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New Yorkers grieve again

Humber Et Cetera Reporter Fayola Edwards was on the ground in New York when Flight 587 went down earlier this week.

On the scene within minutes, she talked to the rescue workers and area residents as the tragedy unfolded nearby. She filed this report upon her return to Toronto.

By FAYOLA EDWARDS
Et Cetera Staff

NEW YORK: The crash of an A300 jet into the New York neighbourhood of Queens Monday morning put an already jittery New York City even more on edge.

American Airlines flight 587, bound for Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic, crashed just four minutes away from John F. Kennedy International Airport into the quiet residential area of Rockaway Beach, killing all 251 passengers and nine crew members on board. On the ground, five people have been confirmed dead. So far, at least 262 bodies have been recovered.

Four houses were destroyed in the crash and four others seriously damaged. The neighbourhood sits on the south side of New York's Jamaica Bay, directly across from JFK airport.

"Pictures were flying off of the walls," said Marie Rudolph, who lives in the close-knit multicultural community near the Atlantic Ocean, where many of the houses proudly display the American flag on their front porches.

"I had just attended a funeral for a firefighter. How is this? My kids ran out to see. The backyard was pitch black," Rudolph said.

"I thought the roof flew off," said

Rudolph's son Chris, 17.

"I heard it and went outside and saw the plane crashing."

Rudolph, her two sons and her daughter quickly began pouring water onto the rooftop of their house to prevent it from catching fire.

The neighbourhood is home to many New York police officers and firefighters, many of whom were seen running down the street towards the crash site.

"A lot of firefighters and police officers live here," said Sgt. John Geary of the New York Police Department, who lives on 134th Street in the neighbourhood. "There's 40,000 members of the NYPD and they would all be here today if they could. I was here within 45 minutes. I got down to the mobilization point. We evacuated everyone we could. Fire was blaring across the roofs of all our houses."

The plane hit the ground at about 9:17 a.m., sending a large plume of black smoke and fireballs falling from the sky. The area reeked of burning wreckage and airplane fuel, as shell-shocked area residents - many evacuated from their homes - walked aimlessly in the middle of the streets, looking to one another for reassurance.

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Fayola Edwards

Memorials continue to be decorated as New York faces another air disaster (top). Emergency workers are put back to work Monday as New Yorkers watch another air tragedy unfold in their backyards (bottom).

Hawks score golden goal

By ANTHONY ESPOSITO
Et Cetera Staff

MEDICINE HAT: It was a magical week for men's soccer as they pulled a golden rabbit out of Medicine Hat.

After six long years, the Humber Hawks can finally call themselves the national champions once again.

In the provincials and nationals, the Hawks went toe to toe with the best teams in Canada and throughout the stretch only gave up a single goal.

In a game that saw the Hawks

miss over five breakaways, hit two posts and a crossbar, it was inevitable that the mini dynasty that the Langara Falcons had built was about to crumble, and it did. The Hawks defeated the two-time defending champions 1-0 in the finals to bring home the gold.

The night before, Gaston Bizera had a dream that the Hawks won the game 1-0, but he would never have dreamt that he would score the winning goal.

"I guess dreams come true," Bizera said. "It was the greatest goal of my life and nothing can repeat it."

Hawks' coach Germain Sanchez said this year's edition of the Hawks will go down in Humber history.

"It was a great team effort. The defence and the goalkeeper were the best that I ever had," Sanchez said. "This may be the best team that has ever been at Humber College."

Like the 1972 Miami Dolphins who were undefeated and went on to win the SuperBowl, the Hawks compiled a record of 16-0-2, only allowing eight goals.

Sanchez, describes his team, and this win as an "emotional one."

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Parking woes continue

By PETE RICHARDS
Et Cetera Staff

An unlucky 300 students will kiss their parking spots goodbye next semester.

Effective January 2002, construction of the new Guelph-Humber building will wipe out approximately 300 spots through parking lots 1 and 3.

According to Gary Jeynes, director of public safety at Humber, the 300 people who will lose their spots are those who bought permits for the first semester only.

They will not be able to purchase

second-semester parking.

"When they come to apply or purchase a permit for next semester, they'll be given a little notice on the reasoning," Jeynes said.

Nancy Deason, manager of public safety, said there is "not even close" to enough parking for students as it is, and not enough property to create more spots.

To compensate for the 300 removed spots, Humber College has bought parking space at the Woodbine Centre. A shuttle bus will be provided for students to carry them to and from Humber.

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A Dyer take on terrorism

By **CHRISSEY MOWAT**
Et Cetera Staff

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America were part of a plan to overthrow pro-American governments in the Arabic world, according to Canadian journalist and historian Gwynne Dyer.

Dyer told 150 OAC students at John Fraser Secondary School in Mississauga that the terrorist organization al-Qaeda is using America's habit of overreacting to acts of terrorism to goad the U.S. into bombing Afghanistan and other Arabic countries. "The terrorists think that if they make Americans watch their fellow countrymen burn to death and get crushed under buildings - rub their noses in it - then the U.S. will kill thousands of Arabs and fuel a revolution against the pro-American governments currently running the Middle East countries," Dyer said.

Dyer maintained that after 20 years of bombings and assassinations designed to overthrow Arabic governments, Islamic fundamentalists are now using America to do their work for them. After 20 years of being unsuccessful, Dyer said they are now

getting closer to their goal.

U.S. troops did not start bombing Afghanistan until a month after the attacks on New York and Washington D.C., a decision Dyer said was a result of the Bush administration being wise to bin Laden's plan.

But unfortunately, he added, America wants revenge and the government wants to appease its citizens.

"So here we are, in a war American leaders know they shouldn't be fighting, trying to end it quickly with a victory the American people will be happy with," Dyer said.

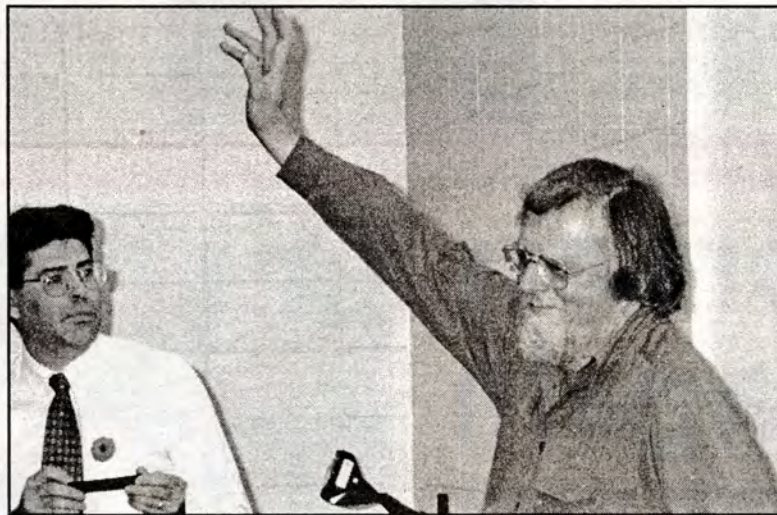
The only way to do this, he said is to send U.S. ground troops to the Middle East and risk further American casualties.

And how deep is Canada's involvement in this war?

"We are in it up to our ears," Dyer said. "In good ol' Canadian style where we won't kill anyone and won't get killed."

Two weeks ago Canada sent 2,000 troops overseas via ships and aircraft. If the U.S. wants to send Canadian ground troops as well, Dyer said we won't say no.

"If we send ground troops we will lose some people... maybe not a lot,



Chrissy Mowat

Historian and journalist Gwynne Dyer addresses Mississauga students

but we will lose people," he said.

On a positive note, Dyer told students the situation would be much worse if it had happened 20 years ago, when two-thirds of the world were tyrannies, dictatorships, and monarchies.

"Two hundred years of history tells us that democratic countries don't fight each other," Dyer said. "Every one of today's great powers, except China, is a democracy."

Russia, China, Japan, India and all the members of NATO are against al-Qaeda, Dyer affirmed, and because of this the war against terrorism will not escalate into a third world war.

"It will be ugly, but it will end," Dyer concluded. "The world as a whole is in much better shape than it used to be."

The lecture was part of a tour of universities and colleges that will bring Dyer to Humber on Nov. 29.

Muslims argue for Ramadan ceasefire

By **NOEL McINNIS**
Et Cetera Staff

Foreign Affairs Minister John Manley told reporters at a United Nations news conference that U.S.-led air strikes should not be stopped for the Islamic holy month of Ramadan because the suspension of bombing could allow Taliban forces to regroup.

Some Islamic nations have called upon Washington to halt air strikes during Ramadan as a sign of respect to Muslims, who will begin the traditional month of fasting on Nov 17.

For Muslims, Ramadan is the opportunity to seek peace of mind and heart and to study the Koran, believed to have been revealed to the prophet Muhammad during the holy month.

Emphasis is placed on doing good and refraining from wrong.

The Canadian Islamic Congress (CIC) issued a statement last week saying that Ramadan or not, the war in Afghanistan must be stopped not only out of respect for Muslims, but for humanitarian reasons.

"We think it is futile to go on bombing Afghanistan," said CIC vice-president Wahida Valiante.

"The situation there is well known for what life is like for the people. [The U.S. and Canada] basically go and say 'we're going to kill you because a few of you supported the person accused of committing terrorist crimes in the United States.'"

She said it is important that Muslims grieve and condemn what happened in the U.S. Sept. 11, but at the same time Canada should focus on means other than military action.

"I think there are two alternatives available to us," she said. "Number one is they should have established a coalition of different groups in Afghanistan, which has always been a difficult thing to do but at least this time we had an opportunity to do that, before we go and bomb them to smithereens."

Valiante said that because of the human catastrophes in Afghanistan, Canada should be working with the United Nations to form a peacekeeping solution.

She said Canada has always worked for a foreign policy that promotes settling conflict through international courts, and now is not the time to change that policy.

"Years and years have gone into building the kind of goodwill Canada has, and we need to focus on that rather than flounder it away just to be close to the United States," she said.

McGuinty plan not to include tuition cuts

By **ALEK GAZDIC**
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Ontario Liberal leader Dalton McGuinty's unveiled a new election platform that would see him remodel the province's government if elected, but it ignores mention of tuition cuts for Ontario college and

university students.

As was included in his 1999 agenda, the Official Opposition leader failed to indicate any possible tuition rollbacks or freezes for students in his Nov. 9 proposal.

The Liberals said they weren't sure when new education policies will be added to McGuinty's plat-

form, but emphasized the party's commitment to tuition cuts.

"He has a daughter in university. He knows the issues surrounding tuition and he is very devoted to finding solutions to the tuition problem," said Liberal spokesperson Meghan Lauber.

Pam Frache, a government relations co-ordinator for the Canadian Federation of Students, thinks the Liberal stance will include tuition cuts before the next election.

"I'm still very confident that they will support a tuition fee freeze because there's just so much popular support for the idea - now more than ever before," Frache said.

The Federation, which unites more than 400,000 students from 60 colleges and universities across Canada and over 185,000 in Ontario, is the nation's largest student representational body.

"Two recent public opinion polls show that 82 per cent of Ontarians support a freeze and reduction in tuition fees," Frache said.

Frache added the Federation strongly supports any reductions in tuition fees, and that the group plays a vital role in the future of Ontario's education.

"I think it's critical. I think it's one of the paramount barriers that students face when trying to pursue post-secondary education," she said. "Families are quite concerned that if they have three children in their families, they are not going to be able to send all of their kids to school. I don't think any family should be faced with that choice."

After a recent trip to a Cobourg

high school, McGuinty was reported by the *Cobourg Star* to have said he was committed to reducing tuition fees by 10 per cent.

A letter from the Liberal office after the *Star's* story denied any such commitment to tuition costs, but stated that the Liberals are "currently considering several options as they search for the best way to ensure Ontario students can attend and afford university or college."

Statistics Canada shows that Ontario's tuition fees are the highest among provinces in Canada.

According to his party's new Democratic Charter, McGuinty promises "real and substantive changes" to current reforms.

If elected as Ontario's next Premier, McGuinty plans to implement a fixed four-year election for majority governments, echoing a move made last summer by Gordon Campbell, Liberal premier of British Columbia.

The platform promises to increase voter turnout by 10 per cent, which fell from 64 per cent in 1990 to 58 per cent in 1999, by introducing a system of Internet voting and ATM-style voting machines.

McGuinty also said he plans to restrict campaign spending because it has too much influence on the political process.

The PC government spent \$6.2 million in the 1999 campaign, up from \$2.7 million in 1995.

According to the Liberal office, the party leads the governing Conservatives by double digits in every major opinion poll.

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Borough of Queens site of latest N.Y.C. tragedy

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Area residents frantically checked up on the whereabouts of their neighbours, hanging on to each other for comfort.

Neighbours cried openly as they awaited news on the fate of their loved ones.

People offered their neighbours coffee to calm their nerves, and even invited temporarily homeless residents into their houses.

Many area residents were at home because Monday was Veterans' Day in the U.S.

One neighbourhood resident, who lived less than a mile away from the crash site, had just woken up five minutes before the deadly explosion.

"There was debris everywhere, you could smell the strong smoke. The whole house shook. I'm so glad our school didn't get hit," said 16-year-old William Plock, a student at the local Catholic school, St. Francis, which was narrowly missed by the crashing plane.

Police officers and firefighters lay exhausted on front lawns.

Many of the same rescue workers had worked tirelessly on the Sept. 11 tragedy.

Workers arrived from other parts of New York to help out with the task of clearing up the debris and recovering bodies.

"For a plane crash, this is minimal damage," said officer Fagan of the Bronx unit of the NYPD, in front of one of the police barricades surrounding the site. "Everyone has been removed. The only thing left to find is the body parts. We can't determine whether this is a terrorist thing. I've been out here twice. This is horrible. New Yorkers always have their game faces on."

According to Fagan, a house on 129th St. in the borough of Queens that was hit by the plane was owned by an ex-firefighter whose son - himself a firefighter - died in the World Trade Center attack on Sept. 11.

By the afternoon, with the recovery effort in full swing, Police Chief Peters of the NYPD spoke to the massive crush of reporters that had descended on the scene.

"Bodies are being delivered to a temporary morgue site," he said, before describing what he saw when the plane went down. "The plane was low. I saw it depress and come down. I was hoping to find people. Debris was coming off before it came down."

The jet's black box voice recorder was found at the crash site at 12:45 p.m. on Monday and taken to Washington D.C. for examination. Two days after there was still no indication of what caused the jet to crash.

- With files from Desmond Devoy



Fayola Edwards

Monday's crash physically and emotionally drained N.Y.C. rescue workers

Parking spaces to be chopped by 300 in 2002

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The bus service is free and rates for the Woodbine parking spots will be slightly less than what students would normally pay.

Humber College and the University of Guelph have joined forces to build the \$49-million Guelph-Humber building, which will feature programs taught by both Guelph and Humber faculty. Students who graduate from the new school will receive both a degree from Guelph and a diploma from Humber.

According to David Trick, vice-provost and chief administrative officer for the University of Guelph-Humber, the new state-of-the-art building will feature 24 classrooms as well as specialized laboratories.

"There's going to be a common space, a very large atrium which will be used for public lectures, an Internet café and a writing centre," he said.

The construction of the building is scheduled to be complete by the summer of 2003.

Hold-up at bus stop

By LYNDESE VANDYK
Et Cetera Staff

Two armed men used guns to steal a purse from an unidentified woman waiting for a bus outside of Humber North campus last Wednesday.

Police said the armed robbery took place just after 9 p.m. near parking entrance A when the woman surrendered her purse after being threatened.

The armed theft has some students concerned for their own safety.

First-year General Arts and Science student, Johnny Morrison takes a bus to Humber and said he feels the school needs to help their students feel more secure.

"Rexdale is a bad area and kids coming from small towns to Toronto feel unsafe as it is," he said. "If this can happen just outside of the school who knows what else can happen. The school should have more security patrol so someone with late classes can feel safe."

Gary Jeynes, director of public safety at Humber, said the school is doing the most it can.

"We've increased security cameras. We've further encouraged students to use safety escort programs. We've made the community aware of this incident," he said. "I think it's important for all students and staff to take measures to be aware of your surroundings."

The suspects are two black males, both approximately 5'8". Witnesses said the suspects were wearing dark blue bandannas over their faces as well as black coats and black pants at the time of the attack.

Delays, fear for Pearson flyers

By VICTOR PENNEY
Et Cetera Staff

A morning of panic turned into an extended inconvenience for many American Airline travellers at Toronto Pearson International Airport Monday.

When flight 587 crashed into the Queens borough of New York City, flights going to the Big Apple from Pearson were cancelled immediately causing delays for customers. The possibility of another terrorist attack filled the minds of waiting passengers, but a sense of panic never set in.

"My partner and I are just waiting," said Greg Costalloe nonchalantly, who runs a construction company in Toronto.

Costalloe had meetings planned in New Jersey on Tuesday and New York today, but wanted to leave on Monday to arrive early.

"We were scheduled to fly out at 12 o'clock, and we just decided to reschedule the flight until four and see how the events turn out," he added, admitting the news of the accident made him a little nervous about flying.

The lines in front of the American Airlines baggage check were full at 10:30 a.m. while media scurried around looking to interview anyone heading to New York.

American Airlines immediately cancelled their flights going to New



Victor Penney

Delayed American Airlines passengers wait anxiously at Pearson Monday York and Newark, New Jersey after Flight 587 crash.

As the day progressed, more information developed about the crash, and U.S. investigators determined that while they weren't ruling out the possibility of terrorist involvement, it

was likely the latest airline crash in New York was just an accident.

One American Airlines desk agent shrugged off the cancelled flights.

"We had a couple of flights cancelled this morning, but that was about it," she said.

There were others waiting at Pearson Monday morning who weren't travelling to New York. Even though the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks were fresh in their minds, some said the ramifications of the latest airplane tragedy didn't hit them that hard.

Brock Weatherup, from Sacramento California, was an air traveller who dealt with Monday's accident quite easily.

