









# Ohara dedicated donor

by Desmond Devoy

Yvonne Ohara has donated blood 455 times. But the Toronto parking enforcement officer said that her giving nature is, well, in her blood.

Ohara's father donated blood during the second World War and continued to do it after the war ended. Yvonne would often accompany her father to donate.

"It became a family thing, and became something that we did," she said.

Ohara first donated blood when she was 21. "As I matured and realized the full value of it, I just donated more and more."

She now has a standing appointment to donate about



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Yvonne Ohara ... saviour.

every two weeks. She has been donating now for about 17 years and intends to keep donating as long as she can.

"To me, blood is the ultimate renewable resource," she said, since plasma is usually replaced within 48 hours of donating.

"Think of blood as the cheapest gift you could ever give. It only costs a little time. But that one gift is more valuable than any thing you could buy."

Only three per cent of Canadians bother to donate blood, while nearly 80 per cent of Canadians will, at some point in their life, need some type of blood transfusion. From a single whole blood donation, "four lives could be saved per donation." Ohara's donations are now mostly harvested for their platelets, which are used to help replenish burn victims and people undergoing chemotherapy.

"There are people out there depending on me," she said.



STEVE CHESTER

Alistair Johnston shows of Humber's landscape award.

## Humber blossoms at Canada Blooms

by Natalie Meditsky

Humber Landscaping students and faculty worked through their Reading Week in

preparation for Canada Blooms, the second largest flower and garden show of its kind in North America.

And for their efforts, their Landscape display won the Landscape Ontario award for quality of workmanship.

Humber has been doing the show since it started five years ago and this is the first year they've won.

Showcasing the skills of second-year Landscaping Technician students in a garden custom built for the occasion, Humber took its place among the 38 garden designers, landscape architects and builders displaying at this year's show.

Two greenhouses hold plants, shrubs and flowers, some of which were forced into bloom for the show.

Humber's garden features over 50 different types of plants and flowers, following this year's theme of only blue and white blooms.

Students started working on the display after Christmas and worked throughout the semester.

"The main goal of construction is to reinforce design training," said Harry Chang, program director of Humber's Landscape Technician program. "It makes them better designers."

Chang designed the garden and oversaw its creation.

Pictures and plans plotting the garden's development from conception to reality are displayed as part of the show's mandate to educate about horticulture.

Also involved in this year's show are Retail Floristry program who will sit in the garden's gazebo arranging flowers.

"It's good for the students, it's good for the school," said Alistair Johnston, a landscape technician, about Humber's role in the show.

Faculty will be on hand at the show to talk to about the program to prospective students.

The show runs March 14-18 at the Toronto Convention Centre.

## Olympic Committee praises Toronto visit

by Caroline Grech

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) team sent to Toronto to evaluate the city's capability to host the 2008 Summer games, praised Toronto's bid proposal as impressive.

The 17-member delegation arrived in Toronto last week and was whisked off on a five-day whirlwind tour of city sites. They cited professionalism, the involvement of athletes and strong community support as highlights.

The IOC's evaluation is based on 18 different criteria chosen by the Olympic committee. Some of the areas included are the general sports concept, accommodations, transportation, communications and media, customs and immigration and Olympic villages.

Everything ran smoothly

except for an elevator glitch that left 11 IOC members stranded in a Park Hyatt Hotel elevator for an hour.

The five day inspection was capped off with a dinner attended by 500 guests including Mayor Mel Lastman, Premier Mike Harris and Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

Hein Verbuggen, chairman of the committee, said that Toronto had an outstanding plan for its Olympic village. He also liked

the close proximity of the venues where a majority of the events are being held.

"We were pleased with the overall comments because they [IOC] didn't have one negative thing to say about the trip. They were really impressed with the high level of support from all three

levels of government," said Jackie DeSouza, communications manager for the 2008 bid.

The support from all three levels of government differs from the previous bid in 1999, which was viewed as a largely Toronto effort. This time both the federal and provincial governments have actively supported the bid by taking part in large scale projects such as the redevelopment of the lakefront.

The potentially low point for Toronto bid organizers was the meeting scheduled between IOC members and the Bread Not Circuses Coalition, an organization against the Olympic bid.

Verbuggen said he was disappointed that the group was using the opportunity to discuss city policies that did not have much to

do with the Olympics at all. The comments from the IOC came as a surprise to the Coalition according to John Alexander, a member of the coalition's steering committee.

"They seemed willing to listen and take us seriously. They said they would take our concerns back to the IOC. We feel that they are giving two stories and we're not sure which one is the sincere one. We have a long way to go to educate these people," Alexander said.

Of the 120 members who will be voting on July 13 in Moscow, only five who visited Toronto will get to vote.

The IOC's new evaluation process marks a first because committee reports will be more influential in the decision making process than ever before.

## Mourners bid final farewell to Al 'pal'

by Nadia Ranieri

The Italian community is mourning the loss of a very special pal, Al Palladini.

On March 7, during a vacation at the Pierre Marques resort golf course in Acapulco, Mexico, Palladini died suddenly after having a massive heart attack. He was 57 years old.



NADIA RANIERI

More than 1,000 attended Palladini's funeral.

"I am still in shock," said Ben Graci, owner of the Supreme Banquet Hall in Woodbridge. "I've met Al a few times but it's almost as though we had known each other for years."

The former Transportation and Economic Development Minister had resigned from the Harris cabinet a few weeks ago citing personal

problems. He retained his seat as the MPP for the Vaughan-King-Aurora riding.

"He came to Canada as a young immigrant and has done so much for himself and the Italian community," said Lori Colasante, a first-year Law Clerk student at Humber. "It's a shame but I will always remember him as a very successful businessman."

Over 1,000 people flocked to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Woodbridge, Monday morning to pay their final respects. Mike Harris delivered the eulogy to a tearful crowd. Guests included Mayor Mel Lastman, former Premier Bob Rae, Lt. Governor Hilary Weston, Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty and most Tory cabinet members and fellow MPPs.

"I'm sure his personal stresses contributed to his death," said Paula Regale, a first-year Accounting student at Humber. "When he was brought to court by the other woman from his past, he probably felt his public image was tarnished and that people lost respect for him."

I'm really disappointed. He was the only Italian in our government and now he's gone."

Friends who knew Palladini believe his heavy smoking habits may have contributed to his untimely death.

"He had a good life and no one can take that away from him," said Colasante.

"He was a good man," recalled Sili. "He was always ready to help with a smile. We lost a great politician and a great friend."



*"You might get a little nudity on here. A couple of times we've had girls flash the camera."  
- Scott Binkley, from Webcams are bouncy*

# Biz/Tech *et cetera*

## New GM rules recommended

by Geula Bernstein

A panel of experts is recommending new rules when it comes to genetically modifying food in Canada, according to a report released this month in Ottawa.

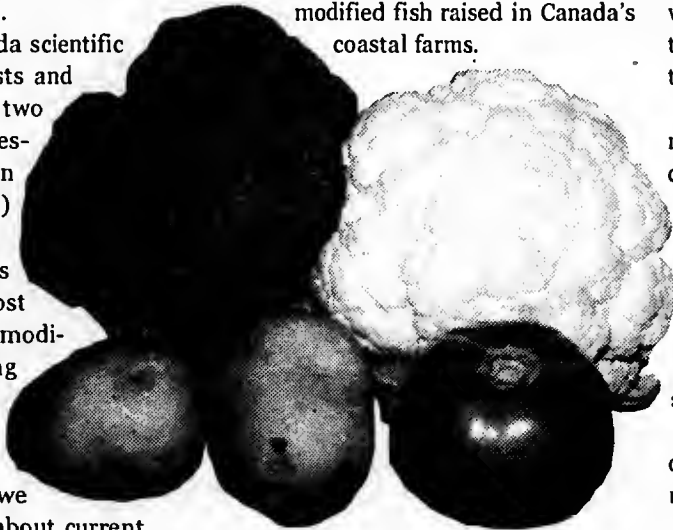
The Royal Society of Canada scientific panel, made up of 15 scientists and regulatory experts as well as two chairmen, raised serious questions about current regulation of genetically-modified (GM) food.

Health Canada has approved 48 foods so far, most of which are from genetically-modified crop plants including canola, corn, tomato, potato, soybean, cottonseed and squash.

"We weren't saying that we were, or weren't concerned about current regulation of GM foods," Dr. Jeremy McNeil, a panel member and professor of Biology at Université Laval in Quebec said. "But [we were determining] what sort of things need to be taken into consideration."

The panel put forward 53 recommendations, in a review conducted independently from its government sponsors.

The panel recommended GM crops and foods be tested more rigorously, an independent committee reviews the testing, and a moratorium be imposed on genetically-modified fish raised in Canada's coastal farms.



