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Project Runway takes off



A model poses at the Transitions Runway show held by fashion students in downtown Toronto.

HSF payroll's budget boost

Jeff Lewis
NEWS REPORTER

The \$265,710 swell in HSF executive and staff expenditures for next year is intended to cushion expansion of the new Orangeville Campus and offset a change in the way Humber's work-study program is funded.

"We're assuming full responsibility for those executive salaries, all seven, because we're anticipating student representation for Orangeville," said Ercole Perrone, HSF executive director.

In addition to having two executives at Orangeville, Perrone said HSF might need a part-time staff to administer student services at the new campus.

"The same services we have here will be the same services we provide there," Perrone said.

Beginning in September, work-study, which has traditionally paid 70 per cent of a campus employee's wage, will re-evaluate the total amount it gives to campus employers based on overall department usage.

Judy Harvey, director of student services, which oversees work-study, said the change is a result of demand for participation exceeding the program's set budget.

"We have more students," she said. "We're always trying to raise awareness of jobs on campus. There are more students applying for work-study positions and the budget isn't keeping pace."

Until now, work-study has been funded by a percentage taken from Humber's annual tuition increases, as mandated by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities.

Currently, Humber sets aside \$3.8 million - \$1.9 million of which went into this year's work-study coffer - with the remaining amount going to bursaries.

Although the ministry no longer requires colleges and universities to set aside additional funds - relative to tuition increases - Harvey said it doesn't mean departments will see less money, only that they aren't likely to see more.

"We went out to everybody and said here's your percentage," Harvey said. "You stay within that and it's covered by work-study - if you spend more, then that deficit is yours."

Like other schools and departments, HSF has drawn on work-study funds to pay a portion of its employee's salaries.

"In the past they have been (covered)," Perrone said. "Moving forward obviously because of the cap they cannot be, because otherwise we have to let go of staff."

The executive portion of HSF's budget will see an additional \$130,100, while staffing costs will rise by \$135,610. Perrone said these increases would offset work-study changes and help fund HSF's expansion to Orangeville.

"I'm not giving more weight to one or the other, but you take those two in particular - the cap plus Orangeville. . . you have to be operationally prepared," he said.

He said staffing costs include full-time benefits, as well as upgrades in employee training.

"It's not just salaries - there's training involved here, full-time and part-time."

Currently, HSF's work-study cap is \$95,000, a number Perrone expects will dwindle faster than in previous years because HSF expects to take on more staff at the Orangeville campus.

Harvey said that if departments don't under-utilize their portion of the work-study pot, they can expect the same amount of money as past years.

"It's likely to stay the same," she said of the dollar figure.

"They (departments) know not to create any more dependence on work-study in terms of offsetting salary costs for students who are eligible," she said. "So, if those increases exist it certainly isn't work study related, in my opinion."

Perrone acknowledged that this might be true, if not for HSF's need for representation at Orangeville.

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NEWS

Normand Sauve, a former CSIS employee, who made four 911 calls threatening to kill Quebec premier Jean Charest, was sentenced to a year in jail. — www.cbc.ca

Storing dorms in a box



photo by jeff lewis

Meagan Dodds packs up her mini-van to make her trip home.

Kaitlyn Coholan
NEWS REPORTER

When Courtney Whiteside finished the first-year of a master's program in Britain, she had nowhere to store her belongings while back in Canada for the summer.

Now she's back in Toronto running Store Your Dorm, a service for students that picks up belongings at the end of the school year, stores them for the summer and returns them just in time for the fall semester.

This is convenient for students who don't have cars, or live in Residence and have long distances to travel

to get home for the summer months, Whiteside said.

"Most of the people who choose to use us are either from out of province or out of the country," she said. "It can be really daunting, when you're living in a foreign place and you don't know your way around."

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— Courtney Whiteside
owner of Store Your Dorm

Items such as clothes, books, binders, sporting goods and electronics are stored in a secure, climate-controlled Toronto office building. Prices range from \$160 to \$240, depending on how many bags and boxes you want.

Store Your Dorm does not house large items like furniture and carpets, but Whiteside has found most students don't own such items, especially those in Residence.

There is no storage available in residences because they are used as

a conference centre during the summer.

Most students want to take their things

home, said Christine Little,

student and

guest services co-ordinator for Residence.

Little said most students who need to store belongings are international students, and that help is available.

"If anyone had a problem. . ." Little said. "We've even had staff help move people."



● According to a report by Mercer Human Resource Consulting, Toronto is the second greatest North American city to live in and 15th worldwide. The report named Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Calgary the top five leaving all U.S. cities out in the cold. Worldwide, Zurich placed first.

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● Queens Park drafted legislation that would make companies pay fees for taking water from the Great Lakes. Fines targeting companies bottling water and then international companies would be phased in over time.

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● Harper's federal government announced their plans to establish a veteran's bill of rights as well as a new independent ombudsman. The ombudsman was created to help quell veteran concerns and will report back to the government each year.

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● After graduating with a business degree, a 25-year-old British Columbian is purposely taking on six jobs in six weeks. Sean Aiken said he wasn't sure what he wanted to do after he graduated from college and he thought taking on a bunch of different jobs for a week each was a good way of finding out.

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Female cops need mentors

David Hamilton
NEWS REPORTER

Women in the police foundations program were warned at a seminar last week about the challenges they may face when put on a badge.

The fourth annual Ontario Women in Law Enforcement seminar took place at Lakeshore Campus. Among the speakers was Marion Boyd, who became the first woman attorney general of Ontario in 1993.

"I was in a community that had a police force of only 10 officers in Ontario," Boyd said, who ran a battered women's shelter near London, Ont. in the 1980s. "One of the officers was beating his wife and the women's shelter workers were afraid to call the cops because they were afraid of the power the police had."

She said women officers can handle such situations better than men.

But too many try to rise through the ranks by playing politics, instead of changing the culture of police work.

It was a message a second-year police foundations student Janice Yager took to heart.

"Policing is so competitive," Yager said. "Women are shutting themselves off to other women to be one of the guys, and then they come across very brutal and mean."

"I find that if women are more accepting of their colleagues, letting their guard down, they

become a friend and a colleague."

She said the presentations from former and current law-enforcement professionals reinforced her belief that women police officers in positions of power should "open up and take other women under your wing."

This was a lesson from Deputy Chief Jane Dick, the highest ranking female officer in the Toronto

police force.

Dick spoke about the importance of mentoring other officers to help personal and professional growth. She said female officers are increasingly becoming role models.

"I'm probably going to be on the force with some of these ladies," Yager said. "I'll appreciate them showing me the ropes."

Second-year police foundations student Jessica Hurlbut said, "it's interesting to meet some of the women in law enforcement."

She recognized the challenge women face when they become police officers.

"It's harder for women because there's that stigma that it's a man's job, but there are a lot more women cops now," she said.



photo by david hamilton

Police foundations students Janice Yager (left) and Jessica Hurlbut (right) both intend to become police officers upon graduation and gained confidence from attending the seminar.

Corrections

On page 5 in the March 29 issue, the photo should be credited to Anastasiya Jogal.



At a news conference yesterday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said he will free the 15 British sailors and marines detained in the Gulf. — www.cbc.ca

Fees hikes for Orangeville

Valerie Maloney
NEWS REPORTER

Humber students will dig deeper into their pockets for non-tuition compulsory fees next year.

The fees will go up 10 per cent overall to \$386.98 from \$350.62.

The largest increases are coming from student activities and athletic fees, said Rick Embree, dean of planning and development.

The student activity fee is going up 23 per cent to \$61.83 from \$50.02.

Embree said this increase is mainly because of the building of the new Orangeville campus.

HSF president Cynthia Malagerio said "it goes up because we need to improve things."

HSF has hired two new full-time staff and is looking to hire another to work on the website, all things that factored into the increase, Malagerio said.

The athletic fee is increasing 35 per cent to \$58.75 from \$43.29 next fall, Embree said.

Athletic director Doug Fox said "although I usually stay conservative with spending, I felt I had to make an increase this year because I felt we were moving in the wrong direction."

The athletic department lost \$350,000 in funding in the late '90s due to government cut backs, and athletics had to eliminate staff and programs.

"We are still reeling from those cuts, we still do not have the staff we had then," he said. "We do not

have any add on fees. All of our aerobics classes and programs are free, there aren't many other colleges that can say that."

With the fees going up next year, Fox said athletics plans to increase the recreation portfolio and the varsity component, including adding women's rugby, curling and increasing Humber's involvement in tournament hockey.

"We are thinking long term with the increases, and we hired 120 students at athletics so the money

students put in is going back into the Humber community," he said.

Looking forward to the fall, the fees will be going up another seven per cent because of a 21 per cent hike in the technology fee, said Embree.

The technology fee is increasing to cover pieces of the network that need to be replaced.

The network is over five years old, and the college is matching the student funds to fix it, said Embree.



photo by lindsay meli

Steve Van Schyndel and Matt Neeb held a protest outside of the S building against garbage like bottles of urine being thrown out from Residence windows.

Urine bottles spark Rez protest

Lindsay Meli
NEWS REPORTER

Incidents of North Campus residents throwing garbage and bodily waste from their windows has angered students, RAs and campus maintenance staff.

Residence assistants spent last Friday outside S building in a tent where the majority of waste is found, sending the message, 'think before you throw.'

"We are out here to let them know we are aware of it," said Matt Neeb, S building RA.

North Campus Residence manager Lynn Newhouse said litter has even reached the Arb.

"It's gotten to the point where they're throwing out bottles of urine," Newhouse said. "It's mostly the guys, and I addressed them in particular and just said, 'imagine if you had to pick up that kind of mess.' It's very undignified. Nobody wants to pick up that kind of stuff."

Newhouse said she suspects this may be happening because in the dorm-style building washrooms are down the hallway.

This is an unnecessary problem said Stephen Sanderson, a first-year paralegal studies student living in S building.

"I think if people weren't so disgusting in the first place to piss in bottles and throw them out the window, because of that stupid *Trailer Park Boys* show, this problem wouldn't be happening," Sanderson said. "People are too lazy to walk to the washroom."

Alyssa Petz, a first-year health and fitness student, said the protest was a good idea but thinks it's not enough.

"One time isn't going to stop people from throwing stuff out their windows," Petz said.

Maintenance and operations manager David Griffin said he deals with litter problems daily.

"We've been getting a number of complaints, obviously, and I've been getting my staff to clean up all the garbage outside three times a week," he said. "Humber's parking lots are their garbage cans, it's unfortunate but that's life."

Griffin said the waste removal is extremely expensive.

"I have an extra team that goes

out on Friday mornings to clean up the debris that's left after the pub," he said.

Both Newhouse and Griffin have plans to set up recycling programs.

"We do as much as we can in terms of source separation," Griffin said. "We could probably do a better job in recycling overall."

Newhouse said she started a green committee that focuses on environmental impact at the Lakeshore Residence and hopes to bring the program to North as soon as possible.

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Orangeville awaits site study

Kate Wilson
NEWS REPORTER

An environmental assessment has delayed construction of the college's Orangeville campus.

"It's just a lengthy process," said Bruce Bridgehead, Humber's director of capital development. "We're not completely stalled."

Located at the north end of Orangeville, the proposed site for part of the college's campus is an undeveloped piece of land that sits at the head of the Credit River.

The land was bought by the Town of Orangeville and then donated to Humber as part of the agreement to locate the campus there.

"(The site) is basically an old field," said Liam Murray, a planner and ecologist with the Credit Valley Conservation group (CVC) which is awaiting approval from the environmental assessment.

Any developmental impact on the area's ecosystem needs to be evaluated before construction begins, Murray said.

Humber has completed two thirds of the assessment and Murray said it would take four to six weeks for CVC to review it.

"We're not really in control of it," Murray said about how long the process will take.

According to CVC, there are 1,578 plant and animal species living in the area.

Learie Miller, another planner with the conservation authority, said the specific wildlife living on the site is unknown.

Miller said while the land is

undeveloped, it is not as pristine as it would have been 10 to 15 years ago due to recreational use of the land by all-terrain vehicles.

"I can't recall we've heard anything negative about the proposed development," Miller said, adding Humber has "the opportunity to

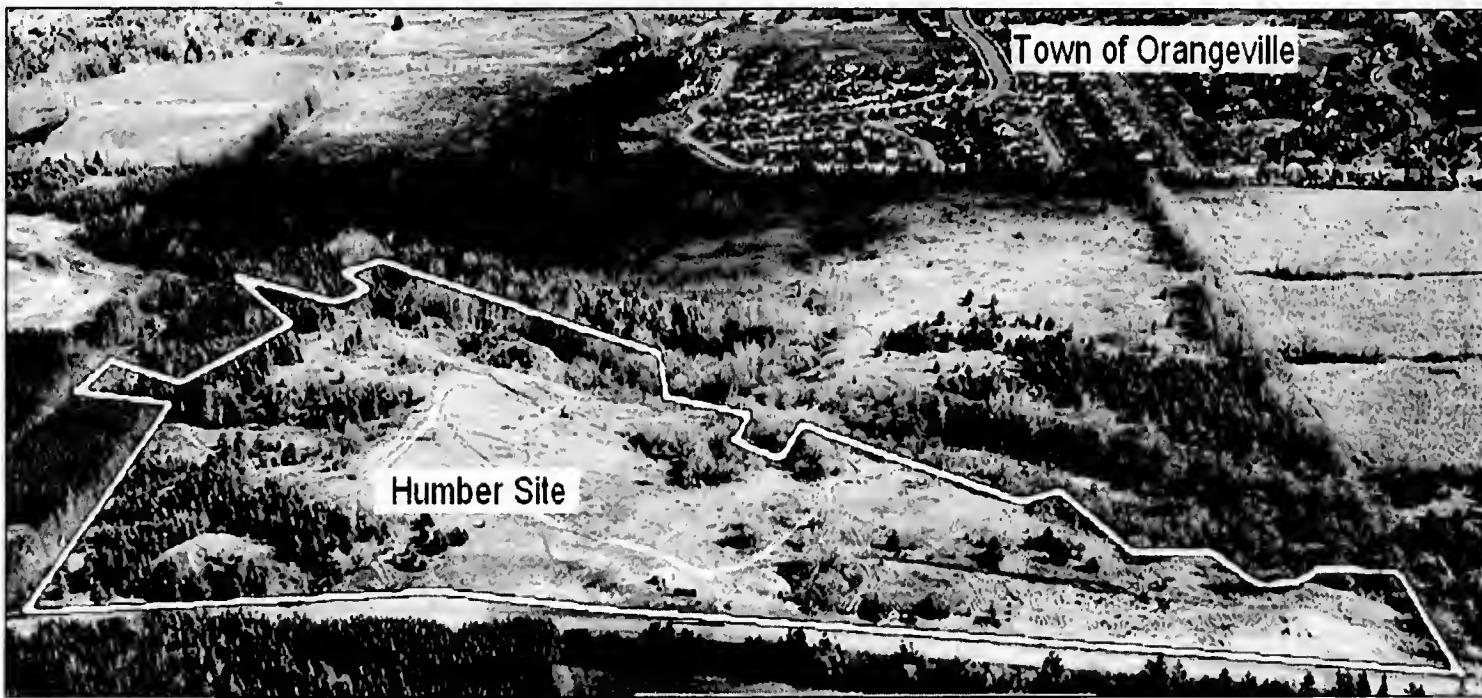
make the final design as environmentally benign as possible."