"It's probably just going to delay things," he said.

Weatherup was actually flying on a United Airlines flight to Chicago when the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks occurred. He's only been on a couple of trips since, but his wife isn't too happy about it.

"She's actually called me a few times and pleaded with me not to go on planes anymore," he said. "You have to deal with it, but it's frustrating."

Sarah, a 19-year-old Durham College student, had been at Pearson since 8:30 a.m. She was waiting to pick up her boyfriend arriving from Cleveland, when she heard the news of the crash.

"I'm not worried, but [terrorism] crossed my mind," she said. "I just wanted to make sure everything was okay. I talked with him and everything seems fine at the Cleveland airport. It's pretty extreme, but I think the U.S. pretty much has everything under control."

More nuclear security to prevent terrorist disaster

By PHILL FELTHAM
Et Cetera Staff

Humber College is roughly an hour from the nearest nuclear power plant, and in light of recent world events, city officials and Torontonians are considering the possibility of a terrorist attack directed at a nuclear facility.

There are many people concerned about the possibility of nuclear terrorist threats, especially ones involving Ontario's three nuclear power plants.

Ontario Power Generation (owners of both the Pickering and Darlington Generating Stations), the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and even the Power Worker's Union have sent press releases to newswire services and major dailies in Toronto to calm fears of terrorism.

Nuclear officials wouldn't speculate on what kinds of terrorism are threats to nuclear power plants, but Peter Tabuns, executive director of Greenpeace Canada said threats range from a plane hitting a nuclear reactor to firing weapons intended to disable cooling systems. These systems are what keep CANDU nuclear reactors from overheating and causing a core meltdown.

Tabuns said another threat is terrorists trying to obtain nuclear waste to detonate a reactional, or "dirty" bomb instead of a traditional nuclear bomb in a crowded area. Although not as powerful as a real nuclear bomb, this would still have the potential to kill thousands with radioactive poisoning.

According to Ontario Power Generation, the hijacking of nuclear bundles containing radioactive waste while being transported into a nuclear plant is a threat. One by-product of nuclear reaction is tritium, a radioactive form of hydrogen. It slowly builds up in the heavy water that cools the CANDU nuclear reactors. To ensure safety of the employees and to decrease the amount of tritium escaping into the environment, shipments of the heavy water are sent to the Darlington Tritium Removal Facility for tritium extraction. Once the tritium is extracted from the heavy water at this plant, the tritium is secured in stainless steel containers within a concrete vault.

"In the area of security, we have been operating under new and extremely tight plant access procedures for months before Sept. 11," stated a Power Worker's Union media release.

The Pickering Generating Station, the closest to Humber College, is located off the shores of Lake Ontario east of Toronto and nestled in the community of Pickering. The plant has increased its use of magnetic scanners. Security now searches all its personnel and vehicles inspecting pocket contents, lunch boxes and wallets. The Darlington Generating Station has adopted the same policy.

Debra Carey, communications officer for the Power Worker's Union, said incoming boxes are opened and inspected for any traces of anthrax or

any harmful content.

She added that masks are offered to employees in the mail room, and plastic gloves are supplied for opening mail.

"Something came into Darlington and we stopped circulation of all internal mail for five days. No mail is circulated until the Health Department says so and nothing moves out of the area until everything is secure," she said.

Additional OPP officers have been assigned for surveillance at each entrance at both Darlington and

bombs," Tabun said. "I think people should really think about this one. Canada should not be exploiting Nuclear security technology all over the world."

Tabun is referring to the restart of the Pickering A nuclear station, the oldest atomic-power plant in the country. After being forced to cease operations in 1997 because of financial, safety and environmental concerns, the plant was recently given clearance by the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission to begin operating again.



Courtesy Ontario Power Worker's Union

An aerial view of Pickering Nuclear Plant, a potential terrorist target

Pickering. David Shier, staff officer with the Power Workers Union, said local law enforcement is protecting the perimeter of the plants.

"Security guards are not armed and the local police are armed," Shier said.

Shier added the Durham Region Emergency Response Team, a volunteer ground search and rescue unit, is patrolling both grounds at Pickering and Darlington.

According to a media release by the Power Workers Union, the Ontario Provincial Police has assembled a special force at Bruce nuclear plant, located on Lake Huron, about 250 km northwest of Toronto and co-owned by Bruce Nuclear and British Energy, the UK's largest electricity generator.

Shier added that construction is currently underway to build a cement wall around the perimeter of the plant.

"[They're using] other security enhancements as well," Shier said. "A lot of surveillance equipment and a lot more security."

Tabuns of Greenpeace said that nuclear security measures in place are not enough to protect against the threat of terrorism.

"By increasing the availability of nuclear material, we are increasing the threat of terrorists making nuclear

"The first step [to solving the problem] is to not re-open these reactors. It will increase risk to the population. While there still is a threat, the government should be providing military protection," Tabun said.

If a core meltdown was to occur, Tabun compared the results to the Chernobyl disaster in April 1986, when a nuclear power plant exploded, contaminating 6,000 square km, where 2-million people lived. Over 130,000 people were resettled to clean areas and 415 settlements were buried and removed from the map. Other areas in Ukraine and in Russia were contaminated also.

"Thousands were made sick by the contamination in Chernobyl," Tabun said. "If there was a core meltdown at the Pickering plant and radiation was released, and the wind blew toward Toronto, that area would be substantially contaminated."

A press release from the CNA said Canadian nuclear power plants have numerous safety features to ensure there is no harm to people or the environment.

"Physically, Canadian nuclear power plants are among the most robust and secure industrial structures in the country," stated the release. "Compared to other potential terrorist targets, nuclear power plants are extremely resistant."

Campus anthrax caution

By KYLE MARNOCH
Et Cetera Staff

Student newspaper staff at home and abroad continue to open newsroom mail despite concerns over anthrax-tainted mail.

In New York City at Columbia University's daily newspaper, *The Spectator*, staff were advised by university officials to be cautious with any mail received and to specifically look for any letter or package without a return address.

"If it looks weird to me, I'm not going to open it," said Michael Mirer, editor-in-chief of *The Spectator*.

The mail there is still getting opened despite any fears staff may have that it could contain anthrax spores. Other than looking for suspicious mail, no other special program has been set up to deal with incoming mail.

Mirer said there were pieces of mail received that had concerned staff but were opened anyway with no ill effect.

"For better or worse, I'm not that worried," Mirer added. "I'm opening the mail a little more carefully and looking at everything before I do it."

Newsrooms at two of Toronto's student papers are also concerned about tainted mail, but are still opening packages received.

Michael Traikos, managing editor at one of Ryerson's papers, *The Ryersonian*, said he hasn't received

special instructions on how to handle incoming mail and no updated security is in place.

As of yet, nothing suspicious has been found at the Ryerson newsroom and Traikos said he isn't very worried.

No formal instruction has been received by staff at *The Varsity*, a student paper at the University of Toronto.

The paper's editor-in-chief, Jeremy Nelson said no specific procedure is in place to deal with a possible threat, but should the need arise, appropriate authorities would be notified and anyone potentially exposed treated immediately.

"The chances of us being targeted are fairly low and the drugs [for anthrax treatment] are fairly effective," Nelson said.

He said there have been some dusty envelopes and a box of unknown origin that caused staff concern, but no actual threat.

U. of T. has had several scares on campus outside the newsroom, including a hoax letter sent to the Jewish Student Union Oct. 9 designed to mimic an anthrax-carrying letter.

Nelson said he is not personally worried about getting tainted mail but is more aware than before.

"I certainly will admit that I do take a quick look now at the return addresses of the letters I receive," he said. "I wasn't necessarily in the habit of doing that before."

Impact of jetliners hitting nuclear reactors argued

By PHILL FELTHAM
Et Cetera Staff

World events of the past two months have fuelled speculation about what would happen if a plane were to crash into a CANDU nuclear reactor.

Power Union Officer David Shier said it would be very hard for any radioactive material to be released if an airliner crashed into a nuclear plant.

"A CANDU reactor is several feet thick with reinforced steel," Shier said. "[A plane] would smash into it and not penetrate it."

Shier said the result of an impact would send a vibration into the ground that would cause the reactor to shut itself down.

However, a nuclear expert working for Greenpeace said that a core meltdown could happen in an hour if a jetliner was to crash into a nuclear reactor.

In a press release on Greenpeace.org, Dr. Helmut Hirsch alleged that in a worst case scenario that "the reactor's containment would be breached, the cooling systems would fail and within less than one hour, the reactor core would begin to meltdown."

The release further states that if a reactor building remains mostly intact, there is still a high possibility following the damage caused by the aircraft that a core meltdown could occur.

"Such an event would be less catastrophic in the short term due to the

containment structure. However, this would eventually fail - either through explosions caused by the meltdown (within ten hours) or within a matter of days due to excessive internal pressure."

Dr. Hirsch said that in the oldest German nuclear plants, the walls in the reactor buildings are 60 cm thick and could "withstand a sports plane weighing 10 tonnes and flying slowly (300 km/h)," while others' walls were "designed to withstand a crash by a Starfighter warplane or a Phantom fighter jet."

Shier said it would be hard to determine what would happen without knowing the weight of the impact.

"You could do all the calculations you want, but you would have to run something into it," Shier says.

Shier added that before Sept. 11, planes running into reactors, or buildings for that matter, were never really fathomed.

Fred Boyd, director of communications for the Canadian Nuclear Association, could not predict the impact of a commercial airliner crashing into a CANDU reactor.

"Some years ago, the impact of an engine from a jetliner hitting a containment building of the Pickering station was analyzed and showed little effect - no penetration and limited damage to the thick concrete - steel wall," Boyd said. "The initial judgement of the engineers involved is that the reactor containment would still be resistant," he said.

Student charged, booted from Journalism

By SANDY GARCIA
Et Cetera Staff

A second-year Journalism student has been expelled and charged after an alleged verbal disagreement with a professor three weeks ago.

At around 5 p.m. on Tues., Oct. 23, after a class had ended, a student got into a dispute with his professor over an assignment mark, police allege. According to an eyewitness the student was screaming loudly at the professor and waving his hands in the air.

Witnesses said the student stormed out of the class, allegedly muttering threats. Another eyewitness said she heard a loud noise and ran out into the hallway to see what had happened. She looked around and spotted a shattered glass door.

According to Const. Richard Bobbis of Toronto Police 23 Division, conditions were set to protect the witness and the victim.

"You can say it's a restraining order, a radius around a certain property he cannot trespass," Bobbis said. "Any failure to comply with that condition would lead to another arrest and more charges. This is not a deal, it's an order made to protect the witness and people involved so as not to intimidate or hurt him or her."

The student turned himself in the day after the incident. Charged with two counts of threatening and mischief to property under \$5,000 is Paul Carlucci. No court date has been set.

Population woes plague globe

By CANDI JERONIMO
Et Cetera Staff

The poor are getting poorer and the rich are getting richer, according to the State of the World Population study published by the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) last week.

The study shows that the world's population has doubled since 1960 to 6.1 billion people, with growth mainly occurring in poor countries. In rich countries, resource consumption has doubled since 1970.

In 50 years, world population is expected to grow to 9.3 billion. Because population growth tends to be faster in developing countries, additional strains will be added to those places where growth is projected to triple in size. Presently, half the world still exists on less than \$2 a day.

"The message delivered by the UNFPA and the ACPD is that [Canadians] need to work on the human aspect of environmental protection and degradation," said Johanne Fillion, communications director for Action Canada for Population and Development (ACPD). "These organizations strongly support health and equal rights campaigns throughout the world."

A child born in a developed country such as Canada will consume and pollute more in a lifetime than 30 to 50 children in developing countries according to the study.

The report explained many other issues that contribute and are related to how the world will cope with overpopulation.

Presently, the World Health Organization estimates 1.1 billion people do not have access to clean water.

Along the same lines, 800 million

people are chronically malnourished and two billion people lack food security in the world today.

Unclean water and poor sanitation kill over 12 million people each year. Air pollution kills nearly three million more, mostly in developing countries.

Planners in Toronto do not know the fate of Canada's great lakes area, whether the supply of Lake Ontario water will be used only by those in the surrounding region or whether some water will be sold.

The report includes ideas on how to preserve the physical aspects of Toronto and outlines where concentrated growth will be permitted.

With more building taking place in the world to accommodate the growing population, nearly one quarter of the world's species will be extinct by 2025. The report said 69 per cent of the world's marine life will also be "fully exploited, overfished, depleted, or slowly recovering."

It can be expected that carbon



Courtesy UNFPA

The exploding third-world population struggles daily just for water

By 2050, the UN estimates 45 per cent of the world's population will not be getting their daily requirements of 50 litres of water.

Planners in Toronto are working to deal with the strong influx of the estimated 2.6 million people that will be moving into the Greater Toronto area within the next 30 years, according to Paul Bain, a planner working on the City of Toronto Directions Report.

dioxide levels will rise in major cities like Toronto as more people will need to use automobiles.

Worldwide, carbon dioxide levels have risen from 534 million metric tons to 6.59 billion metric tons during the 20th century. According to the study, the U.S. is responsible for one quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions, but it only accounts for 4.65 per cent of the world population.

And that's still the way it is, legendary newsman Cronkite tells Mississauga

By IVETTE MONTILLA
Et Cetera Staff

A man who has seen it all discussed the world's current situation and the media's responsibility in times of war in an event (*A Conversation with Walter Cronkite*) held at the Mississauga Living Arts Centre with host Pamela Wallin.

One of the most respected anchor-men in history, Walter Cronkite shared his personal views and reflections about recent world events as well as his own expectations for the future, gathering a group of more than 700 business people for the occasion.

For almost two hours Cronkite fascinated his audience with intelligent remarks, a sharp sense of humour and a broad knowledge of world affairs gained from over 60 years of "covering" the world.

This veteran journalist and his renowned "And that's the way it is" sign-off have been around the world and back.

As arguably the best-known news reporter of the century, he submerged listeners into the deep waters of his

recollections of the Second World War, German concentration camps and brave soldiers.

Cronkite joined the United Press wire service in 1937 and for the next 11 years covered several significant events like the battle of the North Atlantic in 1942, the Allied invasion of Europe, D-Day, in 1944, and the surrendering of the Germans.

When he talked about the war on terrorism, Cronkite said television networks have the difficult task of complying with government requirements regarding information flow since sensitive data might put soldiers and troops at risk.

"I'm a strong believer in freedom of speech, but during World War Two, filters were applied to the news to protect military secrets while reporting from the battlefield," he said.

"But this war is different, it is a new kind of war, we are not used to this military combat and it's going to involve a huge diplomatic and economic effort in order to succeed."

He added journalists not only have the complex responsibility of keeping people informed with accurate reports, but also the obligation to understand the position of all parties

involved in the crisis.

"It is urgent that we all try to understand the other side of the problem so we have a better idea of the reasons why some people hate us so much," he said.

According to Cronkite, the closing of news bureaus and the diminishing number of foreign correspondents has influenced the lack of information and interest shown by western people toward international affairs.

"For the last 15 years, we haven't paid any attention to the signals and that's why the attacks on Sept. 11 were a surprise," Cronkite said.

He explained how difficult it is for journalists to cover unexpected stories especially when they involve large-scale tragedies like the terrorist attacks in the United States.

Cronkite said he believes the American people should follow the direction of their national leaders, but it's also time to ask questions, demand answers and voice opinions on policies and how the situation is being handled, he said.

"President Bush had no other choice in those circumstances but to respond in the way he did," Cronkite said. "Now we are at war and people

are going to die."

As he spoke these words, Cronkite, who reported the news of John F. Kennedy's death to stunned Americans in 1963, couldn't help but express a profound disbelief in the current situation.

"It's amazing that in the present day we still don't get the full picture," he said. "On one hand we can cure diseases and save people and on the other hand we can be so uncivilized and killing each other."

But despite the tragic events that have occurred in the last few months, the war on terrorism and an inevitable economic crisis, Cronkite said people should be optimistic.

The anchorman, who reported live the landing of Apollo 11 on the moon in July 1969, said he sees reason to hope for a better future.

"The fact that we had to build that rocket and that it only took three and half days to get there is one of the most significant events of the last century," he recalled with a big smile.

"When I see all Americans rising together with great solidarity in the midst of this tragedy, I know there is reason to hope for the 21st century," Cronkite said.

Folks crowd Casa Loma to see Bilbo

By MELISSA HARLOS
Et Cetera Staff

Attendance records were shattered at Casa Loma last week as thousands of people flocked to the castle to get a peek at *The Lord of the Rings* exhibit before it left Toronto.

The display, put on by Alliance Atlantis Motion Pictures to promote the upcoming movie, *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring*, adapted from the popular J.R.R. Tolkien novel of the same title.

"The success of the magnificent exhibit continues to reinforce our confidence and expectations for the theatrical release of this film on Dec. 19," said Jim Sherry, the executive vice president and general manager of Alliance Atlantis in a press release.

The exhibit, which featured 260 articles from the motion picture, completely sold out on its last day this past Sunday. Hundreds of disappointed people were turned away at the gates.

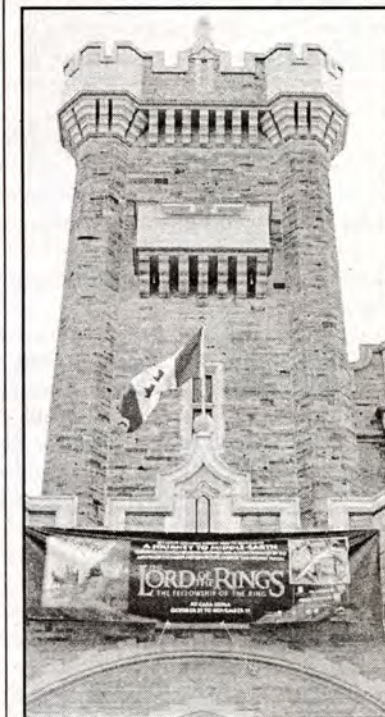
With props, costumes and artifacts on display many of the fans leaving the exhibit were very pleased with what they had seen.