GEULA BERNSTEIN

*GM food is already stocked in grocery stores without consumer knowledge.*

"Greenpeace is very supportive of the recommendations, and very thankful they pointed out their inadequacies," said Michael Khoo, Toronto Greenpeace

spokesperson "We want a ban on the environmental release of genetically modified organisms, which is different from the Royal Society of Canada ... Nevertheless, we were very supportive of their recommendation for a moratorium on fish. It is identical to Greenpeace's position."

The panel also recommended the external review of GM food testing performed by companies, with increased public access to the results.

"One of the major things was trying to be able to see the data," Dr. McNeil said. "[The companies] should be able to show all the experiments that were done, and an independent committee should sit down and say they believe them as far as they can see."

According to Khoo, work still must be done to turn the recommendations into regulations.

"It depends on the government," Khoo said. "The next step is for the government to react, and not waste taxpayer's money having them go into a filing cabinet. The Royal Society provided us with a chessboard. Now we have to move the pieces."

Genetically modified food comes from a plant or animal that has a new gene added. In some cases, the new gene makes

plants resistant to insects or diseases, allowing farmers to rely less on chemical sprays throughout the year.

"The benefit is you spray less pesticide into the environment, which is good for your health. But is that gain worse or better than using corn with the BT [Bacillus Thuringiensis] gene in it? If there were a label 'BT corn' I would eat it. Nothing I have seen suggests a problem," Dr. McNeil said.

Genetic modifications may also be used to give food a longer shelf life, such as creating tomatoes that ripen slowly and keep their flavour profile longer.

According to Khoo, a large proportion of what consumers see in their local grocery store is genetically modified.

Food may also be genetically modified 'naturally' such as during evolution, or through traditional breeding practices to produce organisms with desired characteristics.

Modern genetic engineering enables genes to be added directly into cells, which speeds up the process of creating GM food.

"Whether you eat a transgenic plant is up to you and not me," Dr. McNeil said. "There is no right or wrong answer. You have to know what the margin of error is."

## Webcams are bouncy, bouncy, fun, fun, fun

by Brett Clarkson

Scott Binkley sometimes forgets about the webcam in his kitchen. And when he does, chances are you might see him in the buff, prone to bouts of scratching himself. When Binkley takes a naked stroll through his kitchen, there's the potential that millions will see him.

Chalk it up to beerfridgecam.com, a Web site developed by Binkley to showcase his homemade keg holder. Binkley is among a new breed of do-it-yourself webcasters who specialize in transmitting non-events.

Armed with only a webcam and a modem, these self-styled broadcasters are flooding the Internet with channels such as Guinea Pig Television, Ashtray Cam, and the Iowa Farmer's Corn Cam, which allow viewers to watch riveting footage of a corn stalk as it reaches for the sky.

Log on to Binkley's site, and you'll see the same kind of monotony: streaming footage of Binkley's lonely beer fridge in his tiny downtown Toronto apartment.

On weekends things get a little more exciting, when he and his beer-swilling pals get together for some good old fashion debauchery and cavorting.

"You might get a little nudity on here," said Binkley. "A couple of times we've had girls flash the camera."

The rust-tinged fridge is slowly becoming known around the world.

Since April 1999, the site's been hit by more than 10,000 people, with Binkley frequently getting e-mail from Brazil, Holland, and Germany.

"I don't know why people are coming to it," said Binkley. "There's nothing happening. It's pretty boring."

After becoming sick and tired of constantly buying a lager known as Steeler, Binkley and friend Tyler Paradis

decided they'd be better off to invest in kegs. The two then realized they needed somewhere to put the kegs, and Paradis took it upon himself to buy a fridge.

After drilling a hole for the tap and ripping out its guts, the fridge was ready to start housing silver barrels. Upon completion of the \$400 transformation, Binkley couldn't help but gloat to his co-workers at the electronics company he was working at near the Toronto airport.

It was Binkley's boss who suggested the webcam idea.

"My boss was a really good dude, and I'm telling him about the beer fridge, and he's laughing his head off," said Binkley. "And he says, 'yeah, it'd be even funnier if you put a webcam on it. People would eat it up.'"

In 1999, 2.5 million webcams were sold, with sales expected to reach 36 million by 2003. Currently, there are over a quarter of a million webcam sites around the world, with 10,000 live cams transmitting continuously.

"The webcam is real life ... Is there excitement going on at all times? No, not at all. There are channels on Earthcam TV that watch a group of beagles, and people come on just to watch the dogs run around," said Bruce Schwartz, vice-president of marketing at Earthcam.com, a New Jersey-based webcam network.

Averaging about two million hits a day, Earthcam.com currently shows everything from the Dealey Plaza cam, which broadcasts live feeds of the fateful Grassy Knoll in Dallas, to the Hoku Lani Fabulous Goat Cam, to the Hot Toads Shrunken Heads cam.

The company is adding about 30 cams a day to its ballooning network.

Another network is Camcommunity.com, an Atlanta-based online library of webcam sites. Founded in August 1999,

Camcommunity already has 10,000 cams, with more being added daily.

The site itself draws about 200,000 visitors a month, only a ripple in the pond compared to Earthcam's two million a day.

Aside from its entertainment appeal, Meldrum said the webcam has great potential to actually benefit people's lives.

Meldrum is excited that bosses will be able to conduct long-distance job interviews, and that families will be able to keep tabs on ailing relatives.

"The Internet is certainly playing a tremendous role in people's lives," said Meldrum, who seemingly also can't resist the voyeuristic edge of the webcam.



BRETT CLARKSON

*Binkley has fun while he shows off for his webcam.*







# Special Section

*et cetera*

## On St. Patrick's Day

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Beagán ach a rá go maith  
Say little but say it well

A

Maireann croí eadrom i bhfad  
A light heart lives long

E

Mura gcuirfidh tú san earrach ní bhainfidh tu san fhómhar  
If you do not sow in spring you will not reap

L

Ceileann súil an ní na feiceann  
The eye shuns what it does not see

I

Tá onóir ag an aois agus uaisle ag an óige  
Age is honorable and youth is noble

C

Múchadh feirge softreagra  
A soft answer turns away anger

Q

Is maith an scáthán súil carad  
A friend's eye is a good mirror

U

Mol an óige agus tìochfaidh si  
Praise the young and they will flourish

O

Eirim chun mo ghniomh a chrìochun  
I arise to complete my task

T

Ni heolas go haontíos  
If you want to know me, come and live with me

E

Bionn síúlach scéalach  
The traveller has tales to tell

S

Ólann an cat ciúin bainne leis  
The quiet cat also drinks milk

Nil aon tinteán mar do thinteán féin  
There is no fireside like your own fireside

Is fada an bóthar nach mbíonn casadh ann  
It is a long road that has no turning

Giorraíonn beirt bóthar  
Two shorten the road

Erin go bragh  
Ireland forever

Beannact Dia leat  
God bless you

Sources: Suicre Ireland, *The Clare Champion*, Irish Epilepsy Society. Compiled by Desmond Devoy



DESMOND DEVOY

Words of wisdom: about 10 million glasses of Guinness are sold around the world every day.

## Caps toasts St. Paddy

by Desmond Devoy

For a wee bit o' Ireland right here on campus, Caps is putting together a roaring good time for St. Patrick's Day.

The renowned drinking establishment will present a St. Patrick's Day Pub today (Thursday, March 15) when the doors open at 9 p.m. And of course, on top of the agenda is a healthy helping of one of Ireland's top imports ... green beer.

"For sure, green beers are a staple of St. Patrick's Day," said Jason Hands, Caps' student manager. Ireland's number one provider of

pints will also be available during the pub. "It's the biggest day of the year for our sales in Guinness," said Hands, who can trace his own family lineage back to County Wexford.

Caps will be decked out in appropriate green, with "a lot of shamrocks, that kind of stuff. It should be a good time."

There will also be Irish music on hand to lift the hearts of the legions of celebrants. There will be an East Coast band during the day to entertain patrons. During the evening hours, DJ Double S will spin tunes until 2 a.m. Dance

music will still be on tap, but there will also be a wide variety of Irish and Celtic music from all over, from U2 and The Corrs to traditional Irish dance music. "You go over to Ireland and that's all you hear," said Hands, who visited the country last August. "I tried to do Irish dancing but it's so hard."

Celtic music from the Maritimes will also be featured, from Ashley MacIssac to Natalie McMaster to Great Big Sea.

There will be many prizes and giveaways, including prize packs of CDs and t-shirts from Keith's India Pale Ale.

## Toronto's green parade

by Katy de Vries

Toronto will celebrate Celtic style this weekend with the 13th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade starting at noon.

Peggy Delaney of the Irish Canadian Aid and Cultural Society said there are lots of Irish pubs in the Toronto area that will have the traditional fare of corned beef and cabbage, Irish stew and soda bread, complete with green beer.

