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Amy J. Shields

The women's soccer team celebrates its Ontario college final win. It is in Kelowna, B.C. this week for the national championships.



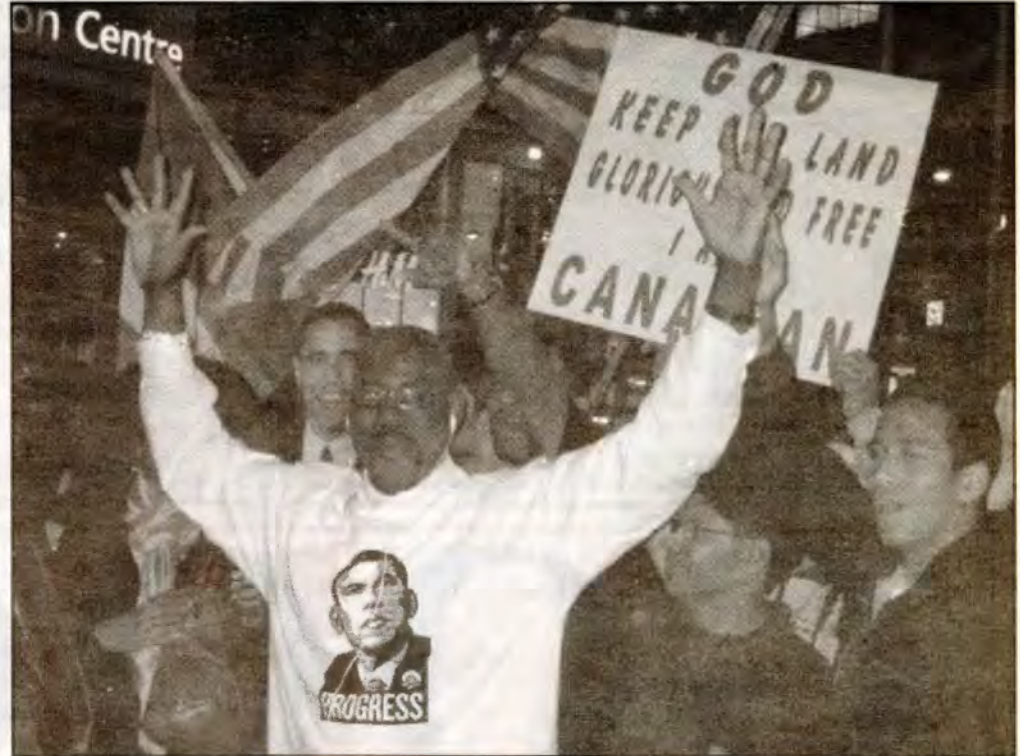
Remembrance Day

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Democrats expanded their Senate seats in Tuesday's U.S. election, but fell short of a majority to block Republican procedural hurdles that can kill legislation. — CNN.com



David Lidstone



Joan Porter

Toronto Mayor David Miller and Robert Bell of Democrats Abroad election night. Obama supporters line the streets of Young and Dundas square in celebration.

T.O. celebrates Obama victory

Hundreds pack downtown to cheer the man 'who will change the world'

Keith Roberts
NEWS REPORTER

Hundreds of supporters jammed Toronto's Dundas Square to celebrate the historic election of America's first black president.

"Amen is all I have to say — Amen! Amen, Amen," said Tahnee Lloyd-Smith at Dundas Square, shortly after Obama's victory was announced.

"It has to change the world," Lloyd-Smith added. "Not only do you have a young president, you have a black president and you have a new presi-

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—Jim Creighton
Business administration student

dent." First-year film and television student Molly Ratcliffe said she fully supports Obama.

"If I was American, I'd vote for him — I'm kind of disappointed that

I couldn't."

"He's made a lot of promises. I think he recognizes that America isn't the land of dreams and I think he really is willing to try and fix it as much as possible," said Rartcliffe.

Second-year business administration student Jim Creighton said he thinks it will be interesting to see how Obama handles the current economic crisis.

"I think he's a great speaker and he's going to be a good leader," said Creighton.

"So hopefully he can push them through the economy problems that are going on right now."

Araba Ocran-Caesar celebrated outside of Harlem Lounge at Richmond Street East and Church Street, after watching Obama's victory speech in the bar.

"I'm shivering right now," Ocran-Caesar said. "I'm a little bit in disbelief but I'm ecstatic."

"It's amazing. It's something I never thought would be possible during my lifetime, that's why I'm out celebrating."

Professor of Canada-U.S. relations at the University of Toronto, Stephen Clarkson, said in the short-term, Obama's election is going to have a "huge impact on morale" in the U.S. Something Canada will likely share in because of how close, geographically, the country is to America.

The 'medium term', said Clarkson, is what will affect Canada most.

Clarkson said Canada is at the bottom of America's priority list and is "unlikely to get much attention in Obama's Washington except to not withdraw from Afghanistan."

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Clarkson said he doesn't believe there is any presumed good will between Obama and Prime Minister Stephen Harper's government.

"The U.S. system is moving toward the centre," said Clarkson about the election of Obama. "Canada is moving toward the right."

"It will be on Ottawa to shift from a Bush-type policy — ignoring Kyoto, taking a military approach — to be more liberal."

Clarkson said there is not likely to be many long-term effects because presidents go into re-election mode after three years.

The Canadian Biography Channel's Canada Decides America's Next President poll had Obama with 86 per cent of the vote while McCain received only 14 per cent.



The 411

Local

Ontario's Finance Minister Dwight Duncan declared Ontario a 'have not' province for the first time in Canadian history. The province is now set to receive \$347 million in federal equalization handouts. Ontario is struggling because of its reliance on selling goods to the U.S.

— theglobeandmail.com

National

Quebec Premier Jean Charest has called for a provincial election Dec. 8, 2008. Charest spoke with Quebec's lieutenant-governor Pierre Duchesne and asked him to dissolve the National Assembly and send Quebecers to the polls. Charest wants to focus his campaign on his ability to manage the economic crisis.

— canada.com

International

One of Osama bin Laden's sons flew to Spain this week and requested asylum after being denied British residency. The Spanish government says 27-year-old Omar bin Laden arrived in Madrid on Monday on a flight from Cairo and Casablanca, Morocco. Omar has not renounced his father, but has said he wants to be an "ambassador for peace" between the Muslim world and the West. Spain did not know on what grounds asylum was being sought.

— thestar.com

Barrie Police said last night the body of Brandon Crisp, 15, was found near his abandoned bike. Crisp disappeared Oct. 13 after a fight with his parents. — *thestar.com*



Dila Velazquez



Keith Roberts

Many Canadians filled the streets as news of Obama's presidency was announced.

Andrew Stivelman (left) and Patty Hayes at the Democrats Abroad celebration.

History in the making

World excited to see what president-elect's 'phenomenal' dream will become once he is in office

David Lidstone
NEWS REPORTER

Yes he could and he did. Barack Obama is the next president of the United States after his historic victory Tuesday night. The moment was shared all across the world. Toronto Mayor David Miller attended the Obama victory party at the Flamingo Plaza on Tuesday. He came out in full support of Obama and is excited about the president elect's future. "It's so exciting," said Miller. "I've had the privilege of meeting him and hearing him speak. He's an extraordinary man, will be an extraordinary president, and I just can't believe this is happening. I never thought I'd see this day. He represents a clear vision of the future of America. I hope that we have somebody in our country that

can represent such a clear vision for our country." The mayor also agreed with Obama on comments he made about cities. "Obama said 'for too long we thought that cities are the problem,' said Miller. "They're not the problem, they're the solution. He spoke so eloquently about why cities are the future of the U.S. and Canada." Democrats Abroad Canada Chairwoman Adrienne Jones celebrated at the Flamingo Plaza with fellow Obama supporters. "Obama's superb. He's run a flawless campaign. If he runs his country like he ran his campaign then we are in good shape," said Jones. "I'm so thrilled, we're all euphoric and delighted. I think it's going to make a huge difference to the United States, their policies and their relationship with Canada and the rest of the world." Former Democratic National Committeeman Robert Bell was on hand to help out at the Obama Party. "I think it's phenomenal. His story is so inspiring if you've read his books and know from where he came. It's just a wonderful dream story," said Bell. "The age of arrogance in the United States is over and I think Barack Obama as president of the United States will listen to the concerns of Canada, which

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—Robert Bell
Former Democratic National Committeeman

will be a change from the last eight years of Bush." At the more subdued Republicans Abroad party, Chairman Mark Feigenbaum took a wait and see attitude. "It's going to be an interesting four years. We'll see how he works with the economy and the other issues that Americans face," said Feigenbaum, "I don't know if Obama is as interested in free trade as McCain, but we'll see if trade does diminish or become more expensive with the US." Humber Students Federation president Mike Berg wants to see how Obama handles the economic crisis. "I do like Obama's campaign for change, I think it's important and that it's probably what a lot of Americans are looking for," said Berg. "It's one thing to make a lot of elaborate promises. But when it comes down to it, if you try to implement some of these things with the economic crisis that we have, you could put your country and the whole world into more economic peril." First-year business administration student Prashant Malani lived in the U.S. up until last July. Malani gave his predictions on Obama's future. "I think he'll do a good job, but there will be a lot of controversy sur-

rounding him," said Malani. "They'll be a lot of pressure because he's the first black president." Another Humber student following the election was first-year architectural technologies student Andrew Cabral. "It seems like he wants to help people who are less fortunate," said

Cabral several hours prior to the results. "I think Obama worked a lot harder than McCain, and in his speeches it seemed like he really talked to the people." Obama won the presidency over John McCain winning 349 electoral votes against McCain's 147.