New homes are under construction in the area and that site underwent the same process as the college.

"That actually worked to our advantage," Bridgehead said,

adding their work saved Humber eight months because they shared information on the land.

Since construction doesn't start until the three-part assessment is approved, 160 enrolled students will use the Alder Street Recreation Centre in Orangeville.



The map outlines the designated site for Orangeville Campus. The area is currently used recreationally by all-terrain vehicles. courtesy

Bailey walks students through YouTube

Kate Wilson
NEWS REPORTER

While many people have seen the execution of Saddam Hussein thanks to YouTube, Toronto writer, broadcaster and film programmer Cameron Bailey wants to know what seeing images like this means.

"Why has almost everyone in this room seen this clip before?" Bailey said, after showing the clip. "Each one of us will have a different answer... What we can also do is think about what it means for all of us as a group, as a society, to watch images like this."

YouTube Apocalypse: Watching Death on Demand, the latest

instalment of Humber's President's Lecture Series took place yesterday in the Seventh Semester lecture room.

Bailey is a film reviewer for *NOW* magazine and film programmer for the Toronto International Film Festival.

"People like something that's unusual, something that's graphic and something that's short and there's one thing that fits the bill for all of those qualities and that's death," Bailey said. "So death is something that we see a lot of on YouTube."

Bailey said that while the last public hanging in Canada took place in 1868, sites like YouTube are letting people see hangings

online today.

"We get to see a public hanging, each one of us as individuals in the same way that people in the Middle Ages or even up to the early twentieth century in Europe and the U.S. would watch a hanging."

Bailey said what is happening on YouTube is one of the more interesting things on the Internet right now.

"The idea of actually living with these images of everything from the most sacred moments in life to the most banal moments in life — the most obvious and ordinary things — that's new," he said.

Bailey walked the audience through a number of videos, both

real and staged. A montage of graphic car crashes played to the Radiohead song *Killer Cars* got quite a reaction from the crowd.

"I think it's just human nature to want to see something happen to someone else because you are only going to see one or two things in your life that are really out there, said Scott Zeeman, a first year general arts and sciences student. "It takes you away from your mundane life."

"I thought it was informative," said Pablo Perez, a first-year media foundations student. "I like that someone has actually put some research into it and looked back in history at how death has been portrayed in mass media."



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The lecture was the last in the series for this school year.

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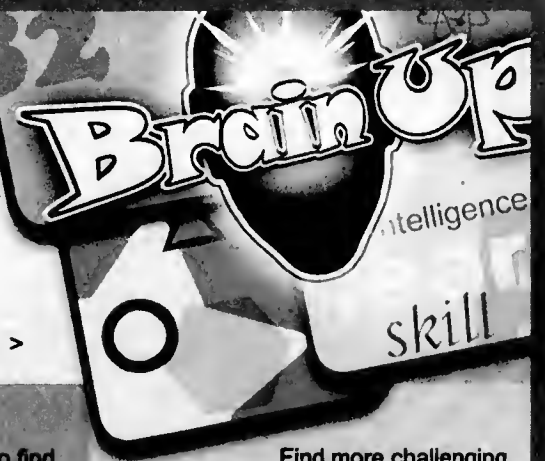
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A series of massive raids on biker clubhouses in about 20 locations across Ontario and in two other provinces, were underway early yesterday. — www.cbc.ca



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Gatehouse counselors, Angela Gallant, Janet Handy, Sabrina Ramlacken, Jeanette Vanden Heuvel and Marites Credo at the rally.

New plan helps centre

Erica Timmerman
NEWS REPORTER

A rally at Lakeshore Campus helped save a nearby child abuse advocacy centre.

"We have revised a strategic plan for long term sustainability," said Janet Handy, executive director of The Gatehouse, a centre that's helped victims of child abuse for almost 10 years. "We have begun to receive responses from corporate sponsors and individuals."

The centre faced closure because of provincial funding cuts.

The effort to save The Gatehouse climaxed at a March 21 rally that included Deputy Liberal leader Michael Ignatieff and Ontario Environment Minister Laurel Broten.

"People really responded to the rally," Handy said. "We had Ignatieff and Broten show up to lend their support."

Since cuts, the executive committee looked for other financing.

"It is a competition for small independent groups like us to receive government money," Handy said. "We are now looking at community awareness, so more people will get involved with our organization and then we don't have to rely on the government."

Gatehouse accountant Rick Jenkins said, "2006 was a challenging financial year. We need to raise funds through other avenues besides the government."

Lakeshore public relations stu-

dent Aphy Bopke, a volunteer for the Gatehouse has helped organize the next event, called May Day to help inform the public.

"I'm feeling very optimistic about the new events, such as May Day," Bopke said. "If people are informed they will help out."

The event will be held May 5 and will feature performances by Canadian singer George Nazuka, and child TV host Daniel Cook as well as a perennial plant sale and Ikea kids corner, Bopke said.

Job hunt fair for students

Priya Mann
NEWS REPORTER

A campus career fair last week gave students and employers an opportunity to meet, which can be the first step to finding a job.

Employment opportunities are endless, said Lusie Tomason, manager of recruitment at TD Bank Financial Group.

"A good 75 per cent of customer service representatives are found through job fairs just like this, with a base pay of around \$15 an hour."

The fair is mainly geared to those in business programs, and about 300 students were expected to make the rounds talking to different representatives.

The fair boasts over 20 businesses, including TD Bank, Toronto Police and Home Depot.

"We have to bring employers on campus to see the quality of our students."

— Karen Fast
Career Centre Manager

"We pick businesses based on the programs we offer," said Angella Nunes, employment adviser at the Career Centre. "The fair puts Humber's name out (and) is a chance to market our own programs and is also free advertising for employers."

She also said employers are picked based on the range of fields they offer.

"We assess the variety of opportunities, we don't want everyone here looking for customer service reps and we want management opportunities as well."

"It gives students great experience," said Karen Fast, manager of the Career Centre. "We have to bring employers on campus to see the quality of our students. And it's comfortable and convenient for kids. The fair is on their turf so they don't have to feel intimidated."

"This is the real hands-on part of the college program," Fast said. "Our main goal is to ensure these kids have jobs when they graduate."

"The highly competitive business programs, like accounting, are great for our organization," Tomason said. "Humber has great students, so it's definitely a win-win situation for both employer and employee."

Second-year accounting student Irena Kokoshko agrees.

"There are so many representatives and so much information, but the best thing is the opportunity came here," she said.

Riding into spring season

Eric Humber
NEWS REPORTER

About 100 rain-soaked budding bikers gathered at North Campus last weekend to complete a motorcycle and scooter training course.

Chief instructor Andy Hertel, who has been teaching people how to ride since 1994, said he estimates over 30,000 people have passed Humber's course since its inception in 1982.

"We definitely (have) been a leader in the industry," he said.

There are several courses available in the GTA, but Humber's program is considered to be the largest training program of its kind in the world.

Each training session runs for three days, starting with three hours of in-class instruction, then two full days of riding in parking lots six, seven, eight and nine at North Campus.

The total cost is \$425.

Students are introduced to braking and starting, moving off, slow speed maneuvers, shifting, swerving around obstacles and emer-

gency stops.

On site co-ordinating instructor Steve Barrett, who has taught the program for 15 years, said it is designed to emulate city driving.

"Basically, we review normal traffic behaviour any driver encounters," he said.

Students must show up with a written M1, which is similar to a G1 license for motorcycles, in order to upgrade it to M2.

Students who pass the road test at the end of the day are qualified to drive anywhere in Ontario.

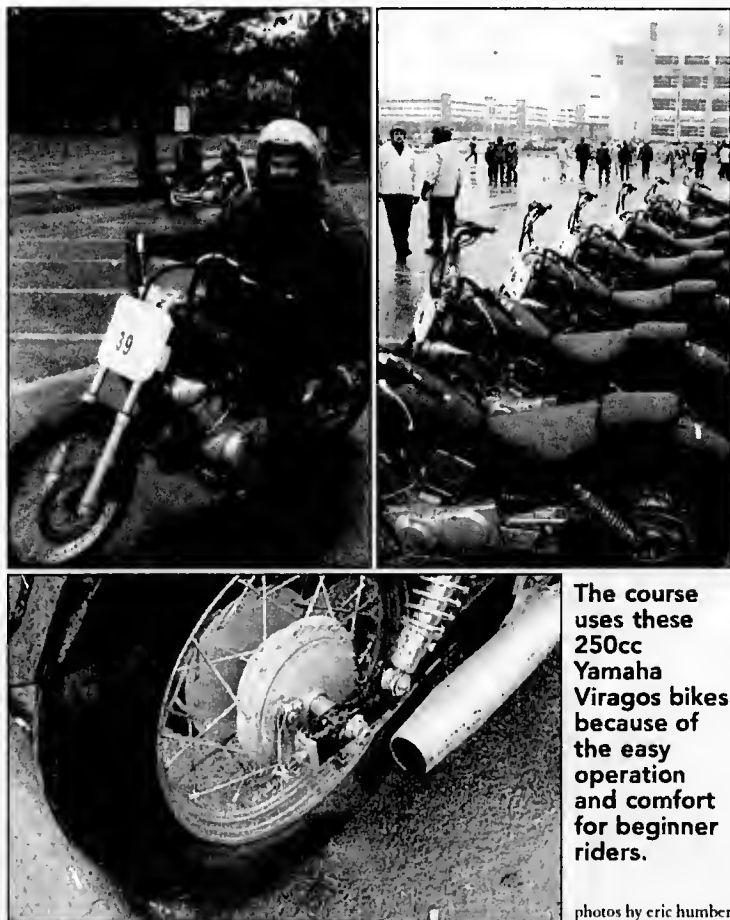
Hertel said he credits instructors for the program's success.

"Our instructors are seasoned experts and most have been teaching on average six to eight years."

Over the years, the riders have changed.

"Twenty years ago... our average student was an 18-year-old male. Today, our students are (an average of) 34 to 35-years-old, and are both male and female," Hertel said.

Terry Bedford, 47, customer service co-ordinator Humber's registrars' office, completed the



The course uses these 250cc Yamaha Viragos bikes because of the easy operation and comfort for beginner riders.

photos by eric humber

program in 2005. She had never driven a bike before.

"I started the program as a complete novice, no idea how to change gears or where the gas was," she said. "I was never on a

bike before, let alone drive a standard."

Bedford said she was terrified when she began, but an instructor took her aside and brought her up to speed.

NEWS

Two people are dead and three others are injured after getting hit by an avalanche while backcountry skiing in northwestern B.C. last Monday. — www.cbc.ca

Child care boost

Ryan Vella
NEWS REPORTER

The provincial government's recent announcement to provide more funding for early learning and childcare initiatives is welcome news for the college's Early Childhood Education program.

"What we're really happy about is that the McGuinty government is planning to ensure children in Ontario will be ready and prepared to learn," said Lisa Teskey, co-ordinator for the ECE program.

Details of the 2007 provincial budget released Thursday, March 22, allocates \$25 million for the Liberal Best Start initiative. The initiative is designed to enhance the first six years of childhood development and establish the first-ever regulating body for childcare and early learning programs in Ontario.

"What we're most excited about is the establishment of the college's of early childhood educators," Teskey said. "We've been working on this since 1984."

While she said the college's ECE

program is an, "extremely high quality program and its graduates are sought after by agencies and school boards," the presence of a regulating body could have an impact on training programs.

Teskey said, curriculum and admissions criteria for the college's two-year ECE diploma program could change.

She added having an official body of regulators will "establish professional standards of practice," and ensure, "all training programs will have to be accredited."

The government's pledge to boost childcare and early learning in the province came only days before a report was released ranking Canada dead last among developed nations in early childhood education spending.

Teskey agrees with the findings of Dr. Fraser Mustard, founder of the Council for Early Child Development and co-author of the major report released last week that describes Canada's efforts in early childhood development as a "chaotic mess."

Teskey would like to see the gov-

ernment implement some of Dr. Mustard's proposed changes such as community hubs that integrate childcare, education and intervention services in one location.

"Nationally we have a lot of work to do," Teskey said. "The \$100 per child per month that the Harper government has put forward to replace what the Liberals had done, is smoke and mirrors. If you go down to our childcare centre here, ask them how much infant care is a month."

One month of care at the college childcare centre can cost from \$800 to \$1,100 per child, depending on their age, said centre supervisor Jeff Feke who is on the front-lines and sees first-hand the financial impact childcare can have on families.

Elizabeth Dias, who has two children attending the college's childcare centre, said she spends nearly \$1,700 per month for the service.

"Basically my paycheque is going to toward childcare right now," she said. "I have an extra \$200 per month that I can spend on groceries and other things."



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Early childhood care student and daycare worker Nabeela Bashir plays with Taniyah and Ashley at Humber's daycare.

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EDITORIAL

"There aren't many things that are universally cool, and it's cool not to litter. I'd never do it." *Matthew McConaughey, American actor and Hollywood star*

We don't live in a sty

The snow has slowly melted away – leaving behind mucky remnants of trash, which has hibernated under a deep blanket of snow for the last few months. Take a walk down through any park or around campus – and you'll find flattened pop cans, discarded cigarette packs, old candy wrappers and bottles of urine.