There will be lots of Irish dancing and delightful music that will keep your feet tapping and your spirits high. Some of Delaney's suggestions are:

- Allen's Restaurant On The Danforth
- Dora Keogh Irish Pub
- Failte Irish Pub
- Galway Arms
- P.J O'Briens
- Scruffy Murphys



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Parade route: pick out some green clothes and join the revellers for the annual St. Patrick's day parade on Sunday at noon.

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# Celebrate legendary St. Patrick, patron saint of the Emerald Isle

by Desmond Devoy

Sure and begod, it's a great day for the Irish. For it's every year on March 17, whether ye have a drop of Irish in ye or not that people the world over celebrate the Catholic feast day of Ireland's patron saint, Patrick.

From the smallest pubs in Ballinamuck to the watering holes of Irish ex-pats from Bristol to Brisbane, many raise a glass of Guinness, and don a bit o' the green in celebration of that mysterious island off the coast of Europe, and the Saint who represents Erin's green isle.

But it may come as a shock to you as you launch into another rousing chorus of Danny Boy to hear that good ole' Pat may not have been from the ole' sod himself. As the Irish saying goes, "There are two versions of every story and twelve versions of every song," and there are certainly many versions about Patrick's true origins.

It is generally agreed that Patrick was born on or about the year 387 AD. After that though, details get a little bit sketchy.

In *All About American Holidays*, by Maymie R. Krythe, Patrick is said to have been born in the town of Kilpatrick, in Scotland. But the book *High Days and Holidays in Canada* by Annie H. Foster and Anne Grierson states that three other countries "Claim his birthplace - France ... England and Wales."

*"There are two versions of every story  
and twelve versions of every song."*

- Irish saying

To add to the confusion, Krythe's book claims that Patrick's real name was Maewyn. Yet another book, *Sixteen Centuries with Ireland's Patron Saint Patrick* by Alice-Boyd Proudfoot, states that his name was originally Magonus Sucatus.

It is generally agreed that when he was about 16 years old, Patrick was kidnapped by a gang of Irish pirates, and sold as a slave to a chieftain in County Antrim. For the next six years of his life, Patrick tended to, and lived among the chief's pigs (comparable to living in Rez for a semester.)

On the upside however, he was able to learn the Celtic language and its traditions, and soon began to have an affinity for the land and its people. But still Patrick yearned for his freedom, and one day was granted a vision, which told him "Behold, a ship is ready for thee."

Upon his escape, Patrick caught a boat heading for France. When he arrived on the continent, he decided to devote his life to God and studied at a monastery in Tours, France. For the next 18 years of his life, he continued to study there, becoming a priest and eventually a bishop in the process.

## A CALLING BACK TO IRELAND

According to H. Patrick Montague's *The Saints and Martyrs of Ireland*, Patrick was again visited by a voice, which called on him to "come back and walk once more among us [the Irish.]" (When Pope John Paul II made his famous visit to Ireland in September 1979, he said that he was following in the footsteps of St. Patrick, having heard "The voice of the Irish," himself.)

Around 432 AD, because he could speak the Celtic tongues, Pope Celestine I gave Patrick the name Patricius, and sent him to Ireland to convert the land to Christianity from its pagan ways.

Even though the Irish are known for their hospitality, none of it was evident towards St. Patrick and his crew when they landed in County Wicklow in 433 AD, where they were

all nearly stoned to death by local inhabitants. Undaunted, he set about spreading the word of God throughout Druid Ireland. St. Patrick still had to overcome his image problem with the locals, and was very nearly killed by local chiefs and pagan priests, worried about losing their power, which did in time diminish.

Once St. Patrick was back in Ireland, one of his first priorities was returning to Antrim to see his old slave master, Michu. In a master public relations coup, St. Patrick not only paid for his freedom, but converted the chief and the chief's family to Christianity.

During the roughly 40 years of his Irish ministry, through zealous evangelism and preaching, he converted and baptized masses of people. He also established many churches, schools, and a college.

## TEACHING WITH SHAMROCKS

One of St. Patrick's favourite teaching tools was the now famous shamrock, which he used to explain the Holy Trinity. The small flower grows in abundance in Ireland and was used by the Druids as a cure for certain ailments. According to Krythe's book, it is reported that St. Patrick asked a crowd, as he held a shamrock up for them to view, "Is it not as possible for the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as for these leaves to grow upon a single stalk?" So it was that the unity of the Holy Spirit was explained to the Irish.

During his time in Ireland, St. Patrick is said to have performed countless miracles, including:

- Building a fire out of ice and snow.
- Turning a dog that was about to attack him into stone.
- And his most famous miracle, driving all the snakes out of Ireland (though a few remain in the Irish Parliament and as roadies for U2.)

St. Patrick died on March 17, 461 AD and was buried in the town of Downpatrick, Ireland, cloaked in a shroud made for him by the woman who was later to become St. Brigid.

## CELEBRATING ST. PADDY'S DAY

Today, people celebrate St. Patrick, and all things Irish, with drink, song and especially parades. Brian De Breffny's book *In The Steps of Saint Patrick* claims that the first St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in New York City in 1762, and there has been a parade in the Big Apple every March 17 ever since. On average, over 100,000 people line New York's Fifth Avenue (with its centre traffic stripe painted green for the day) from 44th to 88th Street, making their way past Saint Patrick's Cathedral, where the parade is reviewed by the Cardinal Archbishop of New York on the church's steps.

Other cities with large Irish populations like Toronto also join in the celebrations, especially Chicago, where the Chicago River is annually dyed green for the day.

*"Is it not as possible for the Father, Son  
and Holy Ghost, as for these leaves  
to grow upon a single stalk?"*

- St. Patrick

Back home with Old Mother Ireland though, many observe the religious side of the holiday instead of the day's more hedonistic elements. The capital city of Dublin usually holds a parade, which is far smaller and restrained in size than its New York cousin. This year however, the parade has

been cancelled because of concerns over the spread of foot and mouth disease.

Other religious events are held throughout the country to honour St. Patrick. During the last summer in July, tens of thousands of Irish pilgrims make their way to Croaghpatrick, in County Mayo for an annual pilgrimage, in which they walk up the stony mountain barefoot.

So this weekend, as you drown your shamrock in your pint (or get drowned in a pint yerself), sing an 'oul comeal-lyeh, kiss someone who's Irish (I'll be available for kisses all day Friday) and raise a pint to the Saint who brought you this day of drunken debauchery.

And so a toast to you  
all, and "Slante" ("To  
your health", in  
Gaelic.)

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GUIDES, IRELAND







# Rez soon to go smoke-free

by **Lama Nicolas**

There will be no more grimy carpets, stained walls, or stinky furniture on the S5 floor at Humber's residence.

The fifth floor in the S section is the only Rez smoking floor, where students can take in their share of nicotine fumes. But, by next September, the coveted smokers' haven will turn into a healthier smoke-free zone.

"As of next September, the S5 floor will no longer be smoking," said Peter Lem, residence life coordinator. "There are a number of issues, indirectly related to smoking, such as vandalism. It's also a fire hazard, a danger, with having a large number of students on the floor, especially after pub night."

A fair amount of money each year is spent on scrubbing the yellow walls, and cleaning out the dirty S5 carpets.

"We're seeing another trend. A lot of colleges and universities are increasingly becoming smoke-free," said Lem. "Stricter by-laws are being enforced in the megacity, affecting restaurants and pubs. It's a sign of the times."

As of June 2001, restaurants will become smoke free unless a closed off smoking area with its own ventilation system is designated.

"Caps will be affected by the new by-law," said Gordon J. Hagan, assistant operations manager at Caps. "We just don't know the outcome as of yet. It depends

on whether Caps will be designated a bar or restaurant."

Administration at Rez conducts a survey each year. The results have the number of students willing to see the S5 floor change to a non-smoking floor has increased.

"I don't agree at all," said Mike McKinlay, a second-year Culinary Management student. "As much as non-smoking people have the right to a non-smoking environment, smokers also have the right to be able to smoke in their own home."

McKinlay believes that this change will only lead to more people smoking on the non-smoking floors, even to the point where it can't be controlled.

"Because I'm non-smoker - I



**S5 smokers** Brandi Rowcliffe (left), Stuart Scott, Jay Chapman

think it's great that they're doing this," said Lisa Jones, a resident assistant. "You find that in the middle of winter time a lot of people are trying to make friends up on the smoking floor, and it crowds the halls. It's just not a very nice environment."

Loitering could also be an issue

next year. Lem is expecting to hear complaints regarding crowding and traffic at the residence entrance. He does however, want students to look at the big picture.

"We're not trying to single any students out," Lem said. "It's all about creating a better living environment for everyone."

# Survivor blood drive gets big turnout

by **Tim Twydell**

Humber's amazing turnout yesterday kept the Canadian Blood Services' donor drive open much later than intended.

Out of the 176 people that donated, 123 units of blood were successfully given by Humber donors. The registration closed at 2:30 p.m., but the long lineup kept the clinic going until 5:30 p.m.

