-food strategies are boosting sales, but they're not making students any smaller.

The company announced a seven per cent profit increase in 2004, with earnings over \$2.5 billion.

McDonald's CEO Jim Skinner says the Golden Arches served more than 48-million customers per day last year, an increase of 1.6 million customers per day over 2003.

Ron Christianson, spokesperson for McDonald's Restaurants of Canada, said the healthy choices menu helped increase sales.

"We've been very successful communicating a message of choice to our customers, letting them customize their orders to meet their own nutritional and dietary needs," he said.

An ad-hoc survey of ordering trends at an Etobicoke McDonald's saw the eat-in crowd buy 60 orders of fries, 17 Big Macs and 15 quarter-pounders.

No salads and only four toasted sandwiches were purchased.

Teens and young adults chose the most Big Macs and quarter-pounders.

Dr. Rena Mendelson, professor of nutrition at Ryerson

University, says that's because young people are on a tighter budget.

"Taste is the predominant factor that influences what people eat, but for younger people, the big factor with fast foods is the cost," she said.

She said this type of eating is directly related to the "freshman 15," a trend where some students gain weight in their first year of post-secondary studies.

"Thirty years ago it was called the freshman 10, so trends haven't changed, it's just the impact is greater," she said.

McDonald's is keeping pace with increased sales by testing a new technology in the U.S. that gets food

to customers faster and also reduces waste.

Pittsburgh-based HyperActive Technologies introduced "HyperActive Bob" into several McDonald's in Pennsylvania, technology which uses outdoor security cameras to count the number of vehicles arriving at the restaurant. Food production is then adjusted accordingly.

HyperActive's president Kerien Fitzpatrick says HyperActive Bob increases quality, while reducing wait times and employee stress.

"For younger people, the big factor with fast foods is the cost."

-Dr. Rena Mendelson



KERRIN MCNAMARA

Outdoor security cameras, which monitor customer traffic at some McDonald's restaurants in the U.S., could be coming to a Golden Arches near you.

"Non-Bob restaurants typically have people shouting that they're out of something," he said. "A HyperActive Bob restaurant shows dramatic improvement in teamwork. It increases the harmony in the restaurant while delivering hot, fresh food very fast."

The technology isn't yet available in Canada, but Fitzpatrick hopes it will be picked up by Canadian franchisees soon.

Blockbuster ejects its late fee policy on rentals

EMILY WILLIAMS
BUSINESS REPORTER

Blockbuster executives say feedback has been very positive since the company dropped its late fees in Canada on Jan. 29.

"We knew late fees were the number one cause of customer dissatisfaction so we made it our mission to change that," said Dallas-based company spokesman Randy Hartgrove. "It's proven to be a constructive and successful change."

The program is now effect in Blockbuster's 426 stores across Canada. Rental due dates remain the same except now there is a one week grace period to return movies or games with no extra charge.

It's estimated that 2005 late fees would account for \$250 -



JESSICA RUSSELL

A surge in retail DVD sales and video on demand services has cut into Blockbuster's rental profits.

\$300 million dollars of company maintains it will not lose Blockbuster's total revenue. The money from the program.

"We are lowering our operating and promotional costs," Hartgrove said. "More customers renting movies and other elements should offset the loss we'll experience from dropping late fees."

If the rental is not returned within a week, the customer will be charged the retail value of the rental minus the rental fee.

But don't fret - customers returning rentals within 30 days will be refunded retail late fees minus a nominal re-stocking charge.

Keeping up with changing technology, as well as the increase in retail DVD sales and video on demand also motivated the procedural change.

"Technology is growing and we have to produce new programs in order to remain competitive,"

Hartgrove said. "Taking away late fees is just one of the ways. We have also added programs like movie and game trading to satisfy the customers."

A Vancouver-based spokesperson for Rogers Video refused comment on Blockbuster's new policy.

CORRECTION

Re: *The hills are alive with the sound of business*, Jan. 27.

A quote attributed to Kris Lal of the Ontario Conservatory of Music mistakenly inferred that he laughed when citing Beethoven and Mozart as examples of bad business people. The *Et Cetera* regrets the error.

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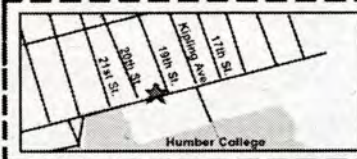
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Business

Foreign students worry about Canadian dollar

DAVE LAZZARINO
BUSINESS REPORTER

International students at Humber are concerned that the rising Canadian dollar and a lack of jobs on campus are leaving some of them strapped for cash.