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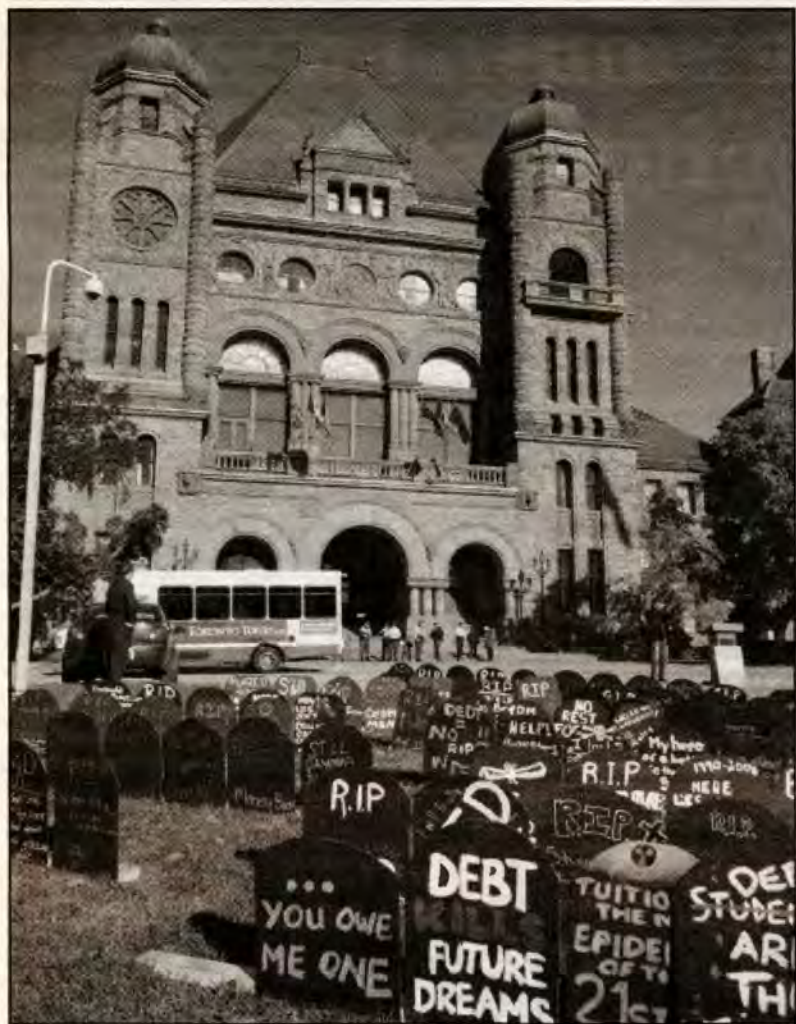
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Tombstones representing growing student debt were displayed at a Drop Fees rally outside Queens Park on Oct. 30.

Miguel Agawin

Students voice concerns over high tuition costs

Miguel Agawin
NEWS REPORTER

Students dressed as zombies held a rally last week protesting 'the death of affordable education'.

At a Halloween-themed rally held by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) in front of Queen's Park, students used mock coffins and tombstones inscribed with their real debt situations.

CFS chairperson for Ontario Shelley Melanson addressed the crowd in a mock eulogy.

"With all this mounting debt, our students are beginning to look more and more like the undead," she said.

Melanson said tuition fees have increased up to 36 per cent in the last four years. She said this means a four-year degree could cost a student up to \$28,000.

A third-year human rights and sociology student at Carleton University, Melanson said she owes \$17,000 in loans.

According to the CFS website, the average tuition for a diploma or certificate program at Humber College is \$2,900 and the average cost to

obtain a degree is \$5,100.

CFS kicked off its Drop Fees campaign at the rally last week. The goal is to get as many signatures on a petition that urges Premier Dalton McGuinty's government to lower tuition fees.

"Our biggest strategy is that we have numbers."

—Lisa De Montbrun
Drop Fees spokesperson

Drop Fees spokesperson Lisa De Montbrun said "our biggest strategy is that we have numbers."

More than 11,000 signatures were collected last week alone. Those interested can add to the petition by visiting www.dropfees.ca.

Ryerson student Muhammad Ali Jabbar, 24, said he works two to three part-time jobs just to survive, adding if he worked all summer he still couldn't afford his tuition.

Owing about \$32,000, Jabbar said he wasn't able to get scholarships because he wasn't poor enough.

Melanson said college and univer-

sity is becoming a requirement for many entry level jobs in Canada's knowledge-based economy.

New Democrat MPP Rosario Marchese attended the rally and criticized McGuinty's Reaching Higher plan which has increased tuition according to the CFS website.

"This Reaching Higher plan has been reaching into your pockets now for the last couple of years, leaving you in debt," Marchese told the crowd. "It should be the obligation of government to help you, not to hurt you," he said.

Liberal MPP for Toronto Centre George Smitherman was not available for comment.

Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities spokesperson Greg Flood defended his government saying it has invested \$465 million to help students pay for their college or university education. That money includes the textbook and technology grant and \$27 million over three years for distance grants covering transportation costs for students who travel from far.

Vandalism prompts removal of couches

College spends \$35K to \$60K a year on damage caused by residents

Darcie Springall
NEWS REPORTER

Residence management was forced to remove new furniture from the dining hall last week because of vandalism.

"It's unfortunate that something like this even happens," said second-year student Jon Matys who lives in residence. "Everyone who lives here is 17 years old or over, and should know better."

As part of the initiative to make the dining hall more comfortable, residence administration installed new leather couches and chairs, new dining tables, a ping-pong table, and foosball tables. A pool table and large television screen were also on the way.

However the couches, chairs and a number of tables were removed from the dining hall last week after a vandal deliberately ripped the arm of one of the chairs.

"We understand it was one individual who did it, and we don't want

to punish everyone for it," said Lynn Newhouse, associate director of campus services, and manager of Humber Residences.

No information was provided regarding the culprit.

"The intention is to bring the furniture back as soon as we can, but not until we have cameras in place so we have a better idea of what is going on. I didn't expect that we would have abuse like that already."

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—Lynn Newhouse
manager of Humber residence

According to Newhouse, residence pays \$35,000 to \$60,000 in damages each year. The money could be better spent in other places, such as programs for students who live on campus, she said.

But she said vandalism within residence is down from 2007, said Newhouse, and the new cameras on each floor are a factor.

"We're trying to hold people more accountable for their damages so the whole floor isn't held responsible,"



Darcie Springall

The dining hall in residence is a few seats short after brand new leather couches and chairs were vandalised and removed.

she said. "And so far this year in comparison to previous years, the damages have been fewer."

Keeping residence clean and damage-free is as important to the staff as it is to the residents.

"It's embarrassing when I have friends from home visiting and the floor has been trashed or we can't use the lounges because someone

made a huge mess," said second-year student Cailey Foy.

Newhouse's advice is to report damage or leave an anonymous tip with a resident assistant or the front desk when you see someone damaging property.

"It's a community you live in, and everyone's responsible for this community," she said.

HSF audit taking time

David Lipson
SENIOR REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation 2007-08 financial audit is taking longer than usual, said executive director Ercole Perrone.

"Normally it should be done by September," he said.

Humber switched auditors this year from Ernst and Young to BDO Dunwoody.

"I think basically is just that we have new auditors," said Humber financial service director John Sutton. "So the information that would have been there for continuity purposes isn't going to be there — it's just taking a little with respect to getting things finalized."

Sutton said the slow transition between auditors, summer holidays, and his absence while on sick leave contributed to the delay.

"At this point there are no issues," said BDO Dunwoody partner Robert Bradbury. "It's just simply that we need to get together and get the audit complete."

Perrone said the audit is about 65 per cent done and should be finished in November.

"They do understand the time constraints," he said. "We need to present it to the membership."

HSF's operating and capital budget during the 2007-08 fiscal year was \$5,092,169.

Michael Jackson denied he would be taking part in any Jackson 5 reunion, making the effort a little harder than ABC. — *canada.com*

Water, bread and Internet?



Delossantos

Many Canadians would stop buying DVDs before cutting off Internet or cell phone service.

Claude Saravia
Biz/TECH REPORTER

The recent state of the economy may cause people to give up things they are not used to going without.

But don't ask Canadians to get rid of their cell phones or Internet services.