Lou Seiller, director of marketing at Casa Loma, said the exhibit was worthy of the turnout. "It's phenomenal. I haven't read the books, so I don't know the detail behind all of the items, but it definitely makes me want to see the film and read the books," he said.

Those who were better versed in the world of *Lord of the Rings* were also pleased with the exhibit.

Adrian Roberts met his girlfriend through a conversation about the book.

"The book is very descriptive, and you really get an understanding of what they meant when you are right beside the artifacts," he said, arm in arm with his girlfriend, Darleen Dear. "Since we met through the book, and our first date was the exhibit, I guess now we are going to go see the movie."



Melissa Harlos
Tolkien-mania invaded Casa Loma

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Directing democracy

It has been reported that Washington has solicited the help of Hollywood executives to what CBS Television President, Leslie Moonves, has called "a meeting about what Hollywood could do for the nation." Moonves added they discussed how [television shows] could contribute to the fabric of America.

The changes in the past two months have affected government agencies, the media and, most importantly, the thinking of an entire nation. Aside from the massive human casualties there is a danger of freedom of speech becoming a casualty. Democracy relies on the expression of differing viewpoints to remain vital just as the market needs competition to work.

Bill Maher the host of *Politically Incorrect*, was forced to apologize for raising a controversial question about U.S. foreign policy because he was deemed to be "echoing anti-American sentiment". *Politically Incorrect* is a show meant to have an open forum of differing viewpoints.

CNN has a chance to define itself as the "world's news leader," but, has instead resorted to cheerleading for the American government. *Behind the Veil* a documentary chronicling the trip of a British journalist into Afghanistan disguised as an Afghan woman, has been turned into somewhat of a propaganda movie possibly to justify America's new war on terrorism to the American public.

Involving the government in filmmaking is not a new phenomenon. During the Second World War, Hollywood studios used U.S. government grants to produce pro-war films. The government also intervened during the Cold War with Walt Disney personally submitting each of his films to FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover for editing.

For many North Americans, movies have replaced books as the chief tool for learning history. It is for this reason that government intervention in the movie making industry is a dangerous prospect.

Arguably, movies such as *Get Bin Laden: The Making of a Terrorist* a movie exploring the U.S. role in Osama bin Laden's rise and the disputes between CIA and FBI over how to fight terrorism should not be left on the cutting room floor. However director Dan Paulson does not expect he will be able to make the film. Hollywood should have the unimpeded freedom to provide more than one viewpoint in its films.

President George W. Bush summed up his amazement at why the United States is hated in various parts of the world last month while speaking to the press. "I just can't believe it because I know how good we are," he said. "We've got to do a better job of making our case."

Hollywood movies losing their objectivity and creativity in providing different views will only contribute to the already present anti-American sentiment abroad.

This weekend, read a book

Hollywood is destroying the will to read. Blockbuster books transformed into movies like *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and *The Lord of the Rings*, contribute to making reading obsolete.

When they first came out, Harry Potter books had an entire generation of kids excited about reading again – a forgotten pastime since the introduction of video games and TV. On the bus or late at night in their beds, children and adults alike plowed through hundreds of pages about a young boy with extraordinary powers. Four hundred page hardcovers were whisked off the shelves by children as young as five. The books were so popular they were often read two or three times over. The legacy of Harry Potter challenged young people to use their imagination and create a magical world of wizards, witches and flying brooms.

But why should children read a book if they can see a movie?

As the movie opens this weekend, anyone who decides to pick up a copy of Harry Potter will have Hollywood's version of the story in their mind, not their own. The unique, imaginary worlds that readers create will be destroyed.

More disheartening is the fact that the movie may lessen young peoples' desire to delve into the wonderful world of reading. That is the tragedy of this type of movie making.

Later this year *The Lord of the Rings* will be released, turning a classic trilogy that mobilized young people to read into two hours of mind numbing fluff. Instead of exploring their own unseen world with dwarves, wizards and dragons, readers will always associate the chosen actors' faces with the book when (or even if) it is read in the future. Movies strip youth of their creativity because they project someone else's vision of the story. They fill in the blanks for us.

Those who enjoy reading appreciate its immense value and also know that it is an entirely different experience from simply sitting in front of a movie screen. However, as new generations emerge the value of reading may diminish.

Our challenge as future parents is to encourage our children to read to teach them the value of the written word which in turn, helps them to be creative beings capable of exploring their own imaginations. Encouraging children to read will not only slow a deteriorating literacy rate but also help our kids to grow into intelligent and independent minded individuals.

God knows we need more of those.



Letters to the editor

Re: *Welcome to the jungle* (October 25, 2001 Letter)

In the Oct. 25 *Et Cetera*, a letter to the editor portrayed Humber Residence as out-of-control and unsafe. Being Resident Assistants of the floor (directly mentioned in the letter), we would like to address these issues. Hundreds of students have to travel through S1 to get to their respective floors because of the location of the S Building elevator. Although we try to limit it, college students by nature can be noisy.

Most of the incidents listed in the aforementioned letter were isolated and do not happen "every night of the week". If they had happened every night of the week they were certainly not reported.

The Residence makes every attempt to place students on floors that will best suit them based on a survey filled in as part of their residence application.

Residents have the choice, for example, to be placed on a quiet floor. Quiet floors house students who requested to be grouped with other students with similar study and sleeping habits (quiet hours start at 9 p.m., seven days a week). This year the fifth floor in the S building was made into a quiet floor due to the high demand. Therefore the residence

was able to offer a room on a quiet floor to any student who requested it.

The next issue to be addressed is safety. This summer the residence decided to scrap the old lock and key system to open their doors. To replace it they installed a very expensive and high tech swipe card system. The same system is actually used by some U.S. Naval Bases. But what about the windows? When the security latch is not disengaged then the windows on the first floor can only be opened 11 cm. So unless you fear a seven-year-old cat burglar, forget about it.

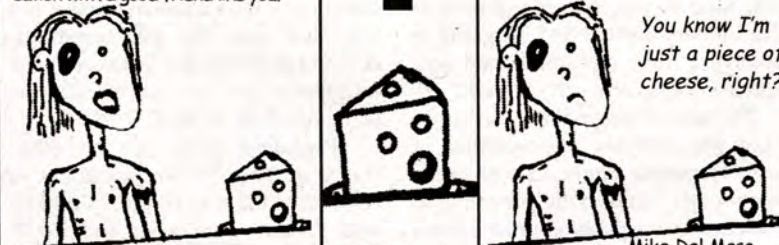
Our intention is not to attack the author of the aforementioned letter, but instead to shed some light on to the situation for the Humber community. Humber Residence is not a "ghetto". Some residents do experience noise or practical jokes, but that is just a reality of any college residence. Humber Residence Life staff do their best to deal with these problems as they arise and apologize to anyone who has experienced them.

Humber Residence is a great place to live. Ask around, the residents will tell you the same.

It should be noted that the author of the previous letter has been granted his request to be switched to a different floor.

Signed,
Jamie Clark, RA of S1
Brendan Watson, RA of S1

The state of the world today makes me think about the frailty of our mortality. I find it easier to enjoy the simple things...the sunrise, the laughter of children, even a conversation with a good friend like you.



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It's more than a day to remember



Lauren Ferranti

I remember Remembrance Day.

I'm writing this the afternoon of, so it's fresh in my memory. It's not unreasonable to get you to think about the meaning of the day, though the day's passed. That is the point, isn't it? To keep those wars won and lost in your thoughts not just one day, but every day. It's the same with Thanksgiving; be grateful each day of your life, and Father's day; cherish your father all of the time, not just some of the time. It is difficult though, to be alert and mindful of all of our blessings all of the time.

I woke up right on time this morning to throw on a hat and set out for downtown Toronto's nod to soldiers, fallen and standing. My bed was so warm and outside it was so cold. The wind bit and blew around random snowflakes.

The procession began at Old City Hall with a marching band and young cadets in shiny black shoes, feet falling softly on the concrete and around me, handfuls of coins being exchanged for poppies. The crowd was large and shivering. They sipped coffee, talked in sombre voices, dabbed running noses and absent-mindedly waved flags. The band stopped playing, the marchers stood still, and then there was the first of many moments of silence.

But all was not quiet. There was a hum in the distance, and the crowd turned its collective head skyward. Everyone was looking up, but I don't think we knew what we were looking for, until four warplanes emerged from the clouds and swept by, sound-

ing like a swarm of bees. They circled and disappeared, chased off by fast-moving clouds.

It was a gray day, but the sun had an agenda of its own. It kept appearing at key moments in the ceremony. Like the end of the official 11 o'clock moment of silence, followed by the inevitable trumpet, and a burst of golden light. I even heard a man whisper from behind me as the sun shone down. "How poetic," he said quietly. I'm not sure if it was poetic, or just right that it happened.

For me, the whole thing was tinged with despair. It was nice to see the sun and think that someone wanted to cheer us. The bumblebee planes made another round and all heads turned up.

Another moment of silence and I stared at the streetlights at this usually busy intersection. They were changing: green, yellow, red, and over again. But everyone was so still, oblivious to the sudden starts and stops these lights should have been commanding. They just seemed so incongruous. But so did our stillness.

Mayor Mel Lastman spoke a few uninspiring words. He recalled the battles of the Second World War and the situation of today. He saluted the Armed Forces' F-18 fighter jets, patrolling the skies in an effort to protect us and to make us feel safe. With those words, I felt the opposite of safe and hopeful. How strange to be celebrating the victory and freedom earned in one war, right in the middle of a new one. They called the First World War "the war to end all wars". This seems almost laughable.

Maybe it's just the context the day's ceremony that made me feel so sad. But those fighter jets hiding in the sky, as an insurance to keep us safe made it clear to me that no war is ever over or forgotten. This isn't news I'm revealing, but rather a challenge, to think and feel outside of designated "memorial" days, and remember that our freedom is sometimes as shaky as our memories.

Shallow Hal forgets to weigh negative effects



Charlotte Brown

This past weekend's release of the movie *Shallow Hal*, makes you wonder how a movie that pokes fun at an entire group of people can make \$23.2 million in its opening weekend.

The movie revolves around Hal (Jack Black), who was told by his dying father to date only the most beautiful women. By middle age, Hal had learned only to appreciate women for their looks.

Big surprise. This is hardly a new concept in today's society.

A day doesn't go by without hearing a group of people laughing at or mocking an "overweight" person. I use this term in its stereotypical sense because there are many people who in actual fact are not overweight, they are just not the shape and size that the mass media determines to be acceptable or normal.

Whether it's an overweight celebrity or a common person walking in a mall, they're ridiculed. Take it from me, movies like this may be funny to some people, but that doesn't mean that many of the jokes aren't offensive and hurtful.

If I didn't have to stay and watch the entire movie in order to write this piece, I would have gotten up and left the theatre. The movie is horrible, insulting and abusive to overweight people.

Being overweight myself, I felt very self-conscious as I headed into the theatre with my three friends.

I couldn't help being terrified that people would stare at me and mock

me for coming to see a movie that basically makes fun of people exactly like me. I had seen the previews and interviews with the actors, so I knew what to expect, but that didn't really make me feel any better because I know how cruel and insensitive people can be. I sat there cringing and filling with rage as the rest of the theatre laughed because Gwyneth Paltrow's character bent the legs of a steel chair. As if that could really happen!

I remembered hearing about the time Paltrow borrowed her 300-pound fat suit from the movie and walked around town in it? She was amazed and horrified at the people who walked behind her and made pig noises, and at the people who stared, pointed and laughed.

All I have to say is, you poor baby!

What if this movie was about those with prosthetic limbs, or those who are bald, or those with a learning disability? Would the movie still be as funny?

It disgusts me that Paltrow pretends to identify with her character. Unlike people who suffer from obesity in real life, she gets to go back to the studio, take off the suit and be the perfect size zero again. She said that the movie had a good premise. I have to agree with her. However, the fact that the film was filled with grotesque embellishments completely took away from the underlying moral, which is that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover.

Many people must deal with the fact that first impressions mean a lot. They are forced to live with ridicule everyday of their lives and they can't

just pull off a fat suit and feel wonderful again like Paltrow did. In an interview after a sneak preview of the movie, Carnie Wilson said, "I've been 300 pounds...first of all, I cried through half the movie."

One woman wrote a petition to 20th Century Fox complaining that overweight people are portrayed in a disgustingly sensationalized way in the movie, not that it made any difference.

After watching the movie, I completely sympathized with this woman. It made me sick to my stomach to watch the scene with Paltrow and Black in a canoe - the end with Black in it sticking way up in the air due to the size of Paltrow's character. Truthfully, I wouldn't really have a problem with the movie if it weren't so exaggerated. I mean really, a diving board doesn't buckle and a child can't be launched from a pool into a tree when an overweight person jumps into the water. But this is the basis for almost every scene in the entire movie.

Yet people laugh because they can't relate to it. But, what if the main character wasn't overweight? What if this movie was about those with prosthetic limbs, or those who are bald, or those with a learning disability? Would the movie still be as funny? What about the children that Black's character goes to see in the hospital? When you find out what's wrong with them, is that funny? I don't think so.

Obviously, my opinion won't change society's view of overweight people, but stop and think of the one thing that makes you self-conscious. How would you feel about a movie that makes fun of the one thing you hate about yourself? How would you feel about thousands of people finding your insecurities humorous and entertaining? Think about that the next time you're deciding which movie to see.

Being skinny comes with its own set of problems



Elaine Wilson

To paraphrase an old saying, if I had a nickel for every time someone commented on my weight, I would be rich.

Since I can remember, I have been hearing the same comments on how skinny I am. Honestly, not a day goes by that I don't hear some sort of comment directed towards my appearance. Now let me tell you what it's

like from this side of the scale.

I have the same view of my body image as an overweight person does. I suffer from the same insecurities about how I look in certain clothes and what other people say about me when they see me.

I have had many experiences of people telling me directly that I am absolutely disgusting and that I have nerve to look the way I do. One person told me this while I was working and went on to tell me that he could not stand the sight of me and that I had no hope of attracting a guy. I was shocked at this individual's lack of respect for another human being.

Not only that, but commenting on someone else's body is always a touchy subject. I kicked him out and went on to tell him that I have been

with my boyfriend for over a year. This experience was a personal attack while I did nothing but serve him a coffee.

You will never see me going up to overweight people and telling them that they are disgusting because that kind of behaviour is unacceptable.

I suffer from the same insecurities about how I look...

I want to let everyone know that society is equally harsh on skinny people as it is on overweight people. We are just at the other end of the scale.

People say that they would rather have my problem than any problem

of their's. But being skinny comes with a set of troubles that are equally difficult to deal with.

For example, I too have the same difficulty finding clothes that actually fit me the way I want them. Time and time again I walk into a store to find something that I like only to discover that it just doesn't fit. I run into this problem nine times out of 10 while I am shopping.

I find it funny that there are special stores that feature plus-sizes only. Where are the stores that have "minus" sizes? If you're going to have one then you should have the other.

This would definitely make my life much easier.

Another problem that I come across is that no one believes I eat anything. No matter how much I

argue with them they still think that I must have an eating disorder. This is the worst thing that anyone can think, especially when you're a healthy person.

I am naturally skinny and have been my whole life. I do not want to gain weight because I feel that people need to accept me, appearance and all. I think it is unfair for people to see me as only a skinny person, the same way that I think it is unfair for people to judge overweight people.

So the next time you go and poke fun at a skinny person, keep in mind that feelings do get hurt and that not every stereotype is necessarily true.

The skinny world and I have problems of our own. Treat us like you treat an overweight person - with respect.

Students learn tenant rights

By DANNETTE WILSON
Et Cetera Staff

Humber College held its first eviction seminar of the year Nov. 9, offering students free legal advice and awareness of the Tenant Protection Act.

According to Stephen Anastasi, vice president of campus life at North campus, many students who rent apartments close to the school have requested advice on tenant rights.

"It was also requested from the international students office. They've been having a lot of problems with students answering their questions and wanting to know their tenant rights," he said.

Michael Kopinak, from the international students office, said there are close to 400 international students living around the campus, either renting an apartment or living with relatives compared to 100 international students living on residence.

One problem that many students face when renting during the school year is that landlords are demanding

a full year's rent up front.

"My friend paid a couple months up front and during the first month of living there she hated it and wanted to leave but she couldn't unless she wanted to waste her money," said Barry Thomas, a first-year Business Administration student.

But lawyer Karen Andrews of the Rexdale Community Legal Clinic, located in the Albion Mall, said a scenario like this is not legal.

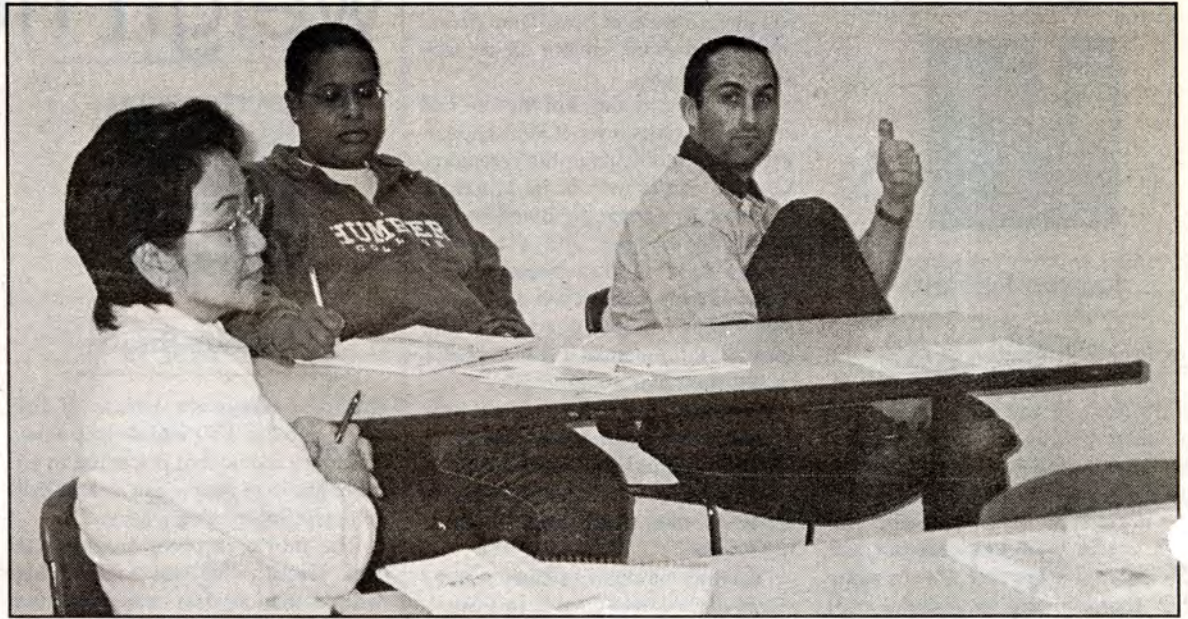
"It's important that landlords know their rights and obligations and tenants know their rights and obligations. There is a legal process," Andrews said.