Yes – urine. Students have resorted to disposing of their bodily waste into bottles which get tossed out of windows. Don't be mistaken toilets are available for use throughout campus, including Residence. However, some inhabitants of the S building seem to find it more convenient to pee in a bottle than to use traditional washroom facilities.

This is disgusting and appalling for several reasons. The personal hygiene practices of people who would resort to such methods, are questionable. The sheer laziness of any individual who would even consider urinating in a bottle rather than visiting a lavatory is unbelievable. Eliminating bodily waste falls in the same

category as other unavoidable lifelong activities such as sleeping or eating.

Regardless of what type of trash litterbugs toss, they should be required to work off their fines rather than receive a slap on the wrist or pay a few hundred dollars.

At least Toronto is trying to get its garbage under control. If you notice an overflowing garbage bin you can call 39-CLEAN and report it to the city. Or you can wait until Toronto's 20 minute clean-up on April 20, or for community clean up day on the 21, to stop littering and clean up your surroundings.

If Torontonians can stop littering and pick up garbage, then why can't students of North Campus?

Don't be lazy, and make the extra effort to keep public spaces free of debris. Put trash in its rightful place. After all, someone has to clean up the mess. Would you want to pick up other people's trash or bottle of urine?



Diversity machine divide

Device designed to bring students together may actually pull them apart due to ethnicity

HSF's tour of its 'diversity machine' – a contraption named 'The Human Race Machine' has wrapped up at North Campus and is in its last day today at Lakeshore. It proved to be somewhat popular but remains little but a racist novelty.

The machine, about the size of a bulky, black photo booth, invites users to sit and have their face scanned, then the machine alters and accentuates the features of the user's face, with the aim being to manipulate their face into looking like that of another race.

The machine is also equipped with a screen on the side that pelts the reader with facts – the human race came out of

Africa, and that races cannot be defined by a collection of characteristics.

And, while the machine itself states that races can't be defined by characteristics, this statement is little more than a contradictory off-hand comment for a device designed to mold your face and transform you to looking Asian, Caucasian, Hispanic, Black or Indian.

The experience is, purportedly, intended to give one insight into what it means to be of another race. That notion is honestly laughable. Does tinting one's skin to make a photo of them darker truly give them a better idea of racial

persecution, or make them feel the effects of slavery?

The bottom line is that the machine's premise is based on exploiting ethnic stereotypes of appearance. The machine's purpose is to understand what it's like to be another ethnicity. However, it assumes one does not need to learn language or explore culture – they simply need to take a photo and get their eyes and hair changed via a computer.

The Human Race Machine runs from harmless but unproductive to downright racist. If

The bottom line is that the machine's premise is based on exploiting ethnic stereotypes of appearance.

anything, the machine emphasizes the superficial differences between those of different races and

draws further attention to them.

Perhaps HSF would be better advised to not spend so much time segregating people of different ethnicities. No one can claim the machine brings people together – in fact, using it requires one to enter a space akin to a small portable closet.

The students at Humber are aware that many of us come from different races. We should instead participate in events as a group – and because we find them exciting, not because we feel that we have to in order to prove the school's racial integration.

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the question:
Considering all of the student services,
how much are they worth to you?

steve riero22
ADVANCED WEB
"It's not worth that much ... I use the gym and stuff, so maybe \$200. Compared to a normal gym, it's not that bad."

asin syed23
WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS
"What we are paying is enough ... it's still too high."

melissa nguyen18
CULINARY CERTIFICATE
"Not much. To be completely honest ... I just come here for class, that's it. ... I guess it means more to people who get involved with the school spirit thing."

mitchell20
CHEMICAL ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY
"It's hard to say what they use them for. They don't really tell us a lot about it. (They're worth) about \$200 maybe."

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"Fragrance, whether strong or delicate, is a highly subjective matter, and one gardener's perfume is another gardener's stink." – Katharine S. White, writer

Hey you, take the stairs

Leave the elevators for people who really need them



Marlene Benedicto
Life Editor

Every time you walk by an elevator you see four types of people: babies in strollers (or expectant mothers), the elderly, physically disabled and those who refuse to walk up a flight of stairs.

Although there is little reason for perfectly able-bodied people to use the elevator, this happens frequently and with little regard for those who genuinely need to use it.

They walk into the elevator as if they have every right to, barely leaving room for a wheelchair or stroller.

The main elevator, near Ackee

Tree, is often filled with staff and students who have the ability to use the stairs.

You typically see five or six students waiting in the small area to go to the second, third or fourth floor of the college.

When a physically disabled student approaches, few people move out of the way, often leaving the person waiting for the next elevator.

Humber should do more to stop the inappropriate usage of elevators.

When a few students complained to the Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) office about this misuse, the college implemented signs asking people to use the stairs if they are able to.

Since the signs only 'suggest' that people use the stairs rather than the elevator, many people simply ignore the signs.

Unlike other schools, all three elevators at Humber are accessible to all staff and students.

There is no key-use or anything that prevents a random person from using it, just a sign.

Actually, if you check out the elevator in the J-wing it says that there is key use from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m., but if you press the button to go upstairs during that time frame you can use it without a key.

Whether it's ignorance or because people are just lazy, one thing is certain – Humber should do more to stop the inappropriate usage of elevators.

People who can take the stairs should think twice before using the elevator.

Some people don't have the choice.

University and college offer plenty of learning experiences

Different kinds of education make each program unique



Andrew Stewart
Senior Reporter

With my time in college drawing to a close, I can't help but draw some comparisons to the four years of university I did before coming here.

Many people argue the merits of attending college over university, or vice versa, but in my experience both have a great amount to offer.

In four years at Wilfrid Laurier University, I was able to learn a great deal and earn a degree in English with a minor in geography and classics.

While I enjoyed most of the courses I took there, I can't help but feel that my journalism diploma will be more beneficial to my future career.

University exposed me to a huge amount of literature and authors that I don't believe I would have had the chance to experience otherwise.

I also found that the teachers there were very laid back, and gave very little feedback about the

essays I handed in.

Usually, I got a letter grade on the essay about two weeks after handing it in and that was the last I heard.

College, however, has been nothing but feedback and reinforcement of how I've been taught to write for journalism.

I've been given more guidance from some of my teachers than I thought I would ever get, especially after having no feedback during university.



That's not to say that I learned more from my college teachers.

I just found university to be a more independent learning environment, where everyone is thrown into the water and either learned to swim or drowned

quite quickly.

Professors assigned you the work, and then whether you came to class and did the work was entirely up to you.

Humber's teachers, however, were known to take attendance daily and would even have assignments marked within a day or two of receiving them.

College also offered the opportunity to work at internships and gain experience in my field of study, which helped me to ensure that I was in a program for something I want to do for a living.

University left me unsure what kind of job I would get.

Everyone I know who majored in English has been under the assumption that they wanted to go to teacher's college afterwards. There aren't many known options for jobs requiring English degrees aside from that.

While I had a great time in university, made a lot of friends and experienced a lot of different things, college definitely offered me a more structured and focused education.

Either system of education has its benefits but ultimately what you want out of your education will determine where you go.

Raising a stink about the right to perfume



Doug Gilchrist
Op-Ed Editor

I came across a story last week that rankled, figuratively, my olfactory receptors.

A 25-year-old Calgary woman was ordered off a bus because the driver would not continue his route as he was overpowered by the perfume the woman was wearing, ironically named *Very Irresistible* by Givenchy.

After an argument with the passenger, he said, "Just so everyone knows, we won't be going anywhere because of the excessive amount of perfume this woman's wearing. I can't drive this bus."

Maybe the bus driver did not have to make this argument public, but I can sympathize with him.

One time while Christmas shopping at Sears, fighting my way through throngs of shoppers, I was ambushed by a rogue perfumer and assaulted by a blast of her choice of *eau de toilette*.

I was coughing and hacking, wondering if this is what it was like for a soldier, suddenly finding himself in the midst of a gas attack.

Many hospitals I've been in forbid people to wear perfume.

A lot of people, I being one of them, are adversely affected by the scent of overpowering perfume by having my lungs drowned by noxious fumes.

What is unbelievable about the story is the woman said, "It's about rights. People's civil rights are being violated."

What about the rights of other people?


In our society, it is considered a violation of non-smokers' rights to have to put up with the pollution of a smoker's habit. And personally, I find the smell of an overdose of perfume more offensive than second-hand smoke.


With so many downtrodden people around the world, and so many visible minorities in Canada who have a valid claim that their civil rights have been violated, this woman has a lot of gall to claim that she is being oppressed.


People like this think that the world revolves around them, and that attitude certainly stinks.


And personally, I find the smell of an overdose of perfume more offensive than second-hand smoke.


PROPS & BURNS


 To the people who rallied at Lakeshore Campus to keep The Gatehouse open.


 To litterbugs who make other people clean up their trash.


 To the Ontario government for announcing a raise in minimum wage to \$10 an hour over the next three years.

 To the City of Toronto for proposing extra charges on residents for garbage collection.

 To the second-year sketch comedy class for taking their talents out into the community.

 To the pet food companies whose food needs to be recalled due to tainting concerns.

 To Toronto for being named the second-best city in Canada in which to live, according to a new survey.

 To ad exec Jean LaFleur who has disappeared after being charged with defrauding Canadians out of \$1.5 million.

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IN FOCUS STUDENT CONCERNS

Eight in ten Canadians have at least one risk factor for cardiovascular disease and 11 per cent have three risk factors or more. — www.ottawaheart.ca

A clean bill to stay in top form

Andrew Stewart
SENIOR REPORTER

Health concerns are something that weighs heavily on the minds of everyone in today's society, and students are no exception.

Humber students concerns vary when it comes to their health, ranging from long-term illness and problems such as arthritis and Alzheimer's disease. A random

poll of North campus students showed the top concerns include breast cancer, heart disease and sexually transmitted infections.

The importance of health is a growing concern, with the average lifespan having increased over the last decade with medical and lifestyle improvements. There have also been recent reports showing problems with childhood obesity in today's youth could result in

having the first generation in history to have shorter life expectancies than their parents.

Stats Canada lists on its website (www.statcan.ca) diseases that are prominent in our society and includes the following statistics for 2005:

Nearly 100,000 men and over 60,000 women between the ages of 20 and 24 have high blood pressure in Canada. Asthma is also of

top priority for Canadians in their early 20s with over 105,000 cases in men and close to 125,000 cases in women.

It is also important to find out your family history of hereditary diseases, by speaking to your family about their medical history. Should there be a history of disease, speak to your doctor about what tests and precautions can be done to ensure your best chances

of remaining healthy.

This week In Focus concentrates on the risks some of these diseases pose to students, and what can be done on your part in order to protect yourself against them. These articles will outline how a healthy diet, exercise, use of condoms and various other measures can be taken to protect the health of yourself and the ones you care about.

Keeping hearts healthy sooner than later

Sean Fitzgerald
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Students should pay attention to heart health at a young age, said Pamela Richardson, director of continuing education at the School of Health Sciences.

The report, Healthy Weight for Healthy Kids, found that Canada has one of the worst rates of childhood obesity in the developed world.

Richardson said parents feeding their children fast food like McDonald's is one of the risk factors of heart disease. "Childhood obesity leads to the early onset of heart disease for people in their 20s."

One in three deaths in Canada are due to heart disease and stroke, according to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Richardson said there are many risk factors that students can control, including physical inactivity, smoking and diets rich in saturated fat.

One risk factor that students can't control is their genetics.

"If there's heart disease in your family, you've got to consider that," she said.

Students with a family history of

heart disease should talk to their family doctors, said Basil Guinane, associate dean of the School of Media Studies and Technology.

In May 2002, Guinane suffered a heart attack at a gym. At the time, he maintained a healthy diet, didn't smoke and ran 10 kilometre races.

"I was on an elliptical machine and I didn't realize I was having a heart attack," he said. "I thought I had severe indigestion and I got on my bike and rode home."

The heart damage was discovered a few months later when he spoke to his doctor about recurring chest pains. He underwent quadruple bypass surgery in November 2002.

His wife, Cecily Ross, wrote about their experience in *Love in the Time of Cholesterol* chronicling their life after Guinane's surgery.

"Life is a stressful thing, but it's about how you handle it. You have to maintain a healthy work-life balance," he said.

He emphasized that it's never too early for students to start thinking about heart health.

"When you're 19 or 20, you're invincible," he said. "But I've met people who have had heart attacks in their 20s."



Pamela Richardson from the School of Health Sciences demonstrates a model of a heart as she discusses how heart disease and cholesterol are also of concern for college-aged students. photo by sean fitzgerald

How to stay cancer free

Moya Dillon
IN FOCUS REPORTER

Females are unlikely to be diagnosed with breast cancer under the age of 29, it is still important to be aware of risk factors such as family history and body mass index (BMI).

"Currently, mammography is not recommended for women (under 40)," said Fiona Taylor, senior manager of media relations and public affairs at Cancer Care Ontario. "If women are concerned, they should talk to their family physician."

"It's important for women of any age to be vigilant about their breast health," said Lisa Marchitto, senior manager of communications for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation.

First-year journalism post-grad student Carrie Trownson said her perspective of the disease changed when her mother was diagnosed in December 2006.

"I never... worried about breast cancer," she said. "But the day my mom told me she had (the disease) I checked myself about a hundred times."

Trownson's mother had surgery to remove a tumor within two weeks of finding it.

"She found hers very early, through a self exam," Trownson said. "Awareness with anything is key ... It could be the difference between surviving and dying."

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation said one in nine women will be diagnosed. However, Cancer Care Ontario has found that actual mortality rates have dropped by

29 per cent in women aged 50 to 69.

"Breast cancer affects a large number of people, 8,000 people are diagnosed per year in Ontario," Marchitto said. "In a survey, 83 per cent of people said they knew someone who had been diagnosed with the disease."

Women with a family history of breast cancer should talk with their family physician about their risk and concern, said Taylor.

Self-exams are recommended for women of any age and can be done in a way comfortable to the woman, said Marchitto. She also suggested maintaining a healthy lifestyle including frequent exercise and eating the recommended servings of fruits and vegetables a day as other ways women can reduce their risk.