Public Relations students transformed the student centre into the set of Survivor.

Carrie-Davis-Sydor, the event co-chairman, explained the Survivor theme.

"It is a popular idea right now and giving blood can help someone survive."

"One unit can save up to four lives," she said.

Prizes given out included a weekend getaway, cell phones, gift certificates, and a wheel of bugs which can be spun



**Buggin'** Public Relations student Stephanie Searle runs the bug booth.

for any number of candy treats.

After donating blood, you can munch on Timbits, sandwiches, fruit drinks and juices surrounded by tribal torches.

According to Canadian Blood Services, 80 per cent of people will require blood, but only five per cent will ever donate.

Denver Ong of the Canadian Blood Services is the clinic recruitment coordinator. He believes that people do not donate because they are afraid it will hurt.

"There are no lasting effects and all you have to do is wait twenty minutes," he said.

# Rez fees to rise

by **Pamela Lidstone**

Students living in residence next year will face a \$60 increase in residence fees.

The increase is necessary to offset a 139 per cent increase in heating costs.

This comes after residents paid a \$200 increase last year for the installation of an Internet network system due to their overloaded phone lines.

Another change will be the elimination of two of the four meal plan sizes. Next year there will only be two options: small \$1,895 and regular \$2,250.

Residence will once again be open for the summer. Three floors will be available to Humber's summer semester students, who will be applying to stay next month. The rest of the buildings will be rented out to groups and individual walk-ins, operating as a bed and breakfast.

"We have about 50 (student applications) and counting," Derek Maharaj said "It's very healthy at this point."

Last summer, the Canadian Olympic men and women's basketball teams were among many of the groups who stayed in Rez.

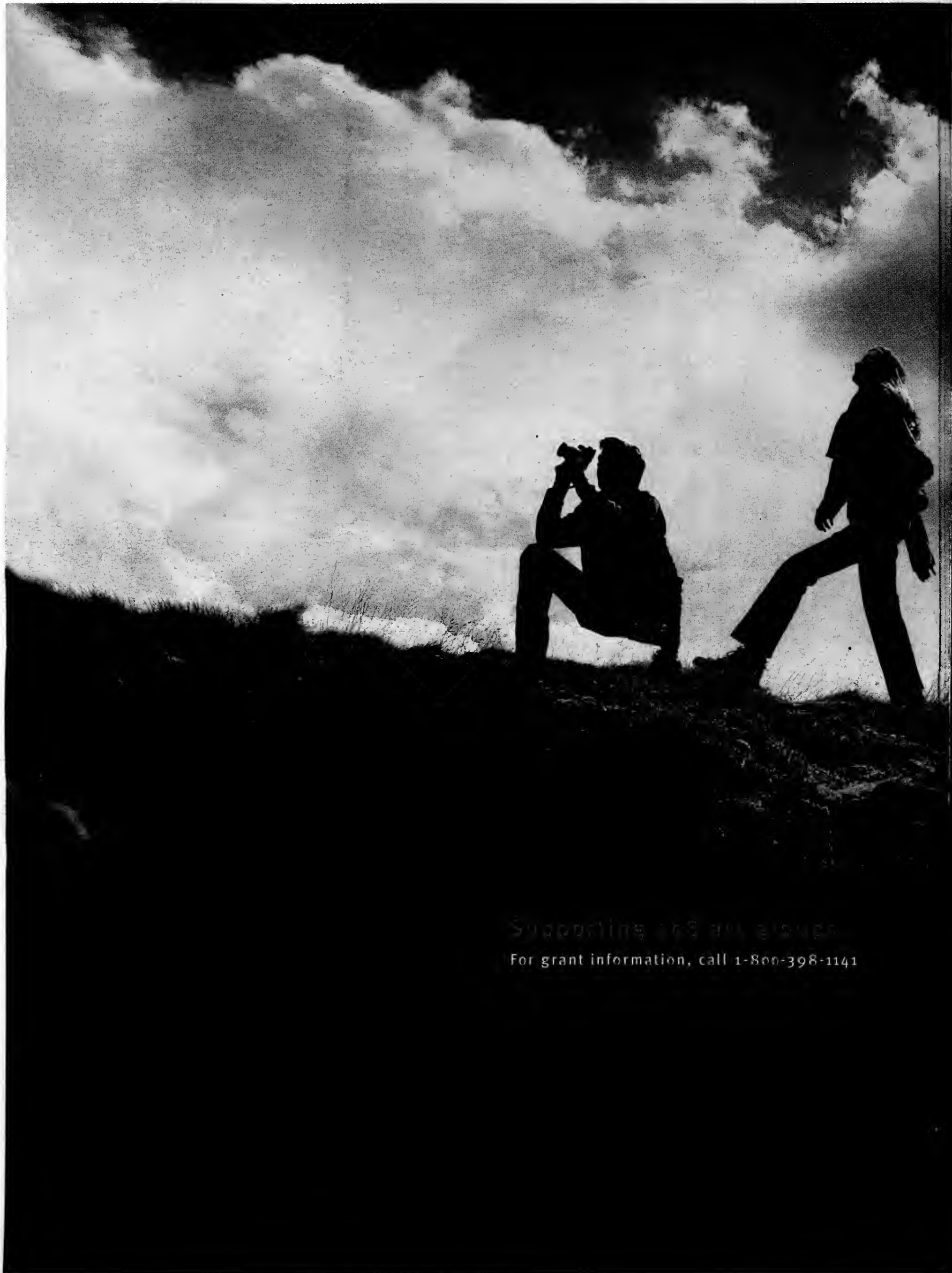


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# Life & Health

*et cetera*

*"The aura is the electro-magnetic field that surrounds each person, stretching about 32 inches around the body."*

-David Francis

## What kind of aura do you have?

by **Natalie Meditsky**

To the casual passerby, the Emin Centre looks like nothing more than a cozy little café. However, there's a lot more going on there than coffee and conversation on big comfy sofas.

Through a door at the back of the café is a large rectangular room. The walls are painted light yellow; the ceiling is baby blue. Calming music is piped in, and the lighting is dim. The whole effect is very soothing. About 50 people are gathered in the room, quietly buzzing while waiting for things to

get started.

"Tonight, we will learn how to use our eyes to see the human aura," a gray haired man who introduced himself as David Francis informed us.

The aura is the electro-magnetic field that surrounds each person, stretching about 32 inches around the body. An aura has different levels inside that can reveal things about a person's state of energy and well being, according to Francis.

For those who can see it, the aura manifests itself as colour sur-

rounding an individual. Different colours mean different things, and the colours are not necessarily fixed. They can change in seconds. A range of colours can appear, depending on what mental and emotional state a person is in.

A pale blue, for example, indicates that someone's feeling mentally at peace and red indicates agitation or anger.

At his request everyone leaves their seats and gathers around a man who's standing against the pale yellow wall as the lights are dimmed even further. Francis

instructs us to focus our eyes on a point just above the man's head. A few seconds elapse and then murmured exclamations of surprise come from people in the crowd.

"Ahhh," said someone near the back. A young woman off to the side furrows her brow and squints. A few people said, "oh yeah." One man nudges his friend and vaguely gestures towards the man's head. "Blue," he said.

Francis' interest in the human aura began 24 years ago when he was studying English literature at Oxford University. He had a friend who invited him to a meeting of people who were teaching him "new understandings and knowledge," including how to see the human aura. He went along and was hooked.

"I found that by taking into account the human aura, the human unseen worlds, it opens up a whole other dimension of human purpose," Francis said.

As someone who was interested in finding out the purpose of human life, there was something very appealing about seeing auras. He broadened his study through the years, researching healing with different types of crystals, stones and colours.

"If I go back 24 years ago when I was researching these worlds, it was very unusual," he said.

Second-year Humber Film student Rebecca Roach believes the human aura can potentially be seen.

"I do believe there is unity consciousness and everything has an aura," she said.

Immigrating to Canada 10 years ago with his wife Joanne, Francis settled in Toronto and started the Emin Centre. Since then they have been teaching and lecturing on topics ranging from seeing the human aura to harnessing healing power.

"I think there's an increasing interest in matters spiritual," he said.

Francis calls the Emin Centre a research organization, and while not a religion in and of itself, a lot of studying is done in various religious and spiritual matters. He is familiar with Buddhism, Islam, Christianity as well as the religious beliefs of ancient peoples like the Romans and the Celts.

*"I'm not sure if it would change my beliefs, but it would be interesting to see if I'm putting out some sort of vibe."*

-Deanne Feenstra

"I look at each religion in context and see it all as part of a progressing human story," Francis said. "I think they all have part of the truth."

He considers the soul to be primary, and the physical body nothing more than a temporary vessel.

"We are very much looking to a new time happening on planet earth," he said. But he doesn't consider himself, or the centre, to be part of the new age movement.