Along with Andrews, Community Legal Worker, Alrica Gordon, supplied information pamphlets about rent increase, moving out and fighting an eviction.

She also spoke about the services provided at the clinic.

"Humber College students qualify for free tenant legal advice," Gordon said.

Members of the community also



Dannette Wilson

Last week, the North campus hosted its first eviction seminar, where it provided information on tenant rights

receive free advice, but there may be a charge depending on the case.

Andrews' advice to Humber College students who rent is to sign a

month-to-month tenancy contract, instead of a yearly one and also to become familiar with the Tenant Protection Act.

The Rexdale Community Legal Clinic is open Monday through Friday, and an appointment is not needed to speak to a lawyer.

Humber's Comedy students take the stage at Yuk Yuk's

By JENNIFER MARCH
Et Cetera Staff

"So a couple of months ago I was at the zoo, and I was standing there looking at the penguins and I was thinking to myself, wow, the male gender and the female gender of the human species are really different. You can have a room full of guys. You could have a 900 pound, one-armed, one-legged girl with big perky hairy nipples walk by and one guy is bound to look at this girl and go, 'Hey, I'd do her.' But you could have a room full of girls and you can have any guy in the world walk by. You could have Brad Pitt

or Tom Cruise walk by and one girl is bound to look at this guy and go, 'What an asshole,'" said Sean Biloski a first-year Comedy student at Yuk Yuk's last week.

This is just one of the many jokes that can be heard during Humber College's Comedy Night at Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club in Toronto. Humber's comedy students have their chance to shine every Tuesday night, when the floor is open to newcomers and veterans.

First-year Comedy student, Dave Bath, had a chance to perform for the first time, in front of a large and fairly

rowdy crowd.

"I liked it a lot, I enjoyed myself a lot. I plan on coming back again," he said.

"Last year we had a show after a main show and we got maybe 15 people out and the audience was mostly made up of comics," said Craig Brown, a second-year Comedy student, who performed for a sixth time last week. Brown was surprised and excited about the turnout this time.

"It was a huge turn-out. Unbelievable. Like over 60 people," he said.

Brown also performs in a sketch

group with other Humber College Comedy students at Tim Sim's Playhouse at Second City.

Preparation and bravery are some of the factors students may face when performing in front of a crowd.

"I like it when I do good. Last year I didn't do good and I just left, without my jacket, in the middle of winter. Then I curled up in a ball and cried," said second-year Comedy student, Andrew Love, a.k.a. 'Vicious Love,' with a laugh.

Humber College Comedy Night begins at 8:30 p.m., every Tuesday night.

In Brief

CHARITY PUB NIGHT

Humber's Fire and Emergency Services students are hosting their annual charity pub night. The event will be at Caps Nov. 15 starting at 9 p.m., with a donation cover charge at the door and raffle sales inside.

All proceeds earned will go to the Sunnybrook Hospital burn unit.

This year, fire students hope to exceed last year's total of \$940.

Winners from raffle tickets will be drawn on Thursday night. Prizes include hockey tickets, jerseys, T-shirts and hats. The grand prize will be free enrollment into the rope rescue course. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or \$3 for five.

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Nature Centre getting green

By MELANIE THOMPSON
Et Cetera Staff

Humber College Arboretum staff are trying to raise \$1 million to give the Nature Centre a facelift.

The Nature Centre is a building in the Arboretum that hosts over 15,000 visitors each year with environmental education and special events.

The Arboretum staff's goal is to make the centre energy efficient, with a solar water heater, wind turbines with weather instruments, composting toilets and a plant covered roof to protect the building from the elements and circulate fresh air.

Humber Arboretum Special Projects Co-ordinator Carol Ray approached the Humber Students' Federation at their meeting to ask for their support.

"It's very important that they [donors] know that the Humber student body supports us," Ray said.

The HSF will be sending the Arboretum a letter of support for the

project and hold a fund raiser in the near future.

"We want to make it a very special project that is environmentally sustainable," Ray said.

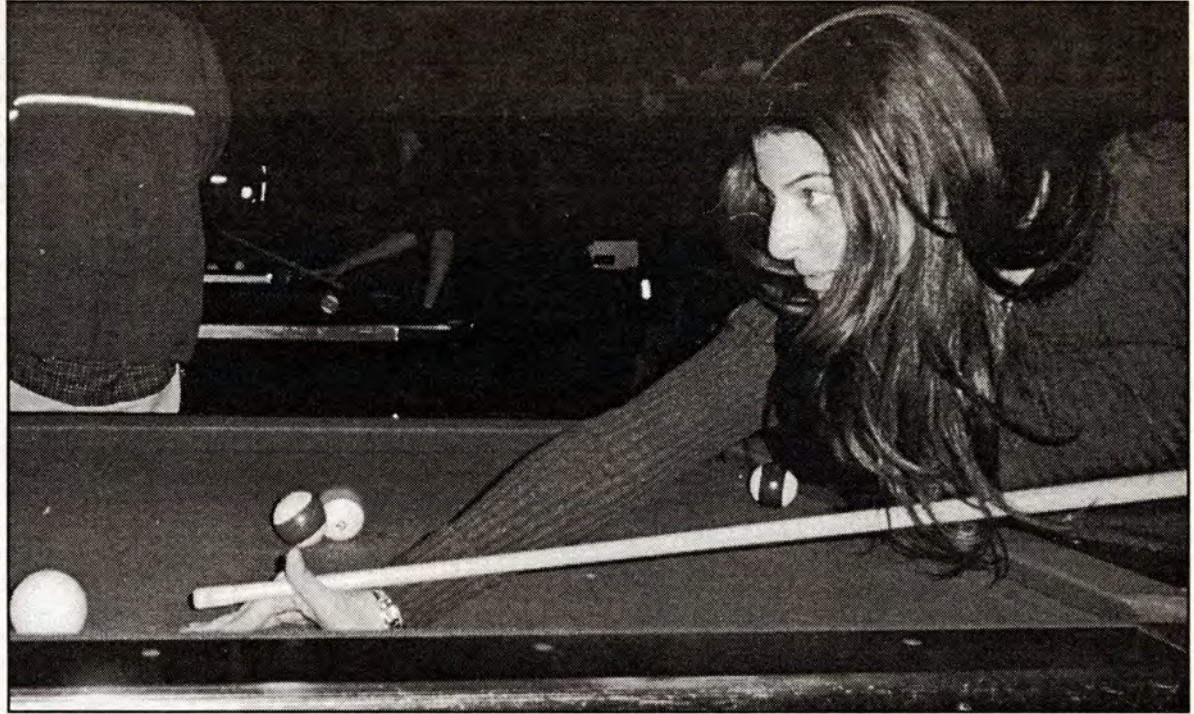
Ray is also striving to get wheelchair lifts installed, build a multi-purpose conference room and fix the deck damaged by carpenter ants.

So far \$300,000 has been raised for the project by the TD Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Fund, the Garden Club of Toronto, the Toronto Atmospheric Fund and the Federal Green Municipal Investment Fund through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

"Toronto is very supportive of the Arboretum with this project," Ray said.

Ray's goal is to have construction started on the Student Centre by spring or summer 2002.

Students who want to help with fund raising, research and awareness on the project are asked to contact Carol Ray at 416-675-6622 ext. 5127.



Karli Vezina

Diana Baddour, a Computer Programming student, shoots pool on her break, but other students skip class to play

Students cutting class to play pool

By KARLI VEZINA
Et Cetera Staff

Everyone needs a break sometimes. So what's wrong with stopping by the games room between classes?

The problem is some students never come back to class. After midterms, students may slack off since they've got their marks so far.

There are others though, who attend class and visit the games room on breaks and prefer a game of pool in a smoke-free room, as opposed to the bar scene like Caps or a busy cafeteria.

"I come in once in a while and stay about a half an hour ... to play pool or video games," said Eddie Frankovick, a first-year Business Administration student.

There are tons of games waiting for a student's quarter to light up the screen.

Nishan Minhas, a first-year Business Administration student, is in the games room almost every day, playing pool for hours at a time.

Minhas met some friends through the games room, and they play throughout the week.

Games room employee, Sham Ahmed, said there's an average of 40 people in the room at any given time. Their busy hours are normally from 10:50 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Games room manager, Cindy Dragic, said the North campus games room makes \$40,000 a year. The Lakeshore campus has two rooms, but with fewer games, and makes only \$7,400. That's only half the profits, as the other half goes to Chonar Inc., the company which owns the games.

There are a lot of regulars. "The same people every day, it's like a religion to them," Ahmed said. "A lot of them skip classes to stay here."

Fahad Ibrahim, a first-year Civil Engineering technician, was wrapped in playing Crisis Zone, which is made up of a foot pedal and a fake bazooka chained to the control board. It was only his third time in the games room.

"When I have to meet someone, I

wait for them here," Ibrahim said.

There are arcades, pool tables, soccer games and pinball to be enjoyed by all who enter. There are many friends who go in to play a game or two together, as well as some friendly competition between strangers. First-year university transfer student, Matt Stone, said he spends about \$3 a day, and he's in there almost every day.

Then there are cases like Rob Baquial.

"It's like my second home," said Baquial, a second-year Electronic Engineering student.

"I come in every chance I get, like every break or spare, I've been in here a lot." Baquial spends about \$15 per week in the games room, but said, "as long as you're working, it's all right."

He's also missed three or four of his classes for the last three weeks to play billiards or the racing game called Rush.

"[I've] made too many friends here. That's another reason why I stay here. They have spares when I have class," Baquial said.



Mark Nonkes

Counting students, Vivian Shen and Peggy Wu, walk by the Nature Centre, which may become a more environmentally friendly structure

Digital yearbook steps into uncharted territory

By KARLI VEZINA
Et Cetera Staff

Humber College Residence is going digital with the 2001 - 2002 yearbook.

This year it's not just the book, but also a CD-ROM with live footage and cameo of life in rez.

"This is the first time we got to use a CD," said Amanda Claassen, the yearbook advisor.

With a smaller fund this year, the yearbook will have fewer pages, but the missing action will be covered on the disc.

"It's our chance to really do something different," said Jason Bain, yearbook coordinator and editor.

"We can use video footage and get creative," he said.

As a final product, the CD is expected to cover all themes of residence, including Caps Rez night, orientation week, crash week, and random shots of students in action.

The committee is currently working on floor spreads, collective shots of people on each floor.

There will also be group shots on each floor that will be sold individu-

ally later in the year.

How do you get into the yearbook?

"We want people to become really involved," Bain said.

He said the committee wants students to, "make the most of their Rez and college experience, so we can capture it."

Claassen was the "editor and everything else" for last year's yearbook that sold 220 copies.

It was hectic," she said, with only four people on the committee compared to this year's seven.

Finding jobs over breakfast

By JULIE DeANGELIS
Et Cetera Staff

With resumes in hand, 124 Humber Business students dressed in their finest for the second annual Career Breakfast at Lakeshore campus on Nov. 7.

Representatives from 12 different corporations attended the event in search of up and coming employees.

Ann Tsirgielis, employment advisor at Lakeshore and organizer of the breakfast, said the business students have been busy over the past few weeks preparing for the event.

"I'm really excited. It's been a great couple of weeks," she said. "We've been into classes making sure the students are aware [of the event] and our office recruits have been very busy. The students have been coming in and preparing their resumes, which I'm really glad because it shows that they're prepared to start looking for positions."

In an informal setting students were able to network comfortably with several company representatives.

The event provided students with the opportunity to talk to employers about co-op placements, summer internships, and post-grad part-time/full-time employment.

Ernie Lynch, President of Lynch Technologies Inc, attended the breakfast for the second consecutive year. Former Humber student and current Lynch employee Mary Summers accompanied him.

Both met at the same career breakfast last November. Summers said that Humber gave her the "push" she needed to find work in the area she enjoys working in.

"I find that I'm able to draw a lot of what I learned at Humber," she said. "They provide the support network. The resume workshops, the resume centre in the student services office, the breakfasts and the job fairs and so forth. It gives you the opportunity to network and meet people in the business community."



Julie DeAngelis

Humber students talk with representatives from many organizations

Lynch, whose company provides digital media services, Web site creation, and various other software, prefers the breakfast setting to the conventional atmosphere of career fairs.

"I found that the breakfast meetings are better. It's a little bit more casual. People are a little bit more relaxed."

Eleven other businesses seeking out employees at the event included: Neson and Partners, News Canada Inc., Investors Group, Scotiabank, Bank of Montreal, RBC Financial, Arts Etobicoke, CIBC, Hummingbird Ltd., TD Canada Trust and the Toronto Airport Marriott.

A recruitment team from the Marriott, the only hospitality business at the breakfast, said they were pleased with the enthusiasm demonstrated by students.

"We want the up-and-coming stu-

dents in the business arena, just like these banks and investment companies do as well," said Jennifer Smith, a human resource manager. "People are really very enthusiastic about presenting themselves."

Sharon Galor, part of the Marriott team, said the alliances built between the hotel and the college have been beneficial on both ends.

Helen Rusan, a second-year financial services student, said she was at the breakfast to meet employers.

She wants get some information about companies and maybe make contacts for the future.

Helen Filipe, the employment advisor at Humber's North campus, said the breakfast was a great ice-breaker for nervous students.

"I think this is a great opportunity for students to practice talking to employers because that's the hardest part," she said.

Moving day for HSF events office

By JOEL HOIDAS
Et Cetera Staff

In the hopes of attracting more attention to clubs and events on campus, some HSF members have moved to a new office.

In addition to the main office in KX105, in the Students' Centre, HSF is opening an events office in A102, near Caps and the Athletic Centre.

"We are trying to create more of a presence on campus," said John Pulla, HSF president. "We were at one end, and now we're at both ends of the campus."

With the exception of a new colour printer and a photocopier, the move did not cost anything.

The new location puts HSF in the heart of the action.

"We are closer to Caps, Athletics and the International Student Department, which along with [HSF] and residence make up the CRASH committee. We're closer to the people we do programming with," said Stephen Anastasi, HSF vice president of campus life.

The events office will also cater to HSF volunteers who help out at events and concerts.

"We want to give the volunteers some perks. Now they can come into our office if they need a place to study or to use the computer facilities," Anastasi said.

The events office will feature a volunteer posting board with all upcoming events.

"If there is a job, an event, or a con-

cert coming in, volunteers can sign their name up to certain duties. It's going to be a lot easier to delegate this way," Anastasi said.

Joining Anastasi in the new office will be Lise Janssen, the HSF leadership and programs co-ordinator, along with a public relations intern next semester.

The student food bank will also be run from the new office.

"It's now easier to administer out student food bank, now that we have bodies in here. We have a giant stockpile of food for needy students," Anastasi said.

Students are welcome to drop off any canned goods or non-perishable food items to the new office.

Needy students are also welcome to go in and pick up any food they need.

For Anastasi, the move has come with perks, including a larger office.

"A lot of times [in the old office] I'd rip my pants on my desk because it was kind of cramped. Not to say that it was a small office, but the extra room is an added bonus."

The HSF events office is not open to students yet. They are still waiting for the phones to be hooked up, and a sign outside the office doors is still needed.

"We should be ready as soon as we get the phones up and running. Once we do that then we can continue to clean the rest of the office and set up the student food bank. After that, we should be on our feet," Anastasi said.



Joel Hoidas

HSF Events Coordinator Stephen Anastasi and leadership and program Coordinator Lise Janssen settle into the new events office near CAPS

All in favour of keeping it simple call Humber

By MELANIE THOMPSON
Et Cetera Staff

Located in the Registrar's office, the call centre staff do more than just answer the phone.

The centre receives inquiries about everything from questions about programs to faculty phone extensions. While the call centre employees do deal with their share of difficult callers, they also have a few strange tales to share.

"A woman called and told me she was very upset because she had been waiting all day for us to deliver her chair," said Rose Marie Boutcher, a 10-year call centre veteran.

"She went on about how dissatisfied she was with our service. After talking to her for a while I figured out that she was trying to reach Sears," she said.

Humber College ancillary services director John Mason said the call centre staff handled approximately 47,000 inquiries during the first month of school.

Monitored by 13 full-time and 12 part-time staff, the call centre answers inquiries for both the North and Lakeshore campuses. Despite the often hectic pace, call centre employees don't let the stress get to them.

"We have a philosophy to make sure we are always customer service

oriented," Mason said.

Handling the stress involved with the job can be tough.

"The staff have come up with a team of three or four people who look at different ways to handle stress," said Joanne Burgin, call centre manager.

"I just take one call after another and focus on each one individually, rather than looking at the many," Boutcher said.

Mason expects call volume to keep increasing because of inquiries about the Guelph-Humber project.

There are no plans for any call centre expansions right now, but Mason added that the need will be continually monitored.

Toronto's Tent City: Home is where the heart is

By VICTOR PENNEY
Et Cetera Staff

It's a cold and cloudy day. A black Labrador retriever scurries around piles of garbage and debris.