Currently valued at 80 cents U.S., the Canadian dollar recently reached its highest value in the last 10 years.

"The Canadian dollar is like 50 Jamaican dollars. It's getting really expensive," said Marva Brown, a Jamaican student taking chef training at Humber.

As the dollar rises, other currencies are devalued. With tuition

for foreign students at more than \$11,000, there is increased pressure on them to find work.

"That's the problem," Brown said. "I thought we'd get more help to get jobs."

Brown's concern is echoed by Aman Sidhu, a post-graduate wireless telecommunications student.

"The college doesn't have enough jobs and so you have to depend on your family back home," she said. "International students cannot get (social insurance) cards."

International student advisor

"For every three work study applicants we hire, one is an international student."

-Karen Fast, Career Centre Manager

Kristina Evans says there is a great demand for employment.

"Of the students I've met, they all want to work," she said.

International students are only legally allowed to work on campus, making the chance of finding work slim.

Humber is working to lessen the problem.

"For every three work study applicants we hire, one is an international student," said Karen Fast, manager of Humber's Career Centre. "We're doing our best to accommodate our students. The problem is that for many of these positions English proficiency is important."

The career centre pays for 30 per cent of international students' work study salary, while the government subsidizes the remaining 70 per cent.

Because Humber pays for the entire salary, this means there are less than 300 of these opportunities available.

More than 900 international

students currently study at Humber. Even with the elevated currency, this number shows little signs of declining.

Humber's international recruiting officer Amanda Koski says Canadian schools still remain competitive with countries like the United States, where international tuition costs are much more.

Other countries are offering solutions to the employment problem. According to immigration websites for Australia, New Zealand and Britain, international students are allowed to work off campus.

Young entrepreneurs have choice of sponsorships

EMILY WILLIAMS
BUSINESS REPORTER

Independent-minded students should take advantage of corporate and governmental sponsorship available to young entrepreneurs, says Jim Skinner, a marketing professor at the Humber School of Business.

"Many of my students have successfully registered a business with the Young Entrepreneur Financing Program," said the author of *Business Plan to Business Reality: A Practical Guide to Working For Yourself in Canada*.

The details of the program are taught in Skinner's Marketing 415 class.

"This plan offers young people a lot of support through its mentoring program," Skinner said.

"This is a feature that makes this program stand out from the rest."

Jamie Hurlbert, communications director for the Canadian Youth Business Foundation, says entrepreneurs between the ages of 18 to 34 with a solid business plan are eligible for a loan of up to \$15,000.

"They are set up with a mentor from their community to help in the start up stages," he said. "Learning resources are also offered in areas such as marketing, accounting and exporting, to name a few".

The program is very successful at helping starry-eyed hopefuls start their dream business.

"Since 1996 our program has supported more than 1,200 young entrepreneurs and over 800 volunteers have helped out with our mentoring program," Hurlbert said.

According to Skinner, the key to a good business plan is to specialize in two ways.

"Specialize what you are selling and specialize to whom you are selling. The biggest mistake that is often made is not targeting a specific customer."

John Plinius, marketing professor at Queen's University, said there is an ongoing demand for young Canadian entrepreneurs.

"The most successful new businesses are partnerships where both individuals work well with others and enjoy networking," he

said.

He added most importantly that paying attention to details, especially money, is vital.

A trendy area for up and coming businesses is the fashion and beauty industry.

Julie Cuthbert, an instructor with the fashion department in the Humber School of Business, says

every year there are usually four or five entrepreneurs in her class.

"Right now there are two large areas for growth in the fashion industry," she said. "There has been a huge increase in men and boys apparel this year. These two demographics make up one third of the apparel growth in Canada."

Secondly, there is a need for

comfortable and stylish clothing that is flattering on the aging bodies of baby boomer women."

Cuthbert said the cosmetic industry has the potential to be a real money maker, since makeup is viewed as a necessity not a luxury.

"Tweens are also a virtually untapped market when looking at

the cosmetics sector, but they have no brand loyalty," she said.

The specific annual budget allocated for the Young Entrepreneur Financing Program can not be specified, says Hurlbert, but the government along with RBC and CIBC will continue to offer ongoing sponsorship funding to young entrepreneurs in 2005.

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Jamie Monastyrski

Monastyrski shows his *Spirit* through aboriginal publication

MUENI KITHUKA
NEWS REPORTER

Running a magazine publication is a dream come true for Humber grad Jamie Monastyrski.

"I have always wanted to be a reporter and to control my own medium," said the former journalism student.