He does believe, however, that there has been a shift in human consciousness towards a spiritual perspective, and sees new age as part of this.

Deanne Feenstra, a student in Humber's Supply Chain Management program thinks it is possible to see the human aura. Her sister had a photograph of her aura taken while on a trip to Amsterdam. Given the opportunity, Feenstra would do the same. "I'm not sure if it would change my beliefs, but it would be interesting to see if I'm putting out some sort of vibe."

The Emin Centre is holding a workshop called the Healing Force on April 17 and 19.

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# Let the spa rejuvenate you

*A variety of services ranging from relaxation treatments to massages will leave your body feeling relaxed*

by Linda Kang

Spas and skincare clinics offer a variety of services that range from relaxation treatments to therapeutic massages that calm the mind, ease tense muscles and leave you feeling rejuvenated.

What is most important is that they all strive to pamper people.

Annalee Weston of Annalee's Skinworks does it all. She books appointments, gives skin treatments and bakes cookies for clients. The cozy atmosphere is attractive to many of her clients, including Sharon Cheng, 20.

"The environment is so relaxing. She's got the candles and the music,

and the little things that hang off the ceilings ... My mom's been going there for years. She doesn't usually feel comfortable with people. But she is there. She'll go there and pass out. She loves Annalee ... Annalee to my mom is the best kept secret," Cheng said.

Sharon's mother, Young Chun Cheng, 54, tries to have a facial once a month.

The Deep Cleansing facial is Sharon's favourite treatment at the Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue clinic. The \$69 facial also includes an upper body massage.

The facial begins with a cleansing and toning of the skin. An exfoliant

is then applied to remove dead skin cells. The exfoliant helps the skin rejuvenate faster, reducing aging.

"Annalee's wicked! It's not like she just touches your face, here and there. She rubs it in ... She rubs your neck and everything," Cheng said.

A facial steam bath follows the cleansing to soften the skin for blackhead removal.

According to Annalee Weston, it's important to remove blackheads, especially for people with acne prone skin.

"A common misconception is that pores open and close ... Pores are not doors. They don't open and close," Weston said. "Pores are one size.

They fill up with oil and stretch."

As you lie in the terry cloth-covered treatment bed, you are given a soothing hand and arm massage. A massage of the face, neck, shoulders, ears and scalp follows.

Svengali Salon and Spa offers a pedicure for tense bodies craving attention from the bottom up.

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- Sharon Cheng



LINDA KANG

*Annalee's Skinworks offers their customers an upper body massage that leaves them feeling relaxed.*

The Markham spa has a \$43 spa pedicure with a leg scrub. A special feature of the pedicure is the throne-like chair customers are seated in. The chair has a remote control with an adjustable vibrating feature while your feet soak in the built-in foot sink complete with jet streams.

Following the preliminary foot clean up, dead skin is removed from the bottom of the foot with a foot file.

Svengali esthetician, Erin Cushon, said health regulations are strictly followed at the spa.

"We don't share any foot or nail files because we don't want to contaminate others. We try to prevent the spread of fungal infections and skin disorders through shared use," Cushon said.

Clients are welcome to store their files in a filing cabinet for

repeat use or take them home.

The spa treatment at Svengali's continues with a leg and foot exfoliation followed by a massage. Each leg is treated one at a time. The massage is limited to the lower leg only, and is designed to stimulate circulation.

"Clients who have had the spa pedicure say their legs feel great and tingle for a week," Cushon said.

People who want a full body massage or a therapeutic rub should try the HealthWinds Spa in Toronto.

According to Barbara Salsberg at HealthWinds, the treatments at the spa are "extremely beneficial".

"Massage therapy becomes part of some of our clients' lives. Clients who come in feel happier, more energetic and healthier. The treatments become as important to them as exercising, sleeping and eating well," Salsberg said.

Therapeutic massages differ from a relaxation massage because the massage therapist will focus on a particular area where the client suffers from chronic pain.

Therapeutic massages are not covered under OHIP. However, the spa provides receipts for clients with health insurance.

The massage therapists qualified to perform therapeutic treatments are registered and certified by the Ontario College of Massage Therapists.

For more inquiries on HealthWinds, call 416-488-9545.

For more information on Annalee's Skinworks call 416-485-3766. For Svengali Spa call 905-471-6268.

## Preserve blood for the future

by Geula Bernstein

Parents-to-be are not only deciding what to name their newborn baby, but also whether to pay out money for biological insurance offered through a life-saving medical program in Toronto.

The non-profit Toronto Cord Blood Programme (TCBP) affiliated with Mount Sinai Hospital gives parents the option of preserving their newborn's umbilical cord blood stem cells, for treating diseases the child may develop later in life.

"I am signing up for the program," Judith Bergson, a York Region School Board teacher who is six months pregnant said. "Because if something should happen [to your child's health], you have a backup. They can do something to help your child."

Umbilical cord blood is rich in stem cells, a type of cell that can change into almost any other type of cell in the body.

According to Madeline Tonelli, a TCBP nurse, the stem cells collected at birth can be used to treat serious diseases potentially arising later in the child's life.

"The program provided cells for a bone marrow transplant [in a patient with] thalassemia [a hereditary blood disorder]. The follow-up reports have been positive," Tonelli said.

According to Tonelli, more than 900 transplants of cord stem cells have been performed around the world, the majority treated blood disorders such as leukemia.

The program, initiated in 1996, charges \$600 for registration, processing and storage for the first year, and \$100 annually for the years to follow.

The program's fee is waived for those with medical need.

Participating in the program are 75 hospitals in downtown Toronto and the Greater

Toronto Area, and three in Montreal.

"On average, 12 per cent of those delivering at the downtown Toronto Hospitals are choosing to do cord blood banking," Tonelli said. "It has increased in popularity as more people have found out about it. We have over 5,000 participants in our program at this time."

Parents who want to have their baby's umbilical cord blood preserved are expected to bring a blood collection kit provided by the program to the hospital at the time of delivery.

Collecting stem cells from the blood of the umbilical cord is a painless and risk-free procedure for the newborn baby.

When the baby's umbilical cord is clamped off after birth, blood from the portion of cord that remains with the placenta is collected.

"The cord blood stem cells are a perfect

match for the child from whom they are collected, [and] are an alternative for bone marrow," Tonelli said

Stem cells taken from a newborn baby may also be a suitable match for siblings and parents.

Bergson said she decided to join the TCBP after someone she knows failed to find a bone marrow match.

"I know someone who was looking for a bone marrow transplant within the Jewish community, but they never did find one. If they had frozen umbilical cord blood, maybe something could have been done."

According to Tonelli, the TCBP shows great promise for both now and the future.

"As technology advances, I feel we will see more cases of stem cell usage for treating diseases," Tonelli said.

For more information about the Toronto Cord Blood Program, call 416-586-8818.







# Rheostatics party at the Horseshoe's 53rd

by **Andrea Morales**

Ten o'clock at the Horseshoe Tavern, and the place is packed.

In celebration of the venue's 53rd anniversary, the Rheostatics played their second of a four night run in mid-February.

Opening for the Rheostatics

was Clark, a lively rock combo featuring lead vocalist John Tielli.

He is the brother of Martin Tielli, Rheostatics guitarist and possibly one of the best rock vocalists this country has produced. Both have an eerily similar singing style and even look a great deal alike.

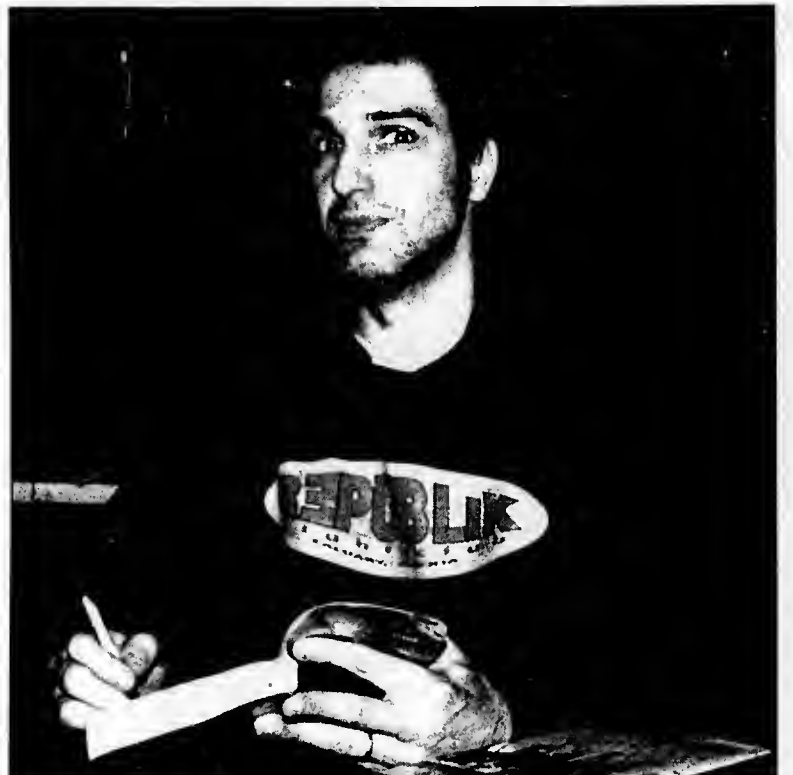
This seemed to take the audience off-guard for the first song or two, but soon everyone was cheering madly. Their style had a fun, offbeat bounciness that is reminiscent of the Local Rabbits' favourite Stomp your British Knights Down.