A new survey released Oct. 22 by the Toronto based Solutions Research Group (SRG) found most Canadians would rather cut down on entertainment spending. This includes such things as buying DVDs and video games, or going out to movies and concerts.

But spending on cell phone and Internet usage will remain virtually unchanged.

"I don't agree that cell phones are

as essential as food and water," said Eric Sich, 21, a first-year industrial design student. "But I need to have a phone so I can stay in touch with people."

"I guess that means technology is more important and more of a factor these days."

—Mateo Cruz
first-year electronics engineering student

People interviewed in the survey said they would consider cutting

down their cell phone bills by trimming minutes, switching plans, or eliminating extra features. However, most view cell phone and Internet service as essential and would be unwilling to part with it.

"I think it all revolves around people having this inner desire to know right away and because the cell phone and the Internet allows them to do that, then those are mediums that they don't want to give up," said Richard YipChuck, a Humber business professor. "It's not just the younger generation; it is the older generation too."

Mateo Cruz, 18, a first-year electronics engineering student, said if he was forced to cut something from his budget, it would be cable. He sees the Internet as essential, but he

could live without his cell phone.

"I guess that means technology is more important and more of a factor these days," he said.

Despite a looming global recession, Rogers recently announced its profits have doubled compared to its last quarter. This seems to mirror the survey's findings, as a large part of Rogers profits come from cell phone and Internet sales.

"Once humans start satisfying a need they have it is hard to give it up," said YipChuck. "If things were going really bad in my household, one of the last things I would give up is the Internet."

Sich agreed. "The Internet, it's not essential, but without it, it sure makes life more boring."

Online classes gain popularity

Brad Lemaire
NEWS REPORTER

With the Internet changing the way students learn, the demand for online education has skyrocketed.

Humber College now offers 250 classes online in 30 certificate programs and two diploma courses.

For the 2010 year, Humber plans to introduce five new degree programs online, said Ruth Hickey, Open Learning Centre manager at the North Campus.

Hickey said the college aims to help students start using technology to further their careers.

She said the Open Learning Centre helps address the needs of the online student.

Humber is one of the few colleges in the province that offer on-campus support for virtual students.

Hickey warns, however, that e-classes are not for everyone.

"Some students have a perception that e-courses are easier, but in reality the individual must be well organized and self-motivated because they are structured like any regular in-class environment," she said.

And despite its continued growth, online learning has the highest dropout rate.

"The problem of dropout rates in e-learning programs has been argued over at length without any consistent conclusions about the degree of the problem, or a clear understanding of what factors con-

tribute to learners dropping out, withdrawing or not completing e-learning course," said student support technician Naveed Aqeel.

Some faculty are timid about online education, said Hickey.

"Whenever something is new people are going to be apprehensive," she said. "Faculty are buying into it,

some more than others. There will be the occasional teacher who says students can only learn in the classroom and that is their philosophy."

Humber has sent examinations to

Canadians living abroad and to foreign residents in Hong Kong, Japan, China, the Dominican Republic and Jamaica.

Still, e-learning does not signal the end of the traditional classroom.

"The virtual class will never take away lecture classes," said Hickey. "Online education has its place and its time but you will never eliminate the traditional classroom."

There are real-time instructors leading workshops and lectures but the functionality of online education relies heavily on discussion boards.

"The online course requires a student to show good discipline and study habits," said Jim Jackson a professor and e-class instructor at Humber.

Jackson added e-students don't have to drive long distances to attend a class, which saves gas money. He said this can help to free up time for families and day care responsibilities.

"Online education has its place and its time but you will never eliminate the traditional classroom."

—Ruth Hickey
Open Learning Centre Manager

A smashing good time

Vanessa Federico
NEWS REPORTER

The Humber Students' Federation's fifth annual pumpkin throwing contest was a smashing success this week in the Student Centre.

Vince Reid and Lora Williams were the male and female winners. They each won a pair of Raptors tickets courtesy of HSF.

William's throw of a little over 30 feet scored her the tickets.

"I was not nervous at all, but maybe a little anxious," she said.

Vince Reid, winner of the male pair of tickets, tossed his pumpkin around 40 feet.

"The pumpkin toss is always a great way to end off Halloween," said HSF program director Aaron Miller. "The turn out of this event is always great."

"It's a shame this year we had to wait until after the weekend to toss the pumpkins because most of them were full of mould."

Williams said she already knew who she would take to the Raptors game.

"I think I'm going to take my

friend seeing as it's her birthday this week," she said.

Reid said "This is going to be my first Raptors game and I'm really excited. I'm actually really surprised I won. I love basketball and can't wait to go to the game."

Reid said his toss came despite the fact he didn't do any training over the weekend.

At the end of the event, there was only one thing Miller had left to say to the crowd:

"Is there anyone that is willing to enter the annual clean up pumpkin seeds contest?"



Vanessa Federico

This year's annual pumpkin toss was held three days after Halloween, causing some pumpkins to get mouldy.

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EDITORIAL

"Hope is itself a species of happiness, and, perhaps, the chief happiness which this world affords." – British author and lexicographer Samuel Johnson

Obama put to test

One hundred thousand people gathered at Grant Park in Chicago, Ill., this past Tuesday, and a million people stood in the streets to witness history first hand. They were there to see the Barack Obama, the first African-American to be elected president of the United States. The crowd waited with excitement to hear Obama speak once more about the hope and change he plans to bring to America. Although the world focused on him, he focused on the American people saying "this is our moment, this is our time." He framed his place in history through the story of Ann Dixon Cooper a 106-year-old woman from Atlanta. In doing so, Obama demonstrated he can both acknowledge the historic sense of his presidency while emphasizing the role of the American people in their own democracy and how they are creating change, rather than himself. It was an amazing moment to end a momentous election.

A little earlier in the evening a more subdued crowd listened to Republican candidate John McCain's concession speech. Ironically, McCain's last speech was his best as he conceded with grace and dignity, commending Obama for his historic achievement. As Obama would also later do, McCain pledged

to work with his former rival.

In the months to come and after January 2009, when Obama is inaugurated, the test will come as to whether he can live up to the exponential expectations set for him in the form of two wars, the economy and climate change – all of which he addressed in his speech. Canadians will have to watch how this new president deals with NAFTA, an issue that became controversial during the election, and Afghanistan, where Obama has promised to increase American presence but where Canada has promised to leave by 2011.

While pundits can guess and speculate as to how he will face those many challenges, it will be months before Obama can officially do anything. In spite of the time delay, the president-elect has already made one great accomplishment: he has moved the nation and the world with hope. He has inspired a nation where apathy is well-known and divisions run deep, and are still present as the closeness of the race – Obama won 51 per cent of the vote and McCain 48 per cent – makes clear, while also exciting populations around the world. The hope Obama brings to the White House and that he creates in others is truly something to recognize and applaud.



Soldiers died for stability

The approach of Remembrance Day is an especially important time to consider our soldiers fighting overseas. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's recent decision to abandon Afghanistan by 2011 and the rising discussion to negotiate with the Taliban are all indicative of an admission of failure in that region. By conceding to leave the Afghan populace to the whims of a notoriously brutal regime, we are not only walking away from an international duty, we are forsaking the 98 Canadians who died trying to instill peace and order.

In 2006, Harper gave a speech to Canadian soldiers in Kandahar. "Cutting and running is not the Canadian way, and it's not my way," he said to applause, as reported by CBC News. A major at the base said morale had never been higher after that speech.

Yet Harper is cutting and running, and he's doing it at a decidedly inopportune time. With Barack Obama now at the helm of the U.S., the world can expect coalition forces to receive a much-needed boost. Not only was Harper premature in that respect, but he made the choice before Gen. David Petraeus, who stifled an Iraqi insurgency once thought unbeatable, made an assessment of the Afghanistan situation. With Petraeus now overseeing operations in Afghanistan and a U.S. president-elect com-

mitted to success there, Canadians should feel disgraced our leaders decided to leave when the going got tough.

Harper's new stance on Afghanistan came at the cusp of a similar world-wide lethargy. International leaders, including Hamid Karzai, are calling for talks with the Taliban. But taking that stance is bound to be nearly as unproductive as a pullout. The Taliban are not looking for moderation on their end. In *Talking with the Taliban*, a special *Globe and Mail* report, Taliban fighters revealed that their main motivation for fighting is to expel non-Muslims from their land. Many fighters revealed that they would not stop fighting until every infidel was gone from Afghan territory. "We will continue as long as they are here," one fighter said.

The situation in Afghanistan cannot be half-won. We may question the original intention to go there, but the fact remains that a commitment to Afghanistan means just that – a commitment. We cannot expect to exacerbate a hotbed of militants, pull out, and not suffer serious consequences. In addition, Canada is disrespecting all of its troops, dead and alive, by giving up. Canadian politicians can flaunt poppies all they want, but their actions are speaking for themselves.

WORD ON THE STREET

What is your biggest addiction?



Charlee Craig, 18, fashion design

"Shopping. It makes me feel good. I like going out and finding new stuff to wear."



Noah Borer, 18, broadcast and television videography

"Sports. It entertains me."