Upon graduation in 1991, Monastyrski worked as a reporter at *Sioux Lookout Bulletin*, four hours north of Thunder Bay, then as a high school counsellor for four years while also freelancing in radio and T.V.

He is currently working full-time as a communication officer for a provincial aboriginal organization in North Bay and is the editor of *Spirit* magazine, Canada's only magazine for aboriginal Canadians.

"The name of the magazine captures the essence of our First Nation's people and translates their spirit in its pages," he said.

The need for self-sufficiency drove him to run his own magazine. But it came with some challenges.

"It's difficult when there's only a couple of people working on an issue, both editorially and marketing-wise. Each issue is a challenge. That's why it feels so good when it's done."

Monastyrski said he and his wife Harmony, who is the publisher of *Spirit*, should have taken more time to get a solid foundation in business before launching the magazine.

His advice to young people who want to venture into business is to get a solid business foundation.

"The drive to succeed and the letters and support from our readers across North America have helped us get to where we are," he added.

Check out *Spirit* magazine's website at www.spiritmag.ca.

Getting high on adrenaline

Skydiver fanatics risk their lives for the thrill of the open skies

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SPECIAL TO THE ETCETERA

ALLISON MOORHOUSE
LIFE EDITOR

Why would anyone want to jump out of a perfectly good airplane thousands of feet above ground?

"Because the door was open."

So says Jason Parry, a 20-year-old media studies student at Guelph-Humber.

Parry has been hooked on skydiving since his dad took him up for his 18th birthday.

"My dad wrapped a diaper in wrapping paper and enclosed a note saying 'you'll need this, cause you're going skydiving,'" Parry said. "The next day, I celebrated my birthday 3,000 feet above the ground."

Parry's first jump was at Velocity Ventures in Simcoe, Ontario.

"The lessons and first jump all took place on the same day," he said. "In the morning I took my lessons and in the afternoon I jumped."

Skydivers can jump at altitudes anywhere between 3,000 and 13,000 feet.

The free fall can last up to one-minute and the average speed a skydiver reaches is between 200-240 kph.

"I don't think I'll ever get into that plane without my insides churning, but that's part of the excitement," Parry said.

"Skydiving is 90 per cent a sport of the mind. As long as you can keep your head straight, you can accomplish anything that you want up there."

Joe Chow of Skydive Toronto has jumped over 9,000 times in 36 years. He has also been on the national skydiving team for four years and has competed in the world parachuting championships.

Chow said freedom, adventure and excitement are the reason people love skydiving.

"It's probably the most exciting thing you can do," he said. "You fly through the air like a bird."

He said skydiving can be addictive because of the adrenaline rush.

"People are looking for something that's special," he said. "I'm filled with awe at what we do."

Although there are obvious risks, Chow said no one should let that scare them away.

"(Worrying) inhibits you," he said. "All adventure activities involve risks. In Canada, on any given year, there will be one to three skydiving fatalities."

Thirty-one-year-old skydiver,



LIZA WOOD

Jason Parry spends his day working at the Humber library but, during his time off, he indulges in his passion for skydiving.

Sara Bennett said the rush of excitement from skydiving outweighs the risks.

"Skydivers are definitely nuts," she said. "Even if I was unable to walk I would still skydive."

To experience the thrill of skydiving, visit www.skydivetoronto.com for more information or call 1-800-ONT-JUMP to book a time to fly.

Curly locks replace the straight look

Perms are popular again; curling iron sales on the rise

CHRISTINA VELOCCI
LIFE REPORTER

Say goodbye to your flat irons and hello to a more natural look.

"This spring is all about curls, waves and a lot of texture," said Nick Commisso, a stylist at Fairview Mall's DeBerardinis salon and spa.

"It's a great and easy look for women who already have some curl in their hair."

This comes as a relief to some Humber students, like Ana King who are tired of damaging their hair with straighteners.

"When I used to straighten my hair it always looked so dry

and dead," said the culinary arts student.

Commisso said curls are a lot more dynamic and flexible.

"This look has really picked up with our customers," he said. "We're doing two or three perms a day. There's a lot less sales of styling products like balm and hair sprays."

Shazia Syed, assistant manager at Markville Mall's Trade Secrets beauty supply store, noticed the trend away from product sales.

"The flat irons that were really popular in the summer are definitely less popular now," Syed said. "People are really picking up on the curly hair look and we've been selling a lot of curling irons and curling products."

She said she's also seen a decline in sales of hair colouring products.

"Highlights and coloring, so popular with the straight look, are now also a lot less popular," she said. "The whole look is really about being natural."