After Clark's set, the crowd rushed to the front to prepare for the Rheostatics' arrival. Martin Tielli emerged first, sporting white face paint and a bright red suit and tie. Drummer Don Kerr and bassist Tim Vesley followed, and finally Dave Bidini arrived in his trademark broad-rimmed hat.

Their performance was near-flawless, featuring some new songs and old favourites such as *A Midwinter Night's Dream*, *It is a Bad Time to Be Poor* and *Bug's Song* from their children's album *The Story of Harmelodia*.

The high point was when folk singer and long-time friend Ron Sexsmith joined them onstage for a rendition of his song *So Young*, which garnered a generous round of applause.

Unfortunately, they didn't get around to some classics such as *Four Little Songs* or *Torque*, but the band was fairly gracious about taking requests.



ANDREA MORALES

**Dave Bidini** promotes his new book at Horseshoe b-day party.

They joked that they would get through everything by the end of the weekend.

Bidini was great with his between-song commentary, poking fun at everything from Mike Harris to Napster's recent legal

problems. He encouraged the audience to download all the Rheostatics' rarities and B-sides that are available on their Web site. Bidini said that "they have things that we don't even have on tape."



ANDREA MORALES

**The Rheostatics' Bidini** pictured without his trademark hat.

## Humber theatre grad stars in *One Night Stand*

by **Chris Iorfida**

Stood up by friends on her birthday, Daisy picks up Rafe at a club, takes him back to her apartment, and well, you don't know the rest – and neither do the parties involved.

So begins *One Night Stand* (*Una Aventura*), an Essential Players theatre production starring Jason Cadieux and Humber Theatre Arts alum Stephanie Jones.

"I read the play a long time ago and always wanted to do it," said Jones. "I ran into Carol and she was totally for revising it."

Originally written in 1977 by Canadian playwright Carol Bolt (it was later made into a movie), the language and trappings of the characters had to be updated. As well, according to Jones, the interplay between the two leads became more critical due to changing attitudes about the play's concept.

"The whole idea of a one night stand used to be so shocking, so the audience really woke up. Now the audience is more jaded, like, 'yeah so a lady picked up a man, what else is new, go on.'"

What goes on is an evening that veers from the exhilarating highs

of flirtation and discovery to something resembling one of Dante's circles of hell. The opening night performance had the audience tittering at some parts and shifting uncomfortably in their seats at others.

"The first act is very funny and the second act becomes very serious, which I think a lot of people have trouble with," said Jones.

The play is relatable not just to those who've had one night stands, as it deals with the challenge of processing information and the personal history of someone you've just met.

Do you take everything the person says at face value, or is it possible that they are reinventing themselves to suit their own interests?

"When my girlfriends sit around, they talk like psychologists when they analyze their dates," said Jones. "When people go on a first date, they analyze each other so much like, 'Oh my God, he picked up his cigarette

with his left hand, he must have obsessive-compulsive disorder or something.'"

On opening night, Jones proved up to the task of imbuing Daisy with the kind of humanity that allows the audience not to be judgmental about her actions.

"That in itself [a woman pick-

ing up a man] is a desperate move. Someone runs the risk of being seen as one who can't fulfill themselves in other ways, so they go out and pick up a complete stranger."

As well, the reasons Daisy doesn't kick Rafe out at the first sign he isn't who he appears to be are understandable to Jones.

"She picks up Rafe to get back at her boyfriend – once you objectify someone so much that you're picking them up to get back at someone, then it's almost like you don't listen to them – she doesn't get the signals."

For his part, Cadieux is a marvel as the would-be Latin lothario Rafe. The role is physically challenging and requires a manic energy and charm that could easily be grating in the wrong hands. As an audience, we're never quite sure if Rafe is merely opportunistic or if he views Daisy as his last chance at salvation from his inner demons.

In fact, the performances are the best part, as Jones and Cadieux are

sometimes undermined by the flimsy structure of the play. The second act is not as well developed as the first, with the play sputtering after its shocking revelations come to light.

Bolt, who died in the fall after revising the play with Jones and Cadieux, originally wrote the play as an answer to *Looking For Mr. Goodbar*, a film in which Diane Keaton's character meets an unfortunate end after picking up a stranger. Jones feels *One Night Stand* doesn't have such a hysterical message.

"I don't think this play is a morality play. It doesn't say it's bad for a woman to pick someone up. It's just that Rafe is the wrong guy for Daisy for various reasons."

Jones considers Daisy to be her most challenging role to date.

She has fond memories of Humber and believes that her time in the Theatre Arts program was seminal to her being able to take on such roles.

"I met some of the best teachers in the world there, like Alan Gutman, who I thought was awesome," said Jones.

*One Night Stand* runs until March 25 at Theatre Passe Muraille Backspace in Toronto.



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**Stephanie Jones**, poses for a her brochure ad.





# Undefeated birds fly to Calgary

by Patrick Campbell

Humber's undefeated women's squad stormed through the Ontario Colleges' Athletic Association championships like a tornado with a predetermined path last week.

The OCAA Champion Hawks finished their season with 20 straight wins and an undefeated record and are now preparing for the latest chapter in their story-book season, the Canadian Colleges' Athletic Association Championships.

First team all-star Beth Latendresse, second team all-star Elaine Morrison and OCAA playoff MVP Brenda Chambers led the Hawks' attack.

Humber faced the surging Seneca Sting in the semi-final game and started off with a six-point run before the Sting dropped eight to pull ahead 12-10. The Hawks continued to score in bunches while Seneca chipped away at the Humber defence.

Humber went on runs of five and six to finish the first-half with a two-point lead 30-28.

Seneca came out of the gates with three quick points to pull ahead by one 32-31 before Humber blasted away with an unanswered run of 10 to inch closer and closer to the gold medal game.

Humber continued to roll over the Sting with runs of four, five, and eight to enter the gold medal game with a 69-52 win.

Humber's surge was led by player of the game Brenda Chambers' 19 points, while Beth Latendresse and Lindsay Higgs chipped in with 18 and 14 points respectively.

"In the second half, we started to dominate, especially in the last five minutes," said Perrier. "We were finishing our baskets and Seneca weren't getting back in time. I thought the girls played really well and everyone on the bench was pumped. It's a relief to get it off your back. Now it's just one more game."

Humber, rested and anxious, were facing the second best team in the province, the Mohawk Mountaineers. These two teams met in the OCAA semi final game last year, where Mohawk advanced with a last second basket, dashing Humber's hopes.

Both teams started off cold until Humber pulled ahead with two quick baskets, 7-2. Mohawk didn't quit, jumping ahead with a huge run of 14 and took a commanding lead 16-8.

The two teams traded baskets and finished the half tied at 29.

Humber stepped out onto the court for perhaps the last time this

season. Both teams came out and scored back-to-back runs of four before Humber turned their defence up a notch.

The Hawks dropped six straight points and forced Seneca to give up the ball.

Capitalizing on Seneca's mishaps, the Hawks scored a quick basket to pull ahead 48-44.

The Sting didn't give up going on a run of six to take the lead 50-48. With ten seconds on the clock, Brenda Chambers blasted to the basket and drew the foul.