Just to the right of the asphalt road that winds its way around roughly constructed shelters and garbage, two young men are nailing what's left of a discarded door to their shack — to their home.

"We're trying to build an extension around our shelter here," said V.J. Choquette, 19.

He's lived in Tent City, a contaminated area of land just south of Lake Shore Boulevard East and east of Parliament Street and owned by Home Depot, for three months now.

"We find the materials from all over," Choquette said. "We just go scrounging around like everybody else."

His friend, Arind Karmakar, 21, has been living here for two months. He said life isn't too bad in Tent City.

"It's laid back around here," he said. "People like to get up around noon."

"We all get along here and nobody minds the dogs," Choquette added. "In fact, it's even better to have one here as a guard dog and a pet."

Choquette doesn't mind Tent City life either, but realizes there are some pitfalls. "Sometimes you have to really watch your stuff, because people come around and try to take it," he said.

Toronto's shantytown materialized in the spring of 2000. Since then, it has periodically appeared in the headlines when it was discovered the residents were cooking geese, ducks, pigeons and squirrels, and when they faced eviction after last year's federal election.

On Nov. 8, Toronto city council approved a motion to build housing units at a new location for the people living on the port lands.

The \$1.1-billion development project will be mostly funded by the federal government through a \$1-million grant.

The non-profit organization, Homes First will build 29 housing units with shared washrooms, kitchens and living areas, on a site located near Commissioners Street.

The promise of new housing units financed by the government isn't enough for some Tent City residents.

"I don't even know how they'll do that," Choquette said. "What are they going to do, move all the shacks?"

Most residents in the shack and tent community will go along with the city's plans to move them, but they still harbour resentment towards city officials, particularly Toronto

Mayor Mel Lastman.

"He's just pissed off that Toronto didn't get its bid for the Olympics," said John, who requested that his last name not be used. "He feels this place denigrated his chances of getting them."

John wants Lastman to "get a grip" and realize that those who live in Tent City are people too.

"You've got enough money Mel your wife has enough chocolate, you're cool, okay."

For the last three years, Home Depot has been accommodating 70 to 80 people who call the company's land home.

David Dey, a spokesperson for Home Depot's corporate offices in Canada, said they've been helping out now for the last year or so and they've never thought about kicking the people off their land.

"That was something that we never really entertained," Dey said. "We wanted to be part of the solution."

Not only does Home Depot allow the residents to stay on the land, they also donate wood and tools.

"The biggest role we're playing here is that of the patient point of view as the land owner," Dey said.

He does admit Home Depot knows the land is contaminated and said there are a number of metals and other hazardous materials in the soil.

That doesn't bother everyone in Tent City. While John said the poor environmental conditions lead to infected cuts that take longer than normal to heal, his neighbour, Cleo, doesn't seem to mind.

"The air you breathe is polluted. The water you drink is polluted. Why worry about the dirt?" he asked, laughing at his own question.

"This one guy, in the summertime," Cleo said, "had potatoes and onions growing."

Randy Durakit, who lives beside Cleo, said despite the poor environmental conditions, he doesn't like the idea of leaving the area.

"Once you move into those homes, then you have rules," said Durakit. "You're going to have the same clientele as Street City (another public housing community for the homeless), a pack of whores. I don't want to live in a place like that."

Durakit considers himself to be a child at heart. In his portable shelter, stuffed cartoon characters hang on the walls. A large Sylvester doll stands out from the rest. Durakit is fond of his T-shirts with cartoon characters on them, like Bugs Bunny.

He has grown to enjoy life in Tent City.

When the time comes, he said he'll pack up his belongings but doesn't expect to be forced off the land.



Currently residents of Tent City have a room with a view, but may be forced to move to a new location soon

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The wind turbine in Pickering is by far the largest windmill on the continent, standing 117-metres high.

It measures four metres in diameter at the base and 2.3 metres at the top. The three hollow blades that rotate to produce energy are 39 metres long.

Turbines are one of the fastest-growing electricity sources worldwide, but that doesn't worry nuclear energy plants, which supply 85 per cent of Ontario's energy, because these windmills will never stir up enough energy to worry the nuclear industry.

The Ontario Power Generation (OPG) Ever Green Division is testing windmills as a new environmentally-friendly way of producing energy, but if the wind isn't strong enough to

move the blades, the power can't be generated electronically.

"The problem with the wind generation is it only produces energy when the wind blows. You'll see more wind complexes coming along though," said Murray Patterson, managing business developer of the OPG Ever Green.

Patterson, however, does not think that turbines pose any real challenge to already-established nuclear plants.

"I can't see it supplementing nuclear energy because it's difficult to generate large amounts of energy, but it is definitely a more environmentally-friendly way of producing energy," Patterson said.

The Pickering community and city council have expressed concerns over animal safety in connection with the windmills, but studies have shown that most birds and animals can learn to avoid them.

Patterson assures the windmills

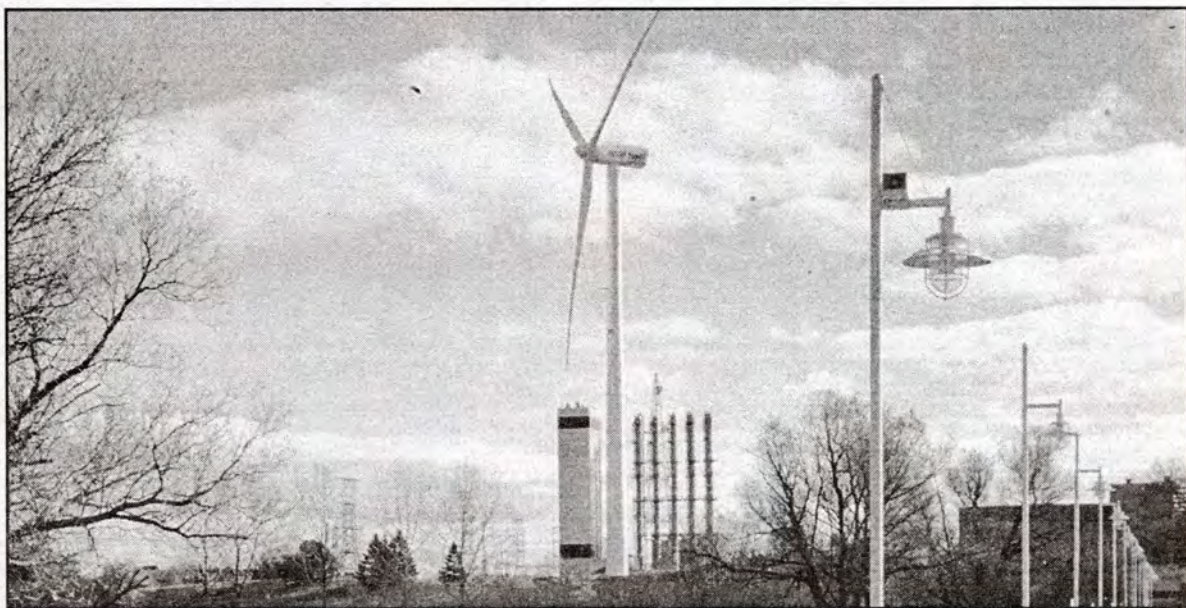
aren't a safety risk at all.

"There have been lots of studies to prove that there is a remarkably low fatality rate of birds hitting the windmills. Tall buildings and skyscrapers would be more of a threat," he said.

Other concerns over noise pollution in the community would occur because of the size of the windmill.

"There is no need for any concern over noise pollution. The turbine is so isolated. There will be very little noise generated. The velocity of the turbine has been regulated at 15.1 revolutions per minute and that allows it to operate full function without noise," Patterson said.

The turbine can produce enough energy for 600 average homes and up to 1,800 homes at full power. The OPG station is hopeful with the windmill prospects but if turbines are going to wipe out nuclear energy as a power source it won't be seen anywhere in the near future.



Lyndsey Van Dyk

The wind turbine at the Ontario Power Generation Station in Pickering is the modern take on the old windmill

Love across the cubicles

By CAROLYN BARRY
Et Cetera Staff

An office romance may sound exciting: cuddles at the water cooler, stolen kisses in the copy room, but mixing business with pleasure is a potentially explosive situation.

While many people agree that a dual relationship (one that consists of both an office and a romantic relationship) can work, some, such as Jim Allder, a chef at the Cardinal Golf Course who dated a co-worker, disagree since it can create too many problems.

"After we broke up it was tough. We wanted to keep a low profile, but keeping the environment we were working in that was not an easy thing to do," said Allder, who dated his girlfriend for five years.

"Once it became public knowledge, I felt like I was viewed as a bad guy. I couldn't stop working so it was a little awkward," Allder said.

Keeping a distinct line between a professional and romantic relationship can prove to be difficult.

"Things become complicated and lines become blurred," said Dr.

Blackwell, a family counsellor and therapist in Newmarket.

But dating your co-workers can be done. It's all a matter of communication and following a few simple rules that need to be followed in order to avoid turning the workplace into a negative environment.

According to the *employer-employee.com* Web site, there are employee dating guidelines which workers should consider before asking out that hottie in the next cubical.

First, check to see if the company has an employee dating policy.

While there are no general laws that prohibit employee dating, there are no laws preventing employers from forbidding it.

Secondly, do not always ask the same co-worker out for a date but try to develop a work relationship before moving into a romantic one. Then take it as slowly as possible since the possibility of breaking up remains

"There is always the potential to break up, especially with young people," Dr. Blackwell said. "I think there is practically nothing positive [about office dating.] It's almost never good."

Tara Smith, a Durham College student, dated her boyfriend, whom she met at work, for eight months, and although they aren't dating anymore, they still work together.

"I don't find it difficult to work together now. We pretty much ignore each other, or are civil with each other when we work. We only see each other at work," Smith said.

There are some rules that should be followed however, both at work and in private.

"Treat each other as a colleague not as a lover. It's uncomfortable to see two people who have the hots for each other gazing at or touching each other," Dr. Blackwell said. "It's all about being professional."

Allder suggested doing what works for you.

"I don't think that there is one right or wrong way to go about your personal relationships. I will say this however: if it affects your work or others' work negatively it is not a good idea for anyone. So I guess that it's up to the individual. And it is definitely something that you have to work at. It's not easy. But it can be very rewarding."

City dog bylaws keep man's best friend on leash

Canine bylaws in the GTA are no walk in the park for those who don't like to scoop the poop

By PATRICIA CARVACHO
Et Cetera Staff

Toronto parks have gone to the dogs.

For many city residents, including some dog lovers, setting foot in one of the city's 1,500 parks may ruin a perfectly good pair of shoes. Worse yet, they might fall victim to a nasty nip from a runaway pooch.

Last year alone there were over 900 reported incidents of dog bites.

The problem of dog owners failing to stoop-and-scoop and keep their dogs leashed in city parks is getting worse.

Of the more than 300 complaints received monthly - that's 10 a day - by Animal Services, most come from residents who live near municipal parks and those who use them.

"Every single day of the year we have some sort of complaint," said Eletta Purdy, a manager at Animal Services, the office that enforces dog bylaws. And 10 complaints a day, in spite of hefty fines for violating bylaws, is an estimate she said is low.

Fines range from a \$225 ticket on a first offense, to \$5,000 should the case go to court.

Aside from fining irresponsible owners, Purdy said not much more can be done to protect the soles of people's shoes, or for that matter their shins.

Only 33 officers cover all the areas policed by Animal Services, not enough to patrol all the parks every day. To educate dog owners, the city provides information on the Parks and Recreation Web site, including what the bylaws are and locations of leash-free areas throughout Toronto.

Because parks run a danger of losing their leash-free areas if the bylaws are broken, Purdy said that increasing pressure from responsible dog owners is a good deterrent.

Elizabeth Swiderski, who walks her seven-year-old bearded collie Stanley at a small park near High Park, admits she has broken the leash law on occasion. The leash-free area of her park is in a dark little valley, often isolated in the mornings and evenings, the times she walks Stanley. As well, she said coyotes roam the area.

Swiderski said the problem of people failing to pick up after their dogs is worse at night and in winter. Dog owners, reluctant to stoop-and-scoop in the cold, break the rules under cover of darkness and snow.

Parks and Recreation Manager Anne Valliere agrees.

She said that most complaints and doggie surprises surface in spring,

when the snow melts.

Valliere points out, however, that some dog groups help clean the parks on their own time.

"It's one reason I really admire Torontonians," she said. "They place a high value on their parkland."

While the stoop-and-scoop mess results from irresponsible dog owners, it's some professional dog walkers who are the main violators of the leash law. The problem is in the number of dogs they walk at a time. If several dogs are allowed off-leash at once, controlling them is difficult.

Responsible professional dog walkers reduce this problem. Helen Middlebrooks, owner of About Dogs-Dogs and People Training, hires trainers who walk only one dog at a time and don't allow them off-leash unless they can control them.

"The laws are there for a purpose," said Middlebrooks, who said violations of the leash law are a fair size problem. Not all people like dogs, she admitted, and some are even afraid of, or allergic to them. As well, she added, some dogs don't get along with other dogs and can pose a danger to other pets or themselves.

"If I go to an area that's not off-leash I don't expect to have dogs running at me," she said.

But until owners put in the effort, man's best friend will continue to be anything but, especially for those of us with brand new footwear and thin-skinned calves. And the phones at Animal Services will keep on ringing.



Patricia Carvacho

Why the dog - man's best friend? Maybe, but to many who use community parks, he's public enemy No. 1



Carolyn Barry

Peter Gray and Scott Armstrong of TNT! Totally Naked Toronto Men

No closets at recent life and styles show

By MIRIAM OSBORNE
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Et Cetera Staff

The second annual Gay Life and Styles show kicked up its heels Nov. 9 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The weekend long event brought together gay-owned businesses, corporations and local community groups.

The event included live performances, DJs and over 220 booths showcasing home decor, health, fitness and other organizations that support the gay community.

Ralph Weil, the event's manager, said the main reason for having the show was to promote the gay community.

"[We wanted] to give corporate Canada and various companies the opportunity to promote to the gay community, and to tell them that we welcome their business, that we want their business, and to gain a gay-friendly profile," he said.

The Appeal, a fundraising organization much like a gay and lesbian United Way, had a booth at the show.

"We raise money from the community, and then we give it out to different groups that do projects that help lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in Toronto," said Doug Kerr, a representative from the Appeal. We also give grants to gay and lesbian artists, filmmakers, and musicians.

"The Appeal has been around for 20 years, and they hoped that by coming to the show they would receive more donors, as well as make people more aware of who they are and what they do.

A New York-based company that produces only gay and lesbian musicians, called Centaur, puts all the money they raise towards homosexual causes. With this label, Centaur hopes to encourage gay and lesbian people to show their musical talent.

The recently released album, *Dance with Angels*, is sending all proceeds to different AIDS foundations.

Along with music, television also took part in the event. Sky Bridges works for PrideVision TV. The channel which debuted Sept. 7, bills itself as the world's first television network for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender viewers.

"We show a wide variety of shows. We have travel, arts and entertainment shows. We also have Frisky Fridays and Steamy Saturdays," Bridges said.

Included in PrideVision's programming is the popular series, *Queer as Folk*. The network offers audiences both the British and U.S. versions of the show, which follows the lives of a group of close-knit gays and lesbians.

Just a few booths over from the Appeal was TNT!MEN (Totally Naked Toronto! Men Enjoying Nudity). The booth was decorated with collages of naked men participating in different events, from the Pride parade to bowling.

Peter Gray, a TNT! MEN representative, was not totally naked because of the rules of the Convention Centre, but his black toga left nothing to the imagination. Gray first took part in this movement in Pennsylvania in 1992.

"Basically, it's about socializing in the nude," Gray said. "We go bowling occasionally, we have done theatre events, house parties, as well as pool parties."

All of the booths were celebrating homosexuality in different ways. Some were selling erotic wear, sex toys and pornographic videos. Others had selections of pictures such as gay men holding hands and a lesbian couple kissing their child.

Every cubicle and every person behind them had a message, which Gray voiced as having a gay lifestyle "is possible, and does exist."

No simple task for Simple Plan

By JAMES ROSE
Et Cetera Staff

The guys in Simple Plan want everyone to know that starting in the music industry isn't an overnight success story.

Simple Plan is a catchy pop-punk band that includes Pierre Bouvier (vocals), Jeff Stinco (lead guitar), Seb Lefebvre (guitar/backing vocals), David Desrosiers (bass/backing vocals) and Chuck Comeau (drums).

I had the chance to sit down with Comeau and Desrosiers earlier last week to talk about the band's recent touring and recording.

The band formed three years ago in Montreal, and each member has been involved with other bands for the last eight years.

Being no strangers to the road, the guys have toured extensively across Canada with other bands like Ten Foot Pole, MxPx, Blink 182 and American Hi-Fi.

"Those were all bands that were cool to us in the first place," said Comeau. "And to play for them is such an honour."

The band has done two Canadian tours, pulling in 24 shows in 26 days.

"Because we love it (touring), that is what makes it so easy," Comeau said.

With only three shows in Toronto so far, they have had a great reception. "We want to build a connection with as many people as possible," Comeau said. "We want to go out there and meet them all," Desrosiers added.

For them it is about having fun playing and making music. This summer they played the Warped Tour, Edgfest II and a spot on the Molson Canadian Snow Jam.

Simple Plan has had time to sit down and record between tour dates. They are currently in Toronto recording their first full-length album with producer Arnold Lanni (Our Lady Peace, Finger Eleven).

The guys said they are each influenced by something different, whether it be hip-hop, surf-punk, metal, etc. "Subconsciously that affects you," Desrosiers said. "There are five different opinions in the band

when we write. That's what makes what we do special," Comeau added. The band is putting the final mix on a new album that isn't expected to be released until early 2002. It's scheduled to have 12 songs.