Syed recommends against getting a perm. "There are products and hair appliances you can use to get the look without putting your hair through a lot of

processing." Commisso suggested women

"It's a great and easy look for women who already have some curl in their hair"

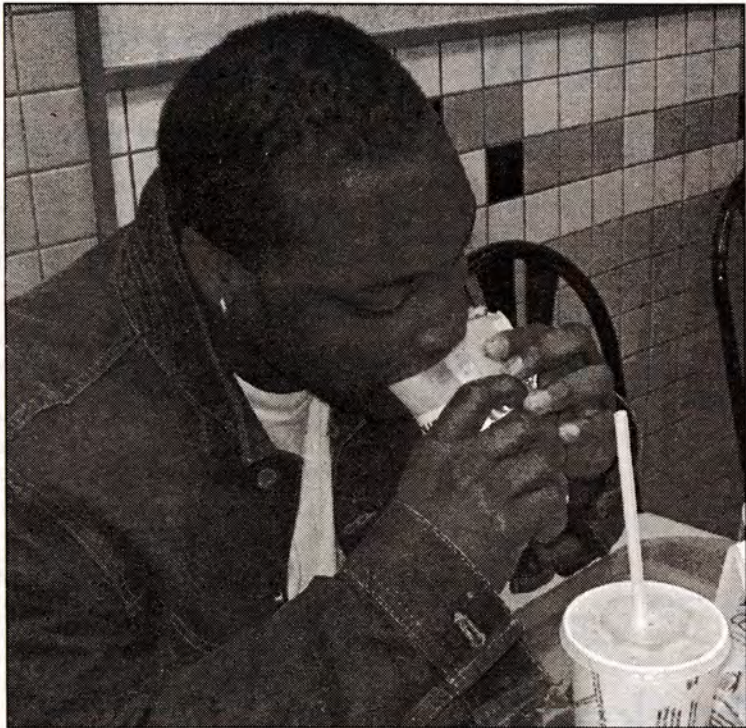
-Nick Commisso, stylist



LIZA WOOD

Carmela Minicucci, a 21-year-old university transfer student, shows off her naturally curly locks, the hair trend of the moment.

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LIZA WOOD

Jason Watt, 28, bites down on a McDonald's Turkey BLT Deli sandwich, which he buys regularly. The sandwiches are new to the menu and may not be a lighter alternative to some burgers.

McDonald's deli sandwiches carry "weighty" surprise

IAN HONEY
LIFE REPORTER

Some of McDonald's new deli sandwiches – the latest addition to their menu – pack more calories and fat than the famous fast food burgers, according to the company's nutritional fact sheet.

Andrea Silveira, a first-year Graphic and Package Design student, said although she did think the sandwiches are offered as a healthy alternative, she isn't surprised they aren't.

The Grilled Veggie Melt has 21 grams of fat, more than the combined fat of two cheeseburgers.

"I didn't believe it because it's McDonald's and it's fast food," she said. "I don't think it's going to be any healthier."

However, McDonald's spokesperson Ron Christianson said, "Customers are able to customize their order on any sandwich to meet their own nutritional needs. What they're being marketed as is just another choice at McDonald's."

According to nutritional facts provided by McDonald's, the new Turkey BLT sandwich contains 20 more calories than a Quarter-pounder with cheese, which has 520 calories.

The Leaning Tower Italian sandwich has 30 grams of fat, in comparison to the 27 grams of fat

in the Quarter-pounder. Even the Grilled Veggie Melt has 21 grams of fat, more than the combined fat of two cheeseburgers.

Rebecca Milburn, a Humber faculty member in the Applied Technology program said she got the impression the new sandwiches were healthy.

"They seem better than the french fries," she said.

Dr. Phillip Conelly, a cholesterol expert at U of T, said certain foods have more calories than we'd expect.

"One idea about obesity is that because our foods are calorie dense, it's easier to eat in calorie excess," he said.

"You take the same serving and you get twice the calories. That makes it harder for you to control your calorie intake."

The Leaning Tower Italian sandwich contains 46 per cent of recommended daily intake of fat, making it the second fattiest item on the McDonald's menu, behind the Big Mac, which contains 49 per cent.

Much of the fat and calorie content in the new sandwiches comes from the processed cheese and sauce.

The Turkey BLT packs in 540 calories and 20 grams of fat, but without the sauce, those numbers are dramatically reduced to 420 calories and only eight grams of fat.

The Wellness Challenge does not appear this week because charting the participants progress has been postponed. It will continue next week.