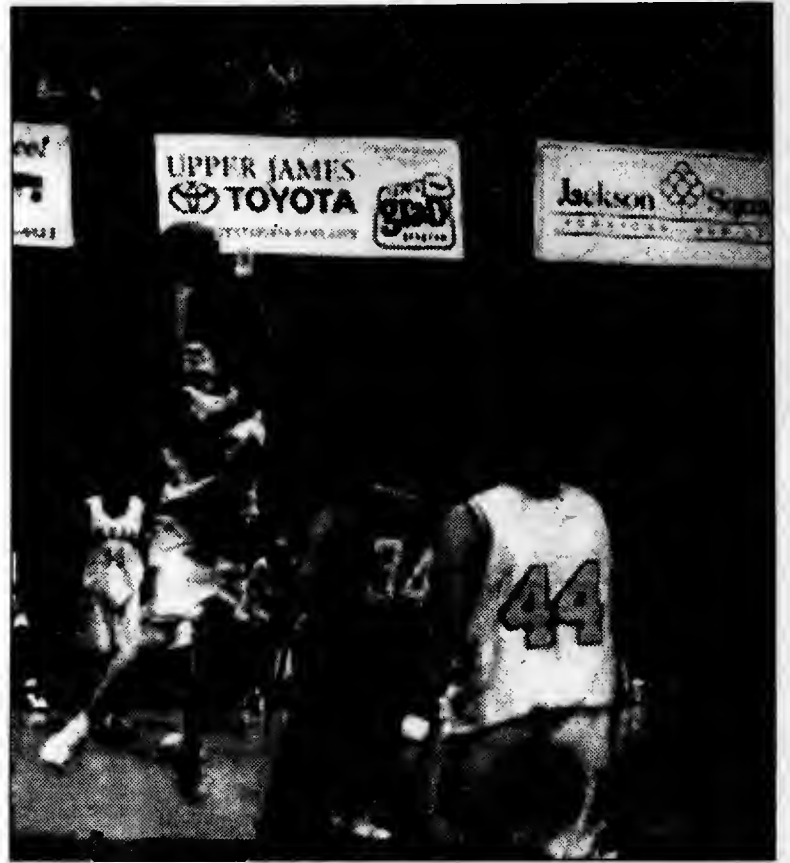
Chambers proceeded to hit both foul shots with only a few seconds of play left on the clock.

Seneca stormed down the court and forced a pass across the top of the key allowing Chambers to intercept.

The hard working forward passed the half with only five seconds left and charged to the net. Seneca trailed behind and tipped the ball out of Chambers' hands before she could get the ball to the hoop.

With the two teams deadlocked at 50 points each, the game was going into overtime. The Hawks wore down the Sting, and continued to hit transition baskets en route to a 59-54 OCAA Championship win.

Superstar point guard Elaine Morrison led the Hawks' charge



PATRICK CAMPBELL

Pure genius: Hawks Filomena Aprile and Elaine Morrison look on as teammate Lindsay Higgs jumps for two.

with 16 points, including four three pointers, while star forward Latendresse and tournament MVP Chambers chipped in 12 points each.

"All I have to say is, wow," said Head Coach Denise Perrier. All year we've been a gutsy team. I

had players who put in a lot of minutes, Beth [Latendresse], Lindsay [Higgs], and Filomena (Aprile).

Going into nationals, we can't wait for the experience and to see what's expected of us next year. I'm happy."

# Humber awaits big show



SEAN O'HARA

Proud nominees: Coach of the Year nominee Mike Katz and All Canadian Cornell Brown congratulate each other on jobs well done during the CCAA 2001 Awards last night at Humber College.

by Sean O'Hara

Humber College walked away empty-handed last night at the 2001 National Basketball Championship Awards, but they don't plan to lose out on their main goal of the CCAA Championships.

Humber, the host of this year's National Championships was represented by Mike Katz for Coach of the Year and Cornell Brown for Player of the Year.

Although the Central Ontario All Star, Cornell Brown, missed out on the Player of the Year "We're going to win, I'm sure of it."

- Cornell Brown

Award he was nominated as one of the ten All Canadians this year.

"It feels great, of all the times I've heard about the All-Canadians, I've finally been nominated and chosen, it feels really

good," said Cornell Brown.

The graduating All-Star said Humber is in an excellent position to win the championships this year.

"We're going to win, I'm sure of it. By having the home court advantage the odds are on our side, it's set-up just for us," he said.

Robbie Valpreda of Grant MacEwan College in Alberta took home CCAA Player of the Year and first-year Coach, Jamie Oei of Langara College in Vancouver won Coach of the Year.

Humber is making its thirteenth appearance in the CCAA National Championships and are seeded fourth in this year's tournament.

Humber won silver in last years 2000 Nationals in Edmonton by losing out to Fraser Valley Cascades of B.C.

The Hawks play their first game tonight against against fifth seeded Lennoxville at 8pm.

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BY JASON THOM

**Drop it man:** Jamie Charlton takes a quick faceoff against the defending provincial champions the Seneca Sting. Humber went on to beat Seneca 5-2 before losing to the Sault Cougars in double overtime.

# Sudden death OT blues

by Jason Thom

The Humber College Hawks men's hockey team was on a mission to win the provincial championships since day one of the season.

Unfortunately, they had to face a team of destiny in the gold medal game of the OCAA Championships.

It was not meant to be, as the Cougars scored on their first shot of sudden-death overtime to beat the Hawks 5-4.

Hawks Head coach Joe Washkurak said the Cougars deserve all the credit they can get for a hard fought season.

"They had to save their program at the beginning of the year

and they were almost out of the league," explained Washkurak. "Then they got into the play-offs on the last day and came up with two upsets and that's just the way it goes."

Sault was seeded fourth in the tournament and surprised the league-leading Cambrian Golden Shield 5-2 to send them into the final.

To follow up that game's war, the Hawks battled to beat the defending provincial champion Seneca Sting by the same score to meet the Sault in the gold medal game.

The Hawks found out what they were up against as they fired 19 shots at the eventual tourna-

ment MVP in the first period of the game and only came away with one goal as team captain Chris McFadyen opened the scoring.

The Cougars scored the next two goals in a 10-minute spread from the end of the first and into the second as they took a one-goal lead.

But the Hawk's Eric Hobor tied it up before the end of the second to knot it back up at two.

The teams traded goals in the third and then Chris Pugliese tipped in a great pass from Shawn Kane with less than five minutes to play to send the game into overtime.

After a mad scramble around the Sault net, the Cougars broke into the Humber zone and Devan Brooks scored on their first shot in the extra frame to end a two-game play-off that had everything a hockey fan could want.

After the shock of the loss had set in, Hawk's players had time to reflect on the season that can only be described as incredible.

"The way the friendships built over the year was amazing and it's something that I'll never forget," forward J.J. Dickie said. "It's a hard feeling right now but the friendships will go on forever. That's one thing I've taken from this great organization."

The loss not only signified the end of a season, but the end of a career for a handful of Hawks.

"We lost some great players today too, and I'm disappointed to see them go because I consider a lot of those guys my friends," Washkurak said of the close-knit squad.

"We left it out on the ice tonight and as a coach ... that's all you can ask for."

# Big E grabs clubs in deadline bore

The NHL trade deadline came and went Tuesday, causing only a few ripples throughout the league.

The only surprising deals besides the ones that weren't done, was the one which sent Trevor Linden and Dainius Zubrus to Washington.

This deal makes the Capitals instant contenders come playoff time and should have the defending Cup champion Devils a little leery of their chances to repeat.

Linden was a proven playoff performer when he was with Vancouver and will help Bondra and company make it back to the Cup finals come June.

Sure Ottawa added a key powerplay and faceoff specialist in Mike Sillinger and increased their depth on the blueline by acquiring Curtis Leschyshyn. Even though the Sens gave up next to nothing for these guys it still doesn't give them an "ace up their sleeve" when they eventually meet Jersey and the Caps.

The big winners of Tuesday's draft was TSN.

They stayed ahead of the competition by announcing trades as they happened and got the best interviews when the deadline passed.

Their interview with Eric Lindros after he wasn't moved was by far the most candid and entertaining one done on the day.

Toronto's "we're built for the playoffs" edict given repeatedly through the 2000-2001 campaign, is nothing more than another excuse for their failure in the regular season.

First they have to qualify for the post-season to prove themselves and if they make it, Toronto will not be able to compete against the other teams. Don't look for them to get past the second round, if that.

Overall, while Quinn gets lambasted on the sports shows and in the papers for his inability to land

the "Big E," he should be commended for stealing Aki Berg from the L.A. Kings.

Berg, although not an offensive threat, is a solid body on the blueline. In addition to his talents, Berg spent a significant amount of his time on the Kings paired up with Rob Blake.

Before being dealt to the Avalanche this month, Blake was rumored to have worked out a multi-year deal with the Leafs.



Jamie S. Kokiw

When Quinn began to deal for the Kings captain, Blake told sources close to the Leafs to wait for the off-season.

It may just be a rumor, however by getting Berg Tuesday Quinn may in fact be setting up the possible signing of the defensive superstar.

Expect the Leafs to land Blake after the draft, and after they finally get Lindros.

In the mean time, Quinn is running out of excuses and if this team that's built for the post-season gets bounced from the pool early on, St. Pat will have some more explaining to do.

Here's a rumor to chew on. Jaromir Jagr will be moved from Pittsburgh most likely before the draft to either L.A. or the Rangers.

After their lame attempts to land Tkachuck, Lemieux wants to decrease the payroll and get rid of the unhappy winger for a bunch of youngsters to help rebuild.

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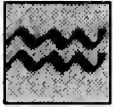
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## What's your sign? Pic of the week



**Aquarius**  
21 January – 18 February  
You are soon to suffer from the dreaded hoof-in-mouth disease. No, it's not a virus affecting British livestock, but the feeling you get after asking your mother-in-law which side of the family she got her big feet from.