One song they did during the recording was for an MTV *Total Request Live Christmas* compilation CD due out Nov. 20. Other artists on this compilation include Weezer and Blink 182. The song entitled My Christmas List is about all the good things they would want for Christmas. "A lifetime supply of Skittles and Slurpies and Eskimo pies," Desrosiers sang.

Signing to a major label wasn't easy. Simple Plan just signed to Atlantic/Lava in the U.S. and will be distributed in Canada by Warner Music.

"We wanted to go with someone who was there for the long haul, cared about us and liked the songs," Comeau said, "someone who is uine about us and loves the band live."

The overall jump to a major label was inspired by distribution and drive. "A small label can't keep up with the demand (of CD's)," said Comeau, "This way if people ask for (Simple Plan) it will be there for them."

When asked about their popularity they seemed shocked. "We are still at the level where we can go and hang out in the crowd," Desrosiers said.

Most likely if you go to a Simple Plan show you can be sure to find all of them to talk to. "We are going to do everything we can to keep that going," Comeau added.

For the guys that is what being in a band is about. "If you care about people and you're real and you care about principles that are like that," said Comeau, "you can't fail."

You can catch Simple Plan at the Edge Electric Christmas show with Bif Naked on Dec. 14 at the Kool Haus. For more information visit www.simpleplan.com.



James Rose

Pop-punkers Simple Plan hit the studio to record a new album which is expected in stores by early 2002

Rheostatics keep shooting for stars

By MARK SAUNER
Et Cetera Staff

After 21 years of slugging it out in the music industry, the Rheostatics

have returned with a new album, *Night of the Shooting Stars*.

Years of touring, recording, and songwriting have yielded several accolades for the band, including a Genie for their single Claire, a tour with the Tragically Hip, and a commission from the National Gallery of Canada to write an album of music inspired by the Group of Seven.

The new album, produced by former Change of Heart frontman Ian Blurton, showcases the band in a more stripped down rock effort.

The Rheostatics have endured membership and label changes since forming in Etobicoke in 1980, including a contract with Elektra records that went sour. Guitarist and co-founder Dave Bidini explains how the band has persevered.

"Sometimes it can just piss you off. It can be a bit of a desperate life going from town to town when money is shy... it's taxing emotional-

ly and physically. Often you sort of take a step back and figure out why you do it. Ultimately you know, but sometimes those reasons are not as clear as they should be," Bidini said.

Though the Rheostatics have sold more than 75,000 records, they still dwell in relative obscurity, relying more on a faithful fan base than on commercial exposure and radio play.

"I knew ultimately that being just a good, sincere, genuine, real rock band would play itself out in terms of getting an audience and giving us a career, more so than any kind of marketing or salesmanship [through a major label] would," Bidini said.

Redundantly labelled as "the quintessential Canadian band" by most Canadian music press, it's no surprise the band has tired of the misleading notoriety. Though Great White North references appear from time to time, from hockey players to small towns, the band denies any

effort at flag waving.

The band members all keep busy with projects outside the group. Bidini has written several widely acclaimed books, while guitarist Martin Tielli has recently put out a solo album. Drummer Don Kerr produces albums for other bands in his own Toronto studio, the Gas Station.

Next on the Rheostatics' plate is a request to write music for the Canadian men's and women's Olympic hockey teams. A play adaptation from a story Bidini wrote is also in the works, and the band is currently playing an 11-set stint at the Horseshoe Tavern, which began Nov. 7 and runs until the 18th.

So, what makes it all worthwhile, the sleeping on couches, the fiscal instability, and the long, gruelling tours from coast to coast? Bidini explains a rare on-stage occurrence that he dubs "moments of light" that make up for all the hardship.

Top rentals

Top rentals for the week ending Sunday, Nov. 11.
Courtesy of Rogers Video.

DVD

1. Shrek
2. Swordfish
3. Legally Blonde
4. The Animal
5. Final Fantasy : The Spirits Within
6. Bridget Jones's Diary
7. Dr. Dolittle 2
8. Cats & Dogs
9. A Knight's Tale
10. Angel Eyes

VHS

1. Swordfish
2. Shrek
3. Legally Blonde
4. The Animal
5. Bridget Jones's Diary
6. Cats & Dogs
7. Dr. Dolittle 2
8. A Knight's Tale
9. Final Fantasy : The Spirits With
10. Along Came a Spider

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Chyna turns in squared circle for centre stage

By KARLI VEZINA
Et Cetera Staff

Joanie Laurer has done *Playboy* twice, written a best selling autobiography, and now theatre. Formerly known as Chyna in the WWF, Laurer is set to star in *My Darling Judith* with Birdcage Productions Inc., which comes to Mississauga Living Arts Centre in December.

The question everyone wants to know is what prompted Chyna to do local theatre, after serving 20,000-50,000 rowdy WWF fans in arenas for six years?

"I've always loved theatre, ever since I was a little girl," said Laurer. "I put on my own acts and my own shows. This is just the adult version, and I don't mean that literally," she laughed, flicking her long lazy braids behind her back.

Being on stage is a natural environment for Laurer. She loved the script for *My Darling Judith* and said that if she wasn't offered it she probably would've said no to performing.

"I absolutely fell in love with the story," she said, her big blue eyes shining with intensity. "There were so many parallels to my life comparable to Judith's."

There was no audition for Laurer because director Brian Bird immediately saw her as Judith and was confident in her acting ability.

"I did physical theatre for six years and did a pretty darn good job. If he would have told me to audition, I would've said, 'Bite me.'"

Preparing for the role of Judith Stafford was more of a memorization process for Laurer. She is used to doing improv and going with the flow. "Once you learn the story well, it all fall into place," she said.

Aside from that, most of the preparation has been promotional work and "trying to get others to appreciate what we're doing," Laurer said.



Karli Vezina

Chyna, alongside director Brian Bird, is starring in *My Darling Judith* in December at the Living Arts Centre

"Especially because of the irony of somebody like me who did wrestling, it will be hard to convince most people to go see a play. What people don't realize is that it's very similar."

After *My Darling Judith* finishes its theatrical run, Laurer said she's not sure if she will do theatre again.

"Three days was all I could fit into my schedule and I still did it for the love of the story, and because I knew I would have such a blast." Although she's pretty much booked until next April, she said that if it came up, "depending on the story, I would find a way to work it in."

She's always been good at working extra things into her life. Laurer wrote her own intimate and detailed biography *If They Only Knew*, which hit number two on the *New York Times* best-sellers list this past October.

"The book was a real turning point in my career and changed the way my fans saw me. It drew a whole new demographic, rather than just the wrestling fans."

Posing for the November 2000 issue of *Playboy* was another landmark in Laurer's life, but some people question what effect it could have on her image.

"Men will buy it because they're seeing a woman naked and I'm happy for that...I want them to think it's sexy and beautiful." But the main reason for doing *Playboy* was, according to Laurer, "to show strength and femininity and to show that women can have strength, beauty and brains," Laurer said. "There is so much untapped potential in our women out there and they shouldn't be afraid to show it."

Laurer said too many women try

to follow a certain stereotype of what is considered beautiful.

"In my eyes, what we see on the covers of our magazines or on television ain't for me."

Laurer was surprised to see that issue of *Playboy* become its best seller in history. "That really threw me for a loop," she said. It showed her that she had a lot of support from her fans, and a lot of them women.

Her reasons for doing a second photo shoot for *Playboy* are much of the same, and also "because I am doing this as Joanie Laurer now. This is the first big thing that I did on my own two feet." Laurer said, hoping that the issue will sell just as well as the first one.

Laurer is anything but just another pretty face.

At the University of Tampa she majored in foreign languages (German and Spanish), primarily to get into government services. Although she has only used the languages for travelling since then, she has no regrets.

"I (have) refused to use it most often because I felt that there were too many people who rely on other people for learning a foreign language, rather than speaking the language of

the country (themselves). I used it so that I could go to foreign countries and speak it, and I expect the same for people who come to our country."

Right after college Laurer volunteered for the Peace Corps and travelled to Costa Rica for six months. She was supposed to teach people to read and write, but "because of the fact that it was such a different time, the men didn't want the women to read or write or have any type of contact of that nature." Laurer then decided to make the best of her stay, organizing kickball games and community events instead.

After playing the role of Chyna in the WWF for six years, Laurer does not miss her character and is looking only to the future.

"To me it's just another character, but I do miss being in front of a live audience of twenty to fifty thousand people - the instant gratification of laughter, shock or sadness, and I miss my friends." Overcoming the nostalgia of the old days, Laurer said she finds it "very exciting to finally be able to play different characters because as much honour as there was being Chyna and as good as I was, I don't want to play Chyna for the rest of my life."

Free ticket giveaway to see Chyna

You and a friend could be on your way to see Chyna perform live in *My Darling Judith*.

Just answer the trivia question below and send it by e-mail to humberetc@hotmail.com along with your name and phone number.

Contestants with the correct answer will be entered into a draw which will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 21, to win one of five pairs of tickets.

Question: What former WWF great trained Chyna and Triple H?

etc.

Movie Review

Murder, blackmail, adultery, oh my!

By MARK SAUNER
Et Cetera Staff

The latest offering from Joel and Ethan Coen pokes fun at murder, blackmail, and adultery in post-Second World War California in *The Man Who Wasn't There*.

The adventure starts when the bland and apathetic Ed Crane (Billy Bob Thornton) comes upon a business opportunity but needs some cash to get it off the ground. Crane tries to blackmail a local storeowner (James Gandolfini of the *Sopranos*), but the plan backfires.

Crane is a chain smoker who works as a barber and comes home daily to an unfaithful wife. Nothing seems to rub Crane the wrong way, whether it be his wife's infidelity, murder, death or trouble with the law.

The film is shot in black and white, reminiscent of the film noir genre. The movie moves along with subtle and clever comedy, mingling all sorts of colourful characters, from loud mouths to paranoid crazies to thickheaded thugs. The writing is top notch, showing its humour through the personality of the characters.

There is no blood and guts, no T&A, no bang, bang, shoot 'em up action. Still, the humour and the depth of the characters is wildly entertaining. *The Man Who Wasn't There* has its plot twists, its surprises, keeping you curious until the end. Crane, the indifferent hero, endures all sorts of troubles and hardships, but still maintains his calm demure.

What separates this movie from the usual Hollywood fare of today is that it shows the viewer plausible characters. Instead of goons and bruisers for cops, the police in this movie are all incompetent boobs. It has a used car salesman-type pitchman for a lawyer, a high school girl who turns into a real hussy, and Crane himself, who never bats an eyelash.

The Man Who Wasn't There is like an uncensored, gritty film or TV show from the early '50s. If you like the Coen brothers, this may be your favourite yet. If you like deep characters and witty writing, you will like it. But, for those who enjoy the spritz of a machine gun, or kung fu fighting, this isn't your cup of tea.



Unwanted phone calls will become a thing of the past

By KAREN THADANI
Et Cetera Staff

Have you ever wanted to hang up on an annoying telemarketer, but didn't have the heart?

A new device on the market called the Telezapper will save you the trouble of having to deal with them.

The Telezapper promises to get rid of unwanted telemarketers by fooling them into believing your number is disconnected.

Privacy Technologies Inc. invented the Telezapper, which hooks up to your phone in less than a minute.

Every time a telemarketer calls a house equipped with the Telezapper, the device sends out a special tone that tells them your number is disconnected.

"This product was designed for anybody and everybody who is fed up with getting calls they just don't want to get," said Charlene Brandt, a marketing associate at Privacy Technologies Inc.

Most call centres use an auto-dial system called a predictive dialer. It's supposed to be cost effective for businesses because phone numbers don't have to be dialed manually. A computer does all the work.

The idea is that the Telezapper automatically removes your telephone number from the telemarketers' lists in the hopes of preventing them from calling back.

"A lot of people have been inquiring about the Telezapper," said Chad Lucero, a sales associate at Radio Shack.

Several Radio Shack locations throughout the greater Toronto area are finding it hard to keep the new Telezapper on the shelf because of high demand.

Lucero said his store received a shipment last week but don't have any to sell now because the customer demand is higher than the supply.

The product was released a little less than a month ago and retails for \$79.99.

It also comes with a 30-day money back guarantee.

There are no monthly fees or activation charges if you purchase the

Telezapper.

"We are getting about three units at a time and customers are really interested in trying it out," said Tom Constantino, assistant manager at Radio Shack.

Constantino said the Telezapper is a good product but it is geared to a select market.

"A lot of businesses are asking about it," Constantino said.

"The price is a drawback. It is not an item people buy on impulse. Customers really want to see if it is worth the money."

Everyone at some point has picked up the phone and wished they hadn't when a telemarketer tries to push a product or service.

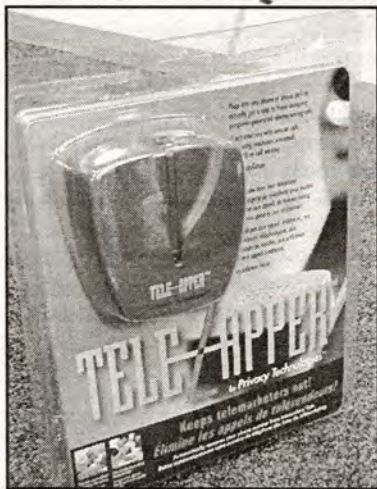
Aside from the Telezapper there are many ways for customers to avoid these dreaded phone calls.

Homeowners and businesses can contact the Canadian Marketing Association to be removed from any dialing lists.

Also, they can use the call display feature offered by the phone company and pick up only the numbers they know.

Or they can let their answering machine pick up the other calls.

For more information on the Telezapper visit Privacy Technologies Inc.'s Web site at www.telezapper.com or www.privacytechnologies.com.



Jeff Lim

The Telezapper is in high demand

Canada 3000 axed

By CANDI JERONIMO
Et Cetera Staff

Recently laid-off Canada 3000 workers are grieving, not only for the uncertain future of air travel, but for the lives lost on Monday's American Airlines crash in New York.

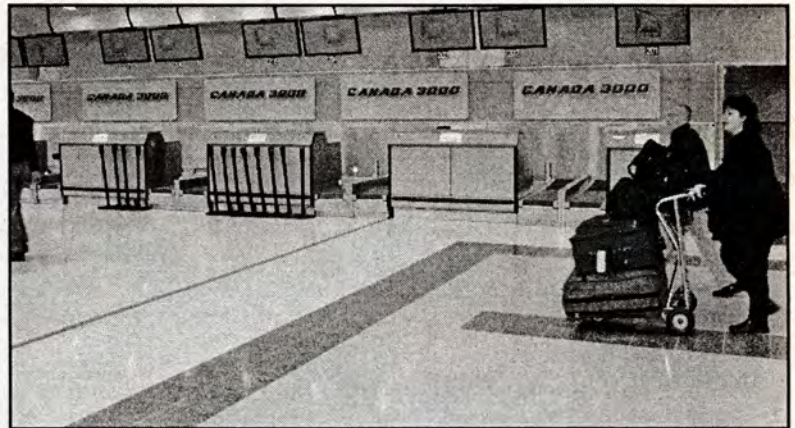
Across Canada, staff who were released from Canada 3000 when the company filed for bankruptcy Sunday were organizing rallies to protest what they see as a lack of action taken by Minister of Transportation David Collenette, but postponed the idea because of the plane crash in New York on Monday.

"The rally was cancelled out of respect for those who perished on the American Airlines flight 587," said Shone Thom, a former Canada 3000 flight attendant.

Instead of rallying, the workers held meetings to regroup, according to Andrea Addario of the Canadian Union of Public Employees, the union responsible for airline workers.

"People need to be together, especially after what happened [in New York]," she said.

When Canada 3000 filed for bankruptcy, more than 4,000 airline workers were left without jobs and scores of travellers had worthless tickets.



Victor Penney

An abandoned Canada 3000 check-in counter is passed by air travellers

The carrier ceased operations Friday after filing for court protection. The government agreed to lend the airline \$75 million if they could produce a viable business plan that could prove the company would make a profit. However, the company couldn't provide the government with such a plan.

"The government has dropped the ball in terms of the promise they made to maintain a second national carrier in Canada," Thom said. "It was David Collenette's responsibility and he has let everyone down."

The company, which now has no president, executives or a board of

directors because they resigned Nov. 10, is unlikely to get back on its feet.

"Everyone is still upset but they are dealing with it," Thom said.

"The entire company shut down, and there's no chance that specific company will open again. The [former employees] don't even know if they're getting their last paycheque."

The Toronto Stock Exchange is reviewing Canada 3000's common shares to see if they meet the requirements to remain listed as a viable stock.

As of Tuesday, several groups have shown interest in resurrecting Canada 3000.

Game consoles square off

By JEFF LIM
Et Cetera Staff

This week two new video game platforms, Microsoft Xbox and Nintendo Game Cube, will be released, squaring off against Sony Playstation 2 in the newest level of home console gaming wars.

Xbox will be released today (Nov. 15) with a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$449. Game Cube will come out Nov. 18 with an MSRP of \$299.

"We've been taking deposits on Xbox for three months now," said Clarence Lamb of Electronics Boutique.

"We're sold out of our first shipment already. We've also been taking pre-orders on Game Cube and we're sold out of that as well."

EB had been taking \$100 deposits for both systems. The store is selling both systems as bundles including extra games and accessories, Lamb said.

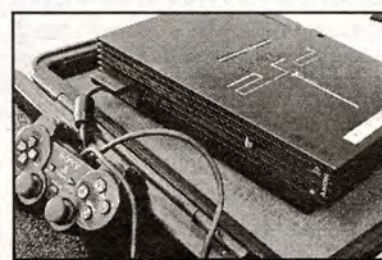
The Xbox bundle sells for \$699 and includes the base system, any two games and one accessory. The Game Cube bundle includes the base system, a third party-made controller, memory card and any two games for \$504.

According to Andrew Clarke of EB, Microsoft stands to lose \$45 million dollars on the Xbox system itself.

EB, by selling Xbox at \$10 less than MSRP, expects to lose \$800,000 in Canada on Xbox, but plans to make it up through prices on its games.