Birth control for men in the works

Hollow silicone tube blocks sperm flow; offers alternative to permanent vasectomy

JANET BOUGIE
LIFE REPORTER

A Canadian company is looking to revolutionize birth control with a new, implantable male contraceptive.

Shepherd Medical Company announced last week it has received \$1.4 million US to begin clinical testing on the birth control device.

The Intra Vas Device is a 2.5 cm hollow silicone tube that is implanted in the vas deferens to block sperm flow.

Dr. Neil Pollack, co-founder and director of Shepherd Medical, said the device can be removed if desired, but otherwise "the silicone will last forever."

Pollack said the procedure is very similar to a vasectomy, but instead of cutting and damaging the vas deferens, only a small incision is made to insert the IVD.

"It sounds better than having the 'snip-snip,' but still, either way, it's scary."

-Neil Kothari, 23, student

The incisions are expected to heal quickly and without incident.

The process can be reversed easily by removing the tubes to re-establish sperm flow.

Human trials will be based on prior studies done with primates.

Pollack and his team will monitor a group of men implanted with the IVD for an 18-month period. They will regularly analyze semen samples, check for side effects and monitor occurrences of pregnancy.

Pollack said initial studies with primates were successful and they are expecting the same with humans. He expects this to be a viable means of birth control for men of all ages.

The cost of the silicone plug is estimated at \$1,000 US.

Vinu Madhavan, an 18-year-old Humber HVAC computer applications student, thinks the cost is too high.

Madhavan said if the cost came down and "if it's proven (on humans) then I'd consider it, but not right now."

Neil Kothari, a 23-year-old Humber landscaping technician, is skeptical of the procedure.

"It sounds better than having the 'snip-snip,' but either way, it's

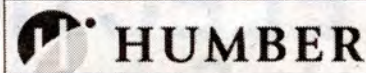
scary," he said. "If you're single, go for using condoms. I wouldn't want to block it off completely."

For now, men looking for an alternative solution to birth con-

trol will have to wait.

Shepherd Medical is still waiting for FDA approval.

Pollack hopes to have the IVD available to the public by 2007.



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REBECCA WELLUM
LIFE REPORTER

Going out on the town just got a whole lot cheaper.

Living on a budget can be tricky but students don't need to give up their social life says Joey Svec, the Humber Students'

Federation VP Campus Life North.

"Entertainment on campus, if not free, is one to two dollars. You're never going to pay out of pocket for anything on campus. That's what we're here for."

That's good news for Louis Lianos, a second-year Fitness and

Health Promotion student.

"I've always had bad experiences with OSAP because they never give me enough to get through my whole year."

Whether you want to catch a movie on the cheap, get cultured, or laugh at the latest stand-up

comedy, Toronto offers a variety of student-friendly entertainment options that won't empty your wallet.

Comedy

Support fellow Humber students and check out Amateur

Tuesdays at Yuk Yuks at 7:30 p.m. Stick around for novice comedians at 9 p.m. \$2 for both shows. 224 Richmond St. Check out www.yukyuks.com.

Every night (except Mondays) at 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 12:30 a.m., you can catch an improv set at the Second City (56 Blue Jays Way) for about \$13. Call in advance to confirm show times.

Arts & Culture

Every Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m., The Art Gallery of Ontario's (AGO) permanent collection is free for everyone. Bring your student ID along any other day (except Mondays) and it's \$9.

On Fridays from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m., The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) is free to everyone. Also, for just \$5, you can check out any special exhibits.

Film

Check out Rainbow Cinemas (www.rainbowcinemas.ca). With locations in Woodbine Shopping Centre and the GTA, matinees and Tuesdays cost \$4.25 and evening shows are \$7.50.

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Stage

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Sidelined Hawks one away from perfect record



JESSE GRASS

on the Super Bowl and its winners ...

Is it just me or are the New England Patriots a bunch of damn robots?

Apparently all they know how to do is win.

No matter who's on the field playing, whether it's a starter or a back-up player, they get the job done.

Nothing frustrates me more than watching a full season of football and having the New England Patriots win the Super Bowl.

The greatest day of the year was ruined once again this year with the AFC champion Pats beating the NFC champion Philadelphia Eagles 24-21 last Sunday.

New England's quarterback Tom Brady and wide receiver Deion Branch led the way to glory.

Brady threw for 236 yards and two touchdowns, while Branch, tying a Super Bowl record, hauled in 11 passes for 133 yards earning him the MVP honours. (He chose the Cadillac XLR as his prize.)

Philly receiver Terrell Owens played the entire game despite only sitting out six weeks after he broke his ankle and had screws placed in. He was very effective catching nine passes for 122 yards.