The Lowdown

- ▶ Approximately 58,000 Canadians have HIV/AIDS. It is estimated that 27 per cent don't know they are infected. — HIV and AIDS in Canada: Surveillance Report
- ▶ In 2001, lung cancer was reported in 11,708 cases in men and 8,434 cases in women. — Stats Canada
- ▶ In 2001, 2.6 per cent of males and 3.4 per cent of women between the ages of 20 and 24 were diagnosed with Arthritis. — Stats Canada
- ▶ In 2005, women accounted for 25 per cent of all HIV diagnoses. From 1985 to 1992, women accounted for only 8.9 per cent of positive diagnoses. — HIV and AIDS in Canada: Surveillance Report

files from elaine mitropoulos and andrew stewart

STUDENT CONCERNS IN FOCUS

Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. - World Health Organization



photo by abby blinch

Couples looking to get intimate should keep in mind that the risk of getting an STI is as much of a concern as pregnancy.

Sexual concerns

Abby Blinch
IN FOCUS REPORTER

People ages 15 to 24 have the highest rate of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in the country, said Lyba Spring, sexual health educator for Toronto public health.

Nursing program co-ordinator Jason Powell said they cover STIs extensively because it is important to respond to trends in the health field.

The program "always includes health promotion and disease prevention," Powell stressed. This is important because using protection against STIs is something the college age population doesn't always put first, Spring explained.

The most prominent STI for this group is chlamydia, mostly because "half of men who have

chlamydia have no symptoms and 80 per cent of women have no symptoms," she explained.

According to sexualityandu.ca, a website run by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada, the world's most common STI is HPV (human papillomavirus).

HPV is a "virus with over 100 types, of these approximately 35 affect the genitals and reproductive tissue. Of these some are considered high risk and some low risk," Spring said.

Low risk types cause warts which are treatable, unlike herpes which cannot be cured, she said.

High risk types can cause cervical cancer, but with regular pap smears it is "90 per cent treatable," Spring said.

An increase in oral sex among the 15 to 24 population is causing

a rise in herpes one, the virus that causes cold sores, Spring said.

Ronald Carr, a volunteer at the Phoenix association, a non-profit self-help group for people with genital herpes explained "the fastest growing STI for young people is HSV (the herpes one)."

He described genital herpes as, "the world's biggest secret," since 70 per cent of people are unaware they have it.

There is no cure for genital herpes but the longer you have it, the symptoms become less noticeable, Carr said.

When a person has an STI, the likelihood of contracting HIV is increased, Spring said.

The best practice is to not have sex within the first three months of a relationship, or use condoms consistently and then get tested, she said.

AIDS myths dispelled

Anupa Mistry
NEWS REPORTER

Students received an informative talk during a discussion with members of the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation.

"Toronto Public Health estimates there are a minimum of 15,000 (Torontonians) who are HIV positive... who don't know about it. I think that number is higher," said guest speaker Greg Downer during a presentation held by Health @ Humber last Wednesday in the Student Centre.

Downer has been HIV positive for 10 years. Derek Yee, another speaker, said he was diagnosed with "full-blown AIDS" in 1993.

"A big misconception, is 'it can't happen to me.' But the highest at risk group are straight, young women (aged) 15-25." The days

have passed since HIV/AIDS was considered to be a disease restricted to gay men, Downer said.

"There's 40 million of us infected with HIV throughout the world," he said. "Half of us are women."

"I think in our age (group) we should have more information, more knowledge about HIV," said Maria Arteaga Romero, a second-year accounting student and peer health educator with Health @ Humber.

Peer health educators have been handing out free condoms and holding presentations in Residence to educate students about the consequences of risky sexual behaviour.

Yee also said that cultural stigmas make it difficult for children of immigrants to discuss HIV/AIDS and homosexuality with their

families.

"(In) my family being gay was a sin and being HIV positive was a bigger sin," said Yee, whose family is from Trinidad. "(It's) something they would never understand because they're from a third world country and I grew up here."

Toronto has an abundance of resources in minority communities for people living with the disease, he said. These include the Black Coalition for AIDS Prevention (www.black-cap.com), Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention (www.asaap.ca), and the Asian Community AIDS Services (www.acas.org) according to the AIDS Committee of Toronto.

"They have services for people who speak Hindi, Tamil, whatever language," Yee said.

Speaking to the community is the best way to spread awareness, Downer said.

"We tell our stories and then we open it up to questions," Downer said. "They're interested to know how it has impacted your life."

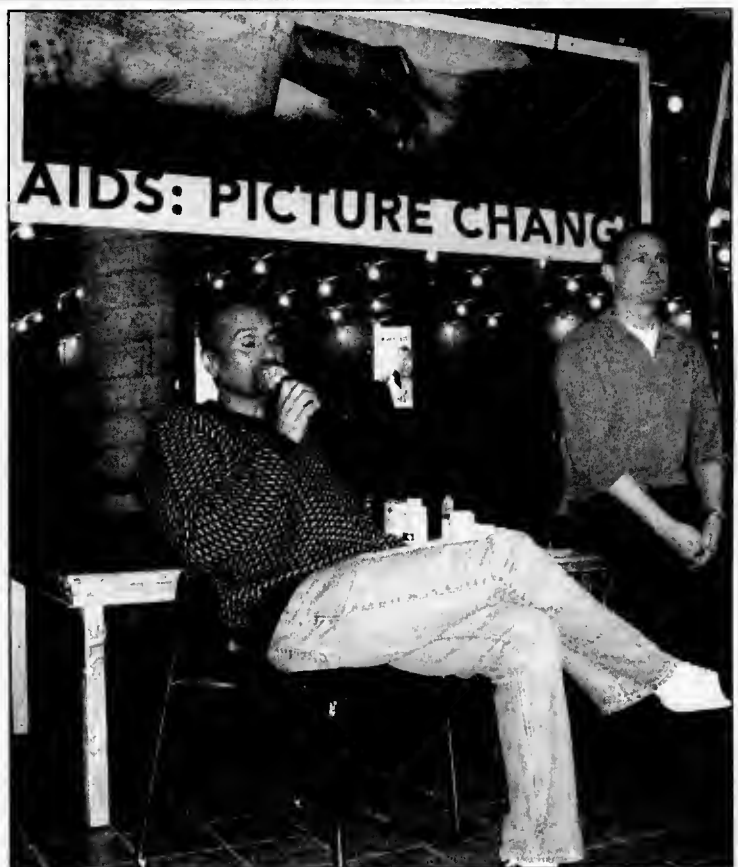


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Derek Yee and Greg Downer of the Toronto People with AIDS Foundation engage a Humber audience about the disease.

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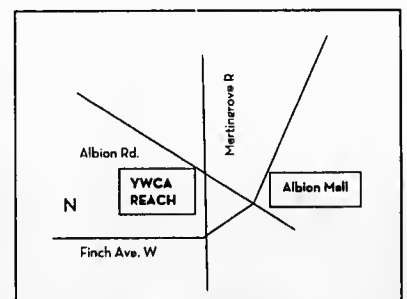
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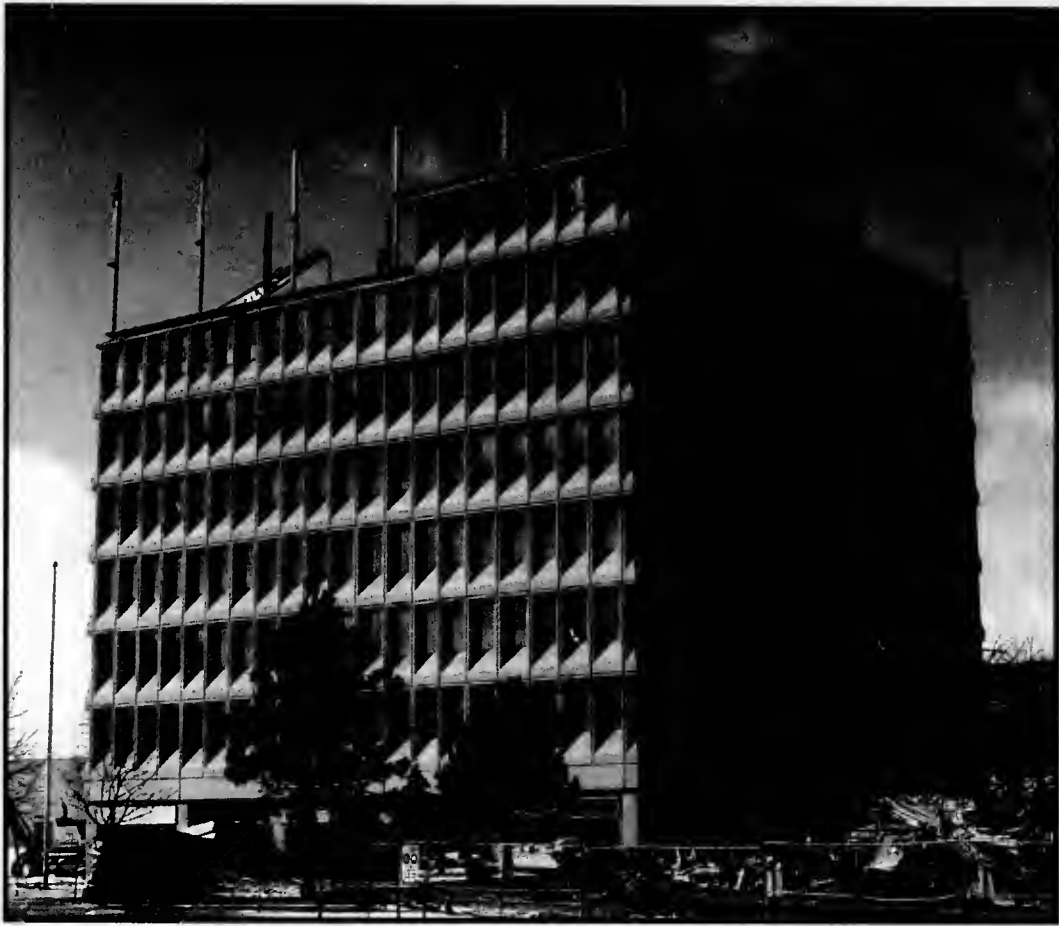
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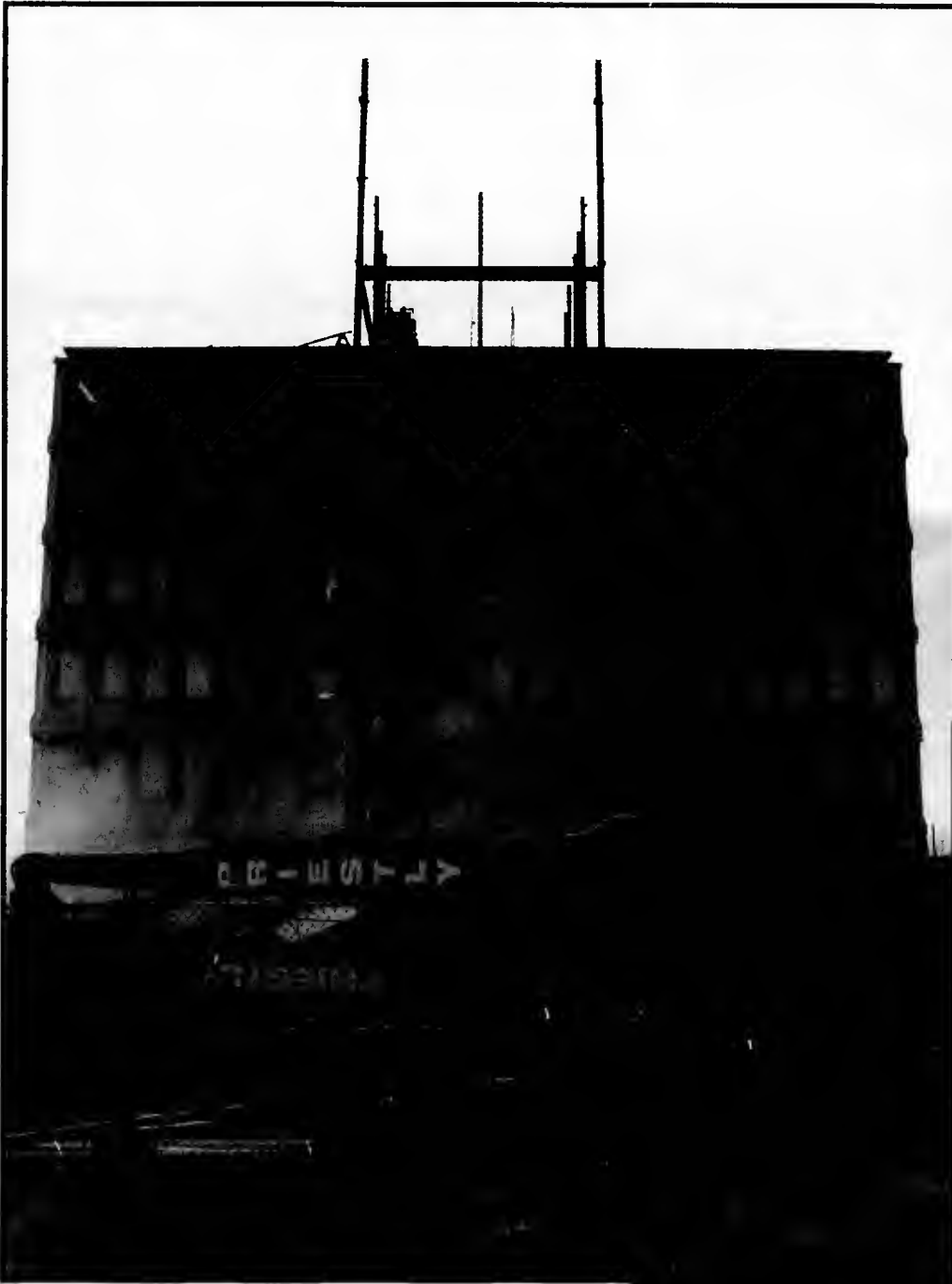


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Part of our history is tumbling down. Our college once used parts of this tower. The demolition of the nine storey building started in mid-February and will conclude by mid-April. Steel from the top two floors were salvaged to be reused in a new building.