Preet Rao, 21, management



"Smoking and coffee. Smoking because school is stressful and coffee because I don't get enough sleep."

Natasha Krywy, 22, funeral services



"Starbucks. I have all early classes and need caffeine. And it's better than Tim Hortons."

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"The difficult part in an argument is not to defend one's opinion, but rather to know it." — French author and critic André Maurois

Transit improvements must be priority, not expansion



Mike Bulko
Art Director

In a time where the federal Tories are calling for economic belt-tightening and 'city' remains a four-letter word, Mayor David Miller and Co. have proposed a capital budget for next year that is geared towards investing in crucial infrastructure. The city's plans for transit in particular will go a long way towards making Toronto an accessible city. The problem is these changes should have been implemented years ago.

The TTC is undergoing some massive work, with the purchase of 360 new subway cars, which will improve capacity by nine per cent overall. In addition, the budget calls for over 200 light rail vehicles to take over the aging streetcars, and the

implementation of 410 new buses over the next five years to replace the hybrid fleet, whose power cells have been malfunctioning after only 18 months. These changes go in hand with the continued work on the dedicated transit route along St. Clair West and an integrated TTC/GO facility at Kipling station.

It's exciting to hear the old, sham-

"While the promised funds do sound enticing, the implementation is where sincerity will be revealed."

bling Rocket will be getting such a facelift. The tragedy is our transit system could be much further ahead — and without all the fare hikes — if it wasn't for the provincial downloading of funding on to Toronto by the

provincial Mike Harris government and the wasteful spending of the '90s, including the cancelling of an already-in-construction Eglinton subway and the ill-advised investment in the near deserted Sheppard line. Thankfully, the recent ideas of expanding our antiquated system seem temporarily forgotten, while over \$400 million is allocated to improve the existing network.

Complimenting the financial dedication granted to transit this budget season is the significant attention given to the construction of bike lanes — something that has been grievously ignored over the past few years. Eight million dollars have been dedicated to cycling infrastructure this year, with the total investment reaching just over \$70 million by the end of 2012.

This increase seems like a critical change in attitude towards a plan that has been shuffling its feet for

years, despite the demonstrated need for an increased infrastructure. While the promised funds do sound enticing, the implementation is where sincerity will be revealed.

There's no point in throwing a lot of money at bike lanes if they are going to continue taking "the path of least resistance," as Councillor Adrian Heaps said, by proposing bike lanes based on ease-of-installation rather than the ridership levels of the area.

If this budget is an indication of City Hall's intentions, then it's good to see that Toronto is starting to catch up on the transit progress backlog of the past few years. While everyone is dreaming of grand TransitCity fantasies, getting our current infrastructure up to modern standards should be the priority before we start getting carried away with expansion.

Raptors putting faith in star trio



Zach Rhodes
News Editor

The Toronto Raptors start their 14th NBA season with an unfamiliar sense of optimism after an off-season trade landed them six-time former all-star Jermaine O'Neal.

Never before has Canada's only NBA team possessed such a potentially dominating trio as they offer now. Olympic gold medal winner Chris Bosh has been the cornerstone of the franchise for almost five years, and has grown into one of the NBA's finest players. Jose Calderon stepped up last season and proved he is capable of being one of the league's best point guards.

The newest addition, acquired from Indiana, ranked third in MVP voting only four seasons ago and was once considered one of the most dominating big men in the league.

Some might point out that O'Neal is past his prime, 30 years old and nothing close to the player he was. In the past four seasons, he has missed an average of 30 games while his stats slowly declined.

O'Neal has also faced some tough on-and-off-the-court issues. He had a number of surgeries on an often-injured knee and was part of the infamous 2004 brawl between the Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons that spilled into the stands and ended with nine player suspensions, including 15 games for O'Neal.

But despite his somewhat tainted reputation, O'Neal has said all the right things. He has told the media he knows the team belongs to Bosh, and reiterated he doesn't mind taking a backseat for the first time in his career. The Raptors medical staff says he is 100 per cent healthy. He says he is here to win a championship. If O'Neal really is ready to accept his role and help Toronto win, and not try and be the leader he once was, the Raptors might find themselves in legitimate contention come next April.

Sure, there have been impressive groups in the past. The 2001 Vince Carter-led team that made it deep in the playoffs comes to mind, as does the 2007 squad that added number one pick Andrea Bargnani.

But with O'Neal on the roster, and three potential all-star candidates in the starting line-up, critics are predicting the Raptors to be one of the best teams in the Eastern Conference. Having won the first three games, the future looks bright for this year's talented crew.

NFL only for States

Toronto can't support U.S.-style football



James Shea
Sports Editor

Toronto will never get an NFL franchise. Ever. Wait. Let me think about that for a moment. That came off pretty bold. Nope, that's still what I want to say. Toronto will never get an NFL franchise. Ever.

With the recent news that Toronto will be playing host to the Buffalo Bills for the next few years, the rumour mill has again begun to heat up with talk of a potential team north of the border.

I want to make one thing clear. I love the NFL, and much to the dismay of a very small percentage of my friends, I think it is a much better product than the CFL. So I am in no way biased when I say Toronto won't be getting an NFL team. I am just realistic.

There are several factors that come into play. Firstly, our beloved Rogers Centre falls well below the 65,000 minimum seating requirement to hold a franchise and no government entity has shown itself willing to divvy up the money for Toronto to get a new stadium.

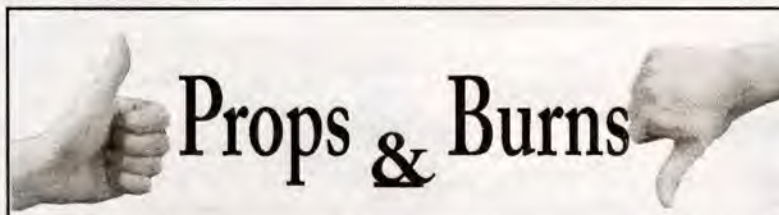
That isn't the only problem. The NFL is unlike any other professional sports league in North America in that it is almost entirely funded by television revenue. Currently, NBC, CBS, FOX and cable's television's ESPN pay a staggering \$21.4 billion

combined for the rights to broadcast NFL games to their viewers. Ticket sales amount to just less than 25% of a team's total intake. These big television corporations that make profits in U.S. dollars would have very little to gain and significant money to lose by setting up shop in Canada.

Toronto, justified or not, has also proven it is not good at supporting any other team outside of the Maple Leafs. This isn't even a hockey town as demonstrated by the sections of empty seats found at most Marlies, Roadrunners, and Majors games. Getting a capacity crowd to an Argos or Jays game is next to impossible, and the Raptors no longer sell-out the ACC. Toronto even lost the Toronto Phantoms, an arena football league team a few years ago due to lack of interest.

With so many U.S.-based teams finding success in the NFL, why would the league even consider abandoning what has already worked so well? An expansion team in Los Angeles seems the next probable destination, a sentiment shared by NFL commissioner Roger Goddell.

With a fluctuating Canadian dollar, a stadium seating capacity well below league minimum and significantly smaller television corporations as partners, does Toronto actually warrant an NFL franchise? With all of those variables and uncertainties, I have to think not.



To American voters who turned out in record numbers to vote in the 2008 presidential election.

To Senator John McCain for his gracious and dignifying concession speech on Tuesday night.

To Sébastien Trudel and Marc-Antoine Audette of Les Cerveaux D'Info on CKOI-FM in Montreal for prank calling vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin.

To scientists for finally proving a link between global warming and humans. Thanks.

To Ogema, Saskatchewan for making the shortlist for the 2008 International Awards for Liveable Communities.

To Daylight Savings for increasing energy consumption, according to a recent American study.

To doorknobs and TV remotes for being hotbeds of germ activity.

To a South Carolina man who, fearing robbers, opened fire on trick-or-treaters with an assault rifle and killed a twelve-year old boy.

To the U.S. military for allegedly bombing a wedding party in southern Afghanistan and killing 33 civilians.

To California for approving a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

Commonly touched areas such as door knobs, refrigerator doors, childrens' toys and light switches cause 40 per cent of cold germs. — *The Globe and Mail*

Military fashion inspired by war



Joana Draghici

Game programming student Alexis Matar, 25, bought his camouflage coat from Canadian Tire for \$80.

Joana Draghici
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

The bright-red poppy pinned to the military-style coat of the doorman at Holt Renfrew in Yorkville is as much a fashion statement as it is a symbol of remembrance.

"Let's admit it, anybody dressed in uniform is attractive," said Natty King-Stewart, the manager of Holt Renfrew women's design. "Women feel empowered, strong, and independent dressed in masculine clothes."

Annie Long, a fashion specialist at Holt Renfrew, said she has been lusting over the captain's coat with a double-breasted silhouette, notch collar, and gleaming crest buttons.

"I'll wait for it to go on sale," she said. "The military style gives you the feeling of authority while still preserving a sense of femininity."