It is the third time the Pats have won the big game in the past four years, and are only the second franchise to win three Super Bowls in four years. The Dallas Cowboys are the other, winning Super Bowls in 1993, '94 and '96.

Basically everyone is labeling the Pats as a "Dynasty."

I will not.

I believe all of their success comes from the system that their coach, Bill Belichick, and coaching staff run, and not their so-called "star players."

Sure they have talent, they play in the NFL, but I don't think they are players what could win it all for another team.

Without offensive coordinator Charlie Weiss, who left for Notre Dame, and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel, who left for Browns, we will see what this "dynasty" can do.

Besides the outcome of course, the only thing that tainted this year's game was the Patriot players who mocked Owens and the Eagles by flapping their arms like birds every time they made a big play. It made me sick to my stomach.

But maybe that's just me.

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Men's v-ball 13-0 after two straight-set wins; Mabon steps in for injured Simek

KEN RODNEY SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber men's volleyball team moved two steps closer to perfection with convincing victories over the Nipissing Lakers and the Canadore Panthers last weekend.

With Chris Simek out nursing a sore shoulder, the Hawks dispatched the Panthers in less than an hour.

Humber scored the first 11 points of the match and never looked back on their way to a dominating straight sets victory.

"The great teams are the ones that play the best all the time irrelevant of their competitor," said head coach Wayne Wilkins.

In Simek's absence, Jesse Mabon stepped up and struck early and often, finishing with six kills.

"He understands that he's not the big power guy and he does his job," Wilkins said.

"If he stays with that mentality over the next three weeks he'll probably have one of the best

championships that he's had over four years."

The match against the Panthers afforded Humber the chance to go deep into its bench and give all the players a chance to shine.

Humber completed the weekend sweep with a straight sets victory over the Nipissing Lakers.

The Hawks once again handled their opponents with ease in the opening and closing set but the Lakers gave them a scare in the second.

Nipissing traded points with Humber until Daniel Shermer ended the set with a great block at the net.

Simek was back in the game in a limited role playing the final two sets and chipping in with a game high 13 kills.

With only one game left on the schedule and first place locked up in the division, all of the attention now turns to finishing up the undefeated season.

Mabon, playing in his final home game at Humber, sums up



KEN RODNEY

Peter Dionisio spikes the ball in one of Humber's wins last week.

what a perfect season would mean.

"It's only happened two other times in Humber history, it's huge and it would really mean a lot. It's a stepping stone, you go into (Ontario Championships) number one and you get to face the number eight seed."

Humber Players of the game:

Jesse Mabon vs. Canadore
Bart Babij against Nipissing

Next Home Game:

Tonight @ 8 p.m. against the rival Sheridan Bruins.

Lady Hawks suffer first loss of season

Attempt for perfect season finished; Arlette's 17 kills just not enough



KEN RODNEY

Humber's Rachel Dubbeldam and Ginny Warner attempt to block a shot last weekend. Dubbeldam finished the game with 13 kills.

KEN RODNEY SPORTS REPORTER

The Lady Hawk's impressive winning streak and hopes for a perfect season have been crushed.

In a match that featured two of the biggest killers in the game, the Nipissing Lakers overpowered the Humber Hawks three sets to one.

The battle between Humber's Amanda Arlette and Nipissing's Megan Stacey didn't disappoint.

"We had a strategy against (Stacey) for sure," said Humber head coach Chris Wilkins. "We wanted to limit her points but our errors ended up costing us the game."

The ladies traded kills to open the match and went head to head until Stacey ended the contest with her game-high 22nd kill.

Nipissing coach John Jeffries was impressed with the effort of both players.

"You can see why Megan is one of the best players in the province and the same with Amanda Arlette," Jeffries said. "They both contributed significantly for their teams today."

Arlette finished the game with 17 kills.

The turning point in the match was an action packed second set that saw Humber lead by as many as six points and serve for the set

seven times before finally falling 33-31, giving the Lakers an insurmountable 2-0 lead.

Arlette and Rachel Dubbeldam combined in the third set to give Humber its only win of the match.

Dubbeldam provided her team with a momentary spark by ending the set with a thunderous kill, one of 13 she had in the match.

"She played well but she was up and down," Wilkins said. "We need to be real consistent and get as much out of her as we can."

Humber could not carry the momentum into the fourth set and were defeated 25-21, bringing their division-leading record to 12-1.

"I think we come together more now. We'll definitely comeback from this, it helps us get focused," Dubbeldam said.

The day before the loss to Nipissing, Humber took a straight sets victory over the Canadore Panthers for their 12th win of the season.