**Pisces**  
19 February – 20 March  
A monkey will steal your wallet. It's true. Don't try to chase it, though. Those teeth are sharp, and that accor-dian packs a wallop.



**Aries**  
21 March – 19 April  
Be forthright and honest this week. Honesty is the best policy ... except for maybe "don't pee on the electric fence." That's a good policy, too.



**Taurus**  
20 April – 20 May  
You have the makings of a future head of state. But firstly, you should resolutely learn how to conversate with the articulation of the current precedent of the United States.



**Gemini**  
21 May – 20 June  
The future is bright. It's also dark. Then it's bright. Afterwards, it's dark again. Maybe you should turn off the clapper while watching *Oprah* and *The Price is Right*.



**Cancer**  
21 June – 22 July  
Excitement could come in the form of a stranger from a foreign land with an exotic tie and an imported shirt. Don't get caught in a Japanese car in Michigan, though. They'll beat you silly and string your buddy up by that tie.



**Leo**  
23 July – 22 August  
You have a wonderful singing voice. Don't be afraid to use it. You also look like Britney Spears. Don't be afraid to sell your virginity to a foreign businessman for more than you'll ever make screeching those gall-darn booty songs.



**Virgo**  
23 August – 22 September  
Redundance is good, so is repetition. Redundance is good, so is repetition. Redundance is good, so is repetition.



**Libra**  
23 September – 22 October  
Your puppy will get carsick in the backseat of your rented Chevette. Bet you didn't know you could still rent Chevettes, did you? You can. In fact, I'll give you the whole heap for 40 bucks and a fresh stick of Juicy Fruit.



**Scorpio**  
23 October – 21 November  
After years of study, your academic career is finally coming to an end. Graduation is just around the corner ... for your friends, that is. Three years of drinking and catching every *Baywatch* rerun has finally caught up to your soon-to-be-sandwich-artist ass.



**Sagittarius**  
22 November – 21 December  
A rose by any other name ... would still be an Axl.

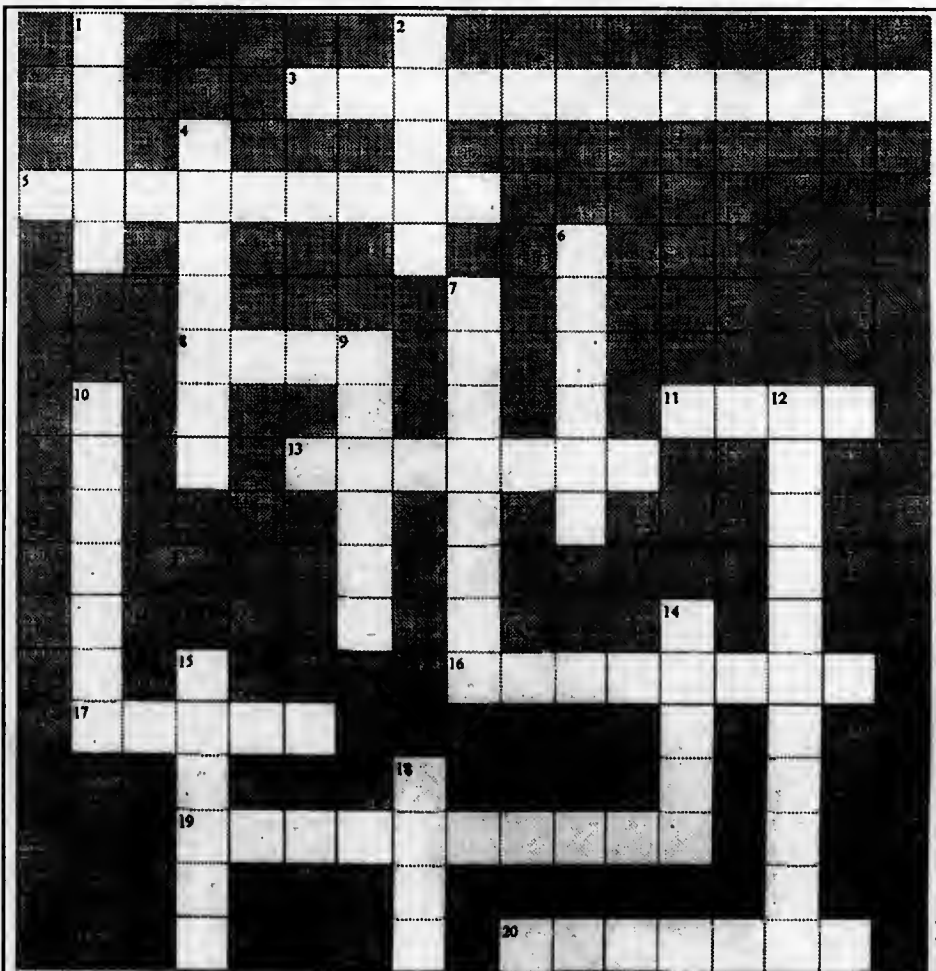


**Capricorn**  
22 December – 20 January  
Bathe yourself in the golden shower of life. Be careful though, Fantino's on the case, and the door of the bath house doesn't have a dead bolt.



Doug Beattie, a Graphic Arts student, shows off his back-to-school-digs way back in October 1980. Imagine his chagrin when he discovered everyone else was dressed for a Hallowe'en party!

*-from the files of The Humber Coven, 1980*



### Celtic Crossword

- 1) A common weekend occurrence.
- 2) Beware of the Ides of \_\_\_.
- 3) You kiss it for good luck.
- 4) Somewhere over the \_\_\_.
- 5) He drove the snakes out of Ireland.
- 6) A good luck charm.
- 7) It has eyes but cannot see.
- 8) Where people go to drink.
- 9) A reptile without legs.
- 10) One of the British Isles.
- 11) Found at the end of a rainbow.
- 12) They're magically delicious.
- 13) A procession of floats and bands.
- 14) A colour.
- 15) A city in Southern Ireland.
- 16) A popular Irish symbol.
- 17) What you are after drinking.
- 18) CAPS bestseller.
- 19) Magical little green man.
- 20) A city in Northern Ireland.

### Quotes from Irish poet and writer, Oscar Wilde

"There is no such thing as a moral or immoral book. Books are well written, or badly written. That is all."

"All art is quite useless."

"If one could only teach the English how to talk, and the Irish how to listen, society here would be quite civilized."

"What is the difference between literature and journalism? Oh! Journalism is unreadable, and literature is not read at all. That is all."

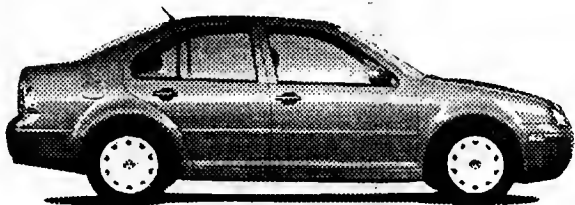
"One should never trust a woman who tells one her real age. A woman who would tell one that, would tell one anything."

"It is absurd to divide people into good and bad. People are either charming or tedious."

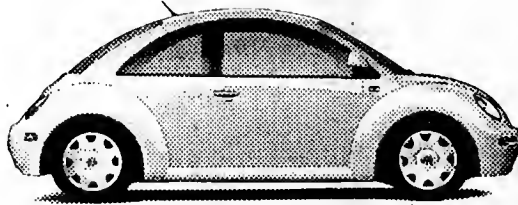
"A cigarette is the perfect type of pleasure. It is exquisite, and it leaves one unsatisfied. What more can one want?"

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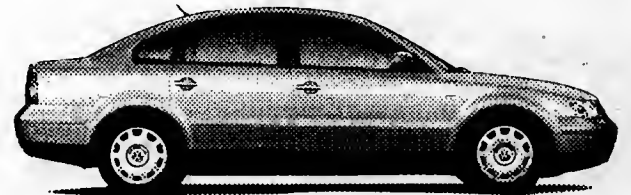
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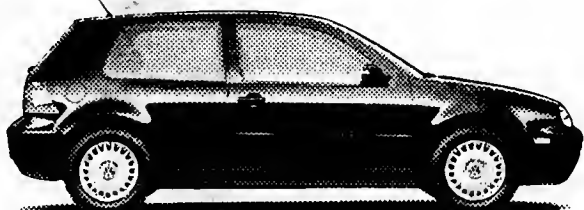
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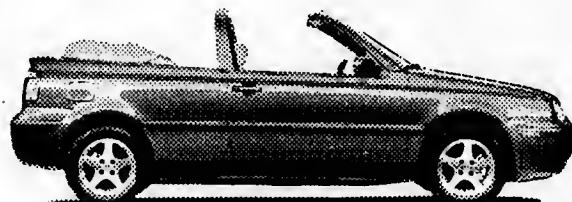
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