Whether women shop at the Gap,

H&M or Zara or chase after the latest designer collections of Marc Jacobs, Balenciaga, or Alexander McQueen, they will encounter one common trend — military inspired apparel.

"The trend always comes in during stress of wartime," said Pamela D'Ettoire a fashion arts instructor.

Regular military clothes become street-wear by changing the cut and colour to khaki, pink or even gold. She said the trend can also be seen in accessories such as square brimmed hats, boots, and high-gloss jewelry.

Structured contemporary designs fused with military colours, details, and trims can be seen on a variety of items from skirts, cargo pants, and coats to hats, backpacks and dog-tags.

The trend has attracted men just as much as women.

"I am crazy about the army trend," said Alexis Matar a game program-

ming student who sported a three-quarter-length camouflage jacket he purchased at Canadian Tire for \$80.

"If I could, I would wear everything in this style," said Matar.

Ike Geist, owner of the AAA Army Surplus store in Kensington Market, said he has watched the trend grow immensely over his 44 years in business.

"Army clothes are a way for young people to rebel," he said.

Andrew Hominuk, a sales associate at the store, said everyone likes the bomber jacket, and camouflage can be sexy.

He said nothing is as durable as army apparel and people shop at the store for the quality.

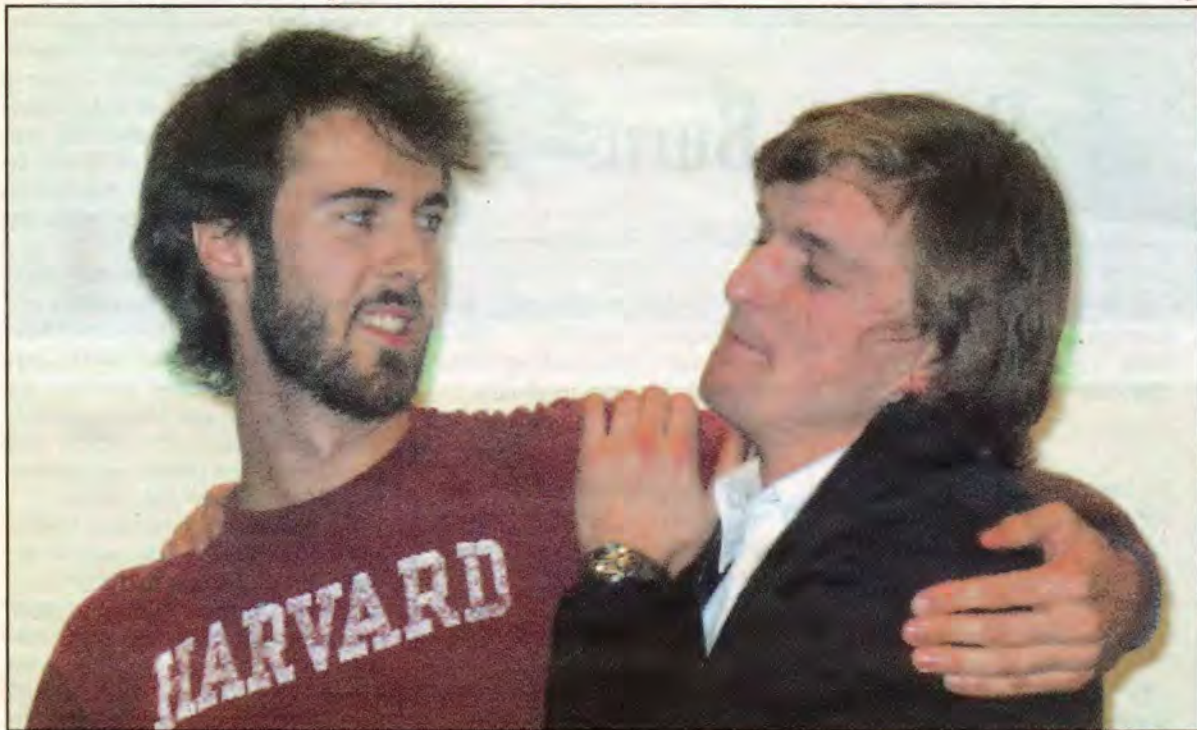
He noted some items do double duty. Shoppers may want to invest in the army poncho for example, not only for its high-fashion status, but it can easily be converted into a half-shelter if they ever need to duck for cover from the rain in the city.



Joana Draghici

Leslie Piediahita, 18, a spa management student shows off her waisted army girl jacket from Urban Behavior, priced at \$20.

Amnesty Idol to raise money for human rights



Melissa Sundardas

Alex Maveal, third-year media studies student at Guelph-Humber, and his improv partner auditioned for Amnesty Idol to help raise money and attention for those deprived of their human rights.

Melissa Sundardas
A&E REPORTER

Fighting human rights violations can be entertaining, thanks to Amnesty Idol.

Potential performers auditioned last week with guitars, scripts and dance moves for the Nov. 13 event.

Manthusha Maheson, president of the Amnesty International club at Guelph-Humber said it's the clubs duty to help the less fortunate.

"It's very important to help out and make sure people in different parts of the world have the same rights as we do because we are very, very lucky," she said. "We have freedom to education, freedom of life, freedom to get a job, and freedom of religion, and there are so many people who are unfortunate to not have those rights."

Amnesty Idol hopes to raise money and attention for those denied of their human rights.

Along with the show, there will be a raffle with prizes such as a TV and camera. Pizza and pop will also be available for purchase.

Aliyyah Nazeem, vice president of the Amnesty International club at Guelph-Humber, said while club members are serious about the cause, they want to have fun to raise awareness.

Students came to show more than their talents. They came to help pro-

mote the message that human rights violations should be an important issue for everyone.

Nazeem said the club's goal for its first event is to raise awareness. Alex Maveal, a third-year Guelph-Humber student who was auditioning for Amnesty Idol, said the cause takes an extra importance given Humber's diverse student body.

"We do have a lot of international students in Guelph-Humber and Humber."

Maveal said issues around the world affect a lot of students at the school, so it's absolutely something that we should all be interested in supporting.

Maheson said she isn't looking for auditions to be perfect; she just wants people to come out and support, donate and have some fun.

She said that there is so much talent around the campus and the club wants to get everyone involved instead of having a group of people who all know each other, so they decided to hold an audition.

The winner of Amnesty Idol is chosen a little differently from the way American Idol does it.

Participants are able to bribe the judges with donations so the person with the most donations will be the winner.

Amnesty Idol will take place Nov. 13 in the student centre from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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Maggie Cameron

A homeless man panhandles outside Kent Senior Public School. The Out of the Cold program offers him a warm place to go.

Out of the Cold ready for winter

Toronto's homeless will continue to have a safe place to eat and sleep when the frost hits the streets

Maggie Cameron
LIFE REPORTER

Snowfall before November offers up some grim expectations for the winter that lies ahead, but perhaps more grim is the thought of Toronto's homeless spending the nights on the streets.

Toronto's Out of the Cold program offers refuge for the city's homeless, keeping as many bodies warm and bellies full as its facilities will allow.

The Out of the Cold network includes several Toronto area churches and synagogues. Each opens its doors to those in need and provides a hot meal and a warm place to sleep. The religious institutions work together to ensure there is always at least one place open each night during the cold months from November to April.

The program hopes to bring the homeless off the streets, when the winter nights reach dangerously cold temperatures. In order for that to happen, the program relies heavily on volunteers.

Larry Wulff has volunteered for the

Out of the Cold program for several years at the First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto.

"Volunteering has always been quite a positive experience and I enjoy it," he said. "It is something I feel I should do to help those less fortunate. There is always a need for more volunteers."

A 2006 City of Toronto survey counted 5,052 homeless on the streets and in the shelters of Toronto on a single night.

The program doesn't offer any solutions to the problem of homelessness, but at least it keeps people safe and warm through the winter," said Amy Bilodeau, a project management student with a degree in sociology. "Everyone has the right to shelter."

First-year creative photography student Brent Bickford said he worries about the city's homeless.

"I can't even fathom what it would be like to sleep outside in the winter in Toronto," Bickford said. "It would be completely awful."

To find out about volunteering, or where to donate coats, blankets or clothes, visit www.ootc.ca/

Photo of the week



Chris Kellyman

Second-year journalism student and sports reporter, Chris Kellyman, took this photo from behind a tree in Maple. Chris captured the coloured leaves silhouetted by the sunrise on the horizon.

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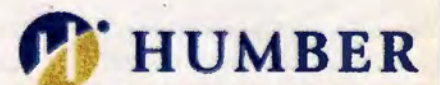
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Poppies for People

Adrienne Middlebrook
IN FOCUS

Every November poppies appear on the breast of Canadians' shirts and jackets in honour of soldiers who have served and fallen in war, but the symbolic flower's significance is sometimes lost.

"When poppies are distributed, a lot of children don't know what Remembrance Day is about just because they can't relate," said Grade 1 teacher Jill Klodnicki. "It happened so long ago. I try to relate it to wars happening now to make it more relevant."