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WORK & PLAY

The minimum salary for players in the National Hockey League is a paltry \$450,000 this season. By 2010, it will rise to a mere \$525,000 – www.nhl.com

Minimum gains

Judy McNeil
BUSINESS REPORTER

Students who work on campus have something to look forward to with minimum wage hikes.

Lourenco Filipe, accounting manager of Compass Group Canada, said employees are happy the minimum wage will increase to \$10.25 per hour by 2010 with yearly hikes.

"Everybody always wants an increase on their pay," Filipe said.

Compass owns Chartwell's Dining Services which operates a number of on-campus restaurants including Pizza Pizza, Harvey's and Java Jazz.

Filipe said employees would benefit from the increase because students who work in Compass-

operated restaurants earn from \$8 to \$8.75 an hour.

Karen Fast, manager of Humber's career services, said the Ontario Work Study program may be affected by the change because it is a government supported program which pays a maximum of \$10 per hour now.

"The cost of living has definitely gone up in the last few years."

– Richard Pitteway
Food and beverage manager,
Humber Room

"We have about 900 students on-campus working each year ... The biggest employers are athletics, Residence, the library," Fast said.

"Security, landscape, all the computer labs are all staffed by work-study students, all our peer-tutors are all work-study students as well."

Fast said the Ontario government pays 70 per cent of the salaries of the students in the work-study program and Humber pays the other 30 per cent.

"The lower end of the range starts at \$8, so what we are hoping for is if the minimum wage goes up, then perhaps this Ontario work-study program will correspondingly go up slightly as well," Fast said.

"But, that's in the hands of the provincial government and is out of our control."

Richard Pitteway, food and beverage manager of the Humber Room, said "I think it's a good idea for the people that are working, especially in the fast food industry, that they make a little bit more money. The cost of living has definitely gone up in the last few years."



photo by dennis chung

First-year hospitality management student Alissa Nguyen is one of about 900 Humber students in the work-study program.

AEDs a matter of life and death

Patrick Soltysiak
NEWS REPORTER

An on-site defibrillator, along with the quick actions of a hockey fan in a Darcy Tucker jersey, helped to save the life of a 73-year old man during last Saturday's Toronto Maple Leafs game. The incident was a reminder of how important it is to have the devices in public places.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) was installed in the Athletic Therapy Clinic at Humber in late 2004.

"It's just become standard practice. Prices have come down and the technology is way cheaper," said Dean Wylie, facility co-ordinator for the Athletics Department. "They've been demonstrated to be important when you can bring emergency response right to the victim."

The units cost around \$2,500 a piece, said Paul de Zara, the director of communications for the minister of government services.

"Combined with CPR we can raise the survival chances to maybe 50 per cent or more," said Zara. "Probability to save a life declines by about seven to ten per cent a minute in a cardiac arrest situation."

Recognized the benefits of AEDs, the Ontario government announced on March 16 that it would install 250 defibrillators in 100 provincial government buildings.

Bill Crozier, Liberal MPP for Essex, passed a private member's

bill last year that protects people using AEDs to save someone's life from civil liability.

"It was evidenced how effective these external heart defibrillators could be," said Crozier.

Justin Brown, senior manager of Government Relations, said the Heart and Stroke Foundation wants to "lead by example. We're trying to build a groundswell of support to reach a tipping point."

The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario wants to see automated external defibrillators (AED) become as common as fire extinguishers, said Brown.

"You have a building that has fire extinguishers in it to protect property but there is no defibrillator in sight to protect the people that are inside the property," Brown said.

The foundation announced the start of the Start a Heart, Save a Life campaign last April that will increase the number of defibrillators in Toronto-based community centres, hockey arenas and other public places from 56 to more than 200, by providing funding for training staff members at each site.

Since the Heart and Stroke Foundation's first announcement, more funding has been donated to the cause, including \$50,000 from the Wayne Gretzky Foundation. The Heart and Stroke Foundation has matched, said Brown.

Anybody can use the devices, because written and visual instructions are provided. Humber's clinical staff is also trained to use the device.

Just played

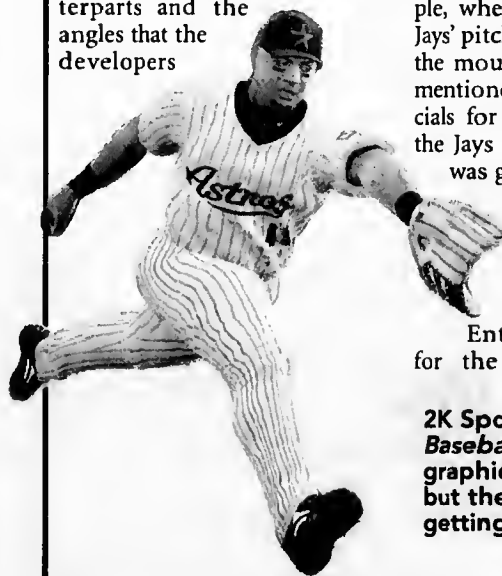
Digital double header

2K Sports reaches base but Sony steals the show

Andrew Stewart
SENIOR REPORTER

With the baseball season beginning, it seems only appropriate to review two of the newest electronic editions of America's favourite pastime: *Major League Baseball 2K7* for the Xbox 360, and *MLB 07: The Show* for the Playstation 2.

First up to bat is *MLB 2K7*, published by 2K Sports. The graphics are as expected from a machine like the 360. Players' faces are more realistic than in past games on older machines. The stadiums are fantastic replications of their real-life counterparts and the angles that the developers



courtesy 2K Sports

chose for on-field play give a realistic feel.

Game play controls require some adjustment for gamers used to playing older baseball games. Batting uses the annoying "stick swing" control using the right analog joystick instead of the traditional face buttons. The pitching controls are a little tricky to get used to initially too.

One positive is the commentary featuring Jon Miller and Hall of Famer Joe Morgan. Instead of a track of limited and repetitive lines, *MLB 2K7* features a wide variety of banter that changes when specific players enter the lineup. For example, when I put Toronto Blue Jays' pitcher Gustavo Chacin on the mound, the commentators mentioned the mock commercials for Chacin's cologne that the Jays ran last season, which was great for a laugh.

In the other dugout is *MLB 07: The Show* by Sony Computer Entertainment America for the Playstation 2. The

2K Sports' Major League Baseball 2K7 delivers great graphics and commentary but the controls take some getting used to.

graphics are a little less realistic, but look comparable to *2K7* on the 360. The stadiums are equally as impressive to look at. This is an example of the PS2 having reached its graphic potential, while programmers have yet to take full advantage of the 360's next-generation hardware.

The controls for *The Show* are excellent. Pitching and batting are easy enough to figure out within one at bat. Animations are smooth and the camera angles seem less invasive than those of *2K7*.

The Show also offers decent dialogue from announcers Matt Vasgersian, Dave Campbell and Rex Hudler, but it seems lackluster after hearing *2K7*'s commentators. *The Show* does boast a much larger soundtrack with music from bands, such as Wolfmother, My Chemical Romance and Fall Out Boy that gamers will enjoy. Other options available include a career mode which allows you to create your own player and work his way up through the minors to the big leagues.

SCEA's MLB 07: The Show has excellent controls and graphics comparable to its next-generation counterpart.

WORK & PLAY

"The printing press was at first mistaken for an engine of immortality by everybody except Shakespeare." – Marshall McLuhan, Canadian media theorist



photo by crissandra ayrosa

Students in H205 use school printers that require credits from their printing accounts

Printing price tag

Stephanie Sherr
BUSINESS REPORTER

Students who exceed their allotted number of printing credits before the end of the semester will have to pay extra to use school printers, said Humber's information technology service support manager Ryan Burton.

"What we're trying to offer," Burton said, "is a convenient way to print information of a relatively non-sensitive nature at a cost-effective rate to students that may or may not have other means of doing printing."

"Based on the number of pages that you print," he said, "the system takes credits from your account, and when your account reaches zero you are no longer able to print. If you need to do more printing, you can go to the bookstore and purchase a voucher for \$5. The voucher is good for 500 credits...the purchased credits carry over from one semester to the next."

There are two categories for printing on Humber computers. The first, which is funded by HSF, allocates every Humber student

2,500 printing credits at the beginning of each semester. At a cost of five credits per page, students can print up to 500 letter-sized black and white or colour pages each term.

The second printing category covers large format printing, and is not funded by HSF.

"You will always need to go out and buy credits if you are in applied technology, for instance, and you need to print on a large format printer," Burton said.

Second-year accounting student Andrew Nunes is one of many students who didn't know purchasing extra vouchers would be required over the 500-page limit.

"I didn't know you have to buy them," he said.

Burton explained because of HSF's request to increase the number of allocated printing credits from 1500 to 2500, only four per cent of Humber students will likely exceed the printing limit this semester.

According to North Campus bookstore manager Debby Martin, 260 printing vouchers have already been sold in the last week of March alone.

"There're a lot of students buying print credits from us in March because things are due," Martin said. "It's getting to the end of the school year so there's a lot of printing that needs to be done."

Sachin Shivaswamy, computer support technician at North Campus, explained how students can redeem purchased print vouchers.

"There's only one denomination which is \$5," he said. "The user needs to pay five or more dollars, in multiples of \$5, and get one or more of these vouchers. Then they just have to come over to the tech support desk and we will take those vouchers for the corresponding denomination and put them into their account."

THE WIRE

Hawking files

Famed physicist Stephen Hawking and Richard Garriott, creator of the *Ultima* series with Electronic Arts and currently a producer at NCSoft, are planning to ride the 'vomit comet' on April 16. The 'comet' is a Boeing 727 that simulates zero-gravity in flight.

– cnnmoney.com

Wireless USB

Icron Technologies introduced WiRanger on April 2. The WiRanger is a USB 2.0 hub that uses 802.11g wireless networking to go wireless, up to 100 feet away from a host computer and will cost \$395 dollars US. The WiRanger is plug-and-play, requiring no special software drivers to work.

– macworld.com

Hulk smash!

Activision has announced add-on packs for the Marvel Ultimate Alliance game for the Xbox 360. The packs allow players to control four new heroes and four new villains including the Hulk, Cyclops, Venom and Magneto. A pack of four will cost 500 Microsoft points (\$6.25 U.S.) while all eight will cost 800 Microsoft points (\$10 U.S.). The packs will be available on Xbox Live Marketplace, Tuesday, April 10.

– ign.com

Amazon Online

Brazil's government said it will provide free Internet access to native tribes in the Amazon. An agreement was signed March 29 to provide an Internet signal by satellite to 150 isolated communities. This will make it easier for the tribes to report illegal logging and ranching, request help and coordinate efforts to preserve the forest.

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"Because the heart beats under a covering of hair, of fur, feathers, or wings, it is, for that reason, to be of no account?" – Jean Paul Richter, German writer

College looks at egg options

Jordana Stier
LIFE REPORTER

Food Services manager Don Henriques said he would consider finding out where the eggs served on campus come from, after the University of Guelph became the first school in Canada to stop serving eggs laid by caged hens.

"Humber is in partnership with many Canadian universities and shares similar concerns and information," he said. "Their student concerns are our student concerns."

Henriques said if Humber identifies it's purchasing eggs from battery farms, it will consider alternate options.

Misha Buob, a member of Guelph University's Hospitality Services Advisory Committee and supporter of the initiative, said the committee decided to stop purchasing caged-hen eggs due to evidence that birds suffer in battery cages.

"They spend their whole lives standing on a slanted metal floor, so they develop a foot condition that's very painful. The lack of exercise contributes to the development of osteoporosis," he said. "They're forced to lay their eggs on the wire floor cramped up against their cage mates . . . rubbing against their cage mates, the sides

of the cage is chafing all of their feathers out."

Since Guelph is an agricultural university, its actions improve the chances of other universities and companies doing the same.

"There are some examples like UBC (University of British Columbia), Simon Fraser out west, Concordia, McGill and the University of Toronto which are looking into this issue," Buob said.

He added 98 per cent of eggs produced in Canada come from battery cages.

Looking for labels such as free run, free range and organic, ensures consumers the eggs are from cage-free hens.

Bruce Passmore, a Guelph graduate and co-ordinator for the Vancouver Humane Society's Chicken Out! Project, said "these are institutions that are educating the next generation, and we have them making this very significant statement."

According to Passmore, Chicken Out! strives to "empower consumers into making more compassionate decisions such as using eggs from non-caged hens."

Passmore said with 26 million egg-laying hens in Canada, this is one of the worst forms of animal cruelty.

"It's completely unequivocal that hens suffer in cages."



courtesy

The amount of space caged hens are given is equivalent to the size of a sheet of typing paper.

Avoiding caged hen eggs will help reduce the demand and will ultimately send a message to the producers that people will not stand for hens in cages and there-

fore, will stop using the system, Passmore said.

"Anyone who sees the images of battery cages can tell that no bird should be put in this condition,"

he said.

Passmore said when going for the cheapest system, somebody always pays the price. In this case, it's the birds.



photo by avril sequeira

Fashion arts students organized the Transitions Runway Show Tuesday evening to demonstrate their talents and give back.

Giving fashion a chance

Avril Sequeira
LIFE REPORTER

The Transitions Runway Show, held last Tuesday at Capitol Events theatre in downtown Toronto, was not only great publicity for up-and-coming designers, but also a chance for Humber College students to get a taste of the demands of real-life fashion event planning.

"It's been pretty crazy," said Emily Edwards, a second-year fashion arts student who was running the staging area for the night.

"Trying to get everybody to get together at one time, organize everything, get everybody on the same page. I mean, we covered everything from staging, lighting, sound, advertising . . . absolutely everything."

Forty-five fashion arts students from North Campus participated in the show, which is offered as an option to final year students who can choose between photo styling and event planning.

The show was a tremendous success, selling out tickets, and raising money for Sketch, a non-profit organization that offers homeless and street-involved youth a chance to get involved in the arts. Paintings produced by artists helped by Sketch were also sold throughout the night in an attempt to raise awareness as well as funds.

Second-year fashion arts student, Patricia Warmuz said the decision

to donate the proceeds was a collective one. "While we were searching for a venue we actually stumbled upon the Sketch organization and it was brought to the class and we voted on it. We really liked it – we thought it really worked with the whole theme. It's original and it's creative . . . as is fashion."