Steve Denis, an employee at Microplay, said Sony will be able to compete with the new systems with new, more advanced games.

"Sony announced they are not going to have a price drop," Denis said. "They're on their third generation games so now they're improving,



Jeff Lim

Playstation 2 came out last year

so that's how they're going to compete. They have a lot of strong titles coming out around the same time of the other system's releases."

One of the most highly anticipated games for the Playstation 2 is *Metal Gear Solid 2: Sons of Liberty*, which arrives on shelves Nov. 14.

"Sony is releasing *Metal Gear Solid 2* the same time as Xbox, probably for spite. I don't know for sure," Lamb said.

"There's more *Metal Gear Solid* fans than there are Xbox fans so we'll



Jeff Lim

Microsoft's X Box retails for \$449 see what happens."

Xbox is planning to launch with 18 games, while Game Cube is coming out with seven titles, Denis said.

"For Nintendo, the biggest game is probably going to be *Star Wars: Rogue Leader*," Denis said. "For Xbox, it's going to be Halo. It just got a really good review online, almost perfect, [for a] first-person shooter [game]."

Other titles being launched with the release of Xbox include *Dead or Alive 3*, *Shrek* and *Star Wars Star Fighter: Special Edition*.

Game Cube is launching with *Tony Hawk Pro Skater 3*, *Wave Race: Blue Storm*, *Crazy Taxi*, and *Luigi's Mansion* among others.

There's no mention of a game featuring Nintendo's flagship character, Mario.

"They are making a Mario game scheduled for next summer. There's the Luigi one, but it's probably not going to be their biggest game," Denis said.

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Combat meningitis with new vaccine

By KELLY MACHADO
Et Cetera Staff

Coughing, sneezing and kissing may seem harmless, but it may in fact be putting most young people at risk for the potentially fatal disease meningitis.

An expected increase in meningitis cases across Canada has prompted an advisory body to recommend vaccinations for most young people.

Officials at the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), an advisory body to Health Canada, issued a statement last week urging that immunization against meningococcal group C disease – the leading cause of meningitis outbreaks in this country – for infants, children under and those who are 15 to 24 years of age.

"Meningitis is an inflammation of the membranes that surround the brain and spinal cord," said Ronald Gold, medical advisor at the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada. "The bacteria, which cause meningococcal meningitis, are common and can live naturally in the back of the nose and throat."

About 250 to 750 cases of meningococcal disease are diagnosed

in Canada each year.

According to Health Canada's Population and Public Health Branch, the infection is spread from one person to another through a transfer of body secretions.

Sharing food, utensils, drinking glasses, water bottles, cigarettes, or even the sharing of lipstick can spread the disease.

Depending on the age group, up to one in 10 people may carry the bacterium.

Although it is uncommon for infants and young children to be hosts for this bacterium, the chance of becoming a carrier of the disease increases with age.

Peak rates occur in the 15- to 19-year-old group, of whom 25 per cent are carriers.

Only a small minority of these people will develop meningitis after an incubation period of two to three days.

Classical meningitis symptoms and signs include high temperature, severe headache, neck stiffness, nausea and/or vomiting, sensitivity to bright lights, drowsiness, joint or muscle pains, and a small purplish skin rash.

The patient may also feel confused and/or disoriented.

"The timing [of the NACI statement] is right because the peak season for meningococcal disease occurs in the winter months, especially between December and April," Gold said. "Any significant delay in starting a meningitis vaccine program will mean there will be no significant impact on the disease until 2003."

Meningococci are divided into various serogroups including A, B, C, W135 and Y.

Groups B and C meningococci cause most of the disease outbreaks in Canada. Current outbreaks of meningococcal meningitis in Canada are due to group C, which is vaccine preventable.

The vaccine, Menjugate, which was approved by Health Canada in April 2001, is the newest vaccination providing long-term protection.

"The new vaccine, Menjugate, recommended to control group C meningococcal disease, will probably provide very long lasting protection," Gold said. "It's a good vaccine, but it's expensive."

He added if the province finances the vaccination campaign, it would cost nearly \$100 million.

"The new vaccine induces immune memory, which means that specific immune cells are stimulated



Kelly Machado

One of the many ways to contract meningitis is through sharing utensils

by the vaccine. The memory cells persist for many years, if not for [a] lifetime and enable the immune system to respond very rapidly whenever the group C bacteria is encountered," he said.

According to the Meningitis Research Foundation of Canada, the death rate from this infection is about five per cent.

Approximately five to 10 per cent of survivors have deafness or some other disability related to brain damage.

"The last time an outbreak of meningococcal group C disease reached epidemic proportions in Canada was during the period 1988-1993. The peak number of cases was about 475," Gold said.

Pucker up

By SHELL BUJOLD
Et Cetera Staff

Sparks fly and fireworks soar. Kissing doesn't just give us a great feeling; it has health benefits as well.

"I have a girlfriend that I kiss quite often. I think it's the best thing in the world," said Matt Serverin, a second-year Film and Television student.

Kissing a loved one can help us feel better on many levels. This, in turn, makes us feel wanted.

"Kissing is perhaps among the most fundamental ways we achieve that," said Alex McKay of the Sex Information and Education Council of Canada.

When enjoying a kiss, according to an article in Salon magazine on kissing therapy, adrenaline makes the

heart beat faster, which uses endorphins to signal to the brain that kissing is a wonderful and natural experience.

"Kissing is the first step in physical contact towards sexual activity," McKay said.

An article on WebMD Medical News said that during a really passionate kiss the body can burn up to two calories a minute.

Kissing can also help tighten the muscles in the face and keep the skin looking great.

A kiss can also let you know whether attraction towards a partner is possible.

"Kissing is the primary way in our culture that we express physical intimacy," McKay said.

"You can totally tell if you like someone by a kiss," said Shaleen Sangha, a first-year Film and Television student.

Laura McCo, a first-year film student, agrees.

"It's very sensual. It's probably better than anything else ... an explosion of emotions," she said.

A study conducted at the Kinsey Institute for sexual research at Indiana University, outlining the sexual preferences and response of men and women, surveyed that kissing is used 99 per cent of the time as foreplay to further sexual contact.

"I think a kiss is highly arousing and definitely romantic. It can lead quite nicely into other things," Severin said.



Shell Bujold

Want to stay healthy? Kiss away

Health benefits of eating chocolate

Eating chocolate reduces stress, protects your body

By MELANIE THOMPSON
Et Cetera Staff

It reduces stress and makes you feel good. It symbolizes love and has aphrodisiac qualities. Women crave it more than men do, but men still want it.

It's chocolate, and more and more studies are revealing that this sweet treat actually has several health benefits.

Registered dietician Deborah Waterhouse, covers several unusual health benefits of chocolate in her book, *Why Women Need Chocolate*.

She said chocolate contains phenyl ethylamine, a chemical that is released when we fall in love, which stimulates the nervous system and increases blood pressure and heart rate. Waterhouse also said it includes an antibacterial agent that helps prevent tooth decay.

"I actually suggest to my clients that when they want to have chocolate in their diets, eat the good kinds, like Belgian or German, which have less saturated fats," said Howie Thomason, a registered nutritional consulting practitioner. "I have no

issue with eating real chocolate. It's an emotional stimulant and people crave it."

Thomason said that women crave chocolate more than men do because they have higher levels of emotional stress.

He added that chocolate cravings are actually caused by our body's chemicals.

After putting some of his patients on a magnesium supplement, Thomason reported they stopped craving chocolate.

"Their bodies wanted the nutrients," Thomason said.

Some people think the cravings are largely influenced by our culture.

"If we are told to crave it, then there's a good chance we will," said Barb Bartle, a community dietician for the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Health Unit. "It gives a pleasurable feeling that people want."

According to WebMD Health, chocolate contains over 400 compounds that can affect our brain chemistry.

Besides releasing mood-enhancing endorphins, chocolate can also have long-term benefits including helping to protect your body from cardiovascular disease and cancer with the antioxidant, catechin.

"Chocolate definitely has benefits. It releases serotonin, which is a natural stress reducer and makes you feel

good," said Barb Chasey, a sales associate at Deborah's Confections, an Orangeville specialty truffle store. "But like everything else, it obviously has to be eaten in moderation."

Health benefits aside, people still eat chocolate just for pure enjoyment.

"I just really like the taste," said Laura Galle, a second-year Travel and Tourism student. "It satisfies my sweet tooth."

History of Chocolate

- Mexico: Mayan and Aztec civilizations made a spicy drink with ground cocoa beans, spices, chili peppers and corn meal. They also used cocoa beans as currency.

- England: in 1657 the first chocolate house was opened, where they sold a modified version of the chocolate drink, substituting sugar and vanilla for the chili peppers. The drinks were so expensive, only the wealthy could afford them.

- Europe: in 1830, solid chocolate was created by British chocolate maker J.S. Fry and Sons.

- England: in 1853 heavy import duties on chocolate were reduced, opening up the market for cocoa and chocolate drink manufacturers.

- Switzerland: in 1870, milk was added to chocolate to make the first milk chocolate

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Golden dreams reality for Hawks

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"You saw them giving speeches and crying, and I will have great memo-

ries of this forever," Sanchez said.

Captain Jason Mesa, had a strong game and helped keep the team together all year long with co-captain

Jeff Tait. The captain is just happy to see this whole thing come to an end.

"I feel like the weight of the world has been lifted off my shoulders. It's been an outstanding season, and to top it off we're champions. There's no words to describe the feeling," Mesa said. "It was our goal that we set out for ourselves from the beginning of the season, first to make it here, and then to win, and we accomplished both goals."

Sanchez started five rookies and fielded six in the game and that has been the story all year long. The rookies looked like veterans. They earned the respect of their teammates as they never buckled under the pressure.

"The rookies stepped up for us big time, especially down the stretch," Mesa said.

Rookie sweeper Andres Arango, had big shoes to fill from day one as he stepped into Mesa's position.

By the end of the season it looked like his feet were just about the same size, as Arango won the player of the game against Langara, and was the MVP of the championships.

"There are no words to explain how this feels. It feels good to be the MVP, but I didn't think that it was going to be me," Arango said. "This is amazing. I've never won anything in my life like this. The experience these

guys gave me has been the best ever. They brought me up like I was their son, they took care of me and believed in me, and winning the nationals with them meant everything for us and myself."

By adding Arango to the team it has made Mike Silva's job a little easier. The defence has been great all year and Silva was his usual self.

The keeper was crowned all Canadian goalie of the year, and proved to be the right choice as he came up big game in and game out.

With the championship won Silva said that it still hasn't sunk in yet.

"For the veterans, right from the beginning of the season we told them we wanted it, and my dream came true. I've never wanted anything so bad in my life, this is the greatest thing I have ever felt and experienced," Silva said. "I can't thank the entire team enough for what they've done all year."

The Hawks disposed of host team Medicine Hat 4-0, and F.X. Garneau 1-0, to get a stab at the defending champs.

For the Hawks the end of the year brings the end of some careers. Jeff Tait, Daniel Gazzellone, and Humber's only two time national champion Tony Donia won't be returning to the team. But two things

are certain, they will be missed, and they will be remembered.

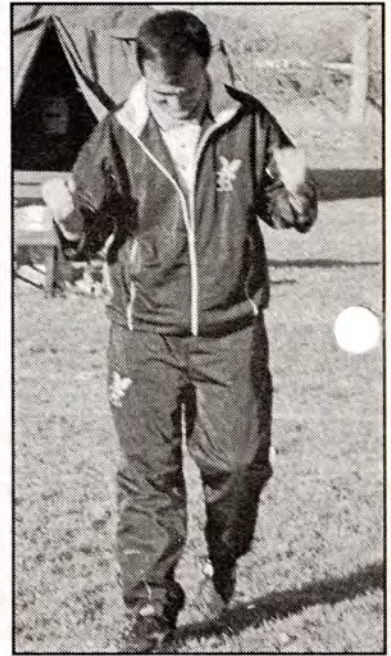
For Tait this is a fitting end to his career at Humber.

"It hasn't sunk in yet. To go out as a champion on my last year, it couldn't have been scripted any better," Tait said.



Anthony Esposito

Mike Silva and Andres Arango shed tears of joy, after gold medal victory



Anthony Esposito

Coach Sanchez, elated after win

Hawks come back blue without gold

By RUDI SCHULLER
Et Cetera Staff

The dream season for the Humber women's soccer team ended with a rude awakening over this past weekend.

The previously undefeated Hawks were held scoreless over the duration of the CCAA championships in Medicine Hat, Alberta, relegating the team to a disappointing fourth place finish.

In the bronze medal match, Humber lost 2-0 to the Mount Royal Cougars of Calgary.

The Hawks ran out of gas following the previous day's heartbreaking loss, conceding the medal to the Cougars in Humber's most lackluster game of the season.

"We played our hearts out in that game (against John Abbott the day before)," Hawks co-captain and 2001 CCAA All-Canadian Adriana Cataldo said.

The Hawks faced Montréal's John Abbott Islanders in their second match, an unofficial semi-final contest.

The Hawks were battered and bruised throughout the game, and played the match as if it was their last.

The Islanders were no pushovers, and for the second straight day, Humber had to go to sudden death overtime.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, the Islanders capitalized on a defensive miscue to score the game's only goal in the seventh minute of the second overtime frame.

"It was a heartbreaker," defender Claudia Marmo said.

The goal eliminated the Hawks from championship contention, allowing the Islanders to advance.

In their opening game the Hawks battled the host team, the Medicine Hat Rattlers.

The Rattlers held Humber to a scoreless draw throughout regulation and overtime, only to fall to the Hawks in a penalty shootout.

Defender Sandra Troiani was injured early in the first match, and only played 45 minutes for the rest of the tourney.

"It was a big disappointment," Troiani said. "I thought I let the team down."

Hawks midfielder Anna Tripodo took the losses in stride.

"It just wasn't our year," Tripodo said.

"There's always next year and I know we're gonna be back (competing at nationals)," she added.

The Hawks will have to compete next year without Cataldo, Troiani, Marmo, and defender Stephanie Wardell, as all four are graduating in May.

"Adriana, Claudia and myself,

we all came together and we're leaving together," Troiani said.

Tripodo said she will miss the departing veterans.

"I'm really upset that they're leaving, but I've had the best three years with them and I'll always remember them," Tripodo said.



Rudi Schuller

Hawk Adriana Cataldo battles for the ball with a John Abbott Islander



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Women's volleyball serves up more than porridge to grizzlies

By AMANDA DA PONTE
Et Cetera Staff

Humber Hawks women's volleyball team began the season by tranquilizing the Georgian Grizzlies to capture their first victory of the season.

Hawk Jennifer Edgar said after the Humber Cup Tournament two weeks ago, the Hawks needed to work on serving and communication.

This did not fall on deaf ears as the Hawks won in three straight sets (4, 25-12, 25-16).

"Those will be two things we'll work on all year," said Assistant Coach and former Hawk Caroline Fletcher. "We've eliminated a few of

the service errors and communication is part of this team and it always has been."

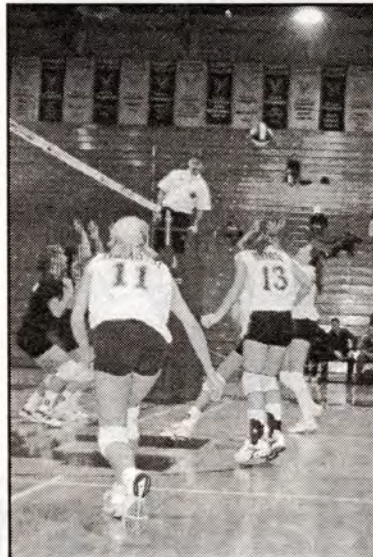
Georgian rallied in the first set, tying the Hawks on two occasions, but the Hawks would take the lead and never relinquish it, as they did a solid job in blocking and serving.

Georgian went on a five-point run, making the score 9-6 Hawks.

A Georgian time-out with the Hawks up by 12 (22-10) didn't help as Humber took the set 25-14.

The final set was much like the first two. Humber got a big jump on their opponents and would never look back, securing their first victory.

"It feels more secure to have a



Amanda Da Ponte

Hawks face Centennial Nov. 20

win under our belt, after losing to Cambrian in the tournament [Humber Cup]," said Hawk Kirsty Goodearle, who had a strong game with a number of blocks and kills.

Many Hawks said continued intensity and strong play are ingredients for a strong season.

"We have to keep that consistency going throughout the rest of the games," said Ani Bederian.

"I think keeping our intensity up when we know we're winning is important," said Goodearle. "It'll help us a lot during the season, especially against the more difficult teams."

Despite a convincing win Fletcher said it is important to never underestimate an opponent.

"It's difficult to stay at one level because when a team isn't playing at your level, you can't play down to them," she said.



Amanda Da Ponte

Humber's women's volleyball team is currently ranked third in Ontario



Christina Wienecke

Men's volleyball team opened the season with two hard fought games

Hawks ravaged by Bruins, prey on Georgian Grizzlies

By CHRISTINA WIENECKE
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks men's volleyball team is now 1-1 on the regular season after going on a bear hunt this past week.

The Hawks lost to the Sheridan Bruins (25-21, 15-25, 12-25, 25-20, 9-15) on Tuesday night after shutting out the Georgian Grizzlies (27-25, 25-23, 25-21) on their home opener Thursday Nov. 8.

Even though the Hawks shutout the Grizzlies Thursday night, head coach Wayne Wilkins wasn't pleased with the win.

"Am I glad about the way we won? No," Wilkins said.

Hawks assistant coach Dean Wylie said did not play up to their potential.

"They're not one of the strongest teams in the league and we played to the level of their competition," Wylie said.

The frustrations and constant rallying between points continued as the Hawks lost to the Bruins. Wilkins described the defeat as a lack of discipline.

"We had a game plan, but we didn't stick to it. We thought they were an easy team to beat, but we didn't hit the ball, play smart, or pass very well. At the end of game, that's not good enough," Wilkins said.