The poppy has stood as a symbol of remembrance since 1921. The commemorative flower came to being from the poppies which grew over soldiers graves in Flanders, France. Fields that were once barren were covered in poppies following the war due to lime in the soil.

"I think people wear poppies because they've heard the poem *In Flanders Fields*," said Humber sociology professor John Steckley. "They

may have never seen the flower, know the battles Canadians fought in or know what country Flanders is in."

"I am fortunate in having a photo of my uncle who served in World War I."

—John Steckley
sociology professor

This year's poppy campaign will distribute over 19 million poppy pins across Canada. All the money raised will go to help surviving veterans.

This year's poppy campaign began Oct. 24 and will run until Remembrance Day on Nov. 11. Poppies are for sale at various out-

lets throughout Humber's campuses. On Remembrance Day, students are encouraged to participate in a ceremony on the concourse at North Campus at 11 a.m.

"I was surprised when I saw my first live poppy," said Steckley, "It wasn't flat with a pin on it."

"I am fortunate in having a photo of my uncle who served in World War I. He is my poppy, although I also wear one with the pin every year."

Keeping memories alive today

Adrienne Coling
SPECIAL TO THE ET CETERA

The 90th anniversary of the end of the First World War will be marked by Humber staff and students on Remembrance Day.

"We are having ceremonies at both campuses to ensure all students have a place to pay their respects on this important day," said Val Hewson, the executive assistant to the president and the Board of Governors.

The ceremonies will be held on Nov. 11 beginning at 10:45 a.m.

On North Campus, the ceremony will be held at the concourse outside the bookstore. At Lakeshore it will be by the cafeteria by the learning centre in H building.

Rich Frescott, a second-year business student said he enjoyed last year and will attend again this year.

"I am glad to hear that the college is going to do something again, especially because of the anniversary," Frescott said. "I went last year and it was surprisingly emotional for a lot of people our age. It was really nice to have our school come together to remember those who have fought for all that we have now."

Carey French, a co-ordinator for the journalism, returns for his fifth year as the master of ceremonies on North Campus.

"I think this is a good thing that we're involved in," French said. "It's always a touching ceremony involving all levels of the college, including passersby, veterans and even children from the campus daycare centre."

French wants students to try to take something valuable from the ceremony beyond a moment of silence.

"I would hope that people realize that this kind of respect and remembrance shouldn't just be for 15 minutes a year," he said.

"We should all feel a sense of obligation and respect for those who do things in our names, regardless of politics."

The ceremony will end with a prayer led by the North Campus chaplain Rev. Len Thomas and the traditional moment of silence.



A veteran six decades later

Nicole McIsaac and Leslie Wilks
IN FOCUS

As a flight lieutenant with the British Royal Air Force during the Second World War, Bohdan Ejbick spent over 440 hours in the air defending the British coastline.

Now he lives happily in Canada with his wife.

"I was chasing U-boats," said Ejbick. "If I caught a U-boat I was supposed to destroy that U-boat. That was my job."

Of Polish origin, Ejbick first fought with the Polish Royal Air Force. After losing a battle in France on June 10, 1940, he joined the British Royal Air Force where he worked his way through the ranks from an officer to a flight lieutenant.

Daniel Hambly, a war historian at Humber, said war in general originated from fights over land as well as greed.

"In the Second World War we combined together to prevent the heinous and terrible spread of fascism and intolerance," said Hambly.

This is why it's important to remember the people who fought to protect our freedoms, said Hambly.



Leslie Wilks

"People who are willing to put their lives on the line deserve respect and those who laid down their lives deserve our respect."

"I was chasing U-boats. If I caught a U-boat I was supposed to destroy that U-boat. That was my job."

—Bohdan Ejbick
Veteran of the British Royal Air Force

Ejbick met his wife Anna while with the Royal Air Force. Also of Polish roots, she was a sergeant in charge of training women recruits.

After the war Ejbick joined a camp called the Polish Resettlement Corp in England, which put him through polytechnic school where he earned an engineering degree.

"All the young men were alone,"

said Anna Ejbick. "They had no professions, nothing. They couldn't just be released. They didn't even have citizenship of Great Britain."

Anna Ejbick's career in the army ended in 1946 when she became pregnant with their first child.

"Life in England was very difficult at that time because all the armies were back," she said. "There wasn't enough homes to live in and no jobs. We couldn't go back to Poland, there was communists."

They decided to move to Canada in 1952.

Due to his degree in engineering, Bohdan Ejbick had no problems finding a job, with three offers coming his way within his first week.

They now live comfortably on their own in retirement in an apartment in Bloor West Village in Toronto, but some veterans aren't so lucky.

Sunnybrook's veteran hospital is the largest veterans' care facility in Canada, said Sunnybrook's communication advisor Sally Fur. It is home to over 500 veterans. Most served in the Second World War.

"This is their home here, so we try to provide the best quality of life for them," said Fur.

The hospital offers entertainment, day trips and varied therapies depending on need.

"Some of them physically can't live at home, but mentally they are well," said Fur. Still, she said 40 per cent of the residents have various stages of dementia.

On Remembrance Day, the hospital has both a private and public memorial service to honour those who served in the war.



John Babcock is Canada's only living First World War veteran. The 107-year-old lives in Spokane, Washington. — www.cbc.ca

On the front lines

R.J. Riley
IN FOCUS

Pictures, parades, platoons and silence—to some Remembrance Day is just another day on the calendar, but for those who honour it, the day is worth more than life itself.

"Every right that we have was given to us with other people's lives," said Canadian soldier Dustin Thibodeau, 22.

Originally from Brampton, Thibodeau decided to give up his dream of owning a skate shop and join the military after one semester as a business management student at Humber.

Thibodeau's father Gary said now that his son is in the mili-

tary, the day hits close to home. Remembrance Day symbolizes the very freedom we enjoy in our everyday lives, said Thibodeau.

"It doesn't just apply to the First World War and the Second World War, I think it applies to every war and it's sad that we have to put a day to remember our fallen, but if that's the only way to make people clue in and remember then so be it," said Thibodeau, who has been in the military for 14 months now.

Remembrance Day began 90 years ago after the First World

War.

"I think because we are 80 or 90 years removed from it that it's pretty hard to remember what it's all about," said first year para-

"We have a saying in the military: don't believe it until it happens."

Dustin Thibodeau
soldier

medic student Christina Strynatka, 23, who has been wearing her poppy since late October.

To others the day is nothing more than a moment of silence. "It's becoming very common and boring," said third-year video game design student Joseph Manalayzy, 21. "It needs

something more exciting than a parade, like a big event."

On Nov. 11, the 98 Canadians who have died in Afghanistan will be fresh in the minds of Thibodeau and his comrades.

Thibodeau could not say when he will be in Afghanistan, though he did say it's a possibility.

"I'm excited," he said. "We have a saying in the military—don't believe it until it happens."

His battalion will hold a parade as well as a moment of silence.

"Everyone in the military understands how important this is not only to us, but to veterans and to the people who have lost someone in war," he said. "So there is no room for error. It's going to be perfect."



R.J. Riley

Canadian soldier Dustin Thibodeau stands ready holding his M4 assault rifle.



Remembering war around the world

Christopher Fry
IN FOCUS

Remembrance Day is a time for all Canadians — not just those who were born in Canada — to honour and give thanks to those veterans that fought for our freedom.

Students from 79 different countries attend Humber, and while many of them are new to Canada, most recognize the importance of Remembrance Day.

"I know of the day, and I know it's a time to look back to those who fought and thank them," said third-year accounting student, Monish Patel, who was born in India and immigrated to Canada a few years ago.

Patel said there are no Nov 11 ceremonies in India, but the country recognizes their veterans on Aug. 15 — the country's Independence Day.

"On our Independence Day we give a salute to those who fought in the past," he said. "There is a flag rising ceremony at schools, government offices, and we sing the national anthem."

For international and mechanical engineering student, Vishnanth Persaud, Nov. 11 is known as Poppy Day in his native country of Guyana.

Persaud says Poppy Day is a national holiday in Guyana and everyone — students and workers are given the day off to remember.

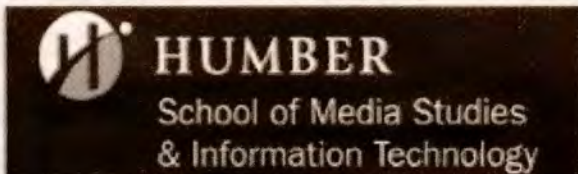
"It's a good thing, because it gets people's minds off work to remember somebody else," he said.

Persaud also said Gyanese Remembrance Day is different than other holidays in the fact there is no family dinner involved.

"Most holidays you have a feast so everybody is busy doing something, but Remembrance Day, you just relax and remember," he said.

For those students new to the country, the International Centre located in room D224 has a number of resources to help you become more aware of Canadian customs and holidays.

"We provide information on different events, and one would be Remembrance Day," said director of the International Centre, Diane Simpson.



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Licences to track drivers

Ontario's new licences can transmit personal information via radio

Angelo Elia
Biz/Tech Reporter

Technology to be used in the proposed enhanced Ontario drivers licences has some people worried about what the government plans to do with the card's new features.