However, for graduating students, creativity is not always enough to make a living and Edwards said that while she is looking to open her own business, it is especially hard to get started when the fashion industry in Canada is poorly funded.

"You've just got less opportunity in Canada than you do in the States."

– Susan Robertson,
Fashion Arts Co-ordinator

"I don't think the government recognizes it at all," she said. "I think if you do want to be in the American market, you have to move there. There's no real chance of you doing anything in Toronto, personally."

Co-ordinator of Humber's fashion arts program, Susan Robertson said the program attracts a wide range of students, many of whom already come from a design school background and are now looking for the business skills needed to manage a fashion career.

"It's unbelievably demanding," she said. "It's beyond a 24/7 commitment. Because when you're first starting out, you may have the talent but if you don't have the financial resources . . . you're doing everything. And you have to be just as adept at sitting down with the bank and the accountant as you do at the cutting table."

Having worked in the fashion industry for over twenty years, Robertson said it is especially hard for a new designer to find success in the Canadian market.

"You've just got less opportunity in Canada than you do in the States. The Macy's store at 34th and Broadway in New York, which is their flagship store, they have 100,000 people walking by that corner every day. There just isn't anything close to that here and we live in one of the highest consumer rated cities in the country."

However, when Project Runway launches the Canadian version of its successful television reality show this summer, one lucky contestant will receive everything he or she needs to bypass the initial struggle.

The winning designer, out of twelve, walks away with \$100,000, a spread in a fashion magazine and the opportunity to show their work at a major fashion event in Canada. Applications for the show can be found on Slice network website and are due April 13.

"I wanted to be the first woman to burn her bra, but it would have taken the fire department four days to put it out." — *Dolly Parton, country music legend*

New programs send off first graduates

Jef Catapang
LIFE REPORTER

The end of the school year will mark the first graduating class from Humber's Paralegal Studies, e-Business and Industrial Design bachelor's degree programs, all of which were approved in 2002 and launched in 2003.

Each program now faces the challenge of extension at the end of their initial five-year contract.

As this first batch of graduates leaves Humber, they will play a key part in keeping their programs going, said program co-ordinators.

"Part of the challenge is for students to sell themselves," said Edmund Baumann, co-ordinator

for the e-Business program based at Lakeshore Campus.

Each program has been granted a two-year extension so they can undergo review.

The results of an audit by the college to determine whether to further extend the programs will depend on the graduating class's performance in the workforce, Baumann said.

"Then perhaps the program can be extended properly for five years."

Ken Cummings, co-ordinator of the Industrial Design program at North Campus, said the industry response to its first graduating class has already "been very good."

The program's profile was boosted after Matthew Finbow, a

fourth-year student graduating this year, received media attention for placing third at the 2007 World Automotive Design Competition.

"We hope that it has a sort of moral suasion" to boost funding of the program, Cummings said. "I'm not sure if the college is totally structured to support what degrees require."

Financial constraints also result in cramped classrooms.

"We've been criticized by (the) industry because our shop and facilities are too crowded," he said. "We have accrediting bodies whose standards we are poised to meet and we do in every regard except for class size. So, if they do a site inspection, we'll fail."

The Paralegal Studies graduates

from Lakeshore Campus, being the first bachelor's degree paralegal graduates, have importance away from Humber, said program co-ordinator Bernard Aron.

Ontario's provincial government recently introduced legislation to make paralegals licensed professionals under the Law Society of Upper Canada.

"We've been waiting about twenty years for this to happen," Aron said, noting his grads "will be able to be not only the first graduates, but the first licensed paralegals as well."

As a result of the new legislation, the program will be "raising the bar."

While current instructors all have their Master's in Law, new

quotas will require some staff to have PhDs.

As a result, some faculty members, including Aron, will have to upgrade their credentials.

"I'm planning to pursue my PhD at Osgoode (Hall) Law School," he said. "In a way, for many of us, it's something that maybe we've thought about doing and now it gives us the impetus to actually pursue it."

For all three bachelor's degree programs, the Ontario Ministry of Training, College and Universities, will be interviewing the first graduating classes and their employers to make sure expectations from both sides were met.

"There's definitely a lot at stake," Aron said.

WHISK

Spring butternut squash gnocchi
Chef: Eric Ricatti

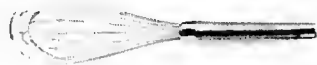
Approx. cost: \$30 to \$35
Prep time: 10 to 20 minutes.

Ingredients:

1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeds removed, cubed
2 tsp extra-virgin olive oil
350 g all-purpose flour
200 g freshly grated parmigiano.
2 egg yolks
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
6 ounces unsalted butter
5 sage leaves
Salt and ground pepper to taste

Directons:

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Place squash on a baking sheet, drizzle with oil, season with salt.
3. Roast for 35 minutes, turn once.



4. Remove from oven and set aside to cool. Transfer to food processor and pulse.

5. In a bowl, combine the squash puree, flour, parmigiano, egg yolks and nutmeg. Mix to form dough.

6. On a lightly floured surface, knead the dough into a ball then divide the ball into 10 pieces.

7. Roll each piece into a 1-inch thick rope. Cut ropes into 1-inch pieces then roll into barrel-shaped gnocchi. Cover gnocchi with a cloth and set aside.

8. Melt butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the sage leaves and stir. Keep warm set aside.

9. Boil a pot of water, add salt and gnocchi. Cook until the gnocchi rise to the surface (3 minutes).

10. Remove the gnocchi using a slotted spoon. Add butter.



photo by crissandra ayroso

Humber broke racial barriers this week with The Human Race Machine, a computer-simulated booth that transforms an image of a face into a variety of ethnicities. Students who sat in the booth had a photo taken of their face. Using controls, they could see themselves in six different races, watch themselves age, or see how they would look with various facial deformities. The machine was at North Campus April 2-3, and at Lakeshore April 4-5. — *Michelle Singerman*

Choosing the right support system

Suzan Park
LIFE REPORTER

Ever since Oprah Winfrey revealed that 85 per cent of women are wearing the wrong bra size, women are becoming more aware of their breasts.

Nancy Stinson, a salesperson who specializes in bra fittings at Hers in Bloor West Village has seen it all in her 13 years of experience.

"I can put my hands on six 34 B's and every one will fit differently," she said.

Stinson said she sees too many women coming into her boutique wearing the wrong size bra.

"You see women wear bras that are too tight through the back," Stinson said. "It causes rolls and red marks."

She said about 100 pieces make up a well-constructed bra and that every woman needs to consider her body shape and that she is likely to have asymmetrical breasts.

"So you need to establish a rap-

port with customers to discuss their needs," she said.

Bras have two main components: cup size and band size.

Cup sizes range from small A cups to G's, and many women guess their size incorrectly.

"Go into a small, private boutique and get fitted," Stinson said.

Not only do women have to consider size, but make, colour, style and general sex appeal is also important.

"Women should own about six bras," she said. "You need two nude bras, at least one black, a strapless and a couple lacy bras."

Stinson said what is known as the softly padded, "everyday bra" should not be worn every day.

"There will be too much wear on the bra."

Emanjit Singh, a first-year ECE student said she has never been properly fitted.

She said she tries bras on at popular lingerie boutiques and, "takes bra shopping seriously."

"I have three different sizes (of bras) in my drawer," Singh said. "It depends on the company."

Nancy Stinson's tips for buying the best bra

1. Get measured frequently since a few extra pounds make a huge difference.

2. Wash your bras in a mesh laundry bag and never machine dry.

3. Cleavage can be created naturally for the petite lady by wearing a demi cup bra, which supports the lower and exposes the upper breast.

4. If your bra band rides up in the back, then go a size smaller.

5. The centre of your bra should fit flatly between your breasts.

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Daffodils spring up

Natasha Fall
SENIOR REPORTER

The Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month bloomed this weekend.

Volunteers were stationed around the country selling daffodils to raise money for cancer research.

Volunteer Audrey Schaub, 80, of Etobicoke, has been donating her time for over 10 years and said she'll continue to do so for as long as she can.

"We all have people in our family and friends that have had cancer and it's nice to be able to do something for someone else," she said.

"The more research, the more we can get, the better it's going to be for the people who get the cancer."

According to Angela Zin, community services co-ordinator for the Toronto West unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, Daffodil Days originally began in the mid 1950s.

Daffodils were chosen to deco-

rate tables at a tea, held in Toronto, to raise funds for the society.

The success of the tea sparked the plan to begin selling daffodils.

In 1957, an anonymous donor paid to fly 5,000 daffodils from British Columbia so volunteers could sell them in Ontario.

That year daffodil sales jumped approximately \$1,200 in Ontario and marked the birth of the annual event.

Last year the Canadian Cancer Society raised \$3.2 million during Daffodil Days

Kim Brent, 28, a local resident bought daffodils at the Woodbine Centre last weekend.

"I've always given to the cancer society, my grandmother had cancer 20 years ago, so I think ever since then, we've supported the cancer society," Brent said.

Schaub's fellow volunteer and friend, Marguerite Coats, 80, also of Etobicoke, said her best friend died of ovarian cancer about five years ago inspired her desire to volunteer.

"If we can do anything that promotes the cause for a cure, then that's why we're here."

Zin said it's important that cancer patients know there are people willing to help.

"I think when cancer patients see people out there raising money... it helps them know that they're not alone in their fight against the disease," she said. "There's a whole army of people behind them."

Last year, the Canadian Cancer Society raised \$3.2 million during Daffodil Days by selling approximately 9,700 boxes of flowers.

According to Zin, the Toronto West unit of the society, raised more than \$100,000 during the Daffodil Days campaign, this past weekend.



photo by oatasha fall

Volunteers such as Marguerite Coats (l) and Audrey Schaub (r) sell daffodils in support of Canadian Cancer Society research.

Student Bodies

Resisting Temptation

Suzan Park
LIFE REPORTER

With all the temptations on campus, it's a wonder how anyone can stay in shape. But after receiving nutritional guidance from Athletics Trainer Monique Haan, our Student Bodies are finding ways to resist.



photo by suzan park

She loves eating salty treats.

Priscilla Daviau
Weight: Start – 310 lbs
Now – 298 lbs

Smart Eating

"I have definitely been eating better. I am eating fewer fried foods and more fruits and vegetables.

The most difficult change in my diet has been snacking. I have a big salty tooth and so I love to eat things like popcorn and chips. I have been trying to cut those down a lot."

Great Temptations

"My weakness is McDonalds. I love Big Macs.

But I find that my diet is important because if I don't take in quality calories then I don't have the energy for my workouts."



photo by suzan park

Enjoys pizza and hamburgers.

Michael Michell
Weight: Start – 148 lbs
Now – 154 lbs

Smart Eating

"Replacing fatty foods, with lighter meals like salads and soups. Most importantly, through training and understanding how hard it is to achieve rock solid abs.

Even though I do limit my alcohol consumption, drinking for me is truly a part of college life, and I love it."

Great Temptations

"Pizza, and hamburgers are my weaknesses since they are so tasty and found everywhere. Since my goal of the program was to bulk up, just eating more, but eating right is key to my success."

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Painting for nature's sake

Wildlife artist Christine Marshall captures the beauty of Mother Nature one stroke at a time in her acrylic work

Jeremy Dickson
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

People have three days left to experience Christine Marshall's *Romance of Nature* solo art exhibit at the University of Guelph-Humber.

"Her work is beautiful," said Claudia Soldevilla, a part-time business student. "I like landscape art and I'm currently taking some painting classes so, I understand how hard it is to get the detail."

Marshall, an accomplished painter from Bala, Ont., is one of Canada's foremost wildlife artists and has been featured in over 350 exhibitions across Canada, the United States and overseas.

She has painted for over 30 years, specializing in acrylic on canvas, and has been called "Canada's first lady of wildlife art." Her new exhibit in the GH art gallery features highly detailed work spanning a career that began in the 1970s.

Early paintings of mushrooms and leaves stand out among numerous animal and landscape scenes featuring owls, hawks, pandas, tigers, loons, koalas, fox, deer and wolves. Her style has been described as romantic realism.

"People say I look at wildlife through a romantic eye or the idealized eye of

nature," Marshall said. "Not the harsh cruel reality world of nature."

The display includes paintings on large and small canvases as well as plates. Marshall said the opportunity to show her work at Guelph-Humber is unique.

"It's rare that I get to bring my wildlife and nature art into the centre of the city for an exhibit," Marshall said, who owns and manages a successful gallery near Bala, Ont..

Special commissions for her work have taken her across North America, Africa, China, Australia and the Arctic to study, sketch and photograph the animals and landscapes found in her paintings.

She started her career capturing smaller mammals like rabbits, squirrels and chipmunks, but gradually moved on to larger beasts.

"You are just in awe being so close to the big ones," she said. "I didn't think the moose was a very attractive animal until I saw one closeup. It brought its massive head up out of the muck, water pouring off its rack while the mist rose off the lake and I just saw this very majestic creature."

Despite a strong connection to realistic environments, Marshall originally experimented with abstract designs in the fine arts program at York University. She said young artists starting their careers should be open to try different things and use all the media available to them. Business law instructor and artist Chuks Oriuwa said there is something more direct about realist paintings. "It's one thing to see abstract art, but sometimes the artist behind the work gets lost. To see her (Marshall) actually painting and knowing she went to all these places is much different."

"It brought its massive head up out of the muck, water pouring off its rack while the mist rose off the lake and I just saw this very majestic creature."

—Christine Marshall
Wildlife Artist



photo by jeremy dickson

Publishing mogul Diane Davy returns to steer book program

Adrienne Huen
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Students in the creative book publishing program will have the chance to study with one of Canada's leading professionals in the world of publishing.

"I will be returning (this summer) for my second-year at Humber," said Diane Davy. "I taught the business components of the curriculum and even though it wasn't the most popular with students at first, I absolutely loved it."

Davy, who was born in Winnipeg and attended the University of

Toronto for Fine Arts, said her initial attraction to a career in publishing was because she thought it was glamorous.

Davy, whose 25-year career began in Toronto with the educational publishing house, Thomas Nelson and Sons, completed the Executive Management program at Queen's University before joining the Humber faculty.

"I enjoy a variety of challenges, and the truth is I like new things," Davy said. "In my career, I've worked with books, magazines and even in music and television...but most specifically I enjoy

working with children and young adult literature."

