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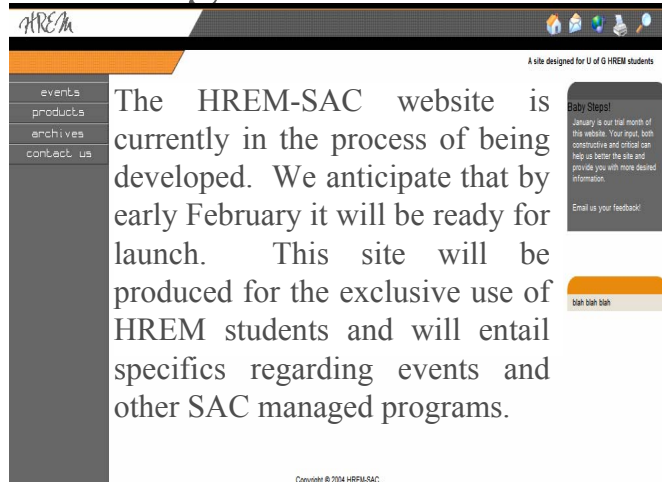
# real news monthly

A monthly newsletter for UoFG HREM students

## Welcome back HREM!

We hope you all enjoyed your holidays to the fullest and got the rest you needed to head into another semester. We would like to thank you for helping make the Fall semester one of HREM-SAC's most successful to date. We plan to carry that momentum on through to this semester and help melt those winter blues away by many new and exciting events.

## Coming Soon!



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## Fun at Sleeman's...

The tour of the Sleeman Brewery on December 1<sup>st</sup> was the perfect break from studying for finals. The informative tour, prizes, trivia, and especially the taste testing was tons of fun for all those who attended for only \$5. What a deal!

We'll be holding another Sleeman Tour on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Continue to check your email for more details.



## Get 'em while they last

The HREM headwear (full-back caps & winter toques) were a great success. A combination of excellent quality, trendy fashion, low price, and most of all student pride helped us sell almost our entire stock. The proceeds of the sales help us run our events and subsidize trips such as the Sleeman Tour.

Some stock of our headwear as well as the popular hooded sweaters and long sleeved t-shirts still remain. To check for sizes, price and availability, please email us at [hrem@uoguelph.ca](mailto:hrem@uoguelph.ca).

# Habitat for Humanity Canada Research (Part 2)

by Jane Londerville



- More than half the respondents (53%) reported changes in their children's behaviour after moving to their home. Almost 60% of these reported that their children were happier, more outgoing, more confident. An additional 30% reported an improvement because their child had some private space of their own and more room in general in the home. Of those households with teenagers, 73.5% reported that all were still living at home.

- Almost half (46.7%) of the respondents indicated that either they or their spouse had changed jobs since moving to their new home. Of those who changed jobs, 66.5% indicated their new job was better; and only 12% had a worse job.

- Almost a quarter (23.6%) of the households indicated that one or both spouse had returned to school. Almost half of these learned a new trade or upgraded their job skills. Just over 30% of those who went back to school enrolled in a college or university program.



## Partnership:

The role of the Habitat partner (a volunteer assigned to each family) is to explain the responsibilities of home ownership, answer any questions the prospective homeowners might have and generally to guide them through the process. Partnering is strongly encouraged by HFHC as a mechanism for ensuring the transition to homeownership is successful. Despite this, a quarter of those surveyed reported that they did not have a partner assigned to them.

- Respondents were asked to rate their partner on a scale from 1 to 7 where 1 was poor and 7 was excellent. The average rating was 5.8, extremely positive, with 40% rating their relationship as 7. However, there were some negative ratings, with 20% rating their relationship as less than a 4. Phone interviewees were asked why the relationship was good or bad. A good rating resulted from providing good information, in a timely manner, and being friendly. The Habitat partner adequately prepared 78% of homeowners for the costs involved but 22% of those with a partner felt inadequately prepared. Telephone interviewees indicated that it was very helpful to have someone to guide them through the homeownership process. CMHC has recently started offering impartial counseling sessions for prospective homeowners (of any income level) and clearly people who take advantage of this type of service benefit from it.

I was assisted in this research by an undergraduate research assistant this past summer. This is a job possibility some of you might consider. The pay is not great (\$5000) for the summer, but you have the opportunity to take courses while you're working and for those of you considering graduate school, it is a good introduction to the research process. Students must be returning to the university in the fall, must have a 70 cumulative average and must qualify financially (basically be eligible for OSAP) in order to qualify. Check with financial services in the new year to see if you qualify, then look for job postings for URAs on campus.

[\(This article is part 2 of a two part article which began in the December 2003 issue of real news monthly\)](#)

# 5 real Questions



## I hate...

I hate... by George Kouvalis

*"I hate Maple Leaf bandwagoners. You all know who you are. You tend to come out of your closets when the Leafs are hot. Some of us Leaf fans in Leaf Nation that stick with our team through thick and thin and even still wear the beloved blue and white when the team is losing despite people like you who come out and run your big mouths without even knowing what is really going on. Exhibit A is during the Leafs 16 point streak when everyone thought Eddie Belfour was the man in leading the team but once he lost a game or gave up a bad goal it was time to trade him. Or when you all wanted to fire coach Pat Quinn five games into the year. Do us all a favour when June comes around and the Leafs are in the long playoff drive and stay at home!"*

Please email us your "I hate..." statements to [hrem@uoguelph.ca](mailto:hrem@uoguelph.ca) subject: "I hate...". Try to keep your "I hate..." less than 100 words. Each month we will profile a new "I hate..." from a frustrated HREM student or faculty member.

## Don't forget

- January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Add period begins
- January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Add period ends
- January 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Imaginus poster sale (UC Courtyard)
- January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004  
Chinese/Lunar New Year
- January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Hunger Awareness week – Meal Exchange
- January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004  
Critical Mass bike ride – Boathouse 5:30pm

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### 1. Living in, or having lived in residence has turned me into

- a) a complete slob
- b) a horny toad
- c) a lazy turd
- d) an eating machine
- e) a workaholic

### 2. The thing I will/do miss most about residence

- a) feeling better about myself because nobody else is doing work either
- b) being able to copy assignments/online work just before it is due
- c) being able to run to class in 5 minutes instead of taking 2 busses
- d) being within feet of close drinking buddies

### 3. The most important aspects of the University experience to me is

- a) Friendship/Relationships
- b) School Work/Grades
- c) A balance of social life with satisfactory grades
- d) Going out and drinking

### 4. The worst part of going to the bars is

- a) waiting in the freezing cold line up with no coat because you are too cheap to pay the \$1.50 for coat-check
- b) blowing lots of money you do not have
- c) smelling like smoke and ass the next day
- d) waking up to a face not as appealing without your beer goggles
- e) dancing with someone who's breathe smells like fresh puke

### 5. At the University of Guelph I hope to

- a) earn a respected education
- b) enjoy the prime years of my life
- c) gain personal experience and learn to deal with stress
- d) better myself and the life that lies ahead of me