Andrew Clement, a professor of the faculty of information at the University of Toronto said the enhanced driver's licences contain an ID chip that can violate an individual's privacy.

"They want to make sure there's no terrorists coming into their country."

—Rob Jackson
Transportation training instructor

"The card is going to incorporate a radio frequency ID chip that is going to contain personal information and can be read at a distance of 30 feet or more," Clement said.

Clement said the range of the device suggests the government is looking at ways of tracking people.

Rob Jackson, an instructor at Humber's Transportation Training Centre, said truckers use similar cards to cross the U.S. border.

"The FAST (Fast and secure trade) cards are used by truckers to cross the border," said Jackson. "It pre-clears them with the U.S. customs and immigration to say they are previously checked out, no criminal background, no warrants, and they're secure to come into their country."

Jackson said the reason the cards were created was to build an online profile of drivers' information that officials could access at any time.

"They want to make sure there's no terrorists coming into their country," Jackson said.

Emna Dhahak, media liaison officer of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, said the technology of the card is a work in progress.

"Ontario is committed to conducting a privacy impact and security threat risk assessment before it is put in place," Dhahak said.

"It is important to note that most of these technologies are still in the development phase."

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Former student stepping up to the plate at CBC

David Lipson
SENIOR REPORTER

After she won the Gemini for best sports feature segment, Jennifer Barr took her heavy statue out on the town.

"It weighs 18 tonnes," said the 32-year-old CBC *Hockey Night in Canada* producer and Humber alumnus. "We brought it out for beers afterwards."

Her winning segment *The Aud* tells the history of the Buffalo Memorial Auditorium, the former NHL arena of the Sabres.

Barr and her father regularly made the short drive from their St. Catharines home across the border to see games at The Auditorium.

"As a kid I was terrified to walk down the steps because it was so steep," Barr said. "I used to watch people tumble down there after a few beers, it was so ridiculous."

The segment was shot last December and aired during the NHL Outdoor Winter Classic on

New Year's Day.

Barr had to sign a release before filming in the Auditorium, which has been closed for 12 years she said and is basically condemned and filled with mould.

Barr graduated from the Humber

"My ultimate dream was to work for Hockey Night in Canada, and unbeknownst to me, it happened."

-Jennifer Barr
Hockey Night in Canada producer

journalism program in 1998.

She was hired at the CBC that year, and worked her way up from an editorial assistant to a producer.

"My ultimate, ultimate dream was to work for *Hockey Night in Canada*," she said. "And unbeknownst to me, it happened."

Barr is a sports fanatic, but also feels comfortable producing news features.

"Her gift is being a true story

teller," said *Hockey Night in Canada* Executive Producer Sherali Najak. "She has a creative flair about her, as well as a real journalistic sense about her."

Barr's work includes more than just the national past time.

She recently travelled to Chengdu, China during the Beijing Olympics to interview a family who had lost everything in a massive earthquake last May, and was touched by the story.

"This guy built his house with his own hands and it tumbled to the ground in less than ten seconds," she said.

Barr's crew watched the torch run in the family's tent on a television hooked up with tinfoil.

She received her first Gemini at an industry gala in Toronto this past October.

With Canada's top television award already under her belt, Barr joked about her future.

"What do I have to look forward to - should I retire?"



Courtesy

Humber alumnus Jennifer Barr won a Gemini award for best sports feature segment for a piece she did for *Hockey Night in Canada*.

Prolific writer gives advice to aspiring authors at workshop

Jessie Coletti-Greco
NEWS REPORTER

Humber professor and novelist, Sally Cooper, recently took part in 30 years of *Canadian Writers* at Lakeshore campus.

The event calls on one accomplished Canadian writer per term to speak to students and aspiring writers.

The line-up of authors includes several of Humber's published professors.

Cooper's second novel, *Tell Everything*, was published last year.

"It's a novel about a young woman who finds out through

the tabloids that a former friend is on trial for possibly murdering her husband," said Cooper. "And this woman is asked to testify against her. The novel is about giving that testimony, what that feels like and what that does to her relationship."

Having followed the trial of convicted killer Paul Bernardo and his wife Karla Holmolka, Cooper became inspired to her explore the female predator in the novel.

Business management student Phillip Branco, 19, enjoyed Cooper's session.

"I like the book and I enjoyed her reading," said Branco. "It was interesting being able to identify where she came from when writing the book."

Event organizer and Humber professor Ben Labovitch went to the book launch and knew students would enjoy reading it.

"I think this book is really well executed, it's really bold, and it's not your conventional Hollywood ending," said Labovitch.

"I'm surprised it wouldn't be nominated for some awards."

In the question/answer portion of the event, Cooper gave aspiring writers some advice.

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Tell Everything took a few years to come together between writers block, teaching and working on other material, time was stretched thin.

Now that the novel is out and well-received, Cooper has time to start thinking of new ideas.

"Right now, I'm working on a story collection and I've begun working on another novel."



Jessie Coletti-Greco

Author Sally Cooper gives advice to students and signs her book *Tell Everything*.

In My Headphones

1. Angel of Harlem - U2
2. Everyday I Have The Blues
- John Mayer Trio
3. Can I Get a Witness
- Marvin Gaye
4. Loving Cup
- The Rolling Stones
5. I Don't Need No Doctor
- John Scofield
6. Tightrope
- Stevie Ray Vaughan
7. Don't Do It
- The Band
8. Lush Life
- John Coltrane
9. Bring It On Home
- Sam Cooke
10. No Alibis
- Eric Clapton



James Shea,
Sports Editor



Dr. Erica Hahn is leaving Seattle Grace Hospital. Brooke Smith was recently informed her character was being written out of the TV show, *Grey's Anatomy* – EW.com

Seven minutes in heaven without the closet



Courtesy

Comedy duo Laura Cilevitz and Josh Saltzman love the laughs.

Melissa Hayes
A&E REPORTER

Two Humber comedy grads may walk away with this year's prestigious Tim Sims Encouragement Award.

The funny, energetic pair, Josh Saltzman, 26, and Laura Cilevitz, 23, recently performed together at The 2008 Tim Sims Nominee Showcase at Second City. They were joined by four other acts, narrowed down from an original 22.

"It was just a packed house and we were doing so well, there was lots of cheering and laughing," said Saltzman. "It's why you do comedy, it's the best experience in the world. I've been sky diving and it doesn't hold a torch to what I do on stage."

"They definitely deserve to be nominated," said comedian and Humber faculty member Eric Toth, who went beyond the classroom and helped to direct their set. "I wouldn't be surprised if they won."

The sketch duo have taken its act, *7 Minutes in Heaven* – a tongue-in-

cheek satire on dating – through this summer's Montreal Sketch Comedy Festival and onto the stage of Second City.

By the end of next month, it will be taped live for the Comedy Network's *Cream of Comedy*, where the winner of the award will be announced.

The two set their sights high and have been striving towards this goal for some time.

"We worked really hard this year. It's an incredible feeling."

– Laura Cilevitz
comic

"We're so happy about it," Cilevitz said. "We worked really hard this year. It's an incredible feeling someone's saying, 'yes, keep doing what you're doing.' It's very encouraging."

"I already feel like a big winner," added Saltzman. "I got really good publicity from this and got to do an

amazing show in front of a huge crowd and comedy industry people."

The two met through a mutual Humber friend and have been acting together for almost two years. They credit their college experiences for a large amount of inspiration and support.

"Everyone's there to see you succeed," said Cilevitz.

"It was the jump start I needed to get into comedy, and the peers I met there, I still work with today and really admire, so it was really an amazing experience," Saltzman said.

Regardless of the outcome next month, they said they feel like they've already accomplished a great deal thus far.

"It's a nod in the right direction," Cilevitz said.

The award, dedicated to the memory of comedian Tim Sims, boasts a \$5,000 prize and an opportunity to create a short produced by the Comedy Network.

The winner will be announced live on the network Nov. 22.

Album Reviews

Perfect Symmetry – Keane

Ronda Collins
A&E REPORTER

With an electronic sound reminiscent of '80s pop, and vocals that sound like a mix of the Killers' Brandon Flowers and a young Bono, Keane brings us its newest album, *Perfect Symmetry*.

This CD comes a long way from Keane's original album, *Hopes and Fears*, released in 2004. Its first track, *Spiralling* is a booming, heavily electronic tune that you could listen to in your car or dance to at a club. It draws listeners in with its catchy chorus, "Now we're tumbling down, we're spiralling. Tied up to the ground, we're spiralling."

The songs that follow bring the album's energy down a notch with their relaxing mellow sounds. The most prominent influences on this album seem to stem from '80s rock. This is most prevalent in songs like *Again and Again* and *Playing Along*, but the entire CD feels like a trip to the past.

The lyrics on the album are strong, sometimes melancholy notes on love and life. Tracks like *You Don't See Me* and *Perfect Symmetry* offer poetic words that tell social and personal stories of romance and despair. If there is one downside to the album it would be the mellowness of the songs.

With the strong *Spiralling* as the opener, the rest of the album gets dull quickly. Still, Keane's latest album is a good buy for anyone looking for a solid pop record.

The Ballad of Stompin' Tom – Tom Connors

Kyle Rindinella
Biz/TECH EDITOR

Apart from hearing *The Hockey Song* at Maple Leaf Gardens when I was nine, I had never heard another Stompin' Tom Connors song.

The 72-year-old Canadian troubadour released his 50th album, *The Ballad of Stompin' Tom*, which is full of country-folk songs, strummed on a vintage Gibson in his attempt to invoke a universal Canadian sentiment across this nation.

Connors recorded 12 new tracks for the album, with references from British Columbia to Ottawa to Montreal to New Brunswick.

The song that stands out the most is Connors' life story sung out in the album's title track *Ballad of Stompin' Tom* where he sings of being a troubadour at a young age. "I turned four in Halifax, five in Montreal and every small town in between, by six I knew them all."

He also recalls being an orphan at age eight, running away from home at 13, saying the stories he heard became, by 17, his "repertoire of Canadian country songs."

The album has some songs that are questionable in their appeal to a college audience. *Chickee Pooh* and *Bush of Buctouche*, both songs about falling in love, sound too country and old-fashioned.

One stand-out extra was the inclusion of guitar chords in the liner notes, which allows fans to play along with Stompin' Tom.

OPINION

Vinyl's comeback will save us all



Bobbie Tubbs
Biz/TECH EDITOR

Over the years, the public, my peers and even myself have somewhat been cheated by the iPod. Not only do we lose the magic of hearing a favourite song every once and a while, but we also don't respect the art that goes along with a piece of music. But we all may yet be saved by the higher powers of vinyl, and big box stores.

Although iPods are convenient, especially when travelling, we lose the art aspect – the music, the images and the lyrics. Although all music packaging has artwork none can provide or live up to what vinyl can do for you. It's bigger, not to mention the tactile pleasure of holding a record, and running your hands over the grooves.

Also, taking the time to appreciate album art shows respect for the band's hard work. You lose those senses with the iPod. You can't read song lyrics on an iPod and you certainly cannot appreciate all of the tiny details found on vinyl. There are many different things you can take away from vinyl rather than an mp3 file. Where iPods are generic, records come in a variety of colors, more than one pressing, different artwork. They even feature strictly European releases that keep older records alive and newer releases more exciting.

People are becoming more aware

of the sound quality a record holds as compared to the compressed sound of an iPod. When you have a larger surface for the music to play, you don't lose any of the sound quality a record can hold. In 2007, *Wired.com* dubbed this the 'loudness war,' giving up quality for convenience, by compressing the sound into a tiny file you can throw in your pocket.

As the iPod's popularity grows and CD sales decline rapidly vinyl sales continue to rise, and retailers are noticing the trends. Many big box stores are clearing way for vinyl, including, one of the biggest box store companies in North America, Best Buy. It has cleared a section in the stores in America for a test run

of vinyl sales, which are listed on its website. Amazon.com has always sold vinyl, but has recently made an all-vinyl section.

According to Nielsen SoundScan, nearly a million vinyl units were sold in 2007, an increase from 858,000 from the previous year and based on sales to date, that figure is expected rise to 1.6 million by the end of 2008. Could it be that in a time where music sales seem to be dropping, one of the most primitive forms of music could stand a chance against the iPod?

The iPod has taken the lives of many of its audio predecessors, but vinyl, the one considered cool by your parents, still stands strong against the great white Nano.

The Weekend Playlist

This one will last you all week.

- ❖ If the last time you went to the ROM was the sixth grade, it's time to go again. Friday afternoons are half-price and there's a new diamond exhibit! It's sparkly.
- ❖ Nov. 18 – Fascination Street at The Augusta House in Kensington. Beat poetry, readings and word play.



Is it a changing of the guard in soccer? Manchester City, not big brothers Manchester United, spent nearly \$122 million Cdn on players this summer – worldsoccer.com

Women soccer champs

Soundly defeat Algonquin Thunder

Amy J. Shields
SPORTS REPORTER

The women's soccer team is in Kelowna, B.C. for the Canadian College Athletic Association championships after winning provincial gold last week.

The original Ontario College Athletic Association gold medal game on Oct. 24 was abandoned at half time due to rainy conditions, with the Hawks leading the Thunder 1-0.

Trent University in Peterborough was picked as replay host.

Hawks co-coach Vince Pileggi did not hide his disappointment that the game had to be replayed.

"Obviously when you play a half in a gold medal game you want to be able to continue where you left off," Pileggi said.

"Soccer is one of those sports where it just doesn't work that way because it's an outdoor game with the conditions being different, but we have to put that aside and play 90 strong minutes."

In the seventh minute of the replay, the Hawks capitalized early, with midfielder Brittany Szczerbakow heading the ball into the net.

Forward Connie Tamburello converted a Keyla Moreno pass to score the second and final goal of the game with less than 20 minutes left in the second half.

Humber was able to hold off

Algonquin for the remainder of the game with solid defensive play.

"We didn't play to our potential," Algonquin assistant coach Andrea Toronto said. "They were the better team."

Rose Mary Ormeno was named player of the game and the OCAA tournament's top goalkeeper.

Ormeno had a spectacular season with several shutout performances, but she did not receive an award during the OCAA awards banquet during the tournament weekend in Ottawa.

"It's nice to get some recognition, finally," Ormeno said.

Defender Nicole Carvalho and Moreno were named tournament All-stars and Tamburello was named the tournament's most valuable player.

Hawks co-coach Mauro Ongaro was ecstatic with the win and praised his squad's performance.

"It's a great bunch of girls and they deserve gold," he said. "They played like champions. We knew coming into it that they were going to come at us very strong for the first 15 to 20 minutes. We were able to score a very nice goal and I think that set the tone. In the second half we continued to play well and play hard. The girls showed they can win."

Next up for the Hawks is the CCAA nationals, which are being held in Kelowna, B.C. this week.



Amy J. Shields

Defender Hayley Green controls the ball against the Thunder. The Hawks soared to a 2-0 victory.



Amy J. Shields

Midfielder Crystal Camilleri kicks the ball away from the Thunder's Jennifer Groleau. Humber plays Canada's best in B.C. this week.

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SPORTS



The Allen Iverson era is over in Denver as the nine-time NBA all-star was traded to the Detroit Pistons in exchange for Chauncey Billups and two others. —TSN.ca



Elaine Fancy

Volleyballers net Cup victory

The Hawks women's volleyball team celebrate its first place finish in last weekend's Humber Cup. The women won 2 sets to 1 (22-25, 25-16, 15-13) over the Mohawk Mountaineers from Hamilton in the final game, and finished the tournament with a perfect 10-0 record. The men did not fare as well, finishing with a 6-4 record and losing 2 sets to 0 in the semi-final against the Algonquin Thunder from Ottawa.

(Standing left to right): coach Chris Wilkins, manager Megan Ewing, assistant coach Heather Longland, middle Landis Doyle, power Michelle Overzet, middle Chantelle Zanette, libero Kendra Trodd, R/S Robyn Stafford, setter Nina Carino, libero/setter Jessica Fowler, Danielle Ganesh, setter Alex Steplock, power Teresa George, assistant coach Dean Wylie.

(Kneeling left to right): libero Laura Bye, middle Kris Dowling, power Rachel Dubbeldam, Marianna Strutt

Rugby team on cusp of gold

Advance to championship game Saturday against Fleming

Jennifer Gordon
SPORTS REPORTER

The Hawks moved one step closer to Ontario College Athletic Association gold, defeating the Seneca Sting 46-10 in the semi-finals last Sunday at Humber's Valley field.

Undoubtedly, the man of the match was Jason Carney, who scored three tries and finished the season with 15 total points.

Tries are similar to touchdowns in football, and are worth five points each.

Carney was humble when describing his performance.

"I was just there at the right time," said the 21-year-old fire fighting stu-

dent. "The ball got in my hands and I found holes."

Coaches and teammates were blown away with Carney's play.

"That was poetry watching him," head coach Carey French said after the game.

Hooker Jason Chuck was equally impressed with Carney's performance.

"Dazzled, that's all I can say after watching him today," Chuck said. "He's an amazing player."

The Hawks will now look to build on their momentum in the gold medal game against Fleming, who they play on Saturday at 12 p.m at Fletcher's Field in Markham.

French said the game will not be a cakewalk, even though Humber defeated the Knights by 20 points three weeks ago.

"Peterborough has more veterans, we really have to respect that," he said. "They will be on an incredible high after defeating Mohawk."

Carney said his team will be ready for the challenge.

"We're going to practise, practise, practise," he said.

The Hawks will rely heavily on Carney, along with OCAA leading scorer Graham Haigh.

Haigh had an impressive season, with 84 total points, 20 coming from conversions.



Jennifer Gordon

Hawk hooker Jason Chuck in action versus the Mountaineers.

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