Davy, who has been president of such companies as the marketing and consulting firm NextMedia, Key Porter Books and most notably Owl Books, is now the founder and president of Castledale Inc., a business and marketing strategies company specializing in print publishing.

"I specialize more in the area of children and young adult literature because I find it interesting," Davy said. "I've worked with Owl books, which I would think most Canadians have read or subscribed

to during some point in their youth. Really though, I like to think I've helped form and bring up a generation."

While the Creative Book Publishing program is fairly new to Humber, Davy said students should be prepared for an extensive program.

"People come to the program for numerous reasons," she said. "We have a faculty of industry professionals and most importantly the program offers students a realistic and honest look at the industry, while stressing skills that would be good for both publishing and the

broader world."

The two-semester program, beginning in May, offers students a variety of courses from legal and ethical issues, to marketing and book design and even a course on the history of publishing.

"If I could tell the students only one thing, it would have to be to be open," Davy said. "Be open to the new. Publishing is based in traditions and students coming into this career have to understand where these traditions come from so, that when they're out in the field, they know how to take it to the next step."

Paris Hilton is threatening to sue MTV if it doesn't pull a parody sketch off the air of the hotel heiress drunk driving. -www.thinkfashion.com



Hilario Duran, a piano teacher at Lakeshore Campus, brought home a Juno for contemporary jazz album of the year.

Duran Duran

Humber faculty bring home a collection of hardware from the Junos

Jeremy Dickson
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Last Sunday the Junos aired on CTV and members of the Humber faculty were not only nominated for their hard work and talent but had the privilege to win and take home their very own Juno.

Hilario Duran, a piano teacher at Humber Lakeshore took home a Juno last Sunday for contemporary jazz album of the year.

"It was very emotional, it was really great," said Duran after winning the award for his album *From the Heart*.

Duran attended the 2007 Junos in Saskatchewan, hosted by Canadian icon Nelly Furtado.

This was Duran's 2nd win and fourth nomination. Duran first won a Juno in 2005 for the same award and was nominated in 2006

and 2002.

"Winning a Juno has been a lifelong dream since I came to Canada," Duran, who moved to Canada from Havana Cuba in 1998, said.

Duran's next big dream is to someday win a Grammy and be recognized all over the world.

"Winning a Juno has been a lifelong dream since I came to Canada."

- Hilario Duran
Jazz Musician

record, *Messin Around*. As bass player and composer for a nominated best vocal jazz album, Downes feels honoured to be recognized.

"The Junos are important and they honour Canadian musicians," said Downes. This is the sixth time he has been nominated for a CD he was involved in.

Downes will be recording a new CD with a large ensemble of his own.

Beginning April 19, Downes will be touring with Molly Johnson hitting places such as Hamilton, Belleville and Toronto. On May 12, you can see Downes play at the Rex Hotel Jazz and Blues Bar in downtown Toronto with his group Mike Downes Quartet.

The Juno Awards, Canada's most recognized music award, were first held in Toronto in 1970.

Sorting through the archives

Tyler Kekewich
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

A Toronto artist who is inspired by newspapers, said young people who get their information from the Internet might not be getting the whole picture.

"They just don't see it [newspapers] as part of their daily habit," said Barbara Astman, whose collection, *Newspaper Series*, is at the Corkin gallery in Toronto's distillery district until April 28.

The exhibit is a collection of photographs that are digitally stitched together to create an image of a long row of newspapers, opened to

interesting articles and images.

The newspapers in Astman's photographs look like books lined up on shelves.

With some pieces more than nine feet long, the exhibit feels like being in a library of newsprint.

She collected newspapers for nearly three years and mostly used images and articles from the *National Post*, *Globe and Mail*, and

New York Times.

The articles and ads focus on tragedy, triumph, or celebrity obsession, but may only reflect the usual, daily content of a newspaper.

"It was almost random - I would be flipping and I would like what I saw," Astman said, who teaches art and photography at the Ontario College of Art and Design.

Gallery owner Jane Corkin, who represents Astman, said the show is important because it intelligently tackles a current issue facing society.

"She is interested in is our culture's obsession with media," Corkin said. "She deals in a very intellectual way with her subject matter."



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Barbara Astman's photos are on display in the Corkin Gallery.

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IASTE representatives discuss the industry with film students.

Paying their dues

Jeremy Dickson
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

Humber film students looking for jobs in the film industry got some sound advice from three IASTE representatives this week.

IATSE, the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, is the labour union of professional stagehands, motion picture technicians and allied craftspeople in the entertainment industry.

The union helps its members secure better wages, working conditions, health programs and retirement plans and is the oldest and largest union in the entertainment industry, with 110,000 members.

Toronto IASTE representatives from three branches spoke with film students on Tuesday, addressing

their concerns about getting in the union, rates and fees, security and the likelihood of summer jobs and work after graduation.

"We've had a bit of a bumpy year with the recent ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) strike, but it can only go uphill from here," said Rick Perotto, who represents cinematographers and camera assistants from Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic Canada in Local 667.

Perotto, a Humber grad, said this year's group of graduates will find it tough because the industry is at a low-point, but recent agreements point to a brighter future.

"ACTRA and the DGC (Director's Guild of Canada) have new contracts that provide better labour stability, Filmport Studios downtown will be ready for business in 2008 and *The Incredible Hulk* will be shooting here this summer," said Perotto.

Landing the *Hulk* was an important step for getting other

American productions back to the city, said Mimi Walsh of Local 873. Walsh, who represents all film technicians from grips and electric to hair and makeup, said it is likely that 100 per cent of technicians hired for the *Hulk* will be Canadian.

"*Cinderella Man* was previously the largest production shot in Toronto, but it will pale in comparison to what we are about to see with the *Hulk*," she said. "These people from the Marvel studio worked with Canadian crews before on the *X-Men* series so they know a high level of professionalism will be maintained."

Walsh said American producers are happy with the skills of IATSE members partly because of their high quality training programs

for members to learn additional skills. "Toronto is well-known for its diversity within production and you must be able to adapt to various set environments because they all vary. It just makes you a better technician and more able to earn a living."

Film grads looking to survive often land their first jobs in the production office or get hired on as production assistants.

Third-year film student Michelle Whiting, 21, got to witness the advantages of joining IATSE firsthand when she worked on *Hank and Mike*, a \$1.6 million film recently shot in Toronto. "I got to see how the union members function and cope with issues. We had people that were working too long so they called the unions for help and they did help. People were working 18-hour days everyday and only getting paid for 10 so either you get your sleep or you get your money. The unions are there for you, that's the point."

In review:

BLADES OF GLORY

Adrienne Huen
ENTERTAINMENT REPORTER

The world of professional figure skating will never be the same, thanks to Will Ferrell's latest farce against sport's beloved spandex and sequins wearing athletes.

Blades of Glory begins with a young and orphaned Jimmy MacElroy (John Heder, *Napoleon Dynamite*), skating around a frozen pond with his blond curls and wearing a pastel blue jumpsuit. Upon seeing his immense talents and potential on the ice, billionaire entrepreneur, and all around creepy guy, Darren MacElroy (William Fichtner, *Prison Break*) quickly adopts the young boy and grooms him into the perfect figure skating champion.

However, years later at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, Jimmy is forced to share the gold medal with his arch rival and womanizing booze hound Chad

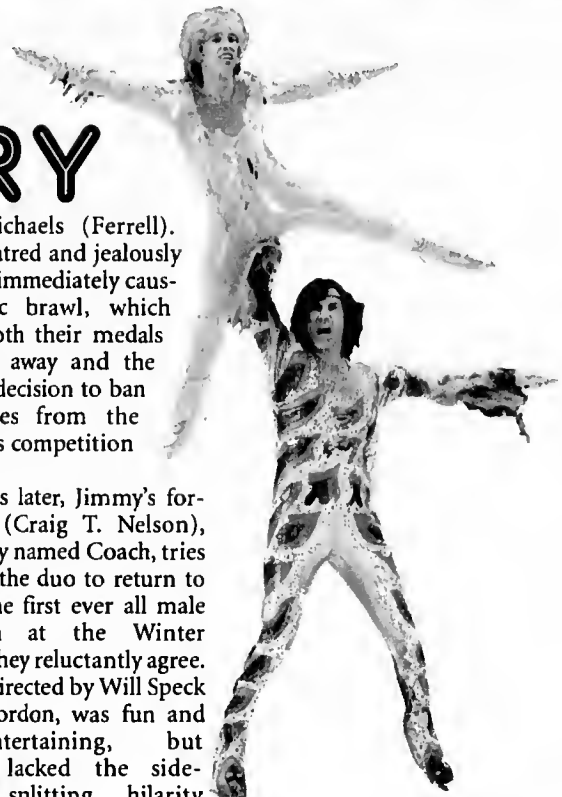
Michael Michaels (Ferrell). The duo's hatred and jealousy of the other immediately causes a public brawl, which results in both their medals being taken away and the devastating decision to ban both athletes from the men's singles competition for life.

Three years later, Jimmy's former coach (Craig T. Nelson), appropriately named Coach, tries to convince the duo to return to the ice as the first ever all male pairs team at the Winter Olympics. They reluctantly agree.

The film, directed by Will Speck and Josh Gordon, was fun and entertaining, but lacked the side-splitting hilarity promised in the commercials and from both actors' past projects.

Although Heder and Ferrell's comedic chemistry was undeniable, Heder's representation of a pastel loving feminine twit was more comical than Ferrell's overweight sex addict.

With cameos by legendary skaters Peggy Fleming, Dorothy



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Hamill, Nancy Kerrigan, Sasha Cohen, Brian Boitano and Scott Hamilton, and the over-the-top costumes and routines, the film has all the ingredients of a box office hit.

Even though it's apparent this movie will never win an Oscar, it's sure to win the hearts of both frat boys and figure skating fanatics alike.

Cleaning up the act

Jef Catapang
LIFE REPORTER

Second-year comedy student Brett Morris's first gig this school year was at a women's rehabilitation centre for drug abuse.

"We were all pretty scared," Morris said. "It's a different story going into a place where people are recovering from addiction."

As part of a new exercise for this year's second-year sketch comedy class, Morris and his classmates performed their material at community centres instead of traditional comedy venues.

"It turned out to be a great opportunity," Morris said, noting his classmates were initially dismayed about not being able to perform edgier material because of the new socially sensitive settings.

"A lot of us were upset and were wondering how we could be funny without being able to be profane or a little bit shocking," he said. "But it's worked out so fabulous because we've been able to create comedy that is funny without relying on crutches."

The women at the Jean Tweed Centre for Addiction turned out to be the best crowd he'd ever played to, Morris said.

"They were just so happy for us to be there and so encouraging,

and it was a total blast."

Other places that the students have performed at over the semester include senior citizen's residences and unemployment centres, with upcoming gigs at the Hospital for Sick Children and tonight's performance for the Gilda Club, a social centre for people living with cancer.

Jenny Hickman, project assistant at the St. Clair West Employment Resource Centre, said the comedy class's visit was welcome because her clients can face numerous challenges and barriers when seeking work.

"They get upset, so we just wanted to give them a chance to laugh and have fun and take their mind off it," she said.

Although some of her clientele are immigrants who can't speak English well, Hickman said the students were able to cross language barriers.

Instructor Robin Duke wanted her students to "write within a box."

Duke, a former actor and writer for *Saturday Night Live* decided to force her students to write G-rated material that would be appropriate for a wide range of people.

But regardless of the audience's age or social situation, Duke told her students, "funny is funny."

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"Mats (Sundin) comes in and turns it down once in a while. It's because he's old." – Maple Leaf Wade Belak on playing heavy metal music in the dressing room.

Tutoring the talent

Men's basketball coach in second year as academic adviser to students who need direction in their studies

James Sturgeon
SPORTS REPORTER

There was a point last year when Chris Thompson, then in his rookie season as a forward for the Humber Hawks men's basketball team, was on the brink of failing a course.

A philosophy class had got the better of him and it was clear to Thompson he was in trouble. Fortunately for the health and fitness student, head coach Darrell Glenn was in his corner. The third-year coach arranged for a tutor to get Thompson through the rough patch and back on track.

"He's school first," Thompson said, while doing schoolwork in the coach's office last week. "We're always in here doing our homework," referring to the many student athletes found in the office on any given day.

Along with his bench boss duties for the Hawks, Glenn is Humber's only academic adviser for varsity athletes, a job he relishes as much – if not more – than coaching basketball.

"As much as I've coached, for me, it's more about teaching. I look at myself as a teacher first, because that's what I am. That kind of transfers itself into me as a coach," he said.

Glenn, also a teacher at Oakwood Collegiate secondary school in Toronto, is working through his second-year as an academic adviser at Humber. It's a role he assumed after former men's basketball coach and academic adviser Mike Katz left to coach at the University of Toronto

in 2004.

When Katz left, the position seemed to get lost in the shuffle. However, Glenn quickly realized during his first year at the helm of the men's basketball team that the void needed to be filled.

"We started to see a pattern among a lot of teams that we needed somebody here to help," Glenn said.

That pattern was players being declared ineligible to play because of spotty school attendance from first-year athletes and poor performances in the classroom, according to Glenn. The solution was simple, reinstate the adviser role with a dedicated staff member on campus to provide some guidance.

"I look at myself as a teacher first, because that's what I am. That kind of transfers itself into me as a coach."

–Darrell Glenn
academic adviser

"There needed to be somebody here for at least half the day that can look after the needs, or at least monitor academic progress," he said.

After discussions with Humber athletic director Doug Fox last year, Glenn arranged to reduce his teaching load at Oakwood and become a paid academic adviser for Humber Athletics.

For Glenn, it means his mornings are spent teaching at Oakwood and afternoons spent at Humber helping varsity players, like Thompson, develop strategies

for success. It begins with academic orientations at the beginning of first semester and continuing with informative workshops throughout the school year.

"Darrell's run a number of sessions on time management, career development, financial advising – he's tried to not just do academic advising, although that is his primary concern – but if a kid's having problems then how do we arrange, get on top of this quickly and help this kid survive," Fox said.

The biggest problem, according to Glenn, is the lack of appropriate preparation at the secondary school level for the pressures and demands that college brings.

