

Sheridan photography students showcase work

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Sheridan College students put their photographs on display during the month of February. From Feb. 15 to 29, first- and second-year photography students at Trafalgar campus showcased their talents and artistic abilities. The theme this year was white and the photographs that complemented each other were displayed together.

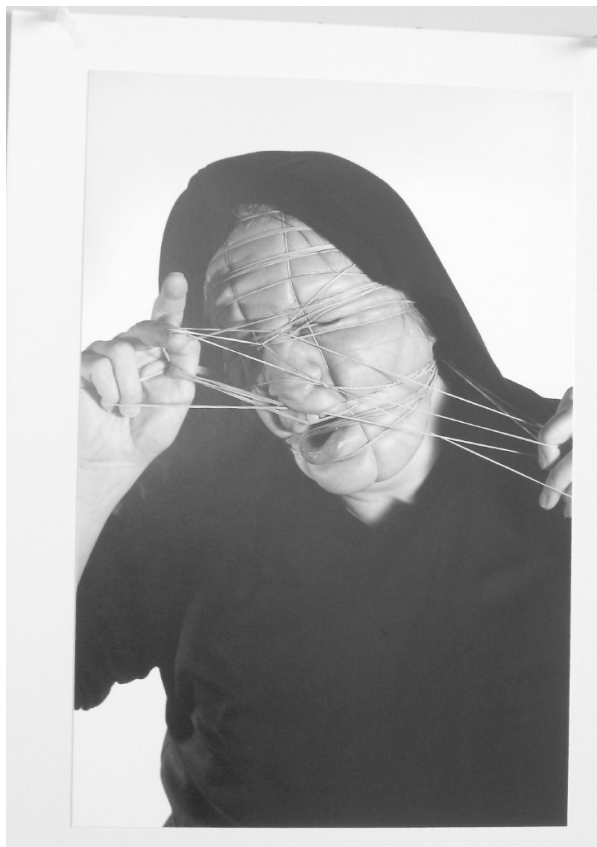
"We wanted their pieces to work individually as well as collectively," said Lynne Murray, gallery co-ordinator.

Students have been working diligently from the beginning of the year capturing human emotions, issues prevalent in society, as different forms of what people consider to be "beautiful."

"Students and faculty chose which photographs to display in the gallery," said Rafael Gold-chain, photography program co-ordinator.

For more than twenty years, Sheridan College has had an annual photography exhibit dedicated to first- and second-year students so that they can showcase their work. "There are three reasons why Sheridan has this exhibit: to allow students the opportunity to display their work in a professional manner; to experience why specific photographs are grouped together; and for the community because when students graduate, their work will be showcased in a Toronto art gallery," said Murray.

The photo gallery, located in A wing, has a quiet and calm atmosphere. The open-concept room allows viewers to have limited distractions, leaving them with their thoughts and interpretations. The photographs were captivating and received more than just one



Student's works were on display from Feb. 15-29

glance. Students and faculty stood in groups, pointing and discussing each photograph. By all accounts, the annual showcase was a great success and the Sheridan community can look forward to next year's exhibition of students' photos.

Technology courses on the rise, again

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Enrollment in computer technology courses saw a startling drop during the dot-com implosion of 2000, but attendance is gradually being reversed.

This, according to Mark Orlando, associate dean at Sheridan College, and overseer of the School of Applied Computing and Engineering Sciences, which consists of nine programs. "Things have definitely turned around," says Orlando.

A report completed by the National Center for Education Statistics showed that between 1999 and 2004, there was a 65 percent drop in enrollment in Computer Science programs in the United States, and the Canadian Education Statistics Council shows a similar drop. "The information technology industry experienced a slowdown," says Orlando. The slowdown followed a boom in the industry around 1992, when there was huge financial potential, and new technologies were constantly emerging.

The stock market also played an integral role in the growth of the dot-com phenomenon, which

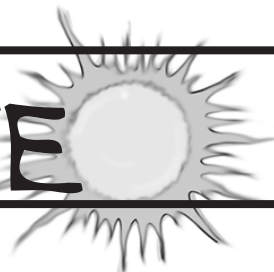
enabled entrepreneurs across North America to launch their own tech companies. After the crash, a tech rebound was slow in coming, but things began to heat up again two years ago. "Since 2006, the industry has experienced growth once again, but it is still in the early stages," says Orlando.

The market is now experiencing a shortage of Information Technology professionals, and in turn placement rates in co-op programs are the same as before the drop in enrollment. "Right now we have close to, if not level placement as it was before the dot-com bust," says Orlando. These are all signs that we have turned a corner, according to Orlando, and that as momentum builds, we will continue to see constant growth in enrollment.

"Since Fall of 2007, I've seen increases in our enrollment figures, and this has continued in to the Winter 2008 semester," says Orlando. Orlando also predicts that attendance in Fall 2008 programs will be even higher.

Information technology jobs have a wide range, such as programmer, support specialist, analyst, telecommunications specialist, and security specialist. "It's an exciting career filled with change and challenge, but can be fun and rewarding," says Orlando.

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Don't just replace, recharge Mac users will wish for more than only 2 USB ports

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It's 3 a.m. and you're deep in a Wii Golf challenge with your roommate and your remote dies. You search the house for batteries, but come up empty. Batteries are among those things students always need and never seem to have.

With 15 billion alkaline batteries disposed of every year...

Past becoming rechargeable and having a longer life, little has been done to move past the limitations of using alkaline batteries.

The makers at Moxia Energy Ltd out of England have done some tinkering and invented a new type of battery: it's called the USBCELL.

It is an AA cell that recharges in any USB port. The top cap flips up to reveal the port. It takes five hours to charge and they can be used in any appli-



The AA USB cell from Moxia

ance that still needs batteries.

The battery is a nickel metal hydride (NiMH) 1.2 V. Other than charging in a USB port the batteries can also be re-charged in approved NiMH chargers.

A pair of AAs will cost around \$25 and can be ordered online at www.USBCELL.com. They can be recharged hundreds of times and used in anything that uses AA.

Their future USB batteries will include AAA, C, D, 9V and compatibility for your phone, PDAs and cameras.

With 15 billion alkaline batteries disposed of every year creating more waste and pollution, the USBCELL is the natural progression into environmentally friendly technology.

"Do I look fat in these jeans?", When honesty is not the best policy

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Last Monday humanity sunk to a new low in the Fox (who else) show Moment of Truth.

On the show the contestant Lauren was hooked up to a lie detector and asked personal questions in front of her family and husband. The more questions she answered correctly the more money she got.

During the show, Lauren confessed to stealing, cheating on her husband and that she really wanted to be with her ex-boyfriend.

There is a point when telling the truth goes beyond just "getting something off your chest" to becoming a selfish act. Where after you tell the nation your darkest secrets and feel relieved and the rest of us... just feel uncomfortable.

Being honest is something we should all strive for but there is such a thing as too much honesty. I think in all relationships we've said to our boyfriend/girlfriend "Tell me the truth I can handle it." The ubiquitous questions,

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"Do I look fat in these jeans?" and "Does size really matter?" are ones we want to answer with a big resounding yes. If we did a fight and/or tears would ensue, followed by a possible break-up. So we say no to spare feelings.

If we all operated at optimal self-confidence all the time we could be as honest as we wanted to be.

Don't get me wrong, if the truth is big, like cheating, you need to fess up, but don't do it on TV, you'll look like a truth whore.

Jesus once said the truth shall set you free. What he failed to include in this nugget of wisdom is the person you are telling the truth too.

Maybe he meant truth as a moment of self-actualization that is done in private, for free.