Humber Player of the game:

Rachel Dubbeldam

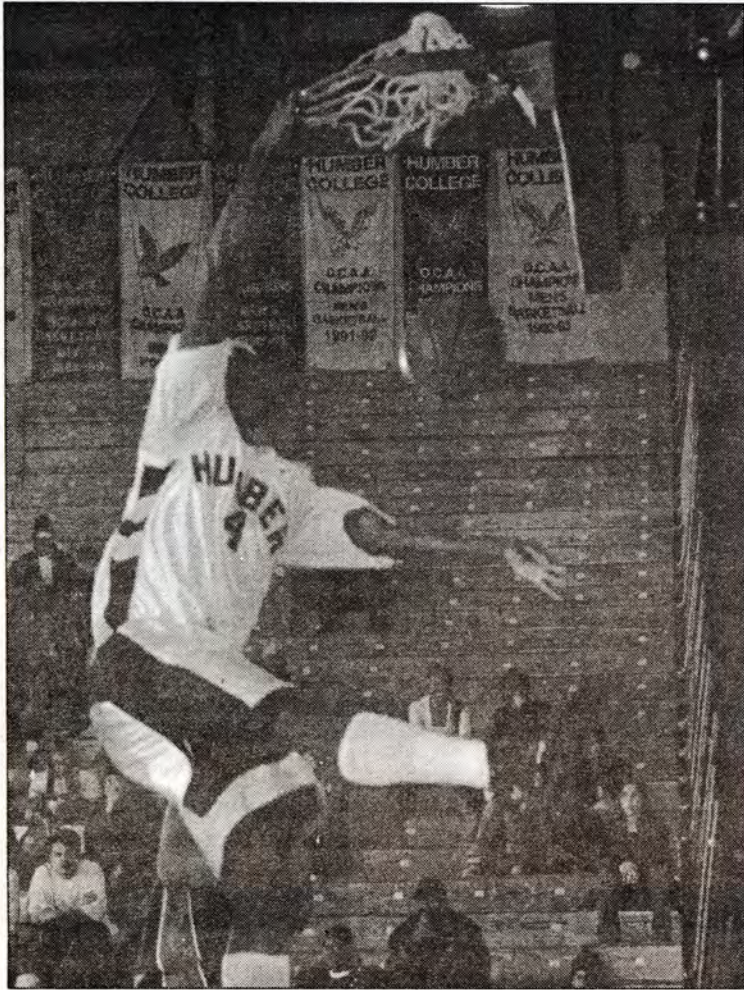
Next Game:

Feb. 15, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m. vs. the Sheridan Bruins @ Sheridan College.

Sports

Men's b-ball team boasts the best record in the country

Victories against George Brown, Seneca and Mohawk improve the Hawks' stellar record to 11-1



ALESSANDRO GAROFALO

Humber guard Jason Walcott hammers down the emphatic dunk en route to defeating the Seneca Sting, chipping in 14 points for the Hawks and earning himself co-player of the game honours.

HENTLEY SMALL
SPORTS REPORTER

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team continued their roll with three impressive victories over the weekend.

The Hawks were at George Brown on Feb. 2 and started the weekend with a strong performance against the Huskies.

Riding the momentum of the three-point shooting barrage they unleashed at Centennial the previous Friday, Humber hit eight shots from beyond the arc pacing them to a 48-31 halftime lead.

The second half was very much the same as George Brown went scoreless in the first five minutes. Down by as many as 25, the Huskies managed to trim the Humber lead to 10, yet still could not pull off the win.

Humber went on to defeat George Brown by a score of 85-64.

Jason Walcott and Morris Spence led Humber in scoring with 14 points each and Curtis Morris led George Brown with 19 points.

Humber's second game of the weekend saw the team compete in a much tougher first half as they hosted the Seneca Sting on Feb. 4.

Despite their 2-7 record and seven game losing streak, the visitors came ready to play and Humber appeared unprepared for the attack.

"Our energy level didn't match their offensive execution," said Hawks coach Darrell Glenn.

"They did a really good job of taking away our inside game, which is a big part of what we do. We weren't making our jump shots."

For most of the first half the Sting were pressuring Humber's defence inside the paint and were rewarded with trips to the foul line.

"At half time the coach spoke to us and told us we've got to get our act together,"

-Roger Scott, forward

After trailing 33-3, the Hawks closed the half with a 10 point run, deflating the Sting and shifting the momentum to Humber.

"That was a really big shift for both teams I thought," Glenn said. "We were able to make some plays and we were able to carry (that rhythm) forward in the second half."

Humber's Roger Scott was a beast in the paint in the second half. He was grabbing boards, scoring big points, forcing fouls and even pushing the ball on occasion.

"At halftime the coach spoke to us and told us we've got to get our act together and we came playing hard and guys starting hitting threes," said Scott, who finished the game with 12 points.

"We started playing as a team, we started rebounding and just kept on attacking the rim."

Humber maintained its intensity throughout the game and closed out its perfect weekend with a tough win over Seneca 79-58.

The Hawks continued its winning ways when they took on the Mohawk Mountainers this Tuesday.

Extending their winning streak to six games, the Hawks made light work out of Mohawk with an 86-62 win.

The victory gave Humber the best record in the OCAA, as well as the honour of owning the best record out of all the colleges in Canada.

The 11-1 central division-leading Hawks advanced from the province's number two seed, replacing the former leaders from Niagara.

Next Home Game:
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Taking soccer for a drive

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Humber soccer player Michelle Ferracci has her eye on the future.

The second-year defender has one semester remaining before graduating with a diploma in Business Administration next fall.

After graduation, Ferracci plans on attending either Ryerson or York University for automotive studies.

Her goal is to one day own an automotive dealership. Ferracci believes that the time she's spent playing soccer for Humber will only help her achieve her goals.

"I've definitely built up social skills," Ferracci said. "Humber is basically like a family."

The family-like atmosphere has allowed Ferracci to improve steadily over the course of her Humber career.

"It's amazing playing with the

girls that I do, you learn so much. I've grown as a player, especially from Natalie (Achim) and Anna (Tripodo), learning different skills and traits," Ferracci said.

Hawks coach Mauro Ongaro is impressed by Ferracci's determination.



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Ferracci and the lady Hawks will compete in their first exhibition game next week against Durham, followed by their first tournament of the season beginning Feb. 19.

"She's improved tremendously. At the beginning, her touch wasn't as strong as it could be. She's worked on that and that's really helped her game," Ongaro said.

Ferracci's strength lies in her natural athletic ability. She possesses great speed, strength and quickness.

One area in which Ferracci hasn't needed any work is her attitude.

"She's everything you'd want in a player. Anything you ask her to do, she does without questioning or being put out by it," Ongaro said.

"She does her best at whatever we ask her to do. Whether it's to mark a player or to play a certain position, ... she's never complained once."

The praise was echoed by Ferracci's teammates.

Jessica Cordeiro has played with Ferracci for about five years, going back to their time at St. Thomas Aquinas

Secondary School in Brampton. "She's really fun. She's really energetic, and she's happy all the time. She's a really cool girl," Cordeiro said.

Hawks win despite game riddled with errors



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Erin Chamberlain attempts a lay-up during the Hawks 70-62 win.

Chamberlain's clutch three-pointers late in the game clinch win; defence tightens and allows comeback

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Humber's women's basketball team survived a scare on the road last weekend against the George Brown Huskies.

After narrowly escaping Georgian with a 62-55 overtime triumph last Wednesday, the Hawks were treated to a close battle Feb. 2.

Humber's quick efforts in the opening minutes were marred with mistakes that included turnovers and missed shots.

The Hawks defence allowed George Brown easy opportunities but the Huskies were unable to convert.

It was an extremely physical affair and the referees allowed rough play to reign supreme. Both offences stagnated with more back and forth running than actual shooting.

One player who did have the stroke in the first half was George Brown's Tatjana Juretic, who was an unstoppable force all over the floor.

She was rebounding, blocking shots, getting steals and hitting shots from inside, outside and the foul line en route to scoring 15 of her game-high 19 points in the first frame.

full court defence that turned the momentum.

"Once we called that timeout at the nine-minute mark and strictly stayed with our full court press, we were able to dent away," said Hawks coach Denise Perrier.

The comeback was complete after guard Erin Chamberlain hit a three-pointer to give Humber the lead 58-55 during a spurt where they scored 13 unanswered points.

Chamberlain sealed the victory with a three-point play and the teams exchanged buckets in the final seconds to make the final 70-62 for the Hawks.

Humber was led in scoring by Karine Nicolas who notched 15 along with Chamberlain and Tanya Castang who each tallied 13 points.

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-Denise Perrier, head coach

Humber slipped at the end of the first half giving up a 12-2 run to make the halftime score 34-28 in favour of the Huskies.

The second half was just as sloppy for the Hawks as the Huskies controlled the ball and the tempo, pushing their lead to 51-38 before Humber staged a

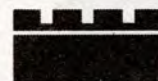
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