"Let's face it, I see this as a teacher, high school doesn't prepare students for college or university in my opinion. High school does a lot of hand-holding. You get here and it's every man for themselves and it's a huge adjustment," he said. "Some kids don't make that adjustment well."

Over the past two years, Glenn feels he's making some progress. Thompson, for example, is now an honour roll student.

"We look at those kinds of successes and say, 'Hey, this is working.'"

"There's always gratitude," Thompson said. "If there's anyway we can help Coach, we try and help him as much as he helps us, whether it's on the court or off the court. We're all really grateful for what Coach does."

Glenn stresses that he's a resource for all varsity athletes



photo by james sturgeon

Men's basketball coach Darrell Glenn is the school's only paid academic adviser, helping athletes get through their courses.

though, not just those he coaches.

"This year, I've tried to build a better relationship with other sports. I'm starting to build a better rapport with other athletes, and they're starting to feel more comfortable coming to see me about various problems."

Fox said having Glenn fill the adviser role is a part of Humber's plan to develop complete individuals.

"Our theme is building champions," he said. "It's building champions on the court and life as well. We're trying to build people that

walk out of here graduating with good grades and that are employable and with the proper character development."

As for Glenn, his focus now is providing players with the guidance and advice they can use to get through final exams. Beyond that, he remains committed to Humber's goal of preparing its athletes for the challenges they'll face even after they graduate from school.

"We're focused on preparing them for the next phase of their lives, when they leave Humber."

Building Champions program launches in fall

Department aims to increase success of athletes on the floor and in the classroom

Michael Clegg
SPORTS REPORTER

Over the summer the Humber Athletic department will put the finishing touches on its new Building Champions program, an initiative designed to push athletes to a higher level.

"You look at how many silver and bronze medals we had this year and we've got to get some more gold," said athletic director Doug Fox.

"There's got to be a philosophy about building champions and knowing what it takes to win," Fox said. "We need to come back, in the fall for instance, with skill improvement. You can't just go away and come back in the fall and not have work that you've gained. You can't come back without

proper conditioning. We had a ton of injuries this year because I don't think we came back prepared that way. Winning doesn't come easily and there's some sacrifices that have to occur."

These sacrifices will not just relate to athletic success. The Building Champions program is also designed to develop Humber athletes into better students and better citizens, something Fox said they have already started to address.

"We had a freshman orientation this year where we did three different sessions on the first weekend after labour day with our freshman athletes," he said. "One of the sessions was exactly that – it was everything in terms of being a citizen within the college. Don't wear

your do-rags, get rid of the baggy pants – we started to address it in small ways."

"The number one priority is to make sure these guys do well in the classroom," said men's basketball coach and varsity athlete academic adviser Darrell Glenn. "Unfortunately, many of the people who play athletics don't necessarily come to community college, and particularly Humber, for academic reasons. So we have to try and change their thinking after they get here."

The department will also look at making some sacrifices to the athletic programming it already has in place in order to maximize efficiency.

"We have a zillion things that we work at and at the end of the day if

you ask how many things are going very well versus just existing, there is a lot," Fox said. "But each person has been asked to give me the things that they think they can do without, or we should possibly look at eliminating. I'm running club programs and junior varsity programs and women's rugby and I don't even have leagues for these teams to play in so those would be the types of things that would be on the bubble for sure."

In the long term, the Building Champions plan could also mean new facility development on campus including expansion of the weight room and a varsity exclusive gymnasium.

"I've looked at possibilities of going overtop of CAPS with a second floor, and all sorts of things

like that," Fox said. "We had the pool designed when it went in so that it could support a second floor, so expanding the weight room and fitness centre could go in that direction."

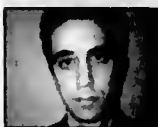
"I don't see a fee increase in the next five years," Fox said in regards to facility growth.

The athletic department will look at the possibility of teaming up with Ontario Basketball and the Ontario Volleyball Association to maximize facility use and to subsidize the costs involved in expansion.

Any fee increase sought by the athletic department would have to be approved by the fee protocol committee which is made up of members of HSF along with Humber officials.

"I hope so, cause spring sucked." – Blue Jays slugger Troy Glaus on his .158 spring training batting average after knocking in the winning run on opening day.

MLB should expand its playoff format



Josh-Gold Smith
Sports Reporter

Imagine 50,000 screaming fans filling the stands at the Rogers Centre for the Toronto Blue Jays' final home series against the Boston Red Sox. Picture Roy Halladay taking the mound with Toronto battling for a playoff spot.

The Jays aren't the second-place team, but they are still in the running. The buzz around the building hasn't been felt this late in the season since the back-to-back World Series. Under baseball's current plan, this scenario is highly unlikely. But the Jays and 21 other teams could benefit if the playoff structure changed.

If you were to place all professional sports leagues on the political spectrum, Major League

Baseball would be on the right wing. As the most conservative sports organization of the big four (MLB, NHL, NFL and the NBA), baseball has continually fought change.

As the NHL and NBA playoff races heat up, it's clear the excitement level peaks this time of year. Sixteen clubs qualify for the post-season in both of those leagues, while just eight participate in playoff baseball. Commissioner Bud Selig has resisted the urge to add more playoff teams but it's time for a change.

While the grand old game has been embroiled in a steroid scandal, it continues to fight for fans who crave a sport with more instant gratification. Three-hour games and six-month long seasons do little to satisfy this, and allowing fewer than a quarter of clubs into the playoffs gives little hope to excitement-starved fans.

The current system gives the six

division champions and two wild-card teams access to the post-season. This means that 22 of 30 clubs will not play in October. It took nearly 100 years for baseball to cave in to a divisional system (in 1969) that increased TV revenue and overall interest.

Now MLB finds itself in a similar situation as the other three leagues have stolen viewers and generated more interest. Purists argue that the exclusivity of baseball's playoffs makes the game unique and gives greater meaning to the championship rounds. These are valid points, but there are millions of dollars being spent by the majority of teams, many of whom know by June their hopes for post-season glory have faded.

When a team like Toronto is already up against two of the richest clubs in the game in New York and Boston in the American League East, the last thing its fan base needs is to be eliminated

from title contention with a month or more remaining.

The vast majority of clubs suffer this fate and with thousands of supporters paying high prices for tickets, they need to believe their club has a legitimate chance of competing for a championship.

Hope springs eternal at this time of year as every team has a clean slate, but with a limited number

of post-season opportunities, many of these loyal, paying customers are let down. Increasing the number of playoff berths would generate more money for the league and keep fans in the ballparks all season long.

Most importantly, it would restore hope to fans in competitive markets and make September baseball relevant again.



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The Rogers Centre could see a boost in attendance if the Blue Jays were involved in a playoff chase late in the season.

Rogers Television will continue covering OCAA sports

Radmila Malobabic
SPORTS REPORTER

The OCAA Championships are the most anticipated games of the season and Rogers Television is a local station that airs most of the championship games.

"It's a big challenge to focus on locally, as much as possible," said Mike Patterson, senior manager of sports and sponsorship at Rogers.

"Our motto is 'local matters', so we have a number of challenges when we try to air games. We can't all the time be perfect, but we try."

The last OCAA game aired on Rogers was the all-star basketball game, pre-recorded from Durham College. The most recent game covered at Humber was a men's basketball game on Dec. 1 when the Sheridan Bruins came to the North Campus.

"We have stations in three provinces, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Ontario," Patterson said. "We have contracts with a lot of (Ontario Hockey League) teams, peewee hockey teams, colleges and high schools. So we don't air many OCAA games."

But Patterson said the peak hours for Rogers are between 6 p.m. and 11 p.m.

"Mike (Patterson) is always on the go, in meetings all the time, making deals with different teams and schools," said Gavin Lumsden, supervising mobile producer in Ottawa. "He's the man when it

comes to sports on Rogers."

Patterson said most local games are in Ontario and the focus is on OHL games more than OCAA.

"We usually air OCAA championship games, more than any other. We don't get a Maple Leaf audience, but we get more viewers when we air big games like that."

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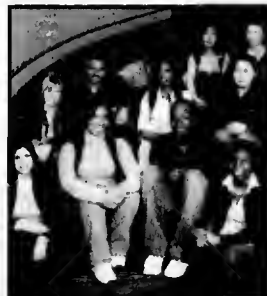
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"It doesn't matter to us who is in net ... Even if Jesus is in net, we'll try to beat him." – Canadiens coach Guy Carbonneau on facing another backup goalie

Super Wilkins volleyball brothers

Radmila Malobabic
SPORTS REPORTER

The Sudbury-born Wilkins brothers have been coaching volleyball for more than 10 years and playing for more than 20.

"Wayne was always the boss, at least he tried to be," said their mom, Linda Johnston. "They were good kids growing up – always playing volleyball since they were young. It was a priority."

They moved to Toronto in their teens and both attended Humber College. Wayne played for the Hawks for four years and Chris for two.

Chris, 35, vice-president of a telecom company and younger brother "by two years and 19 days," is the women's coach, while Wayne, 37, is an account executive at Bell Canada and coaches the men's team.

The *Et Cetera* had the opportunity to talk with the coaches about their personal and professional lives.

Q: Was there a brotherly bond when you were growing up?

Chris: Absolutely. As much as we joke around about our rivalries between each other, he's my best friend.

Wayne: Oh come on, we fought like cats and dogs, actually.

Q: What is one of the fondest memories you have of your childhood with your brother?

Chris: We did a lot of stupid stuff as two boys growing up. My mom was a single mom raising us both. The best thing that I could remember, he was teaching me how to fish when we were younger. We decided to fish inside the house and he used me as bait and caught me with a hook and proceeded to reel me in. I have a scar from that on the top of my lip.

Wayne: That was a good one, but what I remember from our childhood is everything we did, we were against each other. I was older so if I was winning, I must have been cheating. Although, there was a time when he got me back for the lip thing, he put me through a window. I think we're kind of even on that one.

Q: What sports did you play in high school?

Wayne: I played football. I was quarterback and we were about two weeks into our season and they cancelled the program. That's what got me started in volleyball.

Q: Did you date the same girls?

Chris: No, we fought over the same ones but one of us always won out.

Wayne: Well, we might have fought over them, but I dated them.

Q: Did you bring home any championships?

Chris: We were members of the first Canadian team to go down and win U.S. nationals men's championships and that was a club team. When I played for Humber, we placed second in Ontario.

Wayne: We went to Rochester, New York where we qualified for U.S. nationals, and then the all-star team went to Memphis, Tennessee and that's when we won. At Humber, I got a lot of silver medals in Ontario.

Q: Why did you choose volleyball?

Chris: The team aspect of it is very different from many other sports that are so dependant on one player, like a Michael



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Chris Wilkins (right) says he sometimes feels he coaches the men's team because of the input he has with Wayne (left).

Jordan who can shoot 60 points. Volleyball I truly believe you can't win with just one player, you need everybody touching the ball.

Wayne: After football got cancelled I wanted to play sports. I had played volleyball in middle school and I knew the game.

Q: Have you ever played with each other on a team?

Chris: It's funny. I was a junior, he was a senior in high school and I was called up to play with the senior team. I played with him as a back up; we both played the same position.

Then when he came to Humber, I wasn't there at the time, but I came back and actually coached him here. I was an assistant coach for the men's team.

Then I decided to come back to school and he finished and then he became my coach.

Wayne: Very confusing Chris. But you know the thing I can say about Chris when he plays and when we were together on the team, he was passionate about playing and he was going to give you his all every time.

Q: As a coach what is something you frequently say to your team to bring them together?

Chris: As a coach I try to get the closeness that Humber has as a family. My mother-in-law works here in the office, my brother coaches, so it becomes a family thing. I say the very first day of practice and the last day of practice, "Trust each other like you trust your family and we'll be on the right path."

Wayne: I don't think it's very easy. We have a bunch of different students of all races and ages working together. What looks to be a weakness works out to be our strength. I remind them, 'we've all had struggles but

without teamwork, nothing will be accomplished.'

Q: Are your wives thinking of assisting in coaching?

Chris: Well, my wife was the assistant coach last year so she may come back. It is a little difficult with a newborn. She's eager to come back for sure.

Wayne: My wife is a Humber Alumni and she played for the team and worked in the office, but I'm not sure.

Q: Where did you meet your wives?

Wayne: I met my wife in high school. We came to Humber together.

Chris: I met my wife here at Humber. I was in my last year and she was in her first year. I was playing and coaching. So, I was playing on the men's team and the assistant coach of the women's team and she was playing on the women's team.

Q: How do you manage your time?

Wayne: I have three kids, a wife and a job. It's diligent time management. Everything goes into my calendar, every ounce of time I spend with my family. It's tough. I honestly think the reason it works is because of my wife. At the end of the day without her support, none of this works.

Chris: It is really tough being in an environment that you can have flexible hours and a forgiving boss. I'm on my Blackberry all the time.

Q: Who is your favourite pro athlete?

Wayne: I have so many, but I would have to say guys that strike me as true professionals – Larry Birds of the world. I think his dedication to excellence is incredible. The Michael Jordans too, you know. I'm a big work ethic guy.

Q: What do you like to do for fun?

Wayne: I'm a video game junkie. My son and I get a kick out of that.

Chris: Golf. A lot of golf. I also play on a slow pitch baseball team with Humber friends. That's about it; I also drink and go boating.

Q: You are both very busy, how often do your families get together?

Chris: It's hard. We always talk about this. He's on the go, I'm on the go and obviously we are the key parts in bringing our families together.

Sometimes we have to stop and say this weekend we have to get together, we're coming over for a barbeque.

Wayne: Family is everything to me. Chris and I are very tight and I think there's a reason why we are 30-plus years old and haven't moved away from each other. There is a bond we have, like he said we spend every holiday together.

Q: At the end of the day, what makes this all worthwhile?

Wayne: I think you start to sum up your accomplishments and when you get a chance to sit back, a lot of this is worthwhile. My kids are a great accomplishment, my marriage, this team and there are up years and down years.

Chris: It's going to sound corny, but my daughter for sure. This year it's been a new experience with a newborn. There have been times this year when we lost to Nipissing, and in the past where I would go home, and watch the game tapes and be pissed off for three or four days. Now, this year I would still be mad but I would walk away from it, like all that's forgotten because she doesn't know any different. By far my home life is the best.