"We have to work on our communication," said veteran Bobby Randhaw, who agreed that his team needs to improve on their plays, including passing the ball and playing effectively.

Veteran Mike Grayer sat out because of an injury to the knee, and captain Jeff Young has decided to concentrate on his course load, and won't be back until January.

"(Wilkins) realizes how tough my classes are and my education is my first priority," Young said.

Wilkins said Young's departure will be a loss for the team, but he's looking forward to his return in January.

The Men's volleyball team will hold their Christmas Bash at caps on Dec. 11. Tickets are \$10.

Hockey team breaks through Cambrian's Golden Shield

By JOHN-PAUL MCNALLY
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks hockey team opened the regular season with a 4-3 victory over the Cambrian Golden Shield.

The Hawks had outstanding play from both Chris McFadyen and goaltender Terry Gilmer who kept the game close during the final minutes of play.

"I wanted to show the boys I could actually play," Gilmer said. "We played a great game. We played as a team. It was nice to come out with a win."

Humber had a rough first period being outshot 10-7 and missing two breakaway opportunities. They still

came out of the period tied 1-1

McFadyen also scored his first goal of the season off a wraparound and into the empty Cambrian net.

Humber started the period disorganized and watched as Cambrian capitalized on a defensive breakdown by the Hawks. They took a 2-1 lead two minutes in.

The Hawks rallied back as the period wore on and began getting offensive chances led by all four lines. Seven minutes into the period the Hawks tied the game and had several opportunities against strong Cambrian goaltending. Hawk forward Bill Young fanned on a breakaway shot, and the Humber power-play was disorganized and only managed one shot on goal.

"I think everybody played well,"

Fortier said. "We played all four lines and every line went out there and did their job. It was good to see our goaltender play well and have every line contribute."

The third period saw the Hawks again come out weak, but grew stronger as the period wore on.

Gilmer made several saves including a point blank glove save early, keeping the game tied at 2-2. Just after the ten minute mark of the period the Hawks took the lead. Scott Barnes got his first goal of the season with an assist from both last year's OCAA all-star Jason Fortier and McFadyen.

The Hawks played disciplined hockey, taking only two penalties in the period and held on to the one goal lead until Cambrian tied the game

with four minutes left.

The Hawks responded when McFadyen beat the Cambrian defence sending Fortier and Barnes in all alone.

Humber took the lead with two minutes remaining and held on for their first victory of the season.

"Penalties were a problem at the start of the year," Fortier said. "It was making a lot of games closer than they should've been and today was a close game, so it's good that we didn't have too many penalties."

Humber only took five penalties which is a slight improvement over past games.

Barnes, Fortier and McFadyen, who was named player of the game, each earned three points producing much of the first line offensive unit.

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Lady Hawks 'classic' in Georgian College tourney

By CHERYL CLARKE
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks women's basketball team stretched their winning streak to four Tuesday night by trouncing the Loyalist Lancers 98-42.

Miranda Pyette led Humber in scoring with 25 points, Brenda Chambers netted 19 and Lindsay Higgs added 16.

The victory against Loyalist followed up a strong weekend of action for the Hawks which saw them sweep the Georgian College Classic tournament placing first.

The Hawks sent a clear message to competitors that they intend to be OCAA champions again this year.

Six teams competed in the tournament and three suffered a loss at the hands of Humber. They trumped the Redeemer Royals, Seneca Sting and Mohawk Mountaineers on the road to

victory and were by far the most skilled of all the competitors.

Humber's Beth Latendresse won all-star honours at the tournament for outstanding play. She led the Hawks in scoring over the weekend with 54 points.

It is yet another item on a long list of accomplishments for Latendresse,

who was Humber's most valuable player last year and a league all-star. Coach Denise Perrier said Latendresse deserved top honours.

"I think it is great she won. Beth was shooting well over the weekend. Physically, she is just so strong. Once she is in a groove she is deadly. There is no touching her."



Cheryl Clarke

Lady Hawks had a strong week racking up four consecutive victories

Latendresse was instrumental in Humber's first win scoring 20 points against the Redeemer Royals. Humber outmatched the Royals both in offence and defence and made the 62-40 win look easy. Helping out in the scoring was Miranda Pyette with 18 points, and Elaine Morrison with 12.

For the next match-up, the Hawks were up at the crack of dawn to prepare for a 9 a.m. game. They were noticeably fatigued but managed to create the necessary intensity to beat the scrappy Seneca Sting 70 to 69.

"The girls really had to dig in for the win. It is a good sign to see them come together as a team and really play with heart," Perrier said.

The game was tight from the tip off. It was skill versus grit. At half time Humber was down, but stole the momentum early in the second. Guards Elaine Morrison and Natalie Wood were instrumental in setting up

the offensive attack. The big finishers were Latendresse with 14 points and Pyette with 13.

Humber won a decisive 62 to 45 win over the Mohawk Mountaineers in their final game. The second half of the game featured the Hawks at their best in the tournament. They virtually shut down the Mountaineers offence and went on a 32 point scoring spree.

Always the perfectionists though, the Hawks still weren't satisfied with their performance in the tournament even after collecting their first place plaque. Humber forward Suzanne Higgs said she was happy to come home with the win, but the team still has a lot to work on.

"Our defence still needs work. I think a lot of teams are out for revenge, so they play a little bit harder when it comes to us. It's cool together though, and we're getting there," Higgs said.

Hawks fly out of gate to start new season

By MARC MACDONALD
Et Cetera Staff

The Humber Hawks men's basketball team officially began the defence of their national championship last Wednesday, playing host to Mohawk College.

For the Hawks, it was an opportunity to forget a streaky pre-season that saw them finish 6-6 in their 12 games, winning 87-80 in front of the home crowd.

Despite the victory, the Hawks played inconsistently, which has been an ongoing problem for the Hawks in this young season. It's a trend that coach Mike Katz would like to see put to rest.

"We're good in stretches, but then for some reason we break down, we've got to be good for longer periods of time," Katz said. "Defensively

we were great all night, then late in the second half we stopped working. I'm just happy to get the first win."

Katz made a shrewd move before the game, starting Roger Scott, in place of Curtis Francis, at forward. The Hawks' coach hoped to capitalize on a particular match up. The move paid dividends, as Scott netted 12 points.

Humber came out hot, jumping out to an 8-2 lead, thanks to an aggressive half-court trap that disrupted Mohawk's offence, taking the ball out of their point guard's hands. Mohawk fought back cutting Humber's lead to 10-9 with 15 minutes remaining in the opening half.

Humber hardly blinked, playing a patient game on offence that got everybody involved.

The rest of the half was much of the same, Humber jumped out to a

big lead and Mohawk chipped away at it. Humber went to the dressing room with a ten-point lead, leading 41-31 at halftime.

The theme continued in the second half as the Hawks stretched their lead to as many as 17 points. The Hawks' defence slowed Mohawk's offence to a crawl. Midway through the second half, Mohawk made changes and made a charge. On the strength of a quick backcourt duo, Mohawk went on an 8-0 run cutting Humber's lead to 82-73, with two minutes left.

But that was as close as Mohawk would get, dropping their first game of the season.

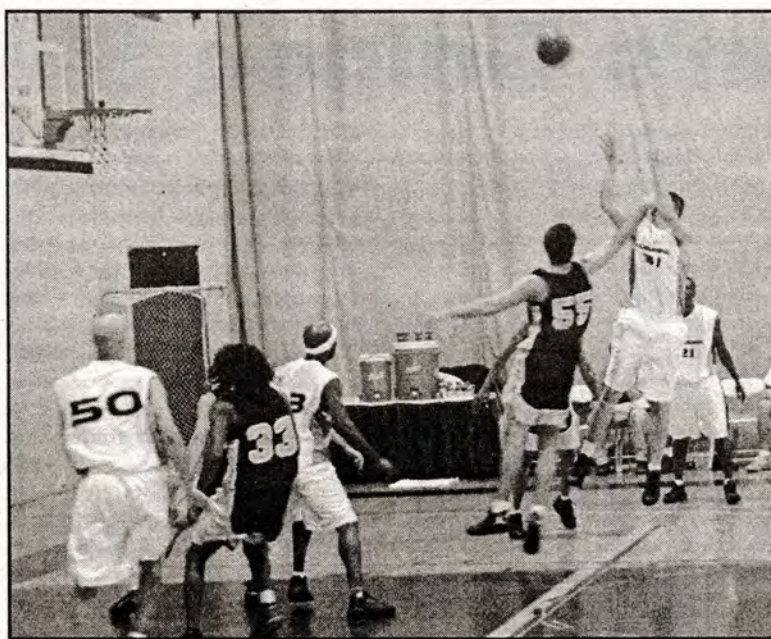
One of the things Katz was happiest with was the complete team effort by his squad. The Hawks had five players score in double figures, and all but two players hit the score sheet.

"A lot of our guys had good games, Mark Damon came off the bench and had a nice game, Roger was a force, Ben Sanders hit some big shots, it was a good effort by everyone," Katz said.

The win gets Humber off to a good start on the season, but they know there's still a lot of work to be done if they hope to repeat as national champions.

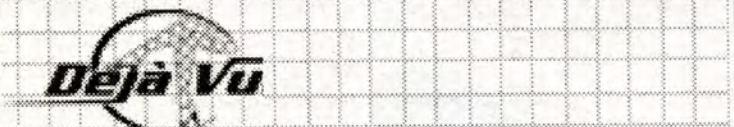
"We were lucky tonight, we turned the ball over a lot. I was worried that all the turnovers would affect us, but we pulled it out. Everyone did their part and contributed," said third-year forward Mark Damon, who led the Hawks with 15 points.

High scorers for the Hawks were Damon, Fitzroy Woolery, Haldon Hutchinson and Devis Begaj all with 13 points on the night.



Marc MacDonald

Hawks begin road back to Nationals with a win over Mohawk College



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Airwaves crackling with Stellicktricity

By CHERYL CLARKE
Et Cetera Staff

The Fan 590's "Big Show" host, Gord Stellick, has had a whirlwind career that has brought him disappointment and success in the most unexpected ways.

He grew up in Toronto's north end with three younger siblings. They would pass time playing sports and dreaming of becoming professional athletes. Although Stellick would never be an athlete he would make an impact on professional sport.

When he was barely in high school a neighbour, who worked for the Toronto Maple Leafs, asked Stellick if he would like a part-time job with the team. Thrilled, Stellick accepted.

"I started working game nights. I would run out of town scores and Xerox copies of game sheets," he said.

He was still doing that job when he finished high school at George Vanier and was getting ready to go to university. Taking the "practical route" he applied and was accepted to the University of Toronto's Commerce program.

About a year after he started university, Stellick was promoted by the Leafs and started working part-time in the front office. He says it was a strange talent that landed him the position.

"The weird thing is that this was before computers and I could type 70 words a minute. Which is sort of a strange thing for a guy. That was my thing. That got me in the office on a part-time basis. I would come in game day, spend the day in the office and work the nights."

While working in the office he got to know the Leafs' tumultuous owner Harold Ballard. Ballard took to Stellick, and before long he was promoted once again.

"Over the next year and a half I got to know Harold Ballard. I always kept my mouth shut and dressed nice, then he asked me if I would like to work there full time."

He found himself faced with a possible life altering decision.

"That was back in 1980 and I hadn't finished my degree yet. My first impulse was oh, I will get back to you, then I thought wait a second he's offering me a job with the Toronto Maple Leafs, so I can finish school whenever," he said.

From 1980 to 1987 Stellick worked as the executive assistant to Ballard. He says the pay wasn't great, but the benefits were good. At the time Ballard, who was known for being tight with his money, had the smallest front office in the league, so Stellick had to be a multi-tasker.

"It was funny because I also had to watch the phones for the hour the sec-

retary was on lunch. I mean it was weird."

Stellick learned to adjust to Ballard's unusual and whimsical ways.

"If you met him your first impulse would be what a nice man. It's funny because in the modern day world you'll find people do whatever it takes for a good PR image and they're real pricks behind the scene," Stellick said. "He was just the opposite he would sit and chat with you in the morning like your uncle or your grandfather. He would leave and afterwards you would pick up the paper and he skewered you in the



Gord Stellick chats with sports fans afternoons on the Fan 590

Courtesy The Fan 590

paper. He would just do it for headlines though."

In 1987 Ballard made him the general manager of the Leafs' farm team, the Newmarket Saints. Stellick had a three-year contract and was thrilled with his new position. Seven months later though, Ballard fired the Leafs' General Manager, Jerry MacNamara, and Stellick started taking a stronger role with the Leaf team. "I wanted him to get someone good. I was looking forward to apprenticing that way."

Stellick says he typically kept his dissatisfaction to himself but hit a point where he felt he had to let Ballard know his concerns. He decided to tell him one day when Ballard was bouncing ideas off of him.

"I thought, it is now or never. I started firing back about the ridiculous way we finished the season. He was sort of surprised, and said you're thinking a lot differently than I am. I said do you want me to tell you what you want to hear, or what people are really thinking."

Ballard agreed to hear his ideas and less than a week later Stellick gave him an eight-page memo regarding changes he thought were in order. A few days later he read in the

paper that he was the new general manager of the Leafs. Ballard delivered the news personally a few days after that.

"I had really hoped to do that down the road. Was it the right time for me? No, but you really can't turn something like that down."

Stellick became the youngest general manager in the NHL but after a year and a half Stellick had not improved the team enough to secure his position. The Leafs improvement in save percentage was minimal and he made a couple of trade decisions that weren't popular with fans.

"I knew that by becoming the GM, I was going to get screwed. I knew that. I wasn't going to be the fair-haired office boy. I decided that credibility wise I wasn't going to be a big suck-hole. I tried to create a good PR image for the fans by being credible."

Reading the same newspaper that told him he was the new GM just 18 months earlier, he learned he was in trouble. Despite his love for the position and the Leafs, Stellick decided it was best if he left Toronto before he got fired. He negotiated a deal with a friend that sent him to the New York Rangers as the assistant GM. The position wasn't what he was told it would be and in less than a year he was unhappy.

"It wasn't what I wanted, so I just didn't enjoy it. After the year I kind of got fired, I guess, but I still had two years left on my contract. I called a lawyer."

He stayed in his New York apartment for about two months and fought for the money owing on his contract.

That was his low point. "They chewed me up and spat me out and for about a year and a half. I was really down."

In 1991 Stellick turned things around. His credibility with the fans established years earlier as the Leafs' GM had paid off, and television and radio stations were asking him to colour commentate.

"It was difficult at first. I was really nervous on the air. I would write everything that I wanted to say down. Luckily it comes more naturally now."

Aside from being the host of the *Big Show* on the Fan 590, his portfolio includes regular appearances *Sportsline*, TSN, and CTV's *Canada AM*. He is currently on a panel which includes former Leaf Rick Vaive, who analyze nightly hockey match-ups for *The Score* on its *Ice Surfing* show.

When asked if he would give it all up to be GM again Stellick says, "Only for the Leafs or a team like that. Right now, though, I am happy with my life. I have a beautiful wife and daughter and a career I am enjoying."

VR lander takes her game to etc.



Christina Wienecke

Devils may care

The Toronto Maple Leafs and the New Jersey Devils proved to have the most hostile rivalry in the National Hockey League this past weekend. Devils head coach Larry Robinson called the Leafs 'gutless,' when in fact the Devils' Randy McKay left both games 'faceless' after receiving punches to the head from Leaf players Tie Domi and Gary Roberts.

Avalanche heading downhill

Are the Colorado Avalanche in trouble? The Stanley Cup champions seem to be hiding and aren't even considered a threat, now that the Red Wings and Flames have taken top spots in the Western conference standings. Renewed contracts among leading players like Sakic, Blake and Roy have not improved the Avs play so far this season and it seems like they'll have nothing to defend come the playoffs.

Who's in first?

When thinking who's the top team in the Eastern conference, the New York Islanders would not come to mind. Sure, it's easy to think New Jersey, Ottawa, or Philadelphia would be obvious contenders, but the acquisitions of Yashin, Osgood and Peca have brought the typically last place team into first place. Perhaps Peca will be able to offset the collapse of regular playoff no-show Yashin once the second season begins.

He's a lover not a fighter

Domi's actions in last Friday's game against New Jersey, after receiving a payback beating from Jim McKenzie, could be disputed as either cowardly or fearless. Why does a player like Domi get paid big bucks to fight

when he hid behind tough guys like Roberts, Corson, and Belak at home the next night?

Tucker's Bucket

Darcy Tucker's goal this season is to avoid the penalty box, where he played most of his game last year sticking up for his 'little brother' Shayne Corson. Rumour has it Tucker's goal for next year is to not win the NHL's mullet-of-the-year award.

Contraction

With Major League Baseball considering the contraction of teams, I am suggesting a list of teams the NHL should consider getting rid of:

The Montreal Canadiens

They've been there, done that and could probably even pass around some of their Stanley Cups to the less fortunate teams in the league. Besides, everything else they have seems to be hitting the road.

Tampa Bay Lightning

Which of these things doesn't belong? Sun tanning, surfing, and ice hockey. Besides, with their fan base averaging age 70, no one's even going to remember them in a couple years anyway.

Anaheim Mighty Ducks

Unless they decide to draft Emilio Estevez, this is one that should've gone straight to video.

Hamilton Steelheads

Oh yeah, they never even had a major league team, just a big league building.

Carolina Hurricanes

This hurricane should have never made it to shore. At least the Whalers had those cool green uniforms and the cooperalls. There are many things fina, than being in Carolina

Pittsburgh Penguins

When you're best player - Lemieux - is worth more than the entire team, you might as well box it up and head on over to Hamilton, just kidding.

Athletes of the week



Beth Latendresse

Beth led the Lady Hawks basketball team to a tournament victory in the Georgian College Classic.

Latendresse was the Hawks' scoring leader with 54 points over the three games and won tournament all-star honours.



Andres Arango

Andres was instrumental in Humber capturing the Gold medal at the CCAA National Soccer Championships.

Arango was named tournament MVP as well as an All-Star in